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**Limbo frost will pay rent**

By Ivan Fong

The six freshmen residents of Ashdown House will be charged a reduced, prorated rent for the rooms they have been occupying since the beginning of the term, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Sherwood, yesterday.

"We were informed a week or two ago," said Mark Chase '84, one of the Ashdown residents, "and it [the rent] should have been less than the $350 to $360 we would be charged if we were in a regular dorm room." The actual rent has not yet been said, according to Carl Godkin '84, another of the freshmen in the temporary rooms.

Sherwood reported that the six freshmen now residing in lounges and a TV room on the first floor of Ashdown will be assigned dormitory rooms at the end of the fall term, and given their first choice if possible.

"If the past has been any indication at all, there will be rooms opening up soon," he added, "they will have to move out of Ashdown." Director of Housing and Food Services H. Eugene Brammer agreed, saying "any open space will be offered to them, and hence on the past this should be no problem."

Godkin said he was "pretty happy" with his housing situation, and said that he hopes "we will be given first priority in any rooms that open up in our first choices." The freshman were offered rooms at Random Hall and East Campus earlier in the fall, but the six opted to stay in Ashdown for the remainder of the term.

Both Chase and Godkin cited the large size of the rooms as a factor in their decisions, though Chase commented, "We have to go downstairs and across the building to get a shower, and it's hard not having any other (undergraduate) students around.

Robert Halizer, family resident at Ashdown, said he personally had no objection to their staying next term, though he thought that graduate students at Ashdown should be entitled to their common areas, such as the rooms the freshmen now occupy.

Halizer noted that there have been no complaints from any of the Ashdown residents so far.

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**Statewatch**

**MBTA closing may looming near**

By Richard Salt

In an effort to avoid a court-ordered shutdown Friday, the Massachusetts State Legislature held a special session yesterday to keep the financially-strapped MBTA operating for the rest of the year.

The Supreme Judicial Court ruled Sunday that Governor Edward King's takeover of the "T" was illegal and gave him until Friday to legally secure funding. If King, the Legislature, and the MBTA Advisory Board fail to reach an agreement, the T will cease operations at the end of this week. The Advisory Board is normally responsible for funding the T.

Bus leaders and their lobbyists have now entered the controversy in an effort to insure that the MBTA keeps running. Business leaders want to keep it running, even if it means putting aside a long-term solution for the time being and working on a day-to-day basis for appropriations, according to Dave Driscoll, a financial vice president of Filene's, quoted in yesterday's Boston Globe.

The current problem reached a head when the MBTA ran out of money on Nov. 18. King invoked emergency powers to take over the T for the second straight year. The T's budget ran dry after the Advisory Board voted down additional funds for the utility for the fourth time this year. As early as February 25, MBTA officials admitted that if they continued their present rate of spending they would run out of money by September.

As of last night the Legislature had not come up with a solution.

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By Alain d'Honthe

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President-elect Reagan has repeatedly criticized the Carter Administration policy of suspending military aid to countries which violate human rights. Apparently in referring to Nicaragua in his press conference two days after the election, Reagan said, "...our record of turning away from countries that were basically friendly to us, because of some disagreement on some facet of human rights, and then finding that the result was that they have lost all human rights in that country—that isn't a practical way to go about that."

One enthusiastic supporter of a revised Latin American policy is David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank who recently toured South Korea, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil. Speaking to an audience of government and business leaders in Argentina on Nov. 19, Rockefeller said, "I think Mr. Reagan will base his foreign policy on US national interest," such as trade and natural resources.

A moderate military faction staged a coup in El Salvador in October 1979. The junta was formed from a broad political spectrum, with members from the Christian and Social Democratic Parties, the Catholic Church, and the Communist Party alongside the military men. Plans for fascist and agrarian reform were then adopted to break the extreme concentration of wealth and land.

The Carter Administration has portrayed the junta as a backers of the moderate factions of left and right, and claims to have defended the junta from attempted coups from the right.
Tension increases between Syria and Jordan — The possibility of armed conflict between Syria and Jordan after last weekend, as Syria disabled its forces on Jordan’s border. Yesterday, Soviet First Vice-President Vitaly Kluevetsky left for Syria to exchange ratifications of the Soviet-Syrian friendship treaty signed in October. Jordan replied to the Syrian buildup by strengthening its own border forces Monday, when King Hussein of Jordan threatened to “cut off the arm” of any troops attacking Jordan.

Haiti suppresses critics — Opposition politicians, journalists, and human rights activists were arrested Sunday, in what foreign diplomats described as a government attempt to draw attention from Haiti’s economic crisis. Haitian foreign exchange reserves have plummeted from $42 million to $4 million since 1979. Those arrested were still being held incommunicado without charge yesterday.

Uruguay votes down new constitution — Uruguayans voted Sunday for the first time in seven years, as they decided to reject a new constitution proposed by Uruguay’s current military regime. Voting was mandatory for Uruguay’s two million registered voters. The new constitution was proposed a month ago, when the military government allowed political debate to resume for the first time since Congress was abolished in 1973.

India admits blinding episode — 31 suspected criminals have been blinded in the past year by state police, admitted Indian officials Sunday. Fifteen policemen in the northern Indian state of Bihar have been suspended and charged with “negligence.” According to press reports, the policemen pierced the eyes of the suspects with bicycle spokes, then poured in acid to ensure total blindness. The case first attracted attention when prison authorities asked the national government for extra guards to care for the blinded prisoners.

More tremors shake Italy — A series of fourteen tremors rocked southern Italy Sunday and Monday, but no new casualties were reported. Despite the new tremors, hundreds of earthquake survivors are resisting government efforts to more them into hotels and other temporary housing. The toll from the November 23 earthquake now stands at 2,013 dead, 1,574 missing, 7,058 injured, and 36,000 homeless.

Mostly cloudy today with a few showers scattered amidst more widespread drizzle. Winds will be easterly.

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New Tech Board to begin 2nd century

Special to the Tech

Amidst an air of gaily rarefied noise, the Harvard Undergraduate Student Association (HUSU) installed its new management board. The proceedings of Volume 100 are currently on route to an academic year free of the political machinations that marred its predecessor. The student body's voice is now being heard in a more professional environment, as evidenced by the new board's sentence-

The news editors for Volume 101 of The Tech are Jerri-Lynn Scofield '83 and Ivan Pong '83, both formerly associate news editors. Their coverage of The Tech's spring election meeting is expected by the end of the academic year.

In other departments, new editors, who do their best work when the sun goes down, will be Cindy Dunning '81, Y. Michael Bowi, '81, Judy Panassie '81, and Paul Gabelsalv '84. The new photography editor, who doesn't have to wait for the sun to go down, is Steven Cohen, '84.

Eric Fleming '82 will continue to cover the Sports section. Arts will be vigilantly followed by Shomee Wadi and Jonathan Richman

Gordon Hunter G.owed his last issue from Madison Avenue to oversee the Advertising Department in Alan frecher '83. Adding their expertise as contributing editors to board 101 are Kevin Babcock '82 and Lloyd Schaffter '82.

Put out to pasture, rounding out the managing board as senior editors are Steven Sollock '81, Robert Host '81, Michael Tavern '81, and Gordon Hunter G.

The new board's sentence begins with the first issue of the spring term.

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Annoncements

In an effort to encourage MIT students to contact applicants, the Admissions Office has available at present lists of high school seniors who have filed preliminary applications. The Admissions Office will call on the list to contact and inform them of the letter from MIT and to answer their questions.

On Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Chemistry Room B-103, there will be a meeting for women students. All women students are encouraged to come and are asked to bring letters to encourage women to accept admission to MIT.

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If you're too busy this term to stop in, come by during IAP and see what's going on (We'll still be here!).
Santa Claus is coming to town

It's almost Christmas, judging from the toy commercials still echoing in my ears — even as the turkey settles in my stomach.

As I sat mesmerized before my television at home, watching Peter Ponda rollerkite through the bicycle section of a toy castle no less than 30 times in a single hour, I began to wonder in myself whether Santa Claus would be getting any Christmas lists from Cambridge. I was so sure he would that I ruffled a few mailboxes when I returned and am publishing a story I found. Maybe Claus Jr. will get to read this while waiting for an admissions interview (you just about need a computer science degree to be a toy manufacturer these days):

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Dear Santa:

Great, Robert Holden, Assoc. DSA

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Santa think, huh? Write me back quick; I've got an offer from HP already.

Joe Gluckman, VI '84

Dear Santa:

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Peter Richter
Director of Admissions

Dear Santa:

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Robert Sherwood
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Robert Holden, Assoc. DSA

One for the Class of 2009

The Tech's editor in chief wrote a column recently saying he would not want to send his kids to MIT. Since then I have noticed an intéressant trend. A Tech alumnus who was in the same class as Paul Gray recently told me that he won't recommend MIT to his college-bound son. Another alumnus long ago suggested that I should not go to the Tech as an undergraduate, but rather maybe as a graduate student. My father even recommended that I should choose a school other than the Institute. In fact, I can't remember anyone ever recommending MIT to me for undergraduate study.

MIT was never my first choice for college. I only applied out of curiosity to see if it would be accepted. I fully believed what everyone told me about the Institute's graduate student oriented, narrow focus in classes and in student life, women, many weirdos, no social life, and endless hard work. It was a blow both to myself and my father when I chose MIT after my first choice school turned me down. We both pictured becoming a social misfit, never having any fun outside of my coursework (if then), losing all interest in the "real world" and "real people." I found out when I got here that many of my classmates had similar worries about themselves.

Happily, the horror stories didn't become reality. Oh sure, MIT is not geared for a typical undergraduate education or a normal social life (whatever that is) and tends to become a sort of ivory tower. My guess after talking to people at other schools is that science and engineering departments at most colleges have similar problems. As with everything else at MIT, if a student wants a broader educational base, a more normal social life or a closer connection with current events, that student is going to have to want it and to work for it, often quite hard.

The environment at MIT does not create social misfits. MIT does, however, attract students with a narrow field of interests, not creative. MIT does, however, attract students with a narrow field of interests, not creating social misfits. MIT is, however, a leader (if not the leader) among science and engineering schools, a position which would be seriously threatened if resources are spread too thinly. Already laboratories are overcrowded, professors are overworked, classes are understaffed, and facilities are overloaded.

I can't say if I would recommend MIT to my son or daughter when that decision has to be made. It would depend on whether I felt their future could be beneficially affected by attending and also on whether we as a family could tolerate the financial burden. I have enjoyed and benefitted from MIT, there is no reason to suspect that my children could not in the future.
Thanksgiving wasn't as pleasant for some as it was for others. I'm not sure why I felt I had to take these, ... but I did.

Photos by Rick Parker

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Linda Schaffi

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Call To Order
The next meeting of the General Assembly will be on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30pm. It will take place at McCormick Hall.

Agenda
1. Announcements: Commons Task Force
2. Floor Leader's Report
3. Ombudsmen's Report
4. Discussion led by Corporation Executive Committee
5. Discussion concerning spring elections
6. Discussion of GA goals and objectives

Partytime
To find out what's going on this weekend, call the Partytime anytime — 253-3942. If your organization is holding an event you'd like publicized on Partytime, contact the MIT Student Center Committee at 253-3916.

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International Relations Club
Come and find out about the IAP Far East Crisis Simulation. The International Relations Club will be holding a meeting of the general membership on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00 pm in Room 400 of the Student Center. In addition to the above topic, we will be discussing other events for IAP and the Spring Open to the general public. Refreshments will be served.

Thank You!
On behalf of the members of the MIT community, the GA wishes to express a special note of appreciation. The highly successful arrangement, publicizing, and overall management of the Homecoming party, featuring Robin Lane and the Chartbusters and Private Lightning, clearly evidenced the hard-working capabilities of the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Together with the generous sponsors Miller Beer and Coca-Cola, this fraternity may well take pride in the accomplishment of this unprecedented MIT event.

Stop By!
The UA has many projects in the works. Please call or stop by if you have any ideas or would like to help. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Chuck Macklin (UA), Nick Adams (UAVP) or leave a message with the UA secretary. The UA Office is located on the 4th floor of the Student Center. Room W20-401. Telephone x3-2696.

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sports

Women's Bball aims for .500

By Eric R. Fleming

When the MIT women's basketball team opens its season tomorrow at Bryant, Coach Jean Heiney will be fielding her youngest squad ever in four years at MIT. The 11-player roster has no seniors and six freshmen. However, three of the four players from last year's 7-12 team were starters and that gives Heiney a great deal of optimism for 1980-81.

The returnees include forward Joyce Kelly '80, who was second in scoring last year with an 11.3 scoring average, and, in accordance to Heiney, "our smartest player." Joining Kelly in the frontcourt are juniors Donna Wilson and Lisa Richardson (team leaders in rebounding), and sophomore Berity Yates.

In the backcourt, Tech will use newcomers to replace last year's co-captains, Susan Flint and Karen Samuels. Fighting for the two starting slots are sophomore transfer Anita Flynn, and freshmen Terry Fels and Kathline Alton.

Despite the overall youth (especially at the guard position), Heiney is hopeful about the team's chances in 1980-81. She says, "I'm excited with the new talent, and we have a lot more depth than a year ago."

Heiney believes that the group has a good shot at reaching the .500 mark this season, and sums up the team by saying, "No one is spectacular, but we have a solid, all-around squad." The Engineers open their home schedule Saturday in Rockwell Cage against Regis, with game time at 7:15pm.