



Unveiling the Mystery Behind the Housemaster Selection Process

As many of you are aware, Edgerton is getting a Housemaster! Here is a short recap on the process.

Where is the Housemaster apartment going to be? The Housemaster apartment will encompass the entirety of 023 and 124, and the bedroom of 024. The remainder of 024 will be converted into an efficiency.

When does construction begin? Construction will begin in February. We profusely apologize to those residents forced to move by construction (these people have already been contacted), but the Powers That Be wanted the Housemaster apartment completed for the fall term.

What do I get out of the construction? The construction team will do its best to keep noise to a reasonable level, and heavy construction will be avoided during midterms and finals. In addition to receiving this lovely Housemaster apartment (and the Housemaster), Dennis Collins (Ass. Director of Housing) has indicated that Edgerton will receive several benefits. Edgerton is slated to be the next dormitory to receive the new proximity card readers, and the door by 019 will be opened on card access with security cameras. Additionally, the City of Cambridge is planning on adding a crosswalk in front of Edgerton (after they redo the road).

Are our rents going to be raised to fund this? No, the funding comes out of the campus-wide Housemaster budget.

Who is on the selection committee?

Formally, Dean Larry Benedict makes the selection. The search committee is tasked to identify possible candidates. This committee is headed by Warehouse Housemaster Lori Lerman. Other members include Dan Kirsch (Edgerton RLA), Trudy Morris (Edgerton Housemanager), Jack Ahern (S&P Housemanager), ML Langlie (Student Life), Leeland Ekstrom (former president), Robyn Sanderson (current president), and Kelly Klima (Graduate Coordinator).

When is the deadline for applications?

The deadline for applications for the Edgerton Housemaster has passed. Several potential candidates have expressed their interest in the position.

What happens now that the applications have been received? Next the search committee will interview each of the tenured faculty candidates for one hour to determine whether they may be appropriate to the Housemaster role. If none are appropriate, the search committee will review other candidates.

When do Edgerton residents get to supply input to this process?

The Edgerton Officer Board has yet to identify how they would like to meet and evaluate possible candidates. One suggestion was to have a formal interview over dinner with each candidate (separately), and then invite them all to the biweekly social (together). This, of course, is subject to change.

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When will the Housemaster start? If a candidate has been chosen, the Housemaster will begin interacting with students in the Spring term. The Housemaster will move into their apartment in August.

How long will the Graduate Coordinator position be kept? The Graduate Coordinator role will be kept for transition purposes for the 2007-2008 year. The role's responsibilities will be transferred to the Housemaster and the newly created Student Advisory Board.

What will the Housemaster be like? The general roles and responsibilities of the Housemaster will be the same as in other dorms. The individual personality? I'm sure we'll get a good one. ☺

Anything else I should know? If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact the House government immediately. They will be able to either address your concerns, or direct you to someone who can.

Voting Results

On November 8, the Graduate Coordinator (that's me, Kelly Klima) sat in the lobby from 6pm to 8pm in order to take your votes on updates to the constitution. Here are the topics, and the results.

Topic 1: Should the Information Technology chair be appointed instead of elected?

Passed – so the Information Technology Chair will be appointed instead of elected.

Topic 2: Should the Student Advisory Board be enacted?

Passed – so the Student Advisory Board will be enacted. Official duties are to administer the elections/survey, run the transfer lottery, run the bike purge, and identify new members. There's also a clause regarding "serious dereliction of duty of an officer".... if an officer was not doing his/her duties, the Student Advisory Board would review the charges & if necessary call a house meeting.

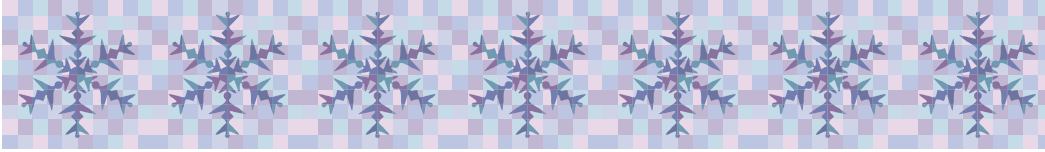
Please welcome our new Student Advisory Board Members!

Biswajit Bose
Leeland Ekstrom
Nicholas Malyska

To contact the Student Advisory Board, email (eh-sab@mit.edu).

Officer Board Update

Upcoming Edgerton events include a Bi-weekly social this Tuesday November 21 at 8pm that will feature Lebanese food and a Lebanese cooking demonstration. After Thanksgiving break there will be a bi-weekly social on December 6th where residents will be able to learn more about the Housemaster selection process and the role this faculty member will play in Edgerton House life beginning next year. The highly popular Late Night Breakfast will also be returning this winter and is tentatively scheduled for December 13th. And look out for the new dry cleaning service, offered by Alpha Dry Cleaning!



IMPORTANT

The Edgerton Graduate Coordinator will be out of the country from November 24 to January 3, so here are a few holiday reminders and useful contact information.

Leaving Town for the Holidays?

Do your holiday plans include a trip out of town? Remember to take care of a few things at Edgerton before you leave:

1. Lock the doors.
2. Shut your windows to prevent cold air from getting inside the apartment and freezing your stuff.
3. Turn out your lights and computers.
4. **TURN OFF YOUR ALARM CLOCKS.**
5. If you plan to be away for a long time, or if you get a lot of mail in a short time, ask someone (like an apartment-mate) to pick up your mail, or fill out a mail forwarding card at the post office.

Or Will You Be Staying in Town?

It will be quiet here and all over campus, but these resources are still available to you:

1. The Front Desk (x3-4933) will be staffed as usual, from 8am to midnight, with just a few gaps expected during Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Be sure to update your guest list.
2. In case of emergencies, dial Campus Police at x100 or x3-1212.
3. For repairs, call x3-1500 to reach the House Manager/facilities on call.
4. For medical emergencies, call x3-1311 for MIT Medical Urgent Care.
5. For Edgerton House concerns, contact the Edgerton Officer Board at eh-officers@mit.edu.
6. For all other concerns (roommate issues, noise complaints, etc), contact the Student Advisory Board (eh-sab@mit.edu) and they will route you to the correct services.

Happy Holidays!

