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MIT Pilots New Housing Community with Meal Kits, Urination/Defecation Schedules









CAMBRIDGE, MA—MIT announced today the formation of a new experimental living community, "Pilot 2021" to replace its failed Senior House dormitory which will be disbanded this Fall. MIT Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart announced, "We are taking full advantage of the complete removal of students from the former Senior House, and are excited about building a new community with a focus on well-being." Bodily functions will play a key part in the new living group's structured program. Branded "Enter the Body Well, Leave the Body Well," MIT will provide the new residents, who are screened through a rigorous application process, with individualized meal kits to be prepared by students at specified times, as well as counseling on managing students' excretory habits, including custom urination and defecation schedules, fully integrated into the curriculum. The program will also include two additional initiatives, Continuous Respiration and Dismemberment Avoidance to round out quality of life improvements. Barnhart noted, "We are particularly pleased to announce Continuous Respiration, which will help students sustain the uninterrupted breathing necessary for life, as well as Dismemberment Avoidance, to ensure full availability of use of all limbs by each and every student, to seize all opportunities for well being." One rising Junior, Katrina Dohrmatt, who is transferring in from another house, said "This looks like a pretty good place to live and I can really use the money they are giving me to move. Plus with the urination and defecation schedules it is one less thing to worry about and I can focus on my studies." MIT has commissioned its research partner University of Michigan to conduct followup surveys to measure the success of the program.

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