

SidneyPacific

Graduate Community

Nominations Dinner

Tuesday, March 1st, 2011

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Welcome

- **Overview of achievements and ongoing projects of the government**
- **Provide some inspiration on how you can make a contribution and join the government**

Office of the President

- Representing Sidney-Pacific to other organizations.

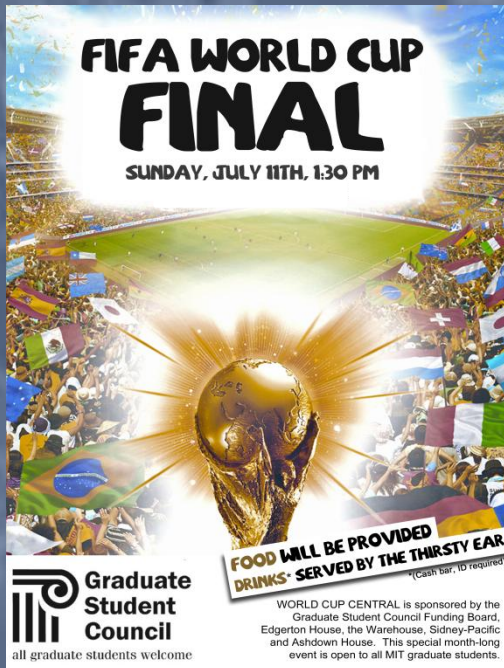


Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Office of the President

- Working with our neighbors.



**FIFA WORLD CUP
FINAL**
SUNDAY, JULY 11TH, 1:30 PM

**FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED
DRINKS SERVED BY THE THIRSTY EAR**
(Cash bar, ID required)

WORLD CUP CENTRAL is sponsored by the Graduate Student Council Funding Board, Edgerton House, the Warehouse, Sidney-Pacific and Ashdown House. This special month-long event is open to all MIT graduate students.




Graduate Student Council
all graduate students welcome

Taste of the Northwest

Friday May 7, 7-9 PM


An evening of catered dining from four northwest graduate dorms

Three Course Meal

Warehouse & Edgerton	Ashdown	Sidney-Pacific
		
Appetizer 7-8pm	Entree + Beer 8-8:30pm	Dessert + Wine 8:30-9pm

Cost: FREE!
Come anytime, all grad students welcome

Sponsored by the Dean for Graduate Education, the Graduate Student Life Grant, the Department of Housing, and GSC Grad Rat



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Office of the President

- **Bringing SPEC, the House Government and the residents together.**



Office of the President



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Hall Council



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Chair of the Halls

Hall Council

- 13 Hall Councilors, each represents approx. 50 residents
- First point of contact with residents
- Build community from the grassroots level



SP ORIENTATION KICKOFF EVENT!

Open Doors Night

Meet



Greet



Eat



Saturday, August 28, 6:30-8:30pm



Bringing Neighbors Together

- Monthly events
- New Resident Welcome Gifts
- Hall Councilor BBQ
- Inter-Hall Events
- House Cup





2010-2011 Sidney-Pacific HOUSE CUP



- Series of hall-based contests
- Promote community through friendly competition



Ecomania Coffee Hour. Feb 9. Trivia and Prizes!



Want to score in the Trivia? Look for the 10 green clues hidden around SP, starting from the lobby!

- Learn about the ABC's of COMPOSTING & RECYCLING
- Composting will be easier than ever at SP! Come and get your first COMPOST BAG!
- Terracycle is back! Bring eligible items to win a SURPRISE RAFFLE PRIZE! [terracycle.net]

Office of Resources

- **Promoting all the resources and facilities Sidney-Pacific has to offer**
 - Purchasing new equipment and inventory
 - Repairing and upgrading existing resources
 - Making equipment and facilities more useful and user-friendly
 - Supporting government and community use of resources
- **Building community**
 - Maintaining a positive, constructive environment for living and learning
 - Fostering resident interest and involvement in music and the arts
 - Engaging the community in maintaining and improving our resources
- **Managing government finances**
 - Securing funding, allocating budgets, processing reimbursements



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Office of Resources



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Controller



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A/V Co-chair



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VP of Resources



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Incoming Residents Welcomed To Sidney-Pacific by Housemasters

By The Housemasters

From the Housemasters Roger and Dottie Mark: Dottie and I extend a warm welcome to all the residents of Sidney-Pacific! We want very much to help build this community of students into a safe, supportive, family where all feel at home.

We are an incredibly diverse and international group, and we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn from each other during our time together!

As housemasters, we are eager to meet each of you and to be available to you both professionally and personally. We will certainly try to be visible at coffee hours and social affairs, and we will host a number of housemaster dinners in our apartment. It is our hope that each resident will attend at least one such dinner during the year. But you do not need to wait for an invitation, drop by any time you want!

Housemasters are faculty members who live in community with students in MIT dorms. We are appointed by the president

and report to the Dean of Student Life.

Our goal is to facilitate the building of community within the living group, to represent and advocate for the needs and desires of the students to the administration, and to communicate the policies of the administration to the students.

We work closely with the officers of the student government as advisors and supporters, but the student government takes full responsibility for policies, strategies, and programming in the dorm. Housemasters, as experienced MIT faculty members, are also available to residents for academic and/or personal issues, and we are particularly pleased when individual students contact us for advice!

From the Associate Housemasters Annette, Roland and Joshua:

Welcome to your new home and to the SP family! Sidney-Pacific is one of the most diverse and active residences at MIT. The building is exceptionally

well-run and organized because it is built on a tradition of students and staff working together to create a stimulating and welcoming home environment. We are happy that you are able to join this remarkable community and hope you will take part in many ways.

Having been students for a very long time ourselves, including studies abroad, we understand much of the excitement and difficulty associated with moving to a new university, a new city, and a new country. We greatly appreciate the diversity of the SP community and hope that we can be of help in supporting your transition to MIT, particularly for international students.

We welcome you to stop by with questions or concerns or simply to come play with Joshua. We look forward to spending time with each of you. We hope that you take advantage of your time at Sidney-Pacific, meet your hall councilors stop by the weekly coffee hour, and join one of the many social and academic committees organized by your house or government.

Inside This Month's Speaker:

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Page 3: Learn About Roger and Dottie

Page 8: Orientation Schedule, Information



Sidney-Pacific Speaker 7

Baby Housemaster Offers Tips For Making the Most Out of Orientation

Dear Baby Housemaster, I am a new graduate student. Can you suggest some ways for me to make some new friends? --Excited New Arrival at MIT

Dear ENAA/MIT, You'll often see me roaming the halls so be sure to say hi. I'll be your friend!

Also, I've noticed the way to make friends at SP is pretty easy. We have tons of events in the dorm to meet people. We're famous for our parties where people come from all over.

But, there are two real secrets to making good friends here. One is to help out with an event

or government activity -- people really bond that way and build a sense of community. A core group of helpers forms which is probably the nicest bunch of people you'll meet.

The second is to hang around a bit at events and try talking to some people instead of just taking the food and running. Watch out! Housemaster Roger might catch you if you do that. --Joshua

Dear Baby Housemaster, I am really enjoying orientation week so far. I am worried, however, about what I will do when the free food runs out. How can I make sure I am well fed next week? --Stomach Brain



Baby Joshua says, "Here's a smile, Pass it on."

Dear Stomach Brain, I have figured out if you say "More pleasee"; people magically hand you food. You can try that out on any of the adult housemasters or hall councilors as they spend most of their budget on feeding residents.

Another tip is that housemaster Dottie always keeps a bowl of goodies outside her door for students who pass by. She changes the treats and decor according to the season. Apartment 568! --BHM

Dear Baby Housemaster, I noticed a lot of students volunteering at Sidney-Pacific's orientation events. What can I do to get involved in the building government?

Dear Eager, Yeah! Somebody who wants to help out! Welcome to SP! You have arrived at the best place to live on campus. And it's the greatest place because so many people volunteer.

1) One easy way is to show up to events and have a good time making the event a success. Also, if you see an event is going to happen, you can volunteer to help out the SP student government officer who is in charge by emailing them.

2) We the housemasters will host a welcome dinner for new students where you can find out about all the offices and volunteer to help out. There's tons of fun stuff you can do. This is the main way people make friends at SP. You can also find all this info on the SP website.

3) There is a SP helpers mail list that occasionally sends out emails asking for last minute help setting up and cleaning up big events like brunches, parties, etc. You can get on the list. --JT

Baby Housemaster's responses are graciously translated by his parents, Annette and Roland.

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Sidney-Pacific hosts its annual

Wine & Chocolate Party

Come enjoy free high quality chocolates while relaxing to a glass of wine! We'll have a **chocolate fountain**, various other desserts, a **live band**, and much more!

Sunday Feb 21 5:30-9pm @ Sidney-Pacific (NW86)



Sponsors: Large Event Fund, Sidney-Pacific



vietnamese cultural
coffee hour

DATE WEDNESDAY NOV 11
TIME 9 PM TO 11 PM
VENUE SP MULTIPURPOSE HALL

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Road trip to Salem, the witch town!

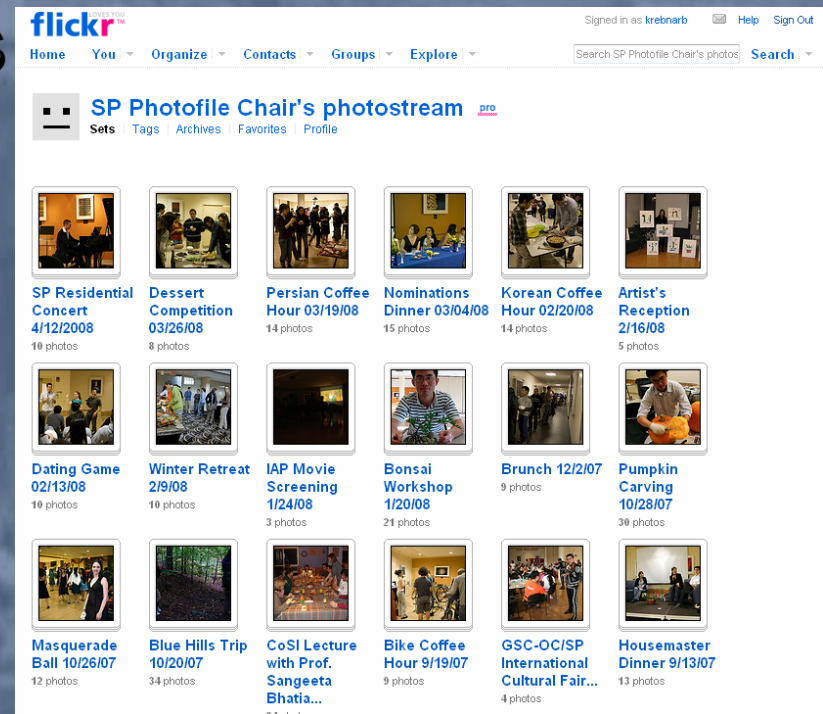


Saturday March 27

You decide your (literary) witch houses, museums, city tours, fortune tellers.
Drivers go for free, \$5 for SP residents, \$10 others (not including activities in Salem).
RSVP to sp-outing-chair@mit.edu before March 25.

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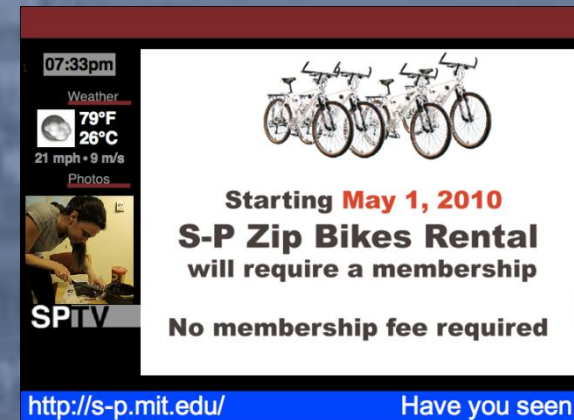
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07:33pm
Weather
79°F
26°C
21 mph • 9 m/s
Photos
SPTV
Starting **May 1, 2010**
S-P Zip Bikes Rental
will require a membership
No membership fee required
<http://s-p.mit.edu/> Have you seen

Upcoming Events

Tue
May 11

LEGS: 105- Group Motivation
12:00PM — 1:30PM, W20-407, jmac@mit.edu
This session will provide valuable skills that you can use to motivate the members of your organization. We will discuss intentional approaches to constructing group buy-in and cohesiveness...



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Office of Residential Life



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Michael Peng
Coffee Hour Chair



Katie Quinn
Cultural Chair



Mark Lipson
Interest Groups Manager



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Orientation Chair



Hussam Zebian
Orientation Co-Chair



Daniel Harris
Outing Chair



Jia Yi Har
Social Co-Chair

Office of Residential Life

End-of-Year BBQ



Chocolate & Wine party



Summer Parties-Water Fights



Brunches



Office of Residential Life

Iron Chef



Orientation BBQ



Outing Events



Halloween Party



Office of Residential Life

Cultural Festival



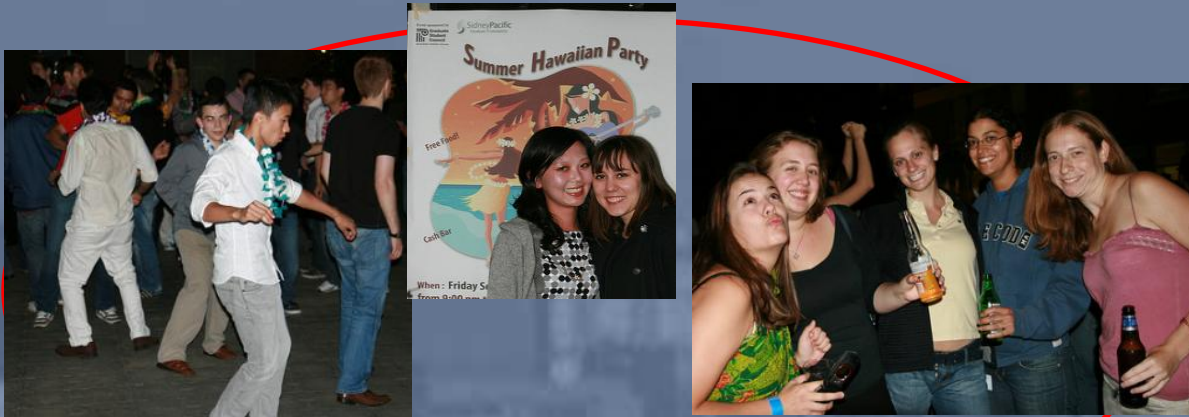
Orientation Reception



SPICE Dinners & Discussions



Office of Residential Life



Orientation Hawaiian Party

Coffee Hours (Regular & Cultural)



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Athletic Activities

Sidney-Pacific Athletics and Social Chairs

collaborating

with Edgerton House, The Warehouse and Ashdown House

Present

The World Cup Central at MIT

(2010 FIFA World cup Semi-Finals)



Interest Group Activities



Top 5 Reasons to Get Involved in the SP House Government

#5 - Get to Meet Local Celebrities



#4 - Get to know your way around a kitchen.



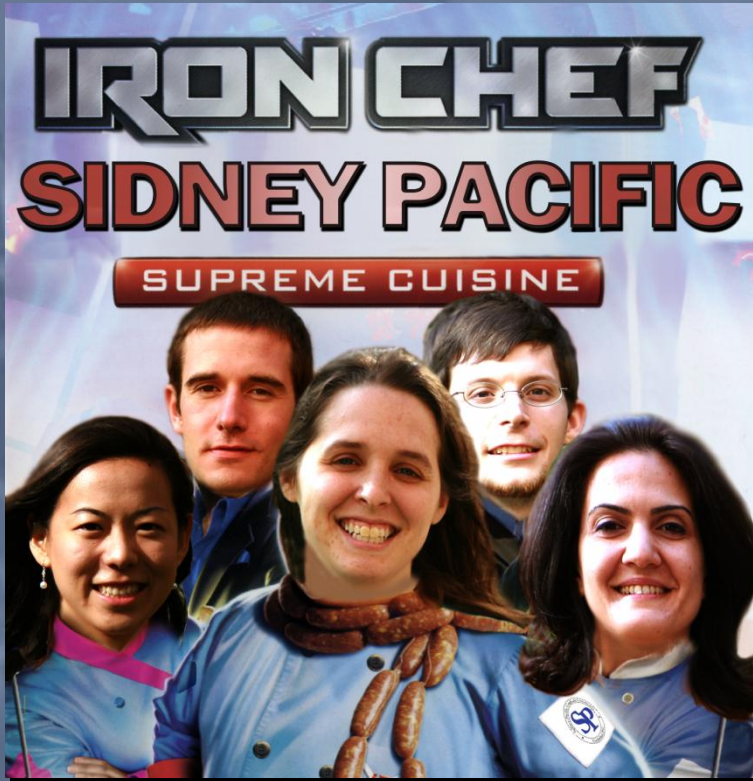
#3 – It's perfectly acceptable to act like a kid!



#2 - You too can become “El Presidente”



#1 - You get to work in a great team and contribute to SP!



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An Opportunity To Lead

- Work with great people
- Meet new friends
- Meet the SP Community
- Help orient new residents



An Opportunity to Give Back



- Help contribute to make SP a better place
- Make the events that make SP great a reality
- Shape SP's Future

A Bit of Business – The Constitutional Amendment

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- **Addition of Section e) to Article VII of the Constitution – Removal from Office**
 - **Removal of Cabinet Members - Cabinet members serve at the discretion of the Executive Council. In the event of a failure to perform the duties expected of their committee or of conduct unbecoming of an officer of Sidney-Pacific, Cabinet members may be dismissed, following the issuance of a written warning by a majority vote of the Executive Council. Such dismissal is subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.**

Constitutional Amendment

- **Vote Results**
Yea:117
Nay:8
Abstain:10
Total Votes:135
Total Possible Votes:679
- **The amendment passes**