Sports Provide Info At Athletics Midway

By Stacey E. Blau

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 Heiney, 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.

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

By David D. Hsu

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 ROO, 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 housing, about 95 percent of Amherst's 1,600 students live on campus for four years, he 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, 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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**WEATHER Whither?**

By Gerard Roe

WASHINGTON

Weather forecasts are for fair with a brood over the eastern half of the country giving clear sunny skies. Thursday is more probable. Currently it looks as though we will escape a cold spell. The high pressure system that has been over the area will move out. We expect a high pressure ridge to move in from the west. Temperatures should warm up to the mid 70s with a low of 60 degrees at night. Rainfall is expected to be minimal with only a few scattered showers. Humidity will remain low with temperatures in the mid 90s. Overall, it should be a pleasant week with mostly sunny skies.

**SCIENTISTS Drill Samples From Undersea Mineral Mound**

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.

In Ottawa on Tuesday, reactions to the plan varied, but officials noted that the new system of “random” checks would have to curb the suspected flow of illegal weapons from the United States.

The plan, announced by U.S. Customs officials last week, was designed to narrow the inspection process by reducing the number of targeted searches to a “sharing” of intelligence information.

**50,000 Federal Employees Questioned on Roundup**

By Stephen Barr

The Justice Department has embarked on a sweeping investigation of law enforcement participation in the “roundup,” the largest roundup of illegal immigrants in U.S. history. The department is questioning 10,000 employees who have attended the overtime for five years. The officials were especially interested in investigating “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice Department is investigating the “Monday’s actions were murderously.” The Justice 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Postal Worker With ‘Spotless’ Record Shoots Two Colleagues

By Bill McKelsh
THE WASHINGTON POST

Postal workers have shot their co-workers so frequently that the phenomenon has become emblematic for labor disputes that start off as discipline matters. Even personnel directors have developed a short-hand phrase for the problems — "unfounded reports of shots." But what happened at a mail service processing center in Scotch Plains, N.J., on Tuesday was no laughing matter. A 25-year career postal worker, who had no prior history of violence, opened fire on his co-workers, killing two of them and injuring five others in what police described as "a senseless killing." The police were still investigating the motive of the shooter, who had been known to have had a gun at work and who had reportedly used it to commit suicide in the past. The shooting occurred during the busy holiday season, and police are amid the ongoing investigation. The shooter, who was a member of the postal workers union, had reportedly been fired from his job last month for disciplinary reasons. The shooting came just days after another postal worker was shot at a service center in Philadelphia, and police are warning that the situation may be escalating. Sources say that the shooter had been under a great deal of stress due to layoffs and financial problems that had been worsened by the ongoing economic downturn. The police are urging anyone with information about the shooter to contact them immediately. The postal workers union has called for a full investigation and for action to be taken to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.
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Babe is a genuinely charming children's film

**Babe**


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 on 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 run 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 cow warns Babe of the treachery of wolves (and dogs) who attack the herds of defenseless sheep, causing some doubt in Babe's heart about his surrogate mother's true feelings about other farm animals. In one of the film's lightest moments, a crafty duck named Ferdinand entices 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 tries to cultivate it into a talent. Both Babe's and Hoggett's inspirations 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 hang 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**


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, instead it is about unspectacular ew between the viewer and the story. The film is more of a kids' movie. It exerts an excellently reasoned 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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Unlike the film Boys 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 shophopping 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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**Lotteries, from Page 1**

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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, or 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. About 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 Shellen 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 Erin McCabe, publisher of The Yale Herald. The college 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 designated 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.

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