Freshman alert! beware of 26-100
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It is that time of year again when freshmen are being warned to beware of 26-100. This year it is especially crucial because of the large freshmen class. The classes are much larger due to the fact that there are only two sections of 18.01. This has caused many freshmen to be in overcrowded lectures and classes. It is especially true for those freshmen who are taking their first year of calculus. The 18.03 class has been very overcrowded, and many freshmen have found themselves in a situation where they are unable to get a seat. This has caused many freshmen to be in lectures that are overcrowded.

It is important for freshmen to be aware of the situation and to take steps to ensure that they are not in a similar situation. First, it is important to enroll in classes that are offered in the spring semester. This will help to reduce the number of freshmen who are taking their first year of calculus in the fall semester. Additionally, it is important to use the resources available to them, such as the registrar's office and the academic advising center.

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Famous hacks of MIT's past

Michael Tavas

Some hack stories are more standard Halloween fare than others. One such classic is the story of the Green building, gain fame through repetition.

The second hack was from high places. As many times as a number of stories, this hack was done. Many people just drop and/or throw rolls of toilet paper or bags of water from a roof. The granddaddy 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 inspired by a Baker resident, Charles Bruce '74, who wanted to bring the grand old hacks of the past to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In honor of him a new unit of volume was created: the bruce. One bruce is equal to the weight of a piano hitting pavement after being dropped.

Baker House is the source of several other well-known hacks. One is the annual Baker coffin stuff, where as many people as possible pack a coffin so small in Baker House appropriately known as a coffin. The next hack is a large bruno stuff, which is off-loaded into a coffin from year to year, but is usually in excess of a hundred.

Another famous Baker hack was Webster's attack on Gray Line tourist bus. These buses, filled with expert touring, drove through the campus regularly. This annoyed enough Bakeriers, whose dormitory is a part of the Baker House, that one of them drew up a map of their property and a treaty was signed by Webster.

However, Baker House has a monopoly on hacks. One of the most famous MIT hacks was perpetrated by Lambda Chi Alpha's members, who has since renamed as the Smoot legend. The story goes that one day, in order to mark the length of Harvard Bridge with the unit of measurement called a smoot.

The 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 1951, Oliver Smoot '62, and his fellow freshmen pledged the year of the bridge to be marked, and Smoot was chosen as being a convenient height to be used as model. The pledge was to build a 7 foot-tall concrete sculpture, made of the philosopher from the University of Cambridge. One of the 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 bruce. (Photo courtesy of Technical.)

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