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Zimbabwe Opposition, Now a Power in Parliament, Wins a Top Job

By Celia W. Dugger
The New York Times

Johannesburg, South Africa

July 25

Independent opposition legislators in Zimbabwe’s parliament broke into song and dance on Monday after their candidate won the position of speaker of parliament, defeating a nominee backed by Presi- dent Robert Mugabe’s party.

The victory of the opposition candidate, Lovemore Momoyo, by a vote of 113-98, underscored the opposition's newfound control of parlia- ment. Despite widespread amid political observers, the opposition holds a majority in parliament for the first time since Zimbabwe achieved independence from white minority rule in 1980 — and now seems ready to wield that power.

The opposition’s rejoicing follows a grim period for the country since elections in March. A spasm of violence that began at the time of the announcement of the presidential election results has killed more than 100 people, wounded thousands and destroyed homes. The phrase “ZANU” has become synonymous with terror.

In another large-scale workplace immigration crackdown, federal officials raided a factory here on Monday, detaining at least 350 work- ers they said were in the country illegally. Numerous raids from Immigration and Customs Enforcement descended on a factory belonging to Howard Industries Inc., which manufactures electrical transformers, among other products.

A late Monday afternoon, a criminal charge of illegal entry was filed, said Barbara Gonzalez, an ICE spokeswoman, but she said that dozens of overstay their visas had been apprehended, interrogated, photo- graphed, and processed for removal from the U.S.

The raid followed a similar large-scale immigration operation at a meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa, in May when nearly 400 workers were detained. That raid marked a significant escalation of the Bush administration’s enforcement practices because those detained were not simply deported, as in previous raids, but were imprisoned for months on criminal charges of using false documents.

Responding to a Housing Crisis

By Vikas Bajaj

Sunny with an afternoon sea breeze. High 78°F (26°C).

As a wave of home foreclosures courses through the United States, some of the nation’s hardest hit cities think they have found a way to ease the blight left on their communities by the crisis.

Using taxpayer money and private money, Boston, Minneapolis, San Diego and a handful of others are buying foreclosed properties to refurbish and resell to developers and homeowners in an effort to prevent troubled neighborhoods from sliding into urban decay.

The efforts so far have been on a small scale. But local officials say they can become an important pillar of any housing recovery with the help of $54 billion in federal grants that were part of a housing bill Congress approved in July.

The sale of foreclosed homes — not just to city governments but more broadly to investors and homeowners — could boost the 3.1 percent increase in existing home sales in July, the highest level in five months, according to data released on Monday by the National Association of Realtors. The recovery means that the housing crisis is over, because the number of homes for sale climbed to another record level in July as homebuyers pried them from the market. But without buy- ers buying foreclosed homes at deeply discounted prices, the problem could be even worse.

Kennedy Provides Early Spark as Democrats Convene

By Adam Nossiter

BOSTON

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, struggling with terminal brain cancer, ar- rived on Monday night at the na- tional Democratic Convention in a triumphant appearance that provided an emotional start for the event as the party turned to a new era and gath- ered to nominate Sen. Barack Obama for president.

Kennedy arrived at the convention center here shortly after dusk, ac- companied by a flock of family mem- bers. He walked few halting steps to a waiting golf cart, which drove him into the Pepsi Center here, where Democrats are gathering this week.

Kennedy walked out with his wife, Vicki, who kissed him and left him at the lectern. The crowd, many of whom wiping tears from their eyes, would not stop clapping until he sat- tled down.

“My fellow Democrats, my fel- low Americans, it is so wonderful to be here,” Kennedy said. “And noth- ing is going to keep me away from this special gathering tonight.”

“I have come here tonight,” he continued, “to stand with you to change America to restore its future, to rise to our best ideals and to elect Barack Obama president of the United States.”

Every sentence was greeted by loud applause. And while Kennedy spoke slowly, he was firm and energetic, ges- turing with a hand and sounding very much like the man who energized the party’s convention 28 years ago.

In a simple statement he could not have prepared — the generational arc of the night — and the future of the family’s candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, whom Kennedy endorsed in a turning-point of his campaign — a video tribute to the Massachusetts senator was introduced by Caroline Kennedy, his niece and the daughter of President John F. Kennedy. Her tribute was as much to her uncle as to the man who brought him into national politics.

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As Democrats Take the Stage, GOP Prepares to Respond

By Jim Rutenberg

DENVER

In a modern production studio about a mile from where the Demo- crats were opening their convention here Monday, a SWAT team of Rep- ublican operatives dispatched to crash Sen. Barack Obama’s party was reveling in its accomplishments.

Two new advertisements devised to stoke the sore feelings of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton’s devotees were being widely covered online, and on cable news channels; a news conference the Republicans pro- duced of former Clinton supporters who said they were now backing Sen. John McCain, was a standing- room-only crowd of reporters; a “Happy Hour for Hillary” cocktail party was planned, to be followed by an appearance by McCain on “Tonight” with Jay Leno.

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The last time South Ossetia declared independence — the last time, actually — was 1992. But a majority of residents, including Georgia’s government, considers the republic illegal. Russia and Georgia have not signed a peace treaty, and the situation in the area remains tense. The Bush administration has been under intense pressure from the European Union to reach a lasting pledge of protection for South Ossetia. The European Union has called on Russia to respect the independence of Georgia.

There is a danger of the situation escalating, said a government official. "We have been forced to leave the country," said a government official. "We will try to return to our homes in the coming weeks." The situation is expected to worsen if no solution is found in the coming weeks. The US administration is considering a military operation to defend the region.

The declaration came after several military operations involving US forces in western Africa. The US military is investigating the latest incident, which earlier said it killed 450 civilians in Darfur, in a government assault on a huge camp for displaced people in Darfur, South Sudan. Hussein Abu Sharati, a spokesman for the roughly 90,000 displaced people who have been living in the camp, told journalists that the operation had been carried out to seize weapons stored at the camp. He said that the US military had used aircraft to bomb the camp.

Still, Rice also said it was "extremely important to just keep making progress rather than prematurely to come to some set of conclusions," according to remarks released by the State Department. It appeared to be an acknowledgment of the Israeli and Palestinian negotiators' reluctance and the talks' "harshly partial" nature. It could be a cost of the Bush administration for results before its term in office.

Yesterday, the five main parties in the coalition and naming his own candidate. Sharif said that Zardari, who is not chosen by direct elections, may have adamantly demanded independence, "when I first acknowledged that the operation had been carried out to seize weapons stored at the camp. As georgia grappled with two days of difficult negotiations, the US president's top aide said that he had yet to be indemnifying the case.

By Jane Perlez

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

Pakistan's fledging civilian government collapsed Monday after months of political deadlock between the main two coalition parties turned into a showdown, with a new leader — the former foreign minister — needed to cobble together a new parliamentary majority.

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By Campbell Robertson

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Two months ago, it looked like the McCain campaign was in shambles. The Arizona senator was on the verge of dropping out of the race, giving speeches in front of garish green backdrops, and standing behind podiums that made him look small and awkward. His campaign organization was muddled, full of deadweight managers who failed to play in big leagues, but whom the senator didn't have the heart to fire. And instead of moving to the center, as most candidates do in the general election, McCain, if anything, was moving to the right. In national polls he was only behind by four points, but with the enthusiasm gap, the election was moving to Obama. The Arizona senator was in shambles. The campaign was something more than a campaign, it was a crushing defeat in November. Fast forward to the present. The once-stumbling McCain is now outclassing his opponent in forums like the Sudoku. The once-muddled campaign has squared away the deadweight and replaced it with Republican operatives. And the once-rudimentary right to the right is paying dividends. With surge numbers in the polls, electoral vote predictors like FiveThirtyEight have watched John McCain from a five-to-two underdog to a crushing defeat in November.

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One Moment in Time

The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

By Qing Hao

Someone once said that a movie endowed with five unforgettable scenes is a classic. As the most anticipated event of 2008, the Beijing Olympic Games captivated the world with many moving and magical moments. Each second was a motion picture packed with life and passion. Thus, I had a hard time figuring out where to start after my friends asked me to write an article about this monumental event.

From any vantage point, China put forth a tremendous effort in hosting this Olympic Games, as judged by the grand stadiums, the professional organizations, and the tens of thousands of enthusiastic volunteers. World records and Olympic records were shattered one after another, challenging the physical limits of the human body. As a hero who perfectly embodied the Olympic and American spirit, Michael Phelps reached a pinnacle moment by earning eight gold medals in a single Olympics. Then, like a comet, Usain Bolt blazed through the 100m and 200m sprints — making him an Olympic phenomenon overnight. The astonishing athletes occupied the headlines of the major media outlets throughout the Games, and their marks will forever be etched in the history of the Olympic movement.

Speaking of history, who was not mesmerized by Zhang Yimou’s cinematic rendition of China’s evolution and essence since ancient times? Was he not a constellation that lit up the night? For one moment in time, China realized where to start after my friends asked me to write an article about this monumental event.

As one of the most rapidly growing countries, China never ceases to embrace the outside world and improve itself along the way. For those who only learned of China from the media, this Olympic Games provided a perfect chance for them to gain first-hand insight into the heart of the country. Hosting the Olympic Games will help the citizens of other nations to learn more about the real China and reduce the barriers between them. Only with better understanding can all countries cooperate together to solve the important problems facing the world. And only with lasting friendships and solidarity can the mission of the modern international Olympic movement become a reality.

Beside the sports and global relations issues, how will the 2008 Olympic Games affect the common people in China? For a country still underdeveloped in many regions and recovering from the most disastrous earthquake in decades, in retrospect, was it wise for the nation to expend such effort — in wealth and manpower — to host this two-week event? Throughout the last few weeks, these questions have been discussed on various online forums and even during my lunch chatting with others. For the Games itself, the budget of roughly 2.2 billion US dollars (49% covered by the International Olympic Committee) will not register as a deficit according to the official news and can be balanced by related sales such as the broadcasting rights. The additional cost to improve the Beijing’s transportation system and to reduce the air pollution is not only important for the Games but will also be beneficial for the long-term development of the city, whose economy and population keep increasing through the years. The Olympics simply force the government to solve these inevitable problems in a more timely fashion.

This time, the China Olympic Committee emphasized a unique concept called the “Green Olympics.” Environmental and energy-saving issues were taken very seriously during the entire construction process. In the last two decades, the rapid economic growth in China was heavily indebted to the sacrifice of the environment. As industrial pollution began to significantly affect the everyday life quality in some regions, a concept called “Continuable Development” was set in place in past years. However, this concept was lacking in action, especially when it conflicted with the profits of local industry. Some may argue about the effectiveness of using the Olympics as a platform to advertise scrutiny of environmental quality. However, it strongly demonstrates the concern and dedication of China’s government to solving this urgent problem. The successful experiences of the green improvements could be transferred to other large cities such as Shanghai and Guangzhou that also suffer from environmental problems. Regarding energy efficiency, numerous new technologies were developed to reduce the operating cost of the modern stadiums. For example, air conditioning load can be significantly reduced by using phase change materials in floor tiles that can store extra heat and minimize the fluctuation in indoor temperature during the day. These research projects started even earlier than the MIT energy initiative and are now ready to be commercialized and compensate for the rapidly growing energy consumption in China.

For one moment in time, China realized its dream to embrace the world in its arms. As the Olympic Games come to a close, everything will return to normal in the nation — but the memories will live on. I am sure that many of you will never forget about some of the exciting moments in Beijing Olympics. The spirits and triumphs of the athletes will always encourage us to push our own limits in the things we are doing. Too bad we have to wait another four years until the London Olympics!
By S. Campbell Proehl

Ramblings from Hell
What happened to my days of yore?

As I was driving up to Boston from my home in New York for the last time this past Saturday, I remembered my orientation at MIT. For a second I panicked, because it seemed like I had grown up in the span of a second. I now live in an apartment on Beacon Street with a set of pots and pans, a full-sized bed, and a utilities bill — the stuff of old age, or at least the mid twenties. What if I woke up tomorrow and I was forty years old?

Later that day, my mother and I helped a friend move from Boston back to Burton-Conner and after I came down from delivering the belongings to her suite, I found my mom sitting in our car staring off into space. “I wish I were back at my Freshman orientation,” she sighed. Sadly, I wished the same thing. I was seventeen when I came here, ready for classes and parties, and living on my own. I am now almost twenty-one, but I look older (I count ten

whimless) and without a Red Bull or two a day, I have the energy of a sixty-year-old. While unimpressed watching the young freshmen eating their mustard-covered hot dogs and chatting excitedly over the dormitories’ poorly-chosen rock music, I regretted the fact that I have not really enjoyed the last three years of college.

Pass to record was the most romantic time of my life. There was something alluring in the idea of being unable to fail. It became a mind-set, and Icarped my way through the fall of 2005.

What happened to any days of yore? My roommate is (if this is possible) as ready to graduate as I am. We are jaded, anxiously waiting for a change, hoping to find your youth again in the aftermath of receiving our MIT diplomas. I mentioned my concerns to my room-mate last night; while we were bundled up on our couch with heirloom tomatoes, organic corn, cave-aged cheddar, and an independent living (we gave up fraternity parties a long time ago for the ease of NetFlix and the comfort of a good night’s sleep). “I know what you mean,” she responded. “And I have this theory…”

Her theory went something like this: Freshman year, particularly first semester, is the most awkward. So, do whatever we want — we go to parties, have fun, don’t sleep, and don’t worry about our grades. Then sophomore year, it’s such an idiot last year, and I’m going to get my act together and work. “So we work first and learn about what it takes to be a straight A student here, which, if I may be frank, is a complete education to academics, a fun cellulose, and the ability and desire to renounce spontaneity for the rest of your undergraduate career.” Then junior year, we have so much work and hate this place with all of our souls, and wonder about what else there is in life, because if this is it, then God help us. We can’t live like this for the next sixty years. Finally when se-nior year comes around, we think about things, and make the executive decision that freshman year was way better, and that we were right not caring about our grades and living life to the fullest.

I was awed by this analysis. This was me. And the new freshmen must I say this. Despite what everyone tells you, Bs are fine, don’t worry about your GPA or finding a job, or getting accepted to grad school. Even if other MIT students tell you otherwise, an MIT degree does go a long way. Go out, enjoy Boston, discover the good food, the good beer, and on nice afternoons, walk to Thomas Circle and get yourself an ice cream instead of studying. Spend the next four years doing things that you’ll look being able to do as an adult. Take off time. Travel. Wake up late and spend a Saturday eating takeout Chinese. Live life like you only have to pass.

By Christine Yu

Kissing Is a Dangerous Sport

Instead, I decided to just give you some ad-vice that I’ve learned first hand.

DO remember to party with your lips. For my first kiss, I forgot to open my mouth. I had this notion that kissing just came naturally. I suffered an allergic reaction to my lip-gloss. Kissing can be a very dangerous sport, and I should be scarred for life.

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DO NOT drool, that just makes everyone think of dogs, and while I love puppy kisses, when a person does that, it’s not really cute. Teeth licking also makes me think of papiers, and I think it’s safe to say most people aren’t turned on by animals.

DO use your tongue to caress theirs, typically in a circular motion. Go with the flow, though avoid making it mechanical.

DO NOT bite. Like I mentioned earlier, I’ve learned kissing can be dangerous. Last year, I almost went to MIT Medical because my mouth was bleeding so badly. Now, there’s an unnecessary re- minder of an unfortunate hookup. Some people enjoy nibbling; however, I don’t suggest that for a hookup. If you’re in a relationship, just ask them.

DO explore the other per- son within reason. For guys, it’s nice to feel the small of her back or rub her lower thigh. By touching her back, she can place your hands elsewhere should she want more. Caressing her face is also romantic, except, it’s not a hookup, it might come off as creepy. For girls, direct the guy. If he bites, trust me, he’s not going to feel any pain.

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The Flow of Things

S. Campbell Proehl

Campus Life

Editors Note: This column is part one of a four part series about rounding the proverbial bases.

My long repertoire of flings began in sev- enth grade with a baseball player. Eventually, he asked me if I would go to first base with him. At that time, I thought I wanted to take his place out on the playing field. Except, that just didn’t make much sense. So, I turned to internet search engines where I discovered the meaning of the four bases. Interestingly enough, the only reference, so I thought I’ d start the school year term “hooking up.” I’m sure that I’m not the others happen to be as ambiguous as the agreed definition is first base and home run.

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Editors Note: This column is part one of a four part series about rounding the proverbial bases.

My long repertoire of flings began in sev- enth grade with a baseball player. Eventually, he asked me if I would go to first base with him. At that time, I thought I wanted to take his place out on the playing field. Except, that just didn’t make much sense. So, I turned to internet search engines where I discovered the meaning of the four bases. Interestingly enough, the only reference, so I thought I’ d start the school year term “hooking up.” I’m sure that I’m not the others happen to be as ambiguous as the agreed definition is first base and home run.

DO NOT bite. Like I mentioned earlier, I’ve learned kissing can be dangerous. Last year, I almost went to MIT Medical because my mouth was bleeding so badly. Now, there’s an unnecessary re- minder of an unfortunate hookup. Some people enjoy nibbling; however, I don’t suggest that for a hookup. If you’re in a relationship, just ask them.

DO explore the other per- son within reason. For guys, it’s nice to feel the small of her back or rub her lower thigh. By touching her back, she can place your hands elsewhere should she want more. Caressing her face is also romantic, except, it’s not a hookup, it might come off as creepy. For girls, direct the guy. If he bites, trust me, he’s not going to feel any pain.

DO NOT randomly grab body parts. There’s nothing that screams desperation more than instantly grabbing genitals or zippers. (Guys, this means don’t immediately grab her boobs or butt. Also, it’s a very bad habit for many girls, especially if she’s wearing earrings. It sucks when a guy grabs his hands caught in your favor-ite pearls, and they just disappear somewhere beneath a messy flaxen, never to be found again. Another reason that kissing can be dangerous, you can lose stuff.

DO take a mint, breath strip, or some breath spray before.

DO NOT share already chewed gum. I don’t understand this concept. It’s like feeding some- one your chewed food. While some couples enjoy joy feeding each other, they don’t enjoy eating each other’s chewed food.

DO relax yourself. It’s better to laugh at awkward situations than create them.

DO NOT drink too much in an effort to “re- lax.” First of all, drunken hookups just sound awkward. Also, you might ruin the person’s favor- ite drink, forcing them to associate it with all hookups. (“cough” Captain Morgan “cough”) Also, just FYI, beer also tastes bad on the breath — since it’s warm and pungent by that time since it’s been lingering in your mouth. So, keep some ChapStick on hand and start the night off on first base — just see where you’ll wind up. You might just have to kiss a few frogs before finding your special someone — or so I keep telling myself.
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Steal My Comic
by Michael Ciuffo

Theory of Pete
by Cai GoGwilt

The Daily Blunderbuss
by Ben Peters

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usual today, at 4 p.m. instead of 6:30
p.m., because students moving in and
out of Next House will need to be as-
nigned new advisers.

The timetable of REX was also
changed their fall dormitory place-
ment except those who have been
placed in McCormick Hall. Unlike
Next House, students in McCormick’s
Residence-Based Advising program
cannot transfer to other dorms. Last
December, when Next House an-
nounced the change to their RBA
program, McCormick’s housemaster
Charles H. Stewart III told The Zivl
that RBA had worked well for the
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Housing Lottery Ends Earlier
To Accommodate Next House

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Discovery Channel has already or-
dered a full season of “Time Warp”
to join staples like “Man vs. Wild,”
“Dirty Jobs,” “American Chopper,” and
“MythBusters” — then the
handsome and charismatic 30-year-
old roboticist and kinetic sculptor
could be about to join the ranks of
the cerebral geek media hothouses.

Lieberman, who doesn’t own a
TV and loves in MIT housing,
offered the show in a cold call from
a producer who had heard about his
work at MIT’s high-speed photogra-
phy lab. He took it because, he
says, it fits nicely into what he calls
his daily conflict between art and
science.

“When I do art, I feel like
I’m not serving utility in a
direct way,” he said during a break
from filming a high-speed video segment
involving billiards at the “Time
Warp” studio inside an artist’s loft in
the Fort Point neighborhood.

“Every time I do science, I miss the
spark of the creative impulse. But
I’ve come to realize it’s the same. In
science or art, it’s about introducing
people to new truths.”

On the show, Lieberman
says the goal is to find things that are
amazing yet out of our perception,
and bring them into a range that we
can comprehend.

“We’ve evolved techniques for
taste and sight and sound, but we
have just enough to hunt prey and
avoid predators,” he said. “But
there’s something else special about
Mr. Science and my head would
communicate that to a whole new genera-
tion as something that’s very hip,
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What percentage of each dorm’s new residents ranked it as
their first choice in the summer lottery?

Residence | Class of 2012 | Class of 2011 | Class of 2010 | Class of 2009
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Baker House | 100% | 100% | 100% | 98%
Bexley Hall | 33% | 38% | 28% | 40%
Burton-Connor | 73% | 73% | 76% | 70%
Cambridge City | 100% | 71% | 71% | 75%
East Campus | 52% | 52% | 60% | 84%
French House | 100% | 25% | 83% | 100%
German House | 100% | 29% | 43% | 43%
House | 100% | 100% | — | —
MacGregor House | 58% | 79% | 100% | 57%
McCormick Hall | 100% | 74% | 99% | 73%
New House | 72% | 30% | 100% | 51%
Next House | 32% | 18% | 36% | 49%
NW35 / Future W | 85% | — | — | —
Random Hall | 84% | 100% | 100% | 100%
Sensor House | 41% | 22% | 41% | 33%
Simmons Hall | 85% | 61% | 71% | 78%
Spanish House | 100% | 67% | 80% | 88%

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and Imaging Technologies

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How many freshmen designated each residence as
their first choice?

Residence | No. of Freshmen | No. of Spaces for Freshmen
--- | --- | ---
Baker House | 300 | 130
Bexley Hall | 13 | 19
Burton-Connor | 144 | 118
East Campus | 83 | 112
MacGregor House | 97 | 104
New House | 36 | 85
NW35 / Future W | 24 | 13
Random Hall | 54 | 25
Senior House | 20 | 58
Simmons | 195 | 130
McCormick Hall | 59 | 59
Next House | 44 | 144
French House | 6 | 8
German House | 6 | 9
House | 26 | 6
Spanish House | 10 | 8

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ber of students, as well as faculty and staff. It really helped me with my decision.

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ing academic year. What made you decide to live on campus?

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Some Administrators Angry at DormCon, Tech's Daily Confusion

According to Vinayak V. Ranade '09, president of East Campus, a number of administrators and members of the Residential Life Office found the EC entries in last Friday’s Daily Confusion to be “tasteless.”

The Daily Confusion, published by The Tech and Dormitory Council, is a listing of REX events submitted by the REX chairs of each dorm. This year, East Campus submitted over 270 entries (the limit for the Daily Confusion was 300 events per dorm), many of which included explicit language. All other dorms chose to enter substantially fewer events than the limit.

A statement from the EC House Government says that the entries were written by EC residents “in parody and jest,” and that similar language had been used in previous years’ issues of the Daily Confusion without complaint until now.

“EC is a dorm which has been known for its distinctive and offbeat culture, where the community is very open minded about humor (not unlike the humor in the Daily Confusion),” the statement reads. “If people are upset by EC culture and expression in general, then we are dealing with a serious issue of wider scope than just one publication in a student newspaper.”

“In spite of this, we acknowledge the possibility of disgruntled parents and community members,” the EC statement continues. “It was not EC’s intention to offend anyone, and we apologize if the humor was misunderstood.

Donna M. Demoucron, associate dean of Residential Life, said she would like to resolve the misunderstanding through communication with the goal of “appreciating varying perspectives.” She said, “Orientation is about letting freshmen understand and appreciate different cultures of the dorms and if there are ways that we can support and not hinder that opportunity, I think we have accomplished the goals of REX.”

—Joyce Kwan

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08:00-09:00 — Next House — Wary Waffles (Next Dining)! Tired of REX yet? If not, come to Next Dining and grab some breakfast before another busy day. — More fresh waffles!

08:00 — Burton Conner — They’re magically delicious.

09:00 — New House — Waffle Breakfast: Drop by and start your day off with a delicious waffle breakfast, complete with your favorite toppings.

10:00 — Burton Conner — Bring a few friends or spontane — learn how to make the trek FUN!

10:00 — Next House — Random Hall Hall — Dance — You are invited to a social gathering on the roofdeck of Random Hall. Learn how to rumble, salsa, waltz, footstep, and who knows what else.

11:00 — Random Hall — MacGregor — Stop by for a brunch. Still haven’t met us (or just hungry)? Stop by for made-to-order omelettes, waffles, fruit, and other delicious breakfast foods. This important MacGregor tradition will give you a chance to fill your belly and ask any questions answered.

12:00 — Ashdown House — After an exciting weekend, enjoy a warm breakfast freshly cooked on our grills. Bacon, pancakes, we have it all.

11:17 — Random Hall — MacGregor — On your cake/ Burn like cities in an exciting weekend, enjoy a warm breakfast freshly cooked on our grills. Bacon, pancakes, we have it all.

12:00 — Senior Haus — Breakfast — The best, most fast @ Baker — If you need more fresh waffles!

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13:00 — Random Hall — Carrie’s Birthday — May the candles you light on your cake burn like cities in an exciting weekend, enjoy a warm breakfast freshly cooked on our grills. Bacon, pancakes, we have it all.

14:00 — Senior Haus — LEARN TO TREESWING donate blood to REX yet? If not, come to Next Dining and grab some breakfast before another busy day. — More fresh waffles!

14:00 — Burton Conner — Nothing replaces homemade cooking. Come check out our awesome kitchens, and learn how to cook for yourself now that you’re living on your own. Or, just wait for the free food at the end. Whatever works.

12:17 — Random Hall — Have you found what we’re looking for? Look around you. Just, look around you. Have you found what we’re looking for? That’s right, “Random Hall.”

14:22 — East campus — If your friends don’t dance, and if they don’t dance, they’re no friends of mine.

15:00 — East campus — If anyone needs us we’ll be in the ANGRYDOME.

15:17 — Random Hall — Crut Building — One person’s junk is another person’s tools for artistic expression.

15:35 — East campus — Cock-rockets fly 3 stories high!

16:00 — Random Hall — Even More Ln2 Ice Cream — Liquid nitrogen is cold. So is ice cream. Coincidence?

17:00 — Senior Haus — THE GAME you just lost it.

17:00 — Burton Conner — Homesick yet? We’ve got all the comforts of home right here: grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, pb&j …

18:00 — East campus — Don’t go camping and come give us your high fives instead.

19:00 — East campus — Come find out what’s in Mario’s sekkrit Rush diary. He wasn’t even in a concentration camp.

19:30 — East campus — Actually, there’s nothing happening at this time, but you can come chill out and be laid back with us, bro.

21:00 — East campus — We’re sure you millennials like ROFL-COPTERS, so we have some nonsensical insults for you instead.

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08:00 — East campus — Don’t stop believin’, hold on to that feelin’