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Business Week compiled the rankings by combining the results of two surveys soliciting the opinions of graduates of business schools and corporate recruiters.

The University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School topped the list for the second consecutive time, with the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Northwestern University's Kellogg School, Harvard University, and the University of Virginia's Darden School taking the next four spots. Columbia University (6), Stanford University (7), the University of Chicago (8), and Dartmouth University's Tuck School (10) round out the top 10.

Emphasis differed from U.S. News Business Week's rankings show a significant difference from those published by U.S. News and World Report, which has placed Sloan as high as first in the nation in the past two years.

One reason for the difference is the heavy emphasis Business Week places on corporate recruiters.

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George Takei answers questions as a small mob of fans surrounds him. Takei spoke in Kresge Auditorium on Monday night at an event entitled, "Beyond Star Trek: An evening with George Takei."

Daylight-saving time ends Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour back at 2 a.m.

By David D. Hsu

In an effort to address community concerns at the Sloan's Office held the first of a series of open forums on Monday night. Students brought up several topics ranging from student dining to the writing requirement.

Over 20 students attended the forum hosted by Dean for Undergraduate Education and Operations H. Williams, Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates, Senior Associate Dean Robert M. Randolph, and Director of Administration and Operations Stephen D. Immerman.

Students were generally pleased with the forum. "I liked the format" of questions and answers, said Christopher D. Salthouse '00. While there was some real communication going on, there also was "a little bit of politicking, but that's to be expected," he said.

Mark A. Story G said the forum was an effective format and he was satisfied with the dean's responses to questions. Story plans to attend future forums.

The next Sloan's Office forum will be held Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Religious Activities Center.

By Noemi Grispenc

The Sloan School of Management held the Sloan's Office forum on the writing requirement. The forum was designed for students to express opinions on the new writing requirement proposal.

The proposed changes would make the new writing requirement a "communication intensive" class each of their four years at the Institute. ("Committee Plans to Revamp Institute Writing Requirement," Sept. 20)

The forum, sponsored by the Undergraduate Association, was attended mostly by students from the UA Council and campus media.

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Also, informal studies show that MIT students have the same level of writing and communication skills upon graduating as they did coming in, suggesting that the current program doesn't have a "marked, invisible effect" to these abilities, said Head of the Writing Program Alan P. Lightman.

The two ways of approaching the problem are to tweak the current system so that it works better, or to decide that the problem is much more systemic, Hodges said. The committee has adopted the latter approach.

The problem is very deep, Lightman said. "We need to change the culture at MIT."

At the same time, several boundary conditions place severe limits on the extent of change the committee can suggest. Committee members recognize the heavy workload of writing. Story, Page 25

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WEATHER

Tranquil Times

By Marek Zebrowski

As the western half of the nation turns stormy and cold (first sea-sonal snowfall in the Colorado Rockies), our weather will be determined by the ridge of high pressure over the Eastern Great Plains. The ridge is expected to move to the northwest. A warm front, associated with a low in the western Great Lakes, will approach from the northwest, followed by a cold front from the north. The two will produce a southerly flow that will develop for a very pleasant and warm Sunday. By Monday, a cold front and a low pressure wave will arrive from the west, bringing a chance of rain or snow. Temperatures will drop significantly by the end of the week, with highs around 5°F (0°C) to our north. Mild air is possible with highs near 60°F (16°C) by Thursday.

Near the愉

By Donald P. Baker

Reform Party presidential candidate Ross Perot Thursday reiterated his disavowal of "independent contractors," rejecting a plea from Republican Bob Dole that he drop out of the race. "I can't bring myself to stigmatize on President Clinton," Perot said Wednesday with Dole campaign manager Scott Reed, he focused his attention on aышfund-raising tactics as "morally and ethically wrong" and warning Clinton's administration could result in a "second Watergate... and a constitution." By one, Perot described sometimes inaccurately the recent controversies over campaign contributions to the Democratic National Committee and said those transactions "are why the core of our policy is campaign finance reform." After citing contributions from a convicted drug dealer and from a company run by a Korean company and by Buddhist monks, Perot said, "I can't believe anybody in this country giving money." An outspoken critic of recent U.S. policy in the Middle East, he sarcastically that "it seems like you go over a line and you can't project the money is. It makes sense that's where the jobs were going to be. Those of us who are most fighting the president against his association with Jorge Cabral de Miranda, the charge he received $20,000 20th year to the DNC.

With Research, Pope Says Evolution Is 'More Than Just a Theory'

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Clint Will Hold Up Arms Transfer To Bosnian Federation

The meeting in Ankara, to be mediated by Assistant Secretary of State Robert Casterling, will approach from the south. Afternoon sea breezes will develop. High about 64°F (18°C) during the afternoon.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, near 50°F (10°C). Sunday outlook: Becoming partly sunny and warm, with highs flirting around the 70°F (21°C) mark.

Kurdish Rivals Will Meet in Turkey To End Fighting, U.S. Says

By Donald P. Baker

"I never thought I would live to see a major drug dealer give away 20,000 bucks in Florida and then be invited to the White House. But I'm my support of President Clinton... and then be invit- ed to the White House. But I'm my support of President Clinton... and then be invit- ed to the White House. But I'm..." Shortly after that, Perot pointed out, police "caught him with 5,828 firearms and 3,000 pounds of narcotics in a serving a 19-year prison sentence. Thursday seemed to be generally effective, de pite a five-hour artillery barrage near the town of Degala, news a~encie reported. It also will participate. Turkey next week to try to end a bloody di pute that has given Iraqi Kurds, or KDP, and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, or PUK, since fighting broke out in late August. British and Turkish diplomats also have been trying to mediate.

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Residents of California Brace For Another Round of Fires

By Duke Heffern, Matea Gold and Eric Marlow

Residents throughout Malibu and San Diego County who escaped the destructive fires in 1993 and 1994 are bracing for the possibility of another round of inferno fires. Residents are stocking up on water, batteries, and other supplies as they prepare for the next fire season. The area has experienced a significant increase in fire activity due to climate change and increased development in fire-prone areas. Fire officials are urging residents to be prepared and to follow evacuation orders if necessary. By Duke Heffern, Matea Gold and Eric Marlow

Taliban Militia Takes Fighting To Air, Bombs Targets near Kabul

By John-Thomas Dahlburg

The Taliban militia has started a new campaign of strikes against the Afghan government forces. The Taliban launched a series of bombings and rocket attacks on Kabul and other major cities, targeting civilian and military installations. The attacks are part of the Taliban's efforts to gain more control over the country and to disrupt the government's military operations. By John-Thomas Dahlburg
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An article in Tuesday’s issue about the new Safe Ride routes that took effect Oct. 1 [“Safe Rides: Extra Benefits – Off-Campus Students”] failed to mention one of the six new stops on the Cambridge route. The omitted stop is at 71 Fulkerson Street.

An article in Tuesday’s issue about the Hunley submarine mystery was printed with a headline. The story mistakenly ran with a headline related to the story about the women’s soccer team.
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The Dark Crystal

While Jim Henson's most famous creations, Sesame Street and the Muppets, are centered upon education or humor, The Dark Crystal is truly an otherworldly experience. The movie is about one of the last races of Gelflings, Jen, who sets out to find the lost shard of the Crystal and return it before the next Great Conjunction, a rare lunar event. The puppets for The Dark Crystal were Henson's most complex, done with the help of Froud and Stuart Freeborn, who also worked on The Empire Strikes Back. At the box office, The Dark Crystal was a meager success because of a poor marketing and little support from outside producers, but it

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Lee, Carter Set Ambitious Agenda for UA

By Jean K. Lee
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

"The goal of the [Undergraduate Association] is to take a proactive role in all aspects of undergraduate life," said UA President Richard Y. Lee '97. "I want to make this organization more efficient and fun, and make it something that people want to do.

Lee outlined several of his ideas for the UA this year. A better representation of students before the administration, resurrection of the Course Evaluation Guide, and improvement of the social scene on campus are three of the many goals that Lee has set on the UA agenda.

The UA plans to initiate new services as well as continue the existing ones like the free airport shuttle service during the finals week, the Spring Weekend concert, and study breaks, Lee says.

The UA's Committee on Educational Policy has organized plans to publish an insider's guide to undergraduate majors to provide students, especially freshmen, with useful information from a first-hand perspective, Lee said. The committee may also set up an e-mail hotline at the end of each term to prevent professors from violating faculty rules by assigning problem sets during the week before final exams.

"Would like to emphasize that the UA is not concentrating efforts on reorganization but rather on student services," said UA Vice President Dedric A. Carter '98. Other events the UA organized so far this year include the forum on the writing requirement, which aimed to give students a chance to discuss changes in the writing requirements with the faculty (see story, p. 5).

The UA social committee has collaborated with the Campus Activities Center in preparing for the Spring Weekend concert, which was organized in the past by the now-defunct Student Center Committee.

In addition, the UA Finance Board will work together with the dean to make recommendations for the UA Council concerning funding for different student activities.

Goals may be hard to accomplish despite these numerous plans, some are skeptical that achieving all of these goals seem unrealistic.

"My advice would be not to expect too much," said Carrie R. Muh G, last year's UA president. "The major problem of my administration was that I tried to do too much."

Last year, "I had lots of glorious plans, but unfortunately with a bureaucracy like MIT's, everything big takes more than a year to accomplish," Muh said. UA officers "spend time on the issues which have the most chance of success," Muh said. "The UA officers have to learn how to work with the administrators and how to handle the large bureaucracy here."

"I'm not focused on what the UA did in the past, I'm just going to do what is right now," Lee said. "I'm excited. Even if we don't fulfill all our goals, I'll learn a lot from the experiences."

Student involvement needed

Unlike many other colleges, the bulk of the work here is done by the students, Lee said. "The students just don't have time to do everything by themselves."

One of the reasons why the CEC ended last year was that there was too much student work involved without enough help from the administration, he said.

"I don't expect each of these [goals] to be successful," Lee said. "There's always a risk in [not fulfilling] these goals."

The various problems the UA faces are caused by a lack of student involvement, Muh said. "I found that there is a very limited number of students who are truly involved in UA activities, and the only way to fix the UA is to get involved and to try to change what you don't like."

"The question of participation that plagues the UA is one that plagues many organizations," Carter said. "It is one of apathy on the part of many students. This apathy may arise due to work overload, lack of time."

In order to solve these dilemmas, "we need to increase the credibility of the organization," Lee said.

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Candidates Share Platforms as Election Nears

By Douglas E. Hemburger

Millions of Americans will go to the polls on Nov. 5 to elect thousands of candidates to federal, state, and national offices. While candidates in the presidential race are well known, other candidates running for state and local office may not be. To assist members of the MIT community voting in Cambridge, The Tech presents this overview of state and local races on the ballot. Information in this story was provided by the candidates.

U.S. Senator

The race of one of Massachusetts’ seats in the U.S. Senate has been extremely close. According to a recent Boston Globe poll, incumbent Democratic Sen. John F. Kerry leads Republican Gov. William F. Weld, by just four percentage points, with 12 percent of the people polled undecided. Susan Gallagher, Conservative Party candidate, received 2 percent and Robert Stowe of the Natural Law party received 1 percent. Each candidate originally vowed to limit his campaign spending to five million dollars, but there are now questions about whether the candidates actually have held themselves to the pledge.

Kerry and Weld will debate for the last time at Faneuil Hall in Boston next Monday evening.

Sen. John F. Kerry

John F. Kerry, 53, is currently in his second term as one of the U.S. senators representing the state of Massachusetts. While in Congress, Kerry has supported the Family and Medical Leave Act and has received an "environmental hero" rating from the League of Conservation Voters. Kerry has fought to raise the minimum wage. He cites education as a key issue, noting his recent fight to maintain student loans and scholarships in the Senate.

Kerry graduated from Yale University in 1966 and was an officer on a gunboat in Vietnam. He later graduated from Boston College Law School in 1976. He was elected lieutenant governor in 1982 and was elected to the Senate in 1985.

Kerry's campaign World Wide Web site can be found at http://www.kerry96.org.

Gov. William F. Weld

William F. Weld, 51, is currently serving in his second term as governor of Massachusetts. While serving as governor, Weld cut taxes 15 times, reformed welfare, and consolidated the state university system. He cites controlling spending and cracking down on crime as the issues that he would push for if elected.

Weld graduated from Harvard University in 1966 and received a diploma from Oxford in 1967. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1970. Weld was named the U.S. attorney for Massachusetts by President Ronald Reagan in 1981. He later served as an assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. Weld was elected governor in 1990.

Weld's campaign World Wide Web site can be found at http://www.weld96.com.

Susan C. Gallagher

Susan C. Gallagher, from the city of Milton, is running for Senate as the Conservative Party candidate. She is a member of the Christian Coalition and is running to attempt to return the country to Judeo-Christian values, according to the Boston Globe.

Gallagher also favors eliminating affirmative action, the Internal Revenue Service, and the National Endowment for the Arts, according to the Globe. She also is in favor of a constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion. Finally, she supports school vouchers to allow parents to send their children to private schools with tax dollars.

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Robert C. Stowe

Robert C. Stowe PhD '90 is running as the Natural Law Party candidate for Senate. Stowe supports bringing the government into the ideals of "natural law" through massive government change. He supports revitalizing the inner city areas to reduce crime. In addition, Stowe supports an end to negative campaigning and partisan politics.

He hopes to streamline the federal government and balance the budget by 1999.

Stowe graduated with a degree in physics from Harvard in 1981 and received his doctorate degree in political science in 1990 from MIT. Recently, he has served as a professor at the Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield, Iowa.

8th District U.S. Representative

Voters in precincts near MIT can choose one person, out of the two people running, to serve a two-year term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II

Democrat Joseph P. Kennedy II, 44, is currently serving in his fifth term as the U.S. House member from the eighth district of Massachusetts. During his last term in Congress, Kennedy worked for additional public housing opportunities, indoor air quality, and increasing spending on biotechnology. Kennedy also has attempted to fight the use of child labor in China.

R. Philip Hyde

Republican R. Philip Hyde, currently works as an electronic news editor at Individual, Inc. He proposes implementation of electronic referrals on virtually every issue under debate in Congress, claiming that it would allow the public to make the tough decisions instead of congressmen.

Hyde also recommends a variable-time work week that would allow all individuals the availability of jobs by reducing the number of hours in a work week. He also supports a federal health insurance system. Finally, Hyde supports choice in abortion.

Proposition 1

Voters in Massachusetts will choose whether to enact Proposition 1, a piece of legislation that was not voted on during the last session.

The proposition would prohibit the use of all traps used for catching mammals except those that confine the entire animal. In addition, it would allow anyone to serve on the state Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

Supporters of the measure, including the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Humane Society, claim the proposition will end the cruelty that these traps now cause to animals.

Opponents of the measure claim that the proposition, if enacted, would be an extremist law and that it would ban measures necessary to control wild animals. They also claim that the animals will increase the threat of disease to people and pets and damage homes and crops.
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By state law, polling places in Massachusetts will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Residents of Cambridge who have questions about the voting process can call the elections board at 349-4361. Residents of Boston can call the elections board of Boston at 635-4653.

Residents voting in other states should reserve an absentee ballot soon to ensure that it will be returned to the appropriate office before Election Day. Voters can find information on absentee voting policies in all fifty states by visiting Vote '96, a service of Rock the Vote and MCI, at http://vote.mci.com.

State Representative

Voters in Ward 2, Precinct 3 will choose between Paul C. Demakis and Thomas G. Massimo to serve a two year term in the state house of representatives. Voters in other Cambridge precincts near MIT will choose between Alvin E. Thompson and Dennis A. Benzan. Thompson did not provide information to The Tech in time for production of this article.

Rep. Paul C. Demakis
Democrat Paul C. Demakis is currently serving his first term as a state representative. He has attempted to increase the statute of limitations on rape cases from 10 to 15 years while in office. Demakis has also worked to reduce the impact of Esplanade events in the surrounding area.

Thomas G. Massimo
Republican Thomas G. Massimo is currently in a civil law practice in Boston. He wants to lead initiatives against crimes like auto theft, shoplifting, and panhandling. Massimo supports building additional prisons to allow for minimum mandatory sentencing for criminals. Massimo is also in favor of creating business improvement districts to promote growth. He also wants to ensure community involvement in development projects in the area.

Dennis A. Benzan
Dennis A. Benzan is running as an independent candidate in the 28th Middlesex District, which includes voters in precincts 2-2 and 5-1.

Middlesex County Sheriff

Residents of Cambridge will also need to choose a sheriff. Voters have the choice of Brad Bailey and James V. DiPaola. Bailey could not be contacted during the preparation of this article.

James V. DiPaola
James V. DiPaola, a Democrat, has been serving as state representative in the 30th Middlesex District since he was elected in 1992. He is an 18-year veteran of the Malden Police Department in the U.S. Military Reserves. As a representative, DiPaola has sponsored legislation to strengthen laws against drunk driving and laws protecting police officers against criminals. DiPaola also sponsored the establishment of a $100,000 survivors' benefit law for relatives of public safety personnel killed while on the job.

State Senator

Voters will be choosing between Robert E. Travaglini and Peter Sheinfeld to serve a four year term in the state senate. Sheinfeld could not be contacted during the preparation of this article.

Sen. Robert E. Travaglini
Democrat Robert E. Travaglini, 42, is currently serving in his second term as state senator. He has been a strong supporter of education reform and supports lowering tuition and fees at state universities. Travaglini supports the assault weapons ban. He was the lead sponsor of a bill that provides health care coverage for seniors through a tax on cigarettes. Travaglini is currently working on a financing package so the residents of 808 to 812 Memorial Dr. can buy their building, a project of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
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**Redux Treats Obesity, May Generate Side Effects**

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After spending 20 years studying obesity and its relation to chemicals in the brain, the work of Richard J. Wurtman, professor of neurosciences, and his wife Judith, a research scientist in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, has finally paid off.

Dexfenfluramine, a drug commercially known as Redux, first went on sale this June. Since it has only recently been released, figures about its eventual worth aren't in yet, but the popular drug has been identified as "the most successful new drug ever launched; over a million prescriptions have already been written," Wurtman said.

While Redux recently graced the Sept. 23 cover of Time, there have been doubts of the drug and suspicions that it causes negative side effects. But the side effects have been mild "among the 12 million people who have taken the drug in Europe, where it was approved six to eight years ago," Wurtman said.

Eating affects brain chemicals

The groundwork for the discovery of dexfenfluramine began in the early 1970s, when Wurtman discovered that eating affects chemicals in the brain. Richard and Judith Wurtman came up with the idea of a drug which would mimic the effects and would help obese people reduce their amount of late-night snacking.

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Report cites possible side effects

There are minor side effects that are associated with dexfenfluramine, Richard Wurtman said.

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Wurtman said, "Because of this, some might drink more, so they might have frequent urination."

Another side effect is fatigue, which causes the users to take half dosages for awhile, Wurtman said. Other more serious side effects, like toxicity and hypertension, have been cited by various studies.

There are suspicions that high doses of dexfenfluramine may be toxic to nerve cells, Wurtman said. However, there is "absolutely no evidence whatsoever that the drug is toxic at any dose in any species."

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Enormously high dosages of dexfenfluramine will decrease the level of serotonin in the brain, but this is not associated with any functional consequences in people or animals, Wurtman said. The amount of dexfenfluramine that causes the decrease is at least 10 times the amount taken by people to treat obesity.

Since the drug is not a stimulant and has no addictive potential, people don't take the pills for the fun of it, Wurtman said. Recent studies alleged that people taking any anti-obesity drug had a 10- to 20-fold greater risk for primary pulmonary hypertension, an extraordinarily rare disease that occurs in one or two people in a million, Wurtman said. Obesity by itself doubles the risk, to get the disease, so if someone loses weight, then he loses the risk to get hypertension.

**MIT to earn royalties**

Redux is the first weight-loss drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 23 years and is growing high revenues very quickly. The stock for Interneuron Pharmaceutical, the company co-founded by Wurtman which licensed the patent and developed the drug, is already worth up to roughly $28 million.

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Task Force To Address Overall Education

By Brett Altshul

The task force on student life and learning will choose its student members and begin seeking student input shortly, said Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams.

The task force will evaluate the importance of residential education on a broad scale: The task force is composed of 21 faculty and 10 faculty members. An undergraduate and a graduate will be named later.

"Basically, this is an attempt to look at how education interacts with student life," said Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics John H. Hanaman Jr. PhD '82, who co-chairs the task force.

Hanaman and Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Silbey, the other co-chair, will be gathering as much student input for the task force as possible, Hanaman said.

Team focuses on broader issues

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Re-engineering Team Examines Housing

By Shang-Lin Chiang

The housing and residential life re-engineering team is meeting with various administrative, faculty, and student groups as it prepares its final report, scheduled to be completed by December.

The team is charged with developing an implementation plan for a unified housing and residential system in support of the Institute's goals, said Dean for Student Life Margaret Bates, who is the team captain. The housing system includes buildings, operations, and programs.

The HARL team operates on the theme that "we must move from a system of fiefdoms to a state of seamlessness," Bates said. "We want different parts of the system to work as an integrated unit."

The team was created as part of the recommendations made to the steering committee by the student services re-engineering team, Bates said. "We are unusual because we started out as a reorganization team instead of a redesign team. It was clear what needed to be done. Our job is to identify the specifics and figure out how to do it. We are a combination of a redesign and an implementation team."

Team collects community input

The HARL team has been talking to several groups involved in the process of housing since its creation last semester, Bates said.

Some of these groups include housing managers, housemasters, Housing and Food Services, Resident Assistants, Physical Plant, the Planning Office, Undergraduate Association, dormitory residents, and Dormitory Council.

Over the summer, the team collected housing and residential life data, institute reports, financial documents, and information from other institutions, according to the team's interim report released in September.

"The general direction the HARL team is headed makes a lot of sense," said Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams, the team's co-sponsor.

"The thing I really like about the team is that it has all involved departments working together. Thus the team is already beginning to developed into the end product, which is a well integrated housing system." "I am very glad that the various housing problems are being addressed in a unified way," said UA President Richard Y. Lee '97. "I like the fact that the team is actively trying to collect input."

The interim report contains a list of problems identified by the interviewees, Bates said. The list will be presented and refined with comments collected from the community this month.

Then the team will revise and prepare a final report next month, Bates said. The team will then go back and present the final report to the community.

Needs identified by community

The HARL team has identified several housing needs from its section of interviews. These categories fall in categories including systems, buildings, operations, and programs.

On the systems side, the community cited the need to identify and enforce policies for both students and Institute employees, establish mechanisms for development of all employees, improve management and planning in the housing system, and respond to student concerns.

Regarding Institute buildings, the HARL team concluded that there is a need to differentiate between repair and maintenance procedures from capital projects and create a key program that provides effective access, security, policy, and procedures.

The Institute also needs to re-evaluate the current crowding grid, improve information methods to support administrative processes, and create a capital budgeting system that is widely understood in order to better the operations side of housing services, according to the report.

Limitations restrict HARL team

While identifying problems, housing services need to address, the HARL team has also identified several constraints and limitations within the system that cannot be avoided, Bates said. Some of these constraints include the hectic Residence and Orientation Week schedule, configuration and condition of existing building stock, the level of Institute funding, and the limitations on faculty presence in the system.

Future changes the team is hoping to implement include eliminating individual budgets and creating a unified and shared budget development, replacing the lack of communication currently existing in the system with a formalized communication system within the MIT community, and replacing the individual approach with a "team" approach that brings varied skills and competencies together in a responsive way, Bates said.

The team is made up of Bates; Karen A. Nilsson, executive administrator in the Physical Plant; Phillip M. Bernard, staff associate in RCA; Linda L. Patton, manager of Graduate Housing; Russell S. Light '98, UA treasurer, and Jen Peltz '98, visiting assistant in RCA; Linda L. Patton, manager of Graduate Housing; Russell S. Light '98, UA treasurer and Jen Peltz '98, vice president of Dormcon, Director of Administration and Operations Stephen D. Immerman is the team adviser. The team is sponsored by Senior Vice President William R. Dickson and Williams.

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Lower Recruiters' Ratings Hurt Sloan In Magazine Survey

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Going on recruiters' responses, Urban said. The U.S. News rankings take into account a number of other factors, such as graduates' starting salary and number of job offers, in addition to recruiters' ratings.

Sloan ranked high in analysis," Schmalensee said. "[We're] intensively team based," Urban said. "We have to do a better job communicating [to recruiters] what we're doing ."

"We don't think the rankings are that important," Schmalensee said. "As a friend of mine put it, Virginia was ranked higher than MIT, but how many students that were accepted to both schools would choose Virginia over MIT?"

"Since we don't precisely understand [Business Week's] methods, we really can't tell exactly what the rankings mean," Schmalensee said.

For instance, Business Week mentions that it does not compensate for the differences in recruiters' responses and students' responses in reaching a composite score, Schmalensee said.

Additionally, responses are "smoothed" by weighting the current year's responses 50 percent and assigning a 25 percent weight to responses from each of the past two surveys. Consequently, "if you are improving, you would expect these values to lag a little bit," Urban said. In a similar ranking in the same article, Business Week ranked Sloan fourth in terms of quickest payback for a Master's in Business and Administration, taking into account tuition costs and salary improvements. The article also stated that MIT's alumni network was one of the nation's six best.

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Deans Address Banking, Food Monopolies

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understand students, he said. Randolph said his job focuses on community relations. He is often "toughshooting for deans" in the community, he said.

Campus monopolies discussed

The dean also talked about the dining and banking monopolies on campus.

One student asked why MIT does not offer a regular meal plan like those offered by other colleges. The Institute has a mentality that there is "no rule at MIT that can't be changed," Immerman said. This mentality also applies to the dining situation where several options like dormitory and independent living group kitchens are available.

The dining review working group, which is currently examining food services, must take a look at several issues, Immerman said. The Aramark contract makes up a small percentage of the market of all food sales, partly because many ILGs have their own dining.

While talking about dining, Immerman committed a Freudian slip. "The Aramark contract is up for renewal... I mean renewal," Immerman said.

Shary asked why Aramark could not deliver quality food quickly and cheaply like the Gooseberry food truck.

Food trucks have little overhead costs like paying union employees and licensing costs, Immerman said. A lot of expenses would be added on if Gooseberry had a place in Walker Memorial.

Another student wanted to know why Baybank is given table space in the Student Center during Residence and Orientation Week. Baybank charges higher monthly fees than other banks, yet other banks are not given table space.

Immerman said he would have to look into the issue and that it may not be legal to deny banks table space.

Where students put their money is an important issue, Immerman said. A survey of 800 students a decade ago showed that MIT undergraduates had a total disposable income of around $10 million a year.

There is a need to inform students of different banking and dining options while not overwhelming students with information, Bates said.

Reorganization addressed

Vest's reorganization of the administration was a very centralized decision, said Steven E. Jens '97. Jens asked why the decision was so centralized and why the decision was so quick.

Vest's decision was not a quick decision, Williams said. The death of Vice President for Administration James J. Culliton last spring was an impetus for the reorganization. Vest spent time thinking about the decision, he said.

The reorganization of the administration reporting lines was pushed by several factors, Williams said. Two years ago, the search committee that resulted in Williams' appointment submitted several suggestions about how the Dean's Office should be changed. In addition, current re-engineering reports showed the need for the consolidation of reporting lines, she said.

**The Institute has a mentality that there is no rule at MIT that can't be changed.** — Stephen D. Immerman

**Deans' powers questioned**

Audience members wanted to know more about how far the power of the Dean's Office extended into both Institute credit requirements and departmental classes. One student asked specifically about the influence of the office on changing the writing requirement.

Any decision regarding the writing requirement has to come from and be approved by the faculty, Williams said. The Dean's Office can advise but really cannot initiate or propose a solution. A subcommittee of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program has looked at the "needless writing requirement," Williams said. The greater emphasis on writing stems from the importance of communication in careers. It is not an effort to make MIT a liberal arts school, she said.

Another situation where the Dean's Office can play a role is in undergraduate advising. Williams said. Advising as it is now is not adequate. The Dean's Office would work with all the departments to help improve advising.

The office may need to create new mechanisms to assess student needs. Restating the Course Evaluation Guide is one such way of collecting more input.
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**Writing Proposals Presented at Forum**

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both students and faculty must maintain that students have to do a lot more writing and get a lot more feedback from professors.

The biggest change is that Phase I and Phase II will be end-product oriented, Hodges said. He would like to see the requirement evolve into more of a process.

Students could help teach courses

Writing skills are like a muscle — if they are not exercised they atrophy, Hodges said. If students have to take at least one communication intensive course a year, they will not lose their writing abilities. However, the committee would like to see different work, not additional work, Hodges said. A lot of the certified classes would probably be existing classes either modified or with attached practice.

These classes could be taught by graduate students who "can be good teachers [and] have technical knowledge which can add value to the experience," said Coordinator of the Writing Requirement and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Leslie C. Perelman.

Seniors, who could satisfy a requirement by being graders for freshman and sophomore writing courses, would improve their own skills while remaining focused in their fields.

"The logic of the sequencing [of the proposed courses] is to move people increasingly into their profession as writers," said Associate Professor of Political Science Charles Stewart III.

The presidential task force on student life and learning may address the underlying philosophy of education at MIT, Hodges said. He personally would like to see a more integrated curriculum, agreeing with Stewart that "thinking has to shift from discrete boxes."

There will probably be another forum this semester, Lee said.

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Entering the fourth game, the match was 2-1, and there was still a possibility for MIT to win the remaining games to make the match. Wellesley played aggressively and used their height to full advantage to put the ball over the net through the MIT players several times.

The Engineers pulled together and began to play as aggressively as their opponents. Stacey Dusseno #7 set the ball for a beautiful spike by Fox which went through Wellesley to signal another MIT surge and brought the score to 12-7, Wellesley.

The score was soon 12-9, and a time out was called. After the time out, Wellesley rallied to win the game 15-10 and the match 3-1. Overall, the Engineers played well and hard. Dusseno, the team’s captain, said that the “we” “wasn’t disappointed in the playing but in the loss.”

The team’s record is 12-9 and 4-2 in the new season. As the winter season comes to a close, the match was 2-1, and entry into the playoff competition:

The picks, week 7

Buffalo and New England. The AFC East is definitely the most heavily-contested division. Any game between these teams looks to be rough and well fought as well as extremely important for later in the season come playoff time. New England is coming off a key victory over the Colts. Take the Patriots.

Two possible contenders meet in Philadelphia. I’m getting sick and tired of the expansion Patriots wing it so much. Make them win the division. Take the Eagles.

I’m still waiting for the Cowboys to come to town, but they will do. The Redskins Bandwagon will be pulled by the stadium garage and will begin touring after their victory over the Colts. It’ll be a good game.

The New York Giants are wading through a schedule which is just wandering. Take the Lions big time.

Pittsburgh at Atlanta. I have a great deal of respect for the Bear’s chest for the Steeler’s. Talk about really bowing it. They’ll basically locked up the AFC Central.

Instead they lost to the Oilers and are tied (author’s note: I take some responsibility for giving them my favorite winning streak prediction. Therefore this week I will enter a much more reasonable nine-game goal). Look for a very focused Steeler team lead by a huge missed Bill Cowher to literally stomp on Atlanta (at 6-7, why waste the effort to play)?

St. Louis at Baltimore. Funny, but that sounds exactly like what the World Series should have been. It definitely doesn’t sound like a good football game. Go for Baltimore in seven games, extra innings.

San Francisco at Houston has no direct significance except that both teams need a win to stay tied for first in the west. I’m not too concerned on who gets on a winning streak and whether they can maintain it. Take the Cowboys.

The Jets need to feed their advice again: Neil O’Donnell just any).

The Jets are heading to Denver. Look out. This is the week of the week by far. Both teams are solid and gritty. Look for Elway to work some magic in the Mile High City.

The Jets will officially be pulled out of the Super Bowl prediction at 16-0. Good luck with it.

San Diego at Seattle means nothing in the grand scheme of things. It doesn’t mean anything in the NFL either. Take San Diego.

I don’t like Miami much. But I like them a whole lot more than Dallas. Look for the Dolphins to get lucky. I’m serious.

Monday Night Special (note: #9) game is to be known as the Monday Night game that could have been. Da Bears at Minnesota. Two former Super Bowl NFC Central teams meet in a formerly key game. Then Green Bay came along and da Bears started to sink. Now just let the Minnesota to walk all over them.

Last week: 5-3 (this trend is good, but it has to end), season record: 47-30.

Shameless plug – coming next week: the Super Bowl prediction at the midpoint of the season.
Flanagan, Stevens Receive Football Conference Honors

By Roger Crossley

Football Bowl Subdivision Betsy Salamone '99 has been named the New England Women's Eight Co-Player of the Week for her play the week of Oct. 1 to 7.

A sophomore middle hitter, Salamone had a kill and 11 digs in a loss to Bates. She also had 14 service aces.

The following weekend she was named to the All-Tournament team at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Women's Volleyball Tournament.

College of the Holy Cross in the action gave confidence to the junior Gabe White '00 led all MIT runners with an excellent time of 26:39.

Flanagan races 239 yards.

In the Oct. 19 game against Curry College, sophomore running back Mark Flanagan '99 led MIT to a 21-14 victory. Flanagan, who entered the game with career rushing totals of six yards on seven carries, ran for 239 yards and touchdowns of 8 and 72

Flanagan was named the ECAC Offensive Player of the Week and was also named to the ECAC New England Division III Weekly Honor Roll. The 239 yards represents the fourth best single game rushing total in the history of the MIT program.

Tennis teams finish well

The men's tennis team recently defeated the Harvard University B team for the first time in history. MIT took the match by a 4-3 score by splitting the singles and winning the doubles. The team finished the fall portion of its schedule with a 5-1 record.

The women's tennis team completed their dual season match with a 8-2 record. The team was second in the NEWS Conference with a 6-1 record.

Foxboro Tournament Marks Soccer First

Column by Chris Lin

This past weekend the New England area was subject not only to historic stormy weather but also a historic event. For one incredibly rainy and cold Sunday, Foxboro Stadium became the mecca of the soccer world, and only the truly devoted made the pilgrimage.

But the 34,000-plus crowd that paid to stand in the cold northeaster witnessed history, as the Washington D.C. United defeated the Los Angeles Galaxy in overtime 3-2 to become the inaugural champion of Major League Soccer.

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Foxboro Tournament Marks Soccer First

Column by Chris Lin

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**SPORTS**

Wellesley Beats Women's Volleyball 3-1

By Erik S. Balsley

The women's volleyball team played a hard-fought match against Wellesley College on Tuesday but lost 3-1.

Wellesley won the first game by a score of 15-9. Although the Wellesley team was taller than the Engineers, MIT did not let that advantage dominate the game very much and made Wellesley work for every point they earned.

The second game got off to a exciting start, and the score was brought to 5-3 when Betsy Saltzham '99 spiked the ball over the net to return control of the ball to MIT. Excellent serving by Nano Kroneschul '00 led an MIT rally that soon brought the score to 9-6.

However Wellesley soon had control of the ball again after what seemed like a controversial call against Saltzham to people in the stands. While playing at the net, Saltzamn and her Wellesley opponent jumped up at the same time, and the ball went out. To those in the stands, the ball last hit the Wellesley player's hand before going out. However, it was a close call and the judge ruled that Saltzham hit it out, returning the serve to Wellesley.

Even the solid blocks of Stacey Y. Dozono '97 and Elisabeth A. Sallhamer '99 did not prevent Wellesley from winning in four games 3-1 in Tuesday's volleyball match in DuPont Gymnasium.

**Consolation Prize: St. Louis and the Orioles Meet for Football**

By Chris Brocoum

The NFL nearing the midpoint of the season. So far not a whole lot of meaningful stuff has been established. Or at least not at first glance. It takes expert analysis to determine the significance of the season thus far. The problem is that not many teams are doing much of anything unusually good — or bad for that matter. Last week the games turned out numerous decisions by less than a touchdown. This does not mean that there haven’t been some teams worth noting.

First, I feel it is my duty to note the state of the Jets and the Falcons. These teams are winners. If they can play in the NFL, MIT should play in the AFL. However, not to single them out, Cincinnati and Tampa Bay are seriously challenging the basement position at 1-6. Cincinnati seems to have taken a positive step by firing Dave Shula. Look for improvement in the next 10 years.

On the other end of the spectrum, a few teams are establishing themselves as powerhouse. Well, Green Bay is establishing itself as a powerhouse. They are just dominating. Just one statistic that jumps out of the page — points for: 324, points against: 131. That is ridiculously good. At about half the level of Green Bay there is a mysteriously magic team, a couple of possibilities, and an Elway. Washington of course represents the mystical anomaly. Along with Green Bay and Denver, Washington has racked up a 6-1 record. A soft schedule and a touch of luck might start to explain their success, but basically people are going to have to admit that the Redskins have been playing some good football.

By Josh Feldman

The men’s cross country team headed to Franklin Park on Friday for what had the potential to be their toughest meet of the year at the All New England Championships. Facing 30 teams, 13 of which were from Division I, MIT ended up with a respectable 10th place finish.

The team lost to only two Division III schools — Williams and Tufts — who are both ranked in the top 10 in the country. After Friday’s performance, MIT’s position in the polls is no sure to improve, where they are currently ranked 22nd in the nation.

The conditions for the race were nearly ideal, and led to a lot of fast times. Fifteen of the seventeen MIT runners who finished the eight kilometer race ended up with their best performances of the season.

**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

Saturday, Oct. 26
Men's Cross Country Constitution Athletic Conference Championship at Franklin Field, TBA
Field Hockey vs. Clark University, 1 p.m.
Rifle vs. United States Military Academy and John Jay University, TBA