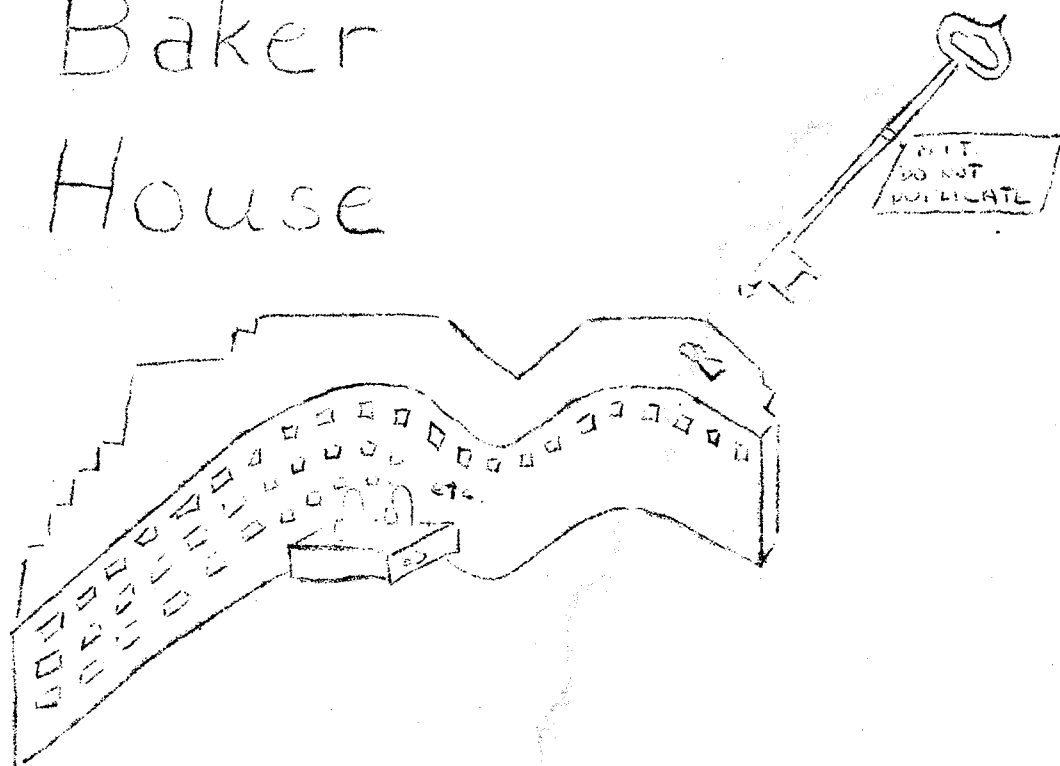


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## INTRODUCTION

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 Jerry Grochow (Room 232), Chairman of the Baker House Freshman Orientation Committee, as soon as possible. You can leave a note in his box (2320) 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 freshmen 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 (vacation 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. The Deans try 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 'Tute will strike you as a bit "unusual," but chances are that many of these oddballs will become your friends. Still don't like your roommate? Then trot over to the Deans' Office (7-133) and file a room change request, 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 tile, screw or nail holes in wood, etc. Any new ones in June will be your re\$pon\$ibility. 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 had 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 airline 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 that 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 two 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 the Desk is closed, see the nightwatchman.

- Get a refund of money lost in vending machines.

- Get change.

- Apply for money lost in the washing machines.

- Obtain schedules of events and miscellaneous announcements.

- Obtain mail (usually 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 free sympathy and 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 also 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 billiard table 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 and drying 1 hour. There are many alternatives to this problem. The Desk offers 4 day laundry and cleaning service at not unreasonable prices. The quality, however, sometimes leaves much to be desired. (Hint- even if you like starch, write NO STARCH on the ticket). 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 any of the laundries in Central Square. 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 are a great convenience.

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. The room is usually open on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

c Lounges- There are nine lounges in Baker House.

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, Housecomm meetings, coffee house, and many other social events. It is also one of the quieter places in the Dorm for studying. Newly refurnished this summer, the Master's Suite will undoubtedly see increased usage this year.

Lobby Lounge- this is the place to get into a bull session, wait for friends, read the Sunday funnies and last month's Time magazine. Just off the lobby is the dining hall balcony, another of our newly decorated lounges. The after-dinner bridge club usually can be found here.

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.

Library- The Frederick G. Fassett, Jr. Library is located in 604.5. In it are a large supply of reference books, thesaurus, dictionary, 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.

Study lounges- The condition of the lounges in 204.5, 404.5 and 504.5 was not clear at press time. These may be used as freshman triples this year because of the lack of dormitory space.

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

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 baby grand piano and a music stand. The key to the Music Room is available at the Desk for any serious Baker resident who wants to use the room before midnight. 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 pinball 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 (except a secretary). See Mike Tashker.

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 trivia. The board across from the mail boxes is for ride notices, for sale notices, and for wanted notices. All of these 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 minus 150 on the fifth and sixth floors; and the room number plus 150 on the first floor. Certain special Baker numbers are: Master's Suite, 294- the Lounge, that is; Third floor lounge, 310; the Kitchen, 273.

To reach 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 Dave Lapin 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 the 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. On Institute extensions, weather info is X5211, taxi is either X2301 or X2303.

3. NETT brand phones- these include the hall phone booths and private phones. They are installed by NETT 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 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, NETT 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 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 C.D. Macrae- senior tutor, lives in an apartment on the west end of the first floor (111). He is a professor of economics and has studied in England as well as the United States.

Mr. Davison- the Superintendent of Baker House- is here to keep the house in one piece (don't you believe it). He is usually in the general vicinity of the Desk.

John Pineau - the Assistant Superintendent- is usually sitting behind the desk offering sympathy and information. He is a part-time student at North Eastern and very handy to know.

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

Jeff Wiesen- the President of Baker House- a very friendly guy and one to know if you are interested in the workings of student politics.

Hank Howarth- 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. Sydney Lewis, who specializes in Math, is from Washington and Lee University. Bruce Foxman, U. of Iowa, is the Chemistry tutor. John Kassakian is an E.E. major and Rodger Thompson is a Physics major. Both John and Rodger have studied at MIT.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Unlike many schools, 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. Watch the Baker Letter and the bulletin boards for more info on meetings.

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 John Rudy and Bill Carlson, 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 Ides of March 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 Wadleigh takes a dim view of unregistered necking, so be sure to sign your girlfriend in and out at the desk.

Since the MTA will be, at most times, an unfriendly beast, getting to some of the girls' schools may be a problem if you don't know your way around. The following instructions will probably be very useful as the year goes on (thanks to Stan Rose for compiling the list):

### Wellesley

Kendell or Central Square (20 cents) MBTA to Park Street Under.

Transfer upstairs to Riverside Car, get off at Woodland (20 cents)

Take bus (25 cents) Framingham via Wellesley College (25 cents).

### Alternate Method

Take Dudley Street bus (10 cents) across Harvard Bridge to

Auditorium Station. Take Riverside Car (20 cents) to Woodland.

Then as above.

### Lasell

Proceed as to Wellesley except at Woodland take a cab (50¢) to Lasell

Simmons and Emmanuel

Take Riverside car as before to Fenway Park

Radcliffe and Lesley

Take Harvard Square Bus (10¢) or Harvard Square Subway (20¢) from Central Square or Kendall Station to Harvard Square. Transfer to North Cambridge or Arlington Heights bus (10¢). Get off at appropriate street

Jackson

Go to Auditorium or Park Street and take Lechmere Car (20¢). Get off at Lechmere and transfer to Arlington Center or North St. Bus.

Alternate method: from Harvard Square take Medford Square Bus (10¢) to Jackson.

Boston University

Charlesgate- Dudley Bus (10¢) to Beacon Street

Bay State Dorms- from Auditorium take Boston College-Commonwealth or Watertown car (20¢) to first stop after subway

Babcock- from Auditorium take Ec-Commonwealth or Watertown car to Babcock street (total 30¢)

Emerson College

From Auditorium take an intown car to Arlington Street

Brandeis University

From Auditorium or Park Street take Riverside car to Riverside (20¢) and then a Roberts Bus (25¢) to Brandeis

An easier way to get to all girls schools is to hitch a ride with a friendly upperclassmen going to the same place.

#### GETTING AROUND THE CAMPUS

a. Selective Service- in Building 20 (20E-226 to be exact) one finds Mrs. Lutz whose aim in life is keeping you and the draft board from interacting. She is the enemy of the armed forces and will help you keep (or obtain) your student deferment. See her soon.

b. The Harvard Cooperative Society (The Coop)- Since you will be buying most of your school supplies and books at the Coop, get your Coop card (\$1 per year). You get a 10 per cent refund on all cash purchases and an 8 per cent 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 Harvard Square 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 material costs.

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. A good place to get some amazing surplus bargains is Eli Hefron's in North Cambridge. Have some upperclassman show you the way.

e. Haircuts- the Coop is the closest place (although not necessarily the best) to get haircuts. Charge is \$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 Jerry's on Massachusetts Avenue before Central Square or Larry's at Technology Square.

f. Food- Mahlowitz (Westgate or Main Street) and Stop and Shop are the popular markets. Mahlowitz will deliver free on orders of more than \$5. Elm Farm (Central Square) is also popular.

g. Rides- For rides home, place a notice on the bulletin board, and a notice on the APO Ride Board. There may be another board available in the Housing Office.

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. Remember, the Deans' Office dislikes bailing students out of jail.

i. Part-time jobs- Infinite part time jobs are available at the Student Personnel Office in Building E19. The Baker Desk Staff and the Baker Dining Staff also employ many Bakerites annually. See Rick Tompkins or Rick Dillon 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 AM, WMEX (1150), WCOP (1450), and WBZ (1030); "pop" music oozes over the air waves from WEZE (1260) and a host of others. WTBS, MIT's own radio station, can be found on 640 AM (if you're lucky) or 88.1 megs FM. Audio lines are also available to Baker residents. There are also mysterious lines from various random hifis floating around so be sure to grab one.

l. Banking- the Institute offers a Student Deposit Office (in the basement of the Student Center) for accounts under \$500, but it is more convenient (and more expensive) to open a checking account in one of the banks in the area. The better banks include the First National Bank of Boston and the Harvard Trust Company.

m. The Student Center- The Tech Coop takes up the entire first floor of this modern building. It includes books, record, stationery, drug, and clothing departments. There is also the Lobby Shop (miscellaneous drug, food, and magazine items) which is open until 9 PM. The second floor of the building houses the main cafeteria and small dining rooms. There is also a periodicals reading room and a lounge. On the Mezzanine is the Grille Room (Twenty Chimneys to those in the know), a small dining room and the staff offices. The Grille Room is open till 2 AM. The Fourth floor is the activities floor. Most of the major student activities have space on this floor. The library is located on the fifth floor. It contains a copy of each book on reserve in any of the libraries around the Institute. It is especially crowded early

in the evening. An eight lane bowling alley, the Bursar's Office (check cashing facilities), a US Post Office, the Coop Barber Shop and Charlie-the-Tech-Tailor are all located in the basement.

## GETTING AROUND BOSTON

Boston and surroundings can be horribly confusing at first encounter, as the streets were laid out by cow's (honest). 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. Anti-J walking laws are now in effect, but so far have only been enforced in Harvard Sq.

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 cents) 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 cents 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.) As of this year no newly purchased  $SO_2$  refrigerators are permitted. 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 the 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. Some of the more popular ones are: Durgin Park, Elsie's, Union Oyster House, Jimmy's Harborside and Anthony's Pier 4, 29 Newbury Street, The House of Roy in Chinatown, La Montparnasse, Ken's at Copley, Jack and Marion's, Parker House, Newbury Steak House, Jacob Wirth, Edelweiss, Simeone's, Santoro's.

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

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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 1971, and I would appreciate any suggestions that you have for improving it.

GOOD LUCK!

*Jerry Grochow*

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