SIPB 2006 Computer Tours
Thursday September 7

ATIC Lab *Adaptive Technologies for Information and Computing.* This small office just off of Lobby 7 is home to numerous input devices, old and new. Among its services -- MIT affiliates can take advantage of home loan programs to "check out" alternative mice, keyboards, and other devices to try out at home.

W91 Server room   Home to blah, our guide here is foo, who blah.

W92 Server room   Meep

(Media Lab)   peem?

(CSAIL)   wah!

Jeff Schiller   The MIT Network Manager

SIPB: Student Information Processing Board

Why the *grumpy fuzzball*? Before the age of commonly available scanners, grumpy fuzzball was hand-written pixel-by-pixel by Anne LaVin '85, and has been SIPB's unofficial mascot since the 1980s. Before MIT administered www.mit.edu, SIPB did so — and the grumpy fuzzball was what greeted visitors to MIT's website.

What kind of archaic name is that, anyway? SIPB (now pronounced sip-bee) began in the 1970s as a group of students committed to bringing computing access to students. (At the time, access was doled out as timeshares too precious to waste on students.) Today, SIPB serves as an unofficial, random-hours helpdesk, maintains software unsupported by MIT, and generally works to improve computing at MIT and beyond.

Why are you running these tours? We started running these tours in __, because __. And now? We continue to hope ___. We also hope you find our organization and objectives intriguing and will stop by our meetings (Mondays, 7:30pm, office), hang out in our office (W20-557), and join us in furthering the goals of SIPB. Regardless of your interest, we look forward to answering any questions you may have, whether by dropping by our office, calling (x3-7788), or email (sipb@mit.edu).