Peer2Peer hopes to start next semester
24-hour email-based support program will cater to MIT students

By Janelle Mansfield
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Two years ago, MIT's long-running Nightline phone service shut down, leaving the campus without an organized peer-to-peer support system. However, an anonymous email-based program, Peer2Peer, is tentatively expected to start operating next semester.

Like Nightline, Peer2Peer will be staffed by MIT students and is intended to be a "safety net" where students can turn when they feel overwhelmed, and a potential "gateway to other student support services," as Peer2Peer student coordinators Tziporah Wellman and Isabeau S. Luber '13 put it.

Luber said that when students feel stressed or overwhelmed, "a lot of them don't feel comfortable reaching out to Mental or Medical for the first step," or that they might have a concern that is best addressed by a fellow student. This is where Peer2Peer comes into play. It will be an outlet for Institute-induced stress — a "safeguard against a whole bunch of problems," said Evan Waldhuter, one of the doctors from MIT Mental Health who works on the program.

Although Peer2Peer is similar to the previous Nightline service with respect to its volunteer staff and peer-based support services, the similarities end there. "We are not trying to reopen Nightline," said Wagner.

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Sororities give out 173 bids
Panhel condenses period of 'active' Recruitment, says process & changes well-received by all parties

By Kath Xu
STAFF REPORTER

MIT's Panhellenic Association offered 173 bids this year, the same number as last year. Alpha Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta gave out the most bids, with 37 each. Recruitment saw a slight increase in the number of registrants this year, with 350 students registered for the first day. Students who registered and stayed throughout Recruitment went through a five-day process, with three days dedicated to mutual selection and ranking sororities at the end of the day.

The Tech has contacted the MIT Interfraternity Council (IFC) for bid numbers, but as of the deadline for this article, they have not responded with statistics on the results of Rush.

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Sorority women prohibited at frat rush
National Panhel conference forbids affiliated women to be 'rush girls'

By Jamming Zeng
and Tuskar Kamath

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) recently passed a regulation restricting sorority women from participating in fraternity Rush events. This especially restricts sorority members from being "Rush girls," friends of the house that help out with events during Rush.

Some fraternities' members believed the policy changed the atmosphere of Rush compared to previous years. Nathan M. Robert '13, a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa, appealed to the NPC, stating that many of the sorority sisters are close friends to the fraternity. He added that preventing the sisters from participating in Rush events "presents an incorrect view of the house for potential members."

The NPC took a hard stance against Robert's complaint, citing the Unanimous Agreement X (UA X), a new restriction intended to protect sororities' single-sex status. The UA X forbids the participation of Panhellenic women "in auxiliary groups to men's fraternities" and especially participation in men's formal Rush events. The UA X exists to divide men's Rush girls, Page 8
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Shell delays arctic oil drilling until next year

By Clifford Krauss

HOUSTON — With the prospects of rich new oil fields in tautening reach, Shell Oil announced on Monday that it was forced to put off exploration in the Alaskan Arctic because of a testing accident. The blowout of one of its worst drilling rigs has damaged any spill containment dome was damaged during a testing accident. While the company will perform preliminary work this year on several wells in the region, it will not be able to drill for oil until next summer at the earliest. The latest setback in Shell’s six-year, $4.5 billion effort to drill off the coast of Alaska comes as the counterterrorism, who has opposed the drilling program at every turn. Some suggested that Shell’s inability to control its containment equipment in calm waters under unpredictable test conditions suggested that the company would not be able to effectively stop a sudden leak in treacherous Arctic waters, when powerful ice floes and gusty winds would complicate any spill response. But the company received a crucial approval from the Obama administration, which supported Shell’s efforts and expressed the desire to continue working with the company to open the Arctic for drilling next year.

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Proposed quota for women in boardrooms is risk

LONDON — A planned European Union law to impose penal- ties on companies that do not allocate 40 percent of the seats on their boards to women has drawn enough opposition from Brit- ain and other countries to face being blocked before it is officially proposed.

Nine EU countries have signed a letter to the European Com- mission, the bloc’s executive agency, opposing the proposed law, which is scheduled to be published in draft form next month. The proposal has been championed by Viviane Reding, vice president of the commission, who has been pressing European companies since last year to improve the representation of women in top management or risk being penalized.

The signatories argue that although barriers to success for women in EU companies are “unacceptable,” national govern- ments should determine what sanctions should be applied to com- panies that fail to improve. Under EU voting rules, the proposed law requires the support of a vast majority of member states in a system based broad- ly on the size of a country. The opposition of the nine countries that signed the letter could therefore be sufficient to scuttle the proposal.

In India, maverick chief minister may bring down coalition

KOLKATA, India — When Mamata Banerjee, a 5-foot-tall dy- namo in flip-flops, finally defeated the Communists last year after decades of stalemate here, she became one of the most popular but unpredictable politicians in India. Now the country is left to guess whether she will announce Tuesday that she intends to try to pull down India’s governing coalition.

Banerjee is the chief minister of West Bengal, a state more pop- ular than Germany, and she leads a regional party with 19 minis- ters, a unique blend of votes for the governing United Progressive Alliance. Indeed, she is so influential that Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton paid her a special visit on a recent trip to India, a highly unusual honor for any regional leader.

On Tuesday and Friday, the government pushed through several- sweeping policy changes, including one that would allow Wal- Mart and Ikea to set up shop in India. Banerjee has repeatedly op- posed plans to open India up to more competition. She is in some ways more leftist than the Communists she replaced.

Restore Our Future spending $1.5 billion on Romney ads

Mitt Romney may have had a difficult time in the polls in recent weeks, but he still has supporters who are bullish about his chances in some states that President Barack Obama won handily in 2008. Restore Our Future, a super PAC that supports Romney, the Re- publican presidential candidate, is investing $1.5 billion in adver- tising in Michigan and Wisconsin, according to a media buyer who monitors spending in battleground states.

The investment suggests that for all the advantages Obama has had coming out of the nominating conventions, Romney can rely on one clear advantage over Democrats: outside groups with much more money to spend supporting his candidacy and tactically plac- ing their bets in states where they believe he has a chance to win.

One of the strategies of the group’s $70 million Super PAC investment in Michigan is particularly remarkable. Romney’s campaign and other allies seemed to have all but given up on the state, even though the candidate grew up in the suburban Detroit area. But Romney is now in the final days of the campaign as a top Republican contender.

The Romney campaign itself, which is running state-specific advertise- ments in states it apparently considers to be the most in play, left Michigan off that list. -Sarah Wheaton, The New York Times

US files trade case against China over cars

By Keith Bradsher

BEIJING — The United States on Monday filed a broad trade case against China at the World Trade Organization, arguing that Chinese sub- sides for exports of cars and auto parts.

The case comes at a critical time in the U.S. presidential campaign, as auto parts employment in the upper Midwest like Michigan, Wis- consin and particularly Ohio have turned into crucial battlegrounds. The case may not be able to make any dif- ference in terms of jobs for many months, as WTO cases typically take a year and a half before a final decision is reached, and sometimes longer.

Four days after news of the Amer- ican move began to circulate, but before the trade case was actually filed in Beijing, China’s commerce ministry announced in a statement on Monday that it was filing its own WTO case against the United States, alleging unfairness in how the U.S. government calculates the penalty tariffs in anti-dumping cases.

The Chinese action appeared to be considered by the Chinese govern- ment seldom responds quickly to trade actions — indeed, the Chi- nese commerce ministry statement made no mention of the American case. The U.S. government had no re- sponse all day to questions relayed by phone and in the morning about the American action.

The case brought by the United States on Monday is in a sign of a greater willingness by Western govern- ments to confront China. The American auto industry comes just 11 days after the Europe- an Union agreed to start the world’s largest anti-dumping action ever, against imports of solar panels from China.

President Barack Obama planned to talk about the Monday visit to a Ohio, a place where the president is trying to capitalize on his bailout of the auto industry in 2009. A poll by NBC News, The Wall Street Journal and Marist College last week showed Obama building a significant lead in the state ahead of his big challenge, Mitt Romney, in Ohio.

Energy experts say the Arctic seas are one of Shell Oil, said in an interview. “It’s a disappointment that this company would shut down its efforts in states where they believe he has a chance to win. -Stephen Castle, The New York Times

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By Austin Brinson and Alec Lai

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dorm was able to choose ADs based on cultural congruence and experience. This administrative decision respected both student expectations and the preferences of the Housemasters.

Admittedly, our example is specific to one dorm, but we believe that this practice is applicable for all the other RLADs, but Next House serves as a concrete example of how the process provided ample room for student involvement.

The process was too quick.

The timeline was very reasonable. Chaffee Grimson was interested in getting the position up and running as quickly as possible, and the logistical time to implement the position was at most a month at the latest. The interviews were soon appointed and re- mained short, ensuring the interviews were complete within a reasonable time to process this information. After the interviews, each candidate was voted on by the students.

Each dorm government involved was given the opportunity to appoint two inter- dorms without a pilot. It was an assumption that the GRTs are still directly supervising the dorms, while the ADs are responsible for dorms. While the requirements tell what the GRTs are supposed to do, the AD is supposed to do, it leaves flexibility as to what that means that the GRTs are still directly supervising the dorms.

The job description states that the ADs should “support the Housemasters in their roles as the supervisors of the GRTs.” This could mean that the Housemasters will supervise the GRTs, but the ADs will be there to help. Housemasters are retain- ing the supervision of the dorms, and will rely on the ADs for assistance, especially when travelling.

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Last year, Simmons, Massee, McCormick, and Burton-Conner each had a live-
ADs should be warmly welcomed
Must work together to make the position meaningful for dorms

RLADs, from Page 4
in RLA, and these four staff worked with all the undergraduate dormitories. The AD is an evolution of existing support systems, not a new system built from scratch. For example, Next House has had both a Next House RLA and a Next House Director in recent years. Our suggestions on the time commitment, support roles, RBA implementation, and other topics have all shaped our AD's role. In addition, Chancellor Grimson stated in The Tech on June 8, 2012 that the dorms that were concerned about having an AD during the first year of the program would be given the "opportunity to collect residents' opinions (DSL) staff during the first few months of the fall term," effectively giving them the option to defer.

The ADs declined interviews with The Tech. There is nothing improper about the ADs declining interview requests from a widely circulated newspaper within three weeks of their arrival on campus. In fact, it is perfectly reasonable to defer interviews to DSL until the ADs are familiar with the MIT culture.

The implementation has created more suspicion than support. We disagree, as Next House has warmly welcomed our AD, and we have been jointly developing the position into one that is most meaningful for the dorm. We must also remember that support goes both ways. How can our residents ask ADs for support if we don’t support them? The editorial last Friday questioned the legitimacy of their selection process, and, as a result, the AD’s intentions in first-and foremost provide care and support for the residents were lost in their plethora of arguments. We hope students will avoid simplistic judgments (such as the AD strictly pursuing "a great opportunity for career advancement") and instead focus more on supporting their passion for assisting students as we welcome them to our MIT community.

Concluding Notes
We do not claim the AD process has been perfect, we wish this process had started in the spring when we were on campus, and we wish there had been more student involve-
ment in the decision to create ADs. However, we believe that the process shows clear signs of improvement in student interaction with the administration. Students were involved in the interview process, students have input on how the job works in their respective dorms, and the position was created as an improved support system for students. The AD role should be a big improvement to student support, but students and the adminis-
tration must continue to work collaboratively to shape it.

Relevant dorm governments and engaged students should brainstorm the role of ADs and ways the ADs can aid Executive Boards, housemasters, GRTs, and residents. ADs should work together to customize a new support system for the residents, while train-
ing and welcoming ADs to their respective communities. Next has been happy with the process. We have a great AD who is actively engaging with residents and leadership. As the editorial has pointed out, Chancellor Grimson has called to improve trust and rebuild collaborative spirit. We should con-
tinue to respect and uphold this goal from the student side as we incorporate the ADs, a group of talented and supportive individu-
als who are enthusiastic about their roles and ready to become a helpful part of our under-
graduate community.

Austin D. Brinson '13 is the current presi-
dent of Next House. Alec C. Lai '13 was the president last year.

Editor's Note: In this letter, Alec Lai and Austin Brinson misleadingly sug-
gest that The Tech’s editorial maligned the character of the RLADs. The letter reads “We hope students will avoid simplistic judgments (such as the AD strictly pursuing a ‘great opportunity for career advancement’) and instead focus more on supporting their pas-
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come them to our MIT community.”

However, the original context for the quote from The Tech’s August 31 editorial is the following:

“...the ADs have not taken advantage of a great opportunity for career advancement and to work at an incredible, world-class institution. They’re part of our community now, and they deserve to be treated with the same dignity and respect as any other community member. Students should engage positively with RLADs and should go to them for advice and sup-
port, if they want to.”

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Peer2Peer Network
Email based student support system

Peer2Peer will begin operating “as soon as possible,” said Waldheter. The development team expects this to be next semester. Wagner and Lubin, both former Nightline volunteers, have been working with staff from all across campus to create a new peer-based support program since the closing of Nightline in 2010.

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“We’ve met with people from the Division of Student Life, from Student Support Services, from Housing, from Mental and Medical, really people all across the board. … Whatever service we get out of this is going to be fully backed by everyone. It’s going to be the brainchild of so many different people,” said Lubin.

Nightline, which began running in 1978, operated from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and received calls dealing with “everything from roommate troubles to serious calls involving rape, depression, and suicide,” according to an article published on the Division of Student Life (DSL) website. The program was shut down due to a lack of traffic from MIT students and too much usage from outside of MIT. According to the DSL website, Nightline was only receiving one to two calls per week from MIT students at the time of its closing. One benefit of Peer2Peer is that the system can require certificates or an MIT email address that will limit the amount of users to just MIT students and facilitate quick responses.

Prior to the development of the Peer2Peer program, MIT had announced it would contract with a national email-based service, Student SPILL. SPILL has been used at several schools nationwide, including the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Wisconsin, according to Fernandes. However, the students and administrators behind the planning of the new peer support program decided not to contract with Student SPILL after changes were made to the business model. “The company is no longer going to be focused on serving college students and is changing their focus to general wellness,” said Lubin. The development team instead decided to create a unique service.

Wagner hopes this program will address MIT’s specific needs in terms of peer-to-peer support. “It’s exciting to make something that is ours that we can really tailor to MIT’s needs,” she said.

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Sorority women no longer allowed to be rush girls

Panhel conforms to Unanimous Agreement X in attempt to preserve single-sex status of sororities

and women’s activities in order to maintain the single-sex status of sororities. MIT adopted the policy as a recommendation from the NPC, which came into effect during this Rush period.

This policy received full support from each sorority and was voted into effect in November 2011 by 26 national delegates representing each of the sororities of the NPC, six of which are represented at MIT. These 26 delegates are voted into the national committee by different processes based on the sorority.

In a correspondence between Robert and two NPC representatives Emily Rush and Nicki Meneley, the NPC stated that sororities and fraternities would lose their single-sex status, and potentially their spot on campus, if sororities did not adopt the UA X. In their email response to Robert, the NPC executives cited the Supreme Court case, Christian Legal Society v. Martinez, as one of the many that could potentially remove sororities from campus life if they did not strictly adhere to single-sex status rules.

A number of brothers who went through Rush in previous years believe that this policy change had a significant impact on the Rush process. According to Robert, usually half of his fraternity’s events involve just the brothers and perspectives, while others include a large number of Rush girls. Because of the new policy, Phi Sigma Kappa had to redesign their Rush structure. “We lost about 65 percent of our Rush girls,” said Robert. “It made Rush more difficult because we had to work around the lack of sorority girls.”

At the same time, a number of freshmen didn’t feel negatively impacted by the newly instituted UA X. “I had way too much fun at all the Rush events,” said Alex X. Chen ’16, who recently pledged to Pi Lambda Phi.

During formal Rush events, the sorority sisters are not allowed to be at fraternity houses. According to Robert, many of the brothers feel strongly about the new policy. To challenge the policy, Robert, some brothers from Phi Sigma Kappa, and some affiliated and unaffiliated women are designing a survey that will poll MIT students’ opinions on the matter. However, they wish to make clear that this is not a battle of MIT fraternities against MIT sororities. It is “us against a rule without purpose, never against anyone at MIT,” clarified Robert.

“Personally, I don’t think them helping out with our Rush is going to threaten their sorority’s single-sex status,” he continued.

Lauren M. Allen ’13 — vice president of Recruitment for the MIT Panhellenic Association (Panhel) and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta — defended the UA X. “If a men’s organization cannot select their members based on their own interactions, why should women have to fill that role? The NPC has said that the controversy at hand is not an issue at many other schools.”

Both Thomas A. Anderson ’13, MIT’s Interfraternity Council president, and Sikka claim that no concerns, other than Robert’s, have been voiced to their respective committees.

No formal statistics have been released regarding the potential effect on the yield between this year and last year’s Rush periods. But only time will tell whether the UA X will continue to stir controversy or if it will become the norm as freshmen enter Rush with no knowledge of the change.

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On Saturday night, members of the MIT Ballroom Dance Team gathered in Kresge Auditorium to perform their second annual dance concert. Elaborately costumed dancers took the stage, sometimes in pairs and sometimes in groups, to perform nearly 20 different numbers in styles including tango, waltz, cha-cha, and samba (the viral Korean hit “Oppa Gangnam Style” even made an appearance). The MIT Ballroom Dance Team consists of MIT undergraduates, graduate students, and other MIT-affiliates. Members have been working on planning the concert since April. The concert also featured guest performances by the MIT Asian Dance Team and by MIT’s South Asian Fusion dance team, Chamak.

Dancing the night away

Starring the MIT Ballroom Dance Team

1. Jonathan Lyles and Esther Rheinbay perform a paso doble dance to the well-known Spanish instrumental piece, “España Cani.”
2. Jeff McCollum portrays The Phantom from The Phantom of the Opera in a dance to songs from the musical.
4. MIT alumni Arthur Lue and Yiqun Bai perform “Libertango.”
5. Eric Nielsen lifts Mandi Davis in a dance to music from the game The Legend of Zelda.

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"You can do it!" one of my sorority sisters cheered as I awkwardly held the circular saw, which was already weighing my arm down. My task was to cut some pieces of wood for the framework of the house I was building for Habitat for Humanity. In my mind, I thought of all the things that could go horribly wrong.

"Line up the blade with the edge and move slowly," another student instructed me. I turned on the saw, but it unexpectedly hit me in the hand and made a piercing screech. I had not positioned the blade close enough to the wood. I immediately let go of the button.

I steadied the saw and moved the blade again, you can do it!" Her smile gave me enough to the wood. I immediately let go of the button.

I began community service in high school because I wanted to get to know people, but in my small hometown, there were few people-oriented opportunities. Instead, I shelved books in my library and transported patient files in the hospital. However, at MIT, I was better able to realize my volunteering wishes.

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As the first semester of my freshman year drew to a close, an older student in my sorority, Sandra Chen ’12, introduced me to one of the many opportunities offered by MIT. An active member of Habitat for Humanity, she urged me to sign up for the Habitat spring break trip, telling me she thought it would find it surprisingly worthwhile. Having no other plans for spring break and curious about the opportunity, I signed up, as did a number of other MIT students, including two friends from my sorority.

Oak Ridge lies 22 miles northwest of Knoxville, TN, and is its enchanting grassy stretches of land belie its history as the home of the Manhattan Project, the research program that brought forth the atomic bomb. Moreover, the town resides in a county in which more than 4,000 people out of 75,000 are below the poverty line. That week, the other MIT students and I were to refurbish several houses in the town by painting, installing floorboards, cabinets, and more.

In the middle of my week of volunteering, the spring break trip participants and I were invited to dinner at a local church. "Spread out, each of you pick a table," a church member encouragingly told us. I sat down at a table already filled with three people. "We’ve been expecting you. Thank you so much for coming to us to help," said the elderly man across from me. When he said us, "the meaning of my trip hit me.

This trip initiated my involvement in service at MIT, making service a part of my lifestyle instead of an occasional engagement. Looking back, I am grateful that Sandra shared with me her passion for service, because this trip gave me the motivation to create new service events for sorority women as the Panhel Community Service Chair in 2011. For me, volunteering has opened up an entire new chapter of my life at MIT.
William Shakespeare was an excellent writer guy, so we saved his plays so that everyone can enjoy them! Generations have applauded them as being pretty okay!!

They're performances are lost, forever and ever. Entire lives spent perfecting their craft, and for what? So that they could die before the advent of recorded sound??

Perfect: tantalizing glimpses of all we've lost!

When our every purchase is recorded and Facebook never forgets what parties you went to, isn't it nice that some things get forgotten? Plus, it allows us to cancelize them, making them better in our imagination than they could ever have been in real life!

I call my legend, T-Rex! I heard he put a buffet out of business once and didn’t puke on his belly, you can’t prove he didn’t!

The vast majority of stage performances is gone forever! So much talent wasted!

I think it’s romantic!

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17 Iroquois Nation group
18 Upon seeing it, John Muir’s “blood turned to wine”
19 Private denial
20 Spanish ayes
21 Toaster opening
22 Barnes & Noble’s NYSE symbol
24 Spike with an eye
25 Red state, formerly
26 With 41 Across, rout
28 2001 . . . astronaut
29 Chef’s device
31 Two-time role for Emma Thompson
35 Their use is shocking
36 Creator of The Newsroom for HBO
40 Trifling
41 See 26 Across

42 Relish
46 Hopeless hunter since the ’30s
48 Good
49 Topping made in a mortar
50 Big name in cups
52 Contenders
54 Mentor
55 Gunfight at the O.K. Corral screenwriter
56 Spot-on
57 Pitching machine
58 Sound sources
59 Ali lo

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1 Pancake filler
2 Almost all people have them
3 University of Connecticut home
4 De Niro’s wife in Meet the Parents
5 Prolific Hungarian mathematician
6 “It’ll be __!”
7 Clear
8 More complete
9 Sign of disuse
10 Not plugged in
11 Coasts
12 Hem
13 Accepts an invitation, perhaps
14 Countertop fixtures
23 Eagle mascot of the 1984 Summer Olympics
26 Bogart played it by mail
27 Aftermath of service faults
29 With 44 Down, success for 39 Down
30 Serve at
31 Quattroporte builder
32 Rang
33 Earliest
34 A lot of land
37 Attribute
38 Trappings
39 Alley cats
40 Clover, e.g.
43 Laptop handle
44 See 29 Down
46 Retired with difficulty
47 Brought back
49 Tapered tubes
51 Goes with
53 What Brits call a “diver”
Least Action Principle by Amanda Aparicio

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Panhel says Recruitment went smoothly; bid rate unchanged
Freshmen enjoy meeting Sororities and going through Recruitment process, 350 registered for first day

Sorority recruitment, from Page 1
rather than reading about them on paper. I really liked all the conversations and the house tours. I thought it was a good way to help you decide what you wanted to do.

One notable change is that in previous years, students had to go through a longer, four-day “active” recruitment process before bids were released, as opposed to three this year. Panhel shortened it by combining the original first and second days into one day of house tours. Also new, Pi Beta Phi members began living at their Memorial Drive house this year, which can hold up to 53 sisters.

“We’ve received a lot of positive feedback from the individual chapters, their advisors, and the faculty and administration on the changes we implemented this year,” said Panhel President Denzil Sikka ’13.

In addition to shortening recruitment, Panhel also added an informational session for potential recruits to get a better feel for Greek life before the official start of recruitment. Still, some freshmen found the process exhausting.

“Recruitment was long. You were talking to girls for six hours every day, so you’d come home with a dry throat,” said Ava P. Soleimany ’16.

“Tired of going to these events, I might make the days a little shorter. I felt like the process was drawn out a bit from talking to too many people,”—Mary E. Wagner ’16

Initially, Soleimany was not interested in joining a sorority, but decided to attend the recruitment events after getting to know some of the women in sororities.

“I did FLP [Freshman Leadership Program], and all the counselors were affiliated, so I really wanted to go through recruitment after I saw what kind of people they were,” said Soleimany. “It just seemed like such a big part of the culture here, so I wanted to be a part of that.”

However, Claire H. Liu ’16 chose not to participate in Recruitment, opting instead to attend other events during those days. “There were a lot of events going on at the same time,” said Liu. “I like where I’m staying and the people I’m around at McCormick, so I wanted to keep my options open during freshmen year.”

According to Sikka, many of the sorority chapters are now larger than they were right before last year’s seniors graduated.

“I think [Recruitment] ran very smoothly, and I’m very glad I was able to work with the Panhellenic Association and the FSILG administration to make that possible,” said Sikka.

Soleimany had some suggestions for future recruitment events. “Allowing the girls to do more Rush events, scheduling wise ... would be good. A lot of us wanted to, but we didn’t have the time because of recruitment,” said Soleimany. “I think giving an extra day between the end of recruitment and the start of class would also be good.”

Now that classes have started, Bray is hoping that her sorority will provide the support system and community that attracted her to Greek life in the first place.

“I think it’s especially important for freshmen, who have left home, to have a community away from your home,” said Bray.
The Tech Tuesday, September 18, 2012

BC welcomes housemasters
The McCants continue service to MIT undergrads

but they declined for family reasons. "At some point it made sense to do something different for a while and have a neighbor-hood experience for our kids," Anne said.

But they always planned to return. In the ten years after Green Hall, Anne was a house fellow at Next House, where she ran a freshman advising program and was involved in other mentorship programs. This past spring, she mentioned to her family that a housemaster position had opened up in Burton-Conner. Bill and their two sons, Thomas, 22, a law student at Boston University, and James, 17, a se-nior at Belmont High School, were quick to say, "We will support you in doing this." In the time period between applying for the position and receiving the ap-pointment, Anne was asked "completely out of the blue" to be the director of Concourse, a first-year program for MIT freshmen that emphasizes smaller classes and the humanities. She accepted this position along with the Burton-Conner housemaster appointment after confer-ring with Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD ’80 on the feasibility of taking on both po-positions. After accepting the positions, he then stepped down from her position as history department head, which she had held for six years. Though their appointment letter of-ficially sets the start date of the house-master job as Sept. 1, the McCants have been working with the house manage-ment team since freshman orientation week and have already had a house team meeting. "This dorm has fantastic GRTs. We have been so impressed," Anne said, re-turning to the dorm’s graduate resident tu-tors. They also stressed how invaluable an asset Michelle Lesley, the Burton-Conner residential life area director, was in their moving into their apartment over Labor Day weekend.

Though they are not quite done mov-ing in, the McCants have hit the ground running. Last Saturday, Anne invited Burton-Conner resident volunteers over to their apartment to make meatballs and vegetarian bean balls for the spaghetti dinners she plans to have with each floor. Over the past couple weeks, they have been familiarizing themselves with the layout of the dorm and attending various floor study breaks.

The McCants believe in making their life experiences available to students. They see their position as housemasters as "an opportunity to be a role model, an advocate, or a friend. To ad-vocate for students when they need an advocate, and to hold them accountable when they need to be held accountable," according to Anne. With regards to receiving feedback from students in the future, Anne said, "I think that if MIT students are unhap-py about something we’ll hear about it," a sentiment with which her husband concurred.

Anne, who loves to cook and bake, said, "I definitely want to be part of this Apple Bake I’ve heard so much about." She has ideas she would like to work on such as implementing a compost and gar-dening program, but she is open to stu-dents’ suggestions as well. She has ideas she would like to work on such as implementing a compost and gar-dening program, but she is open to stu-dents’ suggestions as well.

The housemaster contract is initially for five years and will be up for renewal by mutual agreement each year thereaf-ter. For now, the McCants are just happy to be back.
Join our global team.
Come change how the world plays.

Information Session
Sep 20th [17:30 - 18:30]
Venue
Compton Laboratories (Building 26), Room 328

Career Fair
Sep 21th [10:00 - 16:00]
Venue
Johnson Athletics Center (Building 34), 1st Floor

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