In the next four years, you will work harder than ever before. Have a conversation with a five year-old and enjoy it. Never consider yourself so intelligent and enlightened that you can't peer. Just because you're an MIT student, don't let it go to your head. The sooner you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up. Don't let MIT get you down. Fifty percent of you will finish in the top half of your class. Leave time for extracurricular and personal pursuits in your schedule. Manage your time well. If you wait too long to choose a major, you won't graduate in four years. Humanities courses will be among your most fascinating at MIT. Learn your core courses thoroughly, all later work builds on them. Forget about academics; you're on pass/fail. Don't forget to call home. You can be happy wherever you choose to live. If you heed them all, you will enjoy your years at MIT. Break a leg.