By Sanjay Manohar

MIT's current meal plan system, which requires residents of some dormitories to purchase mandatory plans or to be reimbursed to replace or replaced, according to Kenneth Miller, General Manager of ARA, MIT's food contractor. Miller said that all the undergraduate Association and Housing and Food Services were exploring new options.

"The ideal system is to have no minimum at all," Miller explained. While acknowledging that some houses may not be able to support the system, Miller said that he hopes to work with the students and faculty to find a solution that meets everyone's needs.

Institute honors Killian in memorial campaign

By Michael Gojer

Though MIT's present status as the premier science-based university is due to many separate efforts, former President James K. Killian, '23, made an especially lasting impact on the Institute, said President Paul E. Gray '54. Speaking yesterday at a memorial service for Killian, who died in January at the age of 83, Gray said that Killian was a "remarkable" president who worked to bridge the gap between science and the humanities.

"I wish I could be as good to all of you as Killian was," said Gray. "He was a great president, and I wish I could have been as good as he was."
Voters, candidates skirt around election issues

(Continued from page 1)
cut the deficit. Dukakis, with a large campaign finance advantage and a

Toward said it is not at all clear what the issues in this elec-
tion are going to turn out to be because the candidates have gotten
this far by地说ing them. Dukakis's campaign has decided, for example, that it is a mistake to talk about is-
sue reform.

Aided to predict the factors that will sway voters in Novem-
ber, Thourow explained that in 1976, following the Watergate scandals, the country was to a
"Sunday school teacher" and electrician in Chicago; in 1980, voters wanted someone to say "standing tall," and elected Ron-
ald Reagan. If, in 1988, the theme is "continuity," be said, Bush will be elected; if voters want "competence," then they

will elect Dukakis.

The budget deficit and the election

The decision is to act on reduc-
ing the budget deficit is a "gig-
le one Thourow said. If the US

thinks the rest of the world will

continue to lend $200 billion a

year, then we can keep buying

economy like the Reagan ad-

ministration said. If they are not ready to lend it, then interest rates will have to rise to make up the differ-

ting out the investment in this coun-

try. "That's called a recession," he

said. Thourow noted that there is no standard prediction for what

presidents will do when they in-

herit a very large deficit from a

previous administration, because

that has never happened before.

But he thinks that Dukakis

would be wary of raising taxes

immediately after entering office if he won the presidency, because in 1979 he lost re-election in Mas-
sachusetts after he raised taxes to cut the state deficit in 1974.

A Las Vegas gambler, Thourow said, would probably predict that an incoming president would not do anything about the deficit in January of 1993. But, according to Solow, a panel of distinguished economic advisors that has just been created by Congress may be able to take some heat of the

next president, in terms of get-

ting action on the budget deficit. Solow said a president would be much more willing to act on the de-

ficit if he does not have to take the blame for the decision, if he can use an economic council as a cover.

Similarly, the Congress needs protection in the way of presidential support, Thourow said. Con-
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The most important is-

sue facing the electorate is pro-
gressivity, according to Solow.
The slowdown in productivity in the last 15-20 years has been re-
sponsible, he said, for a gradual worsening of social problems and social tolerances, because of a curb in the redistribution of wealth. But the productivity

problem is hard for candidates to tackle, and little has been said about it.

Environmental concerns have also reached far too little atten-
tion in the election so far, accord-

ing to Lewis. "Liberals, Menand, II, who was the third

spoke at the forum. Although

Senator Albert Gore, Jr. has ad-

vanced the ozone depletion prob-

lem, the other candidates are not saying much about environmentalism, and neither will a president have to do it.

Menand said he thought that the
growing tendency, especially in the present administration, "to believe in sacrifices of national and international law" was also an ex-

travagance that, though


doubt that it would actually

control the election. Speaking

in terms more general than specific incidents, Menand said that there was a growing sense in govern-
ment of power without account-
ability.

An extremely important issue for the Democrats, Menand noted, is Presi-
dent's political position.

Whispers on or off the election ticket, the circumstances of his stances will be very impor-
tant. Jackson must be in agree-

ment, according to Solow, with whatever position he

elected. Thurow observed that, even if Jackson is content with his being

off the ticket, his followers may not be, and it will be crucial to the Democratic party that Jackson's

followers are not alienated.

If there are only white males vo-

ting in the presidential election, Thurow said, Bush will certainly be elected.

There is a technical question as to whether someone can be par-

doned for a crime, Menand said, but the Constitution does not say how to do this. But it might still be possible for Reagan to attempt to pardon the government officials that have been implicated in the Iran/con-

tra scandals. In any case, he cer-

tainly would not do so until after

the November elections, Menand said.

The chances of a trial in those
cases starting this summer is very slim, Menand said. (Please turn to page 165)

The Massachusetts Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi:

Welcome its Newly Initiated Student Members:

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France accused of hostage deal

The government of France is taking a hard line in defending its actions in Lebanon. French President Francois Mitterrand announced this policy yesterday when he spoke at the United Nations. The president acknowledged that his government was responsible for the release of three French hostages in Lebanon. He said, "We have acted responsibly and we will continue to do so.

However, the government has been criticized for not doing enough to save the hostages. The opposition has accused the government of being too soft on the terrorists. The prime minister, Michel Rocard, was quoted as saying, "We cannot let the terrorists win."

The hostage crisis has also caused tensions within the French government. Some members of the government have called for a stronger response to the terrorists, while others have called for a more conciliatory approach.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater was commentating on the hostage crisis. He said, "We are doing everything we can to bring the hostages home safely."

Meanwhile, in the West Bank, workers from the soon-to-be-opened West Bank plant were protesting against the new conservative-dominated government. They were demanding better working conditions and higher wages.

Jewish settlers kill Arab

A Palestinian shepherd was shot to death during a confrontation with Jewish settlers yesterday in the occupied West Bank. The settlers, who are known for their violent activities, opened fire after several Arab shepherds began hurling stones. A reporter for an East Jerusalem newspaper said, "The settlers were trying to drive the Arabs out of fields in the West Bank."

The settlers were trying to move into the area to build a new settlement. The settlers' leader, Avraham Ben-Ami, denied that his group was involved in the shooting. He said, "We do not condone violence."

While the violence continued, in the port city of Gdansk, thousands of workers were striking. The strike was in support of the workers at the steel mill in Nowa Huta, who were crushed by the company yesterday.

California court overturns abortion cutoff

The California Supreme Court yesterday refused to allow the state to cut state medical payments for abortions. The court said that the state's restrictions on abortion were unconstitutional. The court's decision is a victory for anti-abortion groups. They had hoped that new conservative-dominated courts would uphold the state's restrictions.

Dukakis accuses Bush of being silent too often

Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis accused President Bush of being silent too often yesterday. While campaigning in West Virginia, Dukakis said, "We have a leader who is not speaking out."

The presidential campaign is heating up, with just one month left before the election. Dukakis is trying to portray Bush as a weak leader who is not taking a strong stand.

LA fire injures 40

Los Angeles officials are investigating the cause of a fire that broke out in a building. The fire injured 40 people, including 10 children. The cause of the fire is not yet known. Firefighters are working to contain the blaze.

The fire broke out in a building that was under construction. The building was being used as a temporary shelter for the homeless. The fire has caused significant damage to the building.

Weather

A low pressure center will move out to sea today, clearing the region for a period of dry weather. The weather will improve over the next few days, with temperatures rising and humidity decreasing.

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Winds: S 5-10 mph. High 55°F (13°C).

TUESDAY:


WEATHER WATCH:

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Column/Thomas T. Huang

Minories reflect on racism at MIT

In the Classroom
Florence Robinson '88: The major issue that black undergraduates face is social pressure from academic support — study groups, black faculty and graduate teaching assistants, and practice. It is that social pressure that can retain black students at MIT. Edward Page '89: I don't know analysis and calculus as a freshman. When I first went to these classes, I looked around, and I only saw two other black faces. That's about 3 blacks out of 300 students. Later on, I found out that a lot of students who were getting together to work on problems that had, it seems like two years before, I was a freshman back in 1971, there were very few undergraduates in mechanical engineering to talk about to help. I hooked up with Professor James Williams in 1971. I found out how things worked in the department. Williams was an inspiration to me, and that's why I say role models are so important for students. Blacks are hesitant to ask white professors questions, because they don't want to look dumb and support the racial status quo.

I had a special relationship with Williams. We knew each other because of a lot of sports together. Once, we had a speed-walking contest on the Infinite Corridor. You don't get this kind of interaction, this kind of play, without role models. A role model is someone you respect, someone whom you want to make respect you.

Racism in the '60s: Course of Events
Page: Racism in the 1980s is a lot more covert, unlike the racism in the '60s which was overt. That makes things a lot more difficult. It makes racism a lot harder to fight. If some incident occurs, you often wonder: Was that due to the system or the individual?

Joy Gwyne '89: I can remember during my sophomore year, I was stopped by a security guard and asked for ID for no reason. Even when I went to a dermatology lesson where I live, I expect to be stopped.

Ansonia: It was the first week of classes, right after Residence/Orientation week. I was living in McCormick Hall, with two women: one white, one the other, Chinese. Once, when we were returning to the dorm, the desk worker stopped me and asked if I lived there. She didn't stop my roommate. I said, "Yes, I live here. Do you want my ID?" And then the desk worker looked at my friend and asked: "Does she live with you?" Then, Foreman. When I was an undergraduate, all black students were aware of "Black Power" and "Black is Beautiful." Today's black undergraduate is not so aware of racism. They will rationalize it. That's why I say, "Well, the professor just didn't like me as a person." Somehow, the younger kids have been pro-programmed not to see the racism. They're not so意识-antennae lowered.

In a black students' discussion, some young people were saying that they had been growing up across racism in their lives. How can you be black and say that? Don't they know that they are even from the inner-city, but they don't break down the wall of a result of Norman Forshay's. The racial anodes in the Racial Cli-\n
At MIT, the administration ignores the ques-

- system," and by MIT.

"System" responsible for suicide

To the Editor:
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When Mark died, he was a junior in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and he was 18 years old. When he came to MIT three years ago, he told me, in every respect, the high praises of our American youth — religious, a little thin, healthy in mind and body, the products of a loving and sharing family, gentle, friendly, helpful to others, compassionate, witty, and very nice-looking — truly the all-American boy. He was a tireless worker and truly expected to be the best, which he was.

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As MIT was Mark's one and only contact with his family, it is not surprising that his death came as a shock to us. MIT has a tradition of providing support for students who are ill-prepared and even ignorant of the fact that the most conscientious person in any group always ends up doing most of the work. What a curse! Mark complained of this every semester, and never more than this semester. When one member of a group strives to do only the best work possible while other members are satisfied with mediocrity, stress on the concentration and perseverance is needed in the group. The stress is not for the most conscientious person in the group, but rather for the whole class and the professor. But this is an important part of the learning experience.

To the Editor:
In a recent article and in several letters, questions have been raised about how students in the core courses and in computer science with comparable ability are treated differently. Our son, Mark, was a graduate student in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, is executive editor of The Tech. He was black and said that? Don't they know that they are even from the inner-city, but they don't break down the wall of a result of Norman Forshay's. The racial anodes in the Racial Cli-\n
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**Tragedy of Vietnam remembered**

To the Editor:

The 30th of April marked the 13th anniversary of the fall of South Vietnam. For many South Vietnamese refugees who fled Vietnam during the fall of 1975, the commissioner regime for a number of reasons symbolized the end of a way of life and the beginning of a new one. It's meaning. It's time for reconciliation, for mourning, a time to shore up some of my personal experience, and a time to assess the situation in Vietnam today.

Most recently we have heard about a boat people, whose desperate plight caught the world's attention in 1975, when the communist force took over Saigon. Presently the UN High Commissioner for Refugees estimate that roughly 1.5 million boat people have left Vietnam, at least half perished during their journey to the Gulf of Thailand.

Since the end of 1987, Thailand has been importing an increase in Vietnamese refugees, including the more than 100,000 Southeast Asian refugees in Thailand exceed 300,000, Thailand has faced to an agency of "clashed borders," blocking all efforts of the refugees to land, dragging boat to the sea. According to the Thai refugee Committee for Refugees, had left behind that any of its citizens given political asylum in the refugees will be prosecuted.

The refugees have been characterized by The Bangkok Post and newspapers as "economic migrants." They have been interrogated and held by the Committee for Refugees which revealed that perhaps as many as 67 percent have been in re-education camps themselves or had family members in re-education camps. Others report that the social conditions in Vietnamese lead to a perpetuation of the camps.

MIT needs diversity to create intelligent engineers for nation

To the Editor:

Excerpt from the movie "The Breakfast Club":

"I'd like the names, addresses, phone numbers, political affiliation, (family registration certificates)."

Reading into the excerpt (which would probably mean you should have had to take a worthless literature course in college) one discovers that the first boy, who was a "nerd" in the movie, was saying that not being able to do simple tasks that any regular person could do (like talking on the phone) makes me an idiot?!

The newest arrivals have been an estimated 3000 Buddhist monks, according to the latest reports. The number given by Hanoi contradicts its own figure released last year, which put the number of political prisoners at 900. The US State Department has estimated that there are at least 90,000 political detainees who are currently held due to "process, without formal charges, and without the promise of a fair trial."

While the majority of detainees are former soldiers and officials of South Vietnam, the government has estimated an estimated 3000 Buddhist monks and nuns, and more than 500 other religious leaders in prison. A substantial number of writers, journalists, and even opposition leaders who protested against the Saigon government after 1975 have been imprisoned.

Human rights groups have reported that "Vietnamese religious leaders have been subjected to house arrest, denied the right to saw their relatives or of the prisoners who later released to carry out their activities. The Vietcong once practiced by Buddhist monks to protest against the Saigon government in the 1960s, has resurfaced as a desperate attempt by these monks to protect the crackdowns on religious activity. The number of known cases of self-immolation since the end of 1987 at least 3,000 has been reported."

Vietnamese citizens are subjected to arbitrary arrests and detentions for any political activities. The 1985 Criminal Code makes a wide range of political activities from its coverage. Even under from political activities, the legal rights of the citizens are not protected. Ho Chi Minh City, with a population of over four million, has 21, lawyers, according to the last reports.

The 1975 Paris Peace Accord specifically forbids repression of political associations associated with the South Vietnamese regime. This is one of the pretexts that make Vietnam conditions in front of the United Nations, charging that Hanoi still imprisons more than 500,000 political prisoners, which it is increasing the number of political prisoners to 5000.

The passing mark for each group is set so that children of dissent groups would have near the curved grades to carry out their activities. The passing grades of children of dissent groups would have near the curved grades to carry out their activities. In education, the authorities divide the camp into seven categories based on their social and family origins, including any association with the former regime.

People released from re-education camps face a Catch-22 situation: they are not be able to register for a permanent residence until they get a job, yet they cannot get a job until they have permanent residence. This is enforced through a system of surveillance and reports called "Zips" (family registration certificates).

Instead of rebuilding the economy and uniting the war-torn country, the new regime has embarked on a war of legacies in Cambodia and a genocidal campaign against its own citizens through a cleverly disguised prison system known as "re-education" camps. Since 1975, more than a million Vietnamese have died on the war or in re-education camps due to the policies of the government.

Before 1975, people in the West strongly protested US involvement in Vietnam and massive rallies for peace in Vietnam. Today, I doubt very strongly that 62 million Vietnamese are ever entitled to a happy and peaceful life. Today, they are struggling for survival and basic human rights. Sometimes, I wonder why we in the West take for granted. These people cry for help, to those who have always wanted to see a peaceful world, to those who want to see peace in Vietnam.
Soviet dissidents need United States support

To the Editor:

I recently read information about Hanna Myklyukova gathered by Amnesty International. Since 1980, when she was charged with "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," Hanna has been imprisoned in a mental hospital and has repeatedly been subjected to large doses of powerful neuroleptic drugs. Although it is technically illegal for a sane Soviet citizen to be imprisoned in a mental hospital, they are often used to confine political prisoners.

Vladimir Bukovsky, another dissident who served time in mental hospitals, wrote a horrifying account of his experiences in his book To Build a Castle. He tells how sane people unjustly imprisoned have resorted to suicide rather than risk their sanity. Some political prisoners have not survived their incarceration.

Hanna is 58 years old and is known to be in extremely poor health. She has had surgery for breast cancer and has asthma and a heart condition. The length and appalling conditions of her sentence threaten her life. There are things that you can do to help Hanna, including writing to General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev calling for her release.

Many former prisoners have said that letters-writing campaigns have improved their situations and in some cases even led to their releases. Alternatively, you can let your politicians know that you are concerned about human rights violations in the Soviet Union and in the rest of the world. I also urge anybody who is concerned with the fate of human rights in the Soviet Union to begin following the news of the dissidents' struggles and to read the books so carefully written, so painfully smuggled out, and so overwhelmingly ignored in the West.

Ellen Spertus '90

MIT tries to improve engineering education

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter written by David Goldfren '89 ("MIT Has Inefficent System" May 3). I would like to present a few facts which I believe David has overlooked, and would like to ask David some questions.

When William Barton Rogers founded this institution, he envisioned that the purpose of MIT should be "... to furnish a general education, founded upon the Mathematical, Physical, and Natural Sciences, as shall form a fitting preparation for any of the departments of active life." (1865). He also described an MIT which would "expand into a great institution comprehending the whole field of physical science and arts with the auxiliary branches of mathematics and modern languages..." (1866). Engineering was not a common word back then, but had it been born I am sure that Rogers would have incorporated it into his ambitious vision. The MIT described here seems more suited to the well-rounded student than it does to the engineer. At times change, so must MIT to keep in line with its original purposes.

We must, therefore, ask ourselves what our ultimate goal is or should be as an engineer. Duval, what do you seek? Engineers' salaries tend to level off after a few years. Maybe you should consider studying law. Duval, do you seek power? Engineers' salaries tend to level off after a few years. Maybe you should consider studying business.

At the very least, consider these facts: There are more lawyers than engineers in the United States. Less than four percent of our congressmen and senators have engineering backgrounds, yet forty percent of the budgetary decisions they make deal directly with technology. Only one engineer, Jimmy Carter, has ever been president of the United States. The percentage of US patents filed by US citizens has dropped from 92 percent in 1976 to 58 percent in 1985. Engineering is one of the least respected, albeit least understood, professions in the United States. In fact, most kids still think that all engineers drive trains.

I believe that this is an indication that something is wrong with our present system, and I believe that MIT should try to do something about it. Did you ever wonder why there are no Nobel Prizes for engineering? The future of our country depends largely on engineering and technology, yet engineering is taken far too lightly by this country. As engineers, we have a responsibility in determining this future.

If admitting more well-rounded students to MIT can do something to effect positive change in the perception and perception of engineering, then I applaud the decision. I believe that MIT needs to admit more well-rounded students so that MIT can graduate more well-rounded engineers, engineers who have an audacious vision for the future. Maybe you should take your own advice, David: do not step too quickly before you are sure where you are going. MIT has looked into the future, and MIT knows where it is going. Sorry, David, I think it makes perfect sense.

Erik J. Heels '94

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Nick

By Chris Doerr

I'M FREEZING! MY SHOES ARE TOO SMALL! YOU GUYS CAN'T BEAR ME! YOU'RE THE WORST ROOMMATES I'VE EVER SEEN!

MAN, I CANT GET THE HANG OF THIS TIME!

OHWWWW!

EAT MY RACK IS BROKEN!

WAY TO GO, NICK!

I THINK MY THERMOMETER IS REALLY OFF SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAP PEN. I CAN FEEL IT!

"HIT THE ROAD, JACK!"

NICK REMEMBERS HIS FIRST CREW FRACTIONS...

YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO ROLL UP MY BUSINESS THERMO METER! YOU'RE TOO SMALL!

"I'VE GOT MY ARM OFF!"
Harsh realities are revealed through unusual symbiosis

Girltalk
Directed and produced by Kate Davis.
With Pinky, Mars, and Martha.
At the Brattle Theater May 6-12.
Benefits showing at 7:30pm May 6, with filmmakers present.

Girltalk is a refreshing change, in that it is one of the few films about women's issues made by women. The film documents the lives of three teenage runaway girls from Boston in an unflinching, intimate style without slick television-style commentary, relying on the audience to decide which issues are and are not important.

What links the three girls is their common history of abuse and neglect. Pinky's father left home when she was small, and her mother was judged to be a 'neglected parent.' This 14 year old now refuses to go to school and is fascinated by pop music and anything pink. (She even wears pink Reeboks.)

Martha was sexually abused by her foster father for six years. Her mother was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. Now alone and pregnant at 18, she ended up living in over twenty foster homes and institutions after her father was sent to jail.

Mars' father once threatened to take her to "a motel room and break her in right." Mars has been on the streets since age 13, and she was gang-raped until she lost consciousness. She now works as a stripper in the Combat Zone, where her specialty is to film cartwheels, lick lollipops, and ride a tricycle in a disturbingly schoolgirlish fashion.

These harsh realities are presented, however, quite matter-of-factly through an unusual symbiosis between filmmaker and subject that hasn't been seen much since Joan Baez's Chronicles of a Summer (1961). Most cinema verite filmmakers these days endeavor to disagree or limit the camera's "presence" and influence on the unfolding events. In this film, however, director Kate Davis seems more interested in using the filmmaking process to help make a difference in the life of the girls.

For example, Davis had the girls deliberately address the camera. According to an article in the Windy City Times, Davis told the girls that she "would take care of them" before and after filming — that she wouldn't just run away to get it sold. Davis even lets the girls help edit the final cut of the film. While this close link between filmmaker and subject removes any claim to journalistic objectivity, it allows Davis to apply her integrity as a filmmaker and human being in directed quite different from the typical documentary. The result is both candid and often painful.

Pinky seems the most uncomfortable with the film project because she remains the most enigmatic of the three. Her presence in the film has little to reveal, apart from introducing the viewer to typical childhood troubles and seeing the tone for the rest of the film. Asked why she "likes being a girl," she responds that "Girls get more respect. That's what I think."

The film is more effective in depicting the complexities of why Mars continues as a stripper. One's initial tendency is to blame her because it is apparent that she is not a drug addict or physically restrained to the bar. But the film goes on to reveal a hidden emotional tie to her work: Mars claims that her schoolgirl routine is her way of becoming a child for the first time in her life. She calls the bartender "Dad,

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**By PAIGE PARSONS**

There’s one sure-to-please annual event in Boston, it’s got to be opening night at Pops. Tuesday’s performance was no exception, and conductor John Williams earned itself a standing ovation.

Williams opened the evening with his new composition The Olympic Spirit, which he wrote for NBC’s coverage of the 1988 Summer Olympics. It was energetically performed, but seemed like just an afterthought.

The piece was performed lightheartedly, with a particular joviality from the woodwind section. "When the Saints Go Marching In." William conducted a rousing "Stars and Stripes Forever" that included a balloon drop and the unveiling of a huge American flag. Tamara Smirnova-Sajfar, contralto, performed with unabashed vigor and enthusiasm, grinning from ear to ear as she took part in playing this traditional American song.

In short, this was a night to remember; a true slice of Americana.

Note: Tech Night at Pops is on June 2 this year. Tickets will be on sale Monday to Friday in the lobby from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and in Lobby 10 from 11 am to 3 pm until May 10, and at the Symphony Hall box office thereafter.

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By JONATHAN RICHMOND

LAST FRIDAY, Sinfonia, the orchestra conductor and composer, Aram Gharabekian founded in 1983 and committed to a "unity of musical intent and style," completed its fifth Boston season in a Jordan Hall concert true to its reputation for polished but also thoughtful performances that send audiences away enlightened, not just entertained.

Of particular note was an unusually evocative yet subtle and intimate performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2. Avo Kuyumjian, the 1981 First Prize winner of the Beethoven International Competition in Vienna, where he now lives, has performed widely throughout Europe and last November toured in the United States and Canada with the Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra. Given the rare accomplishment of his Boston performance, he will surely be making more frequent American appearances in the future.

Critics have often seen the second piano concerto as an example of the immature Beethoven, a study in conventional chauvinism without the stirrings of revolutionary fire that were to develop later on. In a post-concert interview Kuyumjian agreed that the work looks back to Mozart and Bach, but regards that strength when coupled with the especially Beethovenian aspects he finds in the work, especially the use of bold dynamic contrasts.

Kuyumjian's ability to find originality in the piece was demonstrated by his revealing evocation of moods, facility at handling transitions, sensitivity in coalescence and, perhaps above all, in his empathy with SinfoNova. He showed restraint and made himself an organic and thereby more communicative element of the musical ensemble, rather than following the path of so many virtuosos and going it alone.

The opening movement came across optimistically and dance-like. SinfoNova's strings exuded warmth and grace, while the flute of Marianne Gedigian was sensually fragrant and Kuyumjian's playing totally absorbed, sparkling, but lending an element of urgency as well. The serious presence of the Adagio flowed naturally from this introduction. Kuyumjian illuminatingly placed elements of pathos in a close and relating relationship with the strings. Here was a profound and Mozartean lyricism.

But here, too, were the seeds of tragedy and the Maiden. "Sturm und drang" passages were played with a humor and inventiveness that were to develop later on. In a conclusion, was rapture.

The closing Rondo, with its bright cuckoo motif displaced by a theme in G minor, was played with a humor and inventiveness nonetheless rooted in introspection. Kuyumjian's quiet and left hand as he had begun, closely wedded to an ensemble whose unity greater than the sum of its parts.

Gharabekian is a risk taker, even when he can financially least afford it, and every aspect he finds in the work, especially the use of bold dynamic contrasts.

For SinfoNova's Carnegie Hall debut last March (the orchestra had already made its debut at Los Angeles' Music Center), the ensemble gave the New York premiere of Edward Manya's Adagio in Memory of dram Kharakhatunau, and a Mahler arrangement of Schubert's Death and the Maiden. For their debut in Boston's Symphony Hall last month, five new works by Boston composers were programmed. And, for Friday's dedication to the cause of experimentation, arrangements of three Johann Strauss waltzes by Berg, Schoenberg and Kenneth Shelley were offered. Unfortunately, the waltzes are far better in the original, and the arrangements (complete with piano and hornumian parts) came across as contrived and eccentric. SinfoNova's evidently-uncomfortable ensemble lapsed from their hallmark cohesiveness here.

Hurd's Symphony No. 49, "La Passione," was right on target, though. Charmingly and vividly performed to bring to light a huge variety of detail, its "Sturm und drang" passages were played with depth. SinfoNova's characteristic elegance, unity, soulfulness and reflectiveness were all present in this performance. These qualities will surely also make for the orchestra's next five years and the decades beyond.

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Tenure process fails Professor Paul

(Editors' note: The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to Ann Renninger, Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.)

We would like to bring to your attention the fact that many students are upset by the recent tenure denial of William Paul, a professor of many classes in the Film and Media Studies program. Upon inquiry, the primary reason for this decision, we have concluded that the tenure review process has failed both Professor Paul and us.

It has failed him by inappropriately reviewing his credentials. MIT, in its proposed regrouping of HASS-D sections in Course 21, has recognized that Film and Media Studies is inappropriately categorized under Literature. Why then was the decision of a film professor's tenure placed in the hands of the Literature faculty when respected film scholars from outside MIT, as well as the few at MIT, strongly recommended his tenure? Moreover, the sole basis for the decision was a current working manuscript whose nature, the unexplored and controversial area of teenage horror and exploitation films, was deemed by members of the review committee to be so remote as not to require attention. Ironically, size of 13 commented outside film scholars expect this piece to be one of the most daring and thought-provoking studies of film in recent years. In the review process, looking solely at this work manuscript alone ignores Paul's well-established career as a worthy film scholar, recognized, critical, and competent in the areas of production and film studies, previous writings and acclaimed teaching experience.

But even more important than the inherent problems with his tenure review is the fact that the process has cheated MIT students out of the opportunity to study films under a well-known and respected scholar. The influence of Paul motivated students who had found themselves taking many classes with him to approach the literature department with petitions to concentrate in Film and Media Studies before a formal concentration existed. At that time, because of a lack of higher-level film courses, students also studied independently with Paul. More recently, after the establishment of the film concentration, the three of us have gone to him for guidance and advice in successfully petitioning for a curriculum for a Humanities degree in Film and Media Studies. To us, the loss of Paul will be a great one. After taking many classes with him, we can honestly say that he is an excellent teacher. He has enlightened and educated us tremendously and has been a driving and influential force in shaping our undergraduate education.

We three are certainly not the only students who will be affected by this decision. Attached is a list of signatures, a mere sampling of the growing number of students interested in the Film and Media program. Each of these students has taken or is currently taking a class with Paul. We, as a group, feel slighted that the one and only doctorate in film studies, a major guiding influence in this growing program, is being taken from us and future MIT students.

Corinne Wayshak '89
Louis Pepe '88
Laird Mackiner '89 and 55 others

Applicants interested in non-science fields

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Fewer students preparing for a major in Course 6. The classes include many more students with what we believe to be comparable ability in math and science but different goals. I would be surprised if this didn't influence motivation and performance in core science courses.

The question should not be one of standards. We don't believe they've lowered. We are, in fact, always engaged in studies of standards and performance. If we see evidence of standards being lowered, we will work to raise them. MIT should maintain the highest standards. The real question is whether MIT is a school which should attract students with strong backgrounds in math and science who want to major in areas such as architecture, management, economics, and political science. We believe MIT has served such students well in the past and can serve more today.

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Food service examines expanded meal options

(Continued from page 1) mid-August but service will not start until mid-September. Miller wished that there could be a "practice period before coming into full power." R/O could serve this purpose, he said.

The food court in the Student Center will be open seven days a week "and the hours will be set by the market," according to Miller. In addition to the grill, fast food, pizza, bread and soup, del., dessert and fresh-baked pastry area, the food court will carry ethnic foods (Mexican, Chinese, etc.) which will change every week.

Miller observed that kitchen and dining facilities in the dormitories need to be redesigned for better service. "Most of the houses were designed to serve commuters rather than a la carte," he said. Maguire agreed but said the remodeling and redesigning is still in the "idea phase."

As far as the price of the meals go, only about 40 percent is in the "idea phase." These are just a few of the items available from 5-7:00 p.m. So the next time you want to start your night early, eat early at the Cambridge Center Marriott.

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Gray, others, speak in honor of former president James Killian

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'60s, Gray remembered Killian as one who "taught us perspective, and the importance of fundamental principles."

And Killian, flowered in the New England intellectual environment that proved perfect for him, Johnson said, found in almost every opportunity a way to grow with the Institute. Even his early work as an editor at Technology Review, which would hardly seem to some as the beginnings of a college president, Johnson said, was a crucial part of his development, helping to train his talent into clear writing ability — to make him a very successful communicator.

Killian was a private man "who had the quality to sit patiently in a storm of words till he had something to say," recounted President Emeritus Jerome B. Wiesner, noting that Killian had a talent for making sense of tangled issues.

Killian had a sense of the dangers of overspecialization, Weinkopf said. Though there are many "experts" today, he lamented, "what we sorely miss is people who have the dignity, the wide human approach, the greatness of character, of James Killian."

Three faculty members discuss impact of Iran-contra on vote

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juries are being employed. Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh will have difficulty using the evidence he wants to. Menand noted, because the defense is using a sort of "gray-mail," by insisting that all evidence used be made public, even sensitive documents. Menand said it was not clear whether the Iran-contra affair will have any effect on Bush during the election, since the issue is not clearly spelled out into good and bad.

A potentially more dangerous association for Bush, Menand noted, would occur if Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega were successfully linked to US nationals. As one-time head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Bush had to know that Noriega was involved in drug dealing, Thourow said, but he did not do anything about it. That relationship might blow up during the election.

Presidential power

The power of the President, Thourow said, lies most in his image. It is the President who sets the national agenda, and a lot of people want to hide behind him.

Thourow said Carter defeated himself in Tehran by treating the hostage issue with such importance. There was a similar hostage incident during Lyndon Johnson's presidency, Thourow said, but Johnson downplayed it enormously.

Any President will have to deal effectively with the news media, because television is the only way to reach the 242 million inhabitants of the United States, Thourow said.

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