

THE FRESHMAN'S CONFIDENTIAL GUIDE TO BAKER HOUSE

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this booklet is to pass on a few facts and suggestions that will help you become better acquainted with Baker House and the MIT community. It is hoped that this booklet will take up where most of the other literature ends, and will give you some really useful information that will make your first few weeks here more enjoyable.

Every Baker House freshman has been assigned an upperclassman as a counsellor. It is possible that a freshman has been overlooked. If you have not been contacted by a Freshman Counsellor by Wednesday evening, please see Rick Dillon (Room 316), Chairman of the Baker House Freshman Orientation Committee, as soon as possible. You can leave a note in his box (3161) if you cannot find him.

The Freshman Counsellors are your servants during Freshman Weekend. Walk up to them and introduce yourself. Ask them any questions you have. They are always willing and ready (sometimes too ready) to start an informal bull session.

Every upperclassman has been requested to leave his door open when he is in his room until Registration Day so that all Baker residents passing by will stop in to introduce themselves and to say hello. Don't be afraid to stop by and strike up a conversation. Most upperclassmen are willing to spout off to freshman about all of their accumulated knowledge about the Institute. They are probably shier than you are, so it may be up to you, the freshman, to meet the upperclassman. Believe it or not, upperclassmen with an open door want to meet you.

The most important thing to remember in your first few weeks in Baker House is to be BRAVE. Wander up to any random person, introduce yourself, start a conversation and see what happens. It is advisable that you too leave your door open when you're in your room. An open door is a sure sign that visitors are welcome, and the occupant will be glad to see you. Speaking of doors, be sure to put your name, hometown, year, and any other vital statistics (Ham radio call letters, etc.) on your door. This is another great way to meet people, as upperclassmen are always glad to meet hometown freshmen.

HISTORY

The Everett Moore Baker House was built in 1949. It was designed by Alvar Aalto, the Finnish architect, at a cost of \$2,500,000 and now houses 350 men. Originally it was called (appropriately) New Dorm, and housed only Seniors, but in 1952 the residents decided that they would appreciate the pitter-patter of little freshmen and the doors were open to all classes. It was named after the Institute's most popular late Dean of Students. His picture, along with a few words to the wise, can be found in the lobby.

MOVING IN

As a result of your first encounter with the desk staff you have signed your life away and are now most probably twenty-one dollars poorer (if you purchased a linen book). The linen book really is a good deal, as you get clean linen every week during the entire school year (vacations too) as well as two blankets. In the eyes of Baker House you have already come from nothing to be a full fledged resident.

Having picked up your heavy baggage and light wallet, ascended in our speedy "modern" elevator, and entered your room, now what? Are you disappointed that you didn't get a large single on the sixth floor with a soft couch and a refrigerator full of cold beer? Our condolences! There are reasons.

1. All upperclassmen get preference of rooms and are already in them.
2. Dean Fassett tries to put freshmen in anything but singles. Freshmen in singles develop into infinite tools (If you don't know what that means, you'll find out soon enough) and often let the Institute get them down.

If you are a freshman in a single, be sure to meet people!!!

You say you don't like your roommate(s)? Are you judging from first impressions? Many of the guys at the Institute will strike you as a bit "unusual", but chances are that many of these oddballs will become your best friends. Still don't like your roommate? Then see Dean Fassett, Dean of Residence, and request a room change. but please wait for a couple of weeks to be sure. If you can get somebody to trade with you, you'll get your change right away. Otherwise you'll get it in January

Now check your room and see what damages exist already; be sure to note small things such as damaged floor tiles, screw or nail holes in wood, etc. Any new ones in June will be your responsibility (\$). Speaking of damages, be careful with the glass firedoors located randomly in the halls. They break easily. Every year we have to escort someone to the infirmary to have many stitches taken in an arm that has been pushed through the glass. Also be careful of fire alarm boxes. A false alarm costs \$50 per truck.

During your inspection you noticed that the room was a really bleak affair. Decorations are up to you. You will probably find that curtains, bedspreads, bullfight posters, and posters that can be picked up at air line and steamship offices make the place a little brighter. The Coop has a fair selection of prints for reasonable prices. TCA also has a nice supply which they rent at reasonable cost for the year. Drop in and see some of the friendly upperclassmen with well decorated rooms for some good suggestions. When you put something up, make sure you can take it down with ease. The desk has hooks (herby hooks) free that can be pasted to the walls. The manufacturer rates them at twenty pounds, but don't you believe it. Two pounds is more like it. Masking tape is good for putting up posters. Scotch tape is frowned upon because it won't stick on brick and it messes up the painted areas.

There should be plenty of room for your first year things. After a while you will get the knack of storing things. The trunks go in the trunk room in the basement, and the suitcases on top of the closet.

THE BUILDING

Now for your guided tour of Baker House. It is advisable that you follow this up with exploring, which should uncover all sorts of useful and useless information.

A. Desk - The desk is where everything is! While your first encounter was probably a bit expensive, most of the infinite trips to the desk will not be quite as bad. At the desk you can:

Register girls during Open House hours

Buy the Christian Science Monitor and the Boston Herald

Buy linen books and refrigerator permits (refrigerators are allowed, but a permit is required to pay for extra electricity and an annual inspection--\$10 per school year)

Replace light bulbs

Obtain herby hooks

Sign out Baker athletic equipment

Obtain room keys. If you are locked out, you can sign one out temporarily.

If you are coming from the shower, send a friend. If you lose your key, you can get a new one for \$1. When the desk is closed, see the night watchman for a key.

Get a refund of money lost in vending machines

Get change

Apply for money lost in washing machines

Obtain schedules of events and miscellaneous announcements

Obtain mail (mail is usually in your box by 8:45 A.M.) Don't forget to have your box number on mail--it vastly simplifies sorting.

Obtain hose, bucket, and hose key to wash your car (if you have one).

Sign out ironing board

Fill out repair slips for anything broken

Get key to music room

Bring and obtain laundry and cleaning

Read Baker MTA Guide (very complete guide of where to go in Boston and how to get there on MTA)

Obtain groceries which have been delivered. Prepayed groceries are preferred, but COD's OK if exact change is left at the desk

Mail letters (postage scale is available)

Get sympathy and free information

Baker House has a relatively good supply of athletic equipment ranging from football to croquet, though baseball, pool cues, ping pong paddles and balls, are available to Baker residents. You will receive an athletic privilege card to be left at the desk as a deposit on equipment borrowed.

B. Laundry--In the basement next to the pool room are washers and dryers. For the meager sum of 45¢ you can have your dirty clothes washed and dried (but not ironed)--washing takes 30 minutes, drying takes 1 hour. There are many alternatives to this problem. The desk offers four day laundry and cleaning service and not unreasonable prices. The quality, however, sometimes leaves much to be desired. (Hint--even if you like starch, write NO STARCH on the ticket. Otherwise your shirts will stand up.) For one day cleaning and pressing as well as emergency sewing and shoe repair, Charlie-the-Tech-Tailor in the

Student Center is great. Laundry can be carried there or to the Coop, or any of the laundries in Central square (Note: Now that Charlie is in the Student Center along with the Coop, the Coop's laundry service may not be continued.). If you are interested in doing your own laundry and ironing, the desk has an ironing board. For wash pants, pants stretchers at the Coop save ironing. and are worthwhile.

Linen Room--The linen room is to the left as you pass the swinging doors in the basement near the elevator. Here you can get clean linen if you bought a linen book.

C. LOUNGES--There are nine lounges in Baker House.

1. The Master's Suite Lounge--at the end of the long hall past the ping pong tables in the basement. The Master's Suite is the scene of many small parties, Housecom meetings, coffee house, and many other social events. It is also one of the quieter places in the dorm for studying.

2. The Sheldon Lounge--(usually referred to as the Third Floor Lounge) located in 304.5. This is where private individuals and hall chairmen throw parties. It is also used for studying, especially group projects and quiz reviews.

3. The Lobby Lounge--this is the place to get into a bull session, wait for friends, read Sunday funnies. and last month's Time magazine. Just off the lobby is the dining hall balcony, one of the many study spots in the dorm.

4. Library--The Frederick G. Fassett, Jr. Library is located in 604.5. In it are a large supply of reference books, thesaurus, dictionaries, assorted light reading (Science Fiction, mysteries, Playboys, etc.), and bulletins from the Placement Office. The library is an ideal room to tool in (comfortable desk chairs, good lighting, and silence); and considerably closer than Hayden. Many of the good books in the library were gifts of Dean and Mrs. Fassett.

5. Study Lounges--The condition of the lounges in 204.5, 404.5, and 504.5 was not clear at press time. The best way to find out just what they are like is to look for yourself.

6. TV Room--this is located in 104.5. The large television is accompanied by many chairs, great for late movies.

7. Music Room--this is for the budding musician with neighbors who do not appreciate the trumpet, this room is located^{next} to the Master's Suite Lounge. In it are a new baby grand piano and a music stand. The key to the MusicRoom is available at the desk for any serious Baker resident who wants to use the room before midnight.

8. The Room at the Top--on the 7th floor, at the top of the west stairway, is the card playing room.

D. TRUNK ROOM--At the west end of the basement, the trunk room is used for storing empty trunks during the school year, and full ones during the summer. There are usually hand carts around for maneuvering your trunk.

E. VENDING MACHINES--The Allied Vending Machine Co. has condescended to supply Baker House with a large supply of goodies from ice cream to cigarettes. Change is available at the desk. If the machine eats up your money without returning its wares, please do not beat it up! Just go get your money back at the desk.

F. PINBALL MACHINE--A baseball machine has recently been installed for those with a gambling instinct. It is located at the far end of the bank of vending machines.

G. HOUSECOM OFFICE--Located across from the dining hall, this is the home of Crank, the Baker duplicating machine, as well as the Baker silk screen, and even the Secretary. All of these services are available to Baker residents. See David Lapin, room 624.

H. BULLETIN BOARDS--There are numerous bulletin boards around Baker, the most notable being the one in the lobby by the stairs. All of these are available for public announcements and random trivia. The board across from the mail boxes is for ride notices, for sale notices, and for wanted notices, which must be on index cards and left in the house secretary's box for posting. They are posted for approximately one month.

I. TELEPHONES--The telephones in Baker House are numerous and complicated. There are three separate and unconnectable phone systems.

1. Dormitory phones--the phone in your room is a dorm phone. It can be used to connect you with anybody in any dormitory but Bexley. Baker rooms are reached by dialing the room number on the second, third, and fourth floors, the room number plus 150 on the first floor, and the room number minus 150 on the fifth and sixth floors. Certain special Baker numbers: Master's Suite, 294--the Lounge, that is; the Kitchen, 273; Third Floor Lounge, 310.

To reach the other dorms, dial the number given in the student directory (when you get it). For information dial the dorm desk:

Baker House	200	East Campus	0711	McCormick	9151
Burton House	9101	Senior House	0759	Grad House	9191

If your phone is broken, leave a repair slip at the desk. For quick service a call to David Lapin (624) will help.

2. Institute extensions--these are the extensions of UN 4-6900 found in the halls opposite the 19's and 34's on each floor. From them you can dial any office in the Institute and fraternities free. These are also the phones you receive outside calls on. The procedure to receive calls is hairy, so don't be surprised if you have to ask for help. Basically what happens is as follows:

The outside caller gets connected to the Baker desk, which calls your room on the dorm phone and tells you that you should call X5141 or X5142. This means that the party is connected to either X3161 or X3162. You then run out to the hall phone, dial the correct number and begin to talk immediately, as the other party is already connected. If the caller was calling from an Institute extension, you will be told to call such extension. He in the meantime hangs up and waits to be called back. Sometimes late at night you will get a call on the dorm phone from

an Institute operator, telling you to dial an Institute extension. Go to the hall and dial, and don't wait for an answer, start talking right away. The other party is already connected. Weather information is X5211, Taxi X2301, 2303.

3. NET&T brand phones--these include the hall phone booths and private phones. They are installed by NET&T largely for profit, and also for your convenience. There are only 7 pay phones in Baker, and approximately 300 people using them, so be brief. If that doesn't appeal to you, you can have a private phone installed for anywhere from \$5 to \$10 per month. Talk to an upperclassman to find out all the gory details.

NOTE--Annually, a few energetic EE majors discover that Mr. Bell did not invent the perfect machine, and they can beat the system. Tampering with the telephones is not only a Judcom offense, it is a federal offense to boot. Besides, the Institute will probably expel you just to add to your misery. So if you wish any legal repairs or changes done on your phone, contact the desk if it is the room phone, NET&T if it is one of theirs, or a house officer if it is an Institute extension and save yourself some grief.

ROOM CLEANING--As your room is being used by you, MIT feels you are the most likely candidate for cleaning it. To make sure you don't wallow in dirt, the porter will clean your floor and your sink periodically, but the period is not a well defined function of time. You are far better off cleaning your room yourself and keeping your things picked up so that when he does get there he will not leave in disgust. There are brooms, mops, and a vacuum cleaner in the hall closets. Your hall chairman has the key and it is available to you at any (?) time.

All trash goes in the barrels. Attempts to put trash in the incinerators results in trash lodged half way down the chute and smoke pouring into the halls; therefore, DO NOT USE THEM.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Professor and Mrs. Gamble--our House Master and his wife live in an apartment at the east end of the first floor. Professor Gamble teaches freshman chemistry, and you will find him a great help to have around. You will be meeting the Gambles shortly.

Professor McNamara--senior tutor, lives in an apartment on the west end of the first floor (111). He is a professor of mechanical engineering and is from Ireland. He often holds study breaks with infinite cider and donuts (which disappear in zero time). Professor McNamara can help you with math, physics, electrical or mechanical engineering, humanities (honest), Greek, Latin, and Gaelic.

Mr. Davison--the Superintendent of Baker House--is here to keep the House in one piece. He is usually in the general vicinity of the desk.

Sherm (Mr. Mittell)--the Assistant Superintendent--is usually sitting behind the desk offering sympathy and information.

Louis (Mr. Schneider)--the Baker House handy man--can fix anything from leaky faucets to broken locks.

Dean and Mrs. Fassett--Baker House's favorite next door neighbors, the Fassetts are probably the friendliest people on campus. If you haven't met the Dean yet, be sure to go to the open house at his home in a few weeks.

Carl Jones--the President of Baker House--is useful if you want to get into politics.

Don Morrison--the Chairman of Judcom--is the person to see if you have problems of a legal nature. If you don't find him, he'll find you!

Baker House is blessed this year with FOUR graduate tutors. John Hsia, 204, specializes in math, while John Bergman in 304 is our chemistry tutor. Mike Efron, 504, is the man to see for help in physics. And Dave Rubin, 604, will do his best to prevent you from becoming an infinite tool--he is a tutor, but the thing he'll tutor most will be hacking.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Unlike many scholls, MIT is extremely active politically and Baker House is no exception. Student government runs just about anything connected with life in Baker House. It even keeps law and order. House Committee meets every Wednesday and discusses everything from house social activities to the freshman orientation program you are now living through. If you have anything you'd like to see done, come down to the Master's Suite Lounge some Wednesday and have your voice heard. House Committee is composed of a president, a veep, and two hall chairmen from each floor. You now have one hall chairman, whom you will probably get to know rather soon (they're aggressive), and in a few weeks you'll be electing another one.

At the same time, you'll be electing two representatives to the Baker freshman council. Here is the ideal opportunity for you to start in politics. Most of today's politicians were on the Baker Freshman Council. One of the people elected on each floor will also become a member of the Institute Freshman Council.

Judcom is the student keeper of the peace. Its members are all respected upperclassmen who try to prevent the misdemeanors in Baker House from reaching Institute level discipline. You will soon receive a copy of the Judcom rules to live by. Have your counsellor explain them.

SOCIAL LIFE

Baker House has a reputation for having the best social events on campus. Our active program of dances and parties are under the direction of Ken Howard and Harry Otaguro, the social chairmen. They plan a full calendar of mixers, small parties, and gala events. The season is topped off with three or four extravaganzas like last year's Halloween or River Queen parties. Usually there will be a Master's Suite party both Friday and Saturday evenings.

As far as getting dates is concerned, in the next few weeks there will be infinite mixers, held here and at the girls' schools. Your counsellor can explain the workings of "Bahston" social life, and as long as you remember that there are three girls for every two college men in Boston and YOU go to MIT, you should be successful.

Baker House has a system referred to as Open House Hours, permitting you to bring girls into the dormitory during the hours posted on the bulletin board. These hours are among the most liberal in the country, and there is nothing to be gained by violating them. Dean Fassett takes a dim view of unregistered necking, so be sure to sign your girlfriend in and out at the desk.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

A. Selective Service--In building 20 (20-226 to be exact) one finds Mrs. Lutz, whose aim in life is keeping you and the draft board from interacting. She is an enemy of the armed forces and will help you obtain student deferment. See her before your 18th birthday if that hasn't occurred yet.

B. The Harvard Cooperative Society-Technology Store (The Coop)--Since you will be buying most of your school supplies and books at the Coop, get your Coop card. That \$1 permits you to get a 10% refund on all cash purchases and an 8% refund on all charge purchases. TCA sometimes has used books at 2/3 price, but most of your freshman books will serve as references and you are better off buying them new. Your Coop card is also good at the Harvard Coop located in Harvard Square, where there is a large variety of things. Be sure to get up to Hahvahd Squahe and --uh, explore it.

C. Hobby Shop--The hobby shop is in the basement of the Armory. It is the student organization with facilities for woodworking, metal working, electronics, printing, and a complete darkroom, all available for only \$5 per annum plus materials cost.

D. Electronics--Electronics equipment can be found at Radio Shack and Lafayette Radio. Course VI also has a department on the fourth floor of Building 10, where parts can be bought and equipment borrowed. The best place, however, is Eli Hefron's in North Cambridge. Have some upperclassman show you the way and show you how you can get amazing bargains by not telling Eli what anything is worth. Bring a screwdriver and pair of pliers as most of his merchandise is surplus equipment attached to something.

E. Haircuts--The Coop is the most convenient place to get haircuts, and charges \$1.75 (less refund) for a speedy Coopcut. There are many other barbers, some more expensive and further away, but usually worth it in quality. Try Central, Tech, or Harvard Square.

F. Food--Mahlowitz market (Delivery free with orders over \$5) and Stop and Shop are the popular markets. Elm Farm is another popular supermarket; it is located in Central Square.

G. Rides--For rides home, place a notice on the bulletin board, and a notice on the APO Ride Board in Dean Fassett's office (7-104).

H. Security Police--The Campus Cops are here to protect you from the Cambridge and Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) police. They are all friendly, and have none of the unpleasant aura usually associated with police. The MDC and Cambridge cops, on the other hand, are especially sensitive to college students.

I. Part-time Jobs--Infinite part time jobs are available at the student personnel office in building E19. The Baker Dining Staff and the Baker Desk staff also employ many Bakerikes annually. See John Lehr or Carl Jones for details.

J. Newspapers--The best newspaper in Boston is the New York Times. Also worthy of the classification of journalism are the Christian Science Monitor and the Boston Herald (?). Other Boston papers are abominably bad and ignore national occurrences.

K. Radio--FM radio in Boston is excellent, and exploring the FM band will lead to a host of good music stations. Rock 'n' Roll can be found on WMEX, 1150; WCOP, 1150; WBZ, 1030; "pop" music (a little slower) oozes from WEZE, 1260; WEEI, 590; WNAC, 680; and WHDH, 850. WTBS, MIT's own radio station, can be found at 640 AM (if you're lucky) or 88.1 megs FM. Audio lines are also available to Baker residents. There are also mysterious things called "Lehr Lines". If you want some enjoyable albeit unpredictable entertainment, see John Lehr, 216, for the details.

L. Banking--The Institute offers a Student Deposit Office for accounts under \$500, but it is more convenient (and more expensive, natch) to open a checking account in one of the banks in the area, as many places will accept MIT registration for ID. The better banks include the First National Bank of Boston and the Harvard Trust.

M. Student Center--This year is the first year our Student Center will be in operation. Here is a brief description--as of April, 1965. The Tech Coop takes up the entire first floor. The second (main) floor houses the main cafeteria (350), small dining rooms, a periodicals reading room, and a lounge. On the Mezzanine is the Grill Room, a small dining room, and the staff offices. The fourth floor is the Activities' floor. Most of the major activities have space on this floor. The library is located on the fifth floor. It contains 15,000 books and can accommodate 480 people. An eight lane bowling alley, the Bursar's Office (check cashing facilities), a U.S. Post Office, the Coop Barber Shop, and Charlie-the-Tech-Tailor can be found in the basement.

However, the best way to become familiar with the Student Center is to investigate it for yourself. Since the upperclassmen don't know any more about it than you, here is your chance to teach them something!

GETTING AROUND BOSTON

Boston and surroundings can be horribly confusing at first encounter, as the streets were laid out by cow's (s'truth). After a few trial-and-error visits, you should get an intuitive feeling about the city. A good map is essential. The MTA provides rapid mass transportation to anywhere in the area, but schedules are sporadic and Boston closes at night. Peculiarities of the area are:

1. Streets are not clearly marked or straight.
2. The Charles bends and winds and is not a good direction aid.
3. The Boston Common has five sides and confuses everyone.
4. Street numbers are basically random, and delta of 400 is not usually considered walking distance.
5. The same name is used for different streets in different towns.
6. The same street is given different names in different sections.

7. Red and yellow light means pedestrian crossing, legally, but cross any time you can make it alive; however, never trust a Mass. driver.

To get to the MTA from Baker House, five alternatives exist. We are approximately equidistance from Auditorium Station, Central Square, and Kendall Square. They can be reached on foot in about 15 minutes. Central square is the easiest, as you walk up Mass. Avenue in a "straight line". Kendall Square (where Charlie handed in his dime, but you pay 20¢) requires walking through the 'Tute, and Auditorium Station means a walk across the bridge. If you're basically lazy, Auditorium Station and Central Square can both be reached by Mass. Avenue bus for only 10¢ and a "short" wait.

One of the more interesting Bahston landmarks is the John Hancock Building. Its beacon is easily noticeable at night and gives fairly reliable weather forecasts if you know the code. Blue light means clear, flashing blue means cloudy, red means rain, flashing red is snow, and if you can't see it at all, that means fog.

FOOD

During the week, the Stouffer people have condescended to serve you three meals a day. Breakfast is served in the dining hall from 7:30-9:30, lunch from 11:15-1:30, and dinner from 5:05-7:00. If you cannot be on time for a meal, ask the checker to save a late meal for you, or order a box meal (the dining staff is very punctual about closing hours). The eating procedure rapidly becomes habit, so just imitate upperclassmen when going through the line. During Freshman Weekend the schedules are different, so consult the posted schedules for times.

Eating in--You are allowed to keep a refrigerator in your room if you get a permit (again, \$10/school year at the desk). They can be purchased from many places, particularly Central Square and the bulletin boards. Chip in with your roommates and the guys next door. (HINT--decide, before purchasing, who gets the refrigerator next year.) Renting is also a possibility, but in the long run purchasing is a far better idea. Cooking equipment is illegal because of the fire insurance and plumbing problem. Ask your freshman counsellor about this problem. Vending machines and the sandwich man are also popular sources of food. The sandwich man hawks his wares through the halls on nights before school days. Also, on weekday nights the pizza man arrives about 10:30.

Eating-out--There are many good places to eat in the Boston area, and most of them are reasonably priced. It is a good idea to eat out often during your first year and explore the infinite possibilities in the area. Consult your SOCIAL BEAVER for a complete listing, and ask upperclassmen for directions. Better still, accept the invitations of upperclassmen going to their favorite restaurants. Bakerites have found that the best restaurants are:

A. DURGIN PARK--In the shadow of Faneuil Hall off Dock Square and near Adams square MTA stop, Durgin Park is a Boston institution, by far the most popular restaurant among Techmen. The food is very good, and you can get a substantial lunch for 95¢. On Saturday, it is a good idea to get there before 11:30, when the long starts. Closed Sundays (unfortunately).

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- B. ELSIE'S--located off Harvard Square on Mt. Auburn St., Elsie's is the home of the thickest, best roast beef special in the world, yours for only 50¢. The only thing not in abundance at Elsie's is space--Elsie has the motherly idea that growing boys should not go hungry.
- C. UNION OYSTER HOUSE--on Union Street, one block from Adams Square, it is an old, famous restaurant serving excellent food (seafood, of course), especially lobster in its many disguises. \$3-4.
- D. JIMMY'S HARBORSIDE, AND YANKEE FISHERMAN--the best seafood restaurants in New England, serving the hughest lobsters with the finest service, and a fascinating view of the bay. Take the MTA to Atlantic Avenue. Make reservations, they are classy! \$5 and up.
- E. 29 NEWBURY STREET--Good food, low prices, great selection, and large servings make this a college student's delight--open Sundays, yet. \$2-2.50.
- F. CHINATOWN--a cluster of restaurants somewhere downtown (have somebody take you, it's impossible to find) serving the most delicious Chinese food this side of San Francisco. Avoid restaurants with the big signs and order things you have never heard of for a really enjoyable meal. The House of Roy is a Baker favorite. \$2-3.
- G. LE MONTPARNASSE--an intimate French restaurant on Beacon Street, specializing in Fondue, a do-it-yourself style meal. \$2.50-4.
- H. KEN'S AT COPLEY--Copley Square, natch. Top notch delicatessen, hearty sandwiches, or a full meal. \$1.50 and up.
- I. JACK AND MARION'S--At Coolidge Corner in Brookline, it is a good, fancy delicatessen. Prices are high, but the food is good. \$2 and UP.
- J. PARKER HOUSE--Tremont Street between Park Street and Scollay Square. Expensive, but excellent food and unbelievable service in elegant surroundings. \$4.50 and up.
- K. NEWBURY STEAK HOUSE--just across the river on Mass. Avenue, this is the haven for beef eaters. Good steaks. \$2-3.
- L. JACOB WIRTH--downtown Boston. Specialists in German food and beer. Prices are reasonable and the food good. As for beer, watch your draft card. \$1-3.
- M. EDELWEISS--on Green Street near Brookline Avenue in Central Square, Edelweiss has delicious Italian food of infinite variety. Service is a little slow, but the atmosphere is nice. \$1-2.
- N. SIMEONE'S--half a block from Edelweiss, they also have inexpensive Italian food. The pizza is good and large. \$1-2.

O. SANTORO'S--the home of the submarine (known elsewhere as Hero, Grinder, Poor Boy, etc.) in Central Square, you can get a good, filling sandwich for 60¢. Try their pepper steak.

P. CLIPPER SHIP LOUNGE and SMITH HOUSE--two approximately equal restaurants on Memorial Drive past Burton House. Poor food, poor service, and high prices.

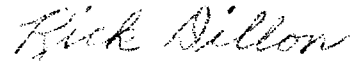
On campus there's the Student Center. It will be catered by Stouffer's, but you'll have to investigate it for yourself for any further judgement. Pritchett Lounge in Walker is available for snacks such as hamburgers and frappes (milk shakes to the world beyond Boston).

Tipping is customary, between 10% and 15%, but should be based entirely on the quality of the service.

The Baker House Freshman Orientation Committee hopes that this booklet will help you enjoy your first few days and weeks at MIT. Any questions that still remain in your mind I will be most eager to try to answer. It will be revised again for the class of 1970, and I would appreciate any suggestions you have for improving it.

GOOD LUCK!

Rick Dillon



Chairman, Baker House Freshman
Orientation Committee