

WHAT'S ALL THIS BROUHAHA?

So here you sit in your 23-sided triple, surrounded ~~by~~ by the bricks and two ~~guys~~ ^{comrades} you've never seen before in your life (and may never want to see again, in time). And in an attempt to escape it all you get up and walk through the halls, listening to the echoes of your tiny freshman feet mingling with the sounds of Beethoven and ~~CSN&Y~~ drifting from an occasionally ~~an~~ open door, and in a flash of sudden insight the thought rushes into your mind: "What the hell is this place? And what am I doing here?"

Welcome to Baker House, mate.

What other dorm has memorial bricks?

Or S.P.A.Z.?

Or B.U. architecture students tramping through regularly to admire its serpentine loveliness?

It was 1949, and one dank and dismal morning after a restless sleep filled with nightmares about pregnant boa constrictors, a Finnish architect named ~~Alvar~~ Alvar Aalto decided to construct a \$2.5 million-dollar dormitory on the MIT campus. With typical Institute creativity and originality, it was christened New Dorm, and was inhabited by upperclassmen. In 1952 they suffered ~~an~~ an attack of magnanimity unparalleled since, and opened the door to freshmen. The name was changed to the Everett Moore Baker House in honor of the Dean of Students (1947-1950), whose picture and words of wisdom can be found in the Lobby Lounge.

And now it's your privilege to be one of the 355 individuals enjoying the rare experience of living in Baker. Your first meeting is with your roommates and your counselor. Then you get to know the other frosh on the floor. Around Registration Day the upperclassmen bring their idiosyncrasies and Baker is home once more. By its very construction and the nature of the people living here, Baker is divided geographically and sociologically into cliques. But the effort can and should be made to reach the rest of the house. House meetings, intramurals, anything--many have been known to become entombed in the bricks, phantoms you see only once or twice a year. Open doors are invitations to bull sessions; often the guy is looking for an excuse to quit studying for a while as much as you are, and most upperclassmen are more than willing to flaunt their accumulated knowledge and wisdom for you. Humor them.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

What few there are are best followed, if for no ~~other~~ other reason than that \$50 deposit you paid at the start of the year--any damages to your room are your responsibility and repair costs come from this deposit. The Housing Office has set down these regulations which should theoretically be obeyed:

(1) No student will be permitted to operate a business from ~~his~~ his room or to use his house address for commercial purposes, e.g. no dealing in drugs or other, more prurient pastimes.

(2) The manufacture, storage, or use of dangerous chemicals, explosives or ammunition in the house is forbidden. Detonation ~~of~~ of firecrackers or other explosives and the throwing of missiles of any kind (living or otherwise, no matter how crowded your quad is) from within the house is forbidden.

(3) All students are reminded that firearms must be licensed in accordance with Massachusetts law. 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 now in the Armory, where suitable facilities and 24-hour-a-day security are provided. Owners may remove ~~weapons~~ weapons for legal use between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Separate storage facilities are provided for weapons belonging to members of the rifle and pistol teams and clubs.

(4) Pets (except for dogs) are allowed but generally discouraged in Baker. They

must be registered with the Judicial Committee and must be properly identified (by means of a tag) as having been registered. The owner will be held responsible for any damages caused by his pet. This decision was made almost unanimously by the house at a house meeting, and is therefore subject to change ~~and~~ only by another house meeting and a new decision of the house.

(5) Refrigerators (except S9₂) may be kept in student rooms, subject to inspection for safety and sanitation, approval of the house superintendent, and payment of a \$10 fee. Prices range from \$30 to \$60 and they may be obtained from upperclassmen or a dealer (in refrigerators, that is).

"COME IN AND BRUSH OFF THE CORNSTARCH AND DRY YOUR MUKLUKS BY THE FIRE."

We'll be honest. Your room is lousy because room assignments are made on a seniority basis, and upperclassmen get the good rooms (most of them do, anyway). So ~~and~~ all that's left are the triples and quads and the occasional back double that some of you may have (not to mention the goldfish bowl, you fortunate devil). And your roommates, well...Unless you requested someone in particular, you were thrown in with a total stranger (and in some cases he has remained a total stranger throughout the year, by choice or by necessity). The easiest way to become a tool is to live in a single room in your freshman year. Humanitarians that we are, we've saved you from this fate by tossing you in with the world's biggest jerk. Cherish him. He is the only thing standing between you and sanity. So he doesn't wash every month, or goes to bed at 8:00 (AM or PM). Just remember, he has to live with you, too. He might not be so bad, you know-- he may have a knack with 8.01, or can help pay for the refrigerator, or he can always ignore you when you really need to get something off your chest. But if you're desperate, you can always find someone willing to switch from his cramped quad to your spacious double, and forms for this purpose are available at the desk.

In his infinite wisdom, Mr. Aalto neglected to provide closets, so the Institute has supplied large ugly monstrosities known as elephants. The wheeled drawers are ~~armadillos~~ armadilloes. Sinks come complete with a light, towel racks, a medicine cabinet, and a year's supply of cockroaches. Water mixers are available at Central Square Hardware for about \$3.00, in case cold or lukewarm water from separate faucets doesn't suit your delicate tastes. The beds come apart at the sides (try it). Chairs and couches come with most rooms, and each room also has a dormline telephone. Linen books are available for \$25 at the desk, and entitle you to a blanket and a weekly change of two sheets and a pillowcase. You can, however, use your own sheets. Repairs can be requested by putting in a repair slip at the desk, and Frank or Arthur will come eventually to kiss the boo-boo (and maybe ~~also~~ fix it too). Telephone repairs, call the dormline repairmen. Heating comes on early in the fall and goes off late in the spring, or so it seems; repairs, forget it.

You will grow to hate bricks, and this hate will motivate you to one of three courses of action: (1) dynamite--this will cause some inconvenience to the guy next door and will cost you your \$50; (2) moving out, and we'd hate to see you leave; (3) decorating, by far the easiest, most profitable and most enjoyable alternative. The walls can be covered with paneling, cloth, cork, or simply posters. You can't (officially) paint the plaster, finished wood or bricks (see your counselor), but window and door frames are open territory to your creative instincts. Nails are verboten, but herby hooks (gummed picture hangers) are available free at the desk, and masking tape is also acceptable. Added touches include curtains, rugs, spreads, extra lights, and rearranging the furniture to ~~and~~ suit your taste. Many articles can be purchased from upperclassmen, and often they can give you hints as to good arrangements (see 540 for ideas). Ingenious devices have been arranged for turning down the lights and turning in the music, etc., for the ~~the~~ purposes of snoring a date. They are a good waste of time. Use your head in such matters.

A note or two on room cleaning--do it yourself. There is no porter service. Equipment is supposedly provided in the hall closets opposite the 17's on each floor. Vacuum cleaners, if not there, can be obtained at the desk or by diligently searching other floors till you ~~find~~ find one. Trash goes in the large cans in the hall--don't put it in the incinerators as smoke and other badness will result.

Once your room is inhabitable you can move out into the halls and see what the rest of the house is like. This is only a guide--the only way to get to know Baker is to see it.

(A) The desk: This is the place where you first received the glorious news that you were assigned to your miserable triple. It's the place where ~~where~~ you wait for ten minutes for the hand to finish just to find out the only available change is pennies. This is where you early risers can get a newspaper or pick up your subscription. Here you get linen books and refrigerator permits. Herby hooks and light bulbs are available free here. You can sign out athletic equipment (ping-pong and pool, baseball, squash, football, etc.), or sign out a room key when you get locked out (a friend can do it ~~if~~ if you're in the showers, but he has to be one of the people on your key list). Here you can entertain and confuse yourself with a map of Boston, put in repair slips, leave money for the Coke man or wine or grocery deliveries, get your mail (your address is Box _____, Baker House, 362 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02139) and packages, sign out ironing boards, pick up messages, and so on. This is the nerve center of the house. Hours are 8 AM to 12 midnight on Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 2 AM on Friday and Saturday, and 9 AM to 12 midnight on Sunday. After the desk closes, don't ask the night watchman for help if you have a problem--you won't get it. Dormline for the desk is 8-161 (omit the 8 for calls within Baker).

(B) Lounges: there are various lounges in Baker House

(1) Master's Suite Lounge--in the basement, at the end of the hall that runs past the vending machines, and directly under the Housemaster's Suite (except he isn't the Housemaster ~~anymore~~ anymore, he's the Senior Faculty Resident, but the Master's Suite Lounge is still the Master's Suite Lounge). This is the site of small parties, Social Committee meetings, coffee houses, wine and cheese parties, and other events. It is also a nice quiet ~~place~~ place for studying or letter writing when not in use. Keep it in shape.

(2) Lobby lounge--a good place to relax and read magazines, play poker or bridge, wait for friends, or shoot bull.

(3) Dining hall balcony Lounge--just off the lobby, also a good place to sit or play cards.

(4) TV Room--across from 116 and 117, it is the home of Baker's color TV and often the bane of 1st floor resident's existence. Follow the screams from anguished hockey fans to the door overflowing with people, or just follow the guy with the test pattern in his eyes.

(5) Library--across from 616 and 617, and furnished with lounge ~~and~~ furniture, magazines and books. It is named after Fredrick G. Fassett, a past dean and good friend of Baker House.

(6) Floor lounges-- opposite x16 and x17 on the 2nd, 4th and 5th floors, they are furnished with anything ranging from sedate tables and chairs to all-purpose brown cushions. On the 3rd floor opposite 316 and 317 is the Granville Sheldon Memorial Lounge (a past house manager). Plans are in the works to knock out the wooden wall and furnish it in a manner similar to floors 2, 4 and 5. Scattered throughout the house are several small lounges, made from furniture scraped up from room and located in any available space. First floor west had a lounge outside the TV room last year, and there are plans for similar arrangements on the first and sixth floors this year. The furniture is for the lounges and is to stay in them unless the floor decides to take it into the rooms. This furniture is brand-new and expensive--treat it with care.

(7) Music room--near the Master's Suite Lounge, it has just been furnished with a new piano. Be gentle. The key can be signed out from the desk.

(8) Seventh Floor Card Room--go up the central staircase and follow the left branch all the way to the top, and there it is. Plans are in the works to convert this into a weight room, but a few things must be worked out first (like where to get the weights).

(C) House darkroom--across from 439, one of the most recent additions to Baker. A small charge is required for the cost of chemicals. The key can be signed out from the desk. If interested, speak to Mike Strain or Jim Yang.

(D) Language Lab--somewhere on the 5th floor. Ask at ~~the~~ the desk.

(E) Trunk room--west end of the basement, it is used for storing empty trunks during the year and full ones during the summer. There are handcarts for moving trunks and suitcases. It can be unlocked from 9 AM to 4 PM during the week.

(F) Vending machines--Baker has a virtual automat in the basement, offering a wide variety of ridiculous food at exorbitant prices. Change is available at the desk, but refunds must be obtained from Servend.

(G) Pinball machines--the empty space at the far end of the food machines is the home of two pinball machines used by many Bakerites for recreation and by the House for extra cash.

(H) Housecom office--opposite the dining hall entrance, this is the home of Crank (our duplicating machine), the silk screen, and the secretary of Executive Committee, Andy Celentano. All of these facilities are available to residents; ~~and~~ talk to Andy.

(I) Bulletin boards--located about Baker House, the most-used one being the one in the lobby by the stairs. There are two encased in glass, the one next to the elevator on the 1st floor for official Housecom notices and the one across from the mail boxes for any notice. These boards are open territory for advertisements of things for sale, rides, and miscellaneous items of interest. Check the Social Pole for Social Committee announcements and news of coming events in MIT and Boston.

(J) Laundry facilities--the laundry room is located next to the pool table in the basement. There you will find washers and dryers which sometimes work and are rarely free. For 50¢ you can attempt to do your laundry, 30 minutes washing and 60 minutes drying. Charlie the Tech Tailor in the Student Center also cleans, mends and fixes shoes.

(M) Dining Hall: Here's where you get commons if you're on it this year. House parties, house meetings and poker games are also held here.

"HERE, USE ONE OF THE PAGES OF MY NOVEL"

Telephones are an interesting subject in Baker House. Many residents like to make calls for free, and to the phone company's chagrin, many have succeeded. Talk to your counselor about this.

This year the dormline system and the Institute extension system were combined and the hall extensions were removed. To call an extension from a dormline: DIAL 80 + extension number. To call a dormline from ~~and~~ an extension: DIAL ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 810 + 4-digit dormline. To call a Baker room from an outside dormline (McDormick, for instance), dial 8 and the room phone number. To reach a first floor room take the room number and add 150 (to reach room 116, dial 266). Second, third and fourth floors have dormlines the same as the room number. For fifth and sixth floors ~~and~~ subtract 150 (to reach 540, dial 390). Real calls from the outside world can be received by having the party dial (area code 617) 864-6900 and asking the operator for 8-XXX (your phone number). By now you're confused so here's a practical example. Calling room 116:

From Long Distance: 617-864-6900, ask for 8-266

From an extension: 810-8-266

From a dorm line in another dorm: 8-266

From inside Baker: 266, or shout.

Suppose someone calling from the outside doesn't know your room number? He calls Baker desk by asking the MIT operator for extension 3161. The desk worker calls you on your dormline and tells you you have a call on Baker line one, two, or three.

You thank him and hang up, and do one of three things: (1) Dial 80-5141 for line one and begin talking; ~~then~~ (2) Dial 80-5142 for line two and begin talking; (3) Dial the operator (zero) and ask for Baker line three, and then start talking. You have other options open to you, but courtesy forbids all but these three. You can speak to professors or even fraternities (God knows why) for free on the extensions. Weather information is 80-5211; taxis are 80-2301 or 80-2303. Other important numbers can be obtained by asking your counselor or someone at the desk. Emergencies, dial 100 (though in times past just dialing the number gronked the phone. Ask your counselor or at the desk.)

NETT phones include the pay phones installed for the phone company's profit and ~~our~~ our frustration, and private room phones. Private phones can cost as little as \$7 a month and pay for themselves in time. Hacking pay phones is a federal offense. Some find it fun. Talk to your counselor ~~before~~ before trying anything.

HOW CAN YOU BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE WHEN YOU'RE NOT ANYWHERE AT ALL?

So here you are on your own in the middle of the Greater Boston area. Without help you may never find your way around, so here is that help. One thing you must keep in mind is that today's paved roads and modern highways were yesterday's cow paths (and from the looks of the sidewalks and considering how few people curb their dogs, they still look like cowpaths). Your counselor should be willing to give you a tour of the city, and after a few trial-and error visits you should have some feel for the area. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ~~provides~~ provides rabid mess transportation to anywhere in the area, but generally closes down around midnight. And taxis are ridiculous. Walk. It's good for you and ecologically sound.

Peculiarities of the area are:

- (1) Streets are neither clearly marked nor 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 have no apparent pattern, outside of being consecutive, and sometimes not even that. Exempli gratia: 200 numbers may equal 5 blocks on one street but 10 on ~~another~~ another.
- (5) The same name is used for different streets in different towns, and the same street may have different names.
- (6) Red and yellow lights simultaneously mean pedestrians can legally cross, but anytime you think you can make it alive, give it a try. There are laws concerning jaywalking but can generally be ignored. Ten points for picking off a pedestrian, so watch your step.
- (7) Boston weather is abominable. There are two seasons, summer and winter; spring and autumn are usually rained out. The Harvard Bridge is an endurance test when it comes to walking it on wintry nights. A reasonably accurate though somewhat vague source of information is the John Hancock Building. Its beacon is easily seen at night. (If you live in a back room, find a friend with a window on the Charles. Or go outside.) Red means rain, flashing red is snow, flashing blue cloud; and blue is clear. If you can't see it it's foggy/smoggy.

There are three MBTA stations near Baker: Kendall Square, Central Square, and Auditorium. Your counselor will show you. There is also a bus on Mess. Ave. Study a subway map and take a friend and explore. Or just walk. It's cheaper.

Getting to girl's schools (now you're interested) is fun. Also a bit of a bitch at times, but not an insurmountable problem. The MBTA is usually useless, but here are a few tips:

Wellesley--Take a bus to Auditorium (20¢) ((oh for crying out loud, walk!)), the Riverside car to Woodside ~~50¢~~ (50¢), and a bus for Framingham (24¢) and get off at Wellesley. Or hitch from Woodside. Or find someone with a car, or meet her in town, or forget it. There is an MIT-Wellesley bus service. Ask your advisor.

Lasell--same as to Wellesley but stay on the Riverside car to the last stop. Lasell is about a four-block walk.

Emmanuel, Wheelock, Simmons--Riverside car to the Fenway stop, walk towards Sears and across the parking lot. It's about a thirty-minute walk from here, 10 minutes down Brookline from Kenmore Square.

Radcliffe and Lesley--aTake the bus or walk to Harvard Square and walk from there using a map. The North Cambridge of Arlington Heights buses will take you to the appropriate streets from Harvard Square but are generally not worth it.

Jackson--Take the Lechmere car from Auditorium, get off at Lechmere and take an Arlington Center or North Street Bus. Or from Harvard Square take buses to Jackson. (Ask the driver to consult your map)

Boston Universitys--Consult a map and/or ~~ask~~ an upperclassman for the best routes to the various dorms. The only one requiring the MBTA, except for you aerobics fiends, is West Campus, and for this you take the Boston College, Commonwealth of 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.

McCormick--Ask at the desk. Walk.

The easiest way to get to anywhere is to find ~~ask~~ an upperclassman with a car and make him your best friend.

WE'RE ALL BOZOS ON THIS BUS

As long as we've broken the subject of girls, it might be prudent to continue. Meeting guys here isn't difficult; you have a whole dorm full to get to know. But girls are another matter. MIT is officially coed, but between the concept and the execution something was lost. Like girls. So few Bakerites ~~manage~~ manage to get coeds. Many wonder if they're worth the trouble. But down to bare facts.

Soon it will probably be your experience to come in contact with the social manstrosity known as the mixer. Every Friday and Saturday night, early in the term, hundreds of lonely ~~boys-and-girls~~ men and women ~~go~~ conjugate in the Sala de Puerto Rico in the Stud Center, or similar holes on campus, and go through the ritual mating dance to the music of some of the world's loudest and worst bands. The reckless ones dance; most stand around and watch. To succeed you must be brave, be reckless, be aggressive, and don't worry about making a fool of yourself. Look, if the ~~schmuck~~ schmuck down the hall can get a girl so can you. Or keep telling yourself that.

The other method of meeting girls is through fixups. House parties usually come complete with a fixup service--ask your counselor, he probably has a juicy or sordid tale to tell. You may even request a girl of the right height or religion. Most come from B.U. or Simmons. More reliable fixup sources are friends of friends' girl friends. Ask.

Dorm social life is centered around the floors and their separate subdivisions. There is one major house party, the annual Christmas party. You will soon be electing two floor social chairman on your floor, who will present ideas to Exec-con and attempt to get money for floor functions. Second floor west sponsored numerous memorable parties last year, one complete with a belly dancer. First west held a party to decora te their new lounge, complete with painting the walls and tie-dyeing sheets to cover the bricks. Everybody had fun and for very low cost. First west also held a canoe trip. Various floors sponsored parties in the ~~Master's~~ Master's Suite Lounge and elsewhere. The floor simply decides what it wants to do, tells is chairman, and if it's workable and not overly expensive, they get the money and another great social event is born. It's up to you. Get involved/

SCREW U. --or- GETTING AROUND THE CAMPUS

(A) The Harvard Cooperative Society (The Coop)--This is where you will be buying most of your school supplies and texts for grossly inflated prices. But as a member (\$1 for a card) you are entitled to a rebate on purchases. The C coop card is also good at the branch stores at Harvard Square and elsewhere. Explore.

(B)The Hobby Shop--in the basement of the Armory, it contains complete wood and metal shops and a printing press, and an electronics shop and a darkroom, all available for \$10 a year plus materials cost (50¢ for photo expenses).

(C)Electronics--Radio Shack and Lafayette on Commonwealth Avenue stock electronics equipment. On the fourth floor of Bldg. 10 the EE Dept. has a tube tester and other miscellaneous equipment which they might let ~~xxx~~ you use (see Hobby Shop above). A good place to get some amazing bargains (and a few rooks) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ is Eli Hebron's on Elm St. in Cambridge.

(D)Haircuts--the Coop Barber Shop in the basement of the Student center is a good place to get your head shaved for \$2.25 or thereabouts. Shop around in Boston and Central and Tech Squares for better deals.

(E)Food--favorites are Mahlowitz's Market on Main St., Stop and Shop on Memorial Drive, and Puberty Supreme on Mass. Ave. in Central Square. Mahlowitz's will deliver.

(F)Rides--for rides home or to distant girls' schools, check Baker's boards or the APO Ride Board next to the elevators in Bldg. 10.

(G)Security Police and other fables--the Campus Patrol is the buffer between MIT students and the big bad Cambridge and Metropolitan District ~~XXXXXX~~ Commission (MDC) police. They are all friendly and will help you if you get lost. If you and the MDC meet on unfriendly terms, flash your ~~MIT~~ ID card and ask to be turned over to the Campus Patrol; or call 864-6900, ext.2997. They love bailing students out.

(H)Part-time jobs--check the Student Employment Office in bldg.5 or the Placement Bureau in building BL9. Baker Desk and Dining staffs are good job sources and prefer hiring Bakerites. Check with Mark Mitchell (desk) or Paul Ho(dining) for details.

(I)Newspapers--Boston's best paper is the New York Times. Other reasonable efforts at journalism are the Christian Science Monitor and the Boston Herald. (Available at the desk) Phoenix and Boston After Dark are good for entertainment and news of Boston nightlife, and are usually available a day or so after street sale in the halls of the Institute, disguised as the Free Paper and B.A.D. Their classified ads are hilarious. Ignore the school papers for the most part.

(J)Radio--AM is ridiculous. Good rock can be found on WBCN Stereo FM, 104.1, WTBS, the MIT station, broadcasts at 88.1 FM or 640 AM. Fiddle with the dial.

(K) Banking--Checks less than \$100 can be cashed in the cashier's office in bldg. 10. Several good banks at Kendall and Central Squares are Harvard Trust, Cambridge Trust, and Charlesbank.

(L)The Stud Center--The basement contains the Post Office, Charlie the Tech Tailor, a bowling alley, pool tables, the barber shop, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ optician, and a bank of vending machines. The Coop occupies the whole first floor, and contains books, records, clothing, stationery and sundries. The Lobby Shop is also on the first floor and deals in miscellaneous foods and magazines. The second floor houses Slobdell cafeteria, several dining rooms, a TV room, pinball room, Sala de Puerto Rico, and the men's room. Third floor has lounges, offices, and the Twenty Chimneys Grill Room. Fourth Floor is the home of Technology Community Association, student government, and various meeting rooms and activity offices. The fifth floor ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ houses the library, with magazines and newspapers, course texts, typewriters, photocopying machines, etc. Try and find the stairs.

FOOD?

Commons really isn't that bad. It's nice to see some of the rest of the guys in the dorm at the dining hall and to talk to them ~~and~~ over supper. There's dear Mrs. Hammer, her eagle-eyes tuned to spot any attempt to smuggle yogurt from the dining hall and her razor-sharp reflexes ready to squelch it. Commons, if you choose to be on it (and this is the first year you've had a choice) is served five days a week, three meals a day, though few eat all of them. Breakfast is from 7:30 to 9:30 with continental style (cold eggs) from 9:30 till 10:30. Lunch is from 11:15 to 1:30 and dinner from 5:00 till 7:00. Box lunches can be ordered before 9:15, incase you might miss a meal. There are unlimited seconds if you can stand the firsts. Meals can be transferred to other dining halls or to Twenty Chimneys if applied for ~~before~~ before 4:00.

On weekends (if you're on commons) or all week (if you're not), the problem is simpler. You can either eat in your room. The cooking situation is still to be decided at a house meeting, but the situation is as follows: There are two circuits in your room, the one wired to the wall sockets and the ones running to the ceiling lights. Rooms are wired three rooms to a ~~three~~ fuse. Assuming everyone in those three rooms has his lamp, stereo, refrigerator, etc., plugged into those wall sockets, the extra surge from plugging in a hot plate can and will blow the fuse. First time the offender will probably just be warned; second time he may be fined. There are ways to avoid overloading: (1) Cook in the floor lounge; (2) Unplug your refrigerator for the half-hour you'll be cooking--nothing will be hurt; (3) Arrange cooking hours different from your neighbors' so you all won't be cooking at the same time; (4) Wire some of the stuff that's always running and always ~~not~~ plugged in into the ceiling circuits. That will relieve the drain on the wall circuits.

Or you can eat out. Servend is one idea but ~~hardly~~ hardly viable or edible. Slobdell and Twenty Chimneys aren't much better. Ask your counselor for suggestions or latch onto an upperclassman who eats out a lot.

WE MUST COME TOGETHER, LIKE A TWIN!

Baker House Government is centered around the HOUSE MEETING, in which each resident represents his own ideas and each has one vote. A few days in advance the house secretary prepares the agenda and places a copy of it in each mailbox, so the issues can be discussed clearly and coherently at the meetings.

There are three main categories of decisions in which the house makes decisions ~~(Department of Redundancy Department)~~ (Let's try that again). There are three categories of issues in which the house makes decisions. The first and foremost is money. Our main source of income is the house tax included in the rent. Other sources are the pinball and washing machines. This money goes to Soccom for house and floor parties, to Frosh Orientation activities, and towards renovations. House money can usually be obtained for anything that benefits the house or interests the residents in some capacity. Early in the term there is a house meeting to decide the budget. This term it will be Wed., Sept 15, at 8 PM in the dining hall. Attend it. It's your money.

The second category of issues are those pertaining to house autonomy. What few rules we have are set down in this fashion. Parietals (ask your counselor) are done a way with each year, and drug policy, pets, choking regulations and such are decided by the house.

The third set of issues concerns itself with physical aspects of Baker itself, as in control of the theft problems that creep up from time to time, usage of lounges and special facilities, etc.

The house meeting is the last step in the process ~~and~~ of house government. The dirty ~~work~~ work is done by the Executive Council and its various committees. In March six of the officials on Execon are elected by the house (president, three ~~and~~ Jockcom and Soccom chairmen.), and they choose the secretary and the treas-

urer. The Judcom chairman (who is elected in March with his committee) and the Freshman Representative (elected by the freshmen in October, serving till March) round out the ~~XXXX~~ council. Execcon meets once a week and appropriates money already budgeted and decides on agendas and guest speakers for house meetings. This year the hall social chairmen will play a role in the workings of Execcon, being elected by the floors and conveying plans to the council from the floors as to possible social events, in an ~~nd~~ attempt to get funds. This year's Execcon is as follows:

President	Mark Mitchell (540)
V.P. for Frosh Orientation	Mike Perlmutter (217)
V.P. for Facilities and Services	Vince Tobkin ()
f V.P. for Institute Relations	Mike Polatnick (513)
Jockcom Chairman	Jarvis Middleton (618)
Soccom Chairman	Lenny Sigal (441)
Judcom Chairman	Mark Fuller (538)
Secretary	Andy Celentano ()
Treasurer	Pete Kurnik (215)

All of them need your help to do their jobs. Get involved. It's not that difficult.

EXITS

As you may or may not have noticed, the exits at the east and west ends of the building are equipped with alarms and "do not open" signs. Last year there was a west campus theft problem, caused by the Cambridge urchins and a junkie named Fitzgerald with a habit of about \$80 to \$100 a day. The alarms were set up then to control traffic in and out of the house. The only usable door is the main entrance. The theft problem is basically ended, but the alarms remain--those are emergency fire exits, don't use them as anything else. It's a real pain to be awakened from a sound sleep to the sound of that foolish klaxon going off, forcing you to wait for ten minutes till someone comes to shut it off. Mind the signs please.

ALARMS

If there's ever a fire or fire drill here, you'll know it--the alarm will split your skull open. Burning down Baker is like trying to burn a brick barbecue--it ain't easy. Still, precautions are necessary.

Should you set one ~~xxx~~ off by mistake, you have 60 seconds to dial 100 on the dormline or notify the desk of the mistake. Failing this, the Cambridge fire department sends every truck they have to the place, costing MIT \$45 per truck in cases of false alarm. Setting a fire to cover up your blunder is not cool. Be careful.

ATHLETICS

Intramural athletics are big at Baker, and exist only for the pleasure of the participants and the enjoyment of the spectators. Winning or losing is secondary to just being there and doing. Signing up isn't difficult--there are lists posted on the bulletin boards. Just sign your name and get ready to go. The house athletic closet is located across from the ladies' room on the first floor, and contains softball, basketball, football, squash, tennis, hockey, pool, ping-pong and other assorted types of equipment, all of which can be signed out for team use or for phys ed classes. For more details, see the Jockcom chairman, Jarvis Middleton.

DRUGS

The local policy towards the use of drugs at MIT is simply stated: as long as the traffic is kept within the Institute it is an MIT matter and therefore falls under Campus Patrol jurisdiction. The moment it ventures into the community (large-scale sales outside of MIT, or the possibility of hard drugs like heroin creeping in), the local police see it as a community problem and come in and start busting.

What you do in your room is your business. That includes smoking dope. But don't force it onto someone else if he's unwilling. You don't have that right, and he's entitled to his. If your uptight about drugs or anything else, see your counselor. That's what he's there for.

BELLS

On occasion you will hear bells resounding in the halls. Most are for \$ janitors, ~~but~~ but several have meaning for the residents and should be recognized early.

<u>Number</u>	<u>What it means</u>
2	House Manager
1-5	Soccom
2-2	Jockcom
2-3	President
2-4	Linen
3-1	Buttery
3-2	First Aid
3-3 3-3	Desk Captain
4-1	Judcom
4 -2	Dining Captain Captains
#5	Pizza (at night)
7	S.P.A.Z.

S.P.A.Z.

Second-floor Prancing Animal Zoo--every night at 10:45 seven bells ring out like a tocsin, and from various corners of the house they appear, weird men in shorts and T-shirts or sweatsuits, sneakers or track shoes. They sign in to a log book, then tramp outside and across to the boathouse. And at 11 PM they start jogging--down to the B.U. Bridge and across, back on Storow Drive across the Harvard Bridge and back to the main door of Baker--2.8 miles. This is S.P.A.Z., just a bunch of guys who like to jog. Or is it more than that? Try it and see.

"PARDON ME SIR, BUT IS THIS YOUR BAR OF SOAP?"

Sundry people you should know: Mark Mitchell, the house president (540); Nafi and Helena Toksoz, the Senior Faculty Resident and his wife; Mark Fuller, Judcom Chairman (538); the Graduate Residents: Howard Austin (Math and Comp.--604), Jeff Gordon (Chem, Bio and Physics--~~504~~ 504), Tom Klitzner (Physics and Bio--404), Dave Patten (Metallurgy and Mat. Sci.--304); the second floor tutor, Yorgo ~~Istephane Istephanep Istep~~ (204); and Mark and Elaine Price, the Junior Faculty Resident and his wife (Physiis and EE--111). Don Hubbard behind the desk. Mark (where have I heard his name before) Mitchell, the desk captain. Paul Ho, captain of the dining staff. and last and very least, the Freshman Orientation Committee: Paul Camann (116), George Doerre (243), Mike Perlmutter (217), Skip Richards (307) and Ira Vishner (116).

Don't forget to sign for your loan (if MIT is giving ;you one) at the Cashier's Office in E19. You have two weeks or it may be cancelled.

Beware of Firesign Theatre freaks--this ~~xxxxx~~ habit is highly addictive and may rot the mind. You begin quoting things from albums, like the subtitles of much of this guide. Ask your counselor, but if a strange light comes over his face, prepare for the worst.

Don't pour grease down the sinks, the plumbing is shitty enough.

Try and find building W7.

And if someone comes up to you and offers to sell you a duck, just give him a cookie--he'll go away.

If it seems that a great deal of stress has been placed on asking your counsel or to explain things to you, it's because he is one of the most important contacts you will make at MIT this year. He knows the ropes, or should, and he's willing to help or he wouldn't be here. Don't stop with him, either. Upperclassmen can be cool guys. Open or closed, doors aren't barriers around here. Often the guy inside is as shy or more so than you are. Do a favor for both of you. Ask around. Be aggressive. Be friendly. Be yourself. Be seeing you.

THE 1971-1972 FRESHMAN ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

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(You'll be getting the cover in a day or so. Sorry)

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in financial matters. The text suggests that organizations should implement robust systems to track every detail, from small expenses to major investments.

2. The second section focuses on the role of leadership in fostering a culture of integrity and ethical behavior. It argues that leaders must set a clear example and communicate the organization's values consistently. By doing so, they can ensure that all employees understand the expectations and are motivated to act accordingly. This section also touches upon the importance of regular communication and feedback loops between management and staff.

3. The third part of the document addresses the challenges of managing a large and diverse workforce. It highlights the need for effective communication and collaboration across different departments and regions. The text suggests that organizations should invest in training and development programs to enhance the skills and capabilities of their employees. Additionally, it stresses the importance of creating a supportive and inclusive work environment where everyone feels valued and empowered to contribute.

4. The fourth section discusses the importance of financial management and budgeting. It notes that organizations must carefully monitor their finances to ensure they are operating within their means and achieving their financial goals. The text suggests that organizations should conduct regular financial reviews and adjust their budgets as needed. It also emphasizes the importance of maintaining accurate financial records and reporting to stakeholders.

5. The fifth part of the document focuses on the importance of customer satisfaction and service. It argues that organizations should strive to provide high-quality products and services that meet or exceed customer expectations. The text suggests that organizations should implement systems to collect and analyze customer feedback, and use this information to make improvements. It also stresses the importance of training customer service representatives to handle inquiries and complaints effectively.

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8. The eighth section discusses the importance of risk management and compliance. It notes that organizations must identify and mitigate potential risks to ensure their long-term survival. The text suggests that organizations should conduct regular risk assessments and implement controls to prevent or minimize the impact of risks. It also emphasizes the importance of staying up-to-date with relevant laws and regulations, and ensuring full compliance.

9. The ninth part of the document focuses on the importance of human resources management. It argues that organizations must attract, develop, and retain top talent to succeed. The text suggests that organizations should implement effective recruitment strategies, provide ongoing training and development, and create a positive work environment. It also stresses the importance of fair compensation and benefits, and effective performance management systems.

10. The final section of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed and offers some concluding thoughts. It reiterates the importance of maintaining high standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability across all aspects of the organization. The text suggests that organizations should regularly review their performance and make adjustments as needed to ensure they are on track to achieve their goals.