



YUEH Z. LEE—THE TECH

A freshman checks into Clearinghouse at McCormick Hall. Clearinghouse tracks freshman during Residence and Orientation Week.

Frosh Reaction To Protest Mixed

By Hyun Soo Kim
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Freshmen expressed mixed views on the demonstration held before Phi Beta Epsilon yesterday, which, according to Tommie A. Henderson '95, one of the rally's organizers, was to promote racial awareness on campus.

Both Henderson and Michael K. Daly '94, president of PBE, said that many freshmen had asked questions about the incident last spring that precipitated the two-day demonstration, when someone shouted racial epithets from a PBE window at four black students passing by.

Daly declined to comment on what effect the rally would have on PBE's rush. It was still too early to tell, he said. However, many freshmen visiting PBE were very concerned about the incident, he added.

Freshman Juan C. Fuenmayor expressed surprise at the incident last spring. He said, "You would expect MIT to be focused on intelligent matters. With people so smart here, it is surprising that such a stupid thing happened." He added that

he would not rush PBE.

Other freshmen were not surprised that incidents heightening racial tensions occurred at MIT. Reginald Paulding '97 said, "This is like the real world where stuff like that does happen. When I came here I was sort of open to rushing a fraternity, but now I don't think I will."

"I was aware of this [incident] before," said Martin Gilkes '97. "I heard about this last year, from a person in PBE, who told me a different account. I don't know who to believe. I heard both accounts."

Keith V. Bevans '95, another rally organizer, said, "A lot of people have asked us and PBE questions about the incident. They'll hear both sides of the story and will make intelligent decisions on their own."

Bevans added that some freshmen are not interested in the issue of racial discrimination at MIT. "We are trying to raise the level of awareness, MIT needs to have a set policy to handle issues like this

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Queer Elsewhere Political

By Eva Moy
NEWS EDITOR

Like Elsewhere, Queer Elsewhere also offers a rush-free escape, Play-Doh, and a support system for freshmen.

But the similarities stop there.

At Queer Elsewhere, students can get angry about the system with other gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. At Queer Elsewhere, people don't assume the students who come in are straight. At Queer Elsewhere, the staffers tell students that they do not have to just accept homophobia.

"Elsewhere thinks of itself as kind of a therapeutic recovery zone, which I think is very necessary. [But] Queer Elsewhere is for people who feel excluded and ostracized from all of Rush," said Joseph A. Powers Jr. '92, one of the workers at Queer Elsewhere.

"While Queer Elsewhere is empowering in a personal and political way, Elsewhere tends to personalize psychological stress without making a critical political statement about the procedure of rush, and without providing a place where people can yell and exchange their anger with other people who are angry."

"Some people have asked, 'If there's a Queer Elsewhere, why isn't there a Persons-of-color Elsewhere?'" Powers said. He thinks of the incident involving Phi Beta Epsilon "as symptomatic of the racism all over rush and the greek

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Elsewhere Offers Escape from Rush

By Eva Moy
NEWS EDITOR

"Elsewhere" is more than just 15 years of Play-Doh and Legos.

Elsewhere, located on the fifth floor reading room in the Student Center, has provided freshmen with a relaxed, rush-free zone for 15 years now, said Jo-Anne M. Kokoski '96, a Residence and Orientation Week worker at Elsewhere.

"It's very important, especially for people who, say, are pressured to Rush but do not want to do it," said Sara Howe '94, one of this year's two Elsewhere coordinators.

No Rush paraphernalia, including T-shirts or name tags representing living groups or sororities, is allowed at Elsewhere, Howe said.

"People have been in and out," Kokoski said. "It seems to be pretty popular with [the

freshmen]."

Because freshmen are not required to sign in or out, Clearinghouse — and hence living groups — will not be able to locate them, Howe added.

"I just want to get away from Rush for a little while," said freshman Victor Y. Tsou. "I'm really, really tired, and I haven't gotten a lot of sleep," said Tsou, commenting that Elsewhere is a "nice, quiet place."

"There are a lot of juvenile, regressive things" like puzzles, Kool Aid, and crayons "that I haven't seen in a while," Tsou added.

"You can talk to freshmen and upperclassmen who are here with unbiased views," Adam W. Meyerson '97 said. Elsewhere also offers an escape from persistent fraternities asking freshmen to go on tours or visit, he added.

Elsewhere also allows students to meet

some familiar faces from Project MOYA or other freshmen that they have met so far at MIT, Tsou said.

Staffers trained to help

Elsewhere is staffed 24 hours a day by two trained Elsewhere workers, Howe said. It opened Friday afternoon and will continue until noon next Friday.

Howe explained that workers chosen for Elsewhere are "friendly people who are willing to talk with freshmen." They undergo a mandatory training session to try to prepare them in case of certain situations. For example, a few years ago, a freshman was angry at being flushed came to Elsewhere and "tore up the place," she said.

Overall, it came together pretty well, Howe said.



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Students play a game of Risk while relaxing at Elsewhere. Puzzles, games, crayons, markers, and toys are available for freshmen to play with. Elsewhere, located on the fifth floor of the Student Center, is intended to let freshmen get away from the hectic pace of rush.

WORLD & NATION

World Religious Leaders Gather For Global 'Parliament'

NEWSDAY

CHICAGO

Thousands of religious leaders from around the world are in Chicago for the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions, a week-long conclave that will seek global cooperation among religious communities and institutions and address religious conflict, violence, AIDS and the environment.

Representatives of religions including Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Jainism, Judaism, Islam, Shintoism, and Zoroastrianism are participating, as well as American Indians and other indigenous spiritual leaders.

The Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan Buddhist leader, is among those scheduled to speak at the event. Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun and Nobel Peace Prize winner, was scheduled to participate but a recent bout with malaria forced her to cancel plans to travel.

The gathering will be marked by ceremony, prayer, workshops, lectures and cultural performances. "Global 2000 Revisited; What Shall We Do?", a report challenging religions to address the difficulties facing future generations will be presented.

Panama Not Sure It Wants U.S. Out

LOS ANGELES TIMES

PANAMA CITY

The cry of protest in Latin America has traditionally been, "Yankees, go home!" In Panama these days, it's, "Yankees, please stay!"

As the date approaches for the withdrawal of 10,000 American troops and the closing of U.S. military bases as part of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties, Panamanians are getting cold feet.

Nationalist fervor that once demanded an end to American dominance is being replaced by economic reality. Panama stands to lose, at least in the short term, thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars with the departure of the U.S. Southern Command under the accords.

What worries many Panamanians — as well as citizens and officials in the United States and elsewhere — is that Panama's plans for the canal and the properties that go with it remain unclear.

In a recent survey published by the newspaper La Prensa, more than 70 percent of Panamanians questioned supported having American troops remain. "People feel like, if the Americans go, the dollar goes," opposition legislator Balbina Herrera said. Panamanians want their independence, she said, but fear losing a major source of jobs, opportunity and income in these times of economic crisis.

Trouble With Mars Observer May Undermine NASA's Agenda

NEWSDAY

The apparent loss of the once-promising Mars Observer spacecraft is turning up the heat on the U.S. space agency, bringing to a boil some long-simmering doubts about the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's performance, experts say.

The Mars setback comes after problems with the Galileo mission to Jupiter, the misshapen mirror in the Hubble Space Telescope, and the loss of a new weather satellite, all of which have battered the agency's image. And the timing could hardly be worse: Senate debate on funding NASA's long-disputed space station is about to resume.

"I think that the very large reservoir of public support for the space program is becoming dangerously depleted," said Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-N.J., an outspoken opponent of the space station who supports other forms of space exploration.

John Logsdon, director of the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University in Washington, thinks the potential loss of Mars Observer may make it harder to get space station funding. NASA "was already facing substantial challenge to the space station, its major program for the next decade." Funding for a scaled-down space station was narrowly approved by the House in June.

WEATHER

Hurricane Emily Takes Aim At the Southeast U.S. Coast

By Michael Morgan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The big weather news for the next few days will be the eventual track Hurricane Emily takes. As of noon Saturday the hurricane was located about 800 miles (1285 km) east of the east coast of central Florida. The intensifying hurricane at that time had winds of 80 mph (129 kph) and was moving to the west-northwest. The latest forecast suggests that Emily will be some 240 miles (380 km) off the coast of South Carolina by 8 a.m. Monday morning with winds of nearly 120 mph (194 kph) gusts to 140 mph (226 kph). Hurricane watches will likely be issued for portions of the southeast coast of the U.S. later today.

While Emily will likely make landfall south of our area, we may still experience some effects from her — wind and rain — later in the week. In the meantime, high pressure will provide much more comfortable weather for the area today and tomorrow, before heat and moisture arrive on Tuesday.

Today: Mostly sunny and delightfully pleasant. Winds north-northwest 10-15 mph (16-24 kph). High 80°F (27°C).

Tonight: Clear and comfortably cool. Low 64°F (17°C). Winds light.

Monday: Increasing clouds and warm. A shower is possible late. High 83°F (28°C). Winds light southeast, turning southwest at 7-13 mph (13-21 kph).

Thousands Mark Anniversary Of King March on Washington

By Robert L. Jackson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Championing causes ranging from civil rights to health care reform, thousands of advocates from across the country endured stifling heat Saturday to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s march on Washington with their own procession to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

The latter-day marchers, gathering under the theme of "jobs, peace and justice," included ethnic groups appealing for economic empowerment, steelworkers advocating better national health coverage, teachers seeking more funds for education and auto workers worried about the North American Free Trade Agreement. There was even an animal-rights group urging more respect for "our fellow earthlings."

On Aug. 28, 1963, a crowd of 250,000 spilled across the Washington Mall to hear King's historic "I Have A Dream" appeal for racial equality. Saturday's marchers were considerably fewer in number and less united on a single cause; U.S. Park Police estimated the crowd at 75,000.

Labor unions appeared to have the largest contingents.

Detroit auto worker Dan Bishop said he came with his family "to stand up for jobs and justice and to speak out against NAFTA," which many unions fear will lure American jobs to Mexico, where wages are lower.

A group of Minnesota teachers carried banners proclaiming: "Invest in Education." The United Steel-

workers of America held up signs that simply said: "Health Care Reform," referring to the plan that President Clinton has promised to send Congress next month.

After marching a distance of about seven blocks from the Washington Monument to the base of the Lincoln Memorial, many participants camped out under shade trees, held up umbrellas or dangled their feet in the Reflecting Pool near the memorial as temperatures during the muggy afternoon soared into the middle 90s.

The District of Columbia Fire Department set up sprinklers attached to fire hydrants along Constitution Avenue, and many people dashed through them to cool off. Dozens of marchers were treated for heat exhaustion by mobile units provided by the D.C. government.

The crowd settled in to hear a combination of music and oratory. The roster of about 50 speakers included Coretta Scott King, widow of the famed civil rights leader, and the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who had joined the Kings 30 years ago in leading the Washington march.

"Today as in 1963 we have a young president who offers leadership in economic progress," Coretta Scott King told the marchers. "But we know that leadership must come from the people."

Lowery, declaring that "economic justice" still has not been achieved, told his listeners: "Thirty years ago, we couldn't check into the Hilton and the Hyatt. Today we've got the right to check in, but too many of us don't have the

means to check out."

The Rev. Benjamin Chavis, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, recalled that the 1963 march led to enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, but he deplored the fact that "the color of your skin still limits your chances in society. Dr. King's dream still remains unfulfilled."

Saturday's marchers appeared to be a largely black middle-class crowd, interspersed with a significant number of whites.

One retired white machinist, C. E. Rosengrant, said he came from York, Pa., because "if we don't get things straightened out, we're going to have the same old cycle of poverty and injustice for the younger generation."

President Clinton, who was in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Saturday concluding a 10-day family vacation, did not address the marchers in person. But he sent a message to them through Attorney General Janet Reno, who relayed his words:

"As a son of the South, I have seen in my own lifetime how racism held all of us down and how the civil rights movement set all of us free," Clinton said. "We've come a long way, but clearly we've got a long way to go."

Most people in the crowd were too young to be present when King delivered his electrifying speech in 1963. But Venita Conway, an auto worker from Southfield, Mich., said she wanted to attend Saturday's commemoration because her parents had taken part in the original march.

Administration No Longer 'New'

By Carl M. Cannon

THE BALTIMORE SUN

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASS.

Like the man on those irreverent T-shirts that surfaced a while back showing Richard Nixon's face and the slogan, "Tan, Rested and Ready," President Clinton did his time re-charging his batteries.

He golfed in Vail, Colo., with former President Ford and golf legend Jack Nicklaus, taught his daughter to water-ski on a lake in Arkansas, yachted in the Atlantic Ocean with Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and partied all over this island with his pal Vernon Jordan.

But now, as his vacation ends, Clinton returns to Washington no longer a new president in the eyes of the American people and facing a policy agenda as ambitious as any president in recent history.

On Friday, as his stay neared an end on this island, Clinton pronounced himself "spoiled" and said he wished he had another week. But as the week wound down, he also indicated that he was ready to get going again.

First, the president issued a statement to be read at Saturday's 30th anniversary of the March On Washington that commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. and the causes he lived and died for.

In addition, the president found time Friday between a round of golf and a sailing trip to pre-tape his weekly Saturday radio address.

"In the quiet of this August day, as we reflect on what's happened over the last several months, we can say that together we've made a good beginning, but the job has just begun," the president said. "As our children go back to school, and, after a great family vacation, I go back to work..."

On the foreign policy front, officials said that Clinton plans an address in September to the United

Nations where he will outline U.S. foreign policy goals. In addition, he plans to meet in New York with Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa.

Sometime in late autumn or early winter, the president plans to attend a NATO summit in Brussels, Belgium, followed, possibly, by a visit to Moscow and a meeting with Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin.

In the midst of that, officials said, the president hopes to formulate along with Gen. John Shalikashvili, his new handpicked candidate for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a consistent, firm policy regarding Serbian aggression in Bosnia.

"It's a full plate, no question," said one administration foreign policy official.

The administration's primary emphasis, however, is on domestic issues, including the following:

—The North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA. Although his administration has negotiated side agreements on environmental and labor regulations, he faces opposition from congressional Democrats, including House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

One administration official said that private negotiations will begin this week between the White House and Gephardt. This official said the president was "optimistic" that when Gephardt examines the side agreements carefully, he might be persuaded to drop his opposition. But with businessman and failed presidential independent candidate Ross Perot out there beating up on the treaty daily, White House officials say the president will be traveling the country, stumping for NAFTA approval.

—Reinventing Government. This is the task force headed by Vice President Al Gore that has been interviewing government workers in hopes of attacking gov-

ernment inefficiency. This effort has taken on additional importance because of promises made by Clinton to Congress during the fight for his budget bill. The promise was to search for additional spending cuts, a difficult chore that has been added to Gore's mandate.

—Health care reform. This is the big daddy, and it never seems to be far from the minds of the president or first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who chairs the president's task force on health care reform.

The president, in his radio address, termed reforming health care the "biggest challenge" of his administration.

He plans to unveil the first wave of specifics of his plan in an address to a joint session of Congress sometime in late September.

White House officials appear to have come to terms during their vacation with the notion that when Clinton returns to Washington Sunday, he comes back with a subtly different aura; namely, he is no longer a new president.

The American people have seen him fail in Congress, they've seen him succeed. They've seen him cry when he yanked the appointment of controversial law professor Lani Guinier, a longtime friend, and they've seen him laugh with his friends on a golf course. They've watched in grim sympathy as he struggled to deal with the suicide of a close aide, Vincent Foster Jr., and they've winced as he snapped at junior aides in public.

For better or worse, he said, after this week or after Labor Day, it's no longer "the new Clinton administration" but simply, "the Clinton administration."

As his vacation wound down, Clinton seemed to be reluctant to leave this island, but eager to get back to work at the same time.

"I'm ready," he said.

A Year After Andrew, Emily Threatens Florida Coastline

By Mike Clary
SPECIAL TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI

One year and four days after Hurricane Andrew ripped into southern Florida, anxiety ran up the East Coast like an intensifying fever Saturday as Hurricane Emily approached from the Atlantic Ocean.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center here said Emily, the first full-blown hurricane of the season, was at least two days away from striking land and that its target could be anywhere between Miami and Cape Hatteras, N.C.

Late Saturday, the storm was moving west-northwest at 9 mph and was about 900 miles east of the central Florida coast and 400 miles south of Bermuda. Top winds were estimated at 85 mph.

Hurricane watches may go up Sunday. Areas of concern ranged from central Florida to the Caroli-

nas, said Robert C. Sheets, director of the hurricane center.

Sheets said Emily is a "fairly large system" with the potential to bring heavy rainfall. He said forecasters should be able to narrow down where the storm will hit the coast sometime Sunday.

By Saturday afternoon, forecasters had detected a northwesterly curve to the storm's path, and southern Florida seemed likely to dodge Emily.

But neither time nor distance did much to assuage the fears of concerned coastal residents, especially those thousands in southern Florida who lived through Andrew.

"People just aren't going to be caught unprepared again," said John Ruf, manager of Home Depot in Perrine, Fla., a store that was virtually destroyed by Andrew on Aug. 24, 1992.

He said the largest demand was

for plywood, used to board up windows. At one point Saturday morning, 8-by-5-foot plywood sheets were selling at the rate of 600 an hour, he said.

Robert Bottoms, manager of a supermarket in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. said shoppers were stocking up on "water, batteries, lamp oil, canned goods — the usual stuff." He said bottled water was selling up to six times faster than normal.

Forecasters said Emily is a typical hurricane for this time of the year, the peak of the tropical storm season, and its path across the Atlantic is similar to that of Andrew.

Born as a wave of low pressure off the coast of Africa on Aug. 16, the storm was identified as a tropical depression last Sunday, and gained hurricane status Friday when its winds topped 74 mph, the minimum threshold.

Bosnian Muslims Reject Partition Plan, Call for More Negotiations

By Kim Murphy
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SPLIT, CROATIA

The Parliament of Bosnia-Herzegovina Saturday rejected a formula for ethnic partition of the country but urged further peace talks, raising new doubts about prospects for the international community's only viable plan for ending Bosnia's civil war.

In an exhausting two-day session in the capital of Sarajevo, the Muslim-led Parliament unanimously agreed to continue peace talks in Geneva this week in the hope of winning more territory and guarantees that provisions for reversing ethnic cleansing and protecting the country as an international entity will be implemented.

"We are asking for crucial changes. The international identity of Bosnia-Herzegovina must be affirmed," said Muhamed Filipovic, a member of the government's delegation to the peace talks.

But while the Bosnian government's reservations about the plan threatened to throw new obstacles in the way of bringing peace to the embattled nation, there were clear indications that government leaders are abandoning their dream of a single multiethnic nation.

"They (the Serbs) still have 1,000 tanks against us, and if we don't find a solution, Bosnia will be destroyed," Muslim President Alija

Izetbegovic said in an emotional address to the assembly.

The current peace plan, drawn up by Bosnian Serb and Croat leaders with Izetbegovic's reluctant participation, calls for demilitarizing the country and creating three loosely federated ethnic republics with a common presidency and foreign ministry. Citizens are guaranteed the right to live anywhere in the country regardless of ethnic background.

Bosnian Serb legislators, meeting in Pale in the mountains above Sarajevo, voted 55-14 for unconditional acceptance of the plan. It would force them to give up much of the land they have gained during 17 months of war but award them the greatest share of territory — about 52 percent, compared to 30 percent for Muslims and 18 percent for Croats.

"We have all the conditions to achieve a settlement without much more talks if we all accept it in good faith, and I do hope we can implement it very soon," said Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, who prevailed over hard-line Serbs who objected to forfeiting Serbian military gains in Bosnia.

Karadzic warned that "if the Muslims do not accept the plan now, every next map could only be worse for them, and in case the war continues, they will lose everything."

Croat leaders, meeting in the central Bosnian town of Grude, took

a step toward implementation of the peace plan by formally declaring an independent Bosnian Croat republic, but indicated that they, too, would seek adjustments in the territorial map drawn up in Geneva.

"It is imperative that corrections be made," said Croat leader Mate Boban. "There are details which are illogical."

Just how much more the Muslims will demand may not be clear until Monday, when leaders of the three communities are scheduled to present their responses to international mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg. The precise wording of the Bosnian Parliament's action was not to be released until Sunday.

But there were indications that the Muslim-led government would seek to improve its 30 percent share of territory, perhaps to as much as 36 percent. Muslims are seeking access corridors to Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia and also a permanent access to the sea. The plan permits them access to two ports, but both would be located in a neighboring country, Croatia.

Fighting has been at a lull throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina during the past two days of parliamentary discussions, and in an important breakthrough in central Bosnia, part of a U.N. aid convoy trapped by Muslim demonstrators in Mostar was allowed to leave Saturday afternoon.

Freshman Mass. Congressman Faces Tough Call on NAFTA Vote

By Gilbert A. Lewthwaite
THE BALTIMORE SUN

LOWELL, MASS.

Representative Martin T. Meehan is facing double jeopardy. Like dozens of other Democrats in Congress he is about to be damned if he does, and damned if he does not.

His dilemma: whichever way he votes on the North American Trade Agreement he creates a no-win political scenario for himself.

"The time is coming to ultimately make what I think is a very tough decision," he said, pondering his predicament in his district office in this gracefully restored Victorian red brick town. "And there are enormous pressures on both sides of the issue."

A "yes" vote will run against majority sentiment among his working class constituents, anger organized labor, and could cost him reelection next year.

A "no" vote could help deliver a major defeat to President Clinton, whose program he basically supports as a fellow "new Democrat" and aspiring agent of change, and pro-

vide the Republicans with political ammunition for his next campaign.

Meehan, 36, a freshman member of Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts, does not today know which way he will vote on the treaty.

He remains torn between local and national priorities, personal and presidential politics, and even between old and new industries in his home district.

This puts him in the eye of the latest breaking political storm on Capitol Hill as he and the 80 or so other undecided Democrats are targeted for conversion by both sides on the issue.

"Being undecided can hurt more," he said. "It focuses more attention on you, and makes what you do seem more important."

The Clinton administration will introduce legislation next month to transform the U.S., Canada and Mexico into the world's largest free trade zone with an annual joint economic output of \$6.5 trillion.

That will unleash the final bitter fight over whether the U.S. will gain

or lose from the treaty. Opponents say the agreement will cost American jobs and damage the environment as pollution increases along the Mexican border. Proponents counter that it will produce economic growth, create jobs and make the U.S. more competitive against Europe and Japan.

So many Democrats are expected to vote against the treaty that Clinton will have to rely on majority Republican support for approval. NAFTA was negotiated under President Bush, and refined under Clinton, who insisted on tougher labor and environmental safeguards.

"I don't have any qualms about voting for a Republican initiative like this, and I want the administration to succeed," said Meehan. "But right after NAFTA we have health care coming."

On NAFTA, his final word was: "It's going to be very, very interesting to see how it falls out. There are a lot of Democrats who aren't sure. But no matter which way you vote, you better be able to forcefully articulate why."

Urban Activists Want To Sit Out March

NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON

Claiming that civil-rights organizers have turned their backs on the concerns of the urban poor, six representatives of a coalition of young urban activist groups said their coalition would not join in Saturday's 30th-anniversary March on Washington.

The activists, representing the National Urban Peace and Justice Movement, said they had instructed their 1,000 members from across the country who had planned to join the march to stay at home because problems of the inner cities were not being taken seriously by the march organizers and none of their representatives was being allowed to participate in the program.

"We have been abandoned," said Shariff Willis, president of United for Peace, an organization of youth gangs. "I don't want to be a part of a show. We want to sit at the table because we have worked in the community."

But Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., one of the organizers of Saturday's march, denied the charges. He said groups headed by young men like Willis "should not be discouraged from participating. ...If anything we need to open up the process and broaden the participation. We need to give them a way to vent their frustration and feel they are a part of bringing about a change."

Latest Jackson Thriller: Will Michael Be Marketable?

THE WASHINGTON POST

No matter what the outcome of allegations of child abuse against him, pop superstar Michael Jackson may be damaged goods as a celebrity endorser, according to some marketing experts.

While Sony Music and PepsiCo Inc. appear to be standing by him, Jackson's future as a celebrity spokesman is in question, said Gerri Shaftel, vice president of Celebrity Endorsement Network.

"I can't imagine any allegation that would be more devastating as far as endorsements are concerned," even if the allegations prove false, she said. A 13-year-old boy has told Los Angeles Children's Services workers and police that Jackson grew increasingly sexually familiar with him over the course of a four-month relationship.

The 34-year-old recording artist has denied the allegations, saying they grew out of an extortion attempt, and published reports Friday said that Los Angeles police have found no hard evidence to support the allegations.

Jackson's chief identification with a product is with Pepsi, with which he has a multimillion-dollar contract. Pepsi's rival, Coca-Cola Co., took a shot at Jackson in an advertisement that appeared in newspapers in Bangkok. Jackson had postponed concerts there Wednesday and Thursday, pleading illness and dehydration from the heat. The Coca-Cola ad, which was produced in Bangkok, said, "Dehydrated? — There's Always Coke."

Arrest Made in Museum Slaying

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A veteran security officer for the Smithsonian Institution has been arrested in the fatal shooting of a cafeteria worker at the National Air and Space Museum that stemmed from a love triangle, authorities said Saturday.

The suspect, identified by police as Arva Faye Harris, 38, of Landover, Md., was charged with second-degree murder while armed. She was arrested late Friday after being interviewed by homicide detectives at D.C. police headquarters.

Just before 7 a.m. Friday, Cheryl Marie Hawkins, 30, who worked for a food contractor, was found by a co-worker lying on the floor of the museum's employee cafeteria with three gunshot wounds to the head, neck and abdomen. Hawkins, of Oxon Hill, Md., had been preparing meals in the kitchen of a cafeteria which was scheduled to open 40 minutes later.

Police sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity said that the shooting grew out of a love triangle and that Harris became angry when she learned that she was being shunted aside.

Friday's slaying was the first inside a Smithsonian building since February 1977, when a security guard at the Air and Space Museum was shot and killed by another guard while both were on duty.

When the EPA Starts Messing With Bear Spray, Alaskans Get Mad

THE WASHINGTON POST

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Big brown bears thunder through the deep woods, closing in on a remote site where campers wait, ready to squirt the beasts. Pfffffft. A shot of cayenne pepper to the snout stops a 700-pound marauder in his furry tracks. And then he is gone.

In Alaska, people swear that this happens.

So when the Environmental Protection Agency began messing with BearGuard and other pepper sprays, the Bear Affair began. It has triggered a flood of calls to Washington from angry Alaskans, a tirade on the U.S. Senate floor and disputes at the Canadian border.

"This may seem like a funny story," Sen. Frank H. Murkowski, R-Alaska, proclaimed in the Senate chamber in May as he told how the "long arm of the EPA had reached into the area of bear repellent."

Using words such as "insane" and "mindless," he described this year's federal decree that yanked the popular spray off shelves. Cayenne pepper spray could not be advertised as an animal repellent, EPA officials said, because it had not been registered as a pesticide or tested for effectiveness.

To Lyn Frandsen, this is one hullabaloo that has gotten out of hand. He works for the EPA's Region X, which oversees Alaska, and he thinks the agency was just trying to protect people. But the people did not appreciate it. "People were calling up and saying, 'What the hell are you doing taking our BearGuard away?'" he said.

Frandsen said there was no scientific proof that the \$40 pepper stopped charging bears. "We needed efficacy data," he said. "Some people had shot the heads off charging bears and they still keep coming," so EPA officials were concerned that inexperienced tourists might have a false sense of security, thinking a puff of pepper might save them.

OPINION

Rush Needs More Truth, Less Rhetoric

Every freshman is greeted the same way at MIT: You were not admitted by mistake, you are told. "Each of you is here because we know that you have the intellectual capacity, the energy, the imagination, and the will to succeed," President Vest said to you.

It seems strange that many of the upperclassmen and administrators who run Residence and Orientation Week — and a fair number of the people who don't like the way it's run — forgot that welcome. They don't give you enough credit.

The wonderful thing about R/O Week here is that you are given the freedom to choose where you want to live. Other colleges have computerized schemes that match up students who major in computer science or people who like Star Trek (hardly a discriminating factor at MIT). Here it's up to you to find somewhere that you fit in.

Rush would be a lot better if the Ad Hoc Committee on an Informed Rush did not cover the campus in sensational posters about ILGs and you probably have an easier time finding a living group if bad mouthing rules did not limit what people can tell you about independent living groups.

The Ad Hoc Committee's name is something of a misnomer. The group promulgates every stereotype that you can imagine about fraternities and sororities. Some of the fraternities here are probably guilty of some of the things that the committee's posters describe, but the committee's picture of fraternity life is wildly different than the one I saw during my two years in a fraternity.

Admittedly, my experience in a fraternity is colored by the fact that I pledged Zeta Beta Tau, which has no pledge period. That doesn't necessarily mean that freshmen are treated exactly the same as upperclassmen at ZBT, but it does mean I missed out on the pledging rituals of some fraternities.

Living in a fraternity, for the record, was a

terrific choice. I did have some extra housework to do as a freshman; I did have to spend a week here during Independent Activities Period doing cleaning and maintenance; I did participate in a secret initiation ceremony. I was not hazed, nor was any other freshman. I never got drunk, nor did anyone expect me to. I made a lot of friends, worked on problem sets into the wee hours of the morning, played foosball. I took a road trip to Washington, D.C. I got along with some of the people at ZBT. I didn't like some of the people.

In short, I had an experience not unlike the experience a lot of people had in dormitories. Every living group will have some tension between residents, every group has its traditions — look at the Burton Bombers or the Bexley anti-rush.

One poster suggested the following course of events: "Get shitfaced ... Get hazed ... Learn how to rape ..." This kind of trash is disappointing. There is no need to insult your intelligence this way. If there are problems at fraternities, they should be described fairly and accurately — then you can make an informed decision.

As if the anti-fraternity rhetoric weren't bad enough, the Inter-Fraternity Council strictly enforces a gag rule on all its members. If you're in a fraternity, you can't say anything bad about another fraternity. This stonewalling is as ill-advised as posters that portray only the ills of fraternities.

Ostensibly, the bad mouthing rule prevents a fraternity from lying about another group to convince you to stay at that fraternity or to keep you away from some other ILG. It's a worthy enough goal to try to keep rush bias-free, but it is not very realistic.

Spoon feeding you only the good side of other ILGs compromises the basic premise of rush — that you are mature enough and intelligent enough to make your own decision. If someone told you that a particular fraternity

treats women poorly (come to think of it, the ad hoc committee told you that all fraternities do) and you were interested in visiting that fraternity, you would, I trust, check the claim for yourself. Fraternities are all selling something this week — and you should never trust everything a salesman says.

Suppose, though, that you went to the fraternity and asked a few questions about how women are treated by the fraternity. You might discover that the fraternity's attitudes are not compatible with your own. Then bad mouthing, regardless of intent, would have saved you from a big mistake.

The IFC gag rule even limits what factually true statements can be made about another fraternity. Only the barest facts about the incident at Phi Beta Epsilon, please, the IFC says — otherwise it would be bad mouthing. Part of the logic at work here is that if you want to know something — and you can't be told because of the bad mouthing rules — then you can go to an administrator and ask him.

It is downright ridiculous to expect you to track down an administrator or someone else not covered by the gag rule to unearth some of the details of the incident at PBE or the theft of \$70,000 of computer equipment by some brothers at another fraternity a few years ago. You should have pretty easy access to this kind of information. It's important.

To make matters worse, these administrators probably are not available to talk to you. Neal H. Dorow, adviser to fraternities and independent living groups, made it clear to one *Tech* reporter that he did not have any time to answer questions — not even two minutes. Good luck tracking him down yourself.

Today fraternities will be extending bids. Trust your instincts and your judgement. Don't believe everything you are told. It may be difficult to make an informed decision, but try your best.



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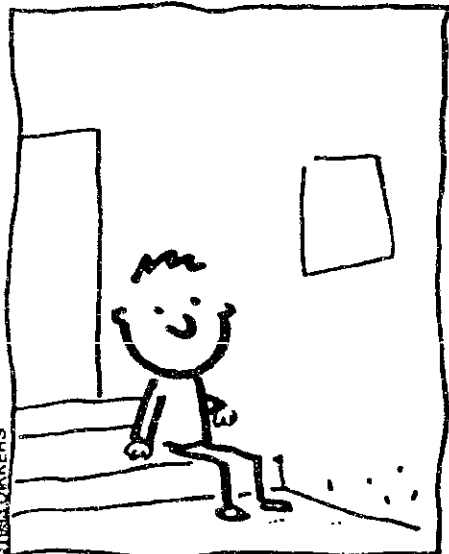
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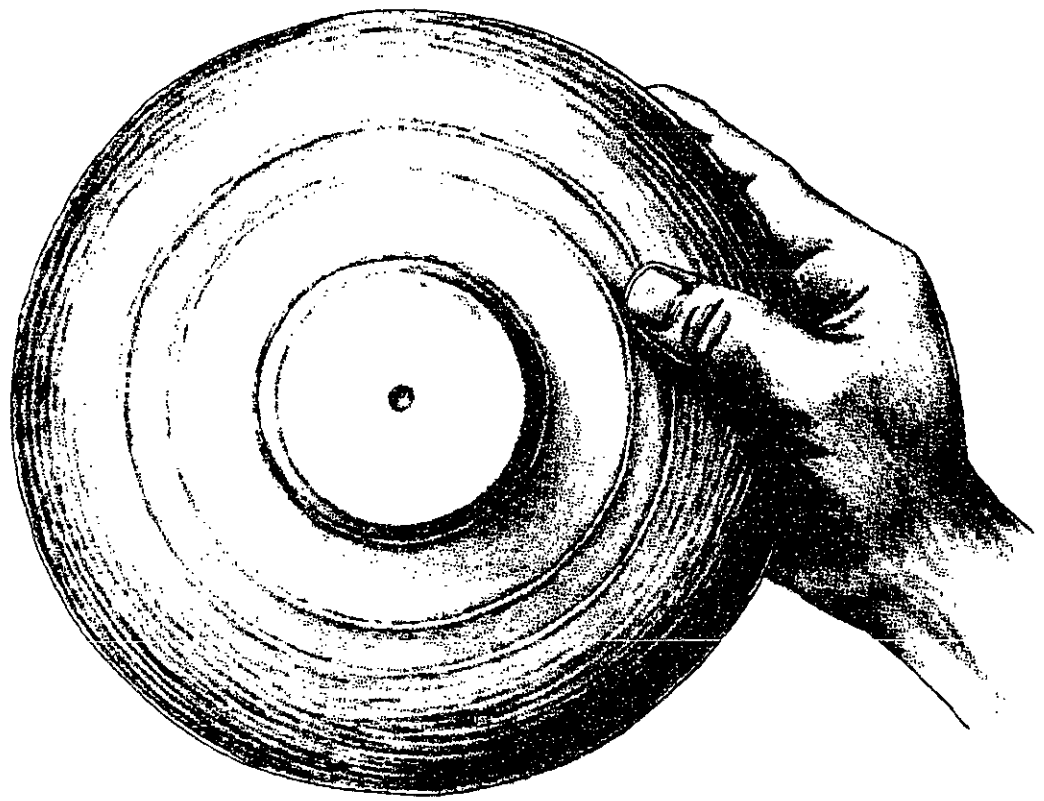


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12 noon: Lunch is served: **Shish-kebabs** on the BBQ

6pm-8pm: An Italian feast beyond compare: **Lasagna, Ziti, Sausage, and Meatballs**

Protest Generates Discussion of Race

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quickly. We don't want issues like this to pass by unnoticed. Some freshmen aren't interested, and say that they don't want to know about the problem," he said.

"I just hope that freshmen will make an informed decision that they feel comfortable with," Daly said.

Mark Randall, another demonstrator, said that PBE has been very cooperative and that there were no hostilities on either side.

Around 15 demonstrators distributed flyers which suggested that "freshmen talk to as many people as possible about this subject ... to make the best decisions during this R/O Week."

Tze Ho Lee '97, after reading the account of the incident in the flyer, said, "No, I wouldn't rush PBE. I think they were not right in doing this."

In addition to informing freshmen about the incident, the protesters hope to increase discussion of race relations on campus and encourage PBE to express its feelings to the community, Henderson said.

Arthur C. Smith, dean for undergraduate education and student affairs, is hopeful that the protest

and other discussions between PBE and the protesters will succeed in improving race relations.

Despite strained relations last spring, leaders from PBE and the protest group held private meetings before the protest, apparently to discuss plans for the protest and future dialog. Neither Henderson or Daly would comment on the content of the meetings, however.

"I think that it's a very positive thing that we can both sit down at the same table," Daly said.

Smith was pleased that students are working on solutions. "Student generated ideas are generally better than dean generated ideas," he said.

"This is really a good group," Smith continued. "They have certain natural problem solving bents."

Queer Elsewhere Provides Needed Support

Queer, from Page 1

system suggests that maybe there should be an 'Elsewhere' for persons of colors."

In addition, "there are many persons of color who are out as queer at MIT, and consequently, Queer Elsewhere wants to lodge its critique of rush as homophobic with a larger

context of the racism, sexism, and misogyny at MIT and during rush," Powers said.

Deals with personal concerns

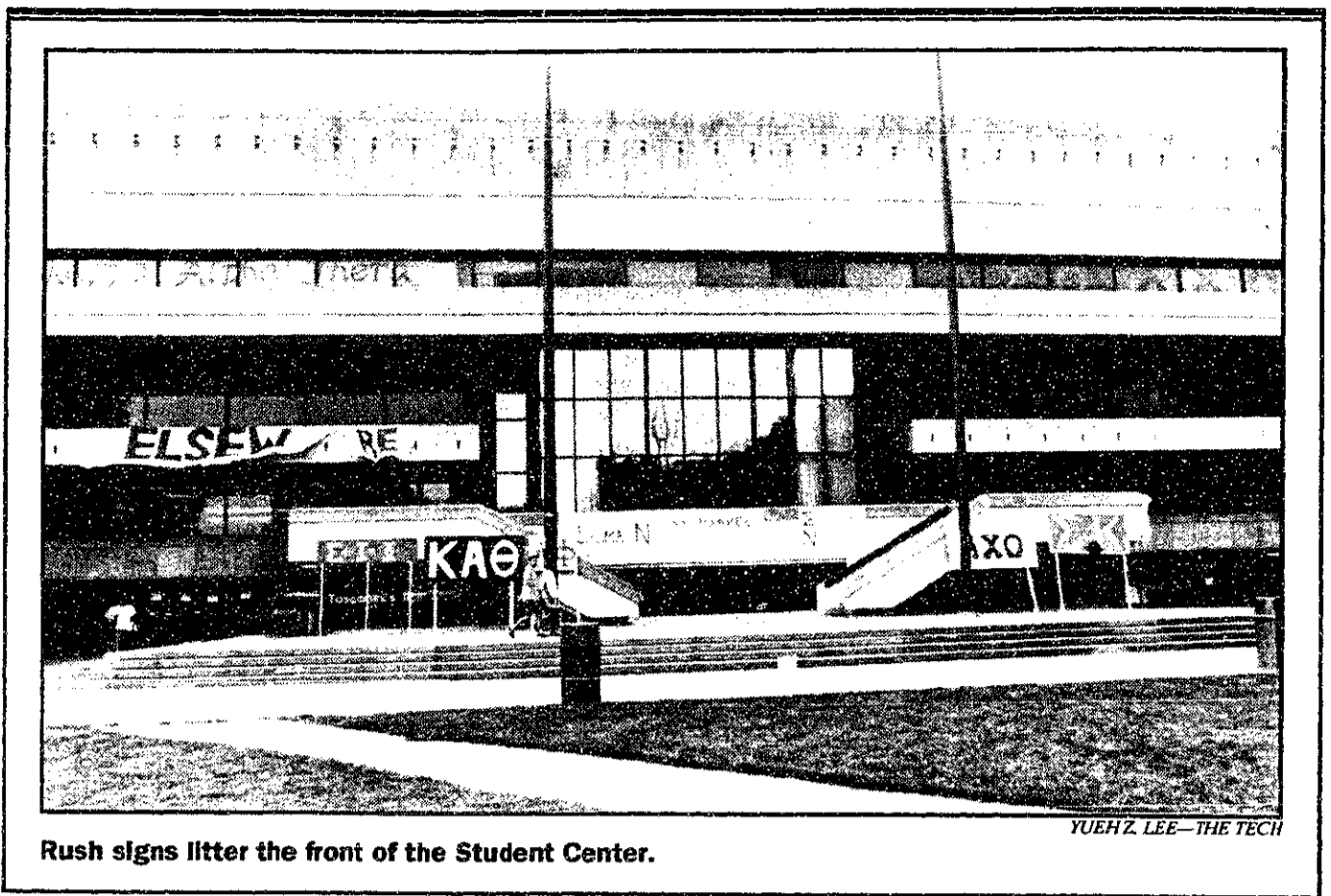
"There is no other group where you have to hide so much. There's no other group where 99 percent of the time your parents aren't" from the same group, explained Chris

Merrill '96, one of the staffers at Queer Elsewhere. Queer people need to know that there are other people like them on campus that they can talk with.

"A closet really is a very lonely home, and it's important to go out and find support," said Pat Huang '97, who was at Queer Elsewhere last night.

"The day we have an Elsewhere that can deal with queers and straights together will also be the day where queer people can walk hand in hand down the street without being harassed," Huang added.

More freshmen have come to Queer Elsewhere this year than last year, Merrill added.



Rush signs litter the front of the Student Center.

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