



The Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, 75°F (24°C)
Tonight: Clear, 60°F (16°C)
Tomorrow: Clouding over, 79°F (26°C)
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Rush Complete at Some ILGs; For Others, More Work Ahead

By Reuven M. Lerner
NEWS EDITOR

Independent living groups appear to be enjoying a moderately successful rush this year, and by last night some houses had at least as many pledges as they had hoped to find, according to Clearinghouse data as well as information obtained by *The Tech*.

But a large number of houses were far below expected pledge totals as of yesterday afternoon. Rush chairs at most of these living groups remained optimistic that they would approach their goals, however, saying that they were waiting to hear from a number of freshmen. Many added that while fewer freshmen had visited their houses this year, the freshmen were of "higher quality" than those in previous years.

According to Clearinghouse data from yesterday afternoon, after over one full day of pledging, some houses — Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta

(Fiji), Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, and the Women's Independent Living Group — were below 50 percent of their goal. A number of rush chairs refused to confirm the statistics, but refused to deny the validity of the data.

These same data showed two other houses, Delta Psi (Number 6) and Tau Epsilon Phi, were at about the halfway point as of last night. Delta Psi members had originally set a goal of 15 new members, but told *The Tech* last night they were seeking only nine.

A number of ILGs were already full by yesterday afternoon, and several others declared themselves closed later in the day. Fenway House and Zeta Beta Tau exceeded their rush goals by one person each, and both continued to be open to new freshman bids.

Student House, which said that it was looking for 16 new residents this year, had found 10-12 new residents as of last night, including five freshmen.

Object to publication

Rush chairs at many houses, as well as Neal H. Dorow, advisor to fraternities and independent living groups, stressed that the "goal" numbers given to the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs were approximate, and that houses often put down the number of available spaces rather than the number that they must pledge in order to consider it a successful rush.

Rush chairs interviewed last night were generally upset by the prospect that pledge numbers might be published, saying that the numbers were confidential. Eric C. Nehrlich '94, rush chair at Tau Epsilon Phi, said that publishing these numbers was similar to "gossiping," and refused to comment further.

Dorow agreed with these assessments, saying that the publication of

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Independent Living Group	No. of Pledges	Target Number
Alpha Delta Phi	5	18
Alpha Epsilon Pi	10	15
Alpha Tau Omega	14	17
Beta Theta Pi	10	10
Chi Phi	9	13
Delta Kappa Epsilon	6	16
Delta Tau Delta	13	14
Delta Upsilon	12	13
Epsilon Theta	10	12
Fenway House	8	7
Kappa Sigma	12	14
Lambda Chi Alpha	11	15
Nu Delta	6	10
Delta Psi	5	15
Phi Beta Epsilon	12	12
Phi Delta Theta	12	12
Phi Gamma Delta	4	15
Phi Kappa Sigma	4	14
Phi Kappa Theta	4	9
Phi Sigma Kappa	9	12
Phi Xi	5	5
Pi Lambda Phi	9	15
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	12	15
Sigma Chi	10	11
Sigma Phi Epsilon	9	16
Student House	5	16
Tau Epsilon Phi	5	10
Theta Chi	8	11
Theta Delta Chi	16	15
Theta Xi	15	15
WILG	7	20
Zeta Beta Tau	19	19
Zeta Psi	16	20

Burning Motor Forces Dormitory Evacuation

By Josh Hartmann
CHAIRMAN

A burning elevator motor in the basement of McCormick Hall yesterday afternoon sent smoke billowing up to the fourth floor and forced the evacuation of approximately 60 residents. No one was injured.

"It created a lot of smoke," said Bailey E. Hewit, the all-female dormitory's house manager. "The elevator stopped, and the smoke went up to the fourth floor — it was heaviest on the second floor. The fire alarm was pulled by a CP and the building was evacuated."

Campus Police and firefighters from the Cambridge Fire Department responded to the 1 p.m. alarm, Hewit said. The elevator is out of service, she said.

No one was in the elevator at the time, and the 60 residents who were evacuated were left outside for about 30 minutes, Hewit said.

Frosh Professors Excited About Fall

By Eva Moy
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In a week, freshmen will be facing their first lectures at MIT. The majority will be taking the required freshman core courses in mathematics and the sciences. Meet the some of the professors who teach these classes:

3.091

Introduction to Solid State Chemistry, 3.091, "is fundamentally a chemistry course. We stress the chemistry of the solid state," said Professor of Material Science and Engineering August F. Witt. Witt will teach the course the fall semester.

The first six or seven lectures

"bring everybody to a common base," Witt said. "Students who didn't have chemistry shouldn't have to be penalized. They have to work a little bit harder, but traditionally ... the students who didn't have chemistry do, in average, at least as well, if not even better than the students who did have chemistry."

In addition to teaching the theory of topics such as atomic structures, crystal structures, and reactions of solids with the environment, Witt will also spend the last 5 to 10 minutes of each class introducing different applications of the theory.

Some topics he wants to stress include magnetic materials, superconductors, infrared systems, silicon

systems, polymers, new developments in processing, and high temperature systems.

Witt said he wants to show "the relevance of the theory in daily life, in research, and in technology, to make chemistry relevant in the eyes of those who don't see it."

"One of the things I would like to do is to make better use of the Athena network. Athena can help us communicate better."

Athena will be used to help in three-dimensional visualization in crystallography, as well as with homework assignments, lecture summaries, grades, and the class schedule. They are also "in the

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Freshmen queue up for the distribution of dormitory housing assignments in the room next to La Sala de Puerto Rico.

Queer Elsewhere

By Eva Moy
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

There's been a lot of publicity about the Elsewhere Lounge, an escape from Residence/Orientation Week on the fifth floor of the Student Center.

But on the other side of campus is another Elsewhere, called Queer Elsewhere.

Queer Elsewhere was acted "in response to a heightened level of homophobia during rush," said Joseph A. Powers '92, a Queer Elsewhere staffer. "We're not just neutral [towards lesbian, bisexual, and gay people], but pro."

It provides a place where gays and lesbians can be proud of their identity and talk positively about what living groups can be good living environments for them, Powers said. But Kristen K. Nummerdon '93 added that she feels rush is more heterocentric than homophobic.

The staffers at Queer Elsewhere can also act as a go-between between freshmen and living groups that they may be interested in rushing. "Freshmen feel they can't say they're gay because of the pressure of rush," Powers said.

Rush "definitely makes you more homophobic," said C. Lindiwe Emoungu G, adding that freshmen feel the need to fit in and make new friends during this time.

There is an extreme pressure by fraternities and sororities during rush towards heterosexuality and gender roles, Powers said. Without information necessary to make an informed housing decision, gays and lesbians will probably either leave their living group or remain closeted, according to Johanna L. Hardy '93.

WORLD & NATION

Calif. Lawmakers on Verge Of Ending Budget Crisis

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Having crashed through their final budget deadline this side of Election Day, state lawmakers remained in the Capitol Tuesday past their scheduled adjournment in an attempt to finish a package of fiscal bills and finally get California's long budget crisis behind them.

Assembly Democrats appeared ready to give Gov. Pete Wilson most of what he has demanded on education spending, with only the terms of their surrender left to be negotiated.

The Democrats' last hope for significantly denting Wilson's demands faded early Tuesday morning when the governor promptly vetoed a Democrat-backed education bill that reached his desk just after midnight. Although that measure contained almost all of a Senate-passed bill Wilson supported, he said that he could not sign it because it lacked a provision to suspend the state's constitutional guarantee for school funding in the event that the education budget is struck down by the courts.

As lawmakers gathered for late-afternoon floor sessions, state Treasurer Kathleen Brown was redeeming IOUs with money borrowed from the state employees pension fund.

Controller Gray Davis, meanwhile, prepared to churn out thousands of checks to vendors who have been providing goods and services to the state without reimbursement since July 1. Davis said that he would begin paying the \$3 billion in overdue bills as soon as Wilson signs a budget. The first payments would be made with IOUs until the treasurer can borrow money to ease the state's cash crunch.

Wilson on Tuesday met in his office with the Republican members of the Senate and Assembly to plot strategy for the evening. He also reviewed the \$57.6 billion spending plan on his desk, looking for items he might trim with his line-item veto. Wilson has vowed not to sign the budget until the Legislature sends him the entire package of bills needed to make it balance.

Bush Clears Way for Sale Of Warplanes to Taiwan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Overtaking a decade of U.S. policy toward China, President Bush has decided to clear the way for the sale of American F-16 warplanes to Taiwan to counteract Beijing's growing military power, administration sources and congressional officials said Tuesday.

The president is expected to make an official announcement Wednesday during a trip to Texas. While White House officials Tuesday would not officially confirm the decision to sell the jet fighters, they did acknowledge that Bush would stop in the Fort Worth area Wednesday and would meet with workers at General Dynamics, the company that produces the F-16s.

A spokesman for Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said Tuesday night that the senator "has been reliably informed" that Bush will make public his approval for the sale of F-16s to Taiwan during his campaign swing in Texas.

The F-16 sale will mark an important victory for Taiwan and a defeat for China on an issue on which both governments have been maneuvering since the early 1980s. Bush's decision will also apparently be a significant setback for France, which has been hoping to sell its own warplanes to Taiwan to help salvage French defense industries.

Asked how the Bush administration will explain its decision to Beijing, one U.S. official quipped, "It's like the old one where you have to kick your kid in the fanny and say, 'This hurts me more than it hurts you.'"

The administration's decision demonstrates the close interaction between foreign policy and presidential politics. In late July, General Dynamics said it was planning to lay off 5,800 of the 20,000 workers at its plant in Fort Worth over the next two years. Texas Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat, quickly and publicly blamed the loss of jobs on Bush's opposition to the sale of jet fighters to Taiwan.

Only a few days later, the president, during another campaign trip to Texas, told reporters there that he was reconsidering the longstanding U.S. prohibition against allowing Taiwan to buy advanced American warplanes.

Ten years ago, in an agreement which then-Vice President Bush helped to negotiate, the United States signed a joint communique with China's Communist government, agreeing to restrict U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and eventually to phase them out. The deal was worked out at a time when Taiwan was seeking to persuade the Reagan administration to let it buy F-16s.

American officials now argue that the military balance between China and Taiwan has been fundamentally changed by Beijing's recent purchases of Russian Sukhoi 27 warplanes, which are advanced jet fighters with a range of more than 2,400 miles.

WEATHER

Fair Weather Continues

By Michael Morgan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

High pressure crests over the region today and moves off to our southeast on Thursday. An approaching disturbance from the Midwest will increase our chances for measureable precipitation late Thursday.

Today: Mostly sunny and mild. High 75°F (24°C), cooling to the upper 60's (20°C) along the coast as a feeble see breeze develops.

Tonight: Clear. Low 60°F (16°C).

Tuesday: Increasing clouds and milder. Showers arriving toward sunset. High 79°F (26°C).

Friday: Variably cloudy with showers. High around 77°F (25°C). Low in the low 60's (17°C).

Brazilians Formally Submit Request to Impeach President

By William R. Long

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BRASILIA, BRAZIL

A formal request for impeachment, submitted by Brazil's press and bar associations in a tumultuous ceremony Tuesday, started the legal process that could suspend President Fernando Collor de Mello from office by the end of the month and eventually lead to his ouster.

In a packed congressional hall, just across the street from the presidential palace, the president of the bar association read proposed articles of impeachment accusing Collor of dishonestly receiving illicit funds.

Ibsen Pinheiro, chairman of the lower house of Congress, accepted the request and told reporters later that he hoped to bring the matter to a final vote in the house by the end of the month. If it passes by a two-thirds majority, Collor would become the first president of Latin America's biggest country to be impeached.

He would then be suspended for 180 days and tried by the Senate. If found guilty by the Senate, he would be ousted from the presidency.

Informal polls of the lower house this week indicate that a two-thirds majority now favors impeach-

ment. Collor's support in the Senate also is dwindling. Marco Maciel, the government leader in the Senate, announced his resignation from that position Tuesday morning.

In the afternoon, leaders of the Order of Brazilian Lawyers marched from their headquarters to the Congress building, followed by a throng of anti-Collor demonstrators. They all crowded into the front hall of the building for the scheduled presentation of the impeachment request. The ceremony was interrupted by shouting and scuffling as hundreds of people pressed against one another in the sweltering hall.

Marcello Lavenere Machado, chairman of the association, said the impeachment request was being made "in the name of all citizens of the nation."

The document says that the president and his relatives "received large quantities of money, as well as other goods, with no indication of the illicit origin of those advantages." It adds that the money "came from a criminal organization for exploiting prestige and trafficking in influence, controlled by Paulo Cesar Cavalcante Farias."

Farias is a businessman and Collor's former campaign fund-raiser. A report issued last week by a

congressional investigative committee accused Farias of using collecting millions of dollars in bribes from companies doing business with the government.

The report was delivered Tuesday to the attorney general's office, which is reported to be preparing criminal charges against Collor.

Collor has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and has vowed that he will not resign.

"I'm not a man for resigning," he said in a television interview broadcast late Monday. "I'm not a man for running away from a fight."

Collor said that he erred by trusting people he should not have trusted, including Farias.

Pinheiro, the chairman of the lower house, told reporters that the commission will have 10 days to study the impeachment request. Then Collor will have 20 days to respond before a final vote of the full house.

If Collor's allies and opponents cooperate to streamline the process, it could be shortened to less than a month, Pinheiro said. If they do not, "it will be a painful process and probably will take longer," he said.

Storm Ravaged Island in Bahamas

By Jonathan Freedland

THE WASHINGTON POST

NASSAU, BAHAMAS

The first hint of trouble is at the tiny airport on Eleuthera, the most northeastern of the Family Islands of the Bahamas. A small plane is perched upside down, wheels to the sky.

Then come the surreal images in the little settlement of Current — children's clothes hanging in the trees, not to dry, but tossed by a wave that topped a 30-foot ridge between Current and the Atlantic Ocean; a car nose deep in tree branches and sludge, and a row of coffee jars that stands even though the cupboard and house that contained it is not in sight.

It was on the small Caribbean island, population 10,000, that Hurricane Andrew first came calling about 5 p.m. EDT Aug. 23, and north Eleuthera took considerable punishment. Nassau, the capital, and nearby Freeport were almost unaffected.

Only 10 percent of Current's few hundred houses are standing, the rest reduced to piles of timber and shattered glass so familiar in Florida and Louisiana, Andrew's subsequent targets.

The hurricane's main weapon on Eleuthera was not wind or rain but the sea. Residents said Monday that Andrew sucked water three miles from shore, then blew it back again in a mighty wall of water. U.S. weather forecasters confirmed that Andrew hit Eleuthera with at least an 18-foot tidal surge but said wind speeds could not be clocked for lack of anemometers.

On Eleuthera as in the United States, early warning about the hurricane held down the death toll, authorities said. The dead included a woman who drowned because she refused to seek refuge in her attic, and a man, 90, who suffered a heart attack before the storm arrived.

Although everyone in Current survived, there is suffering. The island's only road — known, in a reminder of the Bahamas' British colonial past, as the Queen's Highway — is impassable to most vehicles, parts of it under three feet of water.

Florida Property Owners to Collect About \$7.3 Billion in Insurance

By Albert B. Crenshaw

THE WASHINGTON POST

Property owners in Florida will collect some \$7.3 billion in insurance as a result of damage inflicted by hurricane Andrew, making the storm the most costly natural disaster in U.S. history, industry officials said Tuesday.

And those figures cover only Florida and only privately insured losses. Damage to public property — roads, bridges, schools and federal facilities such as Homestead Air Force Base — is not included, nor are losses from Louisiana.

Preliminary estimates put overall damage in Florida at \$15 billion to \$20 billion.

"The dollar amount of these numbers is truly staggering and growing by the hour," said Florida Insurance Commissioner Tom Gallagher.

Andrew packed winds of more than 160 mph when it crashed across the southern tip of Florida before heading across the Gulf of Mexico and into Louisiana. It leveled towns, ruined 85,000 homes and left thousands of other homes temporarily unusable.

"It looks like Hiroshima out there," said Bill Davis of the Insurance Information Institute, a trade group that helped in assessing damages.

Insurance industry officials say their adjusters report that they have never seen such devastation on so wide a scale. Company representatives often cannot find the property they have insured because street signs, addresses and sometimes even the property itself have vanished.

"And if by some chance they are able to hook up with the insured (property owner), and they give him a check, there's no bank to cash it. And if somehow they get cash, there's no store" to spend it in, said Marc H. Rosenberg of the Insurance Information Institute.

"The damage was unprecedented in the United States. The worst I've ever seen," Paul Landers, a veteran claims specialist for State Farm Insurance, told the Reuter news agency.

The \$7.3 billion in insured losses dwarfs \$4.2 billion paid out by insurers for Hurricane Hugo, which crashed through South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia in 1989. The only other disaster to top \$1 billion in recent times was last year's Oakland, Calif., fire, which cost insurers \$1.2 billion.

Andrew would even top the damage caused by the great San Francisco earthquake and fire in 1906, which, according to the insurance industry, would have cost \$5.1 billion in today's dollars.

In all, some 700,000 insurance claims are expected in Florida as a result of Andrew.

Insurers hastened to reassure policyholders that the industry has enough money to pay claims, and that it will be able to do so without disturbing financial markets.

Property insurance companies' assets are "very liquid," Rosenberg noted, and although insurers are handing out initial checks of \$500 to as much as \$5,000 to devastated homeowners, most of the money will be paid out over the coming weeks and months as claims are settled, damage repaired and homes rebuilt.

Insurers are also concerned that contractors, repairmen and suppliers will attempt to gouge homeowners who need repairs or in many cases the entire reconstruction of their house.

During a War, the 'Daily Miracle' Continues Publication

By Blaine Harden
THE WASHINGTON POST

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA

Through five months of nearly continuous bombardment, the only consumer item available every day in this suffering city has been the newspaper *Oslobodjenje*. The staff now edits the paper in an atom-bomb shelter.

Above ground, most of the twin nine-story glass and steel towers of what was one of Bosnia's finest office complexes has been melted into a black glob by four major fires. All the fires were started by artillery shells, which continue each day to pummel the ruins.

What used to be the ground-floor newsroom now lies directly under the guns of powerful Serb nationalist forces ringing the city. Using weapons ranging from tank cannon to night-vision sniper rifles, Serb militiamen fire round-the-clock at a range of 100 yards at whoever and whatever comes and goes from the newspaper office.

Tuesday morning, the driver of a

city garbage truck was found slumped behind the wheel on a street near the building, killed by a sniper's bullet. The newspaper distributors who once carried *Oslobodjenje* to all parts of the city no longer come to work. All 700 newsstands that once sold the paper have been blown up or shattered by bullets.

Since no one else is willing to do it, *Oslobodjenje* — which means Liberation — is delivered and sold by the journalists who write and edit it. They toss bundles of papers into the trunks and back seats of their own bullet-riddled cars and sell them on the streets.

The war has been almost as hard on the journalists who put out the paper as on the building that houses it. A reporter named Kjasif Smajlovic was killed last April by Serb gunmen in his bureau office in the east Bosnian city of Zvornik. His body was last seen being dragged by the heels down a flight of stairs.

A photographer, Salko Hondo,

was killed in midsummer by a mortar shell that landed in central Sarajevo while he was taking pictures of residents drawing water from a public tap. Two other reporters disappeared a short while later when Serb militia forces overran the northwest Bosnian town of Doboj. Many *Oslobodjenje* reporters based outside Sarajevo have stopped writing, apparently out of fear that their copy could cost them their lives.

Like many of Sarajevo's prewar institutions, *Oslobodjenje*'s newsroom was a place where members of Bosnia's three major communal groups — Slavic Muslims, Serbs and Croats — worked together and liked it that way. The diversity in the newsroom mirrored the diversity of the republic as a whole.

It was a good newspaper, winner of the Yugoslav Newspaper of the Year award in 1989. Before the war, it took an independent editorial line that denounced the factional politics of Serb, Croat and Muslim nationalists. It even won a landmark lawsuit

that struck down an attempt by the three groups to apportion senior editorial positions at the paper on the basis of communal identification.

For this reason and because the paper's views influenced so many people in Bosnia, *Oslobodjenje* had been a favorite whipping boy for all three nationalist groups. But once the war started, it was the heavily armed Serbs who shifted their attacks from rhetoric to high explosives.

Still, that did not alter *Oslobodjenje*'s editorial support for an independent multicultural Bosnia in which Serbs, Muslims and Croats could live together in harmony. It has often disagreed publicly with the Muslim-led Bosnian government, and it continued its longstanding practice of printing in both the Cyrillic script used by Serbs and the Latin script used by Croats and Muslims, alternating its pages between the two.

The daily appearance of the paper confounds the political philosophy of militant Bosnian Serb

leader Radovan Karadzic, who claims that Serbs can no longer live in peace with Muslims and Croats. The siege of Sarajevo was launched by Karadzic's militia forces supposedly to save Serbs here from their non-Serb neighbors, even though Serbs and non-Serbs had lived peacefully here side by side for centuries.

"Why do they hate us? Because we symbolize a Bosnia that they say is impossible," said Kemal Kurspahic, who is on leave from his position as *Oslobodjenje*'s editor-in-chief. "We still have 30 percent Serbs (roughly the prewar percentage of Serbs in Bosnia) with bylines in the paper every day. They really hate us for that."

Kurspahic's right leg was shattered in a car accident while he was on his way to the office. As is common in this gun-shy town, the car was traveling at 90 miles an hour to elude snipers; it collided with a police car.

U.S. Warned on Health of Suspected BCCI Cohort Gifford

By Sharon Walsh
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A heart specialist who reviewed medical records of Washington attorney Clark M. Clifford for the Justice Department has concluded that Clifford probably would suffer a fatal heart attack if he stands trial in the BCCI case.

The Justice Department said that if a court-appointed physician confirmed that opinion, the government would take that "heavily into account" in deciding whether to try the 85-year-old former secretary of defense.

The opinion on Clifford's heart condition, offered by Fairfax cardiologist Albert A. Del Negro, was submitted Tuesday by the Justice Department in court filings focused on the question of where Clifford and his law partner, Robert A. Altman, should stand trial.

Clifford's lawyers have argued that he is too ill to survive a trial in New York, away from his doctors and his home, but say he wants the chance to clear his name before he dies by standing trial in Washington. Clifford and Altman face separate but parallel charges from New York state and federal grand juries.

While the Justice Department opened the door to the possibility that Clifford could be found unable to stand trial in any jurisdiction, it said Clifford should not be allowed to choose the site for his trial based on his health.

New York prosecutors agreed. "Clifford cannot argue that he is well enough to be tried in Washington, but too ill to go to trial in New York," said John W. Moscow, assistant district attorney in New York.

Federal and state prosecutors

have been at loggerheads for more than a month over which would go first, but Tuesday they agreed to hold the first trial in New York.

If a federal trial occurred first, Clifford and Altman could not be tried on the broader state charges because of New York's double jeopardy law, the authorities agreed.

A New York judge Tuesday set Jan. 4 as the trial date for Clifford and Altman on state charges that they lied to bank regulators about the illegal ownership of First American Bankshares Inc. of Washington by the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

In federal court filings in Washington, the Justice Department asked U.S. District Judge Joyce Hens Green to allow a trial on similar charges in Washington to be delayed until after the New York trial takes place.

The department said it would

seriously consider dropping its charges if Clifford and Altman are tried first on state charges. The department concluded, "It is unlikely that the defendants will be tried in both federal and state court regardless which case proceeds first."

In assessing Clifford's ability to stand trial, Del Negro reviewed information from medical tests on Clifford and correspondence between two of Clifford's doctors.

He said he agreed with those doctors that the only appropriate treatment for Clifford would be coronary artery bypass surgery to improve blood flow to Clifford's heart.

He said, "I estimate that it is probable that the patient would suffer a (heart attack) as a direct result of undergoing trial." And in that event, Clifford "would stand a greater than 50 percent chance of

dying."

Charles A. Stillman, the New York attorney for Clifford, declined to comment on Clifford's health. Clifford's attorneys have not filed a motion asking that the charges against him be dismissed because of his health, and New York courts also would have to rule on that issue.

The 12-count state indictment brought against the two former top officials of First American charged Clifford and Altman jointly with fraud, conspiracy and accepting bribes. Altman was charged alone with an additional six counts involving making false written statements.

The three-count federal indictment charged the two jointly with conspiracy and charged Altman alone with concealing facts from regulators. Green will decide the final trial date after a Sept. 10 hearing in federal court in Washington.

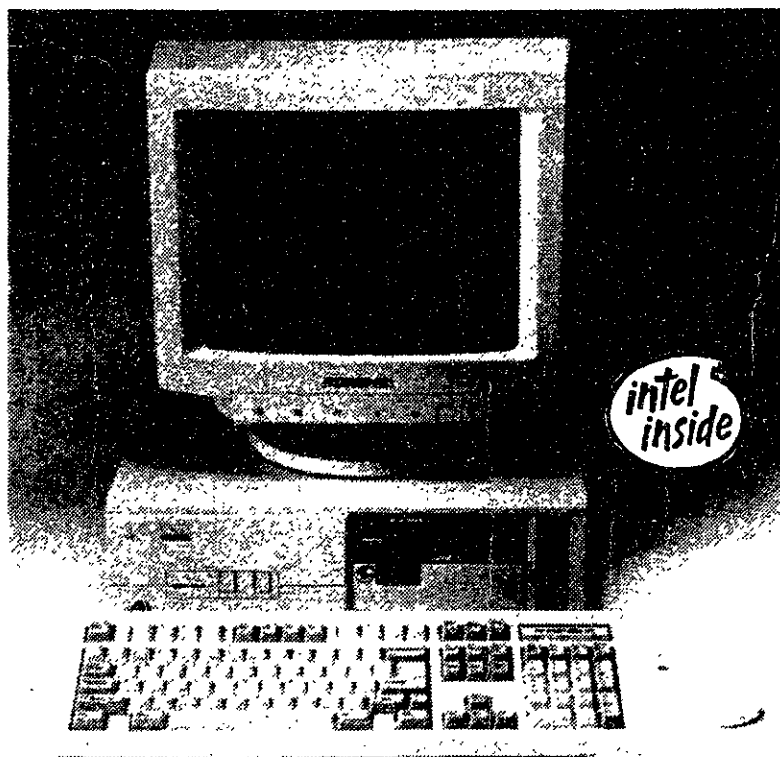
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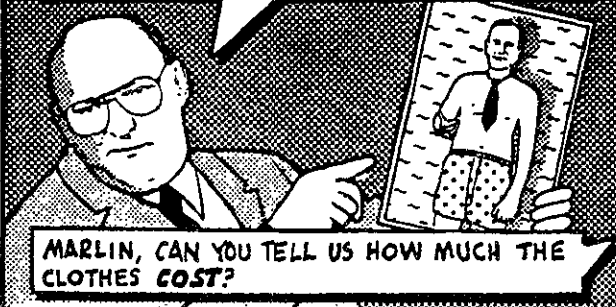
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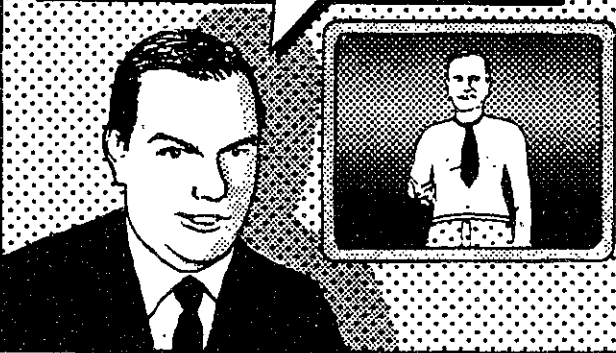
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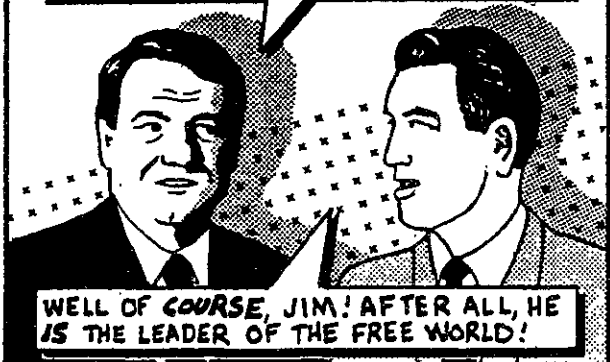
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MIT Women Not Ugly

We hear enough about the constricting effect of fraternities on their members, but little about the impact on women. Apparently, members of many fraternities consider women at MIT to be ugly, nerdy, and unshaven.

Perhaps they are in need of a new lens prescriptions. As a senior reflecting upon the female friends I've made here, the following proves true of every one of them: they are very intelligent (some brilliant), funny, have many interests and exuberant personalities —

and yes, they are *all* attractive.

If these men choose to hold on to such delusions, alienating themselves from women who share the MIT experience with them, then it's their loss.

Rebecca Geisler '93

Europeans Should Wait On Rush Towards Unity

Column by Matthew H. Hersch

OPINION EDITOR

I like Europe. Europeans do funny things. Europe is everything that America is only more intense.

Sometimes this is good — Europe has more than its fair share of cutting edge politics, culture, and science. But it also means that when Europe goes astray, it goes really astray, and civilization is pushed to the limits of survival. Europe is a prime example of what happens when you put together a lot of people in one place for 2,000 years and don't give them extra land to settle.

If the U.S. thinks it has ethnic troubles, it should take a look at Europe. Europe has Nazis. Well, the U.S. has Nazis too, but in Europe, they vote. In Europe, they set their migrant workers on fire. Europe is the only place in the world where two caucasian males can hate each other for racial reasons.

Europe is what America could become if it doesn't mellow out.

Europe is also probably the oldest non-arrested civilization on the planet today. Europe is the only place on earth where a large number of culturally different people have resided within limited space, still maintained their ethnic identities, and still not killed each other.

This is quite an amazing feat, and even given the fact that every hundred years or so

one of the European nations tries to take over the rest. Considering European nation's history of unhappy togetherness, it's surprising that now they want to unite.

But they do. According to Maastricht Treaty, European nations are supposed to be glued together into one, great big Japanese-fighting economic unit.

The goal isn't just a free trade zone across Europe — Europeans are looking for complete economic union, a common foreign policy, and a common currency. They are searching for something no European dictator was ever able to achieve. But it isn't turning out that way. In France now, especially, farmers, fascists, communists, and other European political staples are coming out talking about the danger of more immigrants, or higher unemployment, or inflation, or selling out the national government to foreigners.

The opposition to unification is too random, too uncoordinated, to be based on any real fear or risk. It is a reflexive reaction to the belief that Europeans who get sucked into the Community will have their national sovereignty hopelessly diluted. Faced by the prospect that unification might happen, Europeans are getting scared.

They are right. Europeans are not trying to unite because their own nations are not working, they are just being lured together by the hope that if they unify then their nations will work even better, by the hope, as the posters

say in France, "Being one of twelve is stronger than being alone."

But that's good enough reason. Bonding enemies together doesn't always build friendships, and it doesn't always breed success. Taking a bunch of national leaders with different ideas and forcing them to create a common foreign policy doesn't always create a policy everyone believes in. In history, the groups that have united the best have always been the ones that had the most in common in the first place.

People have this notion that in the future everyone will be politically united — at least, that's how it is portrayed on *Star Trek*. Sometimes we hope for this imagined future so much that we rush it. It's clear, for instance, that Europeans like their national characters too much to want to do away with them — their unification efforts seem better spent on figuring out how to keep those national characters and still not kill each other.

ERRATUM

Due to incorrect information provided to *The Tech*, a story in yesterday's edition about the sorority rush system contained incorrect information about bidding. If a freshman refuses a sorority's bid, she cannot accept another bid for one year.

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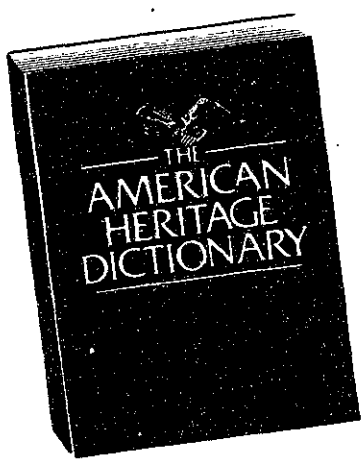
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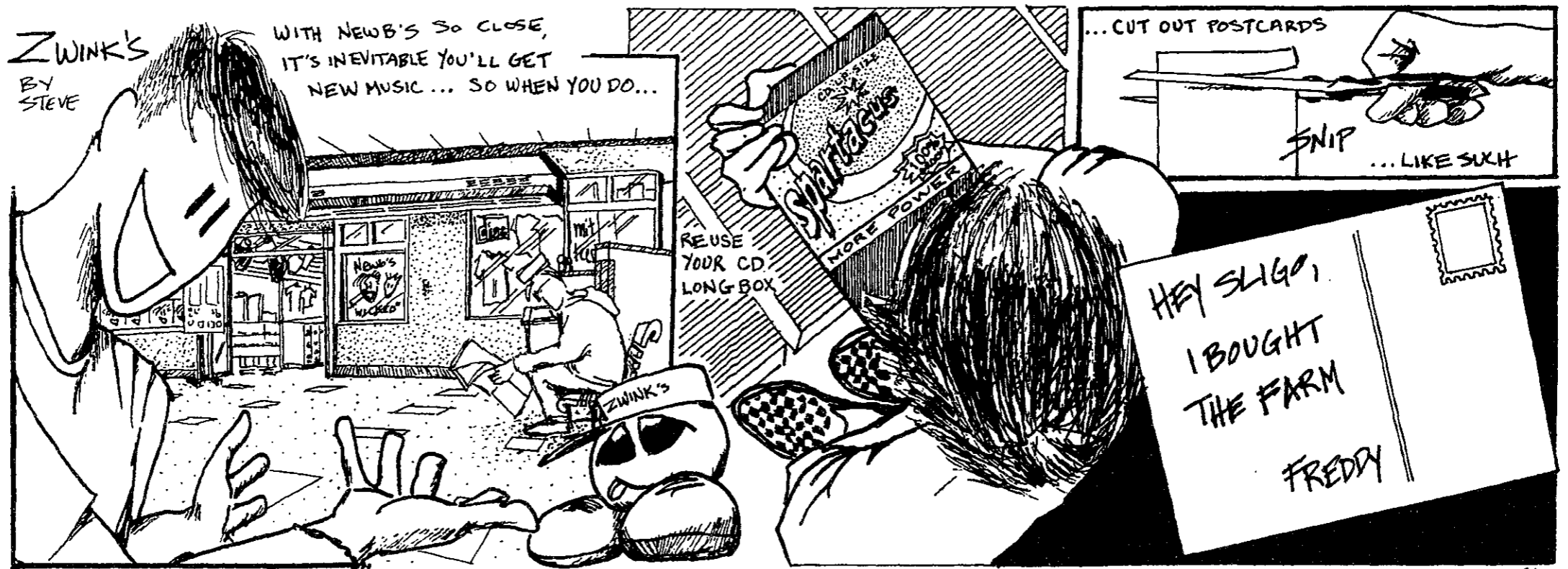
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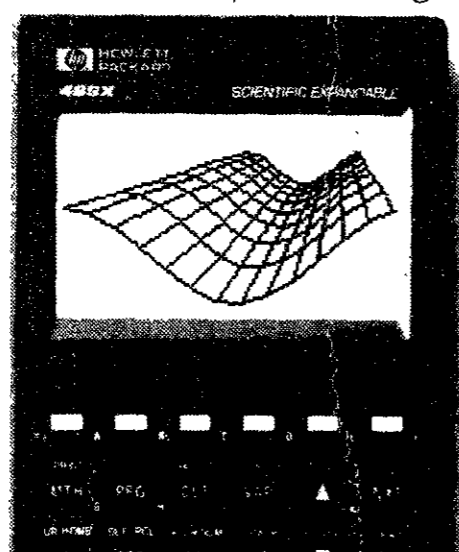
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Frosh Professors Look Forward to an Exciting Term

Professors, from Page 1

process of putting upgraded lecture notes into Athena, so nobody has to buy a textbook," Witt said.

The recitation session should not be used as additional lectures. "These two hours should be used to know the student as an individual. There must be student-staff contact," Witt said.

The recitation instructors, 50

percent of whom are senior faculty in the department, have varying biases toward a different aspect of materials science, according to Witt. The students have the opportunity to switch recitation sections to match interests with the instructor, he added.

5.11

In 5.11, Principles of Chemical Science, students study molecular

chemistry, the "shapes and properties of molecules, individually rather than in bulk," said Robert W. Field, professor of chemistry, one of the class' two instructors next term. Field will teach the first half of the semester, while Richard R. Schrock, professor of chemistry, will teach the remainder.

"I view [chemistry] not as a collection of memorized facts, but as a language or a way of predicting the

wide range of chemical behavior," Field said. "I constantly try to challenge the students to think about it — to take the concepts apart and put them back together, [and] to carry these ideas to everyday life."

There will be three review lectures on the first three Sundays of the term, according to Field. "This will be a chance to bring students who start out being intimidated by the pace of the course into the mainstream," he added.

Special topics such as polymers and organic chemistry will also be introduced at the end, Schrock added.

Both Schrock and Field will provide outline-style notes. To keep students involved in the lectures, Schrock said that he plans to give demonstrations during class and more creative problem sets.

On the other hand, teaching assistants "play the crucial role, because they're the ones that meet with the students, presenting what the students really need rather than what [Schrock] and I think they need," Field said. Schrock added that TAs are required to attend every lecture.

8.01

8.01, Physics I, is the study of Newtonian mechanics, but "we go off on lots of tangents," said Professor of Physics Walter H. G. Lewin, who, along with Professor of Physics Michael S. Feld, will teach the course this fall. "Wherever I can, I try to make them see part of their own worlds in a way that they had never looked at that world," he added.

"My goal is to get the students extremely excited, and to make them fall in love with physics, even those who think they hate physics," Lewin said.

Lewin tries to confront the students with their daily life experiences, "making the theory come to life. For example, instead of dropping a metal sphere, you can drop an apple. Now, you think that's a minor thing, but they can use that same apple at home." In another experiment, he used his own blood in demonstrating a centrifuge.

Recitations are used to answer questions and to go over homework. Four or five out of about 22 of the recitation sections will be taught by graduate students.

Though he could not give many details, Lewin said that there proba-

bly will be a contest as an assignment for the class. The contest two years ago was to use items such as rubber bands, styrofoam cups, and the students' knowledge of 8.01 to move a low-friction rotatable arm.

18.01

18.01, called Calculus, is a basic one-variable calculus course.

"I take this course very seriously," said Professor of Mathematics Sy D. Friedman, adding that 18.01 covers the most basic calculus, and students may have had a weak preparation for the class. "I kind of try to start off gently," paying attention to clarity and keeping the pace down, he added. "18.01 is not an easy course."

Friedman said he has an "organized, but casual, teaching style. One of the goals of a large lecture, besides imparting material, is maintaining interest. ... But that is an attempt to counteract the basic problem, which is that at MIT we have to cover a lot of material in a short amount of time."

The 18.01 syllabus is set up in an "effort to coordinate it with the physics," Friedman said. For example, differentiation of trigonometric functions may be covered earlier than in a strictly calculus course, he added.

A special feature of 18.01 is the tutored exam, where students who fail an exam may be tutored, after which they take a second exam, according to Friedman. If they pass the second exam, they will receive the minimum passing grade of the class for that exam. "I think it's a good system. ... It's nice to have that kind of flexibility, an escape valve, available," he added.

Students who move faster than the pace of the class may also take tutored exams early, with highest possible scores of 100 percent, he said.

Recitations are sometimes an extension of lecture, but most of the time are used to clarify the homework, according to Friedman. Recitation instructors assign grades to the freshmen, but Friedman said he prefers to make up problem sets and exams himself.

"When I'm not doing mathematics, which is most of the time, I'm an avid chamber music fanatic," Friedman grinned. In addition to playing the piano with chamber music groups, he is also a master chef.



Walter H. G. Lewin

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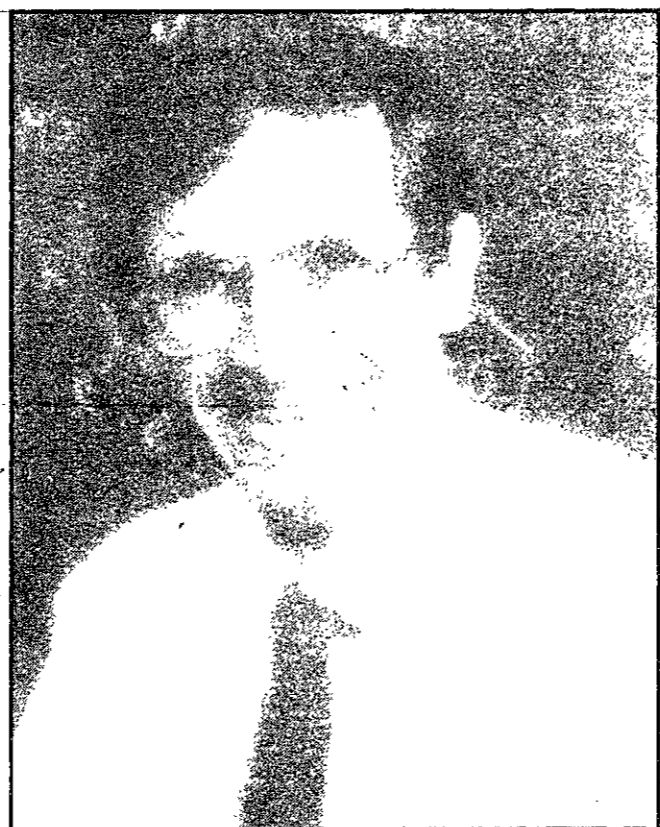
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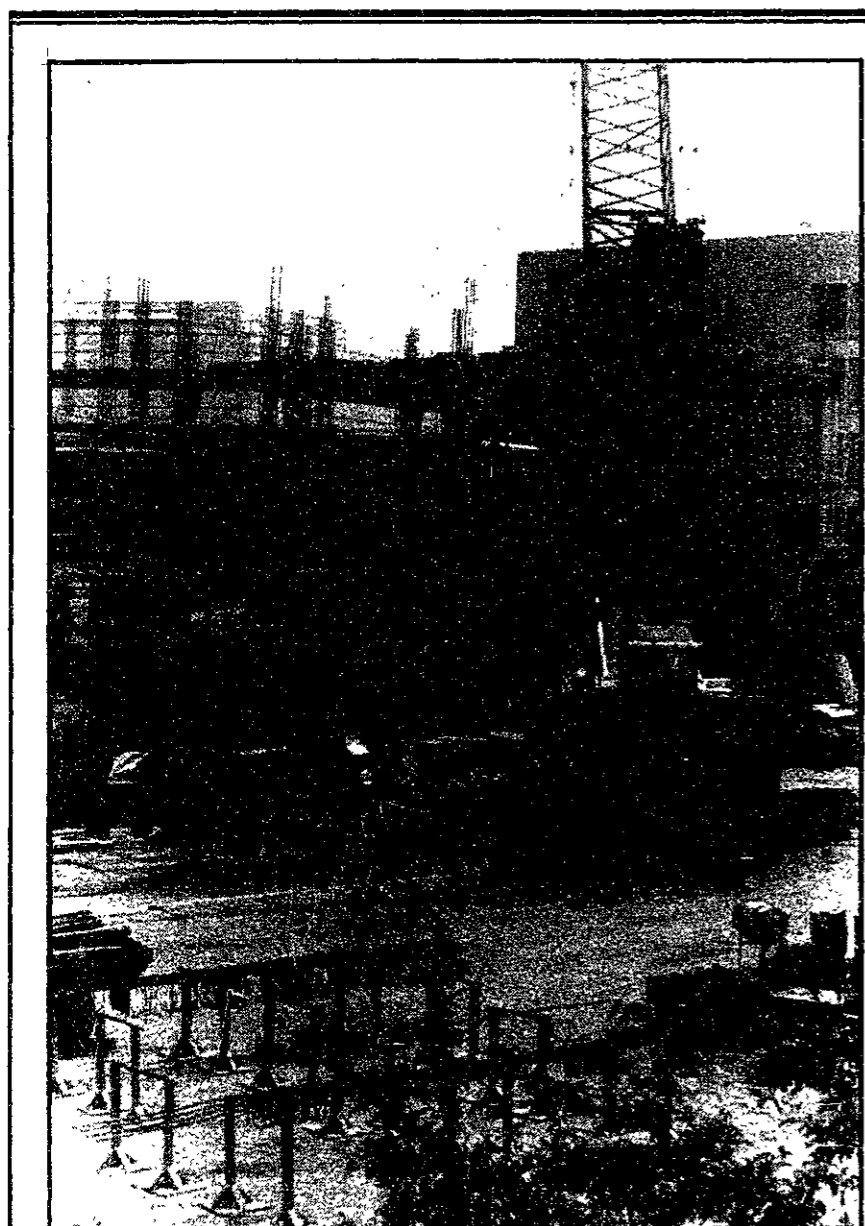
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Construction is proceeding on Building 68, which is scheduled to house the biology department starting next fall. Preliminary piping work has begun on the first floor, as the third story is being laid in place.

ILGs Oppose Publication of Stats

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interim rush statistics last year hurt several living groups. Dorow worried that freshmen might misinterpret the statistics, but refused to help *The Tech* describe or interpret

them until rush was complete.

Dorow also objected on the grounds that additional freshmen might pledge ILGs between press time last night and the time of *The Tech's* delivery to living groups this

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 11:35a: **Fenway House.** Come enjoy small brightly-colored square pieces of paper folding anarchy! Origami at Fenway, call for a ride: 437-1043*
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 1:27p: **Fenway House.** And the Vegetarians strike the first blow! It looks like a toss-up-Salad-fest at Fenway!
 1:28p: **Fenway House.** But wait! From the other end of the kitchen, in a blaze of charcoal smoke-it's MEAT! Meat-fest at Fenway!
 2:12p: **Fenway House.** Well, whoever won, it was delicious. And we're full.*
 3:33p: **Fenway House.** Take a stroll around Boston's scenic Emerald Necklace. 437-1043 for a walk.*
 4:18p: **Fenway House.** They shrink and shrink and shrink. Come meet our Shrinky-dinks! Call for a ride-437-1043*
 5:02p: **Fenway House.** Come swim in our bathtub! Or just sit on the toilet. At any rate, enjoy light refreshments as we christen our new bathroom. 437-1043*
 6:66p: **Fenway House.** Dinner with the Fenway House demons. Loud

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 8:23p: **Fenway House.** carbonated water, high fructose corn syrup and/or sucrose, caramel color, phosphoric acid, natural flavors, and, of course, caffeine. Fenway House. 437-1043*
 11:23p: **Fenway House.** The traditional Wednesday night Popcorn Social in our living room. Chat, Cackle, and Pop! 437-1043*
 1:03a: **Fenway House.** Bored? Come take in a movie. There are still quite a few left... 437-1043*
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 2:00p: **Joint Christian RO.** Christian Book Table. Student Center first floor 2 pm to 5 pm.*
 5:00p: **Chinese Bible Fellowship.** Eat SUSHI and DUMPLINGS with CBF

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 5:00p: **Chinese Christian Fellowship.** Eat sushi and bf dumpling with CCF and CBF. We will try to have food available until 8pm. Next Country Kitchen.*
 5:30p: **Korean Christian Fellowship.** KCF Joint R/O dinner with UCF. 5:30 - 7:30 Meet in front of student center.*
 5:30p: **United Christian Fellowship.** United Christian Fellowship/Korean Christian Fellowship freshman dinner. In McCormick Country Kitchen; meet at 5:30 at Student Center steps.*
 9:00p: **Caving Club.** Spelunker's Tours. Come join us for a bit of "urban spelunking". Flashlights optional. Meet near the Chapel.*

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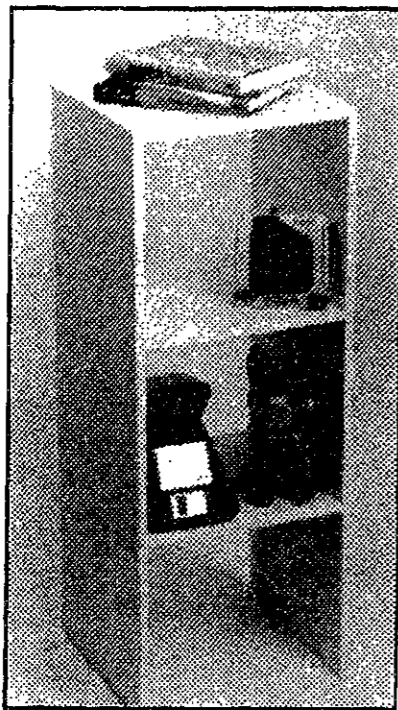
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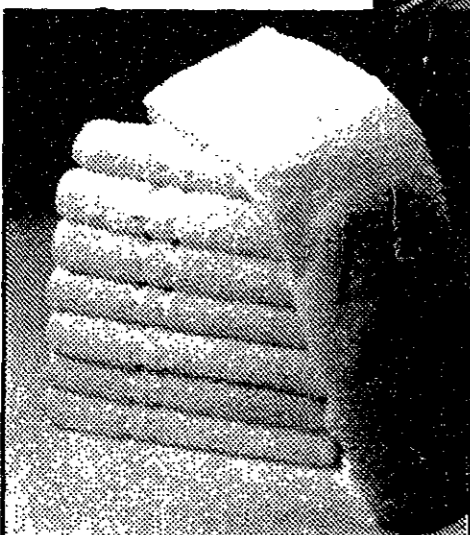
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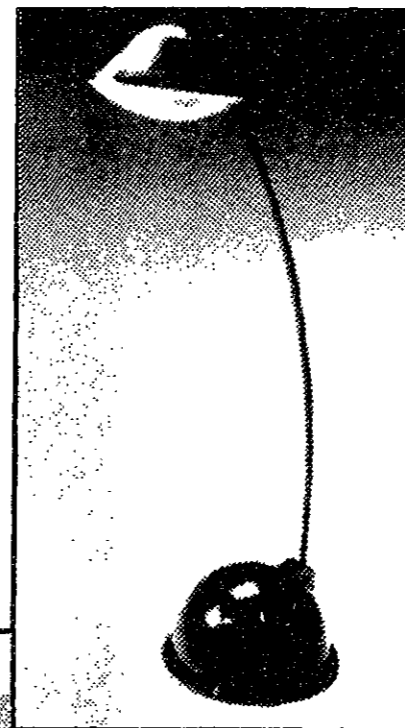
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