Dean for Student Life to be Named Today by Williams

By David D. Hsu

A new dean for student life will be named today by Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Rosalind Williams. The appointment is a continuation of the search for the dean for undergraduate education and student affairs, which culminated in Williams’ appointment in June to replace outgoing Dean Arthur C. Smith.

However, Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs Travis R. Merritt said that the person is not affiliated with MIT. Professor Lawrence S. Bacow, chair of the faculty, said that he had heard that the dean was a woman who has previously worked at Harvard University and Duke University.

Two deans to report to Williams

The selection of the new dean will not mean a split in the dean’s office, Williams said. Instead, the dean for student life, along with the dean for undergraduate academic affairs, will report to Williams.

The new dean was created because Smith’s position was such a

Peace Prize Honors Pugwash; Several from MIT Affiliated

By Shang-Lin Chuang

The Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, which include at least six MIT-affiliated people, shared the $1 million prize with the organization.

The Nobel Committee cited the Conferences’ efforts to diminish the part played by nuclear arms in international politics and in the longer run to eliminate such arms.

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By A. Arif Husain

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Million Man March Draws Several Hundred Thousand

By Sam Fulwood III and Marc Lacey

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A WASHINGTON crowd of more than 1.5 million people packed the Mall today to see African Americans celebrate a day of national unity and action.

The day's events were marked by messages of peace, reverence, celebration, and hope.

Even Farrakhan suggested the time was right, now that the country had come to understand that the situation in southern Lebanon was not the right one for mass protests.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Monday visited the site in southern Lebanon where six Israeli soldiers were ambushed and killed the day before by Lebanonese guerrillas, as government ministers here prepared to meet with the guerrillas to discuss the possibility of an aggressive defensive

attack.

"In the unusual step of traveling on a Jewish holiday, going by helicopter to inspect the scene at the village of Atiyehh as Israelis observed the one-day festival of Simchat Torah. A nearby outpost came under heavy fire from a new guerrilla army, called "the Bat-Yam Children's Army," and the Israeli troops returned fire. There were no reports of Lebanonese casualties.

Rabin called an emergency Cabinet session for Tuesday to discuss the Israeli army's proposed military action against the guerrillas, which he said his government was prepared to launch.

Fourteen million votes, in the largest opposition race ever, were cast in the recent elections, bypassing the 1996 results.

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High Court to Decide if Talks With Counselors Are Privileged

By David G. Savage

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether conversations with psychotherapists and counselors can be kept out of federal court, an issue that has arisen recently in cases as varied as those involving police brutality, child abuse, and Medicare fraud.

Nearly every state says by law that conversations with therapists and counselors are privileged and cannot be forcibly disclosed in state court proceedings. But no such rule exists in federal court, and attorneys say most federal judges have refused to shield sessions with psychotherapists and counselors from jurors in federal court.

The justices agreed to review a police brutality trial in Chicago in which a federal judge tried to force an audience with an officer’s therapist. The judge told the officer, Mary Lu Redmond, that they must discuss the two had something to hide. The jury then returned a $540,000 verdict against the officer and her department.

“If you can’t trust a counselor 100 percent and know that what is said will be kept confidential, no one will open up. They were doing for anything that might show the officer gave inconsistent accounts of what happened,” said Dr. Margaret Gregory, who directed the suburban Hoffman Estates Police Department.

The case began on June 27, 1991, when the officer, Mary Lu Redmond, was called to an apartment complex because of a reported fight. A man came out of the building with a knife and moved to stab another man, she shot and killed him.

Students with psychotherapists and counselors are privileged, the Supreme Court said Monday, in cases involving police brutality, child abuse and Medicare fraud.

Nearly half of the women in Congress urged lawmakers drafting a final welfare bill Monday to provide enough money for child care and require states to continue to shoulder a fair share of the responsibility for helping the poor.

On the other hand, 26 female legislators, in a letter to the members of the House and Senate conference committee on welfare, said that they have a “particular interest” in the issue because roughly 90 percent of the people who are headed by women. They said the conferences to keep intact the school lunch program, nutrition aid for pregnant women and babies, foster care and adoption assistance.

The House and Senate have passed differing bills to overhaul state's welfare programs by turning over to the states to run their programs, and then to continue to shoulder a fair share of the responsibility.

Women in Congress, Others Appeal to Welfare Conferences

WASHINGTON

Soldier May Be Discharged

For Refusing to Wear U.N. Colors

A U.S. Army soldier who refused to wear the blue insignia of the United Nations has declined his commander’s offer of administrative discharge, opening the way for a possible court martial or his discharge.


The 22-year-old medic told the officer he wanted legal representation and a public hearing, according to his legal adviser in the United States. The Army will now have to decide what to do with him.

His claim that he entitled to serve in the U.S. Army, not the United Nations, has attracted support from more than 40 conservative Republicans in Congress.

The Congressmen have written to President Clinton demanding the administration’s legal and constitutional authority for ordering U.S. troops like Specialist New to serve under U.N. colors and officers.

Retired Marine Lt. Col. Ron Ray, a Kentucky attorney who is the New family’s legal adviser, said the Army initially began processing New for administrative discharge after he refused to wear the blue U.N. patch and cap last week. His 550-member unit is being deployed on a U.N. mission to Macedonia, a republic of the former Yugoslavia, later this month.

The Army abruptly suspended the discharge proceedings last week and offered him non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Hamas Ready to Reach an Accord

And Suspended Armed Operations

By Barton Gellman

GAZA CITY

Hamas, the leading Palestinian voice of uprinding, is poised to suspend its “military wing” in the wake of a decision by a new legislature created by agreement with the Jewish state, according to a told yourself to our female officer and her counsel to her 17, 1995.

More contemplation of such an and -- albeit not with Israel but with Arafat’s Palestinian Authority -- marks a stunning turnabout for the Islamic Resistance Movement.

The Islamic movement’s profound loss of street support has leader dead or jailed, its newspaper and 18 percent from the same poll-...
The Department of Housing and Food Services has decided to extend Aramark's five year food service contract one more year, primarily to review food service options, consider student input, and take time to work on projects to take effect during the summer for $20.00 per year. This decision recognizes that Housing and Food Services has decided to engage students and their leaders in a joint planning process, the ball is in the students' court. Without their vigorous participation, little change will be accepted of serving them.

It is also critical to seek student participation in the right way. Existing student groups should be consulted as often as possible. There is little chance MIT will benefit from these acts to speak with the Campus Police or other member of the community in the future.

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I believe I am being extremely generous in saying there is at the very least a reasonable doubt that Simpson committed the murders. A reasonable doubt demands an acquittal. There is a small chance that Simpson was really guilty. If he was, we can blame the prosecution's dishonesty and incompetence for making it look like a frame-up, not Simpson's attorneys for any rhetorical excess. If he was innocent, the murderer is still loose prowling the streets, probably never to be caught. The police are guilty of aiding and abetting the murderer by trying to frame Simpson.

John Morrison PhD '93

Columns' Complaints Demonstrate Egotism

I generally find The Tech to be an informative and enjoyable source of information. Even Jim's Journal has some value to everyday life. That value is difficult to measure, but it has some positive effect on the lives of its readers. That is more than can be said about two recent columns by Seth Hollar '96 ["Rhetoric Triumph over Justice in Trial," Oct. 6] and Jeremy L. Warner '99 ["Imperson Verdict Proves Judicial System Inefficient," Oct. 6]. They are poorly supported, draw impossible conclusions, and are hypocritical in their condemnation of the legal system.

First of all, both of these articles base their arguments on the premise that O. J. Simpson was guilty. I would venture to say that neither of these two columnists saw all of the evidence or heard all of the testimony. And even if they had, their opinions on his guilt or innocence are no more valuable than those of the jurors. Hollar is especially guilty of this. He writes, "The fact that O. J. Simpson was guilty beyond a reasonable doubt is factually indisputable," and, "A man who murdered two people is now free." These quotes only serve to demonstrate the egotism of the author, thinking that his opinion is fact.

These columnists are complaining about the ineffectual legal system, yet the reason it is ineffectual is that the citizens will not change their opinions about a case when a verdict is reached. For these two legal philosophers, the only appropriate legal system is one that comes up with results that agree with their opinions. Their public dissent from the legal verdict is what actually undermines the system and causes ineffectiveness.

It is disappointing that in a newspaper with as strong a new section as The Tech, that the opinions section should be as poor as the last issue demonstrated. Printing two identical opinions about the same topic is not only uninteresting, but is also unbalanced. Surely there are potential guest columnists who have opinions that say something other than the norm.

Bryan P. Adams '99

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The Fuhrman tapes are just one more confirmation of what I've believed for some time: That police officers routinely lie and perjure themselves, frame innocent people, assault and beat up minorities on the street, or close ranks to cover up their fellow officers' misdeeds. Police culture includes a code of silence as strong as the Mafia's. Blacks who talk about planted evidence and violent cops mostly speak from experience. Whites who deny those incidents mostly speak from ignorance.

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ASSASSINS


By Daniel Ramreize

The name "Stallone" above a title used to assure a movie of being a box office smash. However, over the past few years, that moniker has only assured a movie of mild success. Maybe Assassins could buck the trend and bring to the screen the director Richard Donner, how could this movie have gone wrong? But where an assassin is always supposed to hit a bullseye, this movie doesn't even come close to hitting a target.

Assassins (Sylvester Stallone) is a player in a deadly game, a combatant on a battlefield most people never knew existed. It's a game played in the shadows — existence depends on isolation, leaving no trace, having no contact. Ultimately, the players are doomed. A bullet is the only way out.

Initially recruited by the urgent cause of the Cold War, Rath did a job for which men were fit, but there was a strange morality, a sense of right and wrong, which governed it. Glint-eyed official with an aura of Isolation demand for his talent. It is now a free-lance world where business interests define the playing field. Codes and sense of duty no longer matter, and Rath wants out.

Possibilities abound. Mikel Kostow (Antonio Banderas) appetizes for the game in its ascendency. Passionate and ambitious, Bain thrives on the challenge of the game. An avid student of history, Bain knows the profound mark assassins have left on civilization's course and he knows his time has come. He believes that only one man stands in the way of this mission: Sylvester Stallone. Rath took the reins from his own predecessor. Bain intends to make history repeat itself. It's a hard fact, but there's only room at the top for one. Elektra (Julienne Moore) is a surveillance expert, a cunning and formidable opponent, a self-doubting assassin. She's had to depend on her wits and intuition to succeed in a dangerous world.

Along the way, she's paid the same price as Rath — isolation, paranoia, a nomadic lifestyle — and now it's impossible for her to interact with people on any normal level. This voyeuristic lifestyle falls for short of fulfilling her. Elektra is slipping dangerously deep into the game she's playing. But meeting Rath gives her a chance, just as she becomes his shot at salvation.

These three extraordinary nomads cross paths at a critical instant, looking for something in one another that the outside world can't possibly give. As Rath and Elektra struggle to emerge from their shadow world for good, Bain uses an arsenal of deadly skills to become the best in that world.

But Rath has been there before. He's been the best for years, now how's he going to use everything history has taught him to help him make his break.

What can possibly be said about this movie? With Richard Donner at the helm, one would expect an action packed film that keeps you on the edge of your seat. While Assassins does have its share of bangs and booms, it offers little as far as plot and depth are concerned. Donner is known for bringing big explosions and lots of action to the screen, but with these movies also came a great story that made the audience feel like they were on a roller coaster. Unlike Donner's other movies, Assassins seems more like a kiddie ride. The audience seems always to know what is going to happen next. Then there's Sylvester Stallone. Stallone hasn't been all too lucky at the box office these past few years, and this movie won't help him one bit. His character seemed too one-dimensional and very lame at some points in the movie.

Don't get me wrong, Assassins isn't all bad. But about the only good aspect of the movie is Antonio Banderas' character Miguel Bain. Following a memorable performance in Desperado, Banderas brings spice and flavor to an otherwise dull and meaningless film.

However, not even Banderas can lift this movie out of the hole that it dug itself into. If you like movies on the basis of explosions and nothing else, then Assassins is the movie for you. However, if you're like me, and demand a good story, then I recommend you that you save your money and go see something else.

H & H, Hogwood, and Levin dazzle with older styles

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY

Conducted by Christopher Hogwood. Starring Giovanni Antonini. Symphony Hall. Friday Oct.13

By Hur Koser

The Handel and Haydn Society opened its 181st season in Symphony Hall last Friday night, with conductor Christopher Hogwood, featuring the brilliant pianist Robert Levin.

"A period orchestra and professional choirs, H&H Society is known for their "historically informed performances" (HIPs) on original, period instruments and styles. The organization was founded in Boston in 1815, and gave the first American performances of many Baroque masterpieces, including Handel's Messiah (1818), Samson and Solomon, as well as Bach's Minuets and St. Matthew Passion. It has become a tradition for the group to give annual performances of Messiah in December (this year, it will be the 142nd annual production). Recently they have been presenting different versions of the two major keyboard Concertos on a half-hour long version, and this year, it was the 1750 Messiah (the main difference is the inclusion of a castrato role).

Actually, Levin had already composed two piano concertos before he came up with No. 1. He stated that he started working on the piece in 1790 and finished it in 1798, when he probably performed in the premiere himself in a concert organized by his teacher Haydn. Levin intended the concerto to be a showpiece for his flights of improvisation, it was customary (and financially beneficial) for a virtuoso performer in the Classical era to write concertos for himself to play.

Interestingly, the castratas in this concerto is technically quite challenging something that Robert Levin is an expert on. Levin fascinated his audience with his indefatigable concentration last Friday night; he not only played the fortepiano gorgeously, but also kept playing the part of the castrato in his conversation with his symphonic communication between Levin and the orchestra was simply remarkable. Levin's piano style is pure, his technique flawless, his improvisations outstanding. It is no wonder why the audience, with continuous downpour of applause, called him back to the stage over and over again. However, the best part of the concert was when Hogwood had the orchestra play the melody of a familiar party tune he called "Bertoldo.

Friday night's program also included Beethoven's Coriolan Overture. Op. 62 (this is his only opera overture) and his Symphony No. 8 & F major. Op. 93. Beethoven completed his last symphony on Jan. 12th featuring piece from Vivaldi, the 142nd annual production).

It is a really unique experience to hear the symphony from the H&H orchestra. The only drawback is that the Boston Symphony Orchestra has a larger, more traditional sound. It's still a good story, then I recommend you that you save your money and go see something else.
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Institute Charged in Fernald Radiation Experiment Lawsuit

By Stacey E. Blau

The Institute has been charged in a lawsuit over radiation experiments MIT researchers conducted at a home for mentally retarded children during the 1950s.

The lawsuit comes only days after an advisory committee to President Clinton released findings about thousands of human radiation experiments conducted during the Cold War, including the tests done at the Fernald School. The committee concluded that the experiments were wrong and warranted apologies to the test subjects but that only a few should receive monetary compensation.

According to the lawsuit filed by former Fernald Science Club member Ronald Beaulieu, MIT violated the civil rights of at least 54 institutionalized children at the Walter E. Fernald School in Waltham, Mass.

The researchers fed children doses of radiation with their breakfast cereal for the purpose of studying the way the body absorbs calcium and iron. The experiments were performed without the informed consent of the subjects or their families.

The state of Massachusetts, 152 children at the Fernald School, and the Quaker Oats Company were also charged in the suit, according to The Boston Globe.

Professor of Physics J. David Litster PhD '65, vice president and dean for research, said that MIT has "not yet been served in the Beaulieu complaint." He added that Litster was performing the duties of the subject of the complaint.

Tests were "morally troubling." According to the government report, the Fernald School experimenters were "mentally troubled" and the government owed the test subjects an apology. But because there was no evidence that the subjects were harmed by exposure to any dangerous levels of radiation, the government is not obliged to monetarily compensate them.

At the Oct. 3 news conference that announced the completion of the committee's nearly 1,000-page report, Clinton made a formal apology to the thousands of subjects of radiation experiments reviewed by the committee.

The report stated that children at the Fernald School were "unfairly burdened" by researchers from MIT and Harvard, who encouraged the children to take part in tests with promises of gifts or trips to Red Sox games.

The researchers also appeared "unwilling to respect" some children's wishes not to participate in experiments, according to the report. The parents of the children involved in the experiments were not told that the tests involved radiation.

The report recommended that the federal government compensate only about 25 tests subjects in three experiments.

The committee also recommended that test subjects who are still unaware that they underwent radiation experiments should not be notified, unless they face more than a 1 in 1,000 cancer risk. Few subjects would qualify for notification, according to the report.

In late 1993, Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary declassified thousands of documents about government-backed radiation tests, prompting the formation of an advisory committee to investigate the experiments.

The committee's findings stressed the immorality of researchers' failure to obtain consent from test subjects and their families.

Unauthorized tests were wrong.

"I was sorry to hear that at least some of the young people who participated in this research and their parents were unaware that the study involved radioactive tracers," said President Charles M. Vest.

A Massachusetts state task force concluded last year that "no significant health effects were incurred by the research subjects as a direct result of the nutritional research studies" at the Fernald School.

"It does seem to me that there was a very wide spectrum of things done, from the truly horrible to the harmless," Litster said. "The state task force did a surprisingly good job of finding out what was done and to whom."

The highest exposure for any subject was 330 milirem, less than the yearly background radiation in Denver. The doses were all below the standards of the time, as well as today's more stringent standards.

"I got quite a dose of x-rays every time my parents took me to the shoe store — far more than the people who participated in some of these studies 40 years ago. Does someone owe me an apology, and perhaps a monetary settlement?" Litster said.

"In most cases, I think people were behaving well according to the knowledge and standards of the time," he said.


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Essay Passing Score Raised to Stress Writing Skills
By Shawnee Eshghi

The passing grade for the freshman Essay Evaluation was raised from 72 to 79 this year as part of an effort to emphasize writing as an important part of the undergraduate program, said Coordinator for the Writing Requirement Leslie C. Perelman.

At a result, only 17 percent of the Class of 1999 passed the FEE when it was administered during Residence and Orientation Week, a decrease from the 48 percent last year. Another 2 percent passed with Advanced Placement credit.

More students were given "not acceptable" grades this year in order to "send messages to the students that they need to be more aggressive and take a leadership role in improving their writing skills at MIT," said Professor Kip V. Hodges, chair of the Committee on the Writing Requirement.

There are three possible grades on the FEE: "pass," "not acceptable," and "subject recommended." A passing grade means that the student has successfully completed Phase I of the Writing Requirement.

A grade of "not acceptable" requires that the student submit a paper written for an MIT class for grading. "No acceptable — subject recommended" means that the student is advised to take a writing course.

While fewer students passed, the number of students receiving "not acceptable — subject recommend- ed" did not significantly change since last year, meaning that there is no greater demand for writing courses, Hodges said.

The writing proficiency of students in general has not decreased, as evidenced by Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, according to Director of Admissions Michael C. Beliske.

Beliske also stressed that while the admissions office sees applications from very few "great" writers, it considers writing ability very important and does not admit poor writers.

Changes in the Writing Requirement had been discussed for several years. Three years ago, a new category was created called "conditional pass." Students in this category were granted a pass if they revised their papers and attended a writing workshop. These writers typically had specific problems.

This year, the conditional pass was abolished because "it was becoming very difficult to identify those students," Perelman said. Many of the students who would have received "conditional pass" in previous years received scores of "not acceptable" this year.

Further changes in the Writing Requirement are also being considered, Perelman said. There has been discussion on making writing a larger part of the curriculum without increasing undergraduate requirements.

"It is my personal opinion that within several years, there will be significant movement within the faculty and administration in trying to improve the writing ability of students," Hodges said.

Medical Department Changes Affiliation
By Eva Moy

Starting next year, the MIT Medical Department will change its hospital affiliation from Mount Auburn Hospital to the Partners Health Care System.

This change, dictated by the MIT Medical Management Board last month, affects only medical referrals and emergency services, according to Director Arnold N. Weinberg. The board is responsible for deciding general policies for the medical department.

The sub-specialties within the Medical Center will not change.

Partners provides MIT with a health care network that gives access to a full-service hospital, as well as access to physician groups in the greater Boston area, Weinberg said.

Approximately 200 people per year are referred outside of the Medical Center for medical treatment or surgery, Weinberg said. Another 200 per year use the hospital for obstetrics.

The doctor-patient relationship is very important in some plans of treatment, and it would "not serve the patient's need if they moved somewhere else," Weinberg said. In those cases, the treatment will not automatically be transferred on Jan. 1.

Partners better serves suburbs
The Partners Health Care System includes Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, as well as many physician groups in the greater Boston area.

"This move is not because we have not gotten excellent, humane service at Mount Auburn Hospital," said Weinberg. MIT has had a "totally informal but solid relationship" with Mount Auburn for 10 years.

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Robotuna Project
To Model Real Fish

by Damian Isla

Second in a series profiling research projects at MIT.

Robotuna, a project of the Department of Ocean Engineering, will develop a new and better means of propulsion for underwater vehicles, in particular Autonomous Underwater Vehicles, by producing a robot that swims like a fish.

Modelled after the blue-fin tuna — the sea's fastest fish — the team hopes the Robotuna will both open up new areas of scientific exploration and shatter the current paradigm of how quick and strong underwater propulsion can be.

The robot, affectionately known as "Charlie" around the MIT testing tank, has a skeleton of aluminum fitted with 40 polystyrene ribs. This set-up is wrapped in a skin of reticulated foam and lycra, a coating which helps to smooth out wrinkles as well as reduce extraneous turbulence.

The fish's contractions are produced by six servo-motors, each rated at two horse-power. The servo-motors route that power through the body through a complex system of stainless-steel cables and pulleys, which act as muscles and tendons. Several force sensors mounted on the side of the ribs provide continuous feedback to the robot so that it can adjust its motions in real-time. It is tested several times weekly in MIT's towing tank.

In its current incarnation, the Robotuna is towed by a large metal strut which holds the assembly upright. Wires and cables pipe data from the Robotuna's midsection to a computer, where data and swimming efficiency are analyzed.

"Charlie" modeled after real fish

The Robotuna departs from conventional underwater propulsion in one major way — instead of a screw or propeller, it uses a fin.

"Current technology aims to minimize the vortices formed by moving through water, since these cause an enormous amount of drag which slows the vehicles down," said Professor of Ocean Engineering Michael S. Triantafyllou ScD '77, the lead researcher on the project.

"Fish, however, purposely create these vortices and exploit them for their own benefit. This is what we're doing with the Robotuna. We want to create the vortices but we want to control them."

In addition, other standard technology, such as sonar and video, is easily transferable to the Robotuna, said David S. Barrett G, a student working on the project.

"The Robotuna will be able to go much deeper than current AUVs, since the ones in operation now require a pressurized chamber of some sort," Barrett said.

So far the tests of the Robotuna have been "flawless", although the robotic fish is in a state of "continuous evolution," said Triantafyllou.

"Right now the fish can swim straight and start from rest. What we're working on right now is to get it to turn corners," he said.

Soon, the group is also hoping to develop a version of the three-year-old tuna that can swim on its own without any help from the metal strut.

"Robotuna to revolutionize design"

In the longer run, the Robotuna promises to revolutionize the design of AUV. As an illustration of the

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by Jim

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I got my mail and all I got was a flyer about a missing child.

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POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between Sept. 29 and Oct. 10:

Sept. 29: Alumni pool, bicycle stolen, $400; Bldg. 54, backpack previously reported stolen found with nothing missing; Bldg. 26, bicycle stolen, $190; Bldg. E53 and 11, harassing phone calls; Bldg. E10, wallet stolen, $168.

Sept. 30: Amherst Alley by McCormick Hall, female assaulted by another female for leaning against her car; Westgate lowrise, bicycle stolen, $700; Burton-Conner House, unwanted guest.

Oct. 1: Westgate, male observed attempting to steal a bicycle, suspect gone upon police arrival but didn’t get away with bicycle; Westgate lowrise, bicycle stolen, $300.

Oct. 2: Bldg. 20, malicious destruction; Bldg. E52, harassing phone calls; Bldg. 54, bicycle stolen, $70; Westgate, break-in and larceny of a bicycle from a storage area, unknown value; Bldg. N51 parking lot, hit and run damage to a car; Bldg. E51, bathroom cleaning supplies stolen, $30.

Oct. 3: Bldg. 11, computer mouse stolen, $70; Bldg. 33, pay stub stolen; Bldg. E18, saw previously reported stolen was recovered, $250; Amherst Alley by Green Hall, bicycle stolen, $300; Amherst Alley by Baker House, assault between persons known to each other; Bldg. E52, slide scanner stolen, $2,000.

Oct. 4: Bldg. 37, suspicious activity.

Oct. 5: Bldg. E17, harassing mail; Westgate lowrise, Jose Cruz, of 199 Harvard St., Boston, arrested for receiving stolen property, a bicycle; Student Center, wallet stolen in August but not reported and now credit cards being used; Bldg. E15 bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, $600; Bldg. E40, bicycle stolen, $700.

Oct. 6: Bldg. 2, suspicious activity.

Oct. 7: Senior House, 1) annoying phone calls; 2) Lewis Wayne, of 23 Lookout Rd., Mattapan, arrested for breaking and entering; 500 Memorial Drive, cash stolen, $177; Bldg. 54 bicycle rack, 1) bicycle stolen, $390; 2) bicycle stolen, $200; Westgate lot, attempted larceny of a vehicle.

Oct. 8: Student Center, cash stolen, $635; Burton, harassing phone calls; Bldg. 13, wallet stolen, $100; Sloan lot, suspicious activity; Tang Hall, domestic disturbance.

Oct. 10: Bldg. 68, label machine stolen, $162; Massachusetts Avenue bus stop by Student Center, film flim; Bldg. 66, drill stolen, $185; Bldg. E55, harassing phone calls.

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Jim's Journal

by Jim

Today I went out on a bike ride.
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Committee Considers Alternatives To Aramark for Food Services

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Aramark, formerly ARA, has been providing food services at MIT since 1986.

Student input to be considered

Magazine will work with the Institute Committee on Student Affairs to obtain student input in the planning process. A subcommittee on campus dining was recently formed to focus on dining, but the issue will be addressed on a larger scale by the CSA as a whole.

"We need to get clarified with a large student voice what we really want in the way of a food service," Magazine said.

The CSA subcommittee consists of three students, two faculty members, and a staff associate from the Office of Residence and Campus Activities. Committee member John E. Hollywood '96 said that the group would wait for a final acceptance by the Academic Council of the recommendation to extend Aramark's contract before exploring more dining options.

In the past few weeks, the committee has considered a wide range of dining options, including variable mandatory meal plans, a house-tax raise for dormitory dining, and new food delivery and carry-out services.

Dorm dining a possibility

Among their considerations, the CSA will evaluate the possibility of reopening dormitory dining halls. Only Baker House and Next House currently have operational dining halls. Dining facilities at MacGregor House and McCormick Hall were closed in 1992 after students objected to costly mandatory meal plans. The dining halls had been suffering from several years of significant financial loss.

According to Aramark General Manager Robert McBurney, both Baker and Next dining halls are still losing money, but no plans exist to close them at this time.

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MIT will continue to use Children's Hospital for pediatric admissions and McLean Hospital for psychiatric admissions.

The Institute would also have access to other groups such as the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, which are currently considering joining the Partners system.

The entire network covers towns as far as Cape Ann, Salem, Weston, and Dedham, where many MIT staff and faculty live.

Weinberg hopes this wider network will encourage more employees to choose the MIT health plan.

MGH is closer to campus

MGH is more easily accessible from campus than Mount Auburn Hospital, located on Mount Auburn Street near Harvard Square.

While Mount Auburn takes 15 minutes and about $8 by taxi, MGH takes 5 minutes and about $3 by taxi, Weinberg said.

In addition, MGH is only one stop from campus via the MBTA Red Line, Weinberg said. Trains are convenient for both patients and doctors, he added.

If a member of the MIT health plan has a medical emergency, it is preferred that they go to MGH for treatment, Weinberg said. Of course, people with acute medical emergencies still go to their nearest hospital.

If a person is not sure of his condition, he should call or visit the Medical Center first for a diagnosis. The Campus Police will transport members living on campus, and MIT will pay for a taxi for those living off campus, Weinberg said.

MIT is currently negotiating with Partners for budgetary relief. MIT is receiving "a very good break on the rates we are charged," Weinberg said. This is due to the exclusive use of Partners, the characteristic mix of patients who are referred, and MIT's ability to receive patients in its in-patient unit after hospitalization.

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