

CPs Find Underage Drinking at Bexley

By Daniel C. Stevenson
SPORTS EDITOR

Responding to an anonymous complaint of underage drinking, Campus Police broke up a Bexley Hall party late Saturday night, confiscated alcohol, and took the names of 18 underage students.

As yet, no sanctions have been imposed on the dormitory, said Dean of Students Margaret R. Bates.

The current MIT policy, enacted following the alcohol-related death of Scott S. Krueger '01 last October, forbids the serving of alcohol at events where underage persons will be present.

In another incident, a 21-year-old at Theta Xi was taken by Campus Police to Massachusetts General Hospital early last Friday morning to be treated for intoxication.

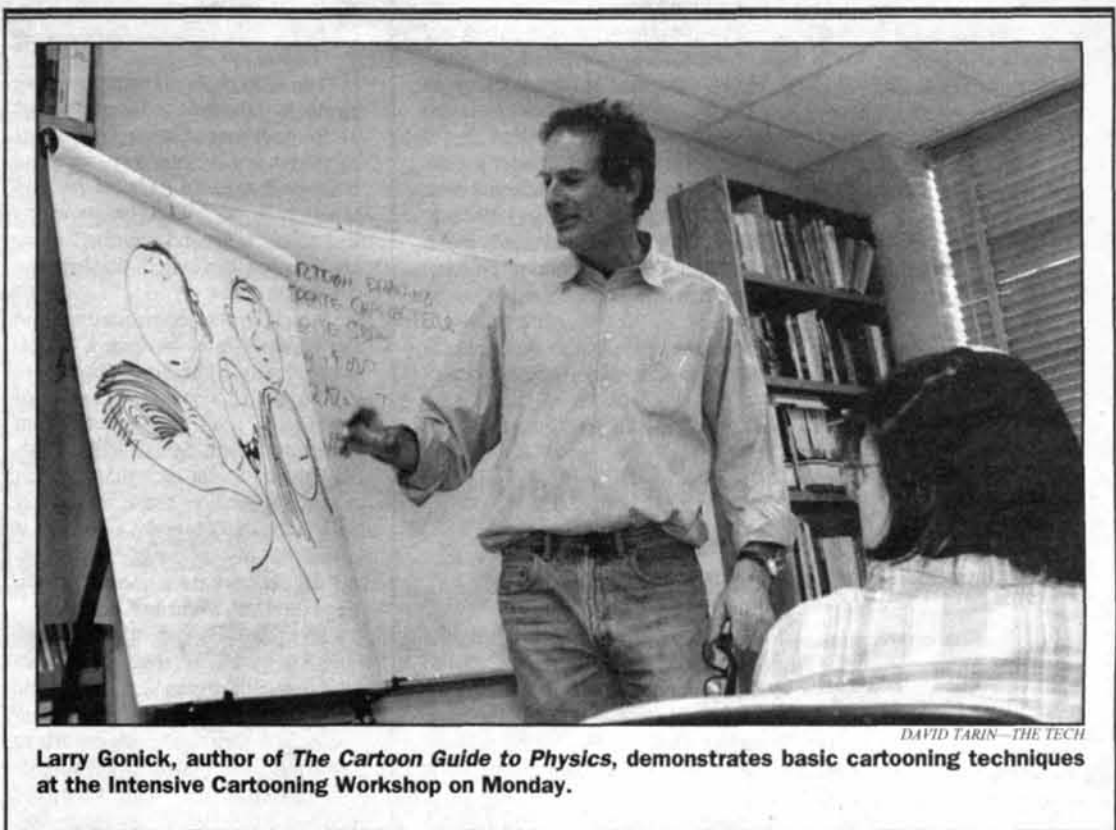
"I don't anticipate any sanctions at this point," Bates said of the Theta Xi incident, as there was no underage drinking involved.

The names of the underage students at the Bexley party were turned over to the Dean's Office for possible disciplinary action. The students were residents of four dormitories, a sorority, and two fraternities. The Dean's Office declined to identify the students.

"We're in the really early days in terms of finding out what happened," Bates said. It is too early to tell what form the disciplinary actions, if any, would take, she said.

The Cambridge Police and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission have not been notified, Bates said. Although the Cambridge authorities may have authority over

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Larry Gonick, author of *The Cartoon Guide to Physics*, demonstrates basic cartooning techniques at the Intensive Cartooning Workshop on Monday.

Attack on Affirmative Action In Admissions Sparks Debate

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

An essay in the current edition of the *Faculty Newsletter* which discusses ill-effects of current affirmative action admissions policies on populations of underrepresented minorities at the Institute has caused a wide array of reactions among administrators and students about the future of admissions policy.

In an essay entitled, "What Price Diversity?" Professor of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Kerry Emanuel '76 asserts that in the hopes of increasing and maintaining campus diversity as

stated by the Association of American Universities, affirmative action policies act only as a detriment to minority undergraduates. He also states that the admission of underqualified minorities contributes to a domino effect in which the bottom of each class at all universities is disproportionately composed of minority students.

MIT currently supports affirmative action policies for undergraduate admissions.

"MIT, through its faculty committees, senior officers, and trustees has maintained a firm commitment to the importance, and in my view

responsibility, to develop a diverse academic community. My own views were spelled out in some detail in my president's report last year. I also strongly supported the unanimous adoption of the statement by the Association of American Universities referred to by Professor Emanuel," Vest said.

"I do not believe that MIT's actions to promote opportunity and advance diversity are detrimental to minorities," Vest said.

Emanuel cites ill-effects

In addition to the domino effect Emanuel cites, he goes on to enumerate several other ill-effects of affirmative action policies.

"Qualified applicants are turned away in favor of less qualified applicants. Minorities fail at alarming rates. Those minorities who would

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Theta Chi Singles Out Kreisberg at Hearing

By Brett Altschul
NEWS EDITOR

Boston University freshman Marie A. Figueroa had been drinking with two other BU students and Theta Chi member Jason F. Kreisberg '99 in Kreisberg's room prior to her treatment for alcohol poisoning on Nov. 15, according to testimony given to the Boston Licensing Board by BU student Amy B. LaPrade.

LaPrade testified Tuesday that she, Figueroa, and a third student, Elizabeth A. Foley, were served alcohol exclusively by the underage Kreisberg and were not participating in any house event.

The Boston Police had cited the fraternity for serving alcohol to a minor and serving alcohol to a minor, causing harm, two separate charges. There are also criminal actions pending, a police spokesman said.

The board will vote on any sanctions against the fraternity at its meeting on Thursday.

Jason T. Timpe '99, the president of Theta Chi, told the board that Kreisberg had been expelled from the fraternity. Theta Chi is working with MIT to find Kreisberg another place to live, he said.

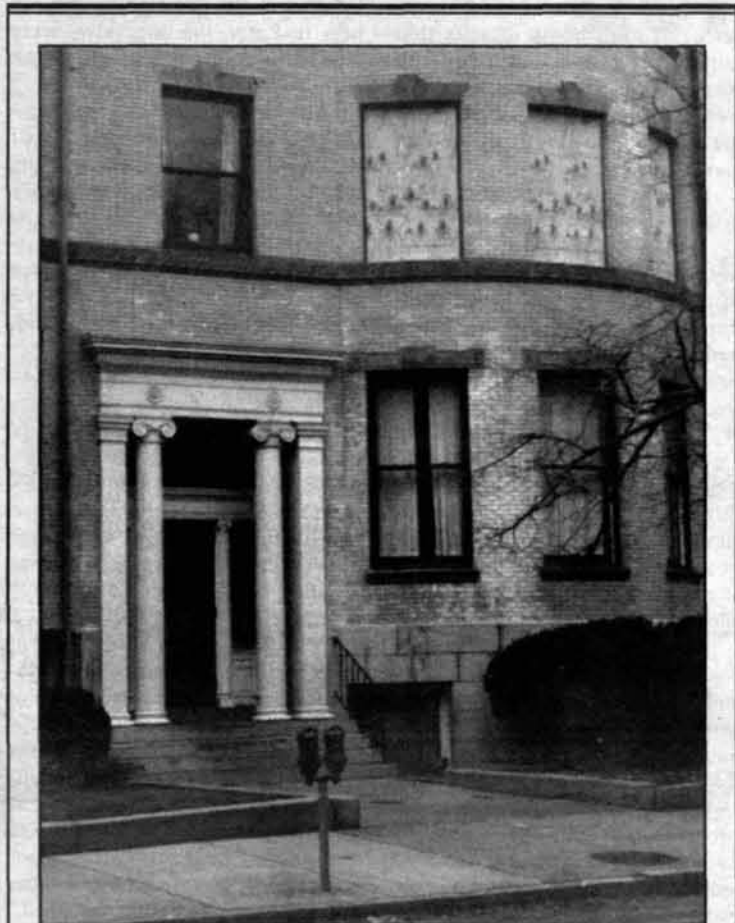
LaPrade details evening's events

Although the police and the board had expected Figueroa to attend, she was not at the hearing. LaPrade testified about the events of the evening.

The three girls stopped at Theta Chi to drink before they went out dancing, LaPrade said. Kreisberg had a private room at the fraternity and a refrigerator in which he kept a bottle of vodka, she said.

The three BU students did not

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THOMAS MURPHY—THE TECH

The Delta Tau Delta house at 416 Beacon St. was damaged by a fire on Jan. 1. The exact source of the fire is still unknown but probable causes include a fallen lamp or a cigarette. Damage from the fire was limited to one room but water damage was more widespread. Residents of the house have not been forced to relocate.

Smorgasbord of Classes Spice Up IAP

By May K. Tse
NEWS EDITOR

The Independent Activities Period offers groups around the Institute a unique opportunity to sponsor classes open to all members

Feature

of the MIT community. Classes range from the strictly informative to sessions focused on the arts to workshops designed to help students with their future careers.

The Medical Department sponsors a wide range of informative sessions during this month. "Some of the sessions we've had before have been very useful, i.e. stress and time management and headaches. We try to offer these every year because people always come," said Sally Ciampa, program coordinator for health education services.

For the past two years, there has also been an effort to focus on a specific topic. This year's topic is cancer and as a result there are a lot of new cancer classes this year, Ciampa said. There is also a new class dealing with alcohol and drugs, as well as two new classes

for mothers in the MIT community.

In addition to health-related classes, there are also information sessions which give advice to students interested in pursuing careers in medicine. "We've got quite a lot of MIT students interested in going into medicine... Our physicians here love talking with students and employees. It's a nice opportunity for them," Ciampa said.

Art association sponsors classes

Another series offered during IAP is the Student Art Association series, which offers classes in photography, drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, watercolor, and Chinese brushpainting.

These art classes are also offered during the term, but approximately 150 more students sign up during IAP. "We've turned away about 100 people. We just didn't have space," said Edward McCluney, director of the association.

"MIT is different in that there are an awful lot of students from science who also know about the arts... They want a release from their problem sets and to just relax. Our students are far more well-

rounded than people think," McCluney said.

International dance featured

The International Students Association is sponsoring an international dance series, featuring African dance, salsa and merengue, belly dancing, Greek folk dancing, and Bhangra.

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WORLD & NATION

NASA Weighs Science, Politics In Deciding on Glenn's Shuttle Seat

THE WASHINGTON POST

Astronauts in space and elderly people on the ground have a lot in common: Both suffer from dizzy spells, weakened bones and muscle, lowered immunity, disturbed sleep and blood flow problems.

So why not send an old, bold astronaut into orbit as a guinea pig for medical research? At 76, Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, has volunteered for the job and, by all accounts, has pressed his campaign to fly aboard a space shuttle with the same unrelenting determination he showed years ago as a fighter pilot and hero of the "Right Stuff."

NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin has been pondering the decision for months and, sources say, likes the idea but will not give the go ahead without a solid rationale. Spokeswoman Peggy Wilhide said there is no deadline for a decision. Officials and scientists at the space agency have declined to discuss the decision-making process, but some privately express the fear that sending Glenn would be derided as a stunt.

If Glenn is to be assigned to a life sciences research flight scheduled for October, the decision should be made within the next month or two, NASA officials said.

U.S. astronauts as old as 61 and 59 have flown in recent years.

Cuba Lets Catholic Leader Address Nation on State-Run Media

LOS ANGELES TIMES

HAVANA

For the first time in almost four decades of Communist rule, the Cuban government Tuesday let the leader of Cuba's Roman Catholic Church address the nation live on state-run radio and television.

The free, late-night air time for Havana's archbishop, Cardinal Jaime Ortega, was the latest dramatic concession Cuban dictator Fidel Castro has granted the church in advance of Pope John Paul's five-day visit here next week.

A top Cuban official called it a "positive" example of new cooperation between church and state in a nation where all religions were discouraged for decades.

But Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly, stressed that his government is "not at all concerned" the anti-Communist pope's visit here will inspire dissent, opposition or any of the political changes that followed papal trips through Communist Eastern Europe in the 1980s.

"We are not stupid. We are not crazy," Alarcon told reporters before Ortega's late-night address Tuesday. "We are receiving a friend who happens to be the head of a state that has had good relations with Cuba always."

Alarcon conceded the papal visit will have "political and social meaning," but he asserted that it will be confined to developing "cordial and friendly ties" between the Cuban government and the Vatican and between the Cuban church and society.

He neither confirmed nor denied a recent Spanish newspaper report that Vatican officials allegedly had discovered an electronic bug in a house the pope might have visited here.

Ortega's Tuesday night speech, Alarcon added, should be viewed as a sign the government is committed to normalizing relations with Cuba's Catholic Church after an era in which priests and nuns were expelled, public worship was forbidden and church schools were closed.

Man Takes Hostage at Tokyo Exchange, Demands Trading Halt

THE WASHINGTON POST

TOKYO

A right-wing extremist armed with a handgun held a Finance Ministry official hostage at the Tokyo Stock Exchange for more than five hours Tuesday before surrendering peacefully.

Tetsuo Itagaki, 41, had demanded a meeting with Japanese Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka and that trading on the exchange be halted. Both demands were denied; activity on the trading floor, located in another part of the building, continued uninterrupted while 400 police officers in bulletproof vests filled the building and the streets outside.

Itagaki is reportedly a member of one of Japan's many right-wing organizations, who profess fiercely nationalistic and xenophobic views and are often violent. Police said Itagaki was arrested in 1985 after throwing a firebomb at a government office to protest the construction of a housing complex for U.S. military personnel stationed in Japan.

Police said Itagaki was upset at the Japanese government's response to the financial crisis sweeping Asia. He told police that Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's "Big Bang" proposals to open Japan's financial markets would result in the United States taking over Japan's financial system.

WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny, with northwest winds around 15-25 mph (24-40 kph), diminishing in the afternoon. High 30°F (-1°C), low around 20°F (-7°C).

Tonight: Partly cloudy and very cold, low around 15°F (-9°C).

Thursday: Increasing cloudiness with possible snow later in the day and at night. High near freezing, low around 28°F (-2°C).

Friday: Icy with a chance of snow and sleet. High around 35°F (2°C), low around 20°F (-7°C).

Saturday: Partly cloudy and breezy. High above 30°F (-1°C), low around 20°F (-7°C).

Sunday: Mostly cloudy skies, with a chance of snow in the afternoon. High in the 30s (-1 to 4°C), low around 20°F (-7°C).

U.S. Seeks Backing of Allies In Burgeoning Iraqi Conflict

By Peter Baker

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration once again marshaled its international allies to present a unified front against Iraq Tuesday as the Baghdad regime carried out its threat to block a U.S.-led weapons inspection team and reignited a crisis that has bedeviled Washington for months.

The renewed confrontation put the United States back in a hauntingly familiar position, laboring to hold together a coalition capable of persuading Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to back down. While holding out the threat of military force, the administration chose a cautious path Tuesday, relying on what it called "steady-as-she-goes diplomacy" to orchestrate a condemnation from the U.N. Security Council.

Iraq thwarted a scheduled search Tuesday by a U.N. weapons inspection team led by an American, one of several U.N. teams in the country, by refusing to provide escorts to facilitate entry into government-controlled sites. The standoff marked the first time an inspection has been prevented since November, when Saddam reversed an order that had resulted in the withdrawal of all weapons inspectors.

"They're up to their old tricks and we shouldn't allow them to pursue this," Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "Patience is running out in a lot of Security Council capitals. The Iraqis are really pushing this to

the brink."

A U.S.-drafted statement that could be voted on by the council as early as Wednesday "condemns in the strongest terms" the latest Iraqi defiance and calls it "unacceptable and a clear violation of the relevant resolutions" requiring unconditional access to all sites sought by U.N. inspectors.

Although the statement does not warn of any consequences, U.S. officials said the goal was to show that there are no serious fissures in the international coalition enforcing sanctions against Iraq and to give U.N. inspections chief Richard Butler fresh proof of that resolve when he travels to Baghdad this weekend on a previously scheduled visit.

The latest developments underscored a seemingly endless cycle of provocation-and-response that has ensnared President Clinton and U.S. allies, according to White House aides — as well as the dearth of attractive options to solve the impasse.

U.S. officials said they never considered last fall's crisis to be truly over, even after a Russian-brokered deal reducing tension in the region. Since then, two U.S. aircraft carrier groups and other military forces have remained in the Persian Gulf area as a warning to Iraq. Another incident like Tuesday's was inevitable as Iraq apparently probes for cracks in the U.S.-led coalition, Clinton aides said.

"The crisis may have disappeared in your minds," White House press secretary Mike McCurry told reporters Tuesday. "It has not

changed one whit since October."

France, which had been reluctant to endorse a hard line against Iraq, Tuesday sided with Washington, issuing a statement calling on Iraqi officials "to immediately reconsider their decision." A Russian official told reporters in Moscow that "Russia is taking active steps to find a way out of the situation."

Iraq provoked the latest show-down when it refused to provide escorts for a U.N. team led by American Scott Ritter that was prepared to search sites outside Baghdad for evidence of restricted missile, nuclear, biological or chemical weapons technology. When no officials appeared at the appointed time, Ritter waited 30 minutes and then abandoned the day's mission. U.N. officials said they are unwilling to send out a team without their Iraqi counterparts for security reasons.

Iraqi officials have complained that the team contained too many Americans and Britons and accused Ritter, a former U.S. Marine captain, of being a spy. U.S. officials and Ritter have denied that and U.N. officials said Tuesday's 31-member team included specialists from 12 nations.

Although Ritter's team was thwarted, other inspectors were able to conduct their work in Baghdad Tuesday. Unlike last fall, U.N. officials allowed the other missions to proceed. When Iraq expelled American inspectors last October, the United Nations shut down other operations as well, arguing that Saddam could not determine the composition of inspection teams.

Court Psychiatrist to Evaluate Kaczynski's Fitness for Trial

By William Claiborne

THE WASHINGTON POST

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Each morning and afternoon, Theodore J. Kaczynski is walked from his suicide-watch cell at the Sacramento County Jail to a small interview room with an observation window that his lawyers can peer through. On his side of the glass, the alleged Unabomber tries to convince Sally Johnson that he is sane enough to represent himself at trial.

Johnson, chief of psychiatric services at the Federal Correctional Institution in Butner, N.C., officially has a narrow standard of competency to judge. At its most basic, her job is only to evaluate whether Kaczynski is mentally fit to understand the proceedings against him and assist his court-appointed attorneys — whether, in other words, he is competent to stand trial. But in the background of her examination also lies Kaczynski's insistence that he conduct his own defense.

Forensic psychiatrists and legal experts familiar with mental competency hearings say that Johnson should complete the first level of her task in as little as a day or two. If she takes longer, they say, that would indicate her purpose may be to give the court insight on his ability to defend himself as well.

Kaczynski, who adamantly resisted psychiatric examinations by government experts in the past, dropped his opposition after deciding it was his only hope of being declared competent to act as his own attorney. Critics of such a move contend it would turn the case into a forum for Kaczynski's radical views and result in a "circus" and a possible mistrial in a proceeding where the death penalty is part of

the stakes.

The 55-year-old, Harvard-educated mathematics genius is charged in this trial with four bombings, two of them fatal, during an 18-year series of mail bomb attacks that killed three people and injured 29 others. The attacks, prosecutors say, were part of his campaign against the technological evils of modern civilization.

Kaczynski has repeatedly tried to dismiss his court-appointed attorneys, Quin Denvir and Judy Clarke, who contend that he is a delusional paranoid schizophrenic incapable of forming the intent to kill. According to them, however, he cannot endure being portrayed as a madman, and would rather face trial without attorneys than listen to testimony about his mental health.

An apparent attempt to hang himself in his jail cell last week was attributed by his attorneys to his fear of a mental defect defense. It was after that incident that he asked to be allowed to represent himself in court.

Kaczynski, whose examination began Monday, is "doing just fine" and is cooperating with Johnson, said Sgt. Jim Cooper of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. Morning and afternoon sessions are being limited to about two hours each, he said.

Johnson's examination was ordered to help U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. decide on the competency issue. But it also is expected to play a key role in whether prosecutors, a Justice Department death penalty review committee and Attorney General Janet Reno agree to defense efforts to let him plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence without possibility of parole.

The initial examination was conducted in a suspect lineup room with a one-way glass panel through which Denvir and Clarke were able to observe the questioning but not hear it. Later, the interviews were moved to a smaller interrogation room with a two-way window.

Although Johnson has not commented on her examination of Kaczynski, forensic psychiatrists who routinely conduct competency evaluations said that in all likelihood the examination consists mostly of questioning in which Johnson is trying to draw out Kaczynski's mental history and state of mind, with some diagnostic testing.

"It's more difficult in cases where you can't rely on the answers being credible, so you ask more questions and look for consistencies where you can find them," said Sol Faerstein, a forensic psychiatrist and professor at the University of California in Los Angeles who has testified at numerous competency hearings.

"Hearing voices, believing that the world is controlled by technology and being delusional may not necessarily interfere with your ability to understand the proceedings against you or to assist your counsel," Faerstein said. "If you hear voices that say 'the whales are dying,' that might not affect your competency. But if you hear voices that say 'Quin Denvir is the devil,' that might. You have to keep drawing the subject out."

A complicating factor in Kaczynski's case, Faerstein said, is that the defendant is "so intelligent that he may mask his responses cleverly. This guy knows what he's doing, and the examiner has to stay a step ahead of him."

Microsoft Inc. Could Be Held In Contempt, Pending Ruling

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A federal judge examining whether Microsoft Corp. is violating a court order Tuesday sharply criticized key legal arguments raised by a lawyer representing the software giant in its long-running antitrust battle with the Justice Department.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson repeatedly challenged Microsoft's focus on wording used by the Justice Department in legal briefs asking that the company be held in contempt of court. Jackson pointedly told Microsoft attorney Richard Urowsky that the discussion should be confined to the judge's order requiring the company to offer a version of its Windows 95 operating system without an Internet browser.

"Irrespective of what the government said ... it is my language, and

my language alone, which is at issue here," Jackson said.

A short while later, when Urowsky complained that the Justice Department's current solution for separating Windows and the browser differs from the government's statements in earlier legal papers, Jackson was ready with a biting rejoinder.

"It's been said that consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds," Jackson said, paraphrasing the poet Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Jackson will hear more testimony in the case Wednesday. He has not indicated when he intends to issue a ruling.

The judge on Dec. 11 issued a preliminary injunction ordering Microsoft to offer a version of Windows 95 without the browser while a court-appointed official studies whether the company's integration of the browser and operating

system violates a 1995 consent decree with the government. The department contends Microsoft is trying to get a leg up in the browser market over rivals and use that advantage to influence commerce and content on the Internet.

In response, Microsoft began offering makers of personal computers that don't want its Internet Explorer browser two stripped-down versions of Windows 95: One contains no browser files and will not operate; the other lacks key functions offered in current editions of Windows. The company argues that current versions of Windows 95 will not work without every "file" that they believe makes up Internet Explorer.

Contending that Microsoft was offering PC makers "commercially worthless" options, the Justice Department asked Jackson to hold the company in contempt.

U.S. Attempt to Maintain Peace Toughened by Israeli Conditions

By Rebecca Trounson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

A week before President Clinton is to meet Israeli and Palestinian leaders in a high-risk bid to revive the flagging Middle East peace process, the Israeli Cabinet on Tuesday imposed a nine-page list of conditions that it said the Palestinians must meet before Israel will hand over any more West Bank land.

U.S. officials said the Israeli action would make Clinton's task more difficult. The administration has said the pullback is essential to its efforts to restart the deadlocked peace talks. "If you focus on the negative and what the other side isn't doing, there's no end to it," a U.S. diplomat said. "There's no way to create a partnership under those

circumstances."

Palestinian officials also rejected the Israeli conditions, which add specifics to pledges made by the Palestinian Authority in a 1997 U.S.-brokered agreement that led to Israel withdrawing its troops from the West Bank city of Hebron. Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, accused Israel of stalling the peace process, unwilling to give up more land to the Palestinians.

"This is an excuse," Tibi said. "The Israeli government is trying again to avoid implementing the (peace) agreements." Tibi said the Palestinian Authority was preparing a similar list of Israeli violations.

The Cabinet decision made official what Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other senior Israeli

officials have said for weeks — that they would, as Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon first suggested, tie Israel's withdrawal from more West Bank land to Palestinian fulfillment of obligations spelled out in the Hebron agreement.

In that accord, the Palestinians promised to finish revising their national charter, limit the size of their police force and work to fight terrorism. Israel, in turn, said it would release Palestinian prisoners and carry out the first step of a three-phase withdrawal from the West Bank by last March. All three phases were to be completed by mid-1998.

On Tuesday, the third day of alert, extra police and soldiers were deployed nationwide, especially in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, to guard against possible attacks.

Court Case Reflects Germany's Unease with Euro Plans

THE WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN

A group of prominent economists filed a petition Monday with Germany's highest court seeking to block plans for a single European currency on the grounds that it would violate the nation's postwar constitution.

The challenge, posed by four professors, including an ex-member of the Bundesbank, Germany's powerful central bank, argues that the historic project would jeopardize a basic right to economic stability by forcing Germans to swap their revered mark — a symbol of national prosperity for five decades — for the untested euro.

Although the suit is not expected to derail the timetable that calls for European monetary union to start next year, with euro coins and bank notes in full circulation by 2002, the case has underscored apprehensions expressed by Germans who believe they will suffer economic hardship with the euro's launch at a time when joblessness has reached 11.9 percent, a level not seen since the 1930s.

A poll published last week by Der Spiegel magazine showed that opposition to the euro has increased, rising to 56 percent from 49 percent a year ago. Three out of four Germans said they expect the euro will be weaker than the mark; only one in five expect to benefit from the change.

The skepticism reflects the failure of a campaign by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government to persuade Germans that the euro will nurture European unity. In speeches, Kohl says he believes a single currency could even spell "the difference between war and peace" in the next century.

High School Wrestlers Get Light Punishment for Hazing

LOS ANGELES TIMES

THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

As punishment for their involvement in a hazing scandal, seven members of the Westlake High School wrestling team have been suspended for five days while four of the team's 30 wrestlers have been barred from participating in any sports until December, a school official said Tuesday.

The seven wrestlers spent Tuesday in "in-house suspension" — at school, but isolated from their classmates. Rather than attending classes, the group spent the day cleaning trash from the campus, doing homework and studying for finals in solitude, parents said.

The students were notified of their discipline Monday for their involvement in the hazing incidents — in which at least three students were grabbed, pinned down and prodded in the buttocks with a broomstick dubbed "Pedro."

An additional 17 wrestlers were "admonished" for being aware of the hazing and not notifying an adult; two students were cleared altogether with the recommendation that they be allowed to finish this wrestling season at another high school.

"Our investigation didn't find any disciplinary issues which merited a recommendation for expulsion," Athletic Director Joseph Pawlick said. The administrative discipline will likely be the only punishment the students will receive in connection with the hazing incidents, which took place between Sept. 7 and Dec. 7, 1997.

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Calendar

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- 4 General Council Meeting *

General Council Meeting

Agenda items: Diversity, Externship, Transportation, Formal Ball

What are your pet peeves?

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Please list 5 simple things that you feel would improve the way MIT operates:

Bring this list to our meeting this evening

or send it to 50-220 and give us your e-mail address: _____

With big projects like the Career Fair finished, we would like to refocus the GSC on small issues. During IAP — if you don't have qualifiers — come work with us for an hour or two. We can help connect you with the appropriate office or administrator to discuss your concerns.

* at 5:30pm in Room 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

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Putting the "Independent" Back in IAP

Although MIT's Independent Activities Period remains one of the most unique winter programs offered at any university, over the past several years IAP has shown a disturbing trend toward regular academics and away from the truly independent

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activities it was intended to promote. We believe that MIT's administration and faculty should take steps to make IAP more exploratory and more independent of the regular-term academic curriculum.

The faculty and administration have taken steps in this direction after they received reports from various calendar and IAP-evaluation committees. These moves have gone too far, and IAP is losing the variety that made it so valuable.

The biggest change that has come over IAP over the past several years is the increase in academic subjects that departments require that their students take over IAP. In Course II, Course VIII, and an area of Course XII, students are required to take subjects over IAP that are not offered during the regular academic term. Students in those departments have no choice but to commit January to coursework; they have little opportunity to participate in academic subjects outside of their department and will most likely not participate in many independent, non-academic offerings either.

The disappearance of Charm School is emblematic of IAP's decline. Charm School was not just a popular event that happened to capture the national media's attention. Charm School brought people from all walks of MIT together, and those who participated learned solid, practical life skills in a fun and disarming setting. Charm School epitomized what IAP should be about. If a lack of funding or staff cuts are responsible for Charm School's disappearance, then MIT should appropri-

ate staff and resources from some other department to fill the void. Although it would be nice if students would step forward to manage the event, Charm School is important enough that the administration or faculty should continue to support it even without student leadership.

During the past year, many students and faculty members have pointed to the need for a broadening of the undergraduate education, and for an increase in faculty interaction with students outside the classroom. IAP is the perfect starting place for both. Many faculty are on campus during IAP, and most are not teaching academic classes; in other words, they have time actually to work with students and interact with them at a fun or even social level.

At the same time, IAP is the ideal time for students to branch out from their regular academic work into fields they might not otherwise have time to explore. This exploration may very well include academic subjects; students can use this period to check out subjects off the main track of their majors and may pick up a few useful credits. Students should also be encouraged to devote IAP to non-academic activities. Although the regular activities listed in the *IAP Guide* may serve this purpose well, so do other pursuits, such as sports, recreation, music and arts events, and participating in student activities of any nature.

IAP has helped to broaden the perspectives of a generation of MIT students. This unique period should not be robbed of the ability to provide an important and disparate supplement to the rest of MIT. The teaching of required subjects during IAP and the decline of popular events like Charm School should not be allowed to obscure IAP's potential as a way to bring faculty and students together outside the classroom and to expand students' horizons.

Letters To The Editor

Giving Teaching A Chance

Wesley Chan's column ["To Teach or Not To Teach" Dec. 5, 1997] struck a chord with those of us involved in a new venture at MIT called the Teaching and Learning Laboratory.

For several years now, a number of programs have existed at MIT designed to improve teaching and learning at the Institute. These include a videotaping and consulting service, which, as its name implies, gives MIT faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants the opportunity to have a class videotaped and then to meet with a teaching consultant to review the tape; an orientation for new faculty

and new TAs held at the beginning of each fall semester; a series of IAP workshops called "Better Teaching @ MIT," listed on page 38 of the *IAP Guide*; and teaching workshops that are held for faculty and TAs within their own departments.

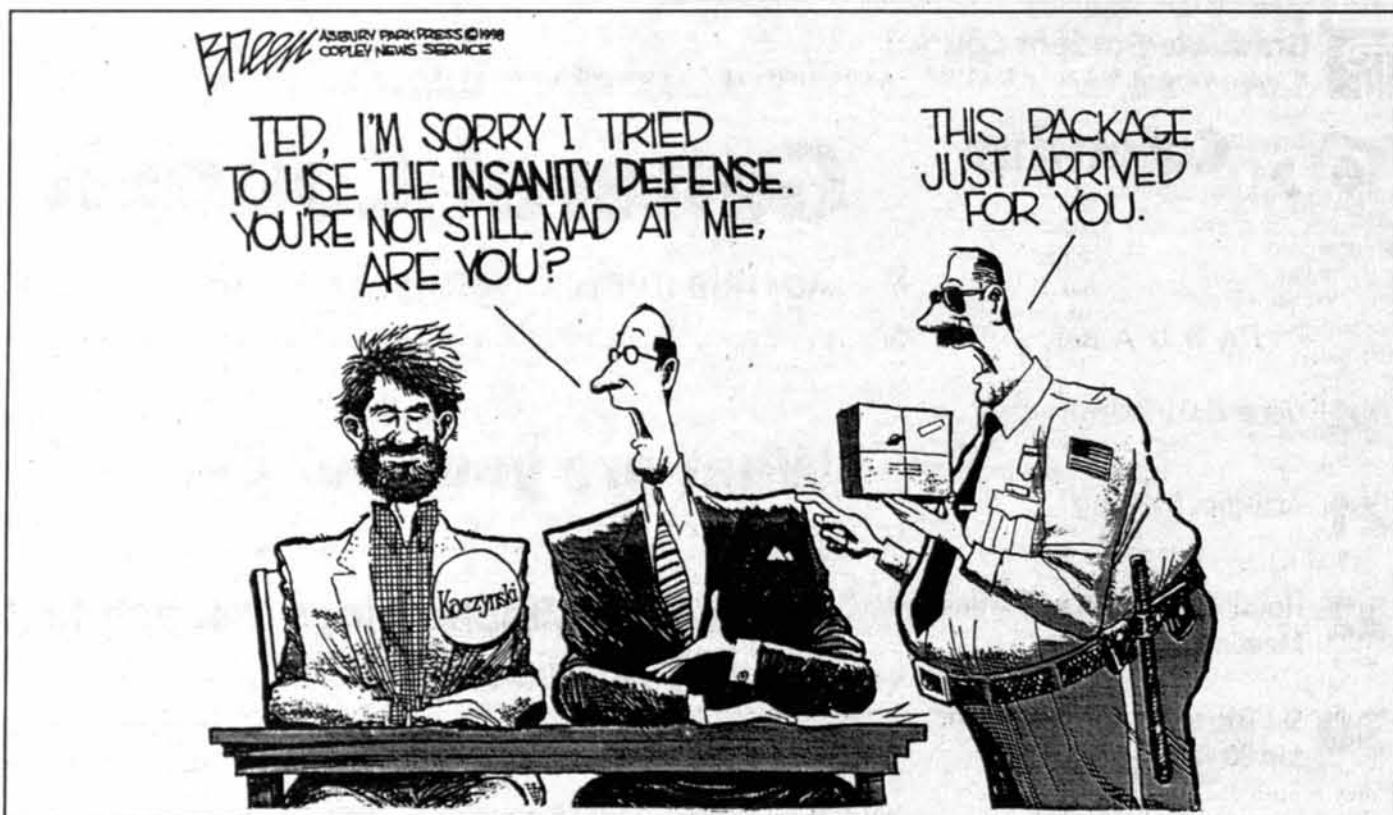
TLL has taken on the organization and direction of these programs, but in partnership with the departments and other offices at MIT, it intends to develop additional programs that will strengthen the visibility and legitimacy of teaching and learning at the Institute. For example, this spring the Stephen P. Kaufman classroom for instruction in teaching will open in Building 9. The Kaufman classroom, a state-of-the-art videotaping studio, will allow

us to improve both how we videotape classes and our consultations with instructors who use those tapes to improve their classroom instruction.

TLL also works with undergraduates who are interested in teaching. This spring, staff will lead two workshops for students who are volunteering to teach in urban schools over spring break in conjunction with the national Teach for America program.

This is just the beginning of an effort we hope will have a widespread, positive impact at MIT. We would very much welcome student involvement and input in our work.

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Changing the U.S. Policy Tune

The United States Should Respond Positively to Khatami's Overtures

Michael J. Ring

There are few nations that raise the ire and anger of the United States as does Iran. Memories of the Iranian Revolution of 1979 and the taking of U.S. citizens as hostages burn within the minds of policy-makers. Two decades of anti-American propaganda spewing out of Tehran has only solidified the State Department's view that Iran is to be isolated and marginalized.

The Iranian government similarly has seen many reasons to distrust the United States. American support of the Shah still enrages many Iranians. And the downing of an Iranian jetliner over the Persian Gulf was an unjustifiably aggressive act on the part of the United States.

Within the past year, however, there have been signs of a thaw in the cold, mutually disdainful relationship between Iran and the United States. The election of Mohammad Khatami, a moderate, as president of Iran last year has raised many hopes that Tehran and Washington would soon normalize relations. President Khatami's interview with CNN this month has largely confirmed those hopes.

President Khatami has demonstrated a willingness to risk the scorn of conservative elements in his country and bridge the cavernous gulf of misunderstanding and contempt between Iran and the United States. It is time for the United States to respond positively to his overtures. The Clinton administration should seek a normalization of political ties between Tehran and Washington.

From the head of the government of a nation associated strongly with anti-American propaganda, President Khatami's statements were shocking and pleasing. He praised the United States as a great nation and a beacon of religious freedom. This is a welcome change from conservative clerics who denounce the United States as a Satanic nation. President Khatami further called for an exchange of scholars, artists, and journalists between the two nations.

The official Washington response was to welcome these comments but to insist on government-to-government dialogue.

President Khatami stopped short of calling for a direct, immediate dialogue between the United States and Iran. But to call for such talks in an interview would have enraged the powerful conservative elements in Iran.

The State Department has three concerns which it believes must be addressed in government-to-government talks: Iran's connections to and support for terrorist groups; Iran's desire for weapons of mass destruction; and Iran's opposition to Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

All three of these issues are legitimate concerns which need to be raised in high-level discussions. But the best way to address all these concerns is to invite President Khatami into a high-level dialogue between Washington and Tehran.

Terrorists thrive on the hatred between the United States and Iran. They feel the need to avenge U.S. behavior toward Iran through violence. If America adopts a more positive policy toward

Iran, this large impetus for terrorist acts would be shattered. Cooperation between the United States and Iran would allow Americans and Iranians to be more trusting of each other. It would also encourage the government of Iran to crack down on suspected terrorists and share information it learns about impending terrorist acts with the United States.

A detente between the United States and Iran would also help to deter Iran from any desires to acquire weapons of mass destruction. The current policy of containment only fuels the desire for Iran to build biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons. The need and desire for such weapons would be lessened if Iran were an accepted member of the international community with strong ties to the world's superpower. Conversely, an American rejection of Khatami's overtures would show Iran a foreign policy that is stubborn and inflexible, an impression that would only fuel a desire by some Iranians to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

Engaging President Khatami is also the best strategy to soften Iran's opposition to Middle East peace talks. In his interview President Khatami admitted he was personally opposed to talks. The present government of Israel, however, has done little to build confidence and trust among the Muslim world. U.S. dialogue with Iran and continued forceful U.S. pressure on the government of Israel could convince Iran to drop its opposition and join the peace process.

Iran is too large of a nation to isolate and ignore, as does present U.S. foreign policy. A nation of 66 million and possessing rich oil and natural gas reserves, Iran has the potential to be a political and economic force in the Middle East. It is therefore imperative that Iran be included in a stable political settlement in the Middle East. It is too large and important of a nation to be marginalized.

Approaching Iran will certainly involve risk and the potential for failure. It will be a tricky foreign policy maneuver for an administration not widely known for its risk-taking abilities. But over the past year all of the risks for peace have been taken by President Khatami. He has been the one to oppose powerful forces in a country opposed to peace. He has been the one who has extended the hand of friendship to the United States. It is time for the United States to accept his offer and respond. The only thing the people of America and Iran have to lose is mutual mistrust.

The Purpose Behind the Policies

Anders Hove

Recent statements by Iranian president Mohammad Khatami have ignited a serious debate about the nature of U.S. policy toward



Iran. Why has the United States allowed its objections to Iranian foreign policy prevent a reconciliation between our two countries when other erstwhile enemies, such as Vietnam, have been let back into our good graces?

U.S. policy toward Iran raises broader issues about foreign policy in the 1990s. What sort of conduct do we expect of our allies? What is our policy toward terrorists and nations that may support terrorism abroad? What is our policy regarding nations that may be developing weapons of mass destruction, or may help other nations do so? Finally, can other sovereign nations pursue independent foreign policies without incurring our displeasure?

These questions relate to the standards by which the United States currently justifies its policy of dual containment of Iraq and Iran. That means that whatever Iranian leaders are saying, Iran only differs from Iraq in U.S. eyes in that Iran doesn't have U.N. inspectors roving around its country. The United States maintains a complete embargo on Iranian goods, and American firms are not allowed to do business there.

If Iran and the United States were the only two countries in the world, our policy might be acceptable. As it is, the inconsistencies in our policy have left allies and non-allies equally baffled. The purpose of foreign policy statements should not be to dazzle and confuse, but to explicate and make clear. By that standard alone, our policy today is a failure.

Speaking of standards, those being applied to Iran demand close scrutiny. Take the charge that Iran is working on weapons of mass destruction, for example. In Iraq and Libya, the United States has used air strikes, trade embargoes, and other political and economic pressures to make producers of such weapons into international pariahs. In the case of Israel, India, Pakistan, Brazil, and Argentina, the United States has done nothing. And in the case of Korea, the United States negotiated an end to development by agreeing to a positive trade of peaceful reactors for inspections. Why do some countries qualify for good treatment while others do not?

The standard for support of terrorist acts is even more dubious. Terrorist action is by its very nature an individual choice. Weapons and bomb-making equipment are as readily available in the Middle East as they are in the United States. Charges that Iran has specifically supported terrorism often boils down to a list of supposed "links" to terrorists, whether ten years ago with the Hezbollah, or two years ago with the Kobi Towers bombers. Meanwhile, Syria has found itself in good graces with the United States for nearly a decade now, in spite of its reputed terrorist training centers.

The terrorism-support standard being used against Iran is particularly odious because it effectively puts terrorists in control of U.S. foreign policy: A single terrorist with an interest in keeping Iran isolated from the West can prevent a U.S.-Iran rapprochement with a single act of violence. Thus, when the State Department claims that we will judge nations by their actions, it might have been more accurate to say that the United States will judge other nations by the actions of third-party criminals.

Finally, the claim that Iran's position on Middle East peace talks — that Iran is opposed — prevents normalized relations is an insult to all nations in the Middle East. Are we promising to cut off relations with all countries that take different policy positions than we do? Certainly not, yet that is the stated standard in the case of Iran. It is exactly the sort of irrational position that worsens U.S. relations with all countries and peoples in the region.

Like perhaps no other country, Iran demonstrates that the United States has no broad vision for how countries should behave in the post-Cold War world. By holding Iran to politically bankrupt standards of conduct, we have not only hurt relations with Iran, but with all countries who look to America for leadership abroad. The longer America holds onto its outdated policies, the more aggravated our position in the Middle East will become.



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Abandoning Etiquette for Apathy

Absence of Charm School Reveals Administration's Indifference

Zareena Hussain

During the last lecture of 6.034 (Artificial Intelligence), Professor Patrick H. Winston advised his students of what classes they should take after having completed his course.

Charm School was first on his list. But what Professor Winston probably didn't realize when he gave his lecture was that no student or administrator had stepped forward this year to help organize the crash course in charm and grace.

When students come to MIT, some lose their social savoir-faire; some never had it in the first place. One thing is clear, however: They need a place to brush up on their social skills and learn how not to become total losers.

Maybe that is why so many students, and evidently faculty, took it for granted that Charm School would be offered this year. When I went up to people asking them how they would feel about Charm School's absence, many thought I was mistaken.

How could there be no Charm School basement? Where else would one learn that only about a third of people wash their hands after going to bathroom when no one is looking, and that only about two thirds do so when someone else is around? And where would one learn that it's not polite to write entire e-mails in capital letters — even for emphasis. It seems that the rules on how not to be a loser will be lost on the next generation of students.

Charm School served another purpose as well. It was an event in which members from all areas of the MIT community participated. It gave a curious sense of pride to many who were part of something unique. The stereotype that MIT students lack interpersonal skills could be worn as badge of honor by participants.

The widespread media coverage didn't hurt either. Yes, CNN would broadcast interviews in which students from Harvard took potshots at MIT students, but who cares about what Harvard students think anyway?

Furthermore, Charm School was becoming something of a tradition, like the Engineer's drinking song, or the words "let the rush begin!", which are uttered at Residence and Orientation Week, another soon-to-be lost tradition.

It was something in which a variety of people participated, as opposed to just one isolated group. Bringing all members of the Institute together has always been a value here, although rarely achieved. This was greatly evidenced by the Infinite Buffet, or as some affectionately termed the "Infinite Disaster." If it was ever apparent that we needed Charm School it was that weekend before Thanksgiving — the etiquette displayed there was a whole lot worse than putting your elbows on the table.

So why did the Charm School tradition, which has played such an important role at MIT, disappear?

Well, there are many reasons. The past organizers of Charm School would say that the disappearance occurred because no student was willing to step forward to organize it. But I think the reason lies far deeper than that. This year's omission of Charm School is merely a symptom of the greater lack of commitment by the Institute to ensure the social well-being of its students.

Even failed efforts to resurrect Charm School this year spoke to this lack of commitment. Ads were placed in *The Tech* for a student to rise from among the ranks and organize a team to plan the event. If no one in the administration was willing to plan Charm School because of the enormous time commitment, how can those same administrators turn around and blame students, who

often carry a courseload during IAP, for their lack of commitment to continuing the event?

Charm School itself wasn't a cure-all for the ills of the Institute. There are many other problems that take priority to Charm School: the dearth of counseling deans, the ongoing debate over affirmative action, and the scrambling to achieve reasonable alcohol policies. However, Charm School in its small way played an important role, attracting freshmen back during IAP and entertaining students while teaching them a few interpersonal skills in the process.

But maybe another problem is the desire to find a cure-all, and more unfortunately the willingness to discard everything that doesn't fit the bill. No one thing solves everything; but that doesn't mean we have to get rid of everything that doesn't.

What's worse is that this year's failure to hold Charm School sends a very disturbing message from the administration to students that endeavoring to improve students' overall quality of life is simply not worth the effort. Learning should head all student priorities, but learning also happens outside the classroom.

Meanwhile, however, students need to show that this message has not been taken to heart. The Undergraduate Association should appoint a committee specifically designed to organize Charm School. The Alumni Association needs also to get involved to show students that there is more to an MIT education than a piece of paper.

One reason for the failure of student-inspired and student-organized events (other than rush) that seek to incorporate the entire community is the lack of administrative clout and backing. The failure of these events leads to the false impression that no one really cares. Or maybe it is true no one does care.

THE ARTS

MOVIE REVIEWS

Oscar Helps Bring Out The Best

By Vladimir V. Zelevinsky
STAFF REPORTER

Here is to the New Year — the time for good holiday joy and cheer, for rejoicing and spending time with friends, for making (and breaking) important resolutions, and for spending hours at your local multiplex. This is the season which makes one year for the relatively relaxed summer release schedule (one blockbuster-hopeful per weekend), with the studios sending dozens of movies onto the screens to fight for your hard-earned dollars. Usually, December is the period when the best movies of the year are released, with an eye not only for the box-office receipts, but also for the upcoming Academy Awards.

The end of this year brings two excellent movies, both of them, due to some extraordinary coincidence, set mostly on a board or named after a ship (*Amistad* and *Titanic*). The rest of the crop is, unfortunately, ho-hum. Even the best of it gets only a reserved recommendation from yours truly. Here's a scoop on the four high-profile releases; each of them earning a cautious "thumbs up" recommendation, but lacking something important to make it more than merely means to pleasantly spend two hours in the theater.

So here we go, roughly in the order of preference.

WAG THE DOG

Plot in a nutshell: Ten days before the re-election, the President is implicated in molesting an underage girl. To save the situation, a team of professional spin-doctors (Robert deNiro and Anne Heche) creates an even bigger story: America goes to war with... Albania! The faux-documentary footage is shot by a famed Hollywood producer (Dustin Hoffman), the jingoistic songs are written, the emotions are cranked up — and the nation responds to the ruse in this searingly sarcastic black comedy.

Wag the Dog is a highly economical film, shot on a shoestring budget in four weeks, but this doesn't spoil any enjoyment. Some secondary stuff is mediocre, like an especially boring score (two parodies of patriotic songs notably excepted) and messy editing, but these don't distract much as well. What I

found particularly lacking, is the human characters. It's ok in a satire to have one dimensional supporting characters and sometimes it can be really funny ("Old Shoe" is hilarious), but it's unforgivable to have zero-dimensional leads. In case of *Wag The Dog*, two out of three main characters, namely played by Robert deNiro and Ann Heche possess no personality of any kind, which makes watching a very distancing experience (compare this one with its direct predecessor, "Dr. Strangelove," where each character has complete and rounded personality, including three different ones played by Peter Sellers).

At least there's Dustin Hoffman on hand, whose character seems limited at first, but this makes his bursting out of the cocoon in the end even more impressive; this, finally, creates an emotional connection which is sorely lacking in the most of the movie.

Having said all that, *Wag the Dog* is still recommendable. The tale of spin-doctoring gone to absurd heights, lengths, and depths is wildly unpredictable. The dialogue is bitingly sharp (no wonder; David Mamet co-wrote the screenplay), and the observation that this country is governed by ideology feels grimly apt. All in all, this is an excellent movie about the political and sociological concepts. I only wish it was more about people as well.

TOMORROW NEVER DIES

Plot in a nutshell: A media mogul Elliot



Dustin Hoffman stars as a famous Hollywood producer in charge of staging history in *Wag The Dog*.

Carver (Jonathan Pryce) wants to rule the world (don't they always go for that?), and plans to start the World War III to achieve his ends. It's up to Bond, James Bond (Pierce Brosnan) and his Chinese counterpart Wei Lin (Michelle Yeoh) to stop the dastardly plans of the villain. Lots of running around and screaming ensues.

As Jackie Chan was eclipsed in *Supercop*, so is Pierce Brosnan in *Tomorrow Never Dies*, the 18th installment of the Bond franchise. And eclipsed not by all the gunfire (way too much of it), explosions (about the right amount) and daredevil stunts (a bit too few) — but by former Miss Malaysia, Michelle Yeoh.

While Brosnan looks and acts the part quite well (damaging much less of his dialogue than in *Goldeneye* — although maybe because he has less dialogue here), it's Ms. Yeoh who owns the movie, at least the second half of it. Not really pretty in a usual way, she possesses tons of charisma, and her moves — slinking around the bad guy's hideout, wreck-scuba-diving, spin-kicking two assailants at a time, firing an uzi — are a wonder to behold. With an exception of couple of leaps and lots of running away from gunfire, Mr. Bond himself doesn't have much to do. Again, nothing to blame Brosnan about; but the screenplay shortcharges him a bit.

On the other hand, the villain is a lot of fun, and also has a legitimate reason for his villainous activities (Jonathan Pryce chews the scenery and spits it out in large chunks), and there are quite a few good one-liners, which I'm afraid I've forgotten by now, along with the rest of the movie. Technical credits are average — special effects are seamless, but the editing is a bit choppy; the musical score takes itself way too seriously, and the sound effects, while very good by themselves, are on the loud side. And why, oh why do they think it's interesting to watch people shoot at each other for long, long, long stretches of time? Well, it is interesting to watch while Ms. Yeoh does that, but I think you got my point already.

GOOD WILL HUNTING

Plot in a nutshell: Will Hunting (cue groans for a too-cute pun) is a genius of the order of Einstein; he reads the books like *Star Trek's* Data, by flipping through them; he has a photographic memory; without any formal education, he excels in solving extra-complicated problems of group theory; he shames Fields-prize-winning scientists; and at night he dons the cape and fights crime and injustice. Well, ok, I made the last one up. But, you see, Will is psychologically wounded, has an attachment problem, and, all in all, is pretty much self-destructive. Arrested for assault, he pleabargains under the condition that he undergoes therapy; enter Robin Williams as kindly shrink Sean McGuire.

This setup doesn't look like it could make a realistic movie, does it? One of the problems of *Good Will Hunting* is that it pretends to be realistic, and the clash of a fairy-tale premise and grounded-in-real-world execution makes this movie much less enjoyable than it could have been.

To say the truth, *Good Will Hunting* is very entertaining; but then again, any movie partially set at MIT has to be (there are glimpses of Killian Court, Kresge Auditorium, and *The Tech*). All the performances are quite nice (especially Minnie Driver as Will's would-be-girlfriend), and, best part, the dialogue zings (frequent profanity overuse excepted). Robin Williams didn't deserve to receive top credit, since he plays only one of four supporting characters; but he's still very good.

But while "Good Will Hunting" is never boring to watch, I frequently wished that Will's problems were illustrated through less than four very similar relationships (best friend, woman, MIT mathematics professor, and a shrink). In the end, the movie feels like it ran out of screen time, and the actual character development flies out of the window. Will and Sean talk, bond, solve each other's problems, and then cry and hug each other. After said crying and hugging the movie ends, postulating that Will's life will be perfectly fine now. Such feel-good pretentiousness is definitely not my mug of egg-nog.

SCREAM 2

Plot in a nutshell: After events of the first movie, Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) entered college, and started to put her life back together. However, leave it up to Hollywood to spoil the fun — her life is now a basis of a new slasher movie "Stab." There's also a book about her, an ambitious reporter, some old and some new friends in Sidney's life — and, it seems, a new deranged homicidal psycho.

This one is not too bad of a followup, but not quite as good as the first one (especially for the movie which has the line "Sequels suck, man"). Yes, I know I should judge movies on their own rights, but since this one would make completely no sense if you haven't seen *Scream* (consider this a warning), I believe this is the valid approach in this case.

Scream 2 is full of the same trademark mixture of horror and satire, which works; suspense works almost as well; there's even a rare moment of penetrating subtext (Sidney plays the part of Cassandra in a school play — see, now you wish you paid attention to that lecture on *Iliad*), and the final monologue of the killer is quite astute (well, for the maniac this guy/gal is).

Unfortunately *Scream 2* suffers from the most common sequel malady — it frequently feels like "more of the same." The element of a game (between the masked psycho killer and his main victim) is gone, and the comic elements are spread a bit too thin. Tory Spelling is hilarious, though, as a merciless parody of herself. (I assume they achieved this effect by not telling her that her part was supposed to be a parody.) To sum it up, both movies are not quite the exciting-yet-brainy cinema experience they're being hyped for; but they should work well as a late night rental if you have a bunch of sarcastic friends who enjoy talking back to the screen.



Bond (Pierce Brosnan) and lady friend (Michelle Yeoh) escape certain death in the 18th installment of the longest running film franchise in history.

MOVIE REVIEW

Titanic Is Truly Unsinkable This Time

By Teresa Huang
STAFF REPORTER

Despite a story laced with predictability, *Titanic* manages to stay afloat with amazing special effects and an emotional punch that won't soon be forgotten. If you haven't seen this movie, perhaps you're wondering what's so great about it? After all, everyone knows what happens at the end. As expected, the great ship does sink, but the unexpected comes in the form of an engaging love triangle that adds an element of romance and mystery to the familiar story of the Titanic.

The movie begins in the present day as fortune hunter Brock Lovett, played by Bill Paxton (*Twister*, *Apollo 13*), leads his ship and staff in exploring the ruins of the Titanic in search of anything worth money, especially a blue diamond necklace worth millions which had yet to be discovered. During one underwater dive, Lovett discovers a drawing of a beautiful girl wearing the necklace he's searching for. When the picture is shown on the television news, a 101-year-old woman named Rose Dawson Calvert, played by film veteran Gloria Stuart (*Poor Little Rich Girl*, *The Old Dark House*), comes forward, claiming she is the woman in the picture.

Is this old woman really the woman in the picture? How did she survive the Titanic dis-

aster? Does she know where the blue diamond is now? Hence, the mystery is created and the three-hour long flashback to the ill-fated journey of the R.M.S. Titanic in April 1912 begins.

Though writer and director James Cameron (*The Terminator*, *Aliens*, *True Lies*) intended to recreate the population aboard the Titanic as a microcosm for society in the early 1900s, his formula seems old and less interesting than it could have been. Rather than catching a glimpse of a forgotten era, we're given the same simplistic dichotomy between the rich and the poor that plagues many uninspired period films.

The tiers of the Titanic correspond with the classes of the ship but not the moral level of the people, with the first class passengers being snooty and oblivious while the third class passengers are friendly, loving people with hearts of gold. Still, although the characters come off as caricatures of their class, the actors play them seamlessly with very little intended humor. Forget for a minute that the specific focus of the movie actually turned out to be the weakest part and the overall product is amazing.

The story in *Titanic* is a perfectly woven tale of love at first sight, selfish desires, and personal greed, at the heart of which is a tireless rich girl meets poor boy story. Leonardo

DiCaprio (*Romeo & Juliet*, *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?*) plays American free spirit Jack Dawson, who meets stiff-collared beauty Rose DeWitt Bukater, played by Kate Winslet (*Hamlet*, *Sense and Sensibility*). Of course, although Rose is rich, she is unhappily engaged to a rich beast, played by Billy Zane (*The Phantom*). Jack saves Rose from her constricted life and offers her the only thing in his possession: his love. The romance that develops between Jack and Rose is predictable but powerful, surviving tragedy after tragedy until the bittersweet end.

The biggest star in this film is probably James Cameron. The way in which he recreates the tragedy of the Titanic is heartfelt and terrifying. See the film and you can expect a full 80-minute roller coaster ride of emotions as the ship sinks and we're suddenly thrust in and out of hundreds of lives, minds, and experiences. When disaster strikes, the characters that seemed plastic and typical earlier become extremely more complex. Many of the richer people do not cower, but grow stronger, while many of the third class passengers allow themselves to be consumed by fear. Billy Zane's character becomes even more despicable while Winslet and DiCaprio's characters prove themselves unstoppable. Ironically, it's not until the tragedy begins that the true spirit of the film emerges.

Cameron explores the amazingly brave and cowardice actions of almost everyone on the ship, effectively covering the probable range of emotions and fears felt during Titanic's final moments. Many people on the Titanic feared the certain death that awaited them at sea, while others found a greater terror in the decisions they suddenly faced in the final hour. Encounter after encounter leaves you wondering what you would do if you were on Titanic on that night.

Images and people encountered in the last 80 minutes of the film are easily more memorable and powerful than anywhere else in the film, and will surely haunt you even after you leave the theater. The action is simply riveting and the spectacle is astounding. *Titanic* is, to date, the most expensive film ever made, but you can definitely see every dollar that was spent on screen.

Titanic is the movie event of the year, filled with exquisite moments of delicacy, moments of great humor, and true sassiness and spirit, amplified by unbelievable special effects that leave you wishing Titanic hadn't sunk. Cameron has truly harnessed the power of film.

Written by James Cameron
Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Kathy Bates, and Bill Paxton

The Vegetarian Gourmet

This week: Fun with phyllo — Vegan high cuisine that's easy to prepare

By Steven R. L. Millman
STAFF REPORTER

This week the Vegetarian Gourmet went to the Royal East Chinese restaurant. There were only two vegetarian items on the menu, and on asking the waiter found that even these were not without meat products. The Royal East cannot be recommended for vegetarians.

Short column this week?

I have been promising recipes for a little while now, and no time better than the present! We all have some extra time now that IAP is underway and spring classes, though lying in wait, are still some weeks away. Therefore let's sharpen our cooking skills with these menu items which are exotic and tasty, yet simple to make. The star of this week's repast is the elegant, paper-thin dough known as phyllo.

Phyllo (the Greek name) — known to the Hungarians as strudel, to the Turks as yufka, and to the Tunisians as brik — is an extremely thin dough made from flour, salt, olive oil and red wine vinegar and layered to create some of the most enticing pastry dishes in the world. Phyllo has been made since at least the eleventh century, although the Greeks claim that they have been preparing it for far longer, and has been a staple food of the Islamic world. Spanakopita, Strudel, and Baklava are among the most well known phyllo dishes in the United States. Phyllo is a little tricky to prepare without a proper work area, but is available commercially (at the Bread & Circus in Cambridge) in a size appropriate to a standard cookie sheet.

This week, here's a recipe I've adapted to a vegan (no eggs, dairy or meat) diet. The dish is a Turkish "meat" pie called Tepsi Boregi that your flesh-eating friends will be certain actually contains beef unless you let them know otherwise. The meat substitute, Just Like Ground, the egg replacer, and the Silk soy milk are available at the Bread & Circus. Just Like Ground can also be found at Trader Joe's. For a great Baklava recipe, consult the current issue of *Saveur* (Jan-Feb issue, #24) and replace the butter with a soy margarine.

- Tepsi Boregi — Turkish "Meat" Pies
- 6 tbsp. soy margarine
- 2 small onions finely chopped
- 3/4 lb. Yves Just Like Ground - original flavor
- 3/4 cup parsley
- 20 sheets commercial phyllo
- 6 tbsp. Silk soy milk
- 1 tbsp. flour
- 2 eggs worth of Egg Replacer
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 packages Hain vegetarian brown gravy
- 2 cups water

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Sauté the onion in 2 tbsp. of margarine over

medium heat until golden. Add the Just Like Ground, salt, pepper, parsley and flour and mix well over low heat for three minutes. Remove from heat and cover.

In a separate bowl follow the directions for the Egg Replacer and then add the Silk and melted margarine. Be sure that the melted butter is warm, not hot.

Lay one sheet of phyllo on an oiled cookie sheet and brush lightly with liquid mixture. A pastry brush will serve you very well for this purpose, but the bottom of a wooden spoon can be used if done carefully. Add another layer of phyllo to the first and then brush it as well. Repeat until there are ten layers. Brush the tenth layer and then dot with "meat" mixture, about 2 tbsp. each, two or three across and four or five down depending on the size of your cookie sheet. Brush the next layer of phyllo and then lay it down over the phyllo and "meat." Repeat until another ten sheets have been placed.

Cut 3 1/2" pies around the meat mixture with a knife or round cutter and discard remaining phyllo. Brush pies and cook for 25 minutes. While the pies are cooking, mix the gravy mix with water well in a small pot and bring to a boil. Simmer until thick and serve over the pies.

This dish goes well with any simple steamed vegetable or potato. The Vegetarian Gourmet prefers his Tepsi Boregi with steamed asparagus and mashed potato.

Really Must See TV

By Teresa Huang
STAFF REPORTER

As MIT students, your television viewing time is severely limited. This is why you deliberately schedule your television viewing time just as carefully (if not more carefully) than you schedule your study group meetings or dinner plans. Don't let all that effort go to waste by watching bad TV, which some of you may be doing without even knowing it!

If you haven't watched television all term, you're probably looking forward to watching *Friends* again this IAP and catching up with what's happening on *Party of Five*. Boy, are you out of it. While you've been out of the loop, lots has been happening in TV land. Wednesday nights on ABC has stolen Must See TV status from Thursday nights on NBC, which have been failing critics everywhere. *King of the Hill* has helped make Fox king of Sunday nights, and Cindy Crawford has actually gotten people to watch *Later* again.

Not sure what to watch? Take a few suggestions from television critics from *Mr. Showbiz*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and someone who watched television all term. Happy viewing!

The best shows on TV that you're not watching but should:
Buffy the Vampire Slayer (The WB)

- Dharma & Greg* (ABC)
- Ellen* (ABC)
- Everybody Loves Raymond* (CBS)
- Frasier* (NBC)
- Law & Order* (NBC)

The best shows on TV that you are watching (good for you):

- Ally McBeal* (FOX)
- Babylon 5* (TNT)
- ER* (NBC)
- King of the Hill* (FOX)
- Simpsons* (FOX)
- The X-Files* (FOX)

The worst shows on TV that you're not watching anyway (good for you):

- Cybill* (CBS)
- The Nanny* (CBS)
- The Pretender* (NBC)
- Suddenly Susan* (NBC)
- Union Square* (NBC)
- Clueless* (UPN)

The worst shows on TV that you're still watching:

- Beverly Hills*: 90210 (FOX) I could have told you this show sucked years ago. What fluff.
- Friends* (NBC) Still funny, but turning into yesterday's news quickly.
- Melrose Place* (FOX) Who really lives like that?
- Party of Five* (FOX) Nothing good ever happens to these people. Do we need to see this kind of depression on a weekly basis?
- Seinfeld* (NBC) Elaine needs to chill out.
- Veronica's Closet* (NBC) Don't be sucked in by the lead-in-from-Seinfeld technique! Resist!

Scoop

By Teresa Huang

One week down, three to go! Instead of mourning the loss of Charm School, try getting up early, reading through the daily IAP listings in Lobby 7, and doing whatever looks interesting. Hey, that may sound sad to you, but it's much more interesting than sitting around in your pajamas all day poking around your room. While you're out and about, be sure to drop me a note at aseret@mit.edu to let me know what you think of this here column.

And the winner is... If you've already seen this Sunday's repeat of *The X-Files* featuring the life and times of Cancer Man, tune into NBC from 8 to 11 p.m. for the 55th annual **Golden Globe Awards**. This awards show is the biggest and best pre-Oscar prediction showcases, so watch and get your Oscar predictions ready. I liked *My Best Friend's Wedding* and all, but I personally hope Joey Lauren Adams (*Chasing Amy*) beats Julia Roberts for Best Actress in a Comedy and *The Full Monty* wins Best Comedy Film. I believe in miracles.

Malls of the world, part 3. I know I've been directing you all away from the Cambridge Galleria to explore other shopping centers, but this is actually a prime time to visit the place. January is sale month, and both J. Crew and Victoria's Secret are holding rare semi-annual sales. The entire mall is in discount mode, so don't miss out. If you haven't been in a while, be sure to set aside some time to dine at the new super-stylish restaurant The Cheesecake Factory and shop in Barsamian's gourmet food market near the food court. Use this trip to discover Simply Stated, a treasure of a furniture store found across from the Harley-Davidson store.

Keeping your job options open. If you haven't started interviewing

for summer or permanent positions, don't worry! You have plenty of time to look for a job and IAP is one of the best times to explore your options. If you're looking for tips on how to find a non-engineering, non-finance, or non-consulting job, visit "How to explore career options beyond on-campus recruiting," an IAP event sponsored by Career Services to be held in Room 1-390 on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. Employers and alumni working in marketing, patent law, Internet publishing, transportation planning, and other fields will discuss how they found jobs in their respective fields. This informal seminar is especially recommended for those who aren't sure of their career goals. It's only January, so relax!


Everybody doesn't mind Raymond. In 1995, *Party of Five* was named by TV Guide to be "the best show on TV you're not watching." Times change, and now that it's 1998, the best show on TV you're not watching would have to be *Everybody Loves Raymond* on CBS Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. Rather than creating a show about nothing, standup comedian Ray Romano created a warm family comedy that doesn't focus on annoyingly cute kids. Instead, *Everybody Loves Raymond* focuses on a greater horror — in-laws that live next door. This comedy is smart, subtle, and shining in its time slot opposite NBC's forgettable farce *Fired Up* and dying series *Melrose Place*.

For a mellow shot of ska, check out *Hard Band For Dead* the latest album by ska pioneers The Toasters, on sale for \$11.88 at Newbury Comics. Lead singer Bucket must have a thing for spies, seeing how this album includes an instrumental version of the *Get Smart* theme song and a ska version of "Secret Agent Man." My favorite tracks are "2-Tone Army" and "Skaternity," both of which are also theme songs by Nickelodeon's hip children show *Kablam!* The album also features appearances by Lester Sterling from the Skatalites and Laurel Aitken, also known as the "Godfather of Ska."

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Guang-Ien Cheng G, Shelley M. Cazares '98, and Charles C. Wykoff '98 all received Marshall Scholarships, allowing them to study in England. Not pictured is Robert Grey '98.

Four Named as Marshall Scholars Marking Most Ever for Institute

By Krista L. Niece
STAFF REPORTER

For the first time in the scholarship's 44-year history, four MIT students have been named Marshall Scholars. In previous years, the award has been bestowed upon as many as three students.

MIT recipients this year were Shelley M. Cazares '98, Guang-Ien Cheng G, Robert Grey '98, and Charles C. Wykoff '98.

Shelley M. Cazares

Cazares, originally from California, is a senior in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with minors in Biomedical Engineering and Spanish. Outside of the classroom, she is president of the

Mujeres Latinas (Latina Women). She has volunteered at Massachusetts General Hospital as well as the Boston Museum of Science and the Boston Public Library.

Cazares looks forward to spending her upcoming year at Oxford University, where she will be involved in research in orthopedic engineering. Afterward, she hopes to attain her Ph.D. in biomedical engineering, either at Oxford or at an American university, and conduct research on prosthetics.

"I know my research interests might change... but this is what I'm working toward right now," Cazares said.

She attributed much of her success to her mother, who encouraged her, and MIT professors Helen Lee and Nicolas Wey-Gomez.

Guang-Ien Cheng

Cheng will spend his year in England at Cambridge University studying English language and literature. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he hopes to find an academic or editorial post in the fields of literature or the history of science.

Cheng is a graduate student from Maryland, currently studying for his master's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Robert Grey

After earning his degree in Chemical Engineering from MIT this June, Grey will take advantage of his Marshall scholarship at Oxford University.

Grey's eventual plans include owning his own pharmaceutical firm. Toward this goal, he will earn his master's in molecular and cellular biochemistry.

Grey also has many commitments outside of his classwork. He is the second MIT football player ever to be named to the New England Football Writers All-New England team and is president of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Charles C. Wykoff

Oxford University is also the planned destination of Marshall scholar Charles C. Wykoff. He will receive his bachelor's in biology from MIT and pursue a doctorate in oncology. Wykoff plans for a career in medicine.

Wykoff is president of Sigma Chi and an All-American water polo player. During his years at MIT, he helped to found Score, an organization for the enhancement of racial relations and volunteered at Horizons Initiative, a support organization for homeless children.

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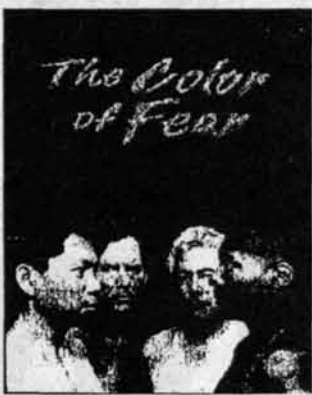
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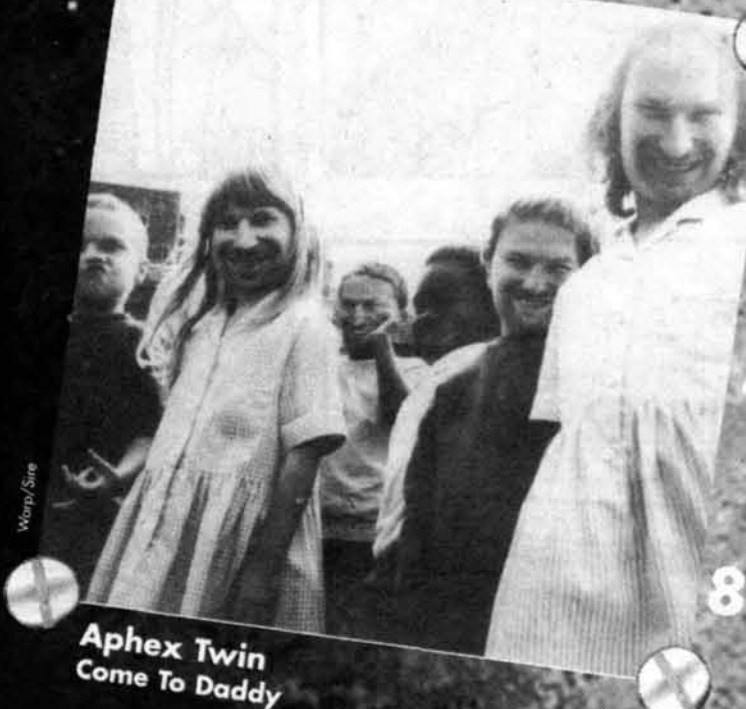
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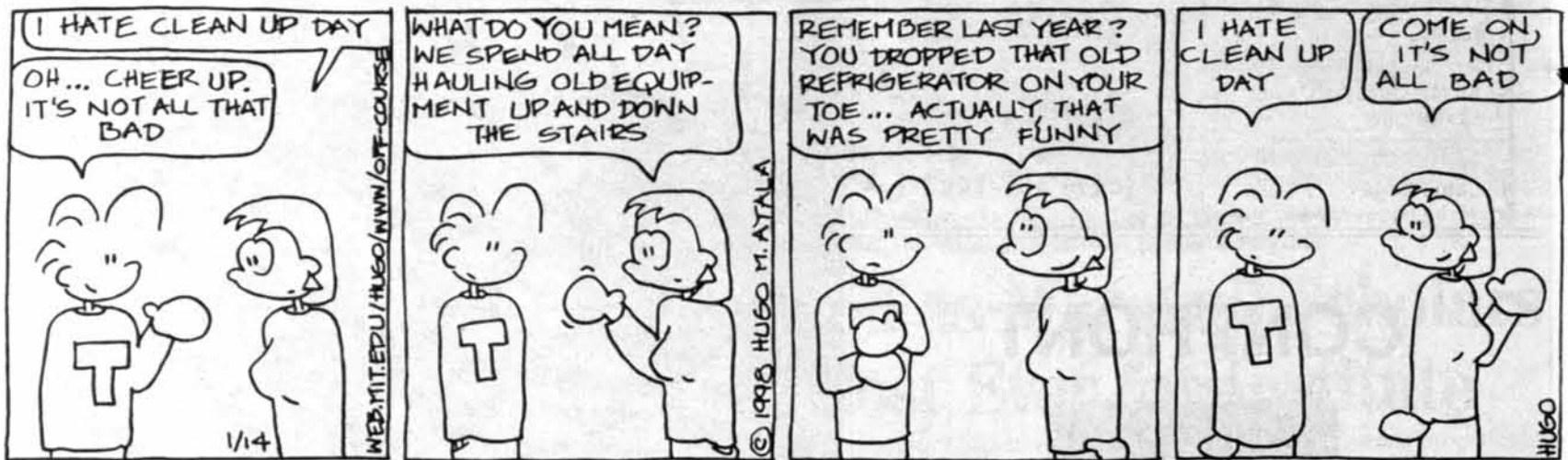
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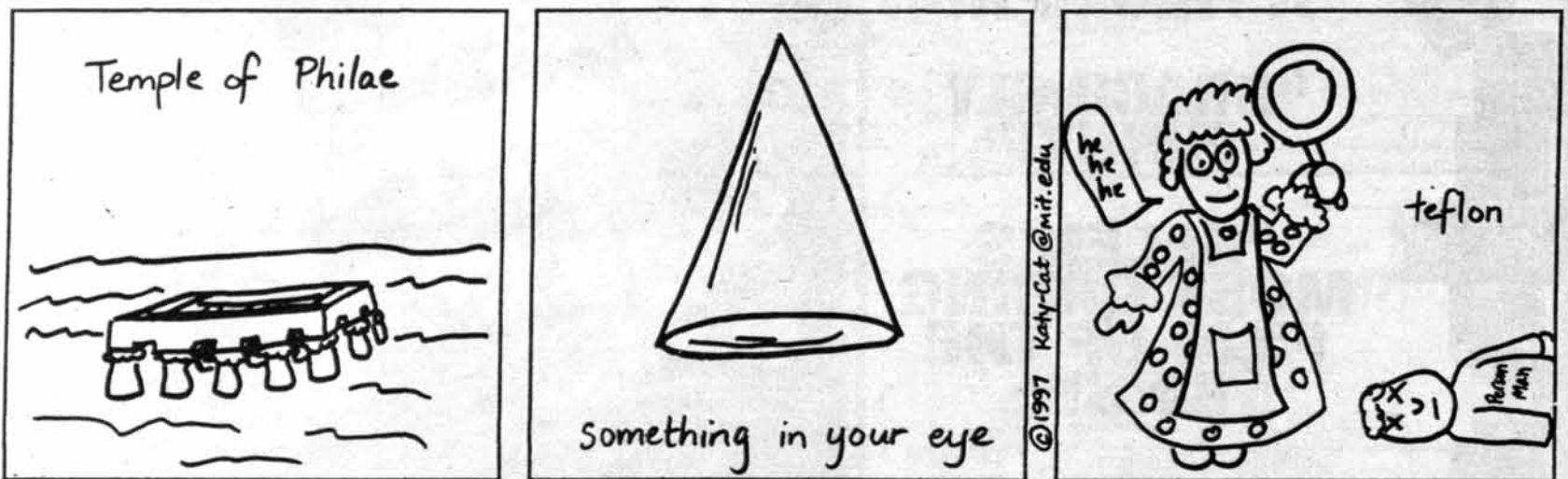

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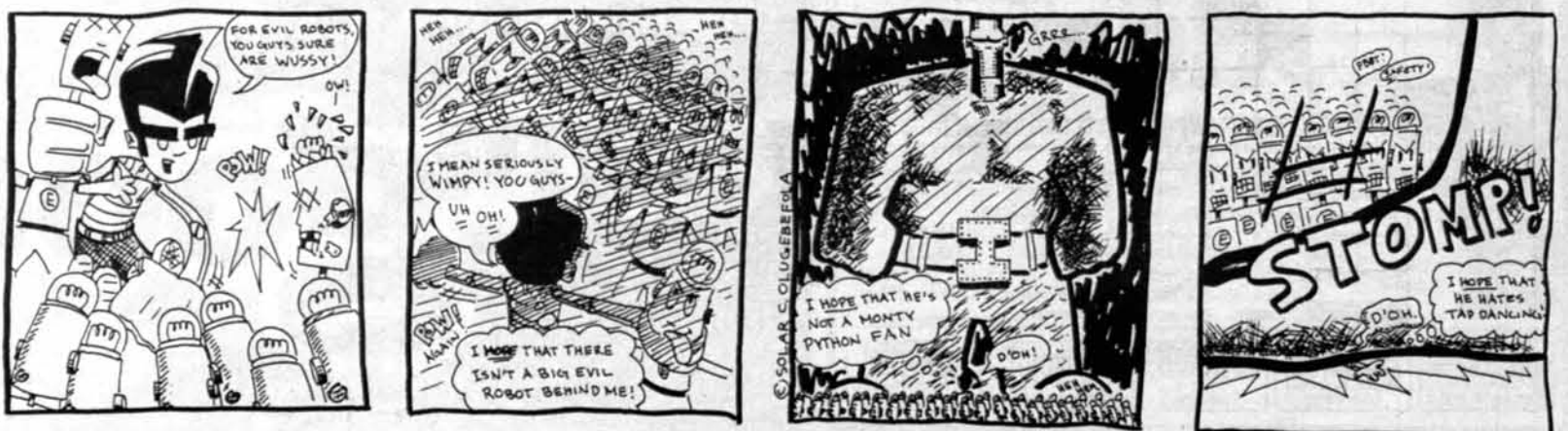
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Alcohol 'Dialogue' Continues In Light of Recent Incident

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the incident, they "don't usually intervene," she said.

Bates characterized the event as more of an "informal gathering" than a party. She said she found out about the incident on Monday from the weekly Campus Police reports delivered to her office.

No other complaints were made about the party, and no other illegalities were uncovered by the Campus Police, Bates said.

Bexley exempt from sanctions

Despite recent sanctions imposed on fraternities after alcohol incidents, no sanction, probation, or other kind of special supervision has been imposed on Bexley.

"I'm happy for Bexley" said Sigma Phi Epsilon resident John D. Dunagan '98. "They shouldn't be punished."

Sanctions and suspensions, both from the administration and student bodies such as the Interfraternity Council, are not the solution, Dunagan said. "It hasn't worked yet, and it won't work in the future."

"I wish we were treated the same" as Bexley, but given the pres-

ures MIT faced from the Boston Licensing Board, it's difficult to compare the situations, he said.

Last month, the administration suspended Sigma Phi Epsilon from holding organized activities and having alcohol on the premises after an underage Baker House resident had to be treated for intoxication after reportedly drinking at the Sig Ep house. Earlier, Theta Chi decided to impose sanctions on themselves after a Boston University student was involved in a similar incident.

Discussions continue

Following Krueger's death last Sept. 29, administrators, including President Charles M. Vest, declared

that the month of October would be used for "introspective dialogue" to "devote considerable amounts of time, effort, and thought" to the issue of alcohol on campus.

That dialogue is not finished and will continue through this month, Bates said. "We all intended that January would be a time to have a broad-based discussion on alcohol policy," Bates said.

Part of the reason the discussions have been protracted is that incidents, including those at Bexley and the other fraternities, have occurred during the policy discussions, Bates said.

Jennifer Lane contributed to the reporting of this article.

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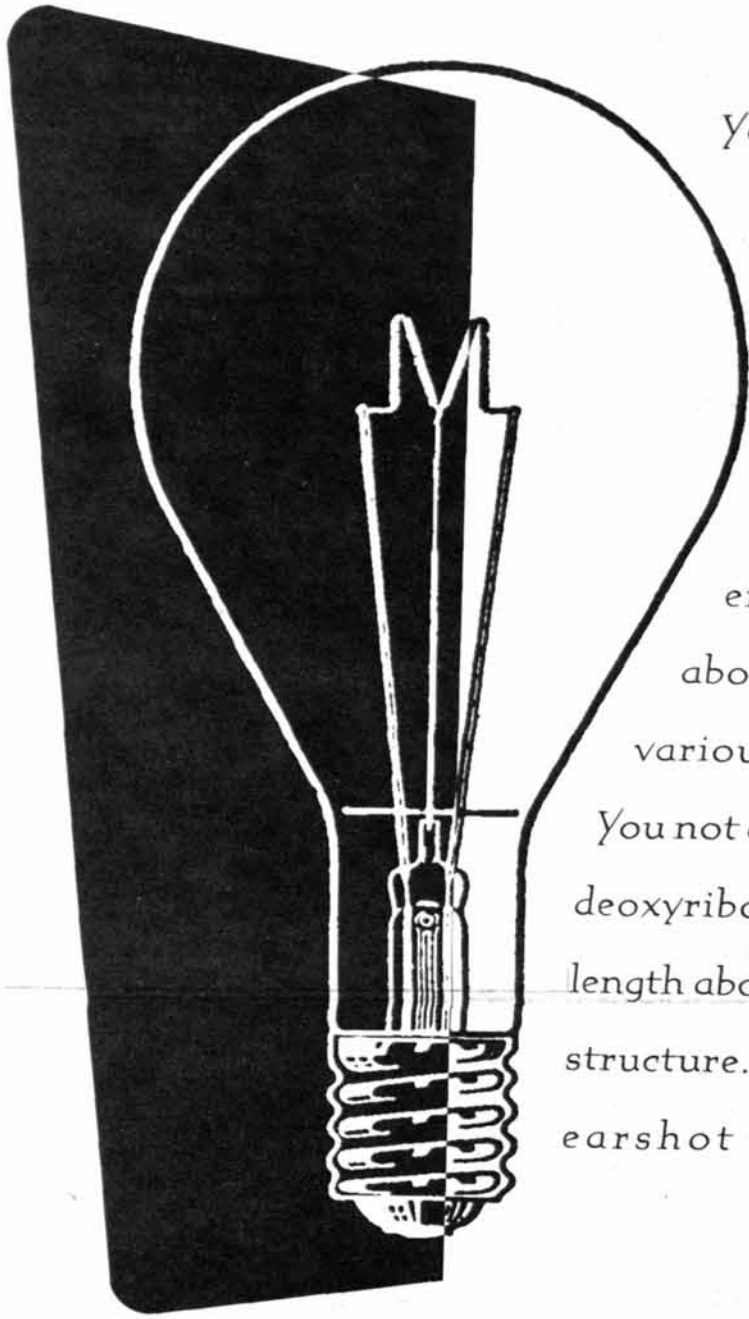


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Unique Classes Round Out IAP

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"It's a really good way for people to learn about each other's culture through dance. It's like at [the International Fair] when people look at the dances on stage, people are like, 'Wow, that's cool.' Now people can learn it too," said May-Li Khoe '99, who together with her sister Siu-Li Khoe '95, came up with the idea for this new series.

Explaining the beginnings of the program she said, "What we wanted to do with ISA was to do a program where [students] could dance, and I

wanted to do a program where we could bring people together and start a dance program again."

By contacting teachers they knew through their outside classes, the sisters were able to draw in teachers from a wide variety of places, from the Dance Complex in Central Square to the Cambridge Center for Adult Education to Brown University.

Class aims to improve teaching

This is also the fifth year for "Better Teaching @ MIT", a series focused on improving the teaching

skills of both faculty members and teaching assistants.

In addition to the annual workshops such as "How to Speak" and "Effective Visual Techniques", some new topics this year include "Teaching on the Web", "Aha! Turning Students Into Problem Solvers", and "Teaching Teamwork Skills".

"The first two sessions have been well-attended. We had 40 people at the first session and 35 at the second," said Mark D'Avila, an administrative assistant in the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education. "We like to attract faculty but the majority of people who attended were TAs," he said.

This IAP series is part of the Teaching and Learning Laboratory's goal of "improving teaching and learning at the Institute," said Lori Breslow, director of the laboratory.

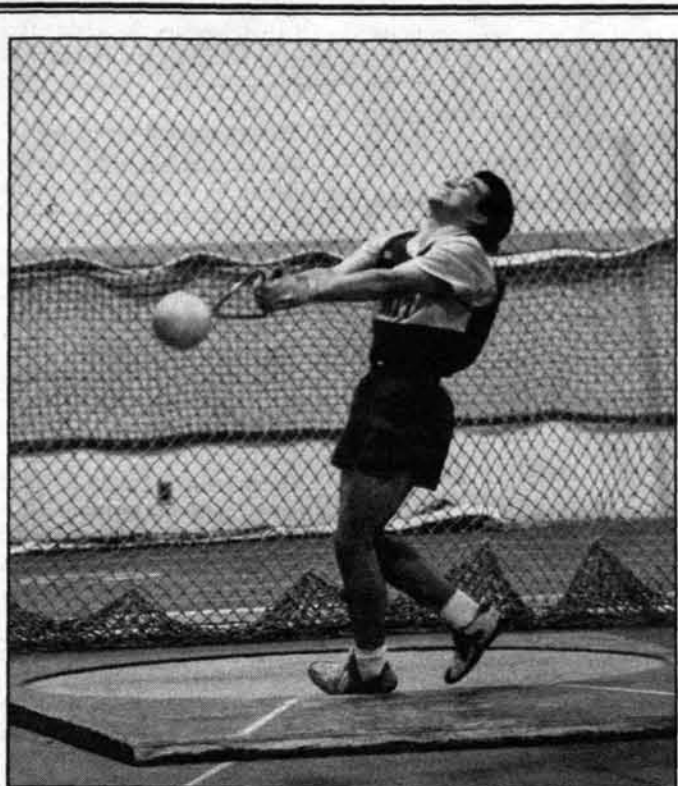
"What we're trying to do is identify areas of interest to the faculty... We want to be more creative and innovative with teaching," she said.

Class looks at future in workplace

A new IAP series this year is "HR @ MIT: Working Towards Our Future". The classes focus on human resources topics such as writing resumes, interviewing for jobs, and balancing work with the rest of life.

"The basic idea for the series is to explore issues in the workplace at MIT and within the context of the larger community. The series focuses on career development, working in new ways, as well as supporting some of the new initiatives that were developed in the past year," said Peter J. Narbonne, community outreach coordinator for the human resource practices development team, part of the reengineering project.

"We're focusing on MIT but putting it in the perspective of the larger workplace," he said.



AJAI BHARADWAJ—THE TECH

George X. Torres '99 heaves the 35-pound weight in an indoor track meet against U. Mass Boston and Tufts University last Saturday. MIT won the event.

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Theta Chi Expelled Kreisberg Following Incident

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interact with any other fraternity members while they were drinking.

The four left for a club in a cab, but instead went to Figueredo's dormitory, Warren Towers, after she began feeling ill, LaPrade said.

The security guard at the dormitory entrance called the BU Police and an ambulance, she said. Previous reports citing a Boston police incident report attributed the call to Figueredo's roommate.

Commissioner Joseph I. Mulligan strongly criticized the group's behavior. "It took the guard's foresight to prevent another incident," he said.

Not a house event, TC claims

Under close questioning by the

fraternity's attorney, Howard Drick, LaPrade said that there was no house event that evening, and she had not seen any other member of the fraternity while they were in Kreisberg's room.

Drick then emphasized that the fraternity had in no way condoned Kreisberg's actions. "There is no connection [to Theta Chi] except that he lived in the fraternity house," he said.

However, Commissioner Ellen E. Rooney, chair of the Licensing Board, questioned Drick's reasoning. "That seems to be a pretty clear connection," she said.

House took action on alcohol

Theta Chi defended its actions surrounding the incident. Timpe said that the house had suspended

all events involving alcohol following the incident. He said the fraternity should not be held responsible and should not be punished by the board.

Timpe said that the house held a lengthy meeting after the death last September of Scott S. Krueger '01. The issue of underage drinking was taken very seriously, he said.

"A lot of the people decided to get rid of their personal supplies of alcohol," Timpe said.

Timpe also emphasized that Kreisberg had not obtained the alcohol from the fraternity.

Timpe repeatedly characterized the house as being "essentially a dry fraternity" during this period.

However, he said that the fraternity leaders didn't want to come down too harshly on the brothers.

"There is no connection [to Theta Chi] except that [Kreisberg] lived in the fraternity house"
— Commissioner Joseph I. Mulligan

The executive committee didn't want to actively police people, he said.

"We don't really have the authority to do a room-to-room search," Timpe said.

The fraternity couldn't police the actions of every individual, Mulligan said. "You can't be every brother's keeper."

However, Rooney attacked him on this point. "If you, as the executive committee, were in charge, it seems you really do have the authority," she said.

Timpe admitted that, after the incident with Figueredo, the executive committee had made certain that there was absolutely no more alcohol in the building.

When Timpe said that the fraternity leaders had trusted the members prior to the incident, Rooney criticized their actions again. "Trust was apparently misplaced," she said.

Fraternity reacted to incident

The chapter has been placed on probation by its national organization, said Assistant Dean Neal H. Dorow, who serves as the adviser to fraternities, sororities and independent living groups.

Timpe also confirmed LaPrade's earlier statements. "Most people didn't have any contact with Jason Kreisberg and the three girls, since they went straight up to his room and closed the door."

Commissioner Daniel F. Pokaski queried Timpe and Drick extensively about the fraternity's regulations. "You didn't have any rules," he told Timpe.

However, Mulligan expressed a different sentiment. "It appears to me that the fraternity acted reasonably in this case."

Robert A. Hollswasser, president of the Theta Chi alumni corporation, said that the alumni, who own the house, took the issue very seriously.

"We couldn't believe it happened," he said. "It's a threat against the existence of the house"

Hollswasser emphasized that the alumni have taken action in the past against students who abuse alcohol. Three students were removed from the fraternity two years ago after an incident, he said.

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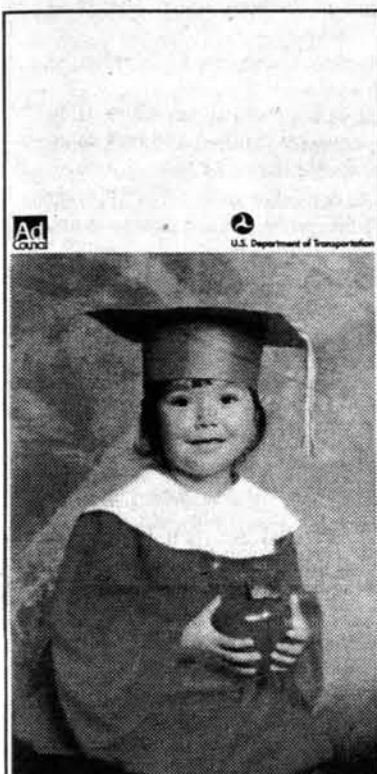
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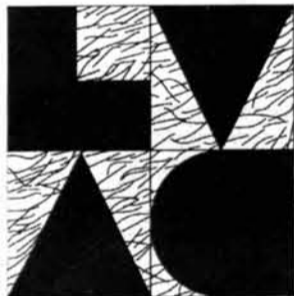
Date	Who	What	Where
Monday, January 12, through Friday, January 16			
Tues 1/13	All students	Payment for spring term due	SSC*, 8-8600; or 10-180
Fri 1/16	Undergrads who have cancelled spring term MIT housing	Last day of fall term occupancy	W25-459, 3-6777
Fri 1/16	Undergraduates who want to remove name from Feb. degree list	Last day to petition to go off degree list	Advisor, then SSC*, or Roberta Walsh, E19-338
Fri 1/16	Non-doctoral February degree candidates	Non-doctoral theses due	Academic departments
Fri 1/16	Graduate students who want to remove name from Feb degree list	Last day to petition to go off degree list	Dept administrator, then SSC*
Monday, January 19, through Friday, January 30			
Mon 1/19	Everyone	Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- Holiday	
Tue 1/20	New grad students	New graduate student preregistration deadline (\$40 late fee)	SSC*, 8-8600
Tue 1/20	All continuing students	Spring online preregistration deadline (\$75 late fee)	WebSIS; SSC*, 8-8600; E19-335, 8-6409
Tue 1/20	Students with outstanding financial charges	Final day to clear registration holds from fall term (\$100 fee for clearance after this date)	SSC*, 8-8600
Noon, 1/20	Undergraduates	End of HASS-D lottery	WebSIS
Fri 1/23	Undergraduates	3rd qtr PE lottery begins	Athena: "add pelott" (ret) "xphedu &" (ret) E23-177, 3-1777
Fri 1/23	New transfer students	Medical report must be on file in Medical Department (\$80 late fee)	
Wed 1/28	New international graduate students	English Evaluation Test, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Room 10-250. No registration necessary.
Noon, Thurs 1/29	Undergraduates	3rd qtr PE lottery ends	Athena: "add pelott" (ret), "xphedu &" (ret)
4 p.m., Thurs 1/29	Freshmen	Three-part registration form, signed by advisor, due in SSC*	Advisor, then SSC*, 8-8600
Fri 1/30	All students	Last day of IAP	
Fri 1/30	New international students	New international grads and undergrads must have ISO clearance for registration	5-106, 3-3795
Fri 1/30	Students who missed the PE lottery or who want to add another PE class	PE late registration begins	W32-125, 3-4201

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POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between Dec. 1 and Jan. 8. This summary contains most incidents reported to the Campus Police but does not include incidents such as: medical shuttles, ambulance transfers, false alarms, general service calls, etc.

Dec. 1: Bldg. 48, fax machine stolen, \$250; Bldg. 14, computer stolen, \$6,444; Bldg. 68, keys stolen; Bldg. 45, cash stolen, \$120; MacGregor House, VCR stolen, \$100; Bldg. E52, pocketbook reported stolen, only misplaced.

Dec. 2: Bldg. 54, harassing phone calls; McCormick House, suspicious activity; Bldg. E60, generator stolen, \$800.

Dec. 3: N52, harassing phone calls; Endicott St., assist other police department with motor vehicle accident.

Dec. 4: Bldg. 4, VCR stolen, \$1,420; Bldg. 3, 1) VCR and radio stolen, \$850; 2) 15 compact discs stolen.

Dec. 5: Bldg. W59, computer monitor stolen, \$350; Ashdown, fight involving students.

Dec. 6: Bldg. 13, 1) domestic disturbance; 2) keys and check stolen; Eastgate, heavy smoke from coffee pot left on stove.

Dec. 7: East Campus, harassing phone calls; duPont, unauthorized use of equipment; Bldg. 14, computer stolen, \$1,876; Bldg. 4, Joseph Riccardi of Florence St., Somerville, Mass. arrested for trespassing.

Dec. 8: MacGregor, noise complaint; Bldg. 2, suspicious activity; Bldg. E52, suspicious activity; Bldg. 4, power tools stolen, \$800; MacGregor, harassing e-mail; Bldg. N52, suspicious person.

Dec. 9: Bldg. 54, suspicious person; Student Center, stolen ATM card, \$365 withdrawn from account; Peirce Boathouse, jacket stolen, \$185; Burton-Conner House, keys and pocketbook stolen, \$35; Bldg. 20, fire, unknown cause.

Dec. 10: Albany garage, bike left unlocked stolen, \$330; Bldg. 39, bicycle locked to itself stolen, \$300.

Dec. 11: Bldg. E51, bike secured with a chain stolen, \$800; Bldg. E23, suspicious activity; Bldg. 54, computer stolen, \$50,000; Bldg. E53, wallet stolen, \$30; MacGregor, wallet stolen, \$120.

Dec. 12: Bldg. 9, graffiti; Bldg. 6, computer stolen, \$2,321; Bldg. 38, microwave oven stolen, \$100; Bldg. W59, fax a machine stolen, \$294.

Dec. 13: Burton, harassing e-mail; Bldg. 7, zip discs stolen, \$21.

Dec. 14: Vassar St., assist other police department with locating two individuals involved in a fight that occurred at the Hyatt Hotel; 33 Mass. Avenue, individual stole two bike tires same recovered; Hayden Library, bike secured with cable lock stolen, \$340.

Dec. 15: Bldg. 16, wire stolen, \$3,000; Student Ctr., bike stolen, unknown value; Baker House, harassing phone calls; Bldg. 36, suspicious person; Bldg. E19, suspicious activity.

Dec. 16: Bldg. 54, attempted break into an area; Bldg. 3, suspicious person; Bldg. 14, male juvenile arrested for trespassing; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen from locker room in October reported, \$60 cash, credit cards and watch taken; Bldg. E25, two CDs stolen in July reported.

Dec. 17: Bldg. 4, CD-ROM stolen, \$330; New House, report of suspicious person.

Dec. 18: Bldg. E38, annoying e-mail.

Dec. 19: Bldg. 37, suspicious person; Bldg. E15, plaza, intoxicated employee found by Campus Police officer, custodial care obtained; Bldg. 8, computer stolen, \$1,600; Student Ctr. Plaza, three juveniles stopped for removing the bulbs from the holiday tree and smashing same; Tang, bike tire stolen, \$50.

Dec. 20: Burton, suspicious person; Tennis Bubble, attempted larceny of a bicycle; Amherst St., motor vehicle license plate stolen; Westgate lowrise lot, motor vehicle plate stolen.

Dec. 21: duPont gym, suspicious activity; Bldg. 35 bike rack, attempted larceny of complainant's bike.

Dec. 22: Bldg. E18, harassing pager message; Bldg. 7, two library books stolen, \$80.

Dec. 23: Bldg. 14E, suspicious activity; Bldg. E32, suspicious person; Bldg. NE43, computer parts stolen, \$1,010; Bldg. N42, suspicious activity.

Dec. 24: Bldg. E17, CD radio player stolen, \$110.

Dec. 27: MIT officers responded to a report that a female had just jumped into the Charles River. Officers arrived within minutes and were able to toss a life ring to the woman and pulled her to safety before other police and fire apparatus arrived. The female has no affiliation with MIT.

Dec. 29: Bldg. E17, compressor stolen, \$400; Bldg. 20, computer stolen, \$2,800; Bldg. E15 bike secured with a cable stolen, \$150; Bldg. 66, computer stolen, \$1,500.

Dec. 30: Bldg. NE43, suspicious activity; Bldg. 35, computer parts stolen, \$500; Bldg. 56, non-MIT affiliated males, Gregory Stratton of 45 Field Pond Dr., Reading, Mass., David Brown of 41 Ferno Rd., Newton, Mass., David Perletz of 252 Charles St., Reading, MA, Micheal Freed of 62 Mill Rd. Newton, Mass., and Mark Puente of 22 Arlington St., Newton, Mass. arrested for trespassing and drug possession.

Dec. 31: Bldg. W59, malicious damage.

Jan. 1: MacGregor, unlocked bicycle stolen, \$850; Delta Tau Delta, working fire, extinguished by Boston Fire Department, probable cause poorly extinguished cigarette.

Jan. 2: Walker, room broken into, unknown if anything taken; East Campus, suspicious activity.

Jan. 3: Killian Court, malicious damage to emergency telephone; Bldg. 20, suspicious activity.

Jan. 5: duPont mens locker room, two lockers broken into and wallets stolen 1) \$45; 2) \$40.

Jan. 6: Bldg. 35, computer equipment stolen, \$100.

Jan. 7: Bldg. 10, vacuum stolen, \$500; Bldg. E40, annoying e-mail; Bldg. E53, laptop stolen, \$4,000; West lot, suspicious activity.

Jan. 8: Bldg. NW62, snow blower stolen, \$1,275; Bldg. 34, overhead projector stolen, later recovered by owner; Bldg. 33, various items stolen, \$1,900; Alpha Delta Phi, unwanted person; New House, annoying phone calls; Bldg. 66, cookware stolen, \$169; Bldg. 56, blanket stolen, \$50; Ashdown House, bicycles secured with a "U" lock stolen, \$800.

Osgood Criticizes Emanuel's Use of Statistics as Unreliable

Affirmative Action, from Page 1

have been admitted under a race-blind policy nevertheless experience self-doubt and are stigmatized as part of the underqualified group."

He extends the argument in saying that affirmative action policies cause elementary and high school teachers to not challenge minority students academically.

"If minorities can be admitted to MIT with a 650 SAT score, why strive to raise them to the 750 level?" conjectures Emanuel as to the state of mind of many K-12 educators.

In conclusion, he calls on the Institute to no longer take into account race and gender when admitting students.

Essay begins to stir debate

The essay has elicited a wide-ranging response by individuals although no group, including the MIT admissions office, has offered an official response.

Among the strongest arguments against Emanuel's position come from Associate Dean and Head of the Office of Minority Education Leo Osgood. Osgood was quoted in Emanuel's essay as pointing out the low retention rate of minorities at the Institute. Emanuel used these dropout rates to in part support his claims that marginally qualified and underqualified minorities are offered admission to MIT.

"Professor Emanuel, who chaired the Committee on Academic Performance, knows very well that there are a variety of reasons why students leave MIT. His thesis does not coincide with his assumption and should not be taken as a factual representation of the academic performance of a targeted group of students attending MIT," Osgood said.

Emanuel said that these statistics were brought to his attention when he served as the head of the CAP and not from a discussion of Affirmative Action Policy.

"He did not tell me, he did not consult with me and I do not confirm any information he attributes to me," Osgood said.

Emanuel conceded that he doesn't know whether required withdrawals, which he states were composed of between 33 and 55 percent minority were due solely to academic performance or rather withdrawals based upon financial considerations.

Students affected by comments

Some students have also taken Emanuel's comments as a personal affront to the status of their admission to MIT.

"Professor Emanuel speaks of a domino effect where 'underqualified' minority students are admitted at each tier of institution. I would instead study a far more important domino effect, the one where minority students go to poorer schools, have lower expectations placed upon them, have parents who are not as well educated and who have little understanding of the education their children are seeking, have few minority teachers, mentors, and educational role models," and as a result do not perform as well on the SAT, said Richard C. Rosalez '98, an intern in the MIT admissions office.

"This professor has to realize that a lot of minority students come out of pathetic schools that didn't offer physics or calculus. Does that mean we shouldn't be here? That doesn't mean we're not intelligent; it simply means that we didn't have the resources that some of the other students that come here have," said Aisha D. Stroman '00.

Admissions lack faculty input

Newly named Director of MIT admissions Marilee Jones explained the admissions process with respect to minorities. Minority admissions "is like all admissions," Jones said. Underrepresented minorities are "on the table with everybody else."

The main difference Jones said was that all qualified minority applicants are accepted whereas that may not be the case with applicants who do not fall into pools of underrepresented minorities.

In addition, she also called upon members of the faculty to become actively involved in reading applications. Currently, about ten members of the faculty participate in a given year of admissions decisions, Jones said.

"Fundamentally I want them to understand what we're doing here is what they would do," Jones said.

Emanuel responds

Emanuel stated he wrote the article to elicit a discussion from the community.

"We must not be afraid to debate issues, however sensitive," Emanuel said. Part of this debate also includes getting faculty input involved in the admissions process, he said.

One big problem is "battling the lack of self-confidence" among minority students who think falsely that they were admitted because of affirmative action policies. "They think they must be here because of some special program," Emanuel said.

Emmanuel said that he had "no intent to offend or suggest that someone here doesn't belong here."

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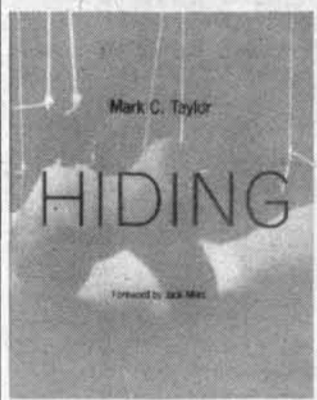
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY Thursday, Jan. 22, Room 2-105, 4pm, Sam Pasternak, Esq., Choate, Hall & Stewart

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Dr. Robert Roberts, VP, Research, Institute for Defense Analysis

Also note: Mon., Feb. 2, 6-120, 4 pm, "Crack-a-Case" Presentation for PhDs by Booz•Allen Hamilton

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The age of information, media, and virtuality is transforming every aspect of human experience. Questions that have long haunted the philosophical imagination are becoming urgent practical concerns: Where does the natural end and the artificial begin? Is there a difference between the material and the immaterial? In his new work, Mark C. Taylor extends his ongoing investigation of postmodern worlds by critically examining a wide range of contemporary cultural practices.

Nothing defines postmodernism so well as its refusal of depth, its emphasis on appearance and spectacle, its tendency to collapse a three-dimensional world in which image and reality are distinct into a two-dimensional world in which they merge. The postmodern world, Taylor argues, is a world of surfaces, and the postmodern condition is one of profound superficiality.

For many cultural commentators, postmodernism's inescapable play of surfaces is cause for despair. Taylor, on the other hand, shows that the disappearance of depth in postmodern culture is actually a liberation replete with creative possibilities. Taylor introduces readers to a popular culture in which detectives - the postmodern heroes of Paul Auster and Dennis Potter - lift surfaces only to find more surfaces, and in which fashion advertising plays transparency against hiding. Taylor looks at the contemporary preoccupation with body piercing and tattooing, and asks whether these practices actually reveal or conceal. Phrenology and skin diseases, the "religious" architecture of Las Vegas, the limitless spread of computer networks - all are brought within the scope of Taylor's brilliant analysis. Postmodernism, he shows, has given us a new sense of the superficial, one in which the issue is not the absence of meaning but its uncontrollable, ecstatic proliferation.

Mark C. Taylor is Cluett Professor of the Humanities and director of the Center for Technology in the Arts and Humanities at Williams College. He is also Director of the Critical Issues Forum at the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

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