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By Orli G. Bahcall
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As rush for the Class of 2000 began with a look at some of the changes during rush, and relax rules for freshmen out to eat and return them to campus, according to Assistant Director of Housing and Food Services to reopen Baker and Next House dining halls, discussing the future of food service on campus, and reinstating a house tax, Lakshminarayanan said.

IFC, Administration Consider New Rush Rules

By Rochelle Tung

As rush for the Class of 2000 draws closer, administrators and students involved with Residence and Orientation Week are considering several substantial revisions to some activities during R/O.

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Following Debate, ROTC Task Force Revising Proposal

By Daniel C. Stevenson
STAFF REPORTER

A sparsely-attended meeting last night provided a forum for discussion of proposed changes to the ROTC program.

In a report issued at the March faculty meeting three weeks ago, the ROTC task force recommended that MIT create a model ROTC program that incorporates gays into all of its aspects.

The task force has been working to revise its recommendations in response to the flurry of criticism and questions voiced since the proposal's release.

The numbers reflect the fact that women and minorities are the two groups with the lowest acceptance yield, according to Assistant Director of Admissions Ana L. Oliveira '90.

"With limited resources and space, those are the groups we target to attend," the event, Oliveira said. "But we encourage others to call and set up an overnight visit."

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At the two-hour open meeting in Room 34-101 last night, about 15 ROTC task force members and concerned students and faculty members debated the merits of the model plan.

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Earlier this year Dormcon pulled out of Medcom, a mediating committee set aside for upperclassmen to take freshmen out to dinner — in response to problems last R/O.

In the fall event, upperclassmen rushed uncontrollably from Kresge Oval to collect freshmen before the end of Project Move Off Your Assumptions, their traditional cue. Campus Police had to be called in to contain the crowd.

"I thought there was going to be a riot," said Mark A. Herschberg G, a member of the R/O Judicial Committee.

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But the confusion that surrounds MOYA — which involves a total of over 1300 hundred freshmen and MOYA leaders arrayed across Briggs Field — makes it almost impossible to abide by a declared time, Herschberg said.

Another suggestion is to let MOYA leaders take freshmen to different groups of dinner hosts. These groups, each with a list of specific freshmen, would take the newcomers out to eat and return them to campus, according to Jablonski.

The emphasis then is on "changing the nature of Thursday Night Dinners and changing the nature of how upperclassmen students get assigned to take freshmen out to dinner," Jablonski said.

Hopefully, it "will be a better experience for freshmen," she said. "It will be a welcome to MIT, not to rush," said Jablonski said.

IFC discussing plans for dry rush.

One major change the IFC is presently considering is making rush completely alcohol-free. Both sororities and dormitories already have dry rush.

As the rules regarding dry rush stand right now, all fraternity members excluding freshmen are allowed to drink during R/O. Her...
Israel's Retaliatory Strike Hits Beirut for First Time Since 1990

By Jonathan C. Randal

The Washington Post

A brief wump of flying smoke... and we are going right back to more miserable spring weather today! A cold front will bring us the elusive Unambomer the one time he is believed to have been sighted while plowing a berm. And the sweatshirt and asphalt were a prominent feature of a sketch of the suspected Unambomer that has been circulated since February 1987, when a worker at a Salt Lake City driveway crew said that he saw a man with a mustache, dark glasses and a sweatshirt put something underneath the wheel of her car in the store's parking lot. The woman is believed by authorities to be the only person to see the Unambomer up close. Of course, we are going to be looking for the effects of the Unambomer. The Unambomer's victim, the woman is believed to have been a plant, industry officials said.

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7-Year-Old Pilot Crashes, Kiling 3 and Ending Cross-Country Quest

By Tom Kemworth

HERMON, WYOMING

A little girl and her big dream died together in a crash in Wyoming Thursday.

Jessica Dubreuil, a 7-year-old pilot from Pittsfield, Calif., taking off on the second leg of an audacious quest to become the youngest person to complete a round-trip flight across the country, was killed early Thursday when the single-engine plane she was on crashed shortly after takeoff from Cheyenne Airport.

Her father, Lloyd Dubreuil, 57, and her flight instructor, Jon Reel, also died in the crash. A 10-year-old girl, not yet identified, was also on board and also died in the crash.

Two witnesses said the four-seat Cessna 177 appeared in trouble and its engine began to sputter moments before it crashed.

The FAA said it will reexamine its policies on allowing young children to take the controls.

Airports officials here said they did not know if the child was in controls of the dual-control Cessna when it crashed at 8:24 a.m. (10:24 a.m. EDT).

Flying at such a young age was one of the innovations of an upbringing that Jessica's parents have described as centered around real-life experiences rather than a sheltered lifestyle.

"It was trying to gain altitude but was never in control. It was in trouble as soon as it was in the air," said Tom Johnson, an insurance representative in Pittsfield who witnessed the crash. "Somehow, it left the ground, went into a slow, mushy type of takeoff," he said.

Johnson said the crash immediately revived a debate over the propriety of allowing very young pilots to fly.

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Scientists Identify Protein that Leads to Many of Aging's Symptoms

By Thomas H. Maugh II

Scientists have identified a human gene that causes many of the symptoms of aging, providing researchers with their first peek into the secrets that control the natural chemical processes that produce the frailty and disability of old age.

Ironically, they found the gene in young people who suffer from a rare and deadly disease that produces premature aging. Victims of Werner's syndrome are remarkably young, but they are still young adults, but they also suffer a vast array of age-related ailments despite their youth.

"This is a beginning," said Nancy J. Hoell, chief of the institute's biology of aging branch, "but it is the best we have. We hope this will help us to tell us about the involvement of DNA metabolism in normal aging." She also said, "It is a kind of Holy Grail of aging research," Schellenberg said. In understanding how the gene works, he added, their goal is "not necessarily for the benefit of the patient, but to help people age in a healthier way.

Because the defective gene appears to be so closely involved in the development of aging and many of its symptoms, scientists hope that understanding how it works could lead to new treatments for aging and many of its complications.

"Werner's is not going after the gene to cure Werner's," Galas said. "We're interested in what it will tell us about DNA metabolism and aging and heart disease.

In addition, he said, "It is excessive, meaning that a child must inherit a defective copy from each parent to develop the disease. While many as 1 in 200 people may carry a single copy of the defective gene, these people may not develop Werner's or the other pathways" to cancer and other diseases, even though they do not develop Werner's.

"Werner's is an upper-ran- ning disease in the world," the gene, Sandhoff agreed. "We have a full (of research) ahead of us, but it has really opened the door," he said.

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"It was the best decision for me and my family," interim President David D. Schellenberg of the Seattle VA Medical Center and his colleagues at the University of Washington's new Darwin Molecular Corp. report in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

"The newly discovered gene is the blueprint for a protein called a helicase, molecular biologist Gerald S. Sandhoff's success suggests a new era in treating aging, cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

Scientists Say Artificial Flooding of Grand Canyon a Big Success

By Charles Babington

WASHINGTON

Scientists say artificial flooding of the Grand Canyon is a big success.

"It's a very successful resolution to this case," FBI agents told the Examiner, "We have a perfect copy of the aging process," Hershay told the Examiner. "It's a perfect copy of the aging process." On Tuesday, Lloyd Dubreuil said he was inspired by another young person's cross-country flight several years ago, and when Jessica expressed an interest in flying, he decided to give her a chance to take his place in such a flight.

"I'm the culprit," the Associated Press quoted him as saying.

But he also said his daughter was the impetus. "She dragger her hammer and took a whack," rather than being pushed by her parents, AP quoted him as saying. Her interest in flying led her to begin her parents gave her an airplane ride for her sixth birthday.

The Internal Revenue Service had received slightly more than 67 million of the 116 million returns it expects this year, down 1.1 percent from last year, as of a week ago, the latest number available.

The number of refunds approved stood at 46.5 million, up 6.6 percent, from last year. So far has been 812,425, up 14.5 percent from last year's 518,078.

Many laggards, of course, face a taxing weekend and a check to Uncle Sam at the last minute. According to the IRS, the government has opened the floodgate of one of its own dams in order to repair some of the damage done to river canyon denied their natural flow for many years.

Johns Hopkins Student Dies at Friend's Hands over Republican Club Election

By Charles Babington

BALTIMORE

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Moments after Res T. Chao, 19, of Westlake Village, Calif., took off Thursday night, Harwood followed him out the same corridor building, finally shot him and then took off, authorities said.

Harwood is the same man who last month did what it was designed to do, according to experts, to send restorations and extending and enlarging beaches and wildlife habitat.

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I have seen many, lengthy arguments against the ROTC task force's recommendations, but I have not seen much support for the job that the task force did. I would like to take this chance to give my personal views on the issue. I am in favor of their decision and their recommendation to which they have gone to see both sides of the issue and gather facts.

I think the task force has come up with a good solution to a very difficult problem. Compromise must be sought, and this is the right direction, admitting open gays into the ROTC program while maintaining the respect and honor of our country.

In conclusion, removing ROTC would do more harm than good in MIT's attempt to influence the DoD. I think that action would severe any chance at all to influence further legislation on this issue. I am in favor of their decision to publish their disagreement with the editorial.

Guest Column by Christopher J. Sarton

I would like to close with a plug aimed at every modern invention relies on the manipulation of thumbs. From the daily thumb such mindless chores as clicking the space bar or maybe honking the horn. While this at may seem insignificant, they are far from it.

Perhaps the only ubiquitous technology that is thumb-friendly these days is the remote control of the television. It's not that television is not an important aspect of our culture suffers. Ironically, this fluke allows everyone access to television on the remote via four-fingered flaps at the end of each arm.

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Filing State and Federal Taxes Shouldn't Be a Pain

Column by Eva Moy

What's the easiest way to file your taxes? Ask your parents to do it! Seriously, Monday is the deadline — the dreaded April 15 — for federal income tax returns. Maybe you have already filed your return, or intend to do it this weekend. Or maybe you don't even know where to pick up the forms.

Disclaimer: If you invent in stocks or own a house or are a small farmer, then you probably already know how to do your complicated taxes. Flip back to World & Nation.

When I filed my first tax return freshman year I was worried about all sorts of little details. Should I use the 1040 or 1040A or 1040EZ form? What are all those "schedules"? Should I file on paper or electronically? How do I find a copy of the Virginia tax forms?

Or an even more basic question: Am I a resident of Massachusetts because I'm here for most of the year, or am I a Virginia resident because I'm still a student?

I went to the post office and the library looking for all the right forms. Sometimes the smaller branches run out of forms early. I read every page of the instructions and double checked all of my numbers. I compared the results for the different 1040 forms. They were the same.

I made sure when I stapled the W-2 and 1099 forms in the right places that the main 1040 form would still tri-fold correctly. Then I counted everything, made sure the whole thing still weighed under 1 ounce — I wouldn't want it to be sent back because of insufficient postage — and sent it off.

In the next few years, I must admit that I've become more lax about the whole process and have even made a few mistakes in the calculations (in my favor). Once I assembled all the various pieces of paper, it would only take me an hour or two to finish. Maybe I was just lucky. Or maybe students' taxes are incredibly simple after all.

This year, however, is one of my last in the world of the 1040EZ form. I forced my left to keep all of my receipts (although they're still in a huge pile somewhere in my room) and started keeping track of my expenses on my computer. Maybe I'll learn some good habits for when I enter the real world and hopefully make more than $10,000-15,000 per year.

So, anyway, if you haven't done your return yet, invite a few friends over on Monday, watch the marathon for a while, and then finally sort out all those little pieces of paper. As for me, I've already gotten back all of my tax refunds.

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THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY
44 Pittsburgh St.

By Aaron R. Prazan

W e know what to expect whenever Frances Zeffirelli makes a movie. It will be a literary adaptation, an example of art — produced with in an inch of life, rarefied, ethereal, mostly it will be impervious to its audience. It will resemble its stagings of operas, try ing to make up with lavish display what it lacks in soul. The good news is that Jane Eyre will not be a plain young woman who unconsciously looks into the power of a few other pasta and meat combinations like Ravioli Chicken Parme san. Portions are enough to satisfy, but not overfilling. A huge dining room means little food, even for larger numbers of people. The place has a certain railroad station charm to it. There is a high ceiling of thick timbers reminiscent of a 19th century Junction. There is even a trolley car inside. In truth, the building is a great place for a restaurant, but architecture and low prices are the right mix of factors that makes a place great. Food is the real life and livelihood of a good restaurant. With a menu consisting of mostly spaghetti, it seems like the chefs at the Facto ry can’t go wrong. All they need is a spicy marinara sauce with a touch of wine, lots of garlic, and some good cuts of meat for fantastic spaghetti. Instead, there was a watery, bland sauce with no character. It even arrived at the table cold. As mentioned, better sauce sits in the jars on Laverlie’s shelves. In addition, the included beverage I got turned out to be sour milk. It was replaced promptly with a small warm skim milk that tasted only slightly fresher. As for the other extras, I can only really compliment the bread. Crusty, yeasty, and served warm, the bread was unrelated satisf ying. Every meal comes with a salad, and the OSF has room for improvement there, too. Salads are extremely simple; iceberg lettuce swimming in dressing. Extra greens, more vegetables, or any sign of creative preparation would have been nice. Dessert was ice cream. I had Spumoni, a traditional Italian flavor, and it was decent. In fact, I could have enjoyed a whole bowl except that the dessert dishes at the OSF are short-glass sized. For a marathoner, the OSF delivers carbohydrates, but the food lover is sadly forgotten. In summary, The OSF is not recommended. I went with high hopes and was disappointed. It is possible that I caught a bad day, but the fact that such a simple meal as spaghetti went so badly is not a testament to quality. The OSF, therefore, continues the tradition of an eternal truth: “You get what you pay for.” For better pastas go anywhere in the North End and leave the wharf to seafood.

By Stephen Brophy

Jane Eyre
Directed by Franco Zeffirelli
Starring William Hurt, Anna Paquin, and Charlotte Gainsborough.
One Kendall Square, Cambridge.

Charlotte Bronte published her most popu lar novel in 1847, and it hasn’t been out of print since. Its early chapters, which detail young Jane’s orphanhood, ill treatment at the hands of rich relatives, and eventual consign ment to a strict girl’s school, find partial foundation in some of the details of Bronte’s own life. But the rest — the job as governess to an illegitimate child, the hesitant slide into romance with Mr. Rochester, the child’s tem peramental father, and the Gothic extravagance of the secret in the attic — are purely Bronte’s imagination. Like most people who have adapted this story to film, Zeffirelli shrinks the earlier part of the tale to magnify the excesses of the later, which is too bad, because it means we only get to watch the delightful Anna Paquin as the young Jane for about twenty minutes. Paquin’s graceful performance is as much ballet as acting; perhaps it is a touch too stylized, but it is lovely nonetheless. Fortunately, when Jane grows up and Charlotte Gainsborough takes over the role, she does not disappoint the expectations planted by Paquin. Charlotte Bronte imagined her heroine to be a plain young woman who unconsciously beguiles Rochester with her independence, strong will, and readiness. Gainsborough plays her quietly, but with considerable force. She would not be called conventionally attractive, but manages to project her own unique beauty as she gives in to her love and discovers she is loved in return. She is also completely believable whenever called on to take a stand, whether about the treatment of her illegitimate lover or the seeming duplicity of her lover. Rochester is portrayed by William Hurt with less devices from his bag of irritating theatrics than usual. Hurt is the only American actor in a mostly British ensemble, but manages not to seem entirely out of place. Joan Plowright appears as Mr. Rochester’s sympathetic housekeeper and Jane’s friend — her presence is always a plus, even in films of lesser merit. The rest of the well chosen cast, especially Amanda Root and Samuel West, who appeared in last year’s Persuasion, recalls to us the pleasures of other recent adaptations of British fiction. It is ultimately the actors who save Jane Eyre from the excesses of its director. The cinematography and production design emphasize brightness and details — and too much of both. The overly stylized soundtrack was created by a committee of three composers, and is plopped on predictably whenever any emotion is expressed. But Bronte’s characters, as inter preted by this company, manage to rise above it all.

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Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare are hired for a kidnapping in Fargo.

Russell and Steven Segal, who must sneak aboard the plan to defuse the bomb. Although the ending is never in question, Executive Decision keeps us hooked from one climax to the next with surprising efficiency.

**** Leaving Las Vegas

**** Faithful

It's Margaret's (Cher) 20th wedding anniversary and her husband has hired a hit- man to kill her. Tony (Chazz Palminteri) is to break into the couple's home, tie her up, and wait for a phone call from the husband telling Tony he is far enough away to have his alibi. This leaves Tony and Margaret an hour to save her life. A magnificently open-hearted feminist vision of a way the world could be if men were not always struggling to dominate it. This epic magical-reality story begins just after World War II and culminates the day after tomorrow. It's not some martyr's never-never land, however — the roses in this paradise still hold thorns. As the seasons turn over, friends and lovers grow older and die, and those who are left behind have to mix and lovers grow older and die, and thorns. At these reasons turn over, friends matriarchal never-never land, however

The American version of the French farce La Cage aux Folles succeeds on many levels, thanks in part to the excellent performances of Robin Williams and Nathan Lane. Armand (Williams), the owner and musical director of nightclub in Miami's South Beach section, while his lover Albert (Lance) is the diva-in-drag who's the star performer at the club. The trouble starts when Armand's son (Dann Futterman) starts courting the daughter of a conservative U.S. Senator (Hankackman) whose election platform is steeped in "moral order" and "family values." By the time the film reaches its climactic, comic showdown between the two families, the message of "family" and the characters' follies are so skillfully exploited that one overlooks the expected degrees of slapstick, even when resorting to grotesque stereotypes. Director Mike Nichols and screenwriter Elaine May have struck the appropriate comic and social chords for this film to hit a witty, bittersweet and intelligent film. - Scott C. DeKin. Sony Copley.

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Without Tenure, Wolfe Leaves

Six years after decision, questions about tenure process continue

By Yaron Koren

Few parts of the MIT administrative system are as mysterious to the tenure process as the tenure committee, which alone has the power to approve tenure, Litster said. It's an "extremely rigorous process," he said.

Six years ago, it was the turn of then-associate professor of brain and cognitive sciences Jeremy M. Wolfe PhD '81 to be considered for tenure. He was rejected.

While tenure rejections occur frequently, the circumstances surrounding the decision on Wolfe were anything but normal. Wolfe was known as a distinguished researcher and had an institute-wide reputation as an excellent teacher. In 1989, Wolfe received the coveted Baker Teaching Award - the only Institute award whose recipients are nominated by undergraduate students.

The award has since acquired a reputation as the kiss of death for professors seeking tenure. Conventional wisdom is that professors strong in teaching are perceived as weak on research - the more important of the two as far as tenure is concerned - and are therefore denied.

Wolfe's main class - Introduction to Psychology (9.00) - had an attendance of roughly 300 and "was regularly oversubscribed by 100 to 150 students," Wolfe said. The students in the fall 1994 9.00 class gave Wolfe an overall rating of 6.5 out of a possible 7.0 in the Course Evaluation Guide.

Wolfe was clearly admired by his colleagues in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences; he was unanimously nominated for tenure by his department's committee.

The central unanswered question is why Wolfe was denied tenure. The department, which is now part of the School of Science, at the time fell under the jurisdiction of the Whitaker College. It was this college whose council made the final, unexpected decision to deny Wolfe tenure.

Wolfe leaves for Harvard

In 1991, Wolfe left MIT to accept a post at Harvard as an associate professor of ophthalmology; he is currently a researcher at Harvard Medical School's Center for Clinical Cancer Research. Although he left for Harvard, Wolfe continued to teach 9.00 at MIT as a visiting associate professor.

Wolfe said he feels like he has fair tenure in his new role at Harvard. "It's a little odd to be a psychologist in the ophthalmology department, but I have the resources and the computer to do my own particular research," he said. "Being in Boston in my particular field is very good because I can get together with other people [in my field], and we chat regularly."

The one aspect of his former life that Wolfe misses most is the lecturing and interaction with students. "I'm perfectly happy to be doing research, but it's a little like leaving out one of five courses out of a five-course meal," Wolfe said.

He calls it a "cheap irony" that "there are lots of people who would love to have a post and excellent research facilities and not have to talk to undergraduates at all. Which is exactly what I'm doing, except that I'm actually interested in teaching."

Several explanations for the decision

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Note: This is for 1996 (January or June) MIT graduates.
By Fenny Lin
STAFF REPORTER

A number of students filed complaints with Campus Police last week concerning harassing phone calls from a male identifying himself as a staff member of Nightline, MIT's confidential peer listening group.

Campus Police got the earliest report of such calls last Wednesday, said Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin. In all, ten such incidents have been reported.

While police do not have evidence pinpointing the caller's identity, they believe that a single individual is responsible for impersonating Nightline. No particular group is being targeted for these calls, Glavin said.

The complaints are still under investigation, Glavin said. "We encourage people who get called to let us know. It's hard when people don't come forward with their information."

"We were definitely very concerned about it and wanted to respond to it directly," said one of this year's Nightline coordinators, who requested not to be identified so as to preserve the anonymity associated with the group.

Jessica A. Walko '97 received one of these anonymous calls at 4 o'clock in the morning last week. The call lasted about two minutes, during which the caller said that he was concerned that she was having academic problems.

"I didn't feel really threatened, it was just strange," Walko said. According to student reports, the caller had attempted to acquire information about the students' personal relationships, academic problems, and emotional and mental state.

Nightline is a volunteer peer listening group run entirely by students, the coordinator said. It maintains strict confidentiality of all calls made by students to discuss their problems, and its staffers never call students, the coordinator said.

Any student receiving a call from someone claiming to be from Nightline should file a report with the Campus Police, Glavin said. They are suggesting that people not tell the caller any personal information.

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[The Daily News, April 1, 11]

Harvard, Princeton return funds

Princeton and Harvard Universi-
ties agreed Wednesday to return investment profits to the Founda-
tion for New Era Philanthropy.

New Era attracted donations from a number of wealthy donors and other non-profit groups by promising to donate as much as 10 percent of its profits to charity. The program is expected to raise $4 million a year for the next five years.

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Questions Remain On Tenure Decision

Wolfe, from Page 9

Professor of Chemical Engineering Kenneth A. Smith '58, who chaired the Whittaker committee that gave Wolfe the final thumbs-down, refused to give an explanation, saying only that "in retrospect... I'd say there are cases where we've gone on to regret our decision."

"Overall, the tenure process works pretty well," Smith said. "I think it's probably a mistake to speak about individual cases," he added.

After years, and especially in light of Wolfe's denial, people have charged that the tenure decision process tends to reward world-class researchers and not great teachers.

Litster conceded there is some truth to this. "In general, research is more important" in the decision process, he said. "But if you look back 20 years ago, research was a lot more important than it is now" in comparison to teaching ability.

"It's gotten tougher because I think the teaching standards have been raised while research standards have remained the same," Litster said.

Smith agreed. "There's a little truth in that. It's certainly fair to say that it's easier to measure research experience than teaching experience," he said. But "over the last 15 years, the weight given to teaching has been steadily increasing," he said.

Even Wolfe waxed philosophical about the tenure process. "Tenure processes are always going to be a bit strange," he said. "I'm not thrilled with the way mine worked out, but it's not clear that the whole system is crying out for revision."

I'm sorry to be leaving," Wolfe said. Wolfe will be replaced by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Science Steven Pinker. Emilio Bizzi, who chairs the department, explained that it was inappropriate for someone not in the faculty to be teaching such a large course. He said the change came only now because "it took a while for Pinker to get ready" for the switch.

Wolfe will now teach 9.00 for the Concourse program. He said that his new class will have an enrollment of 30-40 students.

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**IFC New Member Retreat: The New Tradition**

On the weekend of October 20th, sixty members of the Greek community came together on a weekend retreat to discuss their fraternal experiences and problems. The IFC New Member Retreat provided an opportunity for these new members to foster new relationships and build positive commitment with other PSILG's. The retreat was held at a camp in Rhode Island where the New Members were treated to a weekend of games, leadership activities, community service to the campsite, a professional ropes course, and intense discussions.

One of the main issues discussed was that many members were concerned about interfraternal relations and felt as if the houses were too isolated from others. Some felt as if this was a result of stereotypes that have been created by ignorant rumors as well as rivalries during rush. Other issues discussed were hazing, homophobia, racism, alcohol abuse, giving back to the community, and apathy. Through the retreat the New Members realized our goals: Building a better image for the IFC and strive towards unity among the Living Groups. During the following term the Executive Committee plans to make communication between living groups an integral part of IFC.

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Dormcon Cites Own Interest in Decisions

Barron sees the situation differently. "In our past experience, if IFC isn't even going to care about the rules we set in Medcomm, what's the point?" he said. Earlier this fall, Dormcon brought a charge at a Medcomm hearing against a fraternity member that walked into East Campus during rush, a violation of rush rules. "The assumptions that Dormcon has made about Medcomm began during this trial," Pride said. "Dormcon simply walked out of the room after refusing to compromise." Jablonski agrees. "The event wasn't resolved to Dormcon's liking. I think this is where a lot of this stems from," she said. "And IFC frustrated with Dormcon's decision to unilaterally sever any relationship with them."

Dormcon officers disagree, however. "Dormcon's decision to pull out of Medcomm is not related to any event," Lakshminarayanan said. Dormcon had been looking into re-engineering itself earlier, she said. None of these actions were "to
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Dormcon, IFC, RCA
Face Common Issues

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spite anyone, or to make rush difficulties for other groups," Lakshminarayanan said. "We don’t perceive any conflict. We are just doing what is good for our organization," she said. However, part of “having students govern themselves is that sometimes it is not going to work out the way everyone wants it to, but they participate in resolving conflicts democratically, and hope that the majority of the time people are satisfied," Jablonski said.

Dormcon continues involvement

Decisions that affect students should "not be made by administrators only but should heavily involve student input," Lakshminarayanan said. While it is a positive step that the leadership of Dormcon wants the residence halls to have a more active voice in determining policy, "at the same time this means participating and collaborating with IFC and RCA and not making unilateral decisions," Jablonski said.

"What we are left with right now is the two groups developing separate rules and RCA left two enforce them. This doesn’t make sense to us when have to try to empower students to enforce their own rules," Jablonski said.

Donncon representatives said it "really thought about these new [Judicial Committee] rules for a long time, and will not be having a Medommm next year or the year after. We will not change our mind," Lakshminarayanan said.

This give Dormcon’s Judcomm the authority to undertake judicial proceedings for any individual on campus by itself, Lakshminarayanan said.

This new code has not yet been officially revised, Jablonski said. Dormcon has presented a draft of the code, and "while we are open to considering revising that document, the way it currently read is in direct conflict to our judicial system," she said.

The chorus sings “Bells are Ringing” in the opening scene of the Next House spring show. From left to right: Cathryn A. McNamara ‘96, Christine E. Lee ‘97, Stephanie J. Alfred ‘96, Lan-Chun Chang ‘98, and Raeghan M. Byrne ‘99.

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Gillian Anderson is a noted conductor and musicologist, specializing in American music and film music. She has conducted orchestras in Europe, Canada and the US. Her performances have been described as 'brilliant' (The Washington Post) and 'extraordinary' (The New York Times). Because of the special nature of the performance, no one can be admitted after the film has begun.
Women's Ice Hockey Wins McArthur Championships

By Michelle V. Bakkila

The women's ice hockey team finished its season with a bang by winning the McArthur MBA World Hockey Championships, held March 22-24, hosted by Harvard University Business School. The other teams competing were B-schools from Dartmouth and Yale Universities and Holy Cross College.

The MIT team, consisting mostly of first-year players, began the tournament Friday night with a game against Harvard Business School, one of its biggest rivals. After an intense game, they went home with a frustrating 0-0 tie.

Returning Saturday morning, the team faced Dartmouth. While the team's scoring improved, the game again ended in a tie, this time 2-2.

With a record of 0-0-2, the team earned a third seed in the tournament, and faced Yale in a 7 a.m. game Sunday. At the end of regulation play, MIT had tied a third time, 2-2.

Instead of playing a sudden-death overtime, the game went to a best-of-three shootout. With over-time goals scored by Kalpana Mani '99 and Aradhana Narula G, MIT finally won the game, 4-2.

The defensive line played remarkable passing games, controlled the puck in the offensive zone, and rebounded consistently. The defense kept its opponents' goals to a minimum.

Men's Lacrosse Downs Babson in Dramatic Style; Record Now 3-1

By Farrant Sakaguchi

Judging by its first few games, the men's lacrosse team is off to a good start. It won its most recent game Sunday in sudden-death against Babson College, 7-6.

The team started the game slowly, giving up three quick goals in the first quarter. Though it battled back to within one to 4-5 with five seconds left in the third, Babson was able to put one in to end the third quarter to make the score 4-6.

Behind, the team came out hard in the fourth quarter. Jason Prest '96 wanted to try again led with five. Not far behind were Philip Donchek '96 and Joe Bishop '97 with four and three goals, respectively. Tom Barber '97 finally won the game, 4-2.

The only loss of the new season was to Wheaton College. The team gave up six goals in the first quarter. That deficit sunk them too deep to launch a comeback, and they lost, 7-2.

Although Hectors and Mills each had three goals and Donchek had one, overall play was poor.

The team's next game is at home Saturday against Western New England College.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, April 13
Men's Lacrosse vs. Western New England College, 11:00 a.m.
Baseball vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 12:00 p.m.
Men's Lightweight Crew vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 10:45 a.m.
Varsity Sailing for Geiger Trophy, 11:30 a.m.
Women's Softball vs. Smith College, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14
Golf vs. Springfield College and Brandeis University, 1:00 p.m.
Varsity Sailing at Tech Invitational, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 15
Men's Lacrosse vs. Clark University, 4:00 p.m.