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Frosh Enter Class Lotteries Today

Five science, HASS subjects also in lottery

By Jennifer Lane
 STAFF REPORTER

Freshmen choose physical education and humanities distribution classes today in separate Athena-based lotteries.

Also, for the first time, a lottery will be used to regulate enrollment in selected oversubscribed science and humanities classes.

The PE lottery began on Aug. 16 and will continue through Sept. 12. The program is a spin-off of the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Distribution lottery system, and was written by Regina L. Gogol, the project's director.

PE registration was moved to

Athena because students were complaining about the antiquated system of waiting in long lines and having limited registration time, said Gordon V. Kelly, director of physical education.

Kelly regrets that the system will now lose the more personal aspect that it once had. Students were previously able to ask questions of the instructor at registration, Kelly said. "I think most students will appreciate not having to come over here and stand in lines," Kelly said.

"Other students will say that, under the old system, at least they

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Freshmen yesterday lined up at the Alumni swimming pool for the Institute's mandatory swimming test.

Sports Provide Info At Athletics Midway

By Stacey E. Blau
 NEWS EDITOR

The annual Athletics Midway will be held on the first floor of the Johnson Athletic Center from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight.

Intercollegiate and club sports will be represented at the midway, said Jean A. Heiney, the event's coordinator. There will also be a table with information about intramural sports and physical education classes, said Henley, who is also an associate professor of athletics and assistant director for sports information.

The Athletics Midway provides "an introduction to freshmen primarily about intercollegiate sports," Heiney said. "It's an information session, which is particularly good for many of the lesser known sports" not offered in most high schools, she said.

One of the most common questions freshmen have about joining teams is, "How good do I have to be?" Heiney said. "Many of the intercollegiate sports are skilled teams, but on others you learn how to do the sport here," she said.

"The midway really helps freshmen who are not sure about what sport they might want to play," said Stuart Schmill '86, director of the crew program.

"Most of the people who wind up rowing hadn't even heard of crew before the midway," Schmill said. The crew display at the midway will include a crew shell, he added.

Athletics "have different levels of importance for different people," Heiney said. But they are "are an

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At Other Universities, Procedures To Reside at Dorms, FSILGs Differ

By David D. Hsu
 NEWS EDITOR

While MIT freshmen select their housing in one fast-paced Residence and Orientation Week, the housing process at other universities varies greatly.

As a brief diversion from MIT's hectic R/O, this article will examine the housing procedures at four other universities.

Amherst College

In 1984, the trustees of Amherst College abolished all fraternities, according to Jefferson Decker, news editor of *The Amherst Student*. The school had just become coeducational, and the trustees felt that "fraternities don't make sense anymore" and were becoming "too cliquish," Decker said.

Without much off-campus hous-

ing, about 95 percent of Amherst's 1,600 students live on campus for four years, Decker said.

Amherst freshmen fill out a short form with general questions such as whether they want dormitories coeducational by floor or by room and if they want to live with upperclassmen, Decker said.

Based on these questionnaires, the dean's office assigns roommates and dormitories, Decker said. "They try hard to form diverse communities in each of the dorms," he said.

Students are guaranteed housing for four years, but nobody stays in the same dormitory all four years, Decker said. By the end of their sophomore year, students can elect to live in foreign language or culture houses, he said. Students not opting for these theme houses enter a draft and pick dormitories based on

seniority, he said.

All on-campus housing students eat at the one dining hall at Amherst, Decker said.

Amherst also has four off-campus fraternities, one of which is coeducational, Decker said. The fraternities are not sanctioned and receive little support from Amherst, he said.

University of Illinois

At the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, new students must live for one year in housing certified by the school to meet safety and staffing standards, according to Joe Miller, associate director of housing.

UIUC is considerably larger than the Institute, with almost 39,000 undergraduates.

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Athena Minicourses Get Freshmen Up to Speed

By Eva Moy
 STAFF REPORTER

Ask a professor to prepare a lecture that almost all of the students will understand. Then tell him to deliver it in 26-100, the largest lecture hall on campus... without a microphone.

Sound impossible? That's what Athena Minicourses instructors strive to do every time they teach one of the Information Systems-sponsored classes.

These classes close the gap between people's computer abilities and pull out the important information from the details, said Gary L. Dryfoos, a consultant with IS Training and Publication Services.

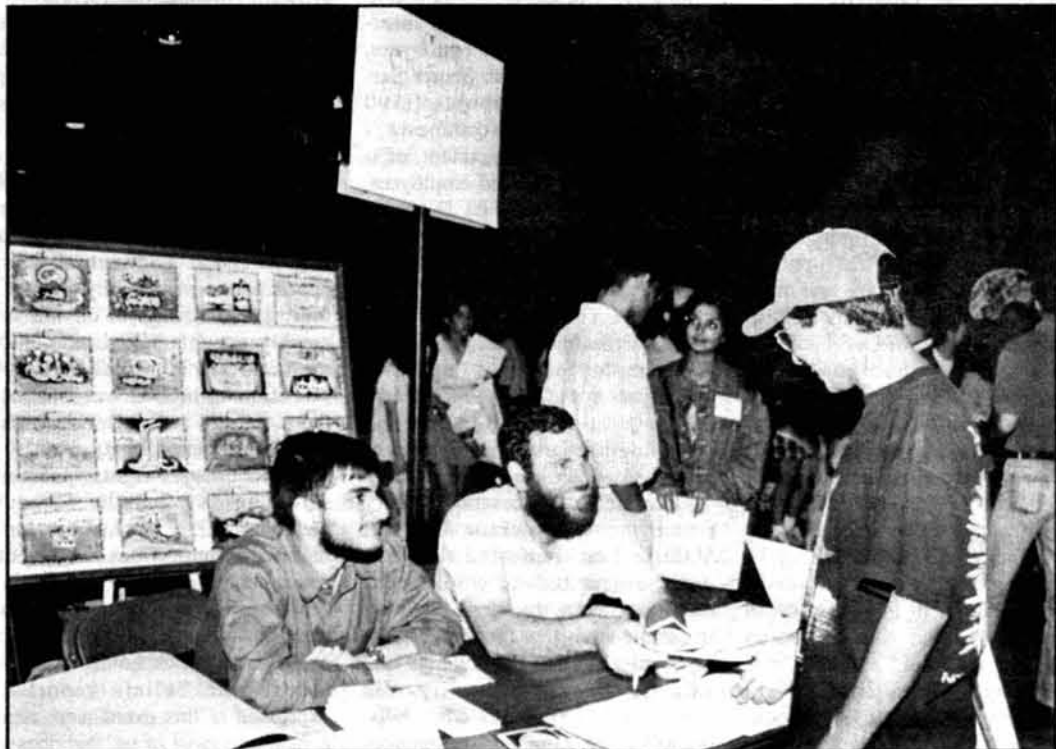
The goal is to "make people into autonomous learners," Dryfoos said. "Without a background knowledge, whatever you want to do is going to be complicated."

The first four classes of the series are "pretty much required for

anyone who wants to use Athena," Dryfoos said. The basic classes are: Introduction to Athena, Basic Word Processing, Working on Athena, and Advanced Word Processing; EZ.

The Athena Minicourses are taught in lecture format with overhead transparencies. Students

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Members of the Muslim Students' Association talked to a freshman yesterday at the Activities Midway in Johnson Athletic Center.

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WORLD & NATION

Cambodia Welcomes Outside Help

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BATTAMBANG, CAMBODIA

International aid agencies have invested in Cambodia's rural development projects, and to its credit, the country welcomes the help. Indeed, the \$200 million in aid given each year directly to the government accounts for about half of the government's total income.

In Baydamran, a few miles east of Battambang, the Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services organization has provided \$20,000 in start-up capital for a small-scale bank. The bank's loans average \$26 — enough to open a family based business.

Chum Cheoum, a mother of 10, borrowed \$30 to buy ingredients for making rice snacks that she sells in town. Sdeong Peach, whose husband was killed by the land mine, borrowed \$15, enough to set up a noodle stand. The bank expects to earn enough money in interest to repay the \$20,000 to Catholic Relief Services in three years.

A road leading up the mountain Phnom Sampeou, near Battambang, shows another way that Cambodia is being rebuilt. At its foot lives Kim Bunthocum, an intense, 29-year-old monk trying to save a Buddhist monastery there.

His education was at the hands of three older monks, the only residents of the monastery who were not killed by the Khmer Rouge or did not flee. The Khmer Rouge had leveled everything except the dormitories.

Canada Reacts Cautiously To U.S. 'Open Border' Plan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TORONTO

Canadian officials, who are stepping up enforcement against firearms smuggling from America, have expressed surprise at a proposal by U.S. border agencies to eventually eliminate all customs and immigration inspections on individuals crossing from Canada into the United States.

Officials in Ottawa reacted cautiously to the plan Tuesday, noting it is preliminary, would apply only to entries to the United States and would require approval by both the American and Canadian governments.

The draft — floated in Washington by a group representing U.S. Customs, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the departments of Agriculture and State — envisions an "open border," permitting Americans and Canadians to pass from Canada into the United States as easily as crossing from California into Nevada. The report describes the proposal as a "long term recommendation," which officials said involves a three- to five-year target for implementation.

Although the draft only deals with border inspections on the U.S. side, any decision by the Americans to eliminate them could lead to calls for reciprocal action by Canada.

Canadian and U.S. officials already are negotiating ways to speed crossings under an agreement initiated by President Clinton and Prime Minister Jean Chretien during the president's February visit to Ottawa. But those talks do not entail an "open border" scenario, officials said Tuesday.

Scientists Drill Samples From Undersea Mineral Mound

NEWSDAY

In most scientific experiments, the final outcome is the main uncertainty. In this experiment, undertaken last fall by scientists 12,000 feet below sea level, every step along the way was uncertain.

No one had ever drilled into a seething-hot, geyser-spewing mound of minerals under the sea, using an 8-inch-wide, 2-mile-long sliver of metal. No one knew if the drill could stand the heat. No one could say how the hot mound might react when punctured, a process akin to slicing into a hot soufflé while it's still being baked. And no one was sure if any ore samples could eventually be retrieved.

But now the answers are in, and geochemist Susan Humphris and her ocean-going colleagues are announcing success. Despite their trepidation, the scientists managed to poke 17 holes into the seething mound over a two-month period, and the rock samples they gathered in that unique experiment are now being studied in laboratories around the world.

Humphris, at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, was a co-leader of the expedition, in which the drilling ship JOIDES Endeavor sailed to a point about 2,000 miles east of Miami to successfully probe what scientists have described as "a hellish mound the size of the Astrodome spewing hot (up to 680°F), sulfurous, metal-laden plumes" into the water.

WEATHER

Whither?

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Wednesday is set for fair again with a broad ridge over the eastern half of the country giving clear sunny skies. Thursday is more problematic. Currently it looks as though we will escape bad weather again as a large low passes just to our north, bringing clouds over us with the associated frontal passages, but no rain. In any event, skies will cloud up by evening and winds shifting to the south will push the temperature up over 80°F (27°C) during the day. In the Atlantic, there are four named storms concurrent — a rare occurrence, and the forecast of trajectories may become even harder with their mutual interaction.

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NATO Warplanes Attack Bosnian Serb Positions

By Art Pine and Tracy Wilkinson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The United States and its major allies reportedly launched air strikes late Tuesday against the Bosnian Serbs, blaming them for the lethal shelling this week of civilians in the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

NATO warplanes were heard over Sarajevo early Wednesday, and, according to news service reports, allied forces were bombing nationalist Serb positions east and south of the city.

There were no immediate damage or fatality reports in the darkened city, where a mortar attack Monday killed 37 people and injured more than 85 others in one of the deadliest attacks in more than 18 months.

That incident in a U.N.-declared "safe area" led to intense discussions by senior policy-makers in the West about reprisals against the Bosnian Serbs.

The American and allied diplomats, as well as officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United Nations, have been under mounting pressure to make some sort of response to the mortar attack, amid growing embarrassment among U.S. leaders that the delay was costing their peacekeeping effort additional credibility.

On Tuesday, allied officials had said any retaliation would involve a series of "substantial" attacks designed to destroy several major targets, such as Bosnian Serb ammunition dumps and communications centers. They dismissed suggestions that the action would begin a military campaign against the rebel Serbs. "It won't go on for

days," one official said. "It's only meant to respond to Monday's shelling."

As a backup for action, the Pentagon on Tuesday ordered the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt back to the Adriatic Sea off the Bosnian coast. The ship had been in the eastern Mediterranean, near Iraq.

The Clinton administration on Tuesday also welcomed as "potentially positive" a new letter from Bosnian Serb President Radovan Karadzic hailing the latest U.S. peace initiative as a basis for negotiating a peace accord.

Karadzic's gesture came in a letter to former President Carter, who said in a televised interview on the Cable News Network that he thought there was "good reason to take (it) and put it to the test."

Shortly after Carter's appearance, State Department spokesman Nick Burns told reporters the administration was studying the document and had found "potentially positive elements" in it. Burns said Assistant Secretary of State Richard C. Holbrooke would discuss elements of the letter in talks Wednesday with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic.

But, he asserted that, despite Pale's latest gesture, the administration continued to believe that the allies should retaliate against the Bosnian Serbs for Monday's shelling of Sarajevo. "The appearance of the Karadzic letter in no way dissuades us that there should be an appropriate military response," he said in a statement. "It's very important that the Bosnian Serbs be held accountable."

Earlier, Burns dismissed reports aired over Bosnian Serb radio say-

ing the self-styled Bosnian Serb government in Pale now was willing to negotiate a peace settlement with the Bosnian Muslims and Croats. "Words are cheap — actions are more important," he told reporters. "(Monday's) actions were murderous, they're reprehensible and the Bosnian Serbs must be held accountable for those actions."

But U.S. officials said they were at least mildly encouraged by the Karadzic letter because it appeared to accept the U.S. formula dividing Bosnia about evenly between the Muslim-Croat coalition and the Serbs.

The Bosnian government, however, has said its willingness to accept the U.S. initiative depended on whether NATO could be trusted to enforce terms of any agreement, as U.S. officials have pledged. If NATO does not act now, Bosnian government officials said, there is no basis for trust.

Demanding that the Bosnian Serb artillery that surrounds Sarajevo be destroyed, Izetbegovic said Tuesday that he would probably have to pull out of peace talks if no retaliatory action against the Serbs is taken. "We cannot negotiate with a gun at our head," he said in Paris, where he was meeting with Holbrooke.

On Tuesday, another mortar killed a 4-year-old girl outside a Sarajevo apartment building and wounded two little friends with her, even as bodies shattered in Monday's attack lay side by side at the city's overcrowded morgue to await burial in its overcrowded cemeteries.

Calls for military reprisals against the Bosnian Serbs came from a wide range of sources and suggested a rare consensus.

50,000 Federal Employees Questioned on 'Roundup'

By Stephen Barr and Serge F. Kovaleski

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

At least 50,000 government workers are being individually questioned as officials try to determine who attended the controversial "Good Ol' Boys Roundup," an annual gathering of law enforcement officials that purportedly included racist activity, administration officials said Tuesday.

The federal employees work in law enforcement agencies at the Treasury and Justice departments, and the most recent round of questioning, now underway, has prompted protests from some workers at the U.S. Customs Service. The workers contend the questions violate their constitutional rights to privacy and freedom of association.

A 90-second videotape and other descriptions of the roundups held in the mountain town of Ocoee, Tenn., created a national furor earlier this summer, with high-ranking federal officials vowing to identify what they initially described as a small number of federal law enforcement officers who attended the gatherings.

As depicted on the videotape, the events included vendors selling T-shirts depicting the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in gun-sight cross hairs and a banner with the words "Nigger check point."

Tuesday, a video producer who saw the original tape said it was possible that the footage had been doctored, adding to the confusion about what happened at the gathering. Federal law prohibits employees from engaging in discriminatory conduct.

Since Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin last month announced an investigation of law enforcement participation in the "roundups," the Justice Department has identified 33 employees who have attended the outing over a five-year period. The Treasury Department is still conducting its investigation.

Officials said the Customs Service plans to interview as many of its 19,000 employees as possible by Thursday. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has interviewed most of its 4,000 employees, a spokesman said. The Secret Service, which has about 4,500 employees, declined to comment.

At the Justice Department, officials also have surveyed employees, a spokesman said. FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, for example, has asked his field offices to question each of the agency's nearly 23,000 employees. The U.S. attorneys in 94 offices across the nation have asked their employees about the event. Employees at the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Naturalization Service and Bureau of Prisons also have been questioned.

In a memo this month, Treasury Department Inspector General Valerie Lau requested that "all enforcement bureau employees" respond to three questions that seek to establish whether they were invited to or attended the events. Lau said the Treasury inquiry was designed "to find out what happened" at the roundups. Employees are being asked whether they were ever invited, "orally or in writing," to attend a roundup, whether they attended and, if so, in what years,

according to her memo.

Lists of employees who answered affirmatively and of employees who could not be contacted or refused to answer the questions will be compiled and provided to Lau, a memo prepared by the Customs Service said. Officials said the interviews take only a few minutes and are conducted behind closed doors. Employees covered by union contracts may ask for a union official to monitor the interview.

"This query is one technique that we are using to find out who attended. There is no intent to prejudice any response to the three questions," Lau said in an interview.

"There have been a number of very serious allegations made. The only way to deal with them is to find out the truth, to find out from people who attended what actually happened. I have made every attempt in taking this course to ensure that employee rights have been considered and are complied with. My intention is to find out firsthand from people who attended what actually happened," Lau added.

But employee rights specialists said Tuesday that the Treasury Department had reached too far in its attempt to sort out the roundup controversy.

"This is the kind of stuff that went on in the '50s during the time of political witch hunts, and even though the beliefs reportedly expressed at this event were reprehensible to most of us, this does not excuse this kind of official inquiry into associations," said Ira Glasser, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Postal Worker With 'Spotless' Record Shoots Two Colleagues

By Bill McAllister
THE WASHINGTON POST

Postal workers have shot their co-workers so frequently that the phenomenon has become fodder for television comedies to joke about. Even personnel directors have developed a short-hand phrase for the problem. "Going postal," they call it.

But what happened at a mail sorting plant in suburban Chicago Tuesday was no laughing matter. A 25-year career postal worker, who had what officials described as a spotless record, allegedly entered the East Palatine, Ill., facility carrying a gun and shot two of his colleagues, leaving one in critical condition.

The accused man, Dorsey S. Thomas, 53, was arrested at his home shortly after the shootings.

It was the latest in a string of violent incidents that the Postal Service said have left 35 postal supervisors and workers dead in the past 12 years, all at the hands of 11 current or former postal workers. Assaults among postal workers have been

even more frequent. This fiscal year the agency has recorded 303 assaults among its workers and 77 attacks on supervisors, an increase from 57 attacks on supervisors in fiscal 1994.

Postal spokesmen had no immediate explanation for the Illinois shootings, but were quick to cite figures showing that postal workers face only half the risk of dying on the job than other workers. A number of psychologists said, however, that the nonfatal Illinois shootings illustrate a troublesome trend: that a tiny fraction of the postal work force may now believe violence is an acceptable way of dealing with their difficulties on the job.

The psychologists also suggested the violence among postal workers is becoming a "copycat crime" for some employees who are unable to cope under what postal executives have conceded is the agency's often-harsh, paramilitary management. "It is serious problem," said Chris Hatcher, a clinical psychologist at the University of California,

San Francisco.

"... There is the copy cat factor — people see this as an option: I can file the grievance — or I can commit a homicide," said Thomas Harpley, a San Diego psychologist.

The agency's authoritarian style, reflected in the postal service's maze of rigid workplace rules and growing number of grievances, leaves some workers frustrated, the psychologists said. "If you're literally poking your finger in someone's chest, it builds up," said Harpley. "For some people having a gun becomes the ultimate act of power. They come back with a gun and you (the supervisor) are now lying at my feet."

Union officials blamed management for the latest shooting, saying supervisors failed to recognize that Thomas was under extreme stress and on Monday had rejected his request for three days sick leave. The suspect had been "pushed to the edge," said Thomas Fahey, a spokesman for the 360,000-member American Postal Workers Union.

Insiders May Have Phoned in New York Airport Bomb Threat

By Joseph W. Queen
and Ken Moritsugu
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK

Investigators think the bomb threat Monday to a New York air traffic control center may have been an inside job because it was phoned in to an unlisted number, federal law enforcement sources said Tuesday.

The threat led to the evacuation of 150 employees at the Westbury, N.Y., facility, causing widespread delays at New York-area airports. A spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration confirmed that the phone number was not public. "Only insiders and people they deal with would have that number," one law enforcement source said.

Adding fuel to the insider theory was the fact that the threat was made to a little-known facility called TRACON instead of a more obvious site like a control tower. "Most people have never heard of it," the law enforcement source said. "That's why this looks more like

someone with an ax to grind than like terrorism."

Targeting TRACON, which handles 3,000 flights a day to and from 50 airports including John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark, N.J., was a particularly effective way of disrupting air traffic, sources at the FAA, which runs TRACON, said.

"It's a critical link to air traffic control," said one FAA source. "Whoever did this knew what they were doing."

Investigators also confirmed that unlisted numbers at FAA facilities have fallen into the hands of outsiders in the past. In 1993, hundreds of crank calls were made to the air traffic control towers at the JFK, LaGuardia and Newark airports over a period of months. A New York City man disgruntled about area airplane noise was eventually arrested in connection with dozens of the calls to the LaGuardia tower.

The FBI declined to comment on the specifics of the investigation. "We have an investigation that is

pursuing several avenues, which we will not discuss," said spokesman Joseph Valiquette.

FBI agents were interviewing TRACON employees Tuesday and pulling detailed telephone company records that show incoming and outgoing calls from the number that the threat was allegedly called in to in an effort to trace the call, sources said.

There have been 11 bomb threats to FAA facilities around the country in the past year. The FAA would not describe the nature of the threats or whether there had been any evacuations.

A union representative for the controllers at TRACON said the threat was unusual and had raised safety issues for workers who formerly did not think of themselves as particularly vulnerable. "In a way, you kind of feel anonymous where you are," said Dean Iacopelli, vice president of the TRACON local for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. "Most people don't know who you are, what you do."

German Neo-Nazi Sentenced to Prison for Denying Genocide

By Rick Atkinson
THE WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN

Bela Ewald Althans, once considered among the most alarming figures in Germany's neo-Nazi movement because of his clean-cut looks and slick manner, Tuesday was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison for denying that Nazi Germany committed genocide.

A Berlin state court pronounced Althans, 29, guilty of spreading racial hatred and denigrating the state when he confronted visitors at the Auschwitz concentration camp with a claim that the Holocaust never happened — an assertion that is a crime under German law.

That dramatic encounter was captured in a 1993 documentary about Althans called "Profession: Neo-Nazi," a controversial portrait of the neo-Nazi scene that showed the smirking protagonist prowling through an Auschwitz gas chamber and insisting, "What is happening here is a giant farce."

In the film, Althans insisted that Auschwitz "was not a death camp, it was a concentration camp like the Jews have built for the Palestinians in Israel. ... We didn't kill them.

They all survived and now they're taking money from Germany."

Chief Judge Hans-Juergen Bruening of the Berlin State Court called Althans a "mental arsonist" who "is not a violent man but is still just as dangerous to the community."

The defendant's agitation, Bruening said, helped churn the atmosphere of hate that led to murderous attacks against foreigners by German right-wing extremists.

Althans's recent disavowal of Nazism was a tactical ploy rather than a heartfelt conversion, the judge added.

Althans, who conducted most of his own defense with a string of windy monologues, reacted to the judge's pronouncement with a look of astonishment and a cry of, "Incredible!" Already sentenced last winter to 18 months by a Munich court for spreading racial hatred in videotapes that glorified Adolf Hitler, Althans had told the Berlin court his comments in "Profession: Neo-Nazi" were taken out of context.

But the court called Althans's explanation "not credible" and said he was, in fact, "flattered to be con-

sidered the new leader of the neo-Nazis."

A slender 6-foot-4, with blond hair and a flair for fashion that earned him a sobriquet of "the yuppie Nazi," Althans projected an image as an articulate spokesman for the far right.

"I am a normal man," he told The Washington Post three years ago. "I am nice. I am friendly, a totally normal man with two feet on the ground and, in spite of that, I am a National Socialist," the formal name of Hitler's Nazi Party.

"Hitler is a hero for me. He opened the door to building a super-civilization, really a paradise on Earth."

Equipped with business cards, cellular phone and personal computer, Althans sought to build links between neo-fascist groups across Germany and around the world.

Although he garnered considerable press attention, Althans's emergence as a new *Fuehrer* never materialized. The neo-Nazis remain a largely ineffectual fringe movement with an estimated 40,000 followers in a country of 80 million people.

Plan for High Seas Protest By Cuban Exiles Sparks Concerns

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI

A high seas pro-democracy demonstration planned by Cuban exiles off the coast of the island on Saturday has raised concern among U.S. officials, and has angered some members of the Cuban-American community here who fear the event is designed to provoke an international incident.

After a similar demonstration last month during which an exile boat was sideswiped by a Cuban gunboat, the Castro government has threatened to sink any vessels that violate the 12-mile territorial limit and to shoot down any planes that penetrate the Communist island's air space.

A flotilla of up to 30 private boats — accompanied by a half-dozen small planes — is scheduled to leave Key West, Fla., early Saturday for a rendezvous offshore from Varadero, a beach resort east of Havana. According to Ramon Saul Sanchez, one of the organizers, the aim of the demonstration is to protest Cuban human rights policy and show support for the U.S. economic embargo.

Gov. Lawton Chiles and State Department officials have cautioned protest organizers about going ahead with their plans, especially because participants in the July 13 demonstration deliberately crossed into Cuban waters and at least two private planes buzzed downtown Havana.

U.S. Drug Czar Brings Mixed News From South America

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Federal drug czar Lee P. Brown, returning from top-level meetings in Bolivia, Venezuela and Peru, Tuesday claimed "positive developments" in the fight against drug production there, but the specifics he cited appear to present at best a mixed picture.

"Based on my visit, I can say that in the cocaine-producing countries, we have had some degree of success, which, in turn, is producing new challenges," he told a news conference at the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy. He also said he found that the "political will to combat the narcotics problem exists."

But in Bolivia, which now grows about 30 percent of the leaves from which cocaine is refined, the new coca planted is outpacing that which is eradicated, Brown noted. Bolivia's government "has never seriously enforced its own laws" against illegal coca production, feeding the expectation among near-subsistence farmers that they can keep growing an important income-generating crop, he said.

In discussions with President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, Brown said, Bolivia's chief executive repeatedly observed that there are no "silver bullet" solutions to the problem of coca leaf production. Brown said the Bolivian president would face "substantial political difficulties," if he ordered eradication of mature coca.

Nevertheless, "involuntary eradication of illegal coca must occur if we hope to convince farmers that coca is too risky a crop upon which to base their economic future," Brown said.

Timber Sales Deal Rekindles Furor

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Two and a half years after President Clinton moved decisively to broker a truce in a region critical to his political fortunes, the Pacific Northwest timber war is flaring up again. And even some of the president's political allies say the White House has only itself to blame.

Clinton's reluctant acceptance of timber harvest provisions in a budget-cutting bill he signed into law last month has thrust the White House back into the same kind of political and legal battle that raged in the Pacific Northwest for years over northern spotted owls and old-growth forests.

This time, the fight is about an obscure, robin-sized seabird called a marbled murrelet, and the huge, ancient trees it needs when it flies to coastal forests to nest. The battle could unravel the delicately crafted Northwest forest plan that the White House knitted together in 1993 to placate warring timber workers and environmentalists in a region the president needs to carry next fall.

At issue are congressional timber directives that received much less publicity during the rescissions bill debate than did other provisions mandating a new program for salvaging dead and dying timber from national forests. The sections in question concern the sales of thousands of acres of healthy "green" trees — many of them ancient behemoths — in Oregon and Washington. Sale of the trees has been on hold since the early 1990s to protect the murrelet, which was listed as a threatened species in 1992.

FAA Orders Propeller Inspection

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Federal Aviation Administration officials Tuesday ordered inspections of propellers on about 1,500 commuter aircraft in an action stemming from a crash near Atlanta last week that killed five people.

The inspections, which are supposed to take place within a plane's next 50 flights, or about five days, will have little impact on commuter airline service, according to both the FAA and the Regional Airline Association.

Under the order, aircraft operators must inspect about 8,500 propeller blades for signs of stress and cracking. The blades are used on a variety of commuter aircraft.

One of four blades on the left propeller of an Atlantic Southeast Airlines Embraer 120 broke off during flight and apparently precipitated the Aug. 21 crash near Atlanta. The part of the blade that separated has not been recovered. Two of those killed were from the Washington area.

The FAA ordered the propeller inspections over the next few days instead of immediately, as the National Transportation Safety Board had recommended late Friday.

However, the FAA did order immediate replacement of 19 propellers and inspections of about 350 others that it deemed most at risk because of the similarity of their maintenance histories to the propeller on the crashed plane.

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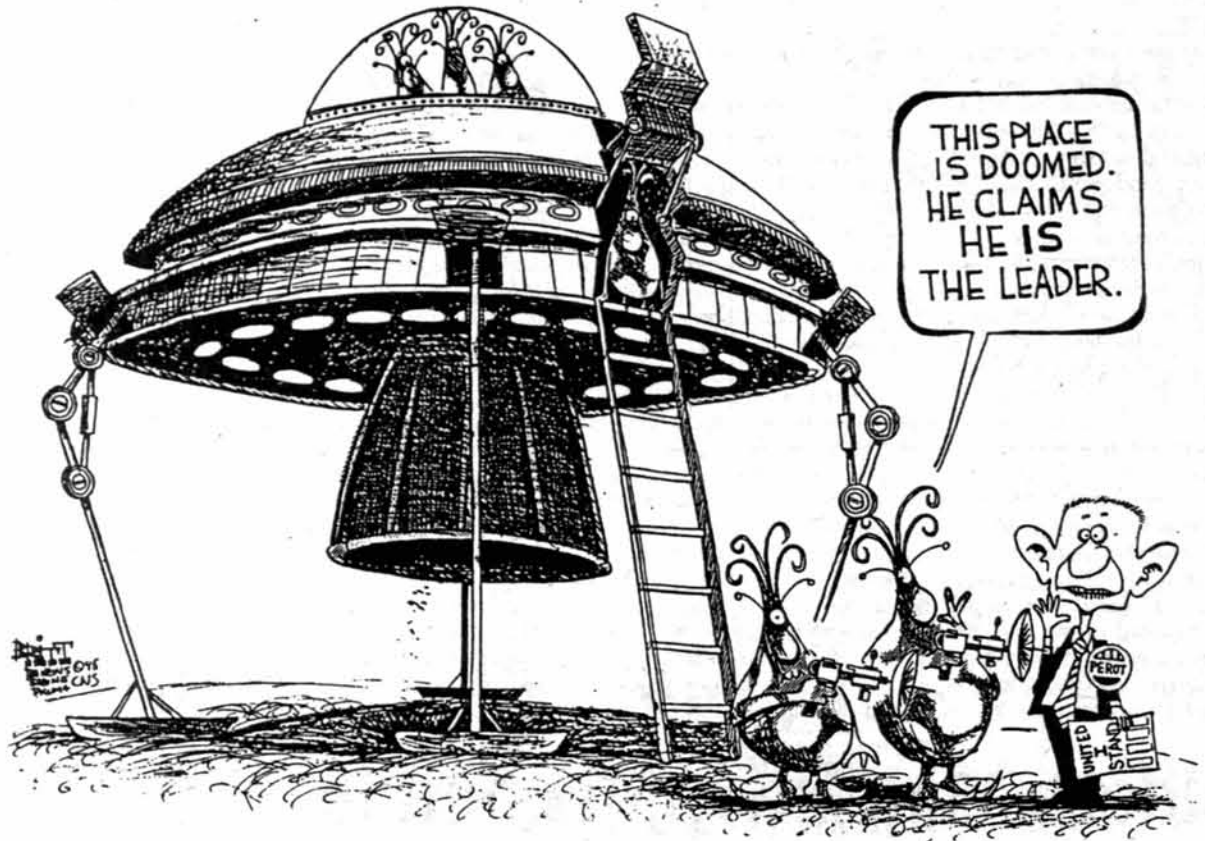
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THE ARTS

Babe is a genuinely charming children's film

BABE

Directed by Chris Noonan.

Written by George Miller and Chris Noonan.
Starring James Cromwell and Magda Szubanski.

Sony Copley Place.

By Scott Deskin

CHAIRMAN

Babe is about a talking pig. The pig can't talk to humans, mind you: The story is told primarily from the perspective of farm animals who converse in English. The pig is named Babe, and once he begins life on a rural farm, he finds he must overcome human and animal prejudice with his charm and resourcefulness, lest he end up the main course for Christmas dinner.

Okay, that's a sizable simplification of

the plot. It's a familiar fable, one whose moral could be "Don't judge a book by its cover." Babe is rescued from a life plumping up for the slaughterhouse: As the runt of the litter, he is taken to a country fair where he is claimed in a raffle by the slightly bemused and bewildered Farmer Hoggett (James Cromwell). When he arrives at his new home, he finds himself alienated by the older, wiser animals. With no other pigs to comfort him, Babe feels sad and lonely, but one of the dogs on the farm raises him as one of her own pups. Thus begins his education on the farm.

A varied cast of animal characters carries the bulk of the film. An old ewe warns Babe of the treachery of wolves (and dogs) who attack the herds of defenseless sheep, casting some doubt in Babe's heart about his surrogate mother's true feelings about other farm

animals. In one of the film's lighter moments, a crafty duck named Ferdinand enlists Babe to fetch the alarm clock from within the house — the clock which renders the duck's crowing job (and thus the duck's very existence) obsolete. Naturally, disaster ensues, and Babe's social status on the farm is imperiled.

To atone for his mistake, Babe tries to find a purpose for his life on the farm: He does so by herding sheep, just as his surrogate mother does. Hoggett notices his pig's strange behavior and he tries to cultivate it into a talent. Both Babe's and Hoggett's aspirations turn life on the farm upside-down, much to the dismay of Mrs. Hoggett (Magda Szubanski), who thinks her husband's gone insane when he enters the pig in a regional sheepdog contest.

The notion of the prize-winning pig goes back to E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web* — a

story that *Babe* approaches more closely than, say, George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. The best thing about the film is the impressive use of animatronics for the talking animals: Nothing looks fake or phony when they move their jaws to speak. Moreover, the film wins points by recapitulating social themes like communication and prejudice with a facile touch that never gets heavy-handed.

Although adults will enjoy the film, *Babe* is more of a kids' movie. It lacks a truly satisfying ending and opts for a standard fairy tale resolution of matters. But it is a genuinely charming and well-made film whose success really says something in an era of "classic" Disney animation. Co-writer/producer George Miller (*The Road Warrior*, *Lorenzo's Oil*) and director Chris Noonan offer this film as a genuine reminder that all creatures, great and small, are indeed valuable.

Blunt, ugly *Kids* leaves viewers shocked, sickened

KIDS

Directed by

Kids

Directed by Larry Clark.

Starring Leo Fitzpatrick, Justin Pierce, Chloe Sevigny.

Sony Nickelodeon.

By Teresa Esser

STAFF REPORTER

Kids is a blunt, ugly horror film whose most frightening feature is that it is entirely believable. A 1995 version of an ancient Greek tragedy, *Kids* leaves its viewers shocked and sickened but overall thankful that it was filtered through the lens of a camera. The characters are at once innocent and evil and above all a product of our culture. *Kids* tackles sex and violence, but without any of the glitz or glamour one normally expects from a feature film.

The basic problem is that it has gone to great lengths to eliminate the distance between the viewer and the story. The film is not about Hollywood, or even Beverly Hills 90210; instead it is about unspectacular New York City youths who show less than marginal respect for their parents and want nothing more than to be left to wander the streets and

hang out with their friends.

The film begins with Telly, the male lead, nearly naked and locked in the embraces of a nameless, faceless, post-pubescent female virgin. "I don't want to have sex," she says, "because I'm not ready to have a baby."

Telly, ever the problem-solver, counters with: "What if you didn't have to worry about that shit?" The problem solved, the two "kids" proceed to have sex without using a condom. Viewers wince as the girl's hymen breaks and she cries out, but Telly ignores her whimpering and continues to thrust. When he has had his orgasm he throws his clothes on and skips out of the house, all too eager to brag to his waiting buddy about his latest conquest. One problem: Telly has AIDS.

Events in *Kids* do not take place behind screens or under blankets; rather, the camera is placed so close to the actors that it literally invades their personal space. And the viewer winds up squirming in his or her own chair, unwilling to watch the evils perpetrated against innocents, yet driven to watch in the blind hope that somehow the horror will be mitigated. It doesn't, though. After the first scene it only gets worse.

The disturbing events covered in *Kids* are too numerous to be detailed in a *Tech* review,

and the full impact of seeing these things on the big screen cannot be fully conveyed through the medium of ink on paper. There are two incidences of theft, three of rape, and one near-fatal beating. Still, through it all, the characters are just kids. No one points any fingers and no one gets taken to court. Nothing even seems out of the ordinary.

Ironically, the only stable character in *Kids* is a New York City taxi driver who amuses himself by making idle conversation with his HIV-positive passenger, Jennie. "What's wrong?" he asks. "I hope you don't mind me asking, it's just that your face looks sad. I mean, it's a pretty face and I like to look at it, it just looks sad. Won't you tell me what's wrong?"

"Everything," Jennie replies. Jenny is right, and the audience can understand her plight. Still, the cab driver does his best to make things better.

"It's a beautiful day, the sun is shining. You just gotta forget about the bad things," he says. "My grandmother told me to just forget and try to be happy. And look at me. I'm happy." The cab driver's smile reflects in the rear-view mirror.

The irony is that the old immigrant cab driver is, in fact, probably much better off than

any of the other characters in the film. *Kids* has gone to great lengths to deconstruct the myths of our culture: that youth equals innocence, that sex is good, and that cab drivers should not be taken seriously. The amazing thing about the film is that these messages are conveyed without being preachy. Instead, *Kids* allows its viewers to make his or her own judgements.

Unlike the film *Boyz in the Hood*, whose video version is used to advertise the United Negro College Fund, *Kids* comes across as an entirely independent drama/documentary about life in New York City. There are no parental organizations shepherding viewers through the film; instead, the viewer is left on his or her own to ameliorate or ignore the very real problems it brings up.

Kids should be required viewing for adolescents at junior high schools and parents at PTA meetings across the country. It does an excellent job at scaring viewers into contemplating their own life choices and re-evaluating their own unsafe practices. Sadly, the parents of the characters in *Kids* probably believed that their children were being sheltered.

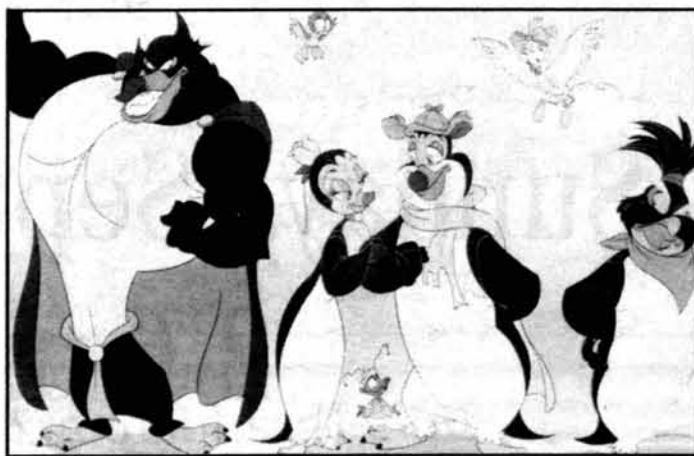


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Athena, from Page 1

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The notes do not stand alone however, Dryfoos said. And although Graphic Arts offers information on many Athena applications, those are more like manuals than a course, he added.

Dryfoos said he hopes that at least half of the freshman attend the introductory minicourses during Residence and Orientation Week.

Then "any time you sit down in a cluster there's a chance that the person next to you has a clue, even if you don't," Dryfoos said.

Working on Athena and Advanced Word Processing are offered today and tomorrow in 10-250 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The classes are free, and there is no pre-registration.

The fall schedule, with 14 classes total, starts on Sept. 11. The listing can be accessed online through Techinfo.

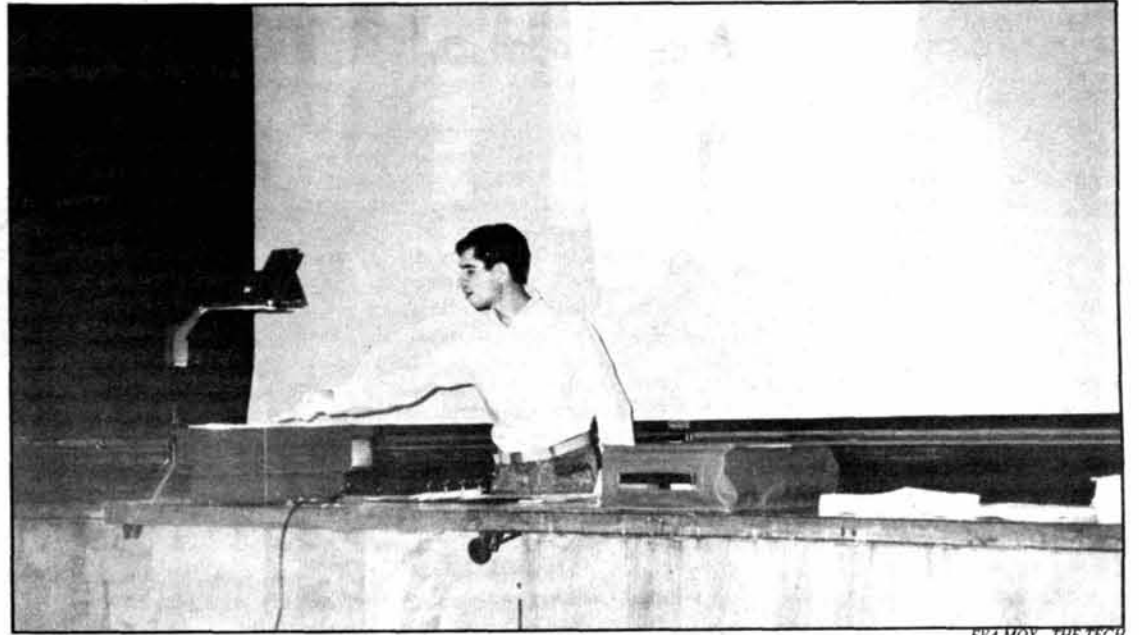
The instructors, both undergraduate and graduate students, train for two full weeks in August, Dryfoos said.

Not only are the teachers required to learn all the software, they are specially taught by a voice instructor.

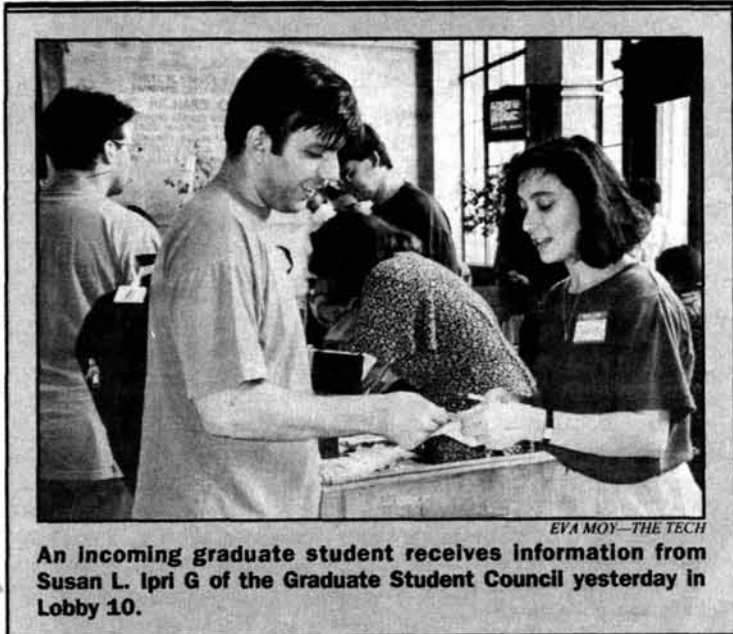
"This helps us speak clearly in 26-100 or 10-250 without a microphone, thereby saving the cost of a sound technician's time and improving the quality of the presentation," said Michael L. Jacknis '97, one of the instructors.

"Public speaking, explaining ideas clearly, and related skills are useful in general," Jacknis added.

"When you show up to teach, there's nobody next to you. That's it," Dryfoos said.



Michael L. Jacknis '97 gives an Athena Minicourse entitled "Basic Word Processing" yesterday in 26-100. The free courses continue through Thursday.



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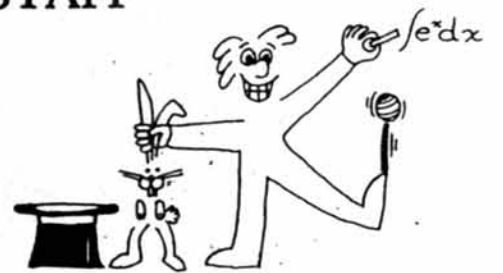
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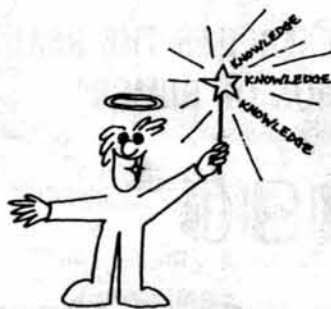
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The woman who took my order seemed like she'd rather be doing something else.



When I was done eating the sundae I felt kind of sick.



by Jim

Steve made a casserole today and invited Ruth and me over to eat it.



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He said he was worried it might be too spicy and asked what we thought



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I said it maybe was too spicy, and Ruth didn't say anything.



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Lotteries, from Page 1

were guaranteed a spot by arriving early," he said. "Now there is no guarantee."

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at the Physical Education Office in W32-125.

Lotteries for 5 large classes

For the first time, five regular classes other than HASS-D subjects will be filled this semester through a lottery system.

Students interested in the typically over-enrolled 5.310 (Laboratory Chemistry), 7.02 (Experimental Biology), 21F.103 (Chinese III), 21M.700 (Introduction to Acting), or 21W.731 (Writing and Experience) had to preregister for the class in May to be eligible for each department's class lottery, according to Associate Registrar Vicki Diadiuk.

Non-freshmen will not be able to enter the lottery on Registration Day, Diadiuk said. For this reason, it is necessary that "people take pre-

registration seriously, because they are really taking someone else's spot," if they are not serious about the class, she said.

Each department conducts the lottery with different criteria, Diadiuk said. A few spots in each class were reserved for freshmen who will register for them on Registration Day, she said.

Students who didn't get placed in the class will be put on a waiting list, and will be contacted should a spot open up, Diadiuk said.

Diadiuk regretted that departments were forced to use a lottery system. The ultimate goal is "to have enough resources for everyone, and not have to finagle with lotteries," she said.

Data from the lotteries will allow the instructors to know exactly how

oversubscribed the classes were, Diadiuk said. This data will enable the department to add sections or other resources to accommodate the demand, she said.

Previously, in-class lotteries were held for these classes. This system, "got to be painful for students and instructors," Diadiuk said.

HASS-D lottery held on Athena

This term marks the fourth time that a lottery will be held on Athena for HASS Distribution subjects.

The lottery was implemented to avoid the hassle of in-class lotteries during the first week of classes, said Bette K. Davis, coordinator of the HASS office.

Between 90 and 93 percent of students usually get their first choice in the lottery, Davis said. If a stu-

dent does not get his first choice, he is guaranteed a place in the class the next time it is held, she said.

Students wishing to take advantage of this option should enter the lottery through the HASS-D office the next time the class is offered.

According to Davis, classes that are typically oversubscribed include 21W735 (Writing and Reading the Essay), 21M301 (Harmony and Counterpoint), and 9.00 (Introduction to Psychology).

Before the lottery system, students who didn't get placed in a class would have to endure a logistical hassle to find and enroll in another class, she said.

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Smaller Greek Portion at Other Colleges

Housing, from Page 1

Students can request the type of lifestyle, area of campus, a specific residence hall, and specific roommates, Miller said. They are placed in the order they reply to the university, he said.

Many students choose to live in apartments after their freshman year, Miller said. While 50 percent of the dormitory residents are freshmen, only about 5 percent are seniors, he said.

Freshmen can choose to join a fraternity or sorority, Miller said. While fraternity rush continues throughout the school year, sorority rush ends before the fall semester begins, he said.

"We have the biggest Greek system in the country" with 3,000 members, Miller said. Even so, the 50 to 60 fraternities and sororities only constitute 8 percent of the undergraduate population, he said.

There is enough housing to accommodate all of the college's undergraduates. "Everyone finds a place to stay," Miller said.

University of Texas at Austin

"We have a housing shortage," said Sholnn

Z. Freeman of *The Daily Texan*. At least 95 percent of the almost 50,000 students live off campus, he said.

With a list of 650 students waiting for dormitory rooms, "it's really hard for freshmen to get housing," Freeman said. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and freshmen receive no special treatment, he said.

Most undergraduates live in apartments, and Austin has one of the highest apartment occupancy rates, Freeman said.

Undergraduates can also choose the Greek system, but fraternities and sororities are not very prominent and do only a "small part" to ease the housing shortage, Freeman said.

The housing situation should abate within the next five years, Freeman said. The new director of housing plans to build three new dormitories, he said.

Yale University

At Yale, freshmen are placed into 12 colleges, which are equivalent to dormitories at MIT, said Evin McCabe, publisher of *The Yale Herald*. The colleges are randomly assigned to freshmen based on social security numbers, he

said.

Freshmen live separately from the upperclassmen in 10 of the 12 colleges, which are known as the Old Campus, McCabe said. After their first year, freshmen will all live with the upperclassmen, McCabe said. Yale has almost 5,200 undergraduates.

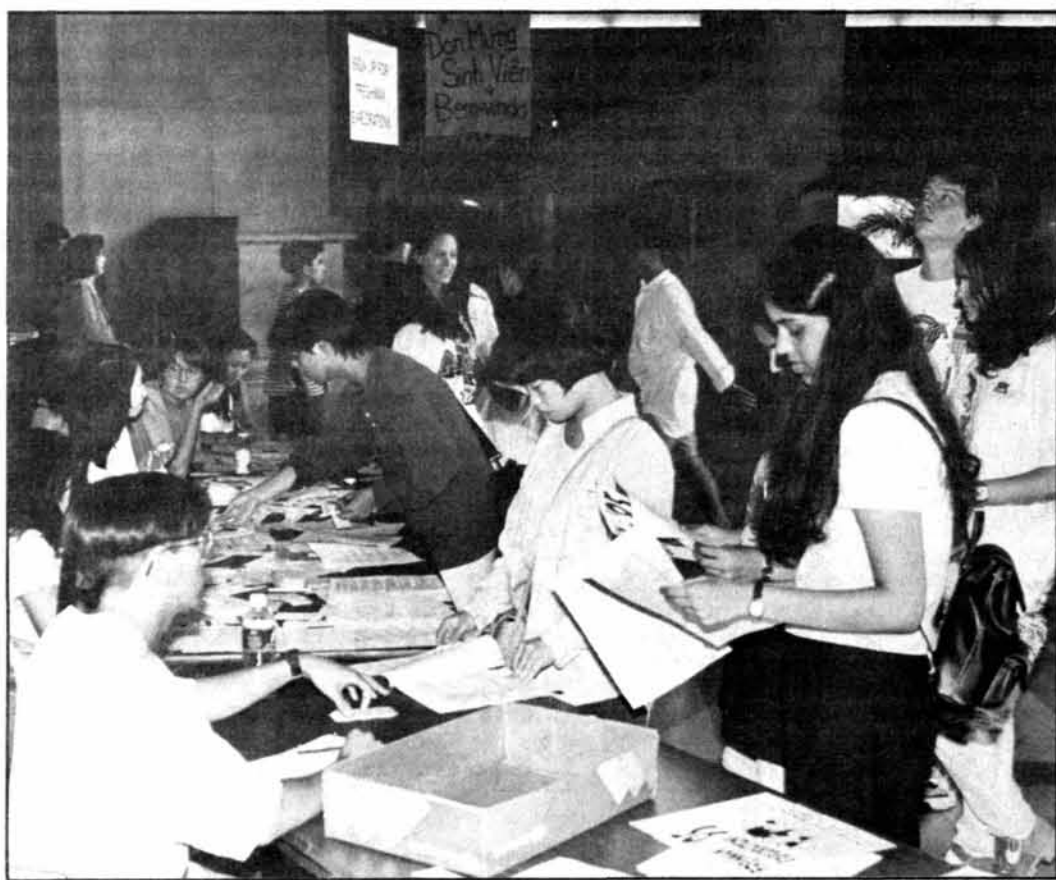
Each fraternity's rush varies from house to house, he said. Sororities rush at the beginning of the second semester, he said.

Some fraternities and sororities are registered with Yale, and may receive some funding, McCabe said.

Ten percent of students are involved in the Greek system, but most do not live in their houses, McCabe said.

In fact, 90 percent of undergraduates live on campus, McCabe said. Students cannot move out of the colleges until junior year, he said. Previously, sophomores could move out, but the university felt "too many people were moving off," he said.

Occasionally, colleges have a shortage of rooms for students, McCabe said. At that point, some juniors are moved outside the college to somewhere else on campus, he said.



THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

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excellent way to learn how to work well together," a particular advantage in the age of re-engineering at MIT, she said.

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Residence

All day: **Fenway House** FFMMFFRE continues! (That's movies) Call for a ride 437-1043*

10:24a: **Fenway House** Elvis is alive and well in the back stairs! Call for a ride 437-1043*

11:46a: **Fenway House** grumpy sleeping bodies*

12:34p: **Fenway House** What is that, velvet?*

1:32p: **Fenway House** I bet there are movies you still haven't seen. Call for a ride 437-1043*

1:58p: **Fenway House** Sarcasm at Fenway. Call for a snide. 437-1043*

2:06p: **Fenway House** Good tea. Nice house.*

2:12p: **Fenway House** For a limited time only! This special edition one-of-a-kind hand crafted rush event can be yours now for just a quick phone call! But wait! That's not all you get. Act now and you'll also receive thrilling tales of daring do and merriment! Call by 2:11pm and you get a free set of ginsu knives! Act now! 437-1043! That's 437-1043!*

3:29p: **Fenway House** If he were not an ambassador, I would throw him against the wall and RIP out his esophagus!*

4:32p: **Fenway House** Nap time at Fenway. Recline on the giant amoeba. (OK, so you may have to help us stuff it again first) Call for a ride 437-1043*

5:00p: **Baker House** Baker Dining Today: Chicken Cordon Bleu Eggplant Parmesan Sandwiches to order*

5:14p: **Fenway House** Fascinating. It seems to be some sort of energy field, Captain 437-1043*

5:15p: **Fenway House** I'm so *confused*.

Activities

All day: **Science Fiction Society** The MIT Science Fiction Society (MITSFS) Library will be open most of the day today. There's a schedule of when we're open on our door. We've got the world's largest public collection of science fiction and fantasy books, so come check us out. We're in W20-473 (the 4th floor of the MIT Student Center). Call (25)8-5126 to see if we're open right now.*

6:00a: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Set your radio to WMBR 88.1 FM and wake up to Debbie Does

Dallas. It's country/western, cajun and bluegrass to start your day off right.*

8:00a: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Have the Breakfast of Champions by listening to WMBR 88.1 FM today!*

10:00a: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Just got up? Tune in to the most left station on your FM dial. 88.1 FM. WMBR. The Late Risers' Club.*

12:00p: **Science Fiction Society** Come lounge in our air conditioned library. Admire our bountiful collection of bananas. Check out our cool posters. Learn why the Gor books are chained down. MIT Science Fiction Society, W20-473. (25)8-5126.*

12:00p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** It's better than classic rock. It's Lost and Found on WMBR 88.1 FM. Try it!*

12:01p: **Science Fiction Society** Oh, yeah. And while you're here you might as well read a science fiction book or two. Or three. Or four. Or fifty thousand.*

2:00p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Troubadour on WMBR 88.1 FM. Join your host Bruce for some acoustic music, folk, cajun, zydeco, and more.*

4:00p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Tune your radio to 88.1 FM. WMBR for Straight Ahead Jazz.*

5:00p: **Chinese Students Club** Wonton Dinner. Huisizer Room in Ashdown House. You make. You cook. You eat.*

6:00p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** WMBR Nightly News on 88.1 FM. Find out what's new in the world, and in your community.*

6:30p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Interested in black issues? Listen to WMBR 88.1 FM for Black Perspectives.*

7:00p: **Chinese Christian Fellowship** Come eat sushi and dumplings with CCF and CBF at Next House country kitchen!*

7:30p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Say It Sister! is a show produced by women for women, full of interviews, news reports, and discussions. It's on WMBR 88.1 FM.*

8:30p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** It's time for Aural Fixation on WMBR 88.1 FM - full of alternative music.*

9:00p: **Spelunkers' Club** There aren't too many spiral staircases around MIT, but you'll get to find one of them. Meet outside the chapel moat. Wear comfortable clothes and good shoes.*

10:30p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Gender Talk on WMBR 88.1 FM. We're all transgendered, find out how and why.*

11:30p: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Set your radio to WMBR 88.1 FM for Rhythm of Taipei for Chinese music, news, and more.*

12:30a: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Purity of Essence on WMBR 88.1 FM. Noise, Avant, Spasticism.*

2:30a: **WMBR 88.1 FM** Boston's only New Age show, Images, on WMBR 88.1 FM.*

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NOTE: A single asterisk (*) following a listing indicates a coed or female living group. A double asterisk (**) indicates an activity to which women are cordially invited.

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IN THE DORM



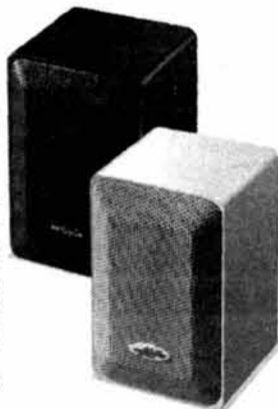
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- Batteries
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- Heavy-duty flashlight
- Smoke alarm
- Part-time job (see the manager of your local Radio Shack store)



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