

Exploring 'Secret Agents' Welcome Frosh to Institute Boston, Northeast

By Christine R. Fry
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This article is the first in a series intended to introduce freshmen to life in Boston and at the Institute. Future installments will deal with other necessities of life at MIT, including banking and purchasing textbooks.

Now that you've arrived at MIT and marveled at the architectural masterpieces like the concrete behemoth we call the Student Center, you're probably ready to escape and see something new for a change. Not ready to leave? You will be when you get within "What the hell is that?" range of the Stata Center.

Once the fervor of Orientation and classes dies down, you will probably realize that there is a world outside of the boundaries of the MIT campus. The most immediate world is called Boston and Cambridge. Outside of that is the United

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By Michelle Nyeln

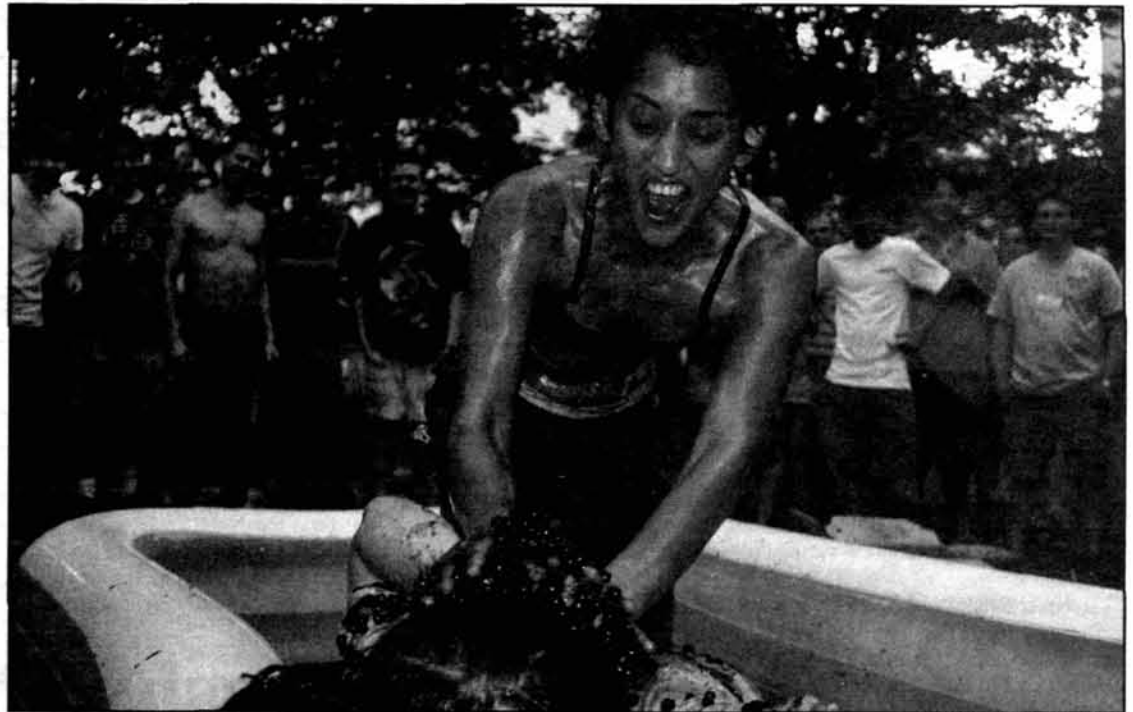
Orientation 2007 kicked off on Saturday with Nicholas J. Fahey '05, one of the Orientation Coordinators, rollerblading onto the stage of Kresge Auditorium. Freshmen were then introduced to the other Orientation Coordinators, also known as Secret Agents: Ivana L. Sturdivant '04, Jonathan G. Wu '06, Elizabeth A. Witham '05, and Zachary M. Eisenstat '06.

With the James Bond 007 theme, "Mission Orientation" began with a video of the secret agents training to orient the class of 2007. The video included depictions of the secret agents rock climbing and attending classes on "How to Get the Girl."

The opening ceremonies were the first in a series of Orientation activities. Orientation Leader Sarah E. Poulsen '04 said, "This year's Orientation activities are a good mix of random, silly things and meaningful events."

"I was surprised, in a good way," said David Arana '07. "You come here and think it's going to be academic, but you see these guys goofing off on stage."

"They did a good job of integrating freshmen with coordinators,"



EC GRT Annie Vithayathil G rubs tapioca balls into Madeleine B. Sheldon-Dante '07's hair at East Campus' taploca wrestling event.

said Trevor T. Chang '07.

"What's unbelievable is how organized and welcoming Orientation is," said Elizabeth V.

Stephanopoulos '07.

Agents offer Klondike bars

During the opening ceremonies,

Orientation coordinators led freshmen through a series of games. In

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Dorms to Limit FSILGers at Parties

By Jennifer Krishnan
NEWS AND FEATURES DIRECTOR

The Dormitory Council will be limiting the number of members of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups in attendance at the two major dormitory rush parties.

A maximum of five members of each FSILG can be present at either party at one time, according to a set of rules agreed upon by Dormcon and the Interfraternity Council.

"We didn't want to be overrun" by FSILG members, said Emily E. Cofer '04, Dormcon president. She said all dormitory residents who came back to MIT early to help with rush, of which there are about 30 per dormitory, are expected to attend the party.

John J. Huss '05, IFC recruitment chair, said that five members per living group represented an "appropriate level of involvement" for the IFC.

The rules also include a provision that "FSILGs should not be removing freshmen from either party with the intention of taking them back to FSILGs," and Cofer said the same rule was "understood between all the dorms: ... don't bring freshmen back to your part of campus" during the other side's party.

"I definitely understand the rationale for that rule, but the exact way that it's written is not clear to me," Huss said, referring to the fact that members of dormitories are not



East Campus residents (L to R) Aaron M Sokoloski '05, Erin R. Rhode '04, and Isaac B. Feitler '04 launch water balloons at Senior House from the roof of East Campus on Saturday.

mentioned in the rules.

Huss added that for the IFC, Orientation is "not really for rush." Instead, he said, it is a "time [for freshmen] to get accustomed to the campus and, if anything, just to rush them for the system in general."

Shirts to mark upperclassmen

Cofer said the rules would be handled by Judicial committee members, two from each dormitory plus some from the IFC.

All upperclassmen are required to wear shirts identifying their dormitory or FSILG affiliation, according to the rules for the parties.

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RIAA Said to Drop Defunct D.C. Case Against Institute

By Keith J. Winstein
NEWS EDITOR

The Recording Industry Association of America will abandon a court proceeding it instituted to force MIT to identify a network user accused of copyright infringement, an MIT attorney said.

The case has become irrelevant now that the RIAA has agreed to reissue the request using the procedure MIT has demanded: signed by a clerk in the federal district court in Boston, not Washington, D.C., home to the RIAA.

An RIAA spokesman said the organization, a trade group of major record labels, would have no im-

mediate comment.

On Aug. 1, the RIAA asked the federal district court in Washington, D.C., to enforce a subpoena the RIAA issued in early July, asking MIT to identify a network user alleged to have been "offering hundreds of copyrighted works to the world-at-large" through the KaZaA file-sharing system.

MIT balked at the subpoena, saying the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act required it to be signed by the clerk of the federal district court in Boston, not

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Top Salaries at MIT, July 2001 through June 2002

Name	Title	Total Compensation
R. Bruce Journey	Publisher, <i>Technology Review</i>	\$761,175
Charles M. Vest	President	\$618,949
Allan S. Bufferd '59	Treasurer	\$582,366
John R. Curry	Executive Vice President	\$411,820
Richard L. Schmalensee '65	Dean, School of Management	\$395,167
Robert A. Brown	Provost	\$382,289
Thomas L. Magnanti	Dean, School of Engineering	\$380,390
David L. Briggs	Director, Lincoln Laboratory	\$362,683
Rebecca M. Henderson '81	Professor of Management	\$340,784
Phillip L. Clay PhD '75	Chancellor	\$247,797
Kathryn A. Willmore	Secretary, MIT Corporation	\$219,451
Alexander V. d'Arbeloff '49	Former Chairman, MIT Corporation	\$183,960

This salary information was included in MIT's May filing with the Internal Revenue Service. They include the salaries of MIT's officers and the five highest-paid other employees.

SOURCE: MIT IRS FORM 990

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WORLD & NATION

Rumsfeld Seeking To Bolster Military Force Without New Troops

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, seeking to increase the nation's combat power without hiring more troops, is poised to order a sweeping review of Pentagon policies, officials say.

It will include everything from wartime mobilization and peacekeeping commitments, to reservist training, and incentives for extended duty.

A senior Defense Department official said Rumsfeld would order the Pentagon's senior leadership, both civilian and military, to rethink ways to reduce stress on the armed forces, fulfill recruitment and retention goals and operate the Pentagon more efficiently.

In essence, Rumsfeld will ask the service secretaries and chiefs and his undersecretaries to address how the Pentagon can more efficiently use its troops at a time when the force is spread thin by global deployments.

Fox Loses Lawsuit to Halt Book

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

A federal judge in Manhattan told Fox News on Friday that it had to learn how to take a joke.

Then he rejected the network's request for an injunction to block the satirist Al Franken from using "fair and balanced" on the cover of his book, "Lies, and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right."

Calling the motion "wholly without merit, both factually and legally," the judge, Denny Chin of United States District Court, said that a person would have to be "completely dense" not to realize that the cover was a joke, and that trademark protection for the phrase "fair and balanced" was unrealistic because the words were so commonly used.

Lawyers for Franken and his publisher, Penguin Group (USA), called the ruling a victory for the First Amendment. Franken was not in court. "I never really had any doubt," he said in a telephone interview, calling the ruling "a victory for satirists everywhere, even the bad ones."

He also thanked Fox's lawyers "for filing one of the stupidest briefs I've ever seen in my life."

The Fox court papers had referred to Franken, a former "Saturday Night Live" writer and performer and an unabashed liberal, as a "parasite" who appeared shrill, unstable and "increasingly unfunny."

The network could appeal the decision.

Many Iraqis Welcome Reconstruction

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DIWANIYA, IRAQ

As the area around Baghdad endured a week of repeated violence, a happier scene unfolded in this city, a two-hour drive to the south.

American soldiers, without helmets or body armor, attended graduation ceremonies of the Diwaniya University Medical School. At ease with the Iraqi students and their parents, the Marines laughed, joked and posed in photographs. One by one, the students walked up to thank them, for Marine doctors had taught classes in surgery and gynecology and helped draw up the final exams.

"We like the Americans very much here," said Zainab Khaledy, 22, who received her medical degree last Sunday. "We feel better than under the old regime. We have problems, like security, but everything is getting better."

Such is the duality that is coming to define the American enterprise in Iraq, a country increasingly divided between those willing to put up with the American occupation and those few determined to fight it. While the areas stretching west and north from Baghdad roil and burn, much of the rest of the country remains, most of the time, remarkably calm. Rather than fight the Americans, most Iraqis appear to be readily accepting the benefits of a wide-ranging reconstruction.

Poor Communications, Ohio Caused Blackout, Study Says

By James Glanz and Andrew C. Revkin

THE NEW YORK TIMES

When an electrical transmission line sagged into a tree just outside Cleveland at 3:32 p.m. on Aug. 14, the events that would lead to the greatest power failure in North American history began their furious avalanche, according to the most extensive analysis of the blackout yet.

The failure of that transmission line was crucial, because it put enormous strain on other lines in Ohio. Soon, the utility that serves southern Ohio, with its overloaded lines close to burning up, sealed itself off, creating in very real terms, an electrical barrier between southern and northern Ohio.

What happened next, by this account, was almost inevitable: To the north, Cleveland, starving for electricity, began to drain huge, unsustainable amounts of power from Michigan and then Ontario, knocking out more lines and power plants and pushing the crisis to the borders of northwestern New York.

First the New York system, acting to protect itself, sealed the state's border with Canada, the analysis found. But that only created a differ-

ent and still devastating problem: New York power plants, without anywhere to quickly send electricity not needed within the state, overloaded their own system. That in turn quickly led to a general shutdown — the last stage in the largest blackout in the nation's history.

That picture, based on large amounts of data from the utilities involved, was presented on Friday by Cambridge Energy Research Associates, a private energy consulting firm based in Cambridge, Mass.

Two researchers at Cambridge Energy, Hoff Stauffer and Lawrence Makovich, presented their analysis at a conference as federal energy officials, other industry representatives and reporters participated by telephone and on the Web. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission was represented by Pat Wood III.

Wood would not comment on whether he thought the specifics of the theory were correct.

Both Wood and the experts from Cambridge Energy, though, were unequivocal on one emerging aspect of what went wrong last week: The system for communication among the people and organizations that operate that part of the nation's

electrical grid was inadequate.

When problems soar around the grid in seconds, as they did that day, Wood said, "you need to make sure that the communication between the different regions can move similarly fast." That cannot happen in the current setup, in which the various oversight organizations are fragmented and often connected only by phone lines, Wood said.

Ellen P. Vancko, a spokeswoman for the industry group charged with preventing grid problems, the North American Electric Reliability Council, said the group had not seen the scenario and could not comment.

Michael Holstein, vice president and chief financial officer at the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, which helps manage electrical flows on the grid for certain companies in the region where the blackout began, called the Cambridge Energy scenario "an interesting hypothesis." But he rejected any suggestion that a lack of communication could have contributed to the problems.

"At a certain point in time things happened so fast that human intervention was not possible," Holstein said.

Abusive Priest Attacked, Dies In Massachusetts State Prison

By Daniel J. Wakin and Kate Zezima

THE NEW YORK TIMES

John J. Geoghan, the defrocked priest whose abuse of children over decades opened the door for a scandal that shook the Roman Catholic Church, was attacked and killed by another inmate in a Massachusetts state prison, a Correction Department spokeswoman said on Saturday.

"All I know is he was seriously assaulted," the spokeswoman, Kelly Nantel, said of Geoghan, 68.

Geoghan, who was defrocked in 1998, was serving a sentence of nine to 10 years at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Shirley, a medium-security state prison about 40 miles northwest of Boston.

He was convicted in Jan. 2002 of groping a 10-year-old boy in a swimming pool and sentenced to the maximum. Other criminal charges were pending, as well as civil cases involving more than 130 people who said he abused them.

His case is one of hundreds involving clergy members, but it demonstrated the degree to which the Roman Catholic hierarchy knew about such problem priests and shuttled them among parishes, showing what victims said was more concern for the church's reputation than the safety of children.

"Abusive priests were not news particularly," said David Clohessy, national director of Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. "But with Geoghan for the first time

ever there was undeniable evidence that bishop after bishop after bishop knew and did virtually nothing."

Geoghan's acts of molestation date back to his first assignment as a parish priest, at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Saugus, an area north of Boston where he served from his ordination in 1962 until 1967. And they continued until the 1980s through a swath of suburban Boston parishes, in the bedrooms of his parishioners children, at his family beachfront home, while he prayed, even at a Boston Red Sox game, according to the victims.

All along, bishops and cardinals received a succession of warnings from parents and priests. He was sent for psychiatric treatment and returned to ministry.

WEATHER

From Wild to Mild

By Michael J. Ring

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The inclement weather on Friday was a small price to pay for yesterday's beautiful weather, with clear skies and high temperatures near 80°F (26°C). Fortunately for us, the beautiful weather will be continuing through most of Orientation.

Friday night's storms were some of the more intense weather to pass through Boston this summer. While the severe weather lost some of its punch approaching the city, as it often does, hail was reported in the Worcester area, and plenty of tree branches were downed north and west of the city.

The cold front responsible for Friday night's outbreak was the most notable meteorological feature on the North American continent, but now that it has pushed offshore, much of the country will enjoy quiet weather this week. Although there is another cold front in the upper Midwest that could bring us showers on Wednesday, it is much weaker than the system which pushed through Friday night.

Extended Forecast

Today: Sunny and seasonably warm; a beautiful day. High near 76°F (24°C).

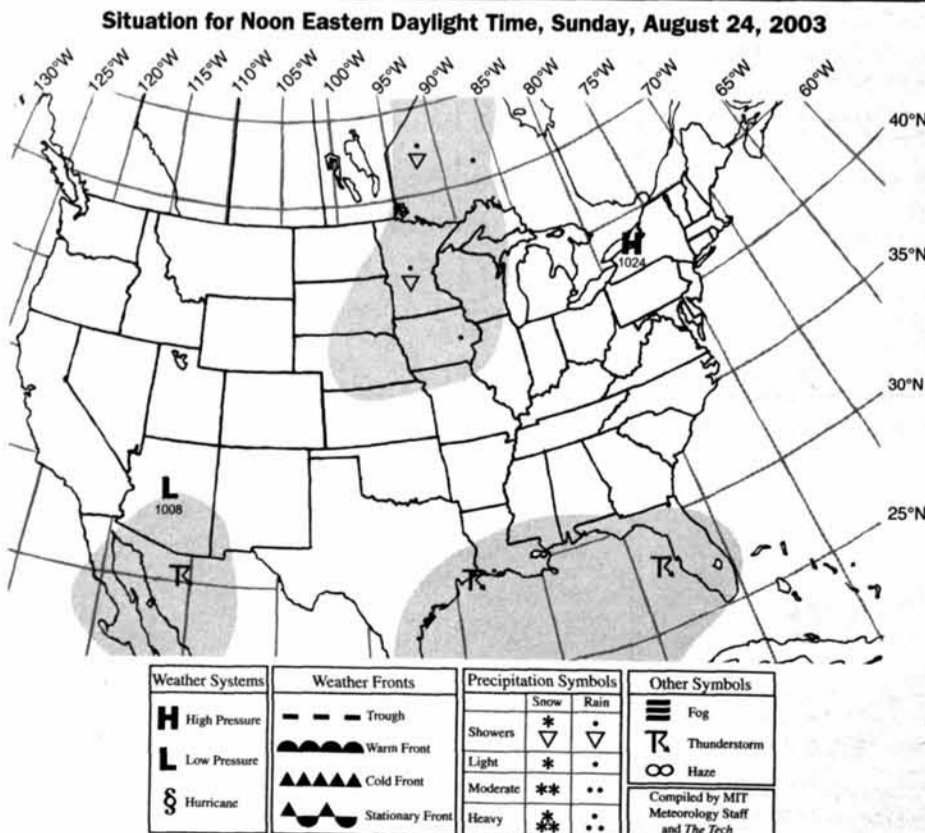
Tonight: Clear and cool. Low near 55°F (12°C).

Monday: Partly cloudy. High near 78°F (26°C).

Monday night: Partly cloudy. Low near 60°F (16°C).

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy and a little warmer. High near 82°F (27°C); low near 65°F (18°C).

Wednesday: Cloudy with a chance of showers. High again near 82°F (27°C).



Justice Suspended for Defying Court on Ten Commandments

By Jeffrey Gettleman
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Chief Justice Roy Moore was suspended from the bench Friday for defying a federal court order to remove a 5,280-pound monument graven with the Ten Commandments that he had installed in the Alabama Supreme Court building.

Moore, who used the Ten Commandments issue to rise from obscurity in rural Alabama to the highest judgeship in the state, will face a trial by the state Court of the Judiciary, which ordered the suspension Friday and will decide whether Moore should lose his job permanently.

Meanwhile, the titanic slab of

granite remained in the rotunda and continued to be a rallying point for hundreds of evangelical Christians.

Some marched with Bibles, some brandished cardboard cutouts of the Ten Commandments tablets and others sang out, "I shall not be moved!"

Moore made no public appearances Friday. But in a television interview before his suspension was announced, he said, "My dispute is with the federal courts who have intruded into state affairs, and we are taking this matter to the United States Supreme Court."

The U.S. Supreme Court, however, has already rejected one of his appeals and legal analysts said they did not expect it to side with Moore.

His critics praised the suspension.

"It's perfectly appropriate because he openly and flagrantly violated a federal court order," said Morris Dees, chief trial counsel for the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the civil liberties groups that argued that Moore had violated constitutional guarantees of the separation of church and state. "This is the beginning of the end."

Not so, said others who predicted that the suspension would add to the swelling popularity of Moore, a Republican elected to the post. "This will only increase his martyrdom," William Stewart, a political science professor at the University of Alabama, said.

Public Universities Cancel Classes In Painful Cost-Cutting Measures

By Greg Winter
THE NEW YORK TIMES

After whittling away at staff, coaxing faculty members to juggle more classes, stripping sports teams and trusting aging roofs to hold out a few years longer, many public universities have reluctantly begun chopping away at academics, making it harder for students to graduate on schedule.

The University of Illinois has canceled 1,000 classes on hundreds of subjects this year. The University of Colorado has eliminated academic programs in journalism, business, and engineering. The University of California has put off opening an entire campus.

The University of Missouri has

reduced the number of class-time slots across the board.

The University of Michigan will nearly double the size of some classes, shorten library hours, and offer fewer freshman seminars. At California State University, up to 30,000 students will be turned away come spring.

"The academic cuts are probably the most severe I've seen," said Edward M. Elmendorf, an assistant secretary of education in the Reagan administration and now a senior vice president at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. "And I don't see any mitigation in them in the coming year."

The budget cuts, more than 10

percent of state appropriations in some cases, have been too great not to take their toll.

"There is no doubt that we're at a stage where the quality of the educational experience is less than it was two years ago, five years ago, and certainly less than what we set for our standards," said Robert N. Shelton, provost of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

What this means for students will vary from campus to campus, even from major to major. Yet one of the most common academic cuts has been a reduction in the number of course sections offered — that is, how many times a class is taught in a given semester or year.

Passports, Visas to Get High-Tech

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Technologies that scan faces and fingerprints will become a standard part of travel for foreign visitors next year, and for all travelers in the near future. The technology, known as biometrics, has been developing for years, but largely because of security concerns after the attacks on Sept. 11, its arrival has been greatly accelerated.

One deadline looms large — Oct. 26, 2004. In a little over a year, the State Department and immigration bureau must begin issuing visas and other documents with the body-identifying technologies to foreign visitors. The change is mandated by border security legislation passed by Congress last May. The federal government has started issuing border-crossing cards for Mexican citizens and green cards that display fingerprints and photos.

Mars Is Getting Close, and Maybe So Are Those Little Green Men

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Anyone looking at the night sky the last few weeks has seen it coming, Mars looming larger and redder on the way to one of its close encounters with Earth. It happens every two years or so. But this time, on early Wednesday morning, Mars and Earth will be closer together than at any time in almost 60,000 years.

Near as Mars will be this week, 34,646,418 miles away, observers are hardly likely to see as much as their imaginations once could see.

The planet's red glow used to remind people of blood and life and war. Mars was assumed to be inhabited, perhaps by intelligent beings like the little green men of lore. It was a neighboring world that enthralled and intimidated people.

When some astronomers in the late 19th century thought they could make out canals stretching across the planet's deserts, these were presumed to be a great civilization's desperate attempt at survival in a harsh climate. It seemed to follow that adversity drove Martians to interplanetary belligerence, a theme science fiction feasted on, notably in H.G. Wells' "The War of the Worlds." Orson Welles' realistic radio adaptation of the H.G. Wells story about a Martian invasion of Earth panicked many listeners on the night before Halloween in 1938.

Human attitudes were shaped by curiosity as much as dread. Beginning in 1911, Edgar Rice Burroughs wrote 11 romantic books about an American adventurer's travels to spired and domed cities of Mars, where he woos and wins a beautiful princess. Is it any wonder that people began listening for radio messages from Mars?

Marconi, the wireless inventor, announced in 1921 that he had received mysterious signals in code that he suspected came from Mars. So the next year and again in 1924, at close approaches of Mars, the U.S. government requested all radio stations to observe complete silence for a certain period while operators listened for Martian signals. Navy transmitters in the Pacific remained silent for three days, while a codebreaker stood by to translate any messages from Mars — all in vain.

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An Issue of Security

Andrew C. Thomas

To all new students: Welcome to MIT. When you move into your new rooms and set up your computers, make sure your lawyer is on speed dial.

Legal battles seem to permeate and shape MIT life. The decision to have all freshmen live on campus was largely determined by a settlement relating to the death of Scott Krueger '01, and the class of 2007 is the second stage of this particular experiment.

Likewise, a new legal battle involving MIT is making national headlines. The Recording Industry Association of America is making a reputation for itself as the Thomas Jefferson in the fight against digital pirates, though to some it seems more like Darth Vader. The RIAA's tactics are broad and sweeping, going after any and all unsanctioned distribution of digital music files with unbridled zeal. Recently, it touched local life when the RIAA subpoenaed MIT for the identity of a student who they claim was distributing MP3s over the popular (and powerful) file-sharing utility KaZaA.

MIT's first defense to the action was along procedural lines; the subpoenas were not issued by federal courts in Boston. The next defense will inevitably highlight the unreasonable search of the computer believed to distribute copyrighted material, but who knows how well that will hold up in these days of USA P.A.T.R.I.O.T.ism. Thankfully, the notorious

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solution proposed by Senator Orrin Hatch — the outright destruction of computers carrying unsanctioned copyrighted material — gives new meaning to the term “grossly unconstitutional” and should never again see the light of day.

But this sort of problem is omnipresent, reaching far beyond the walls of MIT. Lawsuits and intimidation are short-term approaches, and KaZaA, like Napster before it, is a relatively short-term medium.

There can be only one true solution to the widespread problem of copyright violation: a compromise that respects the rights of artists to their work and of consumers not to be raked with bloated costs.

The advent of new media should have been a blessing for both artists and record companies alike. After all, any who are brave enough to attempt to exploit the new technology would have the most to gain when it became mainstream. Instead, we have the worst of it, where consumer and company battle in court.

As it stands, the industry is fairly anti-competitive. Artists are bound to production companies exclusively, giving the latter a monopoly of services, no matter how small. Artists receive only a small percentage of sales, and companies control their fate until their pound of flesh, in musical form, has been extracted.

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Conglomerate, though, immediately suggests collusion, and if any line of defense available to the pirates has presented itself, it's its antitrust. By challenging the record companies in court to justify anti-competitive behavior, as a group of Internet radio stations has recently done, there is



hope that the draconian measures might find a little restraint.

Record companies are certainly anti-competitive in nature. One would be hard-pressed to find successful freelance recording artists, unbound by restrictive contracts. Music freedom advocates (for lack of a better term) constantly reiterate the relative economy of the media themselves as compared to the sale price as a measure of profit margins.

It's feasible. Apple Computer's iTunes has proven that music can be sold in a downloadable form at low cost. The next logical step is a new platform for PC-based systems that would continue to develop the medium. If Apple developed compatibility ahead of their competition they might have the opportunity to briefly corner the market. So far, the closest competition seems to be Buymusic.com, which doesn't have either the ease of use of its Mac counterpart or the pitchman voice of Jeff Goldblum for its marketing campaign.

I'm sure someone remembers when single tune records were the prime mode of musical distribution, a tradition started when vinyl record albums could only hold one song per side. As it stands, this particular market is currently on life support. All would benefit to see this idea returned in full force.

But for the idea to work, both sides have to come together. The RIAA must see that tapping into the pirate market with low-cost, low-production alternatives would yield more than increased profit, but also establish a firm foothold for musicians at all levels to market their work.

Besides, other than a decrease in the sale of blank CDs, already offset by greater demand in the home computer market, what does the collective music community have to lose by trying?

The Meaning of the U.N.

Ken Nesmith

Say what you will about George Bush's foreign policy, but if nothing else, agree that it's bold. The administration isn't afraid to purposefully take what it believes to be the right course of action. An ongoing tension between strategies based either on diplomacy or on military action has been brought visibly to the fore in recent months, as prominent voices both currently in power and recently deposed have aired attacks on their strategic opponents. Amidst this fight, the Bush administration has faced a good deal of criticism merely for stating the unstated but acknowledged truth.

Newt Gingrich kicked things off with an article in the journal *Foreign Policy* openly attacking disorganization and institutional failure at the State Department; the article was widely interpreted as a sidelong attack on Secretary of State Colin Powell's commission by Rumsfeld and his ilk. Most agreed, though, that Gingrich's criticisms had some merit. This was only another manifestation of traditional tension between Pentagon unilateral strategies and Department of State diplomatic, collective strategies. These strategies yield markedly different characterizations of the United Nations, either the centerpiece of international relations, or an irrelevance, depending on who you ask.

The course of events leading to war in Iraq weakened the international stature of the United Nations. The middling organization simply could not manage to adequately address Saddam's murderous folly. In fact, they've failed to accomplish much of anything in the way of policing world affairs. U.N. peacekeepers are best known for standing by helplessly in the face of escalating slaughter, most recently in Bosnia, Somalia, and Rwanda. Travesties like that illustrate very clearly for us that the rule of law is predicated on the threat of force — and with-

out that threat, law is nothing but empty idealism. The United Nations, apparently lacking the ability or will to deliver a credible threat of force ever or anywhere, instead makes itself the vanguard of idealism, ultimately irrelevant in international relations. Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State under Clinton, calls this bloody truth “inherent in the voluntary and collective nature of the United Nations” in a Sept. article in *Foreign Policy*.

In the same article, Albright objects strongly to contemporary characterizations of the United Nations as irrelevant, ineffective, and at odds with the United States. Ultimately, though, she paints a picture of the United Nations as a large-scale charity operation that occasionally hosts meetings about military matters. The most prominent U.N. roles she identifies are charitable and humanitarian ones, haphazardly feeding the hungry, fighting disease, defending human rights, and so forth — vital goals, to be sure, but ones that perhaps have not been orchestrated to perfection. Meanwhile, a *New York Times* article notes that the Gates Foundation, an underappreciated dividend of Microsoft's success in the software industry, has spent more than \$610 million to fight tuberculosis, malaria, and A.I.D.S., and will spend at least \$478 million more by 2005. The United Nations' Global Fund partnership of 14 countries, private charities, and industry partners, established to fight those same three diseases, will spend just a bit more than that, \$1.5 billion, on its mission. One man's handiwork now challenges an international collective as the most effective aid organization in the world. Perhaps a few more successes out of Redmond will find Mr. Gates displacing the United Nations as the global leader in prominent fields of aid work.

More interesting than Albright's defense of the United Nations' relevance in administering charity and conferring legitimacy on conflict is her mention of the Bush administra-

tion's doctrine of preemption. That simple doctrine states that if we face a significant military threat, we will act to eliminate it rather than waiting to be attacked, as one might act in self-defense against an armed criminal, rather than waiting for them to shoot at you. This is an undeniably reasonable stance. Albright agrees, but is bothered that the administration “elevat[ed] what has always been a residual option into a highly publicized doctrine.” The critique, then, is that in this doctrine, the administration openly stated the truth. Her critique feels hollow. Surely all can agree, there are worse sins than honesty.

Attacks on the administration for truth-telling are even more ironic at a time when its leaders face so much criticism, some warranted and some not, for deceptive arrangement of evidence for war in Iraq. This is not, after all, the only time that forthright statements about international affairs have brought criticisms that we're stepping on toes and not affording terrorist nations proper courtesies; that's been the charge ever since the world heard Bush speak of the existence of right and wrong, a charge renewed upon his identification of Iraq, Iran, and North Korea as ‘evil.’ But most recently, the administration got into trouble when John Bolton, undersecretary of state for arms control, spoke about North Korea, a nation suffering the wrath of the Kim Jong II, the most vile dictator of which one could conceive. James Bond-style evil masterminds can't hold a candle to this monster, who has killed millions via an induced famine in the last

decade; speak ill of him in his country and you, your children, and grandchildren will face enslavement in prison, as have innumerable North Korean citizens. He's openly lied to the international community on countless occasions, and apparently continues to do so. Now, he's on the verge of acquiring a few nuclear weapons. (He's stated in the past that he'd be proud to make a martyr of his nation by striking the U.S. with nuclear weapons.) We'll soon begin six-way talks to see if diplomacy can succeed here where it's failed us so many times before.

What were Mr. Bolton's insensitive comments? He described life in North Korea as “a hellish nightmare,” and labeled its leader a “tyrannical rogue.” “To give in to [Kim Jong Il's] extortionist demands would only encourage him and other would-be tyrants around the world.” Again, his statement is nothing but the truth and, for that matter, the obvious. The response? Predictable fretting about Bush's presumptuous foreign policy — and, North Korea dubbed Mr. Bolton “human scum.”

Too often, criticism of the current administration's military policies consists of loud denunciations, perhaps with a cheeky call for regime change at home here and there, but behind the charges lies little more than objections to a straightforward, uncommon forthrightness to which the world is unaccustomed. It is not encouraging when the most prominent criticisms of our leadership consists of attacking their insistence on calling an apple an apple, evil evil, and a hellish nightmare just that.

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Freshmen Meet, Greet At Orientation Playfair

Right: Freshmen run through Johnson Ice Rink with arms linked.

Below: Playfair, Inc. employee Jin Ghun introduces William N. Barge '07 as he emcees the event.

Below right: Exuberant freshmen display their excitement when asked to form groups according to the month of their birthday.

Freshmen participated in icebreaking activities at Playfair, which was introduced as part of Orientation last year.

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Parties to Encourage Cross-Campus Mingling *Subpoena in Boston Expected*

Dormcon, from Page 1

Cofer said dormitory residents who were also members of FSILGs had to choose which shirt to wear, but were not restricted from mentioning their other affiliations.

"We're not going to tell people that you can't say you're in a sorority just because you live in Next House or something," she said.

As for making sure that extra FSILG members don't sneak in by just not wearing their shirts, Cofer said "we're kind of just hoping that everyone will respect the rules. ... There will be enough dorm residents around that [we hope] somebody will recognize these people as upperclassmen." She said Dormcon had considered giving the freshmen badges, but that badges were "too restrictive and not in the spirit of partying."

Parties a new part of Orientation

Tonight's Island in the Sun party, sponsored by the "west cam-

pus dorms," and tomorrow night's Red Sector A party, sponsored by the "east campus dorms," are new additions to the Orientation schedule this year.

Cofer said last year, most freshmen housed in the "west campus dorms" never looked at the "east campus dorms," and vice versa. These "REX" (Residence Exploration) parties are an "attempt to get them to look at both sides of campus ... [in] rush that's been compressed into several hours."

For Dormcon purposes, the "east campus dorms" include Bexley Hall, East Campus, Random Hall, and Senior House. The "west campus dorms" comprise Baker House, Burton-Conner, MacGregor House, McCormick Hall, New House, Next House, and Simmons Hall.

While the parties are being organized by members of the dormitories, the funding comes almost entirely from the offices of Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict,

Dean for Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine, and Associate Dean for Student Life Programs Barbara A. Baker. These offices have provided about \$17,000 for the two parties combined, Cofer said.

FSILG members were incorporated into the event "so that the freshmen will have an opportunity to meet the upperclassmen" in the FSILGS and to "help ensure that their rush period begins on a positive and strong note later in the fall. Furthermore, FSILG participation fosters a sense of unity across campus," according to a June proposal for the Residence Exploration parties.

RIAA, from Page 1

Washington.

In response, the RIAA instituted the Washington case against MIT, asking the court to force MIT to comply. The RIAA has resisted filing subpoenas locally in part because of the expense of hiring lawyers accredited to the bar of each local jurisdiction.

But now, after the Boston federal court agreed with MIT on Aug. 7, the RIAA will drop its independent Washington case against MIT, said Jeffrey Swope, MIT's longtime outside attorney.

The RIAA is expected to re-subpoena MIT through the Boston court, and MIT has said it will comply. Whether that compliance means MIT will send the RIAA the name of the infringing computer's owner — whom MIT says it has identified, notified, and wishes dearly to speak with — is not yet clear.

On Friday, the RIAA requested subpoenas from the Boston federal court to be issued for Boston College, which Swope also represented in the successful effort to quash the Washington subpoenas, and Northeastern University.

Rules for Residence Midway and East/West Parties

General rules applying to Residence Midway, West Party, and East Party

1. No badmouthing of other living groups.
2. Groups must adhere to attendance restrictions (if any).

Rules for Midway

1. Dormitories shall have at most 10 members in their box.
2. Fraternities shall have at most 7 members in their box.
3. Panhellenic shall have at most 14 members in their box.
4. Upperclassmen must remain in their boxes at all times (unless in transit to/from the check-in location).
5. Upon check-in, all upperclassmen MUST be wearing a name tag with their group's name clearly displayed. Upperclassmen without name tags will be asked to leave.
6. Upperclassmen shall not have any verbal contact with freshmen until he/she is in the appropriate box. Upperclassmen should take the most direct route to and from the check-in location.
7. No food or beverages are allowed within Johnson Athletic Center.

Penalties for Midway infractions

- 1st offense: JudComm representative will issue a verbal warning to not only the offending individual(s), but also the ENTIRE group.
- 2nd offense: JudComm representative shall contact either *jtyang* or *mcquin*. Once either has con-

firmed that a first warning was issued, the offending individual(s) shall be escorted out of the Midway and have their name tag(s) confiscated. No other member of the group may take the place of the individual(s).

3rd offense: JudComm representative shall contact either *jtyang* or *mcquin*. Once either has confirmed that the incident is the third offense, all members of the living group will be asked to leave the Midway immediately. JudComms will escort the party to the check-in location and confiscate all remaining name tags.

Note: In addition to the aforementioned penalties, the IFC and DormCon Judicial Committees can carry out trials/hearings within their jurisdictions regarding infractions.

Rules for West/East Parties

1. Dormitories are not limited to a specific of number of upperclassmen.
2. FSILG's shall have at most 5 members from their living group at each event.
3. Each FSILG member must be lettered/shirted; moreover, each FSILG shall wear a name tag corresponding to their living group.
4. FSILG members found to be in violation of the stated rules will be asked to leave and their name tag confiscated. Further, monetary fines (if any) to be determined by *jtyang* and *davegot*.
5. FSILGs should not be removing freshmen from either party with the intention of taking them back to FSILGs.

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16:55 — **Random Hall** — 5 minutes until 17:00...
 16:57:30 — **Random Hall** — 2.5 minutes until 17:00...
 16:58:45 — **Random Hall** — 1.25 minutes until 17:00...

17:00

17:00 — **Random Hall** — Oops, looks like Zeno was wrong. Oh well. Life goes on.
 17:01 — **Random Hall** — I wonder if *The Tech* checks the time on our entries...
 17:00 — **Random Hall** — By the way, the lottery's over now.
 17:00 — **Senior Haus** — Recruitment time. If you're here, you're gonna be queer, get used to it.
 17:00 — **Dormitory Council** — Orientation Adjustment Lottery Closes. Run to Athena right now and enter your dormitory preferences into the lottery! <http://web.mit.edu/housing/lottery/> Squat your current dorm assignment or enter up to three new preferences.
 17:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Enter the lottery now. Enter the lottery now.
 17:02 — **Senior Haus** — It's too late. We'll simply bid you adieu.
 17:17 — **Random Hall** — Yeah, we're still chillin' in the main lounge, eating our ~~cut tape~~ liquid nitrogen ice cream.
 17:30 — **Random Hall** — Beam me up, sayonara, adios, au revoir, toodleloo, svorky, meow! Take care kids, and y'all come back, now y'hear!
 17:42 — **Random Hall** — Time to slink away, boys, slink away ...

18:00

18:00 — **EAsT campUS** — EC. We are the beautiful people.

19:00

19:00 — **Chocolate City** — Chocolate City invites you to come chill and take a break from your Daily Confusion in New House. Meet current brothers in the house, listen to good music and relax. We don't hate, nor discriminate, so tell all your friends to come and enjoy what we like to call home.
 19:00 — **Bexxley** — Come join us for steak and lobster. you will not only have a taste of scrumptious steak and succulent lobster, but you will also hear about fun social events like our annual mixer with Simmons Hall, and our spring semi-formal.
 19:07 — **Baker House** — Baker. Have it your way.
 19:26 — **Senior Haus** — Dinner. Some of our residents are cooking whatever the hell they want.
 19:27 — **Senior Haus** — Come to Senior Haus and have sex with one, two, or all three of our rush chairs. Vegetarian/Vegan (Emma) options and condoms always provided.
20:00
 20:00 — **Simmons Hall** — The Great

Simmons Sponge Hunt! We hid about 100 sponges in the nooks and crannies in our sponge-like building, its YOUR job to find them! The winner (whoever has the most) will get a cool prize at the end of the contest. Come find sponges with us!
 20:00 — **German House** — Get your fix of intense German Cinema. "Run Lola Run" with refreshments in the German House Lounge. New House, house 6, 2nd floor.
 20:09 — **Baker House** — A pirate walks into a bar, with a steering wheel hanging out of his fly. The bartender says, "What the...?" The pirate says "Arrr... It drives me nuts!"
 20:36 — **Senior Haus** — Interested in the Cambridge-MIT Institute? Come to this information session to find out what's involved. Topics include "wanking", being "nobbled in the goolies" and having a "jolly good rogering".

21:00

21:00 — **German House** — Lola Rennt noch. Deutscher Film, mit dem Deutschen Haus. Neues Haus, Haus Sechs, Erster Stock.
 21:00 — **Baker House** — Baker Baker Baker
 21:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Come watch a large demonic rabbit. Being thus inspired, stay and eat said rabbit. Movie and a dinner at EC.
 21:30 — **EAsT campUS** — The Housing Lottery. All you need is a login and a dream.

22:00

22:00 — **German House** — A psychology experiment gone awry in the German House Lounge. See "Das Experiment," yet another intense German film. Eat food. New House, house 6, 2nd floor.
 22:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Amittai just wasted an hour and a half of his time.
 22:08 — **Senior Haus** — We have an extensive collection of sarongs and shot glasses.

23:00

23:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Four years from now you'll regret that. Don't do it.

Wednesday, August 27**01:00**

01:00 — **Senior Haus** — French people smoke a lot. So do we. More free cigarettes.
 01:44 — **Senior Haus** — Make every bedroom window an instant fire escape! Jump out your window while we set your room in flames!

02:00

02:00 — **Baker House** — On Tuesday, August 19, Tom jumped off the Harvard bridge. You missed it.

02:25 — **Senior Haus** — Life changing but transient moment of subtlety and clarity. Or not.

03:00

03:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Watch us build a 60 foot tower in the courtyard. Then, practice your fire-fighting skills as we douse it in gasoline and then torch it.

04:00

04:00 — **Senior Haus** — Lesbian Bed Death. You'll find out.
 04:41 — **Senior Haus** — "I'm here to do one of two things, kick ass and chew bubble gum. And I'm all out of bubble gum."

05:00

05:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Call Bexley's Rush Chair at (617) 306-3179 for a tour of Bexley Hall.
 05:08 — **Baker House** — Baker Social is the... Bomb Diggity. Or so it seems.
 05:22 — **Random Hall** — I don't think I've complained about the character limit in a few days. Anyhow, it sucks. Greatly. 275 is a small number. I mean, 17 is so much cooler. It's round and fuzzy and tangy and shiny and I think the rush chairs are nearing the end of their proverbial ropes, but

07:00

07:30 — **EAsT campUS** — By now you regret agreeing to wake up early to take exams. Come drown your sorrows in milk.

09:00

09:00 — **Senior Haus** — "Razors pain you; Rivers are damp; Acids stain you; And drugs cause cramp. Guns aren't lawful; Nooses give; Gas smells awful; You might as well sport death."

10:00

10:00 — **Senior Haus** — Moose hunt! We're driving to Maine, and we're not coming back until we see a moose, dammit!
 10:17 — **Random Hall** — luckily it's a nice stretchy bungee cord
 *bounce*bounce*bounce* hmm let's count in binary! 1 10 11 100 101 1011 110 111 *bounce*bounce*bounce* mmmmm.... purple ketchup and liquid nitrogen.... 1000 1010 ... how come they let us have entries today but not last Friday?

11:00

11:57 — **Baker House** — Oh no. Oh no. Oh no! Oh YEAH! Baker.

12:00

12:00 — **Senior Haus** — Everyone want the Chalk. Come on and get your Chalk. Chalk! From Whamo!

12:00 — **Bexxley** — It's spunk!!! Protein can be fun. The stains, the stickiness, the smooth, creamy texture, come take in, or squirt out, the full experience. (Vegetarian options also available)
 12:01 — **Senior Haus** — Hey, kid...have you seen my puppy dog? He's really cute and fluffy. Would you help me look for him? ... I have some candy in my car...

13:00

13:02 — **Senior Haus** — You know, kid, you have really pretty eyes...anyone ever tell you that?
 13:41 — **Senior Haus** — Sweetie, can I call you Molly? You look just like a Molly, with that pretty blonde hair all over your head.

14:00

14:07 — **Senior Haus** — Can I touch your hair, Molly?

16:00

16:03 — **Senior Haus** — Molly, why don't you reach your hand up your shirt... just a little...you're really pretty, you know?
 16:13 — **Senior Haus** — Don't cry, baby! I just want to love you...
 16:20 — **Senior Haus** — Did you know you can make Napalm from Tide? Neither did we.
 16:44 — **French House** — Ohhhhh, Champs-Élysées!

17:00

17:15 — **Senior Haus** — Stop it now, you little bitch! You...I'll MAKE you stop...I'll do it!...mommy taught me how...
 17:16 — **Senior Haus** — The tree is displeased. You're running out of time to give blood, come ride the lifeswing of doom.
 17:41 — **Senior Haus** — Swim in our pool. Yes, really. We will be playing with water all evening, because the safety office won't let us play with fire anymore. Irene says "nudity is encouraged."

18:00

18:25 — **Senior Haus** — "You mean you'll put down your rock, and I'll put down my sword, and we'll try to kill each other like civilized people?"

19:00

19:00 — **Simmons Hall** — Crepe Bake! Come join us for scrumptious thin pancakes in the 6th floor lounge of Simmons. We'll have everything from chocolate to baked apple crepes all for your eating pleasure! Be sure to visit Simmons and enjoy some free food!
 19:00 — **Burton-Conner** — The results are in...did you get Burton-Conner? If so, head on over here to

the Porter Room for the beginning of floor rush. Our nine floors will show off their unique personalities so that you can find the one that fits you best.

19:00 — **Senior Haus** — If you lost your bestiality point already, we'll give you a dollar. Come to Desk and take the Lambda Sigma Delta Purity Test.
 19:00 — **Chocolate City** — Chocolate City invites you to come chill and take a break from your Daily Confusion in New House. Meet current brothers in the house, listen to good music and relax. We don't hate, nor discriminate, so tell all your friends to come and enjoy what we like to call home.
 19:00 — **Dormitory Council** — Permanent Residence Hall Assignments. Check your e-mail for your permanent dorm assignment and report to the front desk of your new home for further instructions on In-House RUSH!
 19:10 — **Senior Haus** — Make your own Bonsai Kitten with the one and only Dr Michael Wong Chang. Learn by doing, all the techniques required to create a shaped cat from "scratch". Find out the secrets of intubation, medication, oxygenated food slurry and the importance of good cramming technique.
 19:15 — **EAsT campUS** — If you are one of the top ten percent of your freshman class sharp enough to get into Fred Dorm, leave your room for Fred Desk for reassignment.
 19:30 — **Dormitory Council** — In-House RUSH Begins. Report to the front desk of your permanent dormitory to find out more details on how to choose what floor/entryway you will be living on within your new home.
 19:30 — **EAsT campUS** — Muy Importante! If you're not here right now you're going to be living in a broom closet. Hall Rush starts now.

20:00

20:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Since when is "agently" a word?
 20:00 — **Bexxley** — Bexxley tours!!! Come tour the hottest dorm on campus. We will let you take a look at our state of the art facilities, such as our full size exercise/weight room, multimedia center, and even our very own olympic size pool!!! You can even take a dip in it if you like.
 20:18 — **Senior Haus** — oh...mommy...

21:00

21:00 — **Senior Haus** — Watermelon Man Screening - If you're considering living at Senior Haus, this, uh, film will give you a feel for the Haus culture, back before Senior Haus got painted lavender by The Man.
 21:00 — **Random Hall** — If you made it into Random Hall, show up in our Main Lounge for the in-house rooming lottery. You'll get your permanent room, meet your new dormmates, and see the man who *really* runs things in this dorm.
 21:11 — **EAsT campUS** — The Reverend Prez still does not live here. We win.
 21:32 — **Senior Haus** — Add some mystery to your life. Find out what's for dinner.
 21:37 — **Senior Haus** — Word on the street is that Jack the Ripper is back in town.

22:00

22:00 — **EAsT campUS** — You'll rue the day you didn't move to EC. Rue the day!!!
 22:01 — **Senior Haus** — Seriously, I was walking down Newbury St. and some homeless guy came up to me and started yelling about Jack the Ripper.
 22:03 — **Senior Haus** — Maybe because I was wearing a t-shirt saying that Jack the Ripper is back in town.
 22:15 — **Baker House** — Baker satisfies.

23:00

23:10 — **Senior Haus** — Oh you think you're hardcore? Not after the Ross Lippert Memorial Alumni Story Hour. The Haus was sooo hardcore before it was painted lavender by The Man.
 23:27 — **Senior Haus** — Death without style is no death at all.
 23:28 — **Senior Haus** — Tired of always getting the same old boring infections from the same old boring people? Come on over for an ample dose of yer most potent and bizarre diseases, from your favorite disease ridden filth-bags. Bring your own! Plus free cigarettes.

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Freshmen Bond with Leaders

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one activity, four freshmen were called on stage to participate in an obstacle course after spinning around seven times. In another activity, freshmen performed unusual acts, such as cartwheels, spinning books, and tying cherry stems in knots with their tongues, to earn Klondike bars. For his Klondike bar, David W. Rush '07 impersonated Gollum from *Lord of the Rings*. For his efforts, Rush received a standing ovation.

"I liked the Klondike bar part," said Cathlene M. Allard '07. "Everything's been creative and interesting so far."

Benedict offers 'thrival' tips

Seeking guidance for their mission, the Orientation coordinators called Larry G. Benedict, the "Numero Uno," also known as the Dean for Student Life, for help. He offered the audience "Three Little Tips for Survival and Thrival at MIT," which included living a balanced life, reaching out and connecting with someone older, and getting enough sleep.

Benedict ended with a quote

from Dr. Seuss: "And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! Ninety-eight and three-quarters percent guaranteed."

Orientation groups meet

Following the opening ceremonies, the freshmen broke into Orientation groups. Some Orientation leaders led their groups through various ice-breakers, such as the Name Game, the Human Knot, Ride the Pony, Red Rover, and Two Truths and a Lie. Other leaders simply dispensed advice and encouraged the freshmen to talk to each other.

Laura C. Harris '07 said that Two Truths and a Lie helped her "learn a lot of really random things about people."

"The icebreaker I'm always most excited about is the name game, since it helps you get to know everyone's name," said Orientation leader Amado G. Dehoyos '04.

Others noted that their Orientation groups were less open.

"We're still a bit shy," said Hana L. Adaniya '07.

The icebreakers were followed by a barbecue, which allowed freshmen and orientation leaders to min-

gle. "Dinner always opens up people's minds," said Orientation leader Walter C. Lin '06. "Free food makes people happy, and when they're happy they talk."

The leaders then led the freshmen to Playfair in Johnson. Other activities include a showing of *Goldeneye* at Kresge Auditorium and the Play Unfair party at Next House.

Upcoming Orientation activities

Orientation leaders and freshmen alike said they looked forward to other Orientation activities. "I'm excited about City Days," Dehoyos said. It's always amazing to see MIT pull together 600 people to do community service. It's incredibly fun when you're doing community service with 10 or 20 people you know."

Orientation leader Jennifer L. Fecanin '05 said, "The time I think is best is when we're talking. When we make the freshmen comfortable, they can ask honest questions, which is the most useful."

Of her MIT experience so far, Crystle J. Kelly '07 said, "It's awesome — I think it's gorgeous, people are friendly, and this whole place is interesting."

ASA Rush Rules

The following Rush Rules have been established by the Association of Student Activities to balance the exposure of incoming students to the demands of new academics, dormitories, and student life at MIT. These rules are in place to facilitate transition time for new students into life at MIT without inundation by too many new opportunities. All ASA-recognized groups are mandated to follow these rules.

The 2003 Rush Rules apply from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 15 through the beginning of the ASA Activities Midway at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29. This period is referred to as the "Recruiting Moratorium Period."

Inside the Recruiting Moratorium Period, ASA-recognized groups and/or members of ASA-recognized groups may not:

1. Actively collect any information from new students.
2. Hold any recruiting events of any sort.
3. Place advertisements of any kind anywhere that include recruiting language.

The ASA Executive Board reserves the right to broadly interpret the definitions of "recruiting events" and "recruiting language" on a case-by-case basis.

Exemptions to these exclusions may be sought by e-mailing the ASA Executive Board at asa-exec@mit.edu at least one week before the date the exception is needed. In general, activities and postings associated with the Undergraduate Orientation or Graduate Student Council Orientation programs are automatically exempt. However, the ASA Executive Board reserves the right to request a formal letter from the Undergraduate Orientation Committee or the GSC Orientation Committee to verify the legitimacy of a group's claim of affiliation.

Within the Recruiting Moratorium Period, ASA-recognized groups may advertise general events and/or events to be held after the Recruiting Moratorium Period, provided these advertisements do not violate the stipulations of the Rush Rules.

The following means of advertisement are acceptable within the Recruiting Moratorium Period:

1. Use of the student group's bulletin board (if this resource has been granted).
2. Advertisements/coverage in regular campus publications.
3. Web sites.
4. Flyers distributed around campus (where "distributing" is distinct from posting).
5. Posters placed on MIT public bulletin boards.

Any other method of advertising must be cleared in advance with the ASA Executive Board by e-mailing asa-exec@mit.edu.

In general, ASA posting rules continue to apply through the Recruitment Moratorium Period. However, fines will be automatically tripled for violations occurring within the Recruitment Moratorium Period.

The ASA Executive Board will interpret the Rush Rules and act on violations of them. Violations may come to the attention of the Board via regular ASA policing activities or through formal complaints e-mailed to asa-exec@mit.edu by MIT community members. The Board will consider each case, and if necessary, impose upon the group found to be in violation of the Rush Rules the appropriate penalty or set of penalties from the following list of punishments:

- Warning
- Monetary fine
- Mandatory Community Service
- Barring from participation in 2004 First Year Summer Mailing (FYSM)
- Loss of ASA Activities Midway space
- Loss of bulletin board space
- Loss of office/locker space
- Suspension from event/room registration privileges for specified duration
- Group suspension
- Group de-recognition

If more serious punishments than those listed are required, the ASA Executive Board reserves the right to involve the Undergraduate Association, GSC, the Student Life Programs office, and/or other relevant MIT entities.

Decisions by the ASA Executive Board affecting time-sensitive privileges are final. Non-time-sensitive decisions may be appealed through the regular process outlined in the ASA Constitution.

SOURCE: ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Solution to Crossword

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FEATURES

Ask SIPB

STUDENT INFORMATION PROCESSING BOARD

Want to get network access in your dormitory? Interested in setting up a server? In this column, part 2 of 6 in our introductory orientation columns, we cover residential computing and getting connected to the network.

Question: Should I set up my computer now?

Answer: If you are an undergrad, in general, it is best if you do not set up your personal computer right away. Unless you live in McCormick, which has forced room squatting, you may be moving to either another dormitory, or at least another room.

If you need to use a computer, there are always the Athena clusters easily accessible all over campus. Once you move to your room for the fall term on Thursday, feel free to go ahead and set up your computer.

When you do finally set up your computer, if it is running any version of Windows, please IMMEDIATELY apply the appropriate patches. Because of a recently exploited vulnerability, unpatched Windows systems may be compromised very quickly, before they have a chance to get patched. To work around this, you should follow the directions at

<http://web.mit.edu/rescomp/www/MITNet-DHCP.pdf> to block incoming connections to your computer, before plugging it in to the network.

If you do not follow these instructions, your computer's security will likely become compromised, and Network Security will turn off your network drop and/or disable your DHCP access. In such cases, you must reformat your hard drive and reinstall the operating system. For more information, see <http://web.mit.edu/net-security/windows.html>.

Running Windows Update is always a good idea, though it is especially important now because of a recently discovered vulnerability. Also ensure that you have a non-trivial Administrator password, as your system can otherwise be remotely broken into. To learn more about what makes a non-trivial password, visit <http://www.mit.edu/afs/sipb/project/doc/passwords/passwords.html>.

Question: What is a static IP address good for?

Answer: A static IP address is useful if you wish to set up your own server, like a web server, as it means your machine always has the same IP address, instead of getting a new one

each time you reboot. Typical servers students run include web servers and FTP servers. In addition, if you configure your machine properly, you can also set up remote access through various other protocols. While these things are still all possible without a static IP address, you will not have a consistent hostname or IP address you can use to access your machine.

To connect your computer to the network with a static IP address, follow the instructions you receive when you request the IP address. You can request the address either at a "Getting Connected" meeting (see below), or through the RCC web page at <http://rcc.mit.edu/>.

Orientation Ask SIPB Columns

Friday: Computing Help and Resources

Today: Connecting to the Network

Tomorrow: Using Athena and Unix

Tuesday: Mail and Mailing Lists

Wednesday: Zephyr

Thursday: Kerberos and AFS

Question: What is DHCP, and how do I configure my computer to use it?

Answer: DHCP is the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, which allows your computer to automatically obtain an IP address and associated information. If you are not running a web server, and do not need a static internet protocol address for any other reason, we recommend using DHCP as it is the most flexible and easy to set up. Most computers are set to use DHCP by default.

To use DHCP to connect to the network, configure your computer by following the instructions at <http://web.mit.edu/is/help/dhcp/dhcpstud.html>. These are typically the default settings, so if you have not changed anything, you probably do not need to do anything. Then, simply open up a web browser, and complete the registration that appears automatically.

If you have a laptop, it is possible to configure your computer to obtain your static IP address via DHCP when you are on your home subnet, typically your dormitory, and to obtain a random address while you are elsewhere. If you would like to configure your laptop in this way, visit the registration page at <http://nic.mit.edu/dhreg/> from the computer you wish to register. The computer should be on your home subnet at this time, and using its static IP address.

Question: How can I use the wireless network at MIT?

Answer: Most non-residential MIT buildings now have wireless network access. You can find a list of wireless-enabled locations at <http://web.mit.edu/network/wireless-locations.html>. Furthermore, wireless is gradually being deployed in many dormitories. Baker House, Senior House, Sidney-

Pacific, Simmons Hall, and The Warehouse all have official I/S-deployed wireless service, and Bexley Hall and East Campus will have wireless service deployed during this school year. Other dormitories may have wireless access points set up by residents, though these are not officially supported. Signing up for this service is easy, and detailed instructions are available at <http://web.mit.edu/is/help/wireless/>. After you perform the necessary steps, wait about 15 minutes before these changes take effect.

If you are a faculty or staff member, or a student with a static IP address, you may also choose to receive your static IP address via DHCP while using the wireless network on your home subnet, typically your dorm. To do so, follow the step-by-step instructions in the October 4, 2002 Ask SIPB column at our Web site at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/>.

Question: How can I find more information about a machine?

Answer: To get more information about a machine, including its IP address, aliases it has, and its owner, you can use type `stella machinename` at an Athena prompt. You can see the name of any public machine at the top of the login screen.

Question: Where can I get more help with networking and getting my computer configured properly?

Answer: Each dormitory has student Residential Computer Consultants who can assist you with network problems. The RCCs can help you configure your computer's network settings, provide you with a network cable, assist with broken network drops, assign you a hostname and IP address, and help with other network-related problems. To submit a request, visit <http://rcc.mit.edu/>.

In addition, the RCCs will be running "Getting Connected" meetings throughout orientation, in which you can learn more about these topics and others. The schedule for these meetings is:

Monday, Aug. 25, 10-11a.m., 4-370
 Tuesday, Aug. 26, 10-11a.m., 1-190
 Wednesday, Aug. 27, 10-11a.m., 1-190
 Thursday, Aug. 28, 3-4p.m., 4-370
 Friday, Aug. 29, 3-4p.m., 4-370

To ask us a question, send e-mail to sipb@mit.edu. We'll try to answer you quickly, and we might address your question in our next column. Copies of each column and pointers to additional information will be posted on our Web site <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/>.

IFC Rush Rules

These rules are established to support all fraternities in recruitment activities, and to protect the rushees and prospective students in all activities pertaining to Rush and/or Recruitment.

ARTICLE I: General

Preamble - With the understanding that recruitment will occur year round, the IFC has developed the following rules that are effective year-round.

1. General

- All recruitment events are dry.
- All MIT Rules governing provision and consumption of alcohol apply at all times.
- Fraternities may address complaints through the IFC Judicial Committee.
- All recruitment events and paraphernalia must be in good taste.
- No Fraternity member shall badmouth another living group. This includes, but is not limited to, members of the IFC, the Panhellenic Association, and the Living Group Council.
- No Fraternity apparel may be given to a rushee until a bid is accepted. Loaning such articles for the purpose of comfort (warmth, dryness) is acceptable. Also acceptable is the temporary loaning of such articles during participation in an intramural sport event. However, these articles may not be worn to another Fraternity.
- No Fraternity shall contact a prospective member who has previously expressed that he/she does not wish to be contacted.
- All events in the dormitories must follow the outlines and rules described by the IFC Recruitment Chair.

ARTICLE II: Pre-Rush

The purpose of Pre-Rush actions and activities is to convince high school applicants to attend MIT, promote the Fraternity system, and aid Admissions and other MIT offices in their goals with regards to pre-freshmen applicants, admitted students, and/or special programs.

- Fraternity members must obey the rules of the MIT Admissions Office while contacting any prospective or admitted students at any time.
- If a visiting pre-frosh wishes to change housing assignments at any time, he/she must be directed to make changes through the Admissions Office. Members of a Fraternity shall not take direct actions toward helping a pre-frosh make housing changes.
- All events held during Campus Preview Weekend must be dry.

ARTICLE III: Orientation

The purpose of Orientation rules is to prevent any house from having an unreasonable advantage preceding the start of Rush itself and to encourage new freshmen to actively participate in the orientation programming. Orientation rules apply from the beginning of the first pre-orientation program (August 17, 2003), until the end of the City Days orientation event, (August 29, 2003).

1. Orientation Guidelines:

- All orientation leaders must abide by MIT orientation rules and regulations.
- No Fraternity shall hold house events open to non-members during this time.
- No Fraternity shall overnight a freshman during this time.

ARTICLE IV: Rush Week

The purpose of Rush Week is to allow new students the time to find a Fraternity most compatible with their own interests, and for Fraternities to find members for themselves. Rush

Week rules apply throughout the IFC and MIT established formal recruitment period, running from September 5, 2003 until September 14, 2003.

1. Rush Week Setup

A. The one week official Rush period will be entirely dry. No Fraternity shall serve or provide alcohol to anyone during this period, or for two additional weeks or when all bids are closed, whichever is sooner.

B. Each Fraternity shall provide to the IFC Recruitment Chair and IFC Judicial Committee Chair at least two primary phone numbers that shall be operational at all times.

C. Each Fraternity shall provide to the IFC Recruitment Chair and the IFC Judicial Committee Chair a complete list of Rush events with times, size and location no later than August 24, 2003.

2. Records

A. Each Fraternity is required to keep an on-line record of the status of all bids (bid extended/bid accepted) that is accessible to all Fraternities.

B. This record must be updated within one hour of the extension of a bid.

C. This record must be updated within one hour of the acceptance or declination of a bid.

3. Jaunts

A. No Fraternity shall jaunt a freshman overnight before September 14, 2003. A trip resulting in a freshman being jaunted past 1 a.m. or before 6 a.m. shall be considered overnight. Short trips to get a midnight snack, for example, are exempt.

4. Bid Extension

A. Bids may be given out starting 8 a.m. on September 12, 2003 and may be accepted starting 8 a.m. on September 13, 2003.

5. Pledging

A. After a rushee has pledged a Fraternity, no other Fraternity may attempt to recruit him.

ARTICLE V: Introduction to Enforcement

The IFC Recruitment Chair is responsible for taking steps to ensure incoming students are aware that these rules exist including preparing and distributing a "Rushee Bill of Rights." These rules apply to all who are members of the MIT Interfraternity Council (IFC). Any action taken by a Fraternity to the detriment of a rushee, prospective student, or of another Fraternity, shall be deemed a violation. All violations of these rules shall be immediately referred to the IFC Judicial Committee Chair for proceedings. Any information concerning alleged rush violations must be given to the IFC Recruitment Chair or any IFC Judicial Committee Risk Management Consultant upon request. Violators shall be subject to any and all fines, sanctions, and punishments deemed necessary by the IFC Judicial Committee. Any questions regarding the interpretation of these rules must be submitted to the IFC Recruitment Chair for clarification. The IFC Judicial Committee Chair shall be the arbiter of taste and responsible for enforcing a reasonable definition of badmouthing. In addition, the IFC Judicial Committee shall be the final interpreter of all Recruitment Rules. If the Fraternity of the Judicial Committee Chair is involved, the complaint is to be referred immediately to the next highest official in the IFC whose Fraternity is not involved, following this line of seniority:

- IFC Recruitment Chair
- IFC President
- IFC Vice President
- IFC Secretary
- IFC Treasurer

The Engineer's Guide to Romance

An Orientation Dating Guide

By D.M.

Welcome, freshmen! Let me guess, you just got to MIT and you're looking for a hook-up. The only problem is you don't know what the hell you're doing. Well, that's why I'm here to help you. If you want to get anywhere with anyone during orientation, follow this guide:

1. Personal hygiene goes a long way. You'd think that people would've learned this in health class, but it's amazing how many people can just plain forget when they're coding for 72 hours straight.
2. Be friendly. Initiating conversation is half the battle. Everyone here is just as clueless, lost, and eager to meet people as you are. Go ahead and introduce yourself. That applies equally to both men and women.
3. Be interesting. If initiating conversation is half the battle, then maintaining it is the second half. If your life is as bland and boring as Al Gore's personality, go to #4.
4. Ask questions. If I've learned nothing else, I at least know this: people like to talk about themselves. A lot. Be inquisitive and get to know what this person is really like.
5. Don't forget names. There is no bigger insult. Well, I guess calling them fat, ugly, and stupid could be worse. Just don't get caught

forgetting someone's name when they remember yours. If you fail, have them introduce themselves to your friend. You'll have another chance to learn their name.

6. Don't be sketchy. There's a thin line between friendly and too close for comfort. There's also a thin line between being drunk and giving consent, but I won't get into that. Wait, maybe I already did.

7. Young ladies, know this: you not only have freshmen guys seeking you out, but upperclassmen as well.

8. Young men, know this: you don't have older women checking you out. However, Wellesley, an all-female college, is a short Senate Bus ride away (to find a date).

9. Don't be desperate. Asking a guy out isn't desperate. Asking him to sleep with you is.

10. Tower Court is a big party at Wellesley on Labor Day at night. Men and women are welcome to try their luck. Any fraternity will probably take you.

11. Under no circumstances should anyone in the incoming class of Wellesley students be called a freshman. Refer to them as "first-years."

12. Bragging about your S.A.T., AP, or F.E.E. scores will not make people like you.

13. Take it slow. You've got four years at MIT to contract VD. You want to start your

freshman year off with a bang, not with the clap. If you're not going to wait a while, at least be smart about it. Free condoms are everywhere.

14. Don't sell yourself short. Remember that there is always someone smarter, funnier, and better looking — at another college in the area.

15. Don't stalk people. That's just plain scary. Following people around campus will get you slapped with a restraining order.

16. Don't be afraid to defy typical gender roles. After all, this is the 21st century.

17. Be open-minded. You're meeting people from different backgrounds, races, cultures, and countries. Be mindful of their cultural sensitivities. Like Jet Li in *Fist of Legend*, if you are able to be fluid and adapt, you will always be the victor.

18. I'd like to think that it's a bad idea to ask people out over e-mail, but I guess that's the only way some people can communicate.

19. Always be ready to make a good and lasting first impression. People are not going to remember everything about you. They will remember the stupid thing that you said or did when they first met you.

20. Give people a chance. They might surprise you. You might even surprise yourself.

All you need now is a little bit of confidence. Go out there and show them who you are.

Ask Nutty B

avoid the fine. I really can't tell you what to take since I have no idea what your interests are. I mean, if you want to be a future president like Mr. Clinton, I'd definitely recommend a class in office morals and ethics.

At any rate, since you are "eager," as you say, why don't you take them all? It's not like you need to sleep at MIT anyway!

By the way, have you try basket-weaving at Harvard or facial care at Wellesley? Look into those fun classes at our neighbor schools and cross-register! You will meet more people and can escape your hellish undergrad life here.

Dear Nutty B,

I just moved into my room in my dorm to start my first year here. It's so small compared to those college rooms they show in the movies! Also, I've never had someone living in the same room with me before. Now I have a roommate who is from the other end of the continent. While I am excited, I'm not really comfortable with this new living arrangement. What should I do?

— Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

My first advice for you would be to stop watching movies and snap out of your *Legally Blonde* image of college life. What did you expect? A 600 square-foot room with beautiful hardwood floors all to yourself? Did you bring your puppy here too? As for having a roommate who is from the other side of the continent, what's the problem again?

While living with someone may be something to get used to, it has its advantages. You know, perhaps this sleep-walking, snoring-all-night, and showering-once-a-week person in your room will be someone that helps you complete (or copy) your assignment quickly when school starts!

Also, this roommate you have may become your best friend and even your bridesmaid. Even if this doesn't happen, it would still be great for you to learn to get along with new people and not end up killing them. Or being killed, for that matter.

Therefore, the only thing you should do is be nice to this new roomie of yours, or else she will be sending me questions asking me how to murder you!

By Bruce Wu

Nutty B is currently a graduate student at MIT, and this is his first attempt ever at writing an advice column (that he stands behind).

Please e-mail him with whatever question you would like someone to listen to, and help him have an excuse to procrastinate at 3:00 a.m. Please send all questions to askNuttyB@yahoo.com.

Dear Nutty B,

The semester is about to start, but I still have no clue about what classes I should take. I picked something already, but I'm not sure if I'll like it. Do you have any suggestions, as in what classes an eager undergrad should take?

— Nervous about school

Dear Nervous,

I wish I knew that answer myself! I, too, picked a few classes months before the registration deadline with no other intent than to

UA Q&A

The UA answers your questions about undergraduate issues

By Harel Williams
and Rose Grabowski
UA SENATORS

Dear UA,

What is the UA? Ugly A-holes? Underwater Angioplasty? Uganda's Ampere?

—Acronyms Suck

UA stands for Undergraduate Association, of which all 4,000 plus undergraduates are automatically members. It has a huge number of committees that work on specific issues for undergraduates as well as a legislative body that directs policy and advocates for students. Oh yeah, and by being a member of the UA you are automatically super cool, so pat yourself on the back.

Dear UA,

I did student government in high school and it was a bunch of bull crap. I mean, planning lame school dances gets old after a while. Is that all that MIT student government does? If yes, then I gotta warn you, I've already hung up my helium-balloon-tying hat and dancing-in-the-cafeteria shoes.

—Streamers up the Wazoo

No, that is NOT all that the UA does. Although there are formals and semi-formals put on every year for the students, the UA does much more. They give money to student groups, advocate for student issues to administrators and faculty, and provide many other services that undergraduates benefit from every year. And we periodically give out free food, which, of course, is by far its most important duty.

Dear UA,

Sometimes I feel powerless to change things. For example, there's no AI steak sauce on campus. How can I rectify this atrocity?

—Boldless in Seattle

We feel your pain. The UA Committee on Student Life is involved in a lot of issues like this, and even has a subcommittee to address them — the subcommittee on dining. You can check out this as well as a plethora of other UA committees and hot and steamy UA committee chairs at the UA Open House on August 31, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., in W20-491.

Dear UA,

Why are you writing this column? Are you wannabe SIPB members or something?

—Dazed and Confused

"Ask SIPB" is a great column that is written to give more information about computing at MIT. UA Q&A is intended to be more of a sounding board for students to ask questions about MIT and undergraduate life. The UA is a resource for all undergraduates, and we want to help you get to know the campus better — and feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

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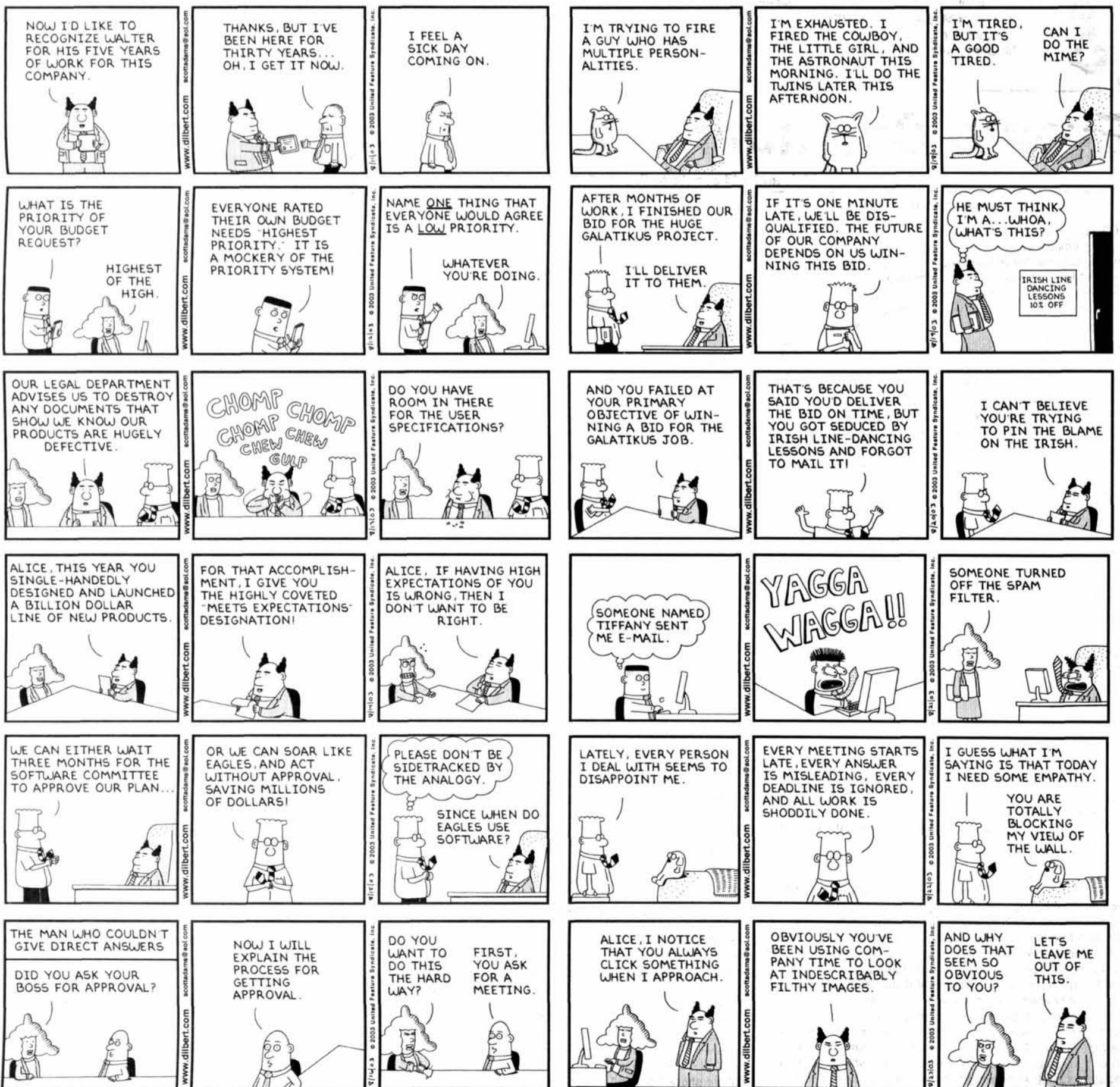
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- 27 Indian prince
- 31 Half of MCII
- 32 Full wheelbarrow
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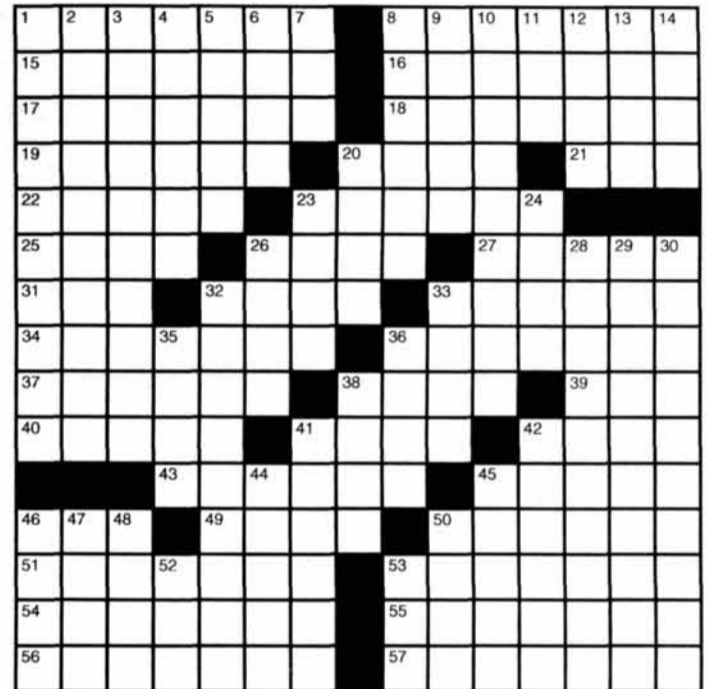
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- 46 Natl. TV network
- 49 Tear apart
- 50 Cowardly
- 51 Settle through compromise
- 53 Credulity
- 54 Rid of parasites
- 55 Camus and Finney
- 56 Slapped
- 57 Sanctifies

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- 2 Ignore
- 3 Interventions
- 4 Choice woods for carvers
- 5 Requires
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- 7 Percentages of a \$
- 8 Formed
- 9 Invisible emanations
- 10 Sailboats with three hulls
- 11 Irritate
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- 13 Continental prefix
- 14 Extend across
- 20 Burpee kernel
- 23 Venetian blind strip
- 24 Kelly or Whitman
- 26 ___ fide
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- 29 ___ Perry Awards
- 30 Sincere warmth
- 32 Freshwater food fish
- 33 Carnivores' mouths
- 35 Prevarications
- 36 Isn't able to
- 38 Spoke
- 41 Breathed in short gasps
- 42 Atlanta ballplayers
- 44 Employ again
- 45 Clan
- 46 Helpful hints
- 47 Concoct
- 48 Coke or Pepsi
- 50 Ring on the telephone
- 52 ___ on your life!
- 53 Put a collar on



Events Calendar

Events Calendar appears in each issue of *The Tech* and features events for members of the MIT community. *The Tech* makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of this information, and *The Tech* shall not be held liable for any losses, including, but not limited to, damages resulting from attendance of an event. Contact information for all events is available from the Events Calendar web page.

Visit and add events to Events Calendar online at <http://events.mit.edu>

Sunday, August 24

7:00 a.m. - **Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation.** You are about to embark on what may be the most interesting, challenging, and entertaining years of your lives — your undergraduate career at MIT. For some of you, it may be your first time away from home, so you may be apprehensive about the change. For others, you may be exploring yet another new frontier. Regardless of your thoughts about heading off to MIT, you will all have opportunities to explore your options, seek out new challenges, tackle new problems, research possibilities, and meet new people. Your first order of business — exploring Orientation 2003! Room: Check Orientation 2003 Web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

7:00 a.m. - **Graduate Student Orientation.** New students, welcome to MIT! The Graduate Student Council runs a large number of programs to help new students at MIT. From the minute new students arrive in Boston, the GSC is involved by offering a shuttle service that brings them from the airport to MIT campus. We run and plan the Institute's official graduate student Orientation and coordinate a mentorship program to help new international students. If you are a new student we highly encourage you to explore all of the information on these webpages, and we hope the GSC can help make your first year experience at MIT as enjoyable as possible! Room: Check Web site for details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - **Welcome Mass/Reception.** Reception follows Mass. free. Room: La Sala de Puerto Rica/Student Center. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Mass.** free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **Mass.** free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

Monday, August 25

7:00 a.m. - **Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation.** Room: Check Orientation 2003 Web site for details.. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

7:00 a.m. - **Graduate Student Orientation.** Room: Check Web site for details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - **Course Catalogue Distribution.** Bring your MIT ID and pick up a copy of the 2003-2004 course catalogue. free. Room: 56-191. Sponsor: Reference Publications Office.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Welcome Brunch for CMI Cambridge Exchange Students.** CMI Cambridge Exchange Students meet MIT professors, administrators, and students as they enjoy brunch. Information packets for the students will be available at the brunch. free for invitees. Room: Twenty Chimneys. Sponsor: Cambridge-MIT Institute Undergraduate Exchange Office.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - **Stages of Graduate School.** Being a graduate student means that you will go through several stages of your personal development as a graduate student. Many students experience similar things at similar stages of graduate school. This means one important thing: you are not alone! You are completely normal (no matter what you think). Prepare yourself, know what to expect, know how to get the best out of your experience as a graduate student! This talk is

highly entertaining and sends shivers down many a graduate student's spine because it is too true, this is exactly how I felt/feel. free. Room: Mezzanine Lounge, Student Center. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - **Admissions Office Information Session.** Admissions Office Information Session is held in Building 6, in Room 6-120. Enter MIT at the main entrance, 77 Massachusetts Ave. (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed all the way down the center corridor to the very end and take a right. Proceed a short distance down this next corridor and room 6-120 will be on the right. Following the Admissions Information Session is a student led campus tour which begins in Building 6, outside Room 6-120. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. free. Room: Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - **Campus Tour.** Student led campus tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. The campus tour begins in Room 6-120. free. Room: Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - **Graduate Student Panel: My Experiences in Graduate School.** Hear from fellow students how their experiences in graduate school relate to the talk "Stages of Graduate School." Is this really how it is? Did you really feel like that? How did you deal with these experiences? Was your experience different? Why do you feel the way you do? These are just a few questions (besides any questions you might have) that will be addressed in this panel of graduate students from all stages of their "development." Room: Mezzanine Lounge. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Interlink Lunch.** Food to keep everyone going for the rest of the day, and a chance to find out about InterLink. free. Room: Mezzanine Lounge. Sponsor: InterLink, GSC Orientation.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Lunch Seminar: Human Factors Engineering: Perspectives from the Medical, Automotive, and Aerospace Field.** Come and discuss the multiple perspectives of human factors with our invited guests from Volpe (U.S. Dept. of Transportation), Harvard Medical School, and MIT. Bring your lunch, but desserts will be provided! free. Room: 66-154. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, MIT Student Chapter.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Culture Shock Workshop.** Culture shock is not an issue for me, is it? It only affects people who are less mentally stable than I am. Wrong. Culture shock affects all of us. No matter whether you are American and you just moved to New England or whether you just set foot on American soil for the very first time. It is completely normal to experience culture shock. But what is culture shock, how do I know it when I see it and what can I do to make it a pleasant and not a disorienting and debilitating experience? These and many more questions will be addressed in this workshop led by Dr. Suze Prudent, who moved to the U.S. from Haiti and has experienced culture shock first hand. free. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - **Admissions Office Information Session.**

free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - **Cultural Panel.** Panels of students from across the globe to discuss specific issues. free. Room: Mezzanine Lounge. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

2:45 p.m. - **Campus Tour.** free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **Tea Break.** Yummy Refreshments! free. Room: Mezzanine Floor. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **Navigating Between an Academic and Non-Academic Career.** Professional Development Series: Fifth lecture in the Academic Careers Series focusing on careers in academia, industry, and moving between the two areas. free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: GSC Seminars.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **Emergency Procedures: What to Do When Things go Wrong.** In the face of changing legislation and legal procedures, what are the emergency protocols that all incoming students should be aware of? Their rights, and the proper code of conduct if ever confronted by legal authorities. free. Room: Mezzanine Lounge. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **LBGT Welcome Fruit Fest.** Come, meet and hang out with lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender upper-class students, faculty, staff and allies in a relaxing queer positive environment with great food and fruit smoothies. This is the best way to get connected early and ask questions about lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning and transgender experiences at MIT. If you can't make it, e-mail lbgt@mit.edu to get in contact with MIT's Rainbow Lounge staff (information sent to this list is confidential!). free. Room: Rainbow Lounge, Walker Building, 50-306. Sponsor: lbgt@mit.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - **Academic Code of Conduct.** Staying out of trouble can be harder than you think. Because you need to know what to do and what not to do to effectively stay out of it. Do you really know what is a correct citation and what is plagiarism? If an exam is open book, what does this really mean? Can I do my homework as a team? Can I use the Internet for an open book exam? Most MIT graduate students who get into academic misconduct trouble do so unknowingly. Don't be one of them. free. Room: Mezzanine Floor, Student Center. Sponsor: International Students Office, GSC Orientation.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - **International Student Mentorship Dinner.** Food to wrap up a long day of discussions. Also a chance for participants of the International mentorship program to meet each other. Co-sponsored by GSC-ARC. free. Room: Ashdown House. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - **Argentine Tango Beginner Class.** Argentine Tango for Beginners Taught by Eray Yuksek of Bailatango (<http://www.bailatango.com/boston>). Class followed by two hours of practica open to Cambridge community. Room: Lobdell Cafeteria, 2nd floor of Student Center. Sponsor: Argentine Tango Club.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - **Trivia Night at the Thirsty Ear.** Every Monday is Trivia Night. Bring a team and compete for great prizes like DVDs, CDs, sports tickets, movie passes, gift certificates, and MORE!! The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the basement of Ashdown House. Enter through the courtyard. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub, GSC Activities.

Free Shuttles Help Students Get Around Cambridge

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States of America. It's time to explore, kids.

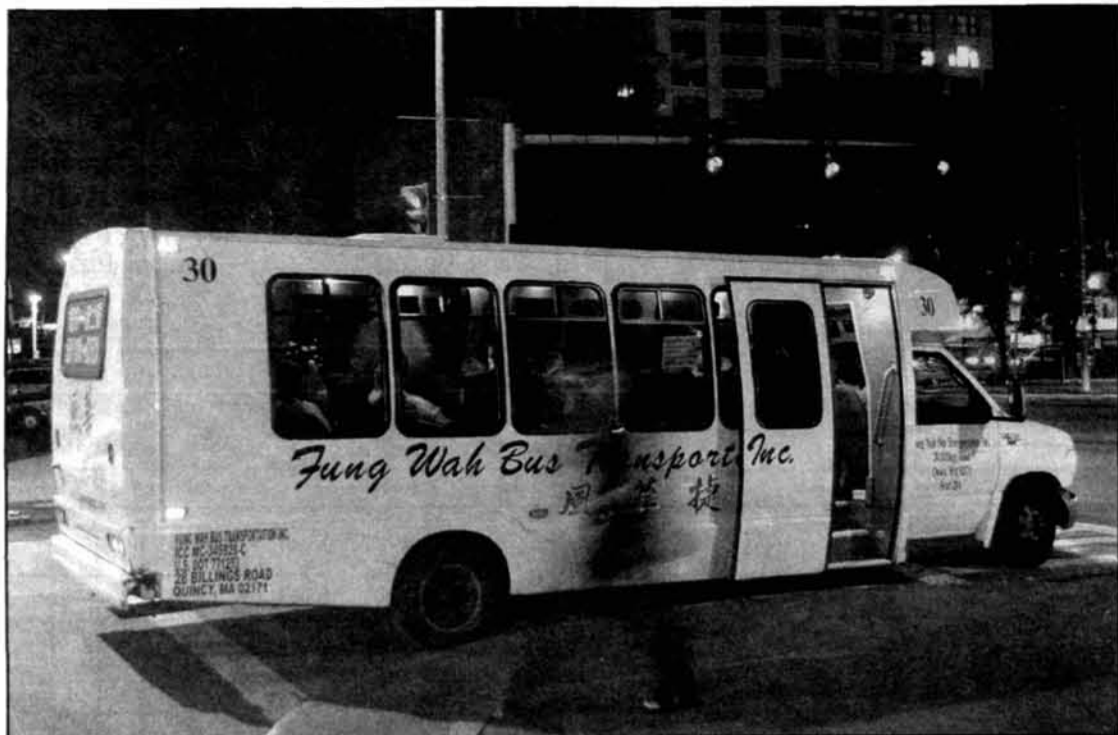
MIT and local shuttles

Getting around MIT and the various living groups in Cambridge and Boston is easy and free. During the day, TECH Shuttle runs every twenty minutes from 7:15 a.m. until 7:15 p.m. on weekdays, stopping at various locations around campus including 84 Massachusetts Ave. (that's the Student Center), Burton-Conner, and Kendall Square.

SafeRide is the nighttime MIT shuttle that stops at or near every MIT dormitory and living group. It operates from 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 6 p.m. until 4 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. There are four shuttles, serving Cambridge East, Cambridge West, Boston East, and Boston West. You can catch SafeRide on the half hour from the bus stops at 77 and 84 Massachusetts Ave.

Beginning this year, there will be daytime SafeRide during the coldest months of the school year to prevent students from freezing to death as they trek to school.

The SafeRide and TECH Shuttle vans are equipped with global positioning satellite devices that allow the shuttles to be tracked on the ShuttleTrack Web site. It is not currently functional, but it's something to watch for.



PETER R. RUSSO—THE TECH

Thirty-six Fung Wah buses run between Boston and New York City daily, departing from Chinatown.

LaVerde's will probably be \$2.50 for a one-way ticket.

MBTA serves Boston area

By now you've probably figured out that Boston has a subway and bus system called the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, or simply the T. It's America's first subway system so it's a little grimy

The two less-used lines of the T are the Blue and Orange Lines. You may have ridden the Blue Line from Logan Airport. You can also use the Blue Line to reach a couple of beaches north of the airport. The beaches are a bit grungy and there's lots of air traffic overhead, but it may help to eliminate that Boston pallor that you will soon develop.

The Arnold Arboretum and Krispy Kreme Donuts are two highlights of the Orange Line. You can get to the Arboretum, a "tree zoo," from the Forest Hills stop. Krispy Kreme (along with several stores including Target) is located at Wellington.

The T runs every day from approximately 5 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. Each line has its own schedule so check

the MBTA Web site before heading out early or late. The fare is \$1.00 per ride, but may go up next year to \$1.25.

The MBTA bus system serves

points across the city and metropolitan area. The Massachusetts Ave. bus (Route 1) is probably the most important bus to MIT students, especially during the winter.

It travels up Mass. Ave as far north as Harvard Square, and down Mass Ave beyond Symphony Hall, stopping eventually at Dudley Square. In particular, it stops at Beacon and Mass. Ave., travels across the Harvard Bridge, and stops at 77 Mass. Ave. The bus operates Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. until 2 a.m. and on Sunday from 5 a.m. until midnight. Bus fare is 75 cents. You can pay with a dollar bill, but you won't get any change back.

MIT subsidizes MBTA monthly passes for members of the MIT community. The subsidized local bus pass is \$9.50 (reduced from \$25) and the subsidized subway pass is \$17.50 (reduced from \$35). You can sign up for passes by filling out a form in the Cashier's office in the infinite corridor or by going to the MIT Parking and Transportation office in Building E32.

Mini-vacations on commuter rail

The commuter rail, intended for people who work in Boston and live in the suburbs of Boston, provides an inexpensive means of escaping the city for the day, or even the weekend. The commuter rail serves points in all directions outside of the city. You can reach Salem (witches!), Manchester (beaches!), Ply-

mouth (beaches!), and Providence (Rhode Island!).

Trains traveling to points north of the city depart from North Station (accessible by Orange and Green Lines) and trains traveling to points south of the city depart from South Station (accessible by Red Line). Trains operate from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. on weekends. Fares vary based on the distance traveled from the center of the city and range from \$1 to \$5.75.

Cheap trips to New York City

Chinatown buses are the way to go if you want to go to New York City. These buses take you non-stop from Boston Chinatown to Manhattan Chinatown. Most companies have over 20 buses each day and prices run around \$10 to \$15 each way. Most companies allow you to purchase tickets online; however you can buy tickets in Chinatown as well. The trip takes about four hours, but can vary depending on traffic.

Greyhound, in an attempt to compete with the Chinatown buses, offers \$20 one-way fares to the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal. Greyhound leaves from South Station and serves points across the country, in addition to New York City.

Trains, planes whisk you away

Amtrak trains arrive at North and South Stations and can send you anywhere in the country. Perhaps the most relevant Amtrak line to Boston students is the northeast corridor. Acela, the high-speed Amtrak train, can speed you to New York City in under four hours for about \$100 one-way. The normal trains take just over four hours and cost approximately \$76 one-way. Also on the northeast corridor is Washington, D.C., which can be accessed by both Acela and normal trains for \$165 and \$106 each way, respectively. That trip takes about eight hours.

Almost any airline you could ever desire leaves from Logan Airport. Especially of interest to poor college students are the discount airlines such as AirTran. AirTran allows people between the ages of 18 to 22 to fly stand-by for \$52 per trip segment. This offer expires Dec. 17, 2003.

Cheaper flights are often available from airports in smaller markets such as Providence, RI, and Manchester, NH. There are a few bus lines that provide service between Boston and Providence or Manchester airports.

Transportation Agencies, Attractions

Here are the Web sites for the various modes of transportation mentioned in the guide.

TECH Shuttle	http://web.mit.edu/parking/techshuttle.html
SafeRide	http://web.mit.edu/parking/saferide.html
ShuttleTrack	http://shuttletrack.mit.edu
CambridgeSide Galleria Wave	http://www.cambridgesidegalleria.com/info/services.cfm
EZRide	http://www.masscommute.com/tmas/crma/
Wellesley-MIT Exchange Bus	http://www.wellesley.edu/Housing/exchange.html
Wellesley Senate Bus	http://www.wellesley.edu/Housing/senate.html
MBTA	http://www.mbta.com
Museum of Fine Arts	http://www.mfa.org
Museum of Science	http://www.mos.org
Arnold Arboretum	http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/
MIT Subsidized T Passes	http://web.mit.edu/parking/tpassapp.html
Fung Wah Bus	http://www.fungwahbus.com/
Sunshine Travel	http://www.ivymedia.com/sunshine/boston_newyork/
Lucky Star Bus	http://www.luckystarbus.com/
Greyhound	http://www.greyhound.com
Amtrak	http://www.amtrak.com
AirTran	http://www.airtran.com

The Wave is another useful free shuttle that leaves from the MIT campus at the Kendall Square Coop. It provides quick transportation to the CambridgeSide Galleria, the closest mall to MIT. It departs every 20 minutes from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

EZRide provides service from Kendall Square to Cambridgeport, East Cambridge, and North Station in Boston. It is free for people with an MIT ID card and runs from 6:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Wellesley-MIT Exchange Bus transports primarily cross-registered MIT and Wellesley students between the two campuses for free. It runs regularly from 7:35 a.m. until 12:10 a.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:35 a.m. until 6:10 p.m. on Friday. It stops at Buildings 34 and E40. You must show an MIT or Wellesley identification card to ride the bus.

Don't worry, you can still make a late night trip to Wellesley on the weekend via the Senate Bus. The Senate Bus, more often referred to by a more crude name (ask an upperclassman), leaves from McCormick Hall and, on the Boston side, Boston University's Danielson Hall (just west of Mass. Ave. on Beacon St.). It stops regularly at MIT from 7 p.m. to 2:50 a.m. on Friday night, 8:50 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, and 8:50 a.m. until 11:50 p.m. on Sunday. You can buy tickets at LaVerde's Market on campus and at Marlboro Market on Mass. Ave. in Boston. The cost at

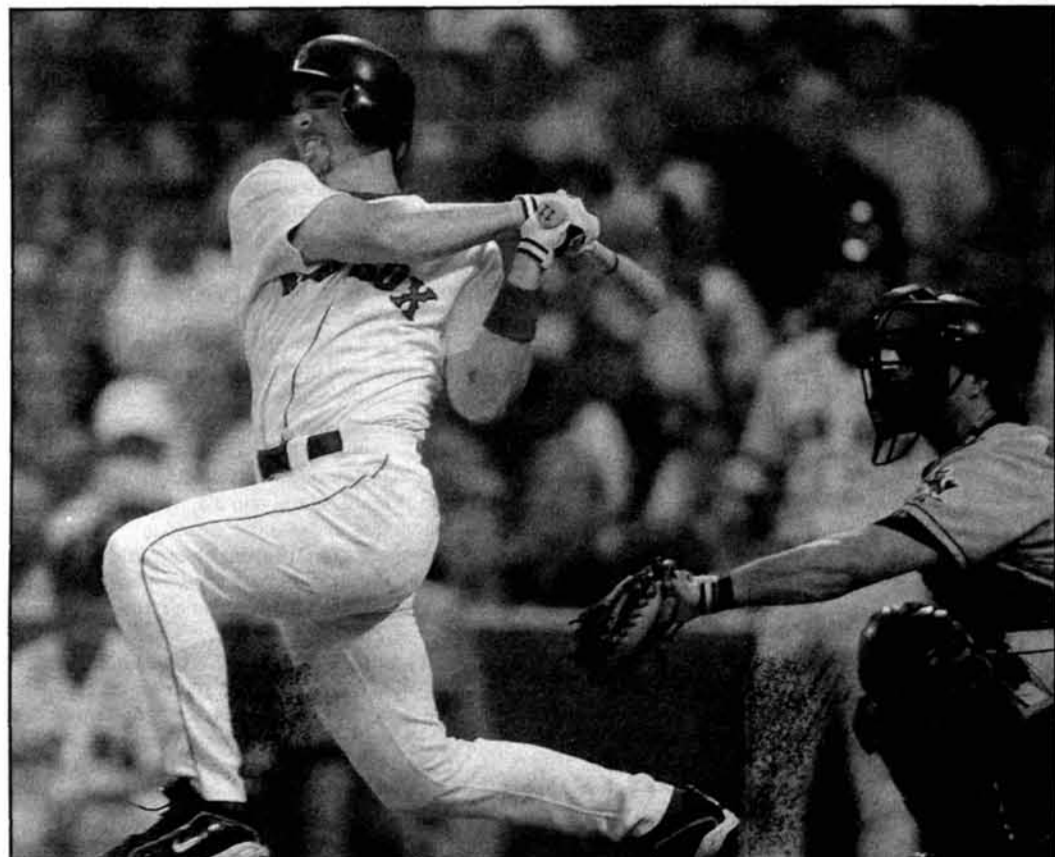
and unpredictable, but functional.

The subway has four lines that are named by colors: Blue, Orange, Red, and Green. Each serves different areas of the metropolitan region, with some overlap towards the center of Boston.

MIT has a stop on the Red Line at Kendall Square. The Red Line serves areas northwest and southeast of the city. Stops of interest include Central Square and Harvard Square, which have lots of restaurants, shops, and nightlife spots. The Red Line also serves Downtown Crossing, which is one of Boston's shopping districts and right on the edge of Chinatown.

The Green Line serves east Cambridge and points west of Boston. There are four branches of the westbound Green Line: B, C, D, and E. The B line runs down Commonwealth Ave. and is frequented by Boston University and Boston College students. The B line ends at the Boston College campus. The C line trains travel down Beacon St. to Coolidge Corner. There is a small movie theater at Coolidge Corner and other interesting places to explore. The D line ends at Riverside, in the suburbs of Boston. It stops at Longwood, which is the hub for several hospitals and Harvard Medical School. The E line will take you to Northeastern University and the Museum of Fine Arts (free with the MIT ID).

The eastern end of the Green Line takes you to the Museum of Science (also free with the MIT ID) and ultimately Lechmere, which is right next to the Galleria.



STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Third baseman Bill Mueller doubles to left field to drive in a crucial run during the Red Sox's 6-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Aug. 9. Currently ranked second in the American League with a .324 batting average, Mueller is having a career year with the Red Sox.