MIT Living Options Showcased at Midway

By Jay K. Cameron

Members of the Class of 2007 gathered yesterday afternoon at Johnson Athletic Center to learn about living options at the Residence Midway.

Minutes after the dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups had finished setting up at 3 p.m., Dormitory Council Judicial Committee Chair David B. Gottlieb estimated that 700 freshmen were in attendance.

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The midway "gave me more information about the characteristics" of people in dormitories, said Joseph M. Johnson '07. "I got a construction hat from Simmons. East Campus [had a] big building."

Midway back to original format

Following the format of the Class of 2005 Residence Midway, this year's midway featured the FSILGs and dormitories together in Johnson. Last year, FSILGs were not included in the midway, but instead had their own event in La Sala de Puerto Rico in the Student Center.

There was, however, one major difference from the Class of 2005 midway: this is the second year that freshmen may not move to FSILGs until their sophomore year.

"Johnson is a better facility than La Sala," Gottlieb said. "There's more room.

Each FSILG and dormitory was allotted a 15-by-15 foot marked-off square in which representatives could talk to freshmen, who were directed first to the upper floor and then to the ground floor. FSILG and dormitory booths positioned inside Midway, Page 7

Rugby Book-Buying Can Save You Lots of Money

By Jennifer Krishnan

This is the second in a series intended to introduce freshmen to life in Boston and at the Institute.

There's a big party tonight, another tomorrow ... and then in another week, Registration Day, followed immediately by classes, which have required texts. Many of these books cost $100 or more at the MIT Coop. There goes your $400 of spending money.

What's a freshman to do?

Do I really have to buy the books?

Lesson 1: It is not always necessary to buy all the required and recommended texts for all your classes.

First of all, the professor or a teaching assistant—or an upper-classman who has taken the class—will be able to tell you if a book is really necessary for a class. Ask before you shell out that $100.

If you think you'll be using a textbook, but not very much, find out if the professor will be putting a copy on hold in the library.

For a class you're not sure you want to invest in, find out if you can borrow a book from an upperclassman.

Some people like to keep their textbooks as references, but don't mind lending them out.

Finally, it is possible to share a textbook with a classmate. It's tough to find textbooks when you don't know your friends—or your own study habits—very well, but still there might be something to try next term.

Where can I get them cheap?

You'll probably find the lowest prices for textbooks in your own dorm. There's not a cheaper source for a Physics 1 (8.01) book than a sophomore who hated the class and can't wait to get the book off his hands. In about a week, you'll start to see the flyers advertising these low-priced textbooks: if you don't, or if you can't find one for the class you're taking, you can always try asking around your floor.

Be careful, though—textbooks often change along with whoever's teaching the course, so just because that sophomore says this is the book she used for Calculus (18.02) last term, don't assume it's the book you need for 18.02 this term. Check the course Web site, or wait to see the syllabus.

Can you use an old edition of the same text? Sometimes.

It can be annoying if the professor assigns "page 332, problems 3, 13, 35, and 49" because page numbers and suggested problems often change with editions. If they do just stick to the latest edition, the experts available for interview. Infor...
Eager to have more Iraqis take responsibility for their country’s security, U.S. officials here are planning to ferry as many as 28,000 Iraqis to Eastern Europe by early autumn for intensive police training courses.

By James Bennet

Israel’s ministers were divided over the possible public acknowledgment of the August 14 black-out. The grid has suffered only a series of minor outages, including one on August 20, when something did go wrong.

By Kenneth Chang

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Anti-smuggling efforts, receiving growing attention on both sides, may have been an attempt to ease the United States and the Bush administration is expected to announce a major increase in aid to Afghanistan that would greatly expand the American role in this country, senior American officials have said in Washington.

He said the American diplomat said that President Bush, viewing the situation, was concerned that the grid was simply a “breakdown” and not a “black-out” and that it was not a “commercial” black-out and that it was not a “commercial” black-out.

Israel’s security officials said the steps taken to block arms smuggling into the Gaza Strip, in the first such forceful action since Hamas suicide bomber killed 21 people aboard a city bus in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Palestinians identified one of the dead as Ahmed Shitet, 34, a member of the violent wing of Hamas in whom a serious Israeli security official called the “chief operations officer” of Hamas. The Israeli official said that Shitet had organized suicide bombings and rocket attacks, and was planning more violence.

Hamas identified the other three men killed as Waled Hamas, Ahmad Avriel Helab and Mahamoud Abu Lubha, the Associated Press reported.

After killing a top Hamas leader, Ismail Abu Shabaq, in Gaza on Friday, Israeli officials said Monday, Israeli forces as “peripheral” and said, “It’s more for show than it is a turn- ing point in Palestinian security pol- icy.” Palestinian officials said they were preparing to take other steps against Hamas and Islamic Jihad, including monitoring bank accounts and closing some of their institutions. But they said they were waiting for mourning to end over Abu Shanab’s death.

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NASA Missed Foam Program

By John Schwartz
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The computer program that helped NASA mistakenly decide that the shuttle Columbia had not been deeply harmed by a piece of falling foam would have predicted serious damage if used properly, said the retired Boeing engineer who developed the program.

Allen J. Richardson, the engineer, said that the program, known as Crater, was never intended to be used during a mission to predict damage, as it was during Columbia's fatal flight.

Members of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, which is expected to release its final report on the disaster on Tuesday, have disparaged Crater as a flawed tool. But Richardson said in telephone interviews last week that the computer program could have worked well in better hands, and could have served as a warning to managers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to order further analysis of possible damage from the foam strike.

Richardson spent 28 years as a structural engineer for what would, over time, become Boeing's space operations. During the Apollo program he was asked to find a formula to assess possible damage from the impact of meteors. Richardson was assigned later to come up with a similar program for the shuttle. He retired in 1991.

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owed, Boeing's analysis of the foam impact came 81 seconds after launch, and the way Columbia's mission management team dealt with the information, have come under harsh scrutiny.

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Red Wine Chemical Lengthens Life

By Nicholas Wade
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Biologists have found a class of chemicals that they hope will make people live as long as anyone else. However, the new findings becomes available.

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As even as lines are drawn in new clashes over religion in society, with flash points like the display of the Ten Commandments in an Alabama courthouse, Madison Avenue still turns to one set of the faithful to charm consumers on all sides of the culture wars: monks.

Monks are marketers' darlings, having starred lately in campaigns for America Online's broadband service, General Mills' Oatmeal Crisp Fruit 'n Cereal Bars and PepsiCo's Pepsi Blue brand. These ads came after appearances for companies like IBM, Nintendo and Sony.

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Paraded? Don’t Panic

Andrew C. Thomas

Calling any and all satirists out there: this could be your moment to shine. I don’t know how many people broke out laughing when Fox News decided to sue Al Franken for the use of the expression “fair and balanced” in his 2003 book Lies and Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right. But he heartiest chuckles probably came from E. W. F. Moss, publisher of Publishers, Amazon.com, and Al Franken’s local band.

The worst possible Fox could have done to defend themselves was to attract attention to the travesty of their spokesman, Bill O’Reilly, though the intelligent thing to do would have been to innovate the book to the first place. Thanks to Mr. O’Reilly’s fit of indignation, a copy of (don’t) Franken’s book is in my way to way mail box.

Satire is notoriously difficult to write well, which is why so many comedians who specialize in straight talk, like George Carlin, or the odd, profane abstract though, like George Carlin, are often mistaken for satirists. My best that because there are so many easy targets out there, and that the targets themselves make it so easy by taking it so seriously.

I suppose that’s how politicians and writers end up on the extreme to begin with. After all, it might not be that positions on issues are all that different from their peers, just that they didn’t respond well to criticism.

O’Reilly, however, lives up to the straight half of the label; he’s been exonerated as such by the humorist. O’Reilly had claimed that Inside Edition, his former show, had won several Emmy awarding awards. When Franken exhumed this skeleton, dusted it off, and presented it in live television, what could O’Reilly do but laugh?

Well, he could have fessed up, but we live in a culture where mistakes taint careers. Even when a suggestion of an admission of guilt from O’Reilly is taboo, it all he left with is his show. That author’s New York Spin Zone will resort to such tactics is worthy of a novel.

And in one line, I thought I’d take this moment to announce the publication of my new book. “Freshly Squeezed: Original Ideas from High Places at MIT” will be hitting the Hoop within the week.

In many pages, you’ll learn the origins of some of the best ideas in editing tools, the shocking yet apparent origin of which will make you wonder why someone didn’t use them earlier. It lead to my asking the following questions:

What do you find? A compelling list of reasons, humorous or otherwise, would be best be ranked in a list of 10.

What is the idea for calling the orientation pamphlet “The Hitchhiker’s local band”?

Who conceived of using the last three digits of the new class year to form a gun handle, giving new life to the synergy between ruthlessness professionalism and corporate jingoism? Why thought that “2001: A [insert word of convenience here] Odyssey” could be the template for every activity during that particular calendar year, without exception?

Well, damn. Brilliant ideas, each and every one.

Maybe I’m being too harsh. After all, having Professor Slocum’s 2.07 competition use the James Bond theme just after year in tradition; co-opting it for the one-time deal of orientation is hardly marketing at its most joyous.

I don’t know if they still use Top 10 lists during welcome activities — they did when I was a wee froshling — but if Letterman didn’t suck the charm out of them in his first year on the air, then Billboard magazine did. I probably shouldn’t knock the Guide, since it’s not only a respected MIT tradition, but also trendy. It’s also thoughtful that he argues that the words “Don’t Panic” should be large, friendly letters on the front, rather than included sleepingly on page 4. Maybe there’s an issue of copyright, but I don’t think the late Douglas Adams, a frequent visitor to our campus during his lifetime, would have minded.

Collectively, MIT’s sense of creativity must be mined in pop culture. Any other attempts at creativity manifest themselves as the new logos or the current Hall of Fame lead to more cynicism; we’d be lucky to farm them for comedy. It could end happily, though.

For all we know, the view across the sports fields from MacGregor could produce the next Al Franken.
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There's always more traditional bookstores, both physical and online, that sell both new and used books.

Near the Kendall Square subway station, you'll find the MIT Coop, the MIT Press Bookstore, and Quantum Books.

At Quantum, you'll find discounted "technical" books, mostly Course VI (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) and Course XVIII (Mathematics) stuff, though often books for other subjects can also be found there. They have a whole section dedicated to MIT textbooks. Quantum is located around the corner from Legal Sea Foods, and they accept the MIT Card as form of payment.

The MIT Press Bookstore sells mostly books published by MIT professors, so it's sort of a toss-up whether they'll have what you're looking for, and they have very few books for introductory courses. They're across the street from the Coop, and they also take the MIT Card.

The Coop is where most MIT departments send their textbook lists. It's the easiest way to get books - no research required, and all the benefits of a normal store, like the ability to return a book if you decide you don't want it - but it's also pretty expensive. The Coop does not accept the MIT Card.

Quantum is located from year to year, but often they are very similar, such that you can buy or borrow an old reader and use the newer copy on reserve at the library for missing parts.

Course readers are non-refundable, so be sure you're really going to take the class before you buy the reader. If you're going to take a while to decide, use the reader on hold in the library until you decide.

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Estimate 700 Freshmen Attend Midway

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the perimeter of Johnson were inter-
mixed between the two floors.

Dorms show off talents, cartoons
The most eye-catching display on the upper floor of Johnson was the East Campus booth, which fea-
tured bright, flashing lights, maps, camouflage uniforms and netting, and a working fireman’s pole.

“It’s the Shock and Awe Rush,” said Christopher P. Posnanger ’05 of East Campus. “We’re interesting people, and we like to build things.”

From the other end of campus, Simmons Hall showed off Sponge-
Bob SquarePants, the popular Nick-
eleon character, on its cartoon, at its booth.

“I think the freshmen were very excited about being able to explore these different living places,” said Jennifer O. Ying ’05 of Simmons Hall.

Freshmen also visit fraternities
Nearby, one could hear Nu Delta fraternity disc jockey Daniel Lee ’04 working at his station. “The music was bangin’,” said Ashley T. Richman ’04 of the Panhellenic Association.

Many freshmen were there to check out FSILGs in addition to dormitories.

Colin L. Klick ’07 said, “I liked it a lot because everyone was real friendly. It seemed like they wanted to help you out before they adver-
tised for their fraternity.”

“It’s better than last year,” said J. Brandon Helen G ’03 of Delta Kappa Epsilon. “It’s more open, and last year there weren’t nearly as many freshmen.”

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SCO Linux
Examples Shown

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anyone who said they knew of a colleague working to verify SCO’s assertions.

Initial SCO examples shot down

In a slide show last Monday, SCO showed six examples of Linux files it says were illegally copied from its confidential Unix code.

Linux partisans who obtained a copy of the slide show were quick to trace the examples back to their origins, which appear preliminarily in each case not to belong to SCO.

The company disparates this analysis. “We’re the owners of the Unix (AT&T) System V code, and so we would know what it would look like,” the company told McMillan and the IDG News Serv-

ice. “Until it comes to court, it’s going to be our word against theirs.”

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Party Calendar


**Ask SIPB**

**Confused about Unix? Having trouble deciding certain things on Athena? In this column, part 3 of 6 of our introductory Orientation columns, we will answer some basic questions about using Athena and the Unix operating system.**

**Question:** What's this terminal thing that pops up when I log in?

**Answer:** The "terminal thing" is like the equivalent of a command prompt (like Windows) for Unix. You can type in commands and run applications from this window.

The menu bar at the bottom of your screen on Athena functions much like a Windows Task Bar, and the button labeled "Menu" like a Windows Start Menu. The four buttons corresponding to "Mail," "File," "Edit," and "Emacs" are the Unix equivalent of the "Quick Launch" bar. When you minimize applications, they will show in the task list just like they do in Windows. If you double-click on a program, simply type the name of the program. For example:

```
athena% pico
```

To run a program in the background, type the name of the program followed by &. For example:

```
athena% ls
```

Running a program in the background allows you to continue to use your prompt after the program launches. If you do not use &, then you cannot type any more commands until you close the program you launched. However, if you are running a text-based program that uses the entire terminal window (such as emacs, pico, or xterm) or asks for user input (such as less), you should not use &.

**Question:** This terminal looks ugly. How can I change this?

**Answer:** The default terminal in the current version of Athena is gnome-terminal. If you want to change it, go to Settings->Preferences for Linear Edit->Current Profile(s) for Solaris.

Users also have lockers, which are their home directories. You can run programs from a locker. However, if you only want to run one program from a locker and not bother with the terminal thing, you can type:

```
athena% xterm
```

To remove an entire directory, type:

```
athena% rm -d directoryname
```

**Question:** How can I recover a file I accidentally deleted?

**Answer:** To recover a file by copying it back to your home directory. You can recover your file by copying it back to your desired directory.

```
athena% undelete filename
```

**Question:** How can I learn more about managing my files?

**Answer:** For more detailed information about managing your files with these commands, you can attend the Athena Minicourses running during Orientation. There are two separate classes: "Athena: The First Course," and "Working on Athena: Unix, files and directories." These classes are available on the web at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., respectively in 26-100. On Thursday and Friday, these classes will alternate each hour, starting at 9 a.m., ending with the final class at 3 p.m. For more information on these classes, you can visit [https://web.mit.edu/athena/minicourses](https://web.mit.edu/athena/minicourses)

**Question:** How can I recover a file I accidentally deleted?

**Answer:** If an old file is still on your hard disk and you have a backup copy of your entire home directory, you can recover your file by copying it back. You can e-mail [athena@mit.edu](mailto:athena@mit.edu) with the full pathname of the file and the approximate dates that it existed on disk. If you're lucky, they should be able to recover it for you from backup copy tapes.

**Question:** How do I run a program from a locker?

**Answer:** You can add the locker for your current login session. This means that you don't have to enter the entire path for the program; you can just type:

```
athena% python filename
```

Adding the locker is convenient if you expect to access multiple files and programs in the locker. However, if you only want to run one program from a locker and not bother with adding lockers, you can type:

```
athena% ls lockername
```

You’ll figure out who these people are soon enough.
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**FoxTrot**
by Bill Amend

**Gilbert**
by Scott Adams

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**Events Calendar**
Monday, August 25

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 life—your undergraduate career at MIT. For some of you, it will be the 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 have an opportunity to shape your options, seek out new challenges, tackle new problems, research possibilities, and meet new people. Your first order of business — exploring Christchurch 2003 Room: Check Orientation 2003 Web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

7:00 a.m. - Graduate Student Orientation. Welcome to MIT! The Graduate Student Council runs a large number of programs to help new students at MIT. From the minute your 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 welcome event each fall. We do a lot of other things too! Please come out and positively encourage us! We hope that you will take this opportunity to come get to know us and get a feel for what we are offering. You have been serviced by new graduate students. We are very excited about the fall season and the possibilities of the new year. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact us. Room: W10-150.

8:00 a.m. - Welcome Brunch for CMI Cambridge Exchange Students. CMI Cambridge Exchange Students and students from the Chemistry and Materials Research Centers for their first day. Information packets for the students will be available at the brunch. Fee: Twenty-Chimneys. Sponsor: Cambridge-MIT Institute (CMI) Undergraduate Exchange Program.

9:00 a.m. - Undergraduate Orientation. You are about to embark on what may be the most interesting, challenging, and entertaining years of your life—your undergraduate career at MIT. For some of you, it will be the first time away from home, so you may be apprehensive about the change. For others, you may be exploring yet another new frontier.

9:30 a.m. - Meet MIT professors, administrators, and students as they enjoy brunch. Information packets for the students will be available. Free. Room: 56-191. Sponsor: Reference Publications Office.

9:30 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:00 a.m. - Stages of Graduate School. Being a graduate student means that you will go through several stages of personal development in a graduate environment. While the experiences may be the same for all students, the stages of graduate school mean different things to different students. Being a graduate student means that you will go through several stages of personal development in a graduate environment. While the experiences may be the same for all students, the stages of graduate school mean different things to different students.


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11:00 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.


1:00 p.m. - Lunch session: The Biorhythms of a New Graduate. Room: 9-192. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

2:00 p.m. - Campus Walking Tour. Free. Room: meet in Lobby 10. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

2:00 p.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - Graduation Day Brunch. Room: 9-192. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

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6:00 p.m. - Graduation Day Brunch. Room: 9-192. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

7:00 p.m. - Graduation Day Brunch. Room: 9-192. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.
was immediately tossed by home plate umpire Jim Wolf. Melvin complained that Wolf was calling a strike zone that was too wide, but the pitch in question was quite clearly a strike from all replays.

The most suspect managerial decision occurred in the middle of the seventh inning. With two outs, Millar on second, and Mueller on first, bench coach Rene Lachemann opted to lift hard-throwing righty Rafael Soriano for hard-throwing righty and late-game flop Armando Benitez. Sure, Soriano had given up a game-tying home run to David Ortiz and put runners on first and second, but his season ERA is just a hair above 1. Benitez has a propensity to lose games at crucial moments, and even the fans in right field knew that as they cheered wildly when Benitez ran in from the bullpen.

When Benitez came in, he promptly gave up a go-ahead single to Jason Varitek, allowing one of his inherited runners to score. If Melvin had still been in the dugout, Benitez probably still would have been seated in the bullpen.

The Sox had bullpen problems of their own with Byung-Hyun Kim in the ninth. Clinging to a 6-5 lead, Kim had a 1-2 count with two outs and no one on base when number nine hitter Mark McLemore came in from right field. Trot Nixon started to come in, lost the ball in the sun, and then attempted to make a diving catch behind him. McLemore landed on second with a questionable double. Then, Kim had a 1-2 count on Mike Cameron when he hit a single up the middle, scoring McLemore to give Kim his third blown save of the season. Luckily, the rally was about to begin.

Members of the Minuteman Field Hockey Club scrimmage on the turf Sunday morning. The club will play against MIT Varsity team members on Wednesday evening.
08:01 - French House - Can you balance a jar of mustard on your head? Josh can’t.
08:50 - Senior Haus - Magnolia Basement: More than 3 hours of normal people living their lives. It would be boring if it wasn’t so damn INTER-ESTING. P.S. Burn in Hell.
07:07 - Burton-Conner - Can I hear an exam? Need some sustenance to get through all three hours? Leave a little early and stop by Burton-Conner for breakfast. We have tons of food including muffins, croissants, pancakes, cereal, fruit and juice.
07:30 - Burton-Conner - It’s almost time to leave for the chem exam. Make sure you step by Burton-Conner on your way over and pick up some breakfast. We have lots of food ready.
08:00 - French House - Ew, what is it with people who eat desserts for breakfast? Come see us immediately.
08:30 - Burton-Conner - First course, what could be better than croissants, cereal, pancakes and home-baked bread, more jam. Lecker. Lunch is served for dinner - we cook our own over at Burton-Conner. We’ll provide the ballons, you bet to choose from!
09:00 - French House - Réveillez-vous! Le suol belle, les biscuits chantent, els crêpes sont chauds, et c’est pour vous un jour de fête de votre vie...oh, la fille! Petit-déjeuner à La Maison Francaise, Neues Haus, 5e étage.
09:00 - French House - Breakfast should be the most important meal of the day. That’s why we here at Burton-Conner have a huge breakfast here for your dining pleasure. You’re sure to find something you like from our wide selection of food and drink. We know how you get up in the morning. Take some to go.
09:00 - Senior Haus - Awake for the advanced standing exams? You dumbass frosh.
09:15 - Bexxley - Free Rush violins! (Bring later gloves)
10:30 - French House - Breakfast - What could be better than croissants for breakfast? CRêpes with nutella, perhaps? Come to La Maison Francaise and our treasurer, Dave, will put nutella on anything you want, baby. New House, 6, 5th floor.
11:00 - French House - Le petit-déjeuner: Que pourrait être meilleur que des crêpes pour le petit-déjeuner? Des crêpes avec du nutella, peut-être? Venez à la Maison Française et notre trésorier, Dave, mettez du nutella là où vous le voulez (buttery).
12:00 - Senior Haus - Breakfast - Did you get over to Burton-Conner to fill up on muffins, croissants, pancakes, cereal, fruit and more at our huge breakfast buffet?
12:15 - Senior Haus - The trial - Basemoten: In Soviet Russia, Crème convulses you.
12:15 - French House - Tradition- al German breakfast: jam on good bread. Seriously, this homemade bread is really good. Come eat it. New House, house 6, 2nd floor.
12:30 - Eaton House - The Sover- eign Nation of East Campus is in accordance with all U.S. restrictions on weapons of mass destruction. East Campus Officials will gladly give tours of all facilities to your inspectors who show up at the front desk.
13:30 - Sieben Haus - Bowl in the halls of Simonas, using real pits and big bowling balls!
13:30 - German House - Jam- son, a German House tradition. Poorly sung impromptu songs in half German, half English.
13:30 - French House - Discover painting “on pain air.” We’ll provide the paint, the paper, and even the view! Landscape Painting. LMF, Neues Haus, 6th floor. Say it loud.
13:30 - French House - I think I just saw Moret!
13:45 - French House - We know creative genius. Just watch our creativity. If you creatively got lost on your way to LMF, call to TOUFAR and we’ll find you!
13:47 - Random Hall - Nerd Oa, es ist so lustig! (ou vous Ie voudrez (baby).
13:47 - Haus Sechse, Erster Stock. We at La Maison Francaise are privileged to be able to help - take part in the LMF kitchen - 5th floor, New House 6.
15:00 - Senior Haus - The trial - Random Hall: where rubber acts like glass, air can be made to fly - plastic...plastic.
15:30 - Burton-Conner - Tip #2 - Well done is better than food poisoning.
15:30 - French House - Tip #3 - Sweet potatoes that have turned purple and are dried out are only useful as pets. And boring pets at that.
16:00 - Burton-Conner - Missed the war water? We’re starting one of our war water battles. We’ll provide the water balloons, you choose the targets.
16:30 - Burton-Conner - Tip #4 - For the dare to test your men and women of East Campus are unattended while you defrost meat in the sink. If your head is now engulfed in egg foam, your hands are about to pop, and your feet...are in the way...NEVER LET YOUR EGG FOAM WIN!
16:46 - Senior Haus - What is a Tower? That’s what we do here at Burton-Conner. Animportant life les- son.
16:50 - French House - Cooking Tip #5 - Are you writing these down? It is advisable not to take notes. It is also advisable not to write down the one in the oven to see if it’s done. Preheating...
16:50 - French House - Cooking Tip #9 - Do not leave water boiling unattended while you defrost meat in the sink. May cause floods.
17:00 - French House - Dinner is almost ready.
17:00 - French House - Le dîner est presque prêt. Préparez à la Mai- son Francaise pour vous resservir une assiette! La Cassoule, Neues Haus, 6e étage.
17:00 - Burton-Conner - Over at Burton-Conner we do it your way.
17:00 - Senior Haus - Can you open a matchbook, light the match, and close the book? If you can do this one hand? Neither can we, that’s why we use lighter. Laugh at us while you try for hours and hours until you realize smoke free ruse ...
17:10 - MacGregor - With CRAYONS - an hour of quasichristmas in which you can reinact those crazy days of boyhood in the bathroom. Draw on a T-shirt. Cloth up the brick walls of MacGregor.
17:30 - French House - - iminuminominominominominominominominominominominominominominom similaire!!! (LMF Kitchen).
17:30 - French House - Cook the German House way. We’re making dinner, and everyone cooks them in the extra- real you have for the fastest pastries possible.
15:30 - Eat-Ast - We’re selling our home-baked bread, more jam. Lecker. Come on over to Burton-Conner. We’ll provide the ballons, you bet to choose from and create your own personalized sandwich. Remember, variety is the spice of life and smoothie!
15:30 - German House - Learn to cook the German House way. ‘We’re making dinner, and everyone cooks them in the extra-real you have for the fastest pastries possible.
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