



Duane H. Dreger '99 (center), newly elected Interfraternity Council president, is flanked by fellow incoming officers Amir A. Mesarwi '00 and Dennis S. Ruhl '00 (left) and Bob Broderick '99 and Lisa E. Tatterson '99 (right).

## New IFC Officers To Focus on Image

By Jennifer Lane  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A fresh crop of Interfraternity Council officers are preparing to make 1998 a year to nurse the fraternity system's injured public image while initiating new programs and fine-tuning their as yet untested alcohol policies.

Duane H. Dreger '99, a member of Sigma Nu, was elected IFC president at the presidents council meeting Wednesday, and emphasized the need to "let everyone know that we're an integral part of the community."

Students and other members of the Institute community hold miscon-

ceptions of the IFC as well as fraternity and sorority life, Dreger said. Over the course of the next year, the IFC will work to build up a larger sense of community and "educate everyone around us about what we do," he said.

In terms of alcohol policy, Dreger will focus on forming a certification program to work in concert with the new alcohol policies recently approved by the IFC's presidents council that restricts the use of alcohol to certified houses.

Developing this certification program will involve collaboration with other offices around the Institute. Additionally, the current IFC alcohol policies are new, largely unimplemented and "may need some tweaking," Dreger said.

Dreger will work closely with the two new IFC vice presidents. Vice President for Activities and Organization Margaret C. Tsai '99 and Vice President for Internal Affairs Bob Broderick '99 will oversee IFC committees ranging from community relations to programs for freshmen. Tsai is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and Broderick is a member of Zeta Psi.

"We have an unprecedented amount of work cut out for us," Broderick said. The IFC has said that changes will be made, and the next year will be the time to implement those changes, he said.

Broderick said he hoped to focus on making education an IFC priority, as well as developing a stronger communications channel for the parents of students in the fraternity, sorority and independent living group system. "It's important to give parents someone to turn to," he said.

**IFC focuses on larger community**  
Amir A. Mesarwi '00, a member

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## Dormitories Channel Alcohol Funds Elsewhere

By Krista L. Niece  
STAFF REPORTER

While the apparent focus of alcohol policy at the Institute has been on the activities of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, dormitory residents have also felt the effects of recently-passed Institute and student government policies.

A Dormitory Council policy prohibiting alcohol at dormitory events, created after the alcohol-related death of Scott S. Krueger '01, was recently lifted. President Charles M. Vest instituted a ban on the use of Institute funds for the purchase of alcohol for events where those under 21 would be present.

"I guess you could say [the Institute ban] is more stringent than our policy was," said Dormcon president Ashesh P. Shah '98. "It made sense to lift our ban when there was [a ban from a higher authority] accomplishing the same thing."

Dormcon's blanket ban on alcohol in the dormitories had been put in place shortly after Krueger's death, following the lead of a similar Interfraternity Council ban for the fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

The definition of Institute funds is very broad. "If at Next House we have a party and I spend my own money, that's considered Institute funds," Shah said.

### Alcohol policy affects events and purchases

While some dormitories and their social events may be adversely affected by the Institute ban, other dormitories will go largely unchanged, said some house presidents. As a result, student opinion about Institute alcohol policy remains mixed.

Wojciech P. Gizewicz '99, president of New House, did not anticipate the ban having a significant impact on the dormitory's budget. "There have been no dormwide events with alcohol in at least two years," he said. He did not see any strong reaction among the residents. "No one has sought me out to talk about it," he said, although he added that there has not been a house meeting since the new policy was instituted.

MacGregor House President Ivan Gonzales-Gallo '98 felt differently. "Most of the social activities have been shut down. A big amount of money hasn't been spent." He predicted a

significant surplus in the dormitory's budget in the wake of the ban.

Whatever the effect on dormitories, funds once used for alcohol will now have to be used in other ways, leaving dormitory presidents to decide on new ways to apportion and distribute house taxes.

Several ideas have been suggested for the extra money in MacGregor. "We have... a new TV and new VCR," Gonzales-Gallo said.

Not everyone has been satisfied with this new arrangement. "We're talking about having a skating night, and more study breaks, but people want parties [with alcohol]," Gonzales-Gallo said.

"But," Gonzales-Gallo later added, "there are people that like [the policy] and people who don't like it... We're waiting and seeing what happens. This is just temporary."

East Campus President Ronnie G. Misra '98 believed that the ban would impact EC as well. "It already has this term," he said.

East Campus has been considering several ways of distributing the money that was pre-

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## Planning Office Survey Paves the Way For Possible Transportation Changes

By Jennifer Chung  
STAFF REPORTER

The Planning Office has released its semi-annual transportation survey to collect input from members of the MIT community.

Initially distributed in early November, the transportation survey has questions for all walks of life. The survey asks about all modes of transportation, including mere walking, and deals with all use of transportation, including travelling from

off-campus to an on-campus office, or ambling from a dormitory room on the outskirts of West Campus to 10-250.

The survey comes in three formats — one for on-campus students, one for off-campus students, and one for faculty and staff members; the off-campus students' survey is the longest one. According to Michael S. Ramming G, who created the survey, more faculty and staff surveys have been turned in than both types of student surveys combined.

"Unfortunately, the undergraduates are especially underrepresented, and the number of on-campus students' surveys we've received is low," said Ramming.

### Survey gives data for support

One of the main purposes of the survey is to see where MIT students' sentiments lie. Many potential ideas could be implemented, if only there was more support.

"Someone suggested that we get a monorail," said Lydia S. Snover, assistant director for planning information in the Planning Office. "We're considering an on-campus shuttle as an alternative."

"How should the transportation money be spent?" Snover said. "Even walkers' needs are being considered; there's a question on the

survey, for instance, which asks if we should have better landscaping."

"Do drivers want the roads around campus to be improved? Should there be smoother sidewalks for roller-bladers? Would bicyclists like more inside bike lockers? Or should we spend the money on upgrading communications systems, so that people can work from home?" Snover said.

Other possibilities include offering an airport shuttle for students, adding more crosswalks or even tunnels by the west campus dormitories, or having shuttles for travel from the farthest dormitories to the main campus. The latter idea might become more enticing as the weather gets colder, Snover pointed out.

### Survey utilized by many groups

Additionally, the faculty-headed parking and transportation implementation task group, which is separate from the Planning Office, has used some of the information from past surveys to recommend consequential transportation changes.

The task group recommended subsidizing MBTA passes; however, based on several things, including a general parking and transportation survey in January of 1994,

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Coriolanus (Brett Taylor, right) exclaims in anger despite the pleas of Menenius Agrippa (Jeremy R. Butler '98). The Theater Arts Section production of Shakespeare's play is showing tonight and tomorrow night in Little Kresge theater.

THOMAS E. MURPHY—THE TECH

# WORLD & NATION

## Congressional Tobacco Ally Subpoenas Documents

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

One of the tobacco industry's longtime supporters in Congress Thursday issued subpoenas to force balky cigarette makers to release a cache of sensitive internal company documents.

"I'm going to make sure these documents see the light of day," Rep. Thomas J. Bliley, R-Va., said in a statement. "Congress must have these documents to do its job." He gave the industry until noon Friday to comply with the request for the documents.

The confrontation between Bliley and the companies dramatically underscores the rising tensions between the beleaguered industry and lawmakers, who will consider national tobacco legislation in the spring that could impose strong new regulations on the industry while protecting it against many lawsuits.

Bliley's seeming turnaround mystifies many observers on Capitol Hill and leaves others skeptical. Philip Morris is a potent force in Bliley's district, and the company's Richmond plant employs about 5,000 of his constituents. According to the campaign finance lobbying group Common Cause, Bliley has received more tobacco campaign contributions than any other House member — more than \$133,000 since 1987.

## Winnie Mandela Apologizes But Maintains Innocence

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

In a grudging yet stunning 11th-hour admission, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela told a hushed auditorium here Thursday that "things went horribly wrong" on her watch in the anti-apartheid struggle of the late 1980s, but she denied involvement in any criminal activities.

"I am saying it is true, things went horribly wrong. I fully agree with that," Madikizela-Mandela said in the final session of a nine-day hearing into the "Mandela United Football Club," a group of troubled men and boys based in her Soweto home. "And for that part of those painful years, when things went horribly wrong — and we were aware of the fact that there were factors that led to that — for that, I am deeply sorry."

Departing from a carefully scripted day of testimony, Mandela also issued apologies to the families of Stompie Seipei and Dr. Abu-Baker Asvat, a teen-age activist and a Soweto physician murdered in 1989.

Madikizela-Mandela was convicted in 1991 in the kidnapping of Seipei and was implicated in both killings by witnesses appearing the past two weeks before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a government panel delving into apartheid-era crimes.

The surprise overtures by Madikizela-Mandela came after a grueling — and sometimes testy — day of questioning, in which the former wife of President Nelson Mandela methodically denied allegations of murder, torture and other crimes. The commission called the hearings, opened to the public upon her insistence, to look into 18 alleged human rights violations involving the notorious soccer club.

## Thurmond Plans to Step Down As Armed Services Chairman

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., announced Thursday on the eve of his 95th birthday — that he will step down as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee at the end of next year.

But Thurmond, already the oldest and longest-serving senator in history, said he intends to remain in the Senate for the rest of his term, which lasts until January 2003, and to continue as a member of the committee, where he has served for nearly 40 years.

As the Senate's senior Republican, he also will keep the post of its president pro tempore, which puts him third in line for succession to the presidency behind the vice president and House speaker.

Thurmond, who was first elected to the Senate in 1954, has said he will not seek another term.

While the decision on the chairmanship was not made "easily or lightly," Thurmond said in a statement, "I think the time has come for me to turn the reins of the committee over to the next generation of leadership, and I have decided that this next year is the natural time for me to relinquish the chairmanship."

## WEATHER Drizzle and Flurries

By Gerard Roe  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A large mid-level low pressure system translating slowly eastward will bring some unsettled weather for today and the early part of tomorrow. Some smaller scale disturbances embedded in the larger flow will bring precipitation over the area beginning this afternoon. At the same time, at the surface, colder air is pushing in from the northwest. It looks as though at this stage, the precipitation will begin as drizzle, but change over to snow before fizzling out on Saturday morning. With the wet ground, there should be a only little accumulation at most. The rest of the weekend looks to be clearing but chilly.

**Today:** Cloudy and becoming cold. Patches of drizzle beginning around noon. Changing to flurries in the evening. The high will be in the early morning and temperatures will fall slowly during the day. Daytime temperatures around 40°F (4°C).

**Tonight:** Continuing flurries. Low 30°C (-1°C).

**Saturday:** Any snow ending in the morning. Some patches of sun appearing later. High 38°C (3°C). Low 26°F (-3°C).

**Sunday:** A mix of sun and clouds. Light flurries possible. High in the low 30s (0°C). Low around 25°F (-4°C).

## Lawmakers Question Proof Of Donor's Military Service

By Stephen Barr  
and Terry M. Neal  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

House Republicans said Thursday that an investigation of military records had turned up no sign that a major Democratic donor who is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, M. Larry Lawrence, served in the Merchant Marine during World War II, as he had long claimed.

Lawrence was among 69 individuals over the last five years who received special waivers to be buried at the cemetery, the nation's most hallowed military burial ground. Last month, White House and Army officials, citing Lawrence's wartime record, vigorously defended their decision to allow him to be interred in Arlington.

But Rep. Terry Everett, R-Ala., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs subcommittee on oversight and investigations, said, "We have found that Mr. Lawrence's name does not appear in at least three locations where a reasonable person would expect it to appear in the records."

The new questions about Lawrence revived a political drama that had seemed put to rest after Republicans backed off earlier accusations that President Clinton had rewarded rich Democratic donors with burial plots at Arlington. The issue, which has inspired outrage both among those accusing and defending the administration, has been sustained by the congressional inquiry and conservative commentators. The new allegations arose after the conservative columnist Arianna Huffington said that a longtime aide

to Lawrence told her she believed his war record was a fabrication. The aide, Norma Nicholls, confirmed her account in an interview.

Thursday's events raised the possibility of demands that Lawrence's body be removed from Arlington cemetery. "If that did turn out to be the case, it would be distressing, obviously," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. Said Everett: "I don't know what we'll do."

Lawrence died in 1996 while serving as ambassador to Switzerland. Administration officials, who asked not to be identified, said they had accepted Lawrence's account of his wartime service at the time of his nomination in 1993, but acknowledged that State Department security officers had been unable to locate his military records then.

Lawrence and his family and companies gave about \$200,000 to Democrats between 1991 and 1996, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. He operated the famed Hotel del Coronado near San Diego, and Clinton sometimes vacationed with Lawrence, who was once named as one of Forbes 400 richest Americans. Clinton delivered one of the eulogies at his funeral.

Lawrence's harrowing story of his wartime service impressed administration officials who met him. He recounted enlisting in the Merchant Marine in 1944 at the age of 18. He said that the following year he was aboard the liberty ship SS Horace Bushnell when it came under attack by a German submarine in the Arctic Ocean near the Russian port of Murmansk. During the torpedo attack, Lawrence said he was thrown overboard and suffered

serious head injuries.

Thursday, Lawrence's widow, Shelia Davis Lawrence, said she was "shocked and dismayed" by the GOP news conference that raised doubt about Lawrence's military service.

"He is dead and cannot defend himself," Shelia Davis Lawrence said in a statement. "I am not prepared to change my beliefs based on statements by people who have previously demonstrated a meanness of spirit and a lack of concern for either truth or decency."

Everett defended the House inquiry into Lawrence's record as an effort to preserve the integrity and sanctity of Arlington National Cemetery.

In a letter to the secretaries of Defense and State, Everett said a search of National Maritime Center records used to confirm World War II service failed to find Lawrence's name.

Everett said Lawrence's name also does not appear on the official record of persons serving on the Horace Bushnell. The ship's casualty report lists the names of four crew members killed by the torpedo blast and a fifth who died from shock and a heart attack.

"There is no account of 'serious head injuries' or of any injury to an individual named Lawrence," Everett wrote the Cabinet secretaries.

Administration memos released by Everett showed that then-assistant secretary of state Richard C. Holbrooke, apparently drawing on State Department files, provided the detailed account of Lawrence's seagoing heroism that served as part of the justification for his waiver to be buried at Arlington.

## HIV-Medicaid Plan Scrapped; Drugs Deemed Too Expensive

By Amy Goldstein  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration has abandoned an attempt to use Medicaid to ensure that tens of thousands of poor, HIV-infected Americans who still are relatively healthy could afford new therapies that may prolong their lives, according to federal health officials.

The decision comes eight months after Vice President Gore announced to a roomful of AIDS activists that he had directed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to explore ways to "ease suffering, renew hope and ensure that good people are not priced out of live-saving medicine."

The department had hoped to cover the drugs by expanding Medicaid, the federal health insurance program for the poor and disabled. But by law, Medicaid can only start innovative experiments if it can prove that they will not add to the program's expenditures.

Department sources said Thursday that, although officials had hoped that by paying for more people to get therapies, they could reduce the cost of their medical care in the long run, they had concluded that the drugs were simply too expensive.

"No matter how we sliced it, we could not come up with a way," said one senior department official. "We might have to take responsibility for being too optimistic at the beginning."

For AIDS activists and public health officials, the prospect had been heralded as an end to what

they have complained for years is a short-sighted approach to medicine: Medicaid will cover AIDS patients once they become sick enough to qualify as disabled, but — in many cases — it will not cover people in order to keep them healthier.

The issue focuses attention on a fundamental problem as the AIDS epidemic in the United States has reached a new phase. Research has made important strides lately, developing new classes of drugs and new drug combinations that have proven effective at slowing the virus's ravaging effects. At the same time, those benefits are not reaching all Americans alike, particularly as the epidemic has tilted heavily toward minorities and the poor.

Between 1995 and last year, the percentage of people who developed full-blown AIDS decreased by 13 percent, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But the drop was just 5 percent among Hispanics, and there was no improvement among African Americans.

To try to make drugs more accessible, the administration persuaded Congress this year to increase its funding of the AIDS Drugs Assistance Program (ADAP) by 70 percent to \$285 million. But during the last two years — as word of the new, more effective drugs spread — many states ran out of their ADAP funds. Even now, AIDS activists say they are uncertain whether that infusion will cover the escalating demand for the new combinations of drugs, which cost an average of \$12,000 a year for each patient.

Thursday, federal health officials emphasized that they would continue to search for other ways to use the Medicaid program to provide AIDS drugs to healthier people, such as encouraging individual states to apply for experiments or asking Congress to appropriate more money.

But one senior department official acknowledged, "We don't have a plan B at the moment."

Another official said that, before abandoning the nationwide expansion, the Health Care Financing Administration, which oversees Medicaid, had studied four scenarios under which Medicaid would provide the benefits to HIV-infected people at 100 percent, 200 percent, 250 percent or 300 percent of the poverty level.

They concluded that, in the first year, that expansion would help 44,000 to 114,000 HIV-infected Americans. "Unfortunately, none of (the scenarios) are revenue neutral — or close," the source said.

According to one AIDS activist, health officials said it would cost about \$800 million a year to cover people at 100 percent of poverty.

"In the scheme of things, this isn't a whole lot of money," said Joseph Kelly, deputy director of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors. "What we need is the political will to do it."

But Daniel Zingale, executive director of the AIDS Action Council, said, "I still believe we can work with the administration to address the problem."

# President of India Dissolves Parliament, Midterm Vote Set

By Kenneth J. Cooper

NEW DELHI, INDIA THE WASHINGTON POST

President K.R. Narayanan dissolved Parliament Thursday and ordered a midterm vote by the middle of March, setting the stage for India's second national election in less than two years.

The decision ended two weeks of political uncertainty and followed a recommendation Wednesday by the cabinet of caretaker Prime Minister I.K. Gujral. His coalition government collapsed last week when the Congress party withdrew its support. No new alignment emerged that could command a majority in the 545-member lower house of Parliament, despite days of inter-party negotiations.

Narayanan said "the people of India need a reprieve from political instability" and deserve a government focused on their "well-being and betterment."

But analysts predicted the election will result in another coalition government as India continues a transition to competitive politics from the single-party dominance of Congress, which ruled for 45 of the 50 years since it led India to independence from Britain in 1947.

India's already slow movement toward a more open economy will be suspended during the months of election campaigning as bureaucrats postpone decisions on policy issues and investment proposals until a new government is installed. Already, the aborted winter session

of Parliament took no action on pending legislation, including bills to introduce private competition in insurance and to regulate the satellite television industry.

The political instability also has contributed to a drop in India's currency, the rupee, to historic lows.

Congress withdrew support from the ruling coalition because an official report accused a United Front partner, the Tamil-based Dravidian Progressive Federation, of abetting the Tamil terrorists from Sri Lanka, who are suspected of assassinating former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991. Congress and the United Front failed to reach a compromise allowing Congress to resume its backing from outside the government.

# New Report Says White House 'Obstructed' Human Rights Issues

By Robin Wright

LOS ANGELES TIMES WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration this year has "actively obstructed" human rights efforts as well as new mechanisms to enforce internationally accepted standards, according to a highly critical new report released here Thursday by Human Rights Watch.

The report says U.S. actions particularly have been hurtful on three issues now on the front line of the global human rights campaign: child soldiers, land mines and an international criminal court.

The administration practice of ignoring human rights in some areas and adopting a "selective" commit-

ment based on economic convenience or strategic interests in others now poses "a growing threat" to human rights in key parts of the world, most vividly in China and Central Africa, charges "Human Rights Watch World Report 1998."

"U.S. arrogance suggests that in Washington's view, human rights standards should be embraced only if they codify what the U.S. government already does, not what the United States ought to achieve," concludes the report, issued to mark Human Rights Day on Wednesday.

The State Department Thursday had no response to specific charges in the report but spokesman James Rubin disputed its tone and conclusions, saying: "I think that if you

look around the world and you ask the people of the world which nation they look to as to be the beacon for human rights, democracy, and freedom, there's no question the answer will be the United States."

Because of what it claims is a desultory U.S. performance, Human Rights Watch, an independent monitoring group based in New York, calls on other countries to move ahead without the United States.

America is one of only two countries not to have ratified the international Convention on Rights of the Child. U.S. conservatives bitterly oppose the convention, fearing it will usurp parental authority and increase government control over child-rearing issues.

# French Court Frees U.S. Fugitive Convicted of Murder

LOS ANGELES TIMES

PARIS

Since 1993, the writer with the salt-and-pepper goatee lived in a converted windmill in a village of southern France with his strawberry-blond Swedish wife. Last June, before sunrise, heavily armed police moved in and arrested him as he lay naked in bed.

He claimed it was a case of mistaken identity. But fingerprints showed he was Ira Einhorn, a former hippie and New Age guru from Philadelphia convicted on first-degree murder charges in the death of his former girlfriend and a man on the run for almost 17 years.

U.S. authorities wanted Einhorn back so he could begin serving the life term he was sentenced to in his absence after he skipped bail. A court in the southwestern wine capital of Bordeaux, which delayed its decision three times, finally gave it Thursday: "No."

Instead, the Bordeaux Appeals Court ordered Einhorn, 57, subject of a dogged manhunt across five countries, freed.

"The United States has learned today, to its distress, that it still has lessons to learn from old Europe in matters of human rights," Dominique Delthil, Einhorn's attorney, told reporters.

The American, incarcerated in Gradignan prison near Bordeaux and, who, as usual, wore faded blue jeans, said "thank you" to the judges.

# Parliament Again Rejects Sinn Fein Leader Gerry Adams

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams has his invitation to an historic meeting with Prime Minister Tony Blair at 10 Downing Street next week, but was again rebuffed Thursday by the British Parliament to which he was elected.

"Britain, which once ruled the waves, now waives the rules," he quipped, after House of Commons speaker Betty Boothroyd refused his request for use of facilities and the Parliament's library.

In London for a day of tub-thumping for his cause, Adams, 49, said he was not surprised by the official rebuff. He refuses to swear the required oath of loyalty to the British queen as condition for taking the seat to which he was elected as representative for Belfast last April.

In a wide-ranging conversation here Thursday, Adams said Sinn Fein, political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, is in democratic politics for keeps. And, he said, there are chances for progress in stalled Northern Ireland peace talks before Christmas.

Adams and his deputy Martin McGuinness came to London Thursday knowing they would lose their fight with Boothroyd, who reiterated her no oath-no way prohibition in what Adams described as a cordial half-hour exchange.

## 4 Setting your own pace

- **Eat, before and during.** Try high-protein foods, such as cheese. Avoid salty snacks, which increase your desire for liquids.
- **Avoid carbonated mixers or sodas.** Carbonation increases the rate of absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.
- **Mix your own drinks,** so you know what's in them.
- **Caffeine or cold showers don't work.** They make you more alert, but don't affect how your body metabolizes alcohol. Once alcohol is in your system, the rate of metabolism is constant.
- **Releasing control of intake can be risky—** avoid drinking games, goals, demonstrations and attempts at intercollegiate record breaking.
- **Alternate alcohol beverages** with noncarbonated, non-alcohol beverages, such as juice.
- **Stop drinking alcohol for part of the night:** dance, chat with friends, go to the bathroom.
- **If you want more, refill your glass yourself—** when it's empty, not when it's half-full.
- **Don't mix alcohol with other drugs** (Valium, aspirin, cocaine, etc.). Some combinations can be deadly.

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# ALCOHOL

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- **Avoid punches unless you're clairvoyant** and can predict how much alcohol is in the punch.
- **Vomiting doesn't work.** Unless it occurs **immediately** after drinking, most of the alcohol will already be in your blood. Besides, it's not that attractive or fun.

# OPINION

## Reacting Appropriately

The Boston Licensing Board's unanimous decision to suspend Phi Gamma Delta's dormitory license is a logical and natural one. After investigating the events and policies surrounding the alcohol-related death of Scott S. Krueger '01, the board concluded, with good reason, that both MIT and members of Phi had acted inappropriately and should be sanctioned.

The suspension of the house's alcohol license — until beyond the time when the national Phi Gamma Delta has declared it will be alcohol-free — is also appropriate and will assure that similar incidents will not happen at Phi in the future. Given Phi's prior record, that is the only decision possible. The message from the licensing board is clear. The MIT administration, Phi, and the fraternity system in general must exercise more control over fraternity activities. A weaker decision from the board would have set a dangerously poor precedent.

Commissioners rightly charged MIT with greater responsibility over the fraternity houses, rejecting MIT's age-old response of not doing any internal investigations until after the criminal and licensing investigations are complete. Given both the seriousness and immediacy of the situation, it would behoove MIT to learn from the board's decision and make provisions to investigate internally sooner.

Given the facts of the situation, MIT administrators might not have been able to prevent Phi's eviction no matter what they said. Administrators should have participated more thoroughly and openly in the licensing board investigation, rather than shifting the blame and sticking to the party line. Indeed, administrators were at best misleading in their sworn testimony to the licensing board. Assistant Dean and Adviser to Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups Neal H. Dorow told

the board that he was not aware of any illegal drinking that took place at fraternities. He had the gall to add that he didn't make it a point to be at fraternities when any such activity might be taking place and hence would have no knowledge of drinking that might occur there. Such statements are an embarrassment to MIT and serve only to point to the Institute's meager attempts at cooperating with the investigations. The board made the only choice it could, given the cooperation and information from MIT. It was necessary for them to shut down the house until enough guarantees are in place that similar incidents will never happen again.

The consequences of the board's decision for Phi residents can hardly be described as horrific, as Interfraternity Council President Iddo Gilon '98 would paint it. Coming between the fall and spring terms, it is not a serious hardship for the students, nor for MIT. The housing system has shown a remarkable ability to handle greater and greater levels of crowding, and perhaps having to house some Phi residents in the spring will awaken MIT to the potential problems of finding adequate housing for freshmen next fall.

It is unfortunate that the licensing board did not have access to the information from the criminal investigation when considering this case. However, it was entirely appropriate for the board to act when it did, already fully two months after Krueger's death, rather than further delay their decision until some indefinite date after the criminal investigation is complete. In addition, the board should continue its investigation and evaluation of dormitory licensing.

Thus far, nothing the Institute has done has spoken to the specific issue of fraternity drinking. Finally, this decision has



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## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROWSKI

THIS WEEK: THE TRUTH ABOUT SPARKY!

HE BEGAN PLOTTING HIS DEVIANT STRATEGY A DECADE AGO IN SAN FRANCISCO--A CITY SO DEPRAVED AND UNAMERICAN THAT MICHAEL DUKAKIS WON THERE BY A LANDSLIDE...

I'VE GOT IT! VERBOSE POLITICAL SATIRE FOCUSING ON SUCH TEDIOUS TOPICS AS THE FEDERAL RESERVE & HEALTH CARE REFORM--

--THAT'S MY TICKET TO THE TOP, SUCKERS!

BWAH HA HA HA!



AT THE END OF THE COLD WAR, HE CONTINUED TO SPREAD HIS PATHETIC, OUTDATED MESSAGE OF GODLESS SECULAR HUMANISM--UNDAUNTED BY THE SHOCKING REVELATIONS WHICH SOMEHOW LEAKED FROM THE KREMLIN'S SECRET FILES...

IT SAYS HERE THAT HE IS NOT A PENGUIN AT ALL! HE IS AN AUK!



WHY--I NEVER WOULD HAVE LISTENED TO HIM IF I'D KNOWN THAT! WHO CARES WHAT AN AUK HAS TO SAY?

TOM TOMORROW@12-3-97

HE QUICKLY REALIZED HE NEEDED HELP--WHICH HIS MASTERS IN MOSCOW WERE MORE THAN HAPPY TO PROVIDE...

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THIS CALLS FOR A TOAST, FRIEND MIKHAILOVICH! MORE VODKA, PLEASE!



OF COURSE, BY THEN HE HAD A NEW MASTER TO SERVE--HIS FRESHLY-INSTALLED COMRADE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, FOR WHOM HE QUICKLY BECAME A TIRELESS PROPAGANDIST AND ALL-AROUND SHILL...

SIGH... CLINTON'S A SPINELESS, AMORAL OPPORTUNIST--BUT I GUESS HE'S MARGINALLY BETTER THAN BUSH...MAYBE...

WHAT A SHAMELESS APOLOGIST!

HOW DOES HE LIVE WITH HIMSELF?



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# Breaking The Rules

Instead of Abusing Students, Professors Should Enforce End-of-Term Rules

Stacey E. Blau

The two last weeks of the semester are typically the worst ones of the term for most students. Problem sets, exams, final projects, and presentations all come to a head, shortly followed by finals.

Of course, finals often follow just a bit too shortly after these exams and projects for students. With professors who make multiple assignments for their classes fall due the last week of classes, professors who give blanket class extensions that run into MIT's approximately four-

minute reading period and then into finals week, and still other faculty members who devise new and creative violations of their own faculty rules and regulations, there is little about students' end-of-term crunch that is left to the imagination.

Unfortunately, by this point in the term, there is not much constructive to be done about end-of-term rules violations. For one thing, professors who are violating the rules are doing so usually as part of a curriculum that they planned out before the semester had begun. They cannot at the last minute restructure the class to distribute work more evenly or make it due earlier.

But it is rather difficult to have sympathy for the faculty when it is the students who are forced to bear the brunt of professors' totally thoughtless behavior. Students are, of course, the ones stuck with the assignments. And for most students, it usually doesn't make sense to call a professor on a violation in which the professor has given all the students in a class an extension on a final project. When a professor is told he can't make

an assignment due during finals, he probably will just change the due date to the last day of classes.

The fact is, however, that at the end of the term, most students probably could use the additional time to do a good job. But no student could unshamefully call a professor on that kind of violation and then turn around and ask for an extension.

For a violation in which a professor has given multiple assignments for his class during the last week, the violation might be easier to fix; if the professor is called on the violation, he has no choice but to cancel the extra assignment or assignments, since only one is allowed for the last week of classes. (This is, of course, assuming that a student or Chair of the Faculty Lotte Bailyn succeeds in compelling the wayward professor to comply with the rules.)

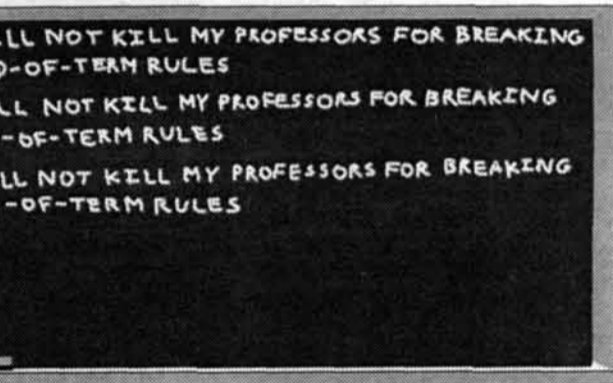
([lbailyn@mit.edu](mailto:lbailyn@mit.edu)), file a complaint at <http://feedback.mit.edu>, and complain directly to the professor. If you push enough, the professor will be forced to cancel the extra assignment or assignments. If you have an assignment due after the last day of classes, complain on the last day of classes so that the professor has no choice but to just plain cancel the assignment.

When professors who didn't care to follow the rules get just retribution for breaking the rules and making students' lives miserable, they will perhaps think twice before they ignore the rules when they draw up their syllabi for next term (or don't draw them up at all — another violation).

Students can do their best now to get revenge on professors who failed to follow the rules. But that approach does not solve the basic problem of the schedule of work for a class in which a professor has broken the rules. More specifically, there will be no end to these kinds of problems if professors continue to fail to design curricula within the rules in the first place.

This is a problem that professors themselves have to address. At present, it is by and large student complaints about the violations that drive whatever enforcement of the rules that exists. But students should not have to enforce rules on the professors who are responsible for having created those rules in the first place. You'd think that the current situation would be something of an embarrassment to faculty, who for sure would not want their own rules seen as a joke.

We are, of course, talking about the same faculty that just a few weeks ago was discussing the importance of student-faculty interaction. That faculty, with its lofty ideas about the possibilities for the faculty's role in students' lives, might do well to take a better look at the way professors overburden students with assignments that don't follow the rules they designed to ensure students wouldn't find themselves subject to abusive class schedules.



This may seem underhanded. But it is quite a lot less reprehensible than the faculty, the purported leaders of the Institute, breaking the rules they set down. The faculty cannot ignore its own rules and then blame students for trying to see them enforced. Students should not have to suffer at the end of the term because of the faculty's failure.

For now, the best that students can hope for is to be able to punish the professors who didn't care to follow the rules in the first place. If you are in a class in which a professor has given several assignments for next week or a class in which you have a final during finals week and an assignment due next week, e-mail Lotte Bailyn (at

## To Teach or Not To Teach

Professors Might Try a New Approach to Classes — Caring about Teaching

Wesley T. Chan

Since its founding, MIT has been a bastion of academic excellence where we often challenge ourselves beyond what we believe is possible. At MIT, many students find their education primarily outside the lecture hall, in the form of problem sets and hands-on projects. Students here are known for their creativity and ingenuity in solving problems. It's not surprising that students at MIT are known for designing a jukebox for their dorm from scratch or spending hours sitting in front of a computer writing software for their extracurricular work.

Such a unique academic environment where students are taught more outside the lecture hall than inside is one of MIT's defining points, but it is also one of the sore spots that MIT unfortunately has festering beneath its concrete skin. MIT often values research above teaching and thus often emphasizes research at the expense of good teaching.

The Institute boasts a faculty that is comprised of top-notch scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and economists involved in cutting-edge research that often revolutionizes their respective fields. This same faculty is often found in lecture halls, supposedly teaching students both the basics and the intricacies of their respective subjects. Nevertheless, it doesn't take much time for students to discover that professors who are the best in their field aren't necessarily the best teachers. Student complaints about boring lecturers and professors who can't relate to students are all too commonplace at MIT. We often hear stories about professors who assume that everything is so "intuitively obvious" that students are supposed to know the material and don't need to be taught it.

It's sad that students often have to turn to other means to replace what they should find in the classroom. From churning out problem sets to working on pet projects, students have to learn by other means what they should have been taught in the classroom. The fact that students can't depend on their professors or teaching assistants to teach them is so ingrained in our culture that it's simply accepted — so much so that by midterms, a large number of students registered for core classes like 18.02 and 6.001 no longer show up for class.

To be fair, however, there are many professors here who are excellent teachers and can effectively communicate the material to students. What works — and what doesn't work — in the classroom has long been a topic of discussion. Nevertheless, most people, professors and students alike, would probably agree with what Sir William Osler said about teaching: "no bubble is so iridescent or floats longer than that blown by the successful teacher."

Teaching at MIT should be of utmost importance. Stanford University realized this long ago. In their teaching manual, which they hand out to all faculty, they tell their professors that "as educational needs and demands in the workplace change, as concerns about increasing tuition bills mount, as the diversity of our student body creates new challenges, we need to intensify our discussion of teaching issues, emphasizing methods as well as content." It's important for MIT to now begin thinking about how we can drastically improve the way we teach at MIT inside the classroom.

So what works inside the lecture hall? Professor of Mathematics and Philosophy Gian-Carlo Rota, who has been teaching at MIT since 1959, has some ideas of his own. Rota, who was awarded the Killian Faculty Achievement Award at MIT last year and is known for his provocative lectures, has a total openness policy when in the classroom. "You really have to like your students," he says, before "real authentic teaching can take

place."

Part of Rota's total openness policy includes strong preparation for each and every lecture. He's taught 18.03 Differential Equations over 30 times but still works out relevant examples before every lecture. "There's no such thing as a good unprepared lecture," he remarks.

But preparation can only help you so much. "There has to be an element of excitement about the material," he says. Rota believes that good lecturers need great enthusiasm and a positive attitude toward the material they are teaching. Rota also feels that he is on the same level as his students, not at some elevated height. "We're all in one boat," he asserts.

Outside the lecture hall, Rota believes in being available for his students when they need him. In addition to long office hours, Rota makes himself easily accessible by e-mail and replies to his students as soon as he can.

As for the theatrics that Rota is known for employing in class, he calls them "great monotony tricks." Rota gives Hershey bars to students in 18.03 if they catch him making a mistake or if they ask a question in class.

Rota's teaching style demonstrates a partnership between professor and student. For the most part, he can communicate the material effectively to his students and takes pride in the fact that students in his lectures aren't afraid to ask questions and to correct any errors he makes on the board. "There are no stupid questions," he says, or equally, "all questions are stupid. Silly questions are also really deep questions." And he makes every effort in lecture to answer them all.

It only seems natural that the Stanford guide tells its professors that students "see instilling motivation as a primary teaching function, in the sense that everything else depends on it." At MIT, it's the duty of all professors to instill motivation in all of their students. Only then will students respond overwhelmingly to the material being taught. As Rota puts it, "in the long run, it pays off."

# Desktop Design for Dummies

Saul Blumenthal

Three years ago it was cool. By last term it was *passé*. Now it's just plain old ugly. So let's get it straight from the beginning: Images designed for Web pages are meant to stay on the screen, not to appear on the cover of the spring HASS guide — for the *second term* in a row — or in any other *printed* piece.

The World Wide Web is almost five years old now, and it seems many people still haven't learned the difference between a Web page and a printed page. Or, perhaps more accurately, they have never thought about the difference and don't even notice when their newsletters and ads look like they were printed on an early '80s dot-matrix printer. The HASS guide looks like it was printed on such a printer that had lost a few of its pins.

This trend is just the latest in what has been called the democratization of publishing. It used to be that to print or typeset anything required a large investment in professional typesetting and composition machines. Of course, this has totally changed over the last decade, and now anyone with a computer, a laser printer, and the all-important 1,000-fonts-and-clip-art-for-\$50 CD can be an expert designer in less than a day.

Or can they? You wouldn't think so from some of the the design that is turned out these days. The Institute has tried to make grand efforts over the last few years to teach students the importance of good writing and communication skills, yet, unfortunately, it has neglected to emphasize that how something looks is just as important as what it says. It may sound cliché, but when was the last time a major company's annual report looked like it was photocopied and then faxed, or printed on a daisy-wheel printer?

The irony is that with desktop publishing technology, you don't have to have the money of a Fortune 500 company to produce good-looking documents. Unfortunately, the same technology can produce the numerous posters, booklets, newsletters, and ads that could look so much better if only a few basic design principles were considered.

Therefore, in the spirit of the holiday season, I present a top 10 list of basic design ideas as my gift to the MIT community.

10. You don't have to use the default fonts Helvetica or Times. Some people over the past 500 years have spent their whole lives just designing letters of the alphabet. Think about this the next time you write a paper or design a poster.

9. WORDS WRITTEN IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS ARE VERY HARD TO READ. And it may look cool to print that Web URL in all caps, but what use is it when your Web server's file system is case-sensitive, so you're actually giving the wrong URL? And isn't the foremost purpose of design to communicate effectively?

8. Web graphics are usually very low resolution — fine for viewing on the screen but terrible for printing to your laser printer. Don't do it.

7. Just because your word processor lets you do fancy **tricks** like shadow and outline doesn't mean you have to use them! It doesn't make your words look trendy or cool — just ugly and hard to read.

6. Can't you see a what's "wrong" with this sentence? "Now that's a lot better." Don't use "dumb" quotes; they make what you write look sloppy and unprofessional. Stick with "smart quotes."

5. You don't have to put boxes around every single word that you type, especially curved borders or ovals with four lines of varying thickness. Give your words some breathing room.

4. Pay attention to the line spacing, or leading (named after the pieces of lead used to separate lines in metal typesetting). Your word processor might by default apply some "auto" setting, but look to see if the lines are too close or too far apart to be easily read.

3. Don't put gray backgrounds behind all your words. They don't photocopy well, and they make the words hard to read.

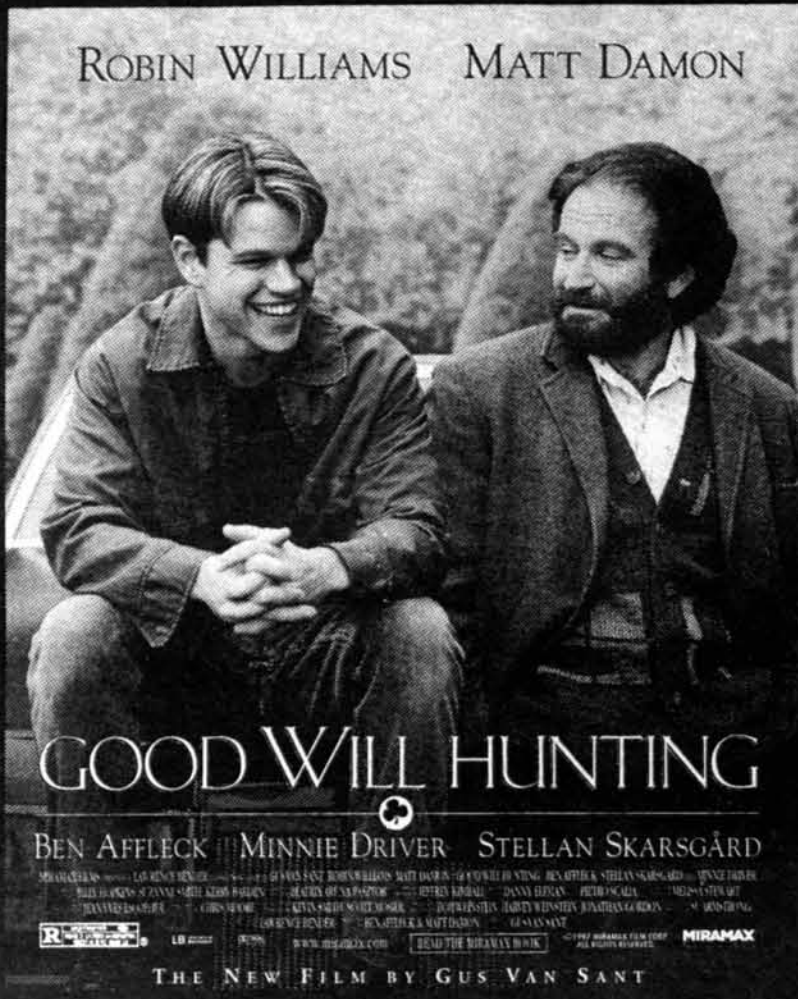
2. Don't use the underline option for book names. Underline was devised for typewriters. Use italics instead.

1. These are only guidelines, and they're meant to be broken sometimes. Just think about these ideas next time you write a paper, produce a booklet, or design a poster or an ad. You'll be amazed at what you find, and your text and graphics will be forever grateful.

Saul Blumenthal is a former managing editor of The Tech.

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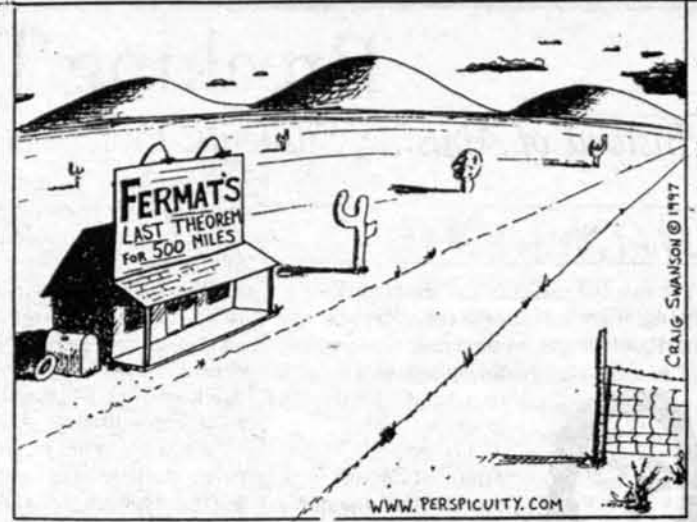
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# THE ARTS

## MOVIE REVIEW

### Anastasia

Another studio ventures into Disney's territory

By Vladimir V. Zelevinsky  
STAFF REPORTER

Until now Disney was the only major player in the arena of animation, with the movies like *Aladdin* and *The Lion King* bringing more than a billion dollars in revenue. Now, the other companies are jumping into the field: Warner Brothers is preparing *The Quest for Camelot* for the May 1998 release, and DreamWorks is dreamworking on *Prince of Egypt*, which is based on the Bible. The first out of the gate is the maiden production from the new 20th Century Fox animation division, *Anastasia*. Co-directed by a former Disney animator Don Bluth, it happens to be a very entertaining movie, as well as the first valid challenger to Disney's virtual monopoly.

Now, concerning the plot. (Hang on to your berets and babushkas, please.) After mad monk Rasputin cursed the Russian czar Nicolas II Romanov and his whole family, the ensuing revolution fulfilled the curse — with one exception. Nicolas' youngest daughter Anastasia survived, but the shock caused her to lose her memory. Ten years later Anastasia's grandmother offers a reward for the return of her long-lost granddaughter, and two con-men, Dimitry and Vladimir, plan to collect the \$10 million reward by finding a suitable girl, an orphan named Anya, and passing her off for the real thing. Little they know that she is the real thing.

*Anastasia* firmly adheres to the tried and true formula: a spunky title character, hunky love interest, comic relief sidekick, cute animals, despicable villain, lush animation, and songs 'n' dances. The important thing is that most of it works. All the characters are rounded and possess the all-important oddities



Vladimir (left, voice by Kelsey Grammer) and Dimitri (right, voice by John Cusack) try to convince Anya (voice by Meg Ryan) that she could be the Princess Anastasia and should accompany them to Paris to claim her royal heritage.

which don't mean anything, but seem to add up into real personalities. Animation is, mostly, nothing short of stunning, especially the computer generated backgrounds which look as much 3D as you can get this side of *Toy Story*.

Since the death of Howard Ashman (*The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast* lyricist) halfway through *Aladdin*, Disney has failed to produce anything remotely memorable, with the single exception of *The Circle of Life*. Here we get a whole bunch of lovely songs, with the main theme, "Once Upon a December," being not only quite touching, but also somehow sounding authentically Russian.

The plot of *Anastasia* is, admittedly, slight. It exists mainly to string together a bunch of

highly effective scenes, and works admirably until the penultimate ten minutes, where we get not one but two sequences that completely fail to work: a curiously convenient moment of total recall, and a ridiculous confrontation between Anya and Rasputin.

Speaking of Rasputin, this is the case where deviating from the formula would have been beneficial. Not every animated movie needs a villain, and this is definitely true for *Anastasia*. Rasputin spends the whole movie pointlessly spewing and ranting in some kind of a Netherworld (since he's dead after the opening sequence).

I much prefer the rest of the movie, with the romantic subplot being both engaging and non-obvious (peppered with snappy dialogue), the two major action sequences superbly craft-

ed, and the choreography reminding of, strangely enough, *American in Paris*. By the way, *Anastasia* owes at least as much to the 1950s and 60s live-action musicals as to recent Disney extravaganzas.

But please, please, please, don't go in expecting anything remotely realistic. This is a movie where the talking bat is by far the least far-fetched aspect. Compared to this one, *Pocahontas* feels like a documentary.

*Directed by Don Bluth*  
*Written by Susan Gauthier, Bruce Graham, Bob Tzudkier and Noni White*  
*Voices by Meg Ryan, John Cusack, Kelsey Grammer, Christopher Lloyd, Hank Azaria, Bernadette Peters, Kirsten Dunst, and Angela Lansbury.*

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Watch for further details about how to sign up for a ride!

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# The Vegetarian Gourmet

By Steven R. L. Millman

**W**elcome to the first edition of the Vegetarian Gourmet. This weekly column will serve to provide restaurant reviews and the occasional recipe for the MIT community with special focus on vegetarians and those seeking simply to eat a more healthy diet. For those carnivores living quietly among us, and you know who you are, don't be afraid to read these reviews. Chances are that a restaurant which has fabulous vegetarian selections will do pretty well with the more gruesome fare. Restaurants are given a rating of zero to four stars as follows:

- 0 stars Not suitable for animals
- ★ If you're really hungry and it's really cheap, why not?
- ★★ A good meal with a variety of vegetarian selections.
- ★★★ Stands out in its class, great for vegetarians.
- ★★★★ Give notice to the registrar, you'll never want to leave after this meal!

With finals approaching, the Vegetarian Gourmet turns his attention to the one thing that is truly important as we enter crunch time: delivery Chinese! It's far too late to learn discipline now unless you're willing to answer one of those ads in the Phoenix. In any event, you've had two months to write that paper and I can't help those who can't help themselves. In order to get through those consecutive all-nighters, you'll need to have lots of energy and that means food delivered to your door. To help you through this hard time, the Vegetarian Gourmet has reviewed three of the most popular Chinese restaurants with free delivery to the MIT campus and environs: Larry's Chinese Restaurant, Mandarin Restaurant, and Pu Pu Hot Pot Chinese Restaurant. In order to make the comparisons below fair, each of the restaurants were called at about the same time with orders of the same size to the same address.

## Larry's Chinese 1/2 ★

302 Mass Ave.  
492-3170 or 492-3179  
Free delivery minimum: \$10  
Mon.-Thurs. 11:30 AM - 10:00 PM  
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Closed Sunday  
Vegetarian Entrees Priced \$4.75-\$6.25

With a name like Larry's Chinese Restaurant, you might be expecting something less than an exquisite dining experience and that's exactly what Larry's provides. The order of vegetable lo mein and yu hsiang tofu arrived in just over the forty minutes promised, lukewarm, and leaking into the bottom of the bag.

Yu hsiang tofu at its best is crispy fried tofu and an assortment of crisp vegetables in a slightly sweet and reasonably spiced sauced garnished with scallions. Yu hsiang tofu at its worst is served at Larry's. The tofu, the kind that gives tofu a bad name, was cut into large triangles and served soft and spiceless, then laid limp over a bed of overcooked vegetables. The sauce that was not lost to depths of the delivery bag was bland, mild, and not even

hinting at sweet. The vegetable lo mein was equally bland although hardly as painful as the yu hsiang. Not recommended.

## Mandarin ★1/2

334 Mass Ave.  
497-1544  
Free delivery minimum: \$15  
Daily, 11:30 AM - 10:00 PM  
Vegetarian Entrees Priced \$4.95-\$7.50

Mandarin Restaurant has given me some good meals in the past. On the night when the Vegetarian Gourmet decided to review it, however, expectations were not met. The one and one-half star rating takes into account better days than this one. The vegetarian peking ravioli (potstickers to you and me), szechuan spicy tofu with peanuts, and vegetarian's delight arrived in an hour, well past the thirty to forty-five minute wait I had been told to prepare for, but still quite hot. Once again, there was a pool of sauce at the bottom of the delivery bag. Perhaps it's just a pet peeve of mine, but is it really so hard to keep a meal together on its way to your door?

The peking ravioli was big and beautiful with perfectly cooked dough. The ravioli turned out to be a bit dull on the inside, but with the marvelously tasty and warmly spicy dipping sauce, I could scarcely complain. The szechuan spicy tofu with peanuts was reasonable although neither spicy nor particularly szechuan. The dish came with a nice assortment of vegetables including broccoli, scallion, water chestnuts, and red and green peppers, but all were a little soft from overcooking. The peanuts were clearly thrown in as an afterthought and not nearly as satisfying as the kung pao crowd might have wished.

The vegetarian's delight, on the other hand, was anything but a delight. Mixed vegetables and tofu in a white sauce in which everything was overcooked and tasting a little stale. Hardly worthwhile at the time, it was positively inedible the next day. And as every all-nighter knows, the next-day quality of Chinese food is a priority. Chocolate-coconut fortune cookies added a bit of interest to an otherwise uninteresting meal.

## Pu Pu Hot Pot ★★1/2

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The wontons were very tasty, although a little on the oily side. The dipping sauce was terribly mundane, tasting like a mix of soy sauce and a tiny bit of vinegar. If you have garlic and toasted sesame oil at home, add a little to the sauce. The spicy tofu with broccoli is a gem, slightly spicy, with fried tofu and crisp broccoli about evenly mixed. Absolutely delightful sauce, just a bit sweet, but not cloying.

The tofu with mixed vegetable was quite good, although not nearly so much as the spicy tofu with broccoli. A mixture of fried tofu with celery, carrots, broccoli, pea pods and bok choy is sure to please the hungry vegetarian. Word to the chef: the pea pods and bok choy take less time to cook and should be thrown in later as they were on the soft side. The sauce was a soy sauce base (perhaps with oyster sauce?) and very satisfying generally. The lack of any soy sauce or other condiments is annoying, but overall, a very good meal is to be had at the Pu Pu!

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## Scoop

By Teresa Huang

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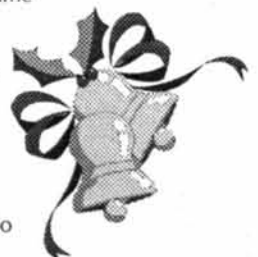
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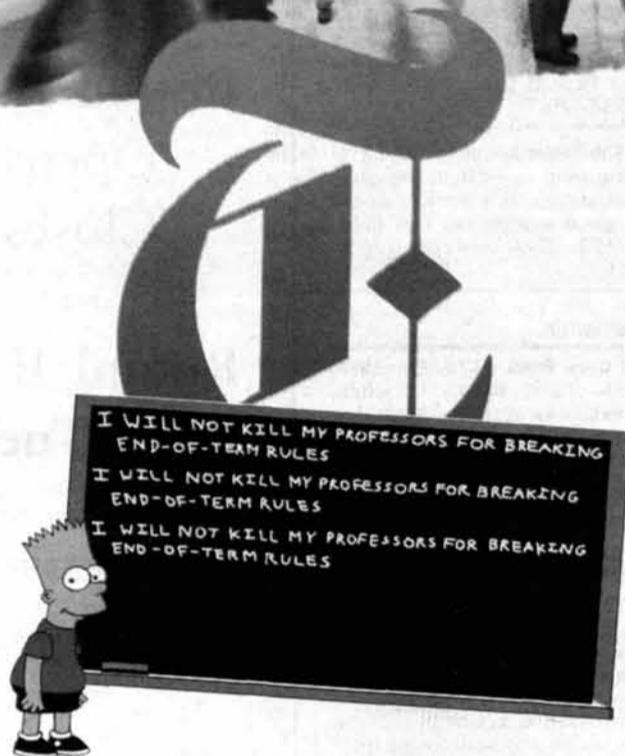
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Mon 12/8	All students	Online prereg for spring continues WebSIS ( <a href="http://student.mit.edu">http://student.mit.edu</a> )	SSC*, 8-8600; E19-335, 8-6409
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Mon 12/15	Undergraduates	Deadline for St. Andrew's Society scholarship application	President's Office; (212) 397-4649
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# Input from Survey May Mean Changes For MIT Community

Transportation, from Page 1

the task group also recommended increasing the cost for a parking permit from \$20 to its current price of roughly \$300.

Another reason for the survey is because of federal, state, and local regulations. MIT is required to have relatively updated information about transportation practices — the government can audit at any time to make sure that the information has been filed. Since the entire survey process (including creating the survey and analyzing the results) can take nine to twelve months to complete and several thousand dollars, MIT only runs a survey once every few years.

"In Cambridge, there is a local ordinance having to do with how many people are parked here," Snover said. Also, construction on campus has displaced several parking lots. "We'll need to have a new garage," Snover said, adding that some of the results from this survey will be used to fulfill information requirements if and when MIT tries to create new parking areas.

### Saferide questions included

Originally, a separate survey for Saferide was going to be released in the spring; however, it was easier to incorporate Saferide questions on the current survey, for comparison purposes.

"We know that there are students who care about Saferide," Snover said. "The question of expansion comes in, but we can't make a case without more data." There are several things which could happen with Saferide. "Should SafeRide be in service 24 hours a day? Should there be bigger buses? And what about the safety issues?" she said.

### Other issues explored

Aside from transportation issues, the Planning Office will be able to use the survey results in other areas. For instance, some of the results from the survey will dictate how dormitory housing grows.

According to Snover, expansion is no longer planned to occur on the east side of campus. "It is the intention that Vassar will become a campus street," Snover said; "All of the potential undergraduate housing sites are on Vassar." This is partly in response to a project by the MBTA involving the urban ring, which, if implemented, would involve mass transit along the northern part of MIT's campus.

### MBTA project involves MIT area

"The urban ring project is currently a major investment project," said Clinton Bench '94, MBTA transit planner. "The term urban ring refers to the circumferential corridor outside of downtown Boston."

"Some people perceive that the MBTA is a radially-oriented system," Bench said. "That is, the focus is on downtown Boston.

Urban ring recognizes alternative commuting patterns." For instance, some commuters may go from one side of the urban ring to the other, not needing to go downtown.

The urban ring would provide for cross-town connections, and part of its aim would be to better distribute passengers. "Take the commuter rails," said Bench. "There are lots of tiny stops in the suburbs, but there are only a few stops downtown. Perhaps more people would use transit if there was an opportunity to transfer before getting downtown."

"There are currently eight alternatives with the urban ring project," said Anne S. Galbraith, MBTA deputy director of planning. "Most of the combinations involve some way of getting from Sullivan Square to Ruggles," with buses going to the

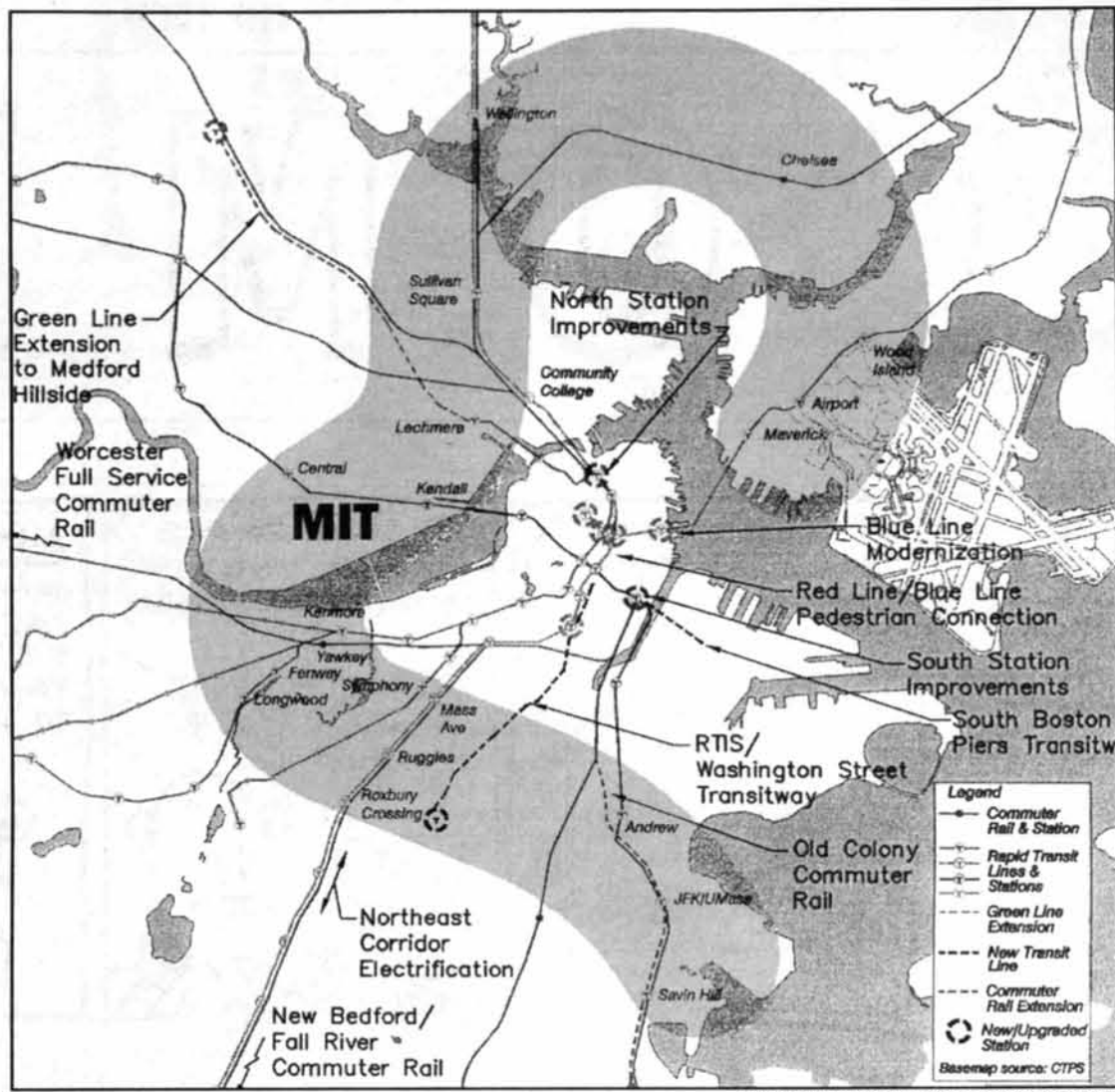
airport and JFK/UMass on the ends, respectively.

Of those eight alternatives, several directly incorporate one specific mode of transportation — for instance, adding more buses — and a few involve mixed modes of transportation. One potential idea is to create a branch of the rapid transit orange line at Sullivan. If that were implemented, a T-stop might be built directly under MIT at 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Galbraith said.

"We've held several workshops about urban ring in the past eight months," Galbraith said. "There will be another public workshop this winter, and the study should be completed in mid-1998."

The survey will be available until the end of December at either the Planning Office or at <http://web.mit.edu/planning/www/travel97>.

The colored area represents those locations within walking distance of a proposed new urban ring transit line.



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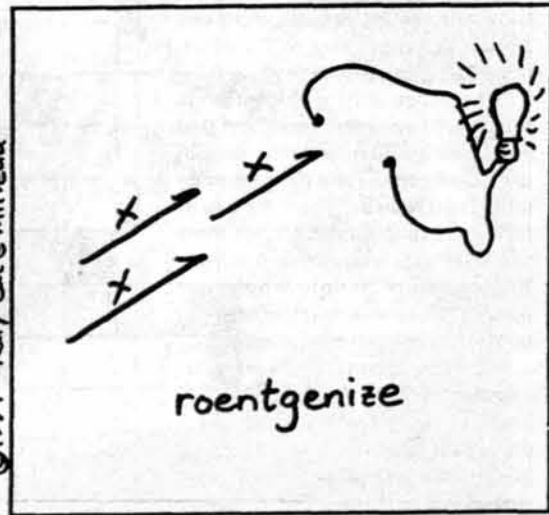
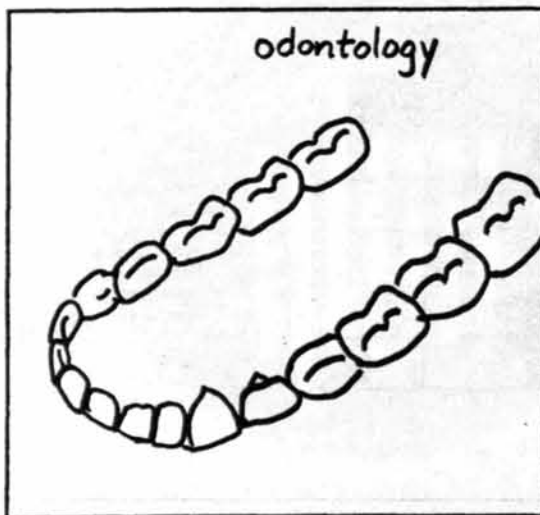
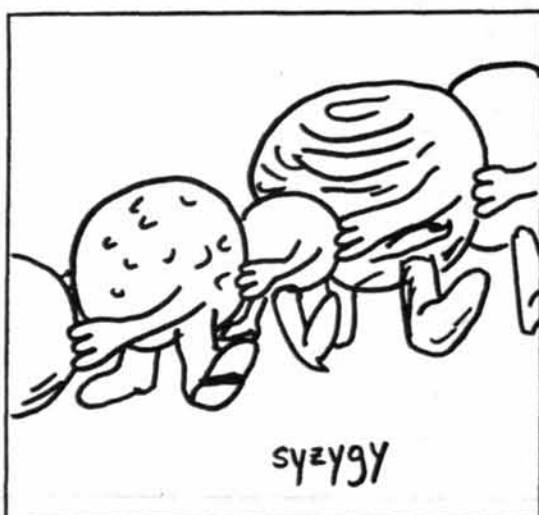
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# Alcohol Policy Stalls At Academic Council

By Zareena Hussain  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The three-person ad-hoc administrative committee, which was assembled to review the Institute's interim alcohol policy, presented their recommendations at last month's faculty meeting, but these recommendations have yet to be formally approved by the Academic Council.

"This group of experienced administrators was asked to conduct a detailed review of MIT's current policies and to make any interim recommendations they thought important while a broader discussion is undertaken, and while the Sharp-Goldstein committee is starting its work," said President Charles M. Vest.

Ultimately, the responsibility for adopting the recommendations of the ad-hoc committee falls on the senior officers of the Institute who make up the Academic Council, including Vest.

"The Academic Council is responsible for establishing such policies. We have not established detailed procedures for further review or consultation," Vest said. Although Vest had previously promised "a firm decision" on the recommendations by the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break, a formal adoption of the recommendations has been stalled at this point.

"The report has been discussed in the Academic Council, but nothing has been formally adopted yet," Vest said.

Under the current ban, imposed by President Vest in the wake of the death of Scott S. Krueger '01, no Institute funds can be used for the purchase of alcohol at events where those under 21 will be present. Exceptions can be made for events which receive "prior approval."

The recommendations of the committee were mostly extensions of Vest's current ban, where the definition of Institute funds would not only include money held in MIT accounts but would also encompass money held by residence halls, fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, and those associated with an MIT-sponsored off-campus event. "We didn't leave any loopholes," said Associate Provost Phillip L. Clay when he presented the recommendations at the faculty meeting.

#### Enforcement of policy needed

In addition, the recommendations called for the enforcement of the policy to fall within the office of the Dean for Student Life.

While elaborate procedures have been set up for the registration of official administrative, faculty and student events where alcohol will be present, no official channels have been set up or proposed to deal with violations of the policy.

The policy is "enforced in the sense that we are in a period where we have agreed essentially" to not use Institute funds for the purchase of alcohol, said Dean of Student of Life Margaret R. Bates. "What I think it has done most importantly is begun a conversation."

At the student level, violation of the policy would result in normal disciplinary action not set up specifically for violations of the interim policy, Bates said.

Nearing the end of the term, it would be premature to start widespread discussion of alcohol policy before the Independent Activities Period, Bates said.

Until the start of a broader discussion and the outcome of that discussion in April, the interim policy and its broad purview will still hold.

"The reality is we are in a period of intense public scrutiny; you don't have the leeway for misunderstanding," Bates said.

Vest's alcohol policy guidelines set  
Vice-President of Human

Resources Joan F. Rice addressed a letter to senior officers, department heads, laboratory and center directors, and administrative officers advising Institute employees of the general guidelines to follow regarding Institute alcohol policy.

Approval for an event where alcohol is served must be obtained from a member of the Academic Council, and approval for such an event where those under 21 will be present must also be approved by a member of the Academic Council, Rice's letter advised.

All events must also be registered with the Office of Conference Services. Student events must be registered with the Office of Residence and Campus Activities.

While there is little confusion over official events and how they fall under the purview of the interim ban, questions still arise over the need to register smaller events, such as a professor inviting his graduate students for a private dinner where alcohol is served, Rice said.

At this point, "the individual is responsible" to act within the law and not serve alcohol to underage students. "People have to be more responsible for each other; that's at the bottom of it," Rice said.



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# Students Harbor Mixed Reactions To Recent Alcohol Policy Changes

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viously spent on alcohol. Some of the ideas include giving more money to individual halls and reducing the house tax, or dedicating some of the surplus toward improving EC's facilities, such as the weight room and Talbot Lounge, Misra said.

tions towards the ban. "[Dormcon policy] was pretty heavily opposed when it first came up," Misra said. Opposition has ebbed recently, though. "Now, with the new Institute ban, no one seems openly against it," Misra said.

The Dormitory Council's policy "was a temporary ban on alcohol at events," Shah said. "No one's looking to sponsor a twenty-one-and-

over event, so this policy is in effect the same thing."

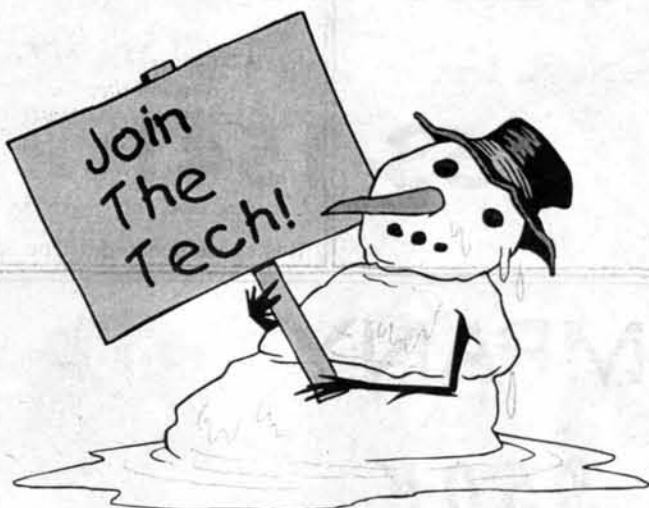
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**GSC Meeting Minutes**

At their Dec. 3 meeting, the Graduate Student Council heard reports from various guests and committees.

The alcohol policy ad-hoc committee reported their recommendations for the GSC alcohol policy, which centered around encouraging responsible drinking. The committee proposed measures for regulating alcohol at GSC-sponsored events including checking ID at those events as well as requiring a bartender to be present to serve the alcohol. Their recommendations will be voted on next month.

The housing and community affairs committee reported that the client team for the new graduate housing at University Park met for the last time on Tuesday to discuss the team's draft report. The GSC will have a future role in the upcoming design phase of the project. The housing and community affairs committee is also looking into the results of the transportation survey to determine the transportation needs of graduate students.

The academic, research and careers committee is working with the Black Graduate Student Association for a joint resolution on student body diversity. They are drafting a proposal to the Graduate Education Office to keep track of the applicants and admission statistics for minority students. The resolution will be submitted to the council at the next meeting and will be voted on at the following meeting.

The GSC heard from Lawrence Sass G, a member of the Faculty Policy Committee which is examining physical and financial changes at the Institute. Sass solicited graduate student opinions on his proposed policy change to have the Institute fund graduate students in order to remove the burden of seeking funds from each individual student.

SOURCE: YANQING DU G, GSC SECRETARY

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# New IFC Officers Will Intensify Connection To the Community

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of Phi Delta Theta, will head up the community relations committee next year. Mesarwi will work to better the image of MIT fraternities in the eyes of their Boston and Cambridge neighbors.

By taking a more active role in the community through service projects and other activities, the surrounding cities will be able to "see that fraternities and sororities are not only about stereotypes," Mesarwi said.

Dennis S. Ruhl '00, a member of Phi Kappa Theta, was elected IFC risk manager. The office involves coordinating and acting as a resource for individual houses' risk management officers.

Ruhl will be closely involved in organizing alcohol educational programs, highly in demand at the Institute after several alcohol-related incidents this semester, including the death of Scott S. Krueger '01. "I'd like to try to prevent these incidents from happening anymore," Ruhl said.

### Others elected to new positions

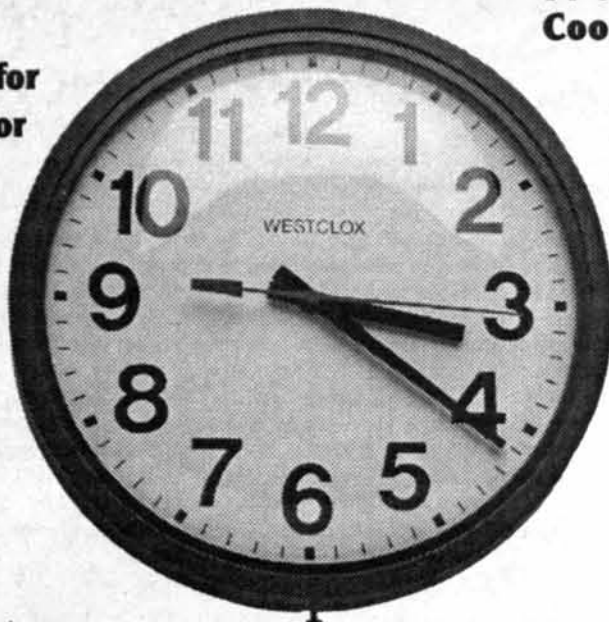
Enid W. Choi '00, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, is the incoming IFC treasurer, and Lisa E. Tatterson '99, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, is the incoming secretary.

Katherine E. Hardacre '99, a member of No. 6 Club, was elected chair of the IFC judicial committee. Christopher R. Rezek '99, a member of Alpha Delta Phi, was elected head of the publicity relations committee, and Hongsup Park '99, a member of Phi Kappa Theta, will be next year's rush chair.

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# SPORTS

## Ballroom Dancers Make Strong Showing at Brown

By Vikas Bhushan  
TEAM MEMBER

The ballroom dance team competed recently at the third annual Brown University Ballroom Dance Competition, which was held at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet in Providence. This large event attracted competitors from over a dozen schools. Providence mayor Vincent Cianci was on hand to give some words of support and encouragement, and declared ballroom dancing to be one of the most elegant activities in the history of humankind.

MIT competitors placed very well at all levels. In the newcomer events, Stephanie Shaw G and Yedil

Workeneh '98 won the American style rhumba, while Workeneh and Tara Andrews '99 won the American style waltz. Shaw and Seth Webster G placed in the finals of the international style rhumba.

At the beginner level, Vikky Kheifets '00 and Eugene Bae G won the American style rhumba. Bae and Shaw also placed in the finals of the international style waltz and quickstep. Mary Chen G, dancing with her partner Ming Wang, won the international style waltz and also placed in the finals of the American style tango and foxtrot.

In the silver international style division, Tom Nugent G and Yuying Chen G won the tango and

quickstep and placed second in the foxtrot. Vikas Bhushan G and Jennifer Hammock '98 also placed in the finals of all of these events.

Michael Posner and his partner from Northeastern University placed in the finals of all of the open level international style events, Latin and standard. Posner also won the mambo event, with Sabrina Almeida '99 and Jorge Barrera '99 right behind them in second place.

Marta Lipinski G and Mike Otero, a scientist at Lincoln Laboratory, swept top honors in all of the open level international style standard events as well as in the American style Viennese waltz. Andreas Gast G and Silvia Hoehn G

placed second in the American style Viennese waltz, and third in foxtrot/tango.

The MIT competitors are looking forward to bringing home more

ribbons this weekend when they will be competing at the Yale Regional Competition in New Haven, Conn. This will be their last competition until the new year.

### UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

**Saturday, December 6**

Women's Basketball vs. Colby Sawyer, 1 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 2 p.m.

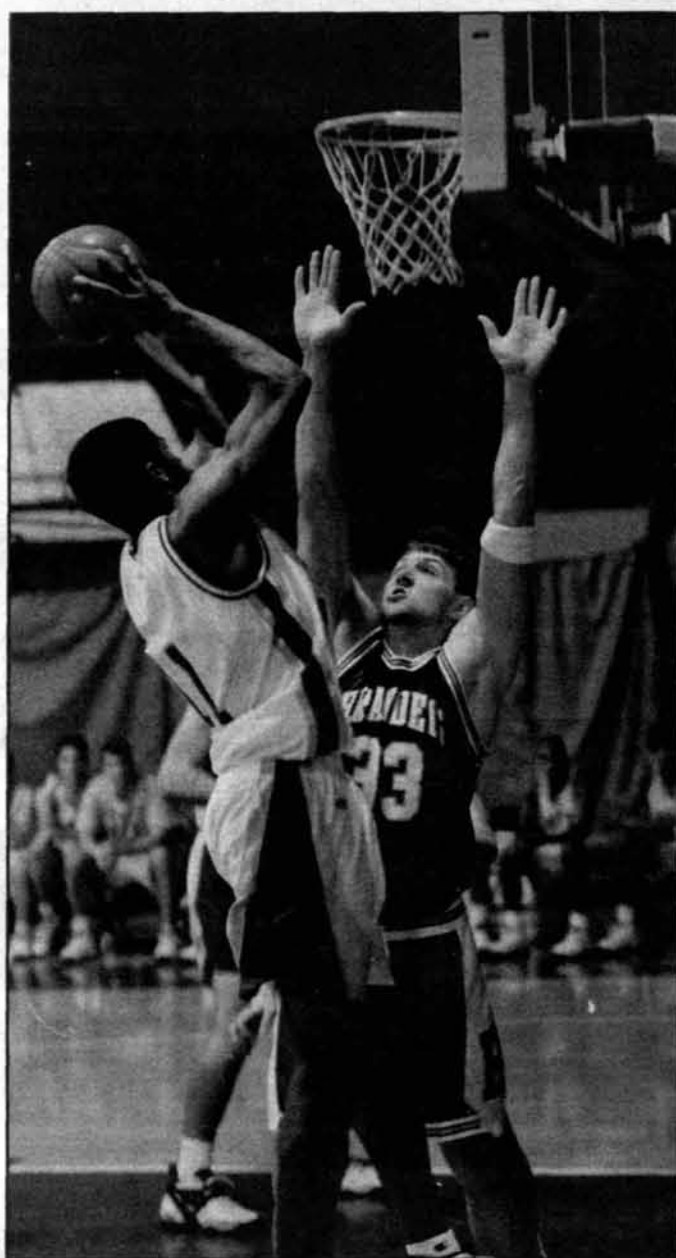
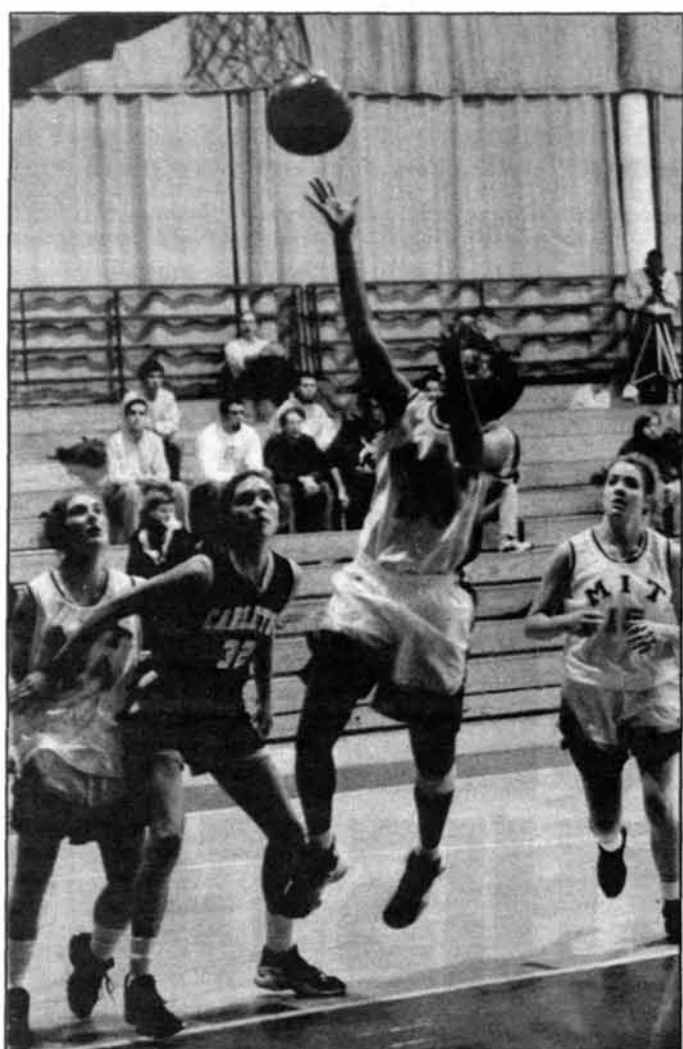
**Sunday, December 7**

Intersarsity Volleyball Club Invitational, Rockwell Cage, all day.

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Western Connecticut State University, 2 p.m.

Women's Ice Hockey vs. UMass—Amherst, 5 p.m.

# B A S K E T B A L L



Above left

Vicky Best '99 drives in the lane with authority during Tuesday's game against Carleton. MIT lost 63-46.

Above

Melvin Pullens '98 pulls up to shoot in front of a Brandeis University defender. MIT lost Tuesday's game 67-66.

Left

Coach Larry Anderson presents Melvin Pullens '98 with a basketball that commemorates the 1,000th point scored during his college career.

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