Committee Calls for Longer School Year

By Sarah Y. Keightley

The Institute Calendar Committee proposed lengthening the academic year, ending one week early to increase the number of teaching days each term. The immediate results of the longer calendar year include a shorter summer term, an early start to Residence/Orientation Week, and other more subtle differences.

If approved, the changes would take effect in the fall of 1994. The committee recommended that each term be lengthened to 67 days, a number it felt should be fairly consistent every year. Under the current calendar, the typical fall term is 61 days and a typical spring term is 64 days.

To allow the longer semesters, classes would start before Labor Day in three of the next seven years. Classes normally start about one week after Labor Day. Commencement would be a week later than usual. The calendar committee finished its final draft of the proposal yesterday. Its recommendations will be presented at the April 21 faculty meeting and will be voted on at the May 19 faculty meeting.

UA will hold forum

The Undergraduate Association plans to hold an open forum in late April or early May for all community members, particularly students, to discuss the issue, said Raphash A. Chitaley 95, UA floor leader.

The calendar proposal is very subtle, but it can have a huge effect on undergraduate education," Chitaley said.

Chitaley believes that the shortened summer term is "going to be one of the major issues of concern" because the summer will only be about 10 weeks long. This will affect students' internships and other activities, he said. He added that the committee considered many options when studying the calendar, even switching to a quarter or trimester system.

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Bread range of issues

The Institute Calendar Committee was formed a year ago by President Charles M. Vest, and is chaired by Professor Robert J. Silbey.

The major issues the committee addressed were: the length of terms, the length of reading and exam periods, the use of Independent Activities Period, spending out-term vacation periods, the implications of the Interphase program and athletics, which would have to start earlier, Godfrey said.

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New Alcohol Policy Has Education Focus

By Hyun B. Kim

The Dormitory Council's new alcohol policy was approved by the Office of Residence and Campus Activities early this term as a supplement to the Institute's alcohol policy.

As part of DormCon's proposal, two programs will be implemented by fall 1994. The Office of Residence and Campus Activities will train some dormitory residents to mix drinks and to serve alcohol safely at open parties through bartending courses and serving techniques.

Each house will also be required to have student monitors who are trained in first aid at parties.

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The decision is the latest in a series of steps the Clinton administration has taken to break with Reagan-Bush abortion policies. Two days after taking office, Clinton overturned five abortion restrictions, including the "partial-birth" rule, that had been enacted by Congress.

The White House official who will talk to the Office of Management and Budget about the abortion restrictions is the special assistant to the White House in charge of the Office of Management and Budget Office, U.S. Department of Labor.

The Washington Post

Serbian Leader 'Appreciates' Clinton Stance on Bosnia

By Peter Maass

WASHINGTON

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who is facing a confrontation with the Clinton administration's policy on the year-old war in the Balkans, said that he believes the White House will still vote against the White House measures against the Bosnian Serb faction in the three-sided conflict.

"I think that the White House will not be able to act in the United States in its own way," Milosevic said in an interview. Unlike the previous U.S. administration, he said, "the administration is orientated to the interests of the United States... and will not try to hide internal problems by opening international problems."

The Clinton administration has deported its policy toward Serbia and Montenegro, deemed on tough sanctions designed to encourage the Bosnian Serbs and others to "degrade" to accept a compromise peace plan for Bosnia and end the war.

Milosevic appeared ready for the big campaign, criticizing U.S. pacification, and saying it was designed by President Clinton's wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, to prevent an American military intervention.

"The American covenant that forces us to face economic reform, the 103rd-member Congress, the international community of allies, of which we are members, had to be maintained last month," Milosevic said.

Along with questions of whether the people have confidence in U.S. economic programs, the first-quarter referendum will ask whether elections should be held for the parliament, for the Serbian Senate and for Yugoslavia in 1999.

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North Carolina Tops Michigan, 77-71, in NCAA Title Game

By William Eaton

LOS ANGELES TIMES

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**THE APPLE TREE**

**MTG Musical Theatre Guild**

Written by Jerry Beck and Sheldon Harnick. Directed by Sherry A. Jones '93. Starring Sean White '96, Cathy Conley '96, Nina Irani '96, Jose Ortiz '92, Gary Stainfiller '96. Kravitz Little Theater. April 3, 4, 9, 16, and 17. 8 p.m.

By Joshua M. Anderson

MTG’s latest production, The Apple Tree, is an intelligent and amusing comedy that will keep the audience’s attention. The acting and singing, however, vary from excellent to mediocre in a cast that primarily stars freshmen.

The musical is in three acts, each with a different cast setting. Next door neighbors of Adam and Eve from their first meeting in the Garden of Eden to the alterative story. The second is entitled The Lady or the Tiger and the third is a take-off on the story of Cinderella.

The two are structured to parallel the story of Adam and Eve, and rather intriguing similarities can be found in all three, forming a sort of theme and variations. All three have an Adam figure, an Eve figure, a Snake figure, and a conflict involving leaving a paradise of some sort.

There are numerous subtexts alluding to the Tao as well. Pay attention to the first act to catch all the later, wryly humorous references to the story of Adam.

The three plots of The Apple Tree prove to be the best part of the musical itself, as the music is somewhat disappointing and the musical fare goes well. While very interesting and completely adequately, many of the melodies are particularly grabbing. The melodies are full of interesting intervals, and do not flow as well on their own.

The first act forms the theme and gives an interesting version of the Adam and Eve story, where the first man and woman initially do not get along so well, only eventually learning to live with and even need each other. While Sean White '96 does a good job in his singing role, Cathy Conley '96 struggles at times. Her voice has a wonderful vibrato, but appears unrefined as she has difficulty maintaining pitch and blending with the pit orchestra. The acting of the duo is also quite fair at best as White is somewhat stiff and Conley a bit too enthusiastic.

The highlight of the first act is Carson Schuttel '96 who plays the Snake. His number is well sung (aside from the minor directional point that he sings at Eve rather than the audience), and he has a wonderfully eerie stage presence. The Snake represents knowledge in this musical, and in one scene the audience wonders whether he is the Snakes who went to ME, as he gives a very amusing technical explanation to Eve, who ponders about her reflection in a pool.

The second act is set in the first century A.D. in a kingdom with an interesting form of justice. Each defendant is subjected to a “fair trial,” in which he chooses between two identical doors.

One of these doors hides a highlight, the other hides a maiden. The defendant proves his guilt if the tiger is chosen and he is immediately devoured. On the other hand, the defendant can prove his innocence by choosing the maiden. Upon doing the latter, he is immediately married to the maiden. The conflict arises as a princess’ (Nina Irani ‘96) forbidden lover is subjected to one of the “fair trials,” ending in a climactic surprise.

The acting and singing in this act is much more solid than in the first. Jose Ortiz ‘92 gives a wonderful performance as the bachelor, accompanying himself on guitar. He has a melodious singing voice and delivers his spoken lines skillfully as well. Irani also gives an amazing performance as the princess.

The third act is entitled Passionella, about a chimney sweep who turns into a glamorous movie star by night. Sarah Masiulewicz ‘96 plays this lead job, and does a very nice job. When she sings as the chimney sweep, she adopts a very nasal tone that is as funny as it is annoying. The numbers sung by her alter ego are very strong, while Masiulewicz’s voice lacks the salty vibrato that would fit this role better. On the whole, though, her acting and singing are quite excellent.

The pit orchestra struggles with intonation throughout the performance. It is adequate for the accompanying role it plays, but for overtures and scene changes when the orchestra is on the aisle, the orchestra comes through clearly. Fortunately, this is not distracting for the majority of the performance.

The Apple Tree concludes that though Eden-type scenarios are rare, they are not necessarily desirable. While the productions are confusing, the musical is very entertaining for its plot and its music. MTG will offer four more performances over the next two weekends.

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**Jack the Bear takes child’s view of dysfunctional family**

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**Directed by Marshall Herskovitz. Screenplay by Steven Zaillian based upon the novel by Dan McCall. Starring Danny DeVito, Robert J. Stainfiller Jr., Miko Hughes, and Gary Stainfiller. Loews Cheri. April 6, 1993.**

By Douglas D. Keller

I liked Jack the Bear. This is a strange way for me to start a review but I must admit that normally I don’t care for “feel good” movies. After all, I liked Bad Lieutenant, a mediocre film that primarily stars fresh-faced young men. The acting was half-hearted and the plot was predictable. While there were a few moments of suspense, the overall impression was one of mediocrity. In Act I of the same play (right), Adam (Sean White ’96) points out a new marvel to Eve (Cathy Conley ’96).

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Students monitor parties

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“It doesn’t affect our parties at all. We already have a Campus Police at our parties,” said Baker House president, Daniel C. Sabanosh ’94. “Two years ago we had TIPS training around and there was no problem in getting people for that.”

We already have some monitors during Residence/Orientation week. I know for a fact Baker people don’t like to have things bashed down on them. But I don’t think the plan will have much effect on Baker resi- dents,” Sabanosh continued.

The proposal also recommends that MIT establish a first aid training program for all undergraduates as a requirement for graduation. The requirement may be not by a semi-

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The following incidents occurred on or near the MIT campus dur- ing period March 26-April 1:

Mar. 26: Bldg. 18, lacrasy of various items $70; Bldg. E19, annoying mail; Tang Hall, assist to community member; Baker House, obscene phone calls; Herman garage, ‘99 Mazda stolen; ’85 Toyota stolen in Boston recovered in Herman garage.

Mar. 27: Bldg. 26, wallet stolen from coat pocket, credit card used to charge $385; DuPont Gymnasium men’s locker room, $15 from locked locker, Fowler St., damage to car.

Mar. 28: Ashdown House, assist to a student; East Campus, sus- picious activity; MacGregor House, obscene phone calls; Medical Department, assist to a student.

Mar. 29: Baker House, suspicious person; Bldg. 26, suspicious activity; Window Lot, car broken into and compact disc stolen; Bldg. E19, mail arared for trespassing; Bldg. 13, harassing phone calls, cr. bicycle accident on Amherst Alley, no injuries; Bldg. 16, com- puter stolen $3,500.

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Students will be trained in first aid, bartending, methods for pre- venting excessive drinking, and methods for dealing with intoxicated people. According to the proposal, a “well-trained bartender is a person who will be alert to the dangers of drunken and irresponsible drinking while promoting serving techniques and customer service.”

“The bartending/mixology course will be supplementing the core training that is already available in the TIPS training. I think it will be an enjoyable class that people would take,” Smith said.

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Team Goes to Amherst

The MIT team from the University of New Hampshire performed only a few simple calculations and was commended by the judges for concentrating on solutions to the problem. Both Hurda and Lin said the MIT team had come up with solutions similar to the UNH team, but the MIT presentation ran long and was cut off. Each team was given ten minutes for the presentation.

Some of the other schools represented at the district contest were Yale University, Boston University, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and the University of Maine. Only one winning prize was awarded; it included $400 and a plaque.

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Calendar Changes Increase Teaching Days, Shorten Summer

The MIT calendar is unique. Godfrey and Chitailey noted that other schools do not have periods similar to IAP. Most institutions also start classes earlier than we do, they said. The committee said that most universities on the semester schedule start classes before Labor Day. MIT normally starts classes one week after Labor Day. The committee agreed at the outset that its recommended calendar would absolutely have to have the fall term end before Christmas day and have to keep IAP. Under the new proposal the first day of classes would always be the first Wednesday in September. For the fall term there would be five holidays, the Columbus Day break would be shortened to one day and the extra vacation day would be added as Labor Day. There would be a three-day reading period and a five-day exam period. The fall exam period would end no later than December 22. IAP would be kept as part of the calendar. It would also be lengthened from 17 days to 19 days. This is four full weeks with a day off for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The spring term would also have 67 class days. In addition there would be eight holidays, a reading period of four to five days, and an exam period of five days. Committee members would always fall on a Monday in early June.

The summer term would start and end one week later than it does now. Students comment on calendar. "There wasn't a whole lot that could be changed," said Theodore J. Ko '94, one of two undergraduates on the calendar committee. He said this was due to many constraints, making the proposal a compromise. According to a survey made last year, most students wanted to keep the current calendar. Ko said that there was a little more push from the faculty, and in his view, this push came "a little bit more from the engineering departments." Like Ko, Godfrey and Chitailey agreed that the calendar proposal would be a complex issue. Chitailey explained that there is "not much leeway in the calendar." The calendar proposal will be presented at the UA Council meeting next Monday. The UAC will then vote on holding a referendum near the end of April. Godfrey hopes to run this referendum using electronic voting, similar to the program used in the recent general election. This data could then be presented at the forum, Chitailey added. According to Godfrey and Chitailey, Vest wants to hear student input and feels very strongly about the forum. "We need to formulate an intelligent response on what we feel and think," Chitailey said.

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played a large role in the movement to change the calendar. Right now the terms are not of equal length, and according to the committee's proposal, many faculty members want more days to teach.

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Chris Berg ’95 helps the men’s lacrosse team defeat Assumption College, 19-7, Saturday. Berg, a defenseman, scored once in the game.

Men’s Tennis Plays Div. I Team Muelhoefer, Walpole Earn Wins

By Ann Ames

The men’s tennis team hosted the University of Vermont, a Division I opponent, for its first match of the spring season on Friday. With a final score of 5-2, Vermont claimed victory over MIT, but the Engineers played some spectacular tennis.

It was a tough start to the season, according to Coach Jeff Hamilton. “This is a challenging way to start. Some coaches might say you should schedule an easy match first to get a win under your belt. But this will just put us in shape for our Division III opponents,” he said.

One of the highlights of the match was an intense doubles set with Alan Walpole ’93 and Jay Muelhoefer ’94 as the first-seeded team. With strong serves, including two aces by each, and crisp volleys, they battled hard against their Vermont opponents. The contest was close until, while up a break, Muelhoefer opened the final game with a service volley down the middle, and this was matched on the winner. The next point was won by Walpole with a winner. The contest was close until, while up a break, Muelhoefer opened the final game with a service volley down the middle, and this was matched on the winner. The next point was won by Walpole with a

Women’s Tennis vs. Tufts University.

Men’s Lacrosse

By Roger Creasley

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1991 and Mauricio Lomelin ’94, also displayed strong volleys, as well as good team work, but it wasn’t enough to stop Vermont. They fell 2-8.

Bhatia, MIT’s first seed, opened strongly in singles, claiming the first set 6-1, 6-1. But the Vermont player came back to overpower him 1-6, 1-6.

In the next two sets with deadly passing shots and accurate strokes, Lomelin, scouted fourth, lost his match, 1-6, 5-7 after a good comeback.

In the final doubles match, third seeds Mark Erickson ’94 and Nick Tsai ’94 dropped their set, 6-4. Erickson, sixth seed in singles, was up and down in his singles match, eventually losing 2-6, 2-6.

Tsai, seeded sixth in his first varsity match, also lost, 3-6, 3-6 despite aggressive play.

The match format was changed this season. Under the old system, the six singles matches were played first, followed by the three doubles matches. All would be full two-out-of-three-set matches, and each win, singles or doubles, would count as a point toward the team’s overall score for the day.

The coaches devised the new system in an attempt to reduce the length of college tennis matches, which can run as long as six or seven hours. Now the three doubles matches go first, each playing only a single eight-game pro-set, and one point is given to the school which does best overall in doubles. Singles follow, played as previously.

The men have two home matches this week. Set one is on Tuesday at 3 p.m. versus Brown University and the second is on Wednesday at 3 p.m. versus Tufts University.

Robinson, Ugarov Double Winners

By Roger Creasley

A pair of double winners led the men’s outdoor track team to a season-opening victory over Bates and Bowdoin Colleges.

Matt Robinson ’95 placed second in the pole vault at 14 feet, 0 inches and in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 16.68 seconds, while Andy Ugarov ’95 won the high jump by clearing 6 feet, 6 inches and the triple jump at 43 2/14.

Crew

Opening weekend also proved to be a good one for the MIT crew teams. The varsity heavyweights defeated Columbia University on the Harlem River by four lengths, while the first freshmen beat the Lions by three-quarters of a length.

The lightweight men defeated Col- lege of the Holy Cross on the Charles River with the varsity winning by 1.1 seconds, the second varsity by 1.2 seconds, and the first freshmen by 6.9 seconds.

In women’s racing on the Charles, only the first novice boat was able to take a race in the regatta at Tufts University, Amherst College, and Boston College. The novices won their race by over four lengths.

Men’s Lacrosse

The men’s lacrosse team has rolled to a 2-0 start this season with wins over Babson and Assumption Colleges. In the Assumption victory, Rob Silva ’93 threw in three goals and added four assists, while Tom Nowak ’94 and Stephen Feldgoise G tallied three goals and three assists each.

The three players are currently the top scorers in the 10- team Pilgrim Lacrosse League.

Sailing

Connie Morton ’96 crowded for Rick Hassan ’92 to win her first sailboat race in intercollegiate competition last weekend. Morton and Hansen finished second in the A Division of last weekend’s Northern Series held at MIT, while Paula Lewin ’93 and Gina Middaugh ’93 finished eighth in the Boston Dinghy Cup Competition held Sun- day at Harvard. The MIT women’s sailors finished fifth in the Dupln Trophy regatta, despite the fact that Lewin and Middaugh sailed with the co-ed varsity.

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