Budget Cuts Cause Activity Cutbacks

By By Hung Lu

Budget cuts in the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Office have resulted in cutbacks to Residence and Orientation Week activities, according to a UA Staff Assistant for Student Programs Lila G. Faber. Picture, and other events where food was served, were cancelled this year to save money for more worthwhile activities, Faber said. But efforts were taken to maintain a level of excellence comparable to R/O Week last year.

"We were faced with this challenge to provide an R/O that was as successful as last year, if not more so," while saving money, Faber said. "What we tried to do was not to cut the events but to cut the inconsequential things, namely food."

As a result, events like the "Food, Fresh, and Fun" picnic in the barbecue pits and the "Academic Breakfast" outside Kresge Auditorium were cancelled, according to Faber. Other events, like the "Freshmen Advisor/Meetings" event was changed from a freshman lunch to individual meetings between advisors and their groups. Individual advisors will now handle lunch accommodations for their groups.

Members of the R/O Committee also saved money by taking donations to help with rush activities.

"We got Belmont Springs to donate water for MOYA [Move Off Your Assumptions]," Allen said. Other donations included prizes from The Coop and Undergraduate Association funds for Casino Night. Overall, cutbacks have saved the R/O Committee a little over $20,000, Allen said.

According to Allen changes in R/O Week have not affected students. "The first half of R/O was going fantastic. Absolutely no problems," Allen said.

Freshman Explorations Give Behind the Scenes Perspective

By A. Arif Husain

Freshmen will be able to sign up today in Lobby 7 for explorations today in Lobby 7. Various departments were invited to sign up at corresponding tables, Wednesday, August 30, 1994

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North Says Robb Lacks 'Moral Force' to Hold Office

WASHINGTON

Voting to bind U.S. Sen. Charles S. Robb, of Virginia, until Election Day, rival Oliver L. North charged Monday that Robb has a "seriously flawed" character and lacks the "moral force" to hold public office.

North, appearing at an Arlington news conference with sleeves rolled up and with a bandage on his right hand, said that Robb is "about as good an education" and for the first time referred directly to allegations that Robb has extramarital sexual relationships. North pointed to the senator's "infidelity" to his wife and Family, and said, "I don't have that kind of character problem" that has plagued Robb.

North's strongest support comes from sensitive and Cuban Christians, and his emphasis on family values has been a key appeal of his campaign.

Robb has acknowledged "socializing in situations not appropriate for a married man" while he served as general in the mid-1980s, and he has apologized for hurting his wife and family.

MCI Disconnects Plans To Create Wireless Network

WASHINGTON

The information highway on Monday became luted with the wreckage of yet another deal gone bad as the nation's second-largest telecom network, MCI-Nextel, announced Monday that it would accompany the exhibit with a separate exhibit that would have been a tit-for-tat between the two airlines.

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Japan to Offer Compensation For Women Used as Sex Slaves

By Sam Jameson

Japan will announce Wednesday a 10-year, $1 billion program to compensate women used as "sex slaves" by Japanese soldiers and other individuals who were victims of Japan's World War II, a source in Japan's government said Tuesday.

The announcement comes as Japan prepares to mark the 50th anniversary of the country's defeat in World War II.

The program, which will be announced by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, will provide compensation to about 300,000 women who were forced to work in military brothels during the war.

The program will be the first of its kind in Japan and is expected to be similar to the $1 billion program announced by South Korea last year.

Japan's trade minister, Masaharu Nakagawa, said the program would be a "historic step" in resolving a long-standing issue that has strained relations between the two countries.

The announcement is also expected to be a boost for Japan's economy, as it could help to boost tourism and other industries.

The program will be financed by a special fund, which will be set up by the government and funded by private companies.

The government has already started discussions with private companies to determine how much money they will contribute to the fund.

The program is expected to be announced on Wednesday, ahead of the 50th anniversary of Japan's defeat in World War II.
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Concourse, ESG, ISP Differ from Mainstream

By Eva Moy

While each of the three alternative freshman academic programs offers the same core classes, each has its own distinctive personality and approach to teaching.

At one extreme, the Experimental Studies Group has the most flexibility and the least structure, according to ESG Assistant Director Holly B. Sweet. Freshmen can work at their own pace, and the typical class size is about three in science classes and 10 in humanities classes.

Generally, students in ESG tend to take less time to complete a class than do students in the mainstream programs, Sweet said.

In contrast, "Concourse is the little red schoolhouse," said Concourse Director and Professor of Material Science and Engineering Robert M. Rose '58. The program lends students through a well-structured, interdisciplinary syllabus.

Concourse students take most of their classes together and work together on problem sets. "It's like going to a small school, but not giving up the advantages of MIT," Rose said.

The Integrated Studies Program lies in between the two. The students attend the mainstream freshman core classes, but add hands-on experiences and a look at humanists.

"With technology possessing more and more power to be incredibly destructive, it behooves those charged with its development to be socially responsible and productive," Arthur Steinberg wrote in the ISP brochure.

Sweet said. Students are given much responsibility, and are "almost treated like grad students," she said.

The instruction staff is made of 10 full professors, instructors, and lecturers, and 25 graduate and undergraduate students. Undergraduate tutors, top students from previous years, are usually teamed with more experienced instructors for a term, learning from seminars, role playing, student evaluations, and observation of other teachers.

ESG will also offer two Freshman Advising Seminars: "Beyond Stars and Planets" and "Gender Roles in Science.""With technology possessing more and more power to be incredibly destructive, it behooves those charged with its development to be socially responsible and productive," Arthur Steinberg wrote in the ISP brochure.

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"This way we don't close any doors," he said.

Potential ESG applicants need to arrange an interview with the ESG staff and present a personal essay. The course will hold its lottery today at 5 p.m. ISP students are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Experimental Studies Group

The emphasis in ESG is on learning the material in ways that enhance both memory and understanding, Rose said in a letter sent to incoming freshmen last June.

"For example, students learn the necessary math to support physics and the chemistry to support biology. The group is small enough that the entire class can spend an extra week on math in order to prepare for the next chapter in physics, for example," Rose said.

Some of the classes offered in Concourse differ from the main-stream courses. Chemistry includes both the class notes from Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry (1.09J) and sections from Principles of Chemical Science (5.11). "This way we can keep the doors open. You just have to work harder," Rose said.

There were three curricular changes to Concourse this year, Rose said. Calculus (18.02) will now be offered fall term, so students have the option to switch from one to the other within Concourse. Biology was added to the spring term's offerings, and will be coordinated with the chemistry which students learn in the fall.

In addition, Concourse will offer a version of Introduction to Psychology (9.00) separate from the main lecture.

Concourse also sponsors a freshman seminar entitled "Design of Animal Bodies" and an Independent Activities Period class called "Problem Solving in Science and Technology," Rose said. This 12-unit IAP class features Moscow State University entrance exam questions.

The reputation of the program has changed over the years, Rose said. Ten years ago, students were typically from small towns and apprehensive about the academic load at MIT. Now they are people who are very well prepared, Rose said.

But Rose said he does not want Concourse to become an elite group, just a group of people helping each other. Concourse emphasizes cooperation, and everyone knows everyone else, Rose said. "This is the most fun I've ever had teaching."

Integrated Studies Program

The Integrated Studies Program emphasizes learning by doing, in addition to the relationship between technology and society in a variety of cultures.

The two required Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Distribution classes also emphasize technology. Students learn how people in other societies may do things differently and also look toward how their own society is. For example, students compared blacksmithing in America and Japan.

Freshmen also participate in workshops in food preparation, taking clocks and engines apart and re-assembling them, blacksmithing, and weaving.

The program is "real nice for students who know they like to tinker," and as those who want to learn to tinker, Steinberg said.

ISP is probably better suited for engineers, "but some of our best students have been in biology," Steinberg said.

Above all, Steinberg said he "wants students coming away wanting to learn — life-long learners.

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Committee Studies Race Issues

Guide, from Page 1 so they end up developing mutual respect," he said. "I'd like to see things changed concretely as a result of the work the committee sponsors, Gittins said.

PBE incident sparked committee Following a national video conference several years ago, Susan D. Allen, assistant dean for residence and campus activities, worked with others to form an ad hoc group "to look at the issue of race because we knew there were some problems," Ni said. The group met every few weeks on an informal basis, she said.

"And then, the PBE incident happened and race became more of a campus issue," Ni said, referring to an incident on March 13, 1993 when racial slurs were shouted at four black students from a PBE window.

The idea to form a committee was proposed to Vest and was officially created last spring, Ni said.

Although plans to create a more formal group were already in the works, the PBE incident created "a greater sense of urgency," Gittins said. "The timing of that incident was ironic." Ni to teach new course An important aspect of the committee is that many of the members work with race relations in their current administrative capacities, Ni said.

As an example, Ni is teaching a new freshman advising seminar entitled "The Asian-American Experience." Ni said she is teaching the seminar because she feels that "the issues of Asian students have been neglected by the institution."

While Asian students make up about 30 percent of the student population, "there are really not a lot of resources for them to look at their own experiences," Ni said. "They only learn about sort of a Western, white-Anglo historical perspective."

The course will be most helpful for students who would be interested in looking at what it means to be Asian and Asian-American in America and at MIT," Ni said.
Work Almost Done
On Biology Building

By Ramy A. Arnaout
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Work is nearing completion at the Ames Street site of the Biology Department's new building, with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony slated for Oct. 7.

"The site work is for all practical purposes" complete, said Francis A. Lawton, MIT project manager for the new building.

Workers are still wiring the site and placing the concrete slabs for the sidewalk, Lawton said.

While the grounds await final touches, "the inside of the building is complete," Lawton said. So are the underground tunnels that connect the new building with Buildings 66 and E17, he said.

Staff and faculty have already moved into the new 258,000 square-foot building. "The administrative offices are up," Lawton said. "We moved all of the biologists in during the months of May and early June. They are all up and running as far as their research is concerned," he said.

Faculty, students impressed

Many faculty members and students in the Department of Biology are excited and pleased with their new building.

Phillip A. Sharp, head of the biology department, called the building fantastic. "It really is a beautiful home. We're still [having] the finishing touches put on; some of the detailed work is still being done to the building."

The new residents are especially impressed by the new building's artistry, bright natural lighting, and spaciousness.

"It's a beautiful, interesting building," Sharp said. "It begins with the art pieces in the front. There's a large, tall mural going down the front hall. It's playful and lively," he said. The entry way also features a solid floor-to-ceiling column that is molded and painted to resemble the trunk of a tree.

"I like the staircase areas," Sharp said. The staircases, which end in benches suspended above the ground, are nearly free-standing: "They have granite steps, and it sort of induces you to walk up the flights of steps between the floors instead of using the elevators," he said.

Reaction to the planned Biology Cafe has been equally positive. "It will be the social center of the building," Sharp said. "It's already a hangout area for workers, [who] retreat into that area and eat lunch. It's a sunny space."

The Biology Cafe is a new location being opened by Food Services. It will offer a similar selection to the Building 4 Coffee Shop, according to Robert A. McBurney, director of Food Services.

Sharp is also pleased that the new building incorporates the undergraduate laboratory, putting it near the rest of the department.

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