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Today: Windy, Rain, 81°F (27°C)  
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## All Freshmen to Live in Dormitories Starting in 2001

By Douglas E. Heimbarger  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

All freshmen will be housed in dormitories starting in the fall of 2001, President Charles M. Vest announced yesterday evening after the Academic Council unanimously endorsed the proposal.

"This decision represents a major step in our commitment to enhancing our educational community and better integrating student

life and learning," Vest wrote in a letter to students, faculty, and staff.

The announcement was timed to occur shortly before next week's release of the final report of the Task Force on Student Life and Learning. The task force has been working for two years to develop a long-term educational plan for the Institute. The report will urge the Institute to house all freshmen on campus, said Dean of Students and Undergraduate

Education Rosalind H. Williams.

"The task force report is a much broader report than this," Williams said. It includes many sections on changing curricula, educational programs, and community programs in addition to the section on freshmen housing.

Vest's decision was made based upon the task force report and "nearly a year of thoughtful debate and correspondence about student

housing." Vest also considered the reports of numerous committees that in the past have recommended housing freshmen on campus.

### FSILGs endorsed, protected

While the changes will have definite effects on all living groups,

administration officials were quick to note that the plan for housing freshmen in dormitories does not preclude the existence of the fraternity, sorority, and independent living group system.

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## Class of 2002 Arrives on Campus With Different Reactions to MIT

By Brett Altschul  
NEWS EDITOR

As the remainder of the freshmen class arrive on campus today, they are taking their first steps in their MIT education as they begin Orientation.

Of the 1050 freshmen in this year's class, 600 are male, and 450 are female. That makes the class 43 percent female, keeping the level of females roughly constant for the last four years.

Seventeen percent of the incoming class is underrepresented minorities.

Two hundred twenty-three of the students in the freshman class were high school valedictorians, and 541 of the 619 students with high school rankings were ranked in the top five percent of their classes.

### Freshmen mixed on Orientation

Freshman opinions about Orientation so far varied. "It's pretty

interesting," said Misha V. Koshelev '02. "I liked trying to pack all the luggage into that little van."

"I'd have to say that it was handled very well," said Joanna C. Bonvette '02.

"Orientation is confusing... definitely bewildering," said Sandy M. Pae '02.

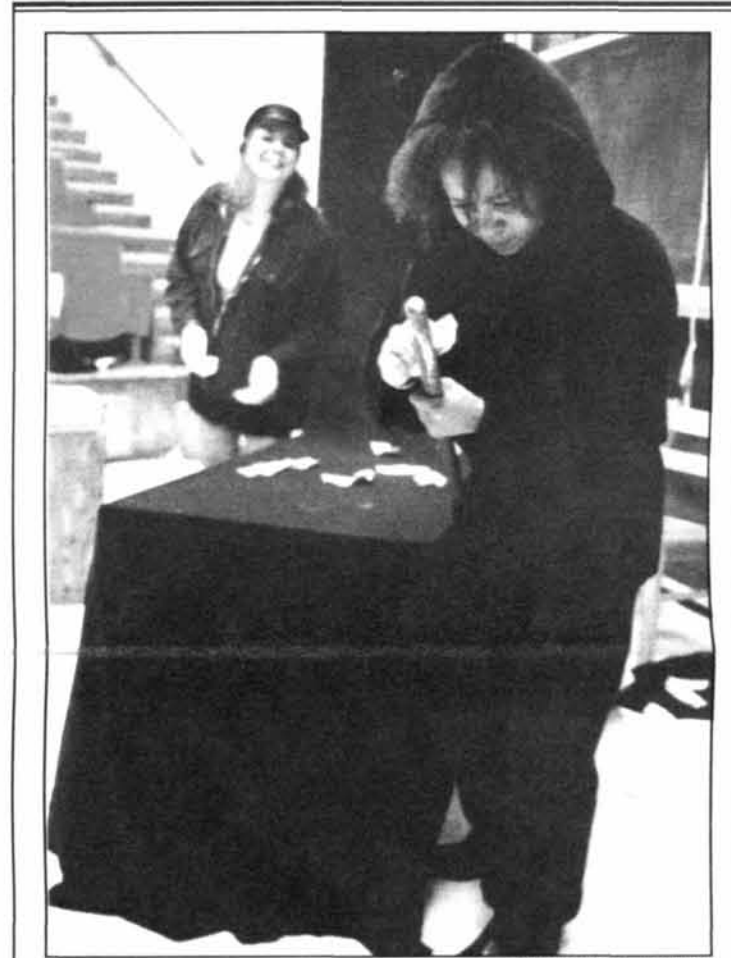
"The Hitchhiker's Guide makes it seem very regimented," Pae said. It's very difficult to make sense of the schedule — "what is for men, what is for women, what is mandatory, and what is forbidden," she said.

Some students felt that the events of the past year would diminish their enjoyment of Orientation.

"I can't wait for Orientation, but what I can wait for is all the alcohol seminars I'm going to have to go through in the next two weeks," Bonvette said.

Many freshmen who have already spent time at the Institute had positive comments about MIT.

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Ann-Marie White G hones her blade with the help of Sheridan Zabel in "Two Scenes," part of the MIT Community Players' night of one act plays in 35-225 last weekend.

## Revamped Orientation Will Provide Less Hectic Introduction To Institute

By Zareena Hussain  
NEWS EDITOR

Whether the Class of 2002 knows it or not, they will experience an Orientation that may mark a turning point in the way freshmen are welcomed to the Institute.

The introduction freshmen receive to the Institute, known as Residence and Orientation Week or R/O in previous years, still retains much of its old structure.

For instance, sorority rush is completely unchanged. The rules governing fraternity rush have changed slightly, mainly to account the one-day delay in rush from last year, said Duane H. Dreger '99, president of the Interfraternity Council.

Changing the name of the period to Orientation was designed to mirror

the apparent shift in focus from residence selection towards academics while introducing freshmen to MIT.

These changes include the one day delay of Killian Kick-Off, which traditionally marked the beginning of fraternity rush, and the introduction of several events intended to focus on academics, including a welcome dinner where students will be able to meet with upperclassmen and professors for their first official introduction to MIT.

The changes have been designed to "make the first days leading into rush much better and much less hectic than in past years," said Matthew L. McGann '00, logistics coordinator for Orientation.

### Rush fears prompt changes

The changes made were also in

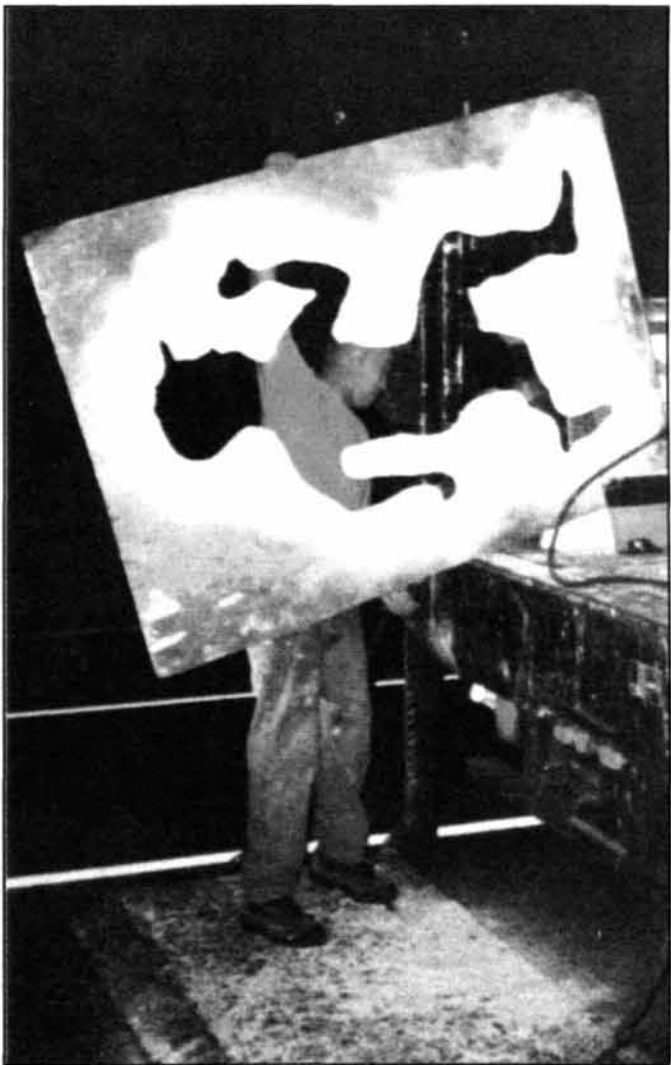
response to the events of the past fall, events which threw MIT's residence system into the media spotlight.

"We need to realize that that if we did nothing to R/O, chances are it would have a negative impact on rush," said Dean of Undergraduate Curriculum Kip V. Hodges earlier this year when announcing the changes.

The introduction of the Residence Midway on Friday is one of the most significant changes from previous years. At this event, members representing all living groups participating in rush will be on hand to talk to freshmen about their living options.

At the midway, the Daily

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Workers from the Metropolitan District Commission placed new crosswalk warnings on Memorial Drive last Thursday.

The Boston Licensing Board bans alcohol at Beta Theta Pi.

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Despite appeals, Sigma Alpha Epsilon will not be rushing.

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Down with Science, Randomland, and Fox Trot join the Comics section today.

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Beginning with today's issue, *The Tech* will publish daily through the end of Orientation, Sept. 3. Regular Tuesday/Friday publication resumes Sept. 11.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, 90, Dies

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., the soft-spoken, courtly Virginian who set the United States on a middle-road course on the issue of race and affirmative action, died Tuesday at age 90.

Increasingly frail and weak in recent years, Powell had retreated to his Richmond, Va., home, where he died in his sleep, the Supreme Court announced.

President Clinton praised him as "one of our most conscientious and thoughtful justices (who) approached each case without an ideological agenda. His opinions were a model of balance and judiciousness."

On matters ranging from civil rights and affirmative action to the death penalty and abortion, his decision became the Supreme Court's decision. He was a moderate-liberal on civil rights and civil liberties, a conservative on crime, and as a result, so was the court during his 15 years on the bench.

## U.S. Objects to Underground North Korean Nuclear Facility

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The United States has told North Korea that it strongly objects to construction of a vast, secret underground nuclear facility that U.S. intelligence analysts believe is being dug secretly in a mountainside near a former North Korean nuclear research center at Yongbyon.

However, U.S. officials said, because the precise nature of the secret installation is not known, the United States does not intend to abandon the 1994 framework agreement in which North Korea pledged to freeze and eventually dismantle its nuclear program in exchange for a U.S. promise of billions of dollars in international aid and help in building two nuclear power plants.

The officials said the U.S. position was conveyed to the North Koreans by Charles Kartman, U.S. special envoy for Korean nuclear affairs, during three days of talks in New York.

U.S. officials told the North Koreans that the tunneling at Yongbyon "is not acceptable to the United States, and that activities intended to permit them to start (their nuclear program) on a moment's notice are not acceptable," said a senior administration official.

The administration has concluded that the underground construction should not be a deal-breaker, and officials have not, for example, given the North Koreans a deadline for ceasing activity at the site.

## Rising Interest Rates Stunt Mexico's Recovery

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY

Driven by global uncertainty and a plunging peso, Mexico's interest rates have soared to their highest levels since 1996, threatening to undercut this year's hard-won recovery among consumers.

At Tuesday's weekly Central Bank auction, rates on the government's bellwether 28-day Cetes, or treasury bill, leaped 5.16 percentage points to 27.16 percent. The main interbank lending rate also rose Tuesday to 29.61 percent, up from a rate of 21.62 percent as recently as Aug. 3.

Most analysts see the current rates surge as a straightforward reaction to global uncertainty unrelated to Mexico's healthy economy. But some are starting to worry about the potential impact if rates remain high for long.

Observers here note the spillover from the Asia crisis is afflicting all emerging markets, including the rest of Latin America. But some cite Mexico as uniquely positioned to prosper because of North American Free Trade Agreement.

# WEATHER

## Wonderful Time for Weather

By Greg Lawson

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The first forecast of the 1998-99 season is an interesting one. The awful humidity will stay with us until at least tomorrow as a cold front slowly descends from Canada our way. We'll have a threat of rain all day today and it will almost certainly rain tonight. We should find a slight decrease in temperatures associated with the cold front and the rain.

But of course what is on everyone's mind is the tropical activity: models are beginning to converge on Bonnie's expected landfall path. She is expected to make landfall sometime tonight just south of Cape Hatteras. The possible effects to us are still in question. Bonnie will meet the advancing cold front and a rather strong jet stream. Both could have a strong blocking effect which will probably steer Bonnie out to sea.

Overall, her likely effects to be felt, if any, will threaten Cape Cod and the islands on Thursday with strong surf and rip tides. Her effects here are expected to be slight. It is still too early to say anything about Hurricane Danielle.

**Wednesday:** Cloudy with rain likely. High of 81°F (27°C). Moderate wind from the south.

**Wednesday Night:** Continued cloudiness with rain extremely likely. Low of only 70°F (21°C).

**Thursday:** Rain possible still in the early morning. Cloudiness dissipating late in the day. High winds. High of 80°F (27°C). Low of 64°F (18°C).

# Bonnie Forces Half Million To Evacuate Carolina Coast

By Sue Anne Pressley

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C.

Hurricane Bonnie bore down on the Carolinas coast Tuesday, forcing authorities to order the evacuation of nearly half-a-million people from North Carolina's Outer Banks and South Carolina's northernmost coastal counties, and intensifying fears that there will be no escaping the big, dangerous storm.

The hurricane, packing sustained winds of 115 mph, was expected to hit land somewhere in the vicinity of this coastal town of 7,500 by late morning Wednesday, according to specialists at the National Hurricane Center near Miami. Because of its size and range, however — and its unpredictability — they warned it could affect coastal communities from northern South Carolina well into Virginia.

Virginia Gov. James S. Gilmore declared a state of emergency, giving local officials in the Tidewater area authority to order people out of their homes if danger becomes imminent. Although no evacuations were ordered immediately, city officials in Virginia Beach, just north of the North Carolina border, urged residents in vulnerable areas — including those in mobile homes and beachfront resorts — to get out of the way.

After two days of stalling in the Atlantic Ocean near the Bahamas, Bonnie began moving in earnest toward the U.S. mainland at a 16-mph clip, prompting forecasters to advance the time of expected landfall — initially Wednesday evening — but also allowing them to better pinpoint its destination along the middle of the North Carolina coastline.

As a Category 3 storm, with winds of 111-130 mph, Bonnie is capable of causing extensive damage, they cautioned. With hurricane-force winds (exceeding 75 mph)

extending 145 miles from its center, it is considered a very large storm, and forecasters said the target area could still be feeling its effects Wednesday night.

"This is a major Category 3 hurricane and a big storm, and those two things make it very dangerous," said meteorologist Jeremy Pennington of the National Hurricane Center. "There is the potential for loss of life, but the key is to make sure everyone knows ahead of time. A hurricane should not result in any deaths if individuals know what is going on."

The decisive announcements from forecasters, after days of erratic behavior on Bonnie's part, brought a new urgency to emergency preparations. Both Hurricane Bertha, in July 1996, and Hurricane Fran, two months later, thrashed this section of the coast.

Emergency officials ordered the 250,000 residents and vacationers in North Carolina's Outer Banks, a vulnerable area of barrier islands, to leave before the roads wash out and the waterways became too choppy to navigate. A fire truck made its way from street to street Tuesday night in Nags Head, on the Outer Banks 100 miles northeast of here, with a siren wailing and a loud-speaker blaring warnings to leave, citing the evacuation orders.

Waves of 8-to-10 feet along the Outer Banks were reported.

In South Carolina, Gov. David Beasley (R) ordered the evacuation of about 220,000 people in coastal Georgetown and Horry counties, east of U.S. 17, including the popular Myrtle Beach area, although it seemed likely they would escape the brunt of the hurricane. Citing the "very serious storm," Beasley urged residents living farther inland in manufactured housing or in flood-prone areas to flee.

Hurricane warnings were in effect from Murrells Inlet, S.C., to Chincoteague, Va., while a less seri-

ous hurricane watch extended as far south as Savannah, Ga., and as far north as Cape Henlopen, Del.

"There is a possibility that Bonnie may still curve more eastward and just miss the Outer Banks," Pennington said. "But even if the center does not come across, they and other places will still get those hurricane-force winds."

Westbound roads from North Carolina beaches rapidly became clogged with trucks hauling small boats to safety and carloads of disgruntled vacationers, their backseats piled with clothing and luggage. A gray sky spat out buckets of rain, making driving hazardous.

"I'm going home," said David Watlington of Yanceyville, N.C., who had been vacationing at Topsail Beach, also in the target area. "I know when to leave."

What Bonnie would do after it reached shore was still uncertain, but forecasters were hoping that by Thursday morning, it would be dissipating in the Atlantic Ocean.

"We think this storm will come up through North Carolina and once it comes out the North Carolina-Virginia border, it will reenter the Atlantic and go more north and northeast," Pennington said. "We anticipate it missing most of the East Coast. But none of these things are set in stone."

That was good news to residents farther north, but here, people steeled themselves for a bad time. Forecasters predicted the tropical-storm force winds — exceeding 39 mph — set for Tuesday night would gain in force as morning dawned.

The Outer Banks resembled a series of ghost towns except for merchants and some homeowners who were securing their property and moving outdoor furniture, potted plants and other objects that would become potentially lethal missiles in hurricane-force winds. Workers hastened to tape windows and board expanses of glass.

# Gephardt, Top Dem in House, Won't Rule Out Impeachment

By Ceci Connolly

THE WASHINGTON POST

SCRANTON, PA.

House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (Mo.) Tuesday again criticized President Clinton for his behavior in the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal and refused to rule out the possibility of impeachment if the facts warrant such action.

Impeaching the president — and effectively overriding the election of 1996 — should not be taken lightly, Gephardt cautioned. Still, "that doesn't mean it can't be done or shouldn't be done; you just better be sure you do it the right way." Gephardt said if Clinton were to leave office "we'll get through this."

In a series of campaign appearances and interviews, the top Democrat in the House sent a not-too-subtle signal to the White House that he cannot be counted on to blindly back the president.

"If Congress decides to go forward with an impeachment process we will be involved in perhaps the most important task the Congress will ever have," he said during a stop here. "We have to, under the Constitution, carefully examine the facts and then make a judgment on whether or not he should be expelled from office."

Clinton's fate increasingly depends on the willingness of congressional Democrats to support him. Administration aides had urged

Democratic allies to declare the Lewinsky saga over after Clinton's speech to the nation in which he acknowledged having an inappropriate relationship with the intern. Tuesday, it was obvious Gephardt was not following the White House script.

"There's going to be a lot more said and written about it before we're done," Gephardt said, noting the media scrutiny of Clinton was "legitimate."

Gephardt said he has not spoken to Clinton since the president's speech. The two men have never been close and signs of tension were evident as the House Democratic leader took pains to make clear his disapproval of Clinton's behavior.

"I'm very disappointed in what he did," Gephardt said in an interview. "There is no way to condone his behavior — the whole totality of what happened in the White House and what he said about it afterward."

"It was wrong and it was reprehensible," Gephardt told radio station WARM in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., later in the day.

Although Gephardt stressed he will wait for independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's report before making any specific judgments, his remarks were particularly ominous because he was the one mentioning words such as impeachment, expel and Watergate.

"I'm a prospective grand juror," Gephardt said in an interview. "We need to do this right. It needs to be nonpartisan. It needs to be objective. It needs to be careful. It needs to be rational. I think this is a big test for Congress, whether we can do this right. If this becomes a partisan streetfight the American people are really going to be turned off."

Asked if people can trust the president, he replied: "Clearly that's an issue that has to be dealt with and I think the president will deal with it."

Gephardt, a prospective presidential candidate in 2000, is embarked on a three-day campaign swing intended to trumpet some of the party's most promising House candidates. Instead, he and the candidates he stumped with spent much of the day fielding questions about the scandal engulfing Clinton.

During a visit to the home of former Pennsylvania governor Robert P. Casey, whose son is running for an open House seat, all three men were peppered with questions on how the Clinton scandal might play out this fall.

"What he did was wrong," said Pat Casey. "We can't dismiss that." On the question of impeachment, he said: "I'm not going to speculate."

Gephardt made clear his priority: "I want to keep the trust and faith and confidence of the American people."

# Notorious Terrorist and PLO Dissident Arrested In Egypt

By Nora Boustany  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Egyptian authorities have arrested the Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal, who is accused of attacks that have killed or wounded 900 people in 20 countries, and are holding him in a hospital in Cairo, according to Arab diplomats.

Nidal, one of the world's most dangerous and notorious terrorists during the 1970's and 80's, was captured earlier this month after he crossed into Egypt from neighboring Libya, where he has been based in recent years, the diplomats said. Arab press reports said he is suffering from cancer, and is undergoing treatment while the Egyptian leadership quietly debates what to do with him.

The government of Hosni Mubarak, worried about retaliation from Abu Nidal's supporters and

wary of pressure by the United States for his extradition, has repeatedly denied that it is holding Abu Nidal since reports of the arrest first appeared last week in the German and Arabic press. Arab diplomatic sources in Cairo and London said Egypt had been seeking to deport the Palestinian to another country before his detention in Cairo became public knowledge.

In Washington, Clinton administration officials refused to comment on reports of the arrest or say whether the United States had asked for his extradition. A Los Angeles Times story in Tuesday's editions quoted U.S. officials as confirming the detention. Though never indicted under U.S. laws, officials say Abu Nidal's group was responsible for the December, 1985 attacks at the Rome and Vienna airports in which five Americans were killed, as well as the 1986 hijacking of a

Pan Am passenger jet in Karachi.

Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council split from the Palestine Liberation Organization in the 1974, when the PLO leadership under Yasser Arafat first began seeking recognition and acceptance in the West. Sponsored by hardline Arab regimes that opposed any moderation of the PLO's warfare against Israel and the West, the Abu Nidal group allegedly assassinated a string of PLO officials in European capitals, and was accused by Arafat's security apparatus of trying to kill Arafat and his top lieutenant.

The group's most notorious action was the nearly simultaneous attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports which killed 19 and wounded 120. Abu Nidal has been sought by authorities in Great Britain, France, Italy, Greece and the Palestinian authority.

# Russia Reels as Ruble Plummet; Down 10 Percent Against Dollar

By Richard C. Paddock  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

As the value of the Russian ruble plummeted 10 percent Tuesday — the biggest one-day drop in nearly four years — acting Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin hinted he may try to restore stability by forming a coalition government that would include the Communist opposition.

With Russia continuing to reel from its financial crisis, three of its biggest banks sought to avert disaster by announcing they will merge to form the country's largest private banking conglomerate.

And in a separate action Tuesday night, Chernomyrdin announced a plan to repay foreign investors by converting high-interest Treasury bonds known as GKO's into securi-

ties that would be paid back over a longer period — with ever-shrinking rubles and at reduced interest rates.

"The crisis in the country is only beginning," said Vyacheslav A. Nikonov, a former adviser to President Boris N. Yeltsin. "Obviously, not a single foreign investor in his sound mind will come to Russia after what was done to foreign lenders."

Some economists said Chernomyrdin's only hope in resuscitating the economy will be to print more rubles — a move sought by the Communists but one likely to ignite the kind of high inflation that Russia has avoided in the recent past.

"He will have to print more money — there is no doubt about this," economist Nikolai P.

Shmelyov said. "All other resources have been exhausted. The GKO pyramid has collapsed, Russia is not likely to get any more foreign loans, and there is simply no money left in the country itself."

The plunge in the value of the ruble against the dollar came as Russia's Central Bank released reserve funds to private banks with the idea of increasing the flow of money and stimulating commerce.

Instead, the banks sought to protect the value of their money by converting the rubles to dollars. The buying spree quickly prompted a slide in the ruble's worth.

"Our hope that the banks would use this money to make payments to their clients or settle accounts with each other did not prove right," Central Bank spokeswoman Irina Yasina told ORT television.

## Administration Scrambles for New Census Plan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

As the question of how to count the United States' population heads to the Supreme Court for a likely fall hearing, the Clinton administration is scrambling for a last-minute plan to improve the 2000 census without using its preferred method, statistical sampling.

Legal scholars say the conservative high court is likely to uphold Monday's ruling by a three-judge panel that blocked sampling, a decision that found that such extrapolation violates federal law governing the census.

While the Census Bureau and independent demographers agree that sampling is not only the most cost-effective but perhaps the only way to get an accurate picture of the population, these experts say there are a few expensive, narrowly focused programs that could slightly improve the data in hard-to-count places.

"It's going to cost a tremendous amount of money to do any alternative to sampling, and you're not going to be as accurate as sampling is," said Tony Coehlo, a former California congressman who now represents Democrats as co-chairman of the Census Monitoring Board, which Congress set up to oversee the upcoming tally. "But if sampling is rejected by the court, are Republicans prepared to put the money where their mouths are? Are they really sincere about counting the undercounted?"

## Allies of Kabila Help Push Back Rebels

THE WASHINGTON POST

KINSHASA, CONGO

With Angolan and Zimbabwean troops and warplanes providing the muscle, forces loyal to Congolese President Laurent Kabila have dealt heavy blows to Rwandan-backed rebels, staving off the seemingly imminent fall of this capital city and altering the course of Congo's three-week-old conflict.

Kinshasa residents turned out to welcome Kabila back to the capital Tuesday after a week-long absence, lining his motorcade route to applaud the way the president — who sported a black cowboy hat on his return — has handled the war.

The government has claimed over the past three days that its forces had recaptured the towns of Kitona, Moanda and Banana, near the mouth of the Congo River, as well as the city of Boma farther inland.

Since taking up arms in eastern Congo on Aug. 2 and ferrying their forces quickly across Africa's third-largest country in commandeered jets, the rebels had quickly captured those coastal towns and began a seemingly inevitable march on this capital city. Along the way, they took the Congo River port of Matadi, through which the country's food and oil supplies are imported.

But Kabila rallied several other African nations to his side last week. Now, with Angolan ground forces and tanks hammering them from the Atlantic coastal regions, government and Zimbabwean troops pressing them near Kinshasa and MiG fighters of unspecified nationality hitting them by air, the rebel forces are increasingly hemmed in. The fighting reportedly reached within 30 miles of the capital.



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## Graduate Orientation Calendar

### Information Booth

10 AM - 4 PM, Sept. 1-3  
10 AM - 12 PM, Sept. 4



### ID Photos

9 AM - 12 PM, Sept. 2  
9 AM - 4:30 PM, Sept. 3



### Tuesday, September 1

Activities Midway 8 - 10 PM  
Athletics Gateway 7:30 - 9 PM



### Thursday, September 3

Activities Carnival & Information Fair 1 - 5 PM  
BBQ Dinner 6 PM  
Bim Skala Bim Band 8 PM



### Friday, September 4

Beverages at Muddy Charles Pub  
Boston Trolley Tour 2 - 4 PM  
GSC Social 5:30 - 7:30 PM



### Saturday, September 5

Hiking Trip 7 AM - 10 PM

### Sunday, September 6

Boston Harbor Cruise 7 - 10:30 PM

### Monday, September 7

Red Sox Baseball Game 7 - 10:30 PM

### Friday, September 11

Beverages at the Thirsty Ear 7 PM - 1 AM

### Saturday, September 12

Whale Watch  
Night on Town (Meet at 50-220) 9 PM - ?

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### ▶ AUGUST

- 26 Housing & Community Affairs Meeting \*
- 26 Summer Social at the Thirsty Ear 7-9 pm
- 27 Orientation Committee Meeting \*

### ▶ SEPTEMBER

- 09 General Council Meeting \*
- 09 Deadline for Fall Funding Applications
- 14 Fall Funding Board Meeting \*

\* at 5:30pm in Room 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

## 1998 Graduate Student Career Fair

The Academics, Research, & Careers Committee is currently soliciting resumes for the 1998 Graduate Career Fair. Resumes can be submitted to the GSC office (50-220) any time until Sept. 18 and we are accepting both hard copies and electronic versions. One page is allowed for masters students and two pages for Ph.D. candidates. More information can be found at: <http://www.mit.edu/activities/gsc/CareerFair/students.html> or by emailing [gsc-careerfair@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-careerfair@mit.edu).

# OPINION

## Welcome, Class of 2002

Congratulations and welcome to the members of the Class of 2002.

As you have been preparing this summer for your arrival at MIT, upperclassmen have been readying this week's

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Orientation. Take some time to appreciate and realize the great anticipation and excitement as the Class of 2002 comes together for the beginning of its time at the Institute.

Your efforts and talents have been recognized and rewarded with your admission to MIT, and you can be justifiably proud of your achievements. It is also your role, however, to make a positive contribution to the MIT community. The Institute has changed rapidly over the past year and will continue to evolve this year. With your involvement and participation, you have a unique opportunity to shape the current growth of the Institute.

Over the next week, you will be subjected to one of your most hectic experiences at MIT. Orientation Week brings a veritable hoard of living groups and student activities all competing for your time and attention. It is your decision to sort through the facades projected by various groups, the slick pamphlets and the offers of food and trips to decide what is best for you.

You do not yet have the benefit of years of wisdom held by the upperclassmen, nor do you probably fully understand the logistical importance of fraternities, sororities and independent living groups on campus. FSILGs are needed to fill a large percentage of undergraduate housing at MIT to avoid overcrowd-

ing in the dormitory system. Nor may you realize that dormitories offer some of the most attractive housing options on campus.

No one can adequately prepare and advise you for the challenges and choices that are to come. You are left to your own knowledge and wisdom. Only you can decide which activities to attend, which living groups to visit, with whom to make friendships. You must make the choices which you believe are the best for you.

The choices you make during Orientation will prepare you well for the rapid pace of life at the Institute. MIT is an incredibly fast-paced environment, and you must be able to work in such an environment in order to have a successful MIT experience. There are more course options than you have time to consider, more activities than you have time to enjoy, more work than you have time to complete. Your primary task at MIT will be to determine what things are important and what are not, and to allocate your full effort to completing what is important and learning to give less time and energy to what is not.

Most importantly, you should take advantage of the exciting opportunities in Orientation and take some time to relax. You are the focus of attention during Orientation, so enjoy the tours of Boston, the steak and lobster dinners, the excursions to the beaches and the parks. Remember that first impressions can be deceiving and an afternoon of fun at a living group does not necessarily mean you will be happy living in that particular place. And remember to have fun, because after Registration Day there will be plenty of work and pressure.

## Comprehensive Housing Review Needed

The punishments recently meted out to two fraternities expose weaknesses in the fraternity system and the Interfraternity Council's disciplinary procedures. The crippling of a police officer by a boarder at Beta Theta Pi has gone entirely

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unpunished by MIT. At the same time, the Institute has decided to lift a suspension of Sigma Alpha Epsilon since the fraternity violated an injunction against summer recruiting. As a result, SAE will not be rushing this fall.

BTP's claim that it was not responsible for the actions of a boarder is not entirely valid. The house's legal responsibility for these boarders is no different from its responsibility for the actions of fraternity brothers who live there during the academic year. MIT and the fraternity need to accept this fact and take appropriate responsibility.

While it would be impossible for the fraternity to maintain total control over boarders, particularly those not affiliated with MIT (as the offenders in this case likely were), the fraternities do have opportunities to rein in the actions of problematic boarders. Residents who show any pattern of misbehavior should be threatened with the loss of their security deposit or eviction.

BTP is not unique in its treatment of boarders; as such, that house should not be punished too severely for having an unlucky selection of summer residents. Instead, the entire fraternity system needs to re-evaluate how summer residents are screened and overseen. To avoid incidents like this in the future, it may be necessary for fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups to tighten restrictions on boarders. MIT might require summer dormitory residents to be affiliated with the Institute, since this affords a great deal of additional control

over their behavior through internal disciplinary proceedings and sanctions. Similar restrictions would give off-campus residences a similar measure of control over their boarders.

In addition to the tragedy at BTP, SAE was also sanctioned for violating an MIT-imposed ban on recruiting activities by the house. The punishment offered by the IFC Judicial Committee was so weak that it was rendered almost totally moot by the administration's decision not to allow SAE to rush. However, that eventual resolution of the situation is satisfactory and reflects a punishment that is keeping with the nature and severity of the infraction.

These incidents are merely the latest in a long series of embarrassing and worrisome incidents in the fraternity system. These have demonstrated that a number of MIT's fraternities are unhealthy or unsafe places for freshmen to live. Although many fraternities are extremely valuable — with impeccable credentials and providing useful services to their members and the community as a whole — these incidents call into question the value of several living groups.

Since MIT requires freshmen to live either with family members or in an approved residence, the Institute has a responsibility for ensuring that the approved housing options are safe places to live. Up to now, MIT has allowed residences to maintain their approved status with essentially no review. In order to ensure that all the freshman housing options are safe and to rebuild faith in the system, MIT should conduct a comprehensive review of all approved housing options, both FSILGs and dormitories. The Institute should withdraw approval from any residences that may provide unhealthy environments for MIT students.

## Letters To The Editor

### Zelevinsky Review Inaccurate

I could overlook the fact that Vladimir V. Zelevinsky G, in his recent review ["DreamWorks movies show signs of Spielberg", August 5], greatly underrates *Saving Private Ryan*, a disturbing and powerful film in its entirety — not simply in its battle scenes.

However, I could not get past Zelevinsky's "historical trivia bit" stating the United States did not enter the war until it was three-quarters over. It was, in fact, World War I (1914-

1918) in which the U. S. participated for only the final one and one-half of four years. The U. S. entered World War II (1939-1945) after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and our first troops began arriving in Europe shortly thereafter. That puts our entry into World War II before the halfway point. Speaking as a grandchild of World War II veterans, I think it is safe to say that D-Day was quite a turning point.

In the future, Mr. Zelevinsky might consider being accurate before he is flippant.

Lisa M. McGill G

## Erratum

A headline accompanying the story "BTP Partiers Stage Rooftop Beer Attack on Police; House Now Dry," which appeared in the August 5 issue, incorrectly stated that Beta Theta Pi's national charter had been revoked. The national fraternity suspended BTP's license.

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# Diamonds in the Rough

Capuano, Tracy Strong Candidates in an Otherwise Weak Field

Michael J. Ring

Next January, MIT and the other organizations and residents within Massachusetts' Eighth Congressional District will have a new representative in Washington.



Current Representative Joseph P. Kennedy II (D-Brighton), a son of the late New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy, is retiring after six terms.

This geographically small but ethnically and economically diverse district has a storied political history unparalleled by any other congressional district in the nation, at least in this century. The Eighth sent the colorful rogue James Michael Curley to Washington. Then the district played the role of kingmaker, launching the national political career of a young Irishman named John F. Kennedy. After Kennedy's election to the United States Senate, representation of the district fell into the able hands of Tip O'Neill, who served his final decade in the House as its Speaker.

It is more than likely, however, that the Eighth will next elect not a rising star, but a falling one. Perhaps the two most prominent politicians in the district, Massachusetts Senate President Thomas Birmingham (D-Chelsea) and State Senator Warren Tolman (D-Watertown), passed on this race. Now, as the Democratic primary draws near, a group of has-beens or never-will-bes struggles for attention and votes.

As Republicans are an extremely endangered species in the Eighth, the Democratic primary to be held on September 15th is the de facto general election. With this in mind, let us examine the ten Democrats racing to take the district's seat in Washington.

Heading the field currently are two carpet-baggers who parachuted into the district in an attempt to satisfy their rabid salivation for political office. Former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn, seeing his gubernatorial campaign fade faster than the Red Sox in September, jumped into this congressional race. Moving from South Boston to East Boston in order to become a resident of the district, Flynn proclaims himself the friend of the working man. He has held to the top ranking in the polls despite his social policies, which are considered much too conservative for this progressive district.

The former mayor and Vatican ambas-

sador, however, is by far the weakest choice in this field. Flynn has been haunted by campaign finance scandals that have seen former aides land in jail. On a second front, Flynn's alleged inability to control his appetite for alcohol has also been made an issue, thanks to a scathing series in the *Boston Globe* last year. Flynn has no supernova star power; instead he is a washed-up, burnt-up dwarf star with little credibility and respect amongst many of the district's voters.

Our other carpetbagger is the flamboyant ex-state legislator and 1990 lieutenant-governor candidate Marjorie Clapprood, who has moved from posh Sharon to gritty Watertown to contest this race. Outspoken on feminist causes and in strong support of abortion rights, Clapprood in recent weeks has been playing these cards in one of America's most liberal districts in an attempt to weaken Flynn, who is pro-life.

While Clapprood's skeletons are not nearly as disconcerting as those of Flynn, she has one major obstacle to overcome: her big mouth. Clapprood has served most of this decade as the liberal loose cannon of Boston's talk radio circuit. If she is still a major contender in the final weeks, don't be surprised if her opponents start rummaging through tapes of her radio show looking for wacky statements.

Another traveled politician in the field is ex-Watertown State Senator George Bachrach. He ran for this seat in 1986, losing to Joe Kennedy. Most recently, he unsuccessfully contested the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1994. A liberal with a voting record that would please most district residents, Bachrach must nevertheless overcome the has-been image if he is to become the choice of voters looking for a fresh face.

Also joining the fray is Boston City Councilor Tom Keane, who represents some of the wealthiest neighborhoods in the city. Portraying himself as a Tsongas Democrat, he touts a fiscally conservative line while supporting socially progressive policy. It is unlikely that his campaign will catch fire in this crowded field.

The Eighth is home to some of Massachusetts' richest residents, so it is no surprise that two millionaires have thrown their hats into this ring. Cambridge environmental activist John O'Connor has been spending his campaign coffers recruiting a strong grassroots organization, while Beacon Hill venture capitalist Chris Gabrieli has been blanketing local airwaves with campaign advertisements. Both are ready to spend big money; Gabrieli especially is thought to be willing to spend several million in this race. That's a lot of money when your likely finish

is fifth or sixth in a 10-candidate field.

While O'Connor and Gabrieli may not win the election with their money, it is a foregone conclusion that South End attorney Alex Rodriguez and Boston City Councilor Charles Yancey will lose the election because of their lack thereof. Unable to keep up with the spending blitz that will likely come in the first few days of September, each will probably only muster a few percent of the vote at the polls.

While there are candidates whose fires are extinguished or never will be lit, there is good news for residents of the Eighth. There are two strong, attractive candidates who have the political skills and the understanding of the people of the district to make excellent representatives in the United States House.

Somerville Mayor Mike Capuano has presided over the renaissance of that city from blue-collar industrial center to bedroom community. Under his guidance, the City of Somerville has cut taxes to one of the lowest rates in the Boston area. He has also developed a program contributing city funds for neighborhood projects. The mayor has made Somerville a leading community in developing new parks and environmental management programs. Capuano's campaign is gaining steam, and it appears he will provide Eighth District voters with a strong alternative to Ray Flynn.

The other appealing dark horse is ex-Brighton State Representative Susan Tracy. She shares many of the other candidates' progressive views, but her style and presentation are radically different. Tracy is cool and calm, in contrast to the often wildly-energetic Clapprood. Tracy's working-class roots and longtime residency in the district enable her to understand the needs and concerns of this district's neighborhoods. Current conventional wisdom is that Tracy's campaign is faltering at the hands of Clapprood's, and it has even been suggested that Tracy withdraw from the race. Tracy should buck the advice of the talking heads and hang tough; with some vigorous campaigning her issues and methods should be a good sell in this district.

Flynn is currently the odds-on favorite to win in a fractured field, with the liberal base of the district splintering in nine directions. Consolidation in the field is probably imminent and necessary to defeat the former Boston mayor. As Clapprood has not hesitated to say, "United we win, divided it's Flynn."

Hopefully the progressive candidates whose political careers have faded or whose campaigns have failed to ignite will bow out of the race. Mike Capuano and Susan Tracy are both deserving, exciting candidates who offer the best hope of defeating Ray Flynn.

# How to Survive Orientation

Wesley T. Chan

In the next two weeks, you will have uttered your name, potential major, and what you did last summer to more upperclassmen then you can possibly fathom.



They all want to meet you, and some will even try to coax you into living with them for the next four years.

But those upperclassmen are also seasoned veterans waiting to tell you their stories of painful all-nighters, dispensing advice while they're at it.

But not all advice is worth its weight in gold.

Mine is, however, and unlike most things at MIT, it's actually free.

So I will now offer to you my little nuggets of wisdom, which have guided me and other MIT old-timers through our own

*Class of 2002: Just be yourself. Many upperclassmen will evaluate you on what you claim to be for various reasons, like whether they want you living with them. Misleading others will hurt you in the end.*

Orientations.

Class of 2002: Just be yourself.

If you walk away having learned only one thing from this column, this is it.

Many upperclassmen will be evaluating you on what you claim to be for various reasons, like whether they want you living with them. Misleading others will screw you big time in the end.

Recognize that your temporary phone number during Orientation is as important as your Social Security Number. Be careful to whom you give it out, as you wouldn't want the wrong people using it against you.

Know that picking a place to live is not a life-or-death decision. Most students are happy with where they wind up, but if you aren't, you can always switch later on.

Keep an open mind and discard all your preconceived notions about the Institute. If you don't, you're as bad as those who think you're going to the "Michigan Institute of Trucking" and label you as a redneck for the rest of your life.

Call your parents. Let them know you're still alive.

Understand that "mandatory" has many shades of meaning just as "sexual relations" may mean different things to President Clinton. When it applies to Orientation events, it means that you can ditch them at will. When it applies to showering regularly and doing laundry, mandatory really does mean just that.

Play a prank on somebody. Laugh when somebody plays a prank on you.

Unlike its ancient Greek counterpart, Athena, MIT's computing environment, is not something you should worship. Think of Athena as one of the "sirens" in Greek mythology. If you fall in love with it, you will be its prisoner forever.

Food here leaves much to be desired. Report any "worm-like objects" you find in your food to *The Tech*.

Remember that you are no longer the smartest kid on the block. Like all your dirty little secrets, keep your SAT score and your GPA to yourself. If you reveal them, you're going to embarrass yourself. This applies especially to those who have 4.0s and 1600s.

But perhaps a member of the MIT Cross Country Team put it best when he simply said to go out during Orientation and "get some!"

He was probably referring to the plenty of free lobster and steak available at all the fraternities during rush. Or perhaps he was talking about the advice you can get from your associate advisors about cool classes to take first term.

Either way, I got plenty during my Orientation. And I loved every minute of it.

I hope you enjoy every minute of your Orientation too. Welcome to MIT.

# An End to Barnicle, and All That

Anders Hove

After he was accused of lifting someone else's brain droppings, *Globe* columnist Mike Barnicle sanctimoniously claimed that he was lazy and unprofessional, but not unethical. Then, after a week during which Barnicle Mania alternately ebbed and flowed, he was out. After proudly suffering two firings punctuated by other disciplinary actions, Barnicle did the right thing and resigned for family reasons. Or at least that's the official story.

Stop the presses! Now that Barnicle is out for good, I want to come forward with some additional information that bears on his story.

Namely, this: Mike Barnicle doesn't really exist. Never did. Never fabricated a column, never lifted a quote — never even lifted a pen. Never reviewed a book, sat at a press roundtable, or slammed a liberal. Not once.

The real story here is that Barnicle himself was a fabrication. Matt Storrin down at the *Globe* concocted him as the columnist for Everyman. After polling major advertisers and the *Globe's* growth audience consisting of angst-ridden Beantown downtrodden, Storrin determined that a white, male, middle-aged, working-class, liberal-bashing pudgy guy would fill the news hole nicely. A column photo of the charlatan Barnicle was produced and approved. The *Globe* was ready to hit the presses.

Except for one thing: content. Where was the paper going to get ideas to fill Barnicle's slot? After all, the broadsheet's own staff is packed with big city liberals fresh from J-school — these ethics-loving goodie-goodies would surely balk at filling Barnicle's ample

shoes. And when they moved on to more prestigious and ethical publications like *The New Republic*, they'd let everyone in on the secret and Barnicle would be done for.

What was more, the *Globe* needed a veritable dung-heap of content. Initial projections showed that at least 125 columns would be needed per year. They couldn't scare up that much punditry from a single real columnist, let alone from some hoary doppelgänger with a day job.

The solution, in case you hadn't guessed it, was to employ a legion of ambitious college students from the local area. These individuals

would have to keep the secret, knowing their record would be tarnished if they put "column fabricator" on their resumes. The students got good writing experience (hard to come by in this grammatically-strapped economy), and the *Globe* got the dross it was looking for. When the student-generated content began rolling in, however, the editors knew they had a problem: style differed vastly from column to column. Some of this counterfeit pontification sounded downright intellectual. A tiny minority might even have been deemed "smart." Something had to be done — and fast — or the game was up.

From the high offices at Morrissey Boulevard a memo went forth. Actually, it was more of a template: "First three paragraphs: tell a story about some downtrodden worker. Next paragraph: trash liberals for not

caring about this sort of thing because they're too snooty and only eat at Au Bon Pain. Remaining space: freestyle anecdotes.

Needless to say, this *coup de main* came out before my time on the Sham Columnist Working Group. Over the years it was honed and perfected. By the time I came on board they had you go through a five-day dissimulation training course on Thompson Island.

Those halcyon years working for the Barnicle Hoax Squad were a real joy. I met busloads of fascinating social-climbers: George Carlin, for instance — they guy was always ready with some crack about buying

Tic Tacs with a bank card. And Steve Glass, what a gent. He set me up with his pal Alan Greenspan and got me a job trading bonds. Finally, I had some fascinating heart-to-heart chats with Peter Arnett. He let me in on a gut-wrenching tale about how he tried to defect from the Associated Press back in 'Nam. Thug editors from the New York Times Company dropped nerve gas in his general vicinity (the hacks called it "Operation Passwind"), then brainwashed him into rejoining the flock. I guess that explains the situation with his hair.

Then there was Elvis. The guy was much better at writing columns than I was. It was a pity to see him give it all up for a presidential bid back in '92.

After five years writing for Barnicle, I'm going to have a hard time giving it up. Our group of phony pundits had quite a legacy: over 4,000 columns in 25 years — what an accomplishment! Yes, I'll miss fabricating columns, but I do have plans: I'm moving to Aspen to live with Hunter S. Thompson — the guy's got a nice place and lots of connections. Most of all, he's associated with a part of journalism I've missed during my years with the Barnicle Flim-Flam: *credibility*.



# Licensing Board Bans Alcohol from BTP

By Douglas E. Heimbarger  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Boston Licensing Board banned alcohol at Beta Theta Pi until 2001 last week as punishment for a July incident at the house.

In addition to the alcohol ban, the board ordered the house's roof deck dismantled. It also banned the fraternity from housing summer residents next year.

The punishment came after Boston University police officers were allegedly pummeled with full beer bottles and cans by partyers when patrolling in the area around the fraternity, located at 119 Bay State Road in Boston.

One BU police officer, James Barry, was injured severely by broken glass and required surgery for a ruptured disk in his neck. Barry has not yet returned to the force and may not because of his injuries, said BU spokesperson Kevin Carleton.

James B. Williams '99, a brother in BTP, was charged for serving the two kegs used at the event to minors. James Williams will be arraigned in Roxbury District Court on Sept. 2.

## Fraternity denies responsibility

Members of the fraternity have stated that those at the party were all summer boarders and the boarders' friends.

"What we really have on our hands is a free-for-all where you have people throwing bottles and cans at police officers... and you have fraternity members claiming that they were not involved," said Ellen E. Rooney, chair of the board. "That's bizarre."

Two of the members of the board drew a distinction between the events at Beta and the events that led up to the death of Scott S. Krueger '01 at Phi Gamma Delta last fall.

"The death of Krueger occurred

as part of a sanctioned fraternity function" said Commissioner Daniel F. Pokaski, while the BTP incident was not sanctioned by the fraternity, he said.

The third licensing board member, Joseph Mulligan, said MIT was "just not getting it" and voted to revoke the license of the fraternity.

## Boston University urges closure

BU officials urged the board to close BTP as they presented twenty-five previous incidents at the house that had been reported to BU's police department.

"This fraternity house has been a constant threat to the neighborhood," said BU Deputy Chief of Police Enric Cappucci.

In 1994, an underage female had to be taken into protective custody from the fraternity house after she became overly intoxicated, said BU Assistant Council Robert Smith.

BU officials said that they regularly patrolled the fraternities near BU on Bay State Road because many of the residents believe the fraternities are on BU property.

BU officials testified before the board that they had repeatedly contacted MIT officials about problems at BTP but had been rebuffed. "Clearly, as of this date, they just don't get it," said BU Vice President Richard Towle.

If a similar incident had occurred at BU, the fraternity would have been immediately expelled, Carleton said.

The board was extremely lenient in its decision, Carleton said. "The revocation of a liquor license at a premises where the majority of students are [underage] isn't even a slap on the wrist."

As a result, the message the board was giving is, "You can't kill a student but it's OK to maim a police officer," he added.

Board members expressed con-

cern that the previous problems at the fraternity had not been reported. "I can see that BU would not want to play the snitch on this," Pokaski said, but the board could have used the information.

As a result of the decision, BU police will report to the licensing board all violations, like noise complaints, that the Boston Police would usually report to the board, Cappucci said.

## Policing of fraternities urged

Besides generally chastising the fraternity for its actions during the unsanctioned event, the board also criticized the MIT Police for not gaining police privileges within the area.

"They have all these fraternities and they have no jurisdiction?" asked Mulligan. "I suppose it's nice to say 'Oh, we have no jurisdiction.'"

As part of its sanction of BTP, the board required MIT to report back to it by mid-September about the status of obtaining deputy privileges within Suffolk County, which would allow the MIT Police to have the same privileges as the Boston Police and the BU Police in the cities of Boston and Brookline.

At a meeting of Interfraternity Council presidents Monday night, Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin said that while the decision to obtain Suffolk County police powers was not yet final, the Institute was leaning towards working to obtain them.

"I would prefer that [the BU Police] let us take care of our own business," Glavin said. "The BU police are far more aggressive in their practices."

"There has been a lack of clarity between the Boston Police, BU Police, and MIT Police" on who should respond to calls in the Bay State Road area, said Dean of Students and Undergraduate

Education Rosalind H. Williams.

## MIT searches for perpetrators

The MIT administration is currently seeking the individuals responsible for throwing the bottles and cans that injured the police officer, Rosalind Williams said.

Although the criminal prosecution of James Williams has not concluded, the Institute has been investigating the incident itself. In previous incidents, the Dean's Office refrained from all investigations until after the end of the criminal proceedings.

The difference with this event was there was "no clear indication the fraternity was involved as a fraternity," Rosalind Williams said.

The IFC has been considering electing an official to oversee summer managers as well as to examine setting a proper ratio of members to guests, Rosalind Williams said. At BTP, only seven brothers supervised about 40 summer boarders.

"I think the measures the IFC have proposed address the issue directly," Rosalind Williams said.

The suspension of the fraternity has been lifted and the house will be allowed to rush, said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates. "It didn't make sense to make a rush punishment for a non-rush issue."

Earlier this month, the IFC fined BTP \$1,000 for the incident and mandated that the house be alcohol-free for one year. The punishment also required that 90 percent of the members and pledges perform 30 hours of community service by December 19.

The IFC punishment also required that the fraternity's summer residents be composed of at least one-third fraternity members next summer, an act that was superseded by the licensing board's decision to close the house to non-members next summer.

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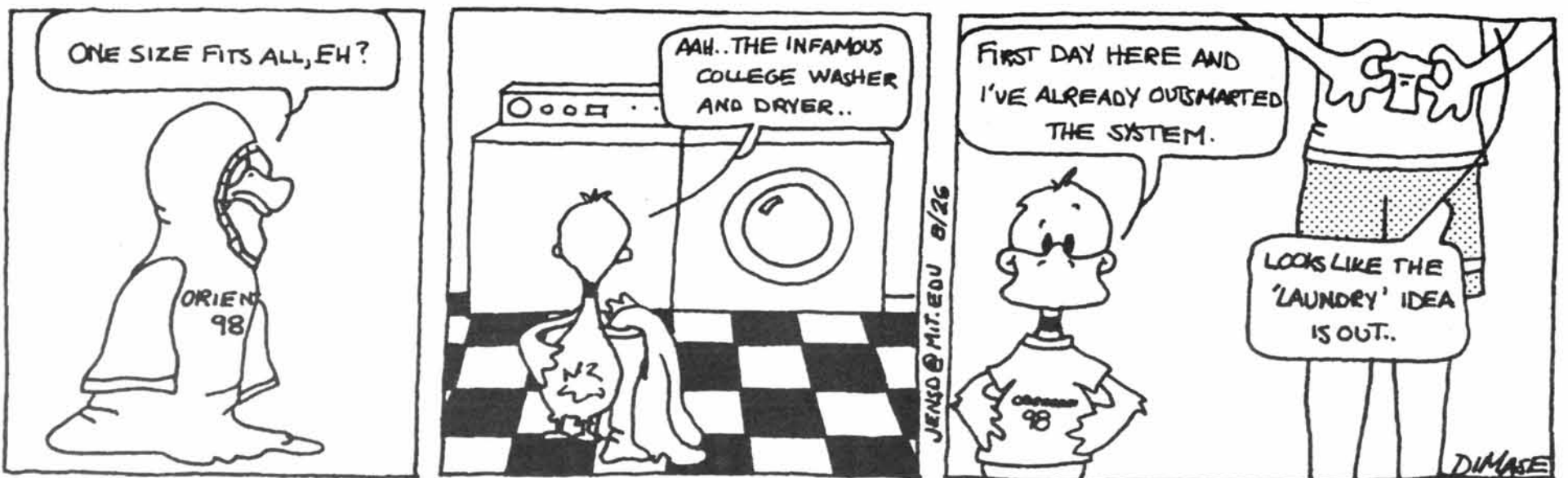
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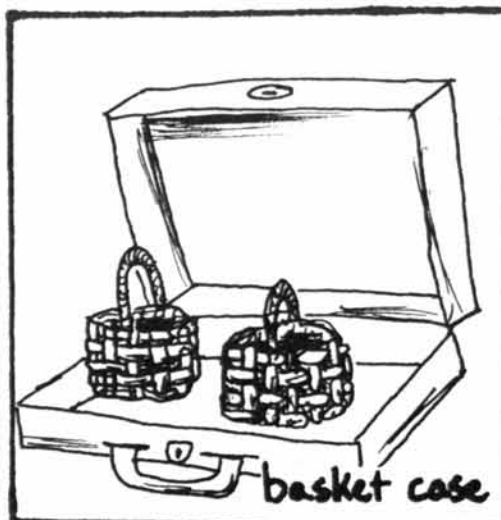


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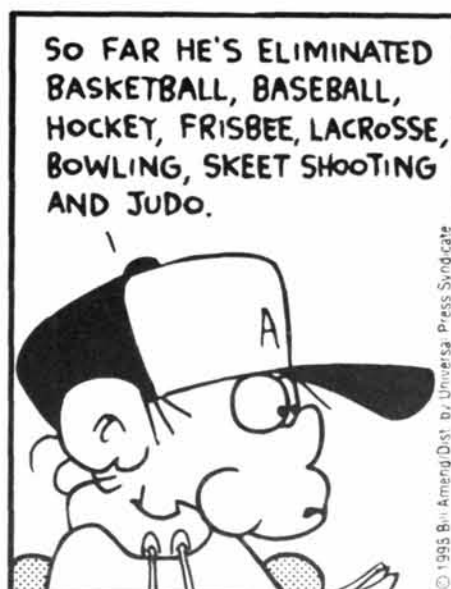
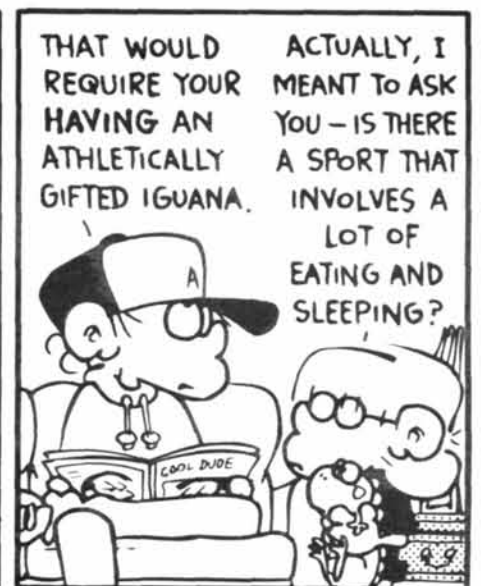
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by Scott Adams

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ERRORS?

FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS A GUY WHO USED TOO MUCH BLUE FOR A WHOLE PERIOD.

NASA PUT ALL THE WOMEN WHO LOVE ENGINEERS ON THE MOON. THEY SAY IT'S AN IMPORTANT EXPERIMENT.

EVERY WEEKEND THEY SEND A SHUTTLE FULL OF MALE NASA ENGINEERS TO CHECK ON OUR STATUS.

UH-OH WE HAVE COMPANY.

WE'VE DIGITIZED AND INDEXED THE WORLD'S GREATEST ART. THIS IS "THE LAST SUPPER."

NICE, BUT...

THE COMPOSITION IS CLUTTERED. DELETE A FEW OF THOSE GUYS. DO YOU HAVE ANY CLIP ART OF BAGELS?

DO THEY LOOK HAPPY?

COMPARED TO ME, YES.

SOMEWHERE ON THE MOON

SO, YOU DISCOVERED WHERE NASA HIDES THE WOMEN WHO LOVE MALE ENGINEERS.

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE DRINKING CONTEST, TOUGH GUY? THE LOSER CAN NEVER RETURN.

WE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE INSISTED ON ENTERING THE CONTEST.

I'LL MISS THEM.

I'M CREATING A DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ART. BUT MY BOSS INSISTS ON "FIXING" THE ARTISTS' MISTAKES.

HEE HEE

THIS IS SUCH A FUNNY STORY FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

IT'S A FUNNY STORY, BUT CHANGE "FIXING" TO "DRAMATICALLY IMPROVING."

I NEED THIS VITAL INFORMATION BY ONE O'CLOCK.

IF I DO A SHODDY JOB, I CAN FINISH THIS AND STILL MAKE IT TO LUNCH!

TODAY I TRADED MY WORK ETHIC FOR A BANANA.

I ATE THAT BANANA YEARS AGO.

CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR

ARE YOU ABLE TO WORK WHILE BEING CONSTANTLY INTERRUPTED?

NO. I WOULD BE TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE, JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE.

WE WERE DONE WITH THE SECTION YOU HAD TO ANSWER HONESTLY.

OH. IN THAT CASE, INTERRUPTIONS MAKE ME STRONGER.

THIS IS TODAY'S MOTIVATIONAL MESSAGE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF THE WEEK.

OR IS IT?

INITIATE LAUNCH SEQUENCE

WE HAVE LIFTOFF.

I KEEP WAITING FOR THIS TO SEEM LIKE A BAD IDEA.

WALLY, DID YOU REVIEW MY DRAFT OF THE USER MANUAL YET?

THE CHARACTERS IN THE EXAMPLES GAVE ME NO REASON TO CARE ABOUT THEM. IT LEFT ME EMPTY.

SADLY, USER "B" COULD NEVER LOVE USER "A" BECAUSE HE WAS A BALD ENGINEER.

WE'RE THE FIRST CUBICLE TO LAND ON THE MOON.

THE TEMPERATURE AND OXYGEN LEVELS ARE FINE. APPARENTLY THE SPACE PROGRAM IS A HOAX.

NASA MUST BE HIDING SOMETHING HERE

HI. WE'RE THE WOMEN WHO LOVE ENGINEERS.

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## by Scott Adams



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# MIT's School of Journalism

# SAE Will Not Rush, Remains Suspended

By Frank Dabek and Zareena Hussain  
NEWS EDITORS

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will not be rushing this year after the administration decided not to lift the fraternity's suspension despite appeals from the fraternity.

SAE was suspended in April following an incident in which a prospective freshman was served alcohol at the SAE house. In addition, the Interfraternity Council sanctioned SAE in August for violations of the athletic rules for contacting freshmen and for violating their suspension by contacting freshmen over the summer for rush purposes.

## Suspension remains in place

Wesley T. Harrington '98, president of SAE said that he was informed on Friday that the administration "wouldn't be lifting the suspension."

Dean for Students Margaret R. Bates said that "summer was clearly a factor" in the decision not to lift the suspension.

There was a need for additional time to show "that both their intentions and actions are consistent," said Andrew M. Eisenmann '70.

"We fully expected [the suspension] to be lifted because of the great amount of progress we have made," Harrington said. He said that the fraternity has been meeting with its alumni and had, over the summer, "very constructive" meetings with the administration.

The SAE alumni have asked the Institute to reconsider lifting the suspension and allowing the fraternity to rush. Rush preparations are going ahead "in the chance that something should develop."

## SAE promises change

A statement released by SAE states that, due to a realization that the "environment in which we live is being so closely watched by outsiders... we decided to make many changes within our house, which would have positive effects not only on our own behaviors and attitudes, but on MIT students as a whole."

Harrington said that many of the

changes, including the modifications to the fraternity's pledge program and the addition of a community service program have been implemented in response to the suspension.

SAE additionally stated that "earlier this summer, we were lead to believe that because of the programs installed by our alumni and the changes occurring within our brotherhood" the suspension would probably be lifted.

The fraternity also said that "incidents at other fraternities in the past month" are responsible for the continuation of SAE's suspension.

"Allegations about other issues were part of the discussions with SAE," Eisenmann said. Evidence released at the IFC trial alleges that a member or members of SAE were involved in striking Timothy S. Zue '98, a member of Delta Upsilon.

The evidence also includes a letter from the Intramural Athletic Executive Committee stating that SAE had been suspended from play due to an incident during a B-League soccer game. The letter states that the IM Office received more complaints about SAE teams than all other teams combined.

As a result of that IFC trial, SAE was banned from participating in any residence selection activities before 6 p.m. on the Saturday of rush and from having freshmen overnight during rush. SAE was also levied an additional \$1,000 fine. Duane H. Dreger '98, president of the IFC, called the punishments a "moot point," since the fraternity will not be rushing.

## Lost rush will affect house

Harrington said that while losing the chance to rush is detrimental, "It's something we can weather. It's not the end of our house." The fraternity hopes to participate in a possible January rush.

"Our goal is to try to get our suspension lifted before [January]," Harrington said. The fraternity hopes that it will not be forced to raise its house bill, however.

Douglas E. Heimbarger contributed to the reporting of this story



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# Killian Kick-Off to Become More Relaxed this Year

Changes, from Page 1

Confusion, a listing of rush events throughout the week, will be given to freshmen. Previously, rules regarding rush prohibited open rushing until Killian Kick-Off when fraternity rush began.

Unlike previous years, dormitory rush will begin concurrently with fraternity rush. In prior years, dormitory rush was delayed until one day following Killian Kick-Off.

Killian Kick-Off itself, the centerpiece of what was once R/O Week, has also been subdued from past years. Before, as the IFC rush chair would announce "Let the rush begin," there would ensue the traditional mad grab for freshmen. Rules governing Killian Kick-Off this year will prohibit the grabbing of freshman.

There will be "no stepping toward freshmen," McGann said. "[Kick-Off] is being really regulated this year," McGann said.

"It's going to be tamer than usual," Dreger said.

Other changes to Orientation include the elimination of two once-staple components, Project Move Off Your Assumptions and Thursday Night Dinners.

Project MOYA occurred the first day of R/O. Freshmen were separated into groups of ten to twelve and participated in ice-breaker and problem-solving activities under the direction of upperclassmen acting as MOYA counselors. MOYA has been replaced by a new Thursday program, Sports and Wellness at MIT, McGann said.

Following this event will be a barbeque and a new program entitled BaFá that is intended as a

diversity training program, McGann said.

Thursday Night Dinners, another previous R/O staple, took place shortly after MOYA. Freshmen would gather on Kresge Oval, where upperclassmen would be able to meet freshmen before the beginning of rush and take them out to dinner in Cambridge and Boston.

Since 1995, when a mistake in signaling caused upperclassmen to rush into the crowd of freshmen before the correct time, Thursday Night Dinners have met with some changes, including a move to Johnson Athletics Center in 1996, and a name change to "In the City" in 1998, until it was eventually eliminated this year.

The introduction of several new programs to increase awareness of residential life issues will round out

the major changes to Orientation. An alumni panel consisting of three representatives from FSILGs and three from dormitories will advise students on residential issues. The panel will be followed by the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program.

Rules governing contacting and mailing freshmen before their arrival at MIT were also changed

from previous years. Fraternity mailings were combined into one summer pamphlet sent to freshmen.

Instead of allowing fraternities access to the list of incoming freshmen, each house was only given information about those who specifically expressed interest in that particular fraternity via mail-in response cards.

## POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between July 30 and August 12. Information is compiled from the Campus Police's weekly crime summary and from dispatcher logs.

This report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

**July 30:** Bldg. E15, bike secured with cable stolen, \$350; Bldg. 66, malicious damage; Bldg. 37, bike secured with a cable stolen, \$300; Bldg. W31 cash stolen from backpack, \$40; Pi Lambda Phi, bicycle and computer stolen, \$5,393; Sigma Phi Epsilon, noise complaint, loud music; Bldg. 7, fire alarm activated by vent fan blowing dust into smoke detector.

**July 31:** Burton-Conner House, 1) refrigerator stolen, \$250, 2) bicycle secured with a cable stolen, \$300; Phi Sigma Kappa, bicycle stolen, \$400; Chi Phi, assist Boston Police with an investigation of suspicious activity.

**August 1:** Next House, noise complaint; Phi Kappa Theta, noise complaint.

**August 2:** Exterior of Bldg. NW12, Joseph A. Manuel of 31 Milton Ave., Dorchester, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.

**August 3:** Pierce Boathouse, suspicious activity; Bldg. 20, suspicious activity.

**August 4:** Burton, noise complaints; Westgate, bicycle seat stolen, \$20; Bldg. 6, computer stolen, \$6,000; Phi Lambda Phi, bicycle stolen, \$350; Bldg. 4, scanner stolen, \$250; Bldg. 12, men's room, report of suspicious male; Student Center, safe and contents stolen, unknown value; N10 lot, two juveniles stopped and issued trespass warnings.

**August 5:** Bldg. 14, suspicious activity; Hayward garage, damage to vehicle; Bldg. 5, backpack stolen at some point since June, \$100; Wood Sailing Pavilion broken into and tools stolen, \$185; Bldg. E19, pocketbook stolen, \$200; East Campus, report of package stolen, same later recovered.

**August 6:** Bldg. 12, 1) backpack stolen, \$60, 2) walkman stolen, \$70; Student Center, cash and digital camera stolen, \$1000 and \$800; Bldg. 3, graffiti; Bldg. 68, balance stolen, \$1,292; Assist Cambridge and State Police with a non-affiliated female who fell into the Charles River.

**August 7:** Bldg. 13, suspicious person stopped and issued a trespass warning; Bldg. E19, suspicious activity; Bldg. 2, aluminum stolen, \$300; Bldg. 7, walkman stolen, \$100; Delta Kappa Epsilon, laptop stolen, \$2,400; outside of Bldg. W87, suspicious activity; Ryder Lot, Assist Cambridge Police with an individual who broke into a building; Tang Hall, unwanted person.

**August 8:** Senior House, two rooms were entered without breaking, suspect described by victim: white male, 25-30 years old, 5'10", heavy build, dark blond hair, has a birth mark on lower right side of neck; soliciting for the AIDS walk; Zeta Psi, camera and cash stolen, \$220.

**August 10:** Student Center, 1) tools stolen, \$1,240, 2) laptop computer stolen, unknown value, 3) missing visitor, same located; Bexley House, notify student to call home; DuPont, wallet stolen, \$50, later returned missing cash; East Lot, student driver struck parked vehicle; Senior House, Brass Rat stolen, \$256.

**August 11:** Harvard Bridge, assist State Police, non-affiliated bicyclist struck by motor vehicle, minor injuries; Bldg. E25, answering machine stolen, \$10; Bldg. 12, tools stolen, \$100; Alumni Pool, wallet and credit card stolen, \$75; Kresge lot, car stereo and backpack stolen, \$600; Kappa Sigma, bicycle stolen, \$400.

**August 12:** Harvard Bridge, attempted armed robbery of a MIT student, victim describes suspect as: male, Hispanic looking, 20-30 years of age, slim build, mustache, and brandished a knife, no clothing description provided; Bldg. 35, overhead projector stolen, \$675; Alumni Pool, cash and gold chain stolen from a backpack, \$70; Student Center, tractor trailer caught the corner of the dumpster pulling same away from the loading dock.

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President Vest released this letter yesterday discussing his decisions on housing freshman on campus.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 25, 1998

To MIT Students, Faculty, and Staff:

This morning I asked for and received the unanimous endorsement of the Academic Council to house all freshman students in campus residence halls, starting in the Fall of 2001, when the new undergraduate dormitory will be ready. This decision represents a major step in our commitment to enhancing our educational community and better integrating student life and learning.

The fine report of the Task Force on Student Life and Learning provides a marvelous vision for building a learning experience grounded in a triad of education, research, and community at MIT. In my view, the publication of this report, which will be available in final form next week, makes this the appropriate moment to begin to think together about "how" rather than "whether."

This decision has been informed by nearly a year of thoughtful debate and correspondence about student housing, and by my personal review of the numerous faculty and student reports over the years that have recommended such a course.

I want to make clear my belief that fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups should and will continue to be important and valued elements of our campus life, and that MIT should assist them in managing the transition to a new system. Representatives of both FSILGs and residence halls, together with faculty, administrators, and alumni representatives, will be involved in designing our future residential system and the transition to it. This planning will be carried out in the context of the overall recommendations of the Task Force as well as the broad campus consensus that freshmen should not be housed separately and should be given a degree of personal choice within the residence hall system.

Frankly, I have had concerns about announcing this decision before the term begins, but I believe we should all enter the academic year working together to create a more integrated residential system — one that enhances the introduction of new students into the life and ethos of MIT, and that fosters a mutually supportive, academically oriented environment for all students.

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Vest

# Announced Housing Decision Takes IFC Leaders by Surprise

Housing, from Page 1

"I don't think anyone can promise every bed and every house will remain unchanged," Williams said. Nonetheless, "we're out to maintain and strengthen" the FSILG system in the face of outside pressures and a changing environment.

The task force report calls upon the Institute to provide "transitional financial assistance" to FSILGs during the period of change, Williams said.

The Academic Council informally agreed yesterday that the FSILG system should be protected during the period of change, Williams said.

## Choice preserved in system

The Academic Council also endorsed allowing freshmen to have some choice in their dormitory assignments, Williams said.

"We're not going to a strictly randomized system" of dormitory assignment, Williams said, although changes to the lottery such as preselection may be discussed in the upcoming years.

Additionally, the Academic Council and the task force both are supporting the housing of freshmen in dormitories that also house upperclassmen. The extent and ratios of freshmen to upperclassmen

in the dormitory system after 2001 will be discussed in the future, Williams said.

## Many decisions yet to be made

Although the decision to house all freshmen on campus has been made, the details of how the residence system will look in three years have not yet been decided.

This fall, students, administrators, alumni, and alumnae will begin to work on plans for the new residence system, Williams said, beginning with the plans for the new dormitory.

In additions, discussions will need to begin on details of residence selection, advising, rush, and other matters, Williams said. "The principal is established. There's a lot of design to go."

"We have to look at how patterns of choice will change" among residence halls and FSILGs, she said.

The decision came as a surprise to Interfraternity Council President Duane H. Dreger '99, who had attended a meeting with Williams earlier in the day about the task force report.

"[Tuesday] morning, I had told people from the IFC to ignore it for ten days and to focus with the issue at hand — rush," Dreger said. "We

figured we'd work on it at the beginning of term."

Dreger said that the FSILG system should be able to remain intact even with the changes. "The FSILGs have a remarkable ability to adapt," he said. "I don't think we'd lose anyone from it."

Having three years to plan for the change will hopefully make it easier for the FSILGs to adapt, he said. Nonetheless, the future decisions regarding the timing and rules of rush "will more directly impact the survivability of houses," Dreger said.

The transition to having freshmen on campus will "make or break" the system, he said.

This year's rush will likely not be affected by the announcement, Williams said. In deciding to announce the plans, the greater fear was keeping information from freshmen than affecting the upcoming rush.

"Most freshmen are going to be persuaded by their personal contacts when they rush," she said. "The message is not anything negative about FSILGs to freshmen."

Dreger said he thought some houses may increase their target levels for pledges this year in order to prepare for the changeover in three years.

# Prospect of Precipitation Doesn't Phase the Orientation Organizers

2002, from Page 1

John C. Ho '02, a participant in the new Freshman Service Program, said that the program was very useful to him. "It wasn't perfect, but it was pretty good, I guess," he said.

Ho said that the FSP was "really helpful, just knowing what pro-

grams are out there; just getting to meet the other freshmen really early.

"Things are going quite smoothly," said Matthew L. McGann '00, the Orientation logistics coordinator. "We've got a nice flow," he said.

Questioned about the prospect of rain during Orientation, McGann

said he wasn't concerned about it interfering with activities. "We have backup plans," he said.

He said that rain would be most dangerous on Thursday, when outdoor activities were planned. "Thursday, we'll just play it by ear," he said. "I mean, we're crossing our fingers. We'd rather it doesn't rain."

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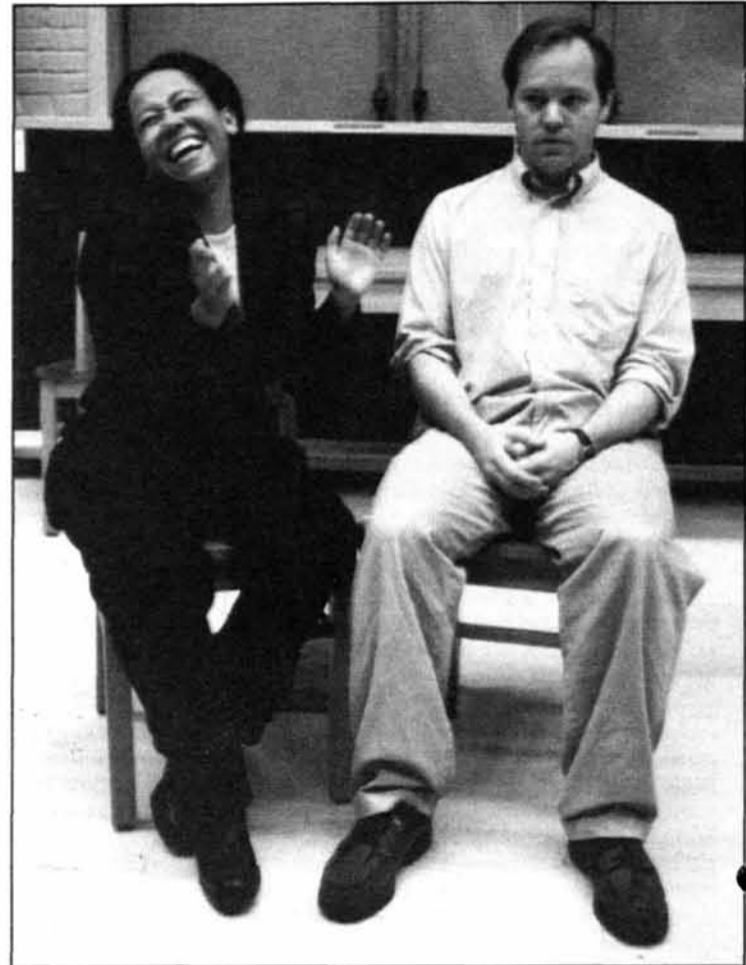
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Anne Sechrest and Rebecca Saltzer G fawn over Eric Geddis, played by Peter Floyd (left).

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