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Confusion over REX

DormCon, IFC, Panhel and the LGC did not sign recruitment agreement

By Joanna Kao
STAFF REPORTER

For the second year in a row, the REX/Rush/Recruitment agreement between dorms, fraternities, sororities and living groups was not signed, leading to some confusion among rush and REX chairs. Usually, representatives from the interfraternity council (IFC), the Dormitory Council (DormCon), the Panhellenic Council (Panhel), and the Living Group Council (LGC) sign the agreement to set out rules for how living groups engage with freshmen. This year, the process started in the spring, but the parties could not finalize the formal agreement before the beginning of Residence Exploration (REX) and rush.

“The purpose of the REX/Rush agreement is to foster a sense of mutual respect between all the living group associations,” said Christina R. Johnson ’11, president of DormCon. “We all had our separate rules, but we wanted something that we could show that we all agreed upon and that we adhere to.” Though a final agreement was not signed, Johnson said all the parties were still in close communication during REX to make sure that groups respected each other. “We’re trying to create an environment that’s comfortable for the freshmen,” said Panhel president Arti V. Virkud ’11. The presidents declined to comment on what conflicts delayed signing the

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FENG WU—THE TECH

East and west campus residents duke it out with water balloons and water cannons at the East vs. West Water War in front of Kresge on Monday. The Water War is an annual REX tradition.

Stay in stem cell case?

Judge hears emergency plea to resume work

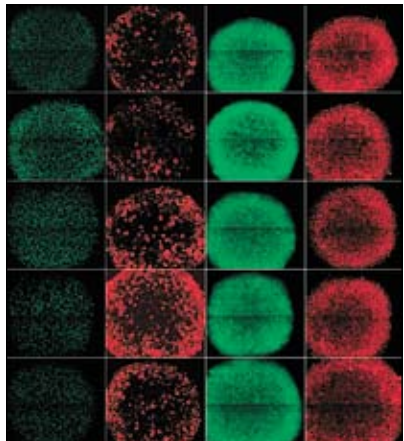


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Human embryonic stem cells are propagated on synthetic substrates. The cells are stained with human pluripotent stem cell markers (Nanog, Tra-1-60, OCT4-GFP, and SSEA4).

By John A. Hawkinson
NEWS EDITOR

A federal judge may decide in the next week whether to issue an emergency stay of his own injunction against federal funding of human embryonic stem cell research. The stay would temporarily stop the injunction. The United States Department of Justice filed an appeal and an emergency motion on Tuesday afternoon for a stay in *Sherley v. Sebelius*, the stem cell case under which an injunction issued last week Monday. That injunction, issued by Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth, prevents the NIH and other federal agencies from funding or considering to fund stem cell research, and has derailed many grants that were in the pipeline for consideration.

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Layoffs due to recession stopped after June

Cambridge Council criticizes MIT for resorting to layoffs during the crunch

By Elijah L. Mena
STAFF REPORTER

The wave of layoffs at MIT due to the recent economic downturn was over as of June, according to Vice President of Human Resources Alison Alden. Between January 2009 and June 2010, MIT laid off 174 employees in an effort to cut the 2010 and 2011 fiscal year budgets by about \$125 million collectively. Some members of the Cambridge City Council, including City Councilors Leland Cheung G and Marjorie Decker are disappointed that MIT had to resort to layoffs.

City Councillors sharply criticize MIT
Cheung and Decker co-authored a resolution in an April 5 Council meeting “requesting that Harvard and MIT cease further layoffs and any cuts in hours, salary, or benefits.” The resolution suggested that MIT and Harvard use their billions of dollars in savings “to cushion employees and communities from any further financial harm” instead of laying off employees.”

Decker was not satisfied by MIT’s response. At the July 26 City Council University Relations hearing, the *Cambridge Chronicle* reported that Decker said, “What we said to you, to MIT, was ‘Don’t contribute to the destabilization of families in our community.’ And we got zero response.” Decker said, “I will not be engaging in any conversations about other needs of the university.”

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Art programs get moved around in reorganization

To make arts at MIT more ‘coherent,’ SAA will take over some programs from the Office of the Arts

By Leah Brunetto
STAFF REPORTER

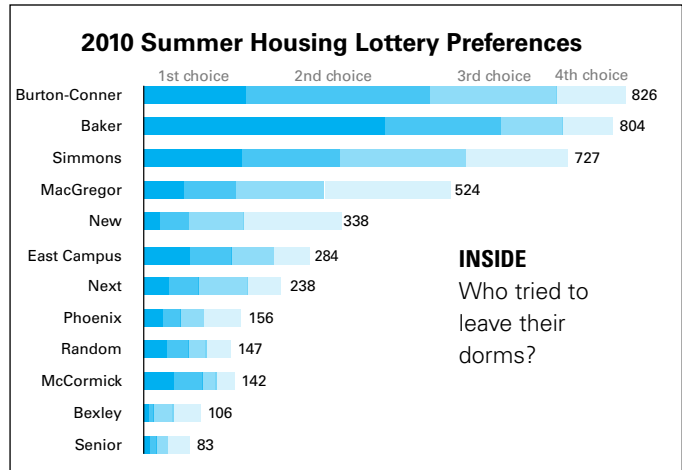
Student and Artist-in-Residence Programs, a department run under the Office of the Arts, will be redistributed as entities under the Student Art Association this semester. Programs including the Arts Scholars Program, Grad Arts Forum, Art Reps, and the MIT Mural Competition will be affected by this change. Director of Arts Initiatives Leila Kinney said that this change “creates an opportunity to examine things.” While there are many separate art programs at MIT, several of them are disjoint and separately organized. For example, while both the MIT Museum and Student Art Association organize art programs, they are separate from one another. Kinney described arts at MIT as an “exploded mosaic.” “Our goal is to make the image [of arts at MIT] coherent without

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Among freshmen, Baker wins popularity contest

BC gets the most top-four choices; 66 percent of New House freshmen requested to transfer



CONNOR KIRSCHBAUM—THE TECH

By Margaret Cunniff
STAFF REPORTER

Freshmen around campus are finally able to unpack as permanent housing assignments were announced Wednesday, following the readjustment lottery.

This year, 1068 freshmen participated in Residential Exploration, or REX. Though slightly more freshmen requested a move, slightly fewer freshmen were able to be placed: 24 percent of freshmen entered the

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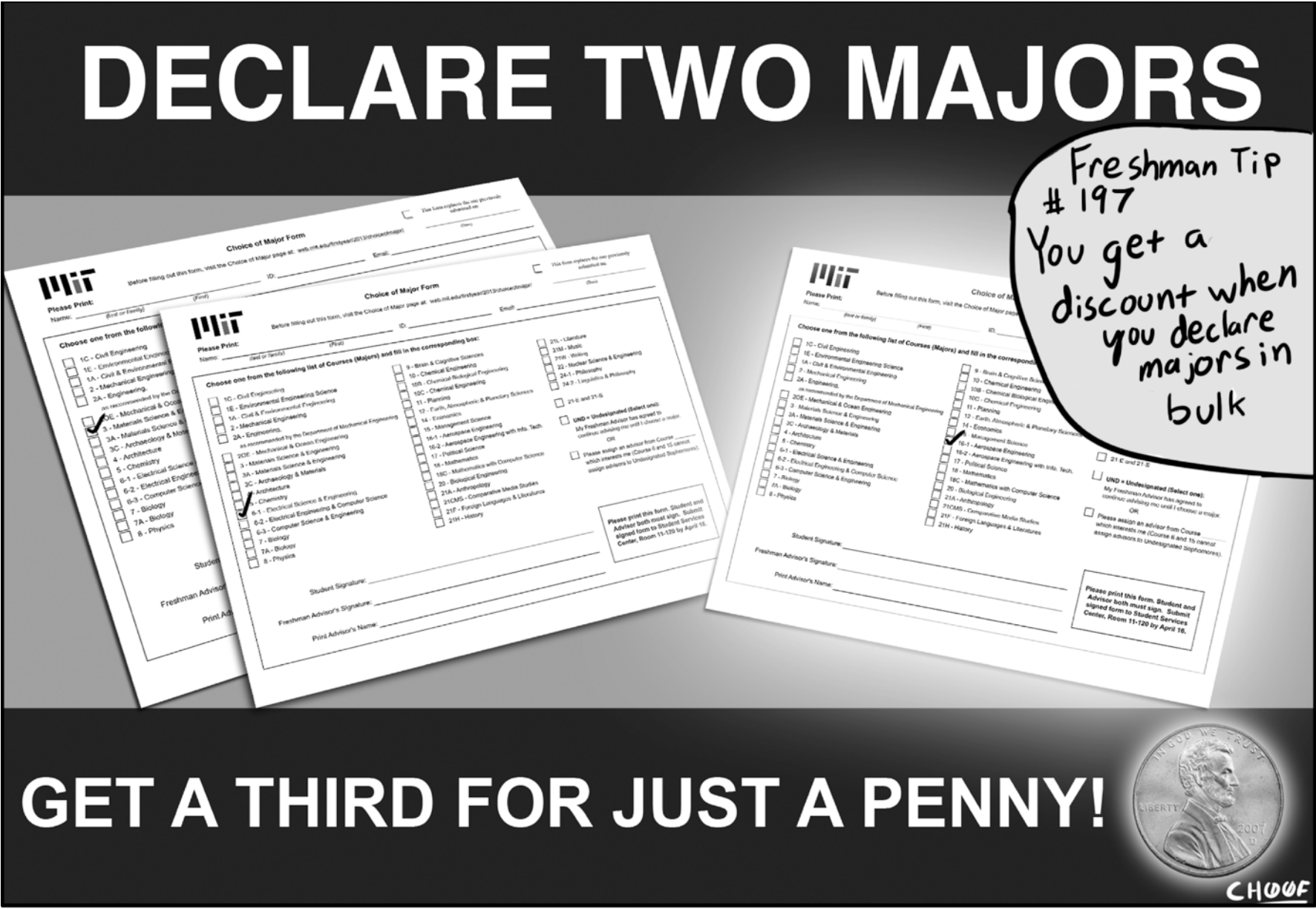
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THEATER REVIEW

The art of being an artist

Alon Nashman’s one-man play envisions the intimate dialogue between Franz Kafka and Kafka’s father

By Sam Markson
ASSOCIATE ARTS EDITOR

“You asked me recently why I maintain that I am afraid of you. As usual, I was unable to think of any answer to your question, partly for the very reason that I am afraid of you, and partly because an explanation of the grounds for this fear would mean going into far more details than I could even approximately keep in mind while talking.”

Thus begins Franz Kafka’s 45-page letter to his father Hermann, published posthumously as his *Brief an den Vater* (*Letter to the Father*). It is a rare piece — timid yet frank, where Kafka is usually bluntly surreal. Kafka, despite his reputation as an artist after death, was an insurance clerk and bureaucrat in life, and the letter reads like a legal report: calculated, exact, each word tempering the prior, riposting an anticipated parry, and flinching at invisible strokes. He’s at first much more equivocal than we’re used to — the artist unsure whether to accuse or forgive, worried equally that he will say too little as well as too much.

Is it art? It’s hard to deny the sincerity and depth of feeling. Many might empathize with the then middle-aged Kafka and his resilient father-issues. But we are not the intended audience. Kafka gave the letter to his mother to deliver to his father, but she only returned it to her son. Four years later, Franz Kafka would die of tuberculosis at the age of forty. It is, then, an unfinished symphony. We are and will always be left without the voice of Hermann Kafka, just as Franz Kafka was left without any reconciliation with his father. We, the readers, end our symphony mid-cadence.

Enter Alon Nashman. Coming off the success of *Howl* (based off the famous Ginsberg poem), and with the encouragement and co-operation of director Mark Cassidy, Nashman set out to bring this relatively obscure work to the stage. His task is in one sense simple;

Nashman (in a chance encounter between he and I in the Fringe members room) remarked that “the letter already had a theatrical structure,” wherein “the father, by Kafka, is given the role of destroying all the arguments...”

Nashman is the sole performer, and he plays both the timid, wordy Franz and the loud, robust Hermann. His portrayal of Hermann is chilling, and we are reminded that we see a man through the lens of a child’s eyes — he is enlarged, grotesque. The stage is sparse, the lighting particular (we’re in a man’s mind, after all). Objects and their relations to each other follow laws other than physics. There’s a pen, two pages, a narrow bedframe — and feathers, all black, with one white.

The sound was notable. Taken from Olijov’s *Yiddishbbuk* (as performed by the St. Lawrence String Quartet), and adapted for the production, it had a wonderfully Bergian quality. Olijov himself wrote the piece as a tribute to Kafka, so it’s in particularly good faith in its present state.

There is a refreshing dynamism about the performance. While utterly depressing in one regard, Kafka manages to draw hope from horror, and Nashman follows suit. The symbolism of the white feather as Nashman pens the end of Kafka’s entreaty is not lost on the audience. Kafka ends on a note of strength, and of love. This is a play not only of disjunction, but of the power of the human spirit.

Note that this is a one-man play for a reason. The format affords Nashman much greater power and flexibility over the emotional tenor. Nashman likened it to “the big skate at the olympics...the long breath to sustain.” Some one-man shows are formed out of casting budget cuts, but the particular case of Kafka’s letter translate particularly well here. For the true actor, the story is not only of the character but of themselves. Through Nashman we see Kafka, and through Kafka we see Nashman. This is the peculiar office of theater — the odd Hegelian dialectic of script

Kafka and Son
Alon Nashman
Edinburgh Fringe Festival
August 8-28, 2010

and reader — but it is particularly profound when there is one man to read one letter. The “team” aspect is removed. There are no safeties, for either man, and the struggle for human communication becomes like an arena match. I cannot say who is gladiator and who is beast. Each is both, in their way.

Some of this relationship is private — intimate lovers broadcast their all-telling nothings in whispers, not shouts — but I do think that an attentive audience will see the feeling that’s there. I did, and I suspect that I’m not alone. I admit that this is a piece that grew on me more after the performance than during, but that is how I like my art.

Kafka ends his letter:
“...this whole rejoinder — which can partly also be turned against you—does not come from you, but from me. Not even your mistrust of others is as great as my self-mistrust, which you have bred in me. I do not deny a certain justification for this rejoinder, which in itself contributes new material to the characterization of our relationship. Naturally things cannot in reality fit together the way the evidence does in my letter; life is more than a Chinese puzzle. But with the correction made by this rejoinder — a correction I neither can nor will elaborate in detail — in my opinion something has been achieved which so closely approximates the truth that it might reassure us both a little and make our living and our dying easier.”

Perhaps by Kafka’s living and dying — and now by Nashman’s living — our lives, if not the Kafkas’, are made easier.



GREG STEINBRECHER—THE TECH
Michael Lo ‘12 of hits a pike during MIT bboy crew Imobilaré’s cypher at Tuesday night’s orientation event. Imobilaré’s performance was part of a series of short exhibitions by MIT dance groups. The event, which showcased student groups, was known as “Tour de Tech” to fit with this orientation’s *The Amazing Race* theme.

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Final report is released for Fall 2011 dining plan

Recommendation committee will draft request for proposals from vendors

By Jingyun Fan
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A final report on the 2010 House Dining Review was released on Tuesday, which summarizes the House Dining Advisory Group's recommendation for the new dining plan that will be implemented in the four dorms with dining halls starting in Fall 2011.

According to the proposal put out by House Dining Advisory Group (or HDAG), a group of housemasters, administration officials and student representatives, students in the four dorms with dining halls (Baker, Simmons, McCormick and Next) will be required to enroll in a meal plan. First-year students will pay around \$3,900 a year for all-you-care-to-eat breakfasts and dinners seven days a week. Sophomores (by then the class of 2014) will be allowed to choose between the \$3,900 plan or a \$3,400 plan that offers breakfast

and dinner six days a week. Juniors and seniors will be allowed the additional option of a \$2,900 plan with breakfast and dinner five days a week.

The RFP will detail MIT's unique needs and invite vendors to submit proposals to cater for MIT

Currently, students in dining dorms must pay a dining fee of \$600 a year in return for discounted meals. They are not actually required to purchase any meals, though in order to break even, they would have eat at a dining hall nearly every evening.

The report announced a recommendation committee that will take the suggestions from HDAG and write the request for proposals (RFP) that will lay out the duties of

the vendor who will cater the new dining plan. The RFP will detail MIT's unique needs and invite vendors to submit proposals to cater for MIT.

The membership of the recommendation committee is not finalized. Currently it includes the Director of Campus Dining, Richard D. Berlin III, and the MIT Purchasing Department, who are working on a draft RFP. According to Tom Gearty, Director of Communications of the Office of the Dean for Student Life, additional membership will likely include a legal counsel, the Office of Student Life, and community representation (possibly the members of HDAG). "Student voice will be really, really important," Gearty said.

According to Gearty, the main goal of the report is to summarize progress on the contentious issue of campus dining for the purpose of the institute archives.

Over Campus Preview Week-

end in April, students organized a protest in Lobby 7 claiming that the administration was ignoring student input on dining. Most protesters were from the

"If it is your opinion that there should be no dining plan, we simply cannot do anything about that," Gearty said.

non-dining dorms, East Campus, Senior House, and Random Hall. Some protesters were concerned that mandatory dining would drive students to join a non-dining dorm just to avoid the dining plan. Protesters are worried that this would harm the culture of their dorms. They were also worried that mandatory dining in the four dining dorms — Baker, Mc-

Cormick, Simmons, and Next — will lead to expansion of a mandatory plan to the entire campus and eradication of kitchens.

Gearty noted that the personal nature of dining makes it a difficult issue. However, the establishment of a dining plan in the four dorms is non-negotiable. "If it is your opinion that there should be no dining plan, we simply cannot do anything about that," Gearty said, adding that he would welcome input on the specifications of the said plan such as allergy needs or hours.

At the same time, Gearty tried to ease to fears about how mandatory dining would be forced upon the entire campus. "[Kitchens are] just too strong a part of MIT's culture... There is no plan to take the kitchens out of residences that cook for themselves... it would take a long time, and take a lot of money to build a facility. We are not forcing you to join on meal plan" Gearty said.

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Cambridge still upset over layoffs

Councilor Decker refuses to support MIT licensing

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sity until I have a better handle on what the university is doing to really, meaningfully, show that workers are a priority," She said she would not support MIT for licensing and permit requests. Councilor Decker declined requests for comment this week.

Elizabeth Lint, the executive di-

rector of the Cambridge Licensing Commission, said that she had not received requests from Decker to deny licenses to MIT. The License Commission gives several different kinds of licenses including housing licenses to dormitories, fraternity houses, living facilities on campus as well as alcohol licenses to bars such as the Muddy Charles Pub within Walker Memorial. Lint said that it was "not usual or unusual" for a City Councilor to give their input on licenses.

Cheung, also an MBA student at the MIT Sloan School of Business, has been a vocal critic of the MIT layoffs as well. Cheung told *The Tech* in an interview, "I think the issue is that MIT has been a major recipient of the National Recovery Act, especially in support for research. And in a time when Massachusetts is pulling out of the recession and when MIT is getting extra support through the stimulus, it is inappropriate for MIT to start firing more workers."

by halting wage increases in 2010 for faculty making over \$125,000 and for regular employees making over \$75,000, according to Alden. "We made the necessary cuts in a very egalitarian way."

Layoffs only made up of only a small fraction of the budget cuts at MIT. Layoffs only accounted for 10 to 15 percent of the savings. Employees who were laid off were not given the option to decrease their salaries in lieu of being cut.

As outlined by the Institute-wide Planning Task Force, of the \$58.3 million reduced from the fiscal year 2010 budget, \$11.3 million is from "compensation reduction", \$10.5 million is from cuts in academics, \$12.9 million is from cuts in the administration, and \$18.6 million is from cuts in renovation and renewal, utilities, the Committee for the Review of Space Planning (CRSP), and in other areas. To help those who were laid off, MIT held sessions for interview training, resume advising, and job search. Of the 104 people laid off during the first 12 months, 30 percent have been able to find jobs.

Cutting costs creatively

Cheung emphasized that there are "more creative" ways to lower the MIT budget. "The administration is still making a ton of money and new buildings are still being constructed," said Cheung. "The way they are cutting is adversely affecting students."

Alden disagrees. "People were very creative on campus to make the necessary budget cuts," she said. "We laid off people only as a last resort."

Alden said that medical employees voluntarily took rolling furloughs in order to prevent layoffs. In addition, all employees in the MIT Resource Development took a week of unpaid vacation.

MIT faculty and employees at MIT normally have small salary increases each year, but many workers asked for raise increases to be halted this year in response to the budget cuts. The MIT Human Resources responded to these requests

According to Janet Walzer, the Communications Director for the Human Resources Department, many of those laid off looked for jobs here at MIT. "A number of people that were laid off still wanted to stay, which shows how they feel about MIT."

MIT was not the only institution to resort to layoffs. Alden pointed out that MIT laid off a lower percentage of its work force than many businesses and universities over the past two years. For example, many Harvard workers were either laid off or asked to take early retirement. According to Walzer, "the combination of layoffs and early retirement had an impact on many more Harvard employees than MIT."

As a result of the economic crisis, the MIT endowment dropped by 17 percent during the fiscal year 2009. MIT will have to reduce its budget by as much as 15 percent over the next 2-3 years, according to Alden.

Even though MIT has stopped layoffs, Cheung said that he is not satisfied. "They haven't done any more layoffs, but they haven't recanted the layoffs that they did do."

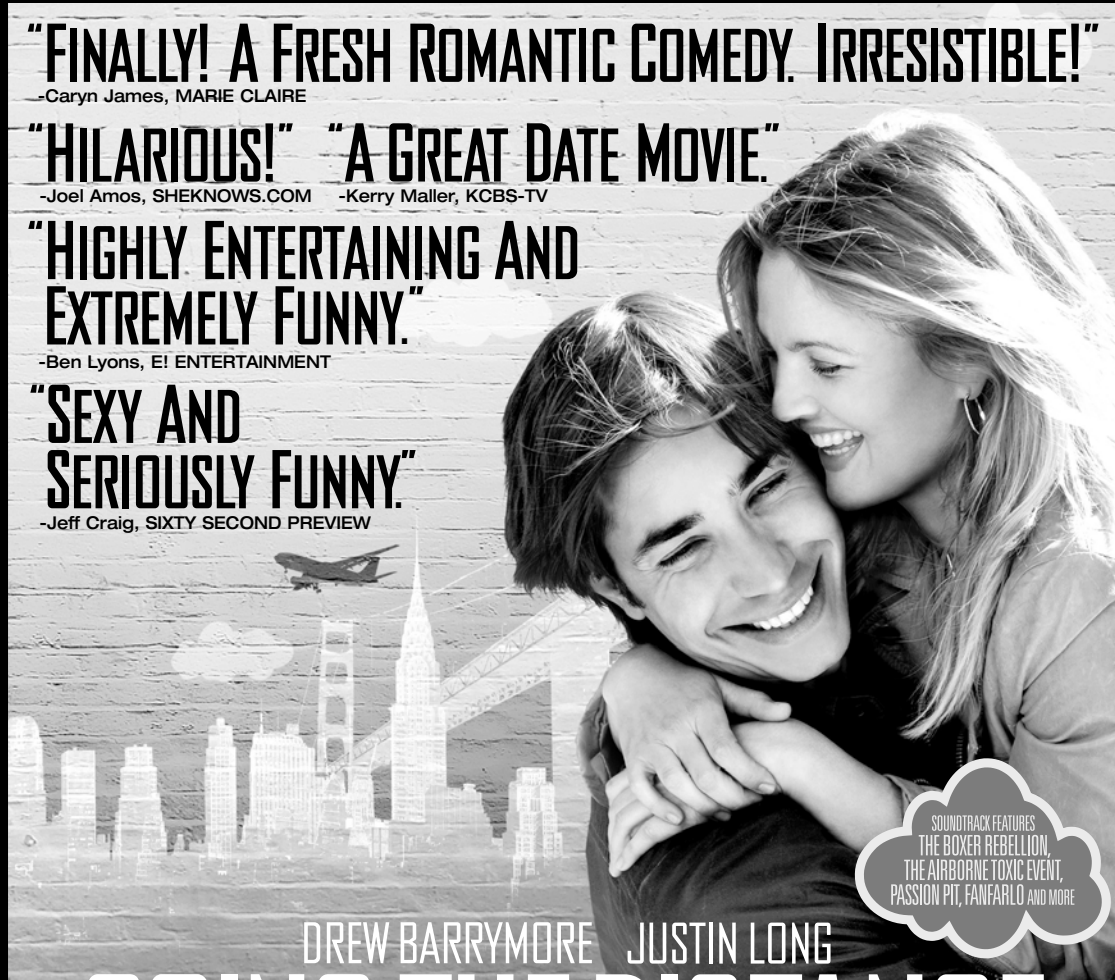
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MELISSA RENEE SCHUMACHER—THE TECH

Supercomputers stand in one of the machine rooms at CSAIL on Wednesday. **After two water chillers at the central cooling plant failed on Tuesday, CSAIL was forced to shut down inessential machines** to avoid overheating. The water chillers were repaired within a few hours. Cooling failures occur at least two or three times per year, often in the summer months.

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CITGO sign to be equipped with new LED lights

Notice something missing from the Boston skyline? The CITGO sign has been undergoing renovation since July 23 to upgrade its LEDs to the most “technologically advanced of their kind,” according to the CITGO website. This update comes as part of CITGO’s centennial milestone. The work on the sign is being carried out by the Federal Heath Sign Company. The new LEDs have been designed to improve the sign’s ability to withstand temperature change, extreme wind, water damage, and UV rays. CITGO expects the 45-year-old sign to turn back on “just in time for baseball playoffs,” or some time this coming October.

—Maggie Lloyd

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Court to hear stem cell appeal

Stem cells, from Page 1

Existing grants to institutions like MIT are allowed to spend funds they have already received, but research within the NIH, called intramural research, is not. That intramural research has already begun to shut down in accordance with the injunction, raising serious questions about how to stop biological work without wasting the millions of dollars already invested in it.

The DOJ requested that the D.C. District Court stay its injunction pending an appeal before the next highest court, the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

“The court’s order causes irrevocable harm to the millions of extremely sick or injured people who stand to benefit from continuing research, as well as to the taxpayers who have already spent hundreds of millions of dollars on this research through public funding of projects which will now be forced to shut down,” DOJ spokeswoman Tracy Schmalzer said in a statement.

The Court has ordered the plaintiffs must file any opposition to the stay by today, a schedule suggested by the DOJ. The DOJ also asked the Court to rule by Tuesday. Judge Lamberth approved the schedule extremely rapidly, doing so at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday after the DOJ filed its motion at 2:49 p.m.

Individual MIT scientists who work with stem cells, including Professors Richard A. Young, Daniel G. Anderson, and Robert S. Langer ScD ’74 have all spoken out about how critically important they believe human embryonic stem cell work is, and how horrible the injunction is.

The Academic Council, MIT’s senior leadership, was briefed on these issues during its retreat on Monday by William B. Bonvillian, director of MIT’s Washington Office. MIT appears to be waiting for further developments before engaging the issue in Washington.

The Association of American Universities and the Council on Governmental Relations, both of which MIT is a member, issued a joint statement last week saying the injunction “not only blocks potential life-saving research but also threatens to undermine the system of peer-reviewed science that has helped make America the unques-

tioned world leader in scientific discovery.”

The legal journey

This case, *Sherley v. Sebelius*, was originally filed by former MIT professor James L. Sherley, Theresa Deisher, Nightlight Christian Adoptions, and Christian Medical Adoptions. It was also filed on behalf of “embryos,” as well as several individuals. The plaintiffs allege that any human embryonic stem cell research is prohibited by a Congressional appropriations rider, the Dickey-Wicker Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of research that contributes to the destruction of an embryo. All human embryonic stem cell lines funded under Presidents George Bush and Barack Obama do not involve the new destruction of embryos — any embryos were previously destroyed.

The district court originally ruled that none of the plaintiffs had standing to sue, meaning they were not harmed by the law.

The plaintiffs appealed to the Circuit court, which ruled in their favor, saying that plaintiffs Sherley and Deisher, and only those two, had standing. The Court said that their research competed with others’ work for NIH funding.

But the NIH said that Sherley’s work, which is with adult stem cells, was not in direct competition with funding for human embryonic stem cells, and competed with all other NIH work on the basis of peer review.

The NIH also said that Deisher had never applied for NIH funding; it noted that Sherley was currently on the fifth year of an NIH grant, and that his grant success rate of 38 percent betters the NIH-wide average of 20 percent.

The three-judge panel consisting of Judges Douglas H. Ginsburg, Janice R. Brown, and Brett M. Kavanaugh ruled in late June and remanded the case back to Chief Judge Lamberth for further consideration.

Prior to the appeals court decision, the DOJ had filed a brief in opposition to a preliminary injunction. That brief was primarily concerned with standing, the issue the appeals court ruled on. After the case was remanded, the DOJ filed no further briefs.

The emergency motion for a

stay filed Tuesday comes eight days after the preliminary injunction. During that week, researchers have been wondering what the decision means for them, how it will affect their further funding, wondering what the NIH will do, and wondering how the DOJ would react.

At the same time as the request for a stay, the DOJ filed an appeal with the Circuit Court. The Circuit Court has issued an expedited schedule, requiring procedural motions to be filed by September 30, and substantive ones by October 15.

On Wednesday, the plaintiffs asked the Circuit Court to assign to this appeal to the same 3-judge panel of Ginsburg, Brown, and Kavanaugh that ruled on the question of standing. The Court denied that motion yesterday afternoon. The plaintiffs had argued that that original panel was “well-versed in the specific facts and law relating to the present appeal,” and both the parties and the Court would benefit from such an assignment.

Neither Shirley nor his lawyers have returned multiple telephone messages and e-mail inquiries sent in the past week. They have also not objected to the briefing schedule proposed by defense, that has them filing their brief today and the court ruling on the stay by Tuesday.



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12:05pm, Tuesday
12:05pm, Friday
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6pm, Saturday 9/11
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Burton Conner was #1 in readjustment lottery

About half of freshmen who requested transfers were able to move to other dorms

Housing, from Page 1

readjustment lottery, up slightly from 20 percent last year. Of the students who requested a move, 50 percent of those who entered the lottery were able to move this year; 55 percent moved in 2009. Burton-Conner was the most popular dorm, receiving 65 number-one rankings in the readjustment lottery. Simmons closely followed Burton-Conner with 53 number-one rankings. Out of all dorms (excluding international houses), Bexley received the fewest number number-one rankings, 9. Of the 15 students in Phoenix House, only one opted to move out. Other high-retention dorms were Random, where only 8 percent of freshmen requested a transfer, and Baker, where 10 percent did so. In contrast, 66 percent of freshmen at New House requested to move out, the most of any dorm. In the summer housing lot-

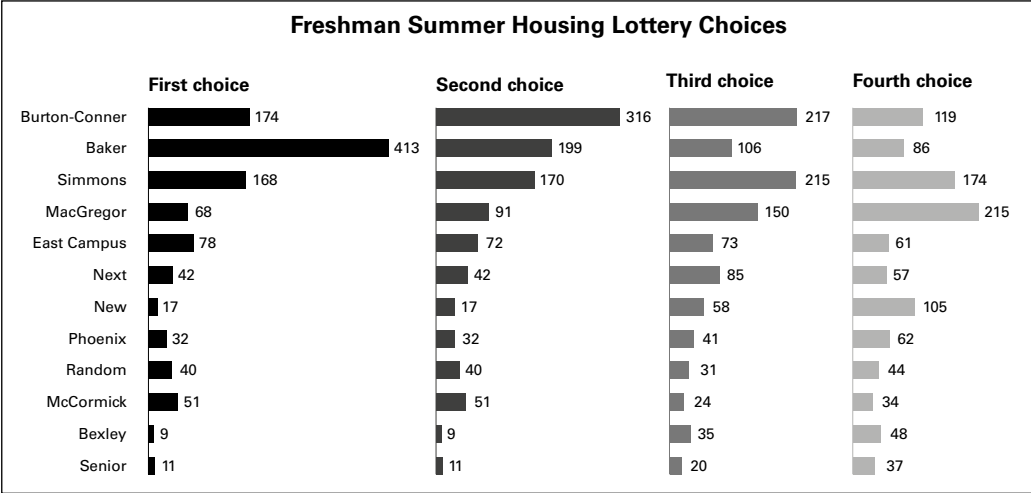
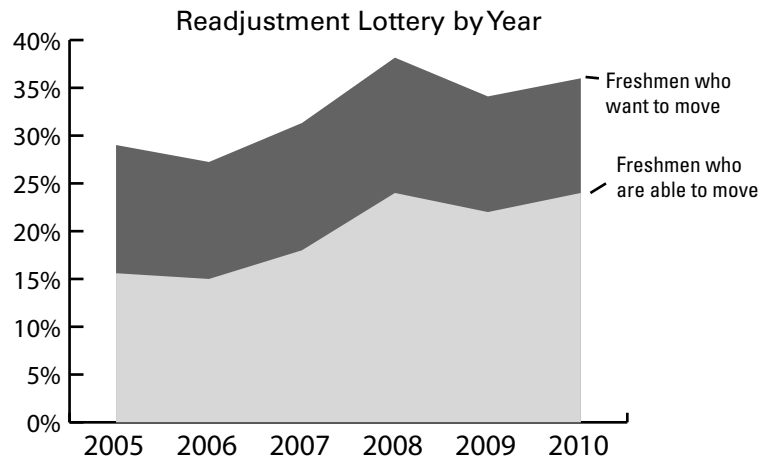
tery, Baker and Burton-Conner were once again the top picks for freshmen. Baker received 413 first picks, followed by Burton-Conner with 174 and Simmons with 168. Bexley received the least number-one rankings with 9 freshmen. Burton-Conner was ranked in the top four by the largest number of freshmen in the initial lottery with 826 freshmen, followed by Baker with 804 and Simmons with 727. Senior House was ranked in the top four by the fewest freshmen, 83. Freshmen are able to rank a maximum of four dorms in the readjustment lottery, while all dorms are ranked in the initial housing lottery. The readjustment lottery is run as a switching algorithm, as freshmen can only move into spaces that other freshmen are vacating. As in years past, McCormick, which houses 72 freshmen, did not participate in REX.

66% of the freshman temped in **New House** entered in the readjustment lottery

Freshman also fled **East Campus** (40% tried to leave), **Senior House** (38% tried to leave), and **Next House** (36% tried to leave).

Of the freshman temped in **Baker House**, only 10% requested to leave

Other dorms with loyal freshmen were: **Random Hall** (8% tried to leave) **Simmons Hall** (14% tried to leave) **Burton-Conner** (15% tried to leave)



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MIT150 will include a festival for the arts

Student works will be exhibited

Art programs, from Page 1

changing the individual parts," she said. The image is beginning to become more clear as two academic programs — the Program in Art, Culture, and Technology (the result of a merger of the Department of Architecture's Visual Arts Program and the Center for Advanced Visual Studies) and the Comparative Media Studies department — move into the old Media Lab this semester. These programs will join and share space with the List Visual Arts Center and Office of the Arts to create a new art zone. Among the extracurricular art programs, the largest is the which is endowed by the MIT Council for the Arts. The program, which interested students apply to in the fall, provides undergraduates the opportunity to attend 8-12 workshops or excursions per year in several disciplines. "Arts Scholars is mainly a student-run group," said Arts Scholars president Paula M. Te '11. "Scholars get the opportunity to organize outings to arts events they hear about. In turn, other scholars get to see all kinds of art they previously would not have experienced." Artists and arts faculty are also invited to attend the events and discuss them with students afterward. As in the past, incoming freshman will have opportunity to learn about the arts at MIT and in the Boston area by attending the Freshman Arts Seminar Advising Program (FASAP). This year, however, the seminar will be smaller and only 10 students will be allowed to participate. The seminar will be led by Director of the Arts Initiatives Leila

W. Kinney, and this year, it will have a new focus: Art, Science, and Technology at MIT. Freshmen taking the seminar will develop project ideas for the upcoming Festival in Arts, Science, and Technology, or FAST, which will coincide with the 150th anniversary of MIT in Spring 2011. Upperclassmen can also participate in the festival. Students taking Professor Tod Machover's Media Lab course, MAS-825J "FAST: Designing a Festival to Celebrate Art, Science & Technology at MIT." The class will hold a competition between its student projects, and winners will be shown at the spring semester arts festival. The majority of the festival activities will be held on five separate weekends in the spring semester. Exhibitions, installations, music, opera, panel discussions, and performances will highlight the past, present, and future of the arts at MIT. While most of the festival contributions will be student projects, the festival will also showcase faculty work including Machover's "Death and the Powers at the Cutler Majestic." "It seems like almost everyone is trying to do art and science together," said Kinney. "MIT has been doing it since the '60s with the founding of the Center for Advanced Visual Studies. FAST will be an opportunity to reclaim its great legacy of arts and science at MIT." Information about the festival, as well as all other arts programs at MIT, will be available in a new arts portal at <http://arts.mit.edu>. Leah Brunetto is the student curator of the Wiesner Student Art Gallery

Unsigned agreement led to more vague REX rules

REX agreement, from Page 1

document before REX began, but said there was not any single sticking point.

Why wasn’t the agreement signed?

Alex W. Dehnert ’12, speaker for the LGC, said that the LGC did not sign the agreement because they did not agree on two issues. “Some [LGC residents] objected to not being able to take home to dinner a frosh who approached them,” he said. “Another issue was the clause requiring no alcohol be present in the house — most ILGs have no house alcohol, alcohol at parties, etc. (though some members have private alcohol in their rooms), and that sort of regulation of alcohol would have been a large departure from standard practice.”

Dehnert said that the LGC requested that independent living groups be treated as dorms are: such that that alcohol can be in private rooms, as long as it is not visible to freshmen. The other committee members rejected the proposal.

Some believe that the agreement was not signed due to prior conflicts between IFC and DormCon. Christopher R. Reyes ’12, Rush Chair for Alpha Delta Phi (ADP) said, “It’s really difficult for IFC because rush happens after dorm REX so this agreement that we sign every year, we have no way of enforcing it on dorms. And in fact in the past it hasn’t really enforced some of the rules. If any of the fraternities break any of the rules that we’ve agreed to, there are immediate consequences if we do anything during orientation or whatever. We try to place restrictions on the dorms for things they can’t do during rush which for the past two years [they] haven’t kept.”

Reyes said that the biggest issue

that comes up repeatedly is dorms scheduling mandatory events during rush. “...year after year, they schedule mandatory meetings for different floors, different dorms, house manager meetings, which freshman feel that they have to be a part of and so they can’t take part in some of the rush events that they’d

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want to do otherwise.”

The REX/Rush/Recruitment agreement would have covered the time period through fraternity rush, which ends on Friday, September 10. Now, the presidents still plan on hammering out an agreement, but it not in time for rush this year.

“At this point, REX is over, so anything that would be signed at this point would not make sense because it would be very one-sided, but we’re still working on revising it so we have something we can go back to,” said Ryan Schoen ’11, president of the IFC.

Currently, the four living group councils are continuing to draft an agreement. “[We’re] looking forward to Rush and looking to see if there’s anything that needs to be changed for CPW. That’s kind of where we’re at right now since the period has passed for anything to be really effective for right now,” said Johnson.

Johnson, Schoen, and Virkud declined to reveal the current draft

of the agreement, though some earlier drafts have been circulated by other parties and are available on the internet. Johnson cautions that any language in those drafts is not final. “Any copy that you see online or out in the open is not a more recent version,” Johnson said.

Confusion among fraternities and dorms

Interviews with dorm REX chairs and fraternity Rush chairs revealed that there is some confusion about the state of the agreement, as well as what is and is not allowed.

It was not until Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. that Schoen sent out an e-mail to fraternity presidents and rush chairs to explain that the agreement had not been signed. Schoen asked the presidents and rush chairs to respect the “spirit of everyone’s recruitment periods.” He called on them to “respect the rights, privacy and decisions of the freshmen and to allow them to explore all of MIT’s opportunities while still having fun.”

Before Schoen’s e-mail, rumors had been circulating. “I’d been under the impression that the agreement had been signed, but I’d heard anecdotally that other fraternities were doing unprecedented things like taking out Facebook ads, and justifying it by noting that the agreement had not been signed,” said Keone D. Hon ’11, president and former rush chair for Phi Delta Theta.

“We finally got clarity on Thursday after REX had long passed,” Hon said. “I think one thing that would be fair to say is that there was a lot of uncertainty about the agreement, and the IFC should have clarified what was okay sooner.”

Schoen told *The Tech* that he did not want to show a draft to fraternity presidents until he could fully stand behind it so that he wouldn’t waste

the time of fraternity presidents.

Several dormitory REX chairs were also confused whether or not the agreement was in effect. In particular, several mentioned that they did not recall any official document laying out guidelines for what they could or could not do during REX or Rush.

Last Monday during GRT orientation, the MIT Housing office presented the dorm GRTs with a draft copy of the REX agreement. According to one GRT, Donna M. Denoncourt, the associate dean for residential life, sent an e-mail the next morning (Tuesday) that said that there was a copy of the REX agreement online. Denoncourt has not yet responded to an inquiry to comment from *The Tech* sent at 6 p.m. on Thursday night.

A different draft of the agreement, which East Campus assumed to be the final version, was circulated through the dorm last week. EC

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President Robin L Deits ’11 received the draft of the agreement from the EC housemasters and sent it out to the dorm’s residents. *The Tech* failed to reach the housemasters for comment at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Relaxed IFC rules

In part because the REX/Rush/Recruitment agreement was not signed, the IFC relaxed its recruitment rules for this fall’s REX/Rush/

Recruitment period as a result of requests from fraternity presidents and rush chairs.

“This year, we did relax a lot of the rules and take it down into a little more abstract... the spirit of recruitment type of things” said Schoen. “This is what our rush chairs and presidents were requesting. That’s what they’re looking for, and so they need to be careful that whatever they’re doing is respecting that spirit, mutual respect we’ve built up.”

Some fraternities have expressed concern at the ramifications of the vague language in the IFC recruitment rules. Hon said, “In general, I would say that the rules are less clear about what we can and can’t do. We’ve seen other fraternities do things, and we inquired with the IFC to see if it was okay because if it was, we’d maybe want to do it too. But we haven’t really heard anything and concluded that it must be the prevailing opinion, but it’s been a little harder to get clarity this year”

For instance, affiliated students were forbidden from wearing their letters during REX. This year, the rule changed so that students can wear letters as long as it is in “good taste.” “You can wear them if you’re just walking around campus, that’s not a problem anymore, but if 10 brothers are all wearing their fraternity shirt at some EC event, then that’s looked at as interfering with REX,” said Dustin Katzin ’12, Rush Chair for Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEP).

The relaxation of the rules has increased uncertainty about what is and is not allowed during REX. “Relaxing the rules does place more of a burden onto the rush chairs to be confident that what they’re doing is acceptable, because at the end of the day, the interpretation of these rules comes down to the judicial board,” Schoen said.

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7:30 pm: Foxtrot
8:30 pm: Waltz, followed by free ice cream!

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W20-429, 431, 428: Harry paints a magical moving portrait of Susan Hockfield in the Student Art Association Studio.

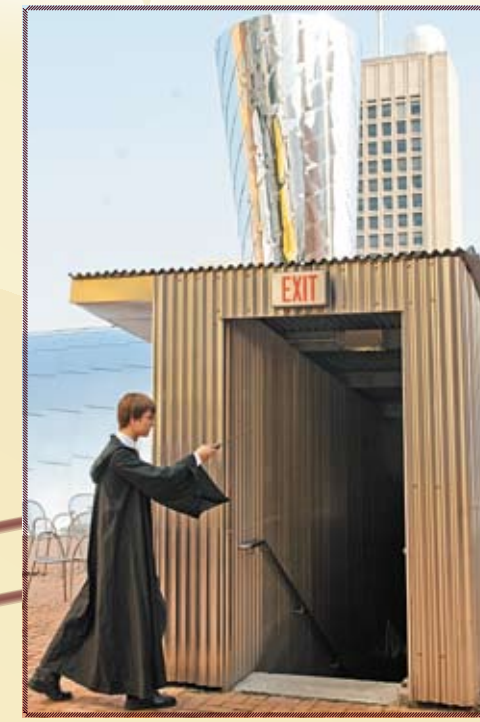
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10-500: Harry studies for his O.W.L.s in the reading room of the Barker Engineering Library.

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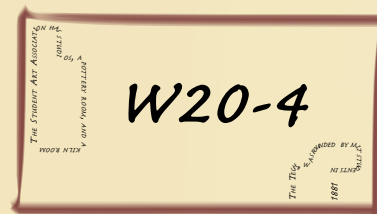
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32-4: This outdoor tunnel doesn't lead to the shrieking shack... just an exit facing Building 16.



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Harry visits one of the underground tunnels near building 66. Chairs are almost as good as brooms!



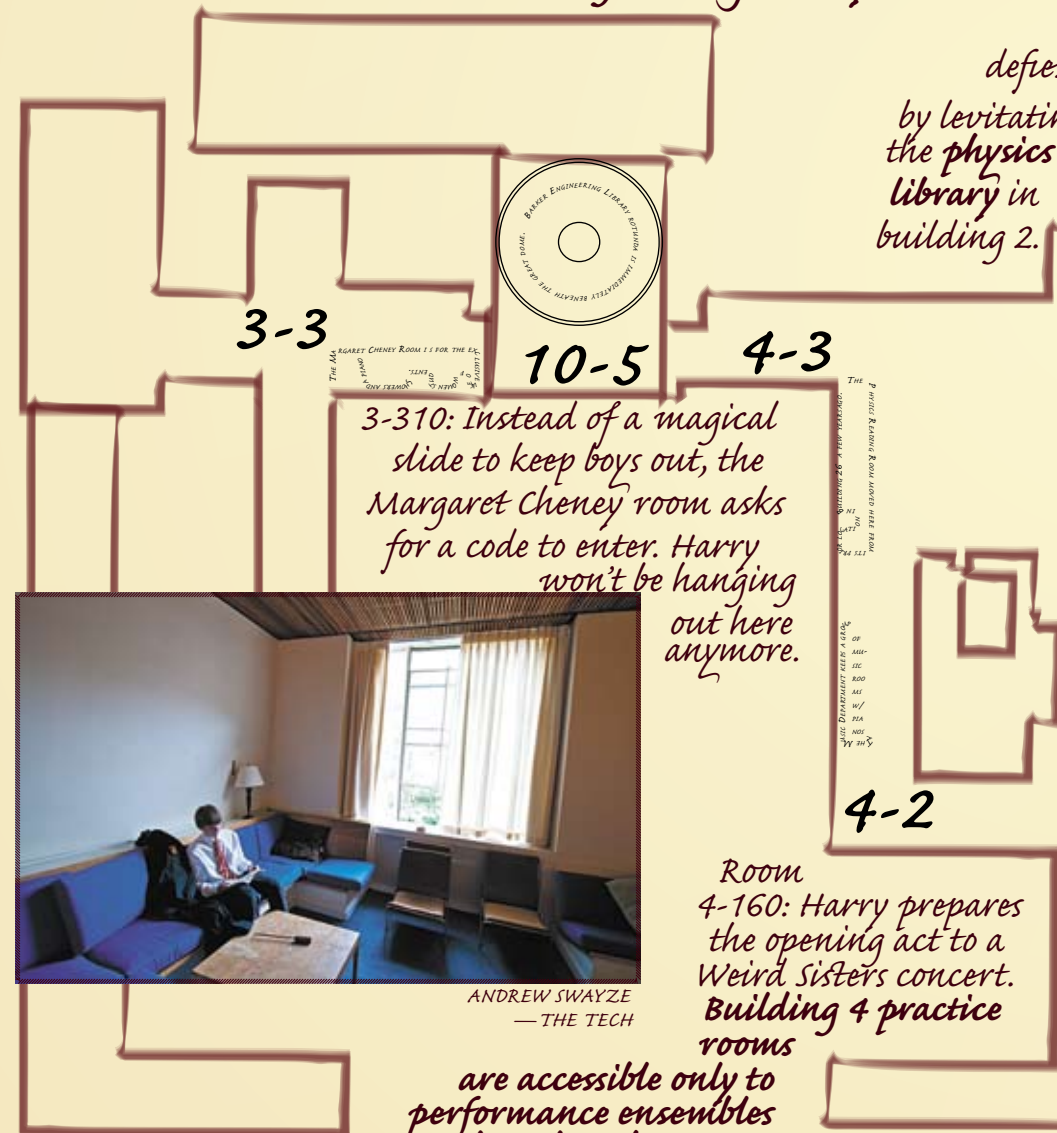
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W20-483: Harry tries out muggle photography at *The Tech*, a publication that is infinitely superior to *The Daily Prophet*.



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3-310: Instead of a magical slide to keep boys out, the Margaret Cheney room asks for a code to enter. Harry won't be hanging out here anymore.

Room 4-160: Harry prepares the opening act to a Weird Sisters concert. Building 4 practice rooms

are accessible only to performance ensembles members, but three piano rooms in W20 are free to the entire MIT community.



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Memorial Drive

4-332: Harry defies physics by levitating a book in the physics library in building 2.



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14S-100: Harry plans his next adventure using the Stein Club Map Room's topographic map collection. The Map Room is also a nice, secluded place to study.

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E14-6



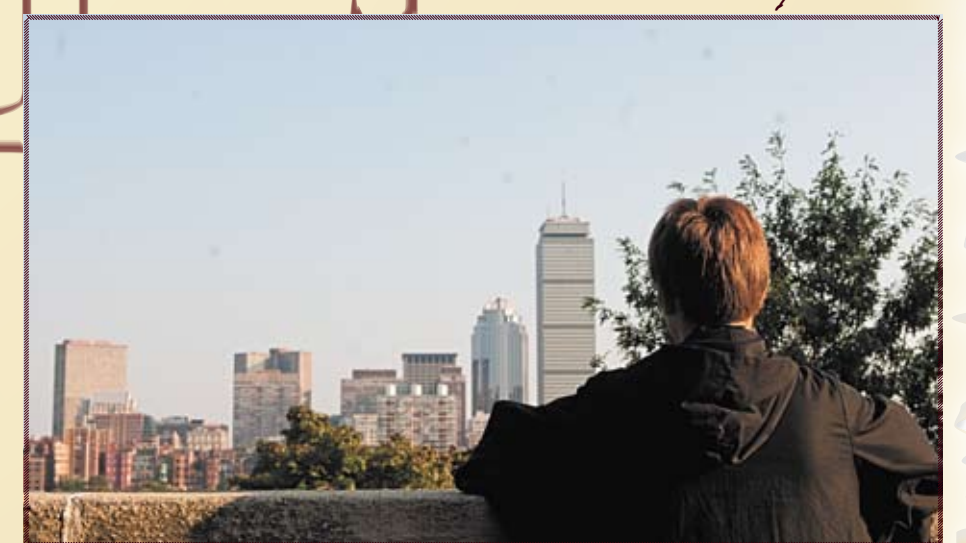
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E14-6: Harry contemplates anti-Voldemort tactics in the penthouse conference room of the New Media Lab.

Amherst Street

E2-4

Harry stares out at the Boston skyline from a mysterious balcony. Where is he? Hint: this is a dormitory.



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Ames Street

THE DAILY CONFUSION

Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Group Rush 2010

Welcome to the Daily Confusion for FSILG Rush 2010! Greek and ILG life are huge on MIT’s campus, and while they may not be right for everyone, many people (including myself) cite their affiliations as a key piece of what makes their MIT experience so fun and valuable.

Contained within these pages are hundreds of events for Rush and Recruitment. Sorority Recruitment and Fraternities start on this page, and Independent Living Groups start on page 16. A map of MIT and all of the FSILG living groups are on page 18.

Guides provided at tomorrow’s Greek Griller, the official kickoff of Rush, will provide more detail on the events. We hope you can use this to start planning out your schedule over the next few action-packed days. Be sure to explore as many places as possible, enjoy some delicious free food, and have a lot of fun.

Steve Howland
Chairman, *The Tech*

Sorority Recruitment

All events start in Lobdell Dining Hall at the Student Center.

Saturday, September 4, 2010

- 13:30–14:30—Information Session
Wondering about sororities at MIT and the recruitment process? Learn why so many independent, talented undergraduate women have chosen to go Greek!
- 14:30–20:00—Welcome to Sorority Recruitment
Get the chance to learn more about each individual sorority at this evening’s open party events and meet other women interested in sorority recruitment. Light refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Sunday, September 5, 2010

- 10:30–20:30—Philanthropy Day
Today you’ll have the opportunity to tour our sorority facilities while learning about each sorority’s philanthropy and community service programs. Lunch and light refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Fraternities

Saturday September 4

- 12:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Ice Cream Truck
- 12:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
House Tours
- 12:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Dunk Booth
- 12:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Barbecue
- 12:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Best BBQ on Beacon
- 12:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Alley Rally—Amherst Alley has food, fun, & Red Bull!
- 12:00—**Delta Tau Delta**
RoofDeck Grill
- 12:15—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Cornhole Challenge—come play a popular college game
- 12:30—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
BBQ—Greek Griller’s over, now time for seconds
- 12:30—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
House Tours
- 12:30—**Lambda Chi Alpha**
BBQ and house tours
- 12:30—**Kappa Sigma**
Kappa Sigma Open House
- 12:45—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
House Tours—see all “Old 400” has to offer
- 13:00—**Chi Phi**
Chi Phi Open House
- 13:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Casual Halo tournament. Come play Brawl or Rock Band too!
- 13:00—**Theta Chi**
BBQ with Theta Chi
- 13:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
On Campus Relaxation & Sports (Kresge Oval)
- 13:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Check out the Phi Sig house in Kenmore Square.
- 13:00—**Theta Xi**
Awesome House Tours
- 13:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Surf n’ Turf BBQ and tours of Skull-house.
- 13:00—**Sigma Chi**
House Tours, Ping Pong, Snacks
- 13:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Pool Tournament—challenge our house champions
- 13:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Legends of Foosball
- 13:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Cardboard Boat Contest

- 13:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
House Tours with Smoothies, Wings, and Rock Band
- 13:00—**Nu Delta**
Amped Up (All Out Gaming Tournament)
- 13:30—**Sigma Nu**
Lesser Known Concert
- 13:45—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Casual Brawl tournament. Come play Halo or Rock Band too!
- 14:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Ice Cream
- 14:00—**Theta Chi**
Exotic Meats BBQ
- 14:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Sumo Wrestling and Fat Sandwiches
- 14:00—**Sigma Nu**
Pool/Foosball/Darts Tournament
- 14:00—**Zeta Psi**
Vandalize the Car, BBQ and Toss the Pigskin
- 14:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Slappin’ The Bass Jam Session
- 14:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Science Smorgasboard
- 14:30—**Kappa Sigma**
Kappa Sigma’s Cannoli Taste-Off: Mike’s v. Modern Pastries
- 15:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Learn To DJ—take lessons from PBE’s pros
- 15:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Skateboarding and Hacky sack in front of Beta
- 15:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Spice Cream
- 15:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Casual Rock Band tournament. Come play Halo or Brawl too!
- 16:00—**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Super Smash Brothers at Bexley
- 16:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**
Basketball
- 16:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Huge Fingerpainting
- 16:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Water War
- 17:00—**Sigma Nu**
Steak & Ribs
- 17:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Tournament Dodgeball with Kappa Sigma
- 17:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Pig Roast: Enjoy some succulent

- spit-roasted pig.
- 17:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Good Idea, Bad Idea
- 17:30—**Chi Phi**
Chicken Parm Dinner at Chi Phi
- 18:00—**Sigma Chi**
Exotic Meats BBQ (Alligator, Buffalo, Ostrich, and More...)
- 18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Succulent Steak and Lobster cooked by our chef Bobby Mac.
- 18:00—**Theta Xi**
Pig Roast
- 18:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Steak and Lobster
- 18:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Dinner at Beta
- 18:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Italian Dinner—cacciatore, gnocchi and more!
- 18:00—**Nu Delta**
Southern Style Chicken
- 18:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Lobsterfest & Chicken Grill.
- 18:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Dinner from Crazy Dough’s
- 18:30—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Lobster and Clam Chowder
- 18:30—**Zeta Psi**
Slow Cooked Rib Dinner at Zeta Psi
- 18:30—**Delta Upsilon**
Come join us for dinner at 526 Beacon St
- 18:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Hawaiian Luau
- 18:44—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Miracle Fruit
- 19:00—**Theta Chi**
Pizza And Wings
- 19:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Chef John’s Roaring Roast Dinner at Kappa Sigma
- 19:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Steak and Lobster Dinner
- 19:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Jam Session in Beta’s stage room
- 19:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Neutral Buoyancy
- 19:30—**Theta Delta Chi**
Jam Session
- 19:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Flaming Awesome Improv comedy this group never fails to impress!
- 19:44—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Diz
- 20:00—**Theta Xi**
Casino Royale
- 20:00—**Nu Delta**



Stand-Up Comedy Night
20:00—**Delta Upsilon**
Visit DU’s Roof Deck and come enjoy the live band
20:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Casino Night
20:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Hookah and Stargazing on TDC Roofdeck (18+)
20:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Casino Night—Casino games, prizes, and more!
20:00—**Zeta Psi**
26th Annual Car Bash
20:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
More fun with LN2
20:30—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Miracle Berry Flavor Trip
20:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Comic sensation KT Tatara performs at Skullhouse.
20:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Casino Night

21:00

21:00—**Sigma Nu**
Ballroom Floor Hockey
21:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
VIP Preparty—don’t get caught in the Afterhours line
21:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Gentleman Hall plays Beta
21:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Ooblek
21:30—**Phi Kappa Theta**
The PKT Luau Party sponsored by Vitaminwater

22:00

22:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Rock the House Party
22:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**
Rooftop Party
22:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Beach Party
22:00—**Sigma Chi**
sigma cHI-LITER PARTY ft. DJ Gumby and Paulo Chuck
22:00—**Zeta Psi**
House Tours and Ice Cream
22:00—**Chi Phi**
White Out Party
22:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Roof Deck Party
22:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Chaos
22:00—**Theta Chi**
Stoplight Party
22:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Afterhours—ROOFDECK party!
22:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**
Jello Wrestling Party
22:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Skullhouse Luau Party.
22:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Worst. Video Game. Ever.
22:30—**Delta Tau Delta**
Beach Party

23:00

23:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Drive-In Movie in TDC
23:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Layzor Light Show
23:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Late Night Pizza and Ice Cream
23:44—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Straw-Man Q. Mojo and his warbling 22-piece symphonic straw orchestra
23:59—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Meet in Lobby 7 for midnight Underground Capture the Flag

Sunday
September 5

00:00

00:00—**Theta Xi**
Midnight Smoothies
00:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Incongruities @tEp
00:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Popsicles, Koyaanisqatsi

01:00

01:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Midnight Buffet: The Original @ Kappa Sigma
01:30—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Afterparty with Boston Takeout, Video Games, and Poker

08:00

08:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**

SigEp’s Legendary Breakfast
08:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Start your day right with a delicious breakfast!

09:00

09:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Breakfast @ TDC
09:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Paintball
09:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
ZBT Breakfast of Champions.
09:00—**Nu Delta**
Paintball
09:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Paintballing
09:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Pancake-fest
09:00—**Chi Phi**
All You Can Eat Breakfast at Chi Phi
09:00—**Sigma Nu**
Breakfast at the House
09:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Breakfast with the Skulls.

10:00

10:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**
Poolside grilling
10:00—**Delta Upsilon**
Come show off your Paintball skills. All equipment provided.
10:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Morning After Brunch on Kresge Oval
10:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Fraternal House of Pancakes
10:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Come enjoy a delicious Sunday Brunch
10:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Paintball
10:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Chicken and Waffles on Student Center Steps
10:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Build your own Potato Gun.
10:00—**Sigma Chi**
Beach Trip
10:30—**Chi Phi**
Paintball with Chi Phi
10:30—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Paint Ball at the biggest course in New England.
10:30—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Army Paintball—with ROTC-taught combat lessons

11:00

11:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Whirlyball
11:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Laser Tag
11:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**
Brunch
11:00—**Sigma Nu**
Rock Climbing
11:00—**Theta Chi**
F1 Racing
11:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Airsoft: A fast-paced military combat simulation with realistic weapons
11:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Skullhouse BBQ.
11:30—**Theta Delta Chi**
Sailing with TDC Brothers
11:30—**Kappa Sigma**
Lazy Morning Brunch @Kappa Sigma

12:00

12:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Slider Lunch—fusion chicken, pulled pork, Angus beef
12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Chili Dogs with Cheese for lunch!
12:00—**Theta Xi**
Dim Sum
12:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Miracle Berries & BBQ
12:30—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
House Tours

13:00

13:00—**Zeta Psi**
Laser Tag
13:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Bowling
13:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Games at PBE—Rockband, FIFA, and more
13:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Outdoor Paintball Competition with Kappa Sigma
13:00—**Theta Delta Chi**

Barbecue
13:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Paintball
13:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
F1 Go-Kart Racing.
13:00—**Delta Tau Delta**
Sports and Grill
13:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Canoeing on the Charles River.
13:30—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
House Tours—see our roofdeck by day!

14:00

14:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Hip-Hop Dance Class with America’s Best Dance Crew
14:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Avid fans and newbies alike will enjoy or anime marathon!
14:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Skateboarding at Boston Skate parks
14:00—**Theta Xi**
Laser Tag
14:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Waffles and LN2 Ice Cream
14:30—**Beta Theta Pi**
Rock Climbing at Boston Rock Gym

15:00

15:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Smoking Tours of Boston. Come see Boston’s smoke shops! (18+)
15:00—**Theta Chi**
Paintball
15:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
TDC Presents: The Man Show! Everything an MIT Man Wants!
15:00—**Chi Phi**
Chi Phi Luau
15:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Karate on the Mall

16:00

16:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Mini Golf
16:00—**Nu Delta**
F1 Racing
16:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Pirate Battle with Pika
16:30—**Sigma Nu**
Nerf Wars

17:00

17:00—**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Shoot real AK-47’s, AR-15’s, shotguns and .22’s! Meet at Baker
17:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Chow down on some juicy burgers at our BBQ.
17:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Mesmerized by Dexterity

18:00

18:00—**Kappa Sigma**
South of the Border Dinner @Kappa Sigma
18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Delicious Barbeque cooked by our House Chef Bobby Mac!
18:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner: Italian Buffet.
18:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Pizza Night
18:00—**Sigma Chi**
Dinner in Boston
18:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Gerry’s World Famous Fried Chicken.
18:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Southern Dinner—Beverly’s famous fried chicken & sweet tea
18:00—**Theta Xi**
Texas Barbecue
18:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Mike’s Pastry
18:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Chicken and Waffles
18:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Hair Dying, Tie Dying, Body Dying, Death, etc.
18:30—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Comedy Club
18:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Dinner with Pi Lambda Phi
18:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Steak Dinner
18:30—**Delta Tau Delta**
Pool and Video Games
18:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Indoor Skydiving. Space limited.
18:30—**Sigma Nu**
Night in Boston
18:30—**Delta Upsilon**

Join us for dinner on our roofdeck overlooking the Charles

19:00

19:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Jersey Shore Marathon—come beat the beat with PBE
19:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Korean Barbeque
19:00—**Kappa Sigma**
F1 Racing with Kappa Sigma
19:00—**Theta Chi**
Steak and Lobster
19:00—**Zeta Psi**
Luau and Pig Roast
19:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
India Quality Indian Food at Beta
19:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Maggiano’s Italian Feast
19:30—**Phi Kappa Theta**
PKT Poker Tournament (First Place Prize: iPad)
19:30—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Pool at Jillians.
19:44—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Carbonated Fruit

20:00

20:00—**Chi Phi**
Casino Night at Chi Phi
20:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Salsa Lessons
20:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Game Night at Skullhouse.
20:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
3 P’s: Pizza Poker Pool
20:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**
Poker night
20:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Night on the Bay: Yacht Party
20:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Cannoli Hunting

21:00

21:00—**Delta Upsilon**
Poker Night where MIT Blackjack (from the movie 21) practiced
21:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Blacklight VIP Lounge
21:00—**Theta Chi**
Poker Tournament
21:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Electro Party at Beta
21:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Improv Boston
21:00—**Theta Xi**
BASH (Bad-Ass Scavenger Hunt)
21:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
USB DIY
21:30—**Theta Delta Chi**
FOAM Party
21:30—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Party Hop—roll with us to tonight’s best parties

22:00

22:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Jungle Party
22:00—**Nu Delta**
Party Bus
22:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Purple Man Group
22:30—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Party Hopping and Chinatown Run

23:00

23:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Ice Cream Sundaes
23:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Steak n’ Shake.
23:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
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23:30—**Kappa Sigma**
Midnight Buffet: Carnival Favorites @Kappa Sigma
23:30—**Beta Theta Pi**
Late Night Bowling
23:59—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Vermonster Challenge

Monday
September 6

00:00

00:00—**Theta Xi**
Infinite Desserts
00:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Bobbing-for-French-Fries or: how I learned to relax and love the institute

01:00

01:00—**Nu Delta**
Breakfast before Dawn

08:00

08:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
SigEp’s Legendary Breakfast
08:00—**Nu Delta**
Breakfast
08:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Start your day right with a delicious breakfast!

09:00

09:00—**Sigma Nu**
Paintball
09:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Breakfast @ TDC
09:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Six Flags Theme Park
09:00—**Chi Phi**
Chi Phi House of Pancakes
09:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Soul Food Breakfast
09:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Breakfast for Champions
09:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
ZBT Breakfast of Champions.
09:00—**Nu Delta**
Firing Range (Gun Range)
09:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Six Flags New England
09:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Breakfast with the Skulls.
09:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Paintball with the Skulls.

10:00

10:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Trip to Crane Beach
10:00—**Theta Chi**
6 Flags
10:00—**Zeta Psi**
Six Flags
10:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Six Flags—skip the lines with our Flash Passes!
10:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Fraternal House of Pancakes
10:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**
Paintball
10:00—**Delta Upsilon**
Canoe down the Charles. A guaranteed good time.
10:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
6 Flags with Flash Passes
10:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Parasailing over The Cape
10:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Pickup Sports at Devotion.
10:30—**Kappa Sigma**
Brunch the Kappa Sigma Way
10:30—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
The Original Surfing and Spearfishing in Newport

11:00

11:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Pre-Beach Breakfast
11:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Ultimate Windsurfing at Cape Cod with Kappa Sigma
11:00—**Chi Phi**
Jet Skiing on the Cape
11:00—**Theta Xi**
Bacon Bonanza
11:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Skullhouse BBQ.
11:00—**Zeta Psi**
Island Excursion—Relax on the Beach Before Classes Start
11:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Canoeing on the Charles

12:00

12:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Lunch.
12:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Persian Lunch—enjoy gyros, falafel, fattoush, and baklava
12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Make your own Taco Feast!
12:00—**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Segway polo and Segway ultimate frisbee on killian and kresge
12:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Beach Trip
12:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Lunch at Fire and Ice
12:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Nature Walk through the Arnold Arboretum

13:00

13:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Rock Climbing
13:00—**Theta Xi**
Ultimate Frisbee in Boston Com-

mons
13:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Paintball.
13:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Bowling at Jillians
13:00—**Zeta Psi**
Cookout at Zeta Psi

14:00

14:00—**Nu Delta**
Rock Climbing
14:00—**Delta Tau Delta**
Lobster Trip
14:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**
House Tours
14:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Sports on Kresge Oval—drop by for football and frisbee
14:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Dim Sum

15:00

15:00—**Theta Xi**
Dumpling Eating Contest
15:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
LN2, Dry Ice, Helium!
15:30—**Sigma Nu**
Nugget Feast

16:00

16:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Dramatic Proof Reading

17:00

17:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Ea Ea, *Star

18:00

18:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Fajitas
18:00—**Sigma Chi**
Dinner in Boston
18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Bobby Mac’s savory specialty: London Broil!
18:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Pig Roast
18:00—**Theta Xi**
Gourmet Dinner by Chef John
18:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner: Roofdeck BBQ.
18:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Night out on the Boston Harbor.
18:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Dinner Mexicana—Tacos, burritos, carnitas, y ms!
18:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Roofdeck BBQ
18:00—**Theta Chi**
Homemade Italian Dinner
18:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
A Taste of Italy
18:00—**Nu Delta**
Steak & Lobster
18:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Classic Steak and Lobster Dinner
18:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
1.022: Intro. to Milk Crate Construction
18:30—**Zeta Psi**
Italian Dinner at Zeta Psi
18:30—**Beta Theta Pi**
Midwest Grill Brazilian BBQ
18:45—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Fire and Ice

19:00

19:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Entourage Marathon—on our 110” HD screen
19:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**
Breaking Stuff and Roasted Pig
19:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Candlepin Bowling! A New England twist on a classic game
19:00—**Sigma Nu**
Boston Harbor Cruise
19:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Mexican Feast
19:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Dinner with Pi Lambda Phi
19:30—**Delta Upsilon**
Join the brothers and guests for our daily feast.
19:30—**Theta Delta Chi**
Pick-Up Basketball
19:30—**Theta Delta Chi**
Video Game Tournament. Win a Wii!

20:00

20:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Bowling.
20:00—**Kappa Sigma**

Ballin’ at Golf Country
20:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Here Wii Go!
20:00—**Delta Tau Delta**
Video Game Tournament
20:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Phi Delt Fondue
20:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Laser Tag and Frappes
20:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Lie-off

21:00

21:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Laser Tag
21:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Rock Out on the Big Screen
21:00—**Chi Phi**
Open Mic Night at Chi Phi
21:00—**Theta Xi**
Capture the Flag
21:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Panel of tEsperts
21:30—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Bowling—come with us to Lucky Strike Lounge

22:00

22:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Infinite Crepes: There’s over 9000!
22:00—**Theta Chi**
Cartoons on the new roofdeck
22:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Comedy Marathon
22:00—**Zeta Psi**
Afterhours at Zeta Psi
22:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Movie on the Roof
22:00—**Sigma Nu**
Newbury Ice Cream Run
22:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**
X-Rated Hypnotist
22:00—**Delta Upsilon**
The time honored tradition of collegiate co-ed jelly wrestling.
22:00—**Nu Delta**
Monster Jam (Party)
22:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Rock* lightshow

23:00

23:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Late Nite Run to IHOP.
23:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
IHOP Run
23:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Capture the Glowey Thing!
23:30—**Kappa Sigma**
Midnight Buffet: Feel the Fire @ Kappa Sigma
23:44—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
(Legally) Expand your Mind @tEp
23:59—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Midnight IHOP Run

Tuesday
September 7

00:00

00:00—**Theta Xi**
Vernmonster Challenge

08:00

08:00—**Nu Delta**
Morning After Breakfast
08:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
SigEp’s Legendary Breakfast
08:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Start your day right with a delicious breakfast!

09:00

09:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Breakfast @ TDC
09:00—**Sigma Nu**
Breakfast at the House
09:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Hearty Breakfast
09:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
ZBT Breakfast of Champions.
09:00—**Chi Phi**
Chi Phi Waffle Breakfast
09:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Bagel Breakfast
09:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Breakfast with the Skulls.

10:00

10:00—**Nu Delta**
ND Football, Ballin & Soccer
10:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Fraternal House of Pancakes
10:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Skullhouse Water Sports.

10:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Shopping for School Supplies
10:30—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
The Original Battle Canoeing
10:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Come Rock Climbing with friends! Training provided

11:00

11:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Reg Day Lunch @Kappa Sigma
11:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Skullhouse BBQ.
11:00—**Theta Chi**
Beach Trip
11:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Food Fight!
11:00—**Theta Xi**
Day at the Beach

12:00

12:00—**Chi Phi**
Sailing on the Charles with Chi Phi
12:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Ultimate Frisbee on Killian
12:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Lunch & Sports on Kresge Oval
12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Come for another delicious ADP Lunch!
12:00—**Sigma Nu**
Football in the Fens
12:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Wing Lunch—spicy Cajun, honey BBQ, and more

13:00

13:00—**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Rock climbing! Meet at Baker
13:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Not Your Typical Barbecue
13:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
AEPi Lunch and Ultimate
13:00—**Delta Tau Delta**
Boston Scavenger Hunt
13:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Reg Day Feynman
13:30—**Theta Delta Chi**
Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts
13:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Exotic Meat Tasting

14:00

14:00—**Zeta Psi**
Paintball
14:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**
Dodgeball
14:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**
House Tours
14:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Beach Day at Wellesley
14:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Richardson’s—mini golf, driving range, batting cages, frozen custard
14:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Ditch Windows, Install Linux
14:30—**Beta Theta Pi**
Gun Range (Paintballing is for sis-sies)

15:00

15:00—**Sigma Nu**
Frisbee in Killian
15:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Pick-Up Soccer
15:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Ditch Linux, Break Computers

16:00

16:00—**Nu Delta**
Roofdeck Barbecue
16:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Find stuff in Chinatown

17:00

17:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Nerf Wars.
17:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
On Demand Movie Marathon
17:00—**Sigma Nu**
Reg Day Stooping
17:00—**Chi Phi**
Pre-Cruise Dinner
17:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Cook what you found in Chinatown
17:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Go Karting, Laser tag, Laser Spy Maze, and Huge Arcades!
17:45—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
PF Chang’s Dinner

18:00

18:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner with PowerPoint Karaoke.

18:00—**Theta Chi**
Red Bones BBQ Dinner
18:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Steak Dinner
18:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Dinner in Boston—come dine with us around Quincy Market
18:00—**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Will it fry?! Deep Frying Fest on Kresge
18:00—**Theta Xi**
A Taste of Kenmore Square
18:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Border Caf Dinner with Kappa Sigma
18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Bobby Mac’s delicious Orange Cranberry Stuffed Chicken!
18:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Teriyaki. It’s What’s For Dinner.
18:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Iron Chef—Our expert brother chefs show off their specialties.
18:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Stroll along Newbury
18:30—**Zeta Psi**
Tex Mex Dinner at Zeta Psi
18:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Red Sox vs. Rays

19:00

19:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**
Red Sox Game
19:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Chill with us at our Pool and Poker Tournaments. Win prizes!
19:00—**Sigma Nu**
Prudential Skywalk
19:00—**Chi Phi**
Chi Phi Liberty Clipper Boat Cruise
19:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
BBQ @tEp
19:30—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Final Potato Gun Firing & The History of Hacks at MIT.
19:30—**Beta Theta Pi**
Boston’s Best Sushi
19:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Dinner with Pi Lambda Phi
19:30—**Delta Upsilon**
Travel into Boston for a Hot Pot experience.

20:00

20:00—**Theta Xi**
Mini-Golf
20:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Boston Desserts
20:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
The PKT Coffeehouse featuring American Idol finalist Chris Vu
20:00—**Delta Tau Delta**
Poker Tournament
20:15—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Jam Session.
20:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Movie on the Roof: The King of Kong
20:30—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Iron Chef.

21:00

21:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Potato Cannons

22:00

22:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Cookies and Milk

23:00

23:00—**Theta Xi**
Theta XiHOP
23:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Night Before School Bowling

Wednesday
September 8

08:00

08:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Start your day right with a delicious breakfast!

11:00

11:30—**Delta Upsilon**
Lunch on the steps of the student center.

12:00

12:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Lunch on the Student Center Steps
12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Aren’t you hungry? Come to ADP for a tasty Lunch!
12:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**

New Orleans Lunch—Shrimp Po’ Boys, Charleston red rice, more
12:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Grillin on Kresge

13:00

13:00—**Nu Delta**
Lunch on the Student Center Steps

14:00

14:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**
House Tours

15:00

15:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Hang with us after your first day of MIT classes.

16:00

16:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Sailing on the Charles
16:00—**Nu Delta**
Target Runs

17:00

17:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Kayaking
17:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Cook Haus food with us
17:30—**Phi Delta Theta**
Guns and Golf
17:30—**Chi Phi**
Fajitas and Tacos at Chi Phi

18:00

18:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Gerry’s South of the Border Burritos.
18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Networking Dinner: Chat with our successful alumni over dinner.
18:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Steak and Mahi Mahi Dinner
18:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Back Bay Banquet in beautiful Kenmore Square.
18:00—**Theta Chi**
Homemade House Dinner
18:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner: Chefs Choice.
18:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Steak Dinner—thinly sliced steamship round with all the fixings
18:00—**Theta Chi**
North End Dinner
18:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Make Your Own Pizza
18:00—**Theta Xi**
Insane Fry-a-lator Dinner
18:00—**Sigma Nu**
Dinner at the House
18:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Dinner with Pi Lambda Phi
18:30—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Red Sox vs. Rays—come to the game at Fenway!

19:00

19:00—**Chi Phi**
Red Sox Game with Chi Phi
19:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Pasta Night
19:00—**Delta Tau Delta**
Red Sox
19:00—**Theta Chi**
Candlepin Bowling
19:00—**Zeta Psi**
Steak and Lobster Dinner (Invite Only)
19:00—**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Dinner at the Union Oyster House
19:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
How to Make Pizza Night
19:00—**Nu Delta**
Dicks Last Resort (Restaurant)
19:00—**Kappa Sigma**
Noodle Run: Chinatown with Kappa Sigma
19:15—**Zeta Beta Tau**
LaserTag.
19:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Haus food,
19:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Bowling
19:30—**Delta Upsilon**
Join the brothers and guests for our daily feast.
19:30—**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Mini Golf
19:45—**Theta Delta Chi**
Trip to the BU Observatory

20:00

20:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Poker Tournament with the Skulls.

20:00—**Theta Xi**
Flavor-Tripping Party

20:00—**Sigma Nu**
Poker Tournament

20:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Jillians

20:30—**Delta Upsilon**
We're on a boat. Welcome to our river boat cruise.

20:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
IHTFP: hear firsthand accounts of jaw-dropping exploits at MIT!

21:00

21:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Candlepin Bowling at Boston Bowl and Late-night IHOP

21:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Movie Projected on Our House

21:00—**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Mike's Cannoli Study Break

21:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Cool off with delectable ice-cream sundaes at ADP!

21:30—**Sigma Nu**
Rockband and Smoothies

21:30—**Lambda Chi Alpha**
Harbor Cruise

22:00

22:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Beatnik Dr. Seuss Cocoa

23:00

23:00—**Zeta Psi**
Night Ultimate Frisbee—Meet at the House

Thursday
September 9

08:00

08:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Start your day right with a delicious breakfast!

11:00

11:30—**Delta Upsilon**
Lunch in front of the student center with Delta Upsilon

12:00

12:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Brunch for Lunch—omelets, sausage crepes, bacon, home fries

12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Keep your day going strong with a delightful ADP lunch.

13:00

13:00—**Nu Delta**
Lunch on the Student Center Steps

15:00

15:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Join us for p-set help, games, and general fun.

17:00

17:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Cook Haus food with us

18:00

18:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner: Chefs Choice.

18:00—**Sigma Nu**
Dinner at the House

18:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Homestyle Dinner with the Skulls.

18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Bobby Mac's Chicken Cordon Bleu!

18:30—**Theta Delta Chi**
Boat Cruise

19:00

19:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Rush Hashanah Dinner

19:00—**Delta Tau Delta**
NFL Season Opener

19:00—**Beta Theta Pi**
Eat out on the Town with Beta

19:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Dinner at the House

19:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Dinner with Pi Lambda Phi

19:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Dick's Last Resort

19:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
ADP brothers showcase for you a variety of literary presentations.

19:00—**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

Wings and football at Bexley

19:00—**Zeta Psi**
Zete's on the Town (Invite Only)

19:30—**Phi Beta Epsilon**
VIP Lounge at Jillian's—enjoy the game, chill with bros

19:30—**Kappa Sigma**
NFL Opening Night @Kappa Sigma

20:00

20:00—**Sigma Nu**
South Park Marathon

20:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
ADP Movie Night: The Godfather. Everyone should see this classic!

20:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Mini Golf.

20:30—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Desserts with Alumni

21:00

21:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Rock Climbing

21:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**
Jello Drop

21:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**
Steak n' Shake.

21:30—**Sigma Nu**
Mike's Pastries

22:00

22:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Cidernight and AE-Pie Eating Contest

22:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Ice Cream.

22:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Lemonade/Bubble Tea

23:00

23:00—**Zeta Psi**
Night Ultimate Frisbee—Meet at the House

Friday
September 10

08:00

08:30—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Breakfast! Om nom nom nom nom nom nom nom nom nom...

11:00

11:30—**Delta Upsilon**
Lunch in front of the student center with Delta Upsilon

12:00

12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
You know you're hungry... Come have lunch with us!

13:00

13:00—**Nu Delta**
Lunch on the Student Center Steps

17:00

17:00—**Zeta Psi**
Dinner at Pour House (Invite Only)

18:00

18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Dinner by invitation only

18:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner out in Boston.

18:30—**Delta Tau Delta**
Bid Dinner

19:00

19:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Bid Dinner

19:00—**Sigma Nu**
Bid Dinner

19:00—**Theta Delta Chi**
Dinner at The Grotto (Invite Only)

20:00

20:45—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Trip to Boston's Improv Asylum (invite only)

21:00

21:00—**Phi Delta Theta**
Road Rally

21:15—**Pi Lambda Phi**
Stand Up Comedy at the Improv Asylum

22:00

22:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Food Orgy

Saturday
September 11

11:00

11:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**
Dim Sum: A mouthwatering chinese brunch to conclude your week.

11:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Harbor Cruise to George's Island.

12:00

12:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
BBQ at the House

19:00

19:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Hsin Hsin and Brezhnev's

20:00

20:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Walking Tour of Boston, ending with Mike's Pastries.

20:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Crock

21:00

21:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
JP Licks

Sunday
September 12

12:00

12:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Larz Anderson Picnic.

20:00

20:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**
Study Break & histories.

22:00

22:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Cookies:

Monday
September 13

19:00

19:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**
Haus Food again

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19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: International night! Chinese noodles with veggies, Indian chicken curry, and Brazilian desserts.

20:00

20:00—**WILG**
Dirty Dancing: Hips don’t lie. Come shake them at WILG and learn some killer dancing steps. Come early and join us for our international dinner!
20:00—**pika**
pikans concert. Sit in the murph and hear jazz violin, Irish fiddle, Scandinavian accordion and much more from pikas many resident strummers and hummers.
20:06—**No. 6 Club**
Roofdeck Lounge—The roofdeck is one of our most celebrated house areas. Come enjoy pastries, coffee and the night view over MIT with all the sixers. Hold on to your cups!

21:00

21:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Monkey Island Talk-Along—Your opponent insults you: “You fight like a dairy farmer.” You respond with? Join us and Guybrush Threepwood, mighty pirate wannabe, on a glorious adventure! Meet us in Lobby 7 at 9:00 to catch our van.
21:30—**pika**
Make music at pika! Kazoos provided, but other instruments welcome.

Wednesday
September 8

11:00

11:00—**WILG**
Cookie giveaway until 2pm! Stop by the vending machine area by 26-100 to taste-test our baked goods.

12:00

12:00—**Fenway House**
Telephone Pictionary—The telephone game, combined with Pictionary. More entertaining than watching parrots wrestle.
12:00—**Fenway House**
The French Radio Game—Requires an antenna to be drilled into your skull. Pain medication provided.

14:00

14:00—**Fenway House**
House Tours—Our wallpaper is poisonous. No, seriously. Come check it out yourself!

16:00

16:00—**pika**
Athena orientation. Learn how to print, subscribe to mailing lists from the command line, access your Athena account from your laptop, and use the zephyr instant messaging system. You will be glad you did. The web interface for printing sucks.
16:30—**pika**
V* For Vendetta 6:30, V* is pika code for vegan food, which is available every night. Come eat V* lentil burgers. Meet us at 6:00 in Lobby 7 or follow the sound of screaming vegetables from Simmons.

17:00

17:00—**Fenway House**
One-Legged Pillow Smackdown—With a name that awesome, the game itself must be incredible. Only one way to find out... BE THERE!
17:15—**Epsilon Theta**
Puzzle & Various Pastas!—Come start a jigsaw puzzle then eat dinner with us. We’ll have tortellini, ravioli, all sorts of Italian names. Maybe you’re not quite sure what the difference is, but you know they’ll all be delicious! Tiramisu for dessert! Meet us in Lobby 7

19:00

19:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Telephone Pictionary—Doodle with us while playing this ET creation. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 7:00 to catch our van.
19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Mac and cheese, asparagus, and apple pie. Comfort food is great.
19:06—**No. 6 Club**

Crêpes & Coffee—Sixers love Crêpes and Coffee, and you should too. Our talented members will use our espresso machine and our secret French crêpe recipe to bring you the best evening dessert. Enjoy!

20:00

20:00—**pika**
Pirates vs. Ninjas Capture the Flag. Meet us in Lobby 7 to run through MIT’s academic buildings looking for a little piece of fabric on behalf of your favorite category of characters.
20:00—**WILG**
Succulent Smoothies: If there’s one thing we always have at WILG, it’s smoothies. Berries, mangoes, yogurt, ice cream, soy milk, pineapple. You get the idea. We are expert blend-masters, connoisseurs of fruity concoctions. Bring yourself; we’ll provide the frozen delights.
20:36—**No. 6 Club**
Conversations at Number Six—We love to dissect and ponder upon various topics as well as to argue about and discuss every little bit of them. Come reflect upon the issues of the modern world, and let your intellect run wild in the comfort of our rustic second floor.

21:00

21:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Candle Making—Dip... dip... dip... light on FIRE! Meet us in Lobby 7 at 9:00 to catch our van.

Thursday
September 9

11:00

11:00—**WILG**
Cookie giveaway until 2pm! Stop by the vending machine area by 26-100 to taste-test our baked goods.

12:00

12:00—**Fenway House**
Rock Band Bonanza—You know that satisfying feeling when you hit a 50-note streak? Come and feel it all over again!

14:00

14:00—**Fenway House**
House Tours—Have you seen the door in our ceiling? Would you like to?

15:00

15:00—**Fenway House**
Dodgeball in the Fens—Hitting each other with rubber balls in a park. How could you say no to that?

16:00

16:00—**pika**
Handicrafts at pika. Learn to make beaded bracelets and headdresses fit for the priestesses of the Lesbian Baby Seagull Earth Goddess, knit shawls for her feathery shoulders, or her proud head out of sculpey. Or do something completely unrelated.

17:00

17:15—**Epsilon Theta**
Fajitas!—Beans, cheese, rice, onions all living together in the great melting pot of the flour tortilla... yummm. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 5:15pm to catch our van.

18:00

18:30—**pika**
Pizza night at pika. Meet us in Lobby 7 or follow the smell of homemade pizza sauce from Simmons. As always, vegan options will be available.

19:00

19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Breakfast for dinner! You know you want it.
19:00—**Epsilon Theta**
A Dramatic Reading of The Princess Bride—Come join us in a dramatic reading and reenactment of the most entertaining scenes from The Princess Bride! Can you handle the not-lefthandedness? Meet us in Lobby 7 at 7pm to catch our van!
19:06—**No. 6 Club**
Café Vittoria—Celebrate the end of Rush with fine coffee and delicacies from Italy at Café Vittoria, in Boston’s

North end. We shall take little Italy by storm. The fine end to a fancy rush.

20:00

20:00—**pika**
Hair dye, again. Because you changed your mind about that purple streak and think it would look better on a green background than a brown one
20:00—**WILG**
Remember summer camp? We do. S’mores never get old. Neither do tie-dye shirts. Come make both outside on our roof deck and hang out with fellow campers.

21:00

21:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Fondue—What’s better than cake? Cake dipped in chocolate! Come satisfy your sugar cravings. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 9pm to catch our van.
21:00—**pika**
Xena marathon. While that green dye sets, eat popcorn and watch Xena on the big flat screen TV in our comfy basement hangout.

Friday
September 10

11:00

11:00—**WILG**
Cookie giveaway until 2pm! Stop by the vending machine area by 26-100 to taste-test our baked goods.

12:00

12:00—**Fenway House**
Firefly Marathon—Come celebrate the adventures of Mal and the crew. Brown coats are optional!

13:00

13:00—**Fenway House**
Water Balloon Wars—A swimsuit is probably a good idea.

14:00

14:00—**Fenway House**
House Tours—Our ping pong room has a pool table. That just blew your mind.

16:00

16:30—**pika**
Staff making. In our awesome work-room.

17:00

17:00—**WILG**
Water War! Tired of tooling? Test your team’s tenacity, and trample the traitors. Wear appropriate clothing (girls, we recommend avoiding white t-shirts, but your call) and meet at 5pm at Killian Court, then come by WILG for dinner at 7.
17:15—**Epsilon Theta**
Mattress Slide—Did your parents forbid you to ride down the stairs on a mattress? Well, they’re not here now! ET brings you... a 100% bouncy mattress slide! Meet us in Lobby 7 at 5:15pm to catch our van!

18:00

18:30—**pika**
Spicy Dinner. pika has an entire shelf of chili sauce in the refrigerator. Tonight all that will be concentrated in your food. Not-spicy food also available. Meet us at 6:00 in Lobby Seven or follow the smell of capsaisin.

19:00

19:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Dumplings—come eat ready-made dumplings. Meat and veggie dumplings available. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 7:00pm to catch our van.
19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Veggie and Meat Lasagna, salad, and brownies. Just the fuel to get you ready for a fun Friday night.

20:00

20:30—**pika**
Light show.

21:00

21:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Board Games & Fire—Play your favorite game or learn a new one while enjoying a cozy fire and delicious s’mores. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 9pm to catch our van.

22:00

22:00—**pika**
Coffee Tasting. At 10:00? Bad idea? Well, probably, but we’ll do it anyway.

23:00

23:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Waaaall-Eeeee! EeeeeeVVaaaaa! It’s a really cute movie despite mainly consisting of two words. Afterward we’ll watch Pixar movies with more real words, and comparable cuteness. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 11:00pm to catch our van.

Saturday
September 11

10:00

10:00—**WILG**
Saturday Morning Cartoons! We don’t need to rely on modern broadcasting; we’ve got the classics floating around the house. Plop down on one of our comfy couches, pour yourself a bowl of sugary cereal, and let the 90s animation wash over you in glorious colors.

12:00

12:00—**Fenway House**
Mario Kart Madness—Don’t make me throw a koopa shell at you.
12:15—**Epsilon Theta**
Mac n’ Cheese—Your favorite comfort food with strawberry smoothies for dessert! Meet us in Lobby 7 at 12:15pm to catch our van.

13:00

13:00—**pika**
pikans fix your bike. We charge each other in cookies for bike repairs, but today we do them for you free.
13:30—**Epsilon Theta**
Stuffed Animal Making—Like Build-a-Bear, but with more artistic freedom. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 1:30pm to catch our van!

14:00

14:00—**Fenway House**
House Tours—We won’t be showing you around, but our cat will. This will be great, since she needs to work on her English.
14:00—**pika**
Bike trip to the Arboretum. Ride your bike (or ask to borrow one of ours) with us to one of the most beautiful places in Boston with us.

15:00

15:45—**Epsilon Theta**
Build a Rube Goldberg Machine—You could flip the switch... or start a chain of dominoes to hit a bell and roll a ball down a ramp to hit a seesaw which drops a duck that falls and hits the switch. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 3:45pm to catch our van!

17:00

17:15—**Epsilon Theta**
Curry—We’ll have curried lamb, vegetables and lentil dal! And... two types of pie, apple and chocolate nut, for dessert! Meet us in Lobby 7 at 5:15pm to catch our van.

18:00

18:30—**pika**
Ethiopian dinner. Meet us in Lobby 7 or follow the smell of Ethiopia from Simmons.

19:00

19:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Ninjas & Pirates vs. Zombies & Vampires Party—Ninja’s and Pirates unite against a common enemy, the undead. Come pick your side! Meet us in Lobby 7 at 7pm to catch our van.
19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Salmon, salad, and mushroom risotto. A classy dinner for a classy night. Stay for our famous Cheesecake & A Cappella!

20:00

20:00—**pika**
Geodesic Dance Party. Yes we have a geodesic dome. Yes we will play lots of Kesh. Yes, also good music.
20:00—**WILG**
CHEESECAKE AND A CAPPELLA: What is this ‘cheesecake factory’

everyone is talking about it? It can’t ever replace dozens of cheesecakes homemade by the wonderful women of WILG, eaten to the accompaniment of an all-male a cappella group.
20:00—**Fenway House**
Picnic Dinner in the Fens—Food and friends before Rocky Horror starts!

23:00

23:00—**Fenway House**
The Rocky Horror Picture Show—The cult classic movie paired with a live show at Harvard Square! Cross-dressing recommended for Rocky Horror virgins.
23:00—**pika**
Rocky Horror Picture Show. Meet us at 11:00 at pika to walk to Harvard Square and see the live-cast performance with us. Let us know ahead of time if you need costume help.

Sunday
September 12

11:00

11:00—**WILG**
Dim Sum Brunch: We’ll leave from WILG at 11am to venture into the magical world of Chinatown Dim Sum. So much food! So many choices! Let us feed you!

12:00

12:00—**Fenway House**
Fenway Iron Chef—Can you make a delicious meal out of random things? And don’t forget about the secret ingredient!
12:00—**Fenway House**
Dance Dance Revolution Revolution—Rock out with your socks out on our dance pads!
12:15—**Epsilon Theta**
Corn Maze—What could be more awesome than getting lost in an epic maze? Getting lost in an epic maze... surrounded by CORN! If it’s too wet, we’ll go to the Museum of Science instead. Meet us in Lobby 7 at 12:15pm to catch our van!

14:00

14:00—**Fenway House**
House Tours—Today’s house tours are brought to you by the snake coming out of the 3rd floor door.

17:00

17:00—**WILG**
Warming Hearts: WILG does lots of volunteer work year-round. This year we’re getting an early start on preparing for the cold Boston winter. Help us make some blankets for local kids who need them; we’ll show you how!

19:00

19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Spanokopita and salad. Don’t know what this delicious dish is? Google to the rescue!
19:00—**Epsilon Theta**
MYO Pizza—We’ve got dough, sauce, toppings, and two large ovens! Take this opportunity to test out your dough-gyrating skills! Meet us in Lobby 7 at 7:00pm to catch our van.

21:00

21:00—**Epsilon Theta**
Bouncy Ball Making—BOING! Can you craft the bounciest ball of them all? Meet us in Lobby 7 at 9pm to catch our van!

22:00

22:00—**Fenway House**
Masked Costume Party—Come release your inner character as we turn different rooms into separately themed wonderlands!

Monday
September 13

19:00

19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Tacos and Quesadillas. Mexican food rocks. Stay for donuts!
19:30—**WILG**
Donut eating contest! How fast can you eat a donut off a string? Can you do it faster than the person next to you? And how many times will you actually get to try? This opportunity

is just too awesome to pass up.

20:00

20:00—**WILG**
Big Bang Theory Marathon: You can work on your psats while it plays in the background. Or you can devote your full attention to this wacky MIT sitcom. Either way, hang out with us for some laughs and a good time.

Tuesday
September 14

19:00

19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Pork Loin and mashed potatoes. Chef Kristen Anderson never messes this one up. It's a house favorite.

20:00

20:00—**WILG**
Stitch'n'Bitch: Know how to knit? Want to learn? Relax after dinner and wake up your crafty side for some knitting lessons. We should be far enough into term that this will serve both as a fun study break and talk therapy.

Wednesday
September 15

19:00

19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Tilapia and Tortellini. Yum. Fish is brain food.

20:00

20:00—**WILG**
Feed your Inner Child: The feeling

of finger paint on your hands. That indescribable smell of play-doh. The rattling sound of a hula hoop around your waist. The satisfaction of building a multi-story construction from gumdrops and toothpicks. Just good clean fun.

Thursday
September 16

19:00

19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Burgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs. And all the fixings.

20:00

20:00—**WILG**
Berry Line: Join us for our semi-annual rush outing to Cambridge's finest frozen yogurt. Berry Line is basically

legendary in its local popularity, with unique flavors of fro-yo made fresh daily and nearly every topping you can imagine. We're buying, of course.

Friday
September 17

19:00

19:00—**WILG**
Rush dinner: Chicken and Eggplant Parmesan. A hearty dinner to celebrate the end of the week.

20:00

20:00—**WILG**
Tea, scones, and Mike's Pastries: We'll bring in a selection of pastries from this famous North End baking establishment, and throw in some fancy tea to end the week with class

Saturday
September 18

08:00

08:30—**WILG**
Spectacle Island Excursion: Spectacle Island has everything you could want from a trip off campus. Hike, enjoy a picnic, or just lie on the beach or swim. Bring a book, or just enjoy the end of summer and the end of rush. 8:30 meet at WILG.

19:00

19:00—**WILG**
Rush Dinner: Chili and cornbread. The best meals are sometimes the simplest.



Sox playoff hopes dim after Rays

By Zach Hynes

The Red Sox headed to Tampa Bay last weekend to take on the Rays in a pivotal three-game series. Five and a half games behind the Rays, the Red Sox needed to take at least two out of three in the series to position the team for the last month of the season. A promising start stoked playoff hopes, but the rest of the weekend left Red Sox nation in a somber state of mind. Here’s a recap of the weekend and a look ahead at what lies in store for the Sox.

Friday

Jon Lester does his best Edwin Jackson imitation, limiting the Rays to two hits while racking up walks at a dizzying rate. While his walks are characteristic of the Little League World Series games that took place last week, the rest of his performance is Major League-caliber. Victor Martinez is the biggest star for an offense that manages ten hits from Rays’ ace David Price. Terry Francona takes no chances in the 8th and 9th, unless Daniel Bard relinquishing the ball at any point to another pitcher qualifies as a risk. A fantastic performance on the whole, the mood in Red Sox Nation is cautiously optimistic.

Saturday

The discrete nature of baseball is just one aspect of the game that attracts those inclined toward quantitative reasoning. Each game is comprised of roughly seventy-five encounters between the pitcher and the batter. The manager of each team decides when to substitute one player for another so as to gain a better match-up. Saturday’s loss hinges on three critical decisions:

a) Clay Buchholz’s incessant throws to first base to ward against a possible steal by Carlos Peña. As is

pointed out on the NESN broadcast, Carlos Peña had not shown any intention to steal second. An error on one of Buchholz’s check-throws to first sets the stage for...

b) JD Drew’s decision to exchange a run for an out by catching a ball deep in foul territory. While the names (Chad Qualls, anyone?) in the Rays’ bullpen hardly inspire fear, I don’t think the Red Sox should have relinquished their hard-won, one-run advantage at this point in the game. The live “win probability” tracker at Fangraphs.com affirms that Drew’s catch nudges the Rays 4.6 percent closer to victory.

c) Terry Francona’s decision to leave Clay Buchholz in the game at the start of the eighth inning. Buchholz appeared to labor through the late innings as he ran the count full and remained preoccupied with runners that reached base, but Francona opts to keep him in the game. Buchholz proceeds to surrender a game-tying homer, leaving the game with the score at 2-2 in the bottom of the eighth.

Extra innings on the road are always a dicey proposition; not knowing how long the game might last, Francona plugs Scott Atchison in to face the Rays in the bottom of the 10th rather than the closer, Jonathan Papelbon. Light-hitting Dan Johnson provides the dramatic victory for the Rays on a walk-off home run.

As Johnson’s homer sailed off into the Tampa Bay night sky, er, the lovely array of catwalks and light banks on the roof of Tropicana Field, thousands of disgruntled Red Sox fans reached for their remotes, the tantalizing possibilities of a Red Sox sweep having been swept away.

Sunday

A splendid effort over the first five innings by John Lackey is wasted when the Rays rally for three runs

in the bottom of the sixth on the way to a 5-3 victory. The game was crucial, the Red Sox could not execute, and Boston sports radio hosts have forty-eight hours to lament a “lost season” for the Red Sox before the team hopes to regain its winning ways against the resurgent Orioles on Tuesday night in Baltimore.

Hoping for a miracle

With a Tuesday night loss to the Orioles, the Sox sit 7.0 games back in the Wild Card; Baseball Prospectus offers the Sox a 6.3 percent chance of making the playoffs. Alternatively, the predicament could be described as follows: The Red Sox have to make up five games on the Yankees before the season-ending, three-game series at Fenway. Unless the Yankees or Rays transform into the 2007 Mets or even this season’s St. Louis Cardinals, the Sox can start making other plans for October because there won’t be any postseason baseball for them to play.

Upcoming this weekend

One spectacle not to miss this coming weekend is the return of Manny Ramirez, the “exiled” former Red Sox who comes to town with the Chicago White Sox on Friday. Fans upset over the Sox’ struggles will be happy to unleash their pent-up frustration on Ramirez, who earned his ticket out of Boston in 2008 with disinterested play and lack of respect for the team. He loved Boston when it gave him a \$160 million contract then hated Boston, endeared himself to the media, ignored the media, sat out games due to questionable “injuries”, and did so much more in his eight-year tenure with the Sox. Most of all, his return recalls fans to the two World Series championships the Sox won with him as those trophies begin to shrink in the rear view mirror of Red Sox Nation.

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YOUR NEW HOME TEAM

Getting to know the Boston Bruins

They're not the Sox, but make no mistake — the Bruins are big

By Zach Hynes

In Boston, the Bruins won't win a popularity contest with the Red Sox, Patriots, or Celtics, but their hardcore fans are true Bostonians and as dedicated to their team as any fans of the other New England sports teams. For those unfamiliar with the game of ice hockey, imagine a sport which, like soccer, is a low-scoring affair, but unlike soccer, permits physicality between players and doesn't reward those who like to fake injuries. It also represents one of the best ways to have fun when you're near a frozen body of water and can't go anywhere because there's too much snow (this is New England for about four months out of the year). Many Bruins fans, unlike fans of franchises in the southern United States, have fond memories of playing the game with family and friends. Collegiate hockey (the BU Terriers and the BC Eagles are among the top teams in the nation) is extremely popular around Boston as well.

History

The Bruins were part of the Original Six teams that comprised the National Hockey League (NHL) at its inception, along with Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Montreal, and Toronto. While the Bruins never enjoyed a true dynasty, they have lifted Lord Stanley's

Cup on a number of occasions, most recently when defenseman Bobby Orr revolutionized his position with his dazzling offensive skills in the early 1970's. Ray Bourque and Cam Neely, gifted defenseman and beloved tough guy, respectively, are the most recent Bruins legends; however, neither player enjoyed a championship season with the Bruins.

State of the team

The Bruins managed to underachieve and overachieve in the same season last year. Having nearly reached the conference finals during the 2008-2009 season (to be defeated by the Carolina Hurricanes on an improbable goal), the Bruins were expected by many to make a deep run into the playoffs. With a Vezina trophy-winning goaltender signed to a new deal and several emerging young players signed to new contracts, last year was to be the beginning of a new era of hockey glory in Boston. However, scoring suffered with the trade of sniper Phil Kessel to the Toronto Maple Leafs (more on this later) and injuries to key players. The linchpin of the offense, Marc Savard, suffered a concussion from a dirty hit doled out by the Penguins' Matt Cooke. The squad limped through the middle of the season but showed some signs of life at the end as the playoffs commenced (keep in mind that half the teams in the league make the playoffs; unlike teams in other sports, hockey

teams can endure long stretches of mediocrity but still earn the opportunity to play for the championship). They managed to upset the Buffalo Sabres and found themselves one game away from a berth in the Eastern Conference Finals, up 3-0 in their semi-finals match-up with the Philadelphia Flyers. Like the 2004 New York Yankees, however, they could not come up with the series-clinching victory in four attempts. Despite last year's spectacular implosion, this is a team on the cusp of greatness that seems capable of beating the much-hyped Penguins and Capitals in a seven-game series. With a new offensive weapon (Tyler Seguin, the second overall pick in the 2010 entry draft) at the disposal of coach Claude Julien, the Bruins are well positioned to make a run at the Cup this year.

Names to know

Tuuka Rask: A top-notch, Finnish goalkeeper who became a star when starter Tim Thomas struggled due to injuries.

Tyler Seguin: Top draft picks in the NHL, more so than their counterparts in other professional sports leagues, are often strong contributors early on in their careers; these players come straight from the cutthroat competition in Canadian "junior" leagues or other storied college programs like Boston College, Boston University, North Dakota, and Minnesota in NCAA Division I hockey.

The Bruins hope that their top pick, fresh from the junior leagues, could be the solution to their offensive woes.

Patrice Bergeron: A member of the Canadian team that won gold in Vancouver, Bergeron is a playmaker that opposing defenses can't ignore. After suffering a devastating concussion, he appears to be back at full strength.

See them in action

The Bruins play at the TD Garden, which greets you as you come over the Zakim bridge into Boston. Last season, "Chipotle Student Tickets" cost \$29.50 (the ticket also gets you a free Chipotle burrito at a Chipotle location in Boston!); "Family Section" tickets cost \$20 (no family necessary). Both of these "discounted" tickets get you seats in the balcony, where regularly priced seats cost anywhere up to \$100. From the balcony, you still need binoculars to see the action. I would highly recommend checking out the "rookie" games against the New York Islanders on September 15 and 16 at the TD Garden. Tickets are just \$5, and the games will feature top young talent from both teams.

The Bruins' first preseason game will be on September 22, against the Montreal Canadiens in Montreal; they open their regular season at home against Phoenix on October 9.

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