Freshmen Recall Fun Times As Rush Ends

By Jennifer Young

As rush draws to a close, freshmen prepare to choose a living group or residence with crossed fingers and bated breath. Rush has been a different experience for every student, whether they rushed with intention of pledging or joining a living group, or whether they just sat back and enjoyed the ride. Some freshmen began the weekend fairly sure of where they wanted to live, while others were wholly clueless.

Going into rush, freshmen found themselves nervous about being plunged into totally new territory. “Initially, it was really confusing, and kind of overwhelming too,” said Sunjesh Bagaria ’04. “I thought I’d be kind of nervous about being with strangers, and kind of overwhelmed too.”

Eventually, Sunjesh Bagaria ’04 planned not to rush, but decided to do it for the free food. “I didn’t know what rush was, and hadn’t been thinking of it at all,” he added. “Once you get the hang of it, it’s just a lot of fun.”

Christopher D. Vu ’04 enjoyed the opportunity to explore residence options on his own. “I like the freedom that MIT wants to let us find a house that we’ll be happy living in,” he added, “and even more exciting.”

Free food draws fresh appetites

Of course, rush gave freshmen the chance to get to know new people and explore different living options, but many took advantage of the chance to be spoiled for the better part of four days. With such offerings as water sports, para-sailing, laser tag, beach trips, paintball, rooftop parties, and rock climbing, freshmen reveled in the chance to be the focus of the upperclassmen’s attention for a few days. And the class was abuzz with the biggest perk of all: free food.

Initially, Sunjesh Bagaria ’04 enjoyed having so much fun before work starts.

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ASA Event

Showcases Activities

By Dana Levine

Representatives from over 200 student groups met with prospective members in Johnson Athletic Center at the Association of Student Activities midway last night.

The midway, which took place from 6:30 to 9 p.m., opened with a speech and ribbon cutting by Dean of Student Life Larry Benedict.

“We thought that it would be a cute idea for the new dean of student life to come,” said Midway Co-Organizer Jonathan Sheffi ’03. ASA leaders felt that this would give Benedict a chance to see all of the activities that MIT offers.

In all, 215 student groups signed up for booths at the midway. These included political groups, religious groups, performing arts groups, publications, and more ranging from the MIT Hemp Coalition to Club Argentino to GAMIT.

While most organizations were given a single booth, a few who were larger or who had large pre-
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Clinton, Mubarak Promise To Push Middle East Negotiations

By Howard Schneider

WASHINGTON POST

President Clinton and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Tuesday that they reached agreement on the need to begin peace talks before the two leaders held their first meeting since the collapse of Palestinian-Mideast peace talks at Camp David on July 25. “I think this will be done,” Mubarak told reporters.

Clinton warned before the meeting, which took place while his plane refueled at Cairo airport enroute back to Washington after a three-day trip to Nige-

rria and Tanzania. But he added: “We’re going to work together and see if we can find a way to help the parties get over this next big bump.”

Mubarak’s optimistic assessment comes as a potential make-or-break moment in a diplomatic effort to prevent a Russian nuclear submarine from becoming the “next big bump” to resolve such sensitive issues as the fate of Jerusalem.

“We are doing our best to find a solution,” Clinton said. “We will finish it this September. We want that.” Mubarak said.

Negotiations, Clinton said, would begin before he leaves office in Jan-

uary.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will be in New York for a two-day meeting to try to resolve the troubled Arab-Israeli conflict at the United Nations. Clinton has said meetings are a crucial step toward a peace talks.

Specifically, the two sides had set Sept. 13 as a deadline for a “political formula” for outlining the elements of a treaty ending the half-century of hostility between the Jewish state and the Palestinians.

The deal is also the date by which the Palestinian leadership has said it will declare statehood unilaterally, on land Israel has already ended if a peace agreement has not been reached.

The deadline, on both counts, is a loose one and Abbas has suggested the declaration of a state could be delayed. But there is a widespread sense among all parties that time is running out to capitalize on progress made at Camp David in July. During extended negotiations, both leaders said that they are their positions on peace talks.

U.S. analysts suspect that the submarine explosion was caused by an attack on the vessel, where the torpedo room is located.

Russian officials claim that a collision, possibly with an American submarine, caused the explosion of the ship. The Pentagon insists that no U.S. ships were involved in an accident.

Analysts at the National Maritime Intelligence Center in Silver Spring, Md., are examining a variety of data gathered by U.S. submari-

nines, but there has been no independent confirmation of the incident by other sources.

More evidence is more likely to be the result of a torpedo warhead, senior Pentagon officials said Tuesday.

Nine days later, Norwegian researchers reported finding that an entire 125,000 Americans.

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Phila Delphox Collocher

This is another in the “freshmen please stop and think” columns. So don’t say you weren’t warned. My hope is that all the writers will give you pause for a couple moments of quiet contemplation. Everyone else does it, so it will fill some empty space on the opinion page.

With any luck, at least one of these goals will be achieved.

Walking through the MIT campus, one immediately encounters in abundance theJMall, a sometimes-useful, but often confusing, and at times a bit daunting, directory on multiple dimensions. From Britney Spears to Mariah Carey to the Queen of Bubble Gum Pop. Mandy Moore, and Jessica Simpson are wait-}

H ow incongruous the chapel seems to be its surroundings. In the middle of one of the foremost scientific institutions in the world, sits a temple of mysticism.

Veena Thomas

Call me “crazy,” but I pity Britney Spears. It is one thing to have a photo shoot featuring a photo of Britney fully dressed — hardly any skin showing at all — and another to have people in Course V gain a complete understanding of the subatomic and its movements and properties. From that, the people in Course V will understand the nature of every bond and reaction. Building further, people in Course IX will work out the intricacies of the human brain and neural system, reducing all of our emo-

While she may be energetic, few can actually say with a straight face that Britney has always wanted to be a singer, even if she is a typical Britney-hater, waiting impatiently for the inevitable moment when she will change. She started young, to the New Kids on the Block, and it must happen to all teen pop sensations. I was tired of seeing Britney go through it and of being bombarded by “Oops . . . Did I Again?” every time I turned on the radio. She must be, to some extent, a part of this small-town girl, thrust into a very sexual role far beyond her years. She has to stardom. Surely this isn’t a healthy way to be part of someone’s Lolita fantasy,” Brit-
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Freshmen, Graduate Students Learn About Activities

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sentations received two booths.

The MIT Dance Mix Coalition brought along their “rave in a box,” a cardboard box which contained flashing lights and had music piped in from a set of CD turntables. Students took turns entering this box and being immersed in a rave-like experience.

The box was constructed to get around ASA rules preventing playing of loud music, said group founder and ASA Treasurer Philip B. Tan ’01. “This was a work-around that didn’t bother anyone and actually provided cool surroundings,” Tan said. Benedict actually entered the rave-in-a-box at one point during the evening.

The ASA reserved one area in the auditorium for demonstrations by MIT performing groups. Members of Roadkill Buffet, Tech Squares, the Ballroom Dance Club, the Songwriting Club, and several other groups took turns giving small performances.

Members of the MIT Outing Club noted that their booth was packed with potential members. Robert C. Jagnow G said that this year’s attendees were “a very enthusiastic group of first year [graduate and undergraduate] students.” Jagnow observed that far more graduate students attended this year’s midway than the last one. His group collected over 200 e-mail addresses from prospective members.

The midway was funded by the Undergraduate Association, the Graduate Student Council, and the Dean’s Office. Information Systems provided network drops in exchange for a table. Similarly, Aramark contributed free food in exchange for space at the midway.

Midway, from Page 1

Our graduates are leaders shooting for the stars!

General Jimmie Doolittle – Congressional Medal of Honor Winner
Class of 25 PHD

Astronaut Pamela Ann Melroy – Space Shuttle Pilot
Class of 83

Astronaut Cady Coleman – Space Shuttle Mission Specialist 500 hours in Space
Class of 83

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they’re in the dorms,’” he said, “but the kids are saying, ‘I really need some time to consider this.’”

Jamie C. Rasmussen ’01, rush chair for Alpha Delta Phi, also said that freshmen were taking more time this year than in previous years. “It’s a lot slower today than it has been,” Rasmussen said. “A lot of [freshmen] are really taking their time to make good decisions and find what place is right for them.”

“It’s not as quick [as last year], but a lot of our bids were given to frosh who are uncontactable or have parent issues,” said Delta Kappa Epsilon Rush Chair Michael J. Hendricks ’02. Of 12 bids extended, Deke had five pledges by yesterday at 4 p.m. The house expects nine or ten freshmen to pledge overall.

Pledges for Lambda Chi Alpha were coming more slowly than expected, with two freshmen pledging by 4 p.m. yesterday out of an expected pledge class of 14. Rush Chair Kip M. Johann-Berkel ’02 said that he thought fewer freshmen matched the traits LCA was looking for in new members. “I don’t think there were as many incoming freshmen that sort of fit the personality of the house,” Johann-Berkel said. Sigma Phi Epsilon Assistant Rush Chair William D. Fournier ’02 said that his house is doing “a little worse” than last year. As of 4 p.m. yesterday, Sig Ep had two pledges out of twelve extended bids. Sig Ep had initially planned for 14 pledges in their drive to fill the house after a reorganization gutted the brotherhood two years ago.

“At this point for most people, rush is getting to pretty much done,” Fournier said. “We’re having a lot more competition with dorms [for freshmen].”

Phi Sigma Kappa also experienced increased competition with dorms this year, according to Rush Chair Gregory D. Dennis ’02. “Last year was more successful,” Dennis said. Phi Sig had nine pledges by 4 p.m. yesterday out of thirteen to fifteen expected, fewer than last year’s pledge class of 18 freshmen.

Ian M. McCreery ’01, Pi Lambda Phi rush chair, said house shopping was a primary cause of the slowdown in pledging. “We had seen some guys who didn’t really understand [rush] … They thought they could shop around and expect to get a bid on bid day. That’s not how it works.”

— Ian M. McCreery ’01
Pi Lambda Phi Rush Chair

“Some houses experience upturn
While pledges were coming in slowly for most houses, some houses were experiencing rush expectations. Sigma Chi was the first house to close its rush desk with all ten bids accepted before 9:20 a.m. yesterday, said Sigma Chi member Dusty L. Dequine ’01.

After a slow rush last year, Theta Chi had a stellar first day this year, with eleven freshmen pledging by 4 p.m. yesterday. Rush Chair Matthew P. Monteleone ’02 said that his house will likely exceed its goal of 10-12 pledges, a substantial increase over last year’s five-member pledge class.

“All in all, rush has been fantastic,” Monteleone said, adding that the number of freshmen and earliness of pledging was much better than in years past.

Despite being suspended from their house during rush, Kappa Sigma will also likely have a large pledge class. Rush Chair Kevin T. Wessing ’03 said that his house had eleven pledges yesterday afternoon, adding that he expects to reach the house’s goal of fifteen pledges by week’s end.

Katherine H. Allen, Daniel C. Stevenson, and Jennifer Young contributed to the reporting of this article.
David G. Moore '04 was at first concerned about the rush process but said that the free food encouraged him to give rush a chance. "I was sure there was something they weren't telling us, like afterward they'd beat us with a stick," he said, "but the food was free, so it seemed like a sweet deal. Now I'm dead set on pledging, where before I was sure about a dorm."

Residence Midway "superficial"

While praising the rush process in general, many freshmen were critical of the Residence Midway, calling it unsuccessful in exposing freshmen to dorms and living group life. Parul Deora '04 said the midway was superficial and said there was "little to be seen" for women. "It was good to get a sense of a particular group's culture, but you can't get a good idea of who they really are and what they are about," she said.

Other freshmen concurred with Deora, voicing concerns about how the hype of rush might obscure the reality of some living groups. Despite being excited for the "complete chaos" of rush, Maria E. Hidalgo '04 said, "If it were real, we'd all be sitting around studying." Moore disagreed, calling the midway immensely helpful. "I was originally not planning on rushing at all, but it gave me a better idea of fraternity life than everyone just talking about rush," he said.

While the residence midway was intended to help freshmen learn about their housing options, it sometimes seemed to help living group members more than freshmen. Several houses used the midway to scout potential members and meet summer contacts. Nu Delta Rush Chair Rick G. Watkins '02 praised the midway, saying that it was "good for screening." Living groups also took advantage of the first opportunity to distribute their schedule cards and begin rushing in earnest.

Some freshmen worried that the conditions of the houses would deteriorate with the end of rush. "I don't really think there's any other way to represent it," McHarg said. "They want you to live with them, so they're going to show you their best side."

Todd P. Logan '04 felt he was being given, "for the most part, an honest perspective. They want you to fit in as much as you want to fit in.

Bagaria was concerned at first, but his worries were allayed as rush continued. "There is a veil of fakeness in some places, but it's obvious that when they want you they're straight up," he said.

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8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. – seaT. Kinetic sound sculpture by Diane Willow, currently an Artist in Residence at MIT. Her work explores our relationship with nature and technology in the urban environment. free. Room: E15 Lower Level. Sponsor: Office of the Arts, Media Lab, PAKMIT.

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – New Faculty Orientation. Orientation for new faculty members. free. Room: MIT Faculty Club. Sponsor: Faculty Chair, Office of the Provost.

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Flashes of Inspiration: The Work of Harold Edgerton. An interactive exhibition celebrating the life and work of MIT legend Harold Edgerton. $5; $2 students/seniors; $1 children 5-18; free with MIT ID. Room: MIT Museum, N52 2nd floor. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – UROP Panel Discussion. Come meet UROP staff and a panel of UROP students. We will discuss the UROP program in detail: how to get involved, current research, deadlines, etc. A question and answer session will follow.

3:00 p.m. – Spontaneous Production of The "Space" Pirates of Penzance. Show cast on first-come, first served (e-mail gsp-ec@mit.edu with name and ranked list of role preferences; choristers welcome). Vocal scores provided, as well as piano accompaniment. Performed on the set of the MIT Musical Theater Guild’s Return to the Forbidden Planet. free. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Waltz lesson. free. Room: Building 34, 3rd floor lobby. Sponsor: MIT Ballroom Dance Team.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Ice Cream Social. Enjoy ice cream, meet the folks in the Graduate Christian Fellowship, and maybe win cool prizes. free. Room: Green Hall, Basement Kitchen. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. – International Film Club Film Series. free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, International Film Club.

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After making it to the semifinals of the NEWMAC championships last year, the women’s volleyball team has its eye on winning it all this year.

The NEWMAC conference tournament will be the most important event of the season as the winner receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship Tournament,” said head coach Paul Dill.

Last year was the women’s volleyball team’s best finish in five years. The team finished with an overall record of 27-10 and a conference record of 7-2. Furthermore, the team finished the season ranked fourth out of 61 New England teams, and made it to the finals of the East Coast Athletic Conference North Volleyball championships.

This year, however, the team will have to deal with the loss of two All-Conference players. Setter Alarice Huang ’00, NEWVA All-Region Team and Academic All-American, and outside hitter Jill Margulis ’00, NEWVA All-Region Team and ECAC All-Tournament Team, both graduated in June.

“First year players Jill Kaup ’03 and Saujin Yi ’01 are looking to add some additional firepower to the team’s arsenal. Freshmen Samantha Brenner, Nyya Clayton, Nayeli Dault, Bo Kim, and Jessie Pawlowski will round out the team,” Dill said.

Returning players include middle hitters Kelly Martens ’03 and Lauren Frick ’03, setter Christina Almodovar ’02, hitters Barb Schultze ’02 and Amy Mok ’02, and defensive specialists Linda Yu ’02 and Patricia Hubble ’02.

“With only one senior on this year’s squad, the next two seasons promise to be exciting ones for the program, as the team looks to gain their third NCAA Championship Tournament bid in four years,” Dill said.