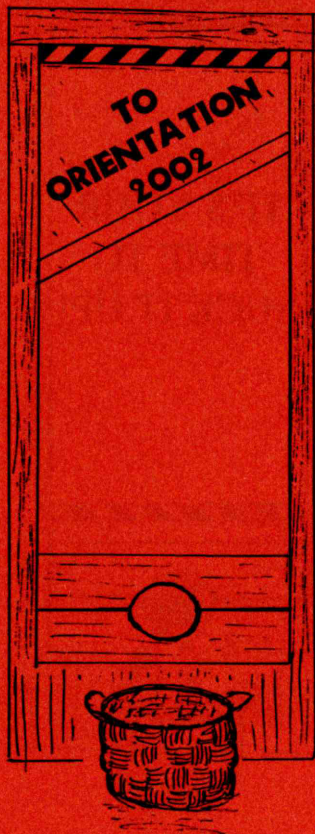


THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE



The Unofficial Orientation Schedule of the
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

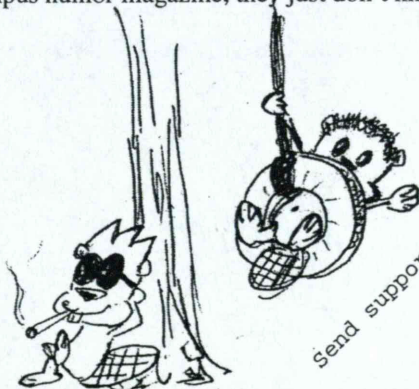
IT'S YOUR
TIME TO
SUCK IT UP!



Welcome, freshmen!

PANIC!

You've just arrived at MIT five days ago and it's already driving you crazy. You're looking for the latest Administration-run 'orientation programming activity' (tm) and an upperclassman just told you it was in 'Building 69'. You're lost, you forgot your Athena password, you don't know where you want to live or if your room's even been built yet, and you haven't managed to ditch your parents because MIT seems to want them here instead of you... so we at Voo Doo have some advice. Punt. Blow off anything labeled 'mandatory'. Have fun. Relax. Eat free food. Read this guide. Join Voo Doo. Write for Voo Doo. Come to our outrageous Tool & Die party on September 14 dressed as a monster from a Godzilla movie. Stick up Chicago Pizza to raise money for our production costs. Put new words in *The Tech's* comics to make them funny and then send them to us. We'll be putting out a real 32 page issue of Voo Doo soon. In the meantime, read *Rune*; they're secretly the other campus humor magazine, they just don't know it yet.



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Monday, August 19

International Orientation begins

9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Bush Room

Passports & Metal Detectors (Mandatory)

Be welcomed to American technology with a tour of our futuristic metal detectors. Learn about free enterprise and civil liberties as bored, minimum wage security workers cursorily inspect your shoes for home-made bombs and grope you in ways punishable by imprisonment in your country. Remember to bring your passport and visa documents so we can cross check you with our database of suspected terrorists.

Tuesday, August 20

International Orientation

2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Leave from Bush Room

Shopping Trip

Leave your native clothing and distinctive culture at home! Get acquainted with American capitalist homogeneity. Includes stops at the Gap and Ambercrombie and Fitch.

(Bring money with you. Nothing's free in this country you commie import.)



Wednesday, August 21

International Orientation

2:00 p.m. — 3:15 p.m.

E25-111

Medical Center Presentation

Learn why America is better than foreign countries due to purely American hygiene innovations such as running water, toothpaste and how to wash yourself “down there”.

Mandatory for international students and course 6 prospectives.

Friday, August 23

Parent Orientation

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Twenty Chimneys

Parenting 101

What's life at MIT really like? Is everyone at MIT a dork? Is there a social life? What do the terms “tooling”, “a drink from a firehose” and “my problem set sodomized me” really mean? Unsettling answers to these questions and more as we discuss issues surrounding your precious nerdling with a panel of deans and students.



Saturday, August 24

Parent Orientation

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Gray House/Morss Hall

President's Reception

MIT President and Mrs. Charles M. Vest welcome the parents of the class of 2006 to the MIT "community" (tm). Students themselves are expected to squat their rooms and mind their own business but will be grudgingly tolerated if they turn up. The brainwashing at the President's House and the continental ass-reaming with MIT administrators at Walker Memorial will occur simultaneously. Then come and have breakfast at MIT's new revamped dining facilities. Tripe will be served at all locations.

3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Student Center Steps

Chinatown

Come and take a T ride across the river to Chinatown! Meet the woman that your son will lose his virginity to, since parties where he might possibly get laid at have been all but outlawed on the MIT campus. Besides, it's less skanky than anything on Fifth East.

(Bring Five Dorrars.)

8:00 p.m. — 12:00 a.m.

Student Center Steps

FPOP Dizance

Just getting on campus, g-dog? Returning from an FPOP and don't want to go back to your "hizouse"? Here's a great opportunity to meet other boring freshmen that will never say hello to you as you pass each other down the halls of Next House. Enjoy radio edited music or just "chill" with the rest of your homies from the class of 2006. A DJ will also be spinning Nelly's "It's getting Hot in Here" all night. But don't dare take your clothes off. We don't want to be responsible if you accidentally slip and hang yourself with your own shirt. Dizog.

(Leave dignity at the door.)

Sunday, August 25

Orientation Begins

9:30 a.m.

Sala de Puerto Rico

Tech Catholic Community Mmm-ass

Come and rape those little 14-year old genius fuckers before they rape your ass in 8.022 when classes start.

(Leave all moral standing at the door.)

Beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Residence Hall Adjustment Lottery

Do not enter this at any cost. This is a complete waste of time, and will deter you from doing well in the following semester. After all, it doesn't matter where you live, because you'll still hang out on other halls, right? Fat chance, problem set boy/girl. When semester kicks in you'll be lucky to see sunlight let alone another dorm. Repeat to yourself: I am just like everyone else, I am just like everyone else.

(Leave your free will at home.)

12:00 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Hulsizer Room, Ashdown

Rogue State Welcome Fanatic Fest

The secret police of the H&SLP will host a luncheon to welcome the North Korean, Afghan and Albanian students to the MIT community. Representatives of terrorism-friendly courses Nuclear Engineering, Political Science and Chemistry will be around to answer questions about access to research, federal government interference and ideological conflicts. (Do remember, although America is a soulless, capitalistic Satan-state, this is a "public" event, and chanting of war slogans is inappropriate as such). Hosted by Institute Professor Noam Chomsky.

Sunday, August 25

6:00 p.m.

Johnson Athletic Center

PlaySchoolFair

Discover the social interaction of the future. Meaningful conversation and independent culture is, like, so 20th century, dude. Superficial corporate icebreakers are in, so join us for a terrifying expansion of "So, where did you go to high school? What's your major?" to mob level and a variety of depersonalizing, sheep-like games of follow-the-leader. If you're especially lucky you'll get to see clueless administrators with feel-good middle management degrees from elsewhere harass Institute upperclassmen. If you've been pining for high school this is the perfect chance to relive the memories.

Mandatory for freshmen.

5:10pm

P-Funk Mothership

Voodoo Holy Communion

Monday, August 26

2:45 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.

MIT Medical

"Immunity Challenge: The Ultimate in Health & Wellness"

Are sore throats and runny noses really symptoms of pregnancy? An invaluable information session about rabies immunizations, hurricane insurance, and important general health issues such as deviated septums, the Ebola virus and scurvy. Know who to go to for help, whether you are pregnant or not!

Mandatory for freshmen.

Tuesday, August 27

10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. *Kresge Auditorium and assigned private booths*
“No - Yes - Oh, Yes, Oh, God, Yes”

Jenna Jameson, founder of Campus Hot, Horny, Barely Legal Teen Services, will present an arousing discussion on pornography and college life. Find out what the “Money Shot” is and learn muscle-tensing techniques that will help you avoid getting caught by your roommate throughout your years at MIT. Washcloths will be provided.

Mandatory for all new students.

2:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. *Student Center Steps*

Optional Outing with Mentors

Come and be segregated into two groups: those good enough for your Mentor's Frat, and those not.

Wednesday, August 28

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Various Locations*

Meet Your Freshman Advisor

An important introduction to academic life at MIT: Learn the true meaning of the term ‘advisor.’ Meet your advisor, associate advisor, and fellow advisees. Schedule a meeting to choose your subjects and see how much good it does you.

Mandatory for freshmen.

Wednesday, August 28

3:30 p.m.

Kresge Auditorium

Tech Theater

Tech Theater presents real-life issues concerning MIT's public image and the need for various new deans to keep their jobs. The Tech Troupe, consisting of unfortunate MIT fratboys who have nothing better to do this week since they're not allowed to rush, will depict a variety of scenarios involving drinking that will be the closest you will get to an alcohol party on campus for the next four years. These scenarios also examine how the behaviour of a small minority of litigious parents and meddling administrators can fuck up the entire community for years. Audience interaction is highly futile.

Thursday, August 29

12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.

McCormick Courtyard

Straight Women's Picnic Lunch

Female? Straight, bisexual, questioning, or just plain friendly? Hungry? Come and enjoy a picnic lunch with other straight MIT women. Come hang out, have some brunch, suck some cock and meet some friendly new faces. (Rain location: McCormick Private Dining Room and Orgy Hall)

4:45 p.m. — 7:15 p.m.

La Sala de Puerto Rico

Dean for Hiring New Deans

Come and meet the newest member of the MIT administration: Ima B. Uracrat! Find out exactly what her job is, and how it will undoubtedly change your life. Discover all of the wonderful things that her Office for a Bloated Bureaucracy can do for you. Enjoy fun party games such as "Passing the Buck" and "I can't see through all of this red tape!" Learn useful new phrases such as "Community" and "That wasn't my administration", as well as "Working with Students". This meeting is certainly a must-go, since by this time next year, we'll have hired four more people to do this job.

Friday, August 30

1:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Bush Room

Undergraduate Association Back Health Fair

Are you a freshman girl? Are you shy, timid and insecure? Do you not mind nasty cigar smoke? Would you like a backrub from a smooth-talking head of student government? If so, come to the Bush Room for a free back massage exchange. Please.

9:00 p.m. — 12:00 a.m.

La Sala

Class of 2006 2-School Dessert Mixer

Get a chance to learn more about Wellesley College and meet their 'first-years', if you get my drift. Huh huh huh huh huh. Stuff your face with dessert to pad the awkward silences as you attempt to make strained conversation in an 'anything-goes' atmosphere that runs the gamut from lame to dorky. Sponsored by Club Z. Free admission. No, wait, we'll pay you.

Saturday, August 31

2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Leave from Student Center Steps

Harvard Square

Come see the MIT of the future.



Epilogue

The MIT Administration's Guide for Incoming First-Year Students

Welcome, class of 2006! As you are about to embark on your long and oftentimes arduous journey through MIT, we'd like to offer you some tips to make the next four years the best and most memorable of your life.

- Bring your parents EVERYWHERE during orientation. As a matter of fact, let them decide what classes you're going to take and where you're going to live. It's good to get used to the idea that someone other than yourself will always know what's best for you. Having Mom and Dad around will help you get used to your new "Mom" and "Dad", Marilee Jones and Chuck Vest. Who's your daddy. (And mommy).
- Tuition hikes mean better education, so tell Daddy (the old one that is) to open up that wallet! And don't worry about that "Student Life Fee". Uncle Larry Benedict knows the best way to spend your money.
- Try to avoid introducing elements into your life which might distract from the task at hand, which is, of course, to study so that you can make a lot of money and donate it to MIT. Such distractions include: drugs, alcohol, parties, loud music, lounge music, hobbies, significant others, friends, pets, free time, sex, fire, west Nile disease, internet cartoons, chewing gum, red meat, and pornography. If you are concerned that any of these things might be a distraction to you, please let the MIT Medical Center know as soon as possible.

• Try to avoid jumping off buildings, if at all possible. If you absolutely must do it, we ask that you do it somewhere away from MIT so we can blame it on sharks.

• If you want anything done, for goodness sakes don't try and do it yourself! Let us know and we'll hire someone to do it for you as soon as possible.

We're glad to have you here at MIT, and we hope that, after a few months you can get accustomed to the new situation, perhaps even enjoy it. We design the MIT experience to prepare you for the real world of shitty jobs and incompetent managers, and we hope that after your time here, you'll feel fully equipped to meet that challenge. You, the class of 2006, are the smartest class we have had yet. You're clever enough not listen to the upperclassmen when they tell you a lot of mumbo-jumbo about MIT students having cultures and individuality. Remember: to succeed in this world, all you need is to be normal and to have a degree from MIT.

Your four years here are **YOUR TIME TO SUCK IT UP!**

Love,

Your wild, crazy, imperious and mendacious Student Life Bureaucrats!

Campus Map continued

After the old Main Campus was built, a shitload of other buildings were put up as part of the MIT/Harvard Construction Race of 1957. Among these are buildings 9 and 13, which were largely unoccupied until being annexed by the MIT Squaredancing Club — this, we might add, is full of swingers. Building 17 (where Aero/Astro sophomores undergo puberty) avoided a similar fate only by disguising itself as an overgrown dumpster. Nearby are the “thirtysomethings”, a large pearl necklace of buildings along Vassar that are supposedly filled with grad students. Rumor has it that the great MIT Grad Student Project was supposed to be finished in 1995, but they still haven't finished debugging. Regardless, Buildings 33 and 35 are great places from which to steal things (they had aeron chairs once!), and 37 has the best place for Clusterbating — in fact, the legendary Big Chicken set the MIT record here: he jizzed on 17 Ultra-5s and a pair of SGI O2s in just under 12 hours in addition to tagging the combo keypad on the outer door.

“Course 6 land” comprises buildings 38, 34, and 36. Here is where 30% of the undergrads learn how to be incompetent codemonkeys for Bill Gates' Eeevil Empire. About a dozen students each year are chosen for the Applied Course 6 Program, where they learn how to build things with currents and capacitors that will fry \$20 chips about 90% of the time. The fifth floor of Building 38 (called 38-5, or “home” for short) is being closed this fall for ritual cleansing, so all EE labs will be held at WILG on Friday nights.

Building 24 is where radar was invented during WWII, and is the only building on campus to ever have a military code-name (they called it “Building 20”). Building 12, career services crap, is where most MIT grads wind up when they realize they can't get a job because the economy sucks and they don't know how to kiss ass properly. Building 12A, however, is one of the coolest places on campus — this shed has more warning signs on it than a nuclear reactor, and is where drums of corrosive, flammable, and explosive chemicals are stockpiled, as well as the Institute's reserve supply of Agent Orange, for when too many plants manage to take root in the concrete campus.

The other landmark of Main Campus is The Dot, a circular patch of grass lovingly maintained by the sophomores in course 12. Course 12 also repaints the Great Sail (the big black metal sculpture) every year. The Dot is easily recognizable as it's just south of building 54, the tallest fucking building in Cambridge. Building 54, known as the Green Building because of the Dot, offers a kickass view of campus at night.

South of the Dot is Walker Memorial Dining Hall, possibly the worst place to eat on campus unless you are a scavenging rodent. Upstairs in Walker is a really drafty gym which which you will soon become familiar as you fail your exams there. Avoid the seats with birdshit on them, there's only so much degradation a person can take. In between Walker and Building 2 lies Building 14. Building 14 has a couple of libraries and just about all the HASS offices. The bathrooms and the HASS offices both suck, but the music library has comfy couches. Just north of Building 14 are the trailer-park offices of course 5. Course 5 won't be able to afford a real building until 2004, at which time the trailers will be converted into a prison for online music pirates.

Directly north of the Dot is an L-shaped group of buildings known as "6th Heaven". Though they are numbered 26, 16, 56 and 66, they are commonly referred to as 6H1, 6H2, 6H3 and 6H4. Most HASS foreign language classrooms are on 6H2-5, and you can usually watch Korean TV shows there late at night if you're lucky (or German news programs if you aren't). North of these buildings is Building 68, where the bio students are kept and diseased monkeys incinerated. Don't be tempted by the nearby pool in Building 57 — the only thing you'll spot poolside are senior faculty members too crippled to go jogging. Also, beware the mobs of course 6 grad students at the food trucks, or at least stay upwind.

While eating your lunch outdoors in the searing sun, you can take a break from fending off the pigeons to gaze at the construction of the Stata Pit (future Building 32), designed by Frank Gehry. "Frank Who?", you might ask — and fucked if we know either... perhaps once the building is finished in a couple of years you'll be writing for Voo Doo and you can redo this fucking map yourself.

Campus Map

old skool text version

Main Campus is the big chunk between Mem. Drive, Mass Ave, Vassar and Ames St. The main attraction is Killian Court, which looks like a green cock drawn with 4-bit graphics. This is prime Japanese-tourist viewing grounds in good weather. To the east are the even-numbered buildings, to the west there are none. Surrounding Killian Kock are the original buildings from The Great MIT Migration of 1916. Building 10 is the thing in the middle right under the Great Dome. If you have trouble finding a building that looks like a huge tit, finding your way around MIT is the least of your worries. Once you know where 10 is, note the left/right symmetry of the main campus. Useless, isn't it? Anyway: east of building 10 are 4, 8, 6 and 2. If you are a goddamn math geek, you will spend most of your time in Building 2. John Nash was a math geek in Building 2 once, and he was a real asshole. Let that be a lesson. Building 6 is cold, but has the secret ninja courtyard. Building 4 is a useless piece of shit where the music majors inflict their atonal chorus line routines on the ears of anyone stupid enough to walk by (like the math dorks headed to class). Building 8 has some displays that haven't been changed since about 1986 — much like the fuckheads who run this school.

West of Building 10 are some other buildings (1, 3, 5, 7, 11) filled with administrators and fratboy Mech-E students. Lobby 7, in building 5, was recently cleaned for the first time in 50 years — however the NE corner of the lobby is still a designated graffiti wall. From the outside, the Building 7 dome also looks like a breast — however, it was built smaller than the Great Dome in deference to the masses of A-cup Asian premeds living on West Campus. Building 3 is useless. Avoid it. The mythical “Civil Engineering” department has wild orgies in Building 1 at night, but that's because the PhysPlant workers there are all from Barbados.

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