**By Andrea Lambert**

An MIT sophomore has filed charges against Tom M. Fahy ’91, according to an informed source who wished to remain anonymous. The alleged rape occurred on the night of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Christmas party at SAE’s Beacon Street house on Dec. 8.

A probable cause hearing will be held Feb. 13 to determine if the case should go to trial.

Fahy could not be reached for comment.

The woman did not attend the party with Fahy, the source said. The source, who is a close friend of the alleged victim, said the woman “did not know Tom.”

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Alcohol played a significant role in the incident, according to a source who has knowledge of the situation. “If the victim were sober, this never ever would have happened,” the friend stated.

According to the source, both Fahy and the woman consumed alcohol at the party. The woman became drunk after her own date because “very drunk and . . . passed out,” the source said. The source said after the woman became drunk the woman flirted with Fahy.

According to the source, the woman was at the SAE house the entire night, and reported that she was raped by the Boozie Pro following the morning.

The alleged victim was served alcohol at the party, and [she is] not 21,” her friend added.

The president of SAE, Mark E. Lundstrom ’91, was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Fahy’s status as a student remains unchanged, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tooley. Any action by MIT to alter his status or punish the fraternity would take place after court action, he said.

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McManus cast the single vote against the University Park request in the 2-1 decision. "The other members of the committee felt there were enough votes available to grant the request," she said.

The number of commercial parking spaces in Cambridge is limited by a city ordinance to 500 more than existed when the ordinance was passed. McManus explained. Spaces within garages or parking lots that close become available elsewhere in the city.

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Iraqi defectors may not exist

The Pentagon said last night it could not confirm reports that as many as six Iraqi pilots fleeing to Saudi Arabia are planning to defect to the United States. The Pentagon said it had been told by the Saudi Defense Ministry that any such defection had taken place. However, US journalists with Operation Desert Shield forces in Saudi Arabia report seeing some of aircraft did cross the border.

Perez de Cuellar may go to Iraq

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is reportedly considering a last-ditch peace mission to Baghdad before the UN deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. The UN mission intends to go ahead with the meeting.

Gulf crisis may hurt arms talks

White House spokesman Mike Finnawi said today there is concern about the Persian Gulf and the status of arms talks. But he also said that at this point the administration intends to go ahead with the meeting.

Haitian coup attempt fails

Raymond Joseph, charge d'affaires of the Haitian embassy in Washington, announced the failure of a coup attempt today. Joseph said the troops have arrested a former aide to ousted dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Lafontant had taken caretaker president Ertha Pascal Trouillot hostage. But Joseph said he has spoken to the president, and that she is in control.

Haitians protested the theft of the country's first peaceful transition to democracy.

War preparations continue

Embassies and US military facilities in the Middle East and Europe are continuing preparations for possible war. Against that threat, there has been a rush of diplomatic activity across Europe, with preparations for possible war.

Lithuania in turmoil

The White House said today that Soviet troops to Lithuania and six other Baltic republics "amounts to an invasion." The Lithuanian government said an armed column "rolled into the capital city yesterday. The troops are to help enforce the Kremlin's draft laws. Draft compliance has been as low as 15 percent in Lithuania.

There are also disputes within the Lithuanian government. Prime Minister Kazimiera Piskuliene has been under pressure from the Soviet president and turned in her resignation. The prime minister had been criticized for planning to increase prices.

NAS criticizes pollution control efforts

The National Academy of Sciences said yesterday that as many as six Iraqi pilots manning helicopters is doing a poor job of keeping tabs on water pollution. The academy also said that dirty water is making people sick. An academy panel said illness caused by contaminated seawater could be reduced if the government stepped up monitoring efforts for the nation's oceans, lakes, and streams.

Supreme Court hears nude dancing arguments

Nude dancing - is it free speech or just indecency? The Supreme Court addressed this issue yesterday in the case of Indiana against a man who danced in front of a bar.

Pan Am-TWA merger scrapped

Any possible deal is off between the ailing Pan American World Airways and rival Trans World Airlines. Pan Am, which has filed for federal bankruptcy protection, had said it might talk about merging with TWA. Now, Pan Am says it has turned down those plans. The airline promised to keep up full service during its Chapter 11 reorganization.

The Transportation Department tentatively approved the sale of Pan Am's transatlantic routes to United Airlines. The deal will cost United $290 million.

LA to begin water rationing

Officials in Los Angeles, CA, say they will begin rationing water to millions of customers next month, forcing growers to cut back 30 percent and homes and industry to reduce water use by 10 percent. The rationing is to conserve the city's dwindling supply of water as Southern California enters its fifth year of drought.

Survey reports racial stereotypes

A survey indicates that whites cannot go to of their stereotypes of blacks and Hispanics. A National Academy panel said yesterday that more than half of the whites surveyed believe blacks and Hispanics are less likely to be hard-working, nonviolent, intelligent, and patriotic. At the same time, the survey indicates a growing number of whites support racial equality.

Leaders of groups representing African-Americans and Hispanics expressed little surprise at the results.

Keating Five hearings continue

Sen. Donald Riegle (D-Ml) told the Senate Ethics Committee of his decision not to talk to savings-and-loan scandal witness Charles Keating Jr. about his problems with federal regulators. That contradicts earlier testimony from Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ) and a former Keating employee. Also, the panel voted to excuse Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) from testifying because of his ongoing cancer treatment.

Bush to nominate new GOP head

The White House confirmed Monday that President George Bush plans to nominate Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter to become chairman of the Republican National Committee. Spokesmen said that although Yeutter has often been bashed by the party faithful, knowledge that Yeutter comes up short on political experience, but called him an aggressive campaigner.

FBI anti-terrorism plan attacked

An FBI plan to gather information about potential terrorist attacks by Iraq is being upheld by the head of the American Anti-Discrimination Committee. He is concerned that the FBI plan may lead to discrimination.

Bush earlier nominated former drug policy director William Bennett to the job. Bennett declined, citing financial restrictions.

Bank of New England fails

The Bank of New England for bankruptcy protection as federal regulators settled in to oversee operations at the troubled institution. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation promised to cover all losses up to $100,000, so even those exceeding the $100,000 guaranteed by the agency.

The FDIC is the fourth largest bank to fail in US history, with $22 billion in assets. FDIC officials said the bailout is expected to cost more than $12 billion.

Baseball names hall-of-famers

Rod Carew has become the 22nd player elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in the first year of eligibility. Pitchers Ferguson Jenkins and Gaylord Perry join Carew as this year's inductees to the hall.

Four-hundred forty-three members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America cast ballots in this year's election. The winners must receive 75 percent of the eligible ballots, or 363 votes this year, in order to be elected. Jenkins received 334, Perry 324, and Carew 401 votes. This is the third time in 25 years of voting that three or more players have been elected in the same year.

Weather

Cold-to-moderate temperatures; some snow likely

An upper-level disturbance associated with some moisture from the Mid-Atlantic States will move across the region today, giving southern New England a period of snow this afternoon and early evening. Precipitation levels should be light, with the heaviest amounts to our south. Snow may mix with sleet and freezing rain in coastal and southern sections of Massachusetts before ending.

A cold front will move across the area tomorrow morning. The next chance for precipitation will be Saturday. Early indications are that this system will be stronger than today's.

Wednesday afternoon: Cloudy with steady snow developing by the afternoon. Winds from the east shifting to the southeast at 5-10 mph (8-16 kph). High around 32°F (0°C).

Wednesday night: Steady snow, possibly mixing with sleet and freezing rain before ending. Winds from the southeast shifting to southwest 20-25 mph (32-40 kph). Low 18°F (-7°C).

Thursday: Clearing, winds, and turning cold late in the day. Winds northwest increasing to 10-15 mph (16-24 kph). High 34°F (1°C). Low 18-21°F (-6°C to -6°C).

Friday: Sunny and cold. High 30°F (-1°C).

Weekend outlook: Snow and/or rain arriving Saturday. Precipitation, possibly changing to all rain in eastern sections. Clearing, winds, and cold Sunday.

Forecast by Michael C. Morgan
Tanks fornothin' geomet

Column by Matthew H. Hersch

In a supersaturated nation in the media-rich 1990s, fighting a war to win isn't good enough. A war, American politicians believe, must be massive, quick and painless in order to be viewed by the public as well-managed and politically wise. For this reason, President George Bush has adopted a plan for a massive land-based assault on Iraqi troops in Kuwait—a battle plan that would produce severe causalities, last longer, and be more politically risky than military action by alternative methods. Why? Because he thinks it will make better TV.

If Saddam's armies fail to pull out of Kuwait, the US could take action or face a complete destruction of its credibility. If the United States hopes to reap the rewards of supersaturated status, it must bear the costs. Saddam Hussein, with a destabilizing belligerent, chemical, and nuclear potential, must be stopped now. No one says, however, that millions have to die in the process.

When prospects for war in the Persian Gulf dramatically increased months ago after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the leaders of the various branches of the American military, began weighing military options under a presidential order. The JCS, spearheaded by Army General Colin Powell, advocated a buildup of infantry and armor in Saudi Arabia to stave off the possibility of another Iraqi invasion and pressure the massed number of Iraqi forces in neighboring Kuwait. With a coalition of nearly half a million multinational troops in the gulf, Bush believed the United States would be prepared for a mud dash across the desert into Iraqi-held territory, with only peripheral air and naval support.

The leading factors that led Bush and Powell to advocate this plan, according to a recent Newsweek article, were concerns that while a ground war might be costly in men and dollars, it would be quicker than an air war or any other alternative scheme. The shorter war, many in Bush's administration believe, offers better chances for public support. Bush's people thought wrong.

The ground scramble, according to the latest released data and statements from the last press conference, would begin with a short air battle, aimed at destroying the Iraqi air force, the last link to Kuwait, then an advance into Kuwait across the desert, and, possibly, an amphibious landing from the gulf. The operation (the term "war" is no longer in vogue), would be mainly undertaken by American and British forces, who comprise the largest willing and capable units in the region. The number of estimated battle casualties for this three-month campaign is expected to run in the tens of thousands on both sides. Even worse, if the US-led forces found themselves bogged down in Kuwait, they might be subject to chemical attack by the Iraqis. The US response would probably be a nuclear one. The Pentagon has ordered 55,000 off-the-shelf body bags. Civilian casualties, as in comparable wars, would run in the millions.

In an alternative scheme, suggested by the recently released Air Force Staff Chief Gen. Michael J. Dugan, the United States would execute an aerial bombardment of Iraqi military and government positions, in a war of attrition against Saddam Hussein. In such a scheme, a ground sweep into Kuwait would only be used as a follow-up measure, after most enemy troops had fled or been eliminated by air attacks. As most troops would remain in reserve in Saudi Arabia, any Iraqi chemical assaults on them would constitute an attack on Saudi Arabia. This escalation would extend international hatred of Saddam, and he would not risk it. Casualty deaths would be drastically lower in an air engagement than in a ground-only assault, and civilian deaths would probably be no more.

Matthew H. Hersch, a freshman, is an associate opinion editor of The Tech.

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In gamboling America's superpower status on big conventional armies, Bush is exhibiting 14th century thinking. What matters in military affairs in the 1990s is not the exact market share in the battle of 1968. American and North Korean have massive standing armies, but they lack the resources to move them or to project their power any significant distance from the home front. If Bush hopes to bluff Syria and madness, he can only threaten them with the prospect of retribution anywhere at any time, not with massive strikes after a few months of preparation. An air assault would exemplify superpower superefters, a battle plan that would constitute an attack on civilian causalities.

No normal individual hopes for war. However, if a war must be fought, it should be conducted in the manner least damaging to non-combatants and soldiers alike. Some in the government, more concerned with reduction than human life, should remember this.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gulf war needlessly risks massive death and injury

Death and destruction approach in the Persian Gulf. Some people here in MIT take a callous attitude over what is about to happen, and this worries me.

For example, I read in Timothy M. Townsend '93's letter "At home and abroad: Two views of gulf crises," Dec. [1] that there will be no shortage of hardline targets for our airspace and advanced weapons" in Iraq. He completely forgets that there are people at these targets and that they will be dismembered and set on fire when "our advanced weapons" rain down on them. He does not seem to understand that war is dirty business, that it is bloody murder.

Not too long ago, I found myself on Highway 128 at 7:30 in the evening. Eight cars packed with cars, and inside each car a different activity. The amount of gasoline consumed, just on that single stretch of highway, was immense. This was not a weekday morning and evening, on hundreds of highways in the United States. Sinking in that same, I understood why some want to start a war, a war that will kill these people.

Some people I have talked to are willing to trust implicitly what President George Bush is doing about the situation -- sending in the army to avoid a war. This strikes me as Orwellian, because it seems to me the best way not to send in the army is not to send in the army in the first place.

My brother is of draft age, and I want him to live to see the end of the war. But it is not yet over, and in any case the Iraqis will need to it well even if they control all of it.

Second, the war will not have much effect on our day-to-day lives, and very few of us will actually be at risk. I read in The Tech that there are no MIT reservists in the Persian Gulf. "No MIT reservists in the Persian Gulf," Dec. [1]. The fighting will still be thousands of miles away, and it will be the Iraqi soldiers and civilians who will be mutilated and killed, not our loved ones.

Third, we have these really cool weapons that are paid a lot of money for, and they make us invincible. When the fighting starts, we will show the Iraqis how to fight, and who is been. Saddam Hussein actually does turn into Hitler, let the world know it. Until that time, I am willing to wait for the sanctions, and pay more for gasoline.

Peter Mgett

Article on Campus Police staffing contains numerous inaccuracies

I read with disappointment a recent article in The Tech ("Glavin undertaking not unusual," Dec. [2]). The article contained some serious inaccuracies which require correction.

The article emphasizes that eight officers are required to patrol the MIT campus if one takes into account the six foot patrol zones and two cruiser patrol areas. The article then states that this figure does not take into account officers on sick leave or vacation.

In fact Brian Rosenbaum '93, the author of the article, was given staffing numbers of nine officers assigned to the 11:00 pm shift, 11 officers assigned to the 7:30 pm shift, and 11 officers assigned to the 3:00 pm shift and three officers assigned to the 6:00 pm shift.

The numbers do not include the dispatchers on each shift, one full-time crime prevention officer on the day shift and one current opening in the patrol division. As he was further informed, these staffing numbers decrease when one takes into account an officer's days off, sick leave, vacation, etc. The average shift staffing numbers are eight officers.

Another inaccuracy concerns the staffing decisions made by the "crime prevention unit." Rosenbaum was told that the shift commander (decomand) make daily staffing decisions based on a variety of factors, including the crime analysis information provided on a weekly basis by the department's Crime Prevention Unit.

This is only one factor and relates strictly to the commander's review of what particular crime issues are of concern on the campus. For example, last summer the campus experienced a particular problem with motor vehicle thefts in the parking facilities. At the same time we increased our patrol activity to deal with that problem.

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Given the amount of time I spent with Rosenberg discussing this issue in detail, showing him patrol-zone maps and explaining the various factors involved, it is very disappointing to see such an inaccurate and misleading headline.

Anne M. Gla Vin
Campus Police Chief

In this series we have discussed topics that are at the heart of the educational process. Your awareness of these topics is an important application of them during your education and can lead to getting the most out of your school.

Here is a summary of the main points of each essay:

**The purpose of education.**

...alumni records show that it is likely for many of us to work in a variety of fields or to work fields entirely.

The ability to do excellent work in a range of fields and to meet diverse challenges with clear, bold thinking and creative solutions are the hallmarks of a good education.

The skills we learn are an acute ability to observe all aspects of a problem, to integrate a wide range of knowledge, to analyze in depth, to obtain insights, to find creative solutions, and to apply, analyze, and test the solutions.

Pressure, confidence, and self-esteem.

Pressure to excel is inherent in any tradition that solves problems.

There is a temptation to suggest changes to reduce this pressure: a lighter course load, easier grading, course options, less homework, etc.

Experience teaches us that in the long run confidence and self-esteem cannot come from reducing the challenges we face! When we face the challenges of solving real and difficult problems, when we solve problems others have attempted and have not solved; when we break ground with new knowledge; when we see our own solutions tested by reality and found satisfactory, then we acquire confidence and self-esteem. Then simply no other way.

And recognition, when it comes, is fully deserved.

The foundaitions of creativity.

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To overcome this obstacle we need to add to our basic thinking skills and technical foundations the following elements of attitude:

1. A strong desire for a creative breakthrough.
2. Confidence in our ability.
3. An expectation that many false starts may be necessary.
4. Sufficient immersion in the problem to engage all our faculties.
5. A willingness to pursue solutions until a breakthrough is achieved.
6. Analysis of each attempt to aid in the development of insights.

Developing your thought process.

"As students of science and engineering, you have an excellent opportunity to develop your thought process by working on problems whose correct analysis yields a unique answer.

Searching for the correct solution causes you to reframe the problem until you reach the model that correctly expresses the data and the right answer.

The homework problems you solve often involve fundamental concepts that are applicable in areas far removed from the original area of study. To further your understanding of these concepts, the ability to apply them is essential.

We will attempt to remedy this problem with the following.

In summary, work on problems that have verifiable answers and to meet the fundamental concepts.

- At Home and abroad: Two views of gulf crises, Dec. [1]
- The fighting will still be thousands of miles away, and it will be the Iraqi soldiers and civilians who will be mutilated and killed, not our loved ones.
- Peter Mgett
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New harassment policy excessive

Column wrongly portrays Chicago neighborhood

Institute must eliminate unintentional acts of bias

The Tech receives a copy of this letter addressed to President Charles M. Vest.

I am grateful that you, as president of MIT, take interest in improving MIT’s sexual harassment policy. I was pleased to see that the Committee on Sexual Harassment recently recognized that certain gestures and innocent comments, even if they do not involve physical contact, can be offensive and disturbing.

For this reason, I would like to see the reduction in negative incidents that were reported last year. I believe that this reduction is a result of the new policies and procedures that have been implemented.

I have always been a strong advocate of free speech and believe that it is important to have open and honest discussions. However, I also believe that we must protect students from acts of harassment.

In conclusion, I believe that MIT is making great progress in addressing sexual harassment. I look forward to seeing continued improvements in this area.

Sincerely,

Julie Polkony '91

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Edward Scissorhands just doesn’t make the cut

EDWARD SCISSORHANDS
Directed by Tim Burton.
Starring Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder, and Dianne Wiest.
At the Chestnut Hill Cinemas.

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By BILL JACKSON

Edward Scissorhands is the latest film to emerge from the mind of director Tim Burton (Batman, Beetlejuice). It is a nobly envisioned fairy tale with a hint of tragedy. Its performances and visual style are excellent, but the effort is ultimately a bit too silly to succeed.

Edward (Johnny Depp) is the creation of a Frankenstein-like inventor played with quiet relish by Vincent Price. The inventor built Edward step-by-step, but just as he was about to replace Edward’s “crude scissors” with “better, neater, but the effort is ultimately a bit too silly to succeed.”

Edward is left alone with scissorshands in a Gothic mansion at the top of a hill.

Years later, in the suburban town below, Peg the Avon lady (Dianne Wiest) has almost given up on selling her wares when she meets Edward alone and, brings him to her home. She finds Edward alone and, brings him to her home. Peg, who only appears in Edward’s flashbacks, plays it straight as Edward’s loving, caring inventor, and her approach works marvelously. The rest of the cast, including Alan Arkin and Anthony Michael Hall, seem to be having fun with their parts.

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EDWARD SCISSORHANDS is a flawed attempt to make a sad, somber, fatherly role. He manages to play it reasonably straight but not overdo it. He is also, him self-played Frankenstein himself by creating this picture from the ashes of other films.

The idea of framing the film as if it were being told as a bedtime story to a little girl, as an insult, however, but as a quiet tribute to a 20th-century American culture which only exists in our minds, and perhaps in TV-land.

Burton, who shares story credit with screenwriter Caroline Thompson, has played Frankenstein himself by creating this picture from the ashes of other films. The idea of framing the films as if it were being told as a bedtime story to a little girl, was most recently seen in The Princess Bride, and similar themes have been explored in films as diverse as Frankenstein and Mark. The screenplay manages to avoid most of the obvious clichés and, most importantly, it knows when to not say anything and let the actors do the acting.

The film is the most fun near the beginning, when Burton takes aim at suburbs with a searing eye for detail — the ceramic bird baths, the sex-starved housewives, and the back-slapping husbands at barbecues. The film moves at a good speed — Burton has learned much about pacing a film since the dying conclusion of Beetlejuice — as it approaches the end, it becomes slightly more somber and attempts to set Edward up as a tragic hero.

This odd combination almost works, but Burton lacks the subtle cinematic touch required to pull it off. In short, Edward Scissorhands is a fun ride, but the ending may leave you feeling manipulated, and the silliness of the whole idea ultimately undermines any feelings you might have for the characters.

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The Boston Symphony Orchestra presents the first night of its annual Choral Festival. For details see Jan. 17.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

FILM AND VIDEO

The Boston Symphony Orchestra presents "Hannah's Walk," a film by Lotte Eisler on the problem of refugees. For details see Jan. 17.

Thursday, Jan. 17

FILM AND VIDEO

Tonight's Film is "Thieves" a film by Michael Anderson. For details see Jan. 17.

FILM AND VIDEO

Tuesday, Jan. 22

FILM AND VIDEO

The Regent Theater presents "The Age of Innocence," starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Daniel Day-Lewis. For details see Jan. 17.

Friday, Jan. 25

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