

Frosh awaited Field Day

Editor's note: Rivalries between classes have always been a part of the MIT tradition, although in the past they were somewhat more structured than they are at present. This article is reprinted from a 1953 issue of The Tech.

"Finished your studying for the evening, have you?" Well, before you toddle over to your little trundle bed, let Daddy tell you a little bedtime story about dear old MIT and how we make freshmen feel at home. Once upon a time, as legend and the collective folklore of upperclassmen would have it, there was a delightful custom called the Cane Rush. Freshmen and sophomores would group themselves about the cane, and at a signal would battle for its possession. After an indeterminate time period the contest would cease. The winning class was the

one having more people gripping the cane. This diverting pastime grew in popularity over the years, especially among juniors and seniors who no longer had to par-

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ticipate in it themselves, and who were want to call it "Good clean fun." Before it reached the proportions of a national pastime, it was abruptly brought to a halt one year when, to the apparent

surprise of everyone concerned, one freshman was killed and another seriously injured in the closing minutes of the struggle.

Some now nameless genius filled the void in the Institute way of life by establishing Field Day. Early Field Days were sometimes capped by Tech-Harvard riots, or mass pilgrimages to downtown Boston. One such jaunt in the '20's resulted in the complete destruction of a night club, with much ensuing publicity for the Institute. In the following years, Field Day mellowed considerably and became an undergraduate tradition.

Now with the Autumnal Equinox behind us, the next big event on the calendar is Field Day. Signs are appearing around the Institute urging the freshman to wear his tie (or pin) or not to wear his tie or pin. Reliable sources inform him that he is a member of the most spiritless freshman class in history and, if he wants to show that he isn't apathetic, he had better sign up for Football or Crew or Tug-O'-War.

A motley group called the "Q" Club tells him to obey Freshmen Rules or suffer the consequences. And just what are the consequences? For a minor offense against sophomore standards, the culprit may be given an impromptu and perhaps a much needed shower — in full dress, of course. More serious violations result in exposure (or overexposure) to such New England resort areas as Plum Island, Harold Parker State Forest, and Cape Cod. The outstanding freshman, through diligent effort, may win himself a free trip to Maine or Philadelphia — usually the night before a big quiz.

After a few weeks of such antics comes the grand climax, Field Day itself. The swimming events, the crew race, the football game, are duly and dully recorded for posterity. With darkness and chill settling over the field, the Glove fight begins.

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news roundup

World

Carter approves Tokyo nuclear plant — Basic agreement has been reached between the United States and Japan permitting the Japanese to open a nuclear fuel processing plant. Carter had previously opposed the plant because it will produce plutonium that could be used in making nuclear weapons.

Mao memorial finished — A large mausoleum has been completed in Peking to contain the remains of Mao Tse-Tung. His body is contained in a crystal coffin on top of a black granite block.

Nation

Lance criticized — Many of United States Budget Director Bert Lance's personal banking habits are not normal banking procedures, contrary to what President Carter has claimed, the American Bankers Association said in a newsletter yesterday.

Unemployment up — The nation's unemployment rate rose two-tenths of one percent to 7.1 percent in August. The rate among black Americans rose steeply to 14.5 percent.

Rise in wholesale index small — The wholesale price index rose only one-tenth of one percent in August, a sign that was interpreted as indicating a future drop in the consumer price index. The small size of the increase was due mainly to a drop in wholesale food prices.

Women in combat? — Leaders of several national women's organizations have called on Congress to repeal laws prohibiting women from entering combat. Those who testified at Congressional hearings included officers from the women's branches of the Army and Air Force.

Local

Insurance company faces fine — The Allstate Insurance Co. could be fined up to \$50,000 a day unless it complies with a Massachusetts statute concerning insurance rebates. The company is contesting the legality of the law, which would require them to pay back \$45 to \$55 million in rebates to state motorists.

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Lt. Tom Strat, '77, Course VI-3

An ROTC Scholarship winner, Tom entered MIT in September of 1973. Tom is a member of DKE, played in the MIT orchestra, was cox'n for the Heavyweight Varsity Crew, and commanded the Army ROTC Cadet Battalion during his second year. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Regular Army in the Military Intelligence Branch in June 77. Tom was awarded an Army Fellowship and will be on active duty here at MIT pursuing a graduate degree in Computer Science. As a Fellowship student, Tom receives full Army pay (\$12,000/year). He will be assigned to Fort Huachuca, Arizona upon graduation.

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GREETINGS!

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MIT Hillel: When you arrive at MIT, feel free to drop by the Hillel office for information on R.O. activities, Jewish life on campus, or just to meet people and to talk.

Bienvenue aux Fraichepersonnes! Les habitants de la Maison Française vous invitent à venir voir notre excellent domicile. La Maison Française se trouve dans la maison 6 de New House. Salut les Buzuths!

The Un-Rush is a place to sit down, relax, and talk to people who have the time (and aren't trying to get you to live with them). We're located in Private Dining Room number 2 on the third floor of the Student Center, and our extension is 3-3788, if you want to call. We'll be open from 1-10 for the rest of the week. Drop by. We'd be glad to see you.

Gruesse vom Deutschen Haus! Vergesst nicht mal vorbeizukommen. Es gibt immer etwas zu essen und trinken, und Leute, womit man sprechen kann. Wir befinden uns in New House 6, im 1. und 2. Stock.

SATURDAY

9am-9pm R.O. Center open.
9am MIT Hillel traditional services at the Kolker Room, 26-414.
9am-9pm ESG open house.
9:30-11am Women's brunch in the Cheney Room (3-310).
10am-4pm ESG information table in the Student Center.
11am MIT Hillel Traditional egalitarian Minyan ("The Downstairs Minyan") in the basement of 312 Memorial Drive.
12-1:30pm BSU seminar in 9-150, refreshments served.
1-3pm Un-Rush in Private Dining Room number 2, 3rd floor of the Student Center or call dorm x5-4300.
7-8pm Chinese Students Club Open House in Room 475, Student Center.
8pm The MIT Musical Theater Guild presents "Dames at Sea" at Kresge Little Theatre \$3.50.
12midnight MIT Hillel Sechot Services in the basement of 312 Memorial Drive.

Living Groups

7am Russian House Breakfast: Continuous 5-kopek tours 25-k on the hour. New House at the end of the Polish Corridor.
7-8:30am Baker House breakfast: bagels and OJ.
8-11am ZBT breakfast made to order.
8-11am Theta Chi: steaks and eggs breakfast open to all, freshmen and transfers.
8am-midnight New House stop by for a tour and some beer.
7am ND breakfast.
7:30am ADP pancake brunch: traditional and unusual pancakes and syrups.
7:30am WILG Pancakes Granite.
7:30am Burton donut breakfast.
7:30am-8:30am French House breakfast.
7:30am SAE: miscellaneous trips to Boston landmarks.
7:30am Theta Xi: we silk screening T-shirts all day. Class of '80 and other designs.
10-30am TEP: brevete tour of Boston and vicinity.
7am IDC picnic at Cochituate State Park.
11:30am TEP continental luncheon featuring Claude Monet.
11:30am McCormick brunch: McCormick Dining Hall.
11:30am-1pm French House spontaneous tours continue.
12noon Senior House: volleyball game and friendly people in courtyard all day.
12:30-4:30pm ZBT steak try.
12:30pm PKT: Chinese smorgasbord. Women welcome.
1pm TEP guided tours of Beantown.
1pm Fenway House canoe trip on the Concord River. Sailing on the Charles.
1-4pm ADP tours of Boston.
1-5pm Russian House: frisbee-roast, vegetarians welcome. Pillar of Slavic culture. New

The following seminars still have space available: 1 S11, 1 S12, 3 S08, 3 S14, 8 S33, 11 S21, 11 S22, 11 S23, 13 S12, 16 S08, 16 S14, 17 S11, 19 S01, 20 S29, 20 S32, 20 S33, 21 S23, 21 S24, 21 S25, 21 S27, 22 S06, SEM 012, SEM 018, SEM 021, SEM 022, SEM 027, SEM 028, SEM 030, SEM 033, SEM 036, SEM 037, DL-2.

See the *Freshman Handbook* for descriptions; sign up in the Undergraduate Seminar Office (7-105) if interested.

Advanced Standing Exams for students who have been notified of such:
Sep 6, Tue. 9-12noon: 8.01 in rm 16-310
Sep 7, Wed. 7-10pm: 8.02 in rm 16-310
Sep 9, Fri. 9-12noon: 5.40, 7.01, 14.001, 18.03 in rm 66-154

Advanced Standing Exams in Mathematics
Sep 6, Tue. 9-12noon: 18.01 and 18.02 in rm 2-102
Sep 8, Thu. 9-12noon: Entrance Exam for 18.01B in rm 2-102 and advanced standing exams for 18.01 and 18.02 for those who had unalterable conflicts Tuesday morning.

1pm ND tacos and enchiladas
1-3pm SAE basketball and baseball.
2pm East Campus: Freshwomen invited to a cheesecake and milk party.
2-4:30pm TEP softball game (to the death).
2:45pm TEP cruise of Boston Harbor.
all afternoon TEP Where's Boston?
5pm German House: Gegrillte Bratwurst, Hamburger, and Frankfurter im Deutschen Haus fuer Deutsch sprechende.
5pm SAE: Castle Band party and picnic at Crane Memorial Reservation, Ipswich, Mass., catered dinner and Irish band.
5pm ZBT dinner (fried chicken).
5pm ADP: New England seafood dinner. Scrod, clams, and chowder.
5pm WILG barbecue on the sundeck.
6pm AEPI: roast beef dinner followed by harbor cruise at 6:30. Bring warm clothes.
6pm ZBT Paragon Park.
6pm PKT: Italian feast. Women welcome.
6pm Theta Xi Steak Barbeque Banquet.
6pm TEP spaghetti dinner.
6pm ND dinner: roast beef and all the fixin's.
7pm ET: spend the evening exploring Boston after dark. Groups going to movies, concerts, and dancing or someplace suggested. Call 7-4-0648 to arrange transportation.

7pm Fenway House film "THX1138." George Lucas's film about a time not far away and a place not long ago, plus miscellaneous shorts.
7pm No. 6 Club coffeehouse.
7-8pm TEP Variety night: four parties for the price of one (nothing): 1. Tull and Stout party, 2. Popcorn, punch and pucks party, 3. Dead and Daniels party, 4. Beatles, Bach, and boozie party.
7:30pm ND "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with Lon Chaney.
8pm PKT party.
8pm DKE: Casino party with open bar.
8pm ADP: Ice cream party.
8pm PSK: Wine tasting and cheese party.
8pm KS: Live Band Party.
8pm SPE: Our famous casino party, prizes, and open bar.
8pm WILG Birthday Party: WILG is one year old, come help celebrate!
8pm PBE: Open bar, munchies, all freshpeople invited.
8:30pm BTP: Rotation Party, mixed drinks, free admission.
8:30pm McCormick get together.
8:30pm TDC party with open bar.
8:30pm Baker House: Party and Luau. Dance the night away or relax in an exciting luau setting.
9pm PKS: Folk singer party featuring Tom May and wine, cheese coffee, drinks.
9pm East Campus 1st East: Wine and Cheese party.
9pm Senior House: previewing of Sunday's films "Pink Panther," Marx Brothers, Craft's 1st.
9pm Fenway House: ice cream orgy.
10pm ND: The 10th annual Great Pyramid Party.
11pm East Campus 2nd West: Munchies and

In emergency dial 100 from any MIT phone.

There will be a Women's R.O. booth in the Student Center outside of the R.O. center.

Other phone numbers: R.O. center: x3-4551 (2-3-4551 from dormline, (617)-253-4551 from outside). Freshman Advisory Council (FAC): x3-6771

On request, fraternities will provide transportation for freshpeople back to campus or to another frat. In addition, the Campus Patrol (x3-1212) will provide escort service to and from WILG, ADP, and Random Hall at night.

Anyone who has problems with a fraternity should call Jerry Cole at 267-8187 or Milton Roye at 494-8674.

Consult page 38 of the *Undergraduate Residence* book for addresses, phone numbers, and full names of living groups.

SUNDAY

8am Earliest time a fraternity may extend a bid to a freshman. Please note change from R.O. schedule. The FAC has no rules concerning the extension of bids to freshmen.
9am-9pm R.O. Center open.
9am-9pm ESG open house.
9:15am Catholic Mass at the MIT Chapel.
9:30am Group leaving from McCormick for Ruggles Baptist Church.
9:45am Metropolitan Baptist Church in Porter Square. Contact Roch Skelton, 262-5090.
9:55am Group leaving from McCormick for Park Street Church.
10:45 Protestant service in MIT Chapel.
11am MIT Hillel brunch in the Great Court. Bagels, lox, cream cheese, friends, frisbees, volleyball. In case of rain, come to 312 Memorial Drive.
12noon Doughnuts at 312 Memorial Drive.
12-1:30pm BSU seminar in 9-150, refreshments served.
12:15pm Catholic Mass at MIT Chapel.
12:45pm Chinese Students Club ferry trip to Boston Harbor. Meet at CSC office, W20-475 (Student Center 4th floor).
1-5pm ESG information table open in the Student Center.
1-10pm Un-Rush in Private Dining Room number 2, 3rd floor student center or call x3-3788.
4:45pm Group leaving from McCormick for college-aged teaching time, PM service, and college-aged fellowship at Park Street Church.
5:15pm Catholic Mass at MIT Chapel.
6pm Gays at MIT (GAMIT) potluck dinner in Gay Lounge, rm 50-306 (in Walker). Also for information about housing in Boston and at MIT call the Contact Line 2-3-5440. Women and men welcome.
9pm Informal women's party in the Cheney Room (3-310).

Living Groups

7-11am Russian House breakfast: continuous 5-kopek tours, 25-k on the hour. New House at the end of the Polish Corridor.
7:30-9:30am Baker House: breakfast, bagels and OJ.
8-11am ZBT breakfast, made to order.
8am-midnight New House: stop by, get a tour, have a beer.
9am Senior House: coffee, doughnuts, and NY times. All morning. Ware lounge.
9am ADP breakfast.
9am-6pm French House: spontaneous tours.
9am Fenway House: Banana breakfast, an empirical exploration of banana cuisine.
9:30am-10am East Campus: 3rd East proudly announces their 4th annual Pancake Feed. Come and meet 3rd East and East Campus.
10am PKT: steak and eggs brunch, women welcome.
10am AEPI: Cadillac Sunday all day. We will be helping our BU neighbors move in. Lend a hand!
10:30am Senior House: Women's Brunch. Crafts second floor, ho- master's suite, Prof. Baker House pub, lots of beer, lots of entertainment.
9pm-1am DU: band party featuring Tirebiter. Mixed drinks, beer and munchies.
11pm SAE: ice cream party at house.
12midnight Senior House: special showing of

Easy International folk dancing every day during R.O. Week outside of Kresge Auditorium at 12noon-2pm. Teaching.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Twenty Chimneys will be open from 8am to 7pm. The 24-Hour Coffee House will be open. Consult *HoToG MIT* for restaurants. In general, meals will be served at fraternities to their guests.

The Christian Activities Center is collecting names of students looking for Christian roommates. If you would like to find another Christian to room with, leave your name in Room 7-106.

All information for *The Daily Confusion* should be submitted at either *The Tech* news room (W20-483) or the R/O center (Student Center West Lounge) by 2pm the day preceding publication date.

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