Finance Board chairman blasts Dean McBay
Report charges bad faith, neglect, lack of funding

By Barry S. Sarnass
The Dean for Student Affairs has funded student activities in an inadequately, negotiated with the organizations in bad faith, and attempted to undermine student control of the groups, according to a report being prepared by the top financial officer of the Undergraduate Association (UA).

The draft report, written by UA Finance Board Chairman Charles P. Brown '84, charges the Dean's Office is ignoring a 1949 MIT Corporation resolution calling for students to "assume full responsibility" for operating student activities and directing the administration to give activities "serious consideration in the allocation of operating and capital funds."

"There are inaccuracies in the report," said Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBee, "and information I would consider confidential."

Brown's report is being prepared at the request of the Office of the Dean for Students Affairs (ODSA), for presentation to the Corporation's Visiting Committee on Student Affairs November 12.

The Dean's Office initially asked Brown to prepare a report, and four other student organizations -- the Graduate Student Council (GSC), the Student Licensing Committee (SLC), the lecture Series Committee (LSC), the inter-Fraternity Conference (IFC), and the Tech -- to prepare reports for the visiting committee.

The Dean's Office, Brown's draft accuses, "has focused its attention on activities that are sound financially while ignoring those that are in bad shape."

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The Dean's Office will exercise editorial control over the final reports, McBee said, to prevent "personal views" from the organizations' reports. "We aren't in any way trying to stifle people," she added.

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Immerman promoted to assist dean

By Barry S. Sarnass
Stephen J. Immerman will assume new responsibilities concerning student activities when he becomes Assistant Dean for Student Affairs on October 1.

"When his position becomesAssistant Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) will combine residence programs and student activities divisions into a new section called "residence and campus activities,"" said Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBee.

"MIT has had to respond to its unique financial structure by being very creative. We have to be a little bit like an insurance company," McBee said.

ODSA will combine the finance and personnel offices of the Student Organizations Office (SOO) with the residence offices.

"We have a simultaneous demand on our finances and on our operations," McBee said. "...We're going to save a significant amount of money this year, but the real challenge is going to be next year."

"We are going to try to maintain the same level of services, while moving forward," McBee said. "...We'll be looking at the whole package of services, both in residence and in the student activities office, both in fund-raising and in student support."

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"Crowing is going to be worse than we anticipated," said Sherwood. "In the past we've been able to continue as we are. But it's going to be a lot more difficult now."

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Class of 1986 receives $3.3 million in aid

By Bill Gaffney
The Class of 1986 has received over $30 million in National Direct Student Loans (NDSL), according to Director of Financial Aid Leonard V. Gallagher.

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Fronten face overcrowded dorms

By Jerri-Lynn Seinfeld
At least one-hundred dormitory rooms will be overcrowded after Monday's housing assignments lottery, predicts Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood.

The average overcrowded room will contain 21/2 entering freshmen, Sherwood indicated, since many freshmen are housed in doubles and triples.

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Large class worries R/O head

By Jerri J. van Scaife
Residence/Orientation (R/O) coordinator Kenneth Dumas '83 is worried by the large number of students expected to check in at MIT today.

"Although it won't affect my job that much ... I'm worried a little bit about how it's going to affect crowding" in the MIT housing system.

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA), which supervises R/O, is discouraging living groups from serving alcohol, since Massachusetts law prohibits persons under twenty years of age from consuming alcohol.

The R/O committee will not allow alcohol to be advertised, Dumas said, "although I'm sure fraternities and dormitories will serve beer." Each living group must post a sign stating Massachusetts drinking laws in areas where alcohol is served, Dumas said.

"I can't say" if living groups will check identification before serving alcohol, Dumas noted. "It depends on the dormitory," he said, "on the fraternity." R/O organizers, Dumas indicated, will attempt to improve the week for women. He expressed concern that some women may feel isolated as soon as they arrive at MIT. Women's R/O Coordinator Arlene Roane '83 has planned several activities to include women, Dumas said.

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ber, dig out this copy of The Tech and review these pearls of wisdom. If you lend them all, you will enjoy your years at MIT. Break a leg.

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After being inundated by propaganda from living groups and delayed with information from the Freshman Handbook, you’re probably sick of advice. But if you have a few minutes before the freshman picnic, this column could save your life.

“How?” you ask. By repeating a warning your parents started drilling into you since you were old enough to cross the street: look both ways before crossing—perhaps in the aforementioned street. Particularly if that street happens to be Massachusetts Avenue.

Please don’t feel I’m insulting your intelligence. No, the true danger is that you will overestimate the intelligence of the average Boston driver. You might naively expect him to stop at a red light. I know I did three years ago as I lugged my bags across the street. Fortunately, I jumped back in the nick of time.

Outraged, I looked around for a handy 45 to take out my assailant’s rear tires. I stopped searching when I saw the colorblind moron zoom past a police car. I waited for the patrol car to roar off in hot pursuit of the lawbreaker, confident that justice would soon be served and the safety of pedestrians preserved.

Imagine my amazement as the maniac sped out of sight, ignored by the officers in the patrol car. Little did I know that the ‘police car’ was only a Campus Police (CP) car. Years later, during an interview with our valiant Commander-in-Chief, I asked how he could permit such an outrage to happen.

The Chief replied that enforcing traffic laws was too much of a bother for his limited force. His plan was to impose a fifty dollar fine upon any student caught upon the Great Dome, the Little Dome, or any other dome you can think of.

“But Chief, why do you want to keep students off the roofs?” I asked. “The tradition goes back...

The Chief replied that roof climbing is dangerous, and that the CPs felt it is their duty to protect students from themselves. I muttered that hacking was not nearly so risky as crossing Massachusetts Avenue.

Besides, the Chief added, some students commit acts of vandalism up on the roofs. Asked to give examples, the Chief cited the annual cost incurred when damaged roof access locks were replaced. I asked the Chief why the locks were used anyway. You can probably guess the answer: to keep students off the roofs, of course!

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Ship Arriving Too Late to Save a Drowning Witch. Frank Zappa on Barking Pumpkin Records.

Like, OH MY GOD! Frank Zappa's got this like really SUPER bitchen new album out and you know, it's got a big hit single called "Valley Girl." You've probably heard it already — y'know, it's the song with his fourteen-year-old daughter Moon (oh right — MOON? Bag the name, I'm sure) talking a monologue in a super Encino airhead voice. Well, like, the song is Frank's first really big top forty radio hit, and like, it's getting airplay to the max. But, y'know, it's like a really big sellout with nothing happening musically — y'know, one of those cheap riffs with silly words that ol' Zap really loves to toss off. But no blitze. It's no worse than "Dancin' Fool," his last big hit.

Frank said once that he was meeting fourteen year old fans at his concerts that knew the words to *Freak Out*, an album that he recorded before they were born. Well, now he's got a new legion of kids at his doorstep; it's the same legion of kids that white at record stores when they hear that "the Zappa album with "Valley Girl" on it" is sold out. Never one to miss a buck, Frank released a twelve-inch single version (with an adorable father-and-daughter cover photo) that's selling like hotcakes. Gag me with a spoon.

The hardcore Zappa fans will be relieved to learn that the rest of the album fares somewhat better musically. Side one, the disappointing side, sandwiches "Valley Girl" between "No Not Now" (a ride-the-mechanical-bull/sex metaphor) and "I Come From Nowhere" (another isn't-middle-America-boring? song). Although both tunes feature fine guitar playing, their rapid tempos and high-pitched vocals render them irritating.

Side two, the interesting side, consists of three tunes recorded live and overdubbed in the studio. "Drowning Witch" contains a classic Zappa guitar solo, the type he hasn't played since "Yo Mama" (from the Sheik Yerbouti album). Apparently Frank has recently decided to remind us that he is a guitarist — his three record set of solos, *Shut Up an' Play Yer Guitar* has just been released stateside. "Witch" flows seamlessly into "Envelopes," a high-energy raveup that sets up the climax of the performance, "Teen Age Prostitute." This mock mini-opera walks a fine line between satire and serious social commentary, at once berating the society that would allow such an institution and also extolling yet another American stereotype.

"Ship Arriving Too Late to Save a Drowning Witch," with its combination of musically advanced and musically regressed ideas, shows Zappa striving to create a new audience and maintain the interest of his established (and somewhat annoyed) following. He should concentrate on just one group soon, before he gets worn thin. Maybe the youngsters would prefer Zappa's son, Ahmet, who is preparing to record a single with his band Fred Zeppelin. I'm sure, like, totally.

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