Students First on Scene of Helicopter Crash

By Daniel C. Stevenson

Members of the Physical Plant rescue team and two MIT students were the first on the scene of Wednesday's fatal state police helicopter crash at about 9:33 a.m., just minutes after it took off from the state's Nashua Street helipad, en route to the state police air wing headquarters in Newmarket.

"I was just outside of the Sloan Building [E52] on Memorial Drive," said Paul S. Sidhu, 97. "Out of the corner of my eye I saw the helicopter about 100 feet in the air coming down fast, and it slammed hard into the sidewalk." Sidhu is a first-year Sloan student and member of the rescue team force that was on the scene of the crash.

"It looked like a totally uncontrollable crash," Sidhu said. The aircraft lashed about three-fourths of the way upside down, he said.

Sidhu, another Sloan student, and members of the rescue team forced their way into the roof of the building and used a ladder to get onto the roof, where they found the passengers already dead.

The helicopter was flying in a westerly direction about 400 feet above the Charles River when it suddenly banked to the right and descended at a 45 degree angle.

Survey on Grades Shows 47% Prefer Current System

By David D. Hsu

A slight majority of students surveyed by the Committee on Academic Performance last October preferred some change in the present grading system. No decision has been made yet, but the CAP will decide in March whether to write an official proposal, said Professor Nigell H. M. Wilson PhD '70, chair of the CAP.

The proposal would be made to the Faculty Policy Committee, then the full faculty, he said. Wilson is hoping for a resolution by the end of the spring term.

Currently, 80 percent of students receive A's and B's. Wilson said, "The spread of individual performance in the A and B range can be very large. The exiting grading system has lost a lot of resolution; he said.

About 60 percent of students — 14.5 percent of the undergraduate population — answered the survey. The survey offered four choices in grading, and 47 percent of the students surveyed favored the present system.

The survey was issued because the CAP was "anxious to find out about how students felt about the issue now before we would launch an initiative before the faculty," Wilson said. In addition, the last survey concerning the grading system was issued in the mid-1970s.

Most favor 5-point scale

Twenty-nine percent of students wanted a grading system with pluses and minuses. Each plus would be 0.3 grade points higher than the letter grade immediately above it, and the extra plus and minus would indicate exceptionally good or bad performances on the transcript.

Also, 24 percent of students favored intermediate grades of AB, BC, and CD between existing letter grades. The intermediate grades would be 0.5 for an AB, 3.5 for a BC, and 2.5 for a CD.

In addition, 65 percent of the respondents opposed changing from a 5-point to a 4-point grading scale.

Because of the low overall response rate to the survey, the CAP is "concerned about making too many deductions," Wilson said.

The CAP is still looking for more student response. "We've set up an electronic mail address [for grades@mit.edu], and we encourage students to send in views," Wilson said. The CAP has received about 100 e-mail responses already, he said.

Students concerned about stress

Many students are worried about the increased pressure that may come from intermediate grades. "The new system would make grade cutoffs much harder for students and could cause pressure even higher," said Oleg E. Droholut '97. "If 80 percent of students get A's and B's, is that necessarily bad? MIT's grading is already harder than most Ivy Leagues."

Some students think it would be more detrimental by inducing cheating," said another student.

Some also believe that a greater differentiation within grade range is not needed. "There's so much grade inflation, I don't think it will make any difference. If they're worried about too many people getting A's and B's, they should give more people C's," a student said.

Still, some students agreed with Wilson that the range of students within the A and B range is too great.

"There's a huge B center with people who almost get A's and C's," said Christine A. Ho '96. "The stress here is so self-imposed, I don't think it matters anyway. I think people would be happy getting any A's."

The CAP realizes student concern about increased stress and will think very seriously about the issue, Wilson said.
**Weather**

**Cold Facts**

By Marek Zebrowski

The United States' weather system departs our region and moves up the St. Lawrence river valley, a penetrating blast of arctic air will follow in its wake and dominate the weekend weather. By late Sunday a light overcast will be evident with a large dome of high pressure residing along the cold front boundary. Although a brief warmup may accompany this nor'easter, a large dome of cold air will remain to the northeast afterwards, ending the month on February 14 and chilly and dry notes.

*Morning rains and clouds moving offshore with clearing in the early afternoon. Highs in mid-40s (5-7°C) will drop to mid-30s (1-3°C) by evening as gusty southwesterly winds veer toward the northwest.

**Tonight**

Clear, warm and cold with lows near 20°F (-7°C) in the city. Under clear skies.

**Saturday**

Mostly clear and brisk with strong winds continuing. High 32°F (0°C), clear with a cold front.

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Clear and very cold with slowly diminishing winds. Low in the teens (-8° to -11°C) in the city, single digits (-13 to -15°C) well to the west and north.

**Sunday**

Cloudy and cold with clouds increasing late. High in low to mid 30s (-1° to -2°C) with a chance of light snow after dark.

**G.O.P.-Dominate Committee**

**Impears School Lunch Program**

WASHINGTON

A Representative-dominated committee Thursday rebuffed a Demo- cratic effort to preserve the national guaranteed school lunch program that has fed tens of millions of children since it was created after World War II.

Voting strictly along party lines, 23-17, the House Economic and Educational Subcommittee voted to eliminate a set-aside for a school lunch program that would roll the program into a block grant to states as part of the G.O.P.'s com- monwealth, which the group of House Republican committee members have been trying to eliminate orDownsized.

In addition to ending the national school meal program, which guarantees two lunches per school day to children from families below the line, the group also wants to reduce the set-asides for a child care programs for poor children and pregnant and breast-feeding women. Instead, states would receive block grants that would give them a more flexible way in which they allocated money for feeding and child care programs.

**Brady Measure Has Stopped Thousands of Gun Purchases**

WASHINGTON

The year-old federal Brady law, which requires a background check for gun purchases in the six-month period for handgun purchases, has blocked thou- sandss of prohibited persons from buying pistols and revolvers, but federal authorities have prosecuted fewer than 10 people for lying to get a gun today.

Next week, the Clinton administration is scheduled to announce that it has made a preliminary decision to propose regulations that would allow semi-automatic weapons to be banned in the 28 states and territories since the law took effect. United States attorneys, meanwhile, have prosecuted four cases and declined to prosecute another in two gun cases with the Brady law at issue.

Twenty-seven cases are under investigation.

Along with the national service and military programs, other reduc- tions Thursday were made in spend- ing for veterans hospitals, medical equipment and law enforcement. Some $30 million was cut from high technology grants, an impact spon- sored by Senator Harry Reid, a Democrat. The reductions were the first since the Clinton administration's budget request called for more than half of Russians want Yeltsin to resign immediately and two-thirds prefer that he not run for re-election next year. "Just to control the course of the reforms." said. "As president and commander in chief; I have prepared personally during the 1981 a nation attempt on President Reagan. Pursuing criminal who have broken the handgun law named for for- theing wallowing at record lows, "President Boris Yeltsin said Thursday that the 28 states and territories since the law took effect. United States authorities have prosecuted fewer than 10 people for lying to get a gun today.

**Eylsins Says He Will Take Personal Charge of Military Reforms**

WASHINGTON

With his army dug down in Chechnya and his popularity rat- ing wallowing at record lows, President Boris Yeltsin said Thursday that he would take personal charge of military reforms and suggested he would find new resources for the armed forces. "The army is starting to disintegrate a bit. We have to be tough and firm so military reforms will be reforms," he said. "As president and commander in chief, I am prepared personally to control the course of the reforms."

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Carter Returns to Bolster Haiti's Democratic Process and Anxiety

By Douglas Farah

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

Former President Carter, who plays a role in persuading Haiti's military rulers to step down last year, returned recently to Washington to detail the charges against the 5.5 U.S. citizen involved in the Assasination of Haiti's former President Jean-Jacques Ant района.

The visit, although unofficial, has been a sign of the tension over the Ant района murder, which has triggered anxiety in the first encounter between a U.S. president and a Quebec nationalist leader. Bouchard said after the 25-minute meeting that he had tried to persuade Ant района to help a moderate, two-party coalition in Quebec.

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Letters To The Editor

Current Grading Scheme Lets Students Focus on Learning

The emotional impact of proposed changes in the grading policy has already been discussed in some detail. The problem is whether this change would improve the 5-point grading system to a 4-point system. Students now feel that the 4-point scale is better, but because everyone broke, why fix it? I don’t see many people classes and letting students concentrate on what they learn, rather than what grade they get. 

The change means all professors have to invest the time to redesign their grade distributions to the new system. The professors have to entertain questions from students who are concerned about the A– rather than an A or a B rather than a B+. So the answer is, 

The question of this institution providing an environment for students to learn, or rewarding and punishing students according to their effort and intelligence by using a grading system with high resolution? I think the students understand an A– rather than an A or a B rather than a B+. So the answer is, 

Professor of English

Evaluate Academic Affairs Scholarship Center

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I would ask that you not forever close our door.

I would like to say that you please try again and, 

I know you’ll rate us above a ten! 

JACQUELINE A. SCIACCA

Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School

Student Government

Is this the ideal time for the 4-point grading system? The 4-point grade system is better, but because everyone broke, why fix it? I don’t see many people classes and letting students concentrate on what they learn, rather than what grade they got.

There’s always the old saying, “if it ain’t broke, why fix it?” I don’t see many people complaining about the current grading system. A better thing for the Committee on Academic Performance to do is to probably change the 5-point system to a 4-point system, not because the 4-point scale is better, but because everyone else uses the 4-point scale.

Gilbert Leung ’95

Graduate School Office Provides Scholarship Information

I am writing in response to several inquiries I have received from graduate students concerning the article on the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Scholarship Center (“UA Office Opens New Scholarship Center to Aid Students’ Searches,” Feb. 17).

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Election Commission Clarifies Rules

I understand that there is some confusion concerning what the process for the future UA elections. Several changes have been made, and many potential candidates are concerned. I would like to address those concerns. The number of signatures that must be collected to run for an office remains the same. The UA president and vice president, 440 signatures; finance board, 220, and class offices, 110. There is a typographical error.

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An error on some packets which indicates that 150 signatures are required for Finboard office, but this is not the correct value.

- All election events have been postponed for one week to allow additional time for candidates to collect signatures without shortening the campaign period. The meeting for candidates will occur on March 4 at 1 p.m. in Room W20-400, and elections on March 22. The dates and times for election activities will be announced at the candidate’s meeting on March 4 and will also be advertised on campus. The UA election commissioner will be available in the UA office at the following times to accept packets and consult with on election procedures: February 24, 3:30-4 p.m.; Feb. 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Feb. 28, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; March 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; March 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; and March 3, 3-5 p.m.

I hope this resolves any questions and concerns about the elections. If you have any further questions, please send them to me.

John Kyminissi ’98
UA Election Commissioner

UA Council Elections Changes Inappropriate, Judboard Chair Says

The universal moral principle violated by the recent actions of the Undergraduate Association Council is that of the sanctity of elections. Elections depend on a level playing field, and in running an election, there must never be even a hint of inconsistency, impropriety, or unfairness. On Feb. 7, the election commission made packets available for all candidates. Included in these packets was the election code and the signature requirements that were set for these elections by the Election Commission. On Feb. 13, the UA Council decided to amend the election code and lower signature requirements to encourage more students to run for office.

While the motivation for these actions is certainly commendable, this decision interferes with the work of the Election Commission during election season. Had the UA Council decisions been upheld, all candidates holding election packets from Feb. 7 would have had an incorrect election code and signature requirements on their hands, which is clearly unfair to these candidates. Most importantly, a number of the UA Council members were considering running for office. The participation of those members in the decision is a conflict of interest and gravely violates the sanctity of this spring’s elections.

The judicial review board ruling of Feb. 21 upholds the decision of the Election Commission to not comply with the February 7 UA Council rulings regarding elections. I commend the Election Commission for refusing to change the rules of this spring’s elections. I have faith in the election commission’s ability to run the most proper, accurate, and fair elections as will be possible under these circumstances.

I urge all candidates to carefully follow the official rules of the elections, especially regarding the new date that campaigns may begin. Secondly, I urge candidates who picked up election packets between Feb. 7 and Feb. 13 to express their concerns at this Monday’s UA Council meeting. Finally, I would like to request all members of the UA Council, who are not running for office, to assist the election commission in any way they can.

The commission has a lot of work ahead of it. Good luck to all of the candidates, and may the elections go smoothly.

Albert L. Hsu ’96
UA Judicial Review Board Chair

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THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY
Directed by Sergio Leone.
Written by Age Scarpelli, Luciano Vincenzoni, and Sergio Leone.
Starring Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach, and Lee Van Cleef.
LSC Friday.

By Stephen Brophy

Clint Eastwood has by now achieved iconic status, but in the early 1960s his acting career was going nowhere. He had been second lead in a popular TV series for a few years, but didn’t seem able to transfer that success to the movies. So when he was asked to make a low budget western in Spain, to be directed by an Italian whose only previous experience was with the "sandals" genre, he didn’t think he had much to lose.

His acting career was going nowhere.

But the violence of these three rogues begins to seem insignificant as the back-ground, America’s Civil War, comes more into the foreground. The most magnificent set piece in the movie involves a battle between Union and Confederate soldiers for the control of a bridge, whose strategic value seems not too high. The squandering of so much life for so little purpose makes the machinations of the three protagonists seem almost humane in comparison, and also makes this the most violent film in director Sergio Leone’s career. However, this is not a celebration of violence: The death of individ-uals is treated with a respect and seriousness that forebodes the concerns of Eastwood’s Unforgiven.

Another reason to go to 10-250 tonight is to check out the excellent wide-screen cinem-ato-graphy. A movie like this cannot be properly appreciated on a television screen. Cinematographer Tonino Delli Colli, who has also worked with Federico Fellini and Pier Paolo Pasolini, lavishly displays the arid Spanish vistas that fill in for the American West.

He also effectively frames the various per-mutations as our protagonists alternately cooperate and compete with each other. And his great tracking shot in the previously men- tioned battle scene, as the camera slowly pulls back and back to reveal the magnitude of the carnage, is almost worth the price of admission all by itself. Enjoy!

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Shallow Grave dissects murder plot with humor and wit


By Rob Wagner

The idea behind this film is not a new one: Three friends find their new flatmate dead of a drug overdose with a suitcase full of money under his bed. It would have been easy for director Danny Boyle to make this film clichéd and inane, by playing for laughs with a “hide the body” conceit, as in a bad American sitcom. Instead, Shallow Grave, starring Ewan McGregor, Kerry Fox, and directed by Danny Boyle, avoids the cliché by creating the perfect setting for these diametrically opposed characters so well, that their names become a blur. This film presents an involved study of such as, including a 12-year study shows that being 40% or more overweight puts you at high risk, it makes sense to follow these guidelines for healthy living!

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**ON THE SCREEN**

BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF

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**A Very Brady Christmas,** by recasting the son's concerned, loving mother Carol, and surprisingly convincing as Florence Henderson, avoids the mistake of the TV-reunion movie, other's love. -Craig K. Chang.

Forrest Gump with longtime love Jenny (Robin Wright) in Brady, often giving confusing lectures that garbage to discover the warmth between two people discovering instead of falling into each other's love. —Scott Deskin.

It's very confusing until one sifts through the cast and performances by the two leads, the long conversations become tiresome and the film makes you beg for the requisite sexual encounter. It's a good date movie, but it's pure fantasy. —Scott Deskin.

Sony Nickelodeon.

* * * Before Sunrise

This movie is for all hopeless romantics who fantasize of a chance encounter with an ideal soulmate. The characters are Jesse (Ethan Hawke), an American, and Celine (Julie Delpy), a French student. Jesse tempts Celine to get off the Eurostar and accompany him on an all-night stroll through Vienna before his plane departs for the States the next day. The movie is dominated by conversation, predominantly pop-culture philoosophizing, that interrupts the short-term lovers' bisequences. Director Richard Linklater pares down the cast to the two lovers, which is a novel and impressive contrast to his earlier efforts. But, despite engaging performances by the two leads, the long conversations become tiresome and the film makes you beg for the requisite sexual encounter. It's a good date movie, but it's pure fantasy. —Scott Deskin.

Sony Nickelodeon.

* * * A Day in the Life

The film version of the (in)famous sitcom "*The Brady Bunch*" is simple enough for children to understand, yet still entertaining for adults. The animated series is fast-paced, including both computer-generated and traditional hand-drawn graphics mixed to perfection. And, in the tradition of *Aladdin, Beauty & the Beast,* and *The Little Mermaid,* the music is superb. Finally, the characters of *The Lion King* are some of the most memorable of all the recent Disney creatures. All-in-all this is one of the best Disney films.

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and a sense of purpose (e.g., Jackson's hitman character quoting Bible verses as a prelude to execution). Tarantino's career may still be young, beginning with the cult hit "Reservoir Dogs" (1992) and recently surfacing in his scripts for "True Romance" and "Natural Born Killers," but his latest film confirms his mission to shake up the current course of cinema. —Rob Marcato, Sony Copley Place.

**** Quiz Show

The quiz-show scandals of the 1950s forced America to probe the changing face of morality. Robert Redford directs this fresh look at television and honesty in an age of illusion and image-making. Excellent performances by Ralph Fiennes and John Turturro, as quiz-show contestants Charles Van Doren and Herbert Stempel, make this reality-based drama worth the contemplation and dissection of ethical issues amid the phoniness of television. —CKC, Loews Copley Place.

** Stargate

This is one of the strangest, most ill-conceived movies in recent memory. The previews for the film suggest the standard ingredients for a science-fiction film of this caliber — a distant planet, lots of good action, good special effects. It sort of plays like a hybrid between Raiders of the Lost Ark and Return of the Jedi. In fact, the movie seems to borrow (or steal) a lot of its source material from other films such that Stargate is less than the sum of its parts. James Spader plays an expert on ancient Egypt and Kurt Russell is the serious army officer who brings his platoon, along with Spader, through an ancient alien space portal. The tyrannical leader of the alien civilization is played by Jaye Davidson, from The Crying Game, who now wears a lot of eye shadow. Even the typical Hollywood fight between good guys and bad guys seems especially canned. This film isn't the worst I've ever seen, just the most disjointed. —Mark P. Hurst, USC Friday.

Kurt Russell and James Spader encounter an alien world in Stargate.

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**Pulp Fiction

Winner of the Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival, this movie combines standard plots of hit men, junkies, and criminals with an amazing facility with storytelling. The plot consists of three principle stories: First, the daily experiences of two hit men (John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson); second, Travolta's character involved with his mentor (Michael Madsen); and third, the plans of a boxer, who has been paid off to take a dive in the ring, escort; and third, the plans of a boxer, who has been paid off to take a dive in the ring, as an observer; and third, the plans of a boxer, who has been paid off to take a dive in the ring, with an amazing facility with story-telling. The plot consists of three principle stories: First, the daily experiences of two hit men (John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson); second, Travolta's character involved with his mentor (Michael Madsen); and third, the plans of a boxer, who has been paid off to take a dive in the ring, as an observer; and third, the plans of a boxer, who has been paid off to take a dive in the ring, with an amazing facility with story-telling.

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Thoughts on...

The African-American Living History Museum

Student Center, February 21, 1995

My Paints
By Laini Kimada Byfield '98

I painted my skin as dark as night
When I was very young.
I could race Twilight, kiss the stars
And sneak up on the Sun.

Then stolen and in another land,
Their skin was white as white.
They painted not, nor kissed the stars
And stared at my color of Night.

I grew with them and learned their ways
And put my paints away.
I learned their past, and forgot mine own.
My skin was fading grey.
My sister Night denied me,
For I forgot her face.
Twilight wept with sadness,
For no longer did we race.

No longer did I reach for stars,
Or dance, or sing, or run.
No longer could I hide with Night,
And I did not know the Sun.

I had changed in the other place,
Of plain uncolored men.
And before I fade canvas white,
I pick up my paints again.

February 24, 1995
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Proposals Could Hurt Financial Aid

By Christopher L. Failing
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"Republican leadership ... proposals will cut investments in our future and increase the cost of student loans to our neediest students," said President Bill Clinton in a speech to the American Council on Education on Feb. 14.

"If we fail to fight these proposals every step of the way," Clinton said at the conference in San Francisco.

While Clinton has talked about expanding student aid by putting more money toward Pell Grants and expanding the direct lending program, some Republicans have made proposals to reduce government spending in this area.

On Wednesday, a subcommittee of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee voted to eliminate funding from a variety of programs including the Javits and Patricia Roberts Harris fellowships for education.

Javits fellowships are portable four-year fellowships in the arts and humanities, while the PRH fellowship is the largest federal government effort to open graduate education to women and minorities.

Another Republican proposal is to cut the interest subsidy on certain loans.

Currently the Stafford Loan Program allows students to borrow money from third party lenders without paying interest while they are in school, said Director of Student Financial Aid Stanley G. Hudson.

The federal government pays the interest on these government secured loans to the lender while the student is in school, he said.

The Department of Education estimates that ending this subsidy would mean that a student who borrows $17,125 during four years of school would owe $3,150 more, and have his monthly repayment increased by more than 18 percent.

There would have no effect on the costs of the Perkins Loan program, Hudson said. The federal government lends money directly to the student so no subsidy is needed to make up the difference in interest.

John C. Crowley, director of the MIT Washington office said, "The results of the [Alliance to Save Student Assistance] research on public support of student aid shows that only Social Security has a stronger base of support among citizens."

"Right now there are no plans to change MIT's current commitment to meet 100 percent of students' need or changing need blind admissions," Hudson said. We do not know what the effects will be, but if federal aid is cut we will see increased pressures on students to meet the costs of the financial aid program, he said.

A proposed recommendation on "Tuition and Student Budget" considered by MIT's Academic Council at its Feb. 14 meeting calls for a $900 tuition increase for the 1995-96 school year, and a 6.5 percent increase in the self-help threshold to $8,150.

Direct lending evaluated

Two years ago, Congress passed a plan allowing direct loans from the federal government to students via colleges that choose to participate. Hudson said. MIT joined the program last year.

Direct lending eliminates the middleman role played by banks and guarantee agencies in the program. Direct loans made up about five percent of the new student loans issued for this academic year.

In his speech, Clinton said the only proposal from Republicans for spending more money on education would be "to increase the funds paid to middlemen by capping the direct loan program just as it is beginning to take off."

According to Hudson, congressional Republicans disapprove of this program because it is "counter to free enterprise" and propose to cap participation at 40 percent. A pilot program for direct lending was started by the Bush administration.

Clinton has proposed to open up the Pell Grant to people receiving non-degree short-term training, while increasing the total funds available for the program, Hudson said. However, he feels that the increased money will not be sufficient to meet the increased demand.

MIT currently receives over $1 million from the Pell Grant program — a maximum of $2,310 per year per student, Hudson said.

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Continued Losses Threaten Future of Baker Dining

By Jennifer Lane

The student Baker House Dining Committee has cut Baker dining hall losses in half since assuming management of the facility last fall, according to committee chair Albert Hu '96.

Still, the operation is losing money, and the committee is negotiating with the Department of Housing and Food Services to discuss the dining hall's status for this semester, Hu said.

"This could be our last term if we don't show progress," Hu said. "Since we don't keep the accounts books, the only way we can show progress is by more students coming.

Hu said.

In December, Baker House residents voted for a $5 dining tax to support the dining hall. Along with the extra revenue from the tax, which will total about $17,500, committee members are working to attract more customers this semester.

Baker dining hall is currently losing about $5,000 a month, according to John McNeill, associate director of Food Services. "The Department of Food and Housing Services cannot fund Baker dining this semester," McNeill said.

"The Bakerite tax is an interim measure to get Baker House to view the semester, he said. Last semester, Baker dining served 160 to 170 students every night, Hu said.

Hu said that one reason the hall is losing money is that the contract between MIT and Aramark forces Baker to purchase food from the national Aramark supplier. "It's unreasonable to ask Baker dining to try to attack losses by taxing its own residents, while Aramark national makes a profit since we're buying food from their supplier," Hu said. "If [Aramark] had its way, we'd be closed.

Attracting more customers

One way to keep the dining hall open is to attract more people, Hu said.

Baker residents who eat at the dining hall are entitled to one free meal every two weeks, Hu said. Hu hopes this will bring in an extra 40 Bakerites per night.

Three-quarters of people eating at Baker Dining are Baker residents, Hu said. Residents of other dormitories "simply don't know about Baker Dining," he said. "Many students are fixed in a routine of eating at Networks or Lobello," he said.

"Last semester we did a lot of publicity work and posterizing, and weren't reaching out and getting in touch with people," Hu said. This semester we are going to hold off on the publicity and try to work with other house governments directly, he said.

"Hu hopes to bring in another 40 people per night from other dormitories. Baker Dining is selling memberships for $30 which entitle the member to $5 meals; normally a dinner costs $6 for non-residents.

"Aramark has always wanted to close down Baker Dining because it would send students to eat at the Student Center," Hu said.

Baker dining is necessary, Hu said, because Baker has no kitchens. "We are led to believe that our dorm is our home, and Bakerites have no other way to eat in their dorm," he said. The dining hall fosters a sense of community in the dormitory, he said.

Baker dining is run by students, so it can be much more responsive to student complaints and requests, Hu said. Last year, the Baker Dining Committee conducted a survey of Baker residents to find out what students wanted.

"We've been able to address the different food needs of students this last semester," Cogliano said.

Student support of Baker Dining this term will encourage MIT to pay more attention to students and student issues, Hu said.

Bakery Dining is currently open from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Students can sign up for "late meals" at the desk and pick them up as late as 2 a.m. Every night a main meal, vegetarian meal, soups, and salad are offered.
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**Walker Opens During EC Fire**

Fire, from Page 1

...she said, "We just ran out."

Not all of the smoke detectors went off, even when smoke was quite dense, Gray said.

Evacuated residents congregated outside the dormitory, inside labs, in Building 66, and at the Pritchett Snack Bar while firefighters put the fire out.

East Campus Housemaster Shigeru Miyagawa was "happy that everyone was safe, and that during the evacuation Walker [Memorial] was open so that EC residents could be indoors, out of the cold."

Miyagawa said he would look into "what steps should be taken to try to avoid any future fires of this sort."

The sprinklers went off again at 3 a.m. early Wednesday morning for some unknown reason, Gray said.

Ramy A. Arnaout contributed to the reporting of this story.

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The accident is under investigation by the Massachusetts State Police, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission. At a press conference yesterday at Logan International Airport, an NTSB representative would not speculate on the cause of the crash, according to eyewitness reports.

DeSarbo said that to him, "it looked like it was going to land." It appeared to have hit the building on the roof, he said. He and the others attempted to get onto the roof anyway. Finding the doors to the pavilion locked, "three of us broke down both of the doors, and we went inside the building and looked for some access to the roof," Sidhu said.

Inside the pavilion, DeSarbo said he "looked up and you could see that there was a hole in the ceiling" and "no way to get back on the roof" from inside. Sidhu found a stair ladder which they took outside, he said.

The students and rescue team members assisted other rescue team members onto the roof to try and extract the bodies from the wreck-age, and when more people were needed, DeSarbo also went on the roof. The air smelled heavily of gasoline, he said. "There were bodies beneath the helicopter and gas everywhere."

A third Sloan student, Eric B. Swergold, G'95, ran across the street with a couple of fire extinguishers, and we passed those up to the people on top," Sidhu said.

One of the rescue team members, after checking the bodies and finding them dead, said "we've gotta get out of here" because of the danger of a fire, and the group left the roof, DeSarbo said.

The MIT community -- students, faculty, staff -- are encouraged to apply.

Deadline for proposals: March 1, 1995

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Jim's Journal

Today Tony called and said that he had come over right away.

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While my eyes were closed I heard a dog panting and barking.

"You were supposed to be quiet!" he yells. Then he told me the dog was the surprise.

ACROSS

1. Draw at the bar (2 wds.)
2. French author Anouilh
3. Colley of beers
4. Without ethics
5. Marsh plant
6. Activities coordination
7. Need of Benjamin's
8. Mr. Brezhnev
9. Were Marching through Georgia
11. Military training base (2 wds.)
12. Not suitable
13. Insect egg
14. Insect abdomen
15. At the switch
16. Three-proged
17. Greek gods
18. Health resorts
19.footsteps
20. Narrative poem
21. Dress description
22. Hallucinate projections
23. All built their (2 wds.)
24. Of sailors and socket wrenches
25. Angel tins
26. Written on a fence
27. Through Georgia
28. Puntung
29. Pieces: Lat.
30. 110% lowest
31. Coat description
32. Efficiency disease
33. Pencil
34. Kitchen clothing
35.uccp
36. Measure (2 wds.)
37. Metal (2 wds.)
38. Measuring device
39. Escape (2 wds.)
40. Extinct bird
41. Mystic speech
42. 10,000 seats
43. Turn a deaf ear

SOLUTIONS: 16, 21, 24, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 40, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90

Puzzle Solutions from Last Issue

Edward Julius

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SPORTS

Track Places 3rd At Championship
By Bo Light
TEAMS MEMBERS

The MIT track team took the best in New England last weekend. Upon invitation to the New England Division III track and field championships. The Engineers, who finished the season with a 10-1 record, were looking to average a season-ending loss to Williams College. Unfortunately, the talent at Williams was a little out of reach and the Engineers scored 164 points to easily win the meet.

Despite the loss, the MIT athletes put on a strong performance for the third time in as many weeks, setting over 20 personal bests. The team nearly held off a talent-laden Coast Guard team, before settling for third place, with 96 points to Coast Guard's 104.

On Friday, the Engineers did their best to get an early advantage by sending Lincoln Bonner '97 and Bo Light '96 to compete in the pentathlon. Bonner and Light held the top two places after the hurdles and long jump, but the third event, the shot put, proved to be their undoing, and they were unable to mount a comeback in the high jump and 1,000-meter run. Light finished in fifth place and Bonner was sixth, earning MIT three early points.

Saturday began with the field events, and the Engineers came out strong. John Wallberg '96 took second in the 35 lb. weight throw with a toss of 55 feet, 1 1/2 inches, and then pushed him as they came back with a 46' 9 3/4" performance in the shot put, good enough for fourth place. At the pole vault, Jason Melvin '97 was exploring new heights, and his personal best vault of 14'0" earned him third place.

Sandholm have already qualified for the NCAA Division III championships, which will take place in two weeks; Sandholm and Ugarov have provisionally qualified.

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Women’s Gymnastics Falls Short of Defeating Brown

By Catherine Garrett

Another close meet for the MIT Women’s Gymnastics Team unfolded before a packed Du Pont Gymnasium Saturday evening as Brown University edged out the home team by a score of 168.8 points to 167.5.

With the loss of Allison Christiansen ‘98 for a few weeks because of a knee injury, the team struggled to make up the difference by hitting every routine. On the vault, the team accomplished its goals, as Erica Carmel ‘96 and Sandy Dow ‘96 stuck handspring vaults for scores of 7.35 and 7.55 and Valentina Sequi ‘97 and Michelle Miles ‘98 completed their half-twist-on, full-twist-off vaults for scores of 7.8 and 8.4.

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Melissa Kaye ‘95 put the team back on track by nailing her entire routine, including an aerial cartwheel and difficult jumps, for her top score of the season, 8.5.

Rocchino following by turning in another stellar performance on the event and earned first place overall on the team with an 8.9.

However, the damage was done and Brown led the meet by almost two points.

With the outcome of the meet fairly evident going into the final event, the floor exercise, the MIT women were determined to claim a win at least on this event despite being Brown’s strongest area.

The tenacity of this team prevailed as the Engineers’ performances by Carmel and Dow earned 7.25 and 8.3, while Kaye had another personal best performance of an 8.5.

Miles turned in an 8.85 while Rocchino stuck her double bar score of 9.15 to take first place overall on the event by a .95 but could not make up the deficit in the overall team.

The team will travel to Ithaca College to compete in the Eastern Collegiate Gymnastics Conference this weekend. There, they hope to finish among the top three as a pre-cursor to the National Championships that will be held in St. Paul, Minn. in March.

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