Welcome, Class of 2002

By Douglas E. Heimbarger

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

"This decision represents a major step in our commitment to enhancing our educational community and better integrating student life and learning," Vest wrote in a letter to students, faculty, and staff.

The announcement was timed to occur shortly before next week's release of the final report of the Task Force on Student Life and Learning. The task force has been working for two years to develop a long-term educational plan for the Institute. The report will urge the Institute to house all freshmen on campus, said Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams. "The task force report is a much broader report than this," Williams said. It includes many sections on changing curricula, educational programs, and community programs in addition to the section on freshmen housing.

Vest's decision was made based upon the task force report and "nearly a year of thoughtful debate and correspondence about student housing." Vest also considered the reports of numerous committees that in the past have recommended housing freshmen on campus.

FSILGs endorsed, protected

While the changes will have definite effects on all living groups, administration officials were quick to note that the plan for housing freshmen in dormitories does not preclude the existence of the fraternity, sorority, and independent living group system.

Class of 2002 Arrives on Campus

By Brett Achtschel

Seventeen percent of the incoming class is underrepresented minorities.

Two hundred twenty-three of the students in the freshman class were high school valedictorians, and 541 of the 659 students with high school rankings were ranked in the top five percent of their classes.

Freshmen mixed on Orientation

Freshman opinions about Orientation so far varied. "It's pretty interesting," said Misha V. Koshelev '02. "I tried liking to pack all the luggage into that little van."

"I'd have to say that it was handled very well," said Joanna C. Bonvette '99.

"Orientation is confusing, definitely bewildering," said Sandy M. Pae '03.

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

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

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

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

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

The Weather

Today, Windy, Rain, 81°F (27°C), Late Night: Cloudy, Rain, 70°F (27°C)

Tomorrow: Cloudy, Rain, 73°F (22°C)

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The Boston Licensing Board bans alcohol at Beta Theta Pi.

Despite appeals, Sigma Alpha Epsilon will not be rushing.

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

Beginning with today's issue, The Tech will publish daily through the end of Orientation, Sept. 3.

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

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Retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, 90, Dies

Retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., the self-styled "Lenzie L. Lewis" of the American Bar, was buried yesterday in a Washington, D.C., churchyard.

Powell, 90, was buried at the United Methodist Church of Bethesda, Md., where his body lay in state yesterday. The Rev. John W. M. Keane, a retired bishop of the church, delivered the eulogy.

Powell was the first chief justice to retire in the history of the Supreme Court. He was appointed to the bench in 1972 by President Richard Nixon and served eight years before stepping down in 1980.

Powell was known for his conservative views and his love of baseball. He was a die-hard fan of the Washington Senators, the team that became the Washington Nationals.

He was also a prolific writer and published a number of books on constitutional law and legal history. His final book, "The Court," was published in 2001.

Powell is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and four children.

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Rising Interest Rates Stunt Mexico's Recovery

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

At Tuesday's weekly Central Bank auction, rates on the government's 28-day Cedes, or treasury bill, jumped 1.6 percentage points to 27.16 percent. The main interbank lending rate also rose Tuesday to 28.61 percent, up from a rate of 21.62 percent as recently as Aug. 3.

Most analysts see the current rates surge as a straightforward reaction to the political uncertainty in Mexico, whether or not to cooperate with the United States in fighting drug trafficking.

Some are starting to worry about the potential impact if rates remain high for too long.

Observers note the slowdown in the Asian crisis is affecting all emerging markets, including the rest of Latin America. But some economists are more pessimistic, arguing that prolonged high rates could undermine the recovery.

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

By Ceci Connolly

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (Mo.) Tuesday once again sketched the contours of his behavior in the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal and refused to rule out the possibility of impeachment in contact with the Lewinsky girl.

"I'm not going to speculate," Gephardt said about whether the Lewinsky affair was a "legitimate" issue that Congress must address.

"It seems like he's saying he's not going to rule it out," said a Democratic aide. "But he's not ruling it out, either."

The pilgrims are in town.

Wow! Keeping the faith and fidelity of the American people. The question is: How can we keep the faith and fidelity of the American people?"
As the value of the Russian ruble plummeted 10 percent Tuesday, acting Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin hinted he might have to print more money to avert a financial crisis, three of its biggest banks sought to avert disaster by announcing they will merge to form the country’s largest private banking conglomerate.

And in a separate action Tuesday night, the central bank announced a plan to repay foreign investors by converting high-interest Treasury bonds known as GKOs into securities that would be paid back over a longer period — with ever-drinking rubles and at reduced interest rates.

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

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

"He will have to print more money — there is no doubt about this," economist Nikolai P. Smirnov said. "All other resources have been exhausted. The GKO pyramid has collapsed, Russia is not likely to get any more foreign loans, and there is simply no money left in the country itself."

The plunge in the value of the ruble against the dollar came as the International Monetary Fund gave its blessing to the central bank’s release of reserve funds to private banks with the idea of increasing the flow of the currency into commerce. Instead, the banks sought to protect the value of their money by converting the rubles to dollars. The buying spree quickly prompted a slide in the American dollar.

"Our hope that the banks would use this money to make payments to their customers or to acquire credits with each other did not prove right," Central Bank spokesman Irina Yashina told ORT television.

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

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

But Kabila rallied several other African nations to his side last week. Now, with Angolan ground forces and tanks hammering them from the Atlantic coastal regions, government and Zimbabwean troops pressing them near Kinshasa and MBG fighters of unspecified nationality hunting them by air, the rebel forces are increasingly hemmed in. The fighting reportedly reached within 30 miles of the capital.
The punishments recently meted out to two fraternities expose weaknesses in the fraternity system and the Interfraternity Council's disciplinary procedures. The crippling of a police officer by a bar at Beta Theta Pi has gone entirely unpunished by MIT. At the same time, the Institute has decided not to suspend Sigma Alpha Epsilon since the fraternity violated an injunction against summer recruiting. As a result, SAE will not be rising this fall.

MIT's claim that it was not responsible for the actions of a boarder is not entirely valid. The house's legal responsibility for its boarders has no direct responsibility for their actions. While it would be possible for the fraternity to maintain total control over boarders, particularly those not affiliated with MIT (as the offenders in this case likely were), the fraternities do have a great deal of control over the actions of summer residents. Residents who show any pattern of misbehavior should be threatened with the loss of their security deposit or eviction. BTP is not unique in its treatment of boarders; as such, that house should not be punished just because a fraternity Board choosing to publish their disagreement with the editorial.

Letters to The Editor

Zelevinsky Review Inaccurate
I could not agree more with Vladimir Y. Zelevinsky's in his recent review ['DreamWorks movies show signs of Spielberg', Aug 5], greatly underplay the impact of Saving Private Ryan, a disturbing and powerful film in its entirety -- not simply in its battle scenes.

However, I could not get past Zelevinsky's 'historical trivia bit' stating the United States entered World War II (1939-1945) after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and our first troops began arriving in Europe shortly thereafter. That puts our entry into World War II before the halfway point. Speaking as a grandchild of World War II veterans, I think it is safe to say that D-Day was a seminal turning point. In the future, Mr. Zelevinsky might consider being accurate before he is flippant.

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sador, however, is by far the weakest choice in this field. Flynn has been haunted by campaign finance scandals that have seen former aides land in jail. On a second front, Flynn’s alleged inability to control his appetite for alcohol has also been made an issue, thanks to a scathing series in the Boston Globe last year. Flynn has no superpacs to speak of, nor does he have a washed-up, burnt-up dwarf star with little credibility and respect among many of the district voters.

Our other carpigetbearer is the flamboyant ex-legislator and 1990 lieutenant governor candidate Charlie Clapprood, who had run for governor from posh Sharon to gritty Watertown to contest for the top legislative post in Massachusetts in strong support of abortion rights. Clapprood in recent weeks has been playing these cards in a Massachusetts Democratic primary that appears to attempt to weaken Flynn, who is pro-life. But Clapprood is clearly as disconcerting as those of Flynn, she has one major obstacle to overcome: her big mouth.

While Flynn’s political career is probably as disconcerting as those of Flynn, she has one major obstacle to overcome: her big mouth. Flynn is a washed-up, burnt-up dwarf star with little credibility and respect among many of the district voters.

Another traveled politician in the field is ex-Watertown State Senator George Bachner. He ran for this seat in 1976, losing to Joe Kennedy. Most recently, he unsuccessfully contested the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1994. A liberal with a voting record that would probably most district residents inspire. Clapprood’s most embarrassing moment has been his image if he is to become the choice of voters for a fresh face. Flynn was a member of the city council in the 1990s. He has been described as a ‘smart’ something had to be done - and it was.

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The punishment came after Boston University police officers were allegedly pummelled with full beer bottles and cans by partiers when patrolling in the area around the fraternity, located at 119 Bay State Road in Boston. One BU police officer, James Barry, was injured severely by broken glass and required surgery for a ruptured disk in his neck. Barry has not yet returned to the force and may not be able to continue his injuries, said BU spokesperson Kevin Carlston.

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

Fraternity denies responsibility Members of the fraternity have stated that those at the party were all summer boarders and the boarders’ friends. “What we really have on our hands is a free-for-all where you have people throwing bottles and cans at police officers...and you have fraternity members claiming that they were not involved,” said Ellen E. Rooney, chair of the board. “That’s bizarre.”

Two of the members of the board drew a distinction between the events at Beta and the events that led up to the death of Krueger at Phi Gamma Delta that fall. “That’s bizarre,” said BU Deputy Chief of Police Emric Cappucci.

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

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

BU officials testified before the board that they had repeatedly contacted MIT officials about problems at the fraternity. “Clearly, as of this date, they just don’t get it,” said BU Vice President Richard Towle.

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

The board was extremely lenient in its decision, Carlston said. “The revocation of a liquor license at a party where many of the students are underage isn’t even a slap on the wrist.” As a result, the message the board was giving is, “You can’t kill a student but it’s OK to maim a police officer,” he added.

Board members expressed concern that the previous problems at the fraternity had not been reported. “I can see that [the police] would not want to play the snitch on this,” Pokaski said, but the board could have used the information.

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

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

“They have all these fraternities and they have no jurisdiction?” asked Mulligan. “I suppose it’s nice to say ‘Oh, we have no jurisdiction.’”

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

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

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

There has been a lack of clarity about whether the fraternity has any police privileges within Suffolk County, which would mean that the house would have been required to report any crimes to the board, Michaels said. "There has been no clear indication that the fraternity has any police privilege within the area," said BU Deputy Chief of Police Emric Cappucci.

As a result of the decision, BU police refrained from all investigation of the incident itself. In previous incidents, the Dean’s Office refrained from all investigations until after the end of the criminal proceedings.

The difference with this event was that there was “no clear indication the fraternity was involved as a fraternity,” said Rosalind Williams, the IFC president.

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

“I think the measures the IFC has proposed address the issue directly,” Rosalind Williams said. The suspension of the fraternity has been lifted and the house will be allowed to rush, said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates. “It didn’t make sense to make a rush punishment for a non-rush issue.”

Earlier this month, the IFC fined BTP $1,000 for the incident and mandated that the house be alcohol-free. The BU police also required that the fraternity’s summer residents be composed of at least one-third fraternity members next summer, an act that was approved by the licensing board’s decision to close the house to non-members next summer.

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NEWTON: HEY MAN, WELCOME BACK!

ALBERT: YOU HAVE WAY TOO MUCH STUFF. WHY DON'T WE TAKE A CAB INSTEAD OF THE "T"?

NAAH... I HAVE A BETTER IDEA, NEWTON...

YO, YOU GUYS FRESHMEN? NEED A RIDE?

UH...YEAH...

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**randomeland**

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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STUD. ASSOC.

WELCOME CLASS OF '02

CAMBRIDGE MOSQUITOS ASSOC.

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**Down with Science**

by Jennifer DiMase

ONE SIZE FITS ALL, EH?

ORION 98

MAIL: THE INFAMOUS COLLEGE WASHER AND DRYER...

FIRST DAY HERE AND I'VE ALREADY OUTSMARTED THE SYSTEM.

LOOKS LIKE THE 'LAUNDRY' IDEA IS OUT.

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**Noun Poetry**

by Katy-Cat

carbon base

goulash basket case
FOX TROT

by Bill Amend

DID THE PHONE RING WHILE I WAS OUT? I'M EXPECTING A CALL FROM HOLLYWOOD.

DARE I HAVEN'T NOTICED. THEY'VE COME OUT WHY? WITH A SEQUEL TO THAT MOVIE ABOUT A DOG THAT PLAYS BASKETBALL, HE PLAYS FOOTBALL IN THIS NEW ONE.

SO IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT IF A STUDIO WILL PAY MILLIONS TO FILM AN ATHLETICALLY GIFTED DOG, JUST IMAGINE WHAT THEY'D PAY FOR AN ATHLETICALLY GIFTED IGUANA!

THAT WOULD REQUIRE YOUR MEAN'T TO ASK YOU -- IS THERE A SPORT THAT GIFTED IGUANA INVAWS A LOT OF EATING AND SLEEPING?

OK, QUINCY, THE FIRST THING WE'LL NEED TO DO IS DEMONSTRATE TO HOLLYWOOD THAT YOU CAN DO ANYTHING THAT THIS MOVIE DOG CAN DO.

I'LL LOB YOU THE BALL AND YOU BONK IT OFF YOUR NOSE INTO THAT HOOP UP THERE.

GO BONK, QUINCY! GO BONK!

UM, THAT SOUNDED MORE LIKE "SPLAT" TO ME.

YOU WOULDN'T BY ANY CHANCE STILL HAVE THAT NERF BALL, WOULD YOU?

I HEAR YOUR BROTHER HE IS TRYING TO TEACH HIS IGUANA TO PLAY SPORTS. HE GETS HIM A MOVIE DEAL.

LIKE THAT EXACTLY. BASKETBALL. ALTHOUGH HE'S PLAYING NOT HAVING A DOG?

SO FAR HE'S ELIMINATED BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, HOCKEY, FRISBEE, LACROSSE, BOWLING, SKETT SHOOTING AND JUDO.

I'M SURPRISED HE QUINCY, HASN'T ALSO ELIMINATED I SAID QUINCY. THROW THE DART, THE DAY IS YOUNG.

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Thursday's Events

8:00 p.m. - Aurelius Ensemble Concert. Penderecki's Cadenza for Viola Solo; Schubert's Fantasy for Piano with Four Hands; Gorecki's String Quartet No. 1, Killian Hall (Building 14).

Friday's Events

8:00 - 9:30 p.m. - MIT Masters Swimming Workout. Do you find that Alumni Pool is too crowded during open swim? Try MIT Masters Swimming, Alumni Pool.

8:00 - 11:00 p.m. - Into the Woods. Musical by James Lapine (book) and Stephen Sondheim (music and lyrics). $3 admission for freshmen; $6 for MIT students, various prices for others. Kresge Little Theatre.

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Dilbert

by Scott Adams

WE WON THE BID TO CREATE A DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF THE WORLD’S GREATEST ART.

THIS WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO FIX ANY ERRORS MADE BY THE ARTISTS.

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

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

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

THE “PI” SEND A Shuttle TO CHECK ON OUR STATUS.

FULL OF MALE NASA ENGINEERS.

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WE’VE DIGITALIZED AND INDEXED THE WORLD’S GREATEST ART. THIS IS “THE LAST SUPPER.”

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

DO THEY LOOK HAPPY? COMPARED TO ME. YES.

SOMEBODY ON THE MOON.

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

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

WE PROBABLY SHOULDN’T HAVE INVITED THE LADY. THEY’RE NOT IN THE CONTEST.

WE’RE THE WOMEN WHO LOVE ENGINEERS.

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

IN THAT CASE, INTERRUPTIONS MAKE ME STRONGER.

THIS IS TODAY’S PORKTIVATIONAL MESSAGE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

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

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

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

OH, IN THAT CASE, INTERRUPTIONS MAKE ME STRONGER.

THIS IS TODAY’S MOTIVATIONAL MESSAGE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

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

INITIATE LAUNCH SEQUENCE.

WE HAVE LIFTOFF.

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

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

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

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

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

WE’RE THE WOMEN WHO LOVE ENGINEERS.

NASA MUST BE HIDING HERE.

YOU席 BEEN A GOOD CONTRACT EMPLOYEE. WE’D LIKE TO MAKE YOU A REGULAR EMPLOYEE.

YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO PAY ME LESS?

WE WANT YOU TO BE MOTIVATED BY SOME THING OTHER THAN MONEY. LIKE... STUPIDITY?
I got me a job last month workin' at the city zoo. My job was to feed them polar bears, but they told me I was fired today.

Mom, can I get braces?

Now, why would you want braces when you have such beautiful, straight teeth?

No...I meant for my legs.

Please get back under the porch before one of the neighbors sees you.

I don't know what their problem is. Them bears seemed to like them penguins way better than smelly buckets of dead fish.
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SAE Will Not Rush, Remains Suspended

By Frank Dabek and Zareena Hussain

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

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

Suspension remains in place

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

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

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

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

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

SAE promises change

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

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

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

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

"Allegations about other issues were part of the discussions with SAE," Eisenmann said. Evidence released at the IFC trial alleges that a member or members of SAE were involved in striking Timothy S. Zue '99, a member of Delta Upsilon.

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

As a result of that IFC trial, SAE was banned from participating in any residence selection activities before 6 p.m. on the Saturday of rush and from having freshmen overnight during rush. SAE was also levied an additional $1,600 fine.

Duane H. Dreger '98, president of the IFC, called the punishments "most point," since the fraternity will not be rushing.

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

Douglas E. Heimbürgen contributed to the reporting of this story.

Eric Lindblad G plays an Intrusive and personal bum in "Two Scenes," a play by David Mamet performed by the MIT Community Players.
Confusion, a listing of rush events throughout the week, will be given to freshmen. Previously, rules regarding rush prohibited open rushing until Killian Kick-Off when fraternity rush began. Unlike previous years, dormitory rush will begin concurrently with fraternity rush. In prior years, dormitory rush was delayed until one day following Killian Kick-Off until the fraternity rush began. There will be "no stepping toward freshmen," McGann said. "Kill-Off is being really regulated this year," McGann said. "It's going to be tamer than usual." Dreger said.

Other changes to Orientation include the elimination of two once-capable components, Project Move Off Your Assumptions and Thursday Night Dinners. Project MOYA occurred the first day of R.O. Freshmen were separated into groups of ten to twelve and participated in ice-breaker and problem-solving activities under the direction of upperclassmen acting as MOYA counselors. MOYA has been replaced by a new Thursday program, Sports and Wellness at MIT, McGann said. Following this event will be a barbeque and a new program called BaBa that is intended as a diversity training program, McGann said.

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

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

The introduction of several new programs to increase awareness of residential life issues will round out the major changes to Orientation. An alumni panel consisting of three representatives from FSILGs and three former students on residential issues. The panel will be followed by the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program.

Rules governing contacting and mailing freshmen before their arrival at MIT were also changed from previous years. Fraternity mailings were combined into one summer pamphlet sent to freshmen.

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

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between July 30 and August 12. Information is compiled from the Campus Police's weekly crime summary and from dispatcher logs. This report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

July 30: Bldg. E15, bike secured with cable stolen, $350; Bldg. 66, motorcycle damaged; Bldg. 20, bike secured with cable stolen, $250; Bldg. W31, cash stolen from backpack, $40; Pi Lambda Phi, bicycle and computer stolen, $5,979; Sigma Phi Epsilon, noise complaint, load music, Bldg. 7, fire alarm activated by voices giving out to dinner in Cambridge and smoke detector.

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

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

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


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

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

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

August 7: Bldg. 13, suspicious person stopped and issued a trespass warning; Bldg. E19, suspicious activity; Bldg. 2, aluminum stolen, $100; Bldg. 6, walkman stolen, $100; Delta Kappa Epsilon, laptop stolen, $2,400, outside of Bldg. W87, suspicious activity; Ryder Lot, Assist Cambridge Police with an individual who broke into a building, Tang Hall, unwanted person.

August 8: Senior House, two rooms were entered without breaking-in and described by victims: white shoe, 25-30 years old, $190, heavy build, dark blond hair, has a birth mark on lower right side of neck, soliciting for the AIDS walk; Zeta Psi, camera and cash stolen, $220.

August 10: Student Center, 1) tools stolen, $1,240, 2) laptop computer stolen, unknown value, 3) visiting misser, same location; Bedzy House, house student to call home; P10 lot, students, later returned missing cash; East Lot, student driver struck parked vehicle; Sigma Phi Epsilon, theft.

August 11: Harvard Bridge, assist State Police, non-affiliated bicyclist struck by motor vehicle, minor injuries; Bldg. E12, $25, answering machine stolen, $100; Bldg. 12, tools stolen, $100; Alpha Delta Kappa Epsilon, bike secured with a cable stolen, $350; Kresge lot, erase stereo and backpack stolen, $600; Kappa Sigma, bicycle stolen, $400.

August 12: Harvard Bridge, attempted armed robbery of a MIT student, victim describes suspect as: male, Hispanic looking, 20-30 years of age, slim build, moustache, dressed in a black coat, no clothing, details not provided; Bldg. 35, overnight projector stolen, $675; Alumi Pool, cash and gold chain stolen from a backpack, $70; Student Center, tractor drivers caught the corner of the dumpster pulling away from the loading dock.

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Prospect of Precipitation Doesn't Phase the Orientation Organizers

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

Ho said that the FSP was "really helpful, just knowing what programs are out there, just getting to meet the other freshmen really early... Things are going quite smoothly," said Matthew L. McCann '00, the Orientation logistics coordinator. "We've got a nice flow," he said.

"Thursday, we'll just play it by ear," he said. "I mean, we're crossing our fingers. We'd rather it doesn't rain."

Housing, from Page 1

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

The task force report calls upon the Institute to provide "transitional financial assistance" to FSILGs during the period of change, Williams said. The Academic Council informed me yesterday that the FSILG system should be protected during the period of change, Williams said.

Choice preserved in system

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

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

Additionally, the Academic Council and the task force both are supporting the housing of freshmen in dormitories that also house upperclassmen. The extent and ratios of freshmen to upperclassmen in the dormitory system after 2001 will be discussed in the future, Williams said.

Many decisions yet to be made

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

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

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

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

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

"[Thursday] morning, I had told people from the IFC to ignore it for ten days and to focus with the issue at hand — rush," Dreger said. "We figured we'd work on it at the beginning of term."

"It's a surprise," he said. "I don't think we'd lose anyone from it." Nonetheless, the future decisions regarding the timing and rules of rush "will more directly impact the survivability of houses," Dreger said.

The transition to having freshmen on campus will "make or break" the system, he said. This year's rush will likely not be affected by the announcement, Williams said. In deciding to announce the plans, the greater fear was keeping information from freshmen than affecting the upcoming rush.

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

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

Offering help from Page I

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