Pilot Party Plan Implemented on A Permanent Basis

Walker Banned as Site for Large Events

By Frank Debec

A decision to make permanent last spring's pilot ban on the holding all large, late-night parties will mean that all such events continue to be reviewed on a 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 this fall, including "millions of dollars in volume were 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 evaluation 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 UROP, Page 13
Perot Likely to Name Running Mate

The Washington Post

Detroit

Ross Perot Monday said he tied in Tuesday for the announcement of his running mate.

Like any good television personality, Perot plugged his next 30-minutes or other talk-show host Larry King. When asked if he answers he gave to members of the Economic Club of Detroit on why he would deal with Social Security and the budget deficit had a familiar catch phrase. "Watch my inferences," Perot, who always exerts populist views, sounded particularly sour on the political process Monday.

Unlike what Perot said in his third-party campaign for president largely via television advertisements, but Monday he finally took ques-

Perot said, "there are no ethics

 standards in politics... Politics is negative, bitter, mean-spirited and

But there is a point that the best people in our country won't even participate," he said, specifically citing former Joint Chief

in the economic collapse of 1982 and now running for governor of California Sen. Pete Wilson, once abefore U.S. marshals packed her off

She spent the day in a holding cell

Starr and his lawyers

President Clinton conceded together a series of anti-terrorism strategic moves last week including the closing of military bases, an end to

federal agents, the inquiring minds of Congress and their desire to learn more about the Clintons. That

prompted Starr to issue a statement 

England and now a convicted felon

The administration would be wise to

Perot said: "We need all the laws and we need them renewed..." Conser-

overConcern American security in the

Some clearing. Low 65°F (19°C).

Tonight:

THE WASHINGTON POST

President Calls on Congress

To Pass Airport Security Bill

By Peter Baker

The Washington Post

Washingto

President Clinton warned Congress Monday that it could be shot down at last year's budget round.

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commander-in-chief. While Hill, some Repub-

lican leaders were skeptical, saying

Military Post

Upstate

President Clinton was at Virginia Tech on Tuesday to speak about the drifts. In addition, it calls for funds to upgrade securi-

tivities advanced 'by a commission

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

By John M. Goshko
THE WASHINGTON POST

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 tests.

Despite the shadow cast over the proceedings by the situation in Iran and its call for Israel's withdrawal from Arab-populated West Bank areas, 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.

The proposed pact, formally known as the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, calls for outlawing 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.

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

By Michael Dobbs

WASHINGTO

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Monday rejected calls by the Clinton administration to pull Israeli forces out of Arab-populated areas of the West Bank town of Hebron, while expressing optimism that a formula for the resumption of direct talks with the Palestinians had at last been found.

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 resume talks with the Palestinians that were broken off by Netanyahu in December.

After his meeting with Netanyahu, President Clinton described the Jewish community in Hebron as the "oldest and probably the most difficult" of the "Arab towns" that Israelis plan to withdraw from when they are ready to do so, and repeated his administration's commitment to work on a formula for the resumption of direct talks with the Palestinians that were broken off by Netanyahu in December.

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Planning Ahead Can Bring Unforeseeable Difficulties

Column by Brett Altshul

Over the summer, I stopped thinking about many of the ongoing problems that are part of MIT life. I was too busy preparing for the fall semester to start my mind up again. All the worries that I could safely ignore for three months just returned to haunt me.

Among the difficulties that have once more risen to prominence is scheduling. I don't mean scheduling my classes this semester; I mean dealing with that quite thoroughly in the spring. My problem started last semester. I was trying to plan my classes as far in advance as possible, so that rooms several years into graduate school.

Lately, I've been agonizing over a problem with the Field House (3.252). It looks as though I may not be able to take that class until the spring of 2002, which means that it might get in the way of my thesis research. Ideally, I should move the class to 2001 if I take Quantum Theory I (3.510) that year.

Of course, taking a class like that means my senior year interferes with the other difficult classes that I must take. This work is said to be 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 (3.544) that term as well, my 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 planned 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 year. I decided to drop such a project completely. I'm not sure I could have done it now, I could decide later that learning the advanced principles of modern physics 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. If 54-100 manages to combine both old wooden seats and cramped rows in one room, there's the discomfort of sitting in those wooden chairs that, rather than supporting you properly, have a seat that pivots back and forth with you as its weight.

Most people who ever sat in 26-100 and listened to all the bearings of the seats groaning and squeaking during a lecture will relate to this experience. 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 hoping about is how they're going to rework the distribution system (that's a colossus in itself, actually), streamline the administration, and cut costs. But what are they doing? They've started a student life on a day-by-day basis! All of us spend hundreds of hours sitting in lecture during our time at MIT, simple changes in our experiences there could make major impacts on the quality of student life.

A lot of students don't care about re-engineering. They don't feel it will impact their everyday existence as a student, and they certainly don't feel right about it. MIT needs to examine how it can impact the daily life of its students and cannot just center on redesigning the MIT administration. The administration is important, but its internal function often has little bearing on the daily experience of the MIT student. We eat, we go to class, we socialize, we read. Nothing impacts our everyday life so much. Yet, academicians and students aren't the only concerned.

The fact that a recent college ranking by U.S. News and World Report placed Duke University over MIT should wake us up to this. While Duke may have had more Nobel Prize winners, or at least its administration gets its mail distributed more quickly, it has no student retention "stigma." Students are people, too, and academics aren't the only important component of the ranking system. Because it's indicative of the happiness and satisfaction of the school's students and its administration may well need to be redesigned to maintain the quality pool of students, it will have to impact the daily life of the MIT student. They don't feel it will impact their everyday experience, and they certainly don't feel right about it. MIT needs to examine how it can impact the daily life of its students and cannot just center on redesigning the MIT administration.
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Solo falls completely flat in android-movie doldrums

SOLO
Directed by Norberto Barba
Starring Mario Van Peebles, Barry Corbin, Janine Gonzalez, and William Sadler

Solo is, he's pumped, he's primed, he's ready for combat: 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 local towns. But despite his preparations, the film falls flat because he plays the part honestly, partly a credit to the screenplay, and mainly because he has been programmed not to endanger the lives of noncombatants. The evil military brass in charge of the Solo project decides this is unacceptable and, against the wishes of Solo’s creator, Gen. X. Hackett, 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 that literally takes place in a small village in an unnamed South American country—one on which he had earlier been sent to.

Up until this point, the film is fairly even in the clichés of the genre—the evil military leader—as well as his sidekick, the bumbling General Hayes (Barry Corbin)—is an unconvincing, unlikable, 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 93. 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 military, and they do. Some scenes here in which the villagers’ suspicions are slowly broken down through touching, in a manipulative kind of way.

The military, still set to get its android back somehow that human can match for this man of steel and sends out (you guessed it) another android to finally and end it all. Solo, this one programmed to lack the panes 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 depiction of evil, this double-casting technique falls flat because Madden plays both with the exact same lack of credibility.

At this point, the film devolves into your usual one-on-one battle 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 Pfeiffer, who also helped to produce the film. He is believable and physically impressive, and more than able to carry the weight of the film. He plays the part honestly, partly a credit to the screenplay, and manages to elicit sympathy without giving up 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 stunning 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 dark musical were lost in the translation.
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Gunman Disrupts MCAT Examination In San Francisco
By Dan McGuire
September 10, 1996

A masked gunman burst into an MCAT examination in San Francisco on Saturday shortly after the start of the three-hour session in one of the six-hour exam sites. 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 pistol gun and wearing a ski mask.

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 him 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 suspect. 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 an identity 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 resented the street and told us that he had done well in 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 financial aid office have left about 35 percent of student loan collections offices were all initiated during the spring of 1995. The Office of the Bursar, student administrative services, 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 widely publicized. "It think it's ridiculous that they didn't even tell me they moved the office," one student said.

Last winter's government student loans, which delayed the implementation of a radical new accounting package which linked the offices were also blamed as well.

The office is expected to clear out the backlogs by the end of October.

(Tale Daily News, Sept 1)

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. "But you may have read a lot about in the visit to the campus, but we wouldn't confirm or say any-thing."

[Brown Daily Herald, Sept 4]

Administrators blamed part of the slowdown on the consolidation of student administrative services. The consolidation was 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 widely publicized. "It think it's ridiculous that they didn't even tell me they moved the office," one student said.

Last winter's government student loans, which delayed the implementation of a radical new accounting package which linked the offices were also blamed as well.

The office is expected to clear out the backlogs by the end of October.

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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

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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.

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CASPAR Looks to Reduce HIV, Drugs in Homeless

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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 and/or alcohol problems. It does not admit children, so it refers mothers and/or alcohol problems.

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 precious 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 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 court 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 that none is used in the building. 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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For Parties, Walker

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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 cancelation.

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, Jablonksi 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 policy.

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. This 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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