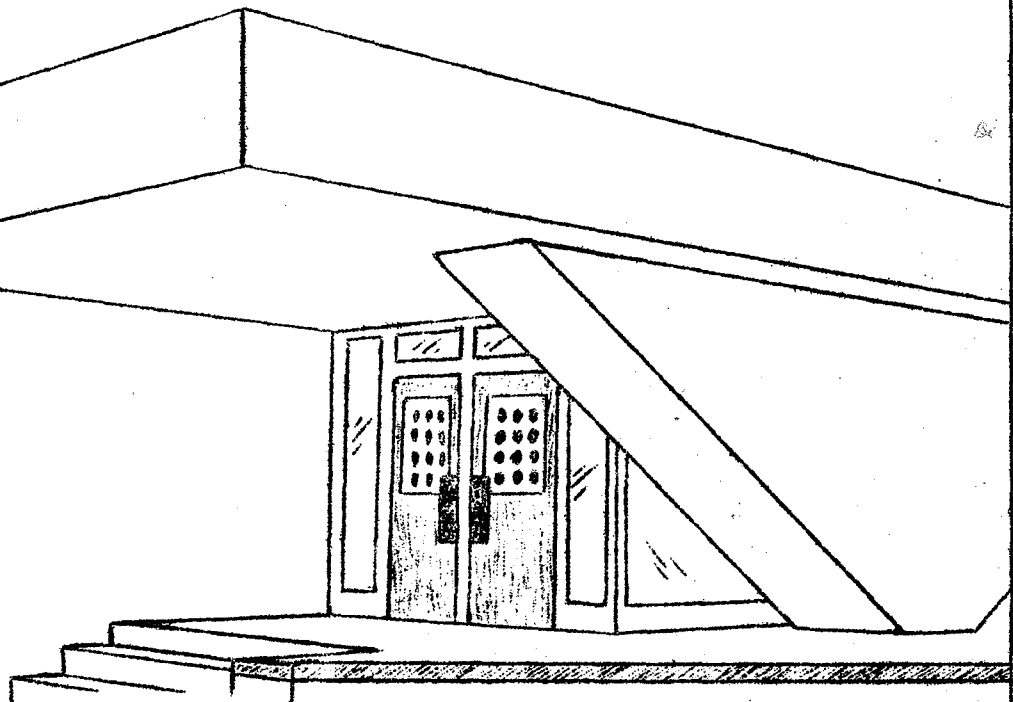
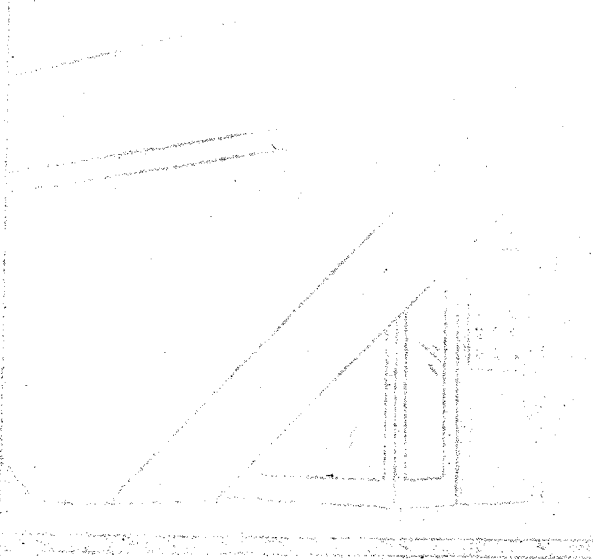


*The
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To
**BAKER
HOUSE**

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet is intended 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 begin where most of the other literature ends, and will give you some practical information that will make your first few weeks here more enjoyable.

Every Baker House freshman has been assigned an upperclassman as a counselor. It is possible, though, that a freshman has been overlooked. If you have not been contacted by your counselor by the day after you arrived, leave word at the main desk to that effect, addressed to Dave Njus.

If you have any questions or problems this week, or throughout the year, speak to your counselor. Better still, speak to several counselors. Don't hesitate to walk up to them and introduce yourself. The counselors have been chosen because they sincerely want to help you. They are always ready and willing (sometimes too much so) to start a bull session.

The most important thing to remember in your first few weeks in Baker House is to be BRAVE. Wander up to anyone, introduce yourself, and start a conversation. Leave your door open when you are in your room; an open door is an invitation to enter. Every upperclassman has been requested to leave his door open during the next week or two whenever he is in his room. This is to enable you to stop in and say hello. Do it; that's what they came to MIT early for. Speaking of doors, be sure to put your name, home town, and any other vital statistics (ham call letters) on your door. This makes it much easier for friendly upperclassmen to get to know you.

HISTORY

The Everett Moore Baker House was built in 1949. It was designed by Alvar Aalto, the Finnish architect, at a cost of two and one-half million dollars and houses 350 undergraduates. Originally it was called (appropriately) "New Dorm" and housed only upperclassmen, but in 1952 the residents decided they would appreciate the patter of little freshmen's feet, and doors were opened to all classes. It was later named after the Institute's most popular late Dean of Students. Here, along with a few pearls of wisdom, are found in

MOVING IN

During one of your first visits to the main desk, make a dollar deposit for a room key and probably for linens. This linen service is a weekly change of two sheets and pillow case every week, generally regarded as a good deal, but it sh

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that it is by no means required. Many residents prefer to wash their own linen.

As far as MIT is concerned, you are now a resident of Baker House. There are some practical matters you are probably already concerned with. When you finally arrive at your room you may be disappointed that you didn't get a large single on the sixth floor with a soft couch and a refrigerator full of beer. There are reasons for this seemingly arbitrary assignment. First, all rooms are assigned on the basis of seniority in Baker House. Upperclassmen applied for this year's rooms last April. Secondly, the room assignments committee tries to avoid putting freshmen in singles. While this may seem severe, it has been found (even by non-Freudians) that freshmen in singles do not develop to their full potential, but become introverted "tools". (Ask your counselor about that). If you are a freshman in a single, make a special effort to get out and meet people.

You say that you don't like your roommates and you've known them for an hour already. Many of the people at MIT will strike you as odd and peculiar at first, but these are the very people who, believe it or not will be your friends in a few weeks. If, after giving the guy you're living with a fifteenth and sixteenth chance, you still can't live with him, you can file for a room change. Ask at the desk how this may be done. If you can find someone to trade with, you'll get the change immediately. Otherwise you'll have to wait for an opening (usually not until second term).

During your inspection, you noticed that the room was a really bleak affair. Decorations are up to you (or your roommate). You will probably find that curtains, bed spreads, travel posters, and a rug make the place a little bit brighter. The Coop has a fair selection of prints at reasonable prices, and TCA has a nice supply that they rent at a reasonable rate. The shops in Harvard Square are a ready source of posters. Look around Baker for the well decorated rooms. These and their owners should be able to provide you with ideas for your own room. The desk supplies hooks (Herby Hooks) free that can be pasted to the walls and removed without damage. Masking tape is good for posters, but Scotch tape is frowned upon as it messes up whatever it sticks to (and it doesn't stick to brick). Incidentally, those bricks are actually just tiles so it's best not to crack into them. They puncture easily and are very expensive to replace.

There should be plenty of room for your first year things. After a while you will get the knack of storing things. Generally, trunks go in the trunk room in the basement and suitcases go on top of the wardrobe. The wardrobes and beds move and can be arranged any way you like. Often, especially in the big triples, wardrobes are used to partition the room into a study and a sleeping room. Trunks are sometimes left on the wardrobes to help block out light from the sleeping area.

There are several rules concerning dormitory living which are established by the dean's office and of which you should be aware.

Damage to Institute property in the Institute Houses is the responsibility of the residents. Each student is held accountable for any damages in his own room. Damage to the entire House or any part thereof will be charged to the residents of the House. It is wise to check your room now for damages. Any new ones will be your responsibility in the spring.

The following rules are established by the Housing Office and should be adhered to, at least in spirit.

1. Legal restrictions on student residences are such that the Institute cannot permit any student residing in an Institute House to conduct a business operation from his room or to use his Institute House address for commercial purposes.

2. The manufacture, storage, or use of dangerous chemicals, explosives, or ammunition in the House is forbidden. Detonation of firecrackers or other explosives and the throwing of missiles of any kind from or within Houses are forbidden.

3. All students are reminded that firearms must be licensed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Storage of firearms, air rifles, air pistols and ammunition for them is not permitted in any Institute House and is generally discouraged in independent living groups. Students who desire to bring firearms to the Institute may store them at the Campus Patrol Office, Room 20C-128, where suitable facilities and 24-hour security are provided; owners may remove weapons for legal use and return them to storage between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Separate storage facilities are provided for weapons belonging to members of the rifle and pistol teams and recognized clubs.

4. No pets may be kept in the Institute ~~Houses~~. The term "pets" includes mammals, birds, and reptiles.

5. Refrigerators may be kept in student rooms in some Institute Houses. Refrigerators must be approved by the House superintendent and are subject to inspection for safety and sanitation. A fee of \$10 per year for each refrigerator is charged to cover costs.

THE BUILDING

Now for a guided tour of Baker House (see the map at the back of this guide). It is advisable that you follow this up with a little exploration, which should uncover all sorts of useful information. If you follow the stairs along the north-west side of Baker all the way up, you'll come to what is called the seventh floor card room.

- a. Desk - The desk is where everything is! While your first was probably a bit expensive, most trips to the desk will not be quite so bad. At the desk, you can (and in some cases must):

Register girls during open house hours.

Buy a newspaper (or pick one up if you have a subscription).

Buy linen books and refrigerator permits (refrigerators, except those using an SO₂ coolant, are allowed but a \$10 fee for inspection and electricity is charged)

Replace light bulbs (free).

Obtain Herby Hooks.

Sign out Baker House athletic equipment. We have a relatively good supply of equipment ranging from football to squash, and covering ping-pong and pool. Athletic equipment can be signed out by leaving your activities card (you'll get it on Registration Day) at the desk.

Obtain room keys. If you are locked out, you can sign one out temporarily (or get a friend to do it, if you are coming from the shower). If the desk is closed, see the night watchman.

Get a refund for money lost in the vending or laundry machines.

Get change.

Obtain schedules of events and miscellaneous announcements.

Pick up mail. US mail is usually sorted by 8:45 a.m., and inter-departmental mail comes around 2 p.m.

Please use your box number on your return address; It vastly simplifies sorting.

Obtain a bucket and hose to wash your car.

Sign out an ironing board.

Fill out repair slips for anything broken, clogged, or mutilated.

Obtain the key for the music room.

Bring and pick up laundry and dry cleaning (for high quality go elsewhere).

Read a map of Boston (perfect for those rainy afternoons).

Obtain groceries which have been delivered. Please pre-pay for your groceries or leave exact change at the desk.

Mail letters (a stamp machine and postage scale are available).

Obtain free sympathy and information.

- b. Laundry - In the basement next to the pool table room are washers and dryers (generally free about 3 a.m.). For the meager sum of 45¢ you can have your dirty clothes turned clean and wrinkled. Washing takes 30 minutes and drying takes 60. Be sure to remove your laundry promptly, lest gremlins do it for you. There are alternatives to this solution. The desk and Charlie-the-Tech-Tailor in the Student Center offer professional (??) service. For shoe repair, sewing, and other emergencies, Charlie is excellent and quite inexpensive.

The linen room is in the basement to the left as you go from the elevator to the dining hall. Here you get clean linen every week, including vacations, if you buy 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 (and directly under the Master's Suite, hence the name). This is the scene of small parties, Social Committee meetings, coffee houses, and many other events. It is also one of the quieter places in the dorm for studying. A conscious effort should be made to keep it in shape, as it was recently furnished.
 - Lobby lounge - This is the place to get into a bull session, wait for friends, or read last month's Time. Just off the lobby is the balcony of the dining hall, another newly decorated lounge. A bridge game can usually be found here.
 - TV Room - the home of our new color TV. Located on the first floor across from 117, it has lots of chairs and lots of cartoon nuts.
 - Library - across from 617. It is furnished with good lounge chairs and usually has an excellent supply of magazines and books. It is named after Frederick G. Fassett, a past Dean and good friend of Baker House.
 - Floor lounges - across from the 17 rooms on the other floors. Some are furnished, others are not.
 - Music Room - near the Master's Suite Lounge. The key can be signed out from the desk. Please obey the posted rules, so that you do not disturb others.
 - Room at the Top - (Seventh Floor Card Room) - on the seventh floor, above the top of the west stairway. This is the ideal location for the meetings of your secret club - no one ever uses it.
- d. House Darkroom - At the time of this writing, a darkroom on the fourth floor is in the planning stages. Barring any hang-ups with the Housing Office over the summer, it should be finished or near completion.
- e. Language Laboratory - Another improvement by House Committee, similar to the darkroom. Again it was scheduled to be installed on the fifth floor during the summer. Ask your counselor for details.
- f. Trunk room - The trunk room at the west end of the basement is used for storing empty trunks during the school year and full ones during the summer. There are usually hand carts around for moving trunks.
- g. Vending machines - Baker House has a virtual automat in the basement. There are machines where you can get foods ranging from ice cream and candy to sandwiches and hot soup. Change is available at the desk, as are refunds for money stolen by the machines.

- h. Pinball Machine - A profiteering Bakerite who lives off suckers like us has installed a pinball machine at the far end of the food machines. It provides after-dinner entertainment and gives Housecomm extra cash.
- i. Housecom Office - located across from the dining hall entrance. This is the home of Crank (the Baker duplicating machine), the silk screen, and even the secretary. All these services are available to Baker residents; see the Secretary of Housecom, Jerry Puzo, for details.
- j. Bulletin Boards - there are numerous bulletin boards around Baker, the most notable being those in the lobby by the stairs. All open bulletin boards are free territory, except the social pole which is reserved for social committee notices and announcements of coming events at MIT and in Boston. If you need or are offering a ride or want to buy or sell something, this is the way to make your interests known. There are two glassed-in cases: one by the elevator on the first floor for official Housecom notices, and another across from the mail boxes for anybody's notices. See the Secretary about putting something in there. Also, by the door to the dining hall there is a 'ride' board. If you want a ride to a girls' school put up a notice to that effect and hopefully someone will contact you (but don't count on it).
- k. Telephones - The telephones in Baker are numerous and complicated. There are three separate and unconnectable phone systems.
 1. Dormitory phones - the phone in your room is known as the dorm-line. It can be used to talk to any dormitory room in the Institute except Random Hall. Baker rooms on the second, third, and fourth floor are reached by dialing the room number. To reach rooms on the fifth and sixth floors dial the room number minus 150 (i.e.: room 546 is reached by dialing 396). For first floor rooms, dial the room number plus 150. Useful numbers are: the kitchen - 273, and the Master Suite Lounge - 294. Floor lounges are reached by pretending the room is number ten on that floor. To reach other dorms dial the number in the student directory when you get it. For information, dial the house desk:

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

 If your phone needs repair work, leave a note to that effect at the desk.
 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 these you can dial any office in the Institute and most fraternities for free. These are also the phones on which you receive outside calls. The procedure for getting a call is interesting and follows: The outside caller is connected to Baker Desk (extension 3161, 3162, or 3163). The person working the desk calls you on the dorm-line and tells you that you have a call on Baker Line one, two, or three. You

then go to the hall phone and do one of two things: for lines one and two, either call the operator (dial '0') and tell her you have a call on Baker line one or two, or dial 5141 or 5142. In the latter case your call is connected immediately and you may begin talking. For line 3 (3163) you must dial the operator and ask for line 3. Weather information on the extensions is 5211 and taxis are 2301 and 2303. You will pick up other useful numbers as you go along.

3. NETT brand phones - these are the real type phones. They are installed by NETT solely for profit and incidentally for your convenience. You may have your own phone for as little as six dollars a month. If you share with a group, this works out to be a pretty paltry sum to avoid shoving dimes and nickles in the hall phones. **NOTA BENE** - Each year a few energetic tools discover that Mr. Bell did not invent the perfect machine. Tampering with the phones is a Federal Offence and is therefore frowned upon.

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 filth, the porter will clean your floor and sink periodically (this cannot be done if the floor consists of a layer of dirty socks). The length of time between cleanings is a variable and on certain floors can be decreased; see your counselor. It is advisable to clean your room at various times (say, before your girl friend comes over) and for this purpose the Institute in its infinite wisdom has provided brooms, mops, and vacuum cleaners for your use. These items are kept in the hall closet. The key may be obtained from your Hall Chairman (incidentally, a hall closet key will open the hall closet on any floor). The closet is located opposite the 17 room on each floor.

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

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Unlike many schools, MIT is extremely active politically and Baker House is no exception. Student government runs just about everything at MIT and just about anything connected with student life in Baker House. It even keeps law and order (or a semblance thereof). House Committee meets every Wednesday and discusses everything from house social events to the freshman orientation program you are now living through. If you have anything you want to see done, come down to the Dining Hall at 10:00 p.m. some Wednesday night and let your voice be heard. House Committee is composed of a President (Dariush Ashrafi), a veep (Dave Njus), and two hall chairmen from each floor, at

least one of whom you will be electing very shortly. They are very friendly and you will soon get to know them (go borrow a hall closet key).

At the same time as you elect a hall chairman (early October), you'll be electing two representatives to the Baker House Freshman Council from your floor. I heartily encourage all of you to run for the office for the benefits are numerous and the disadvantages are non-existent. For a small investment of time you learn how Baker House and the Institute is really put together. The top vote getter on the floor holds a place on the Institute Freshman Council. The freshman class is the only one with this kind of representative government. This is an ideal opportunity to get your start in politics. Most of the important student leaders got their start on the freshman council.

Besides learning the in's and out's of MIT and Baker House, you can have lots of fun on the Baker House council. You meet all sorts of important people and are the first to become really acquainted with the House Master, who often invites the council members to his apartment for an after-meeting snack. The council runs such things as coffee houses and faculty dinners for freshmen and their instructors. Most importantly, the twelve people on the council become good friends and invariably develop into the House leaders.

Judicial committee is the student keeper of the peace. It is comprised of five respected upperclassmen who try to prevent the misdemeanors in Baker House from reaching the Deans. The Judcom chairman is Phil Scoggan, room 539. Other members are Bill Saur, room 141, Art Rosales, room 519, John Kessinger, room 219, and Bob Wilk, room 228. These people are easy to deal with and are very helpful, but should not be expected to solve your personal disputes with other Bakerites. The rules are subject to liberal interpretation and are difficult to put in writing. Working with Freshman council, Phil Scoggan will plan several butteries to discuss the judicial code. There will also be small meetings with the individual Judcom members. These will be arranged shortly. If you have a problem in the meantime, visit a Judcom member.

SOCIAL LIFE

Baker House has a reputation for having the best social events on campus. Our active social program of mixers and parties is under the direction of Heskell Baher and Ed Markowitz, the social chairmen. They plan a full calendar of social events, beginning with a mixer during freshman orientation week and culminating in an end-of-term blast in the dining hall. The highlights of the season, of course, are three or four extravaganzas like last year's Western party or the Christmas Party. In addition, every two weeks or so, smaller parties are held in the Master's Suite Lounge, often with live entertainment. Frosh Council in the past has also held coffee houses from time to time in the Master's Suite Lounge.

6. Red and yellow lights (at the same time) means pedestrians can cross legally, but cross anytime you can make it alive. Boston and Cambridge both have jaywalking laws but these can, in general, be ignored. (Drivers get extra points for hitting pedestrians, so keep on your toes.
7. Boston weather is notoriously bad, as you may have already noticed, and you never know what to expect. On brisk wintry nights walking the Harvard Bridge is an endurance test. Where else but in Boston would an April mixer be snowed out? Anyway, one reasonably reliable (if somewhat vague) source of weather information is the John Hancock building. Its beacon is easily noticeable at night: red means rain, flashing red is snow, flashing blue means cloudy, and blue means clear. If you can't see it at all, that means fog.

Getting to the MTA from Baker is relatively easy: there are three nearby underground stations: Kendall, Auditorium, and Central Square (force your counselor to show them to you.) There is also a bus on Mass. Ave. Study your subway map hard and then some evening take a friend and investigate the system (this is the only way to learn it).

Getting to girl's schools is another matter. Since the MTA is at best an unwilling servant, this can be a problem the first few times on the town. The following instructions will probably be very useful:

- Wellesley - Take a bus to Auditorium (10¢), the Riverside car to Woodside (30¢), and a bus for Framingham (25¢). Get off at Wellesley. The best bet is to find someone with a car or tell her to meet you in town.
- Lasell - Proceed as to Wellesley except continue on the Riverside car to the last stop. Lasell is about a four block walk.
- Emmanuel, Wheelock, Simmons - Take the Riverside car to the Fenway stop. Then walk towards Sears and across the parking lot. Walking to here is not hard; it's about ten minutes out Brookline Ave. from Kenmore Square.
- Radcliffe and Lesley - Take the bus to Harvard Square and then walk (consult your map). From Harvard Square one can take the North Cambridge or Arlington Heights bus to the appropriate street but this is generally not worth the effort.
- Jackson - Go to Auditorium and take a Lechmere Car. Get off at Lechmere and take an Arlington Center or North Street bus. OR from Harvard Square take buses to Jackson (ask the drivers or consult your map).
- Boston University - Consult a map and/or upperclassman for the best routes to the numerous dorms. The only one requiring the MTA (except for the very hardy) is West Campus for which you take the Boston College, Commonwealth, or Watertown cars from Auditorium to Babcock Street.
- Emerson - From Auditorium take an inbound car to Arlington.
- Brandeis - From Auditorium take the Riverside car to Riverside and then the Roberts Street bus to Brandeis. B&M trains run from Porter Square to Brandeis, but check the schedule.

As far as getting dates is concerned, in the next few weeks there will be many mixers, held both here and at girls' schools (check the Social Pole for information). Your counselor can explain the workings of "Bahston" social life. As long as you remember that there are three girls for every two college men here in Boston and that you go to MIT, you should be successful. One should not forget the various computer dating services (ethics don't permit mentioning names); these are useful in contacting a random selection of girls (some have had excellent luck).

Baker House has a system referred to as Open House hours, permitting you to bring girls into the dormitory during the hours posted. These hours are among the most liberal in the country, and were extended recently. They now are: weekdays 4-12 p.m., Friday and Saturday 12 noon to 2 a.m., and Sunday 12 to 12. House hours are enforced by the Baker House Judicial Committee, and violations will be dealt with appropriately.

Of special importance is the sign-in system for dates. Every time you bring a girl into the dorm (other than the downstairs lounges) she must be signed in at the desk. When you leave, you must tell the desk you are going. The system applies to all extraneous womenfolk (excluding mothers, but including sisters and other eligible relatives). It should be mentioned that, during house hours, a name tag on the door in a vertical position is a sign that there is a girl in that room and disturbances are not appreciated. Do not disrespect the privacy of others.

CITY PLANNING IN BOSTON: THE FAILURE

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Getting around the city

Boston and its surroundings are terribly confusing to the newcomer. It seems that in the early days where ever the cows walked became a street (have someone explain the above sentence). After a few trial and error visits, you should get an intuitive feeling about the city. A good map is essential and should be provided by your counselor. The MTA provides rapid mass transportation to anywhere in this area, but the schedules are sporadic and everything stops running around one o'clock (at this time the sidewalks are all taken in). Native New Yorkers will probably find this ridiculous but Boston is not the cosmopolitan city.

Peculiarities of the area are:

1. Streets are not clearly marked or straight.
2. The Charles River bends and is not a good directional aid past the B.U. bridge.
3. The Boston Common has five sides and confuses everyone.
4. Street numbers seem to have no real pattern, other than being consecutive (and sometimes not even that).
Example: if 200 numbers equal five blocks on one street it is entirely probable that it will equal ten blocks on the next street.
5. The same name is used for different streets in different towns (and different names are used for the same street).

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The simplest way to any school is to get a ride from some friendly upperclassman. (McCormick Hall is very easy to get to. Ask at the desk.)

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

- a. Selective Service - Last Spring there was a revision of the MIT Selective Service Advisory Program. There is a faculty committee whose responsibility it is to "keep fully informed of changes in the law and administrative rules, to maintain an overview of the relevant Institute policies and procedures, to make recommendations for appropriate changes to faculty and administrative officers, and to provide policy guidelines for the individual selective service advisors." Those words were from President Howard Johnson. Basically it all boils down to the fact that we have several interested and capable faculty members dedicated to heading off any confrontation between us and Uncle Sam. For undergraduate students, the advisor is Miss Amy Blue, in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, Room 5-108. She will help you get or keep your student deferment. Pay her a visit soon; she'll certainly have a form or two for you to fill out.
- 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 immediately (\$1). This entitles you to a 9% refund on cash purchases and a 7% refund on charge purchases. It is well worth the cost. Your Coop Card is also good at the 'branch' store in Harvard Square. Be sure to go to the Square and ... uh ... explore.
- c. The Hobby Shop - is in the basement of the Armory. It has complete wood and metal shops as well as a printing press, an electronics shop and a complete darkroom, all available for \$5 per annum plus materials cost (50¢ covers photo expenses).
- d. Electronics - Electronics equipment can be found at Radio Shack and Lafayette Radio, both on Commonwealth Avenue. Course VI also has a department on the fourth floor of building ten which has a tube tester and other miscellaneous equipment which they are sometimes nice enough to let you use (see Hobby Shop, above). A good place to get some amazing surplus bargains (and a few rooks) is Eli Hefron's on Elm St. in Cambridge.
- e. Haircuts - the Coop basement is the closest place (although not necessarily the best) to get haircuts. The charge is \$1.75 for a speedy Coop-cut. There are other barbers, some more expensive and further away but generally worth the effort. Try directly across the river, Central Square, or Technology Square.

- f. Food - Mahlowitz (located both at Westgate and on Main Street) and Stop and Shop are the popular markets. Supreme market in Central Square is also reasonable. Mahlowitz will deliver free on orders of \$5 or more and they carry beer at exorbitant rates.
- g. Rides - For rides home or to distant girls' schools, place a notice on the APO ride board and also on the various Baker boards. The APO ride board is on the fifth floor of the Student Center right outside the library. It is a good idea to check the bulletin boards in building ten also.
- 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 will help you if you get lost). The Campus Patrol has none of the unpleasant aura usually associated with police, but the Cambridge and MDC Police on the other hand are especially sensitive to college students. Speaking of friends, the Dean's Office number is extension 2997. If you and the police meet on unfriendly terms, that is the number to call. They love bailing out MIT students.
- i. Part-time jobs - Many part-time jobs are available through the office of Student Personnel (located in building E19, which really isn't out past Logan). The Baker Desk Staff and Dining Staff are good job sources and prefer hiring Bakerites (see the staff captains, Jerry Jackson and Bill Saur, respectively).
- j. Newspapers - the best newspaper in Boston is the New York Times. Also worthy of classification as Journalism are the Christian Science Monitor and the Boston Herald (which may be purchased at the desk). Other Boston papers are abominable and ignore national news. You will shortly be deluged with TSE's (that's Tech Student Enterprises) subscription pleas. They will deliver many excellent papers at a good discount.
- k. Radio - FM radio in Boston is excellent, and exploring the band will lead to a host of good music stations. For the R&R fans there are WRKO (AM and FM), WBZ, WILD for the daytime soul sound, and WMEX. Pop music oozes over the airways from WEZE (1260) and several others. MIT's own WTBS (Technology Broadcasting System) can be found on 640 AM and 88.1 FM. Audio lines are available from TBS direct to your amplifier for that undistorted sound; that is a good angle if you don't have a tuner.
- l. Banking - the Institute offers a Student Deposit Office (in the basement of the Student Center) for accounts under \$500 (where else don't you get interest?). It is more convenient to open a checking account, and once you have used one it is hard to break the habit. Ask your counselor about banks; probable first choices will be Harvard Trust and the First National Bank of Boston.

m. The Student Center - The Tech Coop takes up the entire first floor of this modern building. It includes books, records, stationery, drug and clothing departments (n.b.: they are not known for being on top of the fashion scene). There is also the Lobby Shop (miscellaneous food, periodicals, drugs, tobacco, etc.). The second floor of the building houses the main cafeteria and small dining rooms. There is a TV room and several lounges as well as the men's room. On the third floor there is the Grill Room (Twenty Chimneys to those in the know) and the Student Center Offices. Fourth floor houses activities and TCA, and a library is on the fifth floor. In the basement there is the Student Bank and check cashing office, a Post Office, Charlie the Tech Tailor, a barber shop, a pool hall with real live urchins, and a bowling alley (eight, to be exact). The Student Center is a must for early exploration.

The key to getting around campus is to reserve several afternoons a week for the first few weeks to just wander about MIT and its environs; it is well worth the time.

FOOD

During the week, the Stouffer people have condescended to serve you three meals a day. Breakfast is from 7:30 to 9:30 with continental style until 10:30. Lunch is from 11:15 to 1:30, and dinner from 5:00 to 7:00. If you can't make a meal, order a box lunch in the morning (before 9:15), or ask the checker (Mrs. Hamner) to save a late meal. The cafeteria procedure rapidly becomes habit so imitate the guy in front of you until you catch on. You get unlimited seconds on everything except dessert. During Freshman Week, times are different, so check the posted schedule.

On week-ends, you may eat in or out. You are permitted to keep a refrigerator in your room (providing it is not an SO₂ job) for the paltry fee of \$10. They can be purchased from fellow Bakerites fairly reasonably. Renting is more expensive but also a possibility. Chip in with roommates and the guys next door to buy one but be sure to decide who gets it next year. Cooking is illegal, but consult your counselor about this problem. The vending machines and pizza truck are always possibilities.

Eating out provides great variety. Check your Social Beaver and counselor for the names of good local restaurants. Do not include the Student Center. Tipping is the customary ten to fifteen per-cent, but should be based on service rendered.

SPARE TIME

This first week you will have more spare time than you will for the next four years. It is wise not to waste it. After exploring Baker, check out the library system. MIT has one of the finest university libraries in the country. It is organized into five principal units, corresponding to the Institute's five schools:

1. Dewey Library - (Hermann Building, E53) - economics, international relations, management, and political science.
2. Engineering library - (Building 10, fifth floor) - all fields in the School of Engineering except metallurgy, chemical and nuclear engineering, with a separate branch serving aeronautics and astronautics (in room 33-316).
3. Humanities library - (Hayden Building) - history, literature, philosophy, and psychology, and a separate Music Library.
4. Rotch library - (room 7-238) - architecture, planning, and visual design.
5. Science library - (Hayden Building) - all fields in the School of Science, plus metallurgy and chemical and nuclear engineering, with earth sciences housed in the separate Lindgren Library (room 54-200).

In addition, there are two reading rooms associated with interdepartmental centers: the Center for Materials Science and Engineering (13-2137), and the Center for Space Research (N52-303). Two other study areas are primarily for the use of reserve books: the Reserve Book Room (Hayden) and the Student Center Library.

All these libraries can be located on an Institute map. A free booklet describing the library system is available in most libraries (most easily at the main circulation desk of the science library).

Each library has its own card catalogue. That of the Reserve Book Room is incorporated in the catalogue of the Science Library. In the Student Center Library, the books are arranged by the numerical course numbers. Walk around and you'll get the hang of it. In the Humanities Library, there is a Union Catalogue which lists every book in the whole library system.

The importance of the library cannot be over-estimated. In the days ahead just go in and browse. If you have any questions, see our library expert, Paul Carroad, in 217.

Another thing to do this week is to visit the Selective Service Advisory Office, Room 5-108. You will almost certainly have to fill out some form or other to enable you to retain proper classification.

A final word on things to do. Many people do not realize it but all student loans must be contracted for. If you are receiving a loan from MIT, you must sign for it in building E19 (the cashier's office) within two weeks or it is likely to be cancelled.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Professor and Mrs. Amdur - our Housemaster and his wife live in an apartment on the east end of the first floor. They are taking the place of Prof. and Mrs. Gamble while Prof. Gamble spends a year teaching in India so they are just as new to Baker House as you are. The Amdurs, whom you will soon meet, are very friendly and are most anxious to help you with any difficulty. Prof. Amdur teaches chemistry.

John Kassakian - the Senior Tutor. John was our electrical engineering tutor last year. He has studied at M.I.T. so he knows a great deal about Baker House and the Institute. He and his wife live in an apartment on the west end of the first floor. His wife is a Wellesley graduate.

Mr. Davison (often C.A.) - the superintendent of the building. He is here to keep the house in one piece and is generally found near the desk.

Louis (Mr. Schneider) - the Baker House handy man. He can fix just about anything. For his services leave a repair slip at the desk.

Tutors - Baker has a team of graduate tutors offering help in the major courses. Denis Kfoury, on the second floor, is the math tutor. Denny also is an expert in computers. Bill Peters, the chemistry tutor, lives in 304. Bill has a research assistantship this year with Prof. Amdur as his advisor. Like Bill says, "In Baker House, we run a tight ship." Richard Singer, the physics tutor, is in 604. He'll help you through those impossible problem sets. We also have one more tutor who had not been selected at the time of this writing. Your counselor should be able to introduce you to him. Make it a point to get to know all the house tutors. Upperclassmen are also good sources of help in courses. You can usually find one who has taken the course and borrow his notebook.

Dariush Ashrafi - the president of Baker House. Dariush is a very friendly guy. He was a past member of Judcom so he really knows the house. If you are interested in politics, speak to him (If you're not interested in politics, speak to him anyway).

Phil Scoggan - the Judicial Committee Chairman. Phil is the number one person to see about legal problems. Phil is a Marine so don't mess. He will meet with you soon to discuss the rules.

The other 270 Bakerites - Bakerites, for some unknown reason, are uncommonly outgoing and friendly. Go out of your way during the first few weeks to meet as many as possible.

BELLS ARE RINGING

If you are attentive, you will hear bells ringing in the halls, occasionally. (This is not the fire alarm. You'll know that when it goes off). If you are very clever you will realize that there is a pattern to them. The code is as follows:

<u>Number of bells</u>	<u>Calls</u>
2	C. A. Davison (House Manager)
3	Louie (the Handyman)
4	Jackman
5	Sully
6	Saunders
7	French
1-2	Phone Repair Squad
1-3	Beckett (another janitor)
1-4	3rd floor (???)
1-5	Social Committee
2-1	Arthur (another handyman)
2-2	Athletic Committee
2-3	House President
2-4	Linen
3-1	THERE'S A BUTTERY
3-2	Help! First aid!
3-3	Desk Staff Captain
4-1	Judicial Committee
4-2	Dining Staff Captain
5-1	End of House Hours

THE BAKER LETTER

The Baker Letter, Baker House's own newsletter, is one of the best dorm newsletters on campus, and next to The Tech is probably MIT's most frequently published publication (it appears once a week). Baker Letter contains news items and announcements plus a number of regular and irregular features such as the president's column, a column on Baker sports, announcements from Social Committee, Judcom decrees, letters to the editor, and editorials. The editor this year is Mike Toon in room 417. He desperately needs freshmen to work in all phases of production - typing, mimeographing, stapling, stuffing, or lending your electric typewriter. See him if you would like to help. Above all, contributions of any form are always welcome and will be printed if they possess a slight hint of literary merit and/or relevancy to Baker affairs.

The Baker House Freshman Orientation Committee hopes that this booklet will make your first few days here a little easier. Please remember that this booklet is only a place to start looking for information. You should follow up the discussions here with some personal investigation. (As a start: there is a way to get from the Green Building to the main complex of buildings underground. See if you can find it.)

This booklet will be revised for the Class of 1973. Your suggestions toward improving it and the Freshman Orientation Program in general will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any further questions ask your counselor or another upperclassman. Any House officer will be glad to help you.

The Orientation Committee has lots of things planned for you this week. While this may seem hectic now, don't miss a single opportunity to get out and meet new people. The grind will start all too soon.

Good luck,

Dave Njus

The 1968 Freshman Orientation Committee

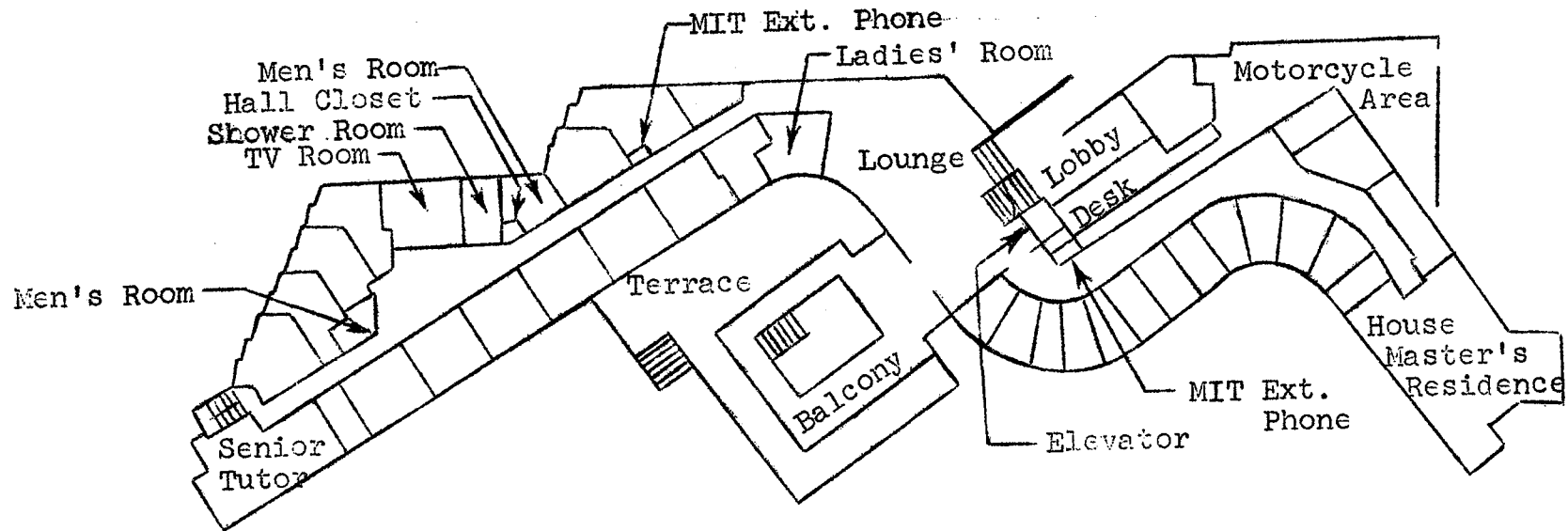
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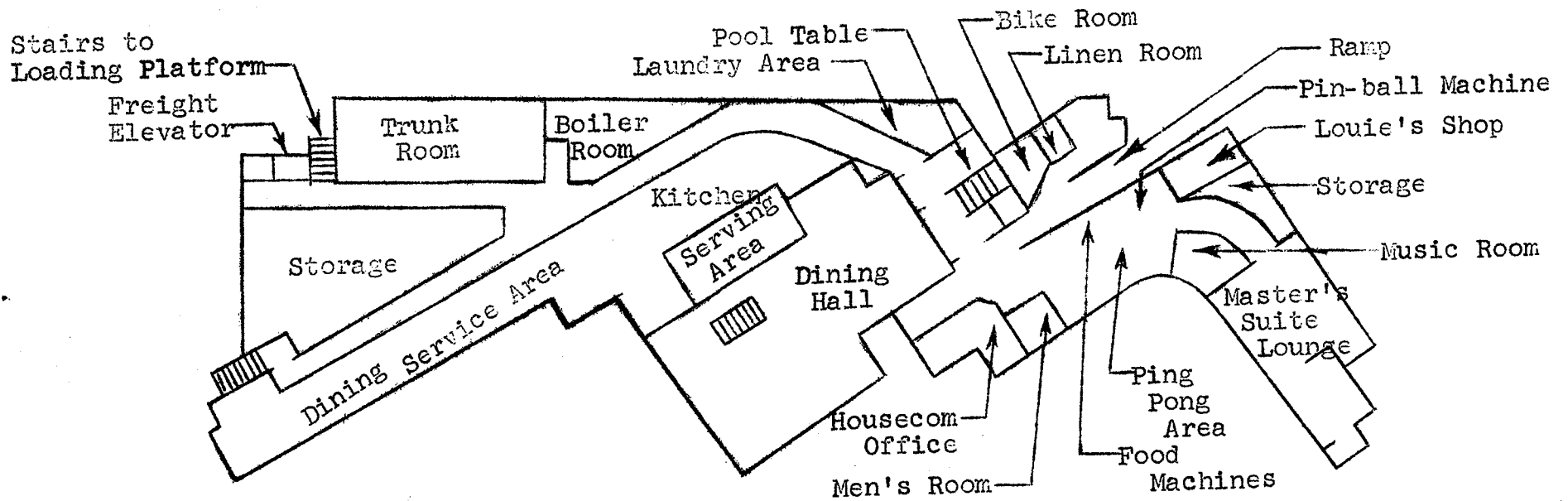
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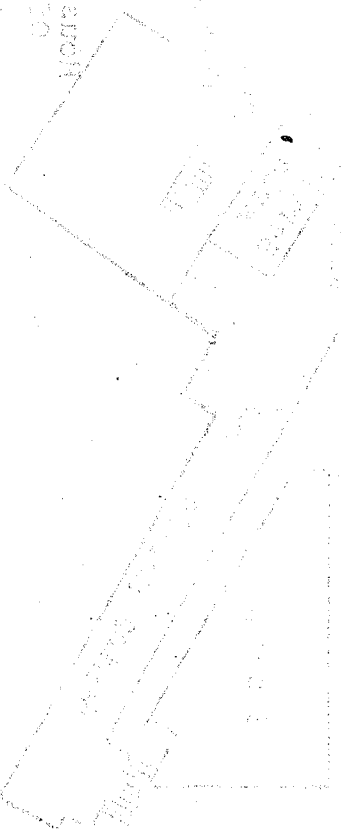


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