

## Students Grieve for Micheletti

By Douglas E. Heimbarger  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Students reacted with shock and grief last weekend following the death of 19-year-old Michele S. Micheletti '00 in an accident on Memorial Drive Friday night.

"I think it would be fair to say that New House is in a deep sense of shock because of the central role that Michele played in so many peo-

ple's lives," said John M. Essigmann PhD '76, professor of toxicology and chemistry and housemaster of New House, where Micheletti lived.

"She was such a good person, and she was friendly to everyone," said Michael K. Dowe II '00, president of New House 3. As vice president of the entry, "she worked a lot during [Residence and Orientation Week] in getting the freshmen to live there."

"Michele sparkled," Essigmann said. "She had the rare ability to relate to people on all levels."

### Micheletti struck by two cars

Micheletti was crossing Memorial Drive near Macgregor House at around 6:45 p.m. Friday night with a group of four other students, said Lieutenant Paul Maloney of the Massachusetts State Police.

Apparently, two students reached the river side of Memorial Drive, two retreated to the dormitory side, and Micheletti was caught in the middle, Maloney said.

Micheletti was first hit by a 1997 Porsche driven by Feras Binladen, 25, of Charlestown, Maloney said. "She was impacted

by the first vehicle... and then she was subsequently struck by a second vehicle."

The second vehicle failed to stop at the scene, Maloney added.

Paramedics performed CPR on Micheletti before taking her to Massachusetts General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 7:39 p.m.

A preliminary investigation into the accident revealed that neither speed, alcohol, nor drugs were a factor in the accident, Maloney said. No charges have been filed against Binladen.

Any witnesses to the accident are strongly encouraged to call the State Police.

### Parents, deans react to death

Micheletti's parents were con-

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## New Committee Will Examine Orientation

By Jennifer Lane  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last Thursday, a committee of four students and five faculty and staff members was named, 16 days before the same group is scheduled to release their preliminary report advising the senior administration on how to conduct Residence and Orientation Week in 1998.

Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams announced that the Orientation/Residence Fall '98 Committee will be chaired by J. Kim Vandiver, professor of Ocean Engineering and director of the Edgerton Center, as well as a member of the task force on student life and learning.

The committee is charged with

examining the principles behind residence and orientation week and coming up with "creative ideas and general suggestions" on how to make residence selection better for incoming students next year, Williams said.

"One of the reasons for haste, besides people generally needing information, is the faculty meeting on the 19th," Williams said.

The idea is to have the committee's preliminary suggestions available for the faculty to review at that meeting, she said.

The students on the committee are: Marion L. Groh '99, president of Student House; William W. Shen '98, president of Phi Delta Theta;

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Michele S. Micheletti '00

## Deutch Expounds on Past Experiences as CIA Head

By Stacey E. Blau  
OPINION EDITOR

"It is by no means the most fun job I've had in my life," said Institute Professor John M. Deutch '61 of his 18-month stint as director of central intelligence. "Needless to say, the CIA is a tough place."

Deutch, who left the post of director of central intelligence and returned to MIT in January, regaled students with stories of his work for the government on Thursday night at a talk sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee. He focused the two-hour talk on matters of national security and fielded questions from audience members on related issues.

The talk took place in a nearly-full 10-250, where Deutch will be teaching Thermodynamics and Kinetics (5.60) next semester.

### From the DoD to the CIA

Not a man known for mincing his words, Deutch proved blunt and often humorous throughout the evening, sparing no one — not even President Bill Clinton — his

cutting appraisals.

When one audience member asked for Deutch's opinion on U.S. policy toward Cuba, Deutch responded with two words: "It's lousy."

Even when he complimented Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms (R-NC), another man known for his straight talk, by calling him "a distinguished senator — the kind of person I get along with," Deutch poked fun at his own penchant for ruffling feathers.

"I get along with everyone," he smiled impishly.

Even his long-time friend, former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin PhD '66, whom Deutch worked for as undersecretary of defense, did not escape his sharp tongue. "First of all," Deutch said of Aspin, "he did not do a good job as secretary of defense, he was fired, and then he died."

After Aspin departed from the Department of Defense, Deutch was promoted to deputy secretary of defense, the No. 2 post at the department, where he worked under the new secretary, William Perry.

When Perry was away on vacation several years ago, Deutch was thrust into handling a major international situation when China provocatively conducted missile tests near the coast of Taiwan. Deutch was involved in the decision to send two American aircraft carriers to the border of China.

During Deutch's term as director of central intelligence, "many serious conflicts arose," including the mass slaughter of Hutus in Rwanda.

In such situations, Deutch said, the most difficult question is often whether or not to send in Americans and, in doing so, risk their lives. Such decisions are "a lot more stressful in advance of knowing the answer" to the outcome of the situation, Deutch said.

"You might think that after the cold war, matters are simple,"

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Approximately 2,000 people descended on Harvard Yard to protest Chinese President Jiang Zemin's visit to Harvard on Saturday.

## Student Concerns Dominate Town Meeting

By Jennifer Lane  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Several students took advantage of President Charles M. Vest's fifth town meeting Friday to query him on the possible upcoming changes to the Institute's housing system and alcohol policies.

Representatives of the Black Students Union as well as Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered and Friends at MIT stressed in their questions that the current housing system allows members of their respective groups to choose housing arrangements in which they feel comfortable.

Members of the fraternity and dormitory system alike expressed their uncertainty over the president's vow to keep students informed of administrative activity and not to make rash, quick decisions.

In a break from previous town meetings, where 90 percent of the audience consisted of faculty and staff, approximately one-third of the audience Friday was composed of students.

Undergraduate Association Vice-President Sandra C. Sandoval '00 expressed her disappointment that the meeting was held from noon to 2 p.m. on a Friday, when many students were in class. The administration should have tried harder to



Stephanie A. Miller '98 reads a petition from GAMIT at President Vest's fifth town meeting held in Kresge Auditorium Friday afternoon.

make the statement that the "MIT campus as a whole is going to focus on this [housing and student life discussion]," she said.

Vest admitted that little was done to accommodate student attendance, apologizing by saying, "We should have recognized there would be more student interest this time."

### Housing dominates discussion

Vest said he had expected the meeting to focus on four issues: morale and career development, communications, re-engineering, and housing and student life. The

two-hour questioning period, however, was primarily focused on housing issues.

These questions were so prolific, in fact, that at several points during the meeting Vest asked to entertain only those questions aside from the subject of housing.

Joaquin S. Terrones '98, a representative of the BSU, expressed the group's concern that upcoming housing decisions may adversely affect the "black community which forms strong residential communities, especially around New House."

Vest responded by stating that "any decisions we make... have got to be taken in the best interests of all students."

He commented on the positive aspects of the strong residential communities at MIT, but said, "I hope that we can do a better job at integrating them together."

Stephanie A. Miller '98 read a petition signed by members of GAMIT stressing the importance of freshman housing choice to the gay community. Freshman housing choice allows students to choose an environment in which they feel accepted, she said. "When you have 40 to 60 hours of work per week, it's hard to deal with gay-bashing," she said.

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## VOTE

Polling stations for the Boston and Cambridge City Council elections are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. Registered students living in dormitories including and west of Macgregor House can vote at the firehouse where Main St. meets Mass. Ave. Random Hall residents may vote at the Salvation Army on Mass. Ave., and remaining dormitory residents may cast ballots at the Johnson Athletics Center. Boston residents can check their polling locations on the Web at <http://www.ci.boston.ma.us/feature/election/>

# WORLD & NATION

## Albright Cuts Short Middle East Peace Talks with Delegation Chiefs

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The long-awaited resumption of Middle East peace talks stumbled Monday when U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright cut short the first meeting, complaining that the Palestinian delegation does not include the technical experts needed for detailed negotiations with Israelis.

Albright convened a preliminary meeting in her office with the delegation chiefs, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and Mahmoud Abbas, a deputy to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

But when Albright tried to turn the talks to such nitty-gritty issues as establishment of an airport, seaport and industrial park to serve Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, she found that the Palestinian technicians were not present.

The developments were promised as part of the 1995 Israeli-Palestinian peace accords, but the two sides have been unable to agree on details.

"They're not here and ... without them we won't be able to make any progress," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said of the mid-level Palestinian negotiators.

Rubin said those issues are on Albright's agenda, but that the secretary of state also hoped to make progress on lesser issues that would give average Palestinians a greater stake in the peace process.

The Palestinians have complained that Israel has been dragging its feet on interim steps promised in the peace agreement. But on Monday, Arafat called for talks on the main political issues only.

Clinton administration peace envoy Dennis B. Ross sought to hammer out a compromise on the procedural wrangle. But it was not clear when, or if, substantive talks would get under way.

## WEATHER

### Cooling Off

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

**Today:** Showers likely then becoming partly sunny in the afternoon high in 55°F (13°C) to 60°F (16°C). East wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent.

**Tonight:** Clearing and cooler. Low 40°F (4°C) to 45°F (5°C)

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny high 53°F to 57°F (12°C to 14°C)

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy. Low from 33°F to 37°F (1°C to 3°C). High from 45°F to 55°F (7°C to 13°C)

## Terry Nichols Trial Begins In Oklahoma Bombing Case

By Lois Romano and Tom Kenworthy  
THE WASHINGTON POST

DENVER

The government opened its case against Terry Nichols Monday by bluntly conceding that the accused Oklahoma City bomber was hundreds of miles away from the crime scene on the day a massive bomb destroyed a downtown federal building, killing 168 people. But a federal prosecutor insisted that Nichols worked "side by side" with convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh "in their plan of violence."

"This is a case about two men who conspired to murder innocent people," prosecutor Larry Mackey told the jury in his opening statement, two and a half years after the 4,000 lb. truck bomb blew apart the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995 in the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

"The evidence will prove that [they] together carefully and methodically planned when they would launch a violent act against the United States of America," said Mackey. "On that morning Terry Nichols was home... in Herington Kansas with his wife and daughter... at a very safe distance. ... And Terry Nichols planned it just that way."

Nichols' attorney Michael Tigar countered the government's charges by accusing the FBI of distorting evidence to arrest and convict his client, and suggested that it was the elusive John Doe No. 2 who the FBI hunted for but never found who

helped McVeigh in the bombing — not Nichols. McVeigh was convicted in June on identical charges of conspiracy and murder and sentenced to death for the crime.

Tigar urged the jury to keep in mind that Nichols was presumed innocent. "Guilt by association is not conspiracy. Knowing is not conspiracy," Tigar told the panel of seven women and five men. "Terry Nichols is innocent... Terry Nichols was building a life, not a bomb."

Tigar raised the specter that the defense could solve the case by describing "how Timothy McVeigh planned this crime, who he planned it with and who helped him commit it." Immediately after the blast, the government circulated a sketch of John Doe No. 2, a stocky, swarthy man witnesses placed with McVeigh in Kansas and at the Murrah building the morning of the blast. After an exhaustive, but fruitless national manhunt, the government later insisted there was no such suspect.

Tigar also vowed to mount a far more vigorous defense of Nichols than was presented by McVeigh's lead attorney Stephen Jones in the trial last spring. Tigar, who unsuccessfully sought to limit the emotional victim testimony that drove the McVeigh trial, said Monday he will cross examine all prosecution witnesses. "Even those who have lost so much," said the lawyer, suggesting that this trial will last well beyond the new year.

Nichols, wearing his trademark blue blazer, khaki pants and sport-

ing a fresh haircut, listened attentively to the more than three hours of opening statements in the packed courtroom. About three dozens survivors of the blast and relatives of victims filled the back rows, but the atmosphere was less emotionally charged than in the early days of the McVeigh trial.

The government contends that Nichols and McVeigh, who met in the Army in the late 1980s, shared a disdain for the federal government. This escalating hatred, Mackey claimed, drove them to avenge the government's 1993 assault on the Branch Davidian religious cult near Waco, Tex. in which more than 80 people were killed. Two years to the day after that assault the Murrah building was blown up.

Mackey alleged that the men planned the bombing in the fall of 1994 using a series of aliases as they stole and purchased explosives, hid them in storage lockers in Kansas and Arizona, and then constructed the bomb at Geary Lake State Park near Nichols' home in Herington.

All in all, Mackey's opening statement presented relatively little new evidence against Nichols that was not offered in the McVeigh trial. However, lawyers on both sides Monday underscored the critical importance of Nichols' nine-and-a-half hours of voluntary interviews with the FBI, conducted two days after the explosion. Nichols had turned himself into Herington police authorities after hearing his name mentioned on the radio as a suspect.

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# Iraq Threatens to Shoot Down United Nations U-2 Aircraft

By Craig Turner  
and Robin Wright  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

UNITED NATIONS

The dispute between Iraq and the United Nations intensified Monday when Iraq blocked U.N. arms inspectors from investigating a missile site and issued a veiled threat to shoot down a U.S. reconnaissance plane on loan to the inspection program.

Officials here and in Washington stressed that they were continuing to seek a diplomatic, rather than military, solution to the standoff. However, Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said the threat to the U.N. aircraft added a "very disturbing" new element to the crisis.

"This is an irresponsible escalation, which we view with grave concern," Richardson said. "This is a direct military threat to the United

Nations."

A U.S. U-2 high-altitude surveillance aircraft based in Saudi Arabia is on loan to the U.N. arms control team, which uses it secretly to photograph suspected weapons sites. In a letter to chief U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler that was forwarded to the Security Council on Monday, Iraqi Ambassador to the U.N. Nizar Hamdoon said Iraq could not vouch for the safety of the U-2 plane on its next flight because anti-aircraft crews are on high alert against the possibility of a U.S. airstrike.

Butler said late Monday that a U-2 flight will be made this week as scheduled.

An end to the U-2 flights was one of the demands made by the government of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein last week in a letter to the United Nations that touched off the latest Persian Gulf

confrontation. Iraq accused the United States of using the U.N. weapons commission as a cover for espionage and declared it no longer would accept U.S. participation in the inspections. It gave U.S. nationals on duty with the United Nations in Baghdad until the end of the day on Wednesday to leave the country.

The commission, set up after a U.S.-led alliance defeated Iraq in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, is charged with eliminating Iraq's capacity for nuclear, chemical and biological warfare. Until it completes its work, the Security Council cannot fully lift the seven-year embargo on Iraqi oil sales and other economic sanctions imposed on Iraq.

Analysts suggest many political motives for Hussein's latest challenge, which stems from a long-term effort to divide the U.S. from other members of the Security Council.

# Supreme Court Decision Favors State's Affirmative Action Ban

By Joan Biskupic  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court Monday removed the last significant legal hurdle to California's statewide ban on affirmative action, rejecting a challenge by civil rights groups who had argued that the law was unconstitutional.

Campaigns to eliminate preferences based on race and sex are underway in several states, and people on both sides of the issue predicted the court's action would reinvigorate those efforts. Voters in Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, are deciding Tuesday whether the local government should abandon such long-standing preferences in the area of public contracting.

When the initiative passed last

year, California became the first state in the country to abolish affirmative action in a variety of state programs, from hiring and college admissions to government contracting. The controversial measure drew national attention and was stopped from taking effect for nearly a year while it was challenged in court.

By deciding not to accept the case Monday, the Supreme Court left in place a lower court ruling that found Proposition 209 constitutional. That ruling stressed that when the government gives an advantage to individuals based on their race, it penalizes people who belong to another race. Civil rights groups claimed the law unfairly stripped local governments in California of their traditional authority to help minorities.

Monday's Supreme Court action, while not a ruling on the merits of Proposition 209, was a powerful signal, especially in light of a recent string of high-court rulings that have served to limit the scope of race-based government policies.

"You would have to be living on a different planet not to think this is a very significant decision," said Ward Connerly, who spearheaded the fight for California's Proposition 209 and said he now spends about a third of his time traveling to other states to help activists with similar initiatives.

"This is a green light to all the other states that want to copy Proposition 209," said Stanford law professor Kathleen M. Sullivan, who had helped the American Civil Liberties Union in its challenge to the California measure.

## Civil Rights Nominee Faces Heightened Opposition

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

A Los Angeles public-interest lawyer's bid to become the first Asian American to head the Justice Department's civil rights division appears to be in increasing peril, with the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee expected to announce his opposition Tuesday.

The mounting criticism of attorney Bill Lann Lee is attributable to his opposition to Proposition 209 and his work on a sweeping consent decree that would have established aggressive goals for hiring women and minorities at the Los Angeles Police Department.

With a Senate Judiciary Committee vote on Lee's fate scheduled for Thursday, the panel's chairman, Utah Republican Orrin Hatch, wrote a lengthy letter to Attorney General Janet Reno Monday saying he believes he has a "fundamental disagreement" with the nominee about "principles at the heart of what this nation stands for."

Reno and White House spokesman Mike McCurry said they were undeterred by the new criticism, and would only step up their efforts to get him confirmed. "If the argument is that the (Clinton administration's affirmative action) policy is wrong, Orrin Hatch has to elect a president more to his liking. That's the way our system works."

If Lee were rejected, he would be the third of the last five nominees for the civil rights posts who failed to win confirmation, a record that makes it among the most contentious slots in government.

## Prime Minister of Thailand Intends To Step Down after Criticism

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Embattled Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, facing mounting criticism over his nation's economic tailspin, on Monday said he will step down later this week. Thais and foreign business people reacted positively to the news, which was expected to boost the battered Thai stock market and currency.

An end to Thailand's political infighting would be good news in the West, where the economic crises in Southeast Asia are blamed for triggering last week's dramatic gyrations in world stock markets.

Last week, the United States demonstrated its concern about the region's financial instability by offering to contribute \$3 billion to a \$23 billion bailout for Indonesia orchestrated by the International Monetary Fund. In August, the IMF had approved a \$17.2 billion package for Thailand.

"I think there will be quite a positive reaction from most Thais to the news [of Chavalit's impending departure] and it will fuel a short-term rally," said Kenneth White, managing director of Pacific Siam Strategic Consulting Co. in Bangkok. "More importantly, I think it will give them a sense of hope for the future."

But Abhisit Vejjajiva, a member of the National Assembly and spokesman for the Democrat Party, said Chavalit will have no choice but to resign once his comments are circulated widely and the public sentiment stacks up against him.

If Chavalit steps aside, the coalition government will choose a replacement from its member parties, Abhisit said. The new prime minister would hold office only for a few months, because the constitution requires that elections be held by May.



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\* at 5:30 PM in Rm. 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

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## Distorting Contemporary China

A new movie entitled *Red Corner* was viewed at MIT on Oct. 29, 1997. As a Chinese student at MIT, I felt hurt by its distortion of contemporary China. I oppose the arbitrary demonization of China. I oppose the rehearsal of racist formulas in the name of the first serious contemporary movie set in China about China done by a Westerner, as Producer/Director Jon Avnet promotes the movie. If these distortions are the norm, such communities as MIT must continually pursue understanding.

In the movie, an American lawyer, visiting China to negotiate a breakthrough satellite communications contract, enjoys a night of culturally embellished sex with a female Chinese model. When the model is found murdered, he is charged with the crime. The bulk of the movie portrays his subsequent mistreatment within the Chinese judicial system: torture and attempted assassination at the hands of police compound the injustices of an accelerated trial before judges determined to administer the death penalty regardless of the evidence. At the end of the movie, the hero,

along with his female American-trained Chinese counsel, demonstrates a police-aided frame-up by his Chinese business counterpart. The American reclaims his innocence and leaves China, embracing his attorney and urging her to go with him.

This well-worn narrative of a stranger's abuse in a backward, xenophobic, and violent land, adopted to a current Sino-American context, cannot serve as an accurate portrayal of contemporary China as Avnet claims. China is, of course, complex and changing. Contrary to the movie's portrayal, it is no longer a police state, patrolling every fashion show and nightclub (which themselves only superficially represent China's transformations). For all their powers to abuse, military generals cannot, as in the film, shoot people at will in a courtroom. Though trials lack the presumption of innocence, they are not normally the hasty theaters of penance and punishment — *Red Corner's* would-be cultural lesson, least of all in murder cases against foreigners.

I admit that there are still dark sides in China. Most Chinese people hope to improve rather than preserve them. I also sincerely welcome critiques. However, critiques should be based upon facts rather than upon

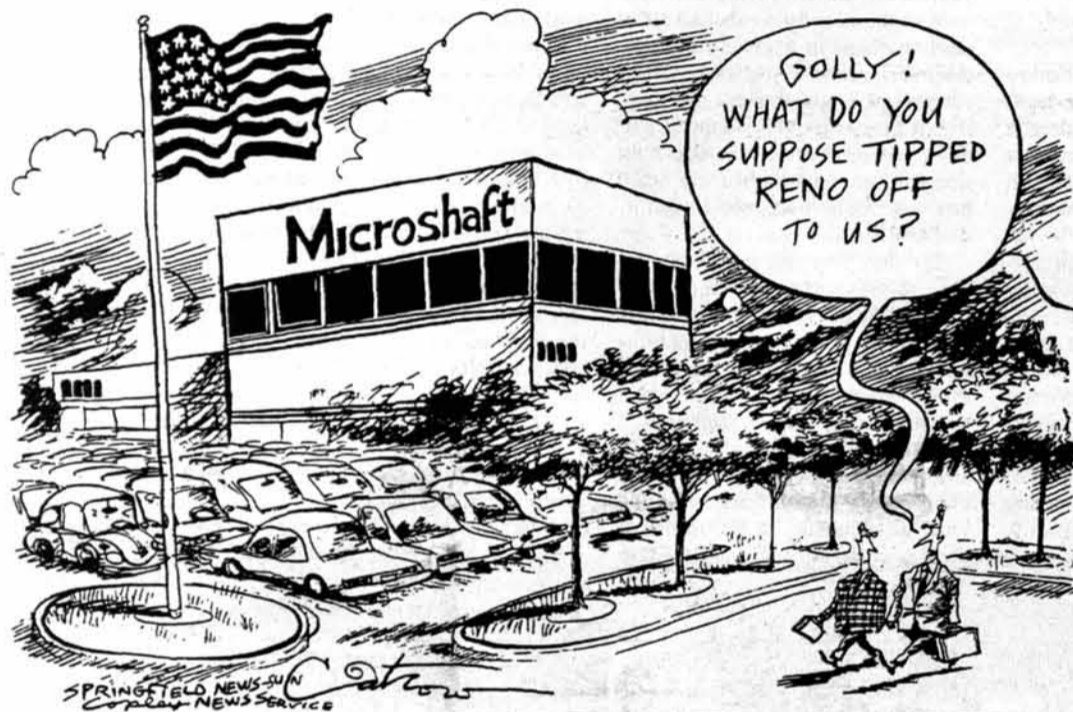
projection and malice. China has opened its door to the world for almost 20 years. Today, there are more and more interactions between China and other countries, particularly America. Given my personal commitment to this interaction and education, I cannot understand, or can understand all too well, why Hollywood produced such a movie as *Red Corner* which exhibits only ignorance of contemporary China. I am also dismayed with the applause with which so many MIT students received the film on that night.

Wenkai He G

## Errata

In the Oct. 31 issue of *The Tech*, the graphic depicting the presence of two food contracts on campus should have grouped the Student Center with the west campus dormitories.

The article "Events Give Campus A Halloween Spirit" incorrectly referenced Marty Marks, the accompanist for a Lecture Series Committee movie.



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# The Isolation Years

*The Real Campus Division Is Between Generations*

Anders Hove

MIT students should be treated like adults. That's a phrase you hear over and over on this campus. It surrounds the entire issue of housing, of course, but it also enters into discussions of student activities and all aspects of student life outside of the classroom. The use of the phrase seems to presume the existence of two policy options regarding undergraduate life: The powers-that-be may impose stricter control or supervision over undergraduates in their living groups or activities, or they may leave them free to make their own choices, in the same way that "adults" are given wide latitude to govern themselves and their own life choices.



I continue to believe in the MIT system in which student groups and residences are given a great deal of power over their own destiny. Not only is choice and self-governance good in itself, but it fulfills an important educational role as well. By participating in and exercising responsibility over their own lives, members of society gain a sense of belonging, fulfillment, and self-mastery that is important no matter what age group they hail from.

That autonomy and choice are often discussed with reference to "being treated like an adult" misses the point completely, however. The biggest difference between undergraduate students and the outside world has nothing to do with how undergraduates are treated by their elders or whether they are closely supervised.

The biggest difference is this: People between the ages of 18 and 22 who live on college campuses interact exclusively with people their own age.

Throughout childhood and adolescence, children interact with a wide range of individuals: Children have parents, grandparents, and other extended relatives. Children attend school with children of the same age group,

and they typically choose children of their own age as playmates. However, their social sphere includes people of all ages: They interact with their parents and teachers and with the friends of their parents and with their own neighbors of all ages.

True, adults continue to give children special treatment right through adolescence. Yet, although they may receive different treatment, all children interact with people from a wide variety of age groups.

Suddenly, at age 18, everything changes. A typical college-bound student leaves home for a residential campus, where he or she will spend the next four years of life. The student is immediately immersed in a world not of adults, of 18- to 22-year-olds. The average 18-year-old faces a kind of reverse-culture shock: Suddenly everyone is the same.

During the last few weeks, undergraduates have flooded administrators' e-mail accounts with messages imploring them not to build a freshman dorm. One argument students have made quite eloquently is that housing freshmen together would deprive them of the opportunity to interact with upperclassmen.

Yet the even bigger anomaly — one that neither students nor faculty seem aware of — is that segregating undergraduates away from the rest of society prevents them from interacting socially or professionally with people from whom they could learn even more than other undergraduates.

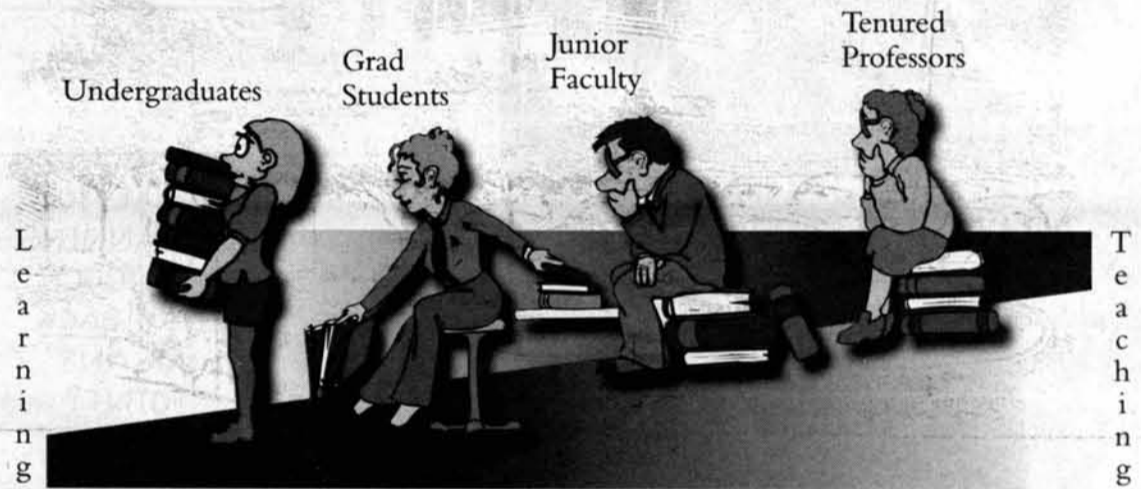
Interaction with one's peers is certainly important, and interaction with people of one's own age group will often be more natural and congenial than with people of different age groups. Generation gaps are real and pervasive. Nobody could ever expect professors emeriti to party hearty with the undergrads every Friday night.

At the same time, however, I think most

faculty realize that undergraduates could benefit by increased interaction with people of other age groups outside the classroom. And I don't just mean undergraduate-faculty interaction. Academic administrative staff, for example, have often played a mentoring and teaching role greater than that of many professors and advisers, a role that goes largely unrecognized. Graduate students have also played a strong role in teaching and mentoring outside of the classroom. Again, the value of this interaction goes largely unrecognized, even by graduate students themselves.

Each member of our community has something to contribute to the educational mission. In my mind, each member of the community can be represented along a continuum by what they have to teach and learn from their colleagues here. On one extreme are the freshmen: They have much to learn and only a little to teach their new colleagues on campus. On the other extreme are the full professors, who have by no means stopped learning from their colleagues and students but who have far more to teach. In the middle can be found all the other members of the community: Master's degree candidates, doctoral candidates, post-doctoral researchers, junior faculty, staff, academic administrators, and even the lowly deans, provost, and president.

People complain that the current housing system promotes division and self-segregation. But the greatest division on campus is between undergraduates and so-called "adults." This division is as artificial as that between members of different living groups. Perhaps our community's greatest challenge, then, is not to heal the rift between fraternities and dorms, but to develop a real academic community where the participation of each member is commensurate with what he or she has to teach and to learn.



Every member of an academic community has something to teach, and something to learn. Those toward the right of the graph have proportionally more to teach, while those on the left have more to learn.

ANDERS HOVE—THE TECH

# Satisfying Tomorrow's Alumni Today

Guest Column  
Jim O'Donnell

Many columns have appeared in *The Tech* defending viewpoints on how to improve the undergraduate experience. I have very strong opinions about this subject. However, there is a critical assumption which must precede any of what President Charles M. Vest calls "introspective dialogue." The central question is, why should we try to improve anything? Do the undergraduates matter?

Speaking as an undergraduate, I feel important. However, anyone will tell you that they are important. The question is whether the improvement of the undergraduate experience is vital to the success of the Institute.

As an institution of higher learning, it is undeniably part of MIT's mission to create the best educational experience possible. Its faculty and administration are stewards of the talent in the undergraduate student body passing through MIT every four years. The curriculum and intellectual environment cultivate this talent so that it might later blossom into innovation and discovery, enriching the quality of life of the nation and the world.

In his column "A Tragedy with a Difference" (Oct. 21), Washington University Professor Ron Loui says that "too many administrators think their jobs are about fundraising, investment, and keeping alumni happy." Yet undergraduates are future alumni. The best way to keep us happy is by improving our experiences now.

On the Campus Roundtable Web site (<http://web.mit.edu/president/ace/>), one fraternity member estimated that half of fraternities haze their pledges. Regardless of the accuracy of this statistic, if one of us comes to administration and tells them we have been hazed, like Scott R. Velazquez G and Robert Plotkin

*Building dorms and improving campus life is not as sexy as building a new physics building. That is why we have dorms called Next House and New House.*

'93, then administration should do something about it. At the town meeting last Friday Matthew J. Herper '99 said it scared him how administration was sidestepping the problems with the fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. More people would have attended the meeting, Herper said, if they felt administration was listening to students. Many of the students in the audience agreed. We are not stupid; we know whether problems are being addressed or just talked around.

It is common knowledge that MIT alumni give back less money than alumni of other

universities of similar status. Why is this true? Perhaps the administration thinks that improving the campus atmosphere is pointless because we cannot appreciate aesthetics. This is the leveling effect at work. Because we liked calculus in high school, students cannot appreciate the simple pleasures normal people appreciate. Perhaps they think we only need four days to decide where to live because, after all, all we need is a place we can plug in our computer.

The administration should invest in undergraduates now, or we will not give money to MIT later. Building dorms and improving campus life is not as sexy as building a new physics building. That is why we have dorms called Next House and New House: No one wanted to pay enough to put their name on the building. Our poor alumni contributions indicate that MIT has neglected its heart, the undergraduates.

While it may be wise for Vest to pretend that MIT has no unique problems to the media, he must be careful not to delude himself in the process. The effects of neglecting issues of undergraduate life are usually opaque to the outside world until someone dies, of course. However, this neglect could cost the Institute millions of dollars in alumni contributions in the future.

I urge the administration to act with courage and in accordance with correct principles when making the many decisions which lie ahead. Today's undergraduates will reward you later.

Jim O'Donnell is a member of the Class of 2000.

# Changing MIT's Value System

Guest Column  
Donald McBride

My son was the roommate of Scott S. Krueger '01. I am deeply saddened by what happened to him and support efforts to put measures in place to avoid similar incidents in the future. However, I am concerned that besides the grief that our students are suffering over the loss of a friend, their efforts to get an education may be further sidetracked for the benefit of some people in the legal and political system, who seem to be more concerned with seeking publicity at the expense of these young men than in addressing the underlying social and cultural values that were the root cause of Scott's death.

The purpose of this column is not to

*I was impressed with what a responsible bunch of earnest young men they were.*

defend Phi Gamma Delta or anything that happened there. Instead, I want to provide some background from my perspective which may help the administration make changes in Institute policies and procedures that will minimize the chances of alcohol-related accidents happening again.

The guys at Phi Gamma Delta are still struggling with their emotions following Scott's death and we appreciate MIT's efforts in helping them cope. At the Parents' Weekend meeting with President Charles M. Vest, many expressed concerns with the Residence and Orientation process. Several parents expressed the concern that students and parents had to make living arrangement decisions with too little information or time. We felt similar frustration last year when our son Thomas had to make that choice. This was a particular concern for my wife who had terminal cancer and knew this might be the last chance she had to have a significant influence on his life.

We raised the issue of alcohol with our son and he reminded us that people didn't go to MIT because it was a party school and, as his mother always reminded him, he knew what he was there for. He shared his criteria for selecting Phi Gamma Delta, which primarily included the quality of the members and the impressive, well-kept house. We felt better after visiting the house, talking to some of the officers and finding that their grade point average was at least the average for MIT.

Fiji did not resemble the stereotype of fraternities my wife and I remembered from our college days. We also found that some problems they had five or six years ago have been corrected, and ultimately decided the R/O process had worked for our son. Several members lived in the Boston area and had more time to research living options. They also selected Phi Gamma Delta because of the character of the members and living environment. As I got to know more of the members who would come to dinner with our son and I on my weekend visits following my wife's death I was impressed with what a responsible bunch of earnest young men they were.

Our opinion was reinforced when I got to talk to many other parents at a dinner hosted by the brothers at 28 Fenway. As we sat around in the well-maintained, wood paneled dining room where former Boston mayors had entertained guests, we all felt that these guys did not deserve to have this happen to them. It could have happened anywhere as it almost did to a friend of mine in a dormitory 30 years ago. It was particularly unfortunate because just a month ago we got a letter from the fraternity's national headquarters asking for support to make all of their houses substance-free in the next few years.

I applaud Vest for recognizing and attempting to wrestle with the problem of social and cultural values that were the root cause of Krueger's death. Although changes in the R/O process may be necessary, the real benefits will be in changing this value system. I believe that the intellect and dedication of the academic community at MIT, as evidenced by their response thus far, can make it a significant impact in this area.

Donald McBride lives in Martinsville, New Jersey. This guest column was also sent as a letter to President Charles M. Vest.

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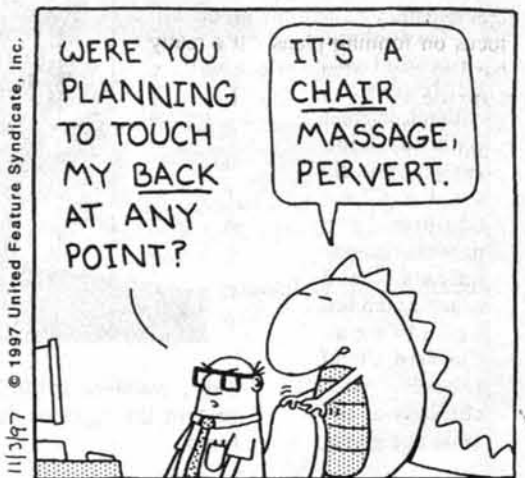
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# Student Input Crucial to O/R



**Marian L. Groh '99, William W. Shen '98, Pamela Mukerji '01, and Ashesh P. Shah '98 are the four students selected for the Orientation/Residence Fall '98 Committee. Associate Dean Andrew M. Eisenmann '75 is also on the committee.**

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Pamela Mukerji '01, president of the Class of 2001; and Ashesh P. Shah '98, president of the Dormitory Council.

"I think they wanted to have a balance between [residents of] dorms and ILGs," Groh said.

#### Committee to gather input

The committee had until yesterday to gather student input, Groh said. They met yesterday to discuss the various opinions they had heard.

Most of the information gathering at this point is via e-mail. "I'm trying to send forwards [of messages asking for input] to as many people as I can. We're all encouraging students to contact us by e-mail," Mukerji said.

After considering the student opinions they gather, the group will focus on forming plans. "It's really hard to say [what options will be considered by the committee]. We're going to be exploring as many options as possible," Mukerji said.

The committee will be looking to "see how to change R/O into O/R," Groh said. Shifting the emphasis off of residence and onto orientation is a focus for the group, as well as the impetus behind the name Orientation/Residence.

#### UA to help in gathering input

The UA will be hosting a series of forums to bring students together to discuss issues that are facing this committee.

"We've identified three issues: alcohol policies, R/O, and housing," said UA President Dedric A. Carter '98.

Carter would like to have 15 forums by Friday. There are seven or eight which have already been scheduled so far.

Large-scale forums have been sparsely attended and proven to be unproductive, so nine of this week's

UA forums will be held mostly in the dormitories. We're "going to people's home turf," Carter said.

#### Faculty and staff named to group

The faculty and staff members on the committee are: Andrew M. Eisenmann '75, associate dean of students for residence and campus activities; Suzanne Flynn, professor

of foreign languages and literature and chair of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program; Paul E. Gray '54, professor of electrical engineering; and Charles Stewart III, associate professor of political science and housemaster of McCormick Hall.

*Dan McGuire contributed to the reporting of this story.*

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# Deutch Discusses Spies, Science, and Public Service

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Deutch said. In reality, however, the reverse is true. "Before, the goal was to prevent nuclear holocaust with Russia," he said. Now, the enemies and situations that the United States faces are more varied and distributed.

"Terrorism is on the rise around the world," Deutch said, especially directed against the United States. "Many terrorist groups see the United States as being part of the problem," and the United States has consequently become a prime target.

One major change in modern-day terrorism is that terrorist groups "can use weapons of mass destruction," Deutch said. He also pointed to new threats like information warfare.

New technology, however, has vastly improved the job that the intelligence community can perform. During the Persian Gulf War, for example, "both air and armed forces had knowledge of disposition of Iraqi troops," Deutch said, "much more rapidly than could have otherwise been the case."

## FBI vs. CIA

Deutch said that one of the greatest accomplishments during his term as director of central intelligence was the progress toward getting over the "period of great hostility between the FBI and CIA."

"There has been a great divide between the FBI and CIA," Deutch said, going back to the days of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and CIA Director Allen W. Dulles, "who spied on each other in all kinds of ways I don't even want to tell you about."

Counterintelligence is "a very complicated and difficult subject," Deutch said. But it is "an inseparable part of this activity."

It also has been more difficult since the end of the cold war. These days, Deutch said, there are 8,000 newspapers in Russia. "Before, you had two, and there wasn't much to read about."

The covert wing of the CIA, the Directorate of Operations, which leads U.S. counterintelligence efforts, "has a very mixed history," Deutch said. "I'm the first one to admit it."

Although the Directorate of Operations is only one of three broad areas under the purview of the director of central intelligence, "I still spent 99 percent of my time worrying about the Directorate of Operations," Deutch said.

Covert action is performed "in order to influence political outcomes in other countries" without giving away the fact that the United States actually was involved.

"It lies uneasily in a democracy," Deutch said. But the Directorate of Operations still does have a place "provided that it doesn't go out and do all kinds of things that are against the rules."

The Directorate of Operations "is not a rouge agency going out and doing something on its own," Deutch said. "Not since the mid-'70s," he added, to the amusement of the audience.

Secretly trying to overthrow governments is often the wrong way to go about getting political change in a foreign country, Deutch said.

President Lyndon B. Johnson, for example, tried to use covert action in Indonesia to achieve political ends. "It turned out to be very much unsuccessful and a disaster," Deutch said.

"Covert action is a needed diplomatic tool for dealing with terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction," Deutch said. But often rather than covert action, "what we need is a change in our public policy."

## An MIT chemist enters public life

"Because of my upbringing, I've always been into public service," Deutch said.



MIODRAG CIRKOVIC—THE TECH  
John M. Deutch '61 spoke to the MIT community last Thursday in 10-250.

Deutch followed in the steps of former President Jerome B. Wiesner, who, like Deutch, had a long history of government service.

Deutch noted that he, like Wiesner, served as dean of the school of science and provost — and that Wiesner later served as president.

But even Deutch had his limits when it came to public service. When Clinton first asked Deutch to be director of central intelligence, Deutch responded, "Hell no; you must be nuts."

At the time, Deutch was still

deputy secretary of defense.

"I spent four months with Leon Panetta," Clinton's former chief of staff, "looking for a successor." Finally, one day Clinton called Deutch back into the Oval Office. "Clinton says, 'You're going to take this job,'" Deutch said.

Deutch quickly told Clinton that he'd have to ask his wife first. "His attention span isn't all that great," Deutch said.

"Sit right here; I'll leave the room while you call your wife," Clinton said. The President left the Oval Office, and Deutch called his wife Pat.

"She said no," Deutch said. Then Clinton returned. "He called Pat."

Deutch, of course, finally agreed to take the job.

"How did an MIT guy get there?" Deutch asked. "A chemist at that."

No directors before Deutch had come from a science or engineering background. "I was the first one who was technical," Deutch said.

Back in the 1960s when Deutch began working for the government under Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, "anyone who knew how to add was considered valuable."

Even today, Deutch said, few in the high reaches of the government are technically literate.

When Deutch was director of

central intelligence, probably two people in the Cabinet could solve quadratic equations. "If you get deputies there, you might have four," he said. "And three of them will have gone to MIT."

## Deutch answers questions

Deutch fielded questions from audience members on topics ranging from encryption to China to housing at MIT.

Several audience members asked Deutch about United States policies toward China.

"You have to be patient," Deutch said. "There's a word I don't use much."

The United States is, however, asking a lot to put its nose in and demand changes from China, especially when the country has made some strides toward greater freedom.

Deutch answered a question about his experience responding to allegations last fall that the CIA introduced crack-cocaine into the streets of Los Angeles during the 1980s.

He made a public appearance in a high school in the Watts section of Los Angeles to answer questions about the allegations. Audience members "screamed at me for an hour while it was televised on ABC," Deutch said. Interestingly enough, however,

many came up to him afterwards to say "what a terrific guy you are," he said.

"We have to start out by recognizing that the war on drugs isn't working," Deutch said. "We have failed on drugs more than on any other issues."

On the availability of data encryption software, Deutch said that he supports "unlimited availability — including exports" but that he does believe there is a need for key escrow for legitimate systems like banks which those engaged in criminal activities will have to encounter at some point. Such systems, however, should not be there "for individuals communicating back and forth."

He also responded to a claim that the CIA gives research funds to MIT. Deutch said he was not aware of any such funds but said that if MIT does receive them, we should acknowledge it.

"Any time that you get money from a sponsor, you should be willing to identify that sponsor," Deutch said.

Deutch's talk and the audience's questions focused little on MIT, but at the end of the evening, one member asked about Deutch's views on the current debate over MIT's housing system.

Deutch replied with a smile. "I believe all freshmen should live on campus," he said.

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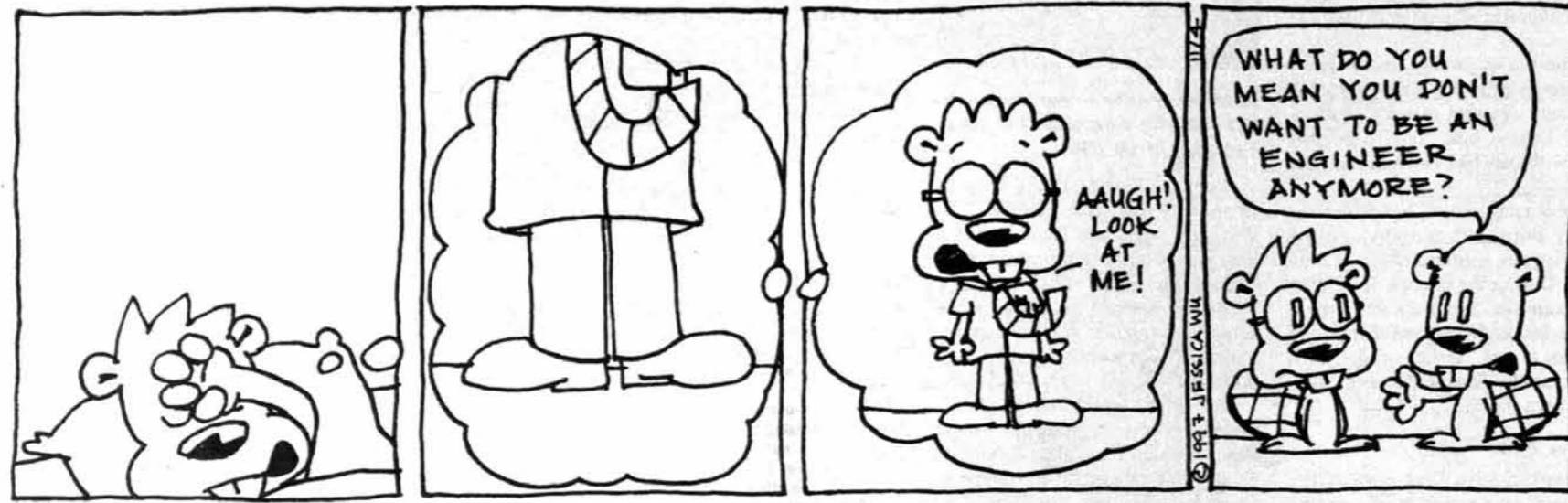
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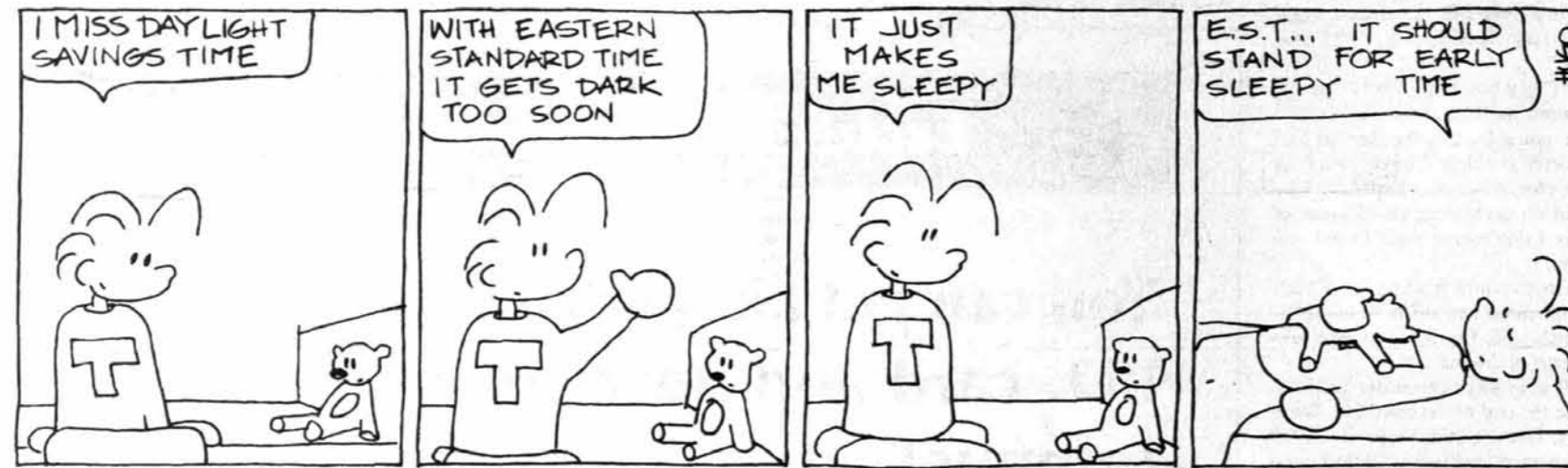
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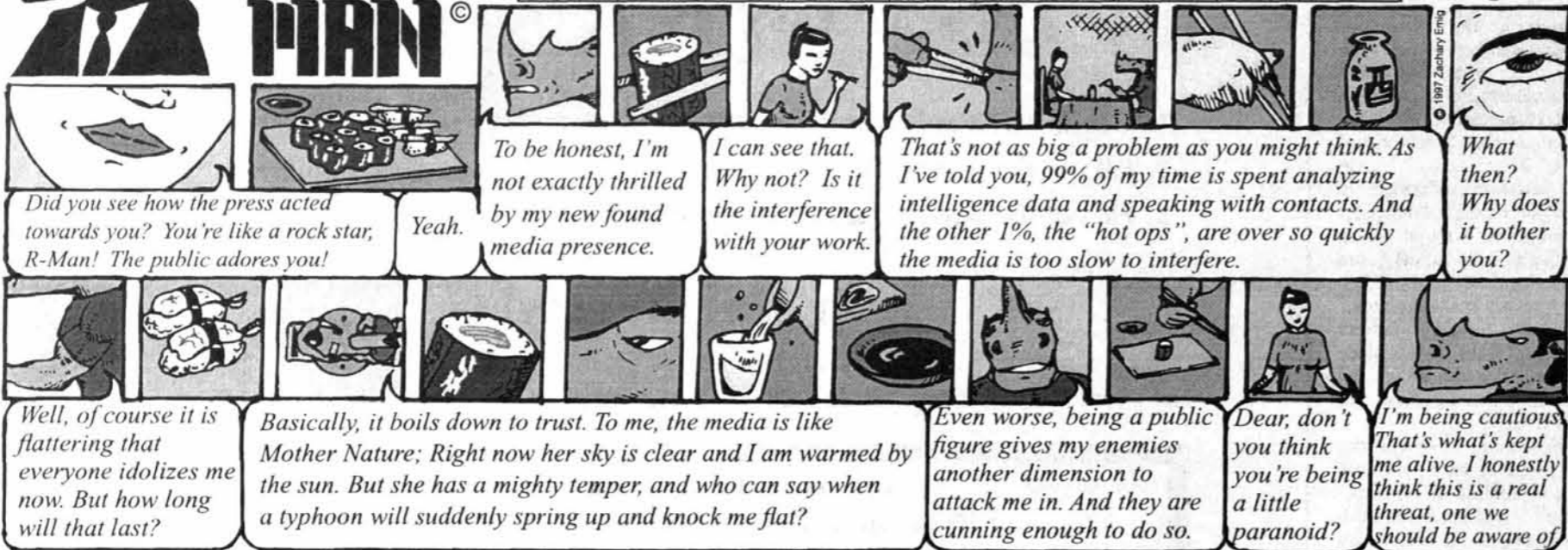
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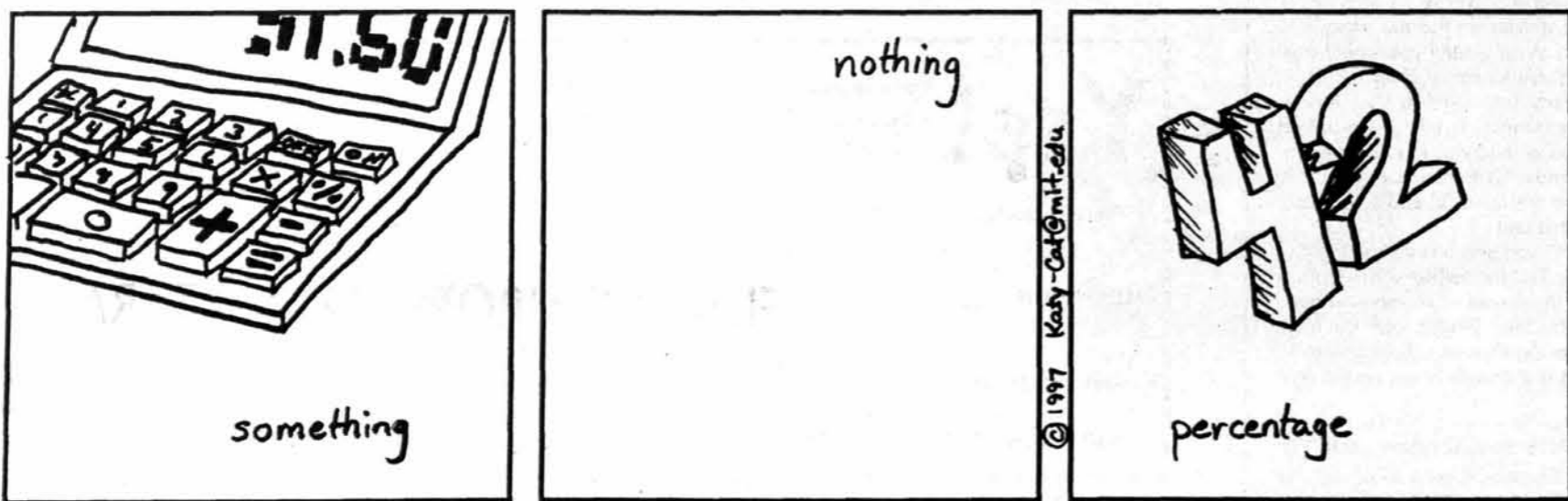
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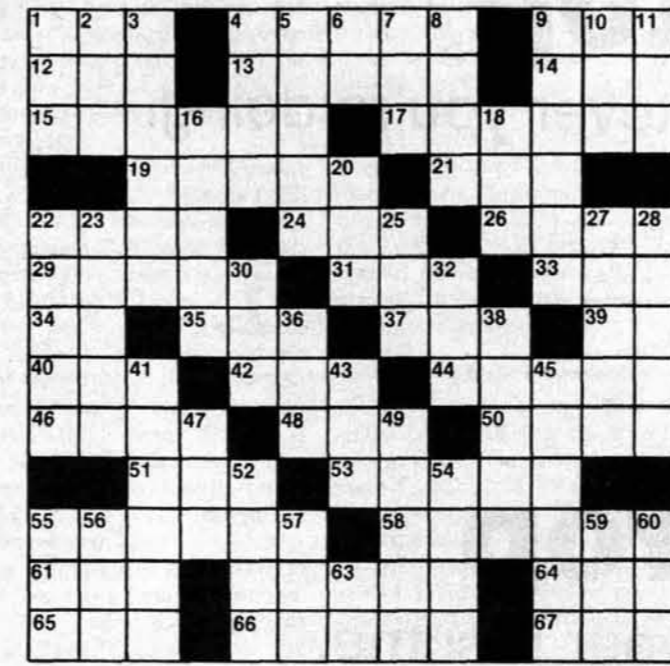
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- Prevent; discourage
- Drink in small quantities
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- Belonging to (suf.)
- Leave out
- Birth of Christ
- Put in office
- Organization of American States (abbr.)
- Arm bone
- Can
- Pierce
- Energy
- Gritty
- Pointed tool for making holes
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- Brewed drink
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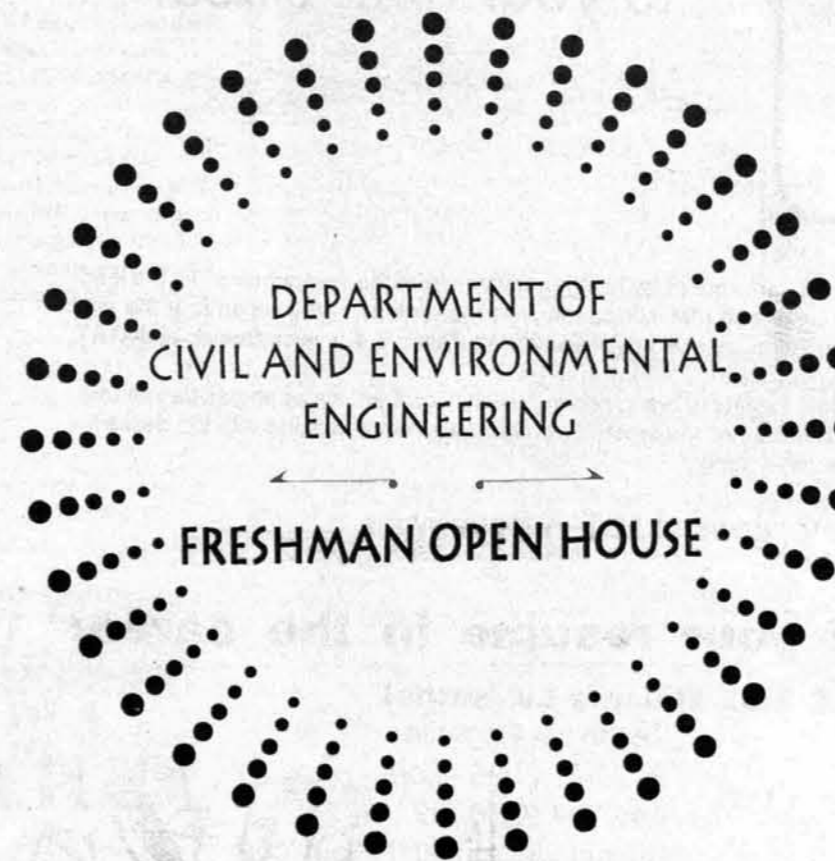
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# Alcohol and Housing Issues Posed to Vest

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Vest then reiterated the need to listen to all voices and acknowledged "there are complexities to this issue that have to be thought about overtly."

Vest cited supportive communities and the integration of upper- and underclassmen as the strengths of the current residential system. He pointed to the "rapid rush process" and varying degrees of "adult presence" in the housing system as its weaknesses.

## Students defend FSILG system

Student questions over the system of FSILGs were prolific and covered a wide range of concerns. Several students asked Vest what effect changing rush would have on the fraternity and independent living group system.

Outgoing Interfraternity Council Rush Chair Jorge F. Rodriguez '98 asked about the economic feasibility of postponing rush, since freshmen comprise approximately one-quarter of most houses' residents.

Vest had the same answer to most of these concerns. "I do not accept the argument that if the system would change, that necessarily means FSILGs would die," Vest said. "I do not understand why a system of value to students would not be equally accessible in the sophomore year."

Two groups will be working to move towards a housing solution. One group, the Orientation/Residence Fall '98 Committee, will make recommendations to the senior administration for next fall. A second group will map out, with the task force on student life and learning, the Institute's long-run housing plan.

## Alcohol issue finally broached

Three-quarters of the way through the meeting, a student raised a question over the alcohol policy changes, and administrative progress toward examining alcohol use on campus in the aftermath of the alcohol-related death of Scott S. Krueger '01.

Vest welcomed the question amidst the flurry of housing concerns, stating, "I really want to be sure that we don't get defocused from our need to exact greater control over alcohol on our campus."

He pointed to the student-faculty seminar chaired by professor and biology department head Phillip A. Sharp and chief of pediatrics and student health services Mark A. Goldstein, which will be designed to improve educational alcohol programs, as an example of how the Institute is planning on tackling alcohol issues.

"I cannot tell you how much thinking about this issue has weighed on me personally," Vest said.

"Drinking among college students has been going on since the Middle Ages... we cannot achieve

success by trying to recreate prohibition." Therefore, the focus of the response has been placed on education, Vest said.

Studying the problem and coming up with educational programs is an appropriate way for MIT to handle alcohol abuse, Vest said.

It is "very much in MIT's tradition not to accept a problem as insurmountable... and my preaching is not going to make a wit of difference," Vest said.

## Minority issues also raised

Representatives of the Black Students Union raised concerns over the declining percentage of black students in the freshman class, as well as race relations on campus, specifically in reference to the inflammatory mailing sent by the MIT Extropians over the summer.

Vest reiterated his commitment to improving and examining campus race relations. He stated that he personally found the views outlined by the Extropians to be extremely distasteful, but that he also felt that all students on the campus should feel free to express their opinions.

## Vest tries to focus on finances

Whenever there was a lull in the questioning, Vest took the opportunity to discuss the level of government funding at the Institute and the re-engineering effort.

Displaying a bar graph of Institute funding sources, Vest remarked that the level of government funds was continually decreasing and "we can't just increase tuition at whatever rate we want to."

Vest announced that a capital campaign will begin in two years to fund large developments.

He also reviewed re-engineering's progress, pointing to a substantial reduction in employee headcount, down approximately 400 from three years ago.

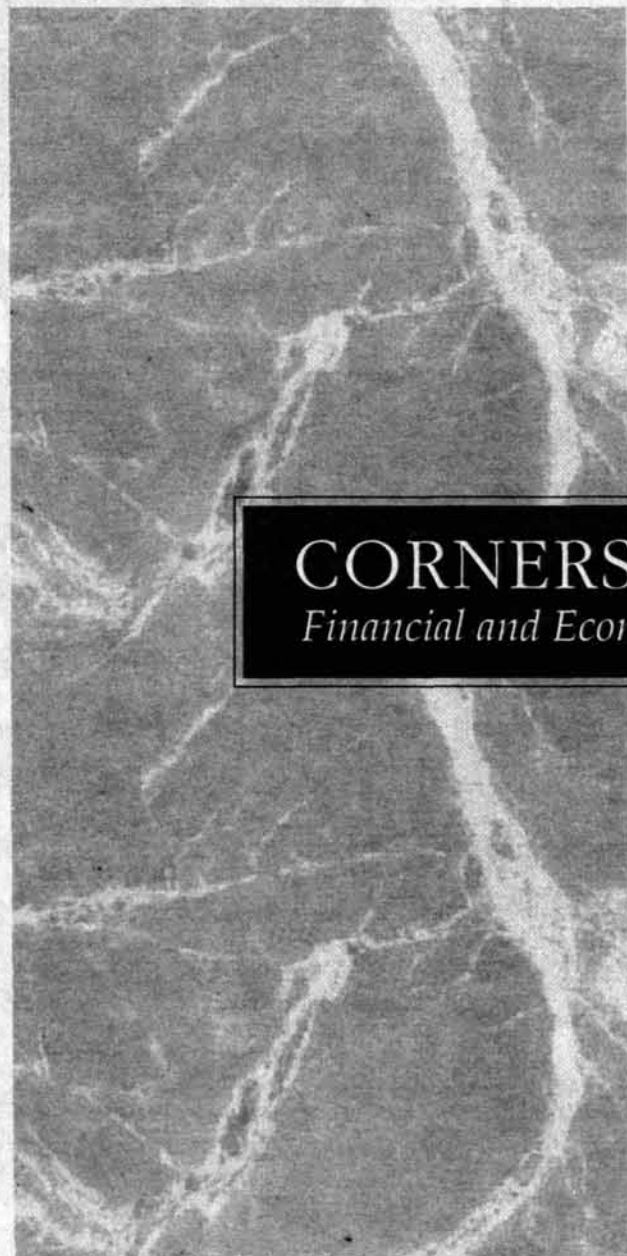
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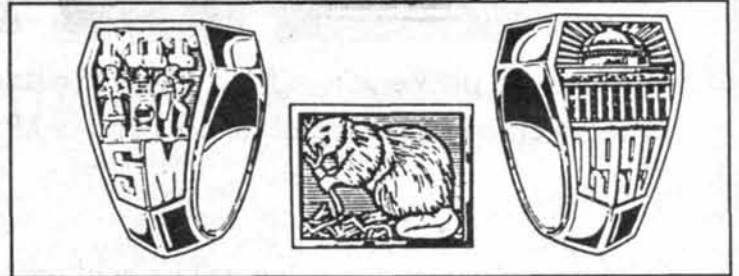
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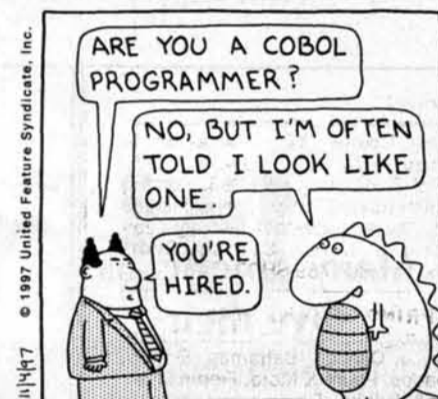
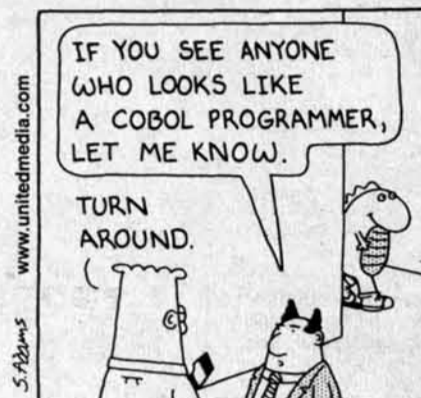
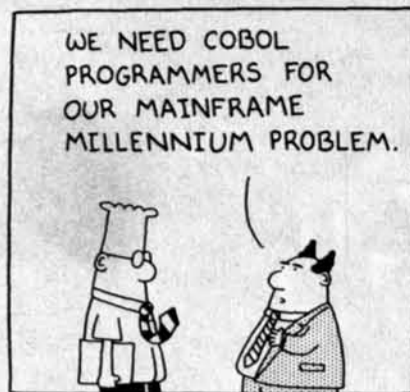
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# Micheletti Recalled For Service to Others

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cerned about the traffic on Memorial Drive before her death, the *Chronicle* reported. "Michele, this is very, very dangerous," Elmer Micheletti remembered saying during Parent's Weekend two weeks ago.

"It's ridiculous ... to have lost a daughter who had gone to college because it was unsafe for her to get to her car," he said. "It's really a mindboggler."

New House is a "very sad, quiet place," said Essigmann. "People smile at you but it's not the glowing smile you're used to. Some of the enthusiasm seems to be gone."

Members of the Dean's Office met with residents of New House and Alpha Phi, Micheletti's sorority, on Saturday, said Leo Osgood, associate dean of students and the dean on call last weekend. "We had representatives from psychiatry, the religious community, the counseling deans."

"It's a very tragic thing and these things come unannounced," Osgood said. "We were able to pull things together."

Micheletti was majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science as part of a full scholarship from the National Security Agency, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported yesterday. She had been the valedictorian of Notre Dame High School in Belmont, California before coming to the Institute.

"If there was a student that needed to talk to someone Michele was the kind of person they would go to," Essigmann said. "She was always busy but she was always willing to put in the time with other students."

Students who knew Micheletti can receive services from the Counseling Deans, or the Medical Center's psychiatry department,

Osgood said.

## Community remembers Micheletti

Students, administrators, and faculty members all remembered Micheletti for her good-natured spirit and her leadership abilities.

Micheletti served on the advisory board to the task force on student life and learning, where she worked to implement new ideas for bringing faculty and students together in living groups, said Charles Stewart III, a member of the task force who also serves as an associate professor of political science and housemaster of McCormick Hall.

"She seemed to be the type of person who was really interested in getting faculty and students together, and she was not discouraged for thinking outside of the box," Stewart said. Micheletti especially worked to bring faculty members of the task force into dormitories for overnight visits.

"She was an amazing person, involved in everything," said Alpha Phi president Anya K. Hawrylchak '98. "We knew she was very special to our chapter but we didn't quite know the scope of people who she had made a difference for here."

"It's made us realize how precious the time we have to spend with one another is," Hawrylchak said.

A petition drive headed by Ceani Guevara '99 to paint a crosswalk across Memorial Drive at Endicott Street near Baker House has been intensified as a result of the death.

Funeral services for Micheletti will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at St. Dunstan's Church in Millbrae, Calif.

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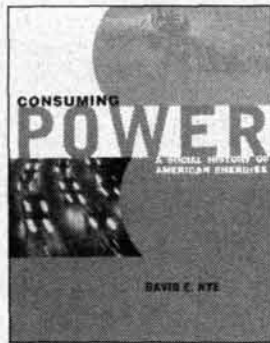
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Christina Saltzman '99 took home MIT's first ever first place over fences in her novice equitation class. Riders in the fences classes are faced with the challenge of riding a horse that they have never ridden before over a complicated course that tests the rider's ability to control the horse and ride the course with proper

form. On the flat, Nina Kutsuzawa '00 earned a second place in walk-trot equitation and Saltzman was once again in the ribbons, earning a fourth place in novice equitation.

Miki Hertz '99 had a strong showing in novice equitation on the flat. Flat classes are also ridden on the home team's horses that are assigned by random drawing to all competitors. The classes are judged on the rider's form and horsemanship.

The team will continue to practice at Arrowhead Stables in Concord with coach Kate Alderfer-Candela in preparation for the final IHSA show of the fall season at Boston University next weekend.



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