Freshmen in limbo wait for assignments

By Michael Tavish

When the second round of room assignments was handed out yesterday afternoon, 11 women and 82 men received housing. This still leaves 78 members of the class of '82 in limbo.

In the second round the maximum number of students assigned for assignments in Bexley the second time around is as shown. This is attributed to the room assigned of the dorm by House Committee Chair Magie Lettvin. Several students took these tours and after seeing the dorms were more interested about more Bexley should contact one of the Lecturers.

The most extreme change in first choice applications were those for Bexley. The same

As the dorm assignments were released their first choice dorm and would not be in limbo for part of the week. As to why Steve Zontock wants to avoid favoritism.

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Core subjects explained to freshmen

By Yoranda Hollander

To help freshmen confused by the numerous variables to the General Institute Requirements, the physics, mathematics and chemistry departments held their annual core orientation yesterday morning.

The Institute requires two terms of physics, two terms of calculus and one term of chemistry or biology. The way these requirements can be filled, however, can become quite complex.

Professor of Physics French introduced the freshman physics courses, which provide fewer alternatives than the other core subjects. Most students will be taking the usual 8.01-8.02 sequence this year, but for those who have a strong mathematical background, the physics with calculus courses 8.012-8.022 are also available.

Freshmen who have decided they want the physics or pre-medical classes could also choose to take the 8.01-8.023 sequence which requires the study of physics to the biological sciences. Finally, for those students who after a term of the other physics classes decide they are not going any further in the subject, there will be a "physics for poets" course offered spring term, namely 8.031.

Following this relatively straightforward presentation, Professor of Mathematics Arthur Mattuck introduced the various methods of satisfying the Institute's calculus requirement. Despite the claims of the registrar's office there is no such thing as 18.01. The mathematics department has divided this

course into 18.01A, B, and C. The normal freshmen calculus sequence is 18.01-18.02A, approved over two terms. For those who have had high school calculus 18.01B, the first term of calculus except for the first three weeks. An entrance exam is mandatory for this class and the freshmen who take 18.01B continue in that class if there is no 18.02B. The 18.01 -18.02C sequence is an accelerated version of the regular calculus sequence, which goes through the material covered in 18.01A, B, and C. It is not too late for interested freshmen to look at this.

Those freshmen who have been reassigned to Limbo had varying attitudes about their situation. At first blush, '82 said, "I expected the odds were against me." Andy Goldberg '82 offered a one word rejoinder that continues to ring in his ears: "People's feelings.

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Freshmen get dorm rooms

By Gordon Haff

Decisions, decisions, decisions, and then one must wait for chance to run its course. That was Tuesday for a prospective dormitory freshman.

The distribution of dormitory preferences, according to the list, was only beginning. Freshmen soon learned that the little green cards were merely a license which permitted them to agonize over more choices.

It was a busy day for freshmen. After lighting the torches poised in front of the Sala de Puerto Rico, still to come would be advisor meetings, dorm floor or entry assignments (in some cases), and finally room assignments.

I wandered back to Burton

after taking some pictures of the advisor meetings. Preparations were underway for the separate floor presentations. Each dorm has a unique system for freshman floor and/or room assignments. Burton's consists of everyone gathering in the hall where each floor gives a skit or talk about itself in front of a group of freshmen.

The freshmen are then given a chance to talk with yesterday's assignments on the different floors.

One floor member came back with a quarter leg. Everyone was surprised but in a good way. When asked, it tied until fairly late. The upper floors tried to get to know the freshmen and vice versa. At first, it was all over. After all, the dorms people just buzzed around in the floor were just what we had been working for in the past week. Students, "we are not into Steve Zontock's side acts and want to avoid favoritism."

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Freshman alert: beware of 26-100

By Bob Wasserman

Editor's note: This was written under the pseudonym of its author, the Editor in Chief of The Tech, and is not the opinion of the staff or the newspaper as a whole.

It is generally smaller lectures due to two sections. Lectures' are just as engaging, and his teaching style is one of the best at MIT. He has been given many awards such as the MIT Teaching Award and has since graduated from the MIT Symphony. One of his favorite hacks at Baker, and one of the most famous on campus, is the Baker piano drop. One result of this hack was a new measure of volume—the bruno.

Famous hacks of MIT’s past

By Michael Taylor

Some hacks have become a standard Halloween event on campus. One of the most popular is the Green building, gain fame through repetition.

However, some hacks from high places crop up many times as the grand old hacks of the past. Most people just drop and/or throw rolls of toilet paper or bags of water from a roof, but the grandaddy of all drop hacks is the annual Baker Piano Drop. This custom is exactly what it sounds — dropping a piano from the roof of Baker House.

The piano drop was first enacted in 1972. It was organized by a Baker resident, Charles Bruno ’74, who wanted to bring back the grand old hacks of the past. In honor of him a new unit of volume was created: the bruno. One bruno is equal to the sound of a piano hitting pavement after a drop from over Baker House. Baker House is the source of several other well-known hacks. One is the annual Baker coffin stuff, where as many people as possible will stuff a single coffin in Baker House appropriately known as a coffin. The amusement is that this coffin is made into a coffin from year to year, but is usually in excess of a hundred.

Another famous Baker hack was the attack of a Gray Line tourist bus. These buses, filled with sightseeing tourists, drive through the campus regularly. This annoyed enough Bakerees, with their dorms and house, that the First Year Council requested that they not use a bus for their group tour. This resulted in their tour, that on Open House, April 12, a group of several of them, dressed in their weirdest costumes, waylay and “attacked” one of these buses in the finest stagelight tradition.

Many Bakerees have even been chased out of Baker House. One of the most famous MIT hacks was perpetuated by Lambda Chi Alpha residences, and has since graduated the Smoot legend. I refer, of course, to the marking of the length of Harvard Bridge with the unit of measurement called a Smoot.

A Smoot is approximately 5'6" in length, and thus the bridge is 364.4 Smoots and one ear long. The original marking was done in 1958, Oliver Smoot ’62, and his fellow freshman pledgers of the year were ordered to mark the bridge, and Smoot was chosen as being a convenient height to be used as a ruler. The pledgers were given the permissions to use a piece of string to set off the “Smoots.” One baker came along to watch the work and made sure that Smoot was actually carried across the bridge and set down 365 times to mark each inch of distance. Since that time, each year’s LCA pledges have continued the tradition by perpetuating the Smoot.

There are only a few of the many hacks that have occurred at MIT over the years. What new hacks will we witness to our amazement?
World
Computer wins — The chess match between chess master David Levy of England and the Chess 4.6 computer at Northwestern University in Toronto has ended with surprising results. David Levy won the match with 3 wins, one loss, and a draw. This is the first time that a human chess master has ever been beaten by a computer in a serious chess game.

Local
Carless streets opened — The Downtown Crossing project began Tuesday with the streets in Boston’s main downtown shopping district being closed to all except pedestrian traffic. Boston Traffic Commissioner Emily Lloyd said that it will take a while for people to get used to the change but that it was going more smoothly than expected.

Campus
Blood drive collects 117 pints — The Technology Community Association began its first blood drive of the year yesterday and collected 117 pints of blood from the students and faculty. It hopes to collect over 200 pints before the drive ends tomorrow evening. The blood will supply hospitals, depleted after the accidents of the Labor Day weekend. The drive will be held from 9:45 to 3:30 tomorrow on the fourth floor of the Student Center.

Sports
Red Sox lose again — The Baltimore Orioles beat the Red Sox 4-1 Tuesday night. Coupled with a Yankee win, this cuts the Red Sox’s lead to only four games.

Off the Beaten Path

While most of the Activities Midway is taking place in the duPont Gymnasium, The Tech will be holding its champagne & sandwiches party in our News and Production rooms on the fourth floor of the Student Center.

If you can write news, take pictures, sell ads, run photocopying equipment, typeset, write a sports column, handle money, type, assemble a layout board, or give your opinion on politics, records, movies, plays, or just about anything else, then stop by Thursday night.

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**FRIDAY**

- **9am-noon** Enlistment for Air Force ROTC: Center 3-1210.
- **10am** Trip to Nantasket Beach Amusement Park: leaves from the TCA office (W20-459).
- **11am-3pm** Dean for Student Affairs (DSA) Office Open in 7-132.
- **12noon-2pm** Air Force ROTC picnic in Compton Court (behind Bldg. 20).
- **1:30-4:30pm** Freshman Transfer Students’ Get-together in Student Center room 7-145, x3-4400.
- **1:30-4:30pm** Freshman Treasure Hunt starts from the student center steps.
- **2-10pm** Freshman Orientation.
- **2-4pm** ESG Pizza making party (24-612). Come join us and help us make and eat creative pies.
- **5pm** Campus Crusade for Christian students in room 20-417.
- **7pm** ESL movie, Rocky, in Kresge. Free for everyone.
- **7pm** United Christian Fellowship (UCF) regular meeting. Prayer, praise, Bible study, and singing in room 7-132.
- **7:30pm** Freshmen are invited to attend the 1st annual SPP Campus Computer Tower. Presentations of current resources, equipment, and services will be given at several of MIT’s major computer facilities. Small groups will be formed from room 6-120. For more info., call x3-7788.
- **7:30pm** MIT Arab Student Club presents Mid-eastern Folklore and Dancing in 7-250.
- **7:30pm** Ballroom Dance Club dance party in the 3rd floor of the Student Center.
- **10pm-3am** End of Barrett activities.

**ODDS AND ENDS**

In an emergency dial 100 from any MIT phone.

- Other phone numbers: 4-332 Center: x3-4351, x3-4435; 2-6551, 2-6552 from dormitories. (617)-253-4531, (617)-253-4552 from Student Counseling Office (SCA): x3-6711, and Campus Patrol: x3-1213.

The Graduate Information Center in the Graduate School Office, room 3-136, will be open through Friday 9am to 9pm. Phone: x3-2197.

Harbor is a place to sit down, relax, and talk to people who have the time (and aren’t trying to get you to live with them). We’re located in Private Dining Room A. In 7-106, 9am-5:30pm.

An informal group is being organized for Christian groups on campus. Help in finding a Christian roommate. Room 7-106, 9am-5:30pm.

**EATING**

- **11am** Tie Daily Confusion (W20-471).
- **1pm** ESG Information Table in Student Center. Approximately three hours.
- **2pm** Freshmen Registration material DUE in the R/O Center.
- **3pm** Freshman Registration material DUE in the R/O Center.
- **4pm** Freshmen Registration material DUE in the R/O Center.