MIT chemical leak ires Mayor Vellucci

By Sam Caddie

A leak of phenol—a labora-
tory hazardous substance classified by the US Environmental Protection Agency as a hazardous substance from an MIT trash compactor was discussed by the Cambridge City Council at its Sept. 20 meeting.

Other chemicals found in the compactor included anammonium hydroxide, ether, and chloroform, according to a report by Cambridge Public Health Commissioner Kevin Doherty.

Cambridge Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci, disturbed by the report of the leak, requested the city council discuss the matter.

"Does this all say exactly what the about in this method high level con-
missed scatter reconstruction DNA work is conducted at MIT or will be conducted elsewhere in Cam-
bridge," Vellucci asked in memo to city councilors.

The chemicals were inadvertently left with other garbage from an MIT laboratory and placed in the trash compactor by juniors, according to MIT Safety Officer John Frisina. The bottle of phenol broke in the compactor.

A caller to the Cambridge Deputy Fire Chief reported chemical leakage from the gar-
bage compactor, located behind the Kendall Square fire station on Main Street, after midnight on Saturday, August 7, according to Doherty's memorandum.

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US Congress causes financial aid delays

By Jake Titolo

A "very active and controversial" US Congress has caused delays virtually every major Federal financial aid program and led to backlogs in loan applications and grant forms in student aid offices, according to Leonard V. Gallagher '84, Director of Student Financial Aid.

The delays in processing Federal loans and grants have increased anxiety over cutbacks in Federal aid, Gallagher said, even though those cutbacks were not as extensive as President Reagan originally planned.

"The budget and legislation in Congress upset the rules by which these programs were to be administered," said Gallagher.

"Both the budget and legislation made student need and the manner of distributing money among the 50 states were up for grabs. Until the Department of Education knows how to make these definitions, they can't distribute the money." This year's cutbacks will not affect MIT seriously, according to Gallagher. The three Federal programs MIT administers—the National Direct Student Loan program (NDSL), the College Work Study Program (CWSF), and the Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)—"have had modest cuts, but for this year, our allocations have been in the same ballpark as in past years," he said. The Federal government cut the NDSL and CWSF programs by four percent each and the SEOG program by about ten percent, Gallagher said.

Gallagher did express concern over the severe reductions in the 1984-85 student aid programs, called for in the 1983 Federal budget. "We have gotten about 86 out of 100 with the very real threat that it will not be enough," he said. "There are going to be some black marks around here.

Because of the Congressional delays, the US Department of Education is three to four months late in informing colleges how much money they will receive under the three college-administered Federal aid programs, Gallagher said.

Although the Department of Education has "not yet released any real money," it authorized colleges in mid-August to spend their own money, Gallagher reported. Colleges might not receive all their Federal funds until the end of September or later.

Legislative conflicts have also slowed back the University's request for a McArthur Graduate Student Loan.

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New rules for Federal student aid programs delay funds

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(GSL) programs, which are awarded outside the colleges. Pell Grant funds at MIT will decrease between 15 and 25 percent, Gallagher said. Students from middle-income families will be the hardest hit by this reduction, he predicted.

The Department of Education has asked financial aid officials to check Pell Grant applications against students’ income tax returns. “We have to do the validating before we do the funding,” commented Gallagher. Until all Pell Grants are confirmed, MIT will provide the money for the students, Gallagher said.

The GSL program subsidizes low-interest bank loans to students. Legislators proposed a barrage of changes, including reducing the size of the loans, setting new criteria for eligibility, and eliminating graduate students from the program. As a result, explained Gallagher, banks were extremely reluctant to process loans until they knew the final set of requirements.

A drop in the number of MIT students applying for guaranteed student loans (GSLs) this year is due to a lack of information, according to Gallagher. “People incorrectly thought they were ineligible,” he said. Gallagher expects a surge of loan applications in late September as more students become aware of their eligibility. Since October 1, Gallagher explained, the federal government has required a ‘needs test’ for students with annual family incomes greater than $30,000 before they can obtain GSLs.

The MIT Bursar’s Office will compensate for delayed GSLs and make adjustments in collecting payments, according to Assistant Bursar Richard Davidson. “Our position is not to penalize the students for these delays,” Davidson said.

Further legislation this summer to eliminate delays in Pell Grants. If

Primary splits Mass. Democratic party

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King claims his opponent, while in office, initiated Massachusetts’s largest tax increase, while King has reduced Massachusetts’s tax burden and improved its business climate.

Although the governor’s approval rating has consistently shown that he has made his mark, he has also seen a significant increase in the number of people who rate the state’s economy as good.

On the national level, King has received little attention from the media, but he has been praised by many for his handling of the state’s budget problems. He has been credited with restoring fiscal discipline to state government and reducing the state’s debt burden.

Despite these achievements, King faces significant challenges in his re-election campaign. He will need to address the state’s pressing social and economic issues, as well as his own past mistakes, if he is to win a second term.

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World

Israel parliament rejects Reagan's peace plan — The Knesset voted 36 to 36 in favor of Prime Minis-

ter Menachem Begin's opposition to President Reagan's recently proposed peace plan. Reagan called for

Palestinian self-rule with ties to Jordan in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and a freeze on Israeli settle-

ments in the occupied lands. "Israelis and Samarians are for the Jewish people for generations and gener-

ations," Begin declared during the debate. The Prime Minister also called for elections to be held in May or

June, two years ahead of schedule.

Iraq premier to propose new peace plan — Fifteen Arab leaders, including PLO Chairman Yassir Ara-

fa, meeting at Fez, Morocco are reported to have agreed on a joint Arab Middle East peace plan. The

Arab League conference began Monday. The leaders are reportedly studying several peace plans, including

President Reagan's recent plan and Saudi King Fahd's 1981 proposal.

Israel destroys Syrian anti-aircraft missile battery in Lebanon — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem

Begin announced Wednesday Israeli jets had destroyed a Syrian SAM-9 battery located in Lebanon, near its

border with Israel. An Israeli official said it was the first Syrian battery attacked since August 10.

Soviet dissident group disbanded — The Moscow Group to Promote Observance of the Helsinki Agree-

ments in the USSR, founded in 1976 and active in the late 1970's, announced in a press release to Western

reporters that it is disbanding and that the Soviet government is preparing to charge one of the group's

three remaining members with slander. Most members of the Helsinki group, including Anatoly Schar-

nisky and founder Yury Orlov, have been arrested and interred.

India's first commercial satellite falls after four months — The Indian Space Research Organization

acknowledged this week that Insat-1, built and launched in the United States for the Indian government,

has used all its fuel and no longer functions. Although a backup will be launched next summer, the loss

seriously undermines India's telecommunications plans. The satellite was designed for a seven-year life, but

officials expected it to last only 21/2 years after its solar power array did not deploy. Ford Aerospace Cor-

poration of Palo Alto, CA, built the satellite.

Nation

Guam voters reject statehood — Residents of the American territory of Guam voted overwhelmingly in a

non-binding referendum last weekend to become a US commonwealth rather than a state. The Guam

legislature, however, is blocking funds for a committee to write an act calling for such a change in status.

Voters would have to approve such an act in the 1982 general elections.

Three Lutheran denominations merge — The Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran

Church, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches each voted at their respective conventions

Wednesday to merge into one church by 1987. The new church will have 5.5 million members, making it

the nation's third largest Protestant denomination. The three Lutheran churches share similar theologies

but originated with immigrants of different ancestries.

B'nai B'rith leader praises Reagan's Middle East plan — Jack J. Spitzer, international president of the

American Jewish service group, said Wednesday President Reagan's peace plans are worthy of consid-

eration. "We believe they are presented in a sincere spirit of finding common ground for involving all parties

to the conflict in the negotiating process and giving fresh momentum to the search for Middle East peace."

Bill Paley leaves CBS — William S. Paley, founder of CBS, Inc., announced Wednesday he will resign

next April from his position as chairman of the board of the corporation. At age 26, Paley bought the United

Independent Broadcasting, a small, unprofitable company, and has since built CBS. Paley, 81, will

remain as chairman of the board's executive committee and as a consultant to CBS. He will be paid half

his present yearly salary of $339,746. Paley owns 7 percent of CBS stock, estimated at $74 million.

Senators drill Watt at subcommittee hearing — Senators Bill Bradley (D-NJ), Howard M. Metzen-

baum (D-Ohio) and Lowell P. Weicker (R-CT) criticized Secretary of the Interior James Watt's five-year

plan for offshore oil and gas drilling when Watt spoke Wednesday before the Subcommittee on Energy

Conservation and Supply. "From every shred of evidence I've heard, your accelerated plan would be a

great danger to our fisheries," Weicker told the subcommittee. "If you took the time to review stringent envi-

ronment strictures on leaseholders ... you would be thrilled," Watt told the subcommittee members.

Dead candidates draw votes in Arizona — Steve Jancek pulled over 24,000 votes in Arizona's Demo-

cratic primary last Tuesday. Unfortunately, Jancek died about one month ago. Elsewhere in the Grand

Canyon State, Jack DeSchalit won an unopposed election for constable in Tucson, although he died Au-

gust 17.

Weather

Abundant sunshine today, with high temperatures of 80 to 84. Tomorrow and Sunday will be even warmer,

with highs in the middle to upper 80's.

Tony Zamparuti
How to pick an ideal schedule

I have a confession to make: I am breaking a several tradition this fall. Wednesday, I registered for five courses (after the Registrar's Office distributed my pre-registration materials) and I had to wait an hour and a half line in front of a single computer terminal to be recognized. Where are MIT's sophisticated computer systems when you need them?) with plans to change something at a later date. My department registration officer was flabbergasted, and I had just finally convinced him of the possi-

bility when they scheduled a change of

behave, they acquiesce. They do not have their schedules dictated; they acquiesce, or change advisors. Perhaps it is really not overly surprising that those forced to use this method in a fair proportion of the students. Those forced to use this method are true. So do departments, when they order books. The Tech.

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Ivan Fong
A daughter's letter home

Dear Mom and Dad,

It's been a long day. I've just finished moving into my new room and putting my stuff away. Classes started yesterday, and I hope to relax this weekend - get some sleep, finish unpacking, and talk to the freshmen on my floor.

Strangely enough, I don't feel the confidence and courage I always thought would come to the seniors I've known. I game, deep down, I'm scared of what's to come: both in academ-

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Dumas accused of censorship

To the Editor:

I am writing to publicize and oppose the fact that Ken Dumas, R/O Coordinator, censored an editorial that ran in the Tech on September 3, 1982. His actions are indicative of censorship, because it destroys independence and dampens people's abilities to make decisions, should not be practiced. Both the context and the wording of this Tech Cast editorial are important. The black and white print, which displays the type of activity the dormitory manager and the writing can make the dormitory seem rigid, stupid, or boring. Obviously, neither should be interfered with.

One of our activities was marked "Gay -- keepers especially invited." Most of the people in Senior House I talked to thought it funny and/or absurd so I submitted the item. Ken Dumas removed it. In effect, he passed his judgment off a representative of Senior House. Another entry that was omitted was "sleep with a corps (room- mate)" part of "Camp out in the last year at president," which I thought was funny and/or ab- solutely, neither should be interfered with.

Is 3% extraordinary?

To the Editor:

Your article of September 3, 1982 quotes Dean Robert A. Sherwood as saying, "The freshmen did an extraordinary job. They had about 300 pledges, which is twice as many as we expected."

Dumas, the deleterious effects of censorship are obvious; in the future I hope the members of the MIT community will be able to avoid the cowardice, conformity, and/or vanity that prompts us to say things to our peers that would not be said in public. This news, however, can contain an unexpected bene- fit for the course sampler. After he replaces the course that doesn't have textbooks with any of the dozen others he has subj ected, maybe he won't have any classes that begin before 8:00 a.m.

Dumas possibly be helping his after using the nature of any house.

Censorship seems to be catch- ing on at MIT. First at the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs and now at the R/O Coordinator and former Undergraduate Association Vice-President Ken Dumas. The deleterious effects of censorship are obvious; in the future I hope the members of the MIT community will be able to avoid the cowardice, conformity, and/or vanity that prompts us to say things to our peers that would not be said in public. This news, however, can contain an unexpected bene- fit for the course sampler. After he replaces the course that doesn't have textbooks with any of the dozen others he has subj ected, maybe he won't have any classes that begin before 8:00 a.m.

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A技术. the method refuses to take classes that meet before nine in the morning. Or he be that matter. Or on Fridays. This sounds frivolous, yet he knows he performs best when he has time to awaken before going to class. At 8:00 a.m. duties a year, it is too expensive to sleep through many classes. He is an avid skier, and those Fridays off give him a chance to have MIT early and hit the slopes. They also contribute to making him a more relaxed, easy-going person. I have my own ideocentric way. I have a personal bias against courses with catalogue listings that begin with the num- ber six. There are enough interested students at MIT to fill all sections of electrical engineering offerings. I am not intimi- dated by the rigorous image Course 6 has projected; none of their classes sounds interesting to me. It is my contribution to the fight against overcrowding to sacrifice my birthright -- maybe I should say admissions right -- to take a course offered by the electrical engineering department. Classes that can be defined solely in terms of differential equations are also not high on my list, but are not strictly taboo.

Sometimes, though, the sample method backfires. After finally choosing classes, I usually go to The Coop to purchase books. It is not uncommon for required textbooks to be out of stock; the manager of the book department usually says it takes four to six weeks to order additional copies. It seems that professors order textbooks based upon the Regis- ter's projection of enrollments. When these estimates turn out to be fictitious, The Coop runs out of books. This news, however, can contain an unexpected bene- fit for the course sampler. After he replaces the course that doesn't have textbooks with any of the dozen others he has subj ected, maybe he won't have any classes that begin before 8:00 a.m.

Is three percent really extrava- gant, or did somebody forget to make it zero somewhere?

Elsa B. Doering G

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1982

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The Hasty Pudding Theatre presents Hair, the American Tribal Love Rock Musical. Performances are at the Theatre on 12 Holyoke Street, Cambridge; tickets are $8 and $6; performances begin at 8pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and at 3pm on Sunday. For more information call 497-5477.

The MIT Musical Theatre Guild presents Stephen Sondheim's Company, in the Kresge Little Theatre. Performances on September 10 & 11 at 8pm. Tickets are $5.50 with MIT ID, available in Lobby 10 or at the door. For information and reservations call x3-6294.

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Off the Baited Groove

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Pere Ubu's David Thomas

It's hard to believe that America's best avant-garde band has hailed from Cleveland, but then again, one would expect a bursti-

Off the Baited Groove: Pere Ubu on Rough Trade Records.
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Percy Harvard: "So you're working your way through college, are you?"
Charlie Tech: "Yes; I go to Tech."
Gray foresees MIT budget cuts

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield

Faced with continuing budget constraints, MIT will have to cut funding for its administration, its academic departments, and its independent laboratories, according to President Paul E. Gray.

City council to discuss MIT chemical spillage

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The phenol and ten to twelve bottles of other chemicals also found in the compactor should have been taken from the laboratory to a waste disposal building by the MIT Safety Office, Fresina said. From there, the chemicals would have been removed by a private contractor for disposal.

Cambridge Firemen covered the area near the compactor with sand to absorb the chemicals and dug a nearby drain with sand to prevent drainage, Doherty's memo stated.

A private contractor disposed of the chemicals the next morning, according to Doherty.

The incident was a "rare occurrence," Fresina said. "It was never intended that these chemicals go out as rubbish."

Fresina said the mayor was concerned because the chemicals came from a building where recombinant DNA research is conducted, but Fresina described the chemicals as "garden variety," adding there were no "biologicals" with them. "Biologicals are disposed of differently anyway. They are not just carted away," he said.

"Mr. Fresina . . . cooperated fully with this department in resolving this matter in an expeditious manner," Doherty said in his memo.

In his memo, Doherty said that the chemicals found in the trash compactor were a result of a "very careless and thoughtless manner," Doherty said in his memo. "It was stated that the chemicals were not handled in a safe manner."

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He emphasized it is important for those reviewing MIT's financial commitments to develop "clear measures of what is important and what isn't" in support services. "We ought to be sure we are as lean as we can be on the support side before we make any cuts on the academic side."

MIT is building new facilities, such as the $28 million Arts and Media Technology Center, at a time of severe fiscal constraints because "when it comes to using money, the money itself is not fungible," Gray asserted. Funds must be used for the purpose they were donated.

"[If we had not decided to build that building (the Arts and Media Technology Center),] he said, "very little of that money would have come to MIT . . . . The raising of the money for that purpose does not represent a diversion" from more direct student needs, such as financial aid.


disclosure law, strengthened conflict-of-interest laws.

Peter Vellucci

Peter Vellucci worked for the nuclear weapons freeze.

Peter Vellucci supports women's rights and reproductive freedom.

Peter Vellucci strongly supports the reforms which came out of the "MBM" investigation - the State Ethics Commission, the Financial Disclosure Law, strengthened conflict-of-interest laws.

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Final dormitory crowding data are still uncertain, says ODSA

By Richard Mlynarik

The dormitory housing situation is still in "a state of flux" because the system is still undergoing a process of "massaging" and it is too early to give any definitive information, Barbara Chuck, administrative assistant for the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, explained.

Dormitory assignment data is being preprogrammed to do repetitive work. Faster and more accurate are once again crowded, despite last year's opening of Next House.

"The individual dormitories are still sorting out their room assignments, and we don't know the final number of crowded rooms," she added.

The "internal pecking order in the dormitories (to assign) choice singles" will determine the final distribution of crowded freshmen in each dormitory, Sherwood said.

The class will meet this term on Mondays from four to six pm in Room 4-337.

The American Railway Engineering Association is sponsoring a student paper competition on a subject related to railroad engineering. Entry forms may be available from the Civil Engineering Department. For more information write Mr. Charles Chambers, Raiko Multi Construction, Inc., 1397 SW Edy Rd., Sherwood, OR 97140.

Course 17.207 Seminar on Health Policy was inadvertently omitted from the course listing. The class will meet this term on Mondays from four to six pm in room E31-317. Seminar on Health Policy is jointly taught by Harvey M. Sapolsky and Stant Finkelman.
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