UA Election Process Begins in Confusion

By Sarah Y. Kohlhepp

In a flurry of activity that will affect this spring’s Undergraduate Association elections, Chairman of the UA Judicial Review Board, John L. Hsu ’96, decided last night to overturn an Election Code amendment passed at last Monday’s UA Council meeting.

At the meeting, council members voted to reduce the number of signatures candidates need to get to run for office if change was made to encourage more people to vote, but at the same time not to make it too easy, said UA President Vijay P. Sankaran ’95.

“There has been a drought of candidates in previous years,” said UAC Floor Leader Russell S. Light ’98.

However, these changes were invalid because having “the UAC change signature requirements in the middle of the election process creates a conflict of interest,” Hsu said.

As chairman of the UA Judicial Review Board, Hsu has jurisdiction over any UA disputes, and has the power to reverse legislation or policies that seem to violate the intent of the UA Constitution.

The dispute was “throwing the elections into chaos,” Hsu said. The Election Commission, which manages the elections, announced the signature requirements during Independent Activities Period, and released the packets for interested candidates on the first day of the term, Feb. 7.

After last Monday’s UAC decision, the Election Commission “refused to modify election packets that were considered as a serious attempt to recognize the changes as valid,” Hsu said.

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New Interfraternity Council Officers Assume Posts

By Jennifer Lane

The new president of the Interfraternity Council, Bryan D. Dye ’96, hopes to implement minimum standards for pledge programs and campaign service. Dye was elected in December, took office with the other new officers last Wednesday.

Dye said he is excited and “looking to make productive changes” in the IFC. As president, Dye’s duties are to represent the IFC to the public, run meetings, and make general policy decisions, he said.

The other new officers include: Vice President Jason D. Pride ’96, Treasurer David B. Newell ’97, Secretary Craig A. Zimmerman ’96, Rush Chair Alison L. Wals- ters ’96, and Panhel President Marlen Shirer Shriver ’96.

IFC officers are elected every year by the IFC President’s Council, comprised of all independent living group presidents. Candidates must prepare a brief speech outlining their platforms and demonstrating that they have been active in their own house and are familiar with the responsibilities of the office, Dye said.

The council then makes a decision based on the candidate’s platform, Dye said. With this system, the election is “not a popularity contest,” and the IFC can ensure a diverse mixture of classes and houses among the officers, he said.

Minimum standards important

Dye wants to implement minimum standards in several areas for fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. “Pra- tices all claim to be the biggest and the best,” he said. “They need to have some way to back that up.”

Minimum standards for new member programs are necessary, Dye said. “Right now there is no standard for how people join living groups, he said. There are also no standards for programs relating to sexual harassment and rape awareness,” he said.

Dye said he would also like to impose minimum standards for community service. “We hope to encourage houses to participate in community service by establishing a new recognition system,” he said. By completing certain projects or a certain number of hours of service, an ILC could attain a higher level of recognition, he said.

To improve neighbor relations, Dye plans to outline a “community relations beep-“ or different IFC offices. Currently, neighbors of living groups that have a complaint are calling the police, Dye said. “Neighbors are calling 911 with complaints, and we want to alleviate that,” he said.

Dye’s plan is to give neighbors of ILGs

UA Survey Reports on Quality of Student Life

By ShangLin Chuang

More than 90 percent of students surveyed by the Undergraduate Association Committee on Student Life consider dormitory overcrowding a problem, according to preliminary results from the Registration Day survey.

The four-page, 125-question “MIT Student Life Survey” was sponsored by the UA committee, chaired by John S. Hollywood ’96, and the faculty Committee on Student Affairs. Issues addressed included housing, food services, student resources, medical care, and general student life issues, Hollywood said.

“The basic purpose of the survey is to find out what undergraduates feel about this dorm,” Dye said, and “to see what the students tell us to go to the administration and represent the student body,” Hollywood said.

“I think that the fact that we passed out 2000 surveys and got back [720] is very impressive,” he said.

Considering the length of the survey and the fact that students were willing to fill it out argues against the apathy that some believe the students have.

Students support new dormitory

Of 331 randomly selected survey respondents, 70 percent said living in a new dormitory would be very serious, Hollywood said. Over two thirds said overcrowding adversely affects academic performance to some extent, he said.

Only 7.9 percent said overcrowding was not a problem and 4.2 percent said it had affected academic performance positively, according to the survey results.

Dye said he was surprised by the way the survey described as “painful” overcrowding, more than 80 percent of the sampled responses indicated support for building a new undergraduate dormitory.

However, 27 percent were against the idea of making Ashdown House undergraduate, 67 percent

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Undergraduate Association in Need Of Major Overhaul, Sankaran Says

By Daniel C. Stevenson

Undergraduate Association Council meetings are chronically under-attended and “basically boring,” said UA President Vijay P. Sankaran ’95. “I am confident that something is most definitely wrong with the structure and purpose of the UA Council,” he said.

To address these problems, Sankaran will hold an informal meeting of the UAC tomorrow night to redefine the structure and pur- pose of the council, he said.

Sankaran and the councilors will “look at the general ideas of how the council has been functioning” and “see what people think are the major flaws with it,” Sankaran said. The councilors will consider general ideas of how well the council has been functioning and “see what people think are the major flaws with it,” Sankaran said. The group will also “re-examine the structure and purpose of the UA as a whole,” he said.

“One of the number of people who have been attending council meet- ings has been declining steadily” over the past three years and “the issues that we have been debating are very boring,” Sankaran said.

Details beg meetings down

Meetings would get bogged down in exhaustive debates over the allocation of insignificant amounts of money, he said. “People got turned off by that type of thing,” Sankaran said. In addition, because of the low attendance that resulted from this apathy, the council became unrep- resentative. Sankaran said. Right now, there are 51 members on the coun- cil, but at most only 20 regularly attend the meetings, he said.

Many class officers, who are officially also council members, “weren’t really interested in the council” and a majority did not attend meetings, Sankaran said.

“Hopefully we’ll see the council become smaller than it is right now,” said Bryan D. Dye, with fewer but more dedi- cated people, Sankaran said. Reducing the number of representatives for each dormitory, the number of Inter- fraternity Council representatives, and others could bring the council’s size down to around 20 members, he said.

“I want to look at the whole structure and try to figure out what’s best for the undergraduate commu- nity,” Sankaran said.

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A radium treatment given to thousands of people from the 1940s to the 1970s is being reevaluated to determine the cancer risk that may be associated with it.

Pioneered at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health 70 years ago, radium was prescribed to cure cancer, but in some cases it may have caused cancer in patients.

The treatment was also given to about 5,000 submariners and merchant seamen as many as 100,000 other workers in factories where radium was used.

The concern comes from experiments showing that radium may cause cancer in rats and adenoid problems in children. The treatment involved rubbing radium paint on the shaved areas of the head and neck to treat cancer.

A new generation of scientists is examining the possible long-term effects of the radium. Several brought their concerns to a federal panel reviewing human radiation testing during the Cold War. A former head of a health regulatory agency at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, lab officials at the National Institutes of Health and an independent consultant who oversaw the radium treatment program.

By Dan Balz

The last time Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas tried to make it through New Hampshire as a presidential candidate, he was on the road to defeat and angry with his fate. It was a different Dole who took the 1996 presidential race as the clear front-runner for the Republican nomination, and was working overtime to keep it that way.

"Dole, you're my hero," his campaign manager told him this morning at a Manchester restaurant. Dole looked at the man's cap, which read "Korean Veteran," and replied, "You're my hero."

Dole's campaign manager is a proud and distant history of American power and leadership, for he is the only candidate of New Hampshire's generation that has run the presidency from George Bush in 1988 and ushered in what many Americans see as the Baby Boomer era of American politics.

Now Dole is back for what he describes as "one more mission, one more call to serve," and he will for how long he can, quite possibly until April in the week that will mark the 50th anniversary of the battle in which he was shot down and left with a crippled arm.

He will land today at Joint Base 71 and his 1996 campaign comes after three failed attempts at national office, including a virtual landslide in 1988, when he left the state staring on national television, "Tall him what to do."

"I never cared for Dole," said Barbara Russell, Dole's New Hampshire adviser and a veteran of national campaigns. "He's a lot better and a lot smarter than he shows off."

But perhaps even more important is that before didn't translate into any progress on a number of fronts, because there was so little good science.

"I'm a little more realistic, a little more relaxed, and less acerbic and determined," he said Monday. "It's beginning to make sense, and to one-liners."

"I never cared for Dole, but talk to those who know him," said Mary Poutry, who was among more than 450 people who turned out for Dole's campaign meeting late Wednesday and left with sort of sfy, but I have a much better response to him this time."

Dole's determination to run a better campaign — and his front-runnership right now on showings with any -

3. 50th anniversary of the battle in which he was shot down and left with a crippled arm.

4. Dr. Marlene Cimons and Thomas H. Maugh II WASHINGTON TIMES

After a long, cold winter of disappointment, a more aggressive and efficacious treatment than most had believed, many researchers of AIDS today feel optimistic about the chances of finding a cure for what was once a fatal disease.

Dr. Marlene Cimons, one of the editors of the recent "AIDS research community."

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Instead, they are seeking inspi-

But the new discoveries reported at the St. Louis convention of the American Society for Microbiology have suddenly sparked their attention.

"I think there are a lot of new drugs that are coming along and that it is possible to make some progress on a number of fronts, but it has been slow," he said. "I don't think that things are as different as they were six months ago, but I do think that there is hope."
**Mexico Raises Interest Rates; Stocks Fall, Recession Feared**

By Mark Reinman  
**LOS ANGELES TIMES**

The Central Bank on Monday unexpectedly boosted interest rates to almost 50 percent, driving down Mexican stock market and contributing Fears that a $20-Billion bailout of the government is about to signs with the United States is tied to renegotiations that will restructure Mexico this year and compound President Ernesto Zedillo's political problems.

The bank's official interest rates were almost 10 percent higher than those set last week at the weekly treasury-bill auction.

But officials defended this drastic move as one in a series of steps to strengthen Mexico's currency, which gained in value against the dollar after the government applied the bitter medicine. The peso, which has lost about 40 percent of its value in two months, closed Monday at 5.59 to the dollar, after trading at more than 6.0 at the peak of last week's slide.

But the Mexican stock market, in turn, took a nose dive. Avoid fears that soaring credit costs will push more Mexican companies into default and bankruptcy and further reduce lagging consumer demand, Mexico's stock market lost 31 points, or 3.51 percent, closing at 1,766, a 19-month low.

Zedillo's economic advisers said they expected sharply higher interest rates to help lure back billions of dollars in foreign investment that fled Mexico's political uncertainty and a massive capital-flight that has caused the world's lowest-yielding currency to lose 64 points, or 3.51 percent, in the past two months. The massive capital-flight has triggered the nation's worst economic crisis in more than a decade.

Monday's drastic interest-rate increase — the central bank offered three-day treasury bills yielding 49.75 percent interest, up from 39 percent to 40 percent last week — appeared to be aimed as much at protecting the battered peso, most independent analysts concluded.

In Washington, negotiations continued through a fifth day Monday between Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and Mexican Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz on a proposal for the United States to provide Mexico with $20 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

U.S. Treasury officials refused to discuss the status of the talks. But White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry said officials "have been making progress toward finalizing the economic support package." A final agreement could be announced Tuesday.

**Arrest, Resignation Foreshadow Struggle for Chinese Succession**

By Rone Tempest  
**LOS ANGELES TIMES**

The resignation of a senior state industrial chief and the arrest of his son — both with close connections to senior Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's family — have prompted fears that a $20-billion bailout the government is about to give to senior Chinese leader Deng's youngest company tied to Deng's youngest son — some contend it may also be the first shot in the succession battle that is expected to follow Deng's death.

"The fact that Deng could no longer protect these people is a clear sign that his power is diminishing," commented a European diplomat in Beijing.

In the past, military connections have played the biggest role in determining who would rule China. Deng is expected to build an extensive financial, as well as a political base, for his family.

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Letters To The Editor

Current Grading System Fair and Adequate; Changes Would Have Adverse Effect

The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to Professor Nigel H. M. Wilson PhD 70 of the Committee on Academic Performance, and is quite fair and adequate. The Tech is not going to adopt new intermediate grades. However, I believe that many undergraduates are not adequately rewarded for their efforts. The implementation of a new grading system would undoubtedly hurt the student body. The grading system is designed to help students who are just below the A/B, C/D borders, and who would rather receive a B than a C. For example, the grading system is supposed to be fair and adequate. If students here exert painstaking efforts to complete high grades, and are subjectively subjected to excessive levels of emotional stress from first year to third year, the student body is supposed to pass up with the amount of material in classes and worrying about grades. The proposed changes to the grading system would undoubtedly exacerbate the amount of pressure undergraduates face.

A new system would also adversely affect students planning to continue to graduate or professional schools. Adding the intermediate grades between existing letter grades would intensify the competition in classes and augment the torment over getting a higher grade. To some it might be helpful, but I am exaggerating the effect of this change on the student body. However, I believe that most undergraduates and faculty care about grades, and anxieties of undergraduates, will support the change. I strongly believe that the DoD policy of excluding "people who are not straight" from ROTC is ineffective in affecting the benefits of collective action (the end of segregation). He also ignores the plans of other institutions to limit or forbid ROTC's (at least in the West, and not before World War II) and the benefits of collective action (the end of segregation). In confusion discrimination and the effects of civil rights, he forgets the dual impact of this invasively practice: By excluding those with undesirable characteristics, it favors those without. ROTC's right to exclude those with undesirable characteristics (due to sexual orientation). ROTC (and thus its cadets) would be granted the opportunity to discriminate on any grounds, in any way, and in any location, including activities and freedom.
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white students whose race no longer covered the sins of inadequate grades.

I found his glowing comments on ROTC cadets frustrating, but not because I doubt that cadets possess these laudable characteristics. I am most saddened and angered because it is precisely for these honorable reasons that gay men and women aspire to military ser-

vice. There can be no equality of opportunity if one's sexual orientation — that gay Americans are no less the latter for the for-
tary.

Finally, it must be emphasized that the motivation for this agitation to eliminate ROTC cadets is not some venal hatred of the mili-

tary. It is instead the hope that DoD will change its policy and recognize the fact that patriotism and love of country don't vary by sexual orientation — that gay Americans (like myself) are no less the latter for the for-
tary.

Daniel K Skwarek G

MIT Cannot Afford To End Support For ROTC

I read with interest your editorial "Institu-
tion Must Plan to End ROTC," Feb. 14 advo-
cating ending MIT participation in ROTC. Your argument was very clear: ROTC pro-
grams discriminate against homosexuals, and since this is both wrong and in violation of MIT policy, MIT participation in ROTC should be ended with some due course consider-

ation given to MIT ROTC cadets. This argu-

ment falls entirely to consider the conse-

quences of such an action on the Institute itself. Congress recently asked the Department of Defense to submit a list of U.S. universities that prohibited military recruiting and ROTC ac-

tivities on its campus so that it could enforce a recently enacted appropriation pro-

vision that seeks to end federal funding to uni-

versities who impede the execution of a national defense. To the surprise of many members of Congress, this list was very short. It seems most universities do not prohibit mil-

itary and ROTC recruiting even though some of their subordinate schools do so. Clearly, universities like MIT cannot afford to even consider actions that would restrict or deny access to federal appropriations, nor could student bodies. MIT has been adversely affected by the current defense draw down, but would be devastated by an elimination of all federal support. Now of course this won't happen — neither MIT nor the nation could afford the consequences. In the meantime, MIT has no choice but to keep its ROTC pro-

gram. There may be some "work around" arrangements made to seemingly separate the Institute from the ROTC program, but student access will not be impeded.

Furthermore, relief of this thorny issue for MIT executives is not likely soon. The presi-
dent and commander-in-chief, Congress, the Department of Defense, and the component military services have participated in a process that has resulted in a policy that states that "homosexuality is incompatible with mili-
tary service." Furthermore, homosexual acts committed by service members on and off duty are illegal under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (passed by Congress) and can result in incarceration, and that overt homo-

sexual tendencies are grounds for administra-
tive separation.

The bottom line is that MIT's anti-discrimi-
nation policy in regards to homosexuals will probably not take precedence to the law of the land. Ultimately, this contentious issue may be resolved by the Supreme Court. Unfortu-

nately for homosexual rights advocates, the Court has usually allowed the Congress and the commander-in-chief to raise and adminis-
ter armies and to fight wars without much interference from the judicial branch. I sus-
pect that this trend will continue.

Michael F. Stollenwerk MBA '95

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The Brady Bunch Bunch Movie

Directed by Betty Thomas.
Written by Laurice Bleyhuany, Rick Copp, Bonnie Turner, and Terry Turner; based on The Brady Bunch. From 20th Century-Fox this year (with a sequel last Friday on Kresge Auditorium's main stage. Friday's concert also featured the Dartmouth Wind Symphony, playing here in the first half of a musical exchange; MIT will complete the exchange by playing at Dartmouth this Friday evening.

The first of the concerts provided a study in contrasts between the two wind ensembles: The Dartmouth Wind Symphony's playing was perfect in nearly all technical aspects, though the group was often rather unmusical. The MIT Concert Band, on the other hand, was much more relaxed and imprecise, yet they played with quite a bit more feeling than their Ivy League counterparts.

An air of informality permeates the MIT Concert Band's stage presence. They seem to be unperturbed by the audience. One of their sousaphone players stored a spare snare drum stick in her hair when she wasn't using it, and two trombone mutes were allowed to fall to the stage during MIT's half of the concert. This carelessness was also reflected in the band's playing, as the band struggled with the technically challenging sections of the pieces they played. It turned the extended eighth note runs of Bavicchi's Concerto for Tuba and Band into galloping mush, causing its own tempo throughout. The band was often very slow to pick up on director John Corley's tempo changes. This was a notable problem in San Miguel's Fantasy of the Elements, when the band only gradually changed tempo several bars after Corley's bassoon.

In sharp contrast, the Dartmouth Wind Symphony played with impressive clarity. The upper woodwinds were spectacular in the first movement. The opening bars of Matthew Locke's transcription of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture were more efficient than romantic under director Max Cole's lead.

Musically, it was actually the strong point of the MIT Concert Band's performance. Many of the band's section leaders are very impressive musicians and they made themselves heard. Despite the band's roughness around the edges, they were much more exciting to listen to than the Dartmouth Wind Symphony. The percussion section was often driving, and excelled in Fantasy of Elements, which highlighted the percussion.

Still, the lackadaisical attitude of the MIT Concert Band presented serious problems to the band's credibility. Ten members of the MIT brass section joined the Dartmouth Wind Symphony from the balcony for the ending of the 1812 Overture to add volume and an antiphonal effect. Despite the first half of the piece, half of the MIT group stood, half were seated, and several fidgeted throughout. When they started playing, they appeared unrehearsed, coming in late, playing loudly at times, and dropping to near silence during the several passages that they were lost. Some of this could be attributed to the trumpets holding the weakest section of the band, but it was also a global problem as well. The MIT Concert Band would have been impressive indeed if its musicians were just more proficient in the technical aspects of playing their parts.
Hogwood leads mesmerizing H&H Society performance

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY
Christopher Hogwood, Artistic Director.
Symphony Hall, Boston.
February 12, 3 p.m.

By Hut Keiser
STAFF REPORTER

One of the puzzling questions raised in the 1970s by innovative musicological minds goes as follows: "If the piano was not available to Bach in his time, why use it now when performing his works?" It was apparently the right question to ask, though rather belated, after more than a hundred years of using the traditional nineteenth century-style orchestras for every composer from Bach to Brahms.

This was thus the notion of Historically Informed Performance (HIP). What this notion offers is a chance to hear baroque and classical music in an environment appropriate to the period and under historical conditions. Since 1986, the Handel and Haydn Society has become a distinguished period orchestra and chorus.

It was, therefore, by no means a surprise to hear recorders instead of flutes in last Sunday's performance of J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G major. The incredibly soft and soothing sound that the recorder offers is perhaps one of the main reasons why Bach chose to give this instrument a lead in this concerto. It seems that musicians of his time were fascinated by the sound of the recorder -- even the Italian term for this instrument is flauto dolce, or "sweet flute" -- and Bach's use of the instruments here certainly exploits this sweetness, in a bright and vigorous way. In the Allegro, the recorders act as an intermediate between the main orchestral body and the violin, with much of the musical material passing through their delightful tunes, rather than the other two elements in this concerto. The leisurely Andante unites the violin and the two recorders as one instrument in dialogue with the strings. The final Allegro appears as a lively, free-style fugue. Stephen Hammer and Christopher Krueger definitely deserve the applause as the recorder players. There is no denying that violinist Daniel Stepner is a quite experienced member of the H&H; nevertheless, in this concerto, he seemed somewhat reluctant to make his instrument be heard. This is probably because Stepner simply did not wish to dominate over the fragile tunes of the recorders. However, as Mr. Stepner is also aware, playing the lead does not mean that the audience can distinguish the timbre of the second and violas in the ensemble much easier than his own instrument.

George Frideric Handel's Sonata in G minor was actually discovered about twenty years ago, by Handel scholar Anthony Hicks. A little concerto for oboe and strings, the sonata was probably composed sometime between 1718 and 1720. It is interesting to note here that the theme in the opening movement first appeared in 1708 or 1709 as an aria, was actually discovered about twenty years ago, by Handel scholar Anthony Hicks. A little concerto for oboe and strings, the sonata was probably composed sometime between 1718 and 1720. It is interesting to note here that the theme in the opening movement first appeared in 1708 or 1709 as an aria, and was then recycled twice again in operas and on March 26 at the Sanders Theatre, the Society will perform Purcell's Medea, for the Chapel Royal. H&H is definitely a group of fine musicians and singers worth seeing, and hearing, more than once.
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pending review by the UA Judicial Review Board," Hsu said. Light came to Hsu on Saturday with a complaint that the Election Commission was not incorporating the new signature requirements, Hsu said. The motion to reduce the number of signatures was made so that the numbers "were a little bit more representative of what the position entailed," Sankaran said. The largest change was the reduction in signatures required for UA Finance Board candidates — from 230 to 50.

The number of signatures required for UAP and UAVP candidates was changed by the UAC from 440 to 400. The number of signatures for class president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary was reduced from 110 to 100 and to 50 for class social chair and publicity chair.

Change in deadlines

Because of the various delays and confusion about changes, the Election Commission altered the candidate application process by moving everything up one week, according to Election Commissioner Ioannis Kymissis '98.

Elections will be held on Wednesday, March 22, and students can turn in petitions to get on the ballot up until March 17. The commission will start certifying candidates at a meeting on March 4, Kymissis said.

Candidates cannot campaign until three days after turning in their packets to the Election Commission, so those who turn their packets in later will be at a disadvantage, Kymissis said.

"They will miss things like study breaks and debates" that candidates traditionally take part in, Light said. There will be two study breaks and two or three debates, he said.

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**Roadkill Buffet performs at Alpha Epsilon Phi’s Night at the Improv, last Saturday in Kresge Auditorium.**
Students Fault Aramark, Medical Department

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were opposed to moving all undergraduates to west campus, and 85 percent were against establishing an all-freshman dormitory.

About two-thirds said that MIT involves students in its decision-making processes poorly or very poorly, and about the same number also disapproved of how well MIT informs students about pending decisions. Almost half of those surveyed were not familiar with the Institute's interpersonal problem-solving resources.

Results sent to administration

These preliminary results have been distributed to President Charles M. Vest, Provost Mark S. Wrighton, and Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith. The Department of Housing and Food Services, the Medical Department, and other involved offices and departments have also received the results, Hollywood said.

"The first thing we need to do is finish compiling all 720 surveys that were collected and write a report with the exact numbers and demographic groups, which will take about another month," Hollywood said. "Then we will publicize the results and make recommendations for student life based on those results.

Hollywood said he is optimistic that the administration will take the results seriously. "We will work as hard as we can to make sure good things come out of the survey," he said.

"We need the data collected from the big numerical surveys, but it is time for us to move on," he said. "We are going to be visiting and talking to students in various living groups individually instead of throwing papers at their faces."

Few support Aramark

The contract of Aramark, MIT's food service provider, is currently up for review. Because of concerns over cost and food quality, only four percent of those surveyed favored renewing the contract. Alternatives included replacing Aramark with another food service contractor, having more delivery services that can be paid for by the MFF card, and greater student management of dining services.

Sixty-three percent favored giving franchises such as Burger King direct control over their on-campus sites and 80 percent opposed mandatory meal plans in order to keep the dining halls open.

Half of those surveyed favored the current implementation of the MFF Card. But 45 percent were either opposed or strongly opposed to the idea of putting electronic entry devices on Institute buildings.

Fifteen percent of those surveyed had a negative view of the Medical Department. Twelve percent have been informed that they have been misdiagnosed or mistreated. In addition, 14 percent of the students said that they would avoid the department's services whenever possible.

New IFC President Calls for Higher Standards for ILGs

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refrigerator magnets with the beeper number. Neighbors with complaints could page the IFC at any time and get an immediate response, Dye said. This way, complaints from neighbors could be handled internally and more effectively, he said.

Dye will continue communication, pledge efforts

Setting high standards will help to improve the attitudes of entire houses, Dye said. Last year's tales with Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders and Friends opened important lines of communication, he said. "I'd like to keep that going," he said. "It's hard to change the seniors, but we can start with the freshmen through [higher] standards.

ILGs received a record number of pledges last fall. "I'd really like to keep that up," Dye said. Despite the record numbers, overcrowding of the fraternities is not a problem, he said.

As vice president, Pride said he plans to reorganize the IFC cabinet to be more efficient and to encourage interfraternity relations.

Pride will also work to "improve Greek Week and run rush in a more fair and fluid manner," he said. Pride said would like to encourage better relations between fraternities and sororities by encouraging more large-scale mixers.

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Trades Make Early 2nd Half of NBA Season Eventful

The Devils' fall from grace has been equally dramatic, as the team, despite the immense talent of goalie Martin Brodeur, is hopeless. After all, how many 1-0 and 2-1 games can a team win in the playoffs, especially going up against the heroes of Stephon Marbury. Bold Surprise #4: Vancouver's vacuum of victories. After coming within a game of glory last June, the mighty Canucks have fallen. Captain Kirk McLain "Deluxe" has had a disappointing season, and the Russian Rocket, Pavel Bure, has been about as accurate as a Scud missile. As a result, Vancouver is languishing in the basement of the Pacific division, behind such cannon fodder as the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and San Jose Sharks. Finally, Bold Surprise #5: The rise of the hometown heroes. With a rookie goaltender and a thin front line, no one expected the Bruins to contend. However, Steve "Foot" Loehr has been impressive, and Cam Neely's health has translated into a potent, even if inconsistent offense.

If the team stays healthy through the next month (read: rest of the season), then the Bruins could make waves come playoff time. Still, between now and then, many talented teams, from Buffalo to New York to Toronto should hit their respective strides, making this year's race for Lord Stanley's Cup as wide open as ever.

Inside pitch

Usually, after the all-star break, contenders in the NBA jockey for position while the doormats play out the string. However, the beginning of the second half of the season has been incredibly eventful, due to two unbelievable trades. Although we here in Mudville can not confirm this rumor, our deductive thinking leads us to believe that every general manager in New England has been visiting either the pharmacy or the liquor store a bit too often. Specifically, the Portland Trail Blazers, the team famous for picking Sam "you can't hope to stop him, just try to contain him" Bowie over Sir Jordan, has made another colossal blunder. Portland had no choice but to trade the aging Clyde Drexler, who was demanding a trade, but to unload him for an average power forward borders on the insane.

Rumors around the league had Drexler being traded for young talent, in the form of Kendall "Fish" Gill or Latrell Sprewell. However, in the Blazers' infinite wisdom, they traded their leading scorer to Houston for the always dominant Otis Thorpe. At least the Blazers could have salvaged veteran leadership by swapping Drexler for Tree Rollins in a less lopsided deal.

However, the imbecility on the west coast reached even more ridiculous proportions when the Warriors unloaded forward Tom Gugliotta, a proven NBA rebounder and scorer, for Donnyell "Clutch free-throws" Marshall, the biggest rookie bust west of Yinka Dare. It would be understandable if the Warriors were not high on Kiusi, each team evaluates talent differently, according to their own needs.

However, the Warriors' recent activity begs the question of why they traded their franchise player, Chris Webber, for Gugliotta, and then turn around and trade him for a sorry excuse for an NBA player. The league's general managers are purportedly paid to pick talent, but some couldn't pick their own sister out of a police lineup.

Trivia

Although there were several attempts to answer last week's challenging question, one that Indiana's Rick Calloway passed to Keith Smart for the winning shot in the 1987 championship game. This week's question also comes from the Marches of ages past: When UNLV won the National Championship in 1990, was it the Rebels' narrowest margin of victory, and against whom did they play the game? Please send your answer by electronic mail to

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Women's Basketball Falls to Smith, 72–62

By Thomas Kettler

In a game either team could have won, the women's basketball team lost their final home match of the season to the Smith College Pioneers 72-62 Saturday afternoon at Rockwell Cage. The conference loss made the team 10-10 overall and 1-6 in the New England Women's Eight Conference.

Despite a "great effort" by the Engineers, "we lost to a team with more numbers, more players," said head coach Susan Rowe.

Before the game started, graduating seniors C. J. Doane '95 and Kristin Ratliff '95 were thanked for their contributions to the team with bouquets.

Offensive rebounds won the game for Smith, which had 24 (15 in the second half alone) to MIT's 15. Those rebounds helped the Pioneers overcome a dismal 31 percent shooting from the floor. MIT did somewhat better from the field at 40 percent.

Smith also fared better at the line, shooting 66 percent to MIT's 56 percent.

MIT leads at half
Sarah Davis '97 opened the game with a quick four points. The Pioneers recovered, and took the lead at 8-6 four minutes into the game.

While the Engineers had four players in double figures to the Pioneers' two, Miller's game-high 34 overshadowed Doane's team-leading 18 points. MacKay contributed 13 while Nicole Gerrish '98 and Ratliff added three minutes left.

Before two field goals by MacKay made the score 63-59 with just under the game at 43-43 with 9:32 left. A Smith field goal gave the Pioneers a momentary 45-43 lead before Amy MacKay '97 made a 3-point field goal to give the Engineers a final lead of 46-45 with 8:47 left.

Twenty seconds later, Ann Miller put Smith in the lead for good with a field goal to make the score 47-46. The Pioneers got the lead up to eight before two field goals by MacKay made the score 63-59 with just under three minutes left.

Smith scored the next eight points, bringing the Pioneers to their largest lead of the game at 71-59 with only 12 seconds remaining. An Engineer 3-point field goal and a Pioneer free throw resulted in the final score of 72-62.

In the second half, MIT recovered, and took the lead at 8-6 four minutes into the game. MIT's figure. That difference more than compensated for MIT's advantage at the line, where the Engineers no closer than two on a Pullen field goal seven minutes into the game, at 43-35.

Men's Basketball Drops Last Home Contest to WPI, 73–54

By Thomas Kettler

In a game MIT never led, the men's basketball team lost to the WPI Engineers 73-54 Thursday night at Rockwell Cage. The conference defeat in their final home game of the season made the team 10-12 overall and 4-7 in the Constitution Athletic Conference.

WPI dominated the floor game, shooting 54 percent, exactly double MIT's figure. That difference more than compensated for MIT's advantage at the line, where the Engineer's shot 79 percent to WPI's 46 percent.

Head coach Leo Ogundah thanked the five graduating seniors by having them all start. Reserve players Terry Rivers '95 and Jim Clemons '95 joined veteran starters Nikki Caruthers '95, Randy Hyun '95 and

Joe Lesesve '95 in the opening lineup.

WPI had five points on the board in the first minute before Hyun scored MIT's first points with a 3-point field goal. Melvin Pullen '97 tied the game at 5-5 before WPI again took the lead. The final shot of the game, 8-9, occurred on a Lesesve field goal four minutes into the game.

Scott Ennis scored the next five points to give WPI the lead for good at 14-9. After that, MIT would get no closer than two on a Pullen field goal seven minutes into the game, at 16-14.

Following Pullen's field goal, WPI enjoyed a 10-2 run to make the score 26-16. A late run by MIT resulted in a halftime score of 36-22.

In the second half WPI opened with the five points to take a 41-32 lead. For the rest of the game, MIT could approach only eight points of WPI, at 43-33.

WPI opened their largest lead of the game, 67-43, with just under five minutes left in the game. A small MIT run at the last minute lowered the spread to 73-54.

"It's hard to stay in the game with a team like that," Ogundah said about the first half. "In the second, I think we ran out of gas."

Individually, WPI had four players score in double figures while MIT only had two. Ennis led both teams with 21 while only Keith Whalen '96 (17 points) broke into double digits. Whalen also contributed 11 rebounds.

Nordiques Lead Mudville's List Of Surprises in the NHL Season

By David Berl

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The View from Mudville

THOMAS R. KARLO — THE TECH

After about a month, the abridged season in the NHL (No Hurry League) is almost half way over. In case you blinked, or thought that Dennis Potvin was making a return to the sport and decided not to pay attention, we here in Mudville offer a recap of the season's many surprises.

Bold Surprise #1: Break up the Nords. A perennial loser whose teams have underachieved more than Bart Simpson, les Nordiques have finally turned it around under the brilliant guidance of General Manager Pierre "I am a rock" Paget. Stephane Fiset has been phenomenal in goal, and with Joe "Porato" Sakic lighting the lamp, Quebec has the league's second best record, to go along with the league's worst uniforms — the only creation more aesthetically displeasing than Dennis Rodman's hair.

Bold Surprise #2: Mario's Brothers Explode. After losing one of the best players of this hockey generation to retirement, the Penguins have taken flight, a zoological anomaly which has both scientists and sportscasters perplexed. However, the success in the Steel City should not be a mystery, since up-and-coming superstar Jaromir "Two Silent Js" Jag has dominated, while netminder Ken Wreggett is having his best season ever.

Bold Surprise #3: The sinking in the Atlantic. No, that is not the Titanic going down off the eastern seaboard; instead, it is every team in the Atlantic Division. The once powerful division, with talented clubs like the Rangers and Devils, does not have a single team over the .500 mark.

On the ice, the Rangers are essentially the same squad, but the stabilizing force of Mike "Benedict Arnold" Keenan is missing. By the way, Rangers fans, Keenan's St. Louis Blues are jazzing up the Mississippi with an impressive campaign.

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