

Students debate changes in housing

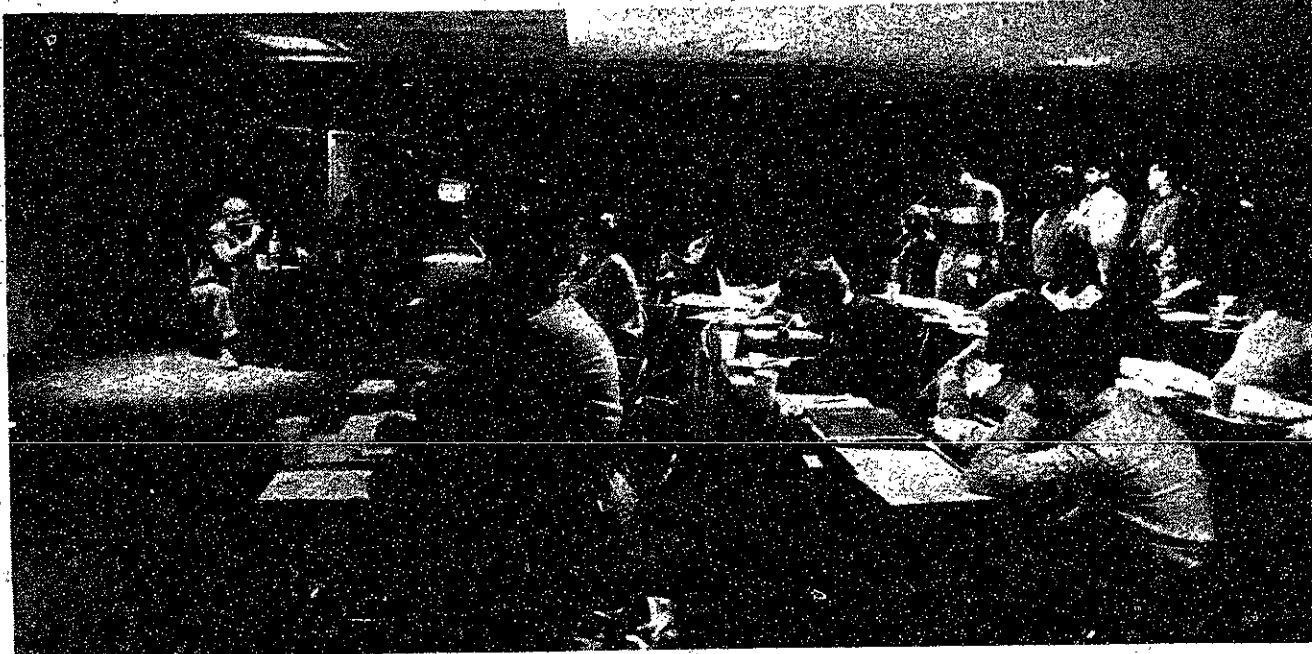
UA meeting probes FHC housing plan

By Katherine Shim

Students and administration panelists discussed the current housing system at a packed meeting of the Undergraduate Association Council last night in Twenty Chimneys. Recommendations of the *Report of the Freshman Housing Committee*, released in October 1989, were used as a springboard for discussion.

Among the topics debated were how rejection from fraternities, commonly known as "flushing," could be averted, how a new housing system should accommodate a changing student population, whether rush should be moved to the sophomore year and whether a new housing system should attempt to create a stronger sense of community at MIT.

In his opening remarks Dean of Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith said, "It seems to me that we have a new cast of characters in the administration and students. I agree with some of the recommendations of the FHC. I don't think it should be ignored. . . . I think we should build more dorms. I don't think that it's appropriate that all freshmen be randomly assigned



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Students and panelists debate housing at last night's UA meeting.

to dormitories."

Housing to accommodate changing demographics

Associate Provost for Educational Programs and Policy Samuel J. Keyser said change was needed in the current housing system to accommodate the swiftly changing demographics of the student body.

"The system that is in place now was designed for white, Anglo-Saxon males. It was designed for a system different from what is here now," he said.

This means that "if you're a

white male, you're across the river. In the fraternities, three percent are minorities, the rest are white males. I believe that it's extremely important to have as wide a communal experience as possible," Keyser said.

Director of Planning Ovadia R. Simha SM '57 also stressed the importance of changing the housing policy to accommodate changing demographics. "For the future we will have different kinds of folks, a different spread of gender, new students from places we can't even identify

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Forum on FHC plan generates student praise

By Reuven M. Lerner

Participants in last night's Undergraduate Association Council meeting agreed that the discussion about student housing had been productive, and predicted that there would be similar meetings in the future.

Associate Provost for Educational Programs and Policy Samuel J. Keyser called the three-and-a-half-hour meeting "wonderful," and added that he was extremely impressed that "everybody treated the issues extremely seriously."

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Administrators react to FHC plan

By Eva Moy

Administrators involved with the future of undergraduate housing agree that the present system needs to be changed, but disagree on how or when to make those changes.

Dean for Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith, Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities James R. Tewhey and Associate Provost Samuel J. Keyser discussed the housing system in separate interviews before last night's Undergraduate Association Council panel discussion.

The administrators differed in their opinions on the recommendations of the *Report of the Freshman Housing Committee* and other proposed changes in housing.

"The system of residence selection was designed for another era," Keyser said. "That era has gone and we have entered a new one. So we now are faced with something that we ought to be very good at — a design problem. We want to maintain the best of the previous era, and at the same time capture the potential of the era we're going into. I believe that it is in the best spirit of MIT that we do."

Smith sees the situation differently. "This is not a prob-

lem that can be settled within one day or one week. And it's one on which the Institute needs a large amount of student input, and not just from the student leadership. I think it has to be clear. . . . how students feel about the greater things that were proposed," he said.

"It's always easier for the institution to tell people what to do. It just seems to me. . . . that we have to resist that tendency whenever we can. . . . I just think it's worth it, because individuals almost always make better choices than institutions do for them," Smith added.

Flushing cited as a problem

Keyser was concerned about the freshmen who are flushed, or rejected, from independent living groups during rush each year. "Even if it cannot be done away with, at least if freshmen live on campus for a year, they would have a community within which they could be supported," he said.

He added that although the students' choice of where they live is a benefit of the present system, "that, in a way, is a cost you pay. You make someone else pay for your choice," he said.

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Tewhey rejects alcohol plan

By Sarah Keightley

Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey rejected the Dormitory Council's proposed alcohol policy on Wednesday, saying he could not accept the percentage of house taxes it would allow dormitories to use in purchasing alcoholic beverages.

Although Tewhey's Feb. 1, 1992, deadline for a revised proposal is a few months away, DormCon Chair Judy Chin '92 would like to finish the proposal before DormCon elections at the end of November. "We have a tight time schedule in that [November 21] will be the last meeting of DormCon," Chin said.

Chin said the amount of money dormitories should be allowed to spend on alcohol is a difficult issue because of the legal liabilities involved. Under DormCon's proposal, dormitories would be allowed to spend a percentage of house tax on alcohol equal to the percentage of residents over the age of 21.

Tewhey explained that "it was not reasonable that 25 percent of an entire tax budget [be spent on alcohol]. The sums involved would be very, very high." He said the formula was not an "accurate reflection of the budget process."

He added that the alcohol policy should work toward a mechanism that would assure no underage drinking took place in dorms, and suggested that "other options we might explore include seeing what organizations do."

Students disappointed by Tewhey's rejection

Next House President Seth M. Cohen '92 was disappointed that Tewhey rejected the plan. "We've put some time and effort into this. The house tax issue is a very delicate one."



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James R. Tewhey

"I feel the policy [was] pretty straightforward," said Jay M. Goodliffe '92, president of MacGregor House. He said that "it shows dormitories are taking initiative: that we as house governments are not condoning underage drinking." Goodliffe said that he plans to speak with

Tewhey about the plan to see how more could be done without excessive regulation.

Baker House President Geoffrey C. Mayne '92 said that "I'm still unclear on why [the administration] wants the policy. Other DormCon [representatives] feel it's not going to be used at all; it'll be used to say they got student input." Mayne said, "I personally feel [the Institute] is asking too much."

Adam S. Lechner '92, Baker House treasurer, estimated that of the \$17,500 collected in house taxes, \$2900 — or 17 percent — was spent on alcohol.

"We have a lot of open parties. Another big thing is the two cocktail parties we have each term, which are for the faculty; we serve all good alcohol so we have good scotch, good alcohol for the professors." Of the \$2900 Baker spent on alcohol last term, \$1400 went towards these two cocktail parties, he added.

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SETA works to further animal rights

(Editor's note: The following is the first in a regular series of reports describing student activities.)

By Alice N. Gilchrist

Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA), formerly the Animal Rights Forum, is a group of MIT students who support the humane treatment of animals. According to SETA President Lucy M. Tancredi '94, the group's activities currently center around efforts to educate other students about the need for the ethical treatment of animals. SETA has 80 members, 15 to 20 of whom are active.

SETA often has a booth in Lobby 10 where members distribute information about animal

welfare issues, including dissection, vegetarianism and the drawbacks of killing animals for their fur. Also, SETA has food sales to inform people about vegetarian food.

This winter SETA will build a shelter for stray cats in the Central Square area, Tancredi said. The shelter will be a small place for the cats to stay warm.

SETA's name change reflects broader emphasis of group

SETA recently changed its constitution to reflect its new name, and members expect to be approved by the Association of Student Activities soon. Tancredi said the group changed its name

to "attract a broader range of people whose interests may include different aspects of animal welfare, including everything from strays and domestic animals to animal rights." Tancredi said SETA wants to encourage students who are not necessarily interested in animal rights to join the group.

Members of SETA generally approve of the name change. Nousheen V. Afshani '94 said the change will hopefully show the "diverse interests" of SETA. Richard D. Hamlin '95, another SETA member, said the name "SETA does not imply animal rights, which may facilitate more people joining the group."

Next term, Tancredi is also going to begin a club for vegetarians at MIT. She said the club, which will help vegetarians maintain their eating habits, will cook together, share information on Boston-area restaurants, sponsor a Thursday night dinner during Residence/Orientation Week and make their special needs known to ARA.

Tancredi said that although the vegetarian club will probably have "a lot of SETA members in it, the club will be totally separate" from SETA. She said that students who stopped eating meat for any reason — health, religious beliefs or environmental concerns — would be welcome.

Administration reacts to FHC plan

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Smith voiced a different viewpoint. "I think [Residence/Orientation] Week brings freshmen and upperclassmen together in a way that I don't think happens in any other university. I think the level of help and cooperation among students is very high. The difficulty of MIT intellectual activity is such that you really need the support group of people that you live with, some of whom have already been through it," he said.

Tewhey thought the problems with freshmen housing are only part of a larger problem. "I don't necessarily think that freshmen have to be preassigned to dorms. . . . I think there are probably some things we can do better relative to the freshman year as a whole."

Smith said that the "self-interest and the perpetuation of what is to them a valuable experience" brings upperclassmen back early to help with R/O Week. "After all, all the people who are coming back to help have gone through this, so it can't really have been so bad," Smith said.

Changing demographics to affect housing

The FHC report noted that MIT's demographics have changed significantly within the past two decades. When R/O first started in 1966, fraternities had traditionally been white and male, and no women's ILGs existed, the report said.

About 46 percent of undergraduate men live in ILGs and 50 percent in dormitories, as opposed to 9 percent and 90 percent, respectively, for undergraduate women, according to the report.

"Rush, at least in the first couple days, is clearly a system designed for the ILGs," Tewhey said. If the percentage of women were up to 40 percent, as opposed to about 30 percent now, then the impact on ILGs would be more significant, he said.

On-campus living "would give a thousand students a diverse living experience for at least one year," Keyser said. "If freshmen have to move at least once, then they get a broader social experience. I think that it would be good to get a more varied experience in different living groups."

"Originally, MIT had a system that worked extremely well for the character of its student body," Keyser said. "Then the demographics of the student body changed. . . . but you can't expect a system that was designed for one population to work for another, and so the point is that we must face the situation," he added.

Smith felt differently. "I have never found [racial diversity] a convincing argument. . . . You're not going to be able to continue having a third of the student body living in the ILGs being white male if a third of the students are not white male." The ILGs realize this and have already been changing in order to survive, he added.

Ensuring racial diversity, Smith said, "would be a major change from what we do, and I think that has other counterproductive things associated with it. I think the opportunities for choice, for self-government on the part of students, the responsibility for a large part of how you conduct your lives, is a very important part of what we do here."

Report suggests more emphasis on orientation

Administrators also fear that freshmen are not being given enough academic orientation. If residence selection were postponed until the second semester, R/O week could be used for orientation, Keyser said.

"There is a tremendous amount that needs to be done in orientation which is not done," Keyser said. "There are a whole host of questions which a four-year curriculum will not be able to deal with. . . . because the demands on you are so great, the possibility of your thinking about larger questions is shut down to a certain extent."

But Smith described orientation as a time where students learn their way around, learn how to survive the system, meet other students, and find where organizations are, among other things.

"I really like the idea of choice," Smith said.

Smith drew an analogy between residence selection at MIT and in the real world. "It seems to me that if you go off to find a job, the first thing you do is to find a place to live. It isn't as if you're finding a place to live forever. It isn't as though you signed a 10-year lease, or even a four-year lease, on the room that you choose when you arrive here."

"The time to do the orientation is maybe about Columbus Day," Smith suggested. "Now you've dealt with all those things — you've got a room, you know the geography of the place, your bank account is settled, you've been to lecture, you've had your first quiz. . . . Now you're ready for orientation."

Smith also said that it may be hard to get the faculty to return 10 days early to run orientation, like students do now. If rush is changed to the second semester, then orientation would be "really hard to accomplish," he said.

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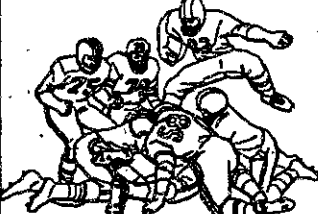



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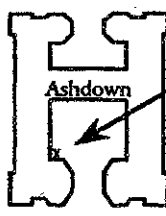
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Bush stresses US role in Europe

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NATO leaders are also looking over a new military strategy that considers the former Warsaw Pact to be less of a threat. Secretary of State James A. Baker III said NATO must recognize that times have changed. He said the alliance is now looking at the problems of instability in eastern Europe.

China defends human-rights policy

China is willing to talk with Secretary of State James A. Baker III about human rights, but a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that China is not going to change its ways. He noted international criticism, but said China's human rights practices are its own business and that feeding and sheltering its one billion people is China's number-one human rights concern. Baker will visit China later this month.

Nation

Cameras okayed in Smith trial jury selection

The judge will let the cameras watch as a jury is chosen for the rape trial of William Kennedy Smith. Mary Lupo turned down a defense request to keep out television and still cameras, and keep reporters from giving out the names of potential jurors. She did, however, do something to protect the privacy of the jury pool. She said that journalists who publish the names won't be allowed into the trial. The nephew of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) is accused of assaulting a woman at the Kennedy family mansion in Palm Beach, Fla.

Judge requests plastic shield for Dahmer's trial

There may be a plastic glass shield to protect defendant Jeffrey Dahmer when his trial on charges of serial murder begins next year in Milwaukee, Wis. The judge said yesterday that he had asked for one, and expects to get it, if the materials come through. The shield would save the county thousands of dollars by reducing the number of bailiffs for security.

Palestinians establishing advisory committees

An adviser to the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks said yesterday that Palestinians are setting up committees of experts to advise the delegation. But he denied reports that the committees would consider how residents of the Israeli-occupied territories should be governed under Israel's offer of limited self-rule. The adviser said the Palestinian goal is still to have a land of their own.

Timber cutting contributed to flooding in the Philippines

Officials in the Philippines said yesterday that rampant, illegal timber-cutting may have contributed to the landslides that killed more than 3300 people this week. They said the illegal cutting has left a lot of landscape barren, and the wood has been shipped to Japan and South Korea. Officials believe entire families were wiped out in landslides in the wake of tropical storm Thelma.

Vietnamese holding no MIAs, colonel tells Congress

A former Vietnamese army colonel told Congress yesterday that there are no Americans being held against their will in his country. Bui Tin testified to a Senate committee investigating the fate of the more than 2200 Americans still listed as missing in action from the Vietnam War. Tin said because of his position in the Communist Party and his rank in the army he would be in a position to know if there were still POWs being held.

Scholar says early Jews shared Christian beliefs

New text released from the Dead Sea Scrolls suggest some ancient Jews shared the Christian concept of the slaying of a Messiah. Robert Eisenman, of the California State University at Long Beach, said he does not know if the leader mentioned in the text was Jesus. But he said it is significant in showing similarities in Jewish and Christian thinking.

Maxwell to be buried in Jerusalem

An Israeli newspaper in Robert Maxwell's publishing empire said the late British media giant will be buried Sunday in a Jewish cemetery in Jerusalem. Maxwell, who was the child of Orthodox Jews, had close ties to Israel. The British consul for the Canary Islands said that Maxwell's body, which was found in the Atlantic on Tuesday, has been embalmed and is awaiting air transport. A spokesman for the British consulate in the Canary Islands said a Spanish death certificate gave Maxwell's cause of death as a heart attack.

Sports

Magic Johnson to retire after testing positive for HIV virus

The Los Angeles Lakers confirmed last night that Magic Johnson's basketball career has ended following a positive test for the HIV virus, which causes AIDS. Team spokesman Bob Steiner issued the confirmation.

Johnson has not played in LA's first three games because of what the club described as the flu.

The 32-year-old point guard burst onto the NBA scene after leading Michigan State University to the 1979 national championship. In a dozen professional seasons, Johnson captured three Most Valuable Player awards, 11 All-Star mentions and five world championship rings.

Johnson, who was married two months ago, told reporters at a news conference last night that his wife tested negative to the virus. The basketball star, who said he does not have AIDS, promised to educate people about the importance of practicing safe sex.

The president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research said the tragic news may make more Americans realize they are vulnerable. Mervyn Silverman said that "I wouldn't wish this on anybody, but perhaps this will help some of our youth from ending up in the same situation."

Weather

Stormy once again

Cooler air introduced by the cold front will gradually spread across New England on Friday with a small high pressure system building in for Friday night and the first part of the weekend.

A large and potent storm will develop Saturday off the Carolina Capes and move northward. Significant winds and tides may once again affect the coastal regions of New England on Sunday.

Colder than normal weather will return following this storm for the first part of next week.

Friday afternoon: Graduate clearing and cool with highs around 44 °F (7 °C). Light north to northwesterly winds 10-15 mph (16-24 kph).

Friday night: Clear to partly cloudy, light northerly winds. Cold with lows around 33 °F (1 °C).

Saturday: Morning sun giving way to increasing cloudiness. Chilly highs around 40 °F (5 °C).

Sunday outlook: Cloudy and becoming stormy with stiffening northeasterly breeze. Highs in low 40s (6 °C).

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Publicize ILG rush sanctions

One of the many ways in which undergraduate housing at MIT is different from that of other universities is the degree of freedom the administration grants students. While the Institute has ultimate control over dormitories and independent living groups, it usually gives students the right to govern themselves.

Giving students this right does not mean they will necessarily govern themselves intelligently, however. A shining example is the InterFraternity Council's policy of not publicizing sanctions for rush violations. The IFC has proven in the past that it is ready and willing to punish ILGs that fail to follow the rules set out by the IFC Judicial Committee. But the sanctions should not be aimed only at those who ignored rush rules; they should serve as a warning to those who might think about doing so in the future.

The IFC defends this policy by saying they prefer to keep the results "low-key," releasing the statistics quietly and anonymously in the JudComm chairman's end-of-the-year report. House presidents learn which punishments were given for which violations, but do not find out which ILG received which sanctions.

The IFC would do well to publicize the sanctions as much as possible. ILGs can and do budget for fines; it is much harder to undo damage to one's reputation. Posting the violations during the following year's rush week is a good idea, but it is directed at the wrong audience, and is a year too late. Promptly publicizing the specifics of each violation and punishment would properly embarrass those who play by their own rules — or ignore the real ones — during such an intense time, and would cut down on the overall number of violations.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IAP provides valuable opportunities

As one of the organizers of the 6.270 robot design competition, I am dismayed to hear of proposals for the abolition of the Independent Activities Period. This fall, 341 MIT students registered for the 150 openings in the 1992 IAP 6.270 course. This is an overwhelming and unprecedented level of student interest in an IAP activity.

Part of the reason for the project's huge success is the unique format made possible by IAP. Students have a chance to immerse themselves in a learning experience, without the distractions

of multiple classes, problem sets and grades. They can literally spend 20, 30 or more hours a week on a single project.

Students in 6.270 may not be pouring over an engineering text or cranking out answers to a problem set, but they are pulling all-nighters writing multi-tasking C code, building sophisticated mechanical devices and evaluating electronic sensors. They are designing and building a robot that will perform a real task on contest night. They are facing real engineering problems, the same types of problems real engi-

neers face when they design and debug a complex technological system.

Even if 6.270 is the largest IAP class, it — like many others — provides an intensive, alternative format for learning that many MIT students desire and find valuable. Reformers of the MIT curriculum should recognize the significance of these learning formats. For the month of IAP, 6.270 students live and breathe robotics. Isn't this what the MIT educational experience is all about?

Fred Martin G

R/O must include residence selection

(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of the following letter addressed to Matthew C. Oberhardt '93, chairperson of the Undergraduate Association Committee on Housing and Residence/Orientation Week.)

I would like to respond to a summary of the main points and recommendations of the Freshman Housing Committee printed in the Oct. 25 issue of *UA Today*, the UA's newsletter.

I agree that R/O should try to "assure a strong introduction to MIT, both socially and educationally" and "provide strong support for the transition to the academic demands of MIT." I also agree that for certain people, rush may be a little "rushed." Despite this, the summary's recommendations are slightly off-base.

The report suggests housing all freshmen in dormitories. The way the system currently exists, there is not enough room to fit another 350 freshmen in the dormitories without severe crowding.

UA Today's summary says that "The residence provides a retreat among like-minded people, a place to recover from the rigors

of the academic arena." But how will randomly assigning freshmen to rooms achieve this? It is easier to retreat if everyone around you is somewhat like-minded. This is not to say that there isn't diversity within a dormitory. I've lived in the same dormitory since I was a freshman, and I've met and enjoyed the company of many people who only share a few characteristics with me.

The *UA Today* summary goes on to say that "rush for [independent living groups] and sororities would be deferred from the R/O period" and that "for those students who remain on campus . . . the system should be designed to encourage students to change dormitories." If students are going to be allowed to change dormitories, their decisions to change are probably going to be based on the dorm's personality.

But if freshmen are randomly assigned to dormitories, each dormitory will by definition lose its distinct personality. We could avoid this problem by having freshman dormitories. But this would cut down on the interaction between freshmen and upperclassmen — a pity, since up-

perclassmen are a major resource for freshmen — turn to when they have problems, both academic and social.

The *UA Today* summary says that "bringing together freshmen and upperclass students" is something "at which the present R/O excels." If so, why change it?

Some people have had experiences during R/O week: At one point, I was "flushed" from a certain ILG. I got over it, got into a dorm that I am now very glad I got into. I'm sure that there are a lot of other people who feel the same way.

Maybe your committee should redirect its efforts and find a way to improve the orientation part of R/O instead of trying to abolish the residence half. Keep R/O similar to how it is now, but put the orientation part first — call it "O/R." Encourage class unity through activities such as the successful Project MOYA, and other discussion with upperclassmen, similar to the R/O Counselor discussions but more frequent. Without rush and other activities, academic orientation may seem more interesting.

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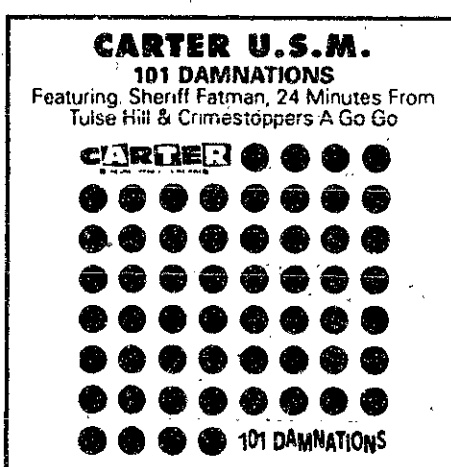
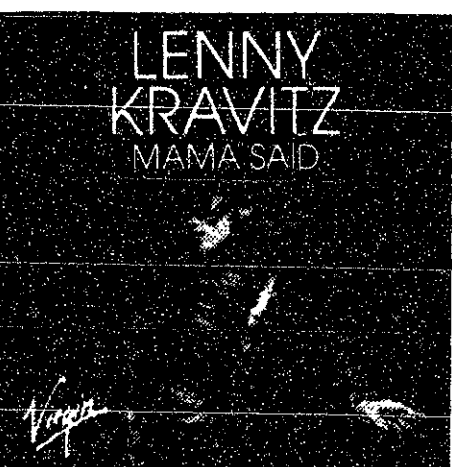
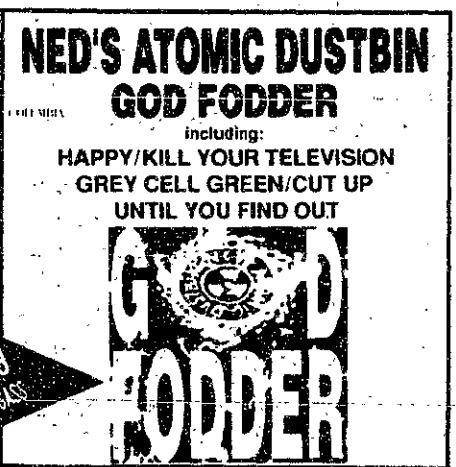
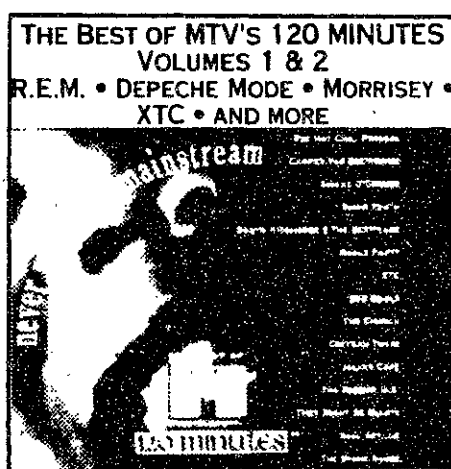
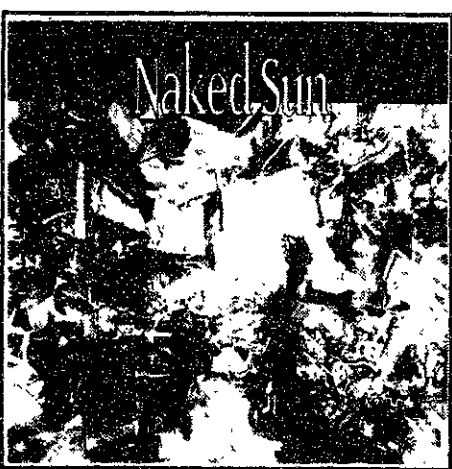
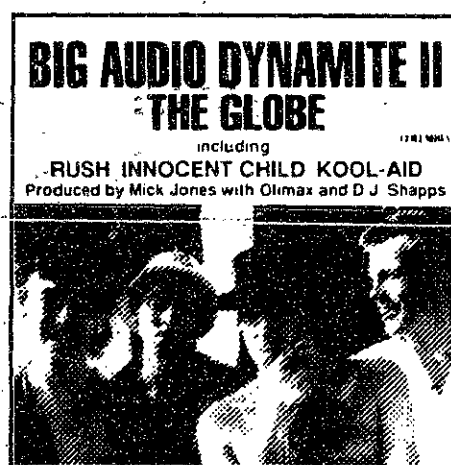
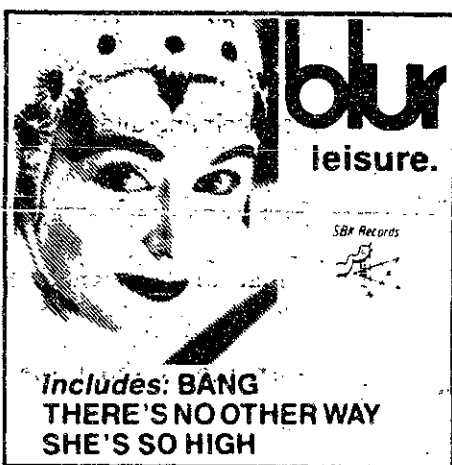
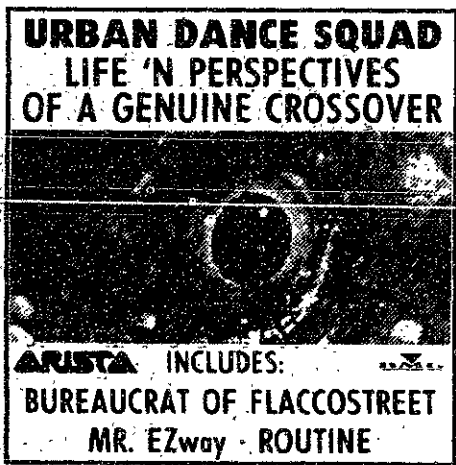
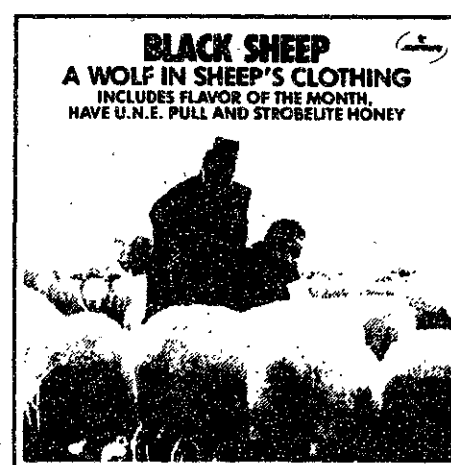
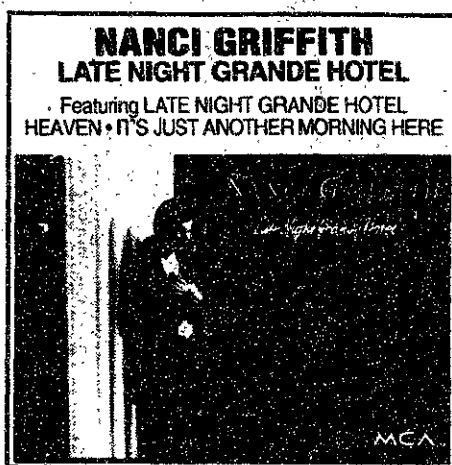
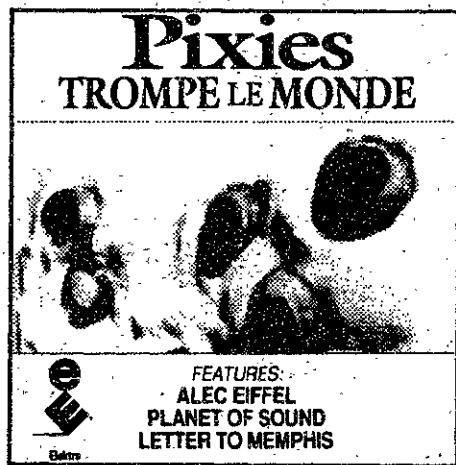
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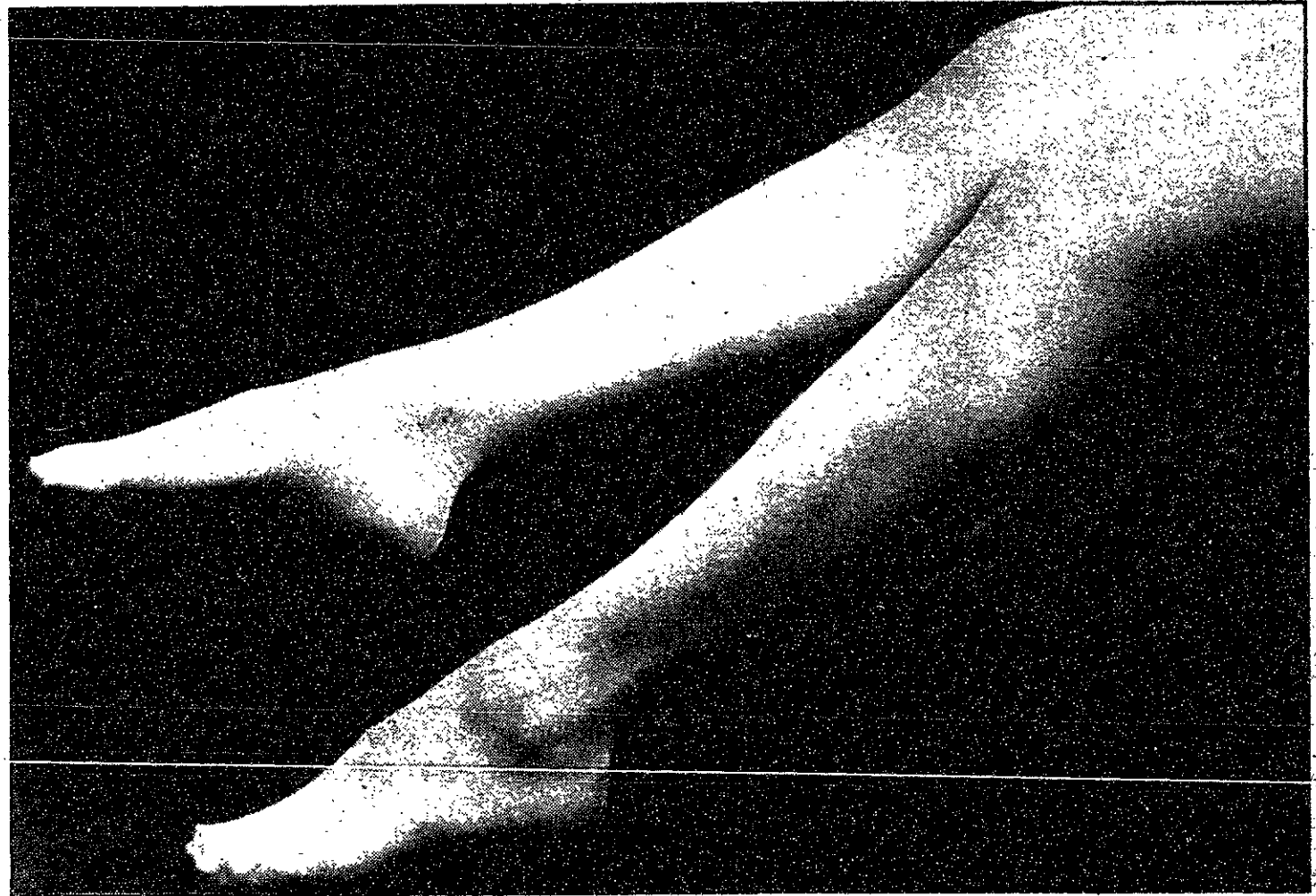
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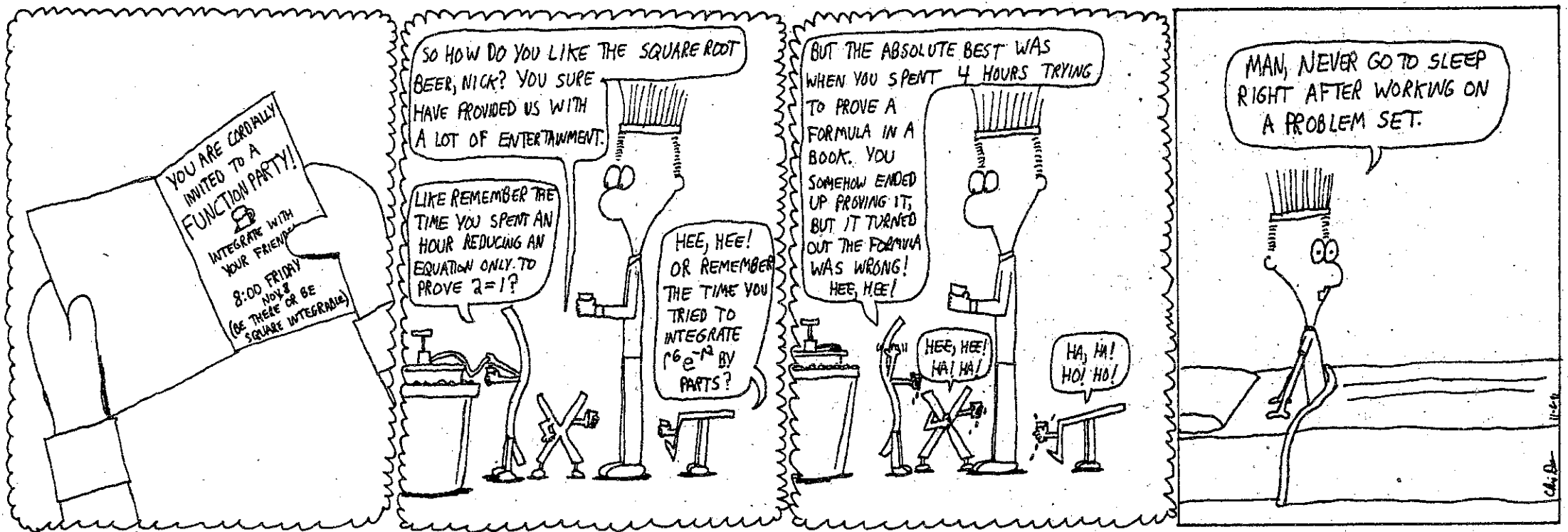
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Forum examines FHC plan

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In his opening remarks Keyser emphasized his concern for students who get rejected by a fraternity or independent living group during rush.

"I don't think flushing is a good thing. . . . What's good about the housing system now is choice, but the choice is not free. We have choice, but it comes at a price — flushing, people getting hurt," he said.

Students and panelists debated whether the damaging affects of flushing could be averted by delaying rush until the sophomore year or later in the freshman year.

"Is rejection better at the beginning of the freshman year than at the beginning of your sophomore year? I don't see it as any different," said Bill Jackson '93.

"If the focus shouldn't be on rejection," a student said, "then what's the point of being at MIT? Failing is a harsh thing, but at MIT it happens every day. It happens with the teaching. Rejection comes every day."

Toward the end of the forum Keyser said he would rethink his position on the issue of rejection. "I'm surprised that you all think it's okay. You're saying, 'don't patronize us!'"

Many students said the aim of

a new housing policy should not be to create greater diversity on campus, and that giving students the freedom to choose a dormitory does not necessarily discourage diversity. But, they added, it does encourage the formation of a strong support group within the dormitories and ILGs that students consider essential.

One student commented, "MIT has become very diverse. With the exception of McCormick [Hall] and Chocolate City, all the dormitories are diverse. My dormitory has a lot of diversity. Why can't the administration see that?"

"I was always unable to understand why the administration felt it must administer diversity," Smith said. "As long as you maintain a freedom of choice, people are going to choose what they want. . . . Whatever we might mean toward managing diversity, I think that most MIT students have dealt rather well with rapidly changing demographics," he said.

Tewhey disagreed, saying that "I fully agree if the situation is one in which students are given an absolutely free choice. But the case is that during rush students are given an explicit or implicit message that 'you don't belong here.' Some of the subgrouping occurs not because of what the freshman wants but what the larger group wants."

Students also discussed the possibility of moving rush to sophomore year.

"Putting rush off to sophomore year would make fraternities even more homogeneous and would just hurt the dormitories," said Burton House President Susan K. Raisty '92. "I can see the affects of two years of bad rushes. Freshmen are the life and blood of a living group. It would

really hurt the dormitories to not have a group of enthusiastic freshmen. The dormitories would just become buildings."

A student said, "I would much rather have rush during the freshman year than the sophomore year. The sophomore year is one of the most stressful periods at MIT. I would not want to be rushing and choosing a dorm at that time."

Another student said: "If you push rush to sophomore year, a house's population would be decreased by one-fourth. If my sources are correct, one-third of ILGs will be in serious trouble. Many fraternities will fold. I would like to see justification before this is done."

Another issue at the meeting was whether a new housing system should take responsibility for creating a more coherent MIT community.

"I find it quite interesting that MIT and the administration are deciding to be nice," said one student. "The Institute is what you go to for academics. You turn in your problem sets. You take your tests. Your teachers don't know who you are. MIT doesn't have school spirit more because of the way academics are handled here than because of the housing system. Your living group is all that you have at MIT."

"I would like to see more faculty involvement with students. Some fraternity houses have a faculty member connected with the house. I think that's a good idea. I would like to see every house have a faculty advisor," said Interfraternity Council president Holly L. Simpson '92.

"The schools with the biggest unity have everyone get together and go to the football game. That's not going to happen here," said one student.



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Students meet to discuss possible housing plan

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selection process, the most controversial of which would require all freshmen to live in dormitories. Rush, according to the report's recommendations, would be postponed until the spring term of freshman year.

Students agreed that the meeting was worthwhile, although several complained that it was

too long. The meeting gave students "the chance to make some opinions about the FHC proposal, the housing system in general," said John S. Tan '93.

While disagreeing with the report's findings, Samuel T. Nadler '94 felt it was important to discuss important issues such as housing. "It's good to rock the boat, because then you know how stable it is," he said.

James H. Bandy '93, while satisfied with the meeting, thought it would be best to "throw out the old report and start from scratch." He added:

"If MIT's going to try to practice social engineering, it will take away the last thread that holds MIT together."

Participants learned about others' attitudes

UA President Stacy E. McGeever '93 said she had learned "at least six new things" about student perceptions of undergraduate housing at the meeting, including issues relating to racial tensions and rejection from fraternities. McGeever said she was particularly surprised to hear Simha say the system is going to

have to change in 10 years.

Keyser was surprised by students' acceptance of rejection as a cost of choosing where they want to live. "I wonder how many of them have been rejected," he added.

McGeever was generally satisfied with the meeting, and said there would be more meetings and discussions on the issue of student housing, but said future discussions would be held in smaller groups. "It's a good brainstorming format," she said, but "it's a very poor format for formulating a proposal."

House tax debate stalls alcohol plan

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Other dorms also use taxes for alcohol

Other dormitories displayed similar, but slightly lower, amounts of spending on alcohol. Next House Treasurer John E. Chow '92 said that \$734, or 7.5 percent, of the \$11,130 collected in house tax was spent on alcohol, and an additional \$100 went toward a Cambridge liquor license.

Patrick M. Ewing II '92, the treasurer of MacGregor, said his dorm spends about 12 to 15 percent of its house tax money on alcohol. "I was kind of surprised, considering one-quarter of the dorm is over 21. I don't see how the much further the alcohol policy will help."

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A. Hamoudi '93 said that last term his dormitory collected \$3215 in house tax, \$250 — or eight percent — of which went toward the purchase of alcohol. Marlo Torres '93, treasurer of McCormick Hall, estimated that six percent of McCormick's house tax was spent on alcohol.

Tewhey had several other problems with DormCon's proposal. He said, "There were a couple of places in the policy which simply re-stated Institute policy. [If] Institute policy is the primary source, it should be paraphrased, not quoted." He also wanted DormCon to revise three other parts of the policy, including parts having to do with the definition of open and closed parties and making it clear where and when the social host needed to be present at a party.

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Water polo to host Division III championship

By Jeffrey Ma

The MIT varsity water polo team, coming off tough losses to Boston College and Yale University, will host the Division III Eastern Championship Tournament this weekend at the Alumni Pool.

The Beavers are seeded first out of eight teams and look forward to a strong showing at this prestigious tournament. "We're confident that we can be a major force this weekend," said team co-captain Isy Goldwasser '92.

Goldwasser, who is coming off a tough shoulder injury which

limited his action in the last few weeks, was one of many who have been missing in action this season.

"We've really been hurt by injuries and sickness, these last few weeks," said co-captain Loy Alouseynne MacAlou '92. "Hopefully, we will be at full strength this weekend." MacAlou's play has been constant this season, being one of the few players who has avoided injury.

The other seven teams competing in the tournament are seeded behind MIT in the following order: Johns Hopkins University,

Williams College, Hampden-Sydney College, Amherst College, US Merchant Marine Academy, Kenyon College and Colby College. The Beavers have played only Johns Hopkins and Amherst, beating both earlier in the season.

The team looks forward to the first game Saturday at 9 am against Colby. "I hear that Colby will be ready," said co-captain James Lee '93. Lee, who has led the team in scoring this season, will

be expected to continue his fine play.

A win against Colby would place the Beavers in a semifinal match with either Amherst or Hampden-Sydney on Saturday night. A win then would place the Beavers in the championship showdown at noon. "We can't start looking ahead, though. We've got to take this one game at a time," said John Pinder '92.

Expectations will be running high for the team as they have tuned-up for this tournament all

season with tough games against Division I opponents. Some of the teams' finest performances have come against the best teams on the East Coast.

The Beavers have given teams like Slippery Rock University, Brown University, University of Massachusetts and Iona College, all ranked in the top 20, a run for their money this season. But now the team must concentrate on this weekend.

Jeffrey Ma '94 is a member of the MIT varsity water polo team.

Women's soccer finishes season with 10-6 record

By Sameera Iyengar

The women's soccer team outdid themselves this fall with a record of 10-6, the best in MIT history. Even after a loss to Smith College put a dent in their 6-0 winning streak at the beginning of the season, the players were in no mood to stop winning.

MIT's final regular-season game was against Colby Sawyer on Oct. 22. The Engineers scored 1:10 into the game, with Brindha Muniappan '94 netting a cross from Gwendolyn Watanabe '93. Even though MIT only scored that once, it was clear that they controlled the entire game.

Despite an excellent season, MIT was edged out of the New England Women's 8 Tournament with a 1-0 loss to Babson College in the first round. Theresa Chieuh '94 did an excellent job of stopping Babson star player Julie Tienkin for almost the entire first half, but despite this defense, Tienkin scored 15 minutes into the second half. MIT then suffered an excellent header from Watanabe ricochet off the top bar. Marguerite O'Neill '93 had a particularly good game, with 25 saves.

Sameera Iyengar '93 is a member of the women's soccer team.

Hockey skates to 4-3 win

By Mike Purucker

The high-powered MIT varsity hockey team won its second game on Wednesday, defeating Johnson & Wales by a score of 4-3. Mike Mini '93 scored his second goal of the game with 1:49 left in the third period to secure the victory for the Beavers. MIT led J & W throughout the game but was faced with the prospect of an unsatisfying tie when Jeff Greenip scored his second goal for the Griffins with 2:08 remaining.

Following the faceoff, Noel Nistler G cleared the defensive zone with a crisp pass to Mini at his own blue line. Skating hard down the left wing, Mini beat the defenseman, then cut laterally to the goal, luring the goalie out before deftly depositing the puck through the netminder's legs for the game-winner. The two goals came within 19 seconds of each other and typified the surges of

momentum present throughout the evening.

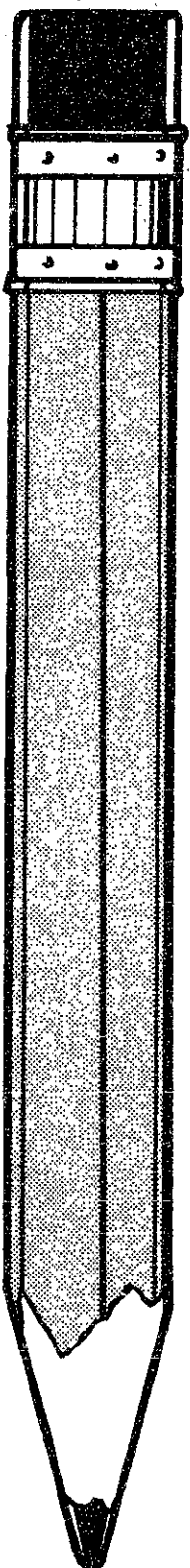
MIT opened with a goal from Mike Foley G just 2:44 into the first period. The Beavers dominated the entire period but could not again put the puck behind J & W goalie Keith Graziano. The remainder of the game was much more evenly contested, with MIT in control but not dominating.

J & W tied the game at one apiece midway through the second period. MIT responded with a power-play goal a few minutes later. Nistler, who collected three assists that night, wristed a shot off a pass from Gene McKenna '92. Mini poked the rebound past Graziano to regain the lead for MIT, 2-1. Two minutes later, Rob Silva '93 scored on a wrap-around following passes from Mini and Dale Valicenti, who had previously assisted on Foley's goal.

Silva's goal came in the last minute of the second period and gave the Beavers a seemingly comfortable 3-1 lead. However, J & W scored seven seconds into the third period to tighten the game once more. Both teams then raised their intensity levels and the result was excellent college hockey. Several crunching body checks from Silva and company set the tone for physical play and neither side backed down from the challenge. Erik Norton '93 made several key saves for MIT in the middle of the period before Greenip's goal tied the score at 3-3, setting the stage for Mini's goal and the dramatic victory.

The Beavers' next challenge will be on Wednesday night, when they will attempt to bring their record to 3-0 in a game against Bryant College.

Mike Purucker '93 is a member of the men's hockey team.



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