PBE Denies Racial Slurs Were Shouted

Students Demonstrate Outside Fraternity

By Jeremy Hylton

About 20 students demonstrated outside Phi Beta Epsilon and in Lobby 7 yesterday to protest a series of racial epithets that four black students claim were shouted at them from the window of Phi Beta Epsilon as they walked past the fraternity at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. PBE President Andrew T. J. Laun '93 denied the charges.

The students claim someone shouted, "Fuck Chocolate City. Fuck all niggers," according to Dale L. Ledfevre '93, who heads a student group that deals with racial harassment. The shouts lasted for several minutes, he said.

Ledfevre identified two of the students as Kobi S. Burrell '96 and Kenneth Alexander '96, but declined to identify the other two. Burrell and Alexander could not be reached for comment.

"No statements of any racial nature were shouted from the window," Laun said. He admitted a brother had shouted obscenities from a window that night, but said that the shouts were about the student's frustration with MIT.

No formal harassment charges have been filed, but the students plan to file a formal complaint.

The Office of Residence and Campus Activities is investigating the incident, but has not made a finding yet, according to Neil H. Dorow, adviser to fraternities and independent living groups. "We haven't had a chance to meet with the students. It's not clear what happened," he said.

Vest responds to charge

Despite the lack of formal charges, the Institute responded to the allegations quickly. In a statement Saturday afternoon, PBE President Andrew T. J. Laun '93 denied the charges.

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"I'm really disappointed," said President Laun, who added that the Institute is taking the investigation very seriously and will follow through with all appropriate measures. "We will do everything we can to ensure that this kind of behavior does not occur again," he said.

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More help was needed with the jury out of the courtroom. Koon, now a Loyola University law school professor, said they may have an advantage during the storm because they've seen the "other side of the story."

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Storm Kills 154 While Rescuers Struggle With Dramatic Aftermath

By Edith Stanley and Mike Clay

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At U.N. Conference, Warring Somali Factions Told to Stop

By Jennifer Parmelee

Leaders of Somalia's warring factions opened a United Nations conference on national reconciliation on Monday under urging to bury their differences and were warned that continued fighting could lead to the end of alternative leaderships.

The conference is aimed at strengthening a loyally-ceasefire and starting a broad-based process to restore normal administration and political life to Somalia after more than two years of civil war. It brings together the widest range of Somali leadership since the devastating conflict began in January 1991 with the ouster of President Mohamed Siad Barre.

Aid Mergal Housias, representing the Ethiopian government, which negotiated a cease-fire and other accords at the last round of peace talks in January, said time was running out for Somali leaders to convince the world that they are capable of forging a genuine peace.

"This conference is being viewed with a lot of skepticism, and not without good cause," said Mergal told the opening session of the U.N. conference. "It is only you leaders who can change this image as well as prove that you are not prepared to abide responsibility...The ball is now firmly in your court."

He urged "positive measures" against Somali factions whobreach security arrangements, saying this would not only isolate obstacles to the process of national reconciliation but "enhance the credibility of those who are involved in Somalia as peace-makers."

At least half of the conference's 250 participants - intellectuals, clan elders, and religious and women's leaders - were said by U.N. organizers to fall outside the narrow confines of the political factions that have divided the Horn of Africa nation into armed factions.

The political process is being boosted by sending a voice to these Somali, who provide an alternative to the traditional leaders, according to diplomats, U.N. and Somali sources. Some observers feel they will put the factional warlords out of a job.

Their animals have been mowed, thousands of their weapons and millions of rounds of ammunition destroyed," said one Western diplomat. "Their power base is being ended, and the emergence of alternative forces should marginalize them still further."

Yet while the warlords were drowned down in public for security violations, and many observers talked hopefully of their demise, they remain the main Somali players on the ground, with millions of rounds of ammunition still in use.

Aide Says Yeltsin Will Not Back Down At All to Russian Congress

By Margaret Shapiro

A spokesperson for President Boris Yeltsin said Monday the Russian leader would "resolutely" resist efforts by Russia's conservative Congress to roll back economic and democratic reforms, and he left open the possibility that Yeltsin might declare presidential rule.

Sporokovskiy said Mikhail Kostikov said Yeltsin was still assessing the political and constitutional changes caused by last week's meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies, which Yeltsin was repeatedly refuted and humiliated.

But he said the president was unlikely to leave things as they stand.

Kostikov's declarations appeared to be part of a strategy to muster public and international support, reinforce the shine to Yeltsin's much tarnished image as a political fighter, while frightening his opponent with the possibility of some sort of dramatic response.

"There is no easy decision because to let everything stay as it is means to let the communist explosion which took place at the Congress spread across Russia," Kostikov said in a televised interview. "I think Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin intends to act as resolutely as he showed himself capable of acting in the fatal days of August 1991."

Yeltsin was then the key opponent to a failed hard-line Communist coup against Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev. The Russian president stood at a tank in defiance and brought thousands of Moscowites into the street to protest.

Yeltsin's aides have repeatedly suggested that the Russian leader might declare presidential rule to protect his reforms and his beleaguered presidency. Under Russian law, Yeltsin could declare presidential rule essentially by suspending the constitution and ruling by edict. He could dissolve the Congress but would not necessarily do so, as his powers would exceed those of the parliament. Meanwhile, the army would technically remain under his control.

It is unclear, however, whether the army and police would back such a move and whether Yeltsin, Russia's first democratically elected president, would be willing to be beholden to the armed forces.

Last week, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, at Yeltsin's behest, contacted President Clinton and other world leaders to sound them out about how they would react if Yeltsin were forced to take emergency measures to fend off the Congress, Russia's parliament.

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Body of Missing Trade Center Worker Found Frozen in Rubble

Leather Monday found the frozen body of a worker reported missing for more than two weeks in the rubble of the garage beneath the World Trade Center.

The body of Wilfredo Mercado, 40, a receiving clerk, was positively identified, said Penny Thompson of the New York City Medical Examiner's office. Mercado is the sixth confirmed fatality in the bombing of the center Feb. 26. More than 1,000 people were injured. It was only a matter of time before his body was found," said Lloyd Schwalb, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the trade center complex. Specialized trained police dogs, Port Authority police and agents of the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have been searching for Mercado since the blast, he said.

The body was found on the 84 level of the parking garage, two levels beneath the site of the explosion, by construction workers and Port Authority police at 1:45 p.m., Schwalb said. An autopsy to determine the cause of death is scheduled Tuesday, authorities said.

Muslim Position in Eastern Bosnia Grows Increasingly Desperate

As Serb rebels reportedly rolled over another Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina, U.N. officials warned Monday of rising distrust and desperation in a region now ruled by "the law of the jungle."

Refugees - mostly women, children and elderly - have been dragging themselves into the Bosnian government-held city of Srebrenica for days to escape the Serb assault on their homes in nearby Zepa.

"Thousands of people are on the streets without shelter, in freezing temperatures, in the snow, just biding time until the spring," one official said. Most of them haven't had food for days," said Laurens Jolles, an official with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees who had just returned from a four-day trip in Srebrenica.

Tensions Rise as Arab-Israeli Violence Spreads, Death Toll Rises

As Israel's prime minister Yitzhak Rabin met with President Clinton in Washington Monday, many of his countrymen were cleaning and loading their private guns.

What the Israeli newspapers describe as a "wave of terror" has made Israelis who already feel they live in constant danger even more jittery. The tension was heightened by a top police official, who last week urged Jews with gun licenses to carry their weapons with them inside stores.

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P bầu Proud of Its Diverse Membership

I was walking downstairs the Infinite Conifer Monday morning when I saw the only word that induces pure rage in me on a poster. In fact, I refuse to write it here, since I can just stand the sight of it. My rage soon turned to confusion, as the poster stated that the racial slurs were used by members of my fraternity. Being a black member of my fraternity, I am put in exactly that of a Catch 22 position. I will be the first to agree that there is racism, but I definitely do not believe that there is in my fraternity. Without a doubt, it is not one of them.

We are a fraternity which prides itself on its diversity. It is something that is harder for each member to hold on to, but perhaps its diversity is in its divisiveness. It is a place where Blacks, Whites, Asians, Hispanics, Jews, and Christians all living together. By living there I was able to gain a better understanding of all those cultures and grew strong friendships with people from each group. One disadvantage of this is that it is harder for each member to hold on to. Perhaps its divisiveness is in its divisiveness. It is a place where Blacks, Whites, Asians, Hispanics, Jews, and Christians all [live] together, says John Douglas, a member of my fraternity. In his words, "There is racism in fratminities at MIT, there are no rules or policies that prevent it, so that we could have been doing, or we could have been doing things that would have attracted the attention of an important subject."

I am very proud of the members of Choco- lato City for making an issue of this. It is something that needs to be dealt with. However, the fact that it is not one of the disadvantages, termites which need to be exposed for what it is. I wish that Chicago City had appreciated this opportunity before standing the post so that what could have been cleared up, and what could have been avoided would have been no attention drawn to an important subject.

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P.B.E Incident Raises Questions About Racism

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Column by Matthew H. Hersch

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By Eva Moy

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Terrorism, from Page 1

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CPs Faced No Snow Emergencies, But Athena Did

Fraternity parties and concerts were cancelled.

The storm forced many students to stay in their dormitories over the weekend. Also, since Logan Airport was closed over the weekend, some visitors were stuck at MIT.

"I was inside the whole time over the weekend," said Anne Chau '96. "My friend who was visiting from University of Pennsylvania couldn't get back because the airport was closed."

Athena servers down

A power failure struck the east side of campus at 4:54 p.m. on Saturday and caused 30 Athena servers to crash, according to Janet M. Daly, information officer of Academic Computing Services.

"This is where users felt problems: the zephyr service was temporarily disabled and two AFS servers were down, and the dial-up servers were hit heavily," Daly said. Most of the Athena servers in Building E40, which includes dial-up servers, were down from 5 to 7 p.m. After 7 p.m., only two servers still had problems, but most services were back up within the first hour, said Daly.

Daly added that five AFS servers had hardware failures, and two of the servers required service calls for hardware maintenance.

"Because of the storm, people didn't leave their dorms, and were dialing in from home. So users may have perceived more problems due to the larger number of users and because some dial-up servers were down," Daly said.

Daly added that the MIT network stayed operable throughout the storm. Due to the severity of the storm, only one staff member, Thomas J. Coppeto, was able cross the Longfellow Bridge into Cambridge to assess and repair the problems caused by the power hit. Other staff made software adjustments to finish the repairs.

"Because of physical problems getting to campus, we weren't able to gather up a full team. So repairs went a bit more slowly than we usually like," Daly said.

CPs report no serious accidents

"We were pretty lucky this time around. We didn't have a lot of unusual activity," said Captain John E. Driscoll of the Campus Police.

"It looks like most of the people stayed off the streets. There were no reports of accidents related to the storm."

On Saturday, many transportation services around Boston closed. "Safe Ride didn't operate on Saturday. There were pretty much white-out conditions and the roads were so bad," Driscoll said.

In addition, the MBTA busses halted for a while, Driscoll said.
MIT Experts Propose $21 Billion in Defense Cuts

By Michael A. Saglow
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Although Defense Secretary Les Aspin PhD '66 has proposed cutting $66 billion from the defense budget between now and the year 2006, a trio of MIT experts contend the United States can safely cut the defense budget by an additional $21 billion over the next seven years.

Jerome B. Wiesner, president emeritus, Kosta Tsipis, principle research scientist, and Phillip Morrison, professor emeritus, detail their proposed cuts in Beyond the Looking Glass: The United States Military in 2000 and Later.

For example, they recommend that the federal government reduce the number of aircraft carriers from 14 to five, which is perhaps the most significant cut in conventional military spending in their plan.

"In the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, we had five aircraft carriers and we surrounded Cuba," Tsipis said. "We blockaded Cuba instantly. We don't need 14 aircraft carriers."

Although 14 aircraft carriers would allow the United States to carry out military operations in several places at once, Tsipis said that the country will not need that kind of capability any time soon.

"In the next 10 years, we won't be doing things all alone. It will be a coalition, like the Gulf War," he said.

Jerome B. Wiesner

Wiesner, Tsipis, and Morrison also feel that the United States should immediately curtail the Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly known as "Star Wars."

"Space-based defense is impossible," Tsipis insisted. "In 1981 and 1982, before Reagan promoted the idea, people published articles showing that it wouldn't work. The laws of physics won't allow it." He added that this conclusion has been reached by physicists in the government, military, academia, and industry.

Even if the United States could build a system that worked in theory, it would not be practical because missiles move too quickly to be neutralized by SDI, he said.

Kosta Tsipis

Furthermore, "If SDI could destroy 99 percent of incoming nuclear missiles, then the Soviets could just send up more than 100 missiles. At least one would get through, and it would destroy an entire city," Tsipis said. "There is no protection against nuclear weapons.

Even Edward Teller, an outspoken advocate of the Strategic Defense Initiative and the man known as the father of the American hydrogen bomb, stated in 1983 that if the United States were to install SDI, it could be destroyed by the hydrogen bomb, stated in 1983 that if the United States were to install SDI, it could be destroyed by the SDI, it could be destroyed by the SDI.

"People who are for SDI say, 'Well, it doesn't work now, but you can't say that it won't work in the future,'" he explained, indicating that he finds such arguments unconvincing.

Morrison said he believes the Clinton administration will drop the SDI program. "The circumstances are so much different," he said, adding that the United States worked on the SDI program under the assumption that the primary enemy would be the Soviet Union, but that enemy is now in ruins.

Redirecting people to civilian jobs

Under either Aspin's plan or the one set out by Wiesner, Tsipis, and Morrison, more than one million military-related jobs would be eliminated in the next ten years. Redirecting these unemployed workers to civilian jobs is a major problem that must be faced.

A column by Wiesner and Tsipis that appeared in The New York Times last week said that it costs twice as much to employ someone in the defense sector as it does in a civilian job, according to studies done at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Therefore, by diverting spending from defense, the government could create twice as many jobs per dollar.

According to Tsipis, military jobs are expensive because the work is extremely capital- and equipment-intensive. For example, weapons are made by hand instead of on assembly lines, so it costs more to employ each individual.

Morrison emphasized that because the politics of budget-cutting decisions is extremely complicated and difficult to predict, it is difficult to say how many of their recommendations will be adopted.

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The Crying Game

Oddly shaped and with razor cuts promi nently displayed on his face, Michael Douglas plays an IRA terrorist who is on a perilous journey. The script is well written and allows even the most minor characters to come out in recent mem ory. —CR. Loews Copley Place

Unforgiven

The filmmaking trio of James Ivory, Ismail Merchant, and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala have translated E. M. Forster's novel of class struggle in 20th-century England into a brilliant movie, and sexuality. Rea is ordered to guard a kid napped British officer (Forest Whitaker), but the premise is interesting through hundreds of alternately funny and moving story consider ations that allows even the most minor characters and events to be embellished with fine detail. —CR. Loews Copley Place

Falling Down

Michael Douglas cracks under the pres sures of society and hunts out with violence and rage, his actions should provide the basis for an intense and important movie, but this is an insipid attempt to comment on the problems of America today, a thriller that is laughable at best, and a film that deserves to be replaced for the enjoyment it derives from the violence it claims to be critical of. Rather than strive for scathing realism, the story bleeds into a hodgepodge cartoon by portraying all of Douglas' victims as caricatures that offer mostly comic relief. And Dou glas is really nothing more than a psychopathic control freak, not a normal person the audience can feel empathy towards. —CR. Loews Copley Place

Groundhog Day

Phil Conors (Bill Murray) is an arrogant, self-centered weatherman for a Pittsburg television station who is sent to Punxsutawney, Pa. to cover the annual Groundhog Day festival. All is well until Phil wakes up the next morning to find that first, it is Groundhog Day all over again, and second, he is the only one who realizes it. Phil soon recognizes that no matter what he does in his job, he is forced to relive the day, condemned to a never ending cycle of Groundhog Days. This is one of the freshest comedies to come out in recent memory. —DJK. Loews Copley Place

Homeward Bound

Despite being aimed at a juvenile audi ence, the latest Disney release about two dogs and a cat traveling across country to find their family is sophisticated enough to appeal to even a college audience. Michael J. Fox and Don Ameche provide the voices of the two dogs and Sally Field provides the voice of the cat as all three pets think of when making their perilous journey. The script is well writ ten and is quite funny overall, despite the corny morals that are presented. The hilarious and amazing footage of the animals in action truly makes this film, though. —Joshua Andresen. Loews Copley Place

Howards End

The filmmaking trio of James Ivory, Ismail Merchant, and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala have translated E. M. Forster's novel of class struggle in 20th-century England into a brilliant film that is an astonishing achievement. The screen is filled with contrasting elements such as the rich and the poor, the romantic and the pragmatic, and the urban and the pastoral. The alternately funny and moving story considers which group will ultimately inherit the nation. Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, and Samuel West are excellent, and Vanessa Redgrave and Emma Thompson are outstanding. —CR. Loews Charles

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his specialty event, the 200-yard freestyle, Meade also captured the second place finish with a time of 1:42.84. Richard DeCristo
liminaries of the same event with a record in the event for the first time on 8.5 seconds. Achtem was seventh in the same event of the championships, the individual medley with a time of 1:56.24, a time that slashed the nine-year-old Institute record, held by Williams College. Meade also captured a third place finish in the 500-yard freestyle relay, in which the MIT squad, composed of Achtem, Rockwell, and Meade, dominated the 200-yard freestyle by placing second, third, fifth, and ninth respectively. Achtem also lowered his own Institute record in the preliminaries of the same event with a time of 1:12.84. Richard DeCristo
faro 93 placed an excellent seventh in the 1-meter diving.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay, Meade, Rockwell, Band, and Guinnlaugsson not only crushed the competition in 6:53.54 to capture the title in the event, but also broke their own N.E. Division III record and qualified for the national championships.

In the final day of the championships, Ferguson captured a thrilling second place finish with a time of 45.59 in the 100-yard individual medley, breaking Rockwell’s MIT record by almost two seconds. Achtem was seventh in the same event. The 2-5-7 sweep of the 100-yard freestyle by Meade, Guinnlaugsson, and Band, indicate the possibility of another spectacular performance in the final event of the championships, the 400-yard freestyle relay. For Meade, the second place finish in the 100 freestyle was the third year in a row repeat performance. As expected, the mighty squad of Meade, Rockwell, Band, and Guinnlaugsson captured the second title for MIT in the 400 relay, with a brilliant performance and a time of 3:05.21. Thus, three more games in three days, have a two day break, and then the Beavers face a tough sched-
ing in the league," O’Brien said.

Momentum is definitely on the Beavers’ side. Last year the club compiled a 14-15 record by winning eight of the last 10 games, and by winning the MIT Fall Classic tournament. The Beavers face a tough sched-

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