Report Suggests Ashdown Be Used For Undergrads

By Daniel C. Stevenson

The Strategic Housing Planning Committee recommended in a report released Monday that Senior House remain an undergraduate dormitory and that Ashdown House, currently a graduate dormitory, be converted for undergraduate use.

The committee also recommended that the administration immediately begin building a dormitory for graduate students at the intersection of Sidney and Pacific Streets near University Park.

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Plan For New Judicial System To Offer Students Greater Say

By Christopher Failing

A working group headed by Robert M. Randolph, senior associate dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs, has released a preliminary draft report that culminates six months of work to lay down the foundation for a new judicial committee.

The decision to select Osgood resulted from a three-month long search process. The search committee, comprised of four administrators, two faculty members, and five students, was chaired by Professor Raphael L. Bras '72, department head of civil and environmental engineering.

The committee chose Osgood out of a pool of about 140 applicants, Bras said. "We found that Leo Osgood presented ... all the qualities that we thought a dean of the OME should have," Bras said. The committee ultimately chose to interview seven candidates and recommended only a handful from that group to dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith, who made the final decision. The selection process included an open forum to encourage outside opinion, said Luis H. Rodriguez Jr. G, who was a member of the search committee.

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The committee sent out letters to various students, including students and other deans not associated with the RCA, Randolph said. "This is an attempt to open up the judicial process to make it more of a student-friendly process."

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By Ranny A. Arnaout

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On Dec. 28, a federal court judge dismissed the case against David M. LaMacchia '95, who had been indicted last April on criminal charges of computer theft.

According to the indictment and a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office, LaMacchia had accessed privileged information on 600 Athena users last semester. In a decision expected to have important legal ramifications, District Judge Richard G. Stearns ruled that although his conduct was questionable, LaMacchia broke no law.

In his written statement, Stearns said that in this case, existing wire fraud statute did not apply, and the case was more properly a matter for copyright law. However, even if that law does not support a conviction, "the defendant is entitled to a trial," he said.

"LaMacchia did not do what he was alleged to have done for profit or commercial gain, and the copyright law makes criminal only infringements for profit or commercial gain," said LaMacchia's attorney Harvey A. Silverglade. In his decision to dismiss the case, Stearns expressed concern that "the government's interpretation of the wire fraud statute would serve to criminalize the conduct of not only persons like LaMacchia, but also the myriad of honest computer users who succumb to the temptation to copy even a single software program for private use."

While he found LaMacchia's actions illegal, Stearns reserved harsh words for the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science major. "If the indictment is to be believed," he wrote, "we might at best describe his actions as being less irresponsible and at worst as nihilistic, self-indulgent, and lacking in any fundamental respect for the law.

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United States to Begin Testing New Missile Defense System

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Clinton administration notified Congress Tuesday it will begin testing a tactical missile defense system within weeks, even though negotiations with Moscow on how to reconcile the system with the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty (ABM) have still not produced agreements.

Similar notification was sent to Congress, where key members of both parties have reservations about the short-range missile defense program. The administration hopes to avoid violating the ABM Treaty, a cornerstone of Cold War arms control. Reportedly, the new system would not violate the ABM convention because satisfying the treaty to permit the missile defense system will result in restrictions that would halt development of still more advanced systems.

Senior House Republicans asked President Clinton as soon as they were sworn in Jan. 4 to suspend the negotiations with Russia until they can review the entire missile defense issues including a possible revival of the so-called Star Wars program, as called for in the GOP's "Contract With America."

Germany Faces Threat Of Fundamentalist Violence

BERLIN, GERMANY

Germany, the Islamic world's best friend and business partner in Europe, is confronting the possibility that fundamentalist violence could strike at home.

The recent hijacking of an Air France jetliner and a last threat Wednesday from the Islamic extremist group in western Europe, with links in Algeria, has raised concerns about the possibility of fundamentalist attacks on Germany.

A new report by the Office for the Protection of the Constitution warns that 14 Islamic fundamentalist groups are organized in Germany, "a few of which could initiate violent action against people and religious structures, and against our public life." The extremists' advocacy of violence "endangers internal security," the report says.

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U.N. Relief Aide Dies in Turmoil Of Moslem Enclave

THE WASHINGTON POST

By Dana Priest

VILAI KHALA BA. ROHAN

At first glance it might seem that, even with more than 18 rough-and-tumble months in Bosnia behind her, nothing quite prepared Monique Tuftelli for the events of the first week of 1995.

She was threatened by angry rebel militiamen who four times in one day isolated a road that led West Beirut, bringing in new arms and embassies to Algeria have raised concerns about the possibility of fundamentalist attacks on Algeria.

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The relief agency, Save the Children, warned that the efforts of the international community to lift its siege continued despite the continued threat of violence.

The United Nations agencies are part of a package of joint agreements that include a military force, a flow of relief, and the continuation of a cease-fire.

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Weather

A Glimpse of Winter

By Gerhard Roe

A high pressure to our north has turned the winds to easterlies, bringing warmer, mister air over us. To the west several small storm systems are moving in, bringing mild temperatures and a pattern which will start to progress towards us. This will cause a lifting of the ocean and associated with this lifting will be clouds and a good chance of rain.

Today, Dec. 8, the weather was sunny and clear. The temperature was 75°F.

 Tonight: Overcast skies, snow moving in from the west. Expect down to a couple of inches. Low 31°F (9°C).

Powerful Pacific Storm Forces Thousands to Evacuate Homes

By Kenneth R. Weiss and Mark Arax

LOUISVILLE (AP) -- A powerful Pacific storm barreled across the length of California Tuesday, forcing thousands to evacuate their flood-ravaged homes, prompting rescue workers to dash from helicopter to pluck endangered residents from torrential rivers and further inundating a state already brought to its knees by a weeklong series of brutal weather systems.

The newest storm slammed into Southern California before dawn, snarling traffic — in some cases closing freeways — and bringing Amtrak service and some Metrolink commuter trains to a standstill. As the long and grimy day wore on, mud cascading from the area’s hillsides threatened dozens of homes and undermined a series of bridges.

More damage was certain to follow. Officials warned that the river and mountain flows could continue for several days, possibly swamping towns and farms and worsening California’s flood problems, which already rank among the worst in the nation’s history.

The storm struck in the same area that was hit by the huge flood that started in January, leaving 29 dead and prompting the state to impose restrictions on driving on some roads because of the danger of mudslides.

Further to the north, entire towns were isolated as raging floodwaters overtook riversides. Army National Guard helicopters rescued people by the score from hard-hit Guerneville north of San Francisco even as rains there began to ease.

Near Sacramento in the rural community of Rice Licks, more than 10,000 people left their homes, 50 of them via rooftops secured by safety officials. James Bailey of the state and federal flood operations center in Sacramento called the storm system “a 1,000-year precipitation.”

In the Placer County city of Roseville, authorities said 100 homes were evacuated by flooding which exceeded 100-year-flood levels. The National Guard, preparing for more evacuations there, sent three large trucks and a bridge boat to the town, whose retirement home was threatened with flooding.

Elsewhere in the county, which extends from the Sacramento suburbs to North Lake Tahoe, homes and businesses were battered. The state’s rural areas were not alone. Parts of urban San Jose also were under water. And one of the most dramatic demonstrations of nature’s fury occurred in normally serene Santa Barbara, where broad sections of town were swamped after 7 inches of rain fell between noon Monday and Tuesday — an all-time record.

The swathe of destruction and damage was awesome, especially since the rain is expected to continue at least through Wednesday. Thousands of homes statewide had been evacuated by Tuesday afternoon and the state Office of Emergency Services said initial reports put damage at $41 million — a figure with no doubt to go up.

Clinton Revives ‘New Covenant’ Theme: Job Training, Wage Hike

By Ann Devroy and John F. Harris

WASHINGTON — President Clinton Tuesday turned off his dormant “new covenant” campaign theme, promoting a revised government job training program for those seeking work and outlining Democratic support for increasing the minimum wage for those already working.

Clinton built his 1992 presidential campaign and his appeal to the middle-class around what he called a “new covenant” between government and citizen: Washington would offer more opportunity to all individuals, including a mid-"level” citizenship, including a middle-class tax cut, and an effort to lift working-poor Americans into the middle class with a minimum wage hike and with less bureaucratic, less mandatory and more effective job training.

“The thing I want to do now is spend two years working on lifting incomes and prospects and optimism and real hope for the future among people who are carrying the load in this country,” Clinton said in a speech in Galesburg, Ill. He said his proposals could be called “Bill of Rights and Responsibilities because it doesn’t do anything for anybody who’s not already doing something for himself or herself.”

Clinton argued that the federal government can still be effective “to help expand opportunity, but in a less bureaucratic, less mandatory, more empowering way.”

As Clinton spoke, his aides continued to work on the details of the minimum wage package that they argue will offer one of the clearer distinctions this year between Democrats and Republicans. Aides said the president has signed off on a plan to increase the $4.25 per hour minimum wage, but size of the increase and its phasing-in are still being discussed with congressional Democrats. A senior official said the president hopes to make a specific proposal next week.

The official said the White House is looking at proposing an increase to at least $5.05 per hour, phased in over five years.

The official said Democrats have both “generally receptive” but “fearful about handling the debate” with Republicans over the issue. The outline of that debate became clear the past several days, as Democrats and Republicans test-marketed their arguments.

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Letters, from Page 4

Arsonists and Thieves
Destroy Sense of
MIT Community

Recent events have brought up a lot of
questions in my mind. MIT is a really nice
place to study. In fact, it is a really great place
to study. Even though I don’t always like my
homework, I love it here at MIT. Maybe I
don’t get along with everyone, but I have met
some of the most interesting people I know
here, and with some of them I am really close.

That’s what I love about MIT.
What is troubling is some of the problems
on campus that just keep cropping up, and I
can’t seem to understand why people would
want to ruin such a great environment at MIT.
One thing that has kept on bothering me while
I am here is the crime. I have seen lots of
hacks around campus, from computers in
bathrooms to police cruisers that end up on
top of buildings. But one thing I do know
about Jack Florey, is that Jack does not steal
anything. Or at least Jack is not supposed to
steal anything. And as far as I know, he does
a pretty good job. But somehow, there still
seems to be a lot of people who don’t seem to
have such ethics. You would think that in a
community of people with higher SAT scores
than there are here. But in Butte, Mont., crime
consists mostly of drunk drivers and speeders
hurting everyone, because MIT (and everyone
else who is a victim of crime) unfortunately
has to replace things that get stolen, repair
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lives of others just for attention is not only
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Burton is far too many for me to call them all
“accidents.” Whoever is responsible just does
not belong here at MIT, and I didn’t come
to have to deal with other people trying
to ruin it for all. I hope all those who are involved
will consider this and for all our sakes try to
be more considerate of everyone at MIT.

Jeffrey Poore ’97

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Intruders Breach Network Security; Passwords Stolen

By Daniel C. Stevenson

Intruders compromised a computer on the MIT network and used it to capture more than 600 users' names and passwords during a two-day period last November, according to Thomas J. Coppeto, Systems Programmer for Distributed Computing and Network Services, a division of Information Systems. It was notified of the attack late last week.

The attackers used a custom program to illegally find the usernames and passwords of anybody accessing a remote computer from any computer on a part of the MITnet covering Buildings 1, 3, 5, and 15, he said.

While users' Athena accounts may not have been compromised, usernames and passwords for any accounts they had on remote computers that they accessed using the telnet, ftp, or rlogin programs may have been exposed, Coppeto said. Additionally, if users of computers on the affected network logged on to any of the Athena dialup services without encrypting their passwords, their Athena accounts may have been compromised, he said.

5,000 accesses logged in two days

The attack was discovered in a log on a computer used by the Free Software Foundation in the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Coppeto said. "The crackers, for some reason, copied the log to the FSF machine from the machine used to "sniff" the information in Building 1, he said.

Upon discovering the situation, someone in the FSF notified the Carnegie Mellon University-based Computer Emergency Response Team and gave them the log file, Coppeto said. CERT then notified the IS of the situation, and the FSF machine was disconnected from the network, he said.

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Recent 'Suspicious' West Campus Fires Under Investigation

By A. Arif Husain (Cover Story)

Four suspicious fires in West Campus dormitories, the Student Center, and the Chapel have been reported to the Campus Police since mid-December, according to Chief Anne P. Glavin. The incidents follow in the wake of a series of fires of machine was disconnected from the network, he said.

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context of the report.

Meetings to seek student input

Most generally, the report sheds light on the process by which complaints will be addressed, a process that before now has often had "the potential of being closed or misunderstood by students who felt that they were not being heard," Randolph said. Among other changes, the draft modifies existing due process.

Open meetings to discuss the new plan will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. and on Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. in the large dining room of Building W1, Randolph said.

The timetable for the implementation of the draft report depends on the amount and kind of student response, as well as on resolution of technical issues such as confidentiality, Randolph said.

"However, I would like to see it in place as soon as possible," Randolph said. There is an outside chance that the new board could be in place by next fall, he said.

Informal resolution of complaints is still encouraged, through sending electronic mail to resolutions@mit.edu and with participation of a third party.

Under the new system, complainants may continue to opt for administrative agreement through a dean, who will keep a record of the complaint, the report said.

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staff, and organizations. "It definitely had an impact," he said. The outside consensus matched the committee's positive appraisal of Osgood, he said.

The committee "highly recommended" Osgood, Smith said. "He was the best candidate," he said.

"Leo has a good deal of experience at MIT. He understands MIT and understands MIT students," Smith added.

Osgood will be replacing Judy Jackson, who resigned last September to enter a doctoral program in higher education administration at Harvard University, Smith said. David Gordon Wilson, former professor of mechanical engineering, served as the interim dean of the OME.

Job follows years of experience

Osgood has been working at MIT in various capacities since 1977. In addition to his tenure in the athletic department and his position as an ex-coll student, Osgood has served as an assistant counseling dean and as a liaison to the OME. He has served on the faculty advisory board of the OME for six years and has also worked on Project Interphase, an OME summer program run for pre-college minority students geared towards "aspiring students in getting adjusted to MIT," Osgood said. He also co-chairs a presidential task force for career development of minority administration at MIT.

Osgood said, "I have been working with the IOMA for about 10 years. I've worked on a cross section of diversity issues here at MIT. I thought I could provide the leadership for the office," Osgood said of his decision to apply for the position.

Osgood said that he plans to continue trying to "build...bridges between minority and non-minority communities."

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Internet Intruders Snooped 600 Usernames and Passwords

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computers from machines on the network in ques-
tion, Coppepo said. From this data, the crackers were able to capture 643 usernames, and desti-
nation machine groups, he said.

Chairman's office on compromised network

Networks at MIT "are typically divided along building boundaries, so a machine in 10-250 could be used to snoop on machines in the Barker engineering-
library," he noted, Coppepo said.

The sniffer program on the Building 1 network could snoop on machines in the public Athena clusters in 1-142, the 1-115 electronic classroom, and several hundred other machines in offices, laboratories, and departmental systems in buildings across campus, Coppepo said.

The MITITnet office of the Corporation Paul E. Gray-'74 said the Net Nanny Office are also on the sniffer network.

Many of the destination machines were in the same area in Building 1, Coppepo said. The second-
most affected destination machine was one of the Athena display servers, with 22 distinct usernames and password pairs captured in the two-day period, he said.

The log covered only one of 59 networks at MIT, Coppepo said. "It is highly probable, and we would assume, that more machines on the MIT campus are being used to capture passwords at this very moment," he said. "We have no way of detecting this kind of activity."

Project by encrypting passwords

"Every user who sends him or her password across the network in plain text is vulnerable to this sniffing attack, even if both machines are sitting on the same disk," Coppepo said.

Users can protect themselves by choosing a good password and using programs that encrypt their pass-
words before sending them across the network, Cop-
pepo said. That way, a sniffing program will only see unencrypted text when it searches for a pass-
word.

The best passwords are at least seven characters long and include a combination of upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and other symbols, according to a press release from IS.

As an added precaution, IS recommends that all MITNITnet users change their passwords on all network-accessed accounts in response to the recent cracker activity.

"It is impossible to guarantee secure access," Coppepo said. "However, it is highly unlikely that a cracker can have the ability to capture passwords off the network," Coppepo said. "It's happening."

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Case Dismissal Will Set an Important Precedent

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some of values. "Criminal as well as civil penalty should probably attach to willful, multiple infringements of copyrighted software even absent a commercial motive on the part of the infringer," Steams said.

For their part, the prosecution "may well appeal," according to U.S. Attorney Donald K. Steams, who was quoted in The Boston Globe on Dec. 29. According to legal procedure, the government has 30 days from the date of the judgment to appeal, Silverglate said.

For LaMacchia, guarded relief "I'm of course very relieved. The past year has been extremely stressful for me, my family, and the people I live with," LaMacchia said. "The dismissal removes some of the weight from my shoulders that I've unwillingly been carrying around for the past year."

"The whole family's sort of relieved, but we're still anxious because [the government] can still appeal," said Brian A. LaMacchia G., David's brother. For the time being, David is "just going to concentrate and work towards graduation," he said.

"I want to make it clear that I don't want to be a celebrity," LaMacchia said. "I'm not happy about it, and I would like to return to anonymity like other MIT students..."

LaMacchia comes away from his experience with advice for caution. "What's the message people should get from my experience?" he said. "I'd say if someone is considering doing something that a reasonable person might be unsure if it's a violation of the law, either civil or criminal (or of MIT's rules), then don't do it without checking first."

Case raises larger questions Speculation over what kind of a precedent the case may set has won international attention.

"This case sets a precedent largely because it is the first reported case dealing with an indictment for Internet copying and distribution of copyrighted software under the federal wire fraud statute," Silverglate said.

"It is important because it makes clear that the only conduct that is a federal crime is conduct that the Congress says in the copyright statute is criminal," Silverglate said. "It is not up to prosecutors to decide what they want to make criminal, and then indict people by renoting to the very broad and general federal interstate fraud laws, including, here the wire fraud laws."

Moreover, the case opens up discussion over how the federal government should regulate Internet traffic.

"I think that Congress should and will deal with the question of the transfer of copyrighted material over the Internet," Silverglate said. "Mind you, it is already a copyright crime to infringe copyrighted material for profit or commericial gain. The question to be resolved by Congress is whether copying such material without profit involved, should be a crime."

"My own personal view is that someone who does what David LaMacchia is alleged to have done -- that is, be a [system operator] of a bulletin board system, and operate the system, but who does not himself upload, download, or copy software -- should not be turned into a criminal by whatever law Congress writes, because a SYSOP should not be held criminally responsible for what the users of the system do with the system," Silverglate said.

Silverglate also said that from what he has seen, MIT did not treat LaMacchia fairly. "Rather than let LaMacchia know that his conduct apparently violated MIT's rules and, as MIT then believed, federal criminal law, MIT worked with the [Federal Bureau of Investigation] in order to make a prosecution against one of its own students," he said.

"Students who run afoul of laws, rules, or interpretations of them, are entitled to be educated as to what is lawful and what is right," Silverglate continued. "Instead, MIT collaborated with the FBI to wreck LaMacchia's life. I hope that this case causes a lot of introspection on the part of MIT's administration. Unfortunately, I doubt it will."

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Men’s Basketball vs. Curry College, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 14**
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**GSC Group Calls Emergency Meeting**

By Daniel C. Stevenson

The Graduate Student Council House and Community Affairs Committee held an emergency meeting last night to react to the possibility that Ashdown House will no longer be a graduate dormitory. The administration's Strategic Housing Planning Committee recommended last month that Ashdown be converted for use by undergraduates and that a new graduate dormitory be constructed on the corner of Sidney and Pacific streets in Cambridge.

The committee decided to immediately commission a survey of Ashdown residents to "determine the impact of Ashdown no longer being a graduate dormitory," according to Provost Mark S. Wrighton, chair of the committee.

The results of the survey will be forwarded to the administration for consideration in making any housing decisions. Wrighton said. President Charles M. Vest said last month he will make a final decision about short-term housing plans by the end of Independent Activities Period.

**General survey results released**

The new survey comes on the heels of the Monday release of the results of the graduate housing survey. That survey found that graduate students found on-campus housing inconvenient, in terms of location and hassle-free housing, as primary reasons for choosing off-campus housing. Next to convenience, respondents listed cost, type of living arrangements, and safety as reasons for selecting their current dormitories. Among Ashdown residents, the sense of community and social activities were the second most important reason.

Thirty-six percent of the 1,450 graduate students living on-campus housing responded to the general survey. (On-campus housing includes residents living in graduate dormitories and residence halls.)

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**Arts Provost Harris to Resign**

By Ramy A. Anaout

Last month Associate Provost for the Arts, Ellen T. Harris, announced her intention to step down this summer after six years in her current position. She will then join the music department.

When she came to MIT, Harris said she committed to her job for four to five years. "I have stayed in the position for six years because it has been exciting and fulfilling."

"It has been a great pleasure to serve provost for the arts," Harris said. "I've always admired [Perkins'] professionalism in the technical aspects of his work."

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**Higginbotham to Deliver MLK Address**

By Stacey E. Blau

The renowned jurist and legal scholar A. Leon Higginbotham will deliver the Institute's first Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture on Monday evening.

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War Could Hurt Aid to Russia

Christopher Hints Chechnya War Could Hurt Aid to Russia

By William Drozdik

WASHINGTON (AP) --

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Tuesday that unless Russia halts the bloodshed in Chechnya soon, the war will "unfavorably affect" U.S. recovery efforts and aid to Moscow that could lead to cuts in U.S. aid.

Christopher, who arrived here Tuesday morning for two days of discussions with his Russian counterpart, Andrei Kozyrev, indicated that the United States is holding in abeyance any decision about a sum- mit meeting between U.S. and Russian leaders and it is depending on how Moscow moved to resolve the secessionist conflict.

"It's an awful and tragic episode and it grows more so," Christopher told reporters before meeting Kozyrev for a private dinner. "The Russian leadership knows they have a problem."

As public outrage in Western countries grows over the brutality of the Russian attempt to sup- press Chechen separatists, U.S. and European governments have esca- lated diplomatic efforts in an attempt to end the fighting.

Christopher said that Moscow's inability to bring the fighting to a stop is "seriously hurt" by the war and that hopes for a future partnership with the West appear clouded.

"Whoever said they would never experience such a disaster, they said it would be under their command," he said. "For now it looks as if Russia has a very real crisis on its hands."

Kozyrev said upon his arrival here Monday night that the Russian government considered the conflict an internal affair and that he would not discuss it with the West.

Russia's bloody attempt to suppress the revolt in Chechnya has over-shadowed the original purpose of the Christopher-Kozyrev encounter, which was to review the parameters of U.S.-Russian rela- tions and try to achieve greater harmony on a broad range of issues such as arms sales, Iran, Iraq, Kosovo and the future structure of European security.

The United States and its Euro- pean allies have been striving to maintain Russia's ability to expand its presence in Central and Eastern Europe. Russia has resisted and fears it may be an attempt to move some of its forces from the very frontiers and has demanded that the U.S. stop the current arms sales to the Soviet Union.

Last December, Kozyrev sur- prised the Bush administration when it forced Russia to stop the flow of new missile parts to Chechnya.

"I am afraid of Russia's participation in a mili- tary cooperation program known as Partnership for Peace. U.S. offi- cials hoped the Geneva meeting would put an end to Moscow's opposition to the NATO's expansion and get relations back on a more positive track."
PBS Should Spend Money on Privatization, Says Gingrich

By Melissa Healy

WASHINGTON

Public television stations seeking to win protection from GOP budget cutters on Tuesday released a poll showing an overwhelming majority of Americans support continued or increased federal funding for their operations, prompting new life from the Republicans' chief budget-cutter, House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Responding to the poll, Gingrich, R-Ga., said he is "offended" by the public-broadcasting system's use of funds, part of them federal, "so lobby to keep getting tax money." He added that public television should use its money to privatize itself, adding "they would find there's a good market" for such stations.

Repealing an earlier criticism, Gingrich called public television officials "a small group of elitists who want to tax all the American people so they get to spend the money." And he suggested that Americans surveyed might have responded differently if they had been asked whether some $200 million in federal money that now goes to public broadcasting should go to Head Start, an early-learning program for poor children, instead.

"In a liberal world, where all money is free because it comes from taxpayers, therefore let's have everything, that poll may make sense," Gingrich told reporters. "But I'm frankly offended at the idea that PBS is raising tax money to run around the country to make publicity and to lobby to keep itself getting tax money. I think that's an example of what's wrong with the current PBS system."

Gingrich said he supports public broadcasting as a private citizen, and has offered to contribute $2,000 per year for the next five years. But he has been the principal voice in a GOP movement to slash all funds for public broadcasting. The organization, he said should be prepared "to join the other '90 cable channels in earning their own money."

But Ervin Duggan, chief executive officer for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, turned Gingrich on the house floor, charging that it would be elitist to make public television programming available only to those who can pay for it.

"Marie Antoinette said, 'Let them eat cake.' A modern-day Marie Antoinette could say, 'Let them eat cable,'" Duggan said.

"There are 32 million homes that don't have cable, that are economically or geographically beyond the reach of cable. What about them?"

Federal Case Could Impact Future of Affirmative Action

By David G. Savage

WASHINGTON

With the fate of federal affirmative action likely hanging in the balance, the Supreme Court on Tuesday heard two conflicting accounts of how those programs work in practice.

A lawyer for a white contractor said federal law creates "an impermissible racial stereotype" in its contracting rules. All whites are penalized and all minority entrepreneurs given an advantage solely because of their race or ethnic heritage, he said.

"All they do is step forward and prove their race," Denver attorney William Perry Pendley said of the minority contractors.

But the Clinton administration's top courthouse lawyer said federal law merely sets forth a "presumption" that blacks, Latinos and Asian Americans are suffering an economic disadvantage because of their race and heritage.

Minority entrepreneurs who are not "disadvantaged" are not entitled to preferences, he said.

"Isn't it a reasonable presumption ... to say black people have suffered prejudice or cultural bias?" Breyer said.

"But Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Anthony Kennedy, all appointees of President Reagan, dis- missed the legality of a racial preference," Breyer said.

"Why couldn't Congress do without this presupposition?"" and give preferences to entrepreneurs who have suffered some type of disad- vantage however, he asked.

Charges Dropped Against Man
In Endangered Rat Case

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The federal government has dropped all criminal charges against a bamboo farmer accused of killing five kangaroo rats last February -- a surprise move applauded by private property groups seeking to defend the Endangered Species Act.

Tsung Ming-Lin, the 52-year-old Taiwanese immigrant who became a cause celebre for conservatives nationwide, no longer faces the threat of jail time or a personal fine.

Instead, U.S. prosecutors will pursue a case only against his family's corporation, Wang Lin Farms, which pleaded not guilty Tuesday to three counts of violating the federal Endangered Species Act.

This is a big victory for Mr. Lin and a big victory for farmers and private property rights groups nationwide," said Ken Hodge of the Kern County Farm Bureau and the Coalition to Protect and Preserve Private Property Rights.

Hodge credited a series of rallies and demonstrations in California's Central Valley and support from conservative leaders nation- wide with forcing the government to re-examine the case.

But federal prosecutors downplayed the effect of public pressure.

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PBS Should Spend Money on
Privatization, Says Gingrich

WASHINGTON

Public television stations seeking to win protection from GOP budget cutters on Tuesday released a poll showing an overwhelming majority of Americans support continued or increased federal funding for their operations, prompting new life from the Republicans' chief budget-cutter, House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Responding to the poll, Gingrich, R-Ga., said he is "offended" by the public-broadcasting system's use of funds, part of them federal, "so lobby to keep getting tax money." He added that public television should use its money to privatize itself, adding "they would find there's a good market" for such stations.

Repealing an earlier criticism, Gingrich called public television officials "a small group of elitists who want to tax all the American people so they get to spend the money." And he suggested that Americans surveyed might have responded differently if they had been asked whether some $200 million in federal money that now goes to public broadcasting should go to Head Start, an early-learning program for poor children, instead.

"In a liberal world, where all money is free because it comes from taxpayers, therefore let's have everything, that poll may make sense," Gingrich told reporters. "But I'm frankly offended at the idea that PBS is raising tax money to run around the country to make publicity and to lobby to keep itself getting tax money. I think that's an example of what's wrong with the current PBS system."

Gingrich said he supports public broadcasting as a private citizen, and has offered to contribute $2,000 per year for the next five years. But he has been the principal voice in a GOP movement to slash all funds for public broadcasting. The organization, he said should be prepared "to join the other '90 cable channels in earning their own money."

But Ervin Duggan, chief executive officer for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, turned Gingrich on the house floor, charging that it would be elitist to make public television programming available only to those who can pay for it.

"Marie Antoinette said, 'Let them eat cake.' A modern-day Marie Antoinette could say, 'Let them eat cable,'" Duggan said.

"There are 32 million homes that don't have cable, that are economically or geographically beyond the reach of cable. What about them?"

Federal Case Could Impact Future of Affirmative Action

WASHINGTON

With the fate of federal affirmative action likely hanging in the balance, the Supreme Court on Tuesday heard two conflicting accounts of how those programs work in practice.

A lawyer for a white contractor said federal law creates "an impermissible racial stereotype" in its contracting rules. All whites are penalized and all minority entrepreneurs given an advantage solely because of their race or ethnic heritage, he said.

"All they do is step forward and prove their race," Denver attorney William Perry Pendley said of the minority contractors.

But the Clinton administration's top courthouse lawyer said federal law merely sets forth a "presumption" that blacks, Latinos and Asian Americans are suffering an economic disadvantage because of their race and heritage.

Minority entrepreneurs who are not "disadvantaged" are not entitled to preferences, he said.

"Isn't it a reasonable presumption ... to say black people have suffered prejudice or cultural bias?" Breyer said.

"But Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Anthony Kennedy, all appointees of President Reagan, dis- missed the legality of a racial preference," Breyer said.

"Why couldn't Congress do without this presupposition?" he asked.

Charges Dropped Against Man
In Endangered Rat Case

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The federal government has dropped all criminal charges against a bamboo farmer accused of killing five kangaroo rats last February -- a surprise move applauded by private property groups seeking to defend the Endangered Species Act.

Tsung Ming-Lin, the 52-year-old Taiwanese immigrant who became a cause celebre for conservatives nationwide, no longer faces the threat of jail time or a personal fine.

Instead, U.S. prosecutors will pursue a case only against his family's corporation, Wang Lin Farms, which pleaded not guilty Tuesday to three counts of violating the federal Endangered Species Act.

This is a big victory for Mr. Lin and a big victory for farmers and private property rights groups nationwide," said Ken Hodge of the Kern County Farm Bureau and the Coalition to Protect and Preserve Private Property Rights.

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Editorial Comment
Shifts Ground

Last week's editorial ("LaMacchia Case Raises Larger Questions," Jan. 11) on the dismis-
sal of the case against David M. LaMac-
chia is one in a long line of editorial con-
troversy surrounding this case. The Tech
stated that "software piracy is a serious crime and pointed out that "the indictment
indicates that LaMacchia knew what
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fact about the indictment or about LaMac-
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Last week we wrote that "it is incorrect that LaMacchia has had to
endure such distress..." Now we only hope that MIT and the government will take the time
to consider the many questions that are clear-
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An editorial staff ready to advise both the government and the MIT administration
must be mindful of the larger issues raised by the
LaMacchia indictment. The Tech might
appropriately engage itself in a discussion of its own
degree of thoughtfulness with
regards to the interaction of law, ethics, and technology.

The opportunity to provide leadership and an important forum for
student opinion is not to be missed.

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By Daniel J. Dunn

These past few days have brought us some spectacular weather. Who before has seen a 60 degree difference in temperature at any given time? Certainly, those of us who have been here for a while realiﬁed that it couldn’t all be people off the street.

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Housing Recommendations Hurt Ashdown Community

Guest Column by Thomas H. Burbine, G

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The Arts

Altman lacks vision but has fun in Ready to Wear

Ready to Wear (pre-ta-porter)
Directed by Robert Altman
Written by Robert Altman and Barbara Shulgasser
Starring: Marceolle Maraisanin, Sophia Loren, Jason Amite, Julie Roberts, Kim Basinger, and many others.

By Scott Deskin

Altman's previous efforts in satirizing the military in A M P S N V (1970), the music industry in Nashville (1975), and the movie industry in The Player (1992) have been praised for their intelligence and wit. Ready to Wear is an effort in the same vein.

The film's success lies in its ability to weave together a complex tapestry of themes, including fashion, money, power, and love. The ensemble cast of A-list actors, including Sophia Loren, Marceolle Maraisanin, and Kim Basinger, bring their A-game to the screen, delivering performances that are as captivating as they are varied.

But the film's success also lies in its ability to bring a sense of humor to the serious topics it addresses. Altman's style is often described as caustic and satirical, and Ready to Wear is no exception. The film is not afraid to poke fun at the pretensions of the fashion industry, and the result is a film that is both entertaining and thought-provoking.

But like many of Altman's films, Ready to Wear is not without its flaws. Some critics have praised the film for its intelligence and humor, while others have criticized it for its length and pace.

Still, Ready to Wear is a film that deserves to be seen by anyone who is interested in fashion, art, or film. It is a film that is not afraid to tackle big ideas, and that does so with style and wit.

What's playing at the Tech

Veruca Salt rides the MTV wave with American Thighs

American Thighs
Veruca Salt
DGC Records

By Brian Hoffman

A woman rises from beneath a heaping mound of old dolls. Cut to a scene of a band playing power chords on a roofed-over rooftop. Flash to more shots of burning toys. Interwire with fish-eye-lens shots of band members black and white, burning toys. Intersperse with fisheye-lens close-ups of band members on a street corner. Flash to more shots of band members...

Julia Roberts and Tim Robbins cover a Parisian fashion show from their hotel room in Ready to Wear.

Veruca Salt achieves a sound varying from aggressive counter to "Get Back" titled "All Hail Me." "All Hail Me" consists of the following:

"I don't know where it's at / And I could find it / With Nina Gordon and Louise Post on guitars and vocals, Steve Lack on bass, and Jim Iscopol on drums and backing vocals, Veruca Salt weaves an often distorted, guitar-fueled musical fabric, yet manages to avoid breaking the melodic threads, balancing their album out with some superb mellower tracks.

Veruca Salt succeeds for much the same reason that Weezer succeeds: The vocalists harmonize well together and with their music, with the group taking as its mainstay simple chords and chord progressions. Yet, the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts: Veruca Salt achieves a sound varying from energetic and original to subdued and introspective, creating a unique and memorable listening experience.

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Kieslowski’s “Red” brilliantly concludes French trilogy

Krzysztof Kieslowski (left) directs Jean-Louis Trintignant and Irene Jacob.

**RED**
Directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski
Written by Krzysztof Piesiewicz and Krzysztof Kieslowski
Starring Irene Jacob, Jean-Louis Trintignant, Frédérique Feder, and Jean-Pierre Lorit.

**THE ARTS**
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By Scott Deskin

Those unfamiliar with Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski’s style may be put off a bit at first. Kieslowski’s “three colors” trilogy is one of the more ambitious cinematic statements by a major international director. Kieslowski’s films are suited to the art-cinema crowd, but his stories convey genuine emotions in a larger social context. The three films that suit this context, Blue, White, and Red, deal loosely with the French ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity, respectively.

Blue, the first and most didactic piece, describes the adjustment of a composer’s widow who must deal with her husband unfulfilled symphony and her own unfulfilled plans for a family. White, a comedy, concerns a Pole who becomes estranged from his French wife, becomes bankrupt, and eventually loses his dignity. He travels back to Warsaw where he finds financial and marital retribution.

But the last film in this trilogy, Red, is at once

the most enjoyable and accessible of Kieslowski’s works. It’s about a young Swiss model and student named Valentine (Irene Jacob) who runs over a dog with her car. When she returns the dog to its rightful owner, a caretaker, retired judge (Jean-Louis Trintignant), he acts indignant. In their first encounter after the dog is picked up, she feels pity for the old man’s sadness in solitude, but she is filled with disgust by his hobby of spying on neighbors. He explains that he needs to be in touch with the truth, something that was inaccessible to him as a judge. As he forces her to reveal some of her own personal demons, she confides in her some of his own, memories that have haunted him for decades. Over time, a bond grows between them that suggests an affectionate father-daughter relationship.

A parallel story develops that involves a recently graduated law student, Auguste (Jean-Louis Lorit) and his girlfriend, newly complementing the relationship between the model and the judge. It’s not long before we realize that the young judge’s experiences reflect the old judge’s misfortunes as a young man. It’s also no coincidence that Auguste lives across the street from Valentine; Kieslowski sets up a visual connection between them from the very beginning of the film.

The resolution of Red is pretty fantastic, in which all of Kieslowski’s ambitions and characters (inclusive of the previous two films) are brought together in a neat package; but, Kieslowski’s film is more of a social meditation than an exercise in realism, so we can forgive the director for this.

This movie is inviting and very watchable. The performances of all the cast members, especially Jacob and Trintignant, are superb and filled with pathos. Although we get the feeling that the world of the film is unrealistic, the characters all appear tangible and emotionally true. To reflect some of the drama, Kieslowski makes tongue-in-cheek references to the other films in the trilogy, and he bathes the surroundings in a warm, reddish hue (just as the other films seem permeated by their title colors).

Red is the best film of the series and is one of the best films of last year. It has little to do with the vague symbolic notions of the French virtues that are supposed to make each film coherent, but it is enjoyable and emotionally satisfying. This film may be Kieslowski’s personal Valentine to the French poetic realism tradition, but from the perspective of a world-wearied Pole who happily looks forward to the next century.

**Veruca Salt’s American Thighs lives up to the MTV buzz**

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“Seether” into an amped up version of a tune from the ‘50s or ‘60s, in much the same manner as Weezer’s “Surf Wax America.” Over-all, “Seether” rocks as one of the best tracks on Veruca Salt’s disc, coming in slightly ahead of “Forsythia.” The “Seether” single, also containing “All Hail Me” has already made its way into stores.

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Veruca Salt kicks, and their album, along with Weezer’s, (and, of course, some assorted Nine Inch Nails discs), deserves a place in everyone’s music collection.

On a scale of zero to ten, Veruca Salt rates an 8.

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Provoit Closes Lowell School, Cites Shortage of Resources

By Christopher Fallling

Provoit Mark S. Wrighton announced last week that MIT will close the Lowell Institute School, which has offered evening technical education since 1821, as part of a review of the Institute's higher education priorities.

The school will close on July 1, 1995.

"This decision comes as a result of a set of considerations related to a number of factors, including space, direct financial support, use of Athena [Computing Environment] facilities, and other resources," Wrighton said.

LIS offers classes in electronics, computer applications and engineering, drafting to 1,000 students a year, and gives students access to Athena workstations in Building 32 for classwork.

The remainder of the operating costs and salaries are covered through LIS tuition and donations from the Lowell Institute, a philanthropic foundation founded in 1836 to provide free public lectures for the citizens of Boston, Wedlock said.

In addition to the director, two full-time employees and one part-time employee will no longer work for the LIS administration.

Joel Wrighton, a trustee of the Lowell Institute and grandson of its founder, offered to increase contributions to LIS to cover the salary of the director last spring, Wedlock said. However, MIT refused to continue providing classroom space and Athena access, he said.

Decision based on priority evaluation

"Much of the decision is based on our vision of what will be needed to sustain MIT as the leading academic institution focused on science and technology," Wrighton said. "In this era of constraint we must make some difficult decisions about what we will do and what resources will be directed to such efforts in order to sustain excellence in our core missions."

"It should also be understood that when LIS started there were not as many opportunities to pursue evening classes as there are today," Wrighton said. "There are now many academic institutions offering high-quality evening classes in the greater Boston area."

While LIS offers courses at the associate degree level, the level of teaching is more extensive than that of a community college, Wedlock said. LIS is also less expensive, at about $300-$400 per course, than other comparable institutions (such as Harvard University which charges about $1,000 for a course, he said.

LIS was founded in 1893 with the purpose of educating mill workers in the Boston area. Wedlock said. "The cost of a course then was equal to the price of two bushels of wheat."

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police from Jan. 6 to Jan. 12:

Jan. 6: Bldg. 5, annoying phone calls.
Jan. 7: Bldg. 1, male arrested for trespassing.
Jan. 8: Bldg. 66, male arrested for exposing himself and other related charges; Bosley Hall, boom box stolen, $150.
Jan. 9: Bldg. 54, mop stolen, unknown value; Next House, credit card fraud; Bldg. 34, bicycle stolen, $50.
Jan. 10: Bldg. 26, bicycle parts stolen, $140; Bldg. 3, stereo head-phones recovered, $70.
Jan. 11: Senior House, suspicious activity; Bldg. E38, pocketbook stolen.

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Perkins Ran Service-Oriented Office as Graduate School Dean

By Ranny A. Arnaout

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Wrighton.

Foremost, Perkins said he was concerned with the quality of the graduate student experience. "I tried to make the dean's office a place where students felt they were welcome," he said. Perkins often worked with students, whether resolving problems with faculty or meeting with the Graduate Student Council.

"The breadth of MIT is wider... than most people realize," Perkins said. But he recognizes that graduate work is narrowly focused, he said. Perkins appointed the GSC for its efforts to bring graduate students together in a social setting.

During his tenure, Perkins worked on increasing the National Science Foundation allowance for research assistants' tuition from $5,000 to $8,000. At the beginning of his term, Perkins started a program to train new teaching assistants to teach classes.

Two years ago, Perkins also served as president of the Association of Graduate Schools, comprised of 56 major research universities in the United States and Canada. Perkins started on the administrative track when he was appointed acting head of Course 1 in 1975. "I never thought of myself as an academic administrator," he said. "I had stronger ideas of what had to be done than I realized."

Frank E. Perkins '55

Former Provosot John Deutch May Take Job as CIA Chief

By Ramy A. Arnaout

The surprise resignation of CIA Director James Woolsey three weeks ago prompted several influential senators to predict that John M. Deutch '61, former provost and Institute professor of chemistry and current deputy secretary of defense, would be a strong candidate for the vacated position.

However, despite the favorable outlook, Deutch may not want the job, according to a Jan. 7 article in Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report.

The article cited congressional sources as saying that Deutch has turned down the offer because he "enjoys the No. 2 position at the Pentagon, where his power and prestige are unparalleled among administration deputy secretaries."

This new appointment would follow many years of experience in Washington for Deutch, who has held consulting and advisory roles in every administration since Presidents Kennedy, Nixon, Ford, and Carter. Deutch has "been the most talented of students.

"I think of my term as a very important part of the MIT tradition when he was appointed as a very important part of the MIT tradition when he was appointed.

John Deutch would be swiftly confirmed because he has very carefully laid a strong foundation of credibility in his current position, and that credibility is transferable to the new post, Warner said.

No matter who is chosen, "what's important is that a new director be nominated and confirmed swiftly, and that the person get on with it and reorganize that agency now," DeConcini said.

Should Deutch refuse an offer, retired Admiral William J. Crowe, who is former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Morton Abramowitz, who handled intelligence issues for the State Department under the Bush administration, would be among the next most likely candidates for the position, according to the Weekly report.

Ellen T. Harris

Arts Provost Harris To Leave in Summer

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different than working in the arts professionally," she said.

The person who replaces Harris must "be able to have persuasive powers and build consensus because there isn't an immediate and obvious constituency for the arts," Harris said. "It's important that the whole idea of succession be established so the position gains some stability here in the future."

Harris also expressed the hope that the second associate provost for the arts will have the same chance she had to freely pursue her goals.

"When I came here I faced a blank slate, so to speak, and that is a wonderful opportunity to move out and work without hindrance on a project," Harris said. "I hope the new associate provost will have something of that."

Six years of service

Throughout her term, Harris has emphasized the importance the arts have for even the most technically-minded students.

"MIT will not be able to educate the best scientists and engineers if all it teaches them is science and engineering," Harris said. "It speaks broadly of the arts and humanities as a very important part of the MIT education."

While it is hard to say which achievement has been the most important during her tenure, Harris said she is "particularly pleased with the Artists in Residence program."

"I also am pleased with a program that gives free Boston Symphony Orchestra tickets to MIT students."

In the coming years, Harris will try to work with the Committee on Race Relations, possibly as chair, she said. "I am sure I will continue working more broadly in the arts, but I'm not sure in what capacity."

"I think as professor of music I will probably have my hands full," Harris said. "I have no idea what the department has in store for me in terms of responsibilities."

John Deutch '61

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The committee wrote in the report.

If the administration were to build a new graduate dormitory, 61 percent of those surveyed want it to be all single bedrooms. A large majority of those against that format currently live in Ashdown. According to the results of the survey, that specific option was chosen because the committee was aware that the Sidney and Pacific site was half a mile from campus and costing $150 more per month than current dormitories, according to the results.

While many graduate students prefer the privacy of an apartment, there is still a segment who like living in a more social environment, Bambenek said.

"It would appear that there is a desire among graduate students for a facility with the features (community atmosphere, dormitory-style living) that Ashdown House possesses," the committee wrote in the report. "This desire is clearly in the minority of those against that format, but it does nevertheless exist."

The majority of the residents live in doubles. Ashdown "has a social environment that is different than the other buildings," Bambenek said. "Living in a dormitory like Ashdown with common areas, especially a kitchen, is much more conducive to social activity" than apartment-style dormitories, he said.

Proposed new dorm unfavorable

Over one-third of the survey respondents were Ashdown residents and almost half were first-year graduate students. Fifty-six percent were first-year residents of graduate housing, with 17 percent of respondents being males and females three to one for those who indicated gender.

Proposed new dorm unfavorable

Only 7.7 percent of graduate students surveyed would prefer to live in a new graduate dormitory located half a mile from campus and costing $150 more per month than current dormitories, according to the results of the survey.

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By Chris Doerr
Berl & Cohen Make Four Bold NBA Predictions

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leading the way. Allstate 10: John Calipari’s UMass Minutemen are the only remaining team, as John Cheaney and Temple begin to rebuild. Massachusetts features sophomore center Marcus Camby and A-10 playmaker Jimmy "Death" Reo. Roe’s tenacity, combined with his improved touch around the perimeter, have been instrumental in the club’s ascension to the number one ranking.

The Languid Metro Atlantic Conference Game of the Week: the club’s ascension to the number one inside, combined with his "Death" Roe. Roe’s tenacity and A-10 player of the year Lou rebuild. Massachusetts features John Cheney and Temple begin to league’s only dominating team, as January 18, 1995 the Orlando Magic’s explosive Lawrence "poetry in" Moten. In the Israeli national Deron Scheffer, and "don’t call me Donyetl" Marshall, Felipc Lopez of St. John’s. Howev-
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Berl Predictions 1: 77" Washington center George Muressos secedes from the Union, contradicting the saying "No man is an island." Unlike the Atlantic, this year’s Central division is a house of a different color. Four teams figure to contend for the right to play the Eastern Conference finalists. First place Cleveland’s constant defense and "no frills" attack of Tyone Hill, Bobby Holmes, and John Bryant, should be the early favorite with sharpshooting Mark Price, have made the Ero postisdaty pay homage to the Czar of the Telestra-
ton, Morrison, and Malzone have kept the 80-0 on as neat, but look for a slim bench led by Tom "Ter-

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The strength of the Midwest remains the World Champion Rock-

The Pacific crown has already down leads in the first half

The Inside Pitch

The Niagara University, who has a Ph.D. in psychology, now has his first real test. Chris Nichols is ready. However, was it the Huskies’ performance or sympathy for this perennial Orange Bowl buster that gave him the title? The vote here is for the underdog.

After all, Penn State dominated every team on its difficult schedule, with the exception of two close wins at Illinois and Michigan. Joe Pat’s offense was unstoppable, consistent-

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PRIZES

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SUBMISSIONS

Students may enter up to three pieces in the competition. All work must be submitted to W20-500, on Tuesday, January 31, 1995, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE GALLERY

The Wiesner Student Art Gallery showcases MIT Student artwork by providing exhibit space for the works of students as they develop their individual artistic voices. The Gallery also exhibits the group artistic work of the diverse MIT community. Named in honor of Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, the Wiesner Student Art Gallery was dedicated as the Senior Class gift by the MIT Class of 1983.

For information contact the Campus Activities Complex 253-3913, W20-500.
Column by David Berl and Jeremy Cohen

Our 21st-century game of squash goes out to San Diego charger middle linebacker Junior "The Tragic Artist" Seau. Batting numbness in his left arm from a pitched trampoline serve that has plagued him since week 11, Seau single-handedly caused the Pittsburgh defense to pass on the flashlight and the Lightning Bolts to a hard-fought 54-52 win over the first-ever Super Bowl hogs.

Although the American football championship is often referred to, it is not a contest. It is not a battle of wills, a contest of skill, or a proving ground for the most talented. Instead, it is a contest of style, a contest of heart, and a contest of character.

The Maharishi Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting peace and well-being through the practice of Transcendental Meditation, has announced that it will host a special event at the world-renowned Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. The event will feature a panel discussion with experts on the history of meditation and its applications in modern society.

The event is part of the foundation's ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the benefits of meditation and to encourage more people to try it for themselves. The foundation believes that meditation can help to reduce stress, improve focus, and promote overall well-being.

Overall, the event is expected to attract a large and diverse audience, and the panelists, who are experts in their respective fields, will provide a range of perspectives on the topic.

In other news, the United States Olympic Committee has announced that it will hold a summit on the future of American Olympic sport. The summit, which will be held in Colorado Springs, will bring together a range of stakeholders, including athletes, coaches, and administrators, to discuss the state of American sport and to identify ways to improve performance and increase participation.

The summit is part of a broader effort by the USOC to modernize its approach to sport and to better align with the goals of the Olympic movement. The USOC, which is the national governing body for Olympic sport in the United States, is committed to supporting its athletes and coaches and to promoting the values of sport.

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