



Walker Memorial, the site of a shooting of a Northeastern University student last December, has been banned as a site for large, late-night events because of security concerns.

Pilot Party Plan Implemented on A Permanent Basis

Walker Banned as Site for Large Events

By Frank Dabek
STAFF REPORTER

A decision to make permanent last spring's pilot program governing all large, late-night parties will mean that all such events will continue to be reviewed on an individual basis and that there will be an outright ban on parties at Walker Memorial.

The pilot plan — which permitted large parties on a case-by-case basis only — was implemented in the spring following the shooting of a Northeastern University student at a party at Walker last December.

Walker was banned as a place for large, late-night events because it is "a very, very difficult facility to secure," said Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin. Securing all of its entrances and exits would require "a small army," she said.

"There is a limit to our people resources," Glavin said. Such duty would leave CPs "stretched far too thin."

About 32 events were scheduled for Mors Hall at Walker, said Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Margaret A. Jablonski. About 25 were moved to

other locations which are more easily secured like the Student Center.

However, a series of events for the Sloan School of Management that has been granted an exception.

Even though the Sloan events draw more than 250 people, because there are cultural presentations and faculty attend, providing what Glavin called "adult supervision," the parties were allowed to be held at Walker.

"Almost all of the scheduling problems have been resolved," said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates. Four or five events, however, could not be accommodated. Among these is a dance in December organized by Gays, Lesbians, Transgenders, and Friends at MIT.

Pilot program permanent

Administrators were content with the results of the pilot party program and made the decision to continue it indefinitely.

"The pilot program is no longer a pilot," Bates said. "We were very pleased with the pilot program."

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Many Graphic Arts Services Cut; Quick Copy Centers Continue

By Jean K. Lee
STAFF REPORTER

As a result of re-engineering, various functions have been cut from Graphic Arts Service, which in a new form will continue to provide limited copy and media services at MIT.

The main Graphic Arts Center, located in Building N42, closed down Sept. 1, leaving the other two smaller branches in room 11-004 and E52-045 to take over its services.

The closing of Graphic Arts — which is now called the Copy Technology Center — has been under discussion for four or five years, said Director of Special Services Stephen D. Immerman.

The issue "migrated into re-engineering," Immerman said. The publications services re-engineering team

looked into changing publication services in the same manner that re-engineering teams examined the Office of Laboratory Supplies and decided to outsource its functions to independent several suppliers last year.

The Quick Copy Centers, like the one located in the basement of Building 11, will not be closed. "They were originally going to close us down," said Quick Copy Center Supervisor Steven M. Dimond. "We had to process a proposal and give reasons why we should exist."

The publications services group decided to outsource graphic arts services to several suppliers. "Millions of dollars in volume were being outsourced anyway," Immerman said.

About 20 people have been laid off because of these changes,

Immerman said. "Some of those folks would likely apply for those positions" with Copy Technology, he said.

Graphic Arts unprofitable
Previously, Graphic Arts was

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Resnet Consultants to Be Paid as UROP Students; Hourly Pay to Begin

By Kyle Young
STAFF REPORTER

Beginning this fall, undergraduates working for Information Systems as residential computing consultants will be paid through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program on an hourly basis.

The change will mean that RCCs will now have to complete and submit the UROP proposals required of all UROP students and will no longer be paid a flat weekly salary. The nature of the RCC job itself is not changing.

UROP workers are given a special employee benefit rate making them less costly to hire than normal

employees. Employee benefits include costs like health and educational benefits, which UROP workers do not receive.

Last year, an additional 39 percent was charged to departments in addition to wages for regular employee benefits. For UROPs, the rate is only 6.5 percent.

Since graduate students can not be UROP workers, graduate RCCs will be paid as MIT employees on an hourly basis, said Residential Computing Supervisor Thomas J. Lane Jr.

Although undergraduate consultants have only recently been reclassified as UROPs, other undergraduate students working for IS have

already been considered UROPs. This past spring, undergraduates working for the Computing Helpdesk began to receive pay as a UROP.

Seth A. Perlman '97, an RCC for Bexley Hall, explained that in many respects, the work remains the same as in the past, aside from the new filing of formal UROP proposals each term and the submission evaluations of their UROP work at the end of the term.

The deadline for UROP proposal submissions is this Friday for direct funding; for volunteer, credit, or

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CASPAR Homeless Shelter Aids Needy with MIT Help

By Noemi L. Giszpenc

His name couldn't be more perfect.

Win Poor, director of the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Rehabilitation, seems to have been destined to serve society's less fortunate members.

Ten years at MIT prepares some people for engineering or scientific careers; they led Poor to volunteer in 1985 at the

homeless shelter where he has worked ever since.

In that time, Poor has seen CASPAR expand from a pair of overburdened trailers to the large, clean, functional building it occupies today. MIT built the \$1.9-million Albany Street building as part of a property deal with Cambridge in 1993, rescuing CASPAR from the trailers that had housed it since 1979.

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The re-engineering co-curricular design team will be holding a series of open meetings to receive community feedback on their plans to make changes to the management of student activities. The first meeting will take place today from noon to 1 p.m. in the main dining room of the Religious Activities Center.

Subsequent meetings will take place tomorrow night from 6 to 7 p.m. in room 5-134; next Wednesday, Sept. 18, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Religious Activities Center; and next Thursday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 7 p.m. in room 5-134.



Joseph King '00 and David Garrison '97 tackle Massachusetts Maritime Academy receiver in Saturday's scrimmage. MIT won 13-9.

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Poor to volunteer in 1985 at the

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Perot Likely to Name Running Mate

THE WASHINGTON POST

DETROIT

Ross Perot Monday said to tune in Tuesday for the announcement of his running mate.

Like any good television personality, Perot plugged his next 30-minute program — scheduled Tuesday at 7 p.m. on CBS — by promising “a real exciting announcement” on the show. He gave no clues beyond that.

Perot is conducting his third-party campaign for president largely via paid television advertisements, but Monday he finally took questions from someone other than talk-show host Larry King. The answers he gave to members of the Economic Club of Detroit on how he would deal with Social Security and the budget deficit had a familiar ring to them — “watch my infomercials.”

Perot, who always extols populist views, sounded particularly sour on the political process Monday.

Unlike war, or even mud-wrestling, Perot said, “there are no ethical standards in politics. ... Politics is negative, bitter, mean-spirited and destructive.”

“It has deteriorated to the point that the best people in our country won’t even participate,” he said, specifically citing former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Colin Powell, retiring Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia and former Oklahoma senator David Boren. Boren, now president of the University of Oklahoma, is one of those who declined Perot’s invitation to join the ticket.

House Panel to Study Federal Union Activities

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Should taxpayers be forced to pay salaries of dozens, maybe hundreds, of federal workers who seldom, if ever, spend time doing the jobs for which they were hired?

Should coworkers (at no extra pay) do the work left by a colleague who — in his union capacity — takes off to negotiate a contract, handle a grievance or have lunch with the head of the agency? If this happens a lot, should that absentee employee even be on the payroll?

Put another way:

Isn’t it, in fact, highly cost-effective to pay a few people their salaries to ensure that labor relations run smoothly in the nation’s biggest business?

Is it fair to force unions, which must represent non-members, to make up salary lost when an employee representative takes time off to help a non-member in trouble? Oftentimes the most anti-union worker — when in trouble — finds the union is the only place to go for justice.

The above is an oversimplified background to Wednesday’s House Civil Service subcommittee hearing. The subject: “Official Time.” Unions have been summoned to explain how much time and money their members are getting from the taxpayers to conduct union business rather than do their assigned jobs.

Beach Property Not Made To Survive Hurricanes

NEWSDAY

As residents of North Carolina’s blighted barrier islands start to assess the damage wrought by Hurricane Fran, a number of geologists and storm specialists are shaking their heads in bemusement, and saying many of the beachfront communities should never have been built.

Despite the inspiring beauty of the coast, some island areas are too low and too thin to withstand the might of a hurricane such as Fran, said Duke University geologist Orrin Pilkey.

“People, when they buy property on the beach, are generally in heat,” said Pilkey, co-author of the book “Living With the Long Island Shore.”

“They know there are storms out there, and they know they’re generally infrequent, and that’s all they think about it,” Pilkey said.

But on islands such as Topsail Island off North Carolina, which took the worst of Fran’s wrath, and other beach developments from Long Island to Florida, hurricanes are an inevitability, said Pilkey, director of Duke’s program for the study of developed shorelines.

WEATHER

Fran’s Legacy

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The dying remnants of Hurricane Fran have described a clockwise loop around us over the last couple of days, explaining her outskirts which have produced the rather drizzly weather of the past few days. A growing southward intrusion of polar air will continue the pressure on Fran to depart. A small cyclone passing through today will likely cause some drizzle in the afternoon and evening, while unstable air ahead of the cold front may produce some thunderstorms giving locally heavier rainfalls. Wednesday will see some clearer skies and light northeasterly winds. Thursday promises clouds later in the day as a larger cyclone pushes in from the Midwest.

Today: Partly cloudy with patchy fog early in the morning. Then clouding up with rain likely after the middle of the day. An afternoon/evening thunderstorm is possible. Not very enthusiastic winds from the southwest. High 82°F (26°C).

Tonight: Some clearing. Low 65°F (19°C).

Wednesday: Partly sunny, a cooler northeast wind. A chance of rain if the cold front stalls. High 76°F (23°C). Low 60°F (15°C).

Thursday: Chance of rain toward evening as a low system comes in from the west. High 75°F (23°C). Low 60°F (15°C).

President Calls on Congress To Pass Airport Security Bill

By Peter Baker
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton cobbled together a series of anti-terrorism strategies to beef up security at airports and federal installations Monday and issued an election-year challenge to Congress to pass the \$1.1 billion package before lawmakers leave town to campaign for reelection.

The plan incorporates and expands on an air safety initiative first announced last week that requires tighter screening of passengers and luggage on domestic flights. In addition, it calls for funds to upgrade security at military bases and diplomatic missions overseas as well as in federal buildings in Washington; improve training for U.S. soldiers; and expand law enforcement units that fight terrorists.

“We need all these laws and we need them now, before Congress recesses for the year,” Clinton said in an Oval Office meeting where he accepted the airline report from a presidential commission. “Terrorists don’t wait and neither should we.”

The spending package is intended to address escalating public concern over American security in the face of several deadly incidents in the last 18 months, from the bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City, to the attack on U.S. forces stationed in Saudi Arabia, to the still-unexplained downing of Trans World Airlines Flight 800 near New York in July. Coming the week after Clinton authorized missile strikes against

Iraq, it could also serve to reinforce the president’s image as a tough commander-in-chief.

On Capitol Hill, some Republican leaders were skeptical, saying the administration has not even yet taken full advantage of the \$1 billion anti-terrorism law he signed in April.

“While Congress will certainly work with the president to provide funding for anti-terrorism efforts,” said Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, “it is important to note that we have done so already. ... The administration would be wise to utilize the resources Congress has already provided before it requests additional funding.”

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., expressed irritation that the administration suddenly dropped a new spending program on Congress so late in the budget process without identifying how to pay for it.

Congress hopes to adjourn by Oct. 4 and already is trying to deal with a supplemental request for money to fight wildfires in Western states and a likely request for disaster aid for East Coast states dealing with damage from Hurricane Fran.

As it approaches the election, the White House has made a point of producing offsetting spending cuts or revenue increases every time it has offered any new proposal. That way, aides believed, Clinton could maintain the moral high ground over Republican challenger Bob Dole, who has yet to say how he would pay for his \$550 billion tax-cutting proposal.

By contrast, Monday administration officials were vague on where the money for the anti-terrorism program would come from, saying it could be hashed out as part of larger budget negotiations. One possible source, they suggested, is the increase in defense spending promoted by Republican congressional leaders.

The terrorism plan amounts to a smorgasbord of different ideas addressing different issues, some new and others already aired and even rejected previously.

The airline portion, which would cost \$429.4 million, embraces the tactics advanced by a commission headed by Vice President Gore, including the purchase of sophisticated devices intended to screen checked baggage for explosives at major airports and other detectors that would take samples from carry-on items, such as laptop computers or cellular telephones.

As part of this plan, domestic flights will not be allowed to take off if a passenger checks luggage but does not board the airplane, a policy now used only on international flights.

Another \$667.4 million would be used to better shield federal facilities against terrorist attacks and provide more resources for law enforcement agencies.

Among other things, the legislation would pay for everything from providing larger buffer zones around laboratories at the Centers for Disease Control to installing more metal detectors at FBI field offices around the country to hiring more guards at the Smithsonian Institution museums.

Vowing Silence on Whitewater, Susan McDougal Reports to Jail

By Susan Schmidt
THE WASHINGTON POST

LITTLE ROCK

A defiant Susan McDougal reported to jail Monday morning vowing to keep her silence in the face of prosecutors’ questions about the actions of Bill and Hillary Clinton in the Whitewater affair.

McDougal, a convicted felon who is being held in contempt of court for refusing to testify before a grand jury, presented herself to reporters on the courthouse steps Monday as a martyr who will not lie in exchange for leniency from independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr. She spent the day in a holding cell before U.S. marshals packed her off to the Pulaski County Jail.

How long McDougal’s silence will last was the question of the day. McDougal and her lawyers have engaged in a shifting legal and public relations strategy over the past week.

For the moment, she is resolute. “I won’t answer their questions,” McDougal said Monday. “I don’t trust them.” Starr and his lawyers “have always wanted something on the Clintons,” said McDougal. She fears she’ll be charged with perjury if she doesn’t tell the grand jury what they want to hear, she said.

This stance was something of a departure from last week, when McDougal was saying publicly that she found cooperation overtures from prosecutors “tempting.” She said then that while she didn’t know of anything illegal done by the Clintons, they had not been “open and honest” in discussing Whitewater matters.

In the past few days, McDougal has adopted the harder line against cooperation advocated by her lawyers. She appeared on Larry

King Live Friday night, and McDougal and lawyer Bobby McDaniel asserted that Starr was offering her a no-jail-time deal in exchange for incriminating information about the Clintons. That prompted Starr to issue a statement saying they were “brazenly trying to deceive the public” about discussions with his office and about her legal rights before the grand jury as a convicted felon.

Susan McDougal is set to begin serving a two-year sentence Sept. 30 for obtaining a fraudulent \$300,000 federally backed loan in the mid-1980s. President Clinton, who was Arkansas governor at that time, has been accused of helping arrange that loan, a charge he has flatly denied.

She’s the second former close Little Rock friend of the Clintons to go to jail rather than provide information about them sought by Starr’s office. Former associate attorney general Webster L. Hubbell, first lady Hillary Clinton’s long-time Rose Law Firm partner, is serving a two-year prison sentence for defrauding his clients. Prosecutors said they were not satisfied that he had been forthcoming about the Clintons and their ties to the failed Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan.

McDougal has said publicly she knows of nothing illegal done by either of the Clintons, who were partners in the Whitewater land venture with her and ex-husband James B. McDougal, onetime owner of Madison and now a convicted felon who is cooperating with Starr’s inquiry. But her refusal to answer specific questions about them — to the point of going to jail — has only managed to intensify interest in what she might know.

Making the rounds of national

television interview shows over the past week, McDougal said at worst she was guilty of being a “frivolous” woman who blithely signed papers her husband put before her. Starr’s office Monday was deluged with callers won over by her seeming sincerity and engaging manner.

Some of Susan McDougal’s \$300,000 loan money ended up with the Whitewater Development Corp., the real estate venture she owned jointly with the Clintons and her ex-husband.

Starr’s office is trying to determine the truth of accusations that Clinton, while governor, asked businessman David Hale to make the loan to help out James McDougal. Susan McDougal told reporters that she was asked — and refused to answer — what Clinton knew about that loan when she briefly appeared before a grand jury last week.

Under the law, she no longer has a constitutional right to remain silent about criminal acts for which she already has been convicted. In demanding her testimony, Starr’s office has granted her immunity from further prosecution related to those activities, but she could still face perjury charges if she does not tell the truth.

James McDougal, who faces up to 84 years in prison for his conviction on bank fraud and conspiracy charges, is already cooperating with Starr’s office. Monday, Susan McDougal’s lawyer, Jennifer Horan, said prosecutors have set him up in a Little Rock apartment for weeks of debriefing. Susan McDougal, who said her ex-husband has urged her to cooperate, claims McDougal told her he will get his choice of minimum security prisons in which to serve a reduced sentence.

U.N. to Vote on Nuclear Test Ban; Only India, Pakistan to Dissent

By John M. Goshko
THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS

The General Assembly began a special meeting Monday that is expected to end with an overwhelming majority of the U.N.'s 185 member states voting to support a worldwide ban on nuclear test blasts.

Despite the shadow cast over the proceedings by opposition from India and Pakistan, both undeclared nuclear powers, delegates pushed ahead on what many describe as a giant step toward universal nuclear disarmament.

The Indian and Pakistani positions mean the treaty will have only limited applicability for at least the immediate future. But the test ban accord has the support of the world's principal nuclear powers, and they are expected to respect it once it is approved, according to delegates and legal experts.

In addition, supporters of the treaty believe that a heavy vote for the treaty will put pressure on India to tacitly abide by the ban and eventually to approve it. Diplomats here believe that at least 120 of the more than 160 participating countries will vote in favor, possibly on Tuesday or Wednesday.

India, which has had a clandestine nuclear program since 1974, said Monday it will block the proposed test-ban treaty from coming into force by refusing to sign it. India sought to kill the treaty last month by vetoing it in a Geneva disarmament conference, and it has been kept alive only because its backers resorted to the never-before-used tactic of bringing it before the General Assembly without the approval of the Geneva Conference.

In an unexpected further jolt, Pakistan, which had indicated earlier it would support the treaty, reversed course Monday and said it, too, would not sign as long as its unfriendly neighbor, India, withheld its signature. Pakistan also is a country whose approval is necessary to bring the treaty into force.

But the five principal nuclear powers — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China — support the treaty. Israel, which is an undeclared nuclear power like India and Pakistan, also has said it will approve the pact.

The proposed pact, formally known as the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, calls for outlawing all nuclear explosions for the first time ever. If the treaty is approved, President Clinton is expected to give it further international acceptance by signing it on behalf of the United States when he visits the United Nations on Sept. 24.

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Citing Terrorism, Netanyahu Rejects U.S. Call to Withdraw Hebron Forces

By Michael Dobbs and Peter Baker
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Monday rejected calls by the Clinton administration to pull Israeli troops out of Arab-populated areas of the West Bank town of Hebron, while expressing optimism that a formula will soon be found to permit the resumption of peace talks with Syria.

Netanyahu's comments came at the end of a day of talks with senior administration officials in Washington, including President Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher. U.S. leaders used the occasion to urge Israel to build on the "psychological breakthrough" represented by last Wednesday's first-ever meeting

between Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat.

According to Israeli officials, Netanyahu resisted U.S. calls for a pullback from Hebron, arguing that such a step could create an "explosive" situation in the West Bank town that could damage the entire Middle East peace process. Israeli troops were required to pull back from Arab population centers in Hebron by last March, guarding only the 440 or so Jews in the town.

After his meeting with Clinton, Netanyahu described the Jewish community in Hebron as the "oldest in the world," dating back 3,500 years. He said he told Christopher that improving security in the town was "not only an Israeli interest but (also) a Palestinian interest."

Israeli officials said that the main purpose of Monday's round of talks

in Washington was to work on a formula for the resumption of direct talks between Israel and Syria, which were suspended in May following bomb attacks in Jerusalem on Israeli buses.

The new Israeli government is ready to resume the talks but is refusing to commit itself to the land-for-peace formula embraced by former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

During the Israeli election campaign, Netanyahu repeatedly denounced the idea of trading away the Golan Heights for peace with Syria and said that Israel's security would be undermined by giving Palestinians control of most of the West Bank. The area belonged to Syria until 1967, when it was seized by Israel during the Six-Day war.

Dole Resumes Criticism Of Clinton's Iraq Policy

THE BALTIMORE SUN

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

After a one-week hiatus, Bob Dole resumed his attack on President Clinton's foreign policy Monday, charging that reports of continued unrest in northern Iraq "raise questions" about the administration's strategy in the region and threatens to undermine U.S. credibility.

In a written statement released through his presidential campaign Monday, Dole questioned whether Clinton's strategy "has advanced U.S. interests in the region." But in campaign appearances in Georgia and Florida, Dole barely referred to Iraq, instead concentrating on domestic issues.

Dole, who initially criticized Clinton's "weak leadership" in the Persian Gulf, had supported the president's decision to launch a missile strike against Iraq last Monday after Saddam Hussein's troops overran a Kurdish faction in the city of Irbil.

He noted that Iraqi troops do not appear to be withdrawing from the north, and that Iraqis connected with a CIA effort to undermine Hussein's regime fear reprisals from his secret police.

"In Iraq, as in Bosnia, the Clinton administration should be careful about making claims of success that events on the ground may not substantiate, and about giving assurances that it is unable or unwilling to fulfill, because the credibility of the United States is at stake," Dole warned.

During a campaign stop in Georgia, Dole made only the briefest of references to Iraq, noting in passing that the "second-guessing" had begun over Clinton's policy. He did not elaborate.

L.A. Federal Reserve Branch Shows Accounting Flaws

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The cash operation at the Los Angeles branch of the Federal Reserve Bank — which processes \$80 billion of coin and currency every year — is riddled with defects in its accounting system, according to a confidential draft audit by the General Accounting Office.

The audit was launched after the disclosure earlier this year that the bank's cash reports had discrepancies of \$178 million during a three-month period last year and that the bank's management had arbitrarily altered the books to make them balance.

"The L.A. bank's inability to precisely summarize currency activity from its cash inventory records raises serious questions about the integrity of its accounting and internal controls," the GAO report asserts.

The GAO report amounts to a rare attack on what critics say is an imperious institution, resistant to outside oversight and defensive of its independence. The Federal Reserve is seldom exposed to the public spotlight, other than for its economic policy decisions in setting interest rates.

As a result, the Federal Reserve's far-flung banking operations that control the flow of currency in the economy have not received serious outside scrutiny, despite their huge role in the nation's financial system.

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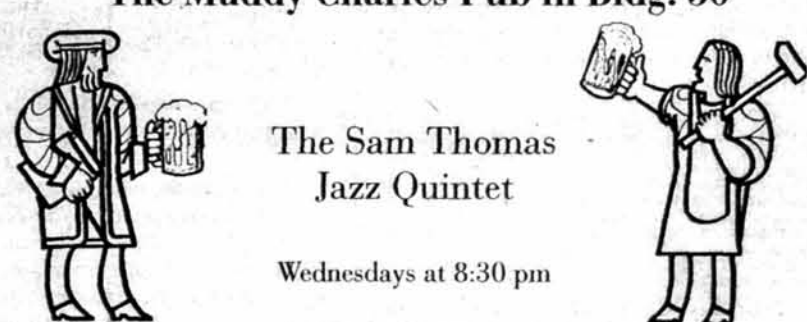
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Column by Thomas R. Karlo

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Last Friday I went with a group of friends to view LSC's presentation of *Dead Man Walking*. About 15 minutes into the movie, I began to remember one of the reasons I always hated to go to lecture in that room, 26-100, when I was a freshman. Of all the chairs I find myself using, the seats in 26-100 have to be some of the most uncomfortable, awkward pieces of furniture around.

The worst part is that the situation is not much different from most of the other lecture rooms that undergraduates use. Yes, 34-101

has those nice new seats — but they're so close together that people regularly hang their legs over the seats in front of them for relief from banging their knees into the next row. And 54-100 manages to combine both old wooden seats and cramped rows in one room, providing an especially awkward and painful experience.

I'll admit I'm not a compact guy, and I guess if I were shorter I'd be able to sit more easily in closely spaced rows. But that would still mean I'd experience the discomfort of sitting in those wooden chairs that, rather than supporting you properly, have a seat that piv-

ots back and forth with you as your weight shifts. Anyone who's ever sat in 26-100 and listened to all the bearings of the seats groaning and squeaking during a lecture will relate to this.

Why does MIT, home of some of the best engineers in the world, force its students to use some of the worst designed chairs around? Maybe this is where the administration should be working. All I keep hearing about is how they're going to rework the mail distribution system (that's a column in itself, actually), streamline the administration, and cut costs, etc. But what are they doing to improve student life on a day to day basis? All of us spend hundreds of hours sitting in lecture during our time at MIT; simple changes in our experience there could make major impacts on the quality of student life at MIT.

A lot of students don't care about re-engineering. They don't feel it will impact their experience as a student, and they're probably right about that. MIT needs to examine how it can impact the daily life of its students and not just center on redesigning the MIT

Planning Ahead Can Bring Unforeseeable Difficulties

Column by Brett Altschul

STAFF REPORTER

Over the summer, I stopped thinking about many of the ongoing problems that are part of MIT life. The first few days of classes rapidly started my mind up again. All the worries that I could safely ignore for three months just returned to prominence.

Among the difficulties that has once more risen to prominence is scheduling. I don't mean scheduling my classes this semester; I dealt with that quite thoroughly in the spring. My problem is more long-term. I'm always trying to plan my classes as far in advance as possible. Sometimes, that means several years into graduate school.

Lately, I've been agonizing over a problem with Relativistic Quantum Field Theory III (8.325). It looks as though I may not be able to take that class until the spring of 2002,

Simply put, there are too many unknowns to make planning that far in advance viable. While physics may seem more firmly set in my future than chemistry was, it's not by any means certain. Although I'm very gung ho about mastering all of quantum mechanics now, I could decide later that learning the advanced principles of modern physics just isn't worth my while.

In addition to changes in interests, there are other more prosaic problems with scheduling classes more than a couple of semesters in advance. Until the time comes for the formal scheduling of the next semester, you never know when a class is offered, so avoiding conflicts in your long-term plans is really impossible. Some of the courses I wanted to take this fall simply didn't fit the timetable.

In the same vein, professors aren't chosen for classes until the spring of the prior year. Some classes are very dependent upon who is teaching them. For example, Thermodynamics and Kinetics (5.60) has a reputation as a very hard and fairly dull class, but it's a topic I'm interested in learning about. I would have liked to take the class this semester, but I have to wait until the spring when the class is being taught by Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Silbey, who has won awards for his teaching skill and was a friend of my father's.

The difficulty involved in classes is also a major issue. Nobody wants to get stuck with several killer classes at the same time. Often, it's very hard to tell just how much work a given course entails. The number of hours associated with the class are only a very loose guide. I spent twice as much preparation time on a 4-0-5 class as on a 3-0-9 class last spring. While some courses, like 5.60, are large enough to have a well-known reputation, obtaining advance information about some of the smaller classes can be nearly impossible.

Obviously, the problems in choosing courses many years in advance are legion. Interests change, and naturally, plans must change with them. Class schedules and teaching assignments remain unknown until relatively shortly before a class is offered. Sometimes, you just don't know whether a class is for you until you've tried it out for a couple of weeks, whatever you may have thought in the past.

I still try to set out possible schedules for future years. I'm still wondering whether I can fit 8.321 into my senior year, but I no longer count on any plans to hold true in the long run. I may have already chosen my partner for junior lab — Experimental Physics I (8.13) — but that doesn't necessarily mean I'll take the class.

Simply put, there are too many unknowns to make planning that far in advance viable.

which means that it might get in the way of my thesis research. Ideally, I could move the class to 2001 if I take Quantum Theory I (8.321) as an undergraduate.

Of course, taking a class like that my senior year interferes with the other difficult classes I have planned. Analysis II (18.101) is rumored to be quite difficult and would be important to the pure math major which I'm now leaning toward. Since I want to take Organometallic Chemistry (5.44) that term as well, and that's also a graduate course, the workload may just be too heavy.

I'm not the only sophomore who spends time planning for classes after the turn of the century. I've discussed the topic with my friends; some of them have their futures even more extensively prescribed than I do. However, at some point, this advance preparation becomes both silly and worthless.

I tried to set out a comprehensive schedule for my entire undergraduate career during IAP last January. Only a single semester later, I've totally abandoned that plan. Then, I thought my secondary area of study (after mathematics) would be chemistry. Now, I've shifted that focus to physics, so my entire series of courses needed to be revamped.

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Stacey's Journal

By Stacey



I went to 6.046 today.



My friend Saul and I laughed when the professor mentioned my comic.

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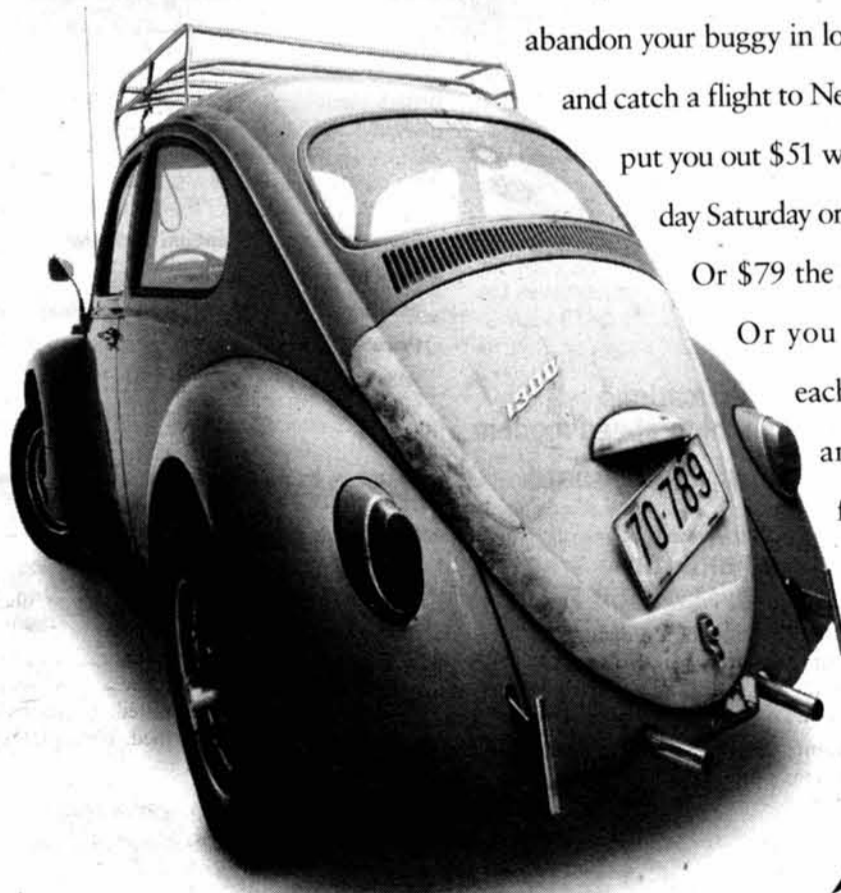
The professor did a lot of inductive proofs.



"You'll do well in this class if you don't do things wrong," he said.

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THE ARTS

Solo falls completely flat in android-movie doldrums

SOLO

Directed by Norberto Barba.
Starring Mario Van Peebles, Barry Corbin,
Jaime Gomez, and William Sadler.

By Yaron Koren
STAFF REPORTER

He's pumped, he's primed, he's ready for carnage: Meet Solo, the government's latest weapon in the war on evil. And get ready for the worst android movie ever.

The film starts out promisingly enough — a new ultra-expensive military project, an android named Solo (Mario Van Peebles), is sent out on his first mission to destroy a rebel group in South America that has been terrorizing the locals. There, despite his preparedness for the mission, he fails on his assignment because he has been programmed not to endanger the lives of noncombatants. The evil military brass in charge of the Solo project headed by Colonel Madden (William Sadler), decides this is unacceptable and, against the wishes of Solo's creator, Gen X hacker Bill Stewart (Adrien Brody) decides to deconstruct Solo and have him reprogrammed. Solo learns of this plot and because self-preservation is his prime directive, he is forced to flee the army base in a daring escape sequence. He literally crashes into a small village in an unnamed South American country, the same one where he had earlier been sent to.

Up until this point, the movie is fairly awash in the clichés of the genre — the evil military leader — as well as his sidekick, the bumbling General Haynes (Barry Corbin) — is an unsmiling, unblinking, short-fused tyrant, showing perhaps a touch more humanity than the android itself. And Solo has a Terminator-like computerized view of the world, although, in this case, one so primitive it seems straight out of Windows 95. And, as androids always do, he grapples (with little success) with the concept of humanity throughout the movie, especially with the touchy subject of humor.

Solo takes an unexpected turn, however, after he meets with the natives. For a week he stays with them, and the movie slows down as it shows us the mutual friendship that grows between them. Solo teaches them how to defend against the rebels, and they do. Some of the scenes here in which the villagers' suspicions are slowly broken down are touching, in a manipulative kind of way.

The military, still set to get its android back soon realizes that human forces are no match for this man of steel and sends out (you guessed it) another android to finally put an end to Solo, this one reprogrammed to lack the pangs of conscience that Solo was mistakenly equipped with. In a bizarre decision by the filmmakers, this second cyborg is an exact duplicate of Madden. Obviously meant to achieve an ironic doppelgänger effect, this double casting technique falls flat because Sadler plays both with the exact same lack of humanity.

At this point, the film devolves into your typical one-on-one duel between good and evil (think *Universal Soldier* or *Terminator II*), pitting the second android's ruthless intensity against Solo's newfound capacity for creative thought.

The best part of *Solo* is undoubtedly Peebles himself, who also helped to produce the film. He is believable and physically imposing, a credit to his months of physical training for the part. He plays the part honestly, partly a credit to the screenplay, and manages to elicit sympathy without giving up

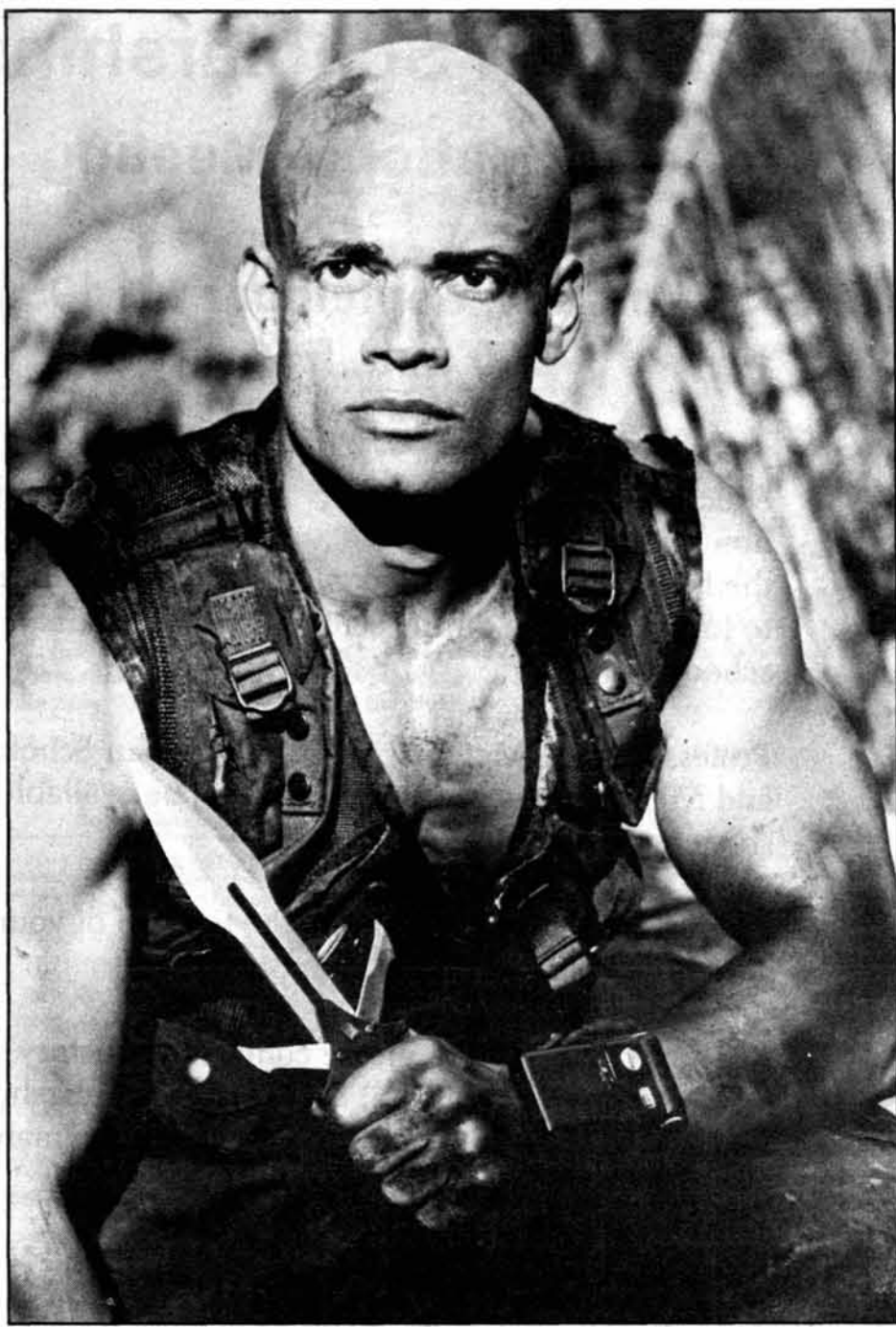
credibility as a silicon-based life form. Solo shows concern without actually reciprocating the love the villagers have for him, most notably when he ignores the advances of an amorous teenage girl from the village (Seidy Lopez).

Solo never really takes advantage of its heavily technological premise; even the final battle amounts to not much more than a well-choreographed kickboxing match. And the one fatal weakness in Solo's otherwise indestructible armor, pointed out early on, is never exploited.

But the big flaw in the movie, the one that really renders it a waste of an evening, is that we are never given an opportunity to care about the characters or their struggle. The central villains are the nasty military commanders, but other than the fact that they scowl a lot, what reason do we have to hate them? Solo is, after all, their rightful property. True, they show little regard for the lives of the South American civilians they are jeopardizing, but then again, they represent the U.S. government and presumably know what they are doing. We are never made to feel the pain of the villagers at their hands.

In the end, we are treated to a climactic death struggle between one ultra-powerful military machine and another, with the only difference between them one of priorities with which they were programmed. Even the future of the army's android program will remain unaffected by the outcome, all of which forces the question: Why should we care who wins this battle?

And the answer is, we don't. In the end, *Solo* is done in because its motivations and plot seem as machine-generated as its title character.



Mario Van Peebles is the ultimate convert weapon in *Solo*.

MTG tries Sondheim's dark *Sweeney Todd*

SWEENEY TODD

MIT Musical Theater Guild.
La Sala de Puerto Rico.
Directed by Spencer Klein.
Music directed by Bryn Oh '95.
Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.
Book by Hugh Wheeler.
Starring Ryan B. Caveney '96, Mary A. Finn '81, Alex Chisholm, and Irene M. Wilson '98.

By Teresa Huang
STAFF REPORTER

I wonder if Sondheim was drunk when he wrote this musical. He must have been — *Sweeney Todd* is easily the most dismal story ever set to music. The Musical Theater Guild's production of this dark musical succeeded in shocking the audience with its severity, but wasn't consistent in its graviness and seemed to lack vision.

When the musical opens, *Sweeney Todd* (Ryan B. Caveney G) returns to his town a bitter man with a new identity, having spent years in prison before escaping. Through a conversation with Mrs. Nellie Lovett (Mary A. Finn '81), the local meat pie shopkeeper, *Sweeney Todd* learns that his wife is dead and his daughter Johanna (Allison Werner W '98) is a prisoner of the deceiving Judge Turpin (Jake Yara '93). With the help of Mrs. Lovett, he concocts a plan to gain revenge against the judge — open a barber shop above her meat pie shop, invite the judge over for a close shave, and... the rest you can figure out. The

plot thickens when Anthony Hope (Carson T. R. Schutze G), a young sailor, discovers and falls for Johanna, vowing to take her away from the judge. The plot thickens even more when an arrogant competitor, Pirelli (Daniel P. Kamalic '99), recognizes *Sweeney*'s true identity and consequently is slain by the barber. What to do with the body? Simple: Chop it up and bake it into one of Mrs. Lovett's meat pies. The story continues on its twisted path, getting bloodier with every song.

The characters in *Sweeney Todd* are almost all dark and complicated, and the cast was almost up to the task. Caveney's performance as *Sweeney Todd* himself was most curious, decidedly evil looking and sounding, yet seemingly in a trance most of the time. Finn was obviously comfortable with her role as Mrs. Lovett, though she and Caveney never seemed comfortable with each other. Maybe it's because he kept staring at the audience and never at her.

Alex Chisholm was terrific as Tobias Ragg, the nervous and naive boy who works for Mrs. Lovett. Also good was Irene M. Wilson '98 as the mysterious beggar woman, probably the best portrayal of emotion and meaning in the entire production. Schutze as the sailor Anthony was a less consistent portrayal. His voice was beautifully rich and moving, but his expressions and movements remained too vacant and stiff to be convincing, reminding me too much of Keanu Reeves. Werner was excellent as Johanna, though at times she sang

so fast that the audience missed many of her words. Schutze and Werner didn't seem particularly comfortable with each other either. Overall, the characters in *Sweeney Todd* didn't seem to gel as an ensemble.

Sweeney Todd was quite obviously a good effort, but wasn't cohesive enough. The general effect worked — the atmosphere was sufficiently somber and the characters all looked like zombies in their makeup and costume. But there wasn't enough vision. *Sweeney Todd* is the kind of musical that needs a clear direction in terms of how it will look and feel. Though the mood was macabre from the start, there were too many distractions to create a true unifying effect. Some of the characters were inconsistent in their expressions and motions — most were grave and serious while others just looked tired.

Sweeney Todd also never effectively conveyed what compelled the characters to act as they do. The audience understood *Sweeney Todd*'s emotions, but not his motivations. Why were *Sweeney Todd* and Mrs. Lovett so content in their crime? The progression of the title character from bitter to insane was weak as well — a distinct contrast was certainly lacking.

Just as *Sweeney Todd* himself had tragic flaws, this musical itself has its flaws, mainly in its inconsistency and poor vision. Though the general effect of Sondheim's vision was conveyed, some of the intricacies of his darkest musical were lost in the translation.

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Gunman Disrupts MCAT Examination In San Francisco

By Dan McGuire
NEWS EDITOR

A masked gunman burst into an MCAT examination in San Francisco on Saturday shortly after the start of the afternoon session of the six-hour exam. Inspector Michael Maloney of the San Francisco Police Department's Robbery Division said the young man, whose age and identity have not yet been confirmed, entered the test room armed with a pellet gun and wearing a ski mask.

Short Takes

The suspect demanded a copy of the exam from the proctor, who gave him a writing sample. The gunman departed and returned shortly thereafter to demand the physical sciences section of the exam. The proctor told the gunman that the sections had been put away in a box under the desk.

Maloney said the would-be robber attempted to open the box, laying his gun down on the proctor's desk as he tried to get a better grip. The proctor "saw an opportunity to reduce harm," picked up the gun and moved away from the desk, he said.

When the gunman saw this, he lunged at the proctor, hitting her and attempting to take away the gun. At this point, a custodian entered the room, and, seeing the proctor with the gun, mistook her as the threat and struck her over the head with a metal folding chair.

Police then arrived and apprehended the subject. They have so far had difficulty identifying the gunman. The gunman did not reveal his name, telling them only that he was a high school dropout from Punjab, in northern India. Pending age verification, the suspect is being held at the Youth Guidance Center in San Francisco.

"We still don't know who this kid is," said Fred Virgilio, the center's director. "He said he had a friend who took the exam in the morning and did poorly, and he was trying to invalidate the exam."

"He said he met a girl on the street and she asked him to disrupt the test, but he only knew her first name, and it wasn't found on the test roster," said Maloney.

[The Stanford Daily, Aug 22]

Yale aid packages delayed

Changes in Yale University's Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid have left about 35 percent of financial aid students without packages at the start of the school year, said Jim Tilton, director of Yale's Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid.

But the elimination of the bursar's and financial aid fines this semester in the wake of the substantial backlog lessened the financial anxiety of many affected students, Tilton said. The financial aid office instructed students without packages to pay based on their previous years' statements.

Administrators blamed part of

the slowdown on the consolidation of student administrative services initiated during the spring of 1995. The Office of the Bursar, student employment, student loan, and student loan collections offices were all incorporated into one large organization and moved to a new, larger application.

Students were angered by the change, which some felt was not

Administrators blamed part of the slowdown on the consolidation of student administrative services.

widely publicized. "I think it's ridiculous that they didn't even tell me they moved the office," one student said.

Last winter's government shutdown, which delayed the processing of financial aid forms, and the implementation of a radical new accounting package which linked the offices were also blamed as causing the delays. The office is expected to clear out the backlog by the end of October.

[Yale Daily News, Sept 4]

Chelsea Clinton visits Brown

The *Brown-Daily Herald* reported Sept. 4 that Chelsea Clinton, daughter of President Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton may attend Brown University as part of the Class of 2001.

Brown University was one of the colleges that Chelsea Clinton, a senior at the Sidwell Friends School in Washington, visited as part of her August tour of New England colleges.

While she also visited Amherst College and Harvard University on that trip, rumors persist that she is considering Brown as her first choice school.

A staffer in the Brown Admissions office said that Chelsea Clinton was interviewed by Brown Director of Admissions Michael Goldberger, but Goldberger would not comment on that visit, or on the possibility that she would attend the university.

"Our policy does not permit us to talk about anybody who is a prospective or an applicant," he said. "So you may have read a lot about in the visit in the newspaper, but we wouldn't confirm or say anything about it."

[Brown Daily Herald, Sept 4]



David Bakalar '51 talks about his work *TV Man or Five Piece Cube with a Strange Hole*. The statue, located on the walkway between the DuPont Gymnasium and the Johnson Athletics Center, was dedicated yesterday. Bakalar both designed the piece and donated it to MIT.

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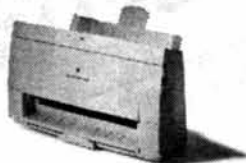
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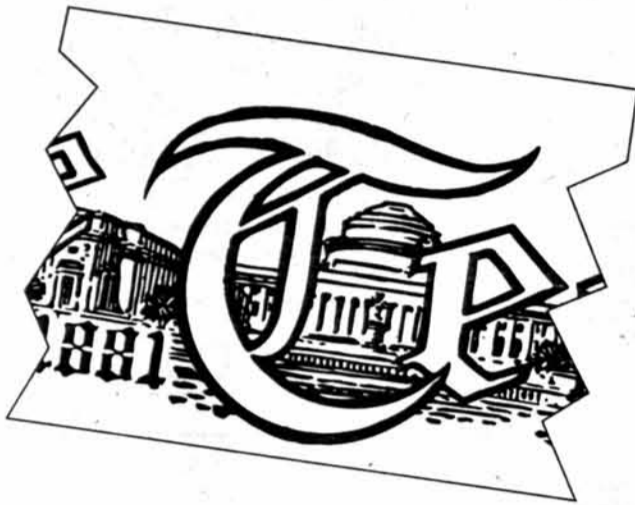


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Publishing Bureau To Aid Outsourcing

Graphic Arts, from Page 1

losing money while the Copy Technology vendors at MIT were pretty popular, Immerman said. "It probably didn't make sense to continue to have our own in-house center" for the more serious printing jobs, he said.

The new Copy Technology Center has undergone many physical changes and extended its functions to provide additional services that the main center provided in the past.

It is now an independent department rather than part of the main Graphic Arts Center. "It's definitely more hectic now that we're getting work that was done in the main center with the limits of what we can do here," Dimond said.

"It's a difficult transition for us — even with the additional people working here — getting used to the new services, especially with renovation taking place in the middle of a busy time of the year," Dimond said.

As for the services that the Copy Technology is providing, there is a plan to organize a publications bureau within the Institute. Members of the MIT community could go to this bureau for all their publishing needs, Immerman said.

The bureau would then outsource the service to a number of specific outside vendors. Because MIT will have an arrangement with these dozen or so vendors, people will be able to "get a much better price," he said.

However, there would be no obligation for people to use the publishing bureau, and people could still look to other outside groups to

handle their publishing needs.

The idea is still in discussion and no definite plans have been made, Dimond said.

Copy services ready for students

Among the many services Copy Technology provides include class course packets distribution, color printing, bindery operations, resume reproduction, lamination, computer-to-35mm slide services, self-service copy production, and other media services.

One of the new facilities is the Xerox Docutech production publishing system, a copy system used to copy, store, and edit documents and other materials. Students can also rent Macintosh and IBM workstations for \$10 per hour. The center has extended its offices and put out a wide range of software, copy, and scanning machines as well. The service hours have extended to Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Despite the many changes, some students report that they have not been affected by the renovations. "It hasn't really made a difference for me," said John C. Powers G "It's the same busy copy center, just with a different name."

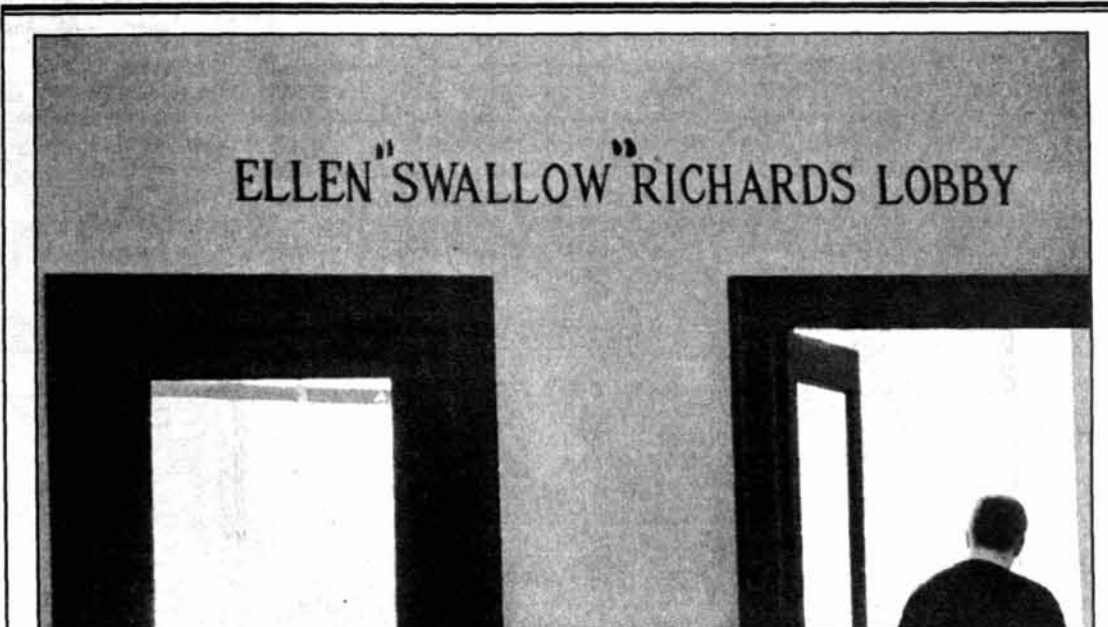
Even with the hectic transition, Dimond is optimistic. "We're confident that the Copy Technology Center will not only be a better-organized service, but also an efficient and inexpensive service as well," he said. "I'm excited and thrilled that we've won the opportunity to stay and look forward to the new developments."

Stacey E. Blau contributed to the reporting in this story.



Natalya Skorodinskaya '99 makes photocopies at the one of the Quick Copy Centers.

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Hackers enliven the Ellen Swallow Richards Lobby at the mathematics majors lounge in Building 4 with a set of quotation marks.

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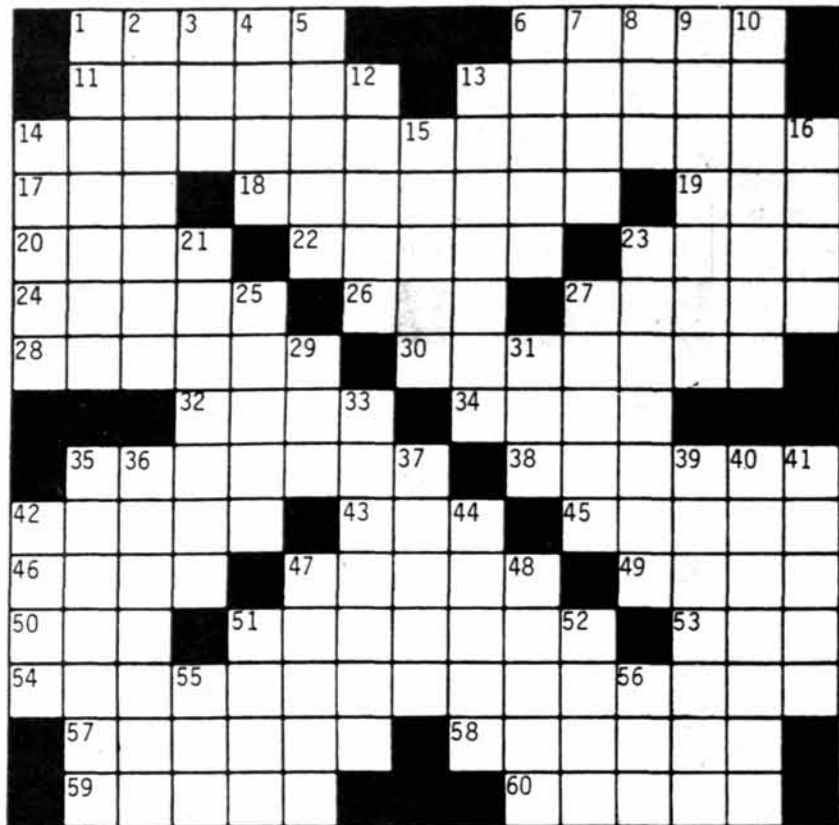
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UROP, from Page 1

supervisor funding, the deadline is October 31. RCCs fall under the supervisor funding deadline.

Grad students not in UROP

Daniel F. Gruhl G, a graduate consultant for Edgerton House, was relieved that he would not have to file a formal UROP proposal as the undergraduate students would. He felt that although the number of installations that a RCC makes per week would give some indication of

the hours a consultant worked, each RCC will be left on the honor system to report the exact hours. Counting hours will be a new task for both the students and IS, he said.

Currently each undergraduate dormitory has two or three RCCs while most graduate student dormitories have one. The main responsibilities of RCCs are to connect residents' personal computers onto the residential network. RCCs also help answer general network questions and problems that arise.

Although connecting the dormitory computers to the MIT network requires some work, the work is largely unsupervised.

The RCC team meets weekly to discuss problems that they encountered during the week. Beginning this term, the student consultants will also make presentations about the different aspects of networking and protocols. This continued training adds to the initial training required of new consultants.



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CASPAR Looks to Reduce HIV, Drugs in Homeless

CASPAR, from Page 1

But despite the new surroundings, CASPAR's guests have not changed. The shelter houses 72 homeless people, usually about 10 women and 62 men, who have drug and/or alcohol problems. It does not admit children, so it refers mothers or families to other shelters.

Food comes from regular donations by MIT and an effort coordinated by the Hunger Action Group as well as from occasional donations from other institutions, food drives, and whatever staples the shelter can afford from the Boston Food Bank.

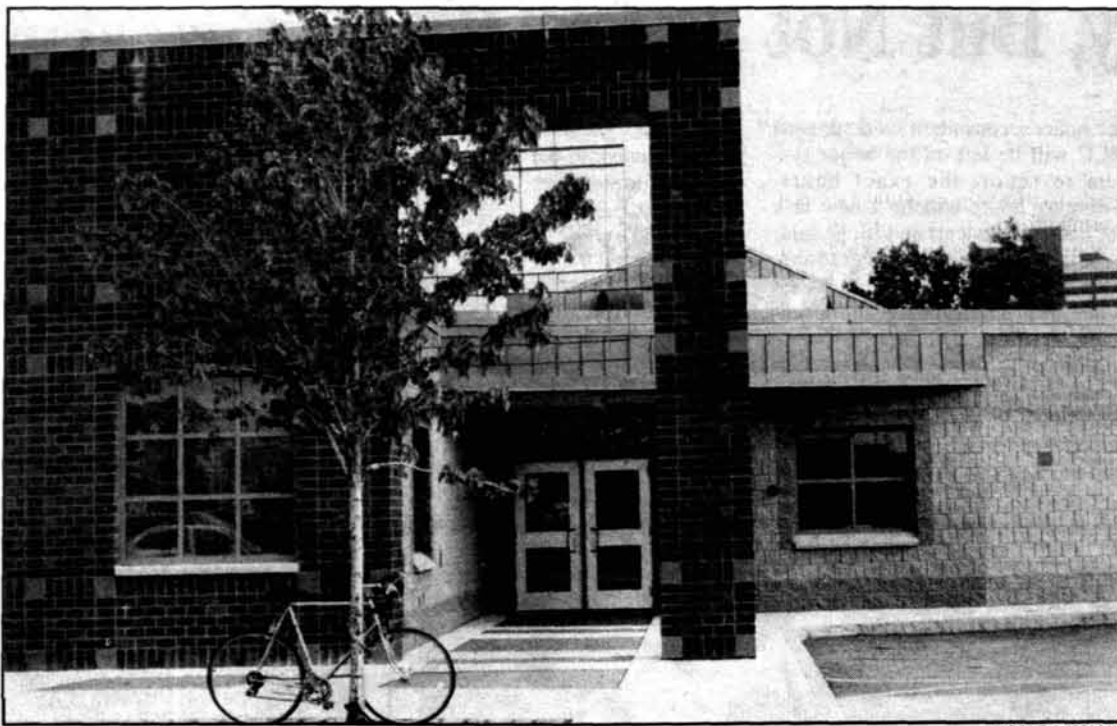
CASPAR gets two-thirds of the money it needs to buy food and supplies and pay its staff from the Department of Public Health. The programs and grants fill in the rest of the shelter's operating budget are precarious at best — the shelter recently lost \$1,500 from Project Bread, what had been a sum.

Working on a shoestring

Despite its small and shrinking budget, CASPAR carries on with its primary mission of saving lives. The shelter has found ways to stretch the donations and purchases so that an average meal now costs only 17 cents.

Although many people are tepid about volunteering in a shelter whose guests are more often than not under the influence, CASPAR's staff does find some help from workers referred by the courts to do community service and from some welfare recipients participating in workfare programs.

Nevertheless, with the help of these workers, CASPAR is able to stay open 24 hours a day with a staff no bigger than it was in the trailer days. This is due in great part to a



NICOLE J. HOMAN

The CASPAR homeless shelter located on Albany Street provides food and shelter for the homeless.

building design that allows desk workers to keep an eye on many parts of the shelter at once.

Clear sight-lines between the front desk to the entrance, the common room, the kitchen, the closed courtyard, the male and female sober and intoxicated dormitory rooms, and the "quiet room" make for efficient oversight.

Several other architectural amenities — including a large laundry room, walk-in freezer and walk-in refrigerator, cubbies behind the desk to store personal belongings, and a second quiet lounge — help staffers serve their guests better.

Goal is to 'reduce harm'

Two examination rooms serve the shelter's optional but recom-

mended counseling and detoxification program. Guests who take part in these programs can later be referred to halfway houses.

Of course, many people stop going to counseling after being in detox (or never go at all) and end up back in the shelter before long.

But Poor's philosophy holds strong. "These are not bad people," he said. "They are a population whose circumstances and problems are extremely difficult and complicated."

That is why Poor believes it is up to the staff to make sure that no

one brings in any drugs or alcohol, that none is used in the building, and that disagreements do not flare up into fights. The staff's vigilance makes such blow-ups rare.

Efforts are made to reduce harm of all sorts. Guests are encouraged to use condoms and take advantage of the weekly needle-exchange program. Many of CASPAR's visitors are not only HIV-positive but have full-blown AIDS.

CASPAR puts its guests in touch with health facilities, but on another level, it also helps by letting them get showers and clean clothes and shave — in short, to begin at least to look like they belong to the mainstream culture from which they have dropped out. Some guests even use the shelter as a temporary home, where they live as they find jobs, go to work, and finally come back to the fabric of society.

For a number of years, MIT's Hunger Action Group has helped Poor and CASPAR with their difficult work by running Food Salvage, taking food which would otherwise be thrown out at the end of the day from MIT's cafeterias to the shelter — turning what makes students groan or screw up their faces during the day into special treats at night. HAG also participates in Saturday's Bread, runs food drives, and sends volunteers to the Food Bank.



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Student Groups Not Consulted on Policy For Parties, Walker

Parties, from Page 1

Glavin said that they had "gotten a lot of the kinks out of the program."

Administrators "tried to be flexible" when deciding what parties would be allowed, Glavin said. Bates said that she would try to work with groups to re-schedule or redefine their events to prevent cancellation.

In addition, no more than two parties requiring metal detectors may be held in one night. Events that are large and late at night and have alcohol and non-MIT at them usually require metal detectors. Glavin said the limit of two such parties per night was enforced because of limited manpower and resources.

It "is not clear how much of a limitation" this would be, Bates said.

So far, there has not been a night for which three groups have requested a metal-detector event, Jablonski said.

Student input in policy scarce

Doug K. Wyatt G, president of the Association of Student Activities, was the only student consulted in the decision and said that he was "asked for input" during the initial formulation of the pilot.

Even so, Wyatt said security was "a trump card they play pretty often."

"Some of the restrictions are... a bit reactionary and unnecessary," he said.

While the pilot program is in place now, it will be reviewed at the end of each term, Bates said. The plan may also be affected by a

report by the co-curricular re-engineering group.

The report will be released sometime during the fall but "we knew that we needed something in place for fall," Bates said.

Even though the policy regarding parties could be changed by the re-engineering report, "unless they have the money to do the kind of renovations we want" at Walker — like securing doors and windows — it is unlikely that the facility will become available for large parties, Bates said.



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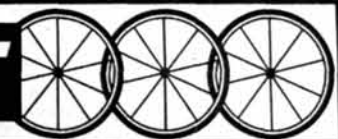
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