Fresenius to Choose Dormitories Today Using New System

By Ben Reit

A group of students calling themselves the "Ad Hoc Committee on an Improved Rush" has recently been distributing pamphlets and putting up posters around campus regarding the fraternity system and rush in general.

"The purpose of our group is to help incoming students ask the right questions and make informed decisions during rush," said Scott R. Velazquez '93, one of the two leaders of the committee. Robert C. Plotkin '93 is the other leader.

"We have worked to make incoming students aware of the choices they have. We have highlighted problems with MIT rush," Velazquez said. "We believe our written material is quite clear, but if there are any misconceptions of questions about our actions or intentions, we will be happy to answer them in our forum.

Velazquez said that the committee was made up of 10 to 12 students, many of whom work for the Alternative News Collective, which publishes Arts & Thistle. However, an electronic mailing list, allegedly connected to the committee, showed closer to 18 members, most of whom are connected with the ANC.

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**Iraq Readying Ground Attack Against Shiites, Official Says**

By Norman Rempster

**WASHTON**

Although Iraq has not challenged the 4-day-old ban on the use of its aircraft in the southern part of the country, there are indications that Saddam Hussein's regime is readying a new ground offensive against rebellious Shiite Muslims in the area, a top U.S. official said Sunday.

There are a couple of divisions in the south that have moved out of their garrisons, and there have been signs of preparation for another ground offensive for several weeks now," White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft said on the NEC program "Meet the Press." Scowcroft said a little thought that Washington was a step forward to any new Iraqi attacks on the mainly Shiite population of the south. "I wouldn't want to say exactly what we would do, but I think Saddam thought to take the prospect very seriously," he said.

In Baghdad, Hussein vowed to review what he called U.S. efforts to partition the Arab world and seize control of Middle East oil supplies. But he also indicated that he was in no hurry to provoke a showdown with the militarily more powerful Western nations.

"The leadership is determined to reject the bold aggression and confront it with all means available and on all levels," the Iraqi official News Agency quoted Hussein as saying.

"We will not be deceived by the slogans they have raised justifying their ban on flights in southern and northern Iraq (where a similar no-fly zone has been in effect for months)" Hussein said in a speech read for him by an announcer on Iraqi television. The ban on flights by the United Nations observers is a deliberate attempt to embarrass the military observers there and perhaps end the stunt.

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**Buchanan Will Not Go On Road for Bush, Aides Say**

Pat Buchanan, who delivered one of the most memorably rancorous political speeches of modern times at the Republican National Convention, will not be driving a conservative sport-utility vehicle into Denver to support his candidate.

The former commentator, who opened a hole in President Bush's rear end during the primaries earlier this year, seemed to be welcomed back into the Republican fold after his vitriolic partisan endorsement speech in Houston. He said the Bush campaign approached him about walking the campaign trail on the day the Denver convention opened Monday and that he was "insulated" immediately after the convention.

"I was not aware of any other indication of the campaign's attempt to distance itself from the right-wing strident voice evident in my speech," Buchanan said in a statement. "Those who wrote his dossier could not be used elsewhere." Greg Mueller, Buchanan's press secretary, said Buchanan has decided he could better serve the campaign by making an occasional television appearance instead of walking the stump.

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Mueller and the campaign deny that Buchanan is being muzzled by skittish Bush operatives, worried about polls showing a negative backlash after the convention, Torio Clarke, Bush's campaign spokesperson, said she fully expects Buchanan to be a "big part" of the campaign.

**Gore Lays Blame for Crippled Auto Industry on Bush**

By Edward Nell

**DETROIT**

Democratic vice presidential nominee Albert Gore Jr., launching a fierce counterattack against charges that he is an environmental n drivov, Saturday morning said he was not a know lover of automobile industry. Speaking to a partisan crowd in the nation's auto capital, Gore blamed the loss of more than 70,000 Michigan jobs on the economic policies of Bush and his father, former President Ronald Reagan. And he named Bush administration officials or advisors who have business ties to the Japanese auto industry, saying this raised questions about Bush's commitment to American workers.

Gore's remarks came on the heels of attacks by Bush and Vice President Quayle, who charged that Gore's support for higher fuel economy standards for American cars would devastate the industry.

**Sarajevo Riddled With Holes After Months of Shelling**

**SARAJEVO, BOSNIA**

It is difficult to convey in words the magnitude of the damage that Sarajevo has done to this capital city. If there is an exposed window, it is broken; a wall, it is chipped; a roof, it has a hole in it; a door, it is bullet-pierced but perforated beyond imagining. When the rains come this fall, it will leak badly, and the level of ambient humidity will be high. The European coastline is the only thing underpinning the studies of building practices and the extent of damage.

As Hurricane Andrew's victims continue their daily struggle to rebuild, teams of engineers, firemen, and search-and-rescue workers begin to look to the 4-day-old ban on all IC-130 surveillance flights in the United States. Their ban on flights in southern and eastern Florida. In the six days since the hurricane, the death toll has risen to $10 billion and local officials say that the numbers will continue to rise.

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By Rudy Abramson

**GALAPAINE TIMES**

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**IRAQ**

Iraq's IEDs against Iraq's own people.

**WEATHER**

Continued Pleasant

By Michael Morgan

**ST. PETERSBURG, FL.**

High pressure building in from the Midwest will provide sunny weather for the next several days.

- Today: Partly cloudy and cool. Winds west 15-20 mph (8-13 kph). High 74°F (23°C)
- Tonight: Mostly cloudy and cool. Winds west 15-20 mph (8-13 kph). Low 65°F (18°C)
- Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and hotter. High 77°F (25°C). Low 65°F (18°C)
- Wednesday: Mostly cloudy and milder. High 82°F (28°C). Low 60°F (16°C)

**SATTELITE**

Satellite photo from 8:00 p.m. yesterday.
Yeltsin's Japan Trip to Define Russia's Place in G-7

By Sam Jomesson
THE TECH Page 3
KASHIMA, JAPAN
Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin's visit to Japan beginning Sept. 13 will test whether Russia can become a "partner" of the so-called Group of Seven advanced industrialized democracies. Prime Minister Kichi Miyazawa declined to host Yeltsin here Sunday
Speaking to a seminar of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Miyazawa said Japan, the United States, Canada, Germany, Britain, France and Italy agreed at the Munich summit in July that "we want Russia to be our partner."

"That was the basic thinking of the political declaration" at Munich, Miyazawa said, adding that to build such a relationship, Moscow must "close the books on Stalinism by resolving the northern territories issue."

He was referring to Japan's claim to four islands off the northern coast that were seized by the former Soviet Union after the end of World War II and continue to be held by Russia. Tokyo's claim was supported by Japan's six G-7 partners, Miyazawa said.

"Those islands have never belonged to anyone except Japan. If Yeltsin can agree to that point, we can be flexible (about the timing of their return). There are many ways to deal with the issue," Miyazawa said.

Such an agreement by Yeltsin, the prime minister said, would open the door to "large-scale aid" to Russia from Japan. "But we can't give large-scale aid, which would come from the tax money, without the people's support," he said.

Earlier at the seminar, Chairman Koke Sato of the ruling party's general-affairs bureau, who had just returned from a trip to two of the islands at issue, predicted that pressure from hard-liners in Moscow will keep Yeltsin from recognizing Japan's sovereignty over the islands. But he said the Russian islanders themselves were "beginning to feel an ear" to Japan's offers.

Sato said that he had told the islanders that Japan was willing to wait for "three to five years" for the return of the two smaller territories, Shikotan and the Habomai islands, and "even 10 or 15 years" for the return of Shikotan and Kunashiri after Moscow acknowledges Japanese sovereignty.

Japan also would guarantee the islanders' residence rights, either as Japanese or Russian citizens, and extend the benefits of Japan's social welfare and medical insurance to them, he said.

"Or, Japan will cooperate to provide funds to build typical Russian middle-class housing for those who wish to move to Shikotan island or elsewhere in Russia," he added.

"The islanders listened constructively to our proposals," Sato said. "But Moscow doesn't listen. There, they say Yeltsin wouldn't last in office for half a year if he agreed to give back the islands."

Sato said that Moscow's intransigence stemmed from the new role played by the inexperienced Russian parliament, which replaced the Soviet parliament as the supreme legislature in Moscow.

Calif. Assembly Passes Budget to End 60-Day Impasse

By Daniel M. Weintraub and Jerry Gilliom
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.
Too weary to fight any longer and increasingly worried about the repercussions — political and otherwise — from California's historic budget stalemate, state lawmakers on Saturday passed a $58-billion spending plan and sent it to Gov. Pete Wilson.

The budget bill cleared the Assembly without a vote to spare — 60 days into the fiscal year and 75 days after the Legislature's constitutionally mandated deadline for passing a budget. The bill came on a bipartisan 54-23 vote about 17 hours after the budget bill came on a bipartisan 54-23 vote about 17 hours after the legislative session.

Wilson appeared all but certain that the other issues related to the budget, it seemed. "It is long past the time the public tolerates a philosophical fight between the Democrats and the Republicans," said Senate President Pro Tem David A. Roberts. a Democrat, who drafted the compromise and won Republican Leader Ken Madley of Placentia.

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"We are all weary in this crisis," said Republican Assemblyman Tom McClintock, who opposed the budget. "We are all bone-tired. But if you adopt this budget you will have capitulated to the Legislature and the one after that to repeat all of the travail we have come through."

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Letters to the Editor

Queer Elsewhere Deserves Coverage

I would like to thank The Tech for its coverage of Elsewhere (["Elsewhere Lounge Offers Escape From R.O. Week."], Aug. 24), and at the same time express my disappointment that the article did not mention Queer Elsewhere, which all the more merits reporting since this is Queer Elsewhere’s first year. Taking its inspiration from Elsewhere, Queer Elsewhere is designed to be a refuge from homophobia and biphobia and, more positively, a place where queers feel welcome, where queerness is encouraged, and where people can meet queer-MIT students who are out and proud. Queer Elsewhere is coordinated by the Residence/Orientation Committee on Sexual Identity.

I must question a comment made by Karl E. Yen ’93, Interfraternity Council Rush Chair, who said that Elsewhere does not “really say anything negative about the rushing process.” I worry if Yen would say the same about Queer Elsewhere. Queer Elsewhere was deemed necessary because of the heightened level of homophobia at a time when everyone, it seems, is either selling his or her living group or trying to fiit in. The very existence of Queer Elsewhere is a bold statement on the homophobia of the rushing process; and though Yen does not seem to think the high pressure of rush is something negative, I hope he would think homophobia is. Until MIT can come up with a rush that does not encourage homophobia as a way to get a competitive edge on others, Queer Elsewhere will remain both crucial and necessary.

Joseph A. Powers Jr. ’92

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Larger Class Credited For Expected Good Rush

Bids, from Page 1

Freshmen are reading or believing. They haven't mentioned it all," said Carmen S. Bellavia '94, rush chair at Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Marausla S. Bratosk '93, rush chair at Women's Independent Living Group, said that while crowding might have been a factor in people's decision to rush, ILG had looked at dormitories before deciding to rush.

"Freshmen feel that there is more of an advantage for them to visit ILGs," agreed Fortway's Tannor. "There is more of a chance of getting their own personal space."

Mixed reactions to picnic delay
Rush chairs had mixed reactions to the fact that this year's picnic would be held less than a day later, according to Wāl. For example, students who had not been able to get downtown as quickly as they had expected, said TDC's Cashman. The delay allowed them to "get people from the picnic right back to dinner. For us, it worked out better."

Le, the DU rush chair, suggested that the Institute might in the future make up the lost time by extending rush by one day. "Leave the day that rush is for people who were hungry, I guess."

"Personally, I kind of liked it," said TDC's Cashman. "That would be a violation of some state rules." Leff was not so sure. "It would be a violation of some state rules."

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THE ARTS

Ghost Story, Better Tomorrow highlight MFA festival

A CHINESE GHOST STORY
Directed and written by Yeung Kai-Chi
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Both films are presented as part of the film festival Cinema of Blazing Passion: Hong Kong
Films in the Eighties

By Danny Su

A Chinese Ghost Story is by far the best movie directed by Yeung Kai-chi. The story has not only been an inspiration for many filmmakers, but also it has inspired a whole new genre of Chinese films. The film tells the story of a young man who is a witness to a murder and ends up being pursued by the ghost of the victim. The ghost is played by Leslie Cheung, who is one of the most talented actors in Hong Kong. The film is a classic example of how Chinese culture can be incorporated into Western filmmaking to create a unique and captivating story.

The best sequence of the movie occurs when Cheung uses the ghost's energy to save Wong from eternal damnation. In this scene, he is able to use the ghost's power to stop a group of gangsters from attacking a pregnant woman. The scene is both thrilling and emotional, and it showcases Cheung's acting skills.

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The Arts

Chow Yun-fat as hit man Mark in director John Woo's A Better Tomorrow.

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Mark's confidence and killer instincts are his best traits, they eventually cause his downfall as he is crippled in a shootout. He's fall from power is brought about by an entirely different series of events. He thinks briefly about retirement when his brother, Leslie Cheung, who is unaware of Ho's involvement in organized crime, becomes a cop. Ho lacks the toughness and cruelty needed to be a successful leader, and he is eventually betrayed by a member of his own gang and shot behind bars.

The movie is packed with action, particularly the final scene where Mark is allowed to show all of his skills. It has much more to offer. He's confrontation with his cop brother shows clearly the inner struggle that Ho must go through in an effort to become a law-abiding citizen. Cheung, a famous Asian singer but a relatively inexperienced actor before this film, is brilliant. Still, his performance is overshadowed by those of Chow and Ti.

As in most other Hong Kong films, John Woo's A Better Tomorrow uses women merely as objects. Leslie Cheung's wife, the only significant female lead in the movie, is given very little to do and her presence is overshadowed by those of Chow and Ti. MIT Grad Student seeks roommate for 2 rooms in East Cambridge. $555/mo. Rent due 1st of month. Laundry and storage. Offstreet parking. Sleeping bag and bike. $350 + Utilities. Cell 661-6001.


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