By Michelle Nye

Orientation 2007 kicked off on Saturday with Nicholas J. Fahey '05, one of the Orientation Coordinators, rolloverblending onto the stage of Kresge Auditorium. Freshmen were then introduced to the other Orientation Coordinators, also known as Secret Agents: Ivana L. Shchelkin '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," said Trevor T. Chang '07.

"What's unbelievable is how organized and welcoming Orientation is," said Elizabeth V. Stephanopoulos '07. Agents offer klonodike bars

Orientation coordinators led freshmen through a series of games. In

"Secret Agents’ Welcome Frosh to Institute

The Dormitory Council will be limiting the number of members of fraternity, sorority, 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 come back to MIT early to help with rush, of which there are about 30 per dormitory, are expected to attend the party.

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Rumsfeld Seeking To Bolster Military Force Without New Troops

WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, seeking to increase the nation's combat power without hiring more troops, is poised to order a sweep of the Pentagon's training ranks.

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

A dozen soldiers, who had been capped under the Rumsfeld's senior leadership, both civilian and military, to rethink ways to reduce stress on the armed forces, fulfill recruitment and retention goals, and operate efficiently.

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

By James Glanz and Andrew C. Revkin

DATE: 08/24/2003

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

The failure of that transmission line was crucial, because it put enor- mous strain on other lines in Ohio.

Soon, the utility that serves southern Ohio, with its overloaded lines close to burning up, sealed itself off, cre- ating in very real terms, an electrical barrier between southern and north- ern Ohio.

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

First the New York system, act- ing 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, over- loaded their own system. That in turn quickly led to a general shut- down — 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 con- sulting firm based in Cambridge, Mass.

Two researchers at Cambridge Energy, Holf Staffin and Lawrence Makovski, presented their analysis at a conference as federal energy officials, other industry representa- tives and reporters participated by telephone and on the Web. The Fed- eral Energy Regulatory Commission was represented by Pat Wood III.

Wood would not comment on whether he thought the specifications 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 cur- rent setup, in which the various oversight organizations are frag- mented and often connected only by phone lines, Wood said.

Ellen P. Vancio, a spokes- woman for the industry group charged with preventing grid prob- lems, 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 man- age 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 con- tributed 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 Zanetta

Aug. 24, 2003

NEW YORK TIMES

DANVERS, Mass.

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 occupation with clear skies and high temperatures near 80°F (26°C), 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 the week.

"We like the Americans very much here," said Zainab Khaledy, 22, who received her medical degree last Sunday. "We feel better now that they are here." Zainab, who speaks English, said she often checks the weather forecasts and reported that the weather was good for the next few days.

"We are safe," Zainab said.

The cold front responsible for Friday night's outbreak was the most significant since the one that passed through the city last month. At 3:32 p.m. on Aug. 14, about 100 miles northwest of Boston, a severe thunderstorm system moved up the coast, bringing strong winds and heavy rains.

The area around Boston was hit particularly hard, with winds of up to 50 mph and heavy rains that flooded many streets and closed roads.

A number of power outages were reported, with some lasting for hours. The Northeast experienced widespread power outages, with millions of people without electricity for extended periods.

The Northeast blackout of 2003 was one of the largest and most disruptive events in the history of the United States. It affected 50 million people in 14 states and provinces, including Massachusetts, and caused an estimated $27 billion in damages.

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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 moving in from 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 76°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).

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Justice Suspended for Defying Court on Ten Commandments

By Jeffrey Gettleman
The New York Times
August 24, 2003

Chief Justice Roy Moore of Alabama was suspended from the bench Friday for defying a federal court order to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the state House of Representatives. Moore was accused of violating a federal court order, which he openly and flagrantly violated, according to the judge who issued the order.

The University of Missouri has announced that it will cut classes, shorten library hours, and offer fewer freshman seminars. At California State University, up to 600 classes will be canceled on hundreds of campuses.

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In its spirit, copyright is about respecting the wishes of the artist. It should be a shield of protection, not a crusade to be fired at with impunity by a conglomerate of record companies. In 1999, it touched local life when the RIAA subpoenaed the MIT's first KaZaA search of the computer believed to distribute pirated music. The next defense was a settlement relating to the death of Scott Rothstein. The course of events leading to war in Iraq weakened the international stature of the United Nations. The muddling organization simply could not manage to adequately address Saddam's murderous folly. But for the idea to work, both sides have to agree that war is not the answer. The course of events leading to war in Iraq weakened the international stature of the United Nations. The muddling organization simply could not manage to adequately address Saddam's murderous folly. But for the idea to work, both sides have to agree that war is not the answer. The course of events leading to war in Iraq weakened the international stature of the United Nations. The muddling organization simply could not manage to adequately address Saddam's murderous folly. But for the idea to work, both sides have to agree that war is not the answer. The course of events leading to war in Iraq weakened the international stature of the United Nations. The muddling organization simply could not manage to adequately address Saddam's murderous folly. But for the idea to work, both sides have to agree that war is not the answer. The course of events leading to war in Iraq weakened the international stature of the United Nations. The muddling organization simply could not manage to adequately address Saddam's murderous folly. But for the idea to work, both sides have to agree that war is not the answer. The course of events leading to war in Iraq weakened the international stature of the United Nations. The muddling organization simply could not manage to adequately address Saddam's murderous folly. But for the idea to work, both sides have to agree that war is not the answer. The course of events leading to war in Iraq weakened the international stature of the United Nations. The muddling organization simply could not manage to adequately address Saddam's murderous folly. But for the idea to work, both sides have to agree that war is not the answer.
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 birthdays.

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

Photography by Grant Jordan and Jonathan Wang

Subpoena in Boston Expected

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 clearly 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 Swagro 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. Uppers shall remain in their boxes at all times (unless in transit to/from the check-in location).
5. On check-in, all upperclassmen MUST be wearing a name tag with their group's name clearly displayed. Uppers without name tags will be asked to leave.
6. Uppers shall not have any verbal contact with freshmen until they've had a chance to get to know them...
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 jswag or mcquin. Once either has confirmed 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 jswag 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. JudComm 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 number of upperclassmen.
2. FSILGs shall have at most 5 members from their living group at each event.
3. Each FSILG member must belettered/shirted, moreover, each FSILG shall wear a name tag corresponding to their living group.
4. FSILGs members should be in be in violation of the stated rules will be asked to leave and have their name tag confiscated. Further, monetary fines (if any) to be determined by jswag and mcquin.
5. FSILGs should not be removing freshmen from either party with the intention of taking them back to FSILGs.

SOURCE: DORMCON COUNCIL

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Parties to Encourage Cross-Campus Mingling

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Cofer said dormitory residents who were also members of FSILGs had to choose which shirt to wear, not just not wearing their shirts, Cofer said. "We're 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..." Dormcon purposes, the "east campus dorms" include Bexley Hall, East Campus, Random Hall, and Senior House. The "west campus dorms," and tomorrow night's Residence Exploration parties.

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 Recruitment last year.

Photography by Grant Jordan and Jonathan Wang

Jeffrey Swagro, MIT's longtime out-
What's that? Maybe it's a game where dorms, and we're also the closest to Chicken of the sea. Yes we have Heinz yard.

12:50 - Senior Hall - Koyaanisqatsi

12:30 - Bexley - Midget, the next generation of military technology.

12:30 - German House - Blitzkrieg.

12:30 - French House - Vous avez dich. Wir essen jetzt beim New House events. Roam around your temp dorm explain DormCon's campus exploration.

12:00 - East Campus - Help EC Science at the Residence Midway. We'll be providing resources.

10:00 - German House - Deadman's Hand House Church giggles. Kommen Sie alle und sagen Sie "Hallo."

11:00 - German House - Götterdämmerung, the German House Rush T-shirts if you want someone to talk for you. MacGregor, Korsmo, Alan Guth, and Matthew Web-

12:50 - Senior Hall - "ako chemises disent -meu.»

16:00 - Senior Hall - FullMetal Jacket: We don't know why but we hate you. Almonds. We're prejudiced, see. Prejudiced. Starts with the word "Senior," ends with the word "hate you,

16:00 - German House - Still at the Residence Midway. If you're lucky, we still have German pretzels for you. Residents will come by to help you whatever we like to call home.

16:30 - French House - "The only time you'll ever see all the French people are Horrible.

16:00 - East Campus - We put the ec back in erect.

02:00 - French House - Nous sommes bien éveillées, mais nous visi-

16:00 - French House - Everyone's at West Party. We are too (although we will provide the Left Basis). Let our shits "soap" to - but !

17:00 - French House - Voulez-vous parler avec nous? Come by for some drinks, have a chat, and please. We'll even throw in a house tour for the dorms! Mac, LMF, New House 6, 5th floor. 7pm. Resident assistants will be there. We're not members to talk for you.

17:00 - French House - We have the best deals for the dorms. Whale songs will be played.

16:30 - French House - Pourquoi avons-nous pas un dictionnaire de "le monde est un musée"?

15:25 - Bexley House - Space people (toying with the future) are coming. They sing along with them. Each song lasts from 8 am to 5.5 pm. No music till you are 5.5 pm.

16:30 - German House - Guten Appetit.

16:47 - Random Hall - Meet at Random's booth on the second floor for the Residence Midway. But we didn't have time to do this for the dorms.

16:17 - Random Hall - How many licks does it take to get to the liquid nitrose?"


15:55 - French House - Pourquoi avons-nous pas un dictionnaire de "le monde est un musée"?

15:12 - Senior Hall - "ako chemises disent -meu.»

15:17 - Random Hall - There are some people who will be here who we don't make up entirely of them! At Random, we don't even care who you are.

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00:00 - Senior Hall - Dark Triumph University Launch party meeting room 449.

00:17 - Random Hall - Hey, have you ever played Hooker in Senior Hall?

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00:00 - French House - Chocolate City invites you to come chill and take a break from your Daily Confusion in Halls. Come try it out for yourself in the house, listen to good music and join us. We don't hate, nor discriminate, so please join us! We welcome everyone who will enjoy what we like to call home.

00:20 - French House - You should be enjoying yourself at the Island in the Sun party. Come try it out for yourself in the house, listen to good music and join us. We don't hate, nor discriminate, so please join us! We welcome everyone who will enjoy what we like to call home.

23:15 - French House - La Laiterie has plenty. Check us out. We're weird because we're fictional.

23:00 - Senior Hall - Dark Triumph University Launch party meeting room 449.

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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, including for stepping on books, and tying cherry stems in knots with their tongues, to earn Klondike bars. David W. Rush '07 impersonated Dr. Seuss' characters and read The Cat in the Hat to the freshmen. For his efforts, Rush received a standing ovation.

"I think 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 ASA Executive Board member Benedict to speak. 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 involved. Benedict ended with a quote from Dr. Seuss: "And will you succeed? Yes, you will, indeed! Nine-to-five 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 learn 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 barbecues, which allowed freshmen and orientation leaders to mingle.

Barring from participation in 2004 First Year Summer Mailing

The following Rush Rules have been established by the Association of Student Activities:

1. Hold any recruiting events of any sort.
2. Posters placed on MIT public bulletin boards.
3. Flyers distributed around campus (where "distributing" is distinctly from posting).
4. Any other method of advertising must be cleared in advance with ASA Executive Board at asa-exec@mit.edu.

The following means of advertisement are acceptable within the Rush Rules:

• ASA-recognized groups are mandated to follow these rules.

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 activities, dormitories, and student life at MIT. These rules are in place to facilitate transition time for new students into the natural flow of immediate and meaningful 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 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.

The ASA Executive Board will interpret the Rush Rules and act on violations of these rules. 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 more serious punishments than those listed above. If found to be in violation of the Rush Rules the appropriate penalty or set of penalties from the following list of punishments:

• Loss of office/locker space
• Loss of bulletin board space
• Loss of off-campus recognition 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.

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Thursday, September 4th, 2003
5:15 - 6:45 pm
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SOURCE: ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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ed@mit@kendall@20college.com

The leaders then led the freshmen to Playfair in Johnson. Other activities include a showing of Gold- eneye 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. Fiscus '05 said, "The time I think is best is when we're taking. 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.

Solution to Crossword

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MIT Coop has used books for MIT Courses.

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Attendance at the session is required for all applicants. Candidates should also submit a resume by noon on September 4th to:

hd-hiring@mit.edu
RCC Rules

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

ARTICLE I: General

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

1. General
   A. All recruitment events are dry.
   B. All Rush rules governing provision and consumption of alcohol apply at all times.
   C. Fraternities may address complaints through the IFC Judicial Committee.
   D. Fraternities shall keep event records and paraphernalia in good taste.
   E. 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.
   F. Every Fraternity apparel given to a rushee must be acceptable. 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.
   G. No Fraternity shall contact a prospective member who has previously expressed that he/she does not wish to be contacted.
   H. 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 students 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.

1. A. Fraternity members must obey the rules of the MIT Admissions Office while contacting any prospective or admitted students at any time.
   B. No Fraternity shall call or send written material to any prospective students or admitted students.

ARTICLE III: Orientation

The purpose of Orientation rules is to prevent any house from having an unreasonably disadvantage preceding the start of Rush itself and to encourage new freshmen to actively participate in all Orientation rules apply from the beginning of the first-year orientation program (August 17, 2003), until the end of the City's Orientation event, (August 29, 2003)

1. Orientation Guidelines:
   A. All orientation leaders must abide by MIT orientation rules and regulations.
   B. No Fraternity shall hold house events open to non-members during this time.
   C. 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 Fraternity to find members for themselves. Rush Week rules apply throughout the IFC and MIT established formal recruitment period, running from Monday, September 1 to Sunday, September 7, 2003.

1. Rush 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 any 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, place and location no later than August 24, 2003.
   D. Records in good faith:
      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. Jaudt
      A. No Fraternity shall jaunt a freshman overnight before September 14, 2003.
      B. 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 rusher has pledged a fraternity, no other Fraternity may attempt to recruit him.

ARTICLE V: Introduction to Enforcement

IFC Recruitment Chair is responsible for taking steps to ensure incoming students are aware that these rules exist including preparing and distributing a "Rushie Bill of Rights." These rules apply to all who are members of the MIT Interfraternity Council (IFC). Any member of the Fraternity of Interest shall report to the IFC the behavior of a rusher or to the IFC Judicial Committee Chair in the event that the Fraternity of Interest is involved, the complaint is to be referred immediately to the next highest official in the IFC whose Fraternity is not involved, following the line of eminent:
   a. IFC Recruitment Chair
   b. IFC President
   c. IFC Vice President
   d. IFC Treasurer

NOTES: INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
We need someone with the confidence of a surgeon, the dedication of a marathoner and the courage of an explorer.

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 to what classes an eager undergrad should take?

— Nervous about school

Dear Nervous,

I wish I knew that answer myself! I, too, havefreshman year off with a bang, not with the Stupid could be worse. Just don’t get caught

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2. Be friendly. Initiating conversation is half the battle. Everyone 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 bed.
4. Ask questions. If I’ve learned nothing else, I at least know this: people like to talk about themselves. A lot. Be imaginative 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


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.

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The Man Who Couldn't Give Direct Answers Did You Ask Your Boss For Approval?

Now I Will Explain The Problem, Or Getting Approval.

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Dining

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Dornows Cafe
Bio Cafe
Alban Bagels

Arrow Street Crepes
Building 4 Cafe
Kosher Kitchen
Bartol's (J. Jody T)
Dominos Pizza

LaVerde's Market
Next House
McComick
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Simmons Hall

New Tech Barbers
Quantum Books

Dormitory Laundry
Pack of Pacific St.

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This space donated by The Tech

Events Calendar

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 someone else, it is far too early and is probably too late. Come and see what your first year at MIT is all about! Room: Check Orientation 2003 Web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Admissions Office Information Sessions. Campus tours are held in a large room. 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 on your right. Following Admissions Office 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: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Graduate Student Panel. A panel of students and alumni of graduate school will discuss what their experiences in graduate school relate to the "Stages of Graduate School." Who's this really happen? Did you really feel like that? How did you deal with these experiences? What your experience different? Why do you feel the way you do? These are just a few questions (weighy 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 middle of the day. Don't forget to find out about Interlink. Free. Room: Mezzanine Lounge. Sponsor: InterLink, GSC Orientation.

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Lunch Seminar: Human Factors Engineering: Perspectives from the Medical, Automotive, and Aerospace Field. Course discusses the multiple perspectives of human factors with our invited guests from Volkswagen (U.S. Dept. of Transportation), Harvard Medical School, and MIT. Bring your lunch, but dessert will provided. Room: 6-155. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, MIT Student Chapter.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Culture Shock Workshop. Culture shock is not an issue for me, is it? Only affects people who come from different cultures. This 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. Suzanne 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.

Visit and events to add events to Events Calendar online at http://events.mit.edu/
The Wave is another useful free shuttle service that runs between the Kendall Square Coop. and the MIT campus at the Kendall Square Coop. It provides quick transportation to the closest mall to MIT, the CambridgeSide Galleria. The Wave is free, and it departs on weekdays from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday and noon until 2 p.m. on Sundays. The Wave provides service from Kendall Square to Cambridgeport, East Cambridge, and points west of Mass Ave. in Boston. It is free for people with an MIT ID card and runs from 6:15 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Wellesley-MIT Exchange Bus transports primarily cross-town regular- lized MIT and Wellesley students between Kendall Square and the MIT campus. 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 (aka an upperclassman), leaves from McCormick St. 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 p.m. on Saturday, and 8:50 a.m. until 11:50 p.m. on Sunday. You can buy tickets from the building's front desk, in the MIT police building, or at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Beacon St.

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. This 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 $1.25. 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 to $8.50 for students) and the subsidized subway pass is $17.50 (reduced to $15.50 for students). You can sign up for passes by filling out a form in the Cashier's office, the infinite corridor or by going to the MBTA 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 winter. The commuter rail serves points in all directions outside of the city. You can reach Salem (in Charlestown), Manchester (beaches!), Ply-

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 Sept. 9. Currently ranked second in the American League with .324 batting average, Mueller is having a career year with the Red Sox.