Housing still uncertain for dozens of freshmen

By Kenneth Snow

The University of Massachusetts in Amherst (UMass)  closed its 41 dormitories and canceled classes for its 24,000 students last Thursday, due to a severe water shortage. Classes had started on the previous Wednesday.

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The number of participants dwindled to 17 upon their arrival at building E18, where they were greeted by no less than four CPs. The demonstrators chanted outside E18—301, the housing office, but they were not permitted inside. However, Ferer was permitted to stage a one-woman sit-in.

The chant changed to "Hotels for Freshmen" and continued for forty minutes until the group was informed that Associate Dean for Housing Sherwood was on his way over to speak with the group. When Sherwood arrived, less than a dozen demonstrators remained, none of them freshmen, outnumbered by the CPs and media people assigned to the event.

Sherwood asked the demonstrators if they had "anything instructive to say, or if you just like to yell." A polite conversation ensued in which the demonstrators expressed their concern for the homeless freshmen, and the upperclassmen who had been removed "by someone who was supposed to stage a one-woman sit-in."

"Those of us who live here have way too much to deal with already than to put up with overcrowding, too," said Gontran—Kenwood '82, a resident.

"It's atrocious, said David Kazden '81 of Burton, where one of the most severe overcrowding has taken place.

Asked by the protestors what would be done in the future to prevent a recurrence of the situation, Sherwood said: "There were simply too many students. I don't know what we'll do if we blow it again next year. For the past three years, I've been telling [Peter H.] Richardson, Director of Admin (Physics Page 2)"

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An unidentified student improvised a place to finish filling out forms at registration yesterday. (photo by Lance Rinker)
Dean, housing protestors talk

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sions), he should admit fewer stu-

The program included a discussion of the MIT Select Grant and the role of the MIT Select Grant in the University's research divers. Those interested in expanding the scope of the grant and personnel interested in participating in the development of the grant are encouraged to attend.

n Rowell's talk on the site of an old world galleon

The granting of the MIT Select Grant has led to a renewed interest in the site of an old world galleon. The site is located near the site of a major early settlement, and the remains of the ship are visible at low tide.

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Muskie to talk — The United States is ready for "technical and preparatory talks" with the Soviet Union on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie announced this on the CBS-TV news program "Face the Nation." In addition, Muskie said he supported the presidential directive on limiting nuclear weapons in Europe, the Soviet Union, and the United States.

Weathers

Mostly sunny and pleasant today, with some increasing clouds this afternoon. Look for a chilly morning, with temperatures in the low 40s. Rain is possible overnight and during the morning, with temperatures in the low 50s. Winds will be light and variable.

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- opposing legislative efforts to water down Cambridge receivers of tenant protection

Peter Vellucci on the Issues

Community activist Peter Vellucci is waging a strong issue-oriented campaign against a 16-year incumbent in the September 16 Democratic primary. Vellucci seeks to represent a diverse district which includes East Cambridge, M.I.T., and most of the Central Square area. Vellucci's well-thought-out positions offer a refreshing change from the usual State House political games.

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The Dog Law

The behavior of pets often affects others, especially in public areas such as parks, shopping centers, and public transportation. It is important for dog owners to be responsible and respectful of others.

Peter Vellucci has proposed a Dog Law initiative that would require all dogs to be on a leash in public areas and would impose fines for violations.

Honesty in Government

The state building investigation has revealed an intolerable pattern of corruption in public construction. Peter Vellucci—unlike the incumbent representative—supports this investigation and wants to see it carried through to a conclusion. He will work to use Massachusetts' wealth of engineering talent to make public construction something we can point to with pride and use of confidence.

The Bottle Bill

Everyone cares about the environment. Peter Vellucci believes that the best way to protect the environment is to reduce waste. The Bottle Bill is a simple, effective solution. It would reduce the amount of glass waste and would provide a financial incentive for recycling.

Peter Vellucci has proposed a Bottle Bill initiative that would require a deposit on all bottles and cans. The proceeds from the deposit would be used to support environmental education programs.
Boston’s Jubilee climaxes soon

By Laura Farhie

Boston will celebrate its 350th anniversary this month with a host of events free to the general public, known as Jubilee 350. The events which might prove most attractive to MIT students will be the gigantic cake picnic, Grand Parade, Boston Symphony Orchestra concert and laser light show, all on Sunday, September 21, according to a spokesman at the Jubilee 350 information center.

The picnic on the Boston Common from 11am to 1pm will be featuring a cake "the size of a room", duplicating the original Faneuil Hall of 1740, states Sally Steegenberg in Jubilee 350 magazine. She writes, "Using historic plans and drawings, a group of bakers and engineers have taken several months to fashion the cake in the shape of the 240-year-old building. They are sending it in parts for assembly in Boston, like a prefabricated house, and reassembling it to stand in the middle of the Boston Common."

Though the cake does not break the record set in 1976 at Baltimore for the largest cake, as some Jubilee creators had hoped, it is expected to serve 50,000 people, and ice cream will be distributed along with it.

At 1pm on September 21, 20,000 people from all over the nation and abroad will be participating in a parade of marching bands, floats and personalities, according to the Jubilee 350 information center. The marchers will "wend their way from Back Bay to Beacon Hill to Government Center and end in downtown Boston," states Jubilee 350 magazine.

On Sunday will close with a free concert by the Boston Pops Orchestra at 8pm on City Hall Plaza, followed by a fireworks show.

"Boston Week" begins on September 12, when "Lord Boston of Faversham, the descendant of the original founders of Boston, and the Lord Mayor of Boston are greeted at the opening ceremonies at the states Jubilee 350 magazine. On Tuesday September 16 there will be a celebration of the 240th birthday of the Paul Revere House on North Street. At 11am Tuesday marks the beginning of a series of free weekly lectures concerning Boston's political history and states Jubilee 350 magazine.

James Michael Curley Time Capsule, buried in 1930, will be opened at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday, September 17. A new Time Capsule, to be opened in 2030, will be buried Wednesday in its place. On the following two days, stations will be dedicated to two "esteemed Bostonians," James Michael Curley and Richard Patrick Cushing, respectively, says Jubilee 350 magazine. A "Conference of the Great Cities of the World," consisting of mayors, architects, planners, and cultural and business leaders form 25 world cities, will be held the week after "Boston Week."

"The City as a Place for People" will be the theme for the conference, and each city delegation will present a program on a project that has helped its citizens. MIT's Laboratory of Architecture and Urban Planning is one of the sponsors of these programs. One of the few Jubilee 350 events with a substantial fee will be the "Grand Ball at City Hall," on September 20. Boston Birdbate, "Jubilee 350 doesn't generate money," said the spokeswoman at the information center. However, the spokeswoman added that with the thousand or so people who pass through the greeting center daily, Boston's facilities for tourists, such as hotels and restaurants, must be taking in extra money.

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Confusion in the ranks

Let's put a couple of things together. When some rich alumnus donated $2 million to begin the construction of Memorial Drive (that's the favored title over Next House these days), Vice-President Constantine Simonides said that the new housing space would allow MIT to raise the class size to 1100. This raise in the class size would help raise the additional dough needed to pay for the dorm. At that time they put the total bill for the dorms at $10 million. Now it's up to $11.2 million.

Last year the Academic Council, which is comprised of all the Deans and Vice-Presidents, authorized a raise in the class size to 1075. Actually they said between 1060 and 1075, but it's been a little while since the Admissions Office fell short.

The Academic Council's stated intention at the time was to raise the class size to 1100 next year when the new dorms are completed. Last May, the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority issued a $38 million bond series to finance MIT's construction of the Medical Center and New Dormitories. A letter from MIT Vice-President Stuart Cowan, who sits on the Academic Council, is contained in the report accompanying the bond issue. It shows undergraduate enrollment at MIT going from 4478 in 1979-80 to 4500 this year (this was before the oversight), and to 4560 in 1982-83. That means another hike in the class size. Right there in writing. Some other relevant things happened along the way. Undergraduate laboratories were embarrassingly overcrowded last year. There was a crunch for classroom space. And this year, as I write this, there are still undergraduates housed in NRSF. In fact, one is reading over my shoulder right now.

Today, Dean Robert Sherwood will address the Academic Council on this year's housing debacle. The only logical conclusions which can be drawn from his figures are that class size must shrink if MIT is not to ignore its pledge to house transfers and readmits in 500 Memorial Drive. In fact, one is reading over my shoulder right now.

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Split Enz: True Colours on A&M SP-4822
Every once in a while, an album comes along which makes you run out and buy every other release by the group, and which makes you wonder why you haven’t heard of them before. True Colours, the new release by Australia’s Split Enz, is such an album.
Split Enz picks up other artists’ riffs and sounds all over this record. It appears to be more of an attempt to poke fun at other groups’ styles than to be very derivative in itself. “I Got You” starts off with a blatant ripoff of synth-tensions from Cars, only to erupt into a joyous release of inner fears and doubts. “Shark Attack” combines a Parallel Lines-era Blondie double-time beat and some great keyboards-underwater sounds with... SURPRISE!!! Indeed, the expected world-wide-sounding and no one-guess-the-best-of-our-punk-lyrics, we get the tale of a guy who gets flushed down by his lover. “What’s the Matter With You?” is another tip of the hat to the Beatles “Baby, You Can Drive My Car?” And lastly, “How Much More Love” sounds like a cross between Barry Manilow love songs and the Joe Cocker. I hope I never have to cry again. I hope I never have to sigh again. I hope I never have to see you again.

We've got other influences, many too many to count. Split Enz is anything but predictable. The two instrumentalists are anything but throwaways. “Double Happy” is extremely intense, with a full-scale musical production, will have its premiere on the 1st of October.

The Rendezvous, 24 Holyoke St. Harvard Sq., 347-7000.

In Harvard Square there is a small restaurant serving food of an intriguing nature—Vietnamese cuisine. The name is also intriguing—The Rendezvous. It is a downtown restaurant with an unusual atmosphere: there are small tables arranged around the edges of the room leaving an empty center. I have few clues as to why. If it is intended as a dance floor, there is no music with which to dance. It is certainly a good conversation piece, since there is little else inside this restaurant worth mentioning, except perhaps a fish tank that adorns one wall—you can’t miss it, it has a very loud bubbler.

The service is brisk and the courses come too rapidly. They seem to rush you, although they do make a good attempt at being pleasant during the process.

The food is bland, the portions are small, and the wine list is abbreviated. Most of the dishes are served with lemon grass, lettuce, radish, and cucumber. There is also a sauce that seems to make several appearances that is composed of lemon, gingerm, and bean. Noodles are not served. The sauce is not exciting.

Grading on a scale of 1-5, The Rendezvous scores as follows:

Food: 2.5 All in all the food is uninspiring and there is not much more than a snack provided on the plate. This is terrible for those on a diet!
Atmosphere: 2 None to be seen.
Service: 2 Too much at the wrong time. The customer is not made to feel comfortable.
Price: 2 Even though the prices are in the range of $5.50 per entree, and dinner with an appetizer, tax and tip can be had for about $10.00, you do not get enough food for your money—and you don’t get anything else either.

Overall: 2 When planning to have your own rendezvous, have it elsewhere.

Jonathan Cohen

The Rendezvous: somewhere else

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Another factor causing the lack of space is the recent tendency to admit larger freshman classes than previously. The last of the small classes was '55, while '56 is the first of the larger classes. A small class was graduated last spring and a large class admitted this fall, and to this difference in numbers a large part of the difficulty can be traced. As Prof. Thresher put it, "It's tending to build up."

But no immediate remedy is offered. Even if the money and ground space were available, a new dormitory would not be built in a year, and much the same problem is predicted for next fall. The maintenance of Walker gym as a temporary living space has started on September 17 and will probably continue through October 1 or possibly longer. At present, however, very few students are still staying in Walker. The Institute, although not obligated to house the entire student body, feels its first obligation to be toward the freshman class, and for this reason all freshmen are provided for. By Monday, October 3, the end of the pledge period, a few more freshmen will be pledged to fraternities and their beds in the dormitories vacated, which will provide a slight alleviation, but the general problem will remain unchanged, and there is apparently no other source of relief.

At present, there are approximately 175 upperclassmen on the waiting list for dormitory rooms. The waiting list for Westgate numbers about 150 families. Large numbers of graduate students are forced to seek residence off campus; the shortage is acute on every hand.
DuPont hours fixed for year

By Bob Hout

The athletic department has announced the hours of the athletic facilities for the 1980-81 academic year.

The DuPont athletic center including the DuPont lobby and the Briggs Field House will be open this fall daily from 7am until 8pm. The first hour reservation will be at 9am with the last reservation accepted for 9pm. The DuPont equipment window will be open on weekdays from 10am to 8pm, and will be open from 10am to 9pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

As for the saunas, alumni pool, Rockwell Cage, rifle and pistol range, training rooms and weight rooms, users are advised to consult the schedules posted at these facilities.

The new event center, including the ice rink, track, field rooms, users are advised to check the schedules posted after its opening in early November. There have been no official word on the DuPont athletic center activities.

The new event center is scheduled to open in early November. (Photo by Rick Parker)