Most Freshmen Get Top Choice Under Revised Lottery System

By Douglas E. Heimburger

Outbursts of joy far outnumbered cries of protest in and outside computer clusters across campus as students learned of their dormitory assignments.

This year's lottery results are vastly improved from previous years, said Program Director of Residential Life Philip M. Bernard, who administers the lottery.

No students received a dormitory ranked lower than third, Bernard said, and only 10 students received their third choice.

Indeed, said Bernard, students are more likely to pledge fraternities and independent living groups as of 5 p.m. yesterday, Bernard said. The results so far this year represent a significant dropoff from previous years. Last year, 332 freshmen pledged off campus living groups. In 1996, 36 freshmen decided to live in fraternities and independent living groups.

In the end, over 250 students will likely pledge fraternities and ILGs, said Neal H. Dorow, associate dean of RISLIP and adviser to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

As of now, four houses have closed their desks, indicating all of their bids have either been accepted or declined. Dorow said Rush officially ends at the end of the week.

Lottery improves over past years

Last year, six students received their fourth choice and 20 students received their third choice, even though only 676 students were placed.

This year, 744 students were placed in dormitories through the lottery.

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Alleged Rape Victim Files Suit Against DU, MIT for Negligence

By Zareena Hussain

A woman who alleged she was raped at Delta Upsilon in 1996 has filed suit against both the Institute and fraternity for negligence.

The suit alleges that the woman, Angela Colt, was served so much alcohol she could not fend off her attacker.

Colt filed suit Monday against MIT, DU's national corporation, and the chapter's alumni association, which owns the house. The suit alleges a "negligent failure to ensure the safety of those lawfully on the premises of MIT's fraternity houses."

Matthew B. Keller '97, the alleged assailant, was also named as a defendant in the case.

Colt, then 17, and a co-worker attended a party at the fraternity on

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Orientation Begins For Parents This Weekend

By Jennifer Chung

A wide variety of activities have been planned to both entertain and inform parents as they reunite with their children to help ease the transition to MIT life.

The annual Parents Orientation begins tomorrow with several simultaneous events being offered. The Athletic Department, Medical Center, Campus Police, Student Services Center, and Office of Minority Education are all sponsoring open houses.

Events throughout the weekend include dinner hall and campus tours, a President's Reception and Continental Breakfast, a Sunday Brunch and Cruise, and an event called Parenting 101.

The MIT Museum will host a presentation on Hacks at MIT on Friday night, as well as having an open house on Saturday night.

Vest will receive parents The centerpiece of Parent's Orientation, the President's Reception, is expected to draw large crowds.

Catering has been arranged for the continental breakfast that accompanies the reception at the President's House with expectations that 1,800 people will attend, according to managers from Aramark.

"Very large numbers" of administrators have been invited to meet parents during the traditional continental breakfast held in Walker Memorial as part of the President's Reception, said Margaret R. Bates, dean for student life. Freshman advisors, administrators, graduate residence tutors, housemasters, and approximately ten to twelve additional groups — including the Campus Police, financial aid office, and Parent's Association — will also have tables at the event, Bates said.

Saturday's President's Reception

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Hillary Clinton Goes Solo
In Northern Ireland

The Washington Post
HILLARY CLINTON, NORTHERN IRELAND

A cool and polished Hillary Rodham Clinton burst through the crowd and walked the President in a line of U.S. military police that crowds that hail her as a role model for the women of the world.

If the first lady was bothered by the fact that her husband's infidelity was merely passing through town on his way to Scotland, she gave no sign of it as she answered questions jointly with Naina Yeltzin, wife of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, in Moscow and received positive reviews at two speeches here in Northern Ireland.

In both locales she talked easily about working and traveling with the men she has known all her life.

In her first solo appearance since the president admitted to an improper relationship with a White House intern, Hillary Clinton left Moscow on Thursday in the wake of a weekend visit to the town of Chechnya, an autonomous republic of the Russian Federation.

In Chechnya, a provincial capital in the Caucasus, where fighting is rife between Chechen rebels and Russian forces, the United States was represented by the president's wife.

"It's a very tough job," she said. "But I'm enjoying it."

The president is expected to join his wife in Northern Ireland on Thursday.

Yeltzin's trip to Northern Ireland participating in the three-day event, there seemed to be almost universal admiration for Mrs. Clinton, and a willingness to ignore her domestic problems.

"We don't want to be the ones who lose this," said one senior White House aide.

The trip to Northern Ireland is expected to end Wednesday.

Weather

The Rolling Stone

The weather is expected to be fair and sunny with a high near 70 (24-26°C).

We believe that the possible impact of Hurricane Earl on the region is minimal. The storm is expected to make landfall in the Carolinas over the next two days, and forecasts indicate that the impact will be primarily as a tropical storm.

In response to this situation, the United States has warned against potential flooding and issued evacuation orders for communities along the Apalachicola Bay. Mandatory evacuations were ordered for residents in the coastal areas of Florida, Georgia, and Alabama.

In summary, the situation is under control, and there is no need for panic or unnecessary evacuation.
In Testimony, Clinton Admitted He Aided Lewinsky in Search

By John F. Harris and Susan Millbank

WASHINGTON

President Clinton said prosecu
tors tried to trick him when he was quizzing a former aide in 1997 to get him to write a false report about his infidelity. Clinton said he tried to remember what he had said to prevent his testimony from being distorted. He also said he was trying to protect the reputation of former White House officials who had been convicted of perjury.

By Anna M. Simmons

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Taba in central Rwanda during the Los Angeles Times plea in his African nation.

Wednesday for his role in the 1994

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WASHINGTON

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The Problems with State Lotteries

Chance for Quick Fix Presents Inescapable Yet Dangerous Lane for the Poor

Michael Ring

One of this summer’s great spectacles was the Powerball jackpot, which came within striking distance of gripping the nation. With a nearly $300 million jackpot at stake, a storm of excitement and mania swept over the country. Many of the players in the lottery behaved responsibly, realizing the odds of winning Powerball were astronomical (1 in 175 million). But there were also those who couldn’t resist the temptation of a quick win, further driving the excitement.

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Unfortunately, a great number of Powerball players took the lottery too seriously. In any state and probably any store that sells Powerball tickets, cases of compulsive gambling will abound. Take of states spending $100,000, and even $500 on Powerball to the tune of $1 billion over the last two years. This sums up the cost of holding a press conference urging people not to spend beyond their means.

The anecdoté of the waltz highlights a second problem that became obvious with the recent Powerball drawing. Americans are willing to travel long distances just to hit the next lottery jackpot. In southern New Hampshire, a state which participates in Powerball, almost 10% of its population was in line to play the game. But nowhere was the mob frenzy as evident as it was in Greenwich. The quiet Connecticut town, having the misfortune of being the first over the New York border, was inundated by residents of the Big Apple hoping up for Powerball tickets.

Lines at many of the town’s gas stations and convenience stores were 500 players long, and one noted to wait for six hours before finally reaching the betting terminals. Traffic was gridlocked for days, and several arrests were made over disorderly conduct. The cost of holding a press conference urging people not to spend beyond their means.

It is true that there are other forms of gambling available, as well, none as problematic as state lotteries. Thoroughbred, harness, and greyhound racing are all popular activities. And, it is not uncommon to find a group of hikers making a side trip to a mini-casino to play the lottery. However, state lotteries are not the only form of gambling available. Keno, which turns convenience stores into miniature casinos, High-stakes scratch ticket contests are also popular.

Now, they are some important lessons we need to learn. Less time promoting lottery the as a fun, recreational activity and the follow the cue of the lottery industry. Compulsive lottery players need to be reminded that the odds are against them. And, they need to be made aware that winning on Powerball can be fun, waging the occasional $10 or $20 on Powerball or two thousand can destroy one’s life.

Living in an Age of Information Overload

Dan McGuire

As recently as a few centuries ago, it was possible for a guy with a lot of time on his hands and a decent amount of money to accumulate in his house the entire sum of western knowledge. Now we can do that with a click of a mouse.

You figure that the largest private libraries would stock a Bible, a concordance, a couple old encyclopedias, and a few Greek and Arabic texts on science, mathematics, and philosophy. That’s a lot of reading!

This sort of distribution makes sense given the market conditions prevalent in the late middle ages and early renaissance. A good portion of the population was illiterate and the wealthy who did have books had them stored in libraries that were locked up with keys until a work of interest was requested.

It’s hard to imagine medieval scribal spending weeks illuminating a five-page section of texts. That is not the way things are done today. Today, we can have a magazine that catalogs his or her own personal library with a big red stamp that says, “This document is the property of the owner.”

But it contains and more that it appeals to the of prejudices, predilections, and world views that one already hold. It’s possible, given the economics of modern publishing, to print a magazine devoted entirely to flying or smoking cigars. Paper is cheap, stringers are cheap, and the management and publishing structure already exists.

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But what is really changing the face of information revolution is the Internet. Nothing gets more specific than one’s personal musings on the current state of the world. A person who would have to call tech support to learn how to pick his nose is now able to immortalize his thoughts on the Internet. And, he can do it an undetectable, un- gate on the Information Superhighway. Internet and who knows what it will mean to the extent of the problem. Almost 16,000 people felt compelled to tell the world about their favorite daily life drink. How many, 130,000 people want everyone to know what they are interested in. And almost 19,000 people have done so.

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**RESTAURANT REVIEW**

**La Famiglia Giorgio**

Lots and lots of okay food

By Raiffi Krikorian

La Famiglia Giorgio

Price per person: $15 – $18

250 Newbury Street, Boston

Hours: M-F 11am-10pm, Sa noon-10pm

No reservations, no dress code

Rating: 2 out of 5

For some reason, La Famiglia Giorgio seems to be a very popular place, and many of my friends have recommended it to me for its great food, perfect service, and large portions. I guess two out of three is not bad.

The service at La Famiglia is very friendly but lacks a certain amount of grace; one must not mind being pointed at and called "you" when ordering food. The food itself is decent (if a little bland, unimaginative, and oily) and the portions are quite generous. Lastly, the price is not at all unreasonable. For about $15, you can get a decent and filling meal.

When I first approached the restaurant, it looked like a cute little place with outdoor eating and appetizing food. The building is quaint: a nice little brick structure which houses the basement kitchen and dining room. On the patio in front of the building are small, two-person dining tables with closely packed chairs; inside, the seating arrangement is apparent, leaving a single aisle down the center along which the waiters carefully navigate. If you are claustrophobic, definitely sit outside as there are no windows in the cramped downstairs quarters. La Famiglia gets a lot of traffic on Friday nights and on the weekends, so they do their best to seat as many people as possible.

Aside from the shower of old bread crumbs which empty from the worn menu onto one's lap, the menu looks quite appetizing — there is everything from Calamari to Pastrami, an appetizing Chicken section, and even steak tips for those who were dragged into an Italian restaurant against their will.

Price changes are unfortunately marked with post-it notes, which usually fall off due to the bread crumbs. When ordering your food on a budget, make sure your price is right.

Thankfully, the main courses arrived quickly; the bread given to us to whet our appetites was cold. The main courses were stop platters nearly overflowing with pasta and sauce. After eating what I thought was a considerable amount, there was still no visible dent in the mountain of pasta on my plate. My complaint is that my meal was swimming in olive oil, which crept to the edge of the plate and completely doused the food underneath. The tomato sauce was also simple and bland.

On the whole, the meal was decent, spectacular only in portion. If you are looking for some place elegant, this restaurant is probably not the place to go. But if you and your friends are in the area, and are looking for a large amount of Italian food at a reasonable price, then La Famiglia Giorgio is just about perfect.

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I WANNA PLEDGE!

by Jennifer DiMase

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10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Graduate Student Council Information Booth. Obtain information on the GSC and MIT in general. Obtains tickets for the various graduate student orientation events. Lobby 10. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Graduate Student Activities Carnival. Participants from various graduate student clubs and sports organizations. Come out and play, swim, dance, and have fun. Kresge Oval. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. - New Graduate Student BBQ Dinner and Concert. All new graduate students can obtain tickets to attend free. Eat good food with your department. Free local SKA band concert at 8 pm open to all graduate students. Kresge Oval. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. - MIT Logarhythms Auditions. Auditions for the MIT's only all-male cappella group, now entering its 50th year. Bring a prepared song (no accompaniment necessary) and a joke. Signup for an audition by writing logs@mit.edu. Room 4-148. Sponsor: Logarhythms.

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8:00 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. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild.

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Wednesday's Events

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - GSC General Council Meeting. All graduate students are welcome. Food will be provided. Room 50-220. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Quiz Bowl Team Kick-off Meeting. Introductory meeting for all MIT students interested in joining the MIT Quiz Bowl Team. Room 4-270. Sponsor: Quiz Bowl Team.

Next Friday's Events

7:00 p.m. - Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. You might consider a big-screen adaptation of Hunter S. Thompson's biting satire to be an insufferable task, but it's difficult to imagine a director more suited for the job than Terry Gilliam. I'll show. Page 11. Sponsor: BSA.

5:00 p.m. - The Tech news meeting. Interested in finding out what's happening on campus? Join us for our first news meeting of the term. We're looking for new news staff, and no experience is necessary! Student Center, Room 483. Sponsor: The Tech.

9:30 p.m. - MIT Debate Orientation/Ice Cream Social. Join MIT Debate to find out how you can be involved this semester - no experience necessary! Student Center, Room 483. Sponsor: The Tech.

10:00 p.m. - Deep Impact. Digital sound makes its debut at LSC! Scientists discover a comet on a collision course with Earth. NASA brings a former astronaut out of retirement to command an international crew to save the world. 2 hours, 3 minutes. Room 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

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**Into the Woods**

**MTG's fairy tale dreams come true**

Photography by Greg Kuhnen

By Vladimir V. Zalesnisky

*Staff reporter*

Music by Stephen Sondheim (music, lyrics) and James Lapine (book)  
Produced by Carolyn Jones  
Directed by Scott Gagnon  
Orchestrations by Ed Barros  
Visual direction by Jose Ellindo  
Set design by Jennifer Condon  
Lighting design by Stuart Levine

With Youngmoo Kim, Cara Loughlin, Mary Tsien, Young-U. S. Kim, Teresa DiGenova, Mary Tiam, Harker Alan deLespinasse, Jamez Kirtley, John Light, Howard Stern, and many others

An MIT Musical Theatre Guild presentation.

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Once upon a time, there was a little girl, whose grandmother made her a bright red cloak with a hood, which became the girl so much that every- one called her Little Red Riding Hood. Once, when her grandmother became ill, the girl took a basket of sweetmeats and set out to deliver it to grandma. The girl entered the woods, and who did she meet but a wolf.

Oh, what a moment—she's supposed to meet a wolf. Are we in the land of fairy tales? Well, no—the taker is here, not as a guest star of another story (Snow White, but as a full-fledged character and a denizen of the same world. After all, we're in the woods, and anything can happen here. This one is produced by the MTG Musical Theatre Guild, is a fulfillment of a wish. After a few inconsistencies and sickly sweetness in the show's first act, Into the Woods was spellbinding. The audience was thoroughly entertained. As the show moved into its second act, the mood turned much more somber and serious, without losing any of its magical atmosphere.

The show is a clever combination of different fairy tales, such as Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Beauty and the Beast. The stories which we all know from our childhood are presented in a new, more adult perspective.

The cast and crew work hard in Act I, helping the audience to forget about the technical rough spots, the only obvious fault in the entire production. Most of the acting and singing performances are quite good, but there are a few that are less so. Director Scott Gagnon (himself in agony since he's caught between two tales at once, trying to decide between Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty) does a good job in directing the show. The mood of the show is so agile that it keeps the audience on their toes throughout the entire performance.

The final song is a treat as well, and it is the only clear point and a sharp distinction between good and evil. The actors, having previously defined their characters, can now explore them deeper, and the central theme of the musical becomes clear. Also, call me a stickler for technical perfection, but the aspect of the show I enjoyed most was a truly fantastic lighting design, and in Act II it is absolutely spellbinding.

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Law May Protect Free Speech in Michigan Colleges

State University doesn't enforce any speech codes, but the bill would protect future decisions to prohibit speech, said Henry Silverman, president of the Lansing branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. "This sounds very encouraging that this kind of safeguard may be built into legislation," he said. MSU President M. Peter McPherson issued statements in the State News in past years stating his "strong beliefs in the First Amendment of the Constitution." The letter emphasized "individual responsibility" and the "spirit of [MSU's] core values.

The proposed legislation isn't the first time the issue of free speech on college campuses has surfaced. In 1989, a speech code at the University of Michigan resulted in 20 cases of white students charging black students with offensive speech. The code, which lasted 18 months, was declared unconstitutional after a Black student was punished for saying "white trash" in a conversation, said an ACLU Web page.

Another case, published in the Chicago Tribune on May 5, 1991, involved a University of Connecticut student ordered to move off campus because of a sign she posted on her dorm room making fun of "preppies," "bimbos," "men without chest hair" and "homos." After a federal lawsuit was threatened, the student was allowed to move back on campus and the university revised its code of conduct.

SAE chapter pleads in LSU case

Prosecutors investigating the death of a Louisiana State University pledge last year made progress in the criminal case surrounding the death of Benjamin Wynne.

The lawyer for the suspended Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter pled no contest to 86 criminal charges against the fraternity Monday, according to Prem Burns, assistant district attorney for East Baton Rouge Parish. Pleading no contest is the same as admitting guilt, but the plea cannot be used against SAE in a civil lawsuit, Burns said.

LSU will receive $100 for each count, totaling $8,600, which will be used for alcohol awareness education, she said. SAE will also compensate the LSU and Baton Rouge police departments for half of the money spent during their criminal investigations, she said. The DA's office is asking Murphy's Bar to pay matching fines to the two police organizations.

A trial is scheduled for Nov. 4 to bring the 86 criminal charges against the bar, Burns said. They will go to trial if they do not make a plea before then. Wynne died on Aug. 26, 1997 of acute alcohol poisoning after a night party at Murphy's Bar. Wynne's autopsy revealed his blood-alcohol level to be .588, with traces of the drug Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate.

Prosecutors contacted a medical doctor who indicated the GHB, combined with so much alcohol, was a lethal combination. Burns said. GHB can knock a person unconscious. Mixed with alcohol, it can suppress the ability to breathe and vomit, she said. It is "very likely" Wynne died because he could not vomit the alcohol and GHB out of his system. (The Reveille, Sept. 2)

Marijuana bill continues

A ruling by a federal court judge Wednesday left the door open for cannabis cooperatives throughout California, including one in Berkeley, to continue their distribution of medicinal marijuana, even though it is illegal under federal law.

Meanwhile, the city of Berkeley joins other cities governments waiting for a federal decision before trying to aid the cooperatives in legally distributing the drug.

"At this point we are taking a wait-and-see-attitude," said Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean. "It is obvious to us that everyone in Berkeley supports being able to utilize marijuana for medicinal purposes."

Dean added that pending the decision, the city may have to look at a different method to dispense medicinal marijuana. "Because we have a city health department, we may examine the option of dispensing marijuana. "Because we have a city health department, we may examine the option of dispensing marijuana ourselves."

The city has already tampered with marijuana law on several occasions. For instance, it passed an ordinance that states that cannabis clubs within city limits cannot be within a certain distance of schools.

John Pilka, co-founder of the Berkeley Cannabis Buyers Cooperative declined to be interviewed. When asked about the decision regarding the Oakland clubs, he

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Vest to Greet Parents Saturday

Parents, from Page 1

is actually split into two parts. Along with the breakfast in Walker, a receiving line to meet President Charles M. Vest will begin at the President's House. Student music groups will provide entertainment while parents wait to meet Vest.

This event, like all of the other Parents Orientation events, is open to freshmen as well. “Freshmen are welcome to attend [the President's Reception] with their parents," Bates said.

Orientation Center will be open

Although the Orientation Center will be closed tonight until the conclusion of Orientation at “Presenting the Class of 2002 — Part 2,” members of the Orientation Committee will still be on the third floor of the Student Center from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday to greet parents and distribute schedules of events, according to Amy W. Cui ’01, coordinator of Parents Orientation.

Except for running several tours which will take place on Sunday, “we only put out the schedule,” Cui said. Additionally, members of the Orientation Committee will be around to help out at the weekend’s events.

Cui gave a “rough guess” that about 300 to 500 parents would be in attendance from Friday through Sunday to learn more about MIT and help their children move in.

ICF talks about frat life

Neal H. Doreo, advisor to fraternities, sororities and independent living groups, the presidents of the Panhellicnic Association and the Interfraternity Council, and representatives of off-campus living groups will conduct a panel called Greek 101 on Saturday afternoon.

At the event, panelists will “try and explain a little bit about life in a fraternity or sorority,” Doreo said, as well as answer questions parents may have.

With regards to alcohol and fraternities, Doreo said that if “parents have concerns about their son or daughter and alcohol, they should talk to them. If their son or daughter chooses to drink alcohol, we hope that they will do so responsibly. We’d do the best we can.”

Simultaneously occurring with the panel will be an event called Mi Casa Es Su Casa for parents of students who will be residing off-campus. Parents will be able to visit their child’s specific dormitory to meet housemasters, GRTs, and officers of the house.

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between August 13 and August 26.

Aug. 13: Bldg. NW12 lot, cash stolen from an unlocked vehicle, $35.

Aug. 14: Massachusetts Avenue and Vasar Street, arrest to a complainant regarding a hit and run involving a bicycle and a pedestrian.

Aug. 15: Kreuge lot, bag stolen from vehicle, $300.

Aug. 16: Edison Charter, noise complaint, Bldg. 11, suspicious activity. Memorial Dr., female reported that while she was jogging a male exposed himself; he was placed under arrest.

Aug. 17: East Lot, vehicle broken into and cellular phone stolen, unknown value; Zeta Phi, wallet stolen, $65; Kreuge lot, car broken into and laptop computer stolen, $2,800; DuPont Athletic Center men’s locker room, wallet containing cash and credit cards stolen, $15; Bldg. 10, suspicious activity.

Aug. 18: Faculty Club, Louis M. Mongiello Ave., Miami Beach, Fla., arrested for breaking and entering and other related charges.

Aug. 19: Bldg. 2, malicious damage, Ashdown, bicycle tire stolen.

Aug. 20: Burton, bicycle secured with a U lock stolen, $157; Bldg. 12, CD player stolen, $100; Bldg. 3, computer stolen, $2,775; Delta Kappa Epsilon, jewelry stolen, $1,515; Bldg. 18, using phone call; Zeta Phi, laptop stolen, $2,205.

Aug. 21: Bldg. 8, computer stolen, $1,650; Bldg. 35, laptop and bag stolen, $2,050; Alpha Delta Phi, bicycle parts stolen, $250; Kappa Sigma, wallet stolen; Kreuge, backpack stolen, $200; Bldg. 10, auto alarm, no car found.

Aug. 22: Bldg. NE4A, bicycle secured with a cable stolen, $300; Burton-Conner, air conditioner stolen, later returned; Bldg. 9, checked to ensure office secured and conducted a stop of person who checked out OK. Ashdown, report of suspicious person, same checked out OK.

Aug. 23: Briggs Field, suspicious persons, stopped and issued a trespassing warning. Memorial Drive, assist State Police with minor motor vehicle accident; Eastgate, suspicious vehicle, same checked out to be person moving in.

Aug. 24: Student Center, family fire pull station; Bexley, water flow alarm; DuPont weight room, suspicious person, same checked out OK. Dowey Library, passport stolen, Student Center, suspicious package.

Aug. 25: Main lot, minor motor vehicle accident; Nu Delta, threats between persons known to each other; Walker, bicycle secured with cable, unknown value; Alpha Tau Omega, bicycle checked after rear of Random Hall, suspicious persons, same issued trespass warning.

Aug. 26: Bldg. 10, assist an employee with a restraining order issue, Bldg. 11, tools stolen, unknown value; Bldg. 40, annoying e-mail; Massachusetts Avenue and Albany Street, assist Cambridge Police with person who had fallen asleep at the wheel of her vehicle; Ashdown, noise complaint, noise was from function on Student Center steps; Baker House, smoke detector activated by welder.

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Cable Days
Get connected to MITnet

September 4th
Burton-Conner: 3-5pm, location TBA
East Campus & Senior House: 6-8pm, in EC Talbot Lounge
MacGregor: 8-10pm, in dining hall

September 5th
McCormick: 3-5pm, in Brown Living Room
Bexley Hall: 6-8pm, Space Lounge or Besk
Random Hall: 8-10pm, in first floor lounge

September 6th
Baker House: 3-5pm, location TBA
Next House: 6-8pm, in main lounge (TFL)
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More significantly, 85 percent of those entering the lottery received their first choice this year, compared to 69 percent last year, when some algorithmic improvements were added. In 1996, 76 percent of those entering the lottery received their first choice.

The principal reason for the improvements in the assignments was a variety of alterations to the lottery program written by Eliot S. Levitt ’89, a former staff assistant in the Office of Residence and Campus Activities, which is now a part of the Office of Residence Life and Student Life Programs.

Levitt improved the algorithm used to assign students to dormitories by adding additional optimization levels, he said. In previous years, only one optimization was used; this year, the program then attempted to make two- and three-way swaps in order to further optimize the selections.

Crowding in system increases

As a result of the relatively low number of freshman pledging fraternity, the crowding level in the system is at around 175, higher than in previous years.

This year’s algorithm also worked to set the crowding levels in particular dormitories, said Bernard said. As a result, 16 lounges in MacGregor House will be converted into doubles this fall.

On the other hand, East Campus will not be as crowded as in some previous years. The changes in crowding levels were designed to increase the number of students getting their first or second choice.

At the same time, the system was not allowed to completely overcrowd facilities, said Associate Dean for Residence Life Andrew S. Eisenmann ’70. The lottery was generally allowed to select the number of people “within five or 10” of a target, Eisenmann said.

The program released upper and lower bounds for the number of students in each dormitory, Levitt said. The use of Tang Hall as an undergraduate dormitory for 130 students has significantly relieved pressure on the dormitory system this fall, Bernard said.

Other improvements to the system include corrections to ensure that being in a roommate group does not enhance or decrease one’s chances of getting a choice, and the removal of McCormick Hall from male selection lists, Levitt said.

McCormick down, Baker up

There were some significant changes in the number of students picking certain dormitories this year. Demand for female-only housing appears to be on the decline. McCormick Hall, traditionally the most oversubscribed dormitory, was chosen first by only 71 students, with 67 slots available. Last year, 100 students selected it first, and in 1996-97 225 students placed it first.

Baker House, which was undersubscribed for the last several years, this year was the most oversubscribed dormitory, with 119 students vying for the 80 available slots in the partially-renovated dormitory.

Senior House, which was oversubscribed for the last two years after its renovation, became undersubscribed this year with 23 students applying for the 30 slots.

East Campus continues to be the most undersubscribed dorm, with 52 students ranking it first for 79 slots. Last year, 77 students ranked the dorm first while 107 were assigned to the facility.

The results this year came out just after the announced time of 5 p.m., causing anxiety for many waiting for their results. “We were all like, ‘what’s going on,’” said Erin Symon ’02.

New system planned for next year

While this year’s program produced results far better than in previous years, next year’s freshmen will likely be bated into their dormitories using a new program, Levitt said.

Work is progressing on a new Java-based program that could potentially use genetic algorithms instead of multiple levels of optimization to achieve its task, Levitt said.

The current system has been used in some form since 1990, Levitt said, adding that the system for student additions has changed twice since then. Initially, staff members entered the data into the computer system. Later, students used a bank of Macintosh computers in the Student Center, and most recently an Athena and world wide web interface have been used.

Levitt plans to conduct a statistical analysis of lottery results over the years in developing next year’s algorithm.

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CPs Took No Action in 1996 Per Victim’s Request

Lawsuit, from Page 1

Aug. 2, 1996, Colt’s co-worker was a DU brother from another college living at the MIT chapter over the summer, according to The Boston Globe. The alleged assailant was not a member of the fraternity.

“Matthew Keller was definitely not a brother,” said Jeffrey L. Steinheider ’99, DUrush chair.

According to the suit, alcohol was being served indiscriminately to minors including the Plaintiff.”

The suit says that no one at the fraternity was checking identification at the door to ensure that those entering the fraternity were old enough to drink. The suit also claims that there was “no responsible oversight of the happenings at the premises by those in a position to control the premises including, but not limited to, MIT” and the other institutional defendants.

Colt reported the incident to the Campus Police four days after the DU party, according to a statement released by Kenneth D. Campbell of the News Office.

“She expressly told [Campus Police] that she did not want to initiate any action against the man who she said had assaulted her.”

The CPs have a policy of not pressing charges if the victim wishes not to.

“Because Ms. Colt asked the MIT police not to take any steps to help her prosecute the man, MIT Police took no further action on their own,” Campbell said.

Before filing suit, there was an attempt to settle out of court, according to Campbell’s statement.

“In January, 1998, Ms. Colt’s lawyer demanded a substantial sum of money from MIT. MIT declined to settle the matter because it believes there is no validity to the claim that MIT is legally responsible for this incident,” Campbell said.

Victims of rape have the option of withholding their name from any lawsuit. However, Colt decided to use her own name.

“It’s her hope that by taking this action, the responsible parties will take steps to protect those in fraternity houses,” Colt’s lawyer, Jeffrey Beeler, told the Globe.

The house first became aware of the suit filed against DU on Wednesday morning, Steinheider said.

“We haven’t been served the official paper for the case,” he said.
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