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Welcome to MIT!

R/O Week is your first exposure to the many different people and things of which MIT is comprised. Meeting people and making friends during this time is a big help once the term begins. The many activities scheduled during R/O Week provide opportunities to do just that.

Attending activities especially for women will give you a good chance to meet other incoming women. A schedule of women's activities can be found in the next few pages. The activities have been planned to be interesting and fun and to help you learn about MIT.

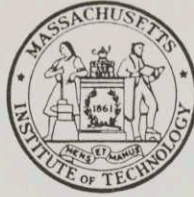
This booklet has been provided as an overview of the special opportunities for and needs of women at MIT. Use it as a resource and reference book for available services.

If you need to escape the sometimes frantic feeling of R/O Week, I encourage you to go to Elsewhere, on the second floor of the Student Center. It is a place with a low-keyed atmosphere to relax and get away.

Have a great time!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce L. Pollock".

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Women's R/O Coordinator



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Dear Women Students,

As the Coordinator for Women Students' Interests, I work with both undergraduate and graduate women students on campus. Some of my responsibilities are:

- Set up a network for women on campus
- Disseminate information on women's events
- Give support to existing groups and help new groups get started
- Help to bring women together (undergraduates, graduates, faculty)
- Plan programs of interest to women
- Look at special areas of concern to international and minority women
- Make referrals
- Help people make use of the resources at MIT

With the help of students, I will be planning a speakers series with refreshments for Thursday afternoon in the Cheney Room (rm. 3-310). Please watch for these announcements.

Please feel free to drop by my office and share your views about being a student at MIT or anything else that is on your mind. I welcome suggestions and ideas.

Sincerely,

Emily Weidman

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SCHEDULE OF WOMEN'S ACITIVITES
(All activities free and for women only!)

Thursday, August 27

Make Your Own Submarine Sandwiches

Pile it high with turkey, ham, cheese, salami, lettuce, tomatoe and plenty more!

5:30

Bush Room (10-105)

Friday, August 28

Ice Cream Treats

I scream, You Scream, We all scream for Ice Cream!
Beginning of Independent Living Groups' Women's Rush

After the Freshmen Picnic

Cheney Room (3-310)

Wednesday, September 2

Women's Luncheon

Luncheon for all women in the MIT Community. Come meet women faculty members and women administrators and staff.

12:00 Noon

McCormick

SWE Syrian Salad Super

Meet members of one of the largest and most active women's organizations on campus, the Society of Women Engineers.

5:00

Mech. Engr. Lounge, Building 3 First Floor

Friday, September 4

Women's Get-Together with Support Service Staff

Learn about the Medical Department, Counselling Services, and other useful services to women. Refreshments will be served.

3:00

Cheney Room (3-310)

Sunday, September 6

Wellsley Picnic

Go exploring to one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country. A good chance to meet Freshmen at Wellsley. Sports Spectacular following the picnic.

Bus leaves at 12:00 Noon from Kresge Parking Lot



Elsewhere ~ A

place to relax
during

R/O ~

stop by.

HOUSING OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

The following are brief descriptions of each living group available to women. For more detailed descriptions of each living group, refer to the Residence Handbook.

BAKER HOUSE

Baker is a coed dorm with an active social life. There are lots of athletic teams and house committees and Baker has its own advisory program. Unlike the other dorms that are arranged in suites and entries, Baker works as a unit. It's winding hallways have many singles and doubles with two triples and two quads per floor. Most rooms have sinks. Baker has facilities that include a snack bar, country kitchen, dining hall, music room, TV room, laundry room, dark room and many lounges throughout the house.

BEXLEY HALL

This is the second year that Bexley is open to women. It was recently renovated, so all of the facilities are modern. Bexley is unlike any other dorm in that it consists of many three room apartments. Each apartment is carpeted, and has its own kitchen and bathroom; Bexley is one of the few dorms that has bathtubs.

BURTON HOUSE

Burton House is an active coed dormitory located on the west side of campus. We sponsor several large parties, barbecues,

brunches, picnics, pubs, housewide softball and basketball tournaments and countless intramural sports teams.

In Burton, the rooms are grouped into suites, suites into floors, and the floors into a complete dormitory. Burton's facilities include music rooms, a snack bar, a hobby shop, a darkroom and kitchens in every suite.

EAST CAMPUS

East Campus is comprised of 400 people on 10 floors, 7 of which are coed. Its basic unit is the floor, although there are often dorm-wide parties, cook-outs and study breaks.

Here is where you'll find the largest singles on campus, with only about twenty doubles a year due to crowding. All upperclassmen are guaranteed singles and all doubled residents receive a substantial rent reduction. Because East Campus is an older dorm, residents are free to paint, build lofts or do just about anything they want to their rooms. Though Pritchett and Walker are but a few steps away, many residents cook for themselves.

FRENCH/GERMAN/RUSSIAN/SPANISH HOUSES

These four language houses are housed separately in New House. They provide a unique experience in undergraduate living in that the residents attempt to speak the language of their house at all times while within the dorm. Because of the small number of residents in each house, it is possible to cook and eat together (separately in each house).

MC CORMICK HALL

McCormick is the only all-women's dorm on campus, and it houses about one third of the undergraduate women. Living in McCormick offers a good opportunity to get to know a large number of the women on campus.

The atmosphere is generally conducive to study, but frequent study breaks enable the residents to meet the others in the dorm. Half of the dorm is arranged in suites, and the other half is singles, doubles and triples, making it easy to get to know your own floor or suite. The facilities in McCormick range from a gym and two penthouses to four pianos and a library.

RANDOM HALL

Random Hall is just a couple blocks from MIT down Mass. Ave. Two floors are all-women, and all the floors have a large kitchen, a lounge, wall-to-wall carpeting, and two bathrooms. The building was recently renovated so the facilities are modern. Half of the rooms are singles and the others are doubles. There are less than 100 residents in all.

SENIOR HOUSE

Senior House is arranged by entries, with the largest having approximately sixty persons, while the smallest has only eleven. Every entry is coed. The rooms are old and spacious, and the residents may redecorate their rooms in any manner they like. Most residents cook in their rooms, although Walker Memorial is right across the street.

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INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUPS

EPSILON THETA

Epsilon Theta is one of the four coed four coed fraternities at MIT. The atmosphere is friendly and informal. The rooms are used primarily for studying and relaxing; everyone sleeps in the partitioned dorm upstairs. All members participate in the management and operation of the house. While living in Brookline can be a hassle, most Epsilon Thetans agree that being able to go home to Brookline, trees, and real world people is worth it.

FENWAY HOUSE

Fenway House is a coed cooperative living group. We do all our own cooking, cleaning and maintenance of our 1906 Back Bay townhouse. The house has no officers, pledging, duties, or class distinctions. Currently we are six women and twelve men; the house has room for twenty-four in all. We have two bathtubs, a solar heating system that has never worked, and a bread-hook.

NUMBER SIX CLUB (DELTA PSI)

The Number Six Club is a group of approximately fifty people with an equal number of men and women. The four floors were recently renovated and are made up of singles and doubles. Number Six also has three large livingrooms, a TV lounge, and a sundeck.

PI KAPPA ALPHA

PiKa is located in a residential Cambridge neighborhood, just a fifteen to twenty minute walk from campus. Thirty-three

people live here and roughly half are women which makes for a rather unique living situation at MIT. Since the work is distributed evenly among everyone in the house (freshmen and upperclassmen alike) we prefer to call ourselves a "co-op" rather than a fraternity. There are twenty rooms, of which seven are singles, the rest all doubles. All the rooms are single sex, and chosen by a random lottery. We try to avoid having to make "rules", relying on co-operation and communication between housemembers instead.

STUDENT HOUSE

Student House is the oldest coed living group at MIT, and the second oldest in the country. Located in a turn of the century brownstone in Back Bay, the house was recently renovated. Established in 1930 to provide inexpensive housing for financially needy students, the house voted in 1969 to become coed. Currently one-third of the thirty house members are women, though the majority of house officers have been women the last few years. All house members are responsible for three hours a week towards house upkeep. Although we do not rush, we would love to have women drop by to visit.

WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUP

WILG is a group of forty-nine women with a broad range of interests, working together to run a household. Recently renovated, the building itself has a living room, TV room, small library, several lounges and private coin laundry facilities. Rooms include singles, two room doubles and two room triples.

Dinner is served by a staff of cooks (paid volunteers from within the house) and eaten together. Food is available for individuals to make their own breakfasts and lunches.

SEXUALITY

There is simply no way to give adequate treatment to the extremely sensitive and important topic of sexual relationships in a booklet of this type. We refer you to the Dean's office booklet on Sexuality (to be distributed early in the fall), and to Our Bodies, Our Selves, available at no charge through the Undergraduate Academic Support Office, room 7-103. We can, however, list some of the people and resources in the MIT community that can help you sort out any problems you may have, and answer questions. Particularly valuable are the staffs of the Medical Department, and the counseling section of the Dean's Office, in room 5-104.

Many women are afraid or shy about talking to a doctor about sexual matters, and of having a gynecological examination. This may cause them to avoid seeking help when they most need it. MIT has many doctors and other members of the medical staff who are sensitive to these issues, and very understanding. In particular, here are some of the women staff members who can be helpful (although helpfulness and sensitivity are certainly not functions of sex).

Internists perform many services, including general practice, gynecological examinations, pap tests, information about contraceptives, and advice. The women internists in the Medical Department are:

Dr. June Pryor, x3-4295

Dr. Noemi Pedraza, x3-7824

Dr. Diane Schweitzer, x3-1615

Also in the Medical Department is Florence Dingle, a gynecological nurse, who is the best person for advice on where to go, whom to see, and what to do. She can talk with you over the phone, or in the office. She also takes urine samples for pregnancy tests. She can be reached at x3-1315. Barbara Merrifield is a nurse-midwife, who counsels on human sexuality, gives gynecological examinations, and provides contraceptive care. She can also be reached at x3-1315, as can the two women gynecologists on the staff, Dr. Ginsburg and Dr. Walzer.

In particular, here are some of the situations in which you should consult someone in the Medical Department.

First, vaginal infections are common, and often require a doctor's treatment. Many of these are not venereal diseases. They are very irritating, though easily treated. If you think you have been exposed to venereal disease (don't wait for the symptoms), consult the Medical Department immediately for a simple test.

Second, if you are considering having sexual intercourse, you should obtain an effective contraceptive. You should discuss the pros and cons of the birth control method you choose with your health care provider until all your questions have been answered, and you really feel comfortable. The books mentioned above describe particular types of contraceptives in more detail. You should realize from the start that the rhythm method, withdrawal (coitus interruptus), and douching are extremely ineffective! The morning-after pill is used only in extreme emergencies, and should not be relied upon as a contraceptive because of its numerous and serious side effects.

Third, you may wish to consult someone in the Psychiatric Service, x3-2916, the Social Work Services, x3-4911, or the counseling section of the Dean's Office, if you have any questions or concerns about sex, or would just like to talk with someone. The counseling Deans are Mary Hope, Robert Randolph, Robert Halfman, Linda Vaughan, and Jeannette Gerzon. They can be reached at x3-4861, room 5-104.

Fourth, if you think that you are pregnant, you should consult the Medical Department for a simple test. If you are pregnant, the Medical Department has complete counseling services to help you decide whether to continue the pregnancy, or seek a legal abortion. They will help you every step of the way, regardless of your decision. All medical or counseling consultations are absolutely confidential.

If you are gay, or are having any problems dealing with sexual feelings or relationships with other women, you may wish to contact the Medical Department, the counseling section of the Dean's Office, or the Gays at MIT (GAMIT), x3-5440, room 50-306 (Walker Memorial).

STUDENT HEALTH PROGRAM

The M.I.T. Student Health Program consists of medical services available on campus and of hospital and accident insurance in which all regular students are enrolled unless they submit a written request to waive coverage. The waiver form is available in the student insurance office, 12-132.

All regular and special students are entitled to comprehensive health care services given by the Medical Department on Campus and in the M.I.T. Infirmary without further charge except for obstetrical care, routine eye examinations, contact lens service, ear piercing, dental care, missed appointments and those surgical procedures and outside diagnostic tests which should be covered by the student's hospital and accident insurance policy.

Special services to women include gynecological examinations, pap tests, and contraceptive advice, for which there is no charge, and prescriptions, and the fitting of diaphragms and IUDs, for which there is a charge. Women students are reimbursed for expenses incurred in an abortion or pregnancy (married and single women are both eligible) subject to the terms of the policy.

A Patient Advocate is an ombudsman who will listen to and try to resolve the grievances, questions, and needs of patients regarding any aspect of the medical care they are receiving. The Patient Advocate is Connie Bean. She can be reached in the Health Information Office, x3-1316 or x3-1318.

For further information, you should refer to the Student Health Program Pamphlet, or speak to Norma Loomis, Provider and Third Party Insurance Liaison Officer, at x3-4371, room 12-132.

SAFETY

Living in Cambridge is enjoyable, but as women, we are particularly vulnerable on the streets of the city. We cannot ignore the fact that Cambridge and Boston can be dangerous places to travel in, especially at night. We don't want to scare you or inhibit your going out, but just to let you know that caution and common sense are necessary whenever we travel. The following section outlines a number of things to watch for when travelling at night.

Never travel alone at night, even if you are just walking from the subway or bus station to your residence. If you are visiting someone, call ahead so they are expecting you.

You should use the more well-lighted streets. A short cut through a dark alley could prove disastrous. Always wear shoes which can either be kicked off or are easy to run in.

Always be aware of your surroundings. Be wary of loiterers in the street, or dark corners, or shrubberies. An attacker could be easily concealed in any dark part of the street. When riding the public transportation you are safest sitting near the conductor or driver. If you are on a bus, remember that you can ask to be let out at a certain spot.

WHAT TO DO IF ATTACKED

Remember that common sense is your best form of protection. Often a loud shrill scream will startle your attacker long enough for you to get away. Run as fast as you can, and don't look back until you reach your destination. If your

accoster is in a car, run in the direction opposite to which the car is headed, and run to a place that the car can't follow.

Remember, act as fast and with as much strength as you can gather. It sometimes helps to yell, not only for help, but as a battle cry; it will surprise your attacker and give you additional strength and confidence.

ESCORT SERVICE

The Campus Police provides an escort service for women who must travel across the campus alone after dark. To get an escort, all you have to do is call the Campus Police at M.I.T. extensions: 3-2996, 3-2997, or 3-2998. They are very good about this, and they in fact urge you to call them anytime you feel that it is unsafe for you to walk to your destination alone.

FURTHER INFORMATION

In the pocket at the end of this handbook, there are all types of pamphlets that we hope will be helpful in making your four years as safe and pleasurable as possible.

Ann Glavin is a Campus Police officer who can answer any questions you may have. Her extension is 3-2996.

SPORTS

Four quarters, or eight units of physical education are required of every student at M.I.T. This can be fulfilled by taking four quarters of gym courses, or the equivalent in intercollegiate sports. There is a wide variety of physical education classes, so it is very easy to find four that appeal to you. Each physical education class counts as two units of gym. If you play a fall or spring sport, this counts as two units, and a winter sport is four units. Because the physical education classes are so enjoyable, and a good break from school work, many people take more gym than is required.

At the moment, there are ten varsity intercollegiate teams at M.I.T. These include: Field Hockey, Sailing, Tennis, Volleyball, Crew, Basketball, Fencing, Gymnastics, Swimming, and Softball. Most of these teams also have a junior varsity squad, so if you're interested in a sport but have never played it, go out for the J.V. team; most women on J.V. are just learning the sport themselves. If there is a sport that you are interested in, but M.I.T. doesn't have a team, get some people together and start a club. Presently, Rugby and Lacrosse are club sports.

In addition to intercollegiate sports, M.I.T. has an extensive intramural (IM) program. Almost all IM teams are co-ed, and there are different leagues according to your ability. It is very easy to find something to suit your needs whether you are just looking for a good time, or competition almost on the varsity level without the time commitment required for a varsity sport.

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SPECIAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN STUDENTS AT MIT

I. OFFICES/DEPARTMENTS OFFERING SPECIAL SUPPORT TO WOMEN STUDENTS

A. Athletic Department

The Athletic Department provides services to women in five categories:

1. Intercollegiate Athletics: There are ten varsity activities available to M.I.T. undergraduate women: tennis, sailing, crew, volleyball, basketball, fencing, gymnastics, field hockey, softball and swimming. All varsity sports play a complete schedule of seasonal competition and when qualified engage in post-season championship competition.
2. The physical education program offers a wide variety of activities in lifetime sports, self-designed fitness, dance, team sports, officiating, first aid, and CPR. All undergraduate students are required to complete two semesters of physical education courses.
3. The intramural program consists of 27 activities that are available to women.
4. Twenty-seven sport clubs are affiliated with the Athletic Department. The women's water polo and women's cross country club are examples of club activities exclusively for women students. Students are encouraged to develop club sports in activities that are not currently a part of the club or intercollegiate programs.
5. Casual use: The entire athletic complex is open to student use on a casual basis. Popular areas are the swimming pool, running track (indoor and out), ice skating rink, and tennis and squash courts.

B. Medical Department

1. Medical Care

The basic mission of the Department is to provide high quality health care in an easily accessible setting for the entire M.I.T. community. The wide range of services includes several which are specifically addressed to women. Twelve specialists in Internal Medicine provide primary care for both men and women.

The Obstetrics/Gynecology Service is staffed by three physician specialists, two of whom are women, and a nurse-coordinator. The Pediatric Service, comprising three pediatricians and a pediatrics nurse-practitioner, offers services to infants, children and numbers many young women among its patients as well.

2. Social Work Service

The Social Work Service makes available to undergraduate women a variety of individual, supportive services. These services include but are not limited to counseling women regarding individual, family, or relationship problems, advocacy for women in organizational or agency matters, brokerage to available area resources, and supportive medical social services. On an as needed basis the Social Work Service also provides supportive group care, occasionally in conjunction with the psychiatric service. In addition, specialized treatment of alcohol abuse and alcoholism is available to all women.

3. Health Education Service

The Health Education Service is heavily involved in activities of importance to women. There are several programs of interest to women on such topics as maternity, parenting, infant care, stress management, nutrition, and contraception.

4. Additional Support

Although it is not a part of the Medical Department, it is relevant to point to the Child Care Center as a resource for women. In the new Medical Department building, to be occupied in the fall of 1981, a child care area will be available to "mind the baby" while the parent is seeing the doctor.

C. Career Planning and Placement Office

Women students make extensive use of this office each year. The following services are available to them:

1. Opportunities to interview with the companies and government agencies which recruit at M.I.T.
2. Advising and counseling on an individual basis as frequently as requested to discuss career concerns, resume development, interviewing, and job hunting strategies.
3. Workshops and small group discussions focusing on career decision-making, resumes and interviewing.

4. Women student degree candidates in engineering and science are encouraged to present their resumes in the MIT resume book which is sent to a large number of companies twice annually.
5. Graduating women students are invited to include their names on a departmental list of women students. This is sent separately to the attention of individual contact people in a variety of organizations.
6. In support of affirmative action guidelines, the Office actively assists companies and government agencies in identifying women candidates.
7. The Office is committed to maintaining on-going contact with the Society of Women Engineer's Career Day and with the Association of MIT Alumnae (AMITA) in their sponsorship of the "Guerrilla Guide for Survival in the Pin-Striped World."
8. Library resources including material describing companies, the names of individual contact people associated with private and public sector organizations as well as reference materials on career fields and classes of employees are available.
9. Catalogs describing graduate school programs, fellowship options, and opportunities to speak with graduate school representatives are available.
10. Philosophically, the Office is committed to providing individual attention to all students who request it and to developing programs and resources in response to the articulated needs of students, both male and female.

D. Dean for Student Affairs Office

1. Coordinator for Women Students' Interests

The Coordinator for Women Students' Interests provides special support to graduate and undergraduate women. She works with women's groups, disseminates information on women's events, plans programs to bring women together as a community, and sets up a network for women on campus.

2. Residence Programs

Women have a choice of single sex or coed housing. A minimum of 25% women is maintained in coed housing. There is an increased number of single women and married couples among the graduate tutors and a large number of supportive faculty residents. Programs of special interest to women students are provided in the dormitories.

3. General Dean's Office Support

Individual women students receive counseling and support from the Dean's Office staff. The office has sponsored and/or participated in various conferences on subjects of interest to women students and will continue such activities in the future.

4. Preprofessional Advising and Education Office

This office maintains a file of information and resources from the Center for Women in Medicine and the American Medical Women's Association.

E. Graduate School Office

The Graduate School Office is primarily concerned with support services for graduate students particularly in academic counseling and financial aid areas. One of the two associate deans in the office is involved in a number of support services for women graduate students at MIT. These include:

- 1. Academic counseling
- 2. Providing information about financial aid resources - at MIT and from outside agencies
- 3. Compiling a brochure concerning resources at MIT primarily of interest to women students
- 4. Welcoming party for entering graduate women
- 5. Coordination of letter writing by currently enrolled women students to women accepted for graduate study at MIT
- 6. Serving as a member of several ad hoc groups concerned with women's issues; i.e., Admission (current); Status of Women Students at MIT (1971-1972); Report on the Academic Environment for Graduate Students (current)
- 7. Serving as a member of several groups concerned with women's issues (including students) at MIT. Women's Advisory Group (WAG); Women's Forum Steering Committee; Advisory Committee for Women Students' Interests

F. Admissions Office

Admissions Process for Women Students:

In the late spring, recruiting material is sent to the 10,000 best women math scorers on the PSAT (includes MIT Today and the Women's Leaflet). Admissions office staff travel in the fall to meet with potential applicants and high school guidance counselors. Interviews with educational counselors are conducted in the late fall followed by a mailing to preliminary women applicants to encourage them to file the final application. In December, MIT women write to the preliminary applicants and early action admitted students to further encourage them. After the admissions list is decided, women faculty, staff and students phone admitted women students and answer any questions they might

have about MIT. In April, admissions staff travel to meet admitted women. AMITA runs a seminar on career paths in the spring.

G. Alumni Association

The principal special support service for women occurs through the active support of AMITA (The Association of MIT Alumnae). The programs vary from year to year but currently AMITA members are working with the admissions office to plan a high school visiting program. For six years they have sponsored an IAP activity giving women advice on getting a job in industry. They offer a cash prize to an outstanding woman scholar and hold at least one student activity every year. Alumnae also serve as Educational Council members, Club and National Officers, and Fund Officers and workers.

The Association encourages and supports programs which are mutually beneficial to both students and alumnae. The Alumni Host Family Program matches freshmen and transfer students with alumnae in the Boston area; Trailblazing helps freshmen decide on a course of study by inviting alumnae in to talk about their own career paths; alumnae participate in IAP programs with students; Senior Dinners provide an opportunity for seniors to learn about the activities available to them as alumnae and why it is important to participate; MIT Clubs assist students seeking summer jobs; and several new programs are being discussed which will promote greater student/alumnae interaction.

H. Student Financial Aid Office

The granting of Financial Aid at M.I.T. is based solely on need as determined by information submitted by parents and applicants each year. There is no merit ingredient in the distribution of aid which consists of grants, loans and work-study funds. Occasionally, outside scholarships become available with special designation for women students. These are brought to the attention of women students at M.I.T. who are eligible to apply.

I. Campus Police

All the services of the campus police are available to both men and women. However, certain programs and services are used more by women. For instance, women use the campus escort service and attend the rape prevention programs more than men do. Female officers trained in rape crisis are available at all times. Literature on crime prevention and safety is available to everyone.

II. WOMEN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS/RESIDENCE ORIENTATION (R/O) COORDINATOR

A. Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

The MIT SWE section is a very active and growing group of men and women students whose main objectives are professional development, career guidance, and friendly support. Activities include:

1. An annual Industrial Fair which provides an opportunity to talk informally with industry representatives and job recruiters from all over the United States
2. Potluckdinner with women faculty
3. Resume book which is sent to companies all over the U.S.
4. Guest speakers, workshops, and panel discussions
5. Visits to high schools to encourage women to consider a career in science and engineering

B. Association for Women Students (AWS)

The role of AWS is to support women students' interests at MIT. In past years, AWS's primary activities have been writing letters of congratulations and encouragement to admitted freshwomen in December and March, organizing a telethon to phone admitted freshwomen in April, assisting with R/O, coordinating a Big Sister/Little Sister program for new students, acting on occasional issues of concern to women students, and bringing in speakers from time to time. A representative from AWS serves on the Women's Advisory Group.

C. Women's R/O Coordinator

The role of the women's R/O coordinator is to introduce freshwomen to the MIT Community and to organize social gatherings so they can meet each other. For R/O 1980, a handbook "On Being a Woman at MIT" was compiled which described the services and opportunities for women at MIT. Two get-togethers were held to introduce freshwomen to women faculty and staff and to representatives from the Medical Department. Several other social gatherings were held to provide food and friendship to new students.

III. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR WOMEN STUDENTS

A. Special Assistant to the President

One of the two Special Assistants to the President sees women and men with concerns, complaints, grievances and suggestions. She is formally the Title IX grievance officer and shares responsibility with the other Special Assistant for formal complaints of discrimination under other legislation and regulation. She is an advisor on Wo/Mens Studies and curriculum questions and sometimes supervises special projects in this area. She meets with the Women's Advisory Group on behalf of the President and has been active in fostering mentoring programs at MIT.

B. Women's Advisory Group

The Women's Advisory Group (WAG) is a presidentially appointed committee which meets once a month, with a different chairperson each month. The committee is made up of representatives from organized women's groups on campus. Members discuss issues and recommend action on a variety of concerns to women at MIT. The group is consulted from time to time on policies being made at the Institute. It helps to support the informal "women's network" on campus.

C. Advisory Committee for Women Students' Interests

The Advisory Committee for Women Students' Interests is a presidentially appointed committee composed of faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students. The purpose of the group is to advise the Coordinator for Women Students' Interests and address special areas of concern for women students.

D. Wellesley-MIT Exchange

A number of Women's Studies courses offered at Wellesley are open to MIT students.

E. Women Faculty

The women faculty meet monthly as a group and address areas of concern to women at MIT including graduate and undergraduate students. The group has conducted various studies -- a study on the graduate student academic environment and a study on women's athletics, for instance. Women faculty also provide academic, personal and professional counseling to women students.

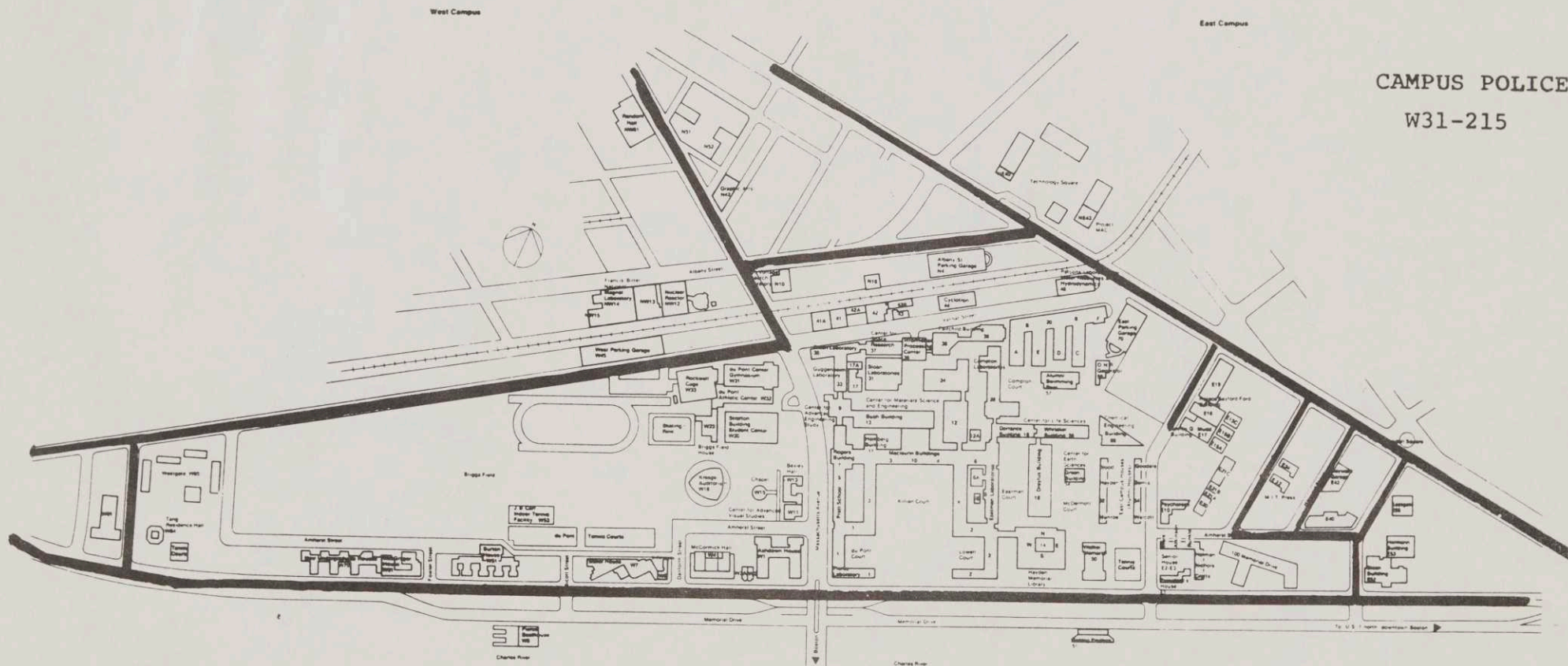
F. Living Groups

The Women's Independent Living Group (WILG) and McCormick Hall provide an opportunity for single sex living for women students.

G. Women's Forum

Women's Forum usually meets on the first and third Mondays of the month from September to June. All women (and men) in the community including staff, faculty, students, and their spouses are welcome. The group often has speakers to address issues of interest to women at MIT and has sponsored workshops on specific topics such as stress management.

On this map have been marked those streets and portions of streets where, because of experiences encountered in the past, especially by women, we suggest that women not walk alone after normal working hours.



If you must travel alone in an isolated campus area at night; remember, call the Campus Police for escort service at x3-2997 or x3-2998.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS TO CALL

1. M.I.T. Campus Police, 100. Police Officers, male and female, trained in rape investigation are available to transport you to the hospital and to assist you in the immediate emergency.

2. Cambridge Police Department, 911.

3. Cambridge City Hospital, 354—2020 ext. 330 for Emergency Room. Complete medical treatment and counseling services available.

4. Boston Police Department, 911.

5. Boston City Hospital, 424—4075. Complete medical and counseling services, including help with the police and court procedures. For adults and children.

6. Rape Crisis Center, 492—RAPE. Twenty-four hour hot line; transportation; FREE medical, legal and psychological information; a place to stay. Also discussion groups and self-defense.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE RAPED

1. Go to a safe location and call the police, a friend, or the Rape Crisis Center for transportation.
2. Don't wash, change clothing, or straighten your residence before calling the police or going to the hospital.
3. It is important to go to a hospital for treatment of external and internal injuries, tests for VD and pregnancy, gathering of medical evidence for the police, counseling and/or referral for emotional upset.
4. Hospitals do not routinely report the crime of rape to the police. Reporting is your choice and your responsibility.
5. If you decide not to go to the police immediately, write down all the details of the assault and save them in case you change your mind.

