

IFC Keeps Close Eye On This Year's Rush Rules Regarding Females More Stringent

By Jennifer Krishnan
NEWS EDITOR

This year's rush has featured higher budgets, more vigilant Interfraternity Council policing, and guest appearances by the Cambridge License Commission.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Rush Chair Nicholas A. Nielsen '03 guessed that most fraternities were spending \$20,000 to \$30,000 on recruitment this year.

"They're probably spending a little more than usual this year, because they're trying to stay strong," he said. "But these are already such high budgets that it doesn't really matter."

The IFC Judicial Committee investigators "are always around," said Phi Beta Epsilon Rush Chair Jae K. Ro '02.

The CLC sent its own investigator to each of the fraternities in Cambridge "to make sure everything is okay," said IFC Recruitment Chair Joanne Chang '03. The investigator checked for alcohol and made sure that building capacities had not been exceeded. "They know about rush ... they know the chaos, and they wanted to see for themselves" how rush is going, she said.

About 350 freshmen stayed overnight in fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups on Saturday night, Chang said.

Last year, about 400 freshmen stayed overnight at FSILGs on Saturday night, according to Chang. However, a new IFC rule forbid-

ding females from staying overnight in all-male living groups may be responsible in part for the lower figure.

IFC watches women closely

Chang said that IFC representatives stopped by the front desks of all the FSILGs immediately after Killian Kickoff to make sure there were no problems and address any concerns. At that time, IFC representatives checked, among other things, to make sure no women were checked into all-male houses.

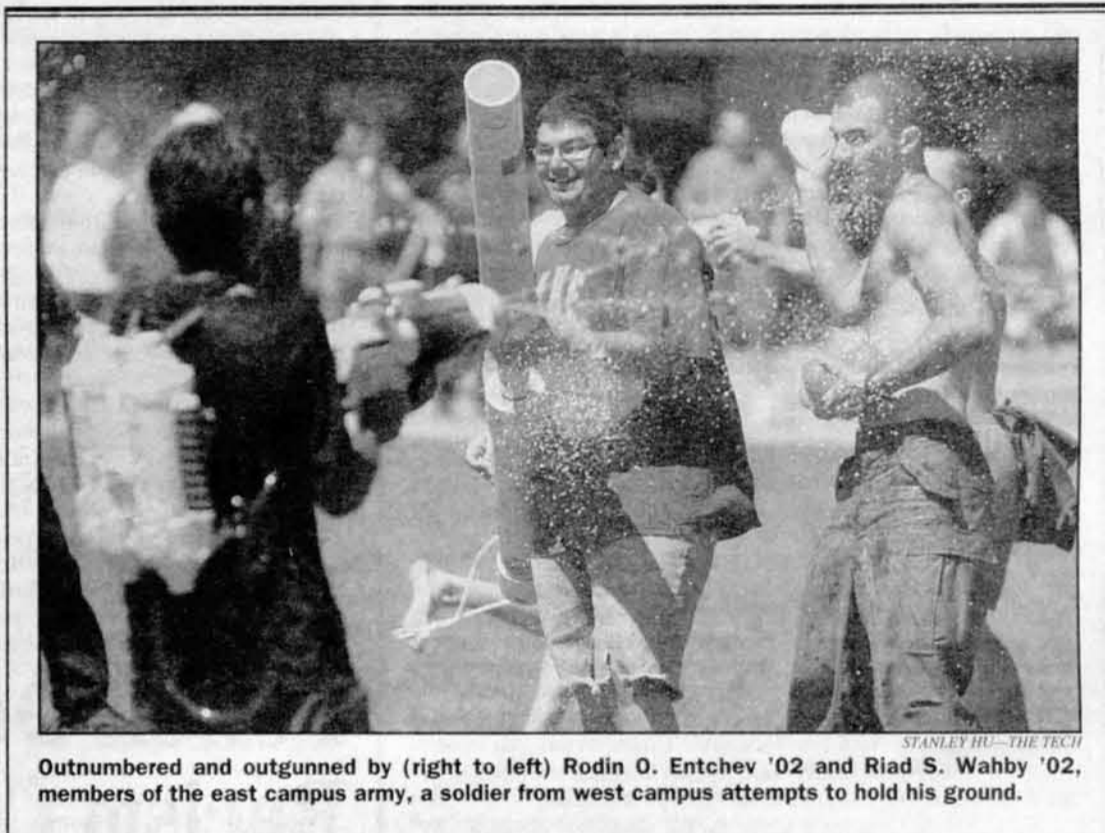
This year, freshmen women are not allowed to sleep over at all-male living groups. "Freshman girls should not be overnighing where they are not potential new members," Chang said. In past years the IFC has not taken any stance on this issue, but Chang said that it became a problem last year.

"They're missing out on opportunities for ILGs and [Panhellenic rush]," she said.

"Last year, Panhel had a weak rush," Ro said. The weak Panhellenic rush may have inspired the IFC to be more strict about freshman women being taken away from Killian.

"[IFC has] been really strict about girls going on jaunts," said Nu Delta Rush Chair Guillermo J. Chicas '03. "I guess it's affecting sororities ... It's not like we're rushing girls, but with girls come

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Outnumbered and outgunned by (right to left) Rodin O. Entchev '02 and Riad S. Wahby '02, members of the east campus army, a soldier from west campus attempts to hold his ground.

Dorm Rush Attracts More Frosh This Year

By Dana Levine
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While fraternities treated freshmen to steak and lobster dinners, MIT's dormitories showed the freshman class that they too know how to have fun.

Rush chairs at several dormitories were impressed by the number of freshmen who showed up at the dormitories, especially on Saturday. "A surprising number of peo-

ple came for tours," said Ben Maron '04, a Baker House rush chair. "I certainly think the turnout was decent."

Burton-Conner House rush chair Channele J. Howe '02 noticed that there were a lot of freshmen examining dormitories this year. "I think we've had more people this year. Yesterday I expected people to be going across the river to the fraternities, but there were a lot of people here," she said.

Alejandro Morales '04, a rush chair for Random Hall, also said that freshmen came to his dorm earlier this year. "We've been getting a lot of freshman from the start, which is unusual. We have freshman who are coming straight from kickoff, and before, and staying," he said.

Freshmen know process better

Maron believes that freshmen decided to check out the dormitories early on during rush because they know more about the rush process. "I think that the freshmen were better organized and better prepared than I was last year. It kind of scares me," he said.

Morales also thinks that this year's freshman class is better informed than those in previous years. "Part of it is probably the fact that kids know what they want ahead of time, they are better informed," he said. "A large percentage had a sense that they

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Frosh Can Start Doing Research

By Shankar Mukherji
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All summer the Class of 2005 has been inundated with mail welcoming them to MIT, which is described by the Admissions Department's web site as the "world's premiere center for the study of science and technology." The only question which remains, then, is how to make use of the vast resources that the Institute offers.

The most popular answer is participation in MIT's pioneering Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, known to most simply as "UROP". According to the UROP Office, approximately 80 percent of undergraduates participate in at least one during their MIT careers.

Getting a UROP can be as easy as e-mailing a professor, or as involved as having to compete for the job, replete with a resume and full interview process.

Begin with questions

The first step in a search for the perfect UROP is asking yourself why you want to take up a lab position. Maybe to explore a potential major. Perhaps to try working in a field you had never considered before. Have too much spare time between problem sets? All are good reasons for walking over to 7-104, "UROP Central", and signing up for a project.

Of course it's often not quite that

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Freshmen rushees enjoy an afternoon rooftop party on top of Phi Beta Epsilon.



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WORLD & NATION

Bush Seeks to Support Steelworkers

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WEST MIFFLIN, PA.

President Bush joined more than 1,000 steelworkers for a family picnic Sunday and won their hearty approval as he vowed to protect the domestic steel industry against illegal foreign imports, calling it a matter of "national security."

The president also expressed concern that the manufacturing sector is "a lot slower than I would hope," noting that the U.S. economy has grown "at a paltry 1 percent" over the past 12 months.

"It worries me, first and foremost, for the effect that's going to have on the families all across America," Bush said, adding that his administration is "taking action."

As examples, he cited debt reduction, the \$1.35 trillion tax cut and the pursuit of a fair trade policy that is "going to have a level playing field as its component."

The president made his pledge to maintain a strong domestic steel industry during a 12-minute speech before flying to Williamsport, Pa., to attend the Little League World Series championship game.

There, Bush threw out the ceremonial first ball and was inducted into the league's hall of fame — in recognition of the fact that he is the first president to have played Little League ball.

The day trip comes as the president winds down his monthlong "working vacation" at his ranch near Crawford, Texas. Bush is scheduled to return to Washington on Thursday.

Hunt Continues for Nikolay Soltys

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SACRAMENTO

Just who is Nikolay Soltys and where has he gone?

Suspected in the horrific murders of a half-dozen family members in the suburbs of the California capital, the 27-year-old immigrant remains a mystery.

As the nationwide hunt for the Ukrainian-shoemaker-turned-fugitive stretches toward a second week, detectives are struggling with a puzzle missing far too many pieces.

Language barriers, cultural baggage and welling fear in the immigrant neighborhoods of Sacramento County have slowed the search for clues.

Misinformation is rampant. Doors have been locked, kids pulled off the streets.

"Now everyone is inside," said Roman Romaso, executive director of the Slavic Community Center. "Everyone is afraid."

Basic questions remain unanswered: questions about Soltys' motives, his state of mind and his movements since the awful hours Monday when he allegedly stabbed his pregnant wife, butchered four other relatives and lured his 3-year-old son into a cardboard box with toys and then slashed his throat.

Freed Haitian Police Official Awaits Ruling on Coup Charges

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI

A magistrate in Haiti has freed one of the island nation's most respected police officials from jail and will rule Monday whether to drop all charges of coup-plotting and murder against former chief investigator Mario Andresol.

The 40-year-old deputy commissioner — considered a Haitian-style Frank Serpico by U.S. officials who trained the Haitian National Police force — left for home in the capital, Port-au-Prince, on Saturday. That was nearly three weeks after a lower-court judge had ruled his arrest "illegal and arbitrary" and ordered his immediate release.

Diplomatic observers in Haiti say the case underscores the sorry state of the 3,000-member police force. It was created by the U.S. Justice Department with over \$50 million in U.S. funds after Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide disbanded the country's brutal army.

Those observers say that Aristide, who was returned to power in 1994 by an American intervention against the military dictatorship that overthrew him, has been politicizing the police. The observers and Haitian police sources say independent-minded police officials such as Andresol have been replaced in key positions by loyalists from Aristide's Lavalas Family party since the former Roman Catholic priest was elected to a second term in November.

WEATHER

Thunderstorms Possible, Just Like Bids

Jordan Rubin

CHAIRMAN

Guess what folks? The weather in Cambridge, Mass., is going to be warm, humid, and mostly cloudy. Expect a high around 79°F (26°C) with thunderstorms scattered throughout the day. This shouldn't be too much of a surprise for August in New England. It will be partly cloudy in Cambridge, England and about ten degrees cooler (six degrees cooler in Celsius). They use Celsius and other metric scales regularly in England. We should do the same in the United States. Unfortunately for the Brits, baseball has not caught on as well as the metric system in the United Kingdom.

The Red Sox are off today, but they will be back on the diamond tomorrow to take on the Cleveland Indians. The Sox will be playing at Jacobs Field under a partly cloudy sky. Tomorrow evening's temperature in Cleveland will be a cool 59°F (15°C). The pennant race is heating up, and it looks like we are in for a good September for Major League Baseball.

Today: Scattered thunderstorms, humid, 79°F (26°C)
Tonight: Phi v. Ari, Atl v. LA, isolated thunderstorms, 62°F (17°C)
Tomorrow: Bos v. Cle, Bal v. Oak, partly cloudy, 79°F (26°C)

Inclement Conditions Delay Salvage of Kursk Submarine

By Robyn Dixon

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Gales in the Barents Sea forced divers in the Kursk nuclear submarine salvage operation to stop work Sunday, in the latest in a series of interruptions that have raised doubts about whether the venture will manage to raise the vessel before winter.

In a sign of the bubbling tensions over the situation, top Russian naval officials were at odds over the weekend on the target date to raise the Kursk.

Sunday's bad weather also delayed the departure of two vessels crucial to the operation: a barge with equipment to cut off the bow section, and one of two pontoons to float the Kursk into dry dock near Murmansk in northern Russia.

A Russian navy official conceded for the first time Saturday that the submarine is unlikely to be raised until at least Sept. 24, nine days later than the target date.

In an interview with RTR television, Vice Adm. Mikhail Motsak, chief of staff of the Northern Fleet and head of the salvage operation, said that the lifting operation might

take place as late as Sept. 29.

Underscoring the problems the \$130 million operation faces, Motsak conceded that the weather will worsen in September. But he said the Kursk should be delivered to dry dock by early October.

He was contradicted by naval press spokesman Dmitri Burmistrov, who denied any delay.

"It was planned to raise the Kursk in the middle of September, and we are still on schedule," Burmistrov said. "We're not responsible for what Motsak chooses to say."

Unfavorable weather conditions hampered Russian efforts to rescue the crew after the submarine sank last August following a still-unexplained explosion; all 118 crew members perished. Similarly, the weather complicates the delicate and risky salvage operation. Bad weather means that divers cannot cut into the hull, and some of the vessels required need relatively calm seas to leave port.

Russia took on the mighty engineering feat of raising the submarine after President Vladimir V. Putin confronted the enraged relatives of the dead Kursk crew last

August and promised to bring back the bodies.

He was facing intense heat for continuing a summer vacation while the navy bungled the rescue operation after the submarine went down Aug. 12.

Twelve of the 118 bodies were pulled out in October.

Several key parts of the operation have repeatedly been delayed because of problems with equipment and weather.

The drilling of 26 holes along the side of the sub was scheduled to be completed over the weekend, but four holes still had not been drilled by Sunday. Cables will be attached to the holes to raise the vessel beneath a giant 5,500-ton barge. The barge is due to leave port in Holland soon.

The damaged bow with the torpedo bay will be severed and left on the ocean floor because of fears it could tear off if raised. The navy may try to salvage it later.

Earlier this month, a naval spokesman said the removal of the bow section would begin on Aug. 18. A week later, the date was revised to Aug. 20.

Powell Decides Not to Attend Racism Conference in Durban

By Robin Wright

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

After weeks of deliberation, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell has decided not to attend the U.N. conference on racism beginning in Durban, South Africa, later this week.

Senior U.S. officials said Saturday that the Bush administration has not yet determined whether to send a lower-level delegation from Washington, send diplomats in the region or possibly boycott the conference altogether.

For Washington, the two most controversial issues are moves to equate Zionism with racism and to make reparations for slavery.

The long-awaited decision will evoke widespread disappointment and anger, both at home and abroad, because the stakes in South Africa extend far beyond those controversies, as the world debates whether to expand the definition of what con-

stitutes a basic human right.

The Powell decision underscores the volatility of that debate — and the reluctance by even democratic governments to break new ground.

The dilemma about whether to attend the conference has been an ironic one for Powell, the nation's first black secretary of State, who has written and spoken extensively about his own experiences with racism.

Some four decades ago, as a young Army lieutenant stationed in Georgia, he repeatedly butted up against lingering discrimination. "I could go into a department store and they would take my money, as long as I did not try to use the men's room. I could walk along the street, as long as I did not look at a white woman," he recalled in his autobiography "My American Journey."

Aides say the decision was an especially tough one for Powell, who has openly and often said he

wanted to attend.

In contrast, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, the first black person to hold the other powerful foreign-policy job in the executive branch, was a leading voice against sending Powell to Durban, according to U.S. officials and representatives of human-rights groups who dealt with her.

Public pressure has been intense for weeks. The Congressional Black Caucus and human-rights groups have besieged the White House and State Department with appeals to send Powell.

"As a nation, we must be committed to end racism in all its forms. To do that, we need to be part of the discussion, whether we agree with the final [conference] declaration or not. ... We should at least be at the table — and at the highest level," said Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) who will attend the conference as a member of the black caucus.

DOJ Report on Lee Investigation Reveals More Blunders by Bureau

By Dan Eggen

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The FBI's investigation of Wen Ho Lee was more seriously bungled than officials have previously disclosed, with inept agents making amateurish mistakes and ignoring orders to consider other suspects, according to an unreleased portion of a classified Justice Department report.

The 166-page chapter, part of a larger report on the Lee probe, outlines a succession of blunders, misjudgments and faulty assumptions by the FBI that contributed to the government's shoddy investigation of the former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist. Lee was suspected of giving nuclear secrets to China. Inattentive FBI supervisors in Washington compounded the problem by failing to correct the mistakes or to keep the investigation on track.

The chapter says FBI Director

Louis Freeh was not kept informed of the case's shortcomings, including problems with the investigation in New Mexico and disagreement among government experts over the seriousness of the suspected security loss.

"This investigation was a paradigm of how not to manage and work an important counterintelligence case," says the report, written by federal prosecutor Randy Bellows.

If Lee was a spy, Bellows concludes, the FBI let him get away. If he was not, the bureau blew repeated opportunities to consider other options — including the possibility that nuclear weapons secrets were not obtained by the Chinese.

Originally charged with 59 felony counts, Lee pleaded guilty in September to one felony charge of mishandling classified information after the government's case against him fell apart. He was not charged with espionage and has

repeatedly denied giving information to China.

Two other chapters of the exhaustive Bellows inquiry were released by the government earlier this month. They faulted the FBI and the Energy Department for their "slapdash" investigation. But the latest chapter, obtained by *The Washington Post* with some sensitive information blacked out, underscores how investigators botched the case. Among its revelations:

— Investigators in the FBI's Albuquerque office ignored an order from top FBI officials in December 1997 to open inquiries into suspects other than Lee and his wife, Sylvia. Those inquiries were not begun until 15 months later, after Lee had been fired.

— The photocopying of the outside of Lee's mail, known as a "mail cover" operation, was allowed to lapse for three months in 1997 because investigators failed to file a routine renewal application.

Taiwan President Chen Favors Expansion of Trade with China

By Philip P. Pan

THE WASHINGTON POST

NANJING, CHINA

President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan broke Sunday with a decades-old policy of restricting trade with China and endorsed a high-profile economic council's proposals to expand commercial ties aggressively despite lingering military and political tensions.

Chen promised new policies within two weeks based on the panel's recommendations, which include lifting a \$50 million cap on any single Taiwanese investment in China and allowing Chinese investment in Taiwan's real estate and stock markets.

Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan's top official for relations with China, said the proposals meant an end to the "no haste, be patient" policy of limiting trade with China for fear of becoming too dependent on a rival that has long threatened to seize Taiwan by force.

"This is a clear demonstration

from our side that we are prepared to take the risk and take a positive attitude toward China," Tsai said.

There was no immediate reaction from Beijing, which considers Taiwan an inseparable part of China and views Chen with suspicion because he once advocated independence for the capitalist, democratic island.

A state-run Chinese newspaper had dismissed earlier reports about the proposals, insisting that Chen accept the "one-China principle" and renounce any claims to Taiwanese independence. But a senior Chinese trade official also said China would not stand in the way of increased Taiwanese investment.

Depending on how Beijing reacts, Chen's move could prove to be a turning point both for his troubled presidency and for relations between China and Taiwan.

With Taiwan in a recession, businesses there have been pressing Chen to lift trade restrictions they say puts them at a disadvantage with

other companies taking advantage of China's cheap labor and booming economy. By giving in, Chen has angered members of his own party, including the vice president, but his standing with the public could rise, especially if the island's economy rebounds.

More broadly, the proposals — made by a committee of government officials, academics, and business leaders — could accelerate Taiwan's economic integration with China. Although direct investment in China is banned, Taiwanese firms have indirectly invested an estimated \$60 billion over the past decade and about 40 percent of Taiwan's foreign investment now goes to China.

Briefing reporters in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, Tsai said she hoped the proposals would break a stalemate in relations with Beijing, which has refused to open talks with Chen's government. "We do hope they will consider this as some sort of goodwill," she said.

East Timor Anticipates Its First Independent Elections Thursday

By Richard C. Paddock

LOS ANGELES TIMES

VERMASSE, EAST TIMOR

For 24 years, Nobel Peace Prize winner Jose Ramos Horta campaigned around the world for an end to violence in this troubled territory. On Sunday, he brought his message to 300 villagers preparing to vote in East Timor's first free election.

"If the people of East Timor are fighting each other, then this freedom is nothing," warned Horta, who is foreign minister in the territory's transitional government. "If you fight each other, it will start the future of this country in darkness."

East Timor, which has been administered by the United Nations since Indonesian militias devastated the territory two years ago, is moving steadily toward full independence next year.

On Thursday, voters will elect a constituent assembly that will be charged with writing the country's first constitution and, most likely, will become its first parliament.

While no one expects serious violence to erupt, East Timorese leaders want to ensure that the territory casts itself in the best possible light.

"In this, the first free election,

the message we can send to the world is we understand how much we need a democratic environment to discuss our problems and to work together," independence leader Jose Alexandre Gusmao said.

The charismatic Gusmao, popularly known by his nom de guerre, Xanana, is widely expected to become the former Portuguese colony's first president. Ending months of speculation, he announced Saturday that he will run when a presidential election is held next year.

Initially, the prospect of any election where political parties would vie with one another was greeted with apprehension by the East Timorese.

In a March poll by the independent Asia Foundation, the top two concerns of voters were riots (32 percent) and violence among party activists (25 percent).

Voters' fears can be easily traced: East Timor has had bad experiences with political expression over the past quarter of a century.

Indonesia seized the eastern half of Timor island in 1975 after Portugal prepared to pull out and East Timorese political parties began fighting among themselves. Civil

war broke out, paving the way for Indonesia to invade and seize the territory — an occupation never recognized by the United Nations.

Two years ago, Indonesia granted permission for a U.N.-sponsored vote on whether East Timor should be allowed to form its own country. A resounding 80 percent of the population voted for independence.

When the vote was announced, militia gangs organized by the Indonesian military ran amok, killing 1,000 people and destroying 80 percent of the buildings in the province.

About 250,000 of East Timor's 800,000 people fled, although many have since returned.

Order was restored only after the United Nations sent in troops and took over administration of the territory. About 9,000 peacekeeping troops remain, many of them guarding the border with Indonesia, which controls the western half of the island.

"I think there is still a lot of tension, because people can't help but associate this election with events of the past," said Carlos Valenzuela, the United Nations' chief electoral officer. "If we have a peaceful election, that is the most important outcome."

Eight Captives, Including American Released From Macedonian Prison

By Alissa J. Rubin

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SKOPJE, MACEDONIA

Ethnic Albanian guerrillas released a U.S. man Sunday evening who also holds Macedonian citizenship, along with seven ethnic Macedonians they had also held captive.

The release came barely 12 hours after a popular country restaurant frequented by ethnic Macedonians was blown up and an ethnic Macedonian guard and a bartender were killed in the blast.

Several Western sources said they suspected the explosion was set by the guerrillas, who call themselves the National Liberation Army, but a spokesman denied responsibility.

Macedonia has been on the verge of civil war since February, when ethnic Albanian guerrillas took up arms to fight for more rights for the country's sizable ethnic Albanian minority. Out of 2 million people, at least 25 percent are ethnic Albanian.

In recent weeks, European and U.S. mediators have been working with the country's political parties — two ethnic Macedonian and two ethnic Albanian — on a peace plan. In an operation that will proceed parallel to the enactment of the plan by parliament, NATO has agreed to enter the country to disarm the rebels. But that process has become steadily more controversial.

Both the release of the hostages and the restaurant explosion came on the eve of NATO's first scheduled collection of weapons from the NLA — an operation that is already coming in for sharp criticism.

The Macedonian American hostage released Sunday, Vojislav Mihajlovic, was captured seven or eight weeks ago near the village of Radusa on the border with Kosovo, the majority Albanian province of Yugoslavia. Late Sunday evening, he was receiving medical care in Skopje, the capital.

Mihajlovic, who was seized along with two ethnic Macedonians,

is between 45 and 50, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"He looks as if he is in reasonable health, given his ordeal," said Red Cross official Amanda Williamson.

U.S. Embassy officials said they had been working on his release for some time but that they had not wanted to publicize their efforts. The embassy had come close to winning his release once, but that attempt fell through.

"We are pleased that this U.S. citizen was released," said Peter Becksheazy, an embassy spokesman.

The embassy gave no details of Mihajlovic's capture, imprisonment or release, citing privacy concerns.

The number of ethnic Macedonians who are thought to be held hostage by the NLA varies, but until the eight were released Sunday, there were at least 25, according to Macedonian and international humanitarian groups.

GOP Aims to Deflect Budget Criticism

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Bush, facing Democratic charges that he has been fiscally reckless, plans to use a heavy travel schedule to try to shift voters' attention away from the mechanics of the budget to the benefits of his proposals, administration officials said this weekend.

Senior officials said Bush will use the bully pulpit more aggressively this fall than he did during his first seven months in office. He plans frequent appearances in informal settings like his excursion last week to a Target store in Kansas City, Mo., where he chatted with shoppers about how they were spending the rebate checks that were part of his tax cut.

The new offensive is part of a White House effort to position Bush as the protector of Social Security and Medicare when Democrats are arguing that his tax cut has threatened the long-term solvency of those programs and made other priorities unaffordable. As Congress works through the 13 annual appropriations bills next month, the president will try to turn Democrats' arguments against them.

"At the national level, the president will make it clear that irresponsible spending is the biggest threat to Social Security, Medicare and our men and women in uniform," said Jim Wilkinson, deputy White House communications director. "At the local level, we'll be saying, 'Democrats are holding up your education money, your highway money, your environmental protection money, to play politics.'"

Lawyer Says Condit's Staff Made Unauthorized Statements

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Rep. Gary Condit (D-Calif.)'s staff repeatedly put out misleading statements about the congressman's relationship with Chandra Levy, but the California Democrat never authorized them to do so, Condit's attorney said Sunday.

"Congressman Condit did not tell his staff to go out and lie," Condit's attorney, Abbe Lowell, said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "Congressman Condit did not authorize those statements to be made. Those staff people spoke about what they hoped was the truth and what they thought the truth was."

Lowell's comments — three days after Condit's national television interview — appeared to be an attempt to put some distance between the congressman and his staff, and blame them for the misleading statements. Levy, 24, was reported missing in early May, and only in his third interview with police did Condit tell investigators that he had a romantic affair with her.

When asked why the staff members' misstatements to the media were not corrected, Lowell said, "It was a mistake for the staff and the collective office of the congressman and the congressman and me not to correct that sooner and correct it better." Lowell declined to comment after the program.

Britain Changes Its Tune On Street Musicians

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

Street buskers have long lived on the fringes of society. As minstrel, troubadour or hobo, the traveling musician has been seen as a creative troublemaker with an instrument on his back.

But in a country where it's not uncommon to see classical string quartets, opera singers or rock guitarists performing for nothing more than a handful of coins, street musicians' contributions to society are gradually being recognized with a fresh eye.

Everyone from government officials to social service workers is coming to view buskers as a means of improving city life.

"They say we're the next-oldest profession after prostitution," said Tyluan O'Sinend, head of the Buskers' Union, a collective of street musicians raising awareness of homelessness — and raising money — through their art.

A formerly homeless busker in Bath, in southwest England, O'Sinend is at work on the group's second attempt to earn money for the homeless through busking. Last year's No Fixed Abode project provided grant money to homeless street musicians so they could make CDs of their music in a professional studio. They sell the CDs and give a portion of the profits back to the Buskers' Union to help other homeless musicians make recordings.

Statistics Show American Education Is Passing and Failing

LOS ANGELES TIMES

From one point of view, the U.S. Census Bureau offers a glowing report on America's goal of becoming an educated nation.

A record 81 percent of the population has completed high school or its equivalent, and the percentage appears to be headed still higher.

But another number tells of trouble on the horizon. Among the most recent crop of young adults, those now 18 to 24, only 75 percent have finished high school, suggesting a substantial dropout rate.

Therein lies a mystery: Why is the national graduation rate climbing while so many school-age children are dropping out?

The question evokes an array of answers from demographers, statisticians and educators. Some think immigration of less-educated young people is skewing the numbers. Others point to "redshirt" students who spend an extra year in high school, then graduate at age 18 or 19. They also cite "second-chance" dropouts who earn degrees in their later years by passing an exam.

That the Census Bureau seems to be pointing in both positive and negative directions is not just a matter of academic curiosity.

Critics contend that the government is inflating the nation's educational achievement by counting people who pass equivalency exams as essentially the same as those who graduate from high school. They say equivalency certificates are pseudo diplomas with little value.

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Don't Talk To Me

Christen Gray

You've arrived at MIT, found your temporary housing, and kissed your parents goodbye. Finally, you are at college. The place you have counted on to find other people like you, the experience you anticipated through four drudging years of high school.

Inhaling deeply, you decide to go out and explore on your own before your temporary roommates arrive. Armed with a campus map and your Hitchhiker's Guide, you set out down the hall. On the elevator you encounter an upperclassman who isn't directly assigned to give you packets or point you in the right direction. Timidly, you introduce yourself. Your greeting is rebuffed by a short hello and an awkward silence for the rest of the overly slow elevator ride.

Undaunted, you decide to search out food as your stomach growls. You remember seeing food in the Student Center. You grab what looks like good food in Lobdell and progress to search out a place to eat it. You quickly spot an upperclassman sitting at a nearby table. Surely this person will be more friendly than the last. As soon as you introduce yourself, she gets up to leave, so you eat your meal alone.

After lunch, your stomach is turning, and you can't be sure whether it is from the lack of company or the food. Wary of any further interaction, you slink back to your room assignment to begin memorizing the course numbers (maybe then you will fit in) and await the arrival of your temporary roommates.

This is the greeting that awaits many freshmen as they arrive at MIT. Many are lucky enough to mostly run into non-affiliates, but others, such as the girls in McCormick, will be surrounded by people who cannot talk to them. Many freshmen are not even told about the

silence rule until days after they come to MIT. Thus, many are left with a bad taste in their mouth toward FSILGs before Rush has even begun.

The official rule is that no member of a fraternity or independent living group can engage in conversation with any potential rushee. The Panhellenic Association rules have recently changed to allow social contact with freshmen, but many upperclassmen are not aware of these changes. Therefore, fraternities cannot talk to freshmen males, sororities do not talk to freshmen females, and independent living groups can talk to no freshmen. The consequences of infringements range from fines to punishments which restrict a house's ability to rush. This speaking restriction extends from the Friday before orientation (when all the pre-orientation programs begin) to Killian Kickoff.

Many freshmen are eager to contact people who they know from high school as soon as they arrive on campus. Finding these people provides a small safety net or comfort zone in a strange and daunting environment. However, if a freshman spots an old buddy who happens to be a member of an FSILG, instead of the warm greeting she was expecting, she is greeted with a quick hello, and her old friend is often gone before the bewildered freshmen even knows what has happened.

An older sibling cannot even give a campus tour to his or her little brother or sister coming to MIT. If the freshman had planned on staying

with their sibling before they are allowed to move into their temp housing, tough luck.

This can even affect non-affiliates around campus as we try to be friendly and work with the people around us. On an elevator in the student center, I asked a group of people carrying large objects what they were doing. Everyone just stood there silently, looking desperately for someone else to answer, until I announced, quite flabbergasted, that I was not a freshman.

Roaming the campus, I found many affiliates who were annoyed and frustrated by this rule. They felt it was silly and unnecessary. However, each of the affiliates I talked to was in such fear of reprimand to their respective houses that they would not permit even a simple quote in this paper.

I encourage all who are not affiliated to reach out and explain what is going on to the bewildered freshmen. I encourage those who are affiliated to fight stupidity through whatever channels they feel comfortable with. Really, I would like to see a mass disobedience on the part of the fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. However, I have seen how deeply IFC has placed fear for this rush in them. No one dares risk anything, so nothing changes quickly.

This year is the last year for rush — or at least rush as we know it. Next year the silence rule will be history. However, who is to say the new rules will be any less ridiculous and encumbering than the current set?

I encourage the affiliated to fight the stupidity of the silence rule through whatever channels they feel comfortable with. Really, I would like to see a mass disobedience on the part of the FSILGs.

Don't Cry For the IMF

Michael Borucke

While traveling in Europe last July, I met an Argentinean student in Greece. We talked about the impending IMF aid, which will keep the Argentinean economy from defaulting on its loans when repayment begins in September. But the aid, she told me, would not solve anything. She told me how the \$130 billion debt was tied to the social unrest and feelings of hopelessness that pervade Argentina today. Weekly protests from tens of thousands of unemployed and employed alike are growing in strength and numbers. Students, teachers, laborers, and even doctors have participated in road blockades to show dissatisfaction with the policies of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). These policies have destroyed social services once provided by the government.

Where did things go wrong? At some point in time, Argentina had to be sustainable as a country, else it would not exist today. Well, some would say the destabilization began with the European conquest of the Americas, but that's laughable. It's ludicrous, inappropriate even, to think that a history of plunder, genocide, and rape have anything to do with the present. Just forget I said anything about conquest. Instead, let's look at the economic situation of Argentina.

Argentina has been in financial trouble for at least the past twenty years. In 1989 the Menem government attempted to pull Argentina out of economic turmoil by privatizing many of Argentina's industries. It is thought that giving a publicly-run industry like telecommunications to the private sector will increase a country's economic growth. Unfortunately, the move didn't keep a large segment of Argentina's middle class from poverty. Nor did privatizing railroads create jobs for the unemployed or underemployed (40% of the population). Three years after the water and sanitation industries were put into private hands, 60% of the population in the nation's capital, Buenos Aires, were without access to the sewer system.

Though the population may have suffered from these neo-liberal policies, statistics from the World Bank's Web site show an

overall growth in the economy from the 1980s to the nineties (http://www.worldbank.org/data/wdi2001/pdfs/tab4_1.pdf). Even with this growth, Argentina has been in a recession for the past four years.

Given the increased growth, free market proponents contend that privatization and other neo-liberal tools aren't the cause of Argentina's problems. Instead, it is the governmental regulations that prevent the market from being truly free. Economic growth will only help people once everything is left up to the free market. Industry should be totally privatized. There have got to be some lakes in Argentina that could be privatized. The rain might be another

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possible source of income, provided the right technological capabilities. And doesn't Argentina have some rainforest left? Why not let the free market take care of that?

Indonesia has got the right idea here. With weak governmental regulations and enforcement, local businessmen are illegally cutting down the last substantial rainforests in Southeast Asia. Of all the tropical hardwood that America imports, 80% is illegally cut from these rainforests and sent to places like Home Depot and Lowe's.

The fun doesn't have to stop at industry. The privatization of education is already underway here in the States, so why not in Argentina? Government spending could be cut if teachers from other, poorer countries were imported to

Argentina to work for less.

Of course, these ideas are absurd. So is an unregulated market. We as a society place limits on the free market because we understand that some practices, although encouraged by the free market, are morally unacceptable no matter how cost-efficient. Child labor is one such practice that we have deemed too cruel to utilize (at least in the United States... as far as I know).

It is also important to understand that we as a society can decide that current policies are too cruel even if they are put forward by the free market, its adherents, and government officials. Privatization, deregulation, and liberalization are not inevitable. They are simply choices, like child labor, that people should be able to choose or not choose.

The case of Argentina has shown that free market practices have not solved the economic woes of the nation, let alone the suffering of the people. The conditions on the current aid package slash government spending in the usual places, with health and education being two of the first to go. Of special note is the 13% cut in pay for government workers — including teachers — and their pensions. Unemployment hovers around 17% nationally. There is little future for the youth in Argentina, and like many recent college graduates, my Argentinean friend is looking for work as far away from Argentina as possible.

No small aid relief is going to quell the discontent of the people, let alone solve the enormous budgetary crisis. Without continued support from the IMF and the U.S., Argentina will be unable to pay back its debt on schedule. Current solutions to the problem include the "restructuring of debt" (read: more neo-liberal policies). The cancellation of the debt is not being considered, yet it is an option nonetheless. Without a dark cloud of debt hanging over the country, the government could provide the necessary social services. But I can't offer solutions; I can only hope people educate themselves about the type of globalization currently under way. Who are the people pushing for and against it, what do these people have to gain from their actions, and what are the effects of globalization on developing nations?

The Way Of 'Mr. Rogers'

Jyoti Tibrewala

The final episode of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" will air this week. 72-year-old Fred Rogers, who many of us have grown up watching, will be "hanging up his cardigan for the last time" [*Time*, August 22]. "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" has always been at the forefront of children's programming, exploring many of the facets of a child's life. Rogers helps children explore their feelings, troubles, and fears. While treading these very delicate areas, it's vital to keep children comfortable. Rogers accomplishes this by always welcoming the viewer with a smile. And it's not one of those fake, permanent smiles you might see on other shows, but a deep, warm smile, distinguished by the fact that his lips don't turn as high upward as they would in a phony smile.

So where does this leave children's television? Well, at the moment there seems to be a balance between quality programs like "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and shows that have a lower educational value. A closer look at some of the more popular kids' shows, though, hints that this equilibrium may be changing for the worse.

"Sesame Street" and "Mister Rogers" made up the bulk of my television experience as a child. While "Sesame Street" doesn't go too much into fears and troubles like Rogers' show does, it does teach concepts such as sharing. A scene comes to mind involving Ernie, his rubber duckie, and a little boy. Both "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and "Sesame Street" include scenes which use puppets and live characters to teach concepts such as sharing.

However, this must be handled properly. Take "Barney," for example. Now there's a show that stresses the ideals of friendship and sharing. But let's put aside the issue of friendship for a second, and focus on that of sharing. Let's also put aside the two minor puppet characters and look at just Barney and his interaction with the children. Nine times out of ten, he's the one with the answers. He's the one who encourages the children to share with each other or with the other two dinosaurs. One can't help but notice that Barney is always better than the children. Sure, children don't know everything. But at least on "Sesame Street" or "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," the live characters are either on par with their puppet counterparts or they are the ones who have the idea of sharing in the first place. Children don't want to be made to feel that they are inconsiderate. Place the live character in the superior position, and once children see that often enough, they will learn that that is what to do. They should be nice and offer to share. Sure, once in a while, Barney should be there to offer his wisdom, but he shouldn't be the primary character who knows what's right and what is wrong.

"Blue's Clues" was started by Nick-eloodeon a few years ago. (Hey, when you're home from school and nothing else is on, what better to do than check out the new children's programming?) The show features a dog and a man named Steve. Blue and Steve involve the preschool-aged viewer in solving everyday problems. By solving these problems, the child learns many parts of the thought process. The child hones almost all of his or her skills, from motor, to perceptory, to reading, to role-playing. And Steve and Blue learn along with the child viewers. I don't need to elaborate on how good a thing this is.

But while you have "Sesame Street" and "Blue's Clues," there's also "Bananas in Pajamas." Now I honestly can't tell you that I grew up watching this show. I'll also admit that when I first heard of the title and saw commercials for it, I laughed. But nonetheless, it seems to be one of the more heavily watched shows these days, and so will use second-hand research to form my opinion of this show. The bananas, B1 and B2, like playing tricks on the Teddies. No official word on any other purpose of the show is available. Wonderful. A couple of fruit pranksters.

"Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was a pioneer in the world of children's television programming. With the show coming to an end, and "Sesame Street" having been on the air for years, there aren't many mainstream television programs that show much promise of becoming the next big thing in children's programming. Hopefully something will come along to reach the next generation of children in the way that Fred Rogers reached us.

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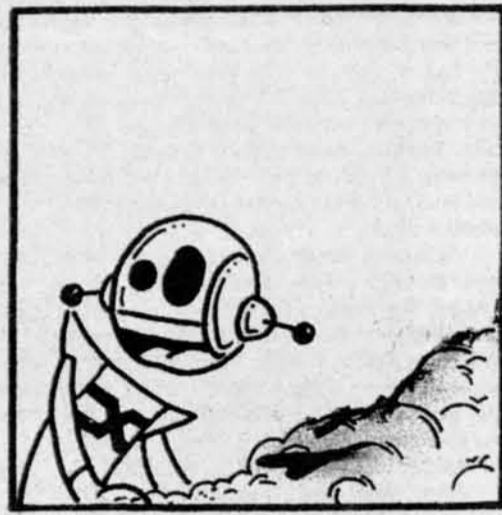
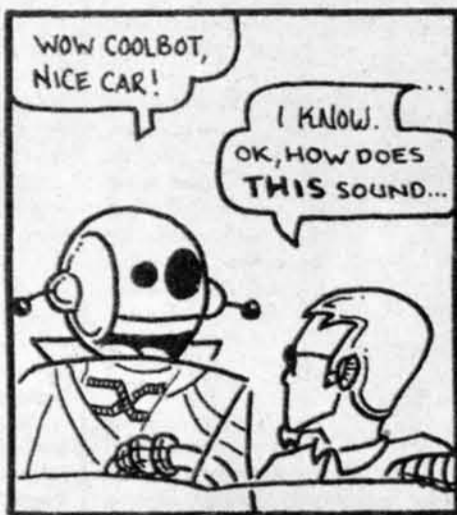
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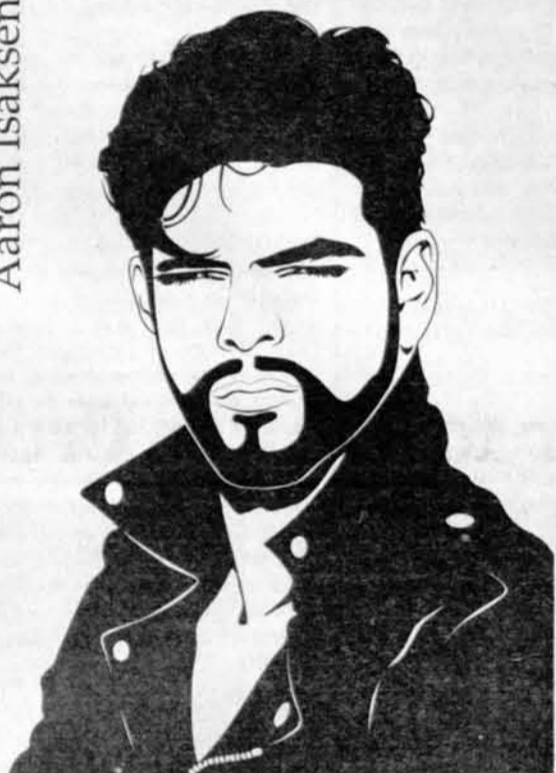
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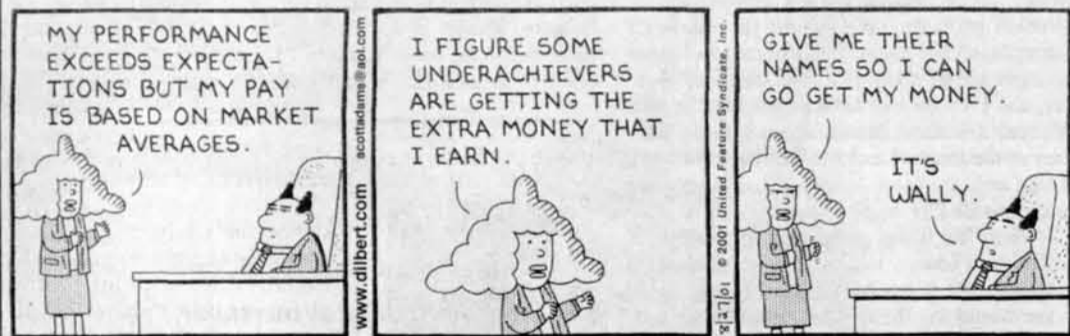
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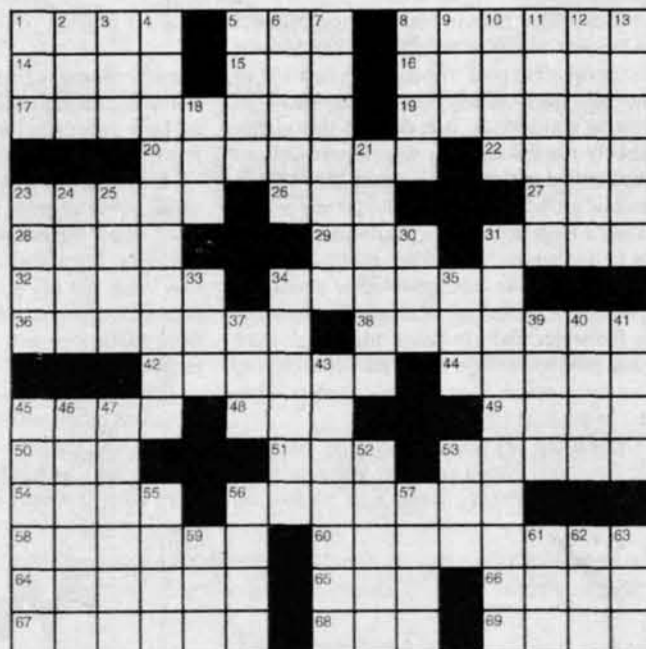
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Crossword Puzzle

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| 5 Quantity of gum | 51 Short snooze | 13 Pounds to a pulp |
| 8 Tack on snow | 53 Wet sprays | 18 For what ___ worth |
| 14 Hawaiian island | 54 Installed, as carpet | 21 Consolation |
| 15 Color property | 56 Birthplace of Simon Bolivar | 23 Herring's kin |
| 16 Ring around the sun | 58 Imitation gold | 24 First-class |
| 17 Feelings | 60 Deadly compounds | 25 Falls behind |
| 19 Chinese calculator | 64 Florida city | 30 ___ Paulo |
| 20 Centralized government | 65 Female lobster | 31 Creating a latticework |
| 22 Wild party | 66 Roman tyrant | 33 "Road to ___" |
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| 26 Sell-out letters | 68 Affirmative response | 35 Tax grp. |
| 27 Golfer's mound | 69 Can't-see-um | 37 UN member |
| 28 Rime | | 39 Brewed beverages |
| 29 South African golfer Ernie | DOWN | 40 Teepee or yurt |
| 31 Actress Harper | 1 Little piggy | 41 Big galoots |
| 32 Enrage | 2 Edible tuber | 43 Stiff and formal |
| 34 Coastal inhalations | 3 Greek P | 45 Beauty parlors |
| 36 Preordain | 4 Reach | 46 Biblical peak |
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FSILGs Try Harder To Recruit This Year

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guys."

Though overnight numbers were down overall, Women's Independent Living Group Rush Chair Marissa Raymond '03 said WILG had more freshmen than usual stay over Saturday night.

More effort goes into rush

Ro said PBE was spending 10 to 20 percent more than usual on rush this year. He added that the fraternity had about two dozen rush girls, three times as many as usual.

Eric A. Dauler '02, Rush Chair for Pi Lambda Phi, said his fraternity was spending about \$20,000, the same amount as last year. "But we had a bigger alumni turnout than last year, which sort of makes up for not spending more money," Dauler said.

In addition, Dauler said that members of other PLP chapters came to help out with rush.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Rush Chair William D. Fournier '03 said that Sig Ep will spend less than \$10,000 on rush, substantially less than many other fraternities. Their budget is slightly higher than last year's, he said, but this is due to the fact that they have more room to fill. In addition to filling the main house, Sig Ep plans put some members in its annex this year.

"We haven't noticed any significant drawbacks" to having a low budget, Fournier said. "We have inexpensive jaunts ... We don't throw a lot of flash at freshmen."

Rushes set own agendas

Some of the rush chairs believe that this year's rushes are more knowledgeable about the rush process than previous classes were.

"Freshmen seem to know more about rush this year," Ro said. "They've been moving around a lot more than in the past."

"Some kids are more organized," Nielsen said. "They have their own set agenda, as opposed to just going along with whoever stays over for them."

No consensus on non-residentials

With just one year until the implementation of freshmen-on-campus, some houses are ready to extend non-residential bids. However, some groups are still averse to the idea. Many still remain undecided.

"We're encouraging freshmen to be residential members if they can, but we're allowing for the possibility" of non-residential pledges, Ro said. He indicated that some freshmen have already expressed interest in such an option.

"We're not used to non-residential bids ... but people are thinking more along those lines" this year, Nielsen said. Some houses "are giving out lots of bids to get their numbers up for next year, but our house doesn't feel that's the way to go." Deke, he said, will only extend bids to freshmen who "would be a good fit for the house."

Dauler said that PLP will only extend residential bids until they fill the house, at which point they may go back and extend non-residential bids. "We don't initially want to make that an option," he said.

Raymond said that WILG had not yet come to a consensus about non-residential members.

Chicas said that upperclassmen generally move out of Nu Delta to make room for freshmen, and that the fraternity has not yet made a decision about non-residential members.



John M. McBean '01 pushes Mark C. Feldmeier G and Joseph C. Stark '03 on the East Campus spinning ride of death. The contraption was designed and built in a 5 hour work session Sunday evening.

UROPs Either for Pay or Credit

UROp, from Page 1

easy. After deciding on a general area of study, the UROP student has to find a mentor, usually a professor, and get his or her approval to conduct research in the lab. There are several avenues for finding UROP mentors, the most convenient being the online listing of project openings, found at <http://web.mit.edu/urop/openings.html>.

If nothing on the web page piques the reader's interest, it is important to realize that not all professors rely on the online UROP project listing. Intrepid students must often take the initiative to e-mail the professor directly or walk to his or her office and knock on the door. The latter is usually the most effective and possibly most underused method for landing the dream UROP.

The ambitious freshman should not forget that he or she does not have to join an existing project, but can design his or her own, as long as a faculty member can be found to supervise it.

The big meeting

Now that the UROP student has found a project and an advisor, the time has come to meet the boss. This is the student's chance to ask specific questions of the mentor, including the requisite time requirements and the possibility for compensation.

There are two forms of tangible compensation in return for UROP services. Often departments will grant academic credit for approved projects, which can count toward the 180 units beyond the General Institute Requirements needed to receive an MIT bachelor's degree. Alternatively, the UROP student can earn cash; the base pay rate has recently been elevated to \$8.75 per hour.

If the junior researcher is content with earning valuable research experience alone, there is an option to work a UROP as a volunteer.

However, the most important part of the meeting is discussing the nature of the work and the role of the project within the context of the lab's

activities. On occasion, a project that appears spectacular on paper may not live up to expectations.

Not quite ready yet?

The entering student is often apprehensive about starting a UROP while still trying to settle into college life. There are several options open to this type of student to ensure that he is better prepared to join research laboratories in the future.

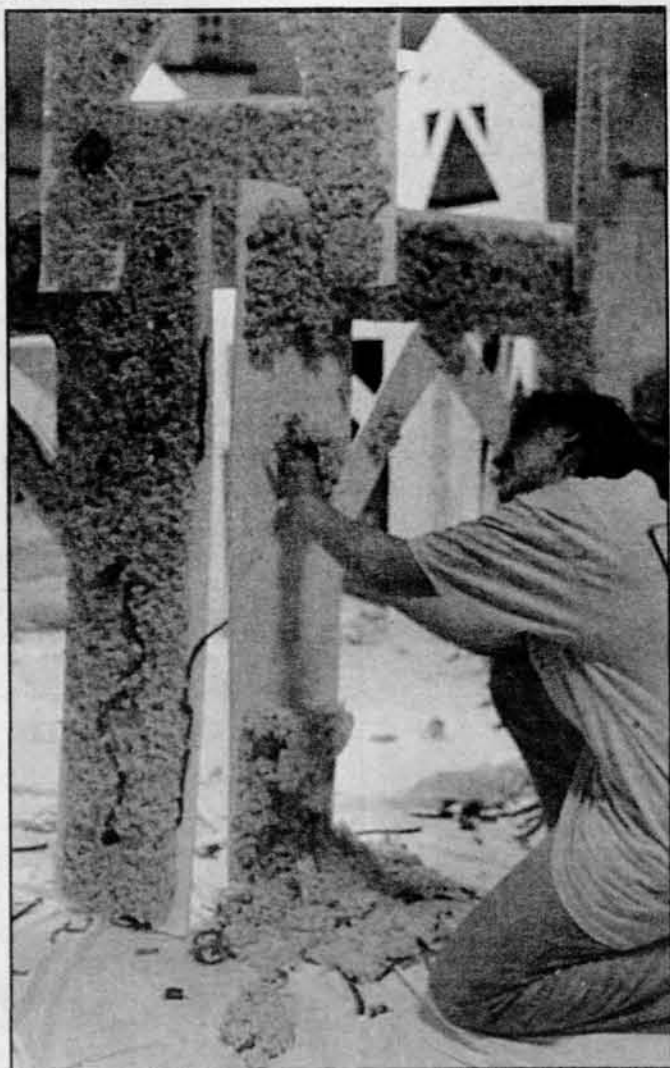
The best way to prepare for a future in a research environment is to take pertinent classes. A biologist, for

example, would find Introduction to Experimental Biology (7.02) very useful, while the electrical engineer could benefit from a semester of Circuits and Electronics (6.002).

Furthermore, the UROP Office runs a mentorship program for interested students during the January Independent Activities Period (IAP). The Research Mentor Program pairs undergraduates who have never done a UROP, "pre-UROPers", with upper-class students who have at least one year of UROP experience, or "Research Mentors."

Enjoy RuSh!

This space donated by The Tech.



Sarah A. Martinez '01 puts the finishing touches on a 5 foot tall rice crispy treat castle at East Campus.



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Having Fun the Goal for Dorms

Dorm Rush, from Page 1

would like Random or some dorm on East Campus."

Dorm rush more laid back

As dormitories do not directly invite freshmen to live with them, dorm rush is more about having fun than recruitment. "Rush is less about showing people the dorm than showing what the Bakerites are like," Maron said.

Rachel A. Sharp '02, a rush worker for East Campus, said that 10 percent of freshmen will end up living at East Campus, regardless of their rush performance. "We just do what we like, and hang out," she said. "I like to make food." Sharp worked in the kitchen this weekend preparing \$4000 worth of rush food.

Baker has planned several informal events for the coming days, including an "unhappy happy hour" on the roofdeck, karaoke, and small barbeques. Random has planned events which include a game of Jenga played with pieces of 2x4 foot lumber.

Sharp said that East Campus had a \$20,000 rush budget this year. "We had a big surplus. We have over 400 people in our dorm, so we had a huge budget," she said. "This seemed like a good time to have a four-day party."

East and west square off

Yesterday also featured a large water fight between West and East Campus dormitories. "It started from a fight that I had with the Senior House rush chair. We decided to settle it on the playing field," Maron said.

According to Ankur M. Mehta '03, Baker was doing quite well until members of East Campus, Random Hall, and the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity joined the fight. The combined forces quickly forced Baker to make a hasty retreat.

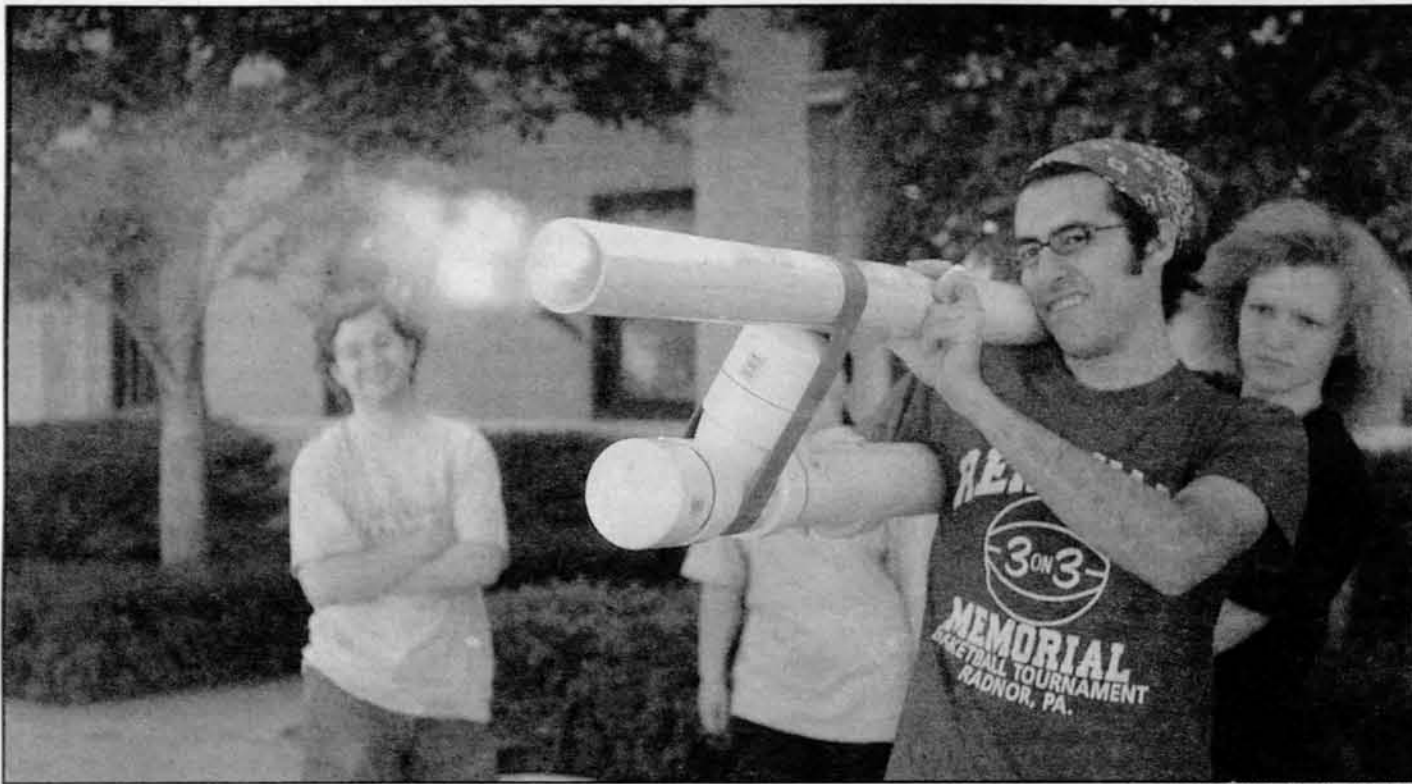
"East Campus reamed West Campus," said Charisse L. Massay '03, a Senior House resident. According to Massay, the victors marched around campus chanting "Water makes the grass grow. Kill! Kill! Kill!" after winning the fight.

Bexley chooses not to rush

As usual, Bexley elected to participate in "anti-rush," a series of activities designed to scare away prospective members. One tactic involved spraying water out of a window and onto any freshmen who entered or left the dorm.

Jenny A. Lichter '05 said that "there was some vaseline on some railways." In addition, she said that her suite mate heard some loud pornography.

Lichter is not currently considering Bexley, and plans to move to Burton-Conner. "I think that I want to be in a more social environment," she said.



Matthew D. Mishrikey '02 fires the tennis ball cannon during East Campus rush.

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Crossword Solution

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TYRO	WAD	SLALOM			
OAHU	HUE	CORONA			
EMOTIONS	ABACUS				
	STATISM	BASH			
SALTS	SRO	TEE			
HOAR	ELS	TESS			
ANGER	SEAIR				
DESTINE	CORETTA				
	COARSE	SLEEP			
SASH	TET	LANE			
ARK	NAP	MISTS			
LAI	CARACAS				
ORMOLU	CYANIDES				
NAPLES	MEN	NERO			
STYLES	YES	GNAT			

Daily Confusion, from Page 9

ask him very nicely, Thunda will let you try some of his Nutty Chocolate Thunda Surprise Ice Cream.

6:07 p.m. - **EAsT campUS** - Erin likes marzipan. You do too. Get some and more courtesy of the North End's best bakery, Mike's Pastries.

6:15 p.m. - **Phi Beta Epsilon** - Indian Cuisine - Indian delicacies served up piping hot.

6:15 p.m. - **French House** - Le diner - Meme si vous n'avez pas aide a cuisiner, vous etes le bienvenu a notre repas traditionnel du Boeuf Bourguignonne.

6:15 p.m. - **French House** - Dinner Time - Even if you didn't help us cook, you are welcome to come enjoy a homemade French House meal of boeuf bourguignonne.

6:17 p.m. - **Random Hall** - Hot and Spicy Food Party! Do you love the taste of hot, spicy food? So do we. Come devour delicious chili, jalapeno poppers, hot coconut soup and more. Delicious only at Random.

6:22 p.m. - **Tep Force 22** - Meet with "The Godfather" over a nice Italian Dinner and discuss whether or not to use fabric softener while laundering your money. Call 617-262-5090 for an offer you can't refuse.

6:28 p.m. - **WILG** - Who done it??? Try your hand at detective work solving our WILG written, directed, and produced murder mystery while you chow down on our mouth-a-licious dinner.

6:30 p.m. - **Alpha Delta Phi** - You think you have a big appetite? Our Italian dinner mocks you. It laughs at you. It just poked you in the stomach and called you a wuss. Call 576-2792 for a ride

6:30 p.m. - **MacGregor House** - "Yummy!" says the chica in the grass skirt. Why you ask? She's having a tasty meal down at the M450 BBQ. Come eat and hang with all the kahunas at MacG.

6:30 p.m. - **Alpha Epsilon Pi** - The turkey dinner of your life. Chef Fred works it again.

6:32 p.m. - **Student House** - Who you tryin to get crazy with ese? Don't you know I'm loco? Enjoy authentic mexican delicacies made by american folks who live really close to Mexico.

6:32 p.m. - **WILG** - Shrimp scampi, roasted Italian vegetables, gourmet pasta...need we say more? Make your reservation for WILG's Mystery Cafe dinner.

6:37 p.m. - **Fenway House** - Buzzy's? Yes? Come with us and eat somewhere you'll actually go to during term. Call 437-1043 for a ride.

6:41 p.m. - **pika** - dinner: macrobiotic feast and prodigious yoga. dessert: twinkies and slouching. run the gamut, pika, 617-492-6983

6:45 p.m. - **Theta Xi** - Fifteen minutes till B.A.S.H.

6:55 p.m. - **Theta Xi** - Five minutes till B.A.S.H.

6:55 p.m. - **WILG** - Do you know who done it? Stop by for the second half of WILG's Mystery Cafe and take your best guess! (617) 253-6799 for a ride

6:59 p.m. - **Theta Xi** - One minute till B.A.S.H.

7 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - **Theta Xi** - What is it? Experiencing is believing, and you've never experienced anything like THIS before!

7:00 p.m. - **ZBT** - DELICIOUS SOUTHERN BARBECUE! Chicken, ribs, the works, cooked on our grill to charred perfection. We have a live COMEDIAN after dinner. Vegetarian meals available. Call Rick for rides at 617-232-3257. ZBT, THE NON-PLEDGING FRATERNITY

7:00 p.m. - **Phi Sigma Kappa** - Splash on some cologne and put on that deodorant for the semi-formal BIDDEE CRUISE ... in 30 minutes!

7:00 p.m. - **Gamma Alpha Gamma** - Dinner at our house. Other frats brag about their cooks; come taste how much better our Little Sisters are.

7:00 p.m. - **New House** - Ahh, we're all stuffed from the Around-the-World BBQ (and we're probably still wet from the waterfight), but we like you so much that we're willing to get off our asses and give you a tour...and after that, you can stick around for some heavenly DESSERT!!

7:00 p.m. - **Bexxley Hall** - It's 7am. Good a time as any to go drown yourself in the Charles.

7:00 p.m. - **Sigma Nu** - Hurry up and you can still make it to dinner at Quincy Market before we go upstairs to the Comedy Connection at 8.

7:00 p.m. - **Theta Delta Chi** - SPIN-

NING, ELECTRONIC MUSIC. A lot of these all night starting now on our topmost roof deck. We've got local DJ's, SCHISM, a live drum and bass act, and DJ PRECISION, the Regional DMC Champ.

7:00 p.m. - **Theta Delta Chi** - Interested in spinning? Come by TDC for an informal turntable workshop.

7:00 p.m. - **Next House** - Tocate el pipi...and wash your hands before coming over to Next House as our Mexican fiesta continues!

7:00 p.m. - **Sigma Phi Epsilon** - Clean up for our night out on the town. We're taking you on a FORMAL DINNER to the Black Rose Irish Pub and Restaurant, with live Irish music and genuine Irish food. Remember, its Bid Day...

7:03 p.m. - **Student House** - Taco wagon minus the wagon, virgin Margaritas too. How is our mercurial chef so proficient in so many delicacies? We'll let you in on a secret: it's really a bunch of different guys.

7:06 p.m. - **Delta Psi/No. 6** - We have a mellow evening of live jazz, desserts, coffee, and dancing in mind.

7:17 p.m. - **Random Hall** - Make up for all those years you wasted on a 56K modem at our Rush LAN Party! Counterstrike, Quake 3 try to beat Jim, Starcraft; you tell us what you want to play. We've probably got it. Get into the rhythm of having a T1 line 24/7.

7:21 p.m. - **Senior House** - (___) Look at my butt!!!! Rush is almost over. Get your ass over here

7:22 p.m. - **Tep Force 22** - You're our only hope! Call Tep at 617-262-5090 and we'll take you to Boston's North End for Cannolis! May the Spork be with you.

7:30 p.m. - **Zeta Psi** - HARD ROCK CAFE! A Zeta Psi signature event. Good food. Good music. Absolutely don't miss it. Call for ride: 617-661-4111 x401.

7:30 p.m. - **Alpha Epsilon Pi** - Join us as we rack up a few games and eat some good food at Boston Billiards.

7:30 p.m. - **Phi Sigma Kappa** - BIDDEE CRUISE -> A formal night on the Harbor for those who have received bids. Meet your potential pledge-mates and have a blast with the rush women.

7:30 p.m. - **MacGregor House** - Rush is long - too long sometimes. M450 has a huge movie screen and a lush green courtyard with lots of lawn chairs to chill in. What could be better than a relaxing outdoor movie with some popcorn from our popcorn machine? Oh yeah.

7:30 p.m. - **Theta Chi** - Looking for a good laugh? Then let us take you to the Comedy Connection, Boston's famous comedy club. Call 888-692-8648 for a ride.

7:30 p.m. - **Epsilon Theta** - How much tea can the duck pond hold? Can ducks get caffeinated? Watch Erin find out whether the ducks prefer peachy white or golden monkey! Don't worry, the humans (& others) get some too. Hot, iced, or just confused? Epsilon Theta: It's not your mother's tea party. x3-8888

7:34 p.m. - **Fenway House** - Full now? Don't feel like moving? Neither do we. Come on over and we'll watch yet another random movie or three.

7:45 p.m. - **French House** - We're in the kitchen already, so come on by and we'll give you something to eat.

7:45 p.m. - **Delta Kappa Epsilon** - Come and enjoy a cruise on the Boston Harbor with all of the DKE's and their friends. Music included!

7:45 p.m. - **Bexxley Hall** - Perfect? I don't know...look at the size of her head. She must be enormous.

7:52 p.m. - **pika** - parting the mystic veils of time, i see steeping herbaceous elements and prognosticating. tarot, tea and thee. pika, 617-492-6983.

7:54 p.m. - **EAsT campUS** - East Campus. We accept mullets.

7:55 p.m. - **German House** - German House dinner.

7:56 p.m. - **Senior House** - Do you think you have had a dramatic experience? Jason will tell you about REAL drama. Oh, and by the way—your outfit is so not cute.

8 p.m.

8:00 p.m. - **ZBT** - Come relax after a hectic day, and enjoy a spectacular view of Boston and Brookline from our roof deck, listen to Dr. Awkward spin. Call Rick for rides at 617-232-3257. ZBT, THE POWERHOUSE OF EXCELLENCE

8:00 p.m. - **French House** - The best part of Chemistry was playing with dry ice after the AP test. Bring

your imagination (but not your periodic table!) for some refreshing experimentation. (5th floor New House 6.)

8:00 p.m. - **French House** - 2000: Jouer avec la neige carbonique apres l'examen AP, c'etait la meilleure experience du cours de chimie! Apportez votre imagination (mais pas votre tableau periodique) pour une experience rafraichissant (LMF, 4eme etage, NH6).

8:00 p.m. - **Phi Sigma Kappa** - Dancing and chilling upstairs, food downstairs on the Phi Sig BIDDEE CRUISE

8:00 p.m. - **Phi Delta Theta** - A scavenger hunt Phi Delt style. The best event of rush.

8:00 p.m. - **New House** - You know you're tired of all the BBQ's and steak and lobster...you must be ready for DESSERT! Make whatever you want: chocolate fondue, sundaes, floats...and you know what they say about chocolate...this may be your last chance to GET SOME for the next 4 years...

8:00 p.m. - **Bexxley Hall** - CRISCO DISCO

8:00 p.m. - **Sigma Nu** - Our annual night at the Comedy Connection in Quincy Market is many people's favorite jaunt of rush. Let the comedians introduce you to the lighter side of living in Boston. Call 617-536-9925 for a ride over to Sigma Nu.

8:00 p.m. - **Pi Lambda Phi** - Pool, Arcade Games, Batting Cages, Air Hockey, Midget Bowling; we're doing all of these at the Good Times Emporium. (Midget Sold Separately)

8:00 p.m. - **Epsilon Theta** - Jake may cower from dessert, but you can try anything you like at our dessert buffet. What better to go with a nice cup of tea? Call x3-8888 for a ride. We're a co-ed house.

8:00 p.m. - **Theta Delta Chi** - Come by and groove to local DJ's NCos and Alex on our fifth floor rooftop.

8:00 p.m. - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Dessert in Harvard Sq. Second rate school. First rate ice cream. Call for a ride: 617-576-2792

8:00 p.m. - **MacGregor House** - The outdoor movie on our giant screen has barely begun! Hurry down to M450 for some popcorn and a relaxing night at the movies in our courtyard.

8:00 p.m. - **EAsT campUS** - There aren't any drive in theaters in Boston any more, so we opened our own. Head over to EC to be escorted to our private drive-in. Bring your car if you've got one.

8:00 p.m. - **Next House** - Indulge your Nextual Appetite at the Next House Chocolate Extravaganza! Chocolate brownies, chocolate fudge, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate chip cheesecake, Bavarian chocolate cream, chocolate peanut butter bars...

8:04 p.m. - **Student House** - We're whipping up a pool tourney. And what the hey, maybe if we're feeling saucy we'll treat you to the swanky tables at Boston up the road.

8:10 p.m. - **Epsilon Theta** - Is iced tea real tea? Well, perhaps the question is whether hot tea is real tea. I mean, iced tea has ice and ice is clearly not tea. But hot tea has water! Can you make tea without water? Come find out at Epsilon Theta's tea party! Call x3-8888 for a ride.

8:11 p.m. - **pika** - more fun with fire! metal expert em leads the charge of the welding brigade. pika, 617-492-6983, fun, with a torch

8:22 p.m. - **Tep Force 22** - Only one hour before tonight's Costume Soiree, so wrap up what you're doing and get ready to get wrapped up in fantasy. We'll have everything from tire-swing dancing to MasterMind, AND we'll all be dressed up like morons! Don't miss this: Call 617-262-5090 to reserve a spot.

8:24 p.m. - **Student House** - Hurry, you can still make it for pool at one of Boston's favorite place for billiards.

8:30 p.m. - **Phi Kappa Theta** - BOSTON SCAVENGER HUNT. Learn all about Boston as you search the city for various items as a small group of brothers and Freshmen. You'll see the Common, Newbury St, and much more. Call ahead for a ride.

8:30 p.m. - **Next House** - Next House Chocolate Feast continues: Why Chocolate is Better at Next. Stop by and see for yourself...going on til 11 or til it's gone!

8:36 p.m. - **Senior House** - HA HA HA HA HA HA Just kidding.... But we will have homemade pizza. Guarant-

eed to be good.

8:41 p.m. - **pika** - deep in the heart of central square lies a convenience store exchanging slurpees for bits of paper. help replenish our annoying slotted cup supply. pika, 617-492-6983, slurp.

8:45 p.m. - **New House** - STOP. Slink away from the people you are with and find some little out-of-the-way spot where you can be alone. Now, close your eyes. Just imaging: sweet, creamy ice cream...heavenly, mouth-watering chocolate fondue...delicious floats...all at New House...just waiting for you.

8:47 p.m. - **Random Hall** - RNGs! Did you know that your computer's random number generator is probably quite predictable? That's a security risk when you encrypt your top-secret messages. Come to Random Hall and build your own REAL Random Number Generator! Not even Chinese will be able to hack you!

9 p.m.

9:00 p.m. - **ZBT** - He's from NYC's #1 Comedy House, performed on MTV, Conan O'Brian, Comedy Central, The Townies to name a few. Enjoy BILLY BURR LIVE in our party room. Call Rick for rides at 617-232-3257. ZBT, THE POWERHOUSE OF EXCELLENCE

9:00 p.m. - **French House** - Manuel, Marc, Mary, Matt, Megan, Michael, Mikael, Miriam, Morgan! If your name begins with "M," perhaps you'd better check out French House, where we once were half the population!

9:00 p.m. - **Sigma Nu** - You STILL haven't visited Sigma Nu? Get over here; you're running out of time. But you've still got a chance to come over and hang out with us while everybody else is off at the Comedy Connection. Call 617-536-9925 for a ride over to Sigma Nu.

9:00 p.m. - **Bexxley Hall** - <http://www.mondoporno.com>

9:00 p.m. - **Kappa Sigma** - Bowling
9:00 p.m. - **Next House** - Been a long time since you got some...chocolate?? We've got what you need to appease those desires! Stop by and satisfy your nextual needs.

9:00 p.m. - **EAsT campUS** - What are those ridiculous tshirts? Not really sure, but we're building up our teeth collection.

9:00 p.m. - **Epsilon Theta** - What star is that? That's not a star, that's an airplane. But we're too far away for airplanes! Ooh, flying saucer. Come, stargaze, and debate the existence of other life in the universe. Call x3-8888 for a ride.

9:00 p.m. - **EAsT campUS** - Whores d'Oeuvres...or something. Have a light snack as you try desperately to make sense of all this nonsense called MIT.

9:15 p.m. - **Epsilon Theta** - Epsilon Theta is a _purple_ fraternity with _8pi_ women and _Cthulhus_ living there. They have a big silver _helicopter_ and like ducks that say _beep_ and mad libs. Come experience the mad libs! Call x3-8888 for a ride to our co-ed fraternity.

9:17 p.m. - **Random Hall** - Real Genius. This movie is about a bunch of MIT students who use their m4d h4X0r sK1llZ to do all sorts of stuff with lasers, and get hot women, and save the world. Granted, they're pretending they're at "Pacific Coast University". Whatever.

9:22 p.m. - **Tep Force 22** - You supply yourself, and we'll provide costumes! (Or you can bring your own). We'll have swinging tunes, mysterious masked figures, and good times. Call 617-262-5090 for a ride!

9:24 p.m. - **Senior House** - Dimov gives a lecture in Bulgarian-"How to pick up American Chicks"

9:30 p.m. - **New House** - We love sweet things...and we know you do too...so come get DESSERT before we eat it all...

9:30 p.m. - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Come join us for our open mic, coffe + literature action. Call 617-576-2792

9:30 p.m. - **Theta Delta Chi** - Check out live improvised drum and bass by SCHISM, Boston's most magnificent meddlers in modern mayhem.

9:37 p.m. - **Russian House** - Come meet Russian House People, dance, talk, eat and drink! Come by your way to the International Ball and stay awhile!

9:47 p.m. - **Random Hall** - The Rush Chairs have gone without sleep for the last couple days. Come dip their hands in warm water as they start to nod-off.

9:51 p.m. - **Student House** - Just

because you missed pool doesn't mean you'll never get the necrinomi-con, I mean find the right place to live. Come over for a little persuasion and food.

10 p.m.

10:00 p.m. - **French House** - Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir? Si on habite chez la Maison Francaise, on peut utiliser cette phrase!

10:00 p.m. - **Phi Kappa Sigma** - Come party the night away at Skull-house. Jam'n 94.5 is the DJ, HIP-HOP is the music - this is the party you must be at. Period.

10:00 p.m. - **Phi Beta Epsilon** - Rooftop Party - Can you handle our funky hiphop beat?

10:00 p.m. - **MacGregor House** - There's another classic movie on now at the M450 courtyard big screen. Popcorn, lounge chairs, and relaxation = no more Rush stress.

10:00 p.m. - **Alpha Delta Phi** - Alpha Deltis throw down with Rishard and his poetry slam plas. Come join us for a fun night of arts, coffee, and excellent desserts. Call us at 617-576-2792.

10:00 p.m. - **Next House** - like it sticky? like it sweet? we have just what you need infinite treats!

10:00 p.m. - **Sigma Phi Epsilon** - It's Party-Time! And not just any party-time...it's time to come up to SigEp's sweet rooftop for women, a killer view, non-alcoholic mixed drinks, women, and music. A mid-night movie on our own rooftop screen caps off the most memorable RUSH ever.

10:16 p.m. - **Senior House** - So what if all the beautiful Europeans live at Number Six. At least we're easy.

10:30 p.m. - **Epsilon Theta** - Look what we found star gazing! It's a PFET! It's pink and fuzzy and extendible and... Hey, it followed us home! Can we keep it? Call x3-8888 to come over and meet the first PFET from outer space!

10:30 p.m. - **Phi Kappa Theta** - JELL-O DROP!! JELL-O DROP!! JELL-O DROP!! A unique and time-honored PKT tradition! You really don't want to miss this. See you at the house. Call for a ride.

10:56 p.m. - **Senior House** - Naomi and Eillen will be chain smoking all of the free Rush cigarettes, so you better hurry and get them before they are all gone!

11 p.m.

11:00 p.m. - **EAsT campUS** - Dockyard Warz at EC: Come see the finished boats square off against each other and the deadly sea-bass in the tank! Behold the spectacle!

11:04 p.m. - **Senior House** - Sweet!!! Come to room 224 for a South Park Marathon... Episodes to be decided when people arrive. Even better than Cheesy Poofs!!!

11:17 p.m. - **Random Hall** - Clue! Played the board game? Love the Rocky Horror Picture Show? Combine the two and you get this cinematic masterpiece, starring the godlike Tim Curry as the butler. Marvel at Random resident Joel as he recites the entire film. (We think he wants to be Miss Scarlet.)

11:30 p.m. - **French House** - It's 11:30 and the club is jumpin' jumpin'!...Ok, well not quite. We're just eating cookies and doing puzzles, but its almost as good, and Miriam will put on Destiny's Child if you like!

11:30 p.m. - **Phi Sigma Kappa** - Back from the cruise ... let's go play with the sororities (all three with houses are next door or across the street)

11:30 p.m. - **EAsT campUS** - More movies showing at our drive in. If you're nice, we might let you sit in the Winnebago.

11:30 p.m. - **Theta Delta Chi** - Check out a two hour set of hip hop and turntablism by DJ PRECISION, Boston's regional 2001 DMC champion.

11:59 p.m. - **Theta Delta Chi** - OK, you've missed most of the lineup, but there's still time to check out regional DMC champ DJ PRECISION's set. It's on the fifth floor deck.

11:59 p.m. - **Theta Chi** - Finish Monday off right with a tasty mid-night treat. Call 888-692-8648 for a ride.

11:59 p.m. - **Phi Sigma Kappa** - Boy those fun sorority ladies tired us out ... let's just chill and get ready for the big day tomorrow. Head off to bed in our always-spacious rooms to rest up for the excitement of pledge day!

