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The United States government has moved against nitrates and nitrites, food additives used for the preservation of processed meats. This and other top stories are summarized in today's News Roundup.

Outside

Perhaps the most important part of the trip home after a long stay in Hanover is the preparation that is necessary... the preparation should begin at least one week in advance, perhaps more if you have been up here for more than one term. This is "language awareness week."

Almost any concentration heavily on refraining from the use of obscene words during this week. Even if it is not possible to stop using such utterances, at least be aware of their occurrence. In particular, be aware of the replacement of all exclamatory exclamations with the expletives. The most common example is the use of "I say...". For instance, while in Hanover, it is usually heard saying, "I say... it's one o'clock. Let's go to lunch. At home, I would say, "Oh, it's one o'clock. Let's go to lunch." Other obscene words can and are substituted for I say... and their usage should be cut up in the same way. I say... typically, a beer will offer a drink ("I say beer okay"). Not wishing to offend him and beginning to feel withdrawal symptoms, you accept. Without thinking, the beer has been guzzled within 15 seconds and your parents are sitting there with their jaws hanging down. This is not good; they begin to realize that the extra punch was the punch you came home with is not really from "tasted food" but good next door has been making for you.

A sure sign of R/O week: luggage from hundreds of temporarily-housed freshmen begins to pile up in the back of the student's car. Many of them are taking their houses ready for R/O week.

Weekly Meetings of the R/O Committee have been engaged in work which has included the installation of new locks and grilles, the rearrangement of furniture, the cleaning of fraternities' houses, and the fight up another flight of stairs.

The R/O Committee is coordinating much of the student activity in orientation. From the air, the shuttle brings freshmen from the airport to parents tours on the weekend before registration day, the group's job lasts for the entire week.

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Editor's note: Godfried Haggard, Photo Editor of The Tech, visited one of MIT's 30 fraternities to check on the progress of work week, the fraternity's way of getting their houses ready for R/O week and sometimes performing major renovations.

I wandered up to the house.

The sun was beating down mercilessly on a group of fraternity brothers seemingly unaware of the sun's position. Their house.

The uses that are made of grills stunts and lying down in their room among ashes and heaped piles of junk on the sidewalk.

Inside, the sunlight drifted in through a pall of dust giving the soil, warm luminosities to the scene. Walking carefully around and over a seemingly endless pile of furniture, paint cans, carpet, for that matter, just about anything you could imagine, I wandered up to the second floor.

On the way there, I met by a couple of friends who insisted on my going through their room if I wanted to see a real mess. So they showed me "The Pit" as they call it. After recovering my composition, snapped a few pictures and continued upstairs.

Looking up the spiral staircase, level upon level of junk came into view. Not really having the energy to fight up another flight of stairs in the oppressive heat, I went out onto the first-floor porch where a couple of brothers were relaxing while guzzling sodas.

We talked for a while about the work week. They told me that the week really isn't as bad as a lot of people make it out. People work more or less steadily during the day. They find out what all their friends did over the summer. At night there are meetings about the coming rush, the exact tactics to be employed. Notes are compared from the summer rush. One of the brothers remarked that the summer rush is perhaps more important than Rush Week itself in the house. Their bids are usually out by 8:30 Sunday morning. Of course, this isn't true with most houses. When I mentioned what a disaster the house looked, his friend said "It's not bad at all this year, we aren't doing any major renovation..."