Living Group, Fraternity Rush Begins Saturday for Class of ’09

By Zachary Ozer

Tomorrow marks the beginning of rush for fraternities and independent living groups, starting with the Greek Griller at 1 p.m. on Killian Court. “There’s been a change in attitude; it’s different from before,” said Interfraternity Council President Christopher P. Child ’06. “Fraternities are eager to volunteer to get students acclimated to school. They want to have a positive impact.”

Fraternity members helped freshmen move into their rooms on Thursday and assisted with a parent’s lunch earlier in the week. David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, echoed Child’s sentiments. “It has nothing to do with their letters. Fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups are doing what they can to make the freshmen feel it’s not so overwhelming.”

While house members are working to reduce the strain on students, organizers have tried to schedule events to minimize the strain on upperclassmen. “Three years ago, rush began three weeks into the term and lasted two weeks. That’s miserable for upperclassmen,” Child said.

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Rush participants, has returned from an eight-year absence. The system will be closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on class days except for Bad Day, when fraternities must immediately enter each new pledge. Upon entering or leaving a fraternity house, the rushee signs in or out, and then brothers of that fraternity enter this information into the central database.

A typical use of the Clearinghouse, called “camping,” would happen if fraternity A wants a freshman to attend their rush event and uses the Clearinghouse to find out that he is currently at fraternity B. Brothers from fraternity A would then stop by fraternity B’s house and ask to speak to the rushee, at which point the rushee can choose to stay or leave.

System should boost pledges

“I think [the Clearinghouse] will increase pledge numbers because people will end up finding the right house,” said Ben Rothman, rush chairman of the IFC. Finding the right house also would decrease the depledge rate, he said.

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"Everybody's thinking about gas," said John Frenaye, the director of travel at the Capitol Travel Center, a travel agency based in Annapolis, Md. "When's it going to stop?"

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LIBERAL GROUPS RALLY AGAINST Roberts’ Nomination to Court
By David C. Kirkpatrick

It was an anxious August for liberal interest groups battling the nomination of Judge Samuel A. Alito Jr. to the Supreme Court. — About 30 groups — including the NAACP, NARAL Pro-Choice, the National Organization for Women and the National Council of Churches for Separation of Church and State, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, — formally and publicly took a stand on the Senate to reject Roberts.

The groups, including rally grass-roots supporters in the days before the confirmation hearings, would later express concern that too many people expected to vote, opposition groups said that their efforts had failed to pierce the din of concerns about rising gasoline prices, Iraq and, most recently, the hurricane devastation in New Orleans.

“The action in the Senate to reject the nominee took place for very good reason,” said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, who was expectated in Thursday’s hearing that the Senate Judiciary Committee should postpone the confirmation hearing for Roberts. The hearing started Tuesday, because the hurricane was distracting attention from debate on the nomination. “This has been more visibility,” Smeal said. “We have had an enormous amount of activity.”

Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said, too, was hopiing that the hurricane would help House releasing documents as slowly as it has been doing, we would think that the entire country would be more concerned,” he said.

“Like its glorious predecessors in World War II, London is a city of bombs. The attackers all lived in areas with a high proportion of Roman or Mexican ancestry, died in attacks on the London Underground and London's public transport system. The terrorist group responsible for the attacks was the London London Bombings. The group had been active in the United Kingdom since the late 1980s, and had carried out several attacks in the country. The group's name was Al-Qaeda, and it was associated with the global terrorist organization Al-Qaeda.

The London Bombings were a series of four coordinated bombings in London on July 7, 2005, that killed 52 people and injured over 700. The attacks were carried out by suicide bombers on the London Underground, one on the London Bridge, and one on a bus. The bombings were the most deadly terror attacks in the UK since World War II.

Following the attacks, there was widespread concern about the threat of terrorism in the UK. The government increased security measures and began to investigate possible links to other terrorist groups, such as Al-Qaeda. A commission was established to investigate the attacks and make recommendations for improving security. The commission, led by Lord Hutton, released its report in 2004.

In this context, the Al-Qaeda group had already been the subject of investigations and counter-terrorism operations by the British government. The group's activities and propaganda had been monitored, and intelligence was gathered on its members and leaders. However, the July 7 attacks showed that the group's threat was more immediate and severe than previously thought.

Soon after the attacks, the US government announced that it would increase its support for the UK in the war on terrorism. This included providing additional military and intelligence support to help the UK combat the threat of terrorism. The UK government also increased its security measures, including the deployment of additional police and military personnel in sensitive areas. A new anti-terrorism bill was passed by parliament, which gave the government additional powers to detain and question suspects.

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Ali Wyne

Nothere is the edifice of scientific innovation more robust than in the United States. Many who have imparted enduring images of human understanding of the natural world have studied, completed research, and made epic discoveries while here. Intellectual luminaries such as Albert Einstein, Enrico Fermi, and Edward Teller—all of whom immigrated to this country—likely would not be here if they were not here. Their contributions have emboldened the American landscape, achieving breakthroughs in virtually every conceivable field of scientific inquiry. Indeed, American institutions and laboratories have historically

attained influence because of their ability to select and identify the most talented souls.

Unfortunately, however, while America’s prominence in the domains of science and innovation remains, it is no longer assured.

Indeed, international progress now directly challenges our own. It is comforting to believe that this development is fleeting, or, as some have postulated, illusory. Unfortunately, however, the available literature on this subject is, with rare exceptions, in agreement; this trend shows little signs of reversing.

In May 2006, the New York Times concluded that “For foreign advances in basic science now often rival even more America’s, appears to be slowing.” In 1975, among developed countries, the United States ranked third in the proportion of college graduates in science and engineering; today, it ranks seventeenth.

Furthermore, at the turn of the century, Asian and European universities awarded 2,500,000 degrees in science and engineering. American universities, by comparison, awarded 1,000,000 degrees. Reducing such disparities is a daunting task, because their sources are numerous, complex, and interrelated.

Clearly, the United States maintains a perilous degree of dependency on outsiders. Even if, as of 2001, 20 percent of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences’ members, and 33 percent of American Nobel Laureates were foreign-born, furthermore, of this country’s scientists and engineers who possess doctorate degrees, nearly 40 percent of them were born outside of the United States. Maintaining a high level of reliance on foreign-born scientists is somewhat sensible if it can be assured that the United States will always be able to attract them, in large numbers. However, such is not the case.

Therefore, the leadership of this country must invest significant capital and energy into sustaining a continuous flow of international students and research scientists. Because this effort might not be as successful as hoped, they must also actively nurture and recruit indigenous talent. Specifically, they must take aim at our system of secondary education, in which achieving competence in science and technology is scarcely viewed as a meaningful priority. That the quality of high school laboratory is so low is ample testament to this fact. The National Research Council issued this sobering judgment:

“The typical high school lab is an isolated add-on that lacks clear goals, does not engage students in discussions and fails to illustrate how scientific methods lead to knowledge… Most of the labs are of such poor quality that they don’t follow basic principles of effective science teaching.”

Contributing to the problems are teachers who are not trained in science and engineering; state exams that don’t measure lab skills, wide disparities in the quality of equipment, and a lack of concern over what “labware” means in the school environment.

Clearly, we are students who would not be interested in careers in science and technology to discover their latent passions if the instruction which they receive is of such inferior quality?

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A Cheerfully Grim Experience

By Bill Andrews

The Brothers Grimm
Directed by Terry Gilliam
Written by Ehren Kruger
Starring Matt Damon, Heath Ledger
Rated PG-13

One more I must fall flat on that lowly word to describe a movie most suc- cessful. And the only saving grace is the existence of the Chocolate Factory, ‘where I last used this description, “The Brothers Grimm” is a suspenseful, intriguing, dark, and disturbing. That, at the very least, might be too weird for some of you. But the truth is that, no matter how hard it is for some of you, I really want to see “The Brothers Grimm.” Do random, second-hand fairy tales reference ecstasy? Does humor mixed in with the heat and fire of drama get you going? Do totally unexpected plot twists do it for you? If so, then I recommend this movie to you. But, well, I believe “Herbfully Loaded” is still playing.

Not too surprisingly, the movie follows the adventures of the brothers Grimm, those fairy tale masters we thought we knew so well. (Matt Damon) is the charismatic front man of the duo, who go around the French-speaking Caribbean islands of evil that their buddies are cooking up. Jacob (Heath Ledger) is the more artistic, poetic one, who is collecting all of the tales he takes part in and parts, in a handmade book that is really an effort of finding it? For many casual movie-go- ers, it’s a particularly popular theater among West Cambridge people, as I understand, since they are practically across the Charles from it, and just take the BU bridge. Also nice is a Pizza- ria Uno in which I always consider a tiny Times Square near the theater. Admission is $9.50, and for matinee shows $7.50, and they even have a student discount too, $7.50.

We come now to the great one, the Boston Common Loew’s Theatre, at 175 Tremont St in Boston. This is the real big time; this is where I’d be most likely to spend something nights for movies of the “Star Wars” – “Harry Potter” – “Lord of the Rings” – “Batman”, and so forth. This has five screens, of all varieties, and each in absolutely huge theaters. The easiest of them all to get to, take the T to Back Bay, and there you are. I usually take it to Park and just walk down Tremont St, admiring the Boston skyline and the Commons on the way. (This is a theater as impressive to me as any three-stories after all) that when I first met my girl friend there when she was a freshman, she fell in love, and was surprised at. At times, it’s a pretty horrible movie. If you were thinking, as I did, that “The Brothers Grimm” was this year’s “Prates of the Caribbean” you’re only half right, yes, they’re both fun, but not quite as much as they’re a real retelling of this, but not, it’s not family friendly. At all. Whether bloody knives, gruesome deaths, gory decapitations, or even bathing, there is not one thing for everyone who goes to see it.

The transformation seems to like itself too seriously, which is just as well when you have witches and wolfmen flying around. It’s a funny film, and even more fun when drama and suspense, there might be some joke or gag thrown in, but don’t be it’s still funny. Neither Damon nor Ledger are strangers when it comes to comedy, and the rest of the non-name cast knows how to turn a phrase or give an amusing look, or shake of the hands as well. Ledger gives an especially powerful per- formance as the babalono always set upon younger brother; I couldn’t recognize him in “Seabiscuit”, but oh boy is he cool. I knew him best as Damon’s part probably wasn’t a big stretch for him, of course, but do justice to his job, says who? Not to him; called Will since again.

And the fairy tales! Ooh, baby, they got some real material in there. Whether bloody knives, gruesome deaths, gory decapitations, or even bathing, there is not one thing for everyone who goes to see it. Whether bloody knives, gruesome deaths, gory decapitations, or even bathing, there is not one thing for everyone who goes to see it. Whether bloody knives, gruesome deaths, gory decapitations, or even bathing, there is not one thing for everyone who goes to see it.

Greta leaving bread crumbs in the woods to the merest allusion of a “goblin whose name we once had to guess”:: It was a bit like seeing “George Lucas in Love,” or (even “Spencer Tracy in the Bullpen”) but with fairy tales, plus, you know, more blood. And, as always when fairy tales are involved, there lie the hints of morals and life lessons throughout the movie, but fortunately it’s pretty subtle and not crucial to the plot. And the fairytale! How’s it? Well, I’d venture, I like humor, I like weird things, and I don’t mind violence, so it thought it was pretty good. A tweak here or there would have earned it four stars from me, but as it is, it’s still pretty good.

After all, in a summer season when it seems like we’re seeing nothing but sequels or a sequel to a sequel, it’s refreshing to see a movie that’s totally origi- nal well, except for the fairy tales. Can we take this as an indication of Hollywood to come, of thoughtful original movies in the future? While it would let me be Happily Ever After, I’m afraid that’s just probably just one more fairy tale.

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12:00 – Epsilon Theta — Come ogre our large orange duck mascot and toss frisbees around with us at the rush kick-off in Killian Court! We might even have some tasty snacks.

13:30 – Epsilon Theta — Van run to Theta Xi for our silver van at the turnaround near McCormick, close to the MIT Chapel.

14:00 – Alpha Tau Omega — Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream! Need some dessert after the Greek Griller? Stop by for a fine Vermont Delicacy.

14:00 – Beta Theta Pi — Extreme Stoop Action: Kick it on the staple Beta stoop for 4 square, chalk, talk, and rawk.

14:00 – Delta Kappa Epsilon — Open House: Get your first look at the house responsible for the most creative football game weather week balloon hack.

14:00 – Delta Upsilon — Poker Tournament: Poker tournament with prizes at DU

14:00 – Lambda Chi Alpha – Red Roost: Red Roost will cater its authentic down-home style Southern BBQ.

Red Roast is known by many to be the best Southern BBQ restaurant in Boston.

14:00 – Phi Beta Epsilon — House Tours: Come by and see where we live, work, and have too much fun.

14:00 – Phi Delta Theta — Afternoon Rush Kickoff: What better way to start off your rush than with food and Frisbees, a football, drinks and football. Oh, and a brotherhood.

14:00 – Phi Kappa Theta — Ice Cream and Smoothies Open House: Come check out our house and enjoy some ice cream and smoothies. Did we mention the free ice cream and smoothies?

14:00 – Pi Lambda Phi — Medieval Festival: Party like it’s 9999! This all-day festival is jam-packed with crazy games, music, prizes, and tons of semi-authentic medieval food. So grab your Viking horns and the nearest shield, then head to PILAM for the widest feast of the millennium.

15:00 – Sigma Chi — Sigma Chi Open House: Visit the Sigma Chi house for a night of Mike’s Pastries, Poker, Prizes, In House Music and Good Times in the Bar.

15:00 – Sigma Nu — Steak Barbecue

15:00 – Alpha Epsilon Pi — Noordam Night @ Nu Delta: Come Kick off Rush at Nu Delta with our Fabulous Arcade Night! We’ll have 16-player interactive Halo 2 on over 2 big screen TVs, with Pool, Ping-Pong, Poker, and much more, so show us what you got!

15:00 – Phi Kappa Sigma — Skullhouse Gladators: Meet your classmates by beating them with a giant Q-Tip.

15:00 – Zeta Psi — Car Bash Vandalism: Come by to add your own special touches to the car that will be destroyed at 8pm at our 10th annual Car Bash!

15:30 – Epsilon Theta — Time our vars! We make several daily trips to campus from 8am to 8pm every day during term; hop on and come over to dinner, and see for yourself how easy getting to ET can be. Look for our big silver van by the turnaround near McCormick and the MIT Chapel.

16:00 – Phi Sigma Kappa — House Tours: Phi Sig is located in historic Kenmore Square. Come get your first good view of our astonishing city from Phi Sig’s roofdeck.

16:30 – Tau Epsilon Phi — Fun with Chemistry and Nanotechnology: Have fun with the EP material scientists! Banana scent, nanoparticles, and more!

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18:30 – Delta Chi (No. 6 Club) — Pizza and Dessert at No. 6

19:00 – Pi Kappas — Dinnniiiiimmeee!! We like food. We like you. Come to pika for dinner! Vegetarians and vegans are more than welcome. 69 Chestnut St., call (617) 492-6983 for a ride.

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19:00 – Alpha Tau Omega — Dinner With the Brothers: Come sample some delicious food. Don’t worry, Chef John has cooked up Kick back, relax, have a meal, play some pool, and get to know us! We are all able to mix and mingle.

19:00 – Delta Kappa Epsilon — Surf & Turf Grill: This dinner will be so good that it cannot be described by a word that exists; therefore, I am forced to make one up on the spot. Sushi: Meow!!!

19:00 – Delta Kappa Epsilon — Mechanical Bull: 300 lbs. of machinery between the legs of a clod woman — wear your shoes! — we’re more could you ask for? How about an iPod Shuffle for the long runs? Yeahhhhhhhhh... 19:00 – Phi Delta Theta — Kebab Dinner: Enjoy as many grilled kebabs (meat and vegetarian) by and eat, cooked right before your eyes. Stick around and enjoy your first night at Phi Delta.

19:00 – Phi Delta Theta — Unplugged Jam Night & Open House Social Hour: Chill with friends, meet cool people before hitting the parties tonight. Also, bring your own instrument or use one of ours for a night of unplugged acoustic jams!

19:30 — Barbecue on the Patio with WILG: Chef Bob-Mac barbecues to order on our spacious shared patio.

18:00 – Alpha Epsilon Pi — BBQ Turn On!

18:15 – Delta Tau Delta — Roof Deck Kick Off: Come meet the brothers as we barbecue on our roof-deck overlooking the Charles. 18:15 – Phi Epsilon Pi — Poker Night: Hold’em, Stud, Omaha; play for fun or pride, just come have fun. Call us if you are interested.

18:30 – Phi Sigma Kappa — Dinner & Dessert: A hearty dinner from Boston staple Vinny’s for those of you who haven’t only been catching snacks all day, followed by catered pastries from Boston’s own pastry shop. If you’re already full, dessert will be running all night.

18:30 – Phi Sigma Kappa — 6:00 pm join the brothers of Dave’s BBQ. Meet the Skulls with a dinner catered by Famous Dave’s BBQ. 18:30 – Sigma Nu — Steak and Lobster Dinner

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22:00—22:15: Theta Delta Chi — Beach Party: Get ready to get down. Come check out ATO’s Beach Party, MIT’s MOTHER of the fall season, to kick off your weekend in style. Come early to get setup, build your team, and get ready for the most epic couple’s scavenger hunt ever! Time to get your worries away and socialize with the loveliest ladies in town on one of the largest dance floors, or on off campus, right here at Chi Phi! 19:30—20:00: Beta Theta Pi —FK: Karaoke: Experience the thrill of the fastest go-karting action in Boston. This is no kiddy racing. Driver’s license required! 19:00—20:00: Kappa Sigma—Don’t we have a lot of vans run? Big Silver Van makes another trip to the turndoom by the MIT Chapel and McCormick! 20:00—20:15: Beta Delta Phi — MOVIE ON THE HOUSE! Watch a sweet movie on our front lawn of our house. From a sweet touch to a sweet swindel. With sweet food. And sweet sweatiness. 20:00—20:45: Kappa Sigma — Poker Night: Come win exciting prizes including a DVD player, iPod, chip sets and more! Food will be provided! 20:00—21:00: Lambda Chi Alpha Steak and Lobster Dinner: Steak and lobster dinner cooked and served by ac-

ive members of Lambda Chi Alpha. 20:15—21:00: Nu Delta — F1 Bos:

 Racing: Come beat your friends out on the track with Nu Delta at F1 Racing. ‘Yll go head to head in the biggest and best,

 a Grand Prix final in premier

 karts that are bigger and faster than any you’ve ever seen. 20:00—21:00: Phi Sigma Kappa—Learn to DJ Session: Spin some vinyl, mix some beats, and spend some time with other DJs.
 20:00—21:00: Phi Delta Theta — Fon-

due. Everything is better with chocolate. Come make your own fondue with fruit, cookies, and whatever else we can think of (or you can bring in) to our elegant, early 20th century library. 20:00—21:00: Sigma Chi — Billiards and more at Boston’s Good Times: Round off a great day at Boston’s Good Times.
22:00—Phi Kappa Theta—Build your own USB powered toy! Come and see comedians (and Theta Chi brother) Evan Wecksell perform in our lounge.

23:00—Theta Chi—B.A.S.H. (Bad Ass Scavenger Hunt): A Theta Xi tradition. We will be heading all over Boston in teams to find a number of interesting and unique items.

21:00—Zeta Psi—Swing Dancing! It was Zeta Psi's more sensitive side after spending the day playing paintball and eating steak. Don't worry, it'll be less serious lessons too.

21:22—Tau Epsilon Phi—Build your own USB toy! Come and build your own USB powered toys on the 16-foot laptop The Epsilon engineers have incorporated into the light show tonight!

22:00—Epilson Theta—Oooh, STARGAZING! Everyone piles into our Big Silver Van as we drive to a lighthouse just outside Boston where you can see more than two stars! We'll provide the blankets and hot cocoa, and a pit-stop at Dunkin' Donuts on the way home.

22:00—Phi Beta Epsilon—Roofdeck Party: Take in the Boston skyline as we dance on the Roofdeck Party.

22:30—Phi Kappa Theta—Boston Late Night Bike Tour! We'll show you Boston from a different perspective! If you don't have a bike we'll loan you one.

23:00—Phi Lambda Phi—Ladies' Night. Feeling left out of the action because you have too many X chromosomes? Then this event is for you! We will be giving lessons too.

23:00—Alpha Epsilon Pi—Carnation Tea: Food, Football, Foodballs.

23:59—Theta Chi—Late night light show tonight!

2:00—Kappa Sigma—Midnight Buffet: Grab some grub on your way home. Visit Kappa Sigma right before Baker and Burton-Comer.

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9:00—Nu Delta—Six Flags New England: Like Thel's Rides? Like Water Rides? Like Kiddie Rides? We've got 'em all with Nu Delta's annual RUSH Trip to Six Flags. Join us for a good time.

9:00—Phi Kappa Theta—Soul Food Breakfast: Huge pancakes, home fried, hor combread, come grab some breakfast to start your day off.

9:00—Pi Lambda Phi—Breakfast: Start off the day right with a healthy breakfast. Then come to Phi Lam and Pim, and don't forget on some awesome cram, pleated-high pancakes, and decadent donuts.

9:00—Phi Sigma Sigma—Breakfast @ Skullhouse: Hot Breakfast. One of the few you will get at MIT. 9:00—Nu Sigma—Deep South Breakfast

9:00—Theta Chi—Breakfast: Enjoy a delicious meal where you hit the waters. Served fresh.

9:22—Fenway House—Canoe trip: Meet at Fenway at 9:30 for a 10 a.m. departure, returning about 5 p.m. Picnic lunch provided. Wear your bathing suit and shoes you don't mind getting wet.

10:00—Alpha Tau Omega—Canoe Trip: Come join the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega for a canoe trip on the refreshing Concord river. Don't miss this opportunity to paddle through the heat and canoe, water fight, eat, and hang out.

10:00—Sigma Chi—Dodgeball On-Campus: A friendly and competitive school style Dodgeball tournament. 11:00—Phi Kappa Theta—WAR GamMez: paintballing all afternoon.

10:00—Theta Chi—Canoe Trip: The wilderness is calling. New England won't explore itself.

10:30—Zeta Beta Tau—Potato Gun: Build your own 6-foot potato gun, and practice launching some produce in our basement.

11:00—Pi Kappa Phi—Paintball: Phi Sig takes to the field for again some unique games of capture the flag.

11:00—Will GP: Canoeing: Meet at Will LG and we'll head over for canoeing on the Ipswich River

11:00—Alpha Delta Phi—Battle Canoeing on the Ipswich River: Spend the afternoon paddling the scenic Ipswich River.

11:00—Phi Kappa Theta—Canobie Lake Amusement Park: Get on some of NE's premier rollercoasters and thrill rides!

11:00—Sigma Nu—Cruise to George's Beach with cannister Island Clam Bake: Lobster, Steamed Clams, Chowder, and a lot of beer.

11:00—Theta Xi—BBQ at Zeta Tau's: Day Barbe: Cure. Period.

11:00—Pi Psi—Six Flags: Turned down that Florida school for MIT? Come spend the day at New England's best and largest theme park and feel better about your decision.

11:00—Delta Psi (No. 5 Club) —11:00 am Walden Pond: Annual traditional venture to Walden Pond - bring your bathing suit.

11:30—Theta Chi—On the barbie... if you've ever BBBQed— it tastes better here.

12:00—Alpha Epsilon Pi—Frisbee

12:00—Beta Theta Pi—Apple Picking Extravaganza With Other Fruits Too: Voyage to New England win MA to pick their fruits and squander their righteousness.

12:00—Kappa Sigma—BBQ and Tailgate @ UWG: Come grab a bite to eat, hang out, or play some sports with Kappa Sigma.

12:00—Lambda Chi Alpha—Beach Trip: Spend Labor Day at the beach with Lambda Chi.

12:00—Phi Delta Theta—George's Island: School is about to start. Get in one last day of summer at this beautiful Boston island, complete with shoreline, BBQ pits, revolutionary war fort, and scenic ferries.

12:00—Alpha Phi—Kingman—In Door Rock Climbing: Just like American Gladiators but on the street.

12:30—Epilson Theta—Soup! Unlike Oliver Twist (or Seinfeld), you get as much soup as you want. If we don't finish off all the chowder, it's just go to waste!

12:34—Epilson Theta—There's the parking across the street that's just "perfect" for picnics. The only thing that will improve this picnic would be some silky masks. Come over to make your own mask, complete with pipe cleaner. Don't forget the soup!

13:00—Delta Tau Delta—Lobster Trip to Private Island: Join us as we take a boat to a private island to enjoy various sports and a lot of lobster.

13:00—Phi Beta Sigma—BBQ Lunch: Excellent food, excellent company.

13:00—Theta Xi—Sports on the Esplanade: We'll be playing football, soccer, and ultimate across the iconic Charles.

13:30—Zeta Beta Tau—Canoeing on Charles River: Enjoy relaxing, scenic canoeing trip on the clean part of the Charles River, along with a picnic with 12-footSUBs.

13:30—Zeta Psi—Sushi Making: Make your own sushi with the campus renowned sushi masters of Zeta Psi.

13:30— Bates Epsilon—Corpsie! Take 10 slides at random from 222 different Powerpoint presentations, and see Elmo and Wiggles present the result.

13:30—Epilson Theta—We've got a basketball and a croquet set, and we'll make it up as we go along.

13:30—Delta Theta Pi—paintball: catch up with early birds and paint them red.

14:00—Epilson Theta—MOVIE MARATHON! Help us decide which we want to see first: "Finding Nemo," "Aika," "The Incredibles," or maybe even "Gnomeo & Juliet" if we're feeling romantic.

14:00—Delta Kappa Epsilon—Paintball: If you know how to handle your gun, you'll be sure to obliterate your balls all over everyone else.

14:00—Delta Upsilon—Cape Cod Beach Trip: A trip to a beach house in Cape Cod, with a swimming pool, grilling and boating.

14:00—Kappa Sigma—Boston Tour: Don't know Boston very well? Come on a walking tour with the guys of Kappa Sigma and Franfel. We'll hit all the Freedom Trail, Fenway, the Boston Common, Chinatown, and more! Food and drinks provided.

14:00—Phi Beta Epsilon—Outdoor Paintball: Heart pounding, exhilarating. Cut loose before classes start.

14:00—Phi Kappa Theta—Softball and Picnic on Boston Common: Come challenge 3-time MB softball champions, and spend your Labor Day in Boston's nicest park!

14:00—Theta Delta Chi—Home Tour and History @ TDC — or you can game

14:00—Zeta Chi—Museum of Science. Do you know that you can get into the Museum of Science for free? Let the brothers of Zeta Chi take you over on the site of the worlds seeing.

15:00—Phi Kappa Sigma—Boston Tour: See the Sites in the Hub.

15:00—Theta XI—Castle Island Beach Trip: We'll be heading to Castle Island to fish, throw a disc, and hang out. A good way to be leaving from 64 Bay State Rd every hour.

16:00—Sigma Nu—Pool and Darts at the Chapter House

16:30—Theta Delta Chi—Chilling with Bruins Girls: You kinda have to pay back them after all their hard work in the Canoe.

16:22—Tau Epsilon Phi—Re-enactment of WW2 inside our house!

16:30—Phi Kappa Sigma—Boston Harbor Boat Cruise: Dinner and Music by Varsity Band

17:00—Chi Phi—Skiing at Mt. Leuau: What better way to kick off the semester than by joining Chi Phi at our First Annual Luau at the Mansion. A fantastic Hawaiian King! Come to Chi Phi and get lei'd!

17:00—Phi Lambda Phi—Horner's BBQ. Stop the Kegs for a burger with all the fixins!

17:00—Sigma Chi—Bowling and Batting Cages: Come to Boston's Best Bowling Alley.

17:00—Theta Chi—Football and Paintball: Phi Sig's best.

17:30—Phi Lambda Phi—Fire Pit—You Try Impact Testing

18:00—Epilson Theta—Come! Eat Tonight's dinner features pork and ends with an awesome turn-overs. We'll continue having dinner every night of term at 6 p.m. If you're not clear on what time dinner is over, consider coming to dinner here on a regular basis.

18:00—WILG and Broccoli Dinner

18:00—Alpha Delta Phi—Dinner at Bob-Mac's fine cooking

18:00—Beta Theta Pi—Beta Finger painting with Sir Austin Tarana (Tarana Engineering Party). Double Also, Birthday's is Joe. Joe joe Joe Joe Joe Joe Joe.

18:00—Phi Beta Epsilon—Guys Night Out for Dinner: Enjoy some delightfully tacky ambience with some unre- fined guys.

18:00—Phi Sigma Kappa—Steak and Lobster: Dine with us at this gourmet steakhouse outfitted of upscale food, prepared by Phi Sig's best.
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18:00 — Sigma Nu — Dinner at Boston Beer Works
18:00 — Zeta Beta Tau — Dinner: Chicken Cordon Bleu: Chicken stuffed with ham and cheese. *ruff said.
18:00 — Zeta Psi — Fondue Dinner: Our weekly fondue night continues with this classy fondue dinner followed by fondue dessert.
18:15 — pika — Diiiiiiiinnnnnnnnnut!! Pikans really like food. Jess B and Victoria will cook an awesome Hawaiian dinner for you to enjoy. We might even dance. Good vegetarian and vegan options guaranteed! 69 Chestnut St., call (617) 492-6983 for a ride.
18:30 — Theta Delta Chi — Wings and curvy fries at everyone’s favorite restaura
19:00 — WILD — S’mores Dessert: Flash back to summer camp.
19:00 — Alpha Delta Phi — Infinite Quarters Night @ Good Times Emporium: All the quarters you can use at one of the best arcades in town.
19:00 — Alpha Epsilon Pi — Dinner: Steak and Salmon
19:00 — Alpha Tau Omega — Dinner With the Brothers
19:00 — Delta Kappa Epsilon — Dinner: “I want my baby back, baby back, baby back, baby back...” Ribs served at the Deke house—again—Scrumturouscent!!!
19:00 — Nu Delta — Steak & Lobster Dinner: Delicious Steak. Luscious Lobster. Suff said, see you at Nu Delta around 7.
19:00 — Phi Delta Theta — BBQ Ribs. Enjoy authentically delicious BBQ ribs and corn on the cob in our relaxing bricked patio looking out on the Charles River.
19:00 — Phi Kappa Theta — Dinner on the Town: Want the true Boston dining experience? You pick the place, dinner’s on us!
19:00 — Theta Chi — The Steakhouse Trip: Let your belt loosen, and dine at one of our favorite Boston Steakhouses.
19:06 — Delta Psi (No. 6 Club) — International Dinner: Sample cuisines prepared by members from their home countries.
19:22 — Tau Epsilon Phi — The Lie Off, a dinner show! See Elmo and Wiggles talk endlessly about any topic! They ‘know’ everything.
19:30 — pika — Come to pika for a sleepover! After dinner, we’ll have a bonfire and burn marshmallows (is there any other way?). We’ll also read ghost stories. 69 Chestnut St., call (617) 492-6983 for a ride.
20:00 — 20:00 — Alpha Tau Omega — Poker Night: Come play poker with some of the brothers of ATO. Anyone is welcome, including those who are just starting, those who are experienced, and those who have completely thrown their lives away.
20:00 — Kappa Sigma — Jillian’s: Come to Jillian’s! Play pool, go bowling, or just hang out and grab a bite to eat.
20:00 — Lambda Chi Alpha — Big Game Dinner: Cooking some meat of Big Game: Buffalo, Elk, Antelope
20:00 — Phi Delta Theta — Poker Tournament: It isn’t gambling, it’s a skill, so come earn one of $500 in prizes for free.
20:00 — Pi Lambda Phi — Casino Night: Feeding lucky! Pillam’s Casino Night is as close as you can get to the real thing without being 21 and loaded. Step up to one of our many game tables, featuring poker, roulette, craps, and more, for a chance to win one of many amazing prizes!
21:00 — Theta Delta Chi — Chillin, Gaming, and Movies on the Deck w/late night pizza
21:00 — Zeta Psi — Zeta Arcade: Feel like relaxing tonight? Stop by and enjoy a variety of video games and other entertainment.
21:06 — Delta Psi (No. 6 Club) — Game Night: Come hang out and play some games... poker, pool, halo, board games, twister, mafia...
21:22 — Tau Epsilon Phi — Capture the Glowey thing!
21:00 — Alpha Epsilon Pi — Pi Eating Contest
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22:00 — Phi Kappa Theta — Ice Party: The one and only.
22:00 — Sigma Chi — Stoop Session: Come do nothing on our stoop with us.
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23:00 — Theta Xi — Night Life at Theta Xi: There will be poker, pool, darts, TV on our big screen, music, and SPEW (Society for the Promotion of Early Weekends) in the bar.
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titude" instead of worrying about rush yields. A fraternity brother opposed to the clearinghouse system said that "it only adds pressure to a system that already has too many rules." As in the old system, fraternities report violations to the IFC's Judicial Committee, and Judi comments on an investigation when appropriate. Rothman said the Clearinghouse will allow the IFC to see how long a rusher spends at a given fraternity and enforce rules regarding rush trips away from the fraternity. Rush rules can be found at http://ifc.mit.edu/documents/rec/Recruitment_Rules_8-19-2005.pdf.

Penguins, sharks, and giant turtles — what more can you ask for? The New England Aquarium is home to many penguins (though unfortunately no emperors) and an enormous tank, the French-like people watching, but sea-creature watching is far better. With advanced planning, you can buy tickets through the MIT Activities Committee for just $6 (http://web.mit.edu/mc/mc/index.html).

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum 280 The Fenway Boston, MA 02115 http://www.gardnermuseum.org/
The Gardner Museum, founded by art enthusiast Isabella Stewart Gar- der is a significant departure from a traditional art museum. Many of the paintings show no identification, forcing the viewer to think about the artist rather than the art itself. The interior courtyard also boasts a beautiful gar- den. Admission for college students is $5 with ID.

Fogg Art Museum 32 Quincy Street Cambridge, MA 02138 617-495-4900 http://www.artmuseum.harvard.edu/fogg/
A couple of miles down Mass. Ave., Harvard University hosts three fantastic art museums. The Fogg Art Museum, an older collection of European art, as well as my favorite contemporary art collection in Boston. The museum is just the right size: while it's impossible to see the entire MFA in one day, you can cover the Fogg in a few hours. Also check out Harvard's other two art museums: the Busch-Reisinger, connected to the Fogg, and the Sachs- ler, about a block away. Or, if you're looking for a break from art, drop in to the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, which features similar exhibits to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, but is a lot easier to campus. Admission to the Fogg is $7.50, or $6.00 for students (though it's free for students and public on Wednesdays).

Four Seasons Bathroom 200 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116 617-248-4899 http://www.fourseasons.com/boston/
No it’s not really a touristy place, but I think everyone should check it out anyway. My friend, upon exploring the bathrooms in Boston's first five-star hotel, exclaimed, "the place is bigger than the apart- ment I used to live in!" We chilled on the couch for a while, and so should you. There’s nothing much to see outside a "lounging" part of the bathroom was far nicer than my liv- ing room.
The nicest bathroom I’ve been able to find is on the second floor. Just walk in like you’re rich, despite your college-student clothes, take a left, and proceed confidently up the stairs. Here you’ll find somewhere to pee between all the other fun you’ll be having.

Looking for Something to Do? Try the Aquarium or Harvard

House Financial Security Relies On the Success of Fraternity Rush

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Police be- tween July 28 and Aug. 23. These incidents do not include inci- dents such as suspicious activity, false alarms, general service calls, medical shuttles, or isolated incidents of theft. Records from the Cambridge Police were used to provide additional information.

July 29: Bldg. 68 (31 Ames St.), theft of slide projectors.
Aug. 2: Bldg. E18 (50 Ames St.), theft of computer; suspicious person (S/P) in area trying to sell pictures. State Center (32 Vassar St.), theft of computer, suspect black male, 40-45, tall, large build, seen sitting by laptop.
Aug. 4: Bldg. 62 (161 Ames St.), assault, theft of e-food.
Aug. 5: Bldg. 56 (321 Ames St. Rear), malicious destruction, some- one keeps putting feces on walls in men’s restroom. Bldg. 7 (77 Mass. Ave.), theft of bag from car.
Aug. 6: Bldg. 24 (60 Vassar St. Rear), malicious damage of a vending machine.
Aug. 7: Bldg. 2 (182 Memorial Dr.), breaking and entering, comput- ers stolen from three rooms.
Aug. 12: Phi Beta Epsilon fraternity (400 Memorial Dr.), breaking and entering, items taken.
Aug. 13: Phi Beta Epsilon fraternity (400 Memorial Dr.), breaking and entering, receiving stolen property. Call received at 2:45 p.m. for suspi- cious persons on floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because suspic- ous persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus- picious persons on Floor 5. S/Ps Edward Collado (Levittown, PA), Maurice Jordan (Charlestown, MA), and Samantha K (last name removed because sus-
Dr. Douglas’ specialty was medieval and renaissance history, but his interests ran the gamut from the development of religious thought and institutions to engineering.

A lover of nature, he made frequent retreats with his three sons to a Maine farmhouse that had no electricity or running water.

“When I first arrived [at MIT in 1981] he introduced me to people in disciplines I would have never connected with otherwise. And we needed a broker.”

Dr. Douglas, a longtime Newton resident, died at North Hill assisted living facility in Needham Monday after a lengthy illness. He was 83.

Dr. Douglas bridged academic gaps as well as social ones, according to Khoury.

“At one time at MIT there was a sense that humanists were not there to get their hands dirty, but more to ensure that these scientists and engineers came out aculturated. There were some back then who discouraged the teaching of how science and technology impacted humanism. But he said, hogwash. He never became a science teacher, but what to leave out. He’d ask, ‘If you were going to teach it. What is most important for students to leave behind? What is most important for students to leave behind?”

Most likely, it was a question, said Kaledin. As an administrator, “Douglas was always challenging us to find the best way to teach the past to contemporary students,” Kaledin said. “There was this constant questioning of what we were doing. It wasn’t just what to teach, but what to leave out. He’d ask, ‘If you were going to teach just one history course, how would you teach it? What is most important for students to leave knowing?”

In addition to his son, David, Dr. Douglas leaves his wife, Mary M. of Needham; two other sons, Samuel W. of Brighton and Andrew S. of Medford, and three stepsons.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 17 in Kresge Chapel at MIT.

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**Researchers at Broad Analyze Monkey DNA**

By Carey Goldberg

Scientists announced Wednesday that their lab had sequenced the genome of a chimpanzee, humanity’s closest genetic relative, and found that the gap between humans and chimps is about 10 times smaller than the one between chimpanzees and apes.

The philosophical goal is that we all want to know what makes us human,” said researcher Taryn S. Mikels, of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, which helped sequence the chimp genome. “The pragmatic goal is that we all want to understand diseases and conditions that are unique to humans.”

The analysis of the chimpanzee genome, performed by an international consortium and published Thursday in a series of papers in the journals Science and Nature, pinpointed genetic differences that have developed since chimpanzees and humans diverged from their common ancestor about six million years ago — differences that could prove useful in medical research.

For example, mutations in certain genes may help explain why chimpanzees are more vulnerable to a blood parasite that cannot infect humans. A human mutation turned up in a gene connected to Alzheimer’s disease, important data for researchers working to understand the disease.

The chimp sequence also confirms several important predictions of evolutionary theory, researchers say. For example, regions of the genome that diverged the most between chimpanzees and humans are the same ones that tend to be most different from human to human today, suggesting that the same evolutionary process is at work today.

“I can’t imagine Darwin hoping for stronger confirmation of his ideas than we see when we compare the human and the chimp genome,” said Robert H. Waterston, whose University of Washington team also worked on the project.

Of the 40 million DNA differences found between humans and chimps, less than three million were in areas believed to be functionally important — meaning that a relatively small number of genetic differences account for the great divide between humans and apes.

But for anyone hoping that the chimp genome would reveal which genes contribute to defining traits of humans — like language, or using complex language — more work needs to be done.

Researchers emphasized that, like the human genome, whose sequence has been finished for four years, the chimp genome is only a starting point, a catalogue that will take years to mine.

For those who seek what makes humans unique, the latest genetic data offers “a long list, but it’s a short list,” said Eric Lander, director of the Broad Institute. “It’s not a very satisfying answer, but it’s the start of answering the question in a serious way.”

The chimp data turned up some good news for the Y chromosome, the set of genes that make males male. Some scientists had argued in recent years that mutations have been causing the human Y to deteriorate to the point that it might even disappear in the far-distant future, depriving the world of men.

But work led by David Page, inter- director of the Whitehead Institute and MIT, found that the human Y has been holding up better than the chimp Y. “It’s not a very satisfying answer, but it’s the start of answering the question in a serious way,” said Eric Lander, director of the Broad Institute.

The human genome differs most strikingly from the chimp in that a class of genes called transcription factors that control how other genes and can have dramatic effects on how an organism grows and develops — is changing much faster than in chimps.

It could be that the relatively fast changes in the transcription factors explain how human anatomy came to differ from a chimp, said Mikels, lead author of the main paper on the chimp genome published in Nature.

In any case, said Francis S. Col- lemeyer, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, “The real question about what it takes to be hu- man, what makes us different, is more of a biological question.”

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Sources: Housing Office and Dormitory Council. As an aside, exploration of dorm culture and parties is not encouraged. **There is a difference in the number of first preference requests for each dormitory and number of students entering the lottery for each dormitory, which is a discrepancy in the data as received from the Housing Office. ‡Since arriving on campus, two freshmen have left MIT, leaving the current total at 996.

*McCormick and Next House have Residence-based advising, which requires freshmen to stay in their assigned dormitories.

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### Exploring with dorm events

During the last week, upperclassmen in each dormitory held events to help freshmen learn more about their dormitories.

New House Rush Chair Joey Y. Zhou '07 said that New House sponsored smoothies, ultimate frisbee, barbecue, volleyball, and sushi-making events. He was surprised that New House was listed as the dormitory out of which the highest number and third highest percentage of students wished to move, and said that the freshmen may have moved in order to be closer to campus.

East Campus Rush Chair Christopher M. Vogt '06 said that East Campus had a “very high-energy rush, with a lot of people being very visible.” EC held a spaghetti wrestling event as well as building a water slide and a giant swing. Referring to the high number of freshmen who requested to move into or out of EC, Vogt said that it “does nothing but improve the culture of the dorm … the flux both ways is good.”

After the lottery results were in, students spent Wednesday night exploring their new dorms and finding out more about each floor and room. Yesterday was move-in day for those freshmen who were assigned new rooms or dormitories.

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