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Midway Lets Frosh Meet Living Groups

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Residence Midway last night drew a throng of freshmen and upperclassmen together in the Johnson Athletic Center to explore residential options on the eve of rush.

The midway, a new addition to Orientation, allowed all freshmen the opportunity to discuss their living options with a limited number of upperclassmen from each living group.

Freshmen and upperclassmen both arrived via controlled entrances to the event, which was closed to the general upperclass population. Each fraternity and independent living group was allowed to send 10 representatives; each dorm was allowed to send 15 members.

Sororities did not participate in the event; they had separate open houses earlier in the evening. The Panhellenic Council as a whole did have a booth at the event.

Despite "10,000 logistical problems," the event was "going great," said Duane H. Dreger '99,

president of the Interfraternity Council during the evening.

Judging by the number of freshmen at the event, Dreger predicted that "this rush is going to be fine" for FSILGs.

Fraternities and independent living groups were assigned spaces based on their rush points within the IFC, which awards points for participation as officers in the rush system.

More favorably ranked fraternities and ILGs were placed closer to the entrance for freshman on the second floor, while lower ranked fraternities and ILGs were placed closer to the exits on the first floor.

Dormitories chose to be grouped together and were clumped into four groups, Dreger said, with one group being the language houses.

The event went "very well from what I could see," said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates. It was a "good idea."

The event ended at 11 p.m., one

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Blitz Outlines Academic Options

By Satwiksal Seshasai
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Professors and members of various MIT departments introduced freshmen to their academic options yesterday at the Core Blitz.

The event, held in Kresge Auditorium, and the subsequent Academic Expo in Johnson Athletic Center, featured brief presentations from professors of the core courses.

In the tradition of other orientation activities this week, freshmen began the Blitz with enthusiastic cheering for fellow classmates and professors until Tova Peltz '99, the academic orientation coordinator, requested that they "mellow out just a tad."

The first speaker was Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Silbey, who will be teaching Principles of Chemical Science (5.11). He described the two chemistry options for freshmen, 5.11 and Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry (3.091), stating that they have a 30-40 percent overlap in content.

"Either subject is OK," Silbey said. "At the end of each subject you have a bag of tools."

For those students with Advanced Placement credit, Silbey suggested that they take Organic Chemistry I (5.12), taught by the "legendary Dan Kemp."

Sadoway talks about 3.091

Following Silbey was Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Donald R. Sadoway, who will be teaching 3.091 this fall.

Sadoway described some of the special features of taking 3.091. Since it is taught by engineers, he said, the course emphasizes exam-

ples. Also, the last five minutes of each lecture feature a discussion on "chemistry and the world around us," where Sadoway tries to relate the field material science to music, art, literature, and other topics.

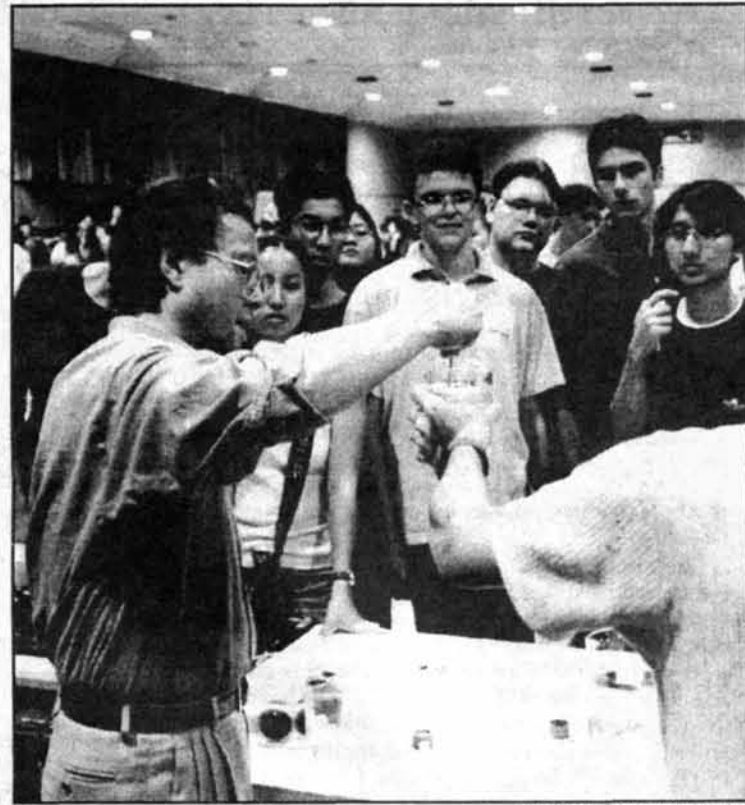
According to Sadoway, this course is ideal for students who have had some chemistry experience, such as the AP Exam, and wish to view chemistry from a new perspective. He emphasized that

taking 3.091 does not "close any medical school doors."

Dean Khoury explains HASS

The next speaker was Philip S. Khoury, dean of the school of humanities and social sciences. He was accompanied by HASS Office Coordinator Bette K. Davis, whom he called the "repository of all wisdom in the humanities, arts and

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THOMAS E. MURPHY—THE TECH

Professor Toyoichi Tanaka demonstrates "smart hydrogels" as prospective physics majors look on at the Academics Expo in the Johnson Athletic Center yesterday.

Alumni, Women's Conference Advise Freshmen on Choosing a Residence

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Yesterday afternoon, the men and women of the Class of 2002 diverged temporarily to begin their respective residence selection processes.

Men and some women attended "Secrets of the Sages," a new program co-hosted by the Interfraternity Council and the Dormitory Council. Three graduates from dormitory living and three from fraternity groups shared their views on the residence selection process.

The goal of the program was to allow freshmen to "get some advice in general about the rush process," said Dormcon Rush Chair Kai-Yuh E. Hsiao '99.

Aspects of the residence lottery in particular needed to be clarified,

Hsiao said. "The frosh have rumors running around that have no foundation in fact" concerning how the lottery will be working.

Hsiao told the freshmen "not to do dumb things like ranking your sixth choice dorm second," he said after the event.

During the event itself, the several hundred men and a few women in the audience heard alternately from those who had lived in fraternities and dormitories. Members of each group shared their view on the residence system in general and on the residence selection process.

In describing her own rush, Nicole Larrier '94 said "we decided we were going to see everything, from EC to Next House." Two months after moving into her final dorm, Larrier said she was "glad to

get my third choice" dormitory.

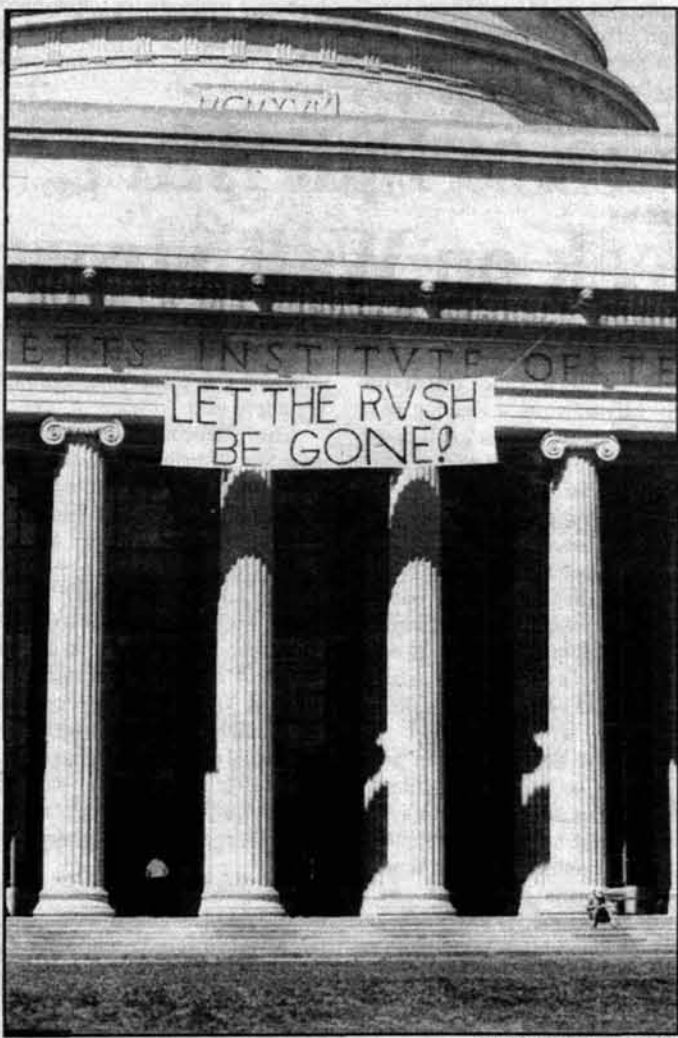
There "won't be a wrong decision," said Jagruti S. Patel '97, who lived at Senior House and who now works for Information Systems. "You've got to make the most of where you live."

"There's something very different" between dormitories and fraternities, said Professor Paul LaGace '78, who lived in MacGregor house while at MIT. "There are lots of opportunities, but also a lot of difficulties," LaGace added.

Meanwhile, alumni who had lived in fraternities encouraged freshmen, even those who had not had contact with upperclass fraternity members, to at least visit fraternities

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GABOR CSANYI—THE TECH

Hackers note the upcoming changes in the residence system with this display hung on Building 10 yesterday.

The Tech presents a pull-out guide to freshmen residence options.

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WORLD & NATION

Government Forces Repel Assault

LOS ANGELES TIMES

KINSHASA, CONGO

President Laurent Kabila's forces appeared to be turning back a heavily armed rebel assault on this capital Friday after civilians in its rough eastern neighborhoods joined in rooting out and killing the intruders.

In a chilling turn for Congo's conflict, local journalists and residents have reported seeing the bodies of several dozen suspected rebels who were lynched, burned or beaten to death by jeering and spitting crowds mobilized by the government.

Authorities said at least 1,000 rebels have been arrested in three days of fighting that has left hundreds dead or wounded in the capital. Other rebels tried to slip away after dropping their weapons and shedding their uniforms, residents said.

Crowds gathered Friday afternoon along central Kinshasa's 30th of June Boulevard to applaud government tanks and troops. The soldiers waved automatic rifles in the air, firing in celebration.

Justice Minister Mwenze Kongolo said the victory party was premature. "Vigilance against the enemy continues," he said. "This war is not over."

As the army locked the city's 6 million people under another overnight curfew, small-arms fire echoed in scattered neighborhoods, signaling pockets of resistance.

And with the insurgents holding every major city on Congo's eastern border and being supported by troops from neighboring Uganda and Rwanda, Africa's third-largest country remained dangerously partitioned by a multinational armed conflict with no peaceful solution in sight.

Kenyans Endorse U.S. Trial for Bombing Suspects

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOMBASA, KENYA

Kenyans voiced approval Friday for the extradition to the United States of two suspects in the Aug. 7 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, even though the bomb exploded on their soil and all but 12 of the 253 people killed in the blast were Kenyans.

The fear, they said in interviews Friday, is that high-profile legal proceedings might invite another devastating terrorist strike.

"We don't want that in Kenya," said John Munyambo, an airport worker in this coastal city. "That was our first one. Should be the last one."

That commonly expressed reasoning apparently accounts for the muted response here to the news that suspects Mohamed Rashed Daoud Owhali and Mohammed Sadiq Odeh had been flown to the United States to face indictments unsealed in New York Thursday and Friday.

In announcing their departure, Kenyan Attorney General Amos Wako did not explain why his country was waving any claim to try them first.

President Daniel arap Moi also has remained mum on the agreement, negotiated by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh during an overnight visit to Nairobi last week. But in a Thursday editorial headlined "The delicate matter of where to try suspects," the Kenya Times, which is owned by Moi's party, observed "that this country's capacity to counter terrorism during a trial that could be protracted is limited."

Assent was far from unanimous, however. News services quoted leading Nairobi attorneys criticizing the decision.

"It's a very complicated question, but to me I think they should be tried where the incident occurred," said Litsunda Erastus, 54.

Clinton Confidant Lindsey Testifies Before Grand Jury

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

After five months of resistance that went all the way to the Supreme Court, presidential confidant Bruce R. Lindsey returned to the grand jury Friday to face questions in the Monica S. Lewinsky investigation. But his appearance did not end the fight over his testimony.

Lindsey, a Clinton friend since their Arkansas days and now the deputy White House counsel, spent nearly four hours with the grand jury apparently addressing lines of inquiry that were not considered subject to attorney-client privilege.

The questioning was designed to focus on questions that would not reignite the long-running dispute over Lindsey's conversations with the president, which the White House maintains are protected from disclosure. The White House would not say whether Lindsey refused to answer any questions, but there were none of the signs that usually indicate a dispute over testimony in the closed grand jury room, such as lawyers rushing to a judge's chamber or filing sealed papers at the appeals court.

In a separate development, another grand jury has received evidence that one of Starr's chief witnesses, Linda R. Tripp, may have known she was violating Maryland wiretapping laws when she secretly recorded conversations with Lewinsky talking about her affair with the president.

WEATHER

Sunny Beginnings

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

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Criticized for Fiscal Crisis, Yeltsin Vows to Keep Office

By Richard C. Paddock

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

President Boris N. Yeltsin, stung by a flurry of reports that he would resign over Russia's fiscal crisis, emerged from seclusion Friday and insisted on nationwide television that he will serve out his full term as president.

But facing enormous criticism over his government's mismanagement of the economy, the ailing, 67-year-old president announced he would not be a candidate for reelection when his term expires in less than two years.

"I want to say that I'm not going anywhere," Yeltsin said in an interview broadcast on state-run television. "I'm not going to resign. I will work as I'm supposed to for my constitutional term. In 2000, there will be an election for a new president and I will not run."

But Yeltsin's bid to remain in power comes at a price. In a major concession Friday, the Kremlin offered to give up a share of the president's authority to the Communist-dominated Duma, the lower house of parliament.

And ending the era of leadership by his so-called "young reformers," Yeltsin dismissed the two top officials who had been most closely associated with his failed effort to overhaul the economy along Western lines.

The president fired Anatoly B. Chubais from his post as envoy to international lending institutions, and he accepted the resignation of Deputy Prime Minister Boris Y. Nemtsov, once thought by some to be Yeltsin's heir-apparent.

For Russia, agreement on the power-sharing pact with the Duma would mean a step back from attempts to impose Western-style, market-oriented measures on the economy. It is also likely to assure

the ascendancy of acting Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin — a onetime Soviet-era boss who previously served five years as Yeltsin's prime minister.

But Yeltsin, while assuring the public he would try to limit price hikes and prevent Russians from losing their savings, stopped short of proposing a plan to halt the collapse of the economy.

During the 10-minute segment of the interview shown on RTR television, Yeltsin appeared stiff and deliberate, sometimes waiting many seconds before answering a question. Asked what was the way out of the fiscal crisis, Yeltsin answered only in brief generalities.

"Of course, now, it would be naive to say 'we will take measures' and so on and so forth, so that people do not suffer," Yeltsin said. "But nevertheless, I, as president, am obliged to say that we will take all measures to ensure that people's savings do not suffer."

Yeltsin's television appearance came only days before he is scheduled to hold a long-awaited summit with President Clinton in Moscow. The White House had hoped to focus discussion on the reduction of nuclear arms and the conflict in Kosovo, but Russia's economic troubles threaten to eclipse international issues.

Before the broadcast of the interview, Yeltsin met for 15 minutes with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott to discuss preparations for the summit. Afterward, Talbott declined through a spokesman to discuss the condition of the president, who has been sidelined much of the past two years by heart and lung ailments.

Yeltsin's government, facing the collapse of the ruble and the disintegration of the banking system, has begun resorting to methods of state control practiced in Soviet times.

Having temporarily banned trading in major currency markets, the government has set the value of the ruble at an artificially high rate of less than eight to the dollar. However, at exchange offices around Moscow, the ruble was trading at between 10 and 14 to the dollar.

Uncertain what the ruble was actually worth, many stores that sell imported goods simply shut down to avoid ending up with stacks of rubles whose value would quickly evaporate. Others kept raising prices throughout the day Friday to try to keep pace with what they estimated the ruble was worth.

With banks running out of funds and freezing payments to their clients, many companies were unable to carry out their business. And on city streets, depositors crowded outside bank branches hoping to withdraw the dollars or rubles they had put in their savings accounts.

Many financial institutions were headed for bankruptcy, including insurance companies that invested heavily in high-interest, short-term treasury bonds that are now nearly worthless under a government plan to restructure its debts.

Some advocates of free enterprise worried that the collapse of the economy and the growing influence of communists in the government could strengthen calls for the nationalization of certain sectors of the economy.

"It is clear that the pendulum of sentiments in the government has swung in a direction opposite from strengthening and supporting private ownership," said Andrei A. Nechayev, a former minister of the economy and now co-chairman of the Russian Business Round Table. "Many people in Russia find such a trend rather scary."

Dow Continues to Fall After Wearying Week on Wall Street

By Thomas S. Mulligan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK

Panic gave way to exhaustion on global markets Friday as investors continued selling stocks but without the intensity seen in Thursday's worldwide plunge.

It wasn't a "Black Friday," but some traders said that had as much to do with fatigue as anything else.

"We've had a long month this week," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst for Jefferies & Co. in Boston. "People just wanted to blow the whistle and go home."

On Wall Street, bank, brokerage and technology shares led the market lower, completing the worst week for stocks in this decade.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 114 points, or 1.4 percent, Friday, to 8,051 — just 143 points above where it started the year. The Nasdaq composite index, dominated by big-name technology stocks, fell 2.8 percent.

For the week, the Dow industrials dropped 5.7 percent, the worst weekly performance since the "mini-crash" of October 1989. The average is down 14 percent from its July 17 record — its biggest drop since the bull market began in 1990.

Trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange Friday was a heavy 841 million shares, but down from 939 million shares Thursday.

Amid some relative good news — Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin's decision to stay in power and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan

Greenspan's decision to join Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa in a meeting next Friday — many investors still opted to take money out of the market ahead of the weekend.

"We've gone from an environment where people are accustomed to a 30 percent return to one where they just want their money back," said Michael Clark, head of equity trading at Credit Suisse First Boston.

Thursday's debacle — which included a 357-point plunge in the Dow and worse damage in European and Latin American markets — was set off by the collapse of the Russian ruble and rumors that Yeltsin might be out, plus Japan's continuing inability to find a way out of its financial crisis.

Indeed, as critical as nuclear-armed Russia's stability is to the world scene, Japan poses a more immediate and serious threat to the global economy, said Carl B. Weinberg, chief economist for High Frequency Economics in Valhalla, N.Y.

As the Nikkei withers, it further weakens Japanese banks, which invest in stocks directly and accept them as collateral on loans.

The collapse of one or more major banks could spark panic and send investors running for cash, Weinberg said. And where would they get it? Since 1984, the Japanese have invested \$2 trillion in markets worldwide — and that's counting only stocks and bonds, not

real estate.

A massive cash call from Japan would batter markets globally, Weinberg said.

There were other worries for investors to bring home this weekend. Commodity prices continued to sag Friday, with the Commodity Research Bureau's index hitting a 21-year low.

The collapse in prices for oil, grains, metals, cotton, pork, lumber and other basic goods is a strong signal of a global recession, said Edward Yardeni, chief economist for Deutsche Bank in New York.

Gold fell to a 19-year low of \$273.40 an ounce on fears that Russia would sell from its massive reserves in an effort to stabilize the ruble.

Analysts said the threat of deflation could push governments around the world to relax fiscal and monetary policy quickly to spur economic growth.

Yardeni said the Federal Reserve, which has been focusing on the strength of the U.S. economy, ought to cut interest rates in reaction to the weakness elsewhere.

U.S. consumer spending — the main engine of the economy — dropped in July for the first time in more than two years.

The downturn was blamed largely on falling auto sales due to the General Motors strike, but there are worries that a worse drop in the stock market could hurt consumer confidence and lead to a further spending pullback.

Bonnie Returns to Hurricane Status, Heads North into Sea

By Sue Anne Pressley
THE WASHINGTON POST

JACKSONVILLE, N.C.

Bonnie spun back into a hurricane Thursday night as it headed into the Atlantic after whipping Virginia's Tidewater region with fierce winds that toppled trees and left more than 100,000 people without electricity in an unexpectedly strong farewell punch.

But Bonnie apparently spared North Carolina's coast the extensive damage authorities had feared. It left disappointed vacationers, fallen trees, scattered flooding — and a lot of relief — in its wake.

Virginia officials too had hoped for a sense of relief but were surprised by Bonnie's ferocity Thursday night. Bonnie was downgraded to a tropical storm as it drifted over North Carolina, but Thursday night its winds reached 75 mph — hurricane speed — as it

moved off the coast.

Warnings were posted from Cape Lookout, N.C., to Watch Hill, R.I., and a tropical storm watch extended north to Plymouth, Mass., including sections of the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River. Forecasters said Bonnie's hurricane force winds should remain at sea but that storm surge still threatened southeastern Virginia.

The lingering storm dumped as much as 14 inches of rain on some North Carolina coastal communities, flooding waterways and washing out roads. Shingles and siding were ripped from homes, and piers were damaged by winds estimated at 115 mph as they moved ashore on Cape Fear Wednesday, howling at a decreasing pitch through the night during their slow drift north. At one point, more than 1 million people were out of power because of lines torn down by the Category 3 storm.

The hurricane, with gusts still reaching 100 mph, shook the trees in Morehead City like feather dusters as morning broke. By late morning, however, as the winds wound down and moved on, the first motorists ventured through sheets of rain onto Route 24, dodging tree limbs and debris. By afternoon, worried residents in New Bern and Wilmington left motels and shelters and returned to check for damage to their homes.

At day's end, the sky was still dark and menacing even though the worst of the storm had passed. But in early assessments, officials said, Bonnie did not seem so bad overall — not nearly as bad as Hurricane Fran two years ago, which also packed 115-mph winds, but left \$5.2 billion of damage and 24 people dead. Hurricane Bertha, two months earlier in July 1996, caused nine deaths.

Bombing Suspect Admits Ties To bin Laden, Accepts Blame

By John J. Goldman
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK

A second suspect in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, admitted he belonged to a terrorist organization headed by exiled Saudi extremist Osama bin Laden, according to an FBI complaint unsealed Friday, and he accepted responsibility for the loss of life in the blast.

Mohammed Saddiq Odeh denied he was directly involved in the Aug. 7 explosion and in the almost simultaneous bombing of the American Embassy in Tanzania. But the complaint said he accepted responsibility for the acts of terror because of his association with bin Laden, who U.S. officials say was the mastermind of the attacks.

Odeh, who was arrested in Pakistan with a stolen passport and brought to the United States on Friday, was held without bail in Federal Court in Manhattan on charges including premeditated murder.

The 33-year-old accused terrorist told FBI agents he joined bin Laden's group Al Qaida ("The Base") in 1992, and he believed bombings of both embassies were carried out by that organization, the complaint said.

Outside court, Jack Sachs, Odeh's lawyer, confirmed his client was a follower of bin Laden, but said, "it was not his mission in life to injure unarmed civilians."

"He said there are Muslims and there are Muslims," Sachs said, seeking to draw a distinction between his client and more militant

members of the Saudi dissident's organization.

Three days before the Nairobi bombing, members of Al Qaida scouted the embassy, the complaint charged, and the day before the blast, Odeh left Kenya for Pakistan under an assumed name.

Odeh stated he was trained in explosives in camps affiliated with bin Laden and his training was "extensive enough for him to have carried out the bombings of the embassies in Dar es Salaam and Nairobi," the complaint said.

He was the second suspect in the Kenya bombing to appear in a New York courtroom in two days. On Thursday, Mohammed Rashed Daoud Owhali also was held on charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and use of weapons of mass destruction.

Catholic Apology Inadequate, Jewish Groups Say

THE WASHINGTON POST

Jewish groups will issue a formal statement next week expressing their disappointment with what they call the Catholic Church's effort to whitewash its role in the Holocaust.

The document is the official response taking issue with the Roman Catholic Church's formal apology for its role in the Holocaust, called "We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah" and released by Pope John Paul II last year. While the Jewish groups praise the pope's efforts to improve Catholic-Jewish relations, they insist the church must go further in bearing its share of responsibility for Hitler's war against the Jews.

When the Pope issued his apology, it was understood to be the act of a man who has made reconciliation with Jews a major priority of his papacy. But almost immediately, Jewish groups complained that it fell far short of their expectations.

In a draft of the response, prepared by a group that conducts formal relations with the Vatican, Jewish groups characterized the Vatican apology as evasive on key historical points. The church apology, they claim, minimizes the role of anti-Jewish Christian teachings that, at the time, promoted secular anti-Semitism. It also exaggerates the number of Christians who assisted persecuted Jews, they claim.

"Hitler, Himmler and other Nazi leaders were all baptized Christians who were never excommunicated," reads the document to be issued by the International Committee on Inter-religious Consultations, the coalition of all major Jewish groups. "The same is true of the vast apparatus of killers, a product of Christian Europe."

Bin Laden at Camp Day of Attack

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Osama bin Laden, the international terrorist accused of sponsoring attacks on U.S. embassies in Africa this month, was present at one of his mountain camps in Afghanistan on the day that it was struck by American cruise missiles, but he left before the weapons hit, according to administration officials.

The officials, who have access to intelligence reports, said bin Laden had met at the camp earlier on Aug. 20 with senior members of his network. Advance knowledge of plans for the meeting has been cited by U.S. authorities as one reason for the timing of the missile attack, although administration officials, who are prohibited by law from attempting assassinations, have stressed they were not trying to target the multimillionaire Saudi expatriate.

"We know in fact that a meeting took place on the day of the strike," said a senior defense official. He added that U.S. authorities had been unable to determine whether other participants may still have been in the camp when the missiles started falling.

While U.S. officials have portrayed the missile attack as having been drafted rapidly in the two weeks following the Aug. 7 terrorist strikes in Kenya and Tanzania, defense sources disclosed that military planners received orders in June to prepare for a possible assault on the same camp complex near the town of Khost.

The order came in the immediate wake of bin Laden's publicized threats in the spring against the United States, in addition to other indications detected by U.S. intelligence.



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Graduate Orientation Calendar

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10 AM - 12 PM, Sept. 4



Tuesday, September 1

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



Thursday, September 3

Activities Carnival & Info 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

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



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 11 AM - 4 PM **
Night on Town (Meet at 50-220) 9 PM - ?

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- 09** General Council Meeting *
- 09** Deadline for Fall Funding Applications
- 14** Fall Funding Board Meeting *
- 15** Academics, Research & Careers Meeting *
- 17** Publications Board Meeting *
- 22** Housing & Community Affairs Meeting *
- 28** Activities Committee Meeting *

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

** MUST OBTAIN TICKETS FROM INFORMATION BOOTH

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.

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Some Advice on Cults

Before Joining a Cult, Be Sure to Ask the Right Questions.

Chris Lee

"Hi, would you like to come to a business meeting?"

"Would you like to check out a Bible study?"

"Check out this movie!"

"Here's a coupon for a free personality test."

These aren't typical questions or statements that we may imagine being asked by a person affiliated with a high-pressure group, or cult. Even the idea of a cult member stirs up images of men dressed in saffron robes clanging cymbals or members dressed in black chanting mind-emptying phrases.

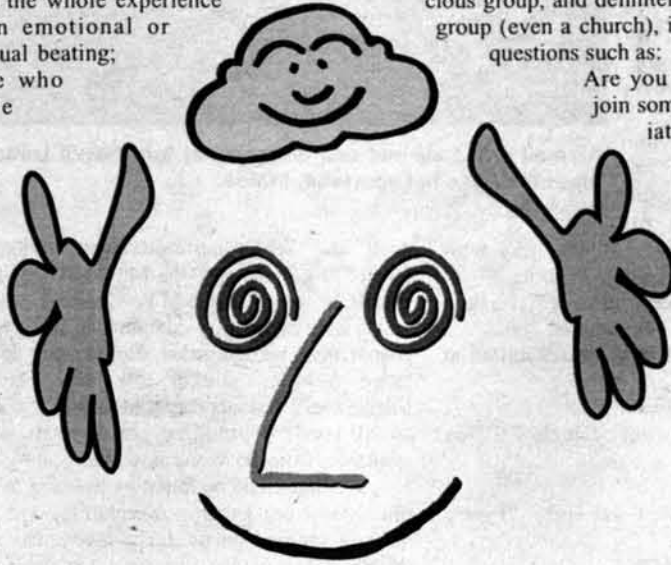
But yet, there exist a number of highly controversial high-pressure groups which have a variety of affiliations and interests; they may be religious in nature, or business-oriented, or psychotherapy groups, or even sociopolitical groups. And many of these groups prey on college students, who are away from home for the first time, who may be forming their own identity, who may be trying to develop a new social circle. Many of these college students may not be as discerning (or perhaps even cynical), and thus more naive than older people; many college students are also more idealistic than older people, and thus, for all of the reasons stated, may fall prey to such cults.

Many of these groups appear to be legitimate and on a cursory inspection, they may resemble other legitimate groups of similar interests; for example, high-pressure religious groups may resemble any other religious group on a very superficial level. Many of these groups can also share great ideals, such as "striving for world peace" or "having one church under God" and can be very exciting to be around. Many of these cult members can also be extremely personable people, who are extremely sincere and zealous. They may be extremely friendly (even overly so) to the point of taking a strong interest in non-members. This tactic is also called "love-bombing," and is extremely enticing for non-members.

These cults may appeal on a variety of levels, not just to those of limited intelligence or those who lack friends; some join cults because of the appeal of idealism (e.g., "striving to follow the truth," "striving to follow God," "searching for answers to promote world peace," "striving for a new order") or perhaps for the strong sense of community and friendships. Others may be drawn to groups at a vulnerable time in their life, such

as the death of a loved one or the change or loss of a job, or even a divorce or break-up with a significant other. It can even be starting at college.

However, the results of these groups upon survivors is but one indication that these are not groups with which to be trifled. Many survivors have reported numerous problems, including that these groups usually have exerted enormous amount of subtle control over a member's life. Another common complaint is the inordinate amount of time which is required for group related activities, which could include recruiting or proselytization, as well as required meetings for all members. A third common complaint is the extravagant amount of money required by the group, perhaps in the form of paying money to take advanced classes, or required contributions or tithes. In all, many survivors may liken the whole experience to an emotional or spiritual beating; some who have



been in religious cults have even said that they felt "spiritually raped."

Clearly, legitimate groups do exist, and legitimate groups do not require tithing or inordinate amounts of control on members' lives or excessive time requirements. There are many good and legitimate groups that are highly beneficial and are highly supportive of their members (such as United Christian Fellowship, etc.) And indeed, the best proof against cults is to find a legitimate and benign group which supports one's interests.

Another factor for determining such cults is their tactics; many may rationalize that that the ends justify the means, or that it is okay to lie or deceive. Many cult members may lie because of the bad reputation that their group

may have, to be able to be more effective in recruiting new members. Asking a question like, "What church do you belong to?" may draw an evasive response, such as, "We're just a non-denominational Bible-believing church," whereas any other legitimate group would state the name of their church.

Unfortunately, most people are not as discerning as to their affiliations as they would be in purchasing a used vehicle. Certainly, anyone who is considering a used car would want to make sure that it won't fall apart in the next 20 miles — you'd want to make sure that the car works, you'd want to check out the brakes, the transmission, the alignment, the overall condition of the car. You'd even probably want to take it out for a spin before purchasing the vehicle.

Likewise, there are ways to check out any group. While being approached by any suspicious group, and definitely before joining any group (even a church), it is important to ask questions such as:

Are you trying to get me to join some group? What affiliation does this group have with any other group? What is the history of this group? What are the expectations if I join? Are there any ex-members of your group? (Can I talk to them?) Do they have any complaints about your group? What do you like best about your group? What do you think needs to change or improve?

Certainly, be a good consumer and do your research. There are a number of good search engines (Lycos, AltaVista, Excite, etc.) on the Internet which can be of great help in finding resources and information on such groups. If nothing else, get as much information as possible about a group and get as many perspectives as possible before making a decision to join.

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Swearing Off Anger

Naveen Sunkavally

I picked up the September 1998 issue of *Reader's Digest* the other day. Most of the time *Reader's Digest* is rather fun to read, though you sometimes need to wear a blanket over your head to prevent its conservative standpoint from leaking through.

In September's issue, while browsing through the table of contents, I picked up on a column called "One Word We Can Do Without," with the subtitle "Refuse to say it. It's that simple." The column was taken from the *U.S. News & World Report* and written by Elizabeth Austin. For a moment, a collection of words, such as "paradigm" or "revolution", whose meanings have been warped and bent backwards to uselessness went through my head. The word referred to, in fact, turned out to be only the boring, old, innocent F word.

In a way, it wasn't too surprising that such a column would appear in *Reader's Digest*. Previous reading of *Reader's Digest* had shown me places of blatant censorship of questionable language. For instance, in the same issue, in the story, "Old-House Blues," Alex asks, "What in the name of raw sewage were they thinking?" And in another story, some editor replaced a popular bumper sticker phrase with "manure happens." I would like to know who in America expresses dialogue in this manner.

"One Word We Can Do Without" advocates the elimination of the F word from the English language. The author believes that using the F word contributes to social decay, according to the "broken window" theory.

The "broken window" theory, first stated by criminologist James Q. Wilson, essentially argues that if one window in a house in a community is broken, then an atmosphere of general recklessness comes about in the community to cause the other windows to be broken as well.

The author also believes that the prevalence of the F word breeds anger and rage and has caused a weakening in the laws of public civility. To remedy the situation, the author recommends that all movies using the F word even once be given a NC-17 rating, that all authors using the F word liberally be given the same treatment as those authors who use racial epithets, and that the public actively object to and refuse to use the F word.

Why the author specifically chose the F word as a harbinger for social decay is not very clear. The author never really explains. There are dozens of other swear words that are just as prevalent as the F word. I imagine some swear words probably were alive for centuries in human civilization before dying off, new ones are probably taking root in elementary schools right now. Most people can probably name one for every letter of the alphabet, except perhaps Q and Z.

Also, I feel that, used appropriately and with moderation, the F word can positively express sentiments hard to express otherwise in cases of extreme displeasure. The F word, like all other swear words, is a hard word. It begins low and soft and ends tough, like the crack of the whip. It is ideal for high pressure situations, and it may very well be that today's stop-and-go, hustle-and-bustle society has made the F word popular.

Furthermore, I don't believe using the F word or any other swear word can necessitate an atmosphere of anger and rage. Rather, the F word may very well prevent anger and rage from turning deadly. Would you rather have someone tell you, "F off,"

and go away, or would you rather have that person say politely, "I don't like you," and beat you senseless? Swear words are valuable in that they funnel away excess energy. The people who get most angry are probably those that get angry the least amount of times.

In addition, I don't agree with the author's prescriptions to cure the prevalence of the F word. When's the last time anyone has seen a movie rated R that has not used the F word or another questionable word? Rating every movie that uses the F word with an NC-17 would dilute the NC-17 rating until the point that normal movies would sit in the same company as porn flicks. Use of violent language and Disney is exactly the reason the rating G is still around.

The author's comparison between authors who use the F word and authors who use racial epithets is also misleading. The author also says that the F word can be eliminated from the language in just the same way that Jesse Jackson started an overnight "transformation" of our nomenclature from using "black" to using "African-American."

The F word, however, is not a racial epithet. While the F word is meant to express anger of all types, a racial epithet is meant to hurt and inflict pain to one group of people. At home, on my bookshelf, I have a very valuable, little, thin, white-covered book called "The Catcher in the Rye." Is J.D. Salinger now to receive the same treatment as the author of a Ku Klux Klan pamphlet?

Swear words are valuable words in society whose value is often overlooked. They provide a convenient alternative to outright violence. While I don't recommend the casual use of the F word, I do fully endorse using it intelligently. Modern society today is probably more stressed out than at any period in history, and eliminating one non-violent avenue to express discontent may be just the prescription for more chaos.

Advice for Freshman: Have Fun

Seth Bisen-Hersh

To the Class of 2002:

Greetings! I hope that you are having an unprecedented, wonderful, and fun time as you go through your orientation. These weeks are one of the few times you'll get to just go out and meet people without worrying about classes and activities.

I'd like to encourage you to enjoy it because before you know it, you'll be a crusty old sophomore reminiscing on how great it was to be on pass/no record.

After reading the advice column by Wesley T. Chan '00 ["How to Survive Orientation, Aug. 26], I figured it couldn't hurt to give some of my own. So I hope you find some of it useful. If not, I hope you enjoy it anyway.

First of all, the first thing that comes to mind when I think of what I want to tell the next class to do is: meet everyone. Make as many new friends and acquaintances as humanly possible. It will make for a much friendlier ambience when you walk down the Infinite Corridor. If everyone knew everyone else in the world, there would be no strangers.

During rush explore as many options as possible, examine all of the plethora of possibilities, and finally make a calm, rational decision. Tour every dormitory and independent living group if you can so that you are aware of every option. Take advantage of all the free food. One of the first things that college will teach you is free food is always good food.

Another piece of good advice is to not take anything bad that happens personally. Rush is a very hectic, jam-packed time when you decide when you want to reside for the next four years. Of course, you can always transfer after the first semester if you are not content with where you end up.

If things are getting too crazy to handle, I highly recommend going to the Elsewhere Lounge for a little break time. Personally, I spent several hours in there last year just relaxing and coloring in color books and playing with play-doh. In fact, I had so much fun (and was so relieved to get away from rush for just a little bit) that I am manning Elsewhere this year. So calm down, take a break and color in Kermit, Mickey and all your favorites.

In any case, in a few short days, rush will be over. Enjoy it. As soon as it ends, you shall be at the beginning of a long journey through life at MIT. You will get to experience a myriad of enthralling activities and adventures. Enjoy them, too.

Being on pass/no record gives you a wonderful opportunity to do as much as possible without having to worry about what grades you get. It really does not matter one bit, so those type A personalities out there should try not to stress out too much. Take this opportunity to join as many clubs as possible and try to make MIT the most fun and exciting place it can possibly be.

Run for class officer, join the paper or yearbook and do a sport or show or acapella group. Or do all of them because you're only on pass/no record once. Don't waste it. Go out and party every night. Have fun and enjoy being in Boston and away from home.

Another helpful aspect of MIT life is the fact that the way the housing system is set up, you will get to live with upperclassmen near by. Take advantage of this situation. Most of us are friendly and very willing to answer any questions you may have about classes, laundry, Boston or even just life itself.

Upperclassmen are generally good for embarrassing stories about others living in the hall, decoding the secret MIT room number code, lending text books to you, lending bibles out, and even tutoring — because we'd rather do your work, than actually try to attempt our own. Take advantage of the fact that we have been through what you're about to go through, and don't hesitate to ask for advice.

So if you haven't figured it out by now, my biggest advice to all of you energetic freshmen (and non-energetic ones, too) is to go out and have the best of time that you possibly can. You only get one year to use the excuse, "I'm just a freshman," so enjoy it.



THE ARTS

CONCERT REVIEW

Phish's Lemonwheel

Anarchy works in the tent city

By Joel Rosenberg
ARTS EDITOR

Phish's Lemonwheel
August 15 and 16
Limestone, Maine

First of Two Parts

HTFTP — I Have Truly Found Paradise. The designation utopia is not one that I throw around freely, but in the case of Phish's end-of-summer two-day, three-sets-a-day music festival at a corner of the Earth, I think the city that pops up approaches whatever that term is supposed to mean.

Getting there

This year Phish called their party Lemonwheel—nobody's sure what the name means. One explanation from phish.net is that it's in the tradition of the motion-oriented names of their previous two weekend gatherings (*Clifford Ball* and *Great Went*). Another is that it's a play on the location of the show—*Lemonwheel* in Limestone, Maine (same location as the *Went*). Limestone, by the way, is about 8 hours north of Boston, which makes it all the more impressive that 70,000 people have gone up there the past two years to be part of the functional anarchy that governs this fleeting city.

Traffic wasn't bad getting there, and it was 75 and sunny — perfect driving weather. We stopped a few times, and each time were greeted by banners and smiles that both read "Welcome Phish Phans." Always phans. In phact, they lopped ph. At one stop, I bought a "phrisbee" for a "phundraiser" that was related to the band only by the fact that it had a poorly drawn cartoon fish on it, as seen in the graphic on this page.

Once there, a sign just outside the main gate warned "NO UNAUTHORIZED VENDING!" Apparently Phish was going to attempt to control the invisible hand. I showed my maize-colored, hologram-embossed mail-order ticket with a picture of a city on an ark to the guy at the gate, and he fitted me with a fluorescent green wristband that clearly explained it was not to be altered. It was a \$75 toll to enter, one I was sure would pay off.

The event is held on the decommissioned Loring Air Force base, with camping between the landing strips (used for parking). The section closer to the stage was named Camp Foreman, and the latter section Camp Ali. Even though it appeared that Ali was already filling up when we got there around five on Friday afternoon, they directed us well into Foreman. We parked and went looking for a place to camp, only to find it pretty crowded. Just as we were about to settle for a crappy spot, a guy setting up his tent told us to walk about a hundred feet further, past the tents that were blocking us from seeing the vast tracts of unoccupied land. We thanked him, and sure enough, things soon opened wide up. We had plenty of room in 3B — 11C was farthest from the stage.

Tales From the City

Once we set up camp, I went out exploring. The walkways were lined with vendors arranged as one huge flea market. Some vendors in tents that defined booths had laminated passes around their necks, which I guess designated them as "authorized," but there were a good number of "renegade" retailers standing by their coolers or just holding up their stuff. Adam Smith prevailed after all, and there was a market for just about everything.

Food ranged from funnel cakes to falafel to "goo balls" (rice-krispie-ish "treats"). I stopped and bought a grilled cheese from a guy who looked like he knew what he was doing.

"How long you been on tour?" I asked while he was squirting butter on the bread.

"Ten years," he answered, and smiled at me.

"Oh, well that explains it."

"This tour? I just picked it up for this show."

"This your summer job?"

He looked at me like I was crazy. "I gotta work."

"Where do you work?"

"At a hospital in Ontario, setting up beds and stuff. I had been on [tour with] Further [Festival, the Other Ones from the Grateful Dead], but I used up my vacation days."

"Do they give you a hard time at work for going on tour?"

He smiled.

"Sort of. They just don't understand what it means to be on tour. But I work for my brother, so he understands. And I just took my dad on tour for the first time. He doesn't give me a hard time about it anymore after seeing how hard I work."

I smiled back. My grilled cheese was done. I thanked him and paid him. And thanked him again.

There were tons of shirts for sale, many with parodies of marketing logos retrofit with Phish song titles (Bounce fabric softener into *Bouncin'*, Timberland into *Timber-Ho!*). There were tapestries and posters, and one guy was selling 3D glasses for the show, even though it's already in 3D (unless you're missing depth perception). Bumper stickers read "You! Outta the gene



A small city appeared and disappeared for Phish's Lemonwheel concert at the decommissioned Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine.

pool!" and "Who wants a president that doesn't inhale?" I got one with the Microsoft logo that said *Mike'ssong*, bassist Mike Gordon's theme, which now adorns my computer. I also saw a couple riding bikes together, each holding up the same bumper sticker: "I Went^2 To Lemonwheel." I doubt they sold many.

All levels of smoking paraphernalia were available, from \$5 wood bowls to \$500 glass bongos. Drugs could be found by listening to the mumbles from passing merchants, and yet nobody seemed particularly seedy. In fact, there was a good vibe all around. I sneezed and somebody said bless you. I saw someone

pick a hat off the ground and bring it to the nearest vendor with the hope that the owner would return for it. A friend of mine bought

a cap that made him look like an idiot, and the salespeople were nice enough to agree and give him his money back. Throughout the entire weekend, the only trouble I heard of was someone passing out counterfeit twenties, which is an absolute minimal amount of trouble for any crowd. As I said, it was functional anarchy, and it was a beautiful thing to be a part of.

Silent In the Morning

Night fell and everyone was partying, just happy to have made it up there. The all-night disco could be heard in the distance, drum circles grooved late, and I fell asleep after a very long day.

I awoke around six the next morning to watch the sun rise. It was so cold, I bought a cup of coffee, and ended up spilling a good amount of it on my shirt — my hands were shaking so much. Camp was dark and quiet,

and when the sun did finally come up, it was too cloudy to see. I went to the 24-hour cafe and got a sausage, egg and cheese sandwich, went and brushed my teeth at the washing sinks they had set up (their fluid mechanics didn't put much water pressure through the PVC pipes), and watched the city wake up, refreshed for the main event that was still a good eight hours away.

It was soon time for another cup of coffee, which I got from a hispanic guy who's a bellman at the Omni in Albany. He complained about the crackdown on vendors, which I hadn't seen but apparently he had.

"This was all vendors last year," he explained, motioning to a large space where there were no vendors. "I spoke to the guy in charge about maybe selling a vendor's ticket for \$150, and he said they might do it next year. But I don't think they will."

I asked him how long he had been touring for.

"I used to do Dead tours all the time. Then I got arrested," he said as he started looking off into the distance. "And then Jerry died." He was staring at where the vendors had been. Then he came back. "I've done some Phish, but this is the first one this summer."

I asked how the Phish crowd compared to the Dead crowd.

"The Dead crowd was a little more alive," he said with a chuckle. "More people are just smoking dope here, but I don't like to say that." I just nodded, lacking any first hand knowledge. I paid him and thanked him, and he told me to come back in a little while to get three pancakes for three bucks. If they were cracking down on unauthorized vending, he didn't seem concerned about being cracked down.

On the way back to camp, a guy with a bottle of Mississippi Mud and a cigarette dangling from his lip staggered by a well marked sign and asked, "Does that say 6A?" Ah, the remorse of a sugar junkie.

A little further down was a kid giving out free granola. Leaning on his car was a beautiful framed "picture" that had a four-by-four grid of convex mirrors which made for a great effect. I asked him if he was selling it, but he said he wanted to trade for it. Since I lacked anything worthy of it, I told him I liked it and moved on.

I saw a tour-ready school bus that had "Foo" painted where "School Bus" usually goes—I thought Course VI would appreciate that. Someone had a tray of bloody marys, each with a celery stalk in it. Nobody goes without in the Phish parking lot.

I went to our car and turned on the radio to 88.9 FM, The Badger. It's the station that services the festival, playing Phish archives and generally good tunes, and bills itself as "The World's Only Radio Station," which for this world it was. I fell asleep listening to some Miles Davis, and when I woke up, it was time to get ready to go to the show.



Some phans relax and watch the sunset from the top of their vehicle after travelling hundreds of miles to the northeast Maine.

GREGORY REC

Residence Selection '98



Dormitories Provide a Wide Range of Living Options

McCormick Hall

320 Memorial Drive
Cost: \$1,900 per term

253-5961

Only residents of McCormick Hall, the only all-female dorm on campus, can enter the dormitory freely; visitors must be escorted or on a guest list.

"McCormick's been stereotyped as a quiet, boring place, but that's not true at all," said Marianne McPherson '99, one of two rush chairs for the dorm. "I would describe it as friendly and social, though some individual floors or suites may be a bit more reserved."

All freshmen assigned to McCormick will be placed in triples. There is "the option of choosing roommates," McPherson said. Freshmen "rank their room choices, say whom they'd like to room with. But actual room and floor assignments are somewhat up to chance."

McCormick is divided by floors, with the East Tower also divided into suites. "Each floor takes a vote every year whether or not to allow men into the bathrooms," McPherson said.

During rush, McCormick offers barbecues, tie-dying, and other activities. Over the school year, house events include a fall hiking trip, semi-formals, skating, and monthly food study breaks.

Burton-Conner House

410 Memorial Drive
Cost: \$1,900 per term

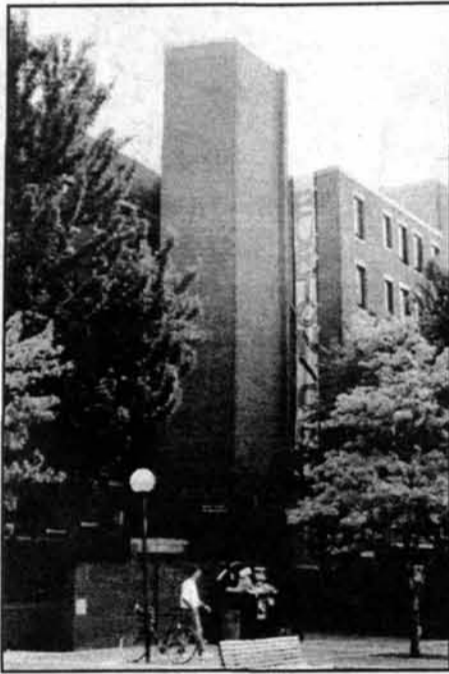
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The residents of Burton-Conner "are an ethnically, socially, and academically diverse group of generally hard-working, fun-loving people united through very strong floor-oriented communities," said Jade P. Wang '01, rush chair.

Freshmen at Burton-Conner "can expect to get triples," although a few students "might end up with doubles. Sophomores usually get doubles or singles," Wang said. The house is divided into nine floors, each organized into suites. An in-house rush determines which floor freshmen will live on, and freshmen can request to be roomed with another specific student.

"All of the floors are coed," Wang said. However, "there are single-sex suites available in the building with single-sex bathrooms."

During rush, Burton-Conner plans to have barbecues, a carnival, tie-dying, movies, and free ice cream, as well as painting and other activities. Throughout the school year, there are both house-wide and floor-specific activities, including semi-formals and hiking trips.



MacGregor House

450 Memorial Drive
Cost: \$1,900 per term

253-1461

"We have a variety of people and personalities in MacGregor," said Lucy D. Crespo da Silva '00, rush chair for MacGregor House. "There are loud, social suites for those who want to have fun, and quieter suites for those who want to study."

A freshman assigned to MacGregor "can expect to get a single, but a few will get a double," said Crespo da Silva. "There is nothing bigger than a double" at MacGregor.

Once assigned to MacGregor, freshmen engage in an entry rush, after which they rate each of the nine entries according to their preference. According to Crespo da Silva, freshmen "usually get one of their top three choices." Each entry is further divided into small suites which "are coed, unless the residents of a particular entry wish to have a single-sex suite or bathroom." One entry is all-male.

MacGregor's rush activities include three daily barbecues, carnival events, non-alcoholic daquiris, breakfasts, tours, and movies. Over the school year, "the entire house has parties, study breaks, and events such as skating nights," Crespo da Silva said. Additionally, "each of the entries has their own trips."

Baker House

362 Memorial Drive
Cost: \$1,800 per term

253-3161

Freshmen attending the many events taking place at Baker House during rush will be able to see the dorm's recent renovations, which will continue next summer.

Over the school year, "we average two parties a month... in addition to room and floor parties hosted by individuals," said Wesley S. Chao '00, one of two rush chairs for the dorm.

"We have an annual apple picking [and] camping trip, skiing trip, two beach trips, and one trip to Blue Hills State Park." According to Chao, "Larger parties include a holiday formal, spring semi-formal, and a live band party."

Freshmen assigned to Baker "can expect to be housed exclusively in triples and quads with other freshmen," Chao said. Almost all of the freshmen will "live in the west section," which "not coincidentally... tends to be the loudest area of Baker." Although Baker is loosely divided geographically, "the house interacts as a whole." For specific rooms and roommates, "we try to fulfill as many requests as possible," Chao said.

All floors, sections, bathrooms, and — by prior consent — shower stalls, are coed.



Next House

500 Memorial Drive
Cost: \$1,900 per term

253-8761

Freshmen moving into Next House can expect to receive "mainly triples," although a few doubles and singles may be available, said Susan L. Yan '01, rush chair. "It all depends on the upperclassmen fall room lottery," Yan said. Singles may be taken before freshmen enter the room lottery.

Next House is divided up into two wings per floor. Except for one all-female bathroom, the three to four bathrooms on each wing are coed. After receiving their housing assignments, freshmen "come here for a fun-filled night of wing rush, food, and the rooming lottery," Yan, who described the character of Next House as being "friendly and fun," said. Wing rush allows freshmen "a chance to meet more of the Next House upperclassmen... and the graduate floor tutors," Yan said.

Over rush, Next House plans to offer games, movies, and "plenty of free food," said Yan. House-wide activities after rush include a Spring semi-formal; Next Act, an annual musical put on by the residents of Next House; dance parties; and "random outings" by wings and with floor tutors.

East Campus

3 Ames Street
Cost: \$1,800 per term

253-2871

Even people who don't think they can be happy at East Campus can find a way to be happy, said Jennifer A. Frank '00, rush chair for the dorm. "We try our best to accommodate."

The largest dorm and conveniently situated near major classrooms, East Campus is divided into ten distinct halls in two parallels. Events during the school year, however, are dorm-wide. Sometimes a hall will throw a party on a hall, said Frank, but the entire dorm will be invited. Parties are thrown "as frequently as we can afford to."

Although it is possible that freshmen can get singles, the rooms freshmen get "all depends on how rush goes," Frank said. Once freshmen are assigned to East Campus, they engage in a "hall rush" and meet residents and other freshmen. Then "we set them loose to look at everything."

For this year's rush, East Campus plans to "go big", with many large events, including a luau, carnival, IHOP (Institute House of Pancakes), and a coffeehouse. There are always activities at East Campus during rush, Frank said.



NERD XING — In February 1987, hackers modified the crosswalk signs at 77 Massachusetts Avenue to more appropriately classify the pedestrians.

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The ten dormitories and five cultural houses available to freshmen as on-campus living options all have their own unique features and quirks. Freshmen are encouraged to visit each dorm to determine whether or not the personality of the living group fits with their own.

Unlike fraternities and independent living groups, no dormitory offers an included meal program; students can cook on their own where kitchens are provided.

Costs presented here are the average of the costs for each dormitory. Rent in some dormitories varies based upon the size of the room and other factors, such as the view.

New House

471-475 Memorial Drive
Cost: \$1,850 per term

253-6561

Divided into separate coed houses with private bathrooms, New House contains residents who "care about the dorm and each other," said Salvador Alvarez '00, the rush chair for the dormitory. "People in general are nice, friendly, considerate, and really make an effort to call this place a home."

Rush activities at New House "mostly contain food," including picnics and brunches. "Our focus though is to get to talk to the freshmen and see if the personality of the dorm matches. If they match, then that's great. If not, then we hope they find a dorm that they will enjoy," said Alvarez.

After being assigned to New House, freshmen engage in an in-house rush to see which house they will live in. Actual rooms will be determined by lottery.

This year, "we will have a number of freshmen in singles," said Alvarez, although "overall, freshmen can expect triples... and most sophomores will get singles."

Although "there has been a push to do more" events as a whole dorm, "the majority of events are still by house."

Language Houses

The language houses and Chocolate City are all housed at New House.

471-475 Memorial Drive
Cost: \$1,800 per term

253-6561

Russian House

One of several language houses, Russian House is "both academically stimulating and socially attractive," said Marina Zhurakhinskaya '01, one of two rush chairs. The 18 residents of Russian House "all live here like one big family," and there are no divisions.

Freshmen assigned to the entirely coed Russian House will engage in a lottery for the available rooms — three singles, one double, and one triple.

Some of the activities Russian House has planned for rush include barbecues, water fights, raspberry picking, canoeing, dinners, outings, parties, and a chess tournament. "But the idea is that the activities are not something that can attract people to the house, while the spirit of the house and characters of the people will," Zhurakhinskaya said.

Throughout the school year, "parties, hiking trips, and trips to area concerts by Russian performers round out our social schedule," Zhurakhinskaya said. Russian House has dinners five times a week.

"Russian House is quite an active member of the New House community," Zhurakhinskaya said.

French House

An "independent living group within a dorm," the 23 to 26 residents of French House live on three floors of New House with a "bathtub/toilet to people ratio" varying "between 1:3 and 1:4," said Yvonne L. Lai '01, one of two rush chairs.

The 14 slots open this year are distributed in singles and two doubles, which may be crowded. When determining room assignments, "freshmen sit down with the housing chair, and discuss who wants a single, and who wants a double. If there are any conflicts, then a lottery is conducted," Lai said.

French House plans to "kick off Rush with an International Barbeque," Lai said, followed by a Franco-Prussian-Russian War water fight with German and Russian Houses. French House will also feature other activities, such as a bookstore tour and fondue making.

Some of the regular social activities include a house semiformal and other parties, and trips to museums.

"We strike a good balance for studying and having fun," Lai said. Residents "know when it's time to stop and concentrate on what they need to be doing."

Spanish House

The approximately twenty-four residents of Spanish House "are a group of people who share some common interests, like having good food every night, and try to share and learn about spanish culture," according to Marcos J. Cordero '01, Spanish House rush chair.

Occupying two floors of New House, Spanish House is coed.

Once freshmen decide to live at Spanish House, there is a lottery to determine who lives in which rooms. For freshmen, "there are some singles and one double and one triple," said Cordero.

To attract freshmen during the rush period, Spanish House plans on hosting Salsa lessons, laser tag, fajitas, and Latin movies, among other activities.

Cordero said that during the academic year, Spanish House has "several parties, a camping trip for everyone to get to know each other, Christmas dinner, and end of the year barbeque."

German House

Living in four coed suites, the twenty-one residents of German House "share a common interest in German and German speaking cultures," said He-Rim Woo '99, speaking for the house. "We come from all sorts of different backgrounds and participate in different kinds of activities," Woo said.

All of the German House rooms are singles; freshmen living at the house undergo a lottery to determine room assignments.

"German House strikes a good balance between the benefits of dorm life and the sense of community and social interaction offered by ILGs and the Greek system," Woo said. Annually, the members of German House participate in the Winter Holiday Dinner and Senior Dinner, and a Halloween party is held with French House. There are also other social activities depending on the wishes of the residents.

Over rush, German House has planned several activities in coordination with the other cultural houses. Additionally, German House activities include movies, games, cooking activities, Boston tours, and a Viennese Cafe.

Chocolate City

This year's Chocolate City rush chairs could not be contacted in time for this article. Last year, then Rush Chair Ato Otkitge '99 said the 30 male residents of the living group generally live in single rooms, and share two kitchens and three lounges for common use.

Then, all the residents of Chocolate City were from minority groups, but the house is open to everyone, Otkitge said. In looking for freshmen, Chocolate City attempts to find those who would "function best in our environment," Otkitge said.

Random Hall

282-290 Massachusetts Avenue
Cost: \$1,550 per term

258-6344

The northernmost and smallest of the dormitories, Random Hall is, unsurprisingly, best characterized as "random," according to LeeAnn L. Henn '01, Random Hall rush chair.

During rush, Random Hall plans to engage in activities including "explosions, caffeine, roof deck movies, food available 24 [hours per day], liquid [nitrogen] ice cream, no sleep, slushies, arts and crafts, sugar, and more caffeine," Henn said. Throughout the school year, the three to four parties per term, annual trip, and other official activities are house-wide, although "individual floors or groups of students will have smaller gatherings and trips," Henn said.

Random is divided into eight floors, each of which has two single-occupant bathrooms, a kitchen, a lounge, and 14 residents. Two of the floors are all-female, two of the floors are coed, and the remaining four floors are all-male.

"Most freshmen can expect to be housed in doubles or divided doubles (single-like) rooms," Henn said. The actual rooms assigned to freshmen are based on a lottery.

Random is located in close proximity to a new 24-hour Star Market grocery store.



Bexley Hall

46-52 Massachusetts Avenue
Cost: \$1,695 per term

253-3861

Situated on Massachusetts Avenue, Bexley Hall is the closest dormitory to Massachusetts Avenue on West Campus and is the second-smallest dorm.

Infamous for its policy of anti-rush, Bexley has tried to deter freshmen in the past by engaging in discouraging acts; this year's anti-rush activities include a special "barbeque" and "community speakers," according to Catalina M. Buttz '99, anti-rush chair.

Freshmen assigned to Bexley will "definitely not get a single; with crowding, freshmen will probably be crammed in rooms," Buttz said. "If you want a single, move to... some other place designed for it," Buttz said. After freshmen become residents of Bexley, they are placed wherever "they are most tolerated, or where they find it most tolerable," said Buttz.

"If you're allergic to vermin, don't live here," said Buttz. "If you're allergic to independent thinking... noise... don't be here. If you're afraid of being in one of the scarier parts of Boston..."

"We just want every freshman to be as happy as they can be," said Buttz.

Senior House

70 Amherst Street
Cost: \$1,800 per term

253-3191

Senior House is "a hodge-podge of people," said Eva Palmerton '99, one of three rush chairs. The dorm can be characterized as "eclectic".

Most of the freshmen will be housed in doubles, although there are a few singles available. Once freshmen have been assigned to Senior House, available rooms are typically introduced during a house tour. Each new resident then lists his or her room preferences, and the room chairs generally use a lottery. "It depends on the room chairs," Palmerton said.

The best way to decide if you want to live somewhere is to meet with the people who live there, Palmerton said. During rush, Senior House will have one big house party to get as many residents out to meet potential freshmen.

Social activities throughout the school year include the annual Steer Roast, as well as smaller parties depending on whether residents are interested in planning them. "It basically varies," Palmerton said.

There are a few suites, but Senior House doesn't tend to have any specific divisions, Palmerton said. Floors are coed, as are the single-stall bathrooms.



With So Many Different Characters, Living Groups Give Freshmen Plenty of Options for Where to Live

In addition to the Institute's dormitories, the Class of 2002 has thirty-two freshman housing options from which to choose. The characters of MIT's fraternities and independent living groups cover a expansive spectrum. Some houses emphasize athletics; some sponsor literary activities; some are dedicated to service in the community. All of them can enrich the lives of the freshmen who choose to live there.

The information presented here should help freshmen make choices about which living groups to investigate during rush. Included is information about the character and activities of each house, as well as statistics on the cost — including just what residents get for their money. Many of the living groups have pledge programs, in which new residents learn about the house

before they become full-fledged members. Many also are affiliated with large national organizations, from whom they draw much of their character. Houses frequently maintain close ties to their alumni, who may provide advice to the undergraduates and sometimes help with the administration and finances of the living group. These differing characteristics determine whether a house offers the right environment to a given individual.

Not included in this listing are two fraternities — Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta — who will not be participating in rush this fall. The three MIT sororities with houses are also not included, because their houses are not living options for women in their first year at the Institute.

ΑΔΦ

Male

351 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
Cost: \$2,765 per term

576-2792
Anticipated pledges: 12

Alpha Delta Phi, one of MIT's youngest fraternities, prides itself on its literary nature. Members generally have an "interest in literary activities," said Rush Chair John D. Thele G. However, the members as a whole also have a "lot of unique interests."

The house bill at ADP includes six dinners and five lunches per week, the social program, and an activities fee that is refunded if it is not completely used. All residents of ADP live in singles.

The pledge program at ADP lasts through January and has a variable time commitment. "We are not unreasonable" in our requests of the pledges, Thele said.

While ADP was only established on the MIT campus in 1976, the chapter currently has an alumnus on the board of directors of the fraternity's national organization. Additionally, alumni have helped the house in many ways in recent years.

During rush, ADP will be having a "bungee run" at the house, as well as a canoe trip, a paintball fight, and a trip to a state park on Monday.



ΑΕΠ

Male

155 Bay State Road, Boston
Cost: \$2,500 per term

247-3170
Anticipated pledges: unknown

"We have so many different personalities and all sorts of interests, we don't really have a house personality," said Itay Tuchman '00, Alpha Epsilon Pi's rush chair. "We are all just really nice, outgoing guys who like to have fun, but who also emphasize academics a great deal."

The pledge program at AEPI is one of the shortest at MIT, Tuchman said. It lasts five weeks and consists of short weekly meetings. All brothers and pledges participate in house chores equally.

AEPI is a culturally Jewish fraternity founded in the 1900s. The MIT chapter was founded in 1940.



ΑΤΩ

Male

405 Memorial Drive, Cambridge
Cost: \$2,125 per term

252-6520
Anticipated Pledges: unknown

Alpha Tau Omega could not be contacted for this story, despite repeated phone calls. The *Guide to First-Year Student Residences* states that ATO's house bill includes five lunches and five dinners per week, in addition to an open kitchen. Freshman at ATO live with upperclassmen in two-room triples.

Rush Terms

badmouthing: saying negative things about another fraternity, sorority, or independent living group; prohibited by rush rules

bid: an official invitation to join an Fraternity, Sorority, or Independent Living Group

Clearinghouse: the computer system used to track freshmen moving among FSILGs. Students can make themselves invisible to living groups in Clearinghouse by contacting the Office of Residence Life and Student Life Programs in room 549 of the Student Center.

Crossrushing: having bids from two or more fraternities simultaneously

crowding: the result of a housing system filled beyond normal capacity. Certain rooms are "crowded" from singles to doubles, double to triples, etc.

Dormcon: Dormitory Council. Dormcon represents students living in the dormitory system and manages dormitory rush.

flushing: slang term for encouraging rushees to leave a fraternity or ILG and/or referring them to another other living group

FMS: Freshman Messaging System. Computerized system for messages from parents, the administration, and FSILGs. FMS terminals are available in all dormitories.

FSILG: fraternity, sorority, or independent living group

hazing: method of initiation that willfully endangers the health of a student; prohibited by Massachusetts law. Under the law, hazing includes mental and physical trauma.

housing lottery: the Athena-based lottery used to determine dormitory housing; lasts from 4 p.m. tomorrow through noon Tuesday

IFC: Interfraternity Council, the governing body of all FSILGs; manages FSILG rush

informals: sorority rush activities that are by invite only

in-house rush: used by dormitories to assign entries, floors, suites, and rooms to new residents

Judcomm: Judicial Committee. Judcomm representatives monitor living groups and events for violations of rush rules. Both Dormcon and IFC have their own Judcomm.

Medcomm: Mediation Committee. The committee, made up of representatives from Dormcon and the IFC, prosecutes rush violations that transcend the two groups. It also sets policies for Killian Kick-Off and the Residence Midway.

Panhel: Panhellenic Association, the local chapter of the national sorority association and a sub-group of the IFC; manages sorority rush

pledges: what new members of some fraternities and sororities are called after an initiation program but before they become full members

pref parties: the last parties held by sororities before bid lists are made up

Rho Chi: temporarily deaffiliated sorority member who acts as an impartial counselor for women rushing sororities; cannot mention or discuss her sorority

ΒΘΠ

Male

119 Bay State Road, Boston
Cost: \$2,600 per term

267-6072
Anticipated pledges: not set

Beta Theta Pi is made up of a "diverse group of people, characterized by the fact that they enjoy each other's company," said BTP's rush chair, Robert N. Tunick '00. Members enjoy activities ranging from partying to studying, intramural sports, and clubbing, Tunick added.

The house bill at BTP includes 21 meals each week, the house social program, and more, Tunick said. Freshmen are housed in doubles with upperclassmen during the first semester and with other freshmen during the second, Tunick said.

The pledge program at BTP is designed to "incorporate the freshmen into the house," Tunick said. It includes a pledge trip and weekly pledge pizza nights. Additionally, the freshmen organize several activities, including holiday parties.

BTP is affiliated with a national fraternity, but the alumni "really support the house," Tunick said.

During rush, BTP will be having steak and lobster on Cape Cod, as well as offering professional massages and a trip to George's Island.

ΞΦ

Male

31 Hereford Street, Boston
Cost: \$2,000 per term

247-8355
Anticipated pledges: 16

Chi Phi, the oldest fraternity at MIT, characterizes itself as a "very close family," said assistant rush chair Mark Davies '00.

Freshmen at the fraternity are housed in the same fashion as upperclassmen, in doubles, triples, and quadruples. The house bill includes six dinners and six lunches every week.

Pledges are "not treated differently from brothers," Davies said. Work requirements for pledges are the same as those for brothers. Pledges also spend about one hour each week attending a fraternity education program.

Chi Phi's national fraternity is the oldest in America, and because of that, and the age of the local chapter, the chapter and the national organizations have very close ties, Davies said.

During rush, Chi Phi plans a schooner trip, a paintball fight, a beach party, and a snowball fight.

ΔKE Male

403 Memorial Drive, Cambridge 494-8683
 Cost: \$2,500 per term Anticipated pledges: 12

Delta Kappa Epsilon rush chair Andrew K. Stimac '99 described his house as one that likes "to keep our social calendar active." DKE, located on Memorial Drive, is a national fraternity whose members, Stimac said, are also athletic and "enjoy recreational sports."

The DKE house can hold 36 residents, and the fraternity is seeking 12 pledges this year. Pledge activities include learning about the house, brothers, and the national fraternity. Freshmen can expect to dedicate a few hours each week to pledge activities in the fall. In addition, pledges "do a few extra things, because they have less academic" load, including answering phones and doors and putting up the fraternity's flag.

A freshmen moving into DKE can expect to live in a triple or double with other freshmen.

DKE rush events will include paintball and Jell-o wrestling, for which Stimac says the house has "been making Jell-o all week."

ΔΨ Male

428 Memorial Drive, Cambridge 494-9833
 Cost: \$2,300 per term Anticipated pledges: unknown

Life at the No. 6 Club, the MIT chapter of Delta Psi, emphasizes culture and diversity, said rush chair Erica R. Fuchs '99. The house prides itself on a "general respect for individualism and uniqueness." This respect is especially important, because No. 6 Club is about 50 percent international students, she said.

Freshmen at the No. 6 Club live in doubles, each of which is approximately 260 square feet.

All freshmen enjoy the same rights as upperclassmen and are treated as equals. They spend time getting to know "what it means to be a No. 6-er," says Fuchs.

Nationally, Delta Psi, is a coed literary fraternity. It is known as St. Anthony Hall on many campuses. The chapter maintains very close contact with SAAB, the alumni association.

During rush, the No. 6 Club plans to have a live reggae band with a steak and lobster barbeque, a trip to Manchester Beach, and an event called "Around the World in 20 Dishes," which features foods from the many cultures represented at No. 6.

ΔΤΔ Male

416 Beacon Street, Boston 247-3687
 Cost: \$2,500 per term Anticipated pledges: unknown

Delta Tau Delta's rush chair declined to comment, citing house policy.

The *Guide to First-Year Student Residences* states that the house bill at DTD includes meals cooked by a professional chef.

The pledge program at DTD is "comprehensive" and takes "several hours per week," the *Guide* states.

ΔΥ Male

526 Beacon Street, Boston 536-3931
 Cost: \$2,500 per term Anticipated Pledges: unknown

Delta Upsilon offers its members a "good mix between academics and social life," said rush chair Jeffrey L. Steinheider '99. The house has about three large parties each year, along with more informal room parties each week.

DU's house bill includes a chef who cooks lunch and dinner five days a week. Brothers also sometimes cook breakfast. The bill also includes a free laundry room and free parking. Steinheider said that freshmen live in triples, with one other freshman and one sophomore. The pledges are allowed to choose their roommates.

DU's pledge program lasts one term. New members attend weekly pledge education meetings, where they learn the history of the house. The pledges also go on a retreat together and perform weekly cleaning and kitchen duties.

DU enjoys a "very good" relationship with its alumni and with its national organization, Steinheider said.

During rush, DU plans a beach trip, rock climbing, and a small roof deck party.

ΕΘ Male

259 St. Paul Street, Brookline 734-9211
 Cost: \$2,175 per term Anticipated pledges: 8

Epsilon Theta "tends to be a rather diverse group," said rush chair Barry Davis '99. In general, the 29 members of ET tend to be "egalitarian" and "low key," he said.

Freshmen at ET are housed in study rooms ranging from doubles to quadruples. All members of the house sleep in a single, permanently-darkened room on the top floor of the house. The house bill includes all social activities, five dinners and two lunches each week, laundry, linens, and transportation to campus in the house's van, Davis said.

Davis characterized the pledge program as "not very time-consuming." The pledges attend about six pledge meetings and a few pledge activities.

ET was once affiliated with the Sigma Nu national fraternity, but today it is an independent fraternity.

During rush, ET will undertake its traditional "Road Rally," a scavenger hunt around Boston. The house also plans a trip to Walden Pond next week.

Fenway House Male

34 The Fenway, Boston 437-1043
 Cost: \$1,800 per term Anticipated pledges: unknown

Fenway rush chair Andrew J. Flynn '01 calls his house "very laid-back, and a bit eccentric." "We're not looking for any particular person — someone who's open minded," Flynn said.

Flynn says that Fenway does "fewer things as a house" than some other living groups. Residents attend a popcorn social every Wednesday night. "Someone makes a large batch of popcorn and we hang around for a few hours," Flynn said.

Although Fenway does not have a cook, the house bill pays for a fully-stocked kitchen where residents can cook meals. There are no freshman rooms in Fenway house. "After everybody's moved in, we'll all sit down and talk to each other for a few hours, and come up with a solution that everyone's pleased with," he said.

Fenway has an open bid system; if a freshman likes the house, he or she can move in. The house does not have a pledge program and freshmen are full members immediately after they move in.

Fenway's alumni are "there when we ask for them," Flynn said.

During rush, Fenway will be going bowling, tie-dyeing things, and taking a fast food and ice cream tour of Boston.

ΚΣ Male

407 Memorial Drive, Cambridge 494-0330
 Cost: \$2,400 per term Anticipated Pledges: 15

Kappa Sigma is made up of an "outgoing, high-spirited, athletic, and social" group of people, said rush chair Mark C. Chen '00.

Pledges are expected to attend weekly meetings during the term. Freshmen generally live in either doubles or triples during their first year.

Nationally, Kappa Sigma is one of the largest and most unified fraternities in the nation, Chen said.

During rush, Kappa Sig plans to go waterskiing on Sunday and take a trip paintballing on Monday.

ΛΧΑ Male

99 Bay State Road, Boston 236-1328
 Cost: \$2,700 per term Anticipated pledges: unknown



Lambda Chi Alpha is "probably one of the most social" fraternities, said member Karl K. Richter '99. Athletics are also a "big thing" for most members of the house, while members also participate in a variety of activities.

The house bill at LCA includes 12 hot meals per week, as well as nine cold meals. All social events are also included. Freshmen live in rooms ranging from doubles to quadruples with upperclassmen, Richter said.

The pledge program at LCA lasts until January and consists of weekly meetings, he said.

The alumni of LCA are "very close" and members enjoy "good networking" with them, Richter said. The national fraternity "likes us," Richter added.

ΝΔ Male

460 Beacon Street, Boston 437-7300
 Cost: \$2,200 per term Anticipated pledges: 7

Nu Delta's \$2,200 house bill includes "everything but long-distance phone calls" said rush chair Nathan L. Burnham '00. Twenty-one brothers currently live in the house. Burnham described them as "well rounded, laid-back, and very diverse."

The pledge program at ND involves a few hours of work per week and "doesn't interfere with academics." All house responsibilities are shared equally by brothers and pledges.

Nu Delta became independent from its national organization about 20 years ago, Burnham said.

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ΦBE Male

400 Memorial Drive, Cambridge 494-8677
 Cost: \$2,200 per term Anticipated pledges: 14-16



Resident Mike W. Li '99 described Phi Beta Epsilon as a very diverse house. The chapter also has an active service program, he said. One of the fraternity's major projects is service at the Margaret Fuller House, where brothers help tutor inner city children.

The pledge program is designed so that freshmen "primarily to get to know their class," but also "to make sure they like living here before becoming a brother," he said.

Freshmen can expect to live in a triple during their first year. Pledges spend four to six hours per week doing house-related activities.

PBE is a local fraternity and is not affiliated with any national organization.

However, Li described the house's relationship with its alumni as very strong. The house was founded in 1890. "Even though we aren't a national, we have a rich history," he said.

ΠΛΦ Male

450 Beacon Street, Boston 267-4935
 Cost: \$2,500 per term Anticipated pledges: 6-7

"Living at Pi Lambda Phi is a completely unique experience," said PLP's rush chair, Dennis E. Okon '99. "We are not all jocks; we are not all brains; we are not all the same religion." PLP has no organized service program and no required service hours for brothers, although the house does participate in City Days and many brothers choose to volunteer in Boston and Cambridge.

The house bill at PLP includes meals, an open kitchen, and social programs. Freshmen can expect to get doubles, triples, or quadruples, Okon said. There are no singles in the house.

The pledge program requires about five hours per week during the term and, although it varies from year to year, usually lasts through one semester, Okon said. House chores are split up evenly among all residents.

pika Male/Female

69 Chestnut Street, Cambridge 492-6983
 Cost: \$1,500 per term Anticipated pledges: 10-13

Life at pika is based upon "tolerance and respect," said rush chair Emily B. Cooper '99. Members of the house are interested in many things, but several people are interested in "tinkering or building things."

The house bill at pika includes seven dinners each week, laundry facilities, and an open pantry. Freshmen are housed in singles and doubles.

The house has no formal pledge program; pledges become members upon accepting their bids. Members are responsible for house and kitchen duty, as well as attending house events and a spring retreat.

The living group is not affiliated with any national organization. However, the local alumni are involved in the house, Cooper said.

During rush, pika will be having sushi, metalworking classes, bread baking, and ultimate frisbee, Cooper said.

ΦΚΘ Male

229 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston 437-7795
 Cost: \$2,100 per term Anticipated pledges: 7

Phi Kappa Theta is "diverse in many ways," said rush chair Young K. Kim '99. The group is active and involved on campus, and the brothers are known as "nice guys."

The house bill at PKT includes five dinners per week, as well as an open kitchen. There is an additional \$50 social fee for each year.

The pledge program at PKT extends into the second term, Kim said. On weekends, pledges do more of the housework than upperclassmen in order to "get to know the house." Pledges are also expected to interview all the upperclassmen as part of the program, which has about a commitment of four hours per week.

The Phi Kappa Theta brothers have an annual mixer with their alumni.

During rush, PKT will take a go-cart trip, as well as having a "canoe war," Kim said.

ΦΣΚ Male

487 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston 267-2199
 Cost: \$2,400 per term Anticipated pledges: unknown

"I guess there is a perception that we are nice guys," said Andrew E. Zupnick '00, a brother in Phi Sigma Kappa. Zupnick describes the brotherhood as well-rounded. Over half the residents are varsity athletes, and a number of brothers sing in a *cappella* groups. All brothers participate in intramural sports.

The house bill covers all costs, including 18 meals per week, an open kitchen and social activities. The bill is determined by the alumni association, which owns the house.

Between house chores and Phi Sig's pledge program, freshmen are expected to spend at most five hours per week doing house-related activities.

The chapter has strong relations with its national organization, winning the Outstanding Chapter Award for the past five years. There are two other local chapters, at Boston University and Harvard University, who frequently sponsor joint events with MIT's chapter.

ΦΔΘ Male

97 Bay State Road, Boston 247-8691
 Cost: \$2,100 per term Anticipated pledges: 10

Phi Delta Theta is known for its "strong community service program," said rush chair Timothy H. Harrison '00. The brothers participate in a wide range of activities, he said.

The house bill at PDT includes room expenses and five hot dinners per week, all made by a professional chef, Harrison said. Lunches, an open pantry, and social activities are also included.

The pledge program at PDT is "fairly lengthy," Harrison said. Freshmen go on trips and host a party, in addition to attending weekly meetings. All house residents share the cleaning duties.

MIT's PDT chapter is one of the "strongest chapters" within the national fraternity, Harrison said.

During rush, PDT will be hosting a boat cruise, a canoe trip, and a road rally, in addition to the more standard steak and lobster dinners.

ΦΚΣ Male

530 Beacon St, Boston 536-3683
 Cost: \$2,250-2,500 per term Anticipated pledges: unknown

Phi Kappa Sigma considers itself "very laid-back," said rush chair Lanny Chiu '00. The house participates in athletics, academics, and some brothers are serious partygoers, he said.

The house bill at PKS includes five dinners per week, an open pantry, cable TV service, maid service, and parking, Chiu said.

The pledge program at PKS lasts roughly one term and includes weekly meetings and two or three projects, Chiu said. Freshmen live in doubles and triples with other freshmen and upperclassmen.

The PKS chapter receives extensive support from its alumni, who recently spent over \$1 million to renovate the fraternity's house, Chiu said. The chapter also attends annual conventions of its national fraternity.

During rush, PKS will be playing paintball, hosting a comedian and ventriloquist, and going on a Boston Harbor cruise.

ΣΧ Male

532 Beacon Street, Boston 262-3192
 Cost: \$2,500 per term Anticipated pledges: 9

Sigma Chi can be characterized as a "friendly and outgoing" fraternity, said rush chair Jack M. Gallagher '99. The members as a whole do a "good deal of community service."

The cost at SC includes two meals per day, as well as all social activities. Freshmen at SC will be housed in quadruples with two upperclassmen.

The pledge program at SC takes about three hours per week and culminates in an exam, Gallagher said. During the pledge period, pledges attend a weekly meeting and go on a pledge trip together.

SC's relationships with its national organization and alumni are "very strong." The fraternity attends conferences with its national fraternity and has monthly meetings with alumni, who take an "active role" in the fraternity.

During rush, SC will be having a beach trip, a barbeque, and a boat cruise, Gallagher said.



Crowding in the dormitories has been a perennial problem at the Institute. During the 1980s it was not uncommon for a few freshmen to become temporarily housed in Ashdown House or other locations, which promptly became dubbed "Limbo Hall." As dormitory spaces opened up, these lucky freshmen would eventually be moved to more permanent locations.

ΣΦΕ**Male**

518 Beacon Street, Boston
Cost: \$2,750 per term

536-1300
Anticipated pledges: unknown

Sigma Phi Epsilon is a "diverse" living group that is "doing a million things at and outside MIT," said rush chair Neal P. Karchem '99.

The house bill at Sig Ep includes 15 meals per week, as well as the house's social programs. Freshmen at Sig Ep will be housed in doubles with upperclassmen.

The pledge program at Sig Ep lasts about a term, but the house also has a brother development program that lasts for four years.

Karchem described the relationship with the alumni of the chapter as "very good." He also said the house has a good relationship with Sig Ep's national organization.

During rush, Sig Ep will be attending a Red Sox game.

ΣΝ**Male**

523 Newbury St., Boston
Cost: 2250/term

262-0396
Anticipated pledges: 10

Sigma Nu rush chair Dan Feller '00 said that new members of the fraternity are referred to as candidates rather than pledges. The candidates participate in the Sigma Nu national LEAD program, an acronym which stands for leadership, ethics, achievement, and development. The program teaches "ethical leadership in today's society," Feller said. The program includes no hazing and "candidates have no extra duties and have equal rights and responsibilities as other brothers," he said. Sigma Nu was "founded against hazing."

The LEAD program includes a one hour mandatory meeting each week and varying time commitments which involve interviews with brothers, a house improvement and community service project and retreats to other chapters.

A typical Sigma Nu, Feller said, has a desire to pursue the triad of "love, truth, and honor" is strong academically and a leader rather than a follower as well as being "dedicated and committed to helping his fellow man."

Freshmen can expect to live in a "spacious triple" or a double with other freshmen. All "35 strong" members of SN live in triples or doubles.

Student House**Male/Female**

111 Bay State Road, Boston
Cost: \$1,240 per term

247-0506
Anticipated pledges: 10

Student House was established as a residence for financially needy students, said rush chair Susan Buchman '01. "As long as you're not driving a Beemer, you'll probably be accepted," she said. House residents are not required to be on financial aid.

The house bill at Student House includes six dinners per week, an open party, and free laundry. Freshmen at Student House will be housed in rooms ranging from singles to quadruples.

There is no formal pledge program at Student House, as pledges immediately become members. Residents can attend a new member program that explains the house's history, but participation is voluntary, Buchman said.

The alumni of Student House work with the members a lot. "They're around the house," Buchman said.

During rush, Student House will be having Jell-o wrestling, a swing night, and will be taking an ice cream tour of Boston.

ΤΕΠ**Male**

253 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston
Cost: \$2,200 per term

262-5090
Anticipated pledges: 10-12

Rush chair Dylan J. McConaghy '00 described life at TEP by saying, "If it weren't so amusing, it might be unsettling." TEP is affiliated with a national fraternity, but, according to McConaghy, the house has "as little contact as possible" with the national organization. "They tolerate us; we tolerate them," he said, and noted that the character of TEP national is much different from the character of the MIT chapter, which he described as a "haven for misguided technology."

McConaghy said that TEP refers to its pledge program as a "pelge" process, "to make fun of the whole fraternity thing as we are sort of doing it." During the process, freshmen are paired with big brothers and participate in three optional "missions," which are essentially "walking tours of Boston." The total time commitment is around 10 to 15 hours for the entire term. Freshmen at TEP can expect to live in doubles and triples with upperclassmen.

During rush, TEP will be performing a "crock opera," a combination of a comedy and a rock opera as well as a "science smorgasbord."

ΘΧ**Male**

528 Beacon Street, Boston
Cost: \$2,400 per term

267-1801
Anticipated pledges: 10-12

Theta Chi is a group of "laid-back guys with a sense of humor," said rush chair Brad Plaster '99, who described the house as looking for men without any particular attitude.

The house bill at Theta Chi includes six dinners and five midnight snacks per week, laundry facilities, and social events.

The pledge program at Theta Chi now lasts six weeks, because of changes in the national pledge program, Plaster said. During the program, pledges attend weekly meetings. Chores are shared equally with upperclassmen. Freshmen live in doubles or triples shared with upperclassmen and move every quarter, Plaster said.

Theta Chi has "little contact" with their national fraternity but enjoys strong alumni support, Plaster said.

During rush, Theta Chi will be featuring an R-rated hypnotist, a live band, a paintball trip, and a trip to a Red Sox game.

**ΘΔΧ****Male**

372 Memorial Drive, Cambridge
Cost: \$2,600 per term

494-8300
Anticipated pledges: unknown

Theta Delta Chi is a nationally-affiliated fraternity located on Memorial Drive, with around 40 residents.

Rush chair Ian L. Ingram '99 called TDC a "very diverse house." Residents, Ingram said, range "from Jamaicans to Canadians" with religious preferences from "Satanists to straight up Christians."



TDC's house bill includes nine meals each week, as well as an open pantry. The bill also supports semi-weekly parties, although Ingram said that no alcohol is funded by the house. The fraternity recently received a large donation from an anonymous benefactor, which may offset some part of the house bill.

The pledge program at TDC is designed to bring pledges together as a class, to introduce them to the brothers of the house, and to introduce them to the national and local fraternity. The program also helps the pledges to "assimilate into the MIT experience," Ingram said. Typical pledge activities include hiking and research into rooms of the house. Pledges commit an average of two hours per week to pledge activities which last "until they are ready."

Freshmen should expect to live in doubles and triples, along with upperclassmen. They will change rooms once during the first term.

During rush, TDC will feature live Jazz on Saturday and, avoiding the tired steak and lobster paradigm, an ostrich, buffalo and lobster dinner.

ΘΞ**Male**

64-66 Bay State Road, Boston
Cost: \$2,400

266-2827
Anticipated pledges: 10

Theta Xi is nationally-affiliated fraternity, located on Bay State Road in Boston. The fraternity has recently added a roof deck to its house.

The house has an optional social fee of around \$100, said rush chair Richard Q. Luong '00. The fee funds two large parties, four sorority mixers with three different sororities, and several retreats.

The pledge program at TX attempts to educate new members about the fraternity. It lasts for one term and includes a one-hour meeting each week. Pledges are given extra duties by the house, including cleaning for three hours every weekend. Pledges can expect to live in doubles, triples, and quadruples but "never exclusively with freshmen," Luong said.

The chapter has strong ties with its national organization, and brothers often visit other chapters "up and down the east coast."

During rush, TX is making ice cream with liquid nitrogen, putting on a casino night, and sponsoring a cruise in Boston Harbor.

WILG**Female**

355 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
Cost: \$1,900 per term

253-6799
Anticipated pledges: unknown

The Women's Independent Living Group is "fairly independent," and it houses women who are willing to do things themselves — "fix it yourself, make it yourself," said Mary C. Obelnicki G, rush chair for WILG.

The house bill at WILG includes six dinners and five lunches per week. WILG does not have an extensive social program, Obelnicki said.

There is no pledge program at WILG, since pledges immediately become members. The new member education program consists of learning "how the dishwasher works" as well as other skills that are useful around the house, Obelnicki said. Freshmen will be housed in singles and doubles.

WILG has a "loose tie" with its alumnae, who help oversee the living group, Obelnicki said.

During rush, WILG will be having a mystery cafe dinner and a beach trip.

ZBT**Male**

58 Manchester Road, Brookline
Cost: \$2,550 per term

232-3257
Anticipated pledges: 14-15

Zeta Beta Tau enjoys a unique status at MIT, being the only non-pledging fraternity. "Pledges are initiated immediately after rush," said Vikram Varma '99, ZBT's rush chair. "Everybody is the same," he said.

Freshmen are usually housed in doubles and triples. The house bill includes an open kitchen, six dinners, and three breakfasts per week. There are no additional charges for social activities.

New members' responsibilities include four components: social, campus involvement, community service, and house chores. Responsibilities during the term amount to approximately two hours per week, plus three three-hour blocks of time each term.

ZBT also enjoys a strong relationship with the fraternity's national organization. "They are very supportive," Varma said. This includes \$5,000 to \$6,000 in scholarships for brothers every year.

During rush, ZBT will be riding go-carts, playing paintball and laser tag, and having a lobster and filet mignon dinner.

ZΨ**Male**

233 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
Cost: \$2,500 per term

661-4111
Anticipated pledges: unknown

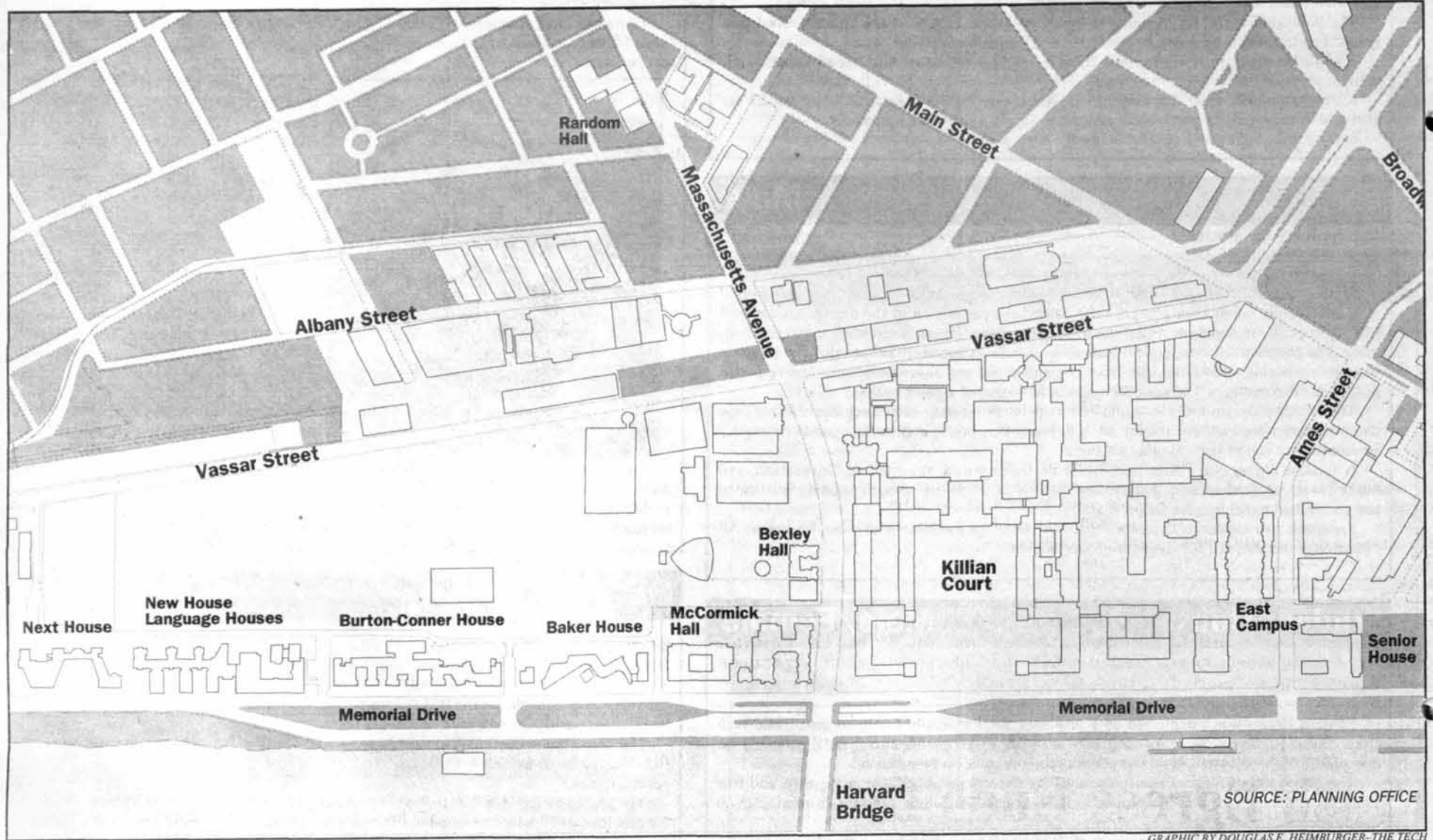
Zeta Psi has brothers ranging from "laid-back to psychologically deranged," said member Bob Broderick '99.

The house bill at ZP includes five dinners per week, as well as an open kitchen and the social program. Freshmen are housed in triples with other freshmen, Broderick said.

ZP's pledge program consists of pledge meetings on Sundays, he said.

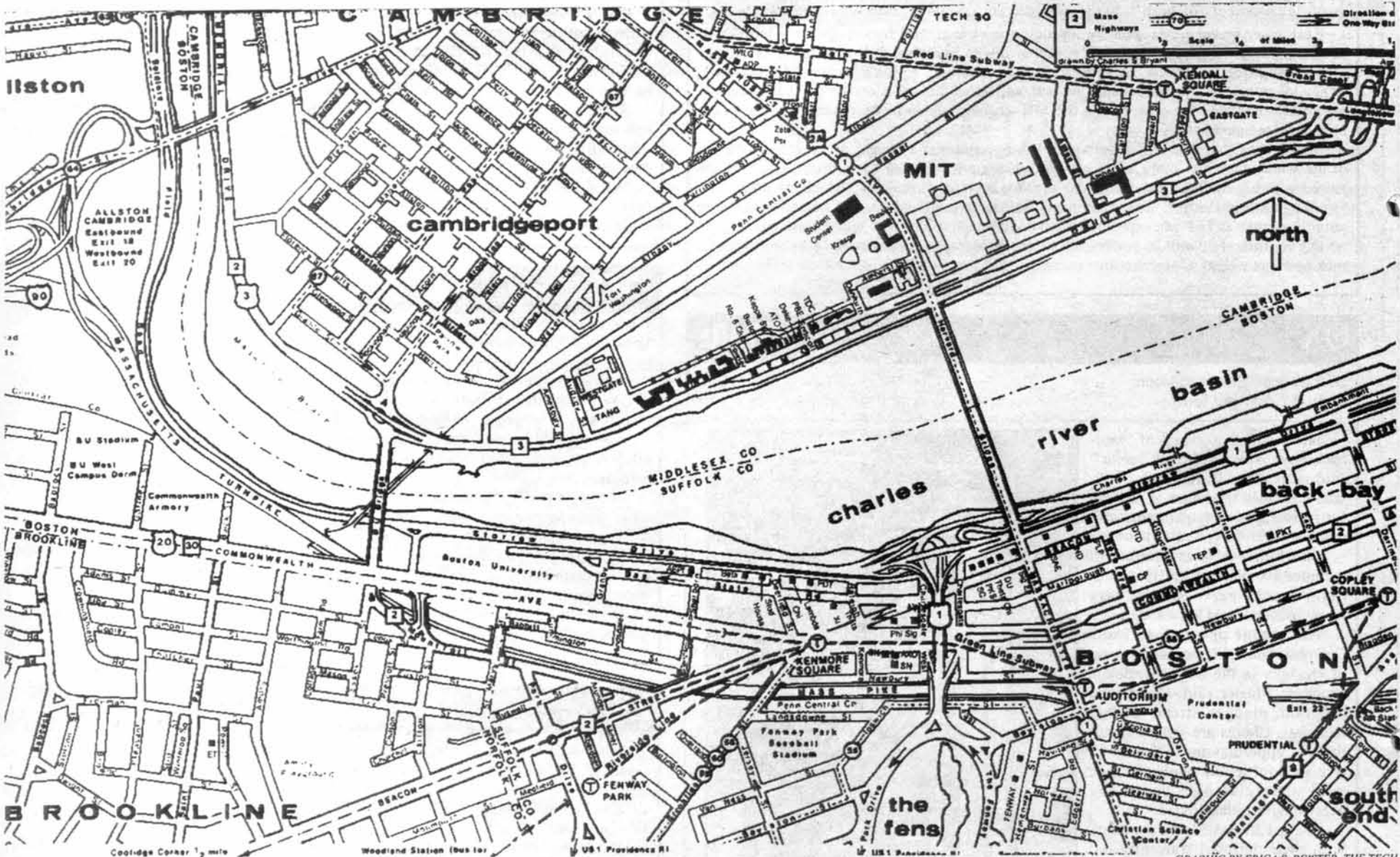
ZP is one of the youngest fraternities at MIT, but it enjoys significant alumni support, Broderick said. The Zeta Psi national fraternity is over 100 years old, however.

During rush, ZP will be having a car bash, traveling to the Hard Rock Cafe, and going rock climbing.



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HASS Demystified; Physics Elucidated

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social sciences.”

Khoury explained the HASS requirements at MIT, describing the breadth offered by HASS-Ds and the depth offered by the HASS concentration.

“If you were to take only one course in a field, it would be a HASS-D,” he said. Additionally, he said the HASS concentration program offers “a lot of choice,” emphasizing the writing and communication skills taught by the HASS courses.

Khoury then explained the lottery for HASS-Ds, noting that 85-90 percent of students get their first choice, and 95-98 percent get their first or second choice.

He then offered an “intellectual rationale” for the HASS program, saying that as future leaders, MIT students must be prepared to solve complex socio-cultural issues in any career.

Farhi explains physics program

Professor of Physics Edward H. Farhi introduced himself as a “stand-in for Alan Guth.” Guth will be teaching Physics I (8.01). Farhi received laughs when he praised Guth as the “father of the current theory of what the universe looked like minutes after the big bang” and added that this makes him “very important.”

In describing the options for

physics, Farhi reviewed a chart of the four courses offered for freshmen. He talked about the benefits of each course in the 8.01 family and then invited students to come to the Academic Expo for more information.

Next on the schedule was Professor Harvey F. Lodish of the Whitehead Institute. He indicated that MIT was one of the only schools to have a biology requirement for all of its students. This is important, he said, because of the “revolution that is going to shape our future” with the study of DNA.

As the other professors did, Lodish described the differences between the three biology courses offered to freshmen. He said that all three courses had about two-thirds of the same content, while spending the final weeks discussing unique material.

The final presentation of the blitz was given by Professor of Mathematics James R. Munkres. He described math as “the language of all science and engineering.”

Munkres described the three basic sequences of calculus courses, each involving two semesters of calculus instruction. “Most reasonable universities take three semesters to teach calculus,” he said, “so, of course, MIT does it in two.”

In closing, Munkres reminded students that this is “not an earth shaking decision” and the math professors would make suggestions to



Two freshmen played foosball at the Zeta Beta Tau booth during the Residence Midway last night.

move students if they were in an inappropriate course.

After the professors had spoken, Peltz closed the program by reminding freshmen that “you’re at MIT for the academics.” She encouraged them to attend the various Freshmen Explorations next week, which will involve freshmen in experiments and demonstrations with the various departments. Finally, Peltz led the freshmen to Johnson Athletic Center for the Academic Expo.

Academic Expo expands on blitz

At the Academic Expo, each

MIT department featured a booth with information on its degree options. Some departments also had interactive experiments such as a chemistry magic show and a choir performance to interest freshmen. Other campus groups were also represented, such as the Experimental Studies Group, Concourse, Integrated Studies Program, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, ROTC, and the writing program.

Student reaction to the events was generally positive, as with most Orientation events this year. Richard Redemske '02 felt that the programs were “highly informative” and provided a “better foundation” for him to make his academic decisions.

Isaac Feitler '02 said that “all the material has been useful” and he

was now “very excited” about his upcoming year.

Sini Kamppari '02 was glad to receive “lots of free stuff” at the midway as she learned about opportunities she hadn’t previously known about, such as the study abroad program.

Some students were overwhelmed with the tremendous amount of information being presented to them. Betsy Krichen '02 said that she felt “scared,” because “everybody else has their life planned.”

The staff at the expo was generally very pleased with the freshmen who attended the expo. Chemistry Education Coordinator Miriam Diamond was “pleased with the amount of enthusiasm,” and said that “the freshmen ask good questions.”

Frosh Egress Ends Event Early

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hour earlier than initially planned.

“They had kinda guessed it at midnight,” said an IFC Judicial Committee member who did not wish to be identified. “The freshmen decided to end it themselves” by leaving the event.

Violations handled at medcomm

The living groups at the event were policed by members of both

the IFC and the Dormitory Council judicial committees.

Violations noted by a JudComm member from the same council as the living group would be handled internally, Dreger said. Other violations would be handled at a later date by the mediations committee, he added.

All living groups were restricted to a specific space and could not approach freshmen. In addition, living groups were prohibited from

serving refreshments to freshmen.

Very few violations were initially noted, said Katharine E. Hardacre '99, who chairs the IFC judcomm. A few fraternities had to lower their signs to comply with an eight foot limit on all signs.

Students enjoy event

Despite the strict rules, upperclassmen thought the new midway was a vast improvement on Thursday Night Dinners for all involved.

“It’s a lot less intense and a lot more laid back,” said Laurie M. Leong '00, who lives at Next House. However, fewer freshmen seemed to know what was occurring with rush this year compared with previous years, Leong added.

“It improves information for freshmen and houses,” said Karl K. Richter '99, who lives at Lambda Chi Alpha.

As opposed to Thursday Night Dinners, where upperclassmen would take a nearly-random group of people to dinner, the new Residence Midway allowed the fraternities the opportunity to get a better feel of the freshman class, Richter added.

Freshmen also seemed to enjoy the event. “I think this is a lot better approach,” said Jonathan Lee '02, who had heard of the schedule used during Residence and Orientation week last year. He said he was “impressed with the fraternities. They were very nice and very considerate.”

Josh Bittker contributed to the reporting of this story.



Diane Schnebly '01 tells Evonne Leeper '02 why she should live at East Campus during yesterday's Residence Midway in Johnson Athletic Center.

Women's Convocation Begins Sorority Rush

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was much greater than my academic experience,” said Clinton Bensch '94.

Others cited the skills that individuals must acquire as residents of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. “If you don’t paint things, they don’t get painted,” said Michael T. Butville '98.

Freshmen receive tips on rush

Besides broadly discussing the differences between dormitories and FSILGs, speakers gave freshmen specific tips for the residence selection process.

Larrier suggested touring one’s own temporary housing. “You can get false impressions” by just living in that dorm.

“Narrow down the places you’re interested in to a handful,” urged Bensch, who added that freshmen should focus on themselves during rush and not worry about traveling in groups.

LaGace said he chose his dorm based on “physical facilities,” and added that despite the popular conception, “there are all types of personalities in those facilities.”

Bensch suggested that freshmen consider the number of alumni pre-

sent at houses during rush. Those alumni are “welcoming you into their second home.”

Larrier suggested that freshmen “probe the people that are giving the tours” and also that freshmen “give your parents a call.”

After attending Secrets of the Sages, about 100 freshmen stayed for the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program.

Convocation starts sorority rush

Meanwhile, at least 250 women attended the women’s convocation in Room 10-250, where sorority and independent living groups were presented.

“Together we can offer you friendship, support, and a place to be yourself,” said Honnie Hong '99, president of the Women’s Conference.

“MIT gives you a unique opportunity to join” sororities during the freshman year, said Stacey L. Schreiber '00, head of the Panhellenic Council.

“You have everything to gain and nothing to lose,” Schreiber added.

After woman’s convocation, women attended the first open house at the sororities before the residence midway.

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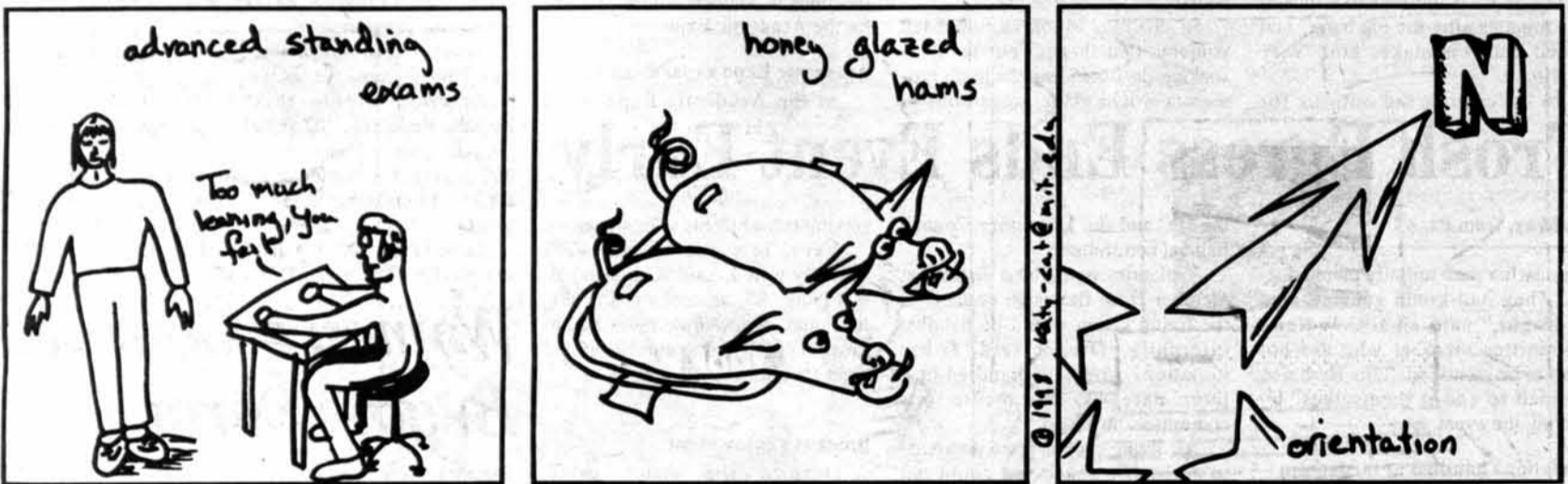
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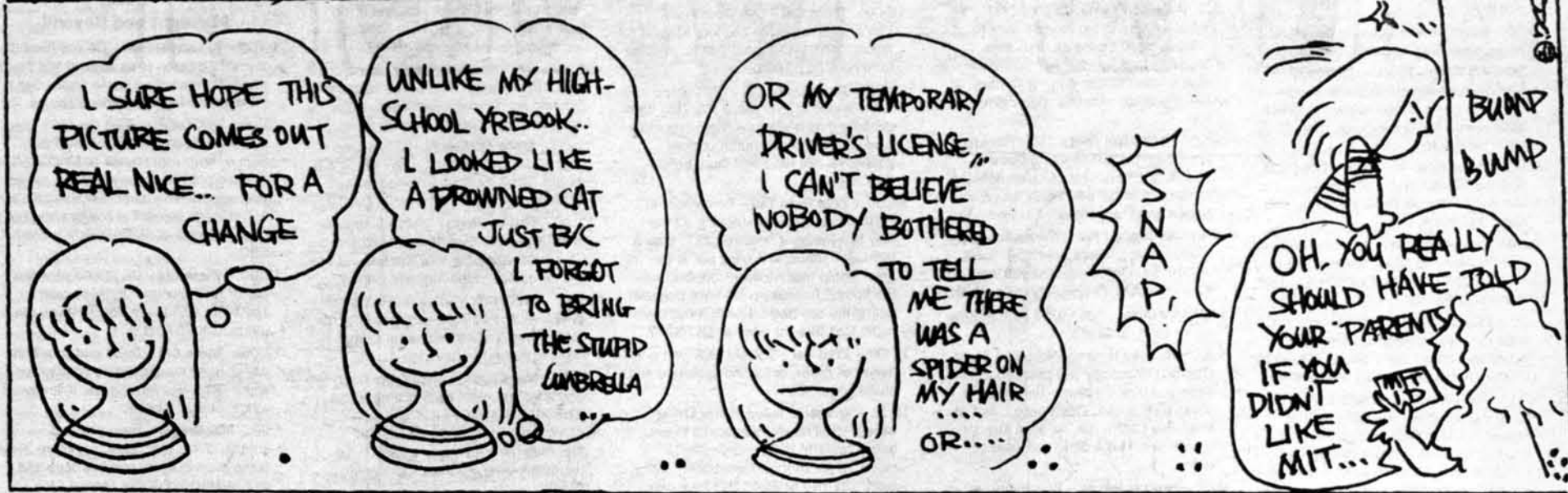
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9:00 - **French House** - Vive le dessert! Fruit with chocolate fondue, crepes, and ice cream. Place: French House kitchen (in New House). Call us at x86388 for directions.

9:00 - **New House** - Come to the place where somebody is always there for you.

9:00 - **Phi Kappa Theta** - Roofdeck Ice Cream under the stars! Come sample the bounty of our scrumptious roofdeck sundae bar! Fresh ice cream from a great local dairy!

9:00 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - Here's looking at you, kid... Craps, Roulette, and Blackjack. Play, win prizes, have fun! Pi Lam: 267-ROCK

9:00 - **Spanish House** - stop by so we can go check out the city and play some pool and arcades at the hottest 18+ hangout in the city, Jillians'.

9:00 - **Student House** - You thought just because it was getting late we might be out of chocolate? Don't be silly... stop by Student House and satisfy your craving.

9:00 - **Theta XI** - Daquiri BASH! - Move up to the brand new roofdeck for the annual DAQUIRI BASH (virgin ones, of course). Meet us and our friends with one of the most breathtaking views Boston has to offer.

9:00 - **Zeta Beta Tau** - Still Hungry, well come by for lobster or just relax with the bevy of desserts and after-dinner snacks we have waiting for you. From Ice Cream, Milk Shakes and Soda to chips and snacks. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257

9:02 - **Fenway House** - Let the Fantastic Fenway Movie Miracle Madness Film Festival Extravaganza begin! We'll be watching movies all week. 437-1043

9:06 - **East Campus** - Elvis isn't dead. The proof is in the underwear.

9:06 - **Number Six Club** - dance the night away at an infamous no.6 party with the latest dance/club music and energizing refreshments.

9:07 - **pika** - Queen of Swords. Nine of Pentagrams. Two of Cups. Leila's dishing out futures and pasts with her tarot cards. Come over and be mystified. 492-6983.

9:10 - **Spanish House** - SPANISH HOUSE is going out on the town...don't miss it!

9:13 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - They're not done yet! Come on over and catch the rest of our great all-male A Cappella Group while you enjoy

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9:17 - **Random Hall** - Time to bring on the movies! Muppets Take Manhattan projected on our giant roofdeck screen. We'll be here till the sun comes up, join us! Afraid of puppets? The front lounge offers movies, crafts, games and plenty of caffeine.

9:26 - **Fenway House** - Bobbing for Hostess Products! Phone I-D-R-Y-608

9:30 - **Epsilon Theta** - ICE CREAM SOCIAL! Almost too many flavors to choose from! Sprinkles and other toppings too! Just be sure to sample the fruit sorbets before gorging yourself on the chocolate varieties. Call 3-8888 for a ride.

9:30 - **Phi Kappa Theta** - PKT Roofdeck - Ice Cream under the stars! Come sample the bounty of our scrumptious roofdeck sundae bar! Fresh ice cream from a great local dairy!

9:30 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - The casino party is in full force. Years from now, you'll want to be able to say that you were *there*, man.. Pi Lam: 450 Beacon St.

9:30 - **La Casa** - don't miss us tomorrow as we start up again!

9:37 - **Russian House** - Nostalgia Party! (The lost Kremlin) - the crazy bunch will show you how it's done. The music is cheesy, DJ sucks, little space... but at least IT'S OURS! (Ok, so we'll kick the DJ out, and knock down a couple of walls... :)

9:43 - **Fenway House** - Regression at Fenway. We have coloring books, crayons, Play-Doh, puzzles and other treasures from our Boy Tox. We promise not to ask you what you're planning to major in. 437-1043

9:47 - **Random Hall** - Come watch Ben struggle to stay awake. Or come on over to enjoy some AD&D. Characters are pre-made for your gaming pleasure. Or punt all of this and watch movies of your choosing in the main lounge.

10:00p.m. - 12:00 midnight

10:00 - **MacGregor** - Come to our AWESOME DANCE PARTY and bust a move with friends at MACGREGOR featuring hip hop, soca, techno, merengue, reggae, and other dance music.

10:00 - **New House** - Day is almost over, but come chat at New House and who knows when you'll leave. We still have munchies too.

10:00 - **Phi Beta Epsilon** - PBE ***** VIRGIN STRAWBERRY DAIQUERIES! Come meet people over virgin strawberry DAIQUERIES. Stay for our ROOFDECK party.

10:00 - **Phi Delta Theta** - Flambe Dessert. Drop on over for a scrumptious

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10:00 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - It'd be a shame if you missed Pi Lam's Casino Party. But hey, the guilt's on your shoulders. Call 267-4935

10:00 - **Theta Chi** - Live Band Party. You're guaranteed to find lots of good music, food, and drinks! Call us anytime for a ride. 267-1801.

10:00 - **Theta Delta Chi** - Chill to the ripe, funky sound of Ever Since Day One. Self-described as a ska-funk-reggae-rock-latin-punk-tango/cha-cha buffet of pure goodness. We have had them before: they're good.

10:00 - **Zeta Beta Tau** - Remember to finish off your day by stopping off the only Non-Pledging fraternity ZBT, grab a late-night snack, and hang out at the great setup that we have constructed in the house. Remember we have paintball during the day and Go-Karts tomorrow night. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257

10:00 - **Zeta Psi** - Try your luck with a few hands of poker, or just hang around and shoot some pool.

10:01 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - Still more cheesecake to eat, house tours to take, and people to meet! To get to that cheesecake fast, call 253-6799 or 354-1263 for a ride.

10:13 - **Epsilon Theta** - Tell jokes, play games, learn to knit, or grab some leftover ice cream unless Fred's already gotten to it. Come over to hang out, relax, and have fun. Call 3-8888 for a ride.

10:15 - **East Campus** - A nationwide survey of college students revealed that the Professor and Maryann were voted the most likely couple to have done "it" on the island. Find out what "it" is at EC!

10:15 - **Phi Beta Epsilon** - ***** PARTY on our roofdeck with our very own DJ ENTROPY. Dance contest! ALL you DANCERS out there, show us your moves. Door prizes! ROOFDECK PARTY!

10:15 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - We're having fun at our Casino Party. Are you? Pi Lam: 267-ROCK

10:17 - **Fenway House** - Come play Twister with us. Call for a writhe. 437-1043

10:22 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - One fish, twenty-two fish, purple fish, TEP fish. Okay, maybe not. Come to the Beatnik Dr. Seuss Reading and learn all about green eggs and Spam. Call the Hep Cats at 262-5090.

10:28 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - In the mood for a late night snack? There's lots of food and good company. Come over and get a tour of our awesome abode. We'll even come get you! Just call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

10:30 - **Phi Kappa Sigma** - Enjoy nationally renowned comedian Paul Nardizzi.

10:36 - **pika** - Did Leila put the tarot cards away? Maybe if you ask nicely, she'll bring them back out. And if you ask really nicely, maybe she won't put a curse on you. Maybe. 492-6983.

10:55 - **Next House** - Hungry after a busy first day of Rush? Stop by our basement kitchen for late-night pancakes, eggs, sausage, etc. open til dawn :)

11:00 - **Alpha Epsilon Pi** - AEPi's Late Night Buffet. It's late. It's at night. It's a buffet. What more do we need to say? Even at this hour, call us at 247-3170.

11:00 - **Epsilon Theta** - Bedtime stories with Uncle Foo. Ever hear of Malice in Blunderland? Come over and find out why they were called the Brothers Grimm.

11:00 - **McCormick** - DOOR PRIZES GIVEN AWAY! \$50 gift certificates to the GAP, Vinny Testa's and more! Come early to get in the running!

11:00 - **MacGregor** - Shake your booty and grind the night away! Come to our AWESOME DANCE PARTY and bust a move with friends at MACGREGOR featuring hip hop, soca, techno, merengue, reggae, and other dance music.

11:00 - **New House** - Day is almost over, so end it the right way. With us at New House.

11:00 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - Some guy probably has all the chips by now. If you get here quick maybe you can clean him out. Pi Lam's Casino Party: 267-ROCK!

11:00 - **Zeta Psi** - Hungry again? Come by and build your own sundae with Toscanini's ice cream.

11:17 - **Random Hall** - Hudson Hawk on the roofdeck. A timeless meditation on man's place in the cosmos, or two hours of Bruce Willis' singing cat burglar's pathetic attempts to get a cappuccino? It's stupid, but it knows so - that almost makes it smart.

11:28 - **pika** - It's late. You should go to bed now so that you can get up early and wake us all up. See you at eight!

11:30 - **Phi Kappa Sigma** - Test your luck at Casino night and then end the night with a gigantic banana split at our sundae bar.

11:30 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - Prizes from the Casino Party! Fame! Fortune! Stardom! Burnout! Cheesy commercials and after-school specials! Get your foot in the

door at Pi Lam: 267-4935.

11:45 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - The majestic MIT campus looks deceptively nice from our roofdeck. Come by Pi Lam and see. 267-ROCK

11:59 - **East Campus** - Check out our new A/V system! Projection TV, surround sound - all this and more in the luxurious Talbot lounge, conveniently located below our housemaster's suite. Movie TBA - call the EC Random Info Hotline x89780

Midnight and Beyond

12:00 - **Fenway House** - Do you have the thyme? To listen to us rhyme? It's the Midnight Alternative Pasta Show. Call I-FRY-608 for lame Fenbeings like us.

12:00 - **MacGregor** - Still jammin'! Stop by our AWESOME DANCE PARTY and bust a move with friends at MACGREGOR featuring hip hop, soca, techno, merengue, reggae, and other dance music. 12 AM: It's still going! Eat burgers and hot dogs and chill at MACGREGOR's Eternal BBQ.

12:00 - **Theta Chi** - Don't end your first day of Rush hungry! Come on over for Theta Chi's Midnight Snack. If you need a ride, call 267-1801.

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1:00 - **MacGregor** - Have you had enough?? We don't care, eat more. Have some more burgers and hot dogs and chill at MACGREGOR's Eternal BBQ.

1:17 - **Random Hall** - Come watch Grosse Pointe Blank on our roofdeck and celebrate the hit-man in all of us. Keep a watchful eye towards the nearby Necco building.

2:47 - **Random Hall** - No tour yet? Well, come see our immortalized clam, our puntstation, and then start painting the Random Rush '98 mural! Stick around-breakfast's coming up soon.

3:17 - **Random Hall** - Has searching for Baker House left you with nothing but dirty clothes and in appetite? Come on over for our freshly prepared breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, and the like. Rumors of residents being served for breakfast are greatly exaggerated.

3:47 - **Random Hall** - Clerks is the perfect movie for anyone who's ever worked in a convenient store... or been in one, for that matter. In Technoblackandwhite (that means it's artsy so you can scorn all the poor uncultured fools who haven't seen it).

4:17 - **Random Hall** - We have Jimmy Hoffa buried in our basement crypt. It's getting late... can you tell? Come entertain our "Institute Minimum Wage" desk worker and maybe they'll let you in on why everything starts on 17 or 47...

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Rush. (Student Center: floors 3 and 4)

4:47 - **Random Hall** - Looking for something a bit different? Come to Random to see mature college students play with crafts and games. Join us in basket making, Fimo models, and lots of fun games. Then tour the beast formerly known as Random.

4:59 - **pika** - You can't get blood from a stone. A beast cannagh live on rocks alone. But plants can grow without dirt. Come start a hydroponic garden with Abie. 492-6983 and wipe your shoes.

5:00 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - The Great Bungee Run continues at Alpha Delta Phi. Be sure to bounce before dinner, lest things get messy! Dial 576-BEFORE-YOURE-FULL (576-2792) and we'll get you before our steak does.

5:00 - **Alpha Epsilon Pi** - Visit AEPi's Casino and Coladas; have some food in front, and poker in the rear. Call 247-3170 for door to door service.

5:00 - **Alpha Tau Omega** - Barbeque Dinner. Alpha Tau Omega.

5:00 - **Baker House** - IFESTA! - It's a party FIESTA style at BAKER HOUSE. We've got tons of great MEXICAN food, pinatas, candy, and of course fun!!!

5:00 - **Chi Phi** - STEAK AND LOBSTER DINNER AT CHI PHI. Come to Chi Phi and enjoy steak and lobster prepared by our gourmet chef.

5:00 - **La Maison Francaise** - La Maison Francaise - Diner aux pates! avec du pain a l'ail, de la salade, et beaucoup de biscuits. Venez voir comment les gens de La Maison Francaise font la cuisine et mangent. Endroit: La Maison Francaise (dans New House). Questions? x86388.

5:00 - **French House** - Spaghetti Dinner - with homemade garlic bread, salad, and piles of cookies. Come see how French 'Housers cook and eat. Place: French House kitchen (in New House). Questions?: x86388.

5:00 - **Deutsches Haus** - Abendessen! Filme! Spiele! Kommen sie und essen sie mit uns wäherend wir alte Deuches Filme sehen zucken, so wie Das Boot. Wenn Sie wollen, spielen Sie Risk, Monopoly, oder eines von den anderen Spiele die wir im Haus haben. Velleicht werden wir sogar Star Craft oder TA spielen. Ort: Deutsches Haus (New House 6, erste Etage)

5:00 - **German House** - Dinner! Movies! Games! Join us as we eat and watch the old German movies, such as Das Boot. Play a game of Risk, Monopoly, or one of the other board games that we keep around. Perhaps even Star Craft or TA. German House (New House 6 2nd floor)

5:00 - **New House** - Come and have some of our picnic basket. We're still eating.

5:00 - **Phi Kappa Theta** - PKT SurfNTurf Feast! We've brought today's freshest catch of Maine lobster here for YOU!

5:00 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - Dinner is coming. Come to Pi Lambda Phi to eat. 267-ROCK

5:00 - **Spanish House** - SPANISH HOUSE is making virgin Pina Coladas, sweet, cold and refreshing. Stop by and tour the house.

5:13 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - Don't miss your chance at some Fiesta action! Time is running out... Our carnival games stop at dinner! To get in on the fun, call 253-6799 or 354-1263 and we'll pick you up.

5:22 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - High Velocity Pinatas! Three-man slingshots, ballistic missiles, and candy everywhere! We provide safety goggles and Grape Soder. 262-5090

5:30 - **La Casa** - Come to LA CASA and have some freshly made virgin Pina Coladas and stay for some Salsa Lessons so that you can show off your skills at the next party.

5:30 - **PANHELLENIC COUNCIL** - Only one hour left of open house Rush for women- don't miss out! Sorority Rush 98: experience it.

5:30 - **Sigma Nu** - Wondering where to go next? Come Visit Us in Kenmore Square. Kenmore square has everything-Barnes and Nobles, CVS drugstores, Store 24 Convenience, Pizzeria Uno's, McDonald's, Fenway Park, T subway stop, and Jillian's Billiards are a few of its sites.

5:30 - **Theta Chi** - Don't miss our Steak and Lobster Dinner. Call 267-1801 for a ride.

5:30 - **Theta Delta Chi** - Where's the beef?!? NOT at TDC. Ostrich *the meat of the next millenium* and Buffalo Steaks will accompany Lobster in our own special brand Surf & Turf coming straight from our gourmet chef. Trust us, it just tastes better.

5:37 - **Russian House** - Ever wonder how Borscht is made? Join our House Tutor, Julia, for an exquisite lesson in traditional Russian cooking!

5:45 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - ADP BBQ - I can smell the sizzling steak as its grilling nears completion... A-1? Heinz 57? Name your best sauce, 'cause in just a few minutes, you're gonna need it. Dial 576-JUICY-STEAK (576-2792) for a ride to the barbeque.

5:47 - **Random Hall** - Do you want to learn how to customize your Athena

account? (do you HAVE an Athena account yet?) You will eventually, so get ahead of the curve and get help in the Random cluster.

5:55 - **Epsilon Theta** - DING! FIRST BELL! Five minutes 'til dinner. Ever hear of Pavlov's dogs? Call 3-8888 for a ride.

5:55 - **Next House** - Carbo-load at Next with an Italian dinner fest, take a tour while you're here. :)

5:57 - **East Campus** - We think it's pathetic <chicken> when people resort to <mmmpineapple> subliminal messages <oooh! coconut!> to get people to <veggie option!> go to their <grass skirts, fruity drinks, leis, scantily clad residents, roasted oink oink!> luau. Thank you.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

6:00 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Typewriter... or Spiral? How do you eat corn on the cob? How about vegetarian shish kebab, or for the carnivore in you, sizzling steak! (And watermelon, too.) Dial 576-FOOD-ME (576-2792) for direct transportation to the ADPhi patio!

6:00 - **Alpha Epsilon Pi** - Rustle up some grub at the AEPi Barbeque: Burgers, hot dogs, and more! Call us for details, 247-3170.

6:00 - **Baker House** - The FIESTA continues. Stop by and join our FIESTA at Baker House. Food, games, and fun... South of the Border style!

6:00 - **Burton-Conner** - We offer tours throughout the day, so come and check us out! We're one of the most interesting dorms and offer great rooms arranged in the family-style suite system. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

6:00 - **Chi Phi** - Still hungry? How about STEAK AND LOBSTER at Chi Phi. Prepared by our wonderful in-house chef.

6:00 - **Epsilon Theta** - THANKSGIVING DINNER! You've survived your first days as an MIT student, so come celebrate with us! Traditional Thanksgiving fixings... vegetarian options too! Call 3-8888 for a ride.

6:00-midnight - **McCormick** - A PIECE OF PARADISE - Already stressed out from Orientation? Relax! Leave MIT behind and escape to paradise at McCormick! We'll feed you dinner, fix you fresh fruit shakes, and give you the chance to win free prizes! (see 111)

6:00 - **MacGregor** - More FREE FOOD! Eat burgers and hot dogs and chill with friends at MACGREGOR's Eternal BBQ.

6:00 - **New House** - No more picnic, but we have dinner! Come eat with us. Or just hang out with us. Your choice.

6:00 - **Phi Beta Epsilon** - ***** STEAK AND LOBSTER. Looking for STEAK AND LOBSTER? Look no further. Be our guest for dinner and see just how good our professional chef, Ruben, is. Stay for our famous bananas flambe! STEAK and LOBSTER! STEAK and LOBSTER! STEAK and LOBSTER!

6:00 - **Phi Kappa Sigma** - Enjoy a gourmet barbeque with steak, seafood and many delicious dishes.

6:00 - **Phi Kappa Theta** - PKT SurfNTurf Feast! We've brought today's freshest catch of Maine lobster here for YOU!

6:00 - **Phi Sigma Kappa** - Magician - One of the finest magicians in the Boston area is coming to show us his stuff. Be amazed (with the rest of us) as he walks right up and wows you with his wizardry. Call for a ride, 267-2199

6:00 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - We, too, have voluminous amounts of Steak and Lobster. Eat, drink, and be merry with us; see our house. Casino Party to follow. Pi Lambda Phi 267-4935

6:00 - **Sigma Chi** - Eat dinner at the Sigma Chi House prepared by our gourmet chef. 532 Beacon St., Boston. Call 262-3192 for a ride.

6:00 - **La Casa** - Salsa Lessons are getting on at LA CASA with some really good dancers. From Beginners to Advanced there is always something to learn, especially for the beginners.

6:00 - **Student House** - We like to eat... we REALLY like to eat. Why don't you come join us for a Mexican dinner at the house?

6:00 - **Theta Xi** - Steak and Lobster - Dine in style with the brothers of Theta Xi as we consume insane quantities of STEAK and LOBSTER. Vegetarian gorging materials available too.

6:00 - **Zeta Beta Tau** - After playing around with our state-of-art setup relax to a full lobster and steak feast with prime MAINE LOBSTERS and some great steak. Vegetarian Meals are also provided Call Rick for rides at 232-3257

6:00 - **Zeta Psi** - Take advantage of our generosity and overinflated rush budget by joining us for a steak and lobster dinner at our place.

6:01 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - Chicken Fajitas, Vegetarian Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, and all the fixens. Need I say more except GUACAMOLE? We'll drive 'round to pick you up. Just call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

6:02 - **Epsilon Theta** - No, Will! Put Laura down! I didn't mean you could eat the vegetarians...

6:02 - **pika** - I made you a special dinner. I even saved you a place at the table. Sorry, I forgot the party hats. You should come over anyway. Call 492-6983 and

I'll be right over to pick you up.

6:15 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - The ADP Steak Cookout has officially begun! Come on over, sample the sirloin and feast away to your heart's content (or arterial blockage, as the case may be). Call 576-BARBECUE (576-2792) for a ride.

6:17 - **East Campus** - "Kill the pig! Silt his throat! Spill his blood!" Piggy welcomes you. (C'mon - you know you recognize it.)

6:17 - **Random Hall** - Dorm rush is now in full swing. What better way to celebrate this glorious day than by consuming large amounts of Random Hall's famous Lasagna- two flavors: meat and not meat. Rumors of residents erecting a swingset are greatly exaggerated.

6:22 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - It's not because we love animals, it's because we hate plants. Come to TEP for our Veggie Feast. Call 262-5090 for delivery. Of you. To TEP.

6:30 - **Spanish House** - While you are learning salsa at SPANISH HOUSE sign up for the free raffle ticket and win a CD to the music that you are dancing to.

6:36 - **Number 6 Club** - the sundek grill... if you're still hungry, the steak, lobster and veggie kebobs are still coming fresh from the grill.

6:37 - **Russian House** - MovieNight - funky foreign films with the gang at Russian House. We promise there will be refreshments and subtitles!.

6:37 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - Enough with the munchies!!! Come FEAST at Wilg's MEXICAN FOOD FEST! We're serving up Chicken Fajitas and Vegetarian Enchiladas. YUM YUM!!! CALL NOW while supplies last! 253-6799 or 354-1263.

6:44 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - Coup of the Veggie Feast! The meatarians have risen! Join or eat Spam! We will attack with buffalo wings from the East! 262-5090.

6:57 - **Fenway House** - Life is uncertain... eat your dessert first! Chocolate chips out of the bag at Fenway. Call for a ride. 437-1043

7:00 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Typewriter... or Spiral? Once and for all, How do you eat your corn on the cob? It's still cooking, along with vegetarian shish kebab and sizzling steak! Dial 576-FEED-ME (576-2792) for a teleport to the ADPhi patio!

7:00 - **Burton-Conner** - Grab a filling dinner here at our Infinite Barbecue or just come to see if we're living up to its name! Take the Grand Tour of Burton-Conner! Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

7:00 - **Epsilon Theta** - MOVIE NIGHT! Should we show Star Wars? The Princess Bride? ET? Bean? Come over and help us decide. Call 3-8888 for a ride.

7:00-9:00 - **Kappa Sigma** - Laugh at one of Boston's top comedians perform live in our house.

7:00 - **MacGregor** - Still more FREE FOOD! Eat burgers and hot dogs and chill with friends at MACGREGOR's Eternal BBQ.

7:00 - **New House** - Tired of walking around the dorms yet? Come find out if New House is right for you.

7:00 - **Phi Beta Epsilon** - ***** DESSERT, did someone say BANANAS FLAMBE? Come see bananas burst into a big FIREBALL. FIRE, FIRE, it'll be cool. Plus it'll taste good too. Want ice cream with that? Just ask us. BANANAS FLAMBE! BANANAS FLAMBE! BANANAS FLAMBE!

7:00 - **Senior House** - Tire Swinging. Senior House Courtyard. Observe masters as they defy the Angry God in the tree, but watch where you stand...

7:00 - **Spanish House** - Gain confidence in your dancing - come to SPANISH HOUSE and learn to dance salsa and merengue.

7:00 - **Theta Delta Chi** - Peter Panic performs pernicious and perilous acts of devious dexterity. This Harvard Street performer puts all others to shame, in a show which will dazzle onlookers and soil volunteers undergarments!

7:01 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - We're still savoring our Mexican Feast and we've started whipping up some tasty frozen drinks. Come join us for an Italian Soda or a Cool Coffee Beverage. Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 if you want a ride.

7:05 - **Phi Beta Epsilon** - ***** DESSERT SOCIAL, make your own sundae, ice cream, hot fudge, caramel, nuts, fresh fruit, whip cream, and toppings provided.

7:11 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - The ADP Steak Cookout is still going - Come and get some! Call 576-JUICY (576-2792) for a ride.

7:15 - **Spanish House** - Get your groove on at SPANISH HOUSE!!! Learn to dance 'salsa, or show off your moves if you're too good for lessons!

7:22 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - Relax and enjoy a cold Grape Soder and schmooz with the authors of Elvis' favorite publication, The Quill, and creators of the Hanging Couch and Zee Infamous Foam Room. Be Purple. Call 262-5090.

7:23 - **pika** - Arr, matey! What be that off the starboard bow? A giant floating cup of espresso! Bring yer harpoon and help

us sink the beast. Call 492-6983 for a dinghy.

7:24 - **East Campus** - EC Stress Relief Tip #77: Leaf thru a National Geographic and draw underwear on all of the natives.

7:30 - **Pi Kappa Theta** - PKT Comedy Centrale. Kick back and laugh with New York's Jim McQue. This guy's appeared with Seinfeld and on Comedy Central, so be prepared to laugh!

7:30 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - The night is still young. Show up at Pi Lambda Phi for the steak and lobster rigmarole plus the fast-approaching Casino Party. 267-ROCK

7:30 - **Spanish House** - Come and enjoy the dancing lessons and dance all that you can, SPANISH HOUSE will teach you how to dance salsa.

7:30 - **Theta Chi** - Joe D'Vito's R-Rated Hypnotist Show is guaranteed to be hilarious! Come on over or call us for a ride at 267-1801.

7:33 - **Fenway House** - Happy Holidays! We're having a non-denominational, three dimensional, all-purpose, home-cooked holiday dinner. Featuring turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and vegetarian stuffing. Sarah will be the stuffed vegetarian. Call 437-1043 for a ride.

7:42 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - Come meet the folks who live at 355 Massachusetts Avenue and enjoy cheesecake and frozen drinks. We'll even come get you. Call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

7:44 - **pika** - Blast through steel with a cold, pure jet of oxygen gas. Showers of sparks. Molten slag. Watch the clash of elements and take comfort in the torch's garbled hissing or don the goggles and take up the torch yourself. 492-6983

7:47 - **Random Hall** - Mmm... liquid nitro ice cream... just like grandma used to make. Join us for some of this homemade goodness, and if you want, take a crack at it yourself. Afterwards, try some LARGE screen rooftop video games.

7:53 - **pika** - Arr! Out of the mist came a beast more stomach than man... 492-6983

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

8:00 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Jazz Band. Dance to the music, live from ADP! There's still plenty of food from our cookout, so if you're still hungry, we're still serving. Just call 576-JAZZ (actually, 576-2792) and we'll waltz on over to find you.

8:00 - **Alpha Epsilon Pi** - Gene Wilder is one of our alums, these guys are just as funny. Come check out our kick ass comic and our in-house improv group at AEPi's Comedy Central. Call 247-3170 for a ride.

8:00 - **Baker House** - Baker Movies: The fiesta's over, but the party continues. You can still come see us here at Baker cuz we'll be watching movies and chillin' all night long. And what's a movie without food, right??? There's plenty of that too!

8:00 - **Burton-Conner** - Come to our movie marathon! Want to see Star Wars again? No problem, sit down and enjoy! We have an extensive collection and you're welcome to watch it all. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

8:00 - **Chi Phi** - PARTY AT CHI PHI. Relax with music, food, drink, and friends at Chi Phi while getting to know the brothers and finding out what Chi Phi is about.

8:00 - **New House** - Long day? Well end it in our little community of New House. We look forward to meeting you.

8:00 - **Phi Sigma Kappa** - Comedian straight from the Comedy Connection, one of Boston's best comedians will be at the house to entertain and possibly poke fun at some of the guys. Call for a ride, 267-2199

8:00 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - Dinner is almost up at Pi Lambda Phi.. But, you can still get Steak and Lobster, and get good seats at the poker table. 267-4935

8:00 - **Student House** - So you want to be in a Gap commercial? Let us get you started - - come to our Swing Party with lessons from Mr. Papaeftimious. Don't worry if you have two left feet - - we'll be showing movies for the non-dancers.

8:00 - **Zeta Beta Tau** - Relax after dinner and stop to win prizes during our casino night after a tiring day. We will also have exciting demonstrations of an AUV, some killer flicks playing on our 60 inch TV, and other fun games throughout the night. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257

8:00 - **Zeta Psi** - 9th annual Zeta Psi Car Bash. Vent some of that aggression we know you've been repressing by taking a sledgehammer to our Rush Chair's car.

8:01 - **East Campus** - We failed it! So will you! Come forget your troubles, have a tropical drink, and get leid (it had to be said).

8:08 - **Theta Delta Chi** - Be on the lookout for the Winnebago of Winners! You could be a lucky winner and jam with the Beastie Boys in mobile style!

8:11 - **pika** - Hi-diddle-dee. A pirate's life for me. That's right- job security, benefits, a pension plan, and dental care. Arr. Come over and discuss futures over some tasty drinks. 492-6983.

8:13 - **Fenway House** - Come see our Hyper-Elliptical Spiral Staircase. It's one of only seven in Boston, three in Massachusetts and two in North America. Fall for a ride. 437-1043

8:17 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - The ADP Steak Cookout is always sizzling! Drop by for a bite, or just hang with the Alpha Deltas. Call 576-SUSTENANCE (576-2792) for a ride. P.S. Don't forget to ask about tomorrow night's Cafe Thursday!

8:18 - **Fenway House** - Find Fenway's antique missing forks and win fabulous prizes. First person to find one gets an authentic, autographed kidney bean!!! 437-1043

8:20 - **pika** - Mom said don't play with fire. Mom's not here now, is she? Fun with the cutting torch at pika. 492-6983.

8:22 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - TEP Bjorn Bjorg's Science Smorgasbjorg! Bjorn goes Bjoom! Electric hot-dogs! Glowing Pickles! TEP's Very Large Capacitor Array! Spark! Bang! Good thing we have a blooter fume hood! Call 262-5090

8:25 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Want to contemplate the effects of a vacuum on human anatomy? Neither do we, but if you were thrust into outer space, you'd better be ready! Call 576-THE-NIGHT-IS-YOUNG (576-2792) - we'll be there immediately, if not sooner.

8:30 - **Alpha Epsilon Phi** - After appearing on Late Night with Conan O'Brien, come see our comic's next big gig at AEPi's Comedy Central. You're not as far as you think, call us for a lift, 247-3170.

8:30 - **Phi Delta Theta** - House tours galore and a lot more food. Come find out about what it means to be a brother of Phi Delt. Call 247-8691 for a ride.

8:30 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - The time to Pi Lam's Casino Party is ticking down=85 warm up your O07 impression and come on over. Phone Number: 267-ROCK

8:30 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - 2.2 Megawatts of Metal-Melting Power! Smell the ozone as we vaporize chunks of copper pipe with TEP's blooter capacitor array! The Smorgasbjorg continues...

8:35 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - TEP BZZZZZT! Come see Bjorn's 500 kilovolt Tesla Coil! 22 inch sparks! Not approved by the FCC. 262-5090

8:37 - **Russian House** - What do you think of dialectical materialism?

8:38 - **Russian House** - Never mind!.

8:39 - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - Our A Capella guest group is doing their last-minute warmups. Pull up a chair and a slice of cheesecake! Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 and we'll swing the van by to get you before the first set!

8:40 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - 77 Kelvin. That's the boiling point of nitrogen, and we have 200L of the stuff for you to play with in its liquid form. Call 262-5090, and watch Frostbyte demonstrate how he earned his nickname.

8:44 - **Tau Epsilon Phi** - The climax of the Science Smorgasbjorg... Ooooh! Oobleck! Non-Newtonian fun for the masses. Marvel at the fluid that you can toss like a ball and catch like a puddle. That number again: 262-5090.

8:45 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Jazz Enough to rupture your spleen! The band's lively and the food's abundant, so come and fill out organ donor cards at the door. Call 576-SPLEEN (576-2792) and we'll tear ourselves away long enough to pick you up.

8:45 - **Pi Lambda Phi** - Blackjack anyone? Pi Lam's Casino Party is about to begin. Call now for a ride: 267-4935

8:45 - **Student House** - The Student House Swing Party is still going on. If you're not into dancing, come watch swing-inspired movies and pig out on popcorn.

8:46 - **pika** - Nobody ever says "I want to be a pirate when I grow up". Maybe that's why Blackbeard's ghost was so sad. Come cheer him up by walking the plank into a sea full of milkshakes. Call 492-6983 for the pillagemobile.

8:48 - **Fenway House** - Do juniors stick to walls? Come find out. 437-1043

8:51p - **Womens' Independent Living Group** - Ever dreamed of being serenaded? Or just laugh while someone else is... Well, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! Come on over to Wilg where the A Capella Singing has just begun. Tootsie's tired - - we'll drive you if you call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

8:55 - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Deep into the night the excitement continues unabated! Do you dare to eat a peach? Would you be prepared if gravity reversed itself? Answers are but the beginning! Call 576-JAZZ-BAND-CONTINUES (576-2792) for a ride.

9:00 - **Alpha Epsilon Phi** - Get verklempt. I'll give you a topic: AEPi's comedy extravaganza. It's extravagant and comedy, talk amongst yourselves or call 247-3170.

9:00 - **Baker House** - Up for a great show??? We always are, so stop by Baker for some ice cream, and a good show (a MOVIE, we mean Don't wanna know what you were thinking!!).

9:00 - **Burton-Conner** - You better not be tired out yet, because were having a great party over here just for you. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

The Daily Confusion

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All Day

- Epsilon Theta** – Come over for food and drink, fun and games, idle chatter, and a house tour. Just call us at 734-9211 or 3-8888 and we'll come and pick you up.
- MacGregor** – Stop by any time all day for a tour of MACGREGOR.
- Next House** – Stop by any time throughout the day for a tour of our dorm. Refreshments provided for your enjoyment.
- Next House** – Billy and Eric baked what they consider to be an infinite supply of cheesecakes – come prove them wrong.
- Theta Chi** – Hungry? Bored? Want to see our house? Call us anytime at 267-1801 and we'll give you a ride on over to our house.
- 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- 12:45 – **Baker House** – It's Time!!! Come on over to Baker House for non-stop fun for the next 3 days. We'll be chillin' with some virgin daiquiris soon so head on over to begin the fun!!!
- 12:45 – **Burton-Conner** – Get ready for all the food you can eat and meet some of the greatest people on earth! Burton-Conner's Famous Infinite Barbecue is finally here! Just follow our representatives from the Killian Kickoff or phone us at 253-3261.
- 12:45 – **Burton-Conner** – We offer tours throughout the day, so come and check us out! We're one of the most interesting dorms and offer great rooms arranged in the family-style suite system. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.
- 12:45 – **Burton-Conner** – Come to our movie marathon! Want to see Star Wars again? No problem, sit down and enjoy! We have an extensive collection and you're welcome to watch it all. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.
- 12:45 – **East Campus** – Dear Human, I am an alien from outer space. I have transformed myself into this paper. As you read, I am having sex with your fingers. I know you like it. I can see you smiling.
- 12:45 – **East Campus** – Was it good for you? Come take a tour.
- 12:45 – **Epsilon Theta** – TACO BUFFET! Rush has just begun and you're already hungry? Join us for tacos and ganishes galore. Vegetarian options available too. Call 734-9211 or MIT extension 3-8888 for a ride.
- 12:45 – **Fenway House** – "Wait a minute – does Rush start today?" Call 437-1043 and remind us to come.
- 12:45 – **Next House** – Start your rush off with a BBQ lunch at Next House's grill. Veggie options provided. Play Volleyball.
- 12:45 – **Phi Kappa Sigma** – Home-style roof-top barbecue with all the traditional dishes and a vegetarian option.
- 12:45 – **Phi Sigma Kappa** – Inflatable World – Check out our inflatable boxing ring, inflatable gloves, and (possibly) inflatable partners. Come take out your Orientation aggressions. Call for a ride, 267-2199
- 12:45 – **Russian House** – Kickoff awaits you. But be assured, right afterwards, Russian house will have wide selection of hot delicious bbqed stuff... (did somebody say roadkill?)
- 12:45 – **Spanish House** – Get away from the burgers and come to LA CASA'S famous fajita buffet. Make your own fajitas and eat as much as you want. Tortillas, chicken, beef, lettuce, and plenty of other helpings. Meet some really cool people!!!
- 12:45 – **Theta Delta Chi** – HIT the DECKS! Dig the live jazz on the TDC decks and Courtyard while avoiding getting poked by everybody's shishkabobs. BBQ food-stuffs, touring of the facilities.
- 12:45 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – GIANT HOAGIE FEST. What better way to grab a bite then with the assortment of 8ft giant hoagies and other snacks, sodas, and desserts that ZBT has to offer for lunch. Vegetarian Meals also provided. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257
- 12:47 – **Fenway House** – Random Spontaneity begins! Call 437-1043 for a ride.
- 12:47 – **Random Hall** – Hungry after all those pre-rush games? Well, we've got some food you might enjoy. Join us for some lunch and then take a tour of this exciting symbiotic being known as Randomantsresidents!
- 1:00 – **Baker House** – DAQUIRIS, DAQUIRIS, DAQUIRIS Beat the heat and humidity with awesome cold daiquiris (virgin, of course) at Baker House. Stop on by and come chill with us.
- 1:00 – **Burton-Conner** – Feel ready for some action? Tired of eating yet? Join us for our first Sports Day for hours of fun with all the sports you can think of! Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.
- 1:00 – **Chi Phi** – SUMO WRESTLING at Chi Phi... Come to Chi Phi, put on 50 pounds of padding, and take your oppo-

nent to the mat. Refreshments and music.

- 1:00 – **La Maison Francaise** – Pique-nique dans L'Alsace-Lorraine! Joignez-vous a nous pour manger des crepes, du poulet au fenouil, des aubergines, des courgettes, et des tomates farcies. Essayez nos smoothies et nos barres de parfait – ou echantillonnez nos tarts aux mures et aux pommes ou aux poires. Suivi de la Troisieme Guerre Mondiale... A New House. Questions? x86388.
- 1:00 – **La Maison Francaise** – Picnic in Alsace-Lorraine. Join us for crepes, chicken with fennel, stuffed eggplants, zucchini, and tomatoes. Try our smoothies and sundae bar – or sample our blackberry and apple pies and pear pies. To be followed by World War III ... Place: New House.
- 1:00 – **Deutsches Haus** – Internationaler Grill! Versuchen sie den Smoothiebar, machen sie ihren eigenes Eis, nehmen sie von schermi-marinierem Hünchen, shishkabob, Wassermelone, und natürlich Bratwurst! Ort: New House Hof
- 1:00 – **German House** – International BBQ! Try the smoothie bar, make your own sundae, partake of crepes sherry marinated chicken, shishkabobs, grilled mushrooms, watermelon, and of course Bratwurst! Location: New House Courtyards (West Building 70)
- 1:00 – 4:00 – **McCormick Hall** – ICE CREAM HEAVEN – Come meet outside McCormick Hall and indulge in ice cream sundaes, banana splits, ice cream floats, ice cream and cookies, even ice cream and MARS BARS!
- 1:00 – **MacGregor** – FREE FOOD! Eat burgers and hot dogs and chill with friends at MACGREGOR's Eternal BBQ.
- 1:00 – **MacGregor** – Relax and watch a movie at MACGREGOR. Stop by any time, day or night, and pick one of your favorite movies to watch from our huge video collection.
- 1:00 – **New House** – Looking for a place you can call home? Come have a picnic with us at New House.
- 1:00 – **Phi Delta Theta** – Find the blue and white Phi Delta banner at Killian Court Kick-off. We'll drive you back to our house to feast on our chef's world famous shish-kebobs. Meet all the brothers while you tour our beautiful home.
- 1:00 – **Sigma Nu** – The Brothers of Sigma Nu welcome all the new freshmen to MIT and the unforgettable experience of Orientation and Rush!! Some advice: explore all your options, have fun and most of all be true to yourself – it's worth it!
- 1:00 – **Spanish House** – Want to avoid all the confusion? or just hungry? The fajitas are still smoking and grillin' at LA CASA so stop by and eat all you want, and take a tour of the house.
- 1:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Join the Non-Pledging fraternity ZBT for all-day excitement at the house. Test your pitching speed, watch movies on a fully-equipped sound system, play network computer games, see a real submarine and feel free to enjoy the ZBT "playhouse." Call Rick for rides at 232-3257
- 1:01 – **Sigma Nu** – Okay, so here's what we're doing today. Expect all of the following: a live murder mystery theater, mountains of free food and drink, tours of our recently remodeled home, and meeting the Sigma Nu Brothers – All around wholesome fun!
- 1:23 – **Sigma Nu** – Take a look at our 1:01 pm entry for what we're doing today.
- 1:25 – **Epsilon Theta** – Late for lunch? No problem! Still plenty of tortillas and cheese lying around. Call 3-8888 for a ride.
- 1:30 – **SORORITY RUSH CONTINUES** at Open House Two- the last event of Sorority Rush that requires no invitations. Stop by the 3rd or 4th floors of the Student Center for details, or for questions pertaining to Greek Rush. Third and fourth floors until 6:30.
- 1:30 – **Sigma Nu** – Hello Again. Once again check out our 1:00 entry. If you are reading this and considering stopping by – please do just that! Everyone and Anyone is Welcome at the Sigma Nu house.
- 1:30 – **La Casa** – Come to LA CASA (SPANISH HOUSE) and make your own taco made of as much chicken, meat, and spicy salsa... if you can handle it!!!
- 1:30 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Missed Lunch? Want some Hoagies. Even if you've had lunch, grab snacks all day including ICE-CREAM SUNDAES, MILKSHAKES, ROOT-BEER FLOATS, and all-the soda you want. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257
- 1:34 – **Fenway House** – Lunch! Come see Random Spontaneity in action. 437-1043
- 1:37 – **Russian House** – Join the Russian house gang for barbecue and volleyball. Food will be served across the net. Live music by our very own house band.
- 1:38 – **Russian House** – Wondering what's the deal with 37? If you were in Russian House a minute ago, we'd tell you.

1:45 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Drop by Wilg for some Carnival Fun. If you're really good, we'll give you some cotton candy :) No invitations necessary... You can even call 253-6799 or 354-1263 and we'll pick you up!

1:47 – **Random Hall** – Do you like explosions? Sure, you do. We all do. Come on down and watch as we blow up (inflate) balloons by splitting water molecules. Later, watch movies in our main lounge and plan our newest mural.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

2:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – Crazy Bungee Fun! Come to Alpha Delta Phi – we'll trade your kinetic energy for potential energy, and back again! Exchange rates are good, so hurry – dial 576-BOUNCE-WITHOUT-IMPACT (576-2792) for a ride.

2:00 – **Alpha Epsilon Pi** – Do you feel lucky punk? Be a winner at the AEPI Casino. Call 247-3170 for more info.

2:00 – **MacGregor** – FREE FOOD! Eat burgers and hot dogs and chill with friends at MACGREGOR's Eternal BBQ.

2:00 – **New House** – Come sit (in an air conditioned building), relax (yes we have food too), and talk to people at New House.

2:00 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** ICE CREAM and FRESH FRUIT smoothies, BBQ, kabobs, WINGS how hot can you take 'em? PBE rush KICKOFF!

2:00 – **Sigma Chi** – Enjoy the Sigma Chi slide show and BBQ. Win Prizes @ our raffle. 532 Beacon St., Boston. Call 262-3192 for a ride.

2:00 – **Sigma Nu** – Check out our 1:01 p.m. entry for the itinerary. Here's some background on Sigma Nu- We are the newest Fraternity on campus and one of the fastest growing. Our Colors are Black white and Gold, and our standard is honor.

2:00 – **Student House** – Come relax on our rooftop, get a late lunch, and enjoy the incredible view! Take a house tour and get to know us.

2:00 – **Theta Chi** – We're having a barbecue and you can also try rappelling down the front of our house. Need a ride? Call 267-1801.

2:00 – **Theta Xi** – Come to Theta Xi after Kickoff and have some of our home-made ICE CREAM, made from LIQUID NITROGEN! And while you're at it, you can make a root beer float—we'll have a KEG of ROOT BEER handy!

2:06 – **Number 6 Club** – sundefck bbq and live reggae. enjoy savory beef, chicken , and veggie shish kebobs, hamburgers or hot dogs fresh off the grill. then dance them off to some caribbean rhythms.

2:13 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Start your college career out right, run off to Wilg and get a Henna Tattoo. We promise not to tell your mom! Call and we'll swing the van around to get you: 253-6799 or 354-1263.

2:15 – **pika** – Confused? Don't know where to start? Try a nice tall glass of pika. Call 492-6983 for a sip and a ride over.

2:15 – **La Casa** – Come learn how to speak Spanish while trying not to choke on fajitas at LA CASA...Come check us out!

2:18 – **East Campus** – Questions, comments, shrieks of anguish? Call the EAsT camPUS Random Info Hotline x89780

2:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Congratulations. Your covert insertion into MIT is well underway. Phase Two of your mission: Go to TEP and take advantage of the confusion to tour the house and learn the layout. Call 262-5090 to secure transportation. This message will self-destruct.

2:30 – **PANHELLENIC COUNCIL** – Think Scream 2 presented a realistic portrait of sorority life? Think again- stop by the Rush rooms in the student center to find out what Greek life is *really* all about :) (3rd and 4th floors)

2:30 – **Pi Lambda Phi** – Swashbuckling adventure awaits you at glorious Pi Lambda Phi. Come across the Charles to Boston's Back Bay and check us out. 267-ROCK

2:30 – **Theta Delta Chi** – Put your headphones on it's Bebob Time! Berklee's finest funk band jam at our BBQ.

2:36 – **pika** – Subliminal mEssagEs are trickY. OUR eyes Are Trained Professionals at Keeping us Alert. come read between the lines. 492-6983

2:37 – **Russian House** – Let the House tours begin...

2:37 – **Student House** – Beverly Hills 90201 Day- We'll act out our favorite angst-ridden scenes from that stirring drama. Ooh, ooh, dibs on Dylan!

2:45 – **La Casa** – The last of the fajitas are being made at SPANISH HOUSE, so come and enjoy them before they're all devoured by your fellow freshmen.

2:56 – **Epsilon Theta** – Come over for a house tour. Stay for lots of silliness. Call 734-9211 for a ride.

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3:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – Elastic excitement! Rubber running! BUNGEE BAIKONUR KOSMODROME! Test your skills at this springy sport out back, or just hang out and watch the drama unfold. Dial 576-GETTIN-SPRINGY-WITH-IT (576-2792) for a ride.

3:00 – **Alpha Epsilon Pi** – Win Prizes at AEPI's Casino and Coladas (virgin), but bring your temporary ID card cause we don't take American Express. Dial 247-3170 to get a ride over.

3:00 – **Baker House** – We're still here at Baker hanging out and having a good time, so stop by at visit us!

3:00 – **Burton-Conner** – Yep, our Infinite Barbecue is really infinite and *still* going on! We have all sorts of meat for you carnivores and vegetables for you vegetarians. Come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr. or phone 253-3261 for assistance.

3:00 – **Burton-Conner** – We offer tours throughout the day, so come and check us out! Learn the names of our 9 unique floors and discover how useful a kitchen can be! Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

3:00 – **Chi Phi** – The HUMAN GYROSCOPE at Chi Phi: Strap yourself into our 8-foot human gyroscope and watch the horizon spin.

3:00 – **La Maison Francaise** – TROISIEME GUERRE MONDIALE! La Guerre Franco-Prusse-Russe. Lachez la mort aqueuse sur le monde! Vive La Maison Francaise ! L'arsenal sera fourni (squirtguns et ballons remplis d'eau). Emplacement: 42n22, 71w06 (New House). Telephoneur au x86388 pour des indications.

3:00 – **La Maison Francaise** – WORLD WAR III – The Franco-Prussian-Russian War! Unleash watery death upon the world! Vive la Maison Francaise! Arsenal provided (squirtguns and water balloons). Location: 42n22, 71w06 (New House) Questions?: x86388.

3:00 – **Deutsches Haus** – Der Dritte Weltkrieg! Wir werden sie diesmal schlagen. Benutzen sie unser Arsenal von Wasser gefüllten Waffen um unsere freundlichen Gegner zu schlagen. Ort: New House

3:00 – **German House** – World War War III! We'll get'em again! Utilize our arsenal of guns (water) to vanquish our friendly adversaries (French House and Russian House). Location: West Building 70 (New House).

3:00-6:00 – **Kappa Sigma** – Come enjoy steak and chicken shish kabobs and hang out on our rooftop.

3:00 – **New House** – Still looking for a place with people you can talk to? Come find us at New House.

3:00 – **Phi Kappa Sigma** – Be amazed as the Amazing Santini performs for the crowd.

3:00 – **Phi Kappa Theta** – PKT Pinata Bash!!!! Smash and crush MIT Pinatas and win prizes! Your first chance to beat the stuffing out of MIT. We hope it's not your last!

3:00 – **pika** – Milkshakes! Milkshakes! Hurry over to pika before they get cold! Call 492-6983 for a ride.

3:00 – **Student House** – Do you like CHOCOLATE? We like it so much we have an endless supply... but we know how to share.

3:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – We have Ice Cream Sundaes, Snacks and Soda for you to enjoy as you stroll through the state of the art ZBT setup that includes everything from an underwater vehicle, to computer games, to testing the speed of your fastball. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257

3:03 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Come join as anytime after the freshman picnic – for food, activities or just to hang out! House Tours are always available. Ring-up 253-6799 or 354-1263 if you want to ride instead of walk.

3:15 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** HOUSE TOUR, interested in PBE? Come see our newly renovated house. We're ON CAMPUS! Don't miss the PBE house tour.

3:17 – **Random Hall** – Who will be crowned the nerdiest person at MIT? Come to compete for this prestigious award, or just to watch...Mr/Ms Nerd America! If nerds aren't your thing, we've still got movies and mural painting going on.

3:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Want dessert? How about 22 feet of ice cream in TEP's world renowned Ice Cream Trough? Ice cream and snacks of all varieties. Call 262-5090 for a brainfreeze of previously unimagined proportions.

3:30 – **Epsilon Theta** – PUZZLE CORNER. Do you like jigsaw puzzles? And crossword puzzles? So do we! Come over and help us put things together. Call 3-8888 for a ride.

3:30 – **PANHELLENIC COUNCIL** – Snacks and entertainment at Sorority Rush-stopping by the rush rooms does NOT mean you have to join a sorority. Have no fear, come meet some cool upperclasspeople, and chill in the air

conditioned ambiance. Sorority Rush 98: student center.

- 3:30 – **Pi Lambda Phi** – We're doin' stuff. If you wanna know what it is, call 267-4935.
- 3:37 – **Russian House** – Franco-Prussian-Russian World War III (3-way water fight!).
- 3:51 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – Creation! Destruction! The eternal forces will battle metaphorically for control over your body if you submit yourself to the bungee run. Call Alpha Delta Phi at 576-YIN-YANG (576-2792) and we'll pick you up, pronto!
- 3:57 – **East Campus** – Mukka-lakka-hey-kee
- 3:58p – **East Campus** – Cummonyawanna lei-mee
- 3:59 – **East Campus** – Pass the poi mahanu

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- 4:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – Low Earth Orbit? Ask Carl how soon he'll break the local gravity well! If he won't answer, our Bungee bounce is the next best thing. Call Alpha Delta Phi at 576-EQUAL-AND-OPPOSITE-REACTION (576-2792) for a ride.
- 4:00 – **Alpha Epsilon Pi** – Strapped for cash? Break the bank at AEPI's Casino and Coladas (virgin) where the house AND players always win! Call us at 247-3170 for the VIP treatment.
- 4:00 – **Burton-Conner** – There's still time for more sports and fun here at Burton-Conner! Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to us at 410 Memorial Dr.
- 4:00 – **East Campus** – Check out our coconuts and watch Kevin juggle fire – free food a la luau!
- 4:00 – **New House** – Little hungry? Little Hungry? Well, even if you're not, come meet new people at New House.
- 4:00 – **Phi Delta Theta** – Missed our van at Killian Court? No problem, call us at 247-8691 and we'll be happy to provide you with a ride back to our house. While touring our beautiful home, grab a bite to eat, or even go rappelling down the front of our turn-of-the-century mansion.
- 4:00 – **Phi Kappa Theta** – PKT Pinata Bash!!!! Smash and crush MIT Pinatas and win prizes! Your first chance to beat the stuffing out of MIT. We hope it's not your last!
- 4:00 – **Phi Sigma Kappa** – One of Boston's top bands comes to play in our own house. Come join us as we swing, eat, and listen to some great music. Call for a ride, 267-2199
- 4:00 – **Sigma Chi** – Play pickup basketball in our back-lot. 532 Beacon St. Call 262-3192 for a ride
- 4:00 – **Theta Xi** – Silkscreen FUN! – Drop on by for a tour of the house, and while you're at it, SILKSCREEN your own tee-shirt as a keepsake to remind you that you were a part of THETA XI RUSH.
- 4:02 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Here at Wilg we have high quality tasty morsels for your consumption. Stop by and find out what they are. You can be picked up if you give us a call at 253-6799 or 354-1263.
- 4:05 – **East Campus** – elp-Hay evin-Kay earn-lay ow-hay o-tay eat-tray a-hay irst-fay egree-day um-bay.
- 4:06 – **Number 6 Club** – No. 6 tropical party. enjoy virgin daiquiris and smoothies in the wading pool or just catch some rays on our sundeck.
- 4:20 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** FRESH FRUIT SMOOTHIES, strawberries, cherries, banana, orange! Door PRIZES just for coming!
- 4:20 – **Theta Delta Chi** – Time for a hacky-sack shred session! Then grab one of Star Market's tastiest mangos for a sweet snack.
- 4:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Gravity got you down? Our famous Wumph Bag will get your spirits up, along with the rest of you. Call 262-5090 for flight clearance.
- 4:24 – **Epsilon Theta** – The Epsilon Theta Lecture Series begins. First up is David, who will present "Comparative Linguistics: The Computer Language Approach". Bring your palm pilots to take notes. Call 3-8888 for a ride.
- 4:30 – **Phi Kappa Sigma** – Watch as Mark Farneth performs a truly amazing juggling show.
- 4:30 – **pika** – Come spoil your dinner at pika. Call 492-6983 for a ride.
- 4:37 – **Fenway House** – When I think of Fenway House, I think of cold mountain streams and freezes... oh, sorry. That's a York Peppermint Patty. Nevermind.
- 4:37 – **Russian House** – Come on over, we still have some barbecued road... err... well, stuff. Eat, drink (milk :)), be merry, and don't forget our grand Nostalgia party is tonight at 21:37
- 4:39 – **PANHELLENIC COUNCIL** – Rush – (not Limbaugh) – Student Center – going on right now – Just thought you might want to stop by. Less than two hours to go in the last open event of Sorority