Dorm crowding setting record

By Sarah Bingman

Under the shadow of overcrowding, permanent dormitory assignments were distributed Tuesday morning to the 76 freshmen requesting institute housing.

As of 8 am, 579 were placed in dormitories, 179 students remained in limbo, and 256 had pledged fraternity. Of those assigned, 93 percent of the men received their first choice, while only 88 percent of the women had first preference.

When asked if there was a notable shift to “cooking dorms” due to mandatory comments, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Sherwood said, “That did not seem to happen.” He found a noticeable decrease in women’s applications to East Campus, while those to Senior House increased markedly.

Two dorms showed a great increase in popularity. McCormick Hall had to turn away over one-third of its applicants. (Unlike popular belief, women are not guaranteed a room in McCormick, due to its status as the only single-sex women’s dorm on campus. Sherwood said that sufficient single-sex suites existed in combined dorms. Special requests due to the nature of McCormick are given no priority.) Beasley had its highest request rate in recent history, 17 men, 1 woman.

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Thiefs from MIT dormitories

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Dormitory larceny increases

By Laura Farhi

The theft rate in the MIT dormitories has been increasing in recent years, according to information released by the Campus Police.

Reaching a low of $8,837 in 1977, the theft rate climbed up to $17,557 in 1979. The Campus Police have not projected what the theft figures will be this year.

Last year, Senior House lost to one student over $1,000 more than the year before. The number of larcenies at East Campus increased from seven in 1977 to fifteen in 1979. However, in 1979 Ashdown’s theft rate decreased by $1,115 and Eastgate had no thefts.

One of the major reasons for thefts is the open or unlocked door to a room, according to Patrol Officer Anne Glavin.

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Professor fighting govt’t pressure

By Jack Link

An MIT professor’s research into cryptography and computer security drew national attention last week when it was revealed that the National Security Agency (NSA) was interested in the research.

Dr. Leonard Adleman, Associate Professor of Mathematics, currently on a one year leave of absence from MIT at the University of Southern California (USC), submitted a funding renewal request to the National Science Foundation (NSF) to continue research started here.

A telephone conversation on August 12 with NSF led him to believe that funding had been denied to him because of pressure applied by the NSA, thereby sparking the controversy.

Adleman’s research involves the finding of ways to provide security protecting the privacy of individuals and private documents whose records are stored in computer-based information systems.

When electronic data storage has become so prevalent, particularly in government agencies, the privacy issue has wide-ranging implications.

“I find it optimistic and think it inappropriate that NSA got involved at all in my research,” said Adleman. “I have rejected offers from them in the past because of worry they would attempt to restrict the use of the results of my research, which wouldn’t help the public protect its privacy.”

Jack Renirie, head of NSF’s public information branch, denied refusing any funding to Adleman.

“We agreed to fund part of Professor Adleman’s proposal and informed him that NSF was interested in funding the remainder. We did not deny any portion of the proposal. However, it is generally our policy to encourage acceptance by other agencies, when it is offered, due to our limited funds.”

On the other hand, said Renirie, “NSF is definitely not getting out of the new area of research. NSF recognizes the sometimes opposing interests of basic national security and academic freedom. This is a very serious, very complex question that must be decided.”

Adleman says he doesn’t feel NSA’s mission includes deciding such issues. “They are perceived in the academic world as an advocate of academic freedom. They don’t seem to be acting as such in this issue.” He says another “neutral party” should decide the issue.

When The Tech informed Adleman that NSF had not denied funding for his cryptography research, but only refused to provide additional funding, he said, “Then I hope and fully expect that all of my proposal will be funded by NSF as I was assured verbally last June.”

On August 12 Adleman was informed that cryptography sections of his proposal had not yet been funded. The next day, NSA Director Vice Admiral Inman read a letter to Adleman he had sent to NSF regarding Adleman’s proposal. The content of that letter, in Adleman’s view, was to pressure NSF to withhold funding and give NSA control of that part of his research.

Adleman’s proposal was brought to NSA’s attention through the Peer Review System, in which NSF sends proposals to experts for evaluation. In this case, many cryptography experts were in the NSA. Adleman was aware that they would be reviewing his proposal for NSF but was “outraged that they took an independent interest” in his work. He believes approval delay was “purely a result of NSA pressure.”

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McCormick roof loses concrete slab

By Sarah Bingman

"If anyone was sitting under it, it would have been a kiss goodbye," said a construction worker dealing with a 12-foot by 5-foot concrete slab which fell off the McCormick East Penthouse overnight August 24.

Construction workers currently on the project said that steel pins holding the overhang in place pulled away from the concrete, leaving the slab free.

Both penthouses as well as the courtyard were closed off pending inspection. Only the East Penthouse remains closed. All of the pins on that penthouse must be replaced, and torn stucco must be put back on the front of the building where the concrete actually fell. The penthouse will not be open until this is accomplished, which could be three to four weeks.

CAMPUS POLICE responded promptly to the emergency, sealing off the area and clearing the broken glass.

Norina Mele, McCormick House Manager, said there was absolutely no warning. She did not see it happening any of the activities and emphasized further, "We're working on it as fast as we can."

An eyewitness to the accident said there was a huge noise and then the large plate glass windows collapsed. The concrete panels comprising the overhang fell off onto the walk below immediately after the noise. The witness had been sitting under the roof, but she moved inside a moment before the crash occurred.

World

Polish strikers return to work — Satisfied with concessions made by the government, thousands of Polish workers ended an 18-day strike that severely hampered the nation's coal mines, the country's leading export earner. The government released strike-supporting dissidents and granted the workers the right to strike and to form unions.

Nation

Presidential campaigns kick off — Monday, Labor Day, signified the formal beginning of the fall presidential campaign. President Carter started his campaign at a rally in Tuscumbia, Alabama by assailing the Ku Klux Klan and praising the "discipline, tenacity and courage" of John Anderson castigated both Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan in a speech in Chicago, calling Reagan "irrelevant" and Carter a puppet of current public opinion. Reagan formally started his campaign in Jersey City, New Jersey by attacking Carter for starting his campaign in the "city that gave birth to the Ku Klux Klan." All the vice-presidential candidates were, as usual, hidden from sight.

Local

33 Dunster St. robbed — Three male gunmen, one armed with a shotgun and one with a pistol robbed the manager of 33 Dunster Street, a Cambridge restaurant, of $6000 in cash from a safe. The robbery occurred early Monday morning when only a private party still remained in the restaurant. No arrests have yet been made by the police.

Weather

Generally cloudy this morning with some scattered showers, becoming partly sunny this afternoon. Not quite as warm as yesterday's high of 96, with highs 85-89. Clear and pleasant tonight with lows 62-66. For Thursday, mostly sunny but cooler. Highs 80-84. Chance of rain 40% tonight through Thursday. Meanwhile, in the central Atlantic, the season's 5th depression threatens to become Tropical Storm Danielle.

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Grays' priorities

Walking around at Fridays Freshman Picnic, I have to admit I had a hard time keeping my mind on the speakers. I was really getting into the Missy Whippes being dished out by the trucks parked around the Great Court. Even Paul Gray devoured his Whippie with great abandon.

One thing did penetrate the ice cream and the betting about when the rains would come. The speakers seemed to be combating the MIT stereotype before it could take hold in the new class. President Gray led the way with virtually a full frontal assault on congratulations to "academic endeavors narrowly defined." He baud, told them, and don't let your worries about failing muck up your MIT experience.

Don't let your schooling get in the way of your education.

The most important skill I acquired during my R/O Week, two long years ago, had nothing to do with academics. It has proven, however, to be essential to my survival as a perpetually broke, debt-ridden student.

Leaming to locate free food is both an enjoyable challenge and a useful ability during times of extreme hardship or times immediately following unavoidable record sales. Although the period of highest availability of free food obviously falls during R/O Week, opportunity knocks fairly regularly during the year for those interested enough to keep their eyes (and noses and mouths) open.

One such opportunity occurs next weekend, at the President's Reception. This one's primarily for freshmen, so save it while you may. Independent Activities Period in January is a good time to be on the lookout for cooking classes, wine-tasting groups and other events which provide no-cost nourishment. The major free food opportunity of opening term is Spring Weekend, which culminates in a picnic serving all the foods you can eat, or if you show up early enough.

Of course, as thermodynamics tells us there's no such thing as a free lunch. The trick is getting someone else to pay for the food, and this will usually require you to do something in return. Joining student activities is one good way to earn some food at no monetary cost to yourself. If you're in pizza, the place to be is the fourth floor of the Student Center. Free pizza is a popular way of pleasing starving masses of activity members during prolonged periods of intense work. If you're in the New York area, though, you'll probably be very disappointed with the quality of Boston pizza, especially which that can be obtained at no charge.

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'Pippin' takes Kresge by storm

Pippin, Stephen Schwartz's musical comedy, directed by Catherine Bernard, is playing in the Little Theatre of Kresge Auditorium September 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. Not many people can become a scholar, a soldier, a radical, a king, an artist, a churchman, and a lover, all within the space of a lifetime. But this near impossibility convincingly takes place in the MIT Musical Theatre Guild's extraordinary production of Pippin, which opens this fall's theater season at MIT.

Pippin is a delightful musical that follows a man's search for a meaningful existence. The oldest son of Charlemagne, Pippin returns from his university education at Padua restless and eager to challenge the world. His lofty ideals are toppled one by one, however, when he comes to grips with the cruel realities of life. He eventually falls in love with a rich widow who owns a large estate, comes to appreciate the value of his ordinary circumstances, and chooses a commonplace life over the great country estate.

Charlemagne (Brad Walters) advises Pippin (Bill Glickman) on the rigors of battle. (Photo by Rick Parker)

In the MIT production, Bill Glickman '83 does an exceptional job of bringing the role of the Leading Player, Anne Fabor, who fills in the gaps in Pippin's story with an excetent voice and some marvelous dancing. Special mention should also be made of Brad Walters, whose portrayal of Charlemagne sparkles with his clever wit and humorous touch.

The performance is remarkably fast paced, though the lack of an intermission makes the play an exhausting experience for the audience. The set is used in a number of clever ways, and the choreography of the musical numbers is first-rate. Pippin is a musical noted for several highly symbolic and difficult to stage scenes; one example would be the portrayal of Charlemagne's war against the Visigoths. MTG successfully pulls off these scenes with great effect. The play is also interspersed with several humorous side-tracks; Pippin's perky grandmother, played by Phyllis Levine, ends up drawing points of advice to her grandson.

Another noteworthy feature of Pippin is its outstanding musical score. The singing by all of the participants is excellent, but unfortunately the musical accompaniment for the songs is almost audible at times. This problem arises from the fact that the instruments are located behind the stage. The music, soft to begin with, is simply unable to penetrate when the curtains are closed and the action is set in front.

Despite these minor problems, the net result of the MTG's efforts is one of their best productions in recent years. Pippin is a very entertaining and funny play that makes its point in a rather subtle manner.

It is worth seeing not only as a sharp theatrical production, but also as an instructive tale about an idealist face to face with the real world.

Joe Krist

MIT Musical Theatre Guild

The MIT Musical Theatre Guild is proud to present Pippin, Stephen Schwartz's widely acclaimed musical comedy about a man's search for a meaningful existence. Performances are at 8pm September 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 and 2pm September 6. Tickets are $4.50, or $2.50 with MIT ID.

MOVIES

Off the Wall presents a double opening on Wednesday, September 3. Off the Wall (the title role alone. His glittering eyes and infectious enthusiasm keep the play moving from start to finish. Another fine job of acting is done by the Leading Player, Anne Fabor, who fills in the gaps in Pippin's story with an excellent voice and some marvelous dancing. Special mention should also be made of Brad Walters, whose portrayal of Charlemagne sparkles with his clever wit and humorous touch.

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This week's LSC lineup:

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Oh, God! Sat. at 7 & 9:30 in Kresge.
Doctor Strainglow Sun. at 6:30 & 9 in 26-100.

THEATER

The American Repertory Theatre announces its first scheduled production of its 1980-81 season, William Shakespeare's comedy As You Like It, opening September 11 and running through October 18. For ticket information, call 547-8300.

The Last Minstrel Show, a full scale musical production, will have its pre-Broadway tryouts at the Charles Playhouse beginning September 7. Performances Tues.-Fri. at 8pm; Sat. at 6:30 and 9:30pm; Sun. at 3 and 7:30. For more information and reservations, call 426-6912.

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The Institute held true to its promise of a 25 percent female population in all previously coed houses. There were seven freshmen admitted to Random Hall, three by first choice, three by second choice, one by third choice. Besides the one...
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Fall sports gear up for campaigns

By Bob Hood
With the advent of a new school year, it is again time for the fall sports at MIT to begin their seasons.
The field hockey team, under the direction of coach Debbie Clum, hopes to improve upon last year's 6-4-2 record. The season opener is at Pine Manor, a team that MIT defeated last year 1-0, on September 22. The home opener is two days later against Nichols.

MIT's cross country team is coming off a 4-2-1 year, and will face RPI and WPI in a triangular meet at home on September 20. Last year MIT swept the meet, winning 34-40 against RPI and 34-50 against WPI.

Jack Barry's golfers are returning from a 4-1 1979 season, opening at St. Anselm's with Merrimack on September 14. The team defeated St. Anselm's last year 409-427, but lost narrowly to Merrimack 428-425.

The water polo team, third place finishers in last year's New Englands, tackles Boston University in Alumni Pool on September 17 in the season opener. The team is out to better last year's 9-8 mark.

Also competing this fall are the baseball team (2-8 last year), opening against Babson on September 11; the football club (3-4), facing Norwalk on September 21; and the men's and women's sailing teams, both starting their seasons with the MIT Invitational on September 15.

The soccer team (2-10-1) starts its fall campaign September 17 at Harvard, the volleyball team (7-8) opens against Salem State on September 24, and the men's (6-3) and women's (3-7) tennis teams begin September 16 vs. Clark and September 18 vs. Brandeis, respectively, both at home.

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