Programs Differ In Teaching Style

By Eric Richard

In addition to the traditional course offerings, freshmen have the opportunity to choose from three alternative programs that offer variations on the traditional lecture and recitation format.

Concourse, the Experimental Study Group, and the Integrated Studies Program are all housed in smaller, open learning environments to help students gain a better understanding of the fundamentals of the freshman core curriculum and allow for more freedom in exploring related material. But the programs differ in their approach and personality.

Professor Robert M. Rose ’58, program director for Concourse, described the idea of using small classes and a few staff members as "the oldest idea in education." Members of Concourse "become part of a small community," he said. "MIT, in itself, is a very intimidating place," said Vernon M. Ingram, director of ESG. "But because of its size, ESG is less intimidating."

Debra G. Azriel, administrator of ISP, described ISP as "an alternative to being part of a large body" which provides "special attention to all students."

However, outside of the idea of using a small learning community, the three programs each use very different methods for improving the educational experience.

Concourse emphasizes structure

Concourse attempts to present students with the freshmen curricu- lum in an unified manner as possible. It "emphasizes the connections between the class and the administration," said Robert M. Rose, program director for Concourse.

The Jack in Black Is Back

By Jack Florey

One of MIT's oldest students has returned. After a two-year retirement, Jack Florey '92, program director for Concourse, is back on the job, ready to lead the infamous "Orange Tours." Showing students all the sights around MIT, the tours are a hit with freshmen and upperclassmen alike.

But the Jacks move quickly, and so the group is often forced to go slowly, in single file and a roof location overlooking Killian Court. As they waited for the go-ahead signal to move on, the group gave a chance to look into the depths of MIT - the steam tunnels. The heat here is almost unbearable, and the group is forced to go slowly, in single file through the narrow passageway.

The Weather

Tonight: Possible showers, 65°F (18°C)

MCC Presents Advice For Computer Needs

By Jeremy Hylton

"Go slow. Don't buy something just because it's there," cautioned Ginny Williams at yesterday's presentation. "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Buying a Computer (But Were Afraid to Ask)."

Williams, marketing coordinator for the MIT Computer Connection, discussed many of the factors new students should consider before buying a personal computer. She joined Jeffrey R. Solof '81, MCC sales manager. Williams also answered questions about how the expansion of the campus-wide network into dormitories may effect the decision to buy a computer.

The presentation, which was given twice yesterday and will be repeated twice on Friday, started with an introduction to computing resources available to students. "You're not required to have a computer here, and we have a very rich computing resource here called Athena," Williams said.

Over 100 classes use the Athena Computing Environment for coursework, and public workstations are available around-the-clock. But, Williams explained, a personal computer could be convenient for late night work or when public clusters are crowded, she said.

Many personal computers, however, do not come with the wealth of software available on Athena. Solof

Local Banks Differ In Benefits

By Hyun Soo Kim

Choosing a bank is usually one of the first priorities for incoming students. In making this decision, new students should consider the location, interest rates, Automatic Teller Machine accessibility, and any additional benefits a bank offers. The following are seven banks with branches near the MIT campus.

The Bank of Boston's One Fee checking account offers a minimum opening deposit of $10, 58 monthly service charges, and free ATM access on Bank of Boston ATMs, and unlimited checks. For non-bank ATMs, the fee is $1.25 for each transaction. The First Step savings account has an interest rate of 2 percent.$10 minimum opening deposit, and a monthly $1 service charge. (Senior Customer Service Representative Christine Williams)

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Independent Study Program alumni and freshmen gaze skyward awaiting the dropping of the next egg at the ISP Egg Drop contest held yesterday. Eggs were dropped from the roof of the Green Building.

Students sign up for bank accounts at BayBank on the first floor of the Student Center.
Israel's Cabinet Approves Palestinian Self-Rule Plan

By David Hoffman

WASHINGTON POST

Jerusalem

The Israeli government Monday night approved a broad understand-

ing that would outline the parameters of a Palestinian Autonomy

Program with the Palestinian Liberation Organization calling for the

transfer of authority to Palestinian authorities in the West Bank

and the Gaza Strip.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he would present the plan to

the Israeli and Palestinian delegations, which are to meet later this

tuesday in Washington.

Ultimately, the declaration of principle was expected to

make clear the way for Israeli troops to begin pulling back from

Gaza and Jericho, and for a new Palestinian government to take

charge of security affairs, finance, education, agriculture and tourism.

Over a five-year period, the Palestinian government would be expanded to

include most of the current West Bank population.

Discussions over the details must still take place, start-

ing with the 11th round of peace talks in Washington this week.

Israelis officials said the document leaves at least two

major issues up in the air: "Is there potential to blow it up in

every sentence," an Israeli official said.

Opposition among both Israelis and Palestinians vowed to block any agreement unless it threatens to kill PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who has supported the plan. Concerns were raised by protestors who like almost everyone else at the

General Store was watching television accounts of Emily's latest gyrations.

"The shop was so busy, I had to call in three extra people," said Keith

Ford, owner of the General Store one mile across Cur-

rufin Sound where Emily started to turn north and then northeast

away from the southeast and Mid-Atlantic states in this forecast period.

The hurricane will likely weaken as part of its circulation system, and forecasting models on Wednesday: Increasing east to northeast winds 10-25 mph (16-41 kph) and gusty. Occasional rain and rain showers showing up during the afternoon or early evening. Becoming foggy.

Hurricane Emily approaches the Southeastern United States in a satellite mage taken at 12:31 p.m. Monday.
Russia Agrees to Resume Troop Withdrawal from Lithuania

By Ken Fireman

MOGADISHU

Resolving a dispute that had raised anxieties throughout the Baltic region and in Washington, Russia agreed Monday to resume withdrawing its remaining troops from Lithuania and to complete the pullout quickly.

Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas said he had been asked about the incident at a press conference and predicted that similar incidents would occur with some frequency and that the United States intended to pursue its quest for Aidid.

Moscow The agreement to resume the withdrawal was reached during a lengthy telephone conversation between Brazauskas and Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin. Overcoming the biggest obstacle to a resolution, the leaders agreed to set aside the issue of compensation for the half-century-long Soviet occupation of Lithuania for future negotiations.

"This was a good and frank conversation during which we found ... an acceptable compromise for both sides and agreed on a summit meeting in September," Brazauskas said.

The agreement followed Russian officials' suspending the withdrawal Aug. 18 because of what they called unreasonable Lithuanian demands for financial compensation. A few days later, they broke off negotiations over the dispute and issued a toughly worded statement threatening to deal with any "provocations" against Russian servicemen "quickly, practically and decisively."

The Russian moves triggered worry among leaders of the other Baltic states, Latvia and Estonia, that Moscow was signaling a sharpening of its position toward the region. The moves also prompted a warning from the Clinton administration that $700 million in U.S. aid to Russia could be jeopardized.

Russia, which inherited the 130,000 Soviet army soldiers stationed in the Baltics when the Soviet Union split apart in 1991, began withdrawing them last year. Today, only 25,000 of those troops remain, the majority in Latvia, where the Baltic army group is headquartered.

But Russia has refused even to commit itself to a final withdrawal from Estonia and Latvia because of disputes with those governments over the treatment of ethnic Russian minorities.

U.S. Will Continue to Target Aidid Despite Failed Mission

By Art Pine and John M. Broder

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Moscow

The Clinton administration acknowledged Monday that tenants of fugitive Somali warlord Mohammed Farrah Aidid had been the target of a weekend raid in Mogadishu by elite U.S. troops and warned that despite the failure to capture him, more such efforts would be forthcoming.

In an unusually candid admission, the Defense Department confessed that intelligence reports indicated the whereabouts of Aidid's lieutenants were incorrect and that U.S. troops - which included some of the 400 elite Army Rangers sent to Mogadishu last week - erroneously apprehended eight U.N. warlord workers instead.

Ask about the incident at a news conference, President Clinton defended the need to capture Aidid and his top aides as necessary to securing stability in Mogadishu. While saying he was "open to other suggestions," he said Aidid had "provoked" the raid by killing U.S. and U.N. troops.

Despite the obvious embarrassment, there was no immediate sign that the United States intended to cut back on its pursuit of Aidid in the wake of Sunday's mishap. Maj. David Stockwell, the U.N. military spokesman, said that other such raids were likely.

Military officers and private defense analysts on Monday dismissed the episode as one of the furnish of such a mission and predicted that similar incidents would occur with some frequency as the United States continues to pursue its quest for Aidid.

The Clinton administration is making preliminary plans for deploying up to 20,000 U.S. ground troops to help with U.N. peacekeeping efforts in the Bosnia if talks in Geneva produce a peace accord to end the bitter conflict, U.S. officials said Monday.

But President Clinton said no final decision will be made on the precise number of troops and how they will be deployed until he is certain that any peace agreement is "fair, fully embraced by the Bosnian government, and is enforceable."

"The United States is prepared to participate in a multinational effort to keep the peace in Bosnia, but I want to see what the details are," Clinton said at a news conference. "I also want to know whose responsibility it is to stay for how long."

At the same time, both U.S. officials and private military experts cautioned that the decision will be a difficult one, complicated by the shrinking U.S. military budget, limited sea lift and airlift capability and a much smaller total force structure.

The president promised in February to provide U.S. troops to help enforce what was expected to be the Vance-Owen peace accord in Bosnia, but that pact fell through and never was completed. Officials said the promise would hold for a new peace accord.

With the three warring factions in Bosnia -- the Bosnian Serbs, Croats and Muslims -- edging closer to a peace agreement, U.N. mediator Thorkild Stoltenberg has asked for assurances that U.S. troops will help enforce it. The administration's statements Monday were aimed at reiterating its intention to carry out its pledge.

Even if a new accord is signed in Geneva, the job of enforcing the pact could be a dangerous and lengthy one, military analysts say -- particularly if one or more of the three war-waging factions is unwilling to cooperate with the peacekeepers.

U.S. officials are pushing to move artillery and heavy equipment into Bosnia as soon as they can after the peace is agreed to -- mostly from U.S. ports in Germany and other depots in Europe. They then would seek to impound the heavy weapons now being used by all three sides.

U.S. Plans to Back Bosnia Peace Pact With 20,000 Troops

WASHINGTON

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