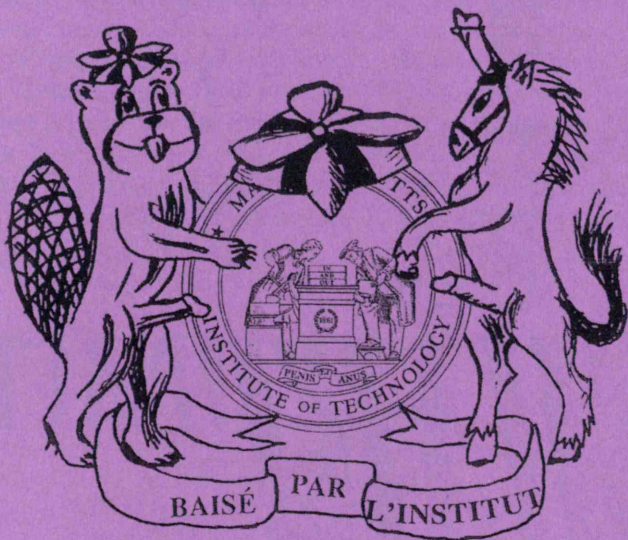
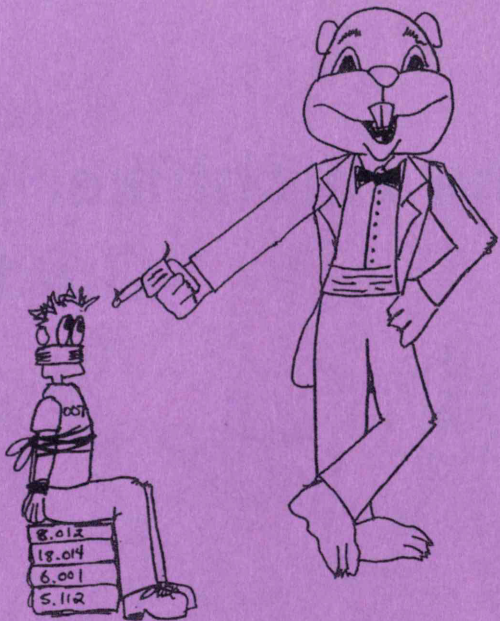


The Hitchhiker's Guide



THE UNOFFICIAL GUIDE TO ORIENTATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2007



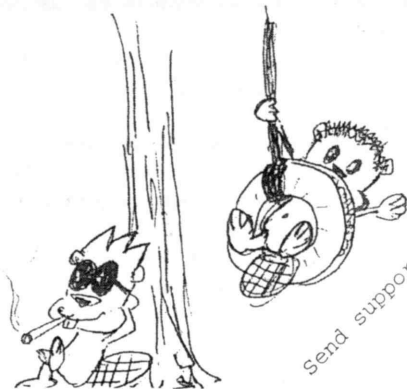
SHAFT MIT

“Who’s the spotty prick that stalks all the chicks?”

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. 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 *Prometheus*; they're secretly the other campus humor magazine, they just don't know it yet.



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Monday, August 18

International Orientation begins

2:30 pm — 3:45 pm

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.

4:00 pm — 5:30 pm

Mezzanine Lounge

USA 101

Be welcomed to America and its superior technology with a tour of our futuristic metal detectors. Learn about free enterprise, civil liberties and other cultural differences 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 a government-issued photo ID, it doesn't matter whose.

Tuesday, August 19

International Orientation

9:00 am — 10:00 am

La Sala, Student Center

Police State Breakfast

Rise to the delicious smell of your new classmates and start the day right with a hearty dose of freedom American style! It'll be just like a tropical vacation to sunny Guantanamo Bay as you are blindfolded and spat upon by our friendly orientation troops. Meet new international friends by trying to denounce them as al Qaeda members in a vain attempt to make the beatings stop.

*Remember to bring your passport and visa documents! Bullets are expensive.

Tuesday, August 19

12:45 pm — 1:15 pm

Walker Memorial Steps

Group Photo

Don't miss your first and ONLY opportunity to take out the entire international student class with only your one case of SARS!

Wednesday, August 20

International Orientation

2:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Student Center Steps

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.)

Friday, August 22

Check-In/Parent Orientation

Beginning at 12:00 pm

3rd Floor Student Center

Parents' Orientation

Parents' Orientation begins today at noon. While the panels and activities are already primarily designed to suck more money from your parents, feel free to use this opportunity to ransack their hotel rooms for anything of value. Some of the events that will be offered during the weekend include a reception and shakedown hosted by President Chuck Vest and panels addressing various aspects of student life including sexual orientation and deviancy, academic warnings and probation, greek initiation practices and suicide on campus. Drop by to get bitten by Vest's dog, or simply to listen to the panels to hear how bad it really will get.

Friday, August 22

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.

2:00 pm — 4:00 pm

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 pm — 12:00 am

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 2007. 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.)

9:00 pm

Kresge

Rohypnotist

Watch some less-than-willing volunteers from your class perform some wacky activities at the next frat party. It will be the most fun time you can't remember!

Orientation Begins

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Walker Memorial Hall

President's Reception

MIT President and Mrs. Charles M. Vest welcome the parents of the class of 2007 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 assreaming 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.

10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Student Center Steps

Museum of Science

More than 500 facinating exhibits bring lots of young teenage girls and boys who worship science, and more importantly, scientists. Participate in hands-on activities with these youngsters. Have an orgiastic experience with a Cambridge Rindge and Latin girl in the back of the five-story Omni theatre while it shows "Nikola Tesla Destroys Tokyo III". Feel the titillatingly electrical turnon of a 1.5 million volt Van de Graaf generator. Wish to god over and over that science and engineering could be half this cool.

Beginning at 12:00 pm

Residence Hall Adjustment Lottery

Due to the surprisingly high 19.83% freshman satisfaction with their summer housing lottery assignments, roughly 19.83% of you will be "Lottery Adjusted" to a crowded double in the basement furnace room of Random Hall.

Saturday, August 23

1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

Student Center Steps

Homeless Death March: Newbury to the Commons

Come see yet another place you'll never go once term starts as we have lunch at one of the most overpriced yuppie strips in Boston. From there, we'll spend a few days at a leisurely trudge taking the "scenic" route to the Boston Commons. Anyone who makes it alive will enjoy games with the other hobos, including Steal-The-Can and Shopping Cart Relays. Bring bagged 40s, and money and cigarettes to bribe the guards (if you plan to do so).

4:00 pm

Kresge Auditorium

Opening Ceremonies and Barbecue

Join the Orientation Coordinators and the class of 2007 in your first ever class prayer as we come together to worship L. Ron Hubbard. Afterwards, meet your Orientation Leader and group for a special barbecue including "magic" pudding that will allow you to contact the UFO hiding behind the moon. Wear a black suit and black Nikes if you've got them.

6:00 pm

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.

Saturday, August 23

9:00 pm

Kresge Auditorium

"GOLDEN YEARS"

His name is Bowie, David Bowie. Come watch Blake take off his clothes and play his freshman year role as an elite pop idol playboy in the service of the Queen. Relax in Kresge as your favorite Senior Haus alum once again saves East Campus women from, um, something.

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am

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.)

1:00 pm — 3:00 pm

Twenty Chimneys

Rogue State Welcome Fanatic Fest

The secret police of the 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.

2:00 pm — 3:00 pm

Kresge Oval

Women's Wet T-Shirt Contest

Want to meet some awesome upperclass women? Already a lesbian? No matter which category you think you're in, come join the MIT Women's Rugby Club for some wet, raunchy fun. Water, flimsy clothing and plastic dicks provided.

5:10pm

P-Funk Mothership

Voodoo Holy Communion

Sunday, August 24

6:00 pm — 11:00 pm

Z-Center

Island in the Sun Party

Prepare yourself for a life, or lack thereof, on West Campus, with this stultifying evening of cheap food, overplayed music and the inability to strike up a conversation with anyone who doesn't already live on your hall. We kick off the evening by standing around watching the freaks from East Campus jerk spastically on the dance floor, then head into the Z-Center for an evening of trite games and surreptitiously scoping out each other as you watch your classmates strip down and reveal their pasty bodies. It turns out it was a calculator in his pants after all. Remember to bring a swimsuit and reflective shades to get away with maximum voyeur action.

Monday, August 25

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9:00 am — 10:00 am

26-100

Athena Minicourses #1

"Athena: First Course" — Our introduction to the Athena Dating System. Who you can do on Athena, your accountability in the morning, finding which cluster the girl you are stalking is in, and other basics. "zctl add zsex" and "lastlog hotgirl" explained, "Ask SIPB for love", and Building 66 Basement late Saturday keyboard etiquette.

1:30 pm — 3:30 pm

Meet in Assigned Classroom

"A Translation about Race and Ethnicity"

Come play Wheel of Race and Ethnicity Fortune with us! Spin the "color" wheel and get your new Race/Ethnic assignment. Have "relations" with members of the MIT community in the adjoining anteroom and produce members of your newly assigned cultures right away! Explore the unique and diverse backgrounds of your fellow contestants while sharing new experiences during custody proceedings. (Bring your wallet)

Monday, August 25

3:30 pm — 5:30 pm

Mezzanine Lounge

Women's Wisdom

So you got into MIT because you're a girl. What now? These women will give you some tips on how to survive. From wearing low-cut tank tops, to acting helpless, to selling your body for problem sets, these girls know it all. We'll also give you some great pointers on how to stay thin with cocaine and laxatives. Come meet your competition!

7:00pm — 12:00 am

East Campus and Senior Haus

A:\Red Faction

"Rinnzekete bee bee nnz krr müü?" — Kurt Schwitters, after playing Medal Of Honor for 4 days straight. Tonight the East side explodes in a cacophony of keypresses as the residents show you what they really spend all their time doing. From Warcraft to Nethack, you'll experience the intellectually drained feel of these good-for-nothing losers as you stare blankly at the glowing screen until your vision is worse than a mole's and your complexion resembles cottage cheese. Watch as creativity and potential transform under extreme lameness and geekitude into meaningless multiplayer network game packets and pr0n. Ever wanted to take your youth, hack out its liver and leave it on the ground to die? Or compete with a bunch of other socially retarded dweebs to see who can be the first to lose the power of human speech? And of course, you'll lose so much more, too much to list even. But your virginity won't be one of those things. Too bad.



Tuesday, August 26

10:00 am — 1:00 pm *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.

Wednesday, August 27

11:00 am - 1:00 pm *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.

Thursday, August 28

11:00 am - 5:00 pm *Various Locations*

Freshman Explorations

Give your copy of the Freshman Picture Book to a group of horny, desperate upperclassmen so they can amuse themselves ranking all the people they’ll never get to sleep with. Can be listed on your resume as public service to the underprivileged.

12:00 pm — 1:00 pm *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)

Thursday, August 28

6:00 pm

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.

Friday, August 29

8:00 am

Kresge Oval

Breakfast and Closing Ceremonies

Meet with your Orientation Coordinators for one last instance of being segregated into two groups: those good enough for your Coordinator's frat, and those not.

1:30 pm — 4:30 pm

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.

11:00 pm — 1:00 am

La Sala

Class of 2007 2-School 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 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 30

11:00 am — 11:02 am

Kresge Auditorium

Liberty Talk

Come hear some random Administration bigwigs discuss the freedoms entrusted to the student population. Allocated time includes questions.

6:00 pm — 1:00 am

Student Center/Z-Center/Johnson/Kresge

“Welcome to the Cell Block” Party

So you're new to the joint. You've met your cell mate, but he really hasn't explained things very well. Will you need to get a strange haircut to be his “punk”? What is a “shanking” and should you thank someone who offers you one? Come on down to the shower room and learn about our unique community while you are the center of attention at a “welcoming festival”. Don't even think about crying to the screws, motherfucker.

Sunday, August 31

2:00 pm — 4:00 pm

Leave from Student Center Steps

Harvard Square

Come see the MIT of the future.

5:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Various Locations

Oil Another Otter

Ever wondered if oil actually spreads to a molecule-thick layer on an infinite plane? Well, save your writing cramps for term and join your friends, because you're about to embark on a petroleum-tastic adventure into the “World of Tanker Transport Disasters”. At 5pm let our chauffeur-driven stretch gasoline trucks whisk you away to the Boston harbor where a tramp “steamer” will take you to the secret offshore location of the Exxon Valdez Jr. The tour begins with an overview of the tanker capabilities and a lecture on the precautions taken to prevent spillages. Then, the students will compete against each other in teams to successfully pilot the tanker around an imported iceberg obstacle course. Each “winner” will be awarded the Prince William Medal for Tanker Safety and the losers will be executed by a crew of Greenpeace volunteers.

Manual for Banal Conversations@MIT

You see these conversations coming from a mile away: the same trite bullshit and you are, yet again, being forced to put up with it. Rather than retreating into your loneliness and the cold comfort of the trusty “dorm tank,” follow the tips below and conquer the Banal MIT Conversation!

S.A.T. SCORES:

Student A: So, what did you get on your S.A.T. Math?

Student B: I'm part of the 60% that got 1600's. You?

WRONG!

You: I only got 740, but my Calc BC teacher said that month's test was particularly strange.

RIGHT!

You: The Holocaust is a hoax.

HOUSING:

Student A: Where do you want to live?

Student B: I'll probably live at McCormick, because that's what my parents want me to do.

WRONG!

You: I don't really care as long as I can pledge DKE next year... aah, brotherhood!

RIGHT!

You: Your dad is a dirty whore.



MAJORS:

Student A: What are you going to major in?

Student B: I'm going pre-med, so Biology's the obvious choice.

WRONG!

You: MIT gets the best electronic engineering rankings in US News, how could you come here and do anything else?

RIGHT!

You: Wanna make 50 bucks? I need to get my little sister circumcised.

GRADUATE STUDIES:

Student A: What are your post-MIT plans?

Student B: I hope to get admitted into Harvard Law.

WRONG!

You: My family is pressuring me into going to Julliard, but I'm thinking Wharton.

RIGHT!

You: I hope to get admitted into McLean.

THE COURSE NUMBERS:

Student A: Do you know all the course numbers?

Student B: I know most of them... wait, what's II?

WRONG!

You: II is MechE, III is Materials Science or Archaeology, IV is Architecture...

RIGHT!

You: Interesting... my regular partner also has a rash just like that. I hope it's not too serious.

THE HARVARD FRIEND:

Student A: I was visiting my friend at Harvard, and I gotta tell you, what a bunch of slackers.

WRONG!

You: Yeah, I recently read that they only do 12 hours of homework a week.

RIGHT!

You: You got any rolling papers?

HOSAGE:

Student A: I'm *so* hosed, man.

Student B: Man, *I'm* so hosed.

WRONG!

You: *Man*, I'm *so* hosed.

RIGHT!

You: I saw Stalin once when I was a child.

MAIL HANDLERS:

Student A: I can't believe he use WebMail. Idiot.

Student B: Jesus, I mean can't his mind handle text-based mail handlers? Why don't you use Pine, you Millennial!

WRONG!

You: I actually prever Evolution. It has "virtual folders" which let you categorize your emails while keeping them all in the inbox for easy reference.

RIGHT!

You: As your attorney, I advise you to take a hit out of the little brown flask in my shaving kit.

MUSIC:

Student A: What bands do you listen to?

Student B: Slipknot, Godsmack... anything that rocks hard, man!

WRONG!

You: As a protest against the corporate music industry, I only listen to things I can get for free on Kazaa.

RIGHT!

You: I hear ROTC is a great place to get anonymous rim jobs.



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' Eevil 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.

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 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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