Chi Phi Breaks IFC Rush Rules, Desk Closure Ends Rush Early

By Dana Levine

Students have complained about delayed jaunt returns, wake up times. Each night, freshmen who are overnighting at a fraternity la late are asked for a wake up time, and that is recorded in the IFC Clearinghouse. On Sunday morning, Chi Phi listed all freshman wake up times as 10 a.m., regardless of the actual time that each freshman gave Chi Phi. This practice is illegal under IFC rules. Phi till has two outstanding bids, but we did not accept until rush ends on Friday.

Problems arise with wake ups Phi rush chair, claimed that his fraternity didn’t know that setting wake up times to decide what time to send upperclassmen out to camp at other houses.

It’s their responsibility to ask the freshmen what time they want to wake up, he said. "When other houses go to make a camping list at 10 a.m. on Sunday, but they did not do this the following day. On the following day, Chi Phi again set all of their wake up times at 10 a.m. At this was bad day, some of the freshmen were given bids before their official wake up time. Phi till made clear that Chi Phi was breaking IFC rules.

Chi Phi Fraternity targeted 9 pledges this year.

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Clay Announces New Mental Health Plans

By Dana Levine

In response to the recently released report of the MIT Mental Health Task Force, Chancellor Phillip L. Clay announced yesterday that the Institute will expand mental health appointment hours and introduce mental health programs into the dormitories and IGCs.

The Task Force, which consisted of students, faculty, staff, and alumni, was chaired by David A. Mellis ’02 and Assistant Chief of Mental Health Kristina A. Girard. The Task Force released the most recent draft of its report on August 13, 2001.

At a press conference held yesterday, Clay praised the work of the Task Force. "The group of 20 faculty, staff, and students have been working...to find ways we can be supportive to our students," he said.

Mental health hours expand

The report recommended the expansion of services to the hours between 5 and 7 p.m., when classes are not scheduled. Clay’s proposed changes would increase the hours for mental health and internal medicine services until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, starting Sept. 17.

Clay also announced that an optional insurance program starting September 1 will cover "unlimited mental health treatment outside of MIT with no co-payments," and hospitalizations for up to 120 days.

According to Clay’s report, this extended mental health plan will be part of MIT medical’s extended benefits.

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Student Groups Court Incoming Freshmen at Midways

By Sandra Chung

Members of the Class of 2005 roamed the floor of Johnson Athletics Center last night, gathering information about countless Institute student groups and taking full advantage of their free offerings. This year’s Activities Midway, sponsored by the Association of Student Activities, inundated MIT students with over 200 different ways to spend their free time.

Judging by one apparent rush philosophy, the quickest way to freshman is through their stomachs. The aroma of Undergraduate Association popcorn competed with bowls upon bowls of chocolate and candy. International societies from India to Vietnam offered tastes of their respective cultures in the form of samosas and lychee-flavored coconut jellies. The Biology Undergraduate Students’ Association even handed out multicolored JELL-O in petri dishes. In lieu of food, other societies and service organizations

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Strengthened By Numbers

By Nancy L. Keuss

With the 2001 rush season nearing its official close, fraternities and independent living groups appear satisfied with the outcomes of their recruitment efforts.

Rush has "gone better than expected," said Interfraternity Council Judicial Committee (Judcomm) Chairman Thomas B. Fisher ’02. "Some houses are doing really well, while there are no reports of anyone doing really badly."

According to the Judcomm chair, MIT fraternities have report-ed roughly 260 new affiliates across the 26 hours.

We have seven pledges [thus far] out of the 12 or 13 we’re expecting," said former Pi Lambda Chi Rush Chairman Ian M. McCreery ’01. Still McCreery did voice con-
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But it was unclear the Israelis would withdraw as swiftly as they did in April, particularly since three mortar rounds were fired late Tues- day night at Gilo. Even if the troops do eventually leave, Tuesday’s reoccupation of Beit Jala seemed to signal yet another intensification of a bloody conflict that goes beyond previous milestones of escalation with dangerous regularity.

Israel’s invasion of Beit Jala was fraught with peril for both sides. For the Israelis, the danger was primarily diplomatic: The British, Chinese, Egyptian and other governments issued immediate condemnations. For the Palestinians, the incursion was a sign that they could forfeit precious territory gained by negotiations in the last seven years if they contin- ue to press their armed uprising.

About two-thirds of Beit Jala’s 12,500 Palestinian residents are Christian. The town is just two miles from Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity, considered the birth- place of Jesus — and few have been involved in the Palestinian uprising that has raged since Sept. 29. But the town has nonetheless been a flash point because Palestinian gun- men from outside have entered Beit Jala, attacking officers and even motorcycle couriers — to the displeasure of many of the town’s residents.

Lucent Pulls Plug On Acquisition

By Josh Meyer

A federal grand jury has indicted a London-based Algerian, accusing him of masterminding a plot to bomb Los Angeles International Airport and of forging an alliance with a global terrorist Osama bin Laden in a holy war against the United States.

The indictment returned late Monday by a grand jury in New York accused Dr. Hayar Abdou Doha, 37, of being the leader of the Algerian terrorist group behind the plan to bomb the airport just before New Year’s Day 2000. It charged Doha with eight criminal counts, including conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction.

Doha — identified in the indict- ment also as “The Doctor,” Rachid, Amar Maklholif and Didier Ajuelos — faces life in prison if he is con- victed on all counts. U.S. authorities said Tuesday they are seeking to deport Doha from London, where he is held on immigration violation charges, and on an earlier terrorism-related complaint.

Bin Laden, who remains a fugi- tive in Afghanistan, was named in the indictment as a “top-level” figure — without implicating Bin Laden’s global network of Islamist extremist organizations.

At that meeting, in the Taliban- controlled city of Kandahar in southeast Afghanistan, the two men agreed that the group of Algerian terrorists whom Doha “coordinated and oversaw” would join forces with Bin Laden’s global network of terrorists in carrying out attacks against the United States, the indict- ment said.

By then, Doha and other Algeri- ans had been training for months in one of Bin Laden’s terrorist training camps in Afghanistan and plotting to attack an American or other high- profile target in the United States, the indictment said. One of those Algerians, Ahmed Ressam, was last caught trying to enter the United States from Canada with a car trunk full of explosives. He was tried and convicted of attempting to blow up Los Angeles airport.

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Lucent Technologies Inc. shocked Washington’s technology com- munity when it paid $4.75 billion for an obscure fiber-optics firm in Herndon, Va. — a sum even bigger than the standards of the tech bubble.

Just 15 months later, that company, Chromatis Networks Inc., is gone. Lucent Monday ceased production on its one product and laid off its employees.

So ended Lucent’s expensive foray into the Washington optical networking business. It paid nearly $6 billion to buy two young firms here. The other was Viesel Systems Inc. of Landover, Md., which Lucent bought with $1.1 billion in cash in 1998.

Both companies had technologies that promised to make the Internet faster. Now, both have been largely dismantled in Lucent’s drive to regain profitability.

Lucent had purchased Chromatis two customers and its employees Monday evening it would halt manufacturing immediately and close its doors in coming months. The cost of the acquisition will be absorbed in a part of the $7 billion to $9 billion in writedowns the company plans to log during its fourth quarter, said Frank Brumante, a spokesman for Lucent.

A number of employees work out of Chromatis’s Israeli office, Brumante said, declining to comment how many employees remain in the Herndon office.

Normal August Days

By Nikki Prive

A cold front moved in to the Boston region from the Great Lakes yesterday, carrying a line of showers and thunderstorms that ranged from Indiana to New England in the late afternoon. The strong thunderstorms, with high winds and large hail, were along the southern edge of the front, in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 75°F (24°C). Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 75°F (24°C). Low in the upper 50s at night (14-15°C).

Friday: Sunny, high near 80°F (27°C). A chance of showers and thunderstorms during the night, low near 50°F (10°C).

Saturday: Sunny, high near 70°F (21°C). A few showers during the afternoon.

Sunday: Sunny, high near 75°F (24°C). Low near 50°F (10°C).

Predicted Precipitation:

• 0.25" (6 mm) expected Tuesday night.

• 0.10" (3 mm) expected Thursday night.

• 0.50" (13 mm) expected Sunday night.

WEATHER

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, 23rdday, August 29, 2001

By Nikki Prive

Los Angeles Times

By Jon H. Ingold

President Clinton yesterday imposed a trade embargo on Jordan, citing its "continued refusal" to allow U.S. nationals to hold senior positions in the country.

The move is one of a series of steps Clinton has taken to punish the country for its role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Together with the 1998 embargo on all exports of military equipment, this embargo is designed to foster a more stable Middle East," the president said in a statement.

The embargo, which takes effect next month, will bar U.S. exports of "items of all types and descriptions which are related to the defense of Jordan," according to a statement from the U.S. embassy in Jordan.

The statement said the embargo would also cover "all exports of all types and descriptions which are related to the defense of Jordan" that are "for the benefit of the Egyptian government or any other third country that is likely to make use of such exports in support of the armed forces of Jordan or the security forces of Jordan for internal security purposes."
**Consumer Confidence Declines, May Signal Economic Downturn**

By Walter Hamilton

Consumer confidence unexpectedly dropped in August, raising concern that a key engine keeping the economy on track could be slowing down.

"The Conference Board, a New York-based research group, said its monthly measure of consumer sentiment fell to 114.3 in August, from a downwardly revised 116.3 last month. Although the index remains above the long-term trend level of 109.2 in February, the drop surprised analysts who had expected a slight gain," Boucher said.

"However, the drop was due more to the expected downward leveling off of the present-day economy. Expectations of future economic conditions, which are considered by some to be a more important indicator, rose modestly," he added.

Consumer sentiment is watched closely because of the critical role that consumer spending is playing in keeping the economy out of recession. Although the growth in disposable personal income (DPI) levels, it has combined with a rise in volatile stock prices to partially offset the drop in spending by U.S. businesses.

"Most tellers were at these numbers? No. Would you give her a little more cause for concern? Yes," said Boucher, who added that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which produces most of the consumer confidence data, came aside a spate of low-yield announcements this month that were received well at consumer psychology, experts said.

"On Tuesday, for example, computer experts reported that a computer virus would top of 25 percent of its global audience. The news sparked a sell-off in the stock market with the Dow Jones industrial average falling 160 points to 10,223.03. However, trading was light in advance of the Labor Day weekend." The report consists of two components that consumers feel about their current and future economic situations.

"In talking points provided two months ago to U.S. diplomats, the State Department told them that a high-level team would not attend the special session unless the United States had considerable interest in the special session and would like to participate at a high level. According to the speaking points, they were told to deliver the message: 'Participation is possible, however, if language that could be construed to support abortion remains in the outcome document. Therefore, the U.S. requests that year delegation in New York support the United States in removing and rephrasing this language.' The administration's warning that it might downgrade its represenative level in the same time the United States has been weighing whether to boycott the session. The 2000 event, coming on racing Friday in Durban, South Africa. Powell has chosen not to attend the racism conference, which is understood by some as unambiguous on the issue of abortion.

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""I would look at this as a more normal preparation for a U.S. consular post where we're getting traffic oner the world, we're getting together with the state department. In preparing things down as we approach the time of the conference itself," he said. "We've been working on this, and we've been working on being represented at the conference at a high level, including at Cabinet level, for weeks and months now. So there are 75 heads of state and government have con- firmed so far that they'll be at the special session and would like to participate at a high level. But those near-dawn starts have become controversial around the country as a research suggested that teen behavior better and appear more ready to learn when classes start later. The new research is the most comprehensive yet to look at the issue.

"We've been watching the drops from year to year," said T. J. Medwed, author of a recent report for the National Center for Health Statistics. "Of course, even when there's some smoking during pregnancy in the United States, there's too many."
In the Name of the People

Two comments on Borucke's IMF column: 1. Argentina is hardly a model of laissez-faire. An example, courtesy of the US State Department in Buenos Aires: "The Constitution provides for an independent judiciary; however, while the judiciary is nominally independent and impartial, its processes are inefficient, complicated, and, at times, subject to political influence." In addition, "The system is hampered by inordinate delays, procedural logjams, change of judge, inadequate administrative support, and incompetence" (from the Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom «index.heritage.org»).

2. I submit that "privatization, deregulation, and liberalization" involve the removal of injurious that should never have been in place to begin with. When Borucke says that "people should be able to choose or not choose" them, think of the mob of pinko brats that stormed Harvard's Massachusetts Hall last spring, or the thug that now wreck every global summit. Now that he's graduated, shouldn't he be moving on to write "Shut Up?" by Kris Schnee '02 incorrectly states that former MIT President Paul E. Gray spoke out against ending second-term P.R. but supported delaying the change so that it would not coincide with the 2002 changes in campus housing. The August 26 column "Will You Shut Up?" by Kris Schnee '02 incorrectly states that David Horowitz is a Harvard professor.

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Reddy is nearly over. Next week classes start and the work begins. Has orientation prepared you for what's ahead? Of all the things I was told during orientation—or for that matter, during my four years as an undergraduate—I never liked to learn about MIT's real-world function. If we as students are going to be a part of this institution, we need to know how it functions with its relation to the government, industry, and the products of all our research and hard work.

But I was never told any of this. I have a somewhat superficial understanding of developments from the occasional billboard on the walls that recaps some great discovery at MIT or a development that might mean to the country. I read in the newspaper about some student or a distinguished faculty member, it's hard for an institution like MIT to talk about such things in this way.

Indeed, there is a "good" reason why MIT's extensive ties to the military-industrial complex are never fully discussed. Enrollment might dip a little if on the admissions applications it were written, "MIT: Where the smart kids make smarter bombs!"

Students and faculty don't develop bombs and fighter jets, they develop guidance programs and radar systems. The pieces come together in the form of a military industrial complex. But the end product is a weapon system. The marketing of a developing country wishing to develop a missile defense system, for instance, might mean to the country.

Realism in the admission process isn't the only way to maintain MIT's reputation. There is a need for MIT's research to be more open. After all, what if a program or a piece of equipment was designed for military use only? The government might not even want it. Or might they?”
Living Groups Paired With Support Teams Starting This Term

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The health plan, which will cost $768 for a 1-year membership, will cover services by a licensed Massachusetts Blue Cross Blue Shield participating psychiatrist, or other mental health professional if recommended by MIT’s Mental Health service.

Support team in residences

In addition, Clay announced a pilot program for a Residence Support Team, which will involve bringing health care professionals and counselors into living groups. “This is an effort not to actually to perform direct services in the dormitory, but to help the staff get to know the students, resident advisors, and housemasters,” Clay said.

According to a press report issued by Clay’s office, each dormitory and independent living group will be assigned a support team beginning this fall, which will provide education and problem solving for the students and staff who live there. Support teams will consist of mental health workers and other members of MIT medical, members of the Dean’s Office of Counseling and Support Services, and chaplains.

Clay emphasized that support staff may include more than just mental health professionals. “We want students to know they can go to the medical department. They can also go to the faculty housemaster, or to the chaplain,” he said.

Other services announced by Clay include a new website providing a guide to mental health resources, which will be available on September 4th.

The full text of the Mental Health Task Force draft report is available at <http://web.mit.edu/medical/mhtfl>.

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Political, Religious, Clubs Appear Along With Sports Groups

Midway, from Page 1

gave away pins, condoms, and pens in odd shapes and fruit scents.

Midway features live acts

Instead of feeding freshmen, several performance groups treated them to live demonstrations of their arts. The MIT/Wellesley Toons and the Chorolianae drew crowds with covers of Vertical Horizon’s “You’re A God” and The Corrs’ “Breathless,” respectively. Two lesser-known groups, MIMEtype and the Tech Squares, acquainted the crowd with some what unconventional forms of performance art—pantomime and square dancing. The MIT Hobby Shop and Office of the Arts also arranged exhibits of their work.

Political, religious, and service clubs, as well as alternative publications, relied on the strength of their ideas to recruit new members.

Foodoo distributed an abridged version of The Hitchhiker’s Guide to MIT, while the MIT Hemp Coalition handed out copies of The Trail. While perhaps not as visually flashy or entertaining as some of the other booths, members of service clubs and religious group gave thorough presentations of their respective causes and beliefs.

 Groups like the Amateur Radio Club and the Tech Model Railroad Club appealed to gadget-loving engineers with live demonstrations of their equipment. In the theater and music corner of the arena, members of The Gilbert and Sullivan Players showed up in full costume, while the Shakespeare ensemble offered randomly-generated Elizabethan insults. The Chorolianae, meanwhile, equipped their booth with CD players so that interested passers-by could listen to their latest album. Speakers in the nearby international area blared several types of foreign music, ranging from Chinese pop to traditional Indian music.

The Athletics Gateway occurred simultaneously last night in Rockwell Cage, where more than 40 sports clubs—from fencing to kendo—took a more casual approach to recruitment. The Gateway featured several live demonstrations which attempted to entice new recruits. With two large demonstration areas, groups like the Korean Karate Club were able to give freshmen a first-hand view of their activities.

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WILG Has Success, Wants More Pledges
Rush, from Page 1

Concerns about the lower overall turnout, "Since summer rush was
really small, far fewer people were
rushed [in the fall]," said
McCreery.
"We also had fewer overnight
rallies, sometimes even late into
the night, many chose to sleep in
their temporary dormitory assign-
ments."
"It's not how I acted when I
was being rushed," said McCreery.
These sentiments were echoed
by Chi Phi Rush Chairman Austin
J. Wang '02.
"For example, we had 120 peo-
dle per day show up to our house
last year, compared to only about
80 this year," said Wang. "Turnout
is definitely lower than last year."
The fraternities remain opti-
mistic, however, as many of their
events were met with great suc-
sess.
"We didn't expect so many
people at our boat trip," said
Wang. "The turnout [for this
event] was much higher than last
year."

**ILG rush outcomes vary**
Some living groups, including
the independent living group Pika,
have encountered an inordinate
number of freshmen preferring to
stay out dorm life their first year.
"We’ve had fewer freshmen
coming in than in previous years," said Pika Rush Chair Casey R.
Muller '02. "It seems many are
procrastinating to living in a dorm
their first year and moving off-
campus their second year. We’re
guessing this is something that the
Institute has been trying to drum
into their heads."
Pika, which hopes to gain
around five new members, has so
far received three pledges from the
nine bids it extended this year.
Some rush coordinators believe
this year’s rush has been character-
ized by more enthusiasm on all
sides.
"We’re having an amazing
rush," said Rush Chair Rebecca L.
Smith '03 of the Women’s Inde-
pendent Living Group (WILG). "I
think we’ve put a lot more into
rush this year, knowing it’s the last
one before all freshmen will be in
dormitories."
Although WILG’s rush is not
yet closed and will remain open at
least through Thursday, the all-
female residence has thus far
received nine pledges from the
fourteen bids granted.
Shankar Mukherji also con-
tributed to the reporting of this
story.

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**A Day in the Life**

Stick Boy '03 is having lunch with his (cute!)
friend Mary Beth '04 when he remembers he
has to take photos for The Tech.

He runs to the office to grab a Nikon D1.
While he’s there, Stick grabs some pizza too.

Stick photographs MIT cheerleaders on top
of the dome. When he gets back to the
office, the photography editor asks him to
write a caption.

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Sanctions Result From ‘Spirit of Rush’ Violations

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a.m. (the Chapterhouse closes at 2). By entering 10 a.m. as a wake up time for everyone, Chi Phi was able to save several minutes.

As the Chapterhouse computer system had already closed by the time that Chi Phi discovered that universal 10 a.m. wake ups were illegal, the house could not enter the proper wake up times until 8 a.m. on Monday morning. Wang claimed that all wake up times were changed at 8 a.m. before any freshmen were given bids.

As a result of these violations, Chi Phi was only allowed to overnight five freshmen on Monday night.

A jaunt goes sour
Chi Phi’s other major violation stemmed from a cruise on Boston Harbor, which involved 110 people. 38 freshman males were included in this trip.

All freshmen were supposed to be checked back into Chi Phi from this jaunt (trip) by 10:30. Although the first van returned to the house at 10:30, the last freshmen were not checked in until almost 12:30.

When a freshman is on a jaunt, members of other houses have no access to him. Even if they see him while another house has him checked out, they are not allowed to talk to him. Therefore, illegally extending a jaunt can give a house a significant advantage.

Campers waited for several hours outside Chi Phi until the freshmen returned from the jaunt. According to the IFC’s account, some freshmen were taken for dessert at J.P. Licks and the North End. “They took them for ice cream afterwards, knowing there were campers waiting,” Chang said.

Wang said that several freshmen went for dessert because they became tired of waiting for the van, which required six trips to shuttle everyone home. Those freshmen returned to the house at 12:02 a.m.

Chi Phi had 19 freshmen spend the night on Sunday. “When you get in at 12:30, you just want to go to bed,” Chang said.

As a result of this violation, Chi Phi was not allowed to take freshmen on any trips on Monday. “We knew they had trouble giving jaunts, so their punishments involved jaunts,” Pfeiffer said.

Chi Phi’s final violation involved the activities midway held last night. Brothers accompanied pledges and a few freshmen with outstanding bids to the midway, so they checked these freshmen out on a jaunt. Although the activities midway ended at 9:30 p.m., 9:15 was entered as the return time. One freshman decided to stay for the entire midway, and thus did not return to Chi Phi until 9:40 p.m.

Chi Phi believed that jaunting the freshmen with outstanding bids to the activities midway was the proper action, as brothers would be accompanying them. “We jaunted [them] to the midway to comply with the spirit of rush,” said Sina Kevin Nazemi ’03, Chi Phi’s assistant rush chair.

IFC shuts Chi Phi down
As a result of this final jaunt violation, the IFC Rush Committee decided to close down Chi Phi’s Rush. There had been complaints filed against Chi Phi by over 17 IFC member houses.

Chang believes that Chi Phi’s violations did significant damage to other houses. “There was irreparable damage done to other houses. That to me violates the spirit of rush. We look at spirit of rush, and we take spirit of rush very seriously,” she said.

The IFC plans to seriously consider taking further action against the house with respect to rush 2002. “We realized that they have already reached their quota. There will be further action to affect their 2002 rush,” Pfeiffer said.

Nazemi believes that the IFC has scrutinized his house unfairly for mistakes made in earnest. “We did make mistakes. We did make more than our fair share of mistakes. Our intent was not malicious in any way,” he said. “We didn’t stick to the letter of the law, but we in good faith tried our best.”

In addition, Nazemi stated that the IFC never gave Chi Phi a specific list of rules that were violated, but shut them down for a single “spirit of rush” violation. “We thought the IFC was playing more of a game of gotcha than trying to be fair,” he said.
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