Police Blotter

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

The Campus Patrol welcomes the Class of 1981 to Cambridge and offers advice to assist those not familiar with the area to avoid becoming the victims of crime.

Long experience shows that personal awareness is the key to personal safety. Be aware that thieves are present in our midst. Be aware that your possessions should never be left unattended, even for just a moment, as it only takes a moment for thieves to strike. Be aware that certain activities are inherently dangerous - hitchhiking, wandering at night through unfamiliar neighborhoods, buying and selling illegal items, housing unknown "street people" and those other pursuits against which common sense militate. And lastly, be aware that help is always available to you should the need arise. On campus, in an emergency you need only dial "100" on any MIT telephone to request immediate Campus Patrol assistance. Off campus, both the Cambridge and the Boston police now have "911" emergency telephone numbers.

Specifically, the Cambridge area has long been plagued by the following:

1. Auto Theft: The Boston/Cambridge area has a consistently high rate of auto theft. Although the problems have slowed considerably in the last year or so, anyone not taking basic precautions runs a serious risk of victimization. Never leave your car unlocked; where possible at night park in well lighted areas, and store valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Seriously consider installing an electrical cut-off switch.

2. Bicycle Theft: A constant problem in Cambridge. Bike thieves haunt college campuses. Commonly armed with bolt cutters, they can defeat all but the sturdiest of locks. Never leave a bicycle unlocked. Think seriously about buying a good quality bicycle lock like the "Kryptonite" or the "Citadel".

Freshmen face worst crowding ever

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been used, but MIT switched to the later date in 1976. In that year the yield dropped to 47 percent from 54 percent the previous year.

This year, as last year, freshmen who volunteer for crowding will receive preference in dormitory assignments. Groups sufficient to fill a crowded room will be given preference over individuals who take this option.

Browning said he expects that freshmen and other off-campus groups will house around 400 freshmen, leaving 710 students for 591 spaces.

Browning predicts the following number of extra residents in each dormitory. The total number of extra residents will be 706, but by about 20 spaces from these figures, however, Browning could not say exactly where the reductions will be made. He did note, however, that Burton House was almost certain to receive many of the reductions.

Baker ................. 10
Beta ................... 5
Burton .................. 40
East Campus .......... 40
MacGregor ............ 18
McComick .............. 11
New House ............. 15
French House .......... 1
German House .......... 1
Russian House .......... 1
Random ................. 0
Senior House .......... 8

In addition to MacGregor's two doubles being tripled, eight suite lounges there will be used as doubles.

Head of Housing and Food services H. Eugene Brammer said that there would be sufficient furniture available for all overcrowded rooms, although some furniture for replacement.

Problems were eased because Random Hall was already furnished, he noted.

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