Residence at Caltech
Marked by Choice

By Karen Robinson

As Undergraduate Association President Matthew L. McGann '00 told the Class of 2003, MIT's housing is somewhat unusual in that incoming students choose their housing and live with upperclassmen. Our unusual system is marked by that of the California Institute of Technology, which is based on "a kind of hybrid dorm-frat known as a house," said Bryan Eastin, Caltech '01. There are seven on-campus houses: Blacker, Dabney, Fleming, Lloyd, Page, Ricketts, and Ruddock. Each "comprises a kind of extended family," Eastin said. Members of a house eat together every evening, and most socializing also takes place within a house. Like MIT dorms and living groups, houses have distinct personalities. Caltech junior Celeste Yang, said the "nodes," or tunnel hackers, often live in her house. Blacker. Page and Fleming residents, she said, are often more athletic.

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Hurricane Dennis Picking Up Steam, Eyes Florida Land

By Ed Scherer and James F. Smith

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hurricane Dennis strengthened to category 4 status Monday, its winds gusting to 160 miles per hour as it roared toward the Florida Keys on its way to the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami predicted Dennis would hit the Florida Keys late Monday, pass over the Florida Peninsula and move into the Gulf of Mexico, possibly becoming a more powerful Category 5 storm.

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Turkey Faces New Psychological Aftereffects of Deadly Quake

By Mary Beth Sheridan

For Nilgun Ulgen, Turkey's deadly earthquake never ends.

Night after night, the 30-year-old woman talks to her terrorist, her sorrows at her side.

Like Ulgen, tens of thousands of survivors and people in northwest Turkey are beginning to suffer psychological aftershocks much like a major earthquake, say psychologists. Some victims are expected to recover to the kind of disaster suffered by Vietnam veterans.

Turkish government hospitals aid some victims, psychologists are scrambling to set up counseling clinics and hotlines. But they are concerned that this developing country lacks the professionals and the money to handle such a massive psychological problem.

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In the days after the magnitude 7.4 temblor, victims came to the hospital with shock and terrified of another tremor. But for many of the 17,472 injured, Friday was at least 13,472 — didn't it sink in. Victims threw themself out the window in a desperate attempt to find shelter.

Now that the survivors have settled into tents, however, they are being hit with an emotional tidal wave as they come to grips with the sudden jolt that shattered their lives.

"I undo my seat belt and open the door of my car when it's going too fast. I just imagine the dangers I'd face," said Chances Hester, safety manager of the company that runs a popular amusement park.

The Center for Democracy and Technology, a civil liberties advocate, said it was outraged by the FCC's decision.

"The FCC should not have squandered the unique opportunity to establish modern communications policy in place to enable law enforcement agencies that they were losing their ability to conduct wiretaps because of rapid new digital technologies," said James X. Dempsey, senior staff counsel at the center. He said the FCC should have been more concerned about the cost.

Manufacturers, designers and safety experts say modern amusement rides are built to avoid all foreseeable harm to riders.

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"The new surveillance standards are so-called packet-mode communications, used on the Internet and increasingly for voice communications. The FCC said if the standards are applied, investigators could gain access to the content of a call at times when they were legally allowed only to trace the call's source. The agency also said it would issue a final order with a solution by September of next year.

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I is a motorist who Brooklyn's ordinance is a needed safety measure. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has demonstrated that cellular phone use is a handicap to safe operation of a motor vehicle. One must take (at least) one hand off the wheel to phone users pay attention to their conversations, swerving on the expressway. Cellular users must be issued $100 against the traffic scofflaws. Next month they will enforce fines of up to $500. The Kansas Board of Education voted earlier this month to eliminate virtually any mention of evolution from the state's school science textbooks. What scares me about Kansas's decision on evolution is that schools might suddenly decide not to teach evolution at all. Any statement about life's origins should be considered as theory, not fact. In some rural towns, teachers might figure, even though they know evolution is worth teaching, that it's not worth the trouble of confronting the creationists.

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Extracurricular Opportunities at the Institute

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Religious

MIT Atheists, Agnostics, and Humanists

MITAhh (MIT Atheists, Agnostics, and Humanists) provides an open forum for students who want to engage in religious claims to express and discuss their opinions and experiences. The group's primary activities consist of group meetings and discussions both in person and online. The discussions include a variety of topics, from evolution to the death penalty and from the origin of beauty to the history of the universe. They have held talks and discussions with Prof. Steven Pinker, MIT chaplains, and many others.

For more information: <mitaah.mit.edu>, mitaah-list@mit.edu.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

At MIT there are about 30 students who want to dedicate their lives to God and to each other. Through Bible study, fellowship, and prayer, we want God to move in their hearts.

For more information: <mitbss-summer@mit.edu>, mitbss-list@mit.edu.

MIT Caribbean Club

The MIT Caribbean Club is a student organization dedicated to representing the interests of students from the Caribbean. We help to promote Caribbean Culture at MIT and serve as a resource to the wider community to foster awareness of the Caribbean. Each semester, the club holds events to stimulate discussions on issues critical to Regional Development, in the past, speakers at such events have included West Indian Ministers, professors, entrepreneurs, and entertainers. Last year the Club hosted the 7th Annual North East Regional Caribbean Students Conference where topics relating to Caribbean Culture, Science, Technology and Economics were discussed. Our big events this year are the Caribbean Weekend (for that weekend Caribbean activities are held throughout the institute) and a Caribbean Carnival. The Cuban Catch & Cocoa hosts monthly meetings and socials, and at least two parties every semester where Outsiders (Panama, Colombia, and Asia) are featured. Sporting events and retreats are also organized by the club.

Currently, the MIT Caribbean Club serves as an outlet for its members to relax and enjoy themselves while still being active during a frequently hectic school year.

For more information: caribclub@mit.edu, caribclub.mit.edu.

Chinese Students Club

The Chinese Students Club is one of the largest and most active cultural organizations with over 150 members, who come from a diverse set of nationalities and disciplines.

The club's events include cultural activities, social gatherings, service programs, and athletic tournaments.

CSC holds a general meeting every week in order for the officers to update the organization's members on upcoming events, answer questions, and express any concerns to the officers. Aside from the monthly study breaks, CSC also coordinates annual trips to places like Canada, a boat trip in the Inner Harbor, a trip to the top of the Space Needle, and a trip to South Carolina.

For more information: <web.mit.edu/csc/; cscweb@mit.edu; cscweb.mit.edu>.

MIT Singapore Students' Society

The MIT Singapore Students' Society (S3) is the largest student organization in the university, fostering friendship among students interested in Singaporean culture and lifestyle. The Society has close ties with many students and students from other countries in MIT. The S3 Club regularly organizes cultural events such as tea parties, music nights, movie nights, and the annual Singapore Week, which is a major event showcasing authentic Singaporean culture.

For more information: <web.mit.edu/cssw/; cssw@mit.edu.

South Asian Students American

South Asian American Students (SAAS) at MIT is one of the largest student organizations on campus consisting of students of South Asian descent. It includes students from various countries such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and other South Asian countries. SAAS is dedicated to promoting the culture of South Asian countries and providing a platform for students to celebrate their heritage and connect with their cultural roots.

For more information: <saaswww@mit.edu; saasweb@mit.edu; saas@mit.edu.

Vietnamese Student Association

The Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) at MIT aims to promote Vietnamese culture and language among students while fostering a sense of community and providing a platform for members to connect with their Vietnamese heritage. The VSA organizes various events and activities throughout the year, including cultural events, language classes, and social gatherings.

For more information: <vsa/mit.edu; vsa@mit.edu; vsa@mit.edu; Saasweb@mit.edu; Saaswww@mit.edu; Saaswww@mit.edu; Saaswww@mit.edu; Saaswww@mit.edu.>
Mujeres Latinas welcomes all women who seek a group with compassion, spirit, and diversity. MIT may seem cold and lonely, but Mujeres Latinas provides a way to remember yourself. As a women's support group, Mujeres Latinas provides a warm atmosphere of diversity and culture where everyone can share their ideas, feelings or daily frustrations.

Meetings are held every other Thursday from 6 to 7 in the Cheney Room, 3-310. Refreshments and ethnic food are usually available. In the past the group has had community service events as well as relaxation seminars. Mujeres Latinas is headed by an executive board, but every member contributes with their ideas and input. Because of each individual's involvement, the semester's events are planned by everyone. The goals for this year are to build a fashion show as a fund raiser and make the Mujeres Latinas community stronger. Plus they are hoping to start a fit and healthy support network to keep members strong and healthy. Mujeres Latinas is here to support you so you can be strong, physically, mentally and emotionally.

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Community Service

You may be wondering how your life here in the Boston area will be over the next four years of your life. Come to the IFC and we like you to keep in mind the many opportunities for service in the IFC community.

Whether it be by creating new events and programs or participating in ones already in place, members of FSILGs make a significant positive impact in the local community - last year they performed over 10,000 hours of community service.

There are several annual events that exemplify the FSILGs’ spirit of community service. Sponsored by specific houses, are open to the entire campus.

The first community service activity at MIT is the newly reorganized CityDays, sponsored by the Public Service Committee. In November the FSILG community will take to the streets in the JIFC (Junior IFC) Hunger Hike. Last year’s second annual hike was a tremendous success, as over 250 members of the IFC turned out to prepare and deliver sack lunches to those less fortunate in the areas surrounding Boston and Cambridge. Plan underway to prepare a major IFC-wide event for the fall as well.

Some other examples of service opportunities include building toys for disadvantaged children; running a beauty contest for men to raise money for the student community service center. In November the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Group (FSILG) life here at the Institute.

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Ten Tips for Rush

1. Be yourself.
2. A referral is not a rejection. There are 38 FSILGs rushing freshmen this year, each committed to helping freshmen find the best house for them.
3. Keep your temporary housing information with you. This includes your temporary room assignment and phone number.
4. Check your messages. The Freshmen Messaging System is the primary way for FSILGs to contact you when you are in your dorm.
5. Visit more than one house. You can miss good opportunities by locking into one house too soon.
6. Don’t forget your family. Keep them informed about how you are doing, and remember that FSILGs are no more willing to talk with parents about concerns they might have.
7. Meet as many people as possible. This includes not only the members of the FSILG you are rushing, but your fellow freshmen as well.
8. Have fun. Rush is a unique experience, so be sure to make the most of it.
9. Ask difficult questions. Not only about social aspects of a house, but about new membership programs, philanthropy, and academics.
10. Find the place that is right for you.

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In this issue of InFoCus, IFC officers provide a personal perspective of what the IFC has to offer its members, including opportunities for leadership and participation at every level. There are philanthropy events, awards, new member education events, and more. Don’t forget to enjoy Rush!

Sincerely,
Michael Teppazino
IFC President

Certification

UPCOMING RISK MANAGEMENT EVENTS
ON Thursday, September 2 at 8:30 p.m. the IFC is sponsoring an alcohol education seminar in Kresge auditorium intended to satisfy the alcohol education requirements for certification.

The Speaker for that evening will be Mike Green, professional speaker from Collegiate Consultants on Drugs and Alcohol. Mr. Green (Or “Greeny” as he is affectionately known at MIT before in early 1998. He was very well received by the fraternity community, and his services as a speaker have been requested numerous times. His talks provide with few members of our FSILG community, but will still have universal application.

Also, in early October we will have a speaker come in for Legal Liability training for any office of FSILGs who have yet to receive the necessary instruction.

RE-CERTIFICATION
If your FSILG wishes to re-certified for the fall term there are several steps that need to be taken.

1. 3/4 of your pledge class (you should get the entire class trained though) will need to be TIPS trained. Contact Damien Brosnan (bigdeis@mit.edu) or Amir Mesraw (furlb@mit.edu) for information about how to set up a training session.
2. 2/3 of your pledge class must attend the alcohol education seminar being held in Kresge on Thursday September 2 at 8:30 p.m., as well as any house officers that have not received the education.

A number of new FSILG members. Each of the program elements counts as one star, for a potential total of five stars. A star is earned when 75% of the new members of an FSILG attend an event focused on the topic of the applicable star.

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Stars of Education

One of the IFC’s chief responsibilities is to help ensure the welfare of its new members. This reinforcement comes in the form of special events provided for FSILG members which includes philanthropy, social events, awards for individual and house excellence, forums, and, most important for freshmen: new member education programs.

Being a member of any FSILG means maintaining standards of academic excellence, civic responsibility, awareness, and respect. The IFC Stars of Education program was created to provide guidelines and assistance to FSILGs looking to educate their new members on issues such as alcohol awareness, gender relations, diversity, scholarship, and service.

Houses take pride in their new member programs - the IFC provides the Stars of Education merely as supplement so that these issues are presented to all new FSILG members. Each of the program elements counts as one star, for a potential total of five stars. A star is earned when 75% of the new members of an FSILG attend an event focused on the topic of the applicable star.

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The $24 million dollar renovations nearing completion at Baker have disrupted the dorm's rush this year. Baker has set up a tent near Kendall Square to function as a rush headquarters until the dorm opens. "All of the vents that go in the Daily Confusion will be run from the tent," said Saumul J. Gandhi '02.

The Baker rush chairs do not have even access to the dorm until Monday, according to Arvind Shashdesh '02.

Baker itself is well known for its "architectural structure which inspires grad students from all over the world," said Daniel M. Drake '00, another Baker rush chair referring to the dorm's famous architect, Aalvar Aalto.

Baker is organized into singles through quads. Freshmen are likely to be housed in triples or quads. The dorm events help create a close atmosphere, according to Rush Salthouse '00, a vegetarian, said that the dorm is "as social as you want to make it," according to MacGregor rush chairs Jaime E. Deveraux '92 and Allison M. Johnson '02. Residents have "privacy but lots of opportunity for social interaction," Frank said.

MacGregor is divided into nine floors which are further divided into suites. Each floor is equipped with a kitchen and a refrigerator. The dorm is organized on the ground floor of MacGregor and features a "little of everything," she said. Residents enjoy "watching movies, cooking," Salthouse said.

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The largest dorm and conference center on campus, 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 as a hall, said Frank, but the entire dorm will be invited. Parties are thrown "as frequently as we can afford to do them."

Although it is possible that freshmen can get single rooms, the freshmen get "all depend on how rush goes," Frank said. Once freshmen are assigned to East Campus, they engage in a "ball rush and meet residents and other freshmen. Then we set them loose to look at everything," including a wide variety of food they said.

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The west campus dorm is divided into nine floors and each floor is subdivided into suites. Freshmen typically live in triples. "We have a kitchen in each suite which makes us popular with people that like to cook," Burton-Conner's housebill is $1,800.
Fraternities

The fraternity's pledge program includes a weekly pledge meeting and room tours from the first term. The program includes information about chapter and national history, TRPs, and requires a time commitment of 20% of your weekly schedule. The fraternity's house bill includes, food, laundry, and a social budget. The fraternity's pledge program lasts six weeks and requires a time commitment of four to five hours a week. Pledge activities include educational and social events, new member trips, and social events. The fraternity's house bill includes a full house, social events, and a social budget.

Delta Kappa Epsilon

Delta Kappa Epsilon is a national fraternity located on the east side of Boston. The fraternity's $2,600 per term housebill includes a full house, social events, and a social budget. The fraternity's $2,600 per term housebill includes meals, room, and a social budget. The fraternity is located on the north side of campus. As the Beta chapter of Theta Chi, Delta Kappa Epsilon has a closer relationship with its national organization.

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Zeta Beta Tau

Zeta Beta Tau is a part of a non-panhellenic federation. In 1968, Zeta Beta Tau was founded as a group of "red back" people who get very excited about their own house. Phi Epsilon Pi is a national fraternity located on the east side of Boston. The fraternity's $2,500 per term housebill includes meals, room, and a social budget. The fraternity is located on the north side of campus. As the Beta chapter of Theta Chi, Delta Kappa Epsilon has a closer relationship with its national organization.
**Independent Living Groups**

**Fenway House**

34 The Fenway, Boston 437-1043

Fenway House is a coed independent living group located in the Fenway area of Boston. Fenway Rush Chair Rebecca A. Ilitch '02 said that life at Fenway is "very laid back, a little crazy, somewhat anarchic, and always fun." Fenway's $5,900 per term housebill includes all food and laundry needs of members. Fenway has no new member program and resides in Brookline. Fenway doesn't have a national organization but ties with alumni are strong. Ilitch said, "Alumni are an important part of the day to day social life of our house," she said.

**Epsilon Theta**

255 St. Paul Street, Brookline 734-9211 or 253-8888

Emily M. Marcus '01, rush chair for Epsilon Theta, said that visitors to ET would "most likely find us hanging out together, playing games, doing crosswords, planning world conquest, or just being silly." ET is an independent living group located in Brookline. ET has been an ILG since breaking from its national fraternity, Sigma Nu, in 1974. For $2,050 per term the house includes meals, social events, two weekend retreats a year, and daily van runs to campus, as well as laundry.

The house maintains a ten-long pledge program with an average time commitment of 1.5 hours per week. Marcus said that pledge events include a scavenger hunt in Boston and planning a Halloween party. Pledges have no additional duties and are full voting members of the house, she said.

The house has a good relationship with its alumni, Marcus said.

**Number 6 Club**

428 Memorial Drive, Cambridge 494-9833

Number 6 Club, also known as Delta Psi, is a co-ed independent living group located on Memorial Drive within MIT's campus. Life at Number 6 is "about friends, it's about living life, it's all about the stories," said Mary C. Fernandez '00, No. 6 Rush Chair.

The IGL's $2,400 per term housebill includes seven meals a week, a kitchen, and social events. A pledge program lasts one term and requires a commitment of two hours every two weeks, as well as three days per term. The program includes a pledge retreat and a banquet. Fernandez said.

Pledges have identical duties and responsibilities.

**Women's Independent Living Group (WILG)**

355 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 253-6799

Katherine S. Shields '00, Rush Chair for WILG, described MIT's only all female independent living group as having "a relaxed, supportive environment." WILG holds rush from two to three times a year, and, the club is now as large as it's ever been.

All WILG house members are required to contribute a minimal amount of time each week to help maintain the house, according to Shields. Freshmen have no additional duties. Members are active in many different clubs and sports teams.

WILG, affiliated with no national organization, has no new member program.

**Student House**

111 Ely, South Boston 247-0506

Student House is an independent living group located in Boston. The housebill is $300 per month includes meals and is one of the lowest in the MIT housing system.

Student House Rush Chair Jennifer K. Son '02 described the house as "pretty laid back" with "no social obligations." She said, however, that "everyone gets along well."

Student House was remodeled this summer so the "house is pretty much gorgeous," Son said. The house is divided into singles, doubles, triples and one quad. Freshmen can expect to live in a triple or quad.

**Pika**

69 Chestnut Street, Cambridge 492-6983

Pika's housebill is $1,600 per term and includes meals. Students are entirely "responsible for maintaining the house at pika," Boroumand said. Note: Turn back a page to the centerfold for the locations of the six Independent Living Groups.

**Push terms**

- **badmouthning:** saying negative things about another fraternity, sorority, or independent living group; prohibited by rush rules.
- **bid:** an official invitation to join a fraternity, sorority, or independent living group.
- **Clearhousing:** the computer system used to track freshmen moving among FSILGs. Students can make themselves invisible to living groups in Clearhousing by contacting the Office of Residence Life and Student Life Clearinghouse.
- **Crossrush:** 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, triple to quadruple.
- **Dormcon:** Dormitory Council. Dormcon represents students living in the dormitory system and manages dormitory rush.
- **flushing:** slang term for encouraging rushes to leave a living group and/or referring them to another living group.
- **hazing:** method of initiation that willfully endangers the health of a student; prohibited by Massachusetts law.
- **hazing lottery:** the Athena-based lottery used to determine dormitory housing; lasts from 4:00 p.m. tomorrow through 2:00 p.m. Tuesday.
- **IFe:** Interfraternity Council, the governing body of all FSILGs; manages FSILG rush.
- **Judcomm:** Judicial Committee. Judcomm represents living groups in any matters involving rush rules.
- **Medcomm:** Mediation Committee. Medcomm made up of representatives from Dormcon and the IFC, prosecutes rush violations that transcend the two groups. It also sets policies for Kappa Kickoff and the Residence Midway.
- **Panhel:** Panhellenic Association, the local chapter of the national sorority association and a sub-group of the IFC.
- **pref parties:** the last parties held by sororities before bid lists are made up.
Down with Science

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Pre-Oriention Programs

Give Freshmen an Early Start

By Gabrielle Daleison

MIT's offering of pre-orientation programs reached a total of five this year, most entirely student-run. The two new programs, which centered around the outdoors and the arts, joined the Freshman Leadership Program and CityView, which was previously known as Freshman Service Program.

Freshman Leadership Program

The Freshman Leadership Program was run by Elise Huang '00 at Eagle Pond Lodge in Danbury, Connecticut. Huang said that the program focused on "a non-traditional sense of leadership." The program involved mostly discussion of various social issues; in Huang's words, "we don't actually say the word 'leadership' at camp.

Student response to FLP was overwhelmingly positive. Abdiel A. Adeleke '03 said he got to know everyone, and appreciated the "accurate ship' at camp."

Christopher T. Stiltz '03 loved the program and said that "I believe CityView created MIT leaders out of all of us."

Freshman Arts Program

A new addition to the pre-orientation offerings this year was the Freshman Arts Program, organized by Rebecca Breazale. The program revolved around five disciplines: dance, theatre, visual arts, music, and film and media. The 40 students, engaged in several workshops, including breakdancing and graffiti. There was also a class on henna, an Indian form of body painting, and a class called "relaxing art" with fingerpainting, play-doh, and sidewalk chalk.

Freshman Outdoor Program

Matt P. Lahace '01 organized the Freshman Outdoor Program, also in its first year. Eight upperclass leaders, 37 freshmen, and four other MIT affiliates — Visiting Professor Bob Rooney, Chaplain John Wuestneck, Professor Leigh Rothen, and Michelle Berris, a recent graduate — spent the week on Thompson Island in Boston Harbour.

Discover Ocean Engineering

The Department of Ocean Engineering also offered a pre-orientation program called Discover Ocean Engineering last year. The second year, Professor Chrysostomos Chryssostomidis, the head of the department, said that the the program was designed to "provide a service" to MIT, to introduce students to the Institute and also to some faculty.

The program, directed by Tom R. Consi, a lecturer and researcher, involved several cruises on the Charles River and in Boston Harbor. Students also built their own remotely operated vehicle using PVC pipes, weights, and propeller motors. Students were pleased with the program. Participants said on the evaluation forms: "It's just wonderful" and "a fantastic introduction to a fantastic institution."

Kate Robinson contributed to the reporting of this story.

All Students

REGISTRATION FOR THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION LOTTERY HAS BEGUN

1st Quarter Lottery August 25 at 9am – September 8 at 1pm

To access the P.E. Lottery:

1. go to the WEBISIS page: http://student.mit.edu
2. click on "Physical Education"

Results of the lottery will be available to participants on September 9th.

Late registration, based on availability, will begin September 9th between 10-4pm in the PE office W32-125.

Scuba Registration is taking place NOW in the PRE office ONLY.

The deadline for scuba Registration is Tuesday September 7th.

P.E. Classes begin Monday, September 13th

Core Blitz Presents

Class Info to Frosh

Using a variety of props, from a soda can to an ear's oxygen sensor, Professor, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Daniel R. Sadoway demonstrated how 3.091 taught concepts and applications through examples.

Aftewards, Professor Philip Khoury illuminated the mysteries of the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences requirement.

With the help of Dr. Betty Davis, the coordinator of the HASS office, Khoury explained that students must take at least four HASS distribution subjects, three or four in a HASS concentration, and one or two other courses. Khoury advised freshmen "not to wait until the end of the year to take your distribution subjects. Take something that really interests you!"

Professor of Mathematics David S. Jerison explained the myriad of placement options depending on high school experience. Calculus (18.01) was available to those who had less than a year and Calculus (18.01A-18.02A) is available for those with a year or more who needed review.

For those who placed out of 18.01 with AP credit, there are three flavors of Multivariable Calculus (18.02). "18.02 is plain vanilla," Jerison said, "18.02A has more theory...[and] 18.023 has applications...[like] fluid mechanics and asymptotic behavior...in rigorous proofs, Calculus with Theory (18.01-18.02A) is available, although those with AP credit lose 3 units by taking the more theoretical subjects.

If a student already has credit for 18.02, Jerison strongly recommend- ed going to Room 2-108 to consult on the many options. He also added that since all the calculus courses are scheduled at the same time, a student could easily switch courses if he or she finds themselves at the wrong leg.

There was a brief introduction to the physics career by Professor of Physics Edward H. Farhi. In addition to stating that every freshman would be assigned a physics course, he explained all of them had Newtonian mechanics in common,
Hardware Replaced on Cycle

Athena, from Page 1

involve maintenance improvements to programs and slight changes in the default e-mail system.

In response to a "growing demand" for disk space the default quota was increased by 33 percent to 30 Mh. The increase in capacity and data security was made possible through the "use of 72Gb RAID disks to give [Athena servers] tolerance to a disk failure without any loss of user data," said Team Leader for Athena Server Operations Jonathan Weiss '93. The increase is the first since November 1998 when the quota moved from 15 to 20 Mh.

Greg B. Hudson '96, Athena Release Engineer for the 8.3 general release on August 3, said he thinks that many of the changes are "something that users wouldn't be likely to notice."

Users of Athena, including Andrew M. Glenn '99, agreed. "Honestly, I haven't noticed any differences [in Athena 8.3], except that when you type scan, the name of the person instead of the e-mail address is listed. That's kind of cool," Glenn said.

"I don't use Athena that extensively. I just noticed the new version of Netscape," said Dan D. Lowery '02.

Another smaller upgrade, or "patch release," including a bug fix for a new server saver is planned for Monday, said Hudson.

Hardware upgrades routine

The philosophy behind machine upgrades is to "work on a one- to four-year life cycle" such that "at the end of [said] four year period, a lot of machines are new," said Brian T. Murphy. As Team Leader of Hardware Service for Information Systems, Murphy sets the year-in-advance schedule for the maintenance and through clearing of clusters. Typically, clusters are "sprayed up" during the "spring.

IAP, or August," Murphy said.

"A great deal of effort goes into making the Athena environment as compatible as possible" to as many people, classes, and departments as possible, Murphy added.

"We're always looking for other platforms, and we consider them every year, but it could take a great deal of work on the Athena software... and if a particular platform is going to require nine months of work, that will be prohibitive to us," Murphy said.

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3:30 p.m. - Theta XI - INK YOUR OWN T-SHIRT - 236 Memorial Drive. 247-2500 and 10:00 p.m. 
3:30 p.m. - Phi Delta Theta - Steak and lobster dinner - 247-7825 and 594-7468.
3:30 p.m. - Phi Kappa Sigma - Check out the new house on 253 Beacon St. Call 247-3170.
3:30 p.m. - Zeta Beta Tau - We’re going to get a brand new pond in the front yard! This is the first time in our history that we will have a pond! 
3:30 p.m. - Number 6 Club - Enjoy the Caribbean splendor of Nerd Gladiators! Or, hang around and play with the 4th of July’s fireworks. Call 247-8691 and we’ll let you know when it happens. 
3:30 p.m. - Kappa Sigma - Check out the new house on 525 Beacon St. Call 247-8789.
3:30 p.m. - Number 6 Club - Check out our new house on 353 Beacon St. Call 243-3325.
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8:00 p.m. - Student House - Still hungry? Make Sure your belly is full as you dance the night away.

8:00 p.m. - Number 6 Club - I hope you're excited for Club Six, the best dance party of the year! Totally rocking tunes from KISS unplugged? join our resident cello. guitar. keys on your artsy side and let your creativity flow! Join - No No.6 party with the latest dance/club mixes.

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9:00 a.m. - Phi Beta Epsilon - French Toast and
9:00 a.m. - Alpha Tau Omega - Sunday Brunch
9:00 a.m. - Zeta Beta Tau - SEX is only slightly
9:00 a.m. - German House - FruhstUck! Bereit
8:59 a.m. - Spanish House - MMMMM MMMMM
8:30 a.m. - Theta Delta Chi - Gourmet Breakfast
8:17 a.m. - Random Hall - It's breakfast time at
BREAKFAST - Our resident gourmet chef, Jason,
pastries and more.
8:00 a.m. - Phi Kappa Theta (PKT) - BIG IMPORTANT!!!
our resident chef, Jason, prepares breakfast for you.
He’II be cooking pancakes, eggs, hash browns,
and more. Just a reminder, we’re open EARLY!!!

9:00 a.m. - Phi Kappa Theta (PKT) - BIG
Wichtigste Mahlzeit des Tages! Treffpunkt:
Tisch: 12:00, Freitag: 12:00, Samstag: 12:00.

8:00 a.m. - Phi Kappa Theta (PKT) - BIG
Mighty Muffins. Ice tea, orange juice, and lots of
pastries and no-sugar-added jams. Do not
forget to bring your appetite, because they
don’t send out anything like this in the
fraternity houses. For more information, call
575-3445.

10:00 a.m. - Phi Delta Theta - Outdoor Rock
paintball! Qui ne risque rien ne gagne rien.
Play paintball and never had the chance? Join us
out on the lake house in New Hampshire.

9:30 a.m. - Alpha Delta Phi - Are you a cranberry
whirlwind of spring and summer?

10:00 a.m. - Burton-Conner House - We have
everything you’d get at a country club brunch,
everything you’d get at a country club brunch,
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Our cook, Steve, Is still
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