Institute Readies New Guidelines
On Harassment

By Rahul T. Rao

It is in an effort to eliminate confusion and further awareness, MIT will release a revised version of its sexual harassment guide sometime this spring.

Samuel J. Keyser, associate provost for institute life, said the revisions were prompted by criticism from many in the MIT community that last year's sexual harassment guide was not detailed enough. "The community's attitudes and awareness of the problem changed with time," also making a revision necessary, he added.

Keyser emphasized that the revision is unrelated to the controversy surrounding the recent sexual harassment lawsuits involving Marina R. Ellskar SM '92 and Professor Cynthia G. Wolff.

Jennifer E. Carson '94, president of Students Against Sexual Harassment, said last year's booklet was inadequate since it "simply listed a bunch of phone numbers. Many of the contacts suggested in the booklet have no power to take action in harassment cases or were not properly trained to handle the situations they could encounter, she said.

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Students Support
Cable TV in Dorms

By Eric Richard

According to an MIT Cable survey distributed to dormitory residents in early November, nearly 80 percent of undergraduates are interested in receiving outside cable services on campus.

Randy W. Winchester, facilities coordinator for Telecommunication Systems, said that he has been "overwhelmed by the number of surveys that came back." Of the more than 4,000 copies of the survey that were distributed, about 25 percent have been returned. MIT Cable sent out the questionnaires to every dormitory residence.

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Winchester had earlier expressed interest in receiving outside cable services on campus.

The channel was closely followed by CNN Newsline, while CNN, ESPN, and the Discovery Channel were ranked together in third place.

On the write-in votes, Black Entertainment Television, the Science Fiction Channel, and HBO each garnered approximately twenty votes. Winchester said, however, that the Science Fiction Channel is not available in Cambridge.

Many suggested that time means that you can necessarily tell time from it, but that it changes with time. "The community's attitudes and awareness of the problem changed with time," also making a revision necessary, he added.

Some of these responses, 77 percent said they wanted MIT Cable to provide additional cable services, and 55 percent said they were willing to pay a monthly charge to receive cable in their dormitory rooms.

CNN ranked as favorite

Students ranked CNN as the station they would like to receive most. The channel is closely followed by CNN Newsline, while CNN, ESPN, and the Discovery Channel were ranked together in third place.

The meeting, the third in a series of four, was designed to be a brainstorming session for ideas for a student art project.

During the discussion, the idea of a "time" theme seemed to create the most excitement. Harries initially expressed an interest in dealing with time, saying that she had been attempting to read Stephen Hawking's "A Brief History of Time."

"It might be a fun topic to deal with — everybody's concept of time," she said.

Those in attendance seemed to enjoy the idea because they believed that it plays such a significant rule in the lives of MIT students. Many suggested some sort of work which could act as a clock or that involved many clocks.

However, as Matthew K. Gray '95 said, "To be a clock does not mean that you can necessarily tell time from it, but that it changes with time."

Another student said, "There might be something oppressive about the linearity of time."

One suggestion was to create a wall of clocks representing each of the majors offered at MIT.

Financial Aid Rules Changed

By Eva Moy

Recent changes in the Higher Education Act of 1965 have substantially increased eligibility for students from middle class families for federally-funded loans and grants. The changes include higher maximum loan amounts, the creation of an unsubsidized Stafford Loan, and a move from fixed to variable interest rates.

The various federal programs have raised the eligibility thresholds for parental and student assets. The assets of families with below $50,000 per year will not be considered in determining the family contribution. In addition, home equity will not be included as an asset.

"Potentially we can (triple) the number of loans we give out," said Stanley G. Hudson, director of the Student Financial Aid Office. Students may choose to refinance their current loans at the new rates, he added. He estimated that under the new policies there will be $5 million more in federal aid for which the MIT population is eligible.

However, the actual amount awarded will still depend on how much money Congress appropriates for financial aid.

The private banking industry funds the federal loans. While some loans are interest-free for students, the banks charge interest on all the loans. The federal government then

Harries, Community
Discuss Art Project

By Eric Richard

Time, space, and hacks were the central themes at last night's meeting between Cambridge artist Maga Harries, the Office of the Arts, and about 20 members of the MIT community to discuss proposals for the Student Center art project.

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MT Bans In-Line
Skates from Halls

By Karen Kaplan

In this police action, including the very popular Rollerblade skates, have been added to the list of "personal transportation systems" now banned in MIT buildings and parking structures.

Students who have grown accustomed to gliding down the Infinite Corridor are upset by the rule, which will carry a $25 fine for violators.

The new ban on in-line skates, recommended by the Institute Committee on Safety, is an extension of the prohibition against the use of skateboards, bicycles, and other similar transportation systems inside MIT buildings.

The policy change was motivated by "numerous complaints by facility staff, and some student who were concerned about their personal safety," said Campus Police Chief Jane F. Clarke. "There have been lots of very near collisions and scary situations." Clarke added.

However, Clarke said she did not know of any specific incident caused by rollerblades.

Second Bomb
Scare Clears
Building 3

By Sarah Y. Kightley

The second bomb threat in two weeks caused the Cambridge Police to evacuate Building 3 yesterday afternoon.

A male voice told the Cambridge Police Department at around 5:55 p.m. that there was a bomb in Building 3, according to Robert C. DeLucia, associate director of the MIT news office. The Cambridge Police then contacted the MIT Campus Police, who cleared the building.

The building was re-opened after about an hour when a search revealed nothing unusual.

2,675 Exam Interrupted
Students in Measurement
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RUSSIA

U.N. Sends U.S.-Led Force To Protect Somalian Relief

By John M. Goshko

THE WASHINGTON POST

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UNITED NATIONS

The Security Council voted unanimously last night to send a U.S.-led military force to Somalia to stop warring factions from blocking relief operations for the estimated 2 million people threatened with starvation and disease.

The decision is the first in which the United Nations has intervened in a country's internal affairs in order to mandate to use offensive force, if necessary. The force, expected to involve as many as 27,000 U.S. troops and smaller contingents from other countries, could begin deploying in Somalia as early as this week.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said President Bush hopes that U.S. troops can be withdrawn within the 90-day time limit of what "is essentially a four-year term."

Bush met for nearly two hours Wednesday with military leaders and other senior foreign policy advisers at the White House to discuss the Somalia operation and is likely to make his first public statement on the count today, White House officials said.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali warned the Security Council today that "a comprehensive and effective U.N. wide-scale of force" is required in Somalia to disarm the gangs stealing food and medicine from relief agencies and to bring the major weapons of military commanded by local warlords under international control.

The resolution adopted Thursday night did not specifically call for a "neutral" force, but instead, in an echo of the language that authorized the United States and its allies to mount last year's Desert Storm campaign that ended Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the resolution authorizes U.N. members "to use all necessary means to 15 days as soon as possible a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations."

Diplomats here declined to specify how a "neutral" force might involve and said that would be up to the commanders of the operation. "One point should be clear: our mission is to present a united, neutral world that will ensure the use of force only if and when we decide it is the only way to accomplish our objective," U.S. Ambassador Edward J. Perkins said.

Despite preparations for a possible worldwide deployment, it was unclear Thursday whether a key vote Friday will take place by secret or open ballot.

The resolution also specified that peace operations are proceeding normally, U.N. activities inside Somalia and the Security Council's recent resolution and its predecessor in 1992 are to be "the only base on which to build".

While, however, some council members have urged that the resolution be interpreted as "a mandate for a UN force to use offensive power within...the U.S. insistence on retaining control of the operation, the resolution authorizes U.N. forces to use "offensive power within...the U.S. insistence on retaining control of the operation, the resolution authorizes U.N. forces to use offensive power within...the U.S. insistence on retaining control of the operation, the resolution authorizes U.N. forces to use offensive power within...the U.S. insistence on retaining control of the operation, the resolution authorizes U.N. forces to use offensive power within...the U.S. insistence on retaining control of the operation, the resolution authorizes U.N. forces to use offensive power within..."
Church Settles Child Abuse Case

By Christopher B. Daly

WASHINGTON POST

In the largest case of its kind, 68 men and women who were sexually abused as children by a Catholic priest in the 1960s and '70s were awarded $32 million on Thursday that will provide substantial mone¬
yary damages and changes in church policy.

The alleged victims of the former Bene¬
tary priest, Father Kenneth Porter, who
was featured in a June issue of Time mag¬
zine, recovered, and there was nothing to
identify the victims.

But last spring, out of the blue, the Pen¬
teges told her that "highly reliable in¬
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cluded the Rev. Kenneth L. Plum¬
dale, 56, had molested dozens of boys and
girls.

The group also described the set¬
tlement as a turning point in the Catholic church's current think¬
about sexual abuse, which has emer¬
ged in the past year as a major issue for a refo

Over the past 10 years, as many as 
500 cases involving charges of
sexual abuse of children by
catholic priests have either
either been filed as lawsuits or settled quietly
out of court by Roman Catholic di¬
ceses, according to a Baltimore ther¬
pist who has worked with organiz¬
tions of sexual abuse victims.

Richard C. Rebeaud, a former judge and author of a study of sexuality
and priestly order, said victims' at¬
terests shouldn't be considered as
filed against church officials since 1962.

"And I say that for the reason that
that's public and legal, there's one
that's silent and settled," he said.

The members of the group agreed
to the agreement announced Thurs¬
day by their attorney, William Nowinski.

The agreement provides for 30
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Senator Panel Hears Testimony Of Vietnam POW-MIA Families

By Thomas W. Lippman

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OPINION

THIS MODERN WORLD
by TOM TOMORROW

1. THE OFFICE MANAGER GIVES YOU A BUNCH OF TIPS ON HOW TO
2. THE CORPORATE EXECUTIVE TENDS TO OVERWORK YOU.
3. THE WORD-PROCESSING SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO MAKE YOU

THE BUREAU-CRAT IN THE BOOTH!

1-I THEN FOLD THE BLUE COPY AND ADD IT TO THE YELL/@ WO:/K.

GET THAT?

B. BAD OFFICE COFFEE: WATER-BROWN LIQUID WHICH REAS, LITTLE
RESISTANCE TO ANY KNOWN RECOVERY.

C. EVERYTHING YOU DO IS AN INTRUSION.

D. FREE TIME: SPEND WAITING ANNOYINGLY WITH THE PHONE.

For the record, I have been working in the financial industry. Easy pickins and no threat of police interference.

Students Should Understand the World Around Them

The Tech received a copy of the following letter addressed to President Charles M. Fischman:

In 1984, I graduated from MIT. Since then, I have been working in the financial industry.

Every year I return to MIT to recruit graduates to join us on Wall Street.

One candidate that I interviewed this year completely shocked me. After 10 minutes of discussing his background, I asked some common sense questions. The following conversation ensued:

Q: How many people live in the United States?
A: 7 million.
Q: Are you sure? How many people live in the Boston area?
A: 500,000.
Q: How many people go to MIT?
A: 10,000.
Q: Then 1 out of 5 people in Boston attend MIT?
A: Yeah, I think that's right.

As the world becomes more dependent on technology, technologists need to become more aware of the world.

Sara J. Sprung '84

Don't Blame Campus Crime on the Victims

I never thought I'd have to write something about campus crime again. After all, I was in error. A problem that was once a more run-of-the-mill urban blight has crossed over into the realm of the absurdly stupid, and now, it seems, not even our doughnuts are safe.

Let me tell you about pickpocketing.

Pickpockets are not bold people. They loathe crowds, they are not usually armed. They only proliferate in dim, public areas like airports or street gatherings where a lot of people get mixed up together without adequate police protection.

Why then is it so damn easy to pickpocket MIT students walking through the main entrance at 77 Mass Ave. or the Student Center? Since Nov. 23, three members of the MIT community have been set upon by bank robbers, pickpockets, thugs, and psychotic parking attendants.

This rash of pickpocketing, though, is one crime strick that Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin cannot blame on the victims. I think it is perfectly reasonable to expect to be able to walk into LaVerde's without having two hands come up to you and rip your backpack off. I think it is reasonable to expect that if someone reaches behind a MIT student as she walks into Lobby 7 and steals her handbag, that there will be a police officer around to stop him.

As a student and, damn it, a paying client of the Corporation, I expect nothing less, and I will not tolerate the administration's criminal negligence in regard to my safety any more.

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New Federal Student Loan Now Available

- Recent federal legislation has created the availability of a Federal Stafford Student Loan that is not based on financial need. Unlike the original Stafford Loan, the interest on this new loan is unsubsidized (accrues immediately). However, the interest may be capitalized (added to principal) and deferred while you are in school.
- If you have already borrowed the maximum Stafford Loan for your grade level, you are not eligible for the unsubsidized Stafford Loan this academic year.
- If you were denied a Stafford Loan for this academic year, or received only a portion of the annual maximum, you may be interested in exploring this loan option further.

Stop by the Student Financial Aid Office in 5-119 for an information packet, or call x3-4971.
tumbleweed-garden

Ah... the expressions of joy on their faces when we walked in with our baskets of food... the poor souls had eaten for weeks!

The tooth but nothing but the tooth:

15% off all services for MIT students

December 4, 1992

By Chris Doerr

Pawan Sinha

New Immigration Laws Improve Your Chances of Staying in the U.S. After Graduation

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THE BODYGUARD

Directed by Nick Jackson.
Written by Lawrence Kasdan.
Starring Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston. Lifetime Chari.

By John Jacobs

The Bodyguard, Warner Brothers' latest movie release, stars Whitney Houston (not her real name) in her acting debut and Kevin Costner (probably not his either). Whitney essentially plays herself, but now her name is Rachel Marron. Rachel is a tem- porary pop singer who lacks songwriting ability and good musical taste, so her phonem- onal voice is the only appeal of her music.

However, his unrealistic sense of duty prevents him from retiring into private practice. Should he feel guilty for not having been able to stop Hinckley? The movie doesn't say, and the question hangs like an annoying mist over the character's career.

The film opens with Costner being hired to protect Rachel, who has been receiving death threats. Surprisingly, the threats are in the form of letters with threatening messages sealed out in words cut from a newspaper. Pretty original. Out of concern, her managers hire Costner, but to preserve her fragile mental state, they don't tell her about the letters. From the beginning, the whole setup spells "conflict." Costner, like most of Costner's roles, is hard-core and serious. Pop star Rachel inevitably finds her protection inconvenient and resists it by acting as the stereotypical stubborn "Hollywood type." Who's got time for that, right? Farmer, quick, remarking, "The people that hire me don't have to be con- vinced to save their own lives." Cont- nor pithiness at its best.

Rachel, as a star, is confused and attracted by his lack of interest. Farmer has fallen in love with her too. To him, she repre- sents a forbidden figure—an unprecedented woman of power and indulgence. Against his better judg- ment, he allows his emotions and her agents to love him back. The agents also talk Rachel into putting down the gun, so to speak, and they reunite. The two sort out a few differences and, this time, they hook up.

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THE TECH

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THE ARTS

Mediocre Bodyguard fails to protect stars from dry acting

The Bodyguard isn't that bad. In Freejack you kind of wonder why any of your seat thinking that such bad instead of saying his line this time, Mick would break into "Beast of Burden." At least Whitney is always interesting in producing something with artistic value.

The movie really isn't worth your seven dollars, though it will at least worth the rental fee at Tower. This mediocre film is also an unpleasant reminder that Hollywood is an industry and not always interested in producing something with artistic value. It's money, not art that gets them on the studio on time.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

AND REGULAR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

FOR MIT CANDIDATES AT THE DRESDNER BANK IN GERMANY

The Dresdner Bank, Germany's second largest bank and a leading player in the international banking world, is inviting MIT students with appropriate majors to apply to the bank for summer internships and for permanent positions. The unification of Germany and the opening of markets in eastern Europe have created exciting opportunities for students interested in international banking. Summer internships and permanent positions will be in the bank's international divisions which are involved in every branch of banking including corporate and public finance, international underwriting, and sales and trading in all its aspects (e.g. program trading, financial derivatives, interest-rate swaps, arbitrage, etc.). Like leading Wall Street firms the bank is looking for candidates with technical backgrounds as well as backgrounds in economics, business, etc. The bank has an interest in mathematical modeling and new computer-based methodologies. One of last summer's internships from MIT was in Course 2, the other in 6-3.

The summer internships will run from June 7 to July 30, 1993. Interns will have free accommodation in apartments provided by the bank, will have their return air fare paid, and will receive (roughly $1,400 at today's exchange rate) for room and board. This should be enough to pay for weekend expenses and some travel in Europe afterwards.

Students interested in an internship, (who need not have more than a smattering of German but should be willing to learn), should apply through the Careers Office, Room 12-170, on or before October 18. The Careers Office will collect all the applications from MIT and forward them to Germany. The bank asks for a resume, a cover letter, and a transcript. The letter should be addressed to Mr. Max B. Dugge, Senior Manager, Recruiting, Dresdner Bank AG, Jurgen-Ponto-Platz 1, 6000 Frankfurt am Main 11, Germany. The bank will pick the candidates it wishes to interview and hold interviews in Cambridge only on February 10. It will make offers to successful candidates the same day, and will ask for a yes or no reply then, if possible.

Candidates for permanent positions, who should have a reasonable command of German, should write directly to Mr. Dugge. There is no fixed deadline. Appointees will receive a regular German banker's salary.

Additional information is available at the Careers Office, Room 12-170.
Visit the Career Services Office to find out how you can be a part of our challenging, energetic, fast-paced team of software professionals.

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Students Give Thumbs Up to Cable

Summer 1993
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MIT Haystack Observatory

Undergraduate science, mathematics, and engineering students are invited to apply for summer research positions at the MIT Haystack Observatory in Westford, MA. Research projects include studies of radio emissions from stars, investigations of the structure of the earth's upper atmosphere, and hardware and software development for data acquisition, processing, and recording.

Application deadline is 15 February 1993.

Office of the Director
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Route 40
Westford, MA
or call (508) 692-4764

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Eligibility for Stafford, Other Loans Expanded

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pays the interest on the interest-free loans. Thus, these loans pose no risk to the banks, Hudson said.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans created

Students of all levels of financial need are eligible for the newly-created unsubsidized Stafford Loan. This loan is for students who do not qualify for either all or all of the full amount of a subsidized Stafford Loan.

The federal government does not pay the interest on this loan while the student is attending college, hence the term “unsubsidized.” These loans are subject to the same interest rate formula as the subsidized loans. The unsubsidized loan also includes an origination fee of 6.5 percent of the amount of the loan, as opposed to 3 percent for the other federal aid programs.

After a student applies for a Stafford Loan, the college will determine his or her eligibility for the subsidized loan. Then it will offer the student a combination of subsidized and unsubsidized loans based on financial need, which each student can choose to accept or decline.

In addition, the new policy increases the maximum annual amounts for Stafford Loans. Starting on July 1, 1993, sophomores can borrow $3,500 (previously $3,075), and juniors, seniors, and fifth year students can borrow $5,500 (previously $4,000). Beginning in the spring of 1994, graduate students can borrow $8,500 (previously $7,500). The maximum amount a freshman can borrow will remain fixed at $2,625.

The maximum aggregate loan amount will be $23,500 for undergraduate and $63,600 for combined undergraduate and graduate Stafford Loans.

Variable rate Stafford Loans

All Stafford Loans have been changed from a fixed to a variable interest rate based on the current interest rate of 91-day Treasury bills, with a margin of 9 percent. These changes were effective on Oct. 1.

The subsidized Stafford Loan is still interest-free while the student is attending school. For current loans, the interest rate is 8 percent after graduation and 10 percent after the tenth year of the loan. Future loans will be charged to variable rates.

The government made this change to more accurately reflect the current rates of other lending agencies. Although the new variable interest loans went into effect on Oct. 1, students will not be able to receive such loans until next year because federal loans are determined on a semester-by-semester basis.

“We can’t tell you what your repayment rate is going to be in four years,” Hudson said. “But it’s still well below what you’d get from a bank,” he added.

PLUS and SLS loans

Effective July 1, 1993, parents can now borrow the entire cost of education minus other aid through the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students. This is increased from the current limit of $4,000 per student per year. Thus it is possible for the parents of an MIT student to borrow up to $26,000 per year, Hudson said. The annual rate of these loans is based on the 32-week T-Bill, with a cap of 10 percent.

The maximum amounts for Supplemental Loans for Students, which are taken mostly by graduate students and independent undergraduate students, will also increase starting July 1, 1993. Freshmen and sophomores can still borrow the current limit of $4,000. But other undergraduates can borrow up to $5,000, and graduate students can borrow up to $10,000. The interest rates are the same as for the PLUS loans, except that the maximum is 11 percent annually.

Unfairness an issue

Despite these changes at the federal level, eligibility for MIT-based aid will remain the same. “We’re not very concerned about ‘horizontal equity,’” Hudson said. “Two very similar families can look very different on paper, he added.

Under the new federal guidelines, for example, a family making $50,000 would have its assets considered in the aid package, while a family making $49,000 would not. There is also a discrepancy between families who rent and own their houses.

Hudson felt pessimistic about these recent changes in the Higher Education Act, which is reauthorized about every five years. “The law we’re working with now has little resemblance” to the one passed in 1965, Hudson said. He cited the Middle Income Assistance Act from the early 1980s, which created the Guaranteed Student Loan for families with incomes up to $125,000. The program lasted 18 months before Congress became unwilling to pay for these loans.

The unsubsidized Stafford Loan “opened up the doors to any person who wants to borrow the money,” Hudson said. He said the program is vulnerable to being shut down like the GSL.

In addition to federal loans, eligibility for Pell Grants has also increased, meaning that this program will in general award less money to each student, according to Hudson.

These changes in federal financial aid eligibility could be viewed as a misuse of government funds to subsidize loans for upper-income families who could otherwise pay for their own education, Hudson said.

Application process split

Another change is that the application for financial aid is now divided into two parts. One is for federal programs, and requires no fee, Hudson emphasized. The second part is the Financial Aid Form, which requires a fee.

A student can be considered for federal financial aid without completing the second part of the application. However, the FAF is needed for campus-based federal money and grants in which MIT makes the decision about the source and size of a financial package.

The Student Financial Aid Office will send out re-application packets in February for people currently receiving financial aid.

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Time, Hacks Suggested For Student Center Art

Art, from Page 1

"Students have a much greater identity with their course and the organizations they are in than their class," said Ted E. Johnson, assistant director of "The Campus Activities Complex, half-jokingly suggesting "a hacker's wake of clocklets" to which students could add their own devices.

"That's part of the excitement -- all for the people," said Harries. Still, not all those in attendance were imagination?. "There seems to be something cliched about the clock idea," said Harries. "It is just that it is reinforcing what MIT is all about."

Other possible themes

Barbara also suggested that the art department exhibit the history of hacks at MIT. "I don't know how one makes a whole cabinet," but in a tradition that could be built upon, "there should be some place where they could be collected, nurtured, and reinforced."

On the surface, Harries has also been trying to learn about Athens. "If I really want to understand more about the MIT spirit. "The idea of hacking seems to be present in Greek," said Harries. She likened the connotations to women and reason that the myth suggests.

Another theme which seemed apparent to Harries was a "cabinet of building small, interconnected, maze-like rooms outside the building. Although her idea of such a cabinet had not yet developed, she imagined "enough rooms that one could be in and make your own space."

Harries also hopes that through her project she will be able to "engage the students in giving something of themselves."

Catherine N. Stratton, wife of Douglas D. Rohall (MIT '82), who resides in Woodstock, VT, said, "There seems to be something much more number-oriented. For those who are more number-oriented."

Future discussions

At the next meeting, to be held in February, Harries will present three or four concepts to the MIT community. In the interim, Harries will continue to explore the aspects of MIT life. She has already been working with members of the MIT community to learn more about Athens and hacking. In cooperation with the Office of the Arts, a discussion group has been set up on the subject. At the next meeting, the group will continue to explore the subject of the project.

After the February meeting, Harries will produce visual models of these ideas for a meeting in the first week of April. The artwork is to be scheduled to be installed in August or September.

MIB Bans In-Line Skates Indoors

Ban, from Page 1

David J. Kessler, Undergraduate Associate Director, said, "We have had to make sure that things were thoroughly thought through," he said. "I think there's a possibility that the concerns of the few are overshadowing the interests of a great majority."

Kessler said, "I think the time people save and the enjoyment they get out of Rollbearlades may not outweigh the concern that safety seems a very minor, he added. Kessler said he does not own a pair of in-line skates.

Kessler also said the UA's Safety Committee is looking at the ban and will report to the Executive Board before the next UA Council meeting in February.

"I have Rollerblades, and I'm kind of annoyed," said Sarah L. Wheeler '93. "The halls here seem to have the best Rollbearlades conditions in the city. And now what do I do when I'm late for an appointment?"

Patricia L. Dunlavey '94 also opposes the ban. "I paid almost $200 for a pair of Rollerblades specifically for the purpose of getting around campus. She said, "They seemed to be more reasonable because I don't have to worry about them being stolen."

Carlos E. Garcia '92 agreed that in-line skating does "introduce some serious fear into the hallways. But at an in-line skater, if he said, "the good it does far outweighs the bad."

He said the benefits for in-line skaters are convenience and time savings.

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Bomb Threat Empties Building

Threat, from Page 1

Instrumentation Lab (2.671) was taken as an exams to 3-270 at the time of the evacuation. The professor asked the students finish the exam elsewhere and gave them an extra hour to take the test.

Rebecca E. Fahrmeir '95, a student in 2.671, said that the sirens went off in the room, and "the first time we thought it was a drill. But then the announcement system called for the building to be evacuated, she said."

Joan M. Zhang '95, another student in the class, said that the class was asked to finish the quiz on an honor basis. She did not think collaboration would be a problem.

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