Calling all you movie buffs…

The Committee is in charge of S-P's extensive movie library. We've started with a collection of 100 titles. We will be purchasing over the course of the year another 100 titles, both in DVD and VHS format. These movies will be available to the residents of the dorm to check-out from the front desk free of charge. But volunteers are needed in order to help select movies YOU want in the residence library! Including regional, international, local, classics; help organize and set-up the larger movie-night occasion; or suggest theme movie nights with a 'DINNER AND A MOVIE' night over a long weekend.

Movies Committee

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If you're looking to HIKE, BIKE, SWIM, PADDLE, CLIMB, CAMP, SAIL, SKI or simply be some place else for a change, you've come to the right place. The S-P Outing Committee has some great events lined up, whether it's sunny or snowing outside. Watch out for posters and e-mail announcements about our upcoming trips. Better yet, let us know what you'd like to do and we'll help you make it happen. Whether you're hardcore or can't remember when you last spent a day outdoors, many great adventures await you. All you need to do is step outside and spend a day with us.

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Coffee Hour Committee

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Want to help new students feel welcome in their new home, encourage returning residents to mingle with their neighbors and make some new friends? We at the S-P Orientation Committee know that the first few weeks of the academic year largely determine the tone and routines of the entire year. To that end, we ensure that everyone's stay here at S-P starts off on the right note.

One of the on-going project that we have in our committee is to compile the most comprehensive entertainment guide for the new incoming students. Our aim this year is to improve our existing entertainment database (restaurant / shopping / recreational guide) such that it can easily be accessible online. Imagine you can add your own comments on the web page and tell the other S-P residents whether you like a particular restaurant you've just been to with your friends!

S-P Orientation Committee also organizes multiple days of fun-filled activities for our residents. This year's event included a trip to the top of the Prudential Skywalk for breathtaking views of the city, followed by ice cream on Newbury Street. We also helped organizing hall get-togethers to "meet the neighbors" and putting on fun events like the Salsa Night. Like to show people around and have a good time? Help kick a new year off to the right start next year and join the S-P Orientation Committee!

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The cultural committee aims at bridging and building upon the different cultures that exist in S-P in specific and MIT in general. The committee's activities aim at raising cultural awareness among residents and encourage cultural exchange between students from different countries, ethnicities, and religions. Through many events, residents can get exposed to new communities, unknown places, and forgotten traditions and present their own culture and participate in current international debates.

Events range from in-house cultural forums, dinners, and coffee hours to outings to Boston's most renowned museums and theaters. The cultural committee also aims to initiate a debate series in which current social/politics/cultural issues are discussed with key speakers. The committee also plans to celebrate special regional or country specific cultural events, through which residents get to know the traditions and history of such practiced festivities.

This is only a small portion of what the cultural committee can do to build upon the cultural diversity and richness of S-P. Therefore, we seek your ideas and opinions on events and discussion topics that might interest you. Please feel free to make suggestions...

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