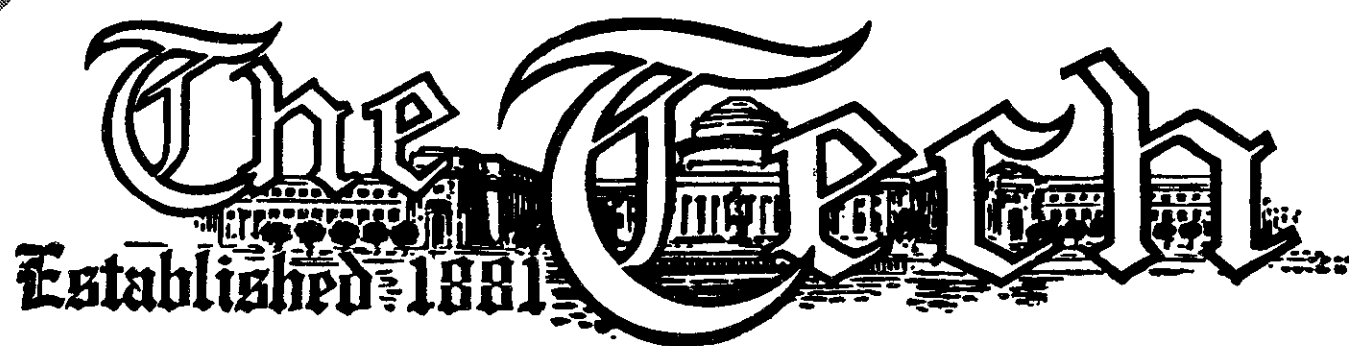


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Dean Bans *Thistle* From Frosh Mailing May Reverse Decision After Talks

By Josh Hartmann
CHAIRMAN

In response to controversy surrounding sexually explicit material in its July issue, *The Thistle* has tentatively been excluded from next summer's mailing to incoming students. Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith said he excluded the newspaper not merely for its content, but because the July edition was part of this year's mailing.

In a letter provided by *The Thistle*, Smith said the edition "does constitute an abuse of the privilege"



TECH FILE PHOTO

Arthur C. Smith

of including unreviewed materials in the freshman mailing, a collection of materials from student activities which is mailed to incoming students each summer.

"*The Thistle* will not have the privilege of including an issue in the mailing to freshmen in the summer of 1993 unless negotiations which may occur in the interim result in renewal of the previously granted privilege," Smith said in the letter.

Smith said yesterday that *Thistle* staff members had sent him electronic mail about his decision. "They clearly want to talk about it," he said, refusing to comment on

specific problems until he has discussed the situation with the *Thistle* staff. Smith said he may review his decision after these discussions.

"We are not in the business of regulating what *The Tech* and *The Thistle* print," he said. "Whatever the *Thistle* wants to say, they can say."

But the issue, Smith said, was the newspaper's right to be included in what he called a quasi-official mailing. "What they don't have a right to is for the Institute to send [the newspaper] out. The Institute is sending this issue out to this group that does not have the opportunity to refuse it."

In his decision, Smith said, "While no effort will be made to prevent *The Thistle* or *The Tech* from being mailed, regardless of their content, there is an implicit assumption that both publications will uphold ethical journalistic standards."

In a public Athena forum on the controversy, Sam Grant K. Emison G, a *Thistle* staff member, said on July 24, "I think it is possible *The Thistle* will obtain the list in violation of the rules and send out an issue next summer with a front page article explaining why we feel justified in doing so."

"It is very unlikely that we would apologize simply in order to have access to next year's mailing," Emison continued.

"If they mean simple thievery, I would certainly hope not," Smith said when told of Emison's comments.

Thistle founder Steven D. Penn G referred inquiries to colleague Archon Fung G, who did not return telephone messages last night. No other *Thistle* staff members could be reached for comment.



DOUGLAS D. KELLER—THE TECH

President Charles M. Vest makes a "leap of faith" by participating in a "trust fall" from the Kresge Auditorium stage yesterday.

Vest Welcomes New Students to MIT

Following is a transcript of President Charles M. Vest's welcoming speech to the freshmen and transfer students, as provided by Vest's Office.

Welcome.

I know what you are thinking.

Or if you aren't now, you probably will at other times during your years at MIT.

It's a thought that is harbored at one time or another by virtually every MIT student, and it's not true:

You were not admitted by mistake.

You are not the result of a computer glitch, or the report of an incompetent educational counselor. You are not here because we needed more architecture majors or people from Idaho or because someone misread your SAT scores.

You are a member of the freshman class at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology because we believe that you have the intellectual capacity, energy, imagination, and personal will to succeed and to prosper and to contribute to this institution.

You come to Cambridge from every region of the United States. Eight percent of you have come from other nations. 35 percent of you are women; 5 percent of you are African Americans; 8 percent are Hispanic Americans; 30 percent of you are Asian

Americans; and 1 percent of you are Native Americans. Together you weave the rich tapestry of your MIT class.

And you have come here because you believe in excellence. I worry sometimes that much of this nation has lost its will to excel. But MIT hasn't lost its will to excel, and neither will you. Whether you have come to study engineering, science, management, humanities, or architecture you intend to be among the best. During your years here, and in the future, you will be leaders as thinkers, doers, entrepreneurs, teachers, designers, managers, artists, or athletes. You will do so in a world that is rapidly changing, increasingly complex, and always challenging and fascinating and often beautiful.

Now people can attain excellence and accomplishment both as individuals and collectively. Both modes are important, but I must tell you that the importance of collective, or team approaches to accomplishment, is increasing rapidly in response to complexity. During the coming days and weeks you will be considering the balance between teamwork and individual efforts in many different ways. This will be important to your life at MIT and beyond.

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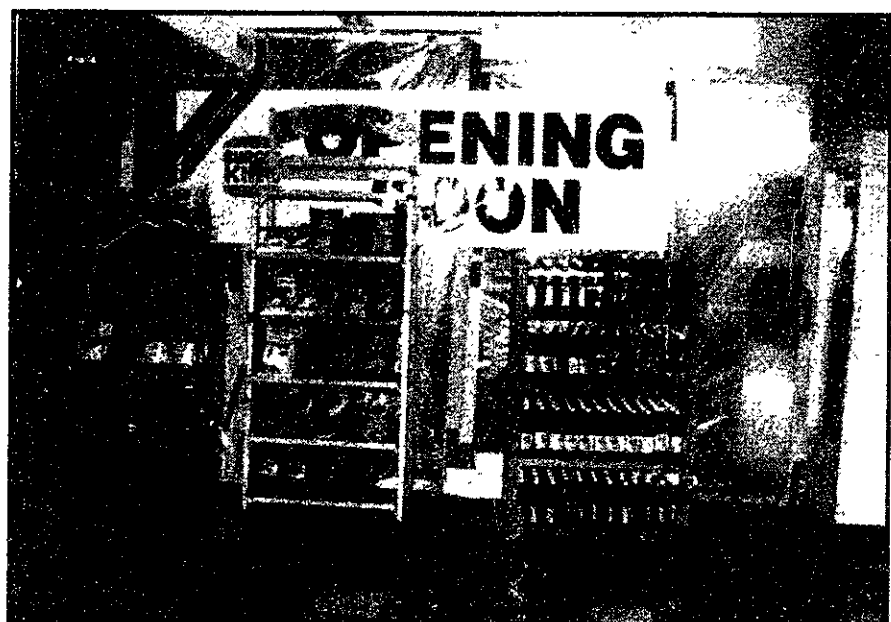
Burger King Coming Soon to Lobdell

By Reuven M. Lerner
NEWS EDITOR

With thoughts of repeating the successes of Pizza Hut and other outside vendors, ARA plans to open a miniature Burger King in Lobdell Court at the beginning of next

month.

The restaurant, which will accept ValiDine and be staffed by ARA employees, will be a "BK Expressways," a take-out restaurant that serves a subset of the regular Burger King offerings.



DOUGLAS D. KELLER—THE TECH

Coming soon to a Lobdell near you... Burger King Expressways will be the latest outside vendor to supply food for ARA.

The new restaurant, which will occupy a substantial part of Lobdell, is the result of an agreement between ARA's national corporation and Burger King earlier this year. According to Alan Leo, MIT's general manager of food services, ARA looked at a number of other national chains, including McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken, before deciding on Burger King. MIT's franchise is one of the first to open under this new policy, Leo said.

Both Leo and Lawrence E. Maguire, director of housing and food services, were pleased with the introduction of Burger King on campus.

It will make Lobdell "more like a food court — like it was supposed to be," Maguire said.

More than that, "it's what the students want," Leo added.

In an interview with *The Tech* earlier this year, Leo denied that ARA was planning to construct a

Elsewhere Lounge Offers Escape from R/O Week

By Eva Moy
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Elsewhere is where we want to be when we want to get away from the daily rush of life.

The around-the-clock Elsewhere lounge, located on the fifth floor of the student center in what is normally the Reading Room, started 15 years ago as "un-Rush" — the "eye of the hurricane during Rush," according to Brian A. Rubin '93, one of this year's coordinators.

It has since expanded to include jigsaw puzzles, graffiti paper, toys, and games. Freshmen can "play and relax and be a kid again," Rubin said.

Beyond its Play-Doh and Kool-Aid exterior, Elsewhere is also a place where freshmen can talk with upperclassmen without the overtones of Residence and Orientation Week. They cannot be contacted by living groups while at Elsewhere, he added.

"Rush is a really short time," said Interfraternity Council Rush Chair Karl L. Yen '93. Several houses may be rushing the same people at the same time, adding to the pressure on the freshmen, he said.

The lounge does not "really say anything negative about the rushing process," Yen added. "It's important for rushees to get away."

Elsewhere staffers — there are always two on duty — are trained to counsel freshmen who are frustrated or who may have been flushed or harassed by members of living groups, said Sara M. Howe '94, another of the coordinators. They have also been prepared to handle emergencies, Rubin added. Funding and training for the lounge and its workers comes primarily from the R/O Committee.

Elsewhere opens tonight at 6:30 p.m. and closes at noon on Sept. 4.

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WORLD & NATION

Hussein Vows Challenge as Allies Patrol 'No-Fly' Zone

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Waves of U.S. warplanes began patrolling the skies over southern Iraq Thursday, but Saddam Hussein's government vowed to challenge the allied "no-fly" zone.

American F-18 and F-15 fighters and AWACs surveillance planes crisscrossed Iraqi territory below the 32nd Parallel beginning at dusk, but met no Iraqi aircraft and encountered no resistance from the ground.

"There have been no flights by Iraqi aircraft today below the 32-degree line. Only coalition aircraft are flying below the 32-degree line," Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall said at a midday briefing Thursday. "There's been no Iraqi reaction."

U.S. fighter pilots returning to the carrier Independence after flying the initial missions over Iraq said the skies were quiet and anti-aircraft batteries were silent.

"I don't think the Iraqis will challenge us," said Lt. Cam O'Kuinghuttons, an F-18 fighter pilot from Nevada City, Calif. "In the past they have shown themselves to be very belligerent in their rhetoric, supine in their action. I don't think they want to challenge us, especially after last year."

Though Iraq's aircraft appear to be grounded, invective continued to fly from the Iraqi capital.

Sword-wielding demonstrators in downtown Baghdad shouted "Down with Bush! Down with Imperialism!" during a morning protest. Iraq's ruling council angrily promised to confront the U.S.-led flight ban, but Iraqi leaders indicated that their warplanes would not immediately engage the allies in combat.

"We shall choose the proper way and the proper time to confront this outrageous aggression," declared a statement issued by President Saddam Hussein's Revolutionary Command Council, after the Iraqi leader presided over a morning joint session of the governing council and the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party hours before the ban took effect.

The statement hinted strongly that Iraq would retaliate politically rather than militarily.

"We reserve the right to choose the way of action towards this aggressive resolution and the methods of rejecting it," the Iraqi leadership stated, adding that Hussein and his council would decide on the matter "in due time."

Among Iraq's non-military options for retaliation against the air shield, according to several analysts in the Persian Gulf region, are a ban on future U.N. weapons inspections and U.N. relief operations on Iraqi territory — both of which have continued since the war's end last year and are mandated under the U.N. cease-fire resolutions signed by Iraq.

Military analysts said Baghdad's preferred response to the no-fly zone would be to shoot down any allied planes over its territory, perhaps capturing a pilot as a hostage, but most agreed that Iraq's air defenses, although partially rebuilt since the war, remain crippled by the two-month allied aerial assault on its key facilities that kicked off the fighting.

The Gulf War allies, led by President Bush, decided to enforce the ban on all Iraqi flights below the nation's 32nd parallel after prolonged negotiations with leaders of Arab nations that had supported last year's U.N.-sponsored military effort to drive Iraq's occupation forces from Kuwait. Those Arab nations are equally critical logistical bases for the aerial patrols over southern Iraq.

Judge Delays Trial of Officers Involved in King Beating

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

A federal judge announced Thursday that he would delay the federal criminal trial of four police officers charged with violating Rodney G. King's civil rights until next year.

At the request of defense lawyers, U.S. District Judge John G. Davies agreed to postpone the start of the trial from its scheduled date next month to Feb. 2, 1993. The extra time is intended to give two new defense lawyers on the case an opportunity to review evidence as well as give lawyers on both sides the chance to prepare motions.

Legal experts said that the delay would also help bolster the chances of finding an unbiased jury by lengthening the time between the new proceedings and last April's state trial of the four defendants and the riots that swept Los Angeles hours after verdicts in that case.

Los Angeles police officers Timothy E. Wind, Theodore J. Briseno and Sgt. Stacey C. Koon were acquitted on all counts in that trial. The fourth defendant, Officer Laurence M. Powell, was found not guilty on all counts except one on which the jury could not reach a verdict. The lone remaining state charge will be dropped once the federal trial begins.

WEATHER

Rain on the Way

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Today: Morning clouds and fog, then hazy sunshine, warm and humid, with a 30 percent chance of an afternoon shower or thunderstorm. High in the upper 70s (25°C) at the coast, near 85°F (29°C) inland. Southeast winds 10-15 mph (6-10 kph).

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Low 65-70°F (18-21°C).

Tomorrow: Showers and scattered thunderstorms likely (70 percent chance). High 75-80°F (24-27°C).

Bush Orders U.S. Military To Aid Hurricane Relief

By Mary Jordan

THE WASHINGTON POST

MIAMI

President Bush responded Thursday to criticism of sluggish federal relief here by ordering federal troops to aid the tens of thousands left hungry and homeless by what he said may be the "worst natural disaster this country has ever seen."

Bush's announcement that he was directing the Defense Department to provide "comprehensive" help — from bottled water to mobile kitchens to evacuation helicopters — came toward the end of a day of campaigning in Ohio. Earlier, state and local officials here denounced Washington for what they called a life-threateningly slow response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Andrew, which left 250,000 homeless in South Florida.

"For God's sake, where are they?" Kate Hale, director of emergency operations in Dade County, asked about the federal relief agencies at a news conference. "Get those services down here. ... Sort out your political feuds afterwards."

Gov. Lawton Chiles also pleaded for more federal help and better coordination of rescue efforts. "We've got 120,000 C-ration meals that are here somewhere, but we don't know where the hell they are," he said.

Hale, who warned that more people may die from inept relief efforts than from the storm, blamed the American Red Cross for not establishing more shelters. She said there had been "problems," which she did not specify, with the National Guard, and that there was

virtually no compliance by federal agencies with the established relief plan.

"Fundamentally, it's Dade County on its own," Hale said, visibly upset and warning of impending deaths from dehydration. "We are all about ready to drop, and the reinforcements are not coming in fast enough."

Four days after Hurricane Andrew left one in eight families in South Miami homeless and endless miles of devastated neighborhoods, food and water has been slow in arriving.

Roadblocks set up to stop looters continued to hamper delivery of emergency food supplies. Truckers with emergency food were forced to wait for police escorts after reports that some drivers had been shot and beaten by thugs. State troopers thwarted progress of some private help when they began stopping all trucks entering the state, demanding that the drivers show that they and their cargo had been officially requested and that they were from a recognizable organization.

Throughout the day, the federal military, stung by criticism that its troops were better equipped to help foreign countries than fellow citizens, said through spokesmen that it had been frustrated because troops wanted to help but had not received formal approval.

Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall said there was no fair comparison between military and domestic relief operations. There are "legal restrictions on use of the U.S. military to perform functions within ... the boundaries of the United States," he

said.

"It's a federal disaster area, but it's not a martial-law area," Hall said. "When the U.S. military comes in (overseas) and takes over completely, you know, basically we take complete — take control."

Transportation Secretary Andrew H. Card Jr., designated by President Bush to coordinate relief efforts here, spoke to Bush after meeting with openly frustrated state and local officials here this morning. After that session, Card pledged a "dramatic improvement" in federal relief response within 24 hours.

"We have a horrendous situation here," Card said. "We're working together. The rebuilding has begun."

But many local residents demanded to know how the federal government could act so decisively in Panama or Kuwait and yet leave South Florida, where health officials say they fear an outbreak of salmonella and hepatitis, largely on its own.

"I don't believe this," said Anthony Gonzalez, a construction worker from Perrine, who lost his home in the hurricane. "Does President Bush only have a map that has the rest of the world but not the United States on it?"

Bush made a hurried visit to Florida Monday afternoon and toured South Miami neighborhoods by motorcade.

Thursday, after a campaign stop in Findlay, Ohio, he told reporters that the Pentagon response would be stepped up immediately. "The military is moving, and there are meetings right now to further enhance this mobilization," Bush said.

'Lull' Follows Sarajevo's Worst Week

By Blaine Harden

THE WASHINGTON POST

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA

The slow strangulation of this besieged capital goes on display whenever there is a lull in the high-caliber mayhem.

Thursday there was what passes for a lull. Diplomats off in London were promising to revivify Bosnia-Herzegovina, committing more troops to escort relief convoys and condemning Serbia as the unrepentant aggressor in the war.

In the hills around Sarajevo, Serb gunners chose not to fire their big guns so often at civilians in the streets. Sarajevo's mostly Muslim defenders backed away from their five-day attempt to break out of the five-month siege.

Seizing the lull, which came after a week of what residents describe as the wildest, most unrelenting shelling of the war, people emerged from basements and took their chances.

It was not a good bet for everyone. A mortar shell killed three people Thursday morning and wounded 20 others as they stood waiting at a bread line and a bus stop. After the attack, loaves of bread lay on the street, splashed with blood.

Another nine residents, who had obeyed the government's order to get off the streets by 1 p.m. and were sitting inside a downtown cafe, were hit by shrapnel from a mortar that landed outside in the street.

Bleeding, they were hauled by private cars to nearby Kosevo Hospital. In the insanity that has become normal life in the Bosnian capital, the mortar attack, with no dead and only two serious wounds, was tame stuff, the news equivalent of a fender-bender in a Washington parking lot.

Emergency doctors and nurses at

the hospital moved the wounded in and out of the trauma room in less than 14 minutes.

In the past 24 hours of the lull, the Bosnian Ministry of Health reported that 12 people were killed in Sarajevo and 80 wounded. Across the republic, two-thirds of which has been seized by Serbian forces, the ministry said 31 people were killed and 189 wounded.

The daily death toll in the past week had been running at nearly twice the average rate for the war, according to the ministry. At least 8,000 people have been killed in fighting here since April, and more than 1 million are homeless. U.S. Senate investigators have estimated that up to 35,000 have died.

For the people of Sarajevo, shelling from the hills and the odd shrapnel casualty are only part of the misery.

The city is getting uglier and more uninhabitable by the day, as fires gut buildings of Turkish, Austro-Hungarian and modern design. This week saw the burning of the main library, on the banks of the Miljacka River, as well as part of the town hall, the Turkish baths and two rows of 17th century row houses. When firefighters go to battle the blazes, snipers shoot at them.

Electricity, intermittent since April, was knocked out completely by shelling on Aug. 7. That left most people with no water. Telephone communications to the rest of the world were cut by Serb forces at the first of August.

With daily life ever more miserable, people here feel what several residents Thursday described as a creeping loss of hope.

"For months, I thought I could handle what is happening. But now it is more dangerous than it ever was. There is more fear. This is less

optimism. It has been too long without some clear results. The war, I think, will never end," said Jamal Becirevic, a businessman in his early 30s whose apartment has been repeatedly mortared and was recently stripped by burglars.

The United Nations airlift to Sarajevo, which started in June, continues, with between 10 and 30 big cargo aircraft landing each day at the city's airport. People here are not starving. They can find canned corned beef and rice, flour and sugar.

The United Nations began Wednesday to supplement the airlift — which costs \$700 per ton of food shipped in — with trucks, which cost \$160 per ton. To eliminate the costly airlift, the United Nations needs to enlarge its convoy, now at five trucks per day.

"I need 225 tons a day to feed Sarajevo, and I can get that with 25 trucks," said Dag Espelund, a U.N. logistics officer who works at the airport.

The United Nations is asking Western countries to beef up its truck fleet in Bosnia from 66 to 200 trucks, which would allow it to provide relief to Sarajevo and most of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

While it is uncomfortably hot under a cloudless sky now, many relief officials fear they will not be able to prepare an all-weather relief pipeline before winter sets in.

Repairs have yet to begin on two bridges that were blown up by Serb forces in April on the main all-weather highway from Sarajevo to the Croatian port of Split.

Trucks now must negotiate a gravel mountain track that will become impassable when autumn rains start, about 7 weeks from now.

Clinton Emphasizes Trust, Economy in Texas Tour

By Cathleen Decker
and Sam Fulwood III
LOS ANGELES TIMES

AUSTIN, TEXAS

He talked tough, almost like a Texan. And most of his rhetoric was aimed squarely at the president who calls this vast state his adopted home — George Bush. As Bill Clinton sidled by bus across the eastern flank of Texas on Thursday, he did more than promise a "can do" presidency — he sought to exorcise the ghosts of fallen Democrats in a state that has rarely sided with his party.

On the first day of his bus caravan across the state, he wielded two weapons with authority: the economy and trust — the character trait that the president contends should give him another four years in the White House. And he did it in a state buffeted by high unemployment, failed savings and loans, a downturn on the oil patch, defense cutbacks and lost manufacturing jobs.

During a boisterous send-off rally in San Antonio, Clinton worked in two barbs about Bush's Texas residency: "I know, folks, I don't have a hotel room in Houston," he said. "I know I don't have a plot of land no bigger than this stage to build my retirement home on. But I care more about people in Texas, the ordinary people and the problems they've got and the challenges before us."

Campaign aides distributed a statement that pointedly stressed Bush is more interested in "fighting for the richest 1 percent" of Americans and has offered "no help for the middle class."

"This administration's sole obsession is keeping taxes low on the wealthiest Americans," Clinton told several thousand people assembled along the riverfront, adding that such an approach has not

improved the nation's economy. "We're losing. We're falling behind ... because we're in the grip of a failed economic theory that we've got to have the courage to change."

Later, before about 15,000 screaming fans on the lawn of the Lyndon B. Johnson Library at the University of Texas, the Democratic presidential nominee oozed disdain for his Republican counterpart.

"He wanted it to be about trust," Clinton said. "Here's a guy who said, 'Read my lips,' who promised 15 million new jobs — he's over 14 million short and 90 percent of those that were created were created in government, the thing he always rails against."

"He promised to be the environmental president, the education president, and he promised us a kinder and gentler country. He wants this race to be about trust?"

"Let me tell you something, folks — unlike them, I trust you."

Clinton was fighting for himself, of course, but in Texas, more so than the other big states where the two candidates are vying fiercely, he was also fighting against the past image of Democratic presidential nominees.

He made the point, in ways subtle and direct, that he was not like the others, not like Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, for example, who the Bush campaign ridiculed across Texas in 1988.

"I ask you from this front row to way back underneath that tree and that tree and in that tree, that this is a time of new beginnings, a time when we have to come together as a nation," said Clinton, reaching out to the crowd.

"We have to go beyond the old politics of left versus right, of liberal versus conservative, to create a new America for a new world."

President Assails Clinton On Foreign Trade Policy

By David S. Broder
THE WASHINGTON POST

ST. LOUIS, MO.

President Bush, in an attack on the motives and trade policies of his Democratic rival, charged Thursday that Bill Clinton's "opportunism" is playing to "the darker impulses" of the American people by creating fears of foreign competition.

In an address to employees of a company that exports much of the safety equipment it manufactures, Bush criticized Clinton's proposal to collect billions more in taxes from foreign-owned companies in the United States. That would invite retaliation, Bush said, and "literally destroy jobs, discourage investment and ... threaten to start an economic war" of the kind that preceded the Great Depression.

"By attacking the bogeymen of foreign investors, Governor Clinton hopes to exploit the darker impulses of this uncertain age-fear of the future, fear of the unknown, fear of foreigners," Bush said.

Bush said Clinton has a reputation "as the kind of guy who will say anything, do anything for political gain." But, "those are American workers he's putting at risk," Bush said. "The American people simply won't buy it. The proudest people on Earth have never stooped to fear mongers before, and we must not stoop to fearmongers now."

Countered Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos: "The only thing the American people have to fear is four more years of lower wages, higher taxes and fewer jobs under George Bush."

He charged that under the Bush administration, "companies get a tax break to shift jobs overseas and callous foreign firms pay no taxes at all."

Bush criticized Clinton in a morning address to employees of Public Safety Equipment Inc., a suburban St. Louis firm that sells more than one-third of its emergency vehicle warning equipment in overseas mar-

kets. Later, Bush told workers at a Findlay, Ohio, plant, "We need a policy that creates jobs, not a tax machine that spits out pink slips."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Thursday's speeches were the first in the campaign to which new Chief of Staff James A. Baker III and his deputy Robert Zoellick made major contributions. "Today was the first to bring it all together," Fitzwater said, adding that "we wanted to toughen them [the speeches] up" and "be more concise on the differences" between Bush and his opponent.

Clinton's proposal to boost taxes on foreign-owned firms by \$45 billion in four years is a central piece of his deficit-reduction plan. It rests on studies by the House Ways and Means Committee suggesting that multinational firms are avoiding U.S. taxes by such devices as setting arbitrarily low prices on foreign-made parts they ship into the United States for final assembly.

"Governor Clinton says his tax increase will crack down on foreign companies," Bush said. "But that crackdown is more like an eviction notice. And when those companies pack their bags, they'll take their jobs with them."

A fact sheet distributed by the Bush campaign quoted industry and administration economists as warning that such an approach to "transfer pricing" would, as Bush warned, invite retaliation by other countries and set off a trade war.

Stephanopoulos, Clinton's communications director, said it was "a total red herring" to call Clinton's proposal a new tax. He said that "illegal 'transfer pricing'" allows 70 percent of the 46,000 foreign-owned firms to pay no U.S. taxes. "All we're saying is, 'Apply the law.'"

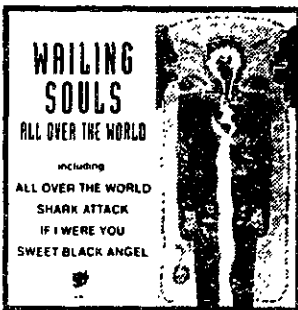
As for threats of retaliation, Stephanopoulos said, "Gov. Clinton has been very aggressive in seeking foreign investment, but he will not be a patsy to illegal practices."

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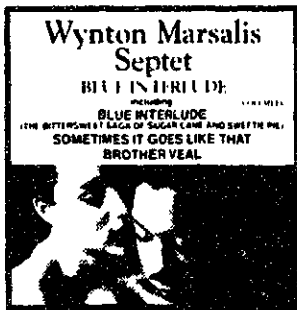
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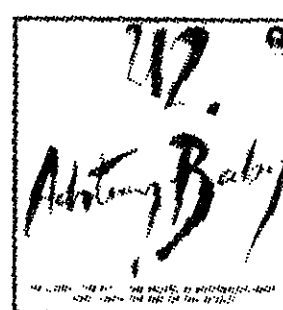
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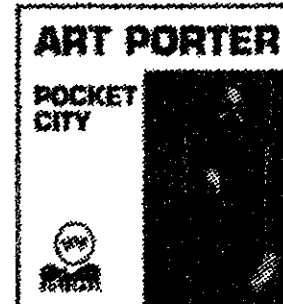
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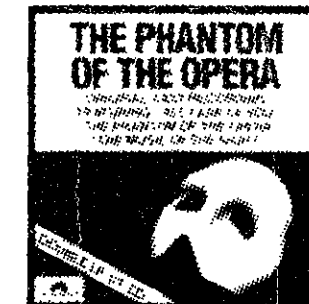
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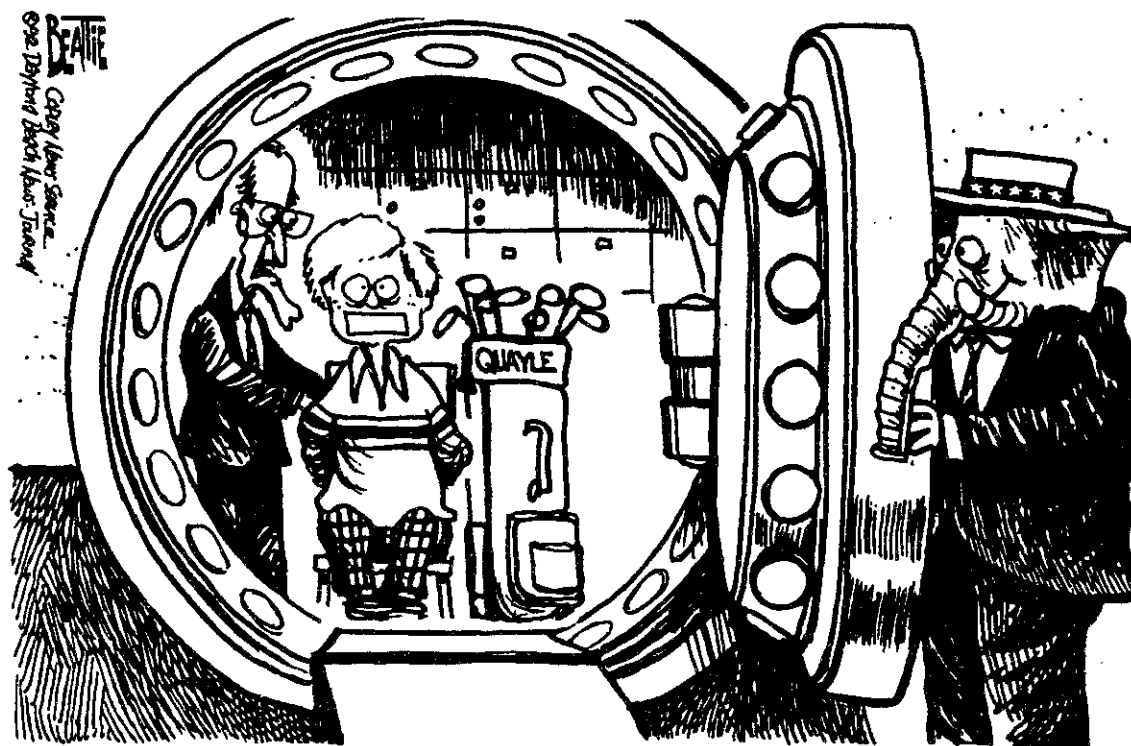
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"Be a good sport, Dan. It's just till the convention's over."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tech Distorts Harassment Policy

In reviewing Thursday's *Tech* I saw that there was a dangerous inaccuracy in your description of MIT's Rush policy ["Bad Mouthing Rules Change for Dormitory Residents", Aug. 26]. It is not necessarily harassment "to accuse a person of having committed crimes" — people who have knowledge that someone has committed a crime, for example, *should* report it to the appropriate authorities.

When the reporter spoke to me she asked

for an example of what formerly might have been called "bad-mouthing." An example was difficult to come by as many of the statements that might have been called "bad-mouthing" before (e.g., that a living group is big and impersonal or a long way from campus or too conservative or too liberal) are perfectly reasonable. The example that jumped to mind was a deliberate and malicious smear campaign accusing individuals of serious crimes with no basis in fact.

Harassment is a serious MIT offense, and not just a casual way to prohibit people from saying unkind things during Rush. The bottom line is that we don't want any part of MIT to

be a hostile or offensive environment for any member of our community. Especially given the national attention that harassment and free speech have received in recent years, I think that it's important to clarify this to your readers.

Congratulations on the first success in daily coverage; I'll be looking forward to reading the *Tech* during the rest of R/O.

Eliot S. Levitt '89

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Freshmen: Stay Alert and Rush Will Be Fine

Column by Bill Jackson
OPINION EDITOR

Get your head out of the sand. That's the basic idea behind having a good rush.

Now, this may be much harder to achieve than it sounds because there are many people working very hard to keep your head at least partially in that sand. But there are things you can do to get a good idea of what's going on around you and to make some good decisions about where to live.

This isn't an article designed to bash fraternities. That's been done — two or three times. I just want to calm you (the rushees) down a bit and get you thinking.

The first and most important advice I have is to remember that *everyone you will talk to in the next few days is a salesman*. From the fraternity members who will try to whisk you to their house after the rush begins, to the dormitory folks who want you to place their house near the top of their list, to the sorority members who invite you to their next party. I am right now even trying to sell you something: an attitude, a way of looking at rush that not everyone agrees with.

I say, pretend you're shopping for a blender or a stereo or something. Look at the living options the same way you would any other product. People are trying to sell you a place to live and/or membership in a social organization.

What do I mean by, "get your head out of the sand?"

Freshmen have whined to me the last few years that there's no way they could possibly figure out which living groups are right for them in the short time allotted for rush. The fact is, anyone can figure out which houses and fraternities or sororities are right for them. It's just a matter of reading a few subtle clues.

It starts with the rush booklets. They look bland and similar at first reading, but there are slight differences.

For example, one fraternity rush book might say, "After going to Wellesley for our annual bash, many of the brothers retire to the house with their new acquaintances for a round of bocce."

Another might say, "After going to Wellesley for our annual bash, many of the brothers retire to the house with their new acquaintances for a round of *naked* bocce."

Not so easy to spot at first, is it?

Seriously, the rush books are more useful for what they *don't* mention than anything else. If your primary concern is academics and the rush book doesn't mention (or perhaps gives a token mention) of academic concerns, that's not the house for you. If you are a dedicated athlete, the house that neglects to mention athletics or perhaps spends a lot of time

harping on their prize-winning A-league Mini-Golf team is not your best bet.

So flip through that rush book one last time in between the hours of exams you're being told to take. (Pause for chortles of laughter — I didn't take a single test during my own rush week!) While looking through the book, try to pick out the subtle hints.

Now what? First you'll go to hear the *very, very* well-trained R/O Counselors, after which you'll be in a big photograph, eat ice cream, and listen to a lot of people talk. Then the rush begins.

Suddenly you have hundreds of best friends. More if you're male, still more if you're a decent-looking caucasian male.

So once you're in a house, how can you distinguish it from the others? Easy. Try asking some questions. For example, ask "So how many brothers live here?"

1) If the answer is "enough for a scrimmage," *it is a jock house*. Get a frisbee and toss it around.

2) If the answer is "We average 43.24 by a simple algorithm," *it is a nerd house*. Frisk 'em for HP-48SXs and get the hell out.

3) If the answer is "a chicken," *it is a drug house*. Take up or leave.

ERRATUM

Due to a reporting error, an article in yesterday's issue ["Freshmen Arrive on Campus"] misstated the policy concerning taking today's mathematics placement examination. According to Margaret S. Enders, assistant dean for curriculum support, all freshmen are expected to take the test, including those who plan to place out of Calculus I or II (18.01 or 18.02).

Contrary to yesterday's story, a student's results on the test will not affect which classes he or she may take. Freshmen who do poorly will be asked to take the test a second time on Registration Day. The UAAO will encourage students who do poorly on the test the second time to attend special tutorial sessions during the first part of 18.01.

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In the Iraqi War of Attrition, Saddam Sets the Pace

Column by Matthew H. Hersch
OPINION EDITOR

By the time you read this column, an American-led air quarantine over southern Iraq will have been in place for several hours, long enough for Iraq to get a few aircraft in the air, attack a Shiite village, or challenge a UN air patrol. My guess is that none of these things will happen.

When it learned of the impending quarantine days ago, Iraq withdrew most of its aircraft north of the "no-fly" zone. Risking the remaining planes in an attack on overwhelming allied air superiority would be foolish, and Saddam knows this. Should the Iraqis actually attempt to confront the allied air patrols, the strikes will be scattered, random, and probably unsuccessful hit-and-run attacks on patrol aircraft.

In all likelihood, the successful implementation of the the air blockade will be viewed as a major plus for President Bush. It is not, however. The United States is waging a war against Iraq, and we are losing.

The United States is fighting a classic war of attrition against Iraq — unable and unwilling to commit its total resources to achieving victory, this country has chosen to wear Iraq down through a campaign of political and military harassment. Our hope is that a war-weary Saddam will choose to back down rather than suffer further defeat or risk wider confrontation by retaliating. This bears little

resemblance to what is actually happening, however.

Typically, wars of attrition end when the level of combat escalates to the point where one participant no longer wishes to fight and caves in to a negotiated settlement. In the conflict with Iraq there has been no escalation. Bush has been telegraphing his punches by reacting slowly to Iraq's continued defiance and announcing sanctions, ultimatums, and air embargoes far in advance of their actual employment. Instead of forcing Iraq into localized contests of military strength, Bush has allowed Saddam to run just in time to avoid battle. The current air quarantine is a prime example — instead of challenging the embargo, Saddam moved most of his aircraft in southern Iraq north of the 32nd parallel.

An aggressor in a war of attrition seeks opportunities to attack his opponent at favorable occasions, cause damage, and run like hell. But Iraq refuses to play along. Instead of confronting U.S. attacks and losing, Iraqi forces run. Saddam then relies on Bush's fear of escalation to hide these forces in safer areas of Iraq. When the political heat is off, the Iraqi forces return — forcing the United States either to challenge them again or admit defeat. By keeping us unsure, unsteady, and confused, Iraq is waging a successful war of attrition against us.

The situation as it exists now is intolerable. Bush continues to send Saddam the message

that the United States so fears escalation that it will cave in to avoid conflict even when it holds a clear military advantage.

In the absence of arbitration by larger powers, a war of attrition lasts as long as both sides have ammunition to fight it — and because Bush is so hesitant to engage his forces in battle and Saddam so unwilling to risk losing them, we can expect a standoff for some time.

You can't win a war in which your opponent makes the rules. Iraqi forces are able to operate as they do because they maintain bases in the center of Iraq that support their operations. If Bush really wants to defeat Saddam, he should, at the earliest possible

moment, extend the air quarantine to include the entire area of Iraq. He should also extend rules of engagement to allow the attack of all active air-defense systems and bases that launch aircraft into the "no-fly" zone.

Saddam's reactions have shown us that he fears forced confrontation more than anything, so we should give it to him. Turn defeat into victory. Either Iraq will back down completely, or, within a matter of weeks, its military might will be completely destroyed. We should listen to the Iraqi lesson: the best way to win a war of attrition is to fight one of your own.

The United States cannot win this war by waiting around.



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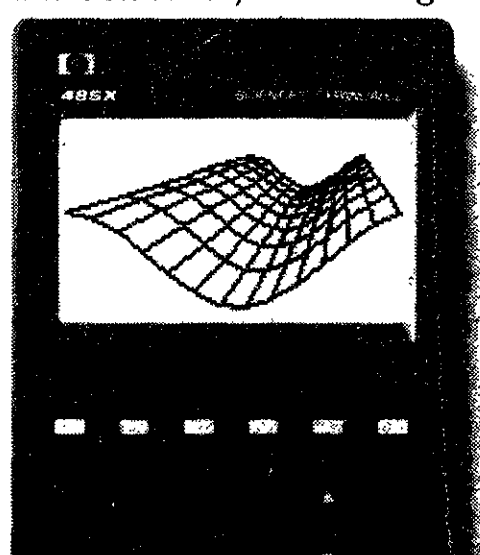
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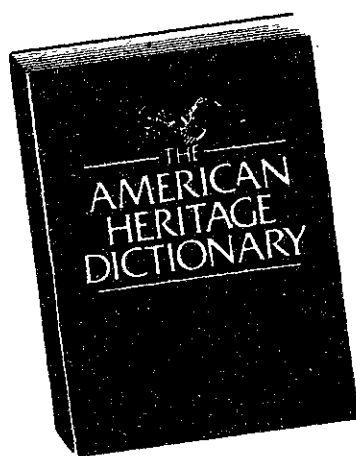
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Burger King 'Expressways' To Open in Lobdell Court

Lobdell, from Page 1

Burger King in the Student Center. The unpublished interview was conducted after ARA staff members said that Leo had told them about possible plans to open a restaurant in the near future.

Leo explained his denial by saying, "You didn't ask the right ques-

tion," adding that the deal was not final. Leo did admit, however, that at the time of the interview, he was aware of the possibility that ARA would introduce a Burger King into the Student Center.

Leo also denied that ARA was introducing Burger King because of the huge losses it has suffered in the last few years. These losses became

especially significant last year, when ARA signed a five-year "profit-and-loss" contract with MIT. Under this contract, ARA may keep any profits it makes, but must also accept any losses it might incur. The previous contract between ARA and the Institute required MIT to reimburse ARA for its losses.

ARA hopes to introduce a number of new features, including rotating entrees and a fresh pasta bar, within the next few months, Leo said. Some of the renovations may take place over Independent Activities Period, he added.

As in all ARA outlets on campus, MIT will receive a 5 percent commission on all purchases at the new facility. Leo refused to say what commission Burger King's national corporation was asking from ARA, but said that franchises generally paid between 6 and 10 percent.

Prices at the BK Expressways will be competitive with the restaurant in Central Square, he added.

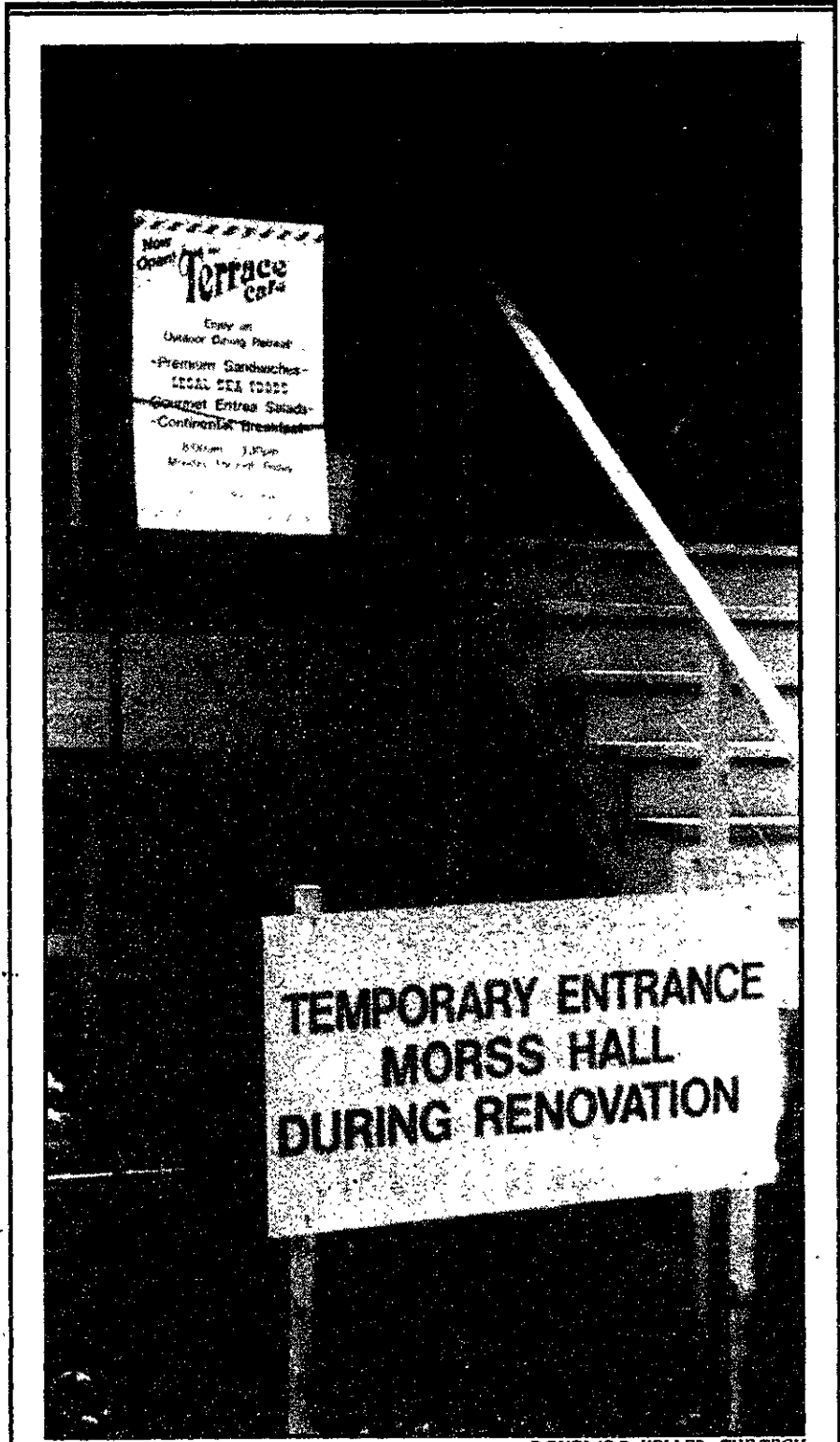
Nutrition not a concern

Leo was not concerned that the introduction of Burger King would necessarily lead to students eating poorly. Students are mature enough to make their own decisions, he said.

Maguire agreed, saying, "That's something we are concerned about, and that's something that we try to pay attention to. The other side is that people make their own decisions by coming to MIT, and the role is one of take responsibility."

MIT and ARA have tried to push for nutritional balance, he added. "How successful it is is up to the individual."

The changes at Lobdell come as Morss Hall undergoes substantial renovations. The revamped dining hall on the first floor of Walker Memorial, to be called "Traditions," will include a version of the Pizza Hut concession introduced at Networks last year. Traditions will provide a traditional campus dining hall, Leo said, in contrast with Lobdell and Networks. Walker is expected to re-open before the school year begins, Leo said.



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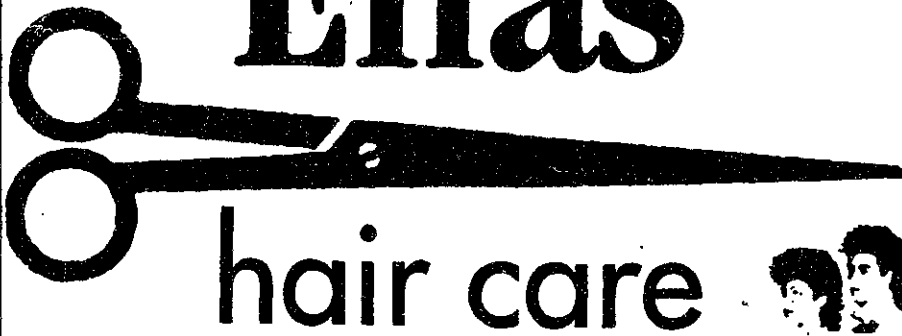
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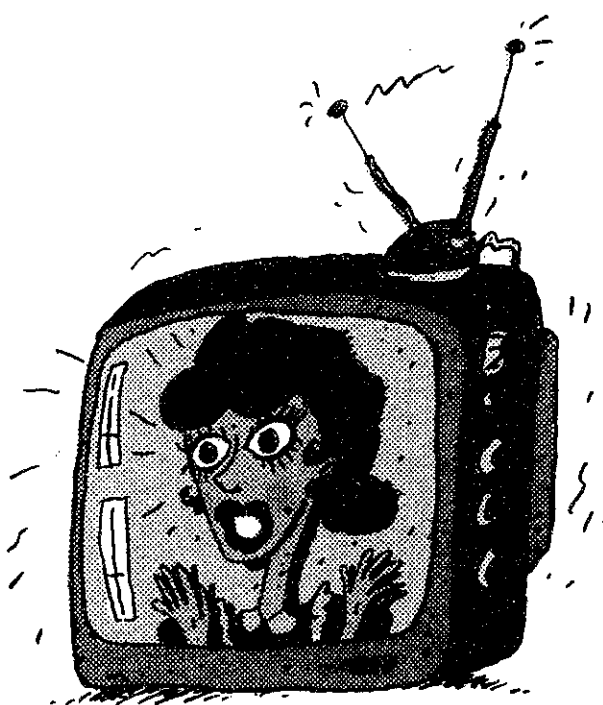
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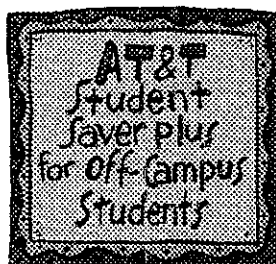
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Vest Tells Students MIT Should Be End of 'Preparation'

Speech, from Page 1

The world needs broader and more integrative thinkers and leaders. I therefore hope that many of you strive to gain a broad understanding of the physical, intellectual, and social universes we inhabit. It also needs those important few with the true spark of individual genius and creativity.

You will notice some things that are very different in this environment from that of your high schools. One of the biggest differences will perhaps be a relief to some of you: On the banks of the Charles River it is okay to be a nerd.

Some of you may be bristling at that word — some of you have heard it when it wasn't intended as a compliment — but around here you will find it becomes at worst a way of gently teasing ourselves about the seriousness of our efforts, and at best a kind of term of goodwill.

It is a good-natured reminder that MIT strongly respects focused intellectual achievement, inventiveness, and dedication, even as it opens to you ever broader worlds and opportunities.

Good and Bad

Now look about you. (Not at the stage for goodness sakes, but among yourselves.) You will observe an amazing assemblage of people with whom you can connect intellectually. This concentration of brain power is one of the things that make MIT the absolutely unique and amazing place it is. That is wonderful.

But it is also troubling in a sense. You are probably accustomed to excelling in every or almost every academic activity you undertake. Out of this entering class of 1147 students, a third of you were your high school's valedictorian. 86 percent of you were in the top 5 percent of your high school class. The rewards for the camaraderie among yourselves will be great — but, because you have been used to being at the top of everything, the competition, my friends, will take some getting used to. Don't overdo it.

At this stage of your life, the real competition is with yourself, not with others — to stretch your own abilities, knowledge, and imagination. And frankly, we all need to seek a new balance between the individual and the group. Teamwork is increasingly important.

You can do it

But rest assured that all of you can succeed at MIT. Your high school teachers knew this. Your par-

ents know this, though they may be a little scared for you and with you right now. The admissions committee knew it, too. You are well prepared to take advantage of the riches that are available to you here. Most importantly, the faculty knows it too. They are one of the best faculties in the world, and you have, in part, come here because of them. But it is also important for you to know that they have come here, in part, because of you — for the privilege of interacting with and being challenged by you.

An end to "Preparation"

Depending on what your future plans are, you may still be viewing the next four years as a preparation — preparation for graduate school, for medical training, for the day when you will be the head of a major multinational corporation, or the designer of great buildings, or a professor at MIT.

But I would encourage you to think of these next four years, not as a preparation, but as 48 months of days filled with present-tense opportunities.

Getting Started

How do you take advantage of these days of opportunity?

- Attend your classes. You will see that there will be some among you who'll try to skip that step. I don't recommend it.

- Seize every opportunity to work in close collaboration with faculty members — Frankly they are unlikely to pop by and invite you out for coffee tomorrow afternoon. MIT faculty are leading experts in their fields. Hence they must balance undergraduate teaching, advising, supervising, research and consulting. But they are eager to know their students, and they're not as inaccessible as you might suspect.

Ask them questions. Seek their guidance.

Most of you are enrolled in Freshman Advisor Seminars. In them you can work in small groups with faculty members in their areas of interest.

Or consider enrolling in one of the dozens of undergraduate seminars, which are available in the fall term.

Take an active role together with faculty in UROP — the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program.

If you want to be a member of a smaller community-within-a-community at MIT, look into such alternative programs as Concourse, the Integrated Studies Program, and the Experimental Studies Group.

- Get used to working cooperatively within groups. You'll get a taste of this right after this session, when you find out what the Orientation Committee has in store for you in the form of something called Project MOYA.

- Learn from and contribute to the world beyond this campus. There are enormous opportunities to do so in this cosmopolitan university and city. You will hear more about this as the afternoon progresses.

MIT — a unique institution

I have made a few comments regarding how you should go about learning during your first year at MIT. Now I would like to turn the tables and tell you some of the things that I learned since coming MIT:

- Undergraduate education is considered to be the heart of the Institute.

MIT is a research university. The quality of the personal and professional lives we will share here in Cambridge derive from that, but I have been delighted to learn that there is a deep and pervasive common understanding that undergraduate education is important — indeed, that it is the foundation of the Institute.

- MIT is dedicated to leadership

and service to the nation and the world:

It is perhaps the primary well-spring of scientific and technological knowledge and innovation in the world.

It continually asks, "What are the most important issues facing humankind?" Global environmental change? Biomedical advances? Industrial productivity? Communications? Energy?

And it then asks: How can we contribute? What research is needed? What advice do governments need? How must we educate our students to improve the human condition?

- MIT is unique. There is no other institution like MIT in the world.

Sen. Kennedy said: "If MIT were for sale, every other nation in the world, plus 49 other states, would want to buy it, regardless of price."

The student culture is like no other. The faculty is like no other. The curriculum is like no other. The spirit of invention is like no other. The heritage of scientific and technological accomplishment is like no other.

- MIT has its own ways.

We give no honorary degrees, because our founder, William Barton Rogers believed that MIT

degrees must be earned.

Humor, and especially that through which we laugh at ourselves, has a special place on the campus. The tradition of "hacks," that special brand of harmless but sophisticated humor, is something that you will be acquainted with. And where else would you find an endowed professorial chair of humor?

More than any other campus I know of, our system fosters a mentoring relationship in which juniors and seniors go out of their way to "teach the ropes" to freshmen and sophomores.

IAP, UROP, 2.70, 6.001, Course XVI, Building 16, Lobby 7, ... We even have a nomenclature — a language all of our own in which we take a perverse pride.

But above all, MIT is defined by its people — by the quality of its students, faculty and staff, by the importance of its mission, and by its unique, pragmatic, hands-on approach to education, research, and creative scholarship.

Doc Edgerton said

MIT has a lot of folk heroes, and you'll get to know some of them. One you won't meet — except in a hologram you may wish to take a

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Practices and lessons will include: stretching, aerobic warm-ups, learning how to fall without injury, instruction in basic and advanced techniques, randori (freesparring) and kata (form exhibition).

For more information call Phillip Alvela at 625-2423



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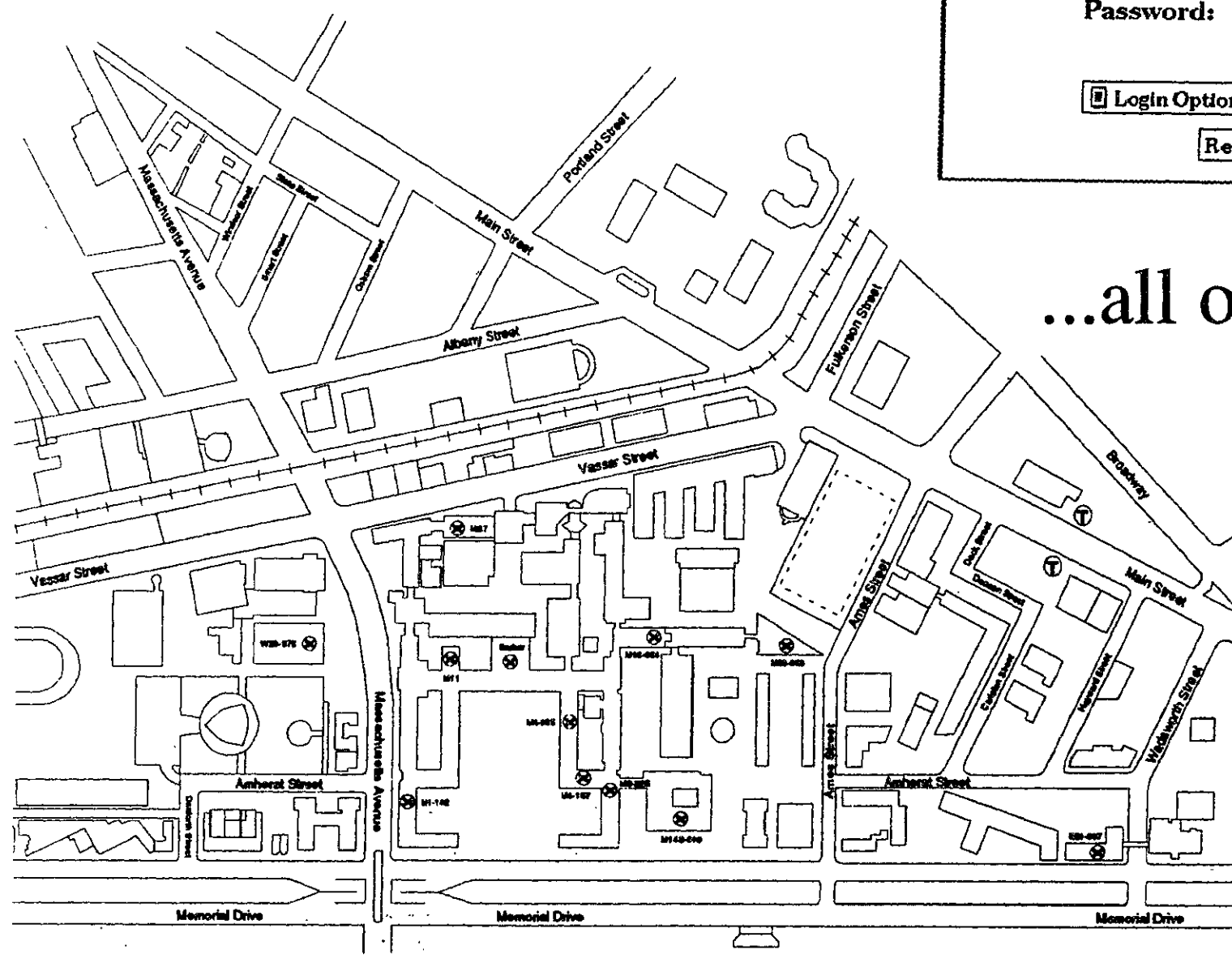
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All MIT students and faculty are eligible for an Athena account. With your account you get 2.2 Megabytes of backed-up online storage space, 1200 free pages of printing a year, and access to the entire Athena system. There are over 600 Athena machines in public and departmental clusters, as well as dial-in servers you can connect to from your personal computer.

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Come to one of our R/O week Athena Minicourses. Each sixty-minute course starts every hour, on the hour, from 10 am to 5 pm. No pre-registration is necessary -- just show up!

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How To Get Around Athena (Intro)

An introduction to Athena and Athena workstations. Topics include: getting an Athena account, logging in, using files and directories, windows, sending messages, finding help and documentation. *Prerequisites: None*

Basic Word Processing (Basic WP)

Elementary text editing with Emacs, sending and receiving electronic mail, and using the Athena printers. *Pre-requisites:* Intro

Advanced Word Processing: L^AT_EX (Latex)

Advanced Word Processing: LATEX (Latex)
 An introduction to LaTeX, a widely-used text formatter, used for converting a text file into an attractive, professional-looking document. It is a powerful and flexible program, with the capability to typeset many foreign characters and very complex mathematical text. *Prerequisites: Basic WP*

Advanced Word Processing: EZ (EZ)

Advanced Word Processing: EZ (EZ)
Introduction to EZ, a combination text editor and formatter, with text-editing commands that are similar to Emacs. As a formatter, it is menu-driven and easy to learn, in the style of the "What You See Is (pretty much) What You Get" packages made popular by the Macintosh. *Pre-requisites: Basic WP*

Vest Gives Students Video 'Glimpses' of Life at MIT

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peek at on the fourth floor of Building 4 — is "Doc" Edgerton, the father of stroboscopic photography, who died just two years ago at age 86. Doc, who worked with students right up until the time he died, was always eager to see them get going quickly — to see them strike while the iron of an idea was hot. When a student proposed an idea, no matter how ambitious or how far-fetched, he would never hesitate, but would gesture them hastily toward the strobe lab door, saying, "Well, let's get started."

So I would like to get your introduction to MIT started by giving you a few brief glimpses of activities at MIT.

The excitement and reach of MIT's educational and research activities that drew you here are real and pervasive. I want to share with you a few vignettes. Let's begin with the Mechanical Engineering 2.70 Design Contest. This celebrated course activity, you will learn, is the MIT equivalent of the Rose Bowl, and the student participants are our intellectual versions of the American Gladiators.

[Video Clip 1]

MIT's greatness lies in the way that scientific research and inquiry of the most fundamental kind exists side by side with the kinds of hands-on engineering that you have just observed. Physics Professor Ed Bertschinger, for example, studies the universe. He has posed the question "How did cosmic structure arise from the Big Bang?" One of the tools he and his students use is numerical simulation of gravitational clustering of dark matter in the expanding universe. The sequence you are about to watch shows the formation of a massive galaxy in a supercomputer simulation of 16.8 million particles. Time is speeded up by 16 orders of magnitude and you will see the evolution of mass within a fixed volume 20 million light years across.

[Video Clip 2]

The sequence is now repeated frame by frame — at the rate of a mere 15 million years per frame — so that you can see the early stages of gravitational condensation more clearly. The quest to understand the evolution of the universe is bound up in the work of many MIT people — with Alan Guth's inflation theory; with the discovery of unevenness in the cosmic background radiation by the COBE satellite team headed by our alumnus George Smoot; and in the work of one of Bertschinger's freshman UROP students who last year ran a simulation that contributed to understanding the implications of nonzero initial temperatures of dark matter.

[End Video Clip]

But even as we contemplate the mysteries of the Cosmos, back here on earth we have the challenge of communicating and building partnerships and friendships across national boundaries. Proficiency in modern languages is increasingly important in our studies of the arts and humanities and in the conduct of science and business and our highly interdependent world.

MIT's Language Learning and Resource Center and the Athena Language Learning Project have pioneered in the use of computer and video disk technology to teach our students realistic, contemporary language usage by placing them into true-to-life situations through interactive video. Along the way they learn a lot about other cultures.

Let's take a brief, student's eye view of the award-winning creation A La Rencontre de Philippe.

[Video Clip 3]

I wish I had spent some time with this before I attempted speaking a few sentences in French to the MIT Club of Paris last fall!

[End Video Clip]

You may have heard of our Media Lab. It is a radically different kind of laboratory in which a

remarkable group of engineers, computer scientists, cognitive scientists, artists, and others work together to explore and invent the outer limits of media arts and sciences — computer-based learning, high-definition television, computer-based music, hyperinstruments, spatial imaging, and other related technologies. Recently, this laboratory has demonstrated three-dimensional holographic television. Although it is very difficult to photograph the holographic images well, this video clip will give you a good sense of the nature of this developing technology.

[Video Clip 4]

How can we design a product that will please customers unless we survey them to see what they think of the product. But wait a minute — how can we find out what they think if the product hasn't been built yet? Professor Glenn Urban and his group in MIT's Sloan School of Management have applied some rather sophisticated new technologies to break this dilemma.

Watch the following sequence and you will catch on.

[Video Clip 5]

The segment that you have just viewed briefly demonstrates a "time accelerated" market research technology developed by faculty and students at the Sloan School that

played a very important role in defining General Motor's electric vehicle that will go into commercial production in the near future.

[End Video Clip]

Why are robots so slow and clumsy while people and animals are so quick and agile?

This and similar questions have been posed by MIT engineers who explore classes of robots that mimic natural creatures in important ways — Rodney Brooks' robotic bugs are one example. I am going to conclude this talk by joining you in viewing two brief segments produced in Professor Marc Raibert's Leg Laboratory — one called "On the Run," and the other called "The Second Chance." This laboratory has designed and built machines that run, trot, pace, and bound on one, two, and four legs. Some can regain their balance when disturbed. As you will see, they have developed other talents as well.

A couple of years ago the group began to apply the unified set of control algorithms used for their robots to the computer animation of animals. The animator then acts like a director, indicating simply what kind of a gait the animated animal should use, rather than laboriously specifying how each joint should move frame by frame. Let us now observe the results.

These two segments are brief and packed with interest and surprises. Watch them very carefully.

[Video Clip 6]

"On the Run" had eight authors, including six students, two of whom were undergraduates.

The lead student on the robot somersault project is Robert Playter, a PhD candidate in Aero/Astro. As an undergraduate at OSU in 1985, Rob was a key member of the gymnastics team that won the NCAA championship. This gives you an idea how some students combine their various talents and interests in art, music, or athletics with their engineering or scientific disciplines.

[End Video Clip]

I hope that these few glimpses of academic activities at MIT will give you a sense of the excitement, glamour, and romance of this unique institution. Of course excitement, glamour and romance of science and technology can only be reached by hard work and mental discipline. All of these will be components of your lives during the coming

months and years.

We are very proud of MIT — of what we contribute to the world, of how we teach and whom we teach. And we are very proud of you men and women — of your accomplishments, talents, intelligence, commitment, diversity, and enthusiasm. And I look forward at some future date to showcasing work that you have contributed to.

The next time that we are all gathered together in a formal way will be in the great Killian Court when I greet you as the graduating class of 1996. That probably seems like a lifetime away. But don't believe it. The next four years will rush by like the twinkling of an eye. They will be like no others you will experience. As you grow older, you will return to their memory time and time again. So make the most of them, and they will make the most of you.

Now it is my great pleasure to introduce Shally Bansal, President of the Undergraduate Association — your student government.

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Residence

- All day: EΘ. Come hang out and be mellow. Call 734-9211 or MIT extension 3-8888 for a ride.*
- All day: **Sigma Chi.** **Sigma Chi:** Drop by the house for a laid back evening by the barbecue with the brothers, and let our slide show entertain you with information about our house. Call for a ride: 262-3192, 267-9469, 267-9467
- All day: **Chi Phi.** Come to visit Chi Phi, to meet our brothers and tour our beautiful Back Bay mansion.**
- 8:00a: **Baker House.** Bagel Breakfast! Join Bakerites for bagels and juice*
- 6:22p: **TEΦ.** Come see our house! Come meet the brothers! Come eat our food! Come keep the brothers from eating the food!*
- 6:29p: **ΦKΘ. LOBSTER DINNER-AFTER PICNIC:** Much more lobster and butternut corn on the cob than you can eat. House tours and antacid tablets to follow.**
- 6:30p: **ZΥ.** Traditional Steak and Lobster protein feast. Come build your strength for tonight's Car Bash.**
- 6:30p: **Sigma Phi Epsilon.** International Food Buffet
- 6:30p: **National Panhellenic.** Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, and Kappa Alpha Theta invite all freshman women to attend the Panhellenic Rush Convocation in room 10-250 immediately following the picnic. Find out everything you need to know about sorority rush.*
- 6:30p: **ΔKE.** Steak and Lobster Dinner in our Back Lot!*
- 6:30p: **Delta Upsilon.** Come to Delta Upsilon, the six oldest and first non-secret fraternity, for the annual rush DU Steak Fry. Come enjoy steak and hors-d'oeuvres prepared by our chef George Antonio in our newly renovated brownstone.
- 6:30p: **Nu Delta.** Come by and check out the house, meet the brothers.
- 6:30p: **Phi Sig.** PHI SIG. Travel over in one of our luxurious vans to tour the house, play some sports by our front steps, and start Rush Week off in a great way. Call 267-2199 for rides, or just meet us in Killian Court after the picnic.
- 6:30p: **Theta Chi.** Club Theta Chi - Kick off rush with the Ultimate in "Hang Out" Events! Featuring shish-kebob, ice cream bar, rooftop party, and more. A great chance to sample what Theta Chi has to offer.**
- 6:30p: **Burton-Conner.** BBQ Bonanza. Are you craving for juicy hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs? Burton-Conner can satisfy you with our BBQ Bonanza!*
- 6:30p: **fiji.** Fiji will be having a steak and lobster bbq on its rooftop throughout the evening. You're encouraged to stop by the house to meet the brothers of Fiji.
- 6:30p: **Phi Beta.** **FAJITA DINNER** Indulge in a zesty gas-inducing south-of-the-border beanfest.*
- 6:30p: **ΠΛΦ.** Come meet the Pi Lams at the Steak and Lobster Dinner. Have all you can eat from the surf or turf prepared by our professional chef Andreas.**
- 6:30p: **pika.** Already, the time has come to enter something witty: Roses are red / Violets are blue / Laurel's making Southwestern food / Come eat it. Call 492-6983 for a ride.*
- 6:30p: **East Campus.** You know, you're reading this thing with really tiny print and all this stuff on it. Relish the absurdity of that for a moment. Ok. Now, consider traipsing over to East Campus for a tour. It's painless and more fun than a Ronco Electric Food Dehydrator.*
- 6:31p: **AEPI.** THE RUSH HAS JUST BEGUN!!! All frosh are now directed to the AEPI house at breakneck speed to participate in this year's festivities. Come one, come all! Dial 247-3170 for a quick, free ride.*
- 6:31p: **pika.** It's amazing. It's fabulous. It's ginchy-gnarly. It's adjectives we can't even think of. It's the bubble machine. Come on over and help us figure out how to make it work. You can still call for a ride. We'll be happy to come get you, even though we were just there a minute ago. (Look up there for the number.)*
- 6:43p: **EΘ.** Hey, maybe we should start a game of Titan.*
- 6:43p: **KΣ.** All you can eat barbecue extravaganza.*
- 6:44p: **EΘ.** Maybe not.*
- 6:45p: **Chi Phi.** Snow in August? Come over to Chi Phi and find out!!!!*
- 6:47p: **Fenway House.** Random Spontaneity begins! 437-1043*
- 6:53p: **Fenway House.** Come spoil your dinner! Eat chocolate chips out of the bag at Fenway. 437-1043*
- 6:59p: **Spanish House.** "<Sólo falta un minuto!> Yes! Only one minute 'til our International Café. Come and join the Language Houses in a trip around the world of food. On the New House 3 terrace.*
- 7:00p: **La Maison Française.** Cafe International: Venez faire notre connaissance et goûter notre cuisine au milieu d'une atmosphère internationale et sympathique!!! Sur la terrasse de New House 5.*
- 7:00p: **National Panhellenic.** Come have pizza and rap with Panhellenic Rush Counselors on the 4th floor of the student center. Rho Chis will answer all questions about sorority rush or MIT life in general.*
- 7:00p: **ZBT.** Come join us at ZBT for a delicious Southwestern barbecue prepared by our unparalleled chef. The menu includes fried chicken, ribs, brisket, corn on the cob, potato(e?) salad and more.**
- 7:00p: **Nu Delta.** Buffet dinner and ice cream. Come by for a tour of our house.
- 7:00p: **Phi Sig.** PHI SIG. Our gourmet BBQ experts will treat you to fresh-off-the-grill delights of ribs, chicken, burgers, hot dogs, and much more right on our front steps.
- 7:00p: **ΘΞ.** Free Silk Screened T-Shirt while you watch. Silk Screen training for custom T-Shirts can be given**
- 7:00p: **Theta Chi.** *** ROLLERBLADING *** Take the grand tour of the Charles River Esplanade on rollerblades! Call Friday night at 267-1801 to reserve your skates early.
- 7:00p: **Russian House.** International Intrigue. Spies. Women. Come enjoy the taste of Europe on the terrace overlooking the Charles. Join the Russians at the International Cafe.*
- 7:00p: **Chi Phi.** Snowball fight in August?! You bet. Come to Chi Phi and participate in our genuine snowball fight with over a ton of snow.**
- 7:00p: **ΦKΣ.** BBQ Ribs cooked by our master chef at Phi Kaps. Call 536-3683 for a ride.**
- 7:00p: **Student House.** Delicious Enchilada dinner & Chuckie Vest look-alike contest. Sample the first of the many free rush meals and test the likelihood of your impersonating our distinguished president. See if you resemble Keith McCluskey too.*
- 7:03p: **ΦKΣ.** Enjoy Ribs and frozen daiquiris as you tour SKULLHOUSE.**
- 7:04p: **Fenway House.** Fantastic Fenway Movie Miracle Madness Film Festival Redundancy Extravaganza! Call 437-1043 for a ride, we'll be watching them all week.*
- 7:06p: **Number Six.** Seafood Buffet - All the seafood you want and more: caviar, sushi, crabs, lobster, clams.*
- 7:18p: **AEPI.** It's chow time. Welcome to the world of free food. AEPI is holding one HUGE barbecue, with all the chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers you can eat. Don't be shy; call 247-3170 for a quick ride right now!*
- 7:25p: **EΘ.** DING! FIRST BELL! Five minutes till dinner at Epsilon Theta. Ever heard of Pavlov's dogs? Call 3-8888 for a ride.*
- 7:30p: **National Panhellenic.** Sorority Rush Counselors will be giving tours of Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, and Kappa Alpha Theta on the 4th floor of the student center. Get your foot in the door and find out what sorority rush is all about.*
- 7:30p: **Random Hall.** Dine with women faculty at MIT - serving soup, salad, entree (choice of quiche, bean enchiladas, spaghetti carbonara, and chicken with peaches), and dessert. Vegetarians very welcome.*
- 7:30p: **ΘΞ.** Catered Clam Bake on front steps including steak, lobster, steamers, clams, clam chowder, corn on the cob, and more!*
- 7:30p: **EΘ.** THANKSGIVING DINNER. You've survived the first two days as an MIT student, some celebrate with us. Traditional Thanksgiving dinner - turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce...some of it's even vegetarian. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*
- 7:30p: **Chi Phi.** Why don't you have a REAL meal and join us when we attempt to devour 40 pies of pizza from Supreme's Pizzeria, one of the best pizzerias in Boston!!!!*
- 7:30p: **East Campus.** WOMEN! We have not forgot about you, come to East Campus for the Women's Dinner. There will be steak and lobster and stuff. And Nummi and Lindi will be playing and they are really cool.*
- 7:31p: **WILG.** MAMA MIA! YOU A TOO SKINNY! Come on over to WILG for a GREAT Italian dinner... with the BEST Lasagna around! Call us for rides.... 253-6799*
- 7:33p: **Fenway House.** Happy Holidays! Have a traditional Non-denominational Holiday Dinner-replete with fresh turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and Lee's patented Amazing Stuffing™. Come meet the elves! 437-1043 for a ride.*
- 7:33p: **pika.** Juggling and Toys. Two great tastes that taste great together. Play with toys. Juggle. Juggle toys. Because you're happy happy campers. Happy happy campers campers. Ride, call for a. 492-6983.*
- 7:34p: **Fenway House.** ...of course, if you don't do the meat thing, there'll still be plenty of wonderful stuff you can eat.*
- 7:54p: **Chi Phi.** Get here early for ice cream!!!!
- 8:00p: **ZΥ.** More Steak and Lobster. Get pumped for the Car Bash.**
- 8:00p: **ZBT.** THE ULTIMATE MURDER MYSTERY. Drop by ZBT and solve the homicide of the decade. Collect clues while hanging out at the house and rapping with the "townspeople". We will give out \$100 in prizes to the top sleuths.**
- 8:00p: **ΔKE.** Professional Hypnotist in our living room. Get hypnotized by famous hypnotist David Pendleton.**
- 8:00p: **Nu Delta.** Hang out on our roof deck and get a glimpse of MIT from the other side.
- 8:00p: **pika.** Now we make sushi. Not raw fish but yummy rice. What a great haiku. Call for a ride, and we'll come get you in the pikamobile, a genuine car. 492-6983.*
- 8:01p: **pika.** We're making sushi! come get your hands in on the action. When you're done, you can eat a taste sensation! This is something to write home about. Really, rides at 492-6983*
- 8:02p: **Spanish House.** You are probably dead by now, but I have the solution: Relax! Come meet the members of La Casa and enjoy yourself!*
- 8:11p: **Fenway House.** Come to Fenway and see our Eliptical Spiral Staircase! It's one of only ten in Boston. Call for a ride at 437-1043-Transfers always welcome.*
- 8:17p: **Chi Phi.** Still hungry? Then fill up on ice cream, from some of the finest ice cream stores in Boston: Steve's, Emack & Bolio's, Toscanini's, and Herrell's. We'll have over 50 different toppings!!!!
- 8:22p: **TEΦ.** Not another washed up dinner - TEP's (sort of) Mexican fiesta! South American cuisine! North American humor! (well we find it funny) Call 262-5090 for rides.**
- 8:30p: **National Panhellenic.** All freshman women are invited to attend Sorority Open Houses tonight until 11pm on the 3rd and 4th floor of the student center. Stop by the "Phi-esta" to meet the sisters of ALPHA PHI. Missed out on Club Med...try Club Theta in room 491. Come join the fun at the SIGMA KAPPA Carnival. Hey Women! Don't let the guys have all the fun! ALPHA CHI OMEGA: Experience the ultimate rush!*
- 8:30p: **ΦKΘ.** ROOF BASH-Make your own sundae under the beautiful Boston night skyline, and soak in our rooftop pool. 437-7795**
- 8:30p: **Delta Upsilon.** See Boston as you've never seen it from our beautiful rooftop as the brothers of Delta Upsilon kick back and listen to tunes up on the rooftop. House tours as well as pool, foosball and darts will also be happening.
- 8:30p: **ΘΞ.** **Daiquiri Party** on the roof deck. Sip on frozen drinks while getting a bird's eye view of the city.**
- 8:30p: **Russian House.** Come visit "Moscow on the Charles" and enjoy authentic Russian desserts and comedies.*
- 8:30p: **pika.** Come sing along to TV show tunes! George will lead you with a lusty rendition of "Green Acres". TVmobile, 492-6983*
- 8:31p: **pika.** "Moon is Giant Space Creature's Skull", "Alien Endorses Clinton", "Hitler was a Daschund", "Cow Knocks Helicopter out of the Sky". Come read these and other exciting articles in the Weekly World News! Rides: 492-6983*
- 8:45p: **Phi Sig.** PHI SIG. Dine in southern style at our Cajun Buffet - the closest thing you'll find to New Orleans all of Rush Week.**
- 8:45p: **ΦKΣ.** Come hang out with the Gnarly Skull Dudes. There might even be a few ribs and a cold daiquiri for you if you hurry.**
- 9:00p: **Nu Delta.** Live Band Party featuring the infamous Bad Apples.
- 9:00p: **Senior House.** All women are invited to SENIOR HOUSE to build a euphoric sundae with Toscanini's ice cream, and then retire to our TV lounge to watch videos ranging from the feminine to the feminist to the femme fatale.*
- 9:00p: **Phi Beta.** **BUFFALO WINGS ON THE ROOFDECK** Feast ferociously on flavorful fiery fragments of foul outside.*
- 9:00p: **ΠΛΦ.** The first and the best: Come to the ORIGINAL CASINO PARTY where everyone's a winner! See how lady luck will treat you tonight; mocktails, prizes. Top winner wins a Sony CD Discman. 267-4935 for ride.**
- 9:00p: **pika.** A black light room, glow in the dark silly putty and a comfy place to sit. One simply doesn't ask for more. Experience it for yourself. 492-6983*
- 9:00p: **Student House.** All night Monty Python movie marathon & games night. Laugh your head off, if not at the movies than at us as we play twister and pictionary and anything else you can think up. Lots of yummie munchies, too.*
- 9:01p: **La Maison Française.** Venez participer a nos jeux afin de vous connaître... nous partagerons aussi des "cookies"!!! Dans notre salon, Sieme etage de New House 6.*
- 9:01p: **Fenway House.** David Alt = Person With Jazz. Come hear the band. Call for a ride-437-1043*
- 9:01p: **WILG.** WILG's serving up the BEST cheesecake around, made by our own master chefs Tiffany and Pam. Need a ride? CALL US! 253-6799*
- 9:01p: **pika.** Mr. Bobohead says, "Come beat your head against bubble wrap." Can't figure out why this fun? Well, neither can we, but we're doing it anyways, and stupidity loves company, as does Mr. Bobohead. allCay orfay ahayideray. ourfay-inenay-wotay-ixsay-oneway-eighthay-eethray.*
- 9:06p: **Number Six.** Cafe Six - After Dinner enjoy coffee and dessert to live background music: Salsa, Jazz, and African Chants.*
- 9:09p: **WILG.** Come and be serenaded by the hot a-capella singing group FIVE O'CLOCK SHADOW at WILG! Call 354-1263 for rides....*
- 9:15p: **Phi Sig.** PHI SIG. Come one, come all. Challenge our "pros" in games of foosball, billiards, and Phi Sig Four-Square while you listen to your favorite tunes. We'll be playing music all night...
- 9:18p: **AEPI.** Feeling hungry? Feeling creative? Feeling creatively hungry? Drop by our SUPER MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE dessert classic, and satisfy those basic needs. Only at the AEPI house. Dial 247-3170 to secure some speedy transport.*
- 9:22p: **TEΦ.** TIE DYE OR DIE TRYING!*
- 9:30p: **National Panhellenic.** MIT sororities are just like those in "Freshman Dorm", NOT!!! Come check us out and see for yourselves. Open House until 11pm on 3rd and 4th floors of the student center.*
- 9:30p: **ΔKE.** Wings. PIZZA, virgin daiquiris on our BRAND NEW ROOF DECK. Enjoy our great view of twilight Boston with us.**
- 9:30p: **EΘ.** LASER SHOW. A home-made light and music extravaganza. Its choreographer calls it 'Eye Candy.' Call 3-8888 for a ride.*
- 10:00p: **ZΥ.** The original Car Bash. We supply the Oldsmobile and the sledgehammer, you supply the muscle. Join us in our annual demolition of Detroit's finest.**
- 10:00p: **National Panhellenic.** Sorority rush open house #1 ends at 11pm. Have you had a chance to find out what we are all about? Stop by the 3rd and 4th floors of the student center to talk to ALPHA PHI, ALPHA CHI OMEGA, SIGMA KAPPA, and KAPPA ALPHA THETA.*
- 10:00p: **Phi Sig.** PHI SIG. I scream, you scream, we all scream for Phi Sig's famous Sundae Bar. We'll provide the premium ice cream and toppings - you'll decide what to make. Definitely an out-of-the-ordinary treat.
- 10:00p: **KΣ.** Ice cream bar-make your own sundaes and hang out with the brothers of Kappa Sigma.*
- 10:00p: **Russian House.** Sweets and movies are still there. Come have fun and meet Russian movie fans.*
- 10:00p: **ΦKΣ.** Ziggy Piggy! It's all the fabulous Steve's Ice Cream you can eat at SKULLHOUSE. Take on our resident pigs, Mike and Tim. Call 536-3683 for a ride.**
- 10:15p: **Nu Delta.** The band is still rocking the house. Come by and see why they're called the Bad Apples.
- 10:18p: **AEPI.** Things are rockin' and rollin' at the AEPI house tonight. Drop over to 155 Bay State Road for some quality entertainment. 247-3170 will get you speedy transport.*
- 10:22p: **TEΦ.** Decadent! Delicious! Downright silly! Experience over 22 feet of chills, thrills and spills in TEP's Ice Cream Trough! Grab a spoon and stuff yer face! 262-5090 for rides.**
- 10:30p: **ΦKΘ.** ROOM PARTIES-The festing continues downstairs with room parties on every floor. While you wander, you'll find nachos, buffalo wings, frappes and more. 5**
- 11:00p: **Phi Sig.** PHI SIG. Late Night at Phi Sig kicks off with an appetizer feast! Devour our fried wontons, nachos grande, fried mozzarella, and so much more. Then, work it off with games of foosball, billiards, and four-square.
- 11:00p: **ΠΛΦ.** Late night dessert at Pi Lambda Phi. Ice cream, cheesecake, apple pie, etc.**
- 11:03p: **Fenway House.** Oobleck. 437-1043*
- 11:18p: **AEPI.** You are getting hungry. . . You are getting hungrier. . . You cannot resist this AEPI Daily Confusion notice. . . You will call 247-3170 for a ride to our house, and some "delicious" late night pizza and Buffalo wings. . .*
- 11:30p: **Phi Sig.** PHI SIG. Late Night continues with stand-up comedy. Come on over as our comic, who has been featured in such clubs as Catch A Rising Star, causes you to roll in your seat with laughter.**
- 11:30p: **fiji.** One of Boston's top comedians, Ed Regine, will be performing at the Fiji house at 11:30. All freshmen are invited for a good time and a change of pace from rush.*
- 12:02a: **Fenway House.** Are you into oral communication? Experience dramatic readings from the Archie McPhee catalog. Call for a ride-437-1043*
- 12:47a: **Fenway House.** Come meet the amoeba-only at Fenway. 437-1043*
- 1:21a: **Fenway House.** Fun, Games, and Witty Banter. 437-1043*
- 1:42a: **EΘ.** Come watch Adrian sleep.*
- 2:46a: **Fenway House.** Yawn.*
- 3:33a: **pika.** That cell. That single cell.*

Activities

- All day: **Science Fiction Society.** The largest public collection of science-fiction in the world is open from noon until midnight! Relax with a good book in MITSFS on the 4th floor of the Student Center. Frosh get a membership discount during Rush.*
- 5:30p: **Science Fiction Society.** MITSFS' wonderful weekly friday meetings. Meet the regulars or just read. Followed by a trip out for dinner.*
- 7:00p: **United Christian Fellowship.** Frosh get-together in Christian Fellowship Lounge (8-105). Guitar-playing 7-9.*
- 9:00p: **United Christian Fellowship.** Frosh get-together in Christian Fellowship Lounge (8-105). Games 9-???

Notices

- 6:30p: **Elsewhere.** ELSEWHERE LOUNGE IS OPEN!!! Come in to relax, hang out, have fun, and totally escape the hecticness of Rush. Elsewhere is the place where Rush isn't. Open 24 hours.*
- 8:00p: **Sexual Identity.** Queer Elsewhere Come hang out in a lesbigay-positive space. Open until 2am in room 14E-304.*
- In case of emergency, dial 100 from any MIT phone. Other important numbers:
Campus Police: 253-1212
Med Center Emergency: 253-1311
R/O Center: 253-2500
UAAO: 253-6772
Nightline: 253-8800

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NOTE: A single asterisk (*) following a listing indicates a coed or female living group. A double asterisk (**) indicates an activity to which women are cordially invited.