Police Blotter

(The Police Blotter is a report written by the Campus Patrol on crimes, incidents, and actions on the MIT campus each week.)

Newly arrived members of the MIT Community are often unfamiliar with the problems that accompany living in a densely populated urban area. To help in easing the transition, we offer the following information and advice.

The Campus Patrol, with its Headquarters located in the Armory Building, second floor (W31-125), patrols the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is always ready to provide emergency police and ambulance assistance. Our officers, all of whom hold commissions as Massachusetts Police Officers, circulate constantly throughout the MIT environs.

MIT's campus is very much an open one. Students, faculty and staff come and go pretty much as they please, at any hour of the day or night, in an atmosphere of genuine freedom of movement. Few are those who find themselves required to produce their written identification. There are times however, when because of exigent circumstances, it becomes necessary for Patrol Officers to request some people to produce proper identification.

Such requests are not often made, and it is true for good cause, for the protection of the lives and property of the community. Of course, since by their very nature exigent circumstances develop without warning, it's a good idea to keep your identification card handy when you're around the campus. This is especially true in the nighttime hours, or when you plan to be working unusual hours or in an out-of-the-way place, or when you're planning to move expensive equipment from one place to another.

We wish we could know everyone by sight, but with 8,500 students alone (not to mention faculty, staff and visitors) that simply isn't possible, no matter how hard we try. So carry your MIT ID with you, and cooperate if an officer asks to see it. It's for the protection of everyone.

It is a sad fact that thieves abound in the Boston area. In order to keep yourself from becoming one of their victims, follow these simple suggestions:

Never leave personal belongings unattended.

Lock your doors, when you are leaving your room, office, or lab. Most of the thefts from such areas occur when the areas are unlocked. The doors and windows at MIT have locks — use them.

Take advantage of "Operation Identification," an effort on the part of many police agencies to convince people to mark their valuables (such as your Driver's License number) in a distinctive, obvious, fashion. To this end we have available at our headquarters electric engraving tools, which are easy to use, and with which one can mark metal, plastic and glass objects with initials, designs, or numbers such as your Driver's License Number. After marking your valuables, make a list of what was marked and record the initials, numbers, etc. used for this marking. Criminals do not like to handle easily identifiable items, as it greatly lessens their chance of being detected, and makes "fleeing" much much more difficult.

We'd be glad to lend you one of these tools and with it provide you with wallpaper stickers which will identify your room, home, office, etc. as a place participating in Operation Identification. You probably have more "stealable" items than you realize, such as:

- TVs, stereo equipment, kitchen appliances, bicycles, etc.

So think about it — you've got a lot to lose!

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Distance, dorm rushing factors in frat pledging

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Visiting trends heavily favored the Cambridge fraternities, with only ZBT and Chi Phi leading any Memorial Day frat. In terms of total persons visiting, only ZBT could crack the Cambridge houses' dominance.

An analysis indicated that a house fraternity on campus played a major role in attracting freshmen. Both McLeod and Duhon cited that there was more pronounced with this year's class than in past rushes.

In an informal survey of the fraternity system, virtually all houses contacted by The Tech Monday night (22 of the HCF's 35) reported a smooth rush and expected to come in within one or two of their desired pledge total. Major areas of concern included the increased emphasis dormitories placed on rushing freshmen, a reluctance of many freshmen to pledge a fraternity before receiving a dorm assignment, and proximity advantages of certain pledges — perhaps heightened by the chargeable weather of the past weekend.

Doug McLeod

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