Prefrosh to Receive Glimpse of Campus

By Carina Fung

Prefrosh Weekend officially began yesterday when over 360 women and minority students arrived on campus. The weekend will give visitors a taste of the Institute before they accept or decline membership in the Class of 2001.

"There are prefrosh coming from as far south as Puerto Rico and as far west as Hawaii and Alaska, and others who are coming from as close as Cambridge and Newton," said Assistant Director of Admissions Yvonne M. Romero at a morning with all of this year's hosts on Tuesday night. The youngest prefrosh this year will be only 14 years old.

There are fewer prefrosh attending this year, down from 420 last year. Of this year's group, about 275 are women. Roughly 90 of the minority students are men, Romero said.

"We target women and minority prefrosh because these groups usually produce the lowest acceptance yield," she said.

"There were about 320 students who volunteered to host this year, slightly more than last year. We were unfortunately unable to accommodate all requests," Romero said.

Prefrosh will be staying with MIT student hosts who reside in dormitories, as well as some fraternity members, sororities, and independent living groups, she said.

Prefrosh seek insight into MIT

Prospective students yesterday said that they were interested in seeing both the academic and social aspects of life at the Institute.

"I've never been around campus enough to be sure," said Katie M. Jeffreys, from Buffalo, N.Y. "I want to see what people do outside of school." She is 20 years old.

Most, however, seemed to just get a feel for the campus. "You can't really get a feel for the place if you haven't been there," said Christy L. Starner, from Atlanta, GA, who is 21.

Variety of events scheduled

Visiting students will be invited to several social and academic events and tours this weekend to show off the MIT community.

To start off the weekend, prefrosh were encouraged to attend a jazz social and dinner in Walker Memorial on Thursday evening, so they could mingle with future classmates and enjoy the music of the MIT Jazz Collective.

Tonight, prefrosh can attend Campus Preview. Page 13

Gray Gala Provides Fitting Goodbye

By Ramy A. Arnaout

It's not often that the top MIT brass throw a party for one of their own, but Tuesday afternoon they did, and with style. This was no keg party. It was a meeting wine-and-cheese social, although both claret and brie flowed freely. This was college. For awhile, almost posh. Almost like Harvard.

Well, at least until the earring, the drinking song, and the joke about the textiles and Mr. Whitchurch brought everyone back to earth.

The reception honored Paul E. Gray '54, the late MIT President, who died in 1996. Most of the guests were anonymous old friends of the Grays, although some social-climbing students, not all of whom with ties to the Undergraduate Association, and many senior faculty members also attended.

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INS Grants Legal Status To Palestinians with Terrorist Ties

Los Angeles Times

In a stunning development, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has granted legal resident status to two Palestinian men it had to deport for nearly a decade on the grounds they were suspected of terrorism.

The two men are part of a group of seven Palestinians and one Kenyan, dubbed the "L.A. 8," who have alleged the Justice Department selectively prosecuted them for lawfully exercising their First Amendment rights in assisting the militant Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, or PFLP, in humanitarian activities.

Aaid K. Barakat and Naim S. Shafir received notices in recent days from the INS that had applied their applications under a 1986 immigration statute, which set up a new procedure for individuals to become permanent residents. The INS gave no explanations as to why the INS had reversed field, and no federal immigration officials were immediately available for comment.

Congressman law Professor David Cole, one of the lawyers for the "L.A. 8," said the agency "never gives a statement as reasons when they grant an application, only when they deny one."

New Hong Kong Draws Criticism For Get-Tough Plans

Hong Kong's future government's plans to strengthen legal controls over political parties and demonstrations are drawing sharp reactions from friends and foes alike.

The authorities are taking a tough line in maintaining any links with foreign organizations or receiving money from abroad and requiring all demonstrations to be approved by police in advance.

Responses were as sharp as they were swift. The territory's largest pro-democracy group staged an impromptu march on the headquarters of the government-in-waiting Thursday — a demonstration that would be banned under the new rules, which would take effect after Hong Kong revert to Chinese rule July 1.

The leader of the Democratic Party, Martin Lee, said during a visit to Washington that the proposed laws are aimed at his group because China knows the party has wide popular support. The Democrats have the most seats in Hong Kong's legislature.

"They are so afraid of us because we have the support of the people of Hong Kong," he said. "They will do anything to stop us."

Schedule Outlined for Action on Treaty Banning Chemical Weapons

By Michael Dobbs

WASHINGTON

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China Cautions U.S., Denmark Against Human Rights Criticism

By Steven Mufson

WASHINGTON

China warned Thursday that the United States risks damaging ties by backing a U.N. resolution condemning the country's human rights record, and said that Denmark's sponsorship of the measure would "become a rock that smashes on the Danish government's head."

Armey said close to success in its aggressive campaign to portray itself as a nation whose fate best be assured at the U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva for the fourth straight year.

China has managed to undermine support for the resolution mainly by bringing economic retaliation against other countries without making concessions on human rights issues or releasing leading political prisoners.

Thursday, in one of the final blows to the resolution, Australia announced it would drop public criticism of China in favor of a bilateral dialogue with Beijing on other issues. In a further sign, the Australian foreign ministry spokesman Shen Guobao welcomed Australia's decision as "comprehensive" and said China does not contest Beijing over the resolution.

France, Germany, Spain and Italy have decided against endorsing the Danish resolution, which Denmark and the United States back, and have told the 53-member rights commission meeting in Geneva that China treats its people "better than any nation in the world."

China's recent concessions on human rights have been small. The prospects for the release of leading political prisoners remains a dim chance.

Federal Court Judge Determines Line-Item Veto Unconstitutional

By Tom Locy

WASHINGTON

A federal judge Thursday declared the line-item veto unconstitutional, calling Congress' playing of such cards to the president "revolutionary" and warning that it turned the division of powers of government "on its head.

"The power so effectively given the president the power to repeal laws or portions of laws he does not like is alien to the design of the Constitution by the founding fathers, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled.

"Never before has Congress attempted to give away the power to shape the content of a statute of the United States, as the act purports to do," Jackson wrote in a 37-page opinion. The president's "expansion of the power of power may have been in the line of the moment... but that is not a function of the separation of powers." The "power to overrule the laws of the nation is the exclusive, non-relinquishable authority of Congress," Jackson ruled. "... That it can be recapitulated if Congress repeals the law, over which it has already said, ... does not alter the fact until Congress does so... the president has become a co-maker of the nation's laws."

And that is not allowed under the Constitution, the judge said.

Jackson's ruling came in a law-suit filed by six lawmakers, led by Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., who argued that the line-item veto, a marquee issue in the House Republicans' "Contract With America" in the last Congress, illegally circumvents the Constitution and the laws of the land. The Senate version would "completely wipe out whole bills, not pieces," Byrd Thursday night called the decision "a great victory for the American people, the Constitution and our constitutional system of checks and balances and separation of powers."

Rep. David E. Skaggs, D-Colo., another plaintiff, said he felt vindicated by the ruling.

Gingrich Suggests Rich, Not Congress, Fund Arts

By Jacqueline Trescott

WASHINGTON

The wealthy celebrities and entertainment company executives who lobby Congress for government arts funding are not using their own money to set up a private endowment, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Thursday. "If the people who come to lobby us (for arts funding) who are famous and rich would simply dedicate 1 percent of their gross income to an American endowment for the Arts, they would fund a bigger system than the National Endowment for the Arts," Gingrich said in a news conference at the Capitol.

He joined a fusty contingent of conservatives from both the House and Senate who have renewed their calls to eliminate the NEA when the fiscal spending year ends at the end of September. They were immediately rebuked in the same location by an arts boasting bipartisan group from the House.

Gingrich and others insisted that the industry has the money to spend. Rep. Bill Paxon, R-N.Y., a key House leader in the fight for the NEA, quoted from the Forbes magazine list of top nymewsears. "If Disney would simply donate as much to the endowment as the 'Phantom of the Opera' executive who is leaving the company, you could finance the whole thing," said Gingrich of his "boyhood" musical which he described as a tax- deductible expense.

Gingrich's strongly worded stance indicated that the NEA's strategy of sending press releases extolling its commitment to Capitol Hill might cast a temporary glow of photo opportunity but doesn't change the position of some die-hard opponents.

As for conservatives who wholeheartedly backed the speaker's agenda two years ago who pledged to make the NEA a prime issue again this year and were eager to have him front and center as a clear opponent of the agency.

In recent weeks, it appeared that the conservatives' battle plan to eliminate the NEA from their Republicans' 1995 agreement to continue funding at $93.5 million for two years and then let it expire was being ousted by moderate Republicans who were speaking up for the agency.

But backers of the bill, saying they feared court decisions may make it too difficult to pass a resolution, said conservative speakers acknowledged the importance of the arts in society, they had a long list of objections to federal arts support. "I consider the arts to be a precious part of American culture," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, "but the National Endowment for the Arts gives you more reasons to quit than Willie Nelson."

Armey started his list with the fact that the framers of the Constitution did not include the arts, an objection that he said was not just fine before the advent of the NEA in 1965.

Sen. Tom Hutchinson, R-Ark., said government approval for arts funding was akin to social expression. "The American people will get better or the government gets out of the way," added Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the House majority leader.

Gingrich again raised the issue of the geographic spread of the NEA's projects. There are concerns with ... taxpayers who pay taxes to subsidize art, and that subsidy goes primarily to New York and California," he said.

The NEA released figures this week showing that New York, California and Pennsylvania received the most dollars, while Texas ranked fifth and Georgia 10th.

If you are interested in running for any of these offices or want more information, contact Jill Pullen in the Alumni/al Association (Rm 10-140, 253-0708, pullenj@mit.edu)

DEADLINE FOR GETTING ON THE BALLOT: Monday, May 13th, 10am-4pm
Ginsberg's Era Should Not Be Forgotten

Since Allen Ginsberg's death on Saturday, I've gone through my copy of Howl every day or two, and I can't help but think about his life and work. I have no doubt that Ginsberg's work has had a tremendous impact on the world, and I think it's important that we remember and celebrate his legacy.

I first discovered Ginsberg's work in high school, when I was introduced to his poetry in a literature class. I was immediately struck by the raw emotion and honesty of his writing. I was also impressed by the way he was able to capture the energy of a particular time and place.

Ginsberg was a major figure of the Beat Generation, a group of writers and artists who emerged in the 1950s and 1960s. They were interested in exploring topics that were considered taboo at the time, such as drugs, sex, and politics. Ginsberg was known for his poetry, which often dealt with these themes in a raw and unapologetic way.

In addition to his poetry, Ginsberg was also a social activist and a pacifist. He was a strong advocate for peace and an opponent of the Vietnam War. He was arrested and spent time in jail for his role in the protest movement.

Ginsberg was a complex and controversial figure, but his impact on literature and culture cannot be denied. His work continues to inspire and influence new generations of writers and artists.

It's important that we remember and celebrate the legacy of Allen Ginsberg. His work has had a profound impact on the world, and we should all strive to honor his memory by continuing to read and appreciate his poetry.

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The UA Presents:

The Social Scene
Directory of This Weekend's Activities

Friday April 11th

5:30pm  GSC Friday Social
Open House 50-220
ID-required

7:00pm  LSC: Jeffrey
26-100 $2

7:30pm  LSC: Last Tango in Paris
(Classic Feature)
10-250 $2

8:00pm  Weird Romance (MTG)
Musical of speculative fiction
Little Theatre (Keough)
56 MIT students

9:00pm  "Find Your Date for the
Senior Ball" Pub
Free Guns & Kisses
This Fri Pub.
Senior Ball tickets available
until April 18th.

10:00pm LSC: Jeffrey

10:00pm  ADP All Alpha Delta Party
ADP, 351 Mass Ave

10:00pm  PBE Boardtech Party
Boxer shorts & tie theme
400 Memorial Dr.

10:00pm  Theta Chi Heaven & Hell Party
OX, 529 Beacon St.

10:00pm  Sigma Delta Get Sued Party
486 Beacon St.

Saturday April 12th

6:30pm  Christian Festival '97
Worthy Life (ARSK)
Wong Auditorium E51-115

8:00pm  Endellion String Quartet
Kresge Auditorium
Bach, Wettstein, Schnabel

9:00pm  Baseball Baffler wants to
SHAVE YOU BALD
Improve Comedy 6-120 FREE

8:00pm  Fahl Dorot: Latin American
Classical Guitar Concert
Killian Hall
FREE Admission

10:00pm  Yellow Submarine (ZBT)
Ipha Pi class party
Appearance by ZEBEATLES
58 Manchester Rd.

Sunday April 13th

9:00am  Chi Phi SK Fan Run
benefit Dorechester Food Pantry
Meet at Keough Oval
Race starts 10:30a.m

7:00pm  Malaysian Night '97
An Invitation to a Malay Wedding
Dinner and Performance
Walker Hall
525 advanced $55 at door

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I've had 10 years to kill since our prom night

GROSSE POINTE BLANK
Directed by George Armitage
Written by Tom Jankiewicz, Steve Pink, and John Cusack
Starring John Cusack, Minnie Driver, Dan Aykroyd, Alan Arkin, and Joan Cusack.

By David V. Rodriguez

T's a good sign when a studio wants people to see their movie before it opens. Word of mouth is important in determining who sees a movie, and Disney has good reason to be confident: Grosse Point Blank is one of the funniest movies this year. The story is about Martin (John Cusack), a hired killer with some personal problems. 10 years ago, on the night of his high school prom, he ran off and joined the army, leaving his date and everyone else in town wondering where he went. But now he feels that his life is lacking meaning and can't get thoughts of his old flame, Deb (Mimi Driver), out of his mind.

Then he receives an invitation to the Grosse Pointe High 10 year reunion. He doesn't want to go, but his work forces him to be in the town neighboring Grosse Pointe on the weekend of the reunion. His nosy secretary, who's heard plenty about Deb, thinks it's fate. He asks his psychiatrist for advice, who tells him to go to the reunion and confront Deb so he can get some closure. "And try not to kill anyone while you're there."

Martin returns to find to Grosse Pointe to find his old classmates in more conventional jobs. One friend is a real estate agent, another sells cars. Deb is a disc jockey for the local radio station, and Martin brings the show to a dead halt when he suddenly shows up in the studio. They all ask him what he does and where he's been for the past 10 years. "Business," he tells Deb. A few others tell him that he's a professional killer, but none of them believe him. "Do you need post-graduate work for that?"

Soon Martin's focus changes from the job to getting back together with Deb, and he asks her to be his date to the reunion—a second chance at a prom. Although she still doesn't know what to make of this mysterious reappearance (or the original disappearance), she agrees to go.

Grosse Pointe Blank is the first role leading role in some time for John Cusack, and it's one of his best. The story is centered on efforts to get back with Deb, but it never turns sappy (as it did in Say Anything), largely because Deb doesn't jump into Martin's arms the minute he walks in the door. She makes him work for it.

The dialogue is sharp, and you get the impression that much of what is on the screen was improvised. The story moves along at a quick but natural pace, never getting bogged down in sentimentality or unnecessary plot details. An extra treat is the soundtrack, comprised mostly of popular 80s tunes.

Attention 1998 Medical School Applicants

We will be holding a meeting on the "Application Process" for those of you applying to medical school this year and anyone else interested in attending. We look forward to seeing you there and answering any questions that you may have.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS
FOR THE CLASS OF 1998.
Wednesday, April 16
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Room 4-153

Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising
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**Chasing Amy**

Written and directed by Kevin Smith. Starring Ben Affleck, Ayelet Zurer, Alyssa Jones, Jason Mewes, Kevin Smith, and J. Lee.

**Plot Summary**

Kevin Smith started making movies, he thought only his friends would see them. He was working at a convenience store at the time and thought making a movie would be fun. He financed the film through credit cards — he had many — and by selling his comic book collection to a local comic book store (however, the store only issued store credit, so he sold himself a present). The final output was Clerks, which Smith thought was good enough to send to all the major distributors, but none of them were interested. He later took his film to the Sundance Film Festival, where many young directors were found (including Richard Linklater (Dazed and Confused) and Quentin Tarantino). But Smith's expectations were low — he was one of the things that made it mean more to me and made me put "On the advertising campaign that was being scheduled for nationwide distribution, Smith was given a budget of $6 million. And initially, every executive at Miramax, and Smith himself, agreed is Smith's (and Affleck's) best one so far. But by the time he left Sundance, he had a deal with Miramax, and said that if he was to get that much money, the film received a standing ovation at this year's Sundance, where the studio told him that one of the best-written films he's ever read. Roughly, the plot is about a young, undiscovered mathematical genius from Boston and his relationship with a psychologist, played by Robin Williams. Without giving too much away, I can say that the movie involves several key scenes at MIT involving a series of math lectures. The scenes will be shot on location, and keep an eye out for several exterior shots being taken within the next few months. The movie takes place around Boston because Affleck is a Boston native himself. He went to Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, and his parents still live in Cambridge. He pursued acting as child and teenager, although he never thought that it would take him as far as it has. His brother Casey is also an actor, with his last well-known role as one of the two teenagers in Gus Van Sant's To Die For. (The other teenager is another famous actor brother, Joaquin Phoenix.) But Smith felt like he had a sense of humor about it they weren't going to give him $3 million to make a movie starring his friends. So he went back to Miramax and made the movie for $250,000.

Chasing Amy might be the movie that puts Smith back in good graces with Hollywood. Reviews of Chasing Amy have been mixed, but most have been positive. It received a standing ovation at this year's Sundance, where the audience tends to be younger and hipper (and more like the audience who would go see Smith's films). Even Ebert liked it, saying it was the finest film shown at Sundance, and one of the best-written films he's seen in a while.
Rehearsals were well underway yesterday for the Musical Theater Guild's opening production of Weird Romance: Two One-Act Musicals of Speculative Fiction tonight at 8 p.m. in Little Kresge Theatre.
**The Arts**

**On Campus**

**Endellion String Quartet**
Krege Auditorium, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 12, 8 p.m. Admission: free. Program includes Beethoven, Quartet Op. 18, No. 6 in B-flat, Bartok, Quartet No. 4, Schubert, Quartet in A Minor.

**AMP Student Recital**
Killian Hall, 160 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, April 16, 5:30 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. Program includes J.S. Bach, French Suite No. 5 in E major; Chopin, Polonaise No. 26, No. 1 in C-sharp Minor, Polonaise Op. 26, No. 2 in E-flat Minor; Gluck, Figaros Entführung; F. Liszt, Mephisto Walze.

**MIT Chapel Series**

**Student Workshop**
Krege Auditorium, Rehearsal Room B, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, April 15, 16, 17, 1:30 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. Marina Minkin, harpsichord. Program includes J.S. Bach, French Suite No. 5 in E major; Chopin, Polonaise No. 26, No. 1 in C-sharp Minor, Polonaise Op. 26, No. 2 in E-flat Minor; Gluck, Figaros Entführung; F. Liszt, Mephisto Walze.

**Weird Romance**
Krege Little Theater, 48 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 11-12, 8 p.m. April 13, 2 p.m. Admission: $9, $8 for MIT faculty and staff and other students. Information: 253-6294. Musical Theatre Group. Free. Information: 253-4859. Renowned German-Jewish writer Inge Deutschkron reads from her memoir, Ich trug den gelben Stern, which tells the story of her childhood in a concentration camp and of the challenges she faced as an American expatriate in Paris. Opening night will feature Patrick Stewart. Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci. Starring Marlon Brando, Jane Fonda, and Eva Marie Saint. A Soviet scientist and a French secret agent seek evidence to expose an American spy. The aerial battle in the sky is just as spectacular as the battle on the ground. Miramax. Starring Ashley Judd, Kevin Bacon, Ben French Suite No. 5 in E major; Chopin, Polonaise No. 26, No. 1 in C-sharp Minor, Polonaise Op. 26, No. 2 in E-flat Minor; Gluck, Figaros Entführung; F. Liszt, Mephisto Walze.

**Lectures**
Krege Auditorium, Rehearsal Room B, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 17, 7 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9842. Artist in Residence Larry Gostick tosses a handful of paint-loaded darts at science in this lively, graphic discussion of the history of science and its impact on popular culture. Featuring cartoonist Guy Delisle, who created the web comic Xerxes, and author Comix Expo.

**MIT Students' Ensemble**
Kresge Oval, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 15, 6:30 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-5249. Artist Robert Barsky will discuss his book Room: A New World. The story of a man who has built a world of his own, but who finds that his solitude is not as complete as he thought.

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**The Pyramids and the Sphinx:**

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Transitions Teams Look to Streamline Dean's Office

By Douglas E. Heimburger

Fifteen transition teams were recently established to bring about various processes across the various offices, said Dean of Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams. "The transition teams have the goal of saying in a specified time. . . . We will have made major changes in the structure and operations" of the Dean's Office.

Teams to address student services

Several of the new transition teams will be directly restructuring offices that students regularly interact with, Immerman said. For example, the educational support team is bringing together individuals from the Registrar’s Office, the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, and the Campus Activities Complex, among others, to work on improving the quality of service provided to students.

"We’re flattening the organization," Williams said. As part of the process, new groups may be formed to provide specific services. For instance, the co-curricular activities transition team may create a new group to handle all activity registration for groups. Currently, groups wishing to hold an event must visit several offices to get the proper approval.

Another transition team, the residential system integration team, will work with the Office of Residence and Campus Activities and the Department of Housing and Food Services to implement the proposals of the housing and residential life re-engineering team.

The HRL team issued their final report in January, recommending better communication within the residential system and the dissemination of information in the dormitories.

The team is now working with residents of McCormick Hall to develop a pilot program to implement the decisions of the HRL team, said Margaret R. Bates, dean for student life. McCormick residents and members of the team are visiting other campuses to discover new ideas and develop a framework for the redesign of dormitory services.

Groups to centralize operations

The remaining transition teams will work across all the offices in the reorganized Dean's Office in order to control costs and improve services, Immerman said. "The Dean’s Office needs to develop more centralized services to avoid duplication," Williams said.

For example, the communications and publications infrastructure team will bring together individuals from all the offices that are involved in publishing. Williams said. The end result of the team will be a central service that all the offices can utilize when they need electronic or paper publication.

Other groups will deal with financial operations, planning and management, human resources, information technology, and facility maintenance, Williams said.

While these groups may consolidate some of the functions of the various offices now under the Dean’s Office, any potential mergers of complete offices will not occur until later, Williams said. "The last thing you want to do is set up a whole bunch of new offices" before the processes involved have been redesigned.

Groups will utilize student input

Student input will play a key role in the transition teams, Williams said. "Each team has to have profound student involvement." In determining how to solicit student opinion, each team will first consider whether to utilize an already established group, Williams said. For example, the educational support transition team can call upon the associate advisers for input.

Other groups will be hiring students as full-time interns during the summer to assist during the transition. Focus groups and advisory boards, and student membership on teams will also be utilized, Bates said.

Eventually, the goal is to inform and seek input from all students. "Student leaders can only take it so far," Bates said. Individuals who are not involved in drafting plans must be presented with opportunities to share their opinions.

Renewal process accelerates

Because all the offices involved in the transition teams are under the framework of the Dean’s Office, the teams are expected to finish their work within 12 to 18 months, Bates said.

By finishing the process in a shorter period of time, the offices will eliminate the burden of continually adapting to major changes, Immerman said.

One of the transition teams will specifically be dealing with the identity of the Dean’s Office. Bates said. The goal of that team is "getting people in the office to know each other." The reorganized Dean’s Office was created on Oct. 1, merging 14 offices in order to provide a single organizational structure for most student support services.

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Macintosh FTP Site Will Relocate to LCS

By Frank Dabek

The Info-Mac FTP site, the world's largest repository of Apple Macintosh software, is moving from Stanford University to the Laboratory for Computer Science at MIT.

By accessing the FTP site, users may download software for use on their Macintosh. The move was scheduled to be finished by March 28 but is not yet complete.

There are over 50 mirror sites from which Macintosh users can download software, according to Professor of Physics Walter H.G. Lewin '63. Lewin, who is well-known among current students for his weekly physics television program which can be viewed on the MIT Cable 24 hours a day.

In addition to the traditional student-organized discussion session on the minority experience at MIT, there will also be a women's discussion and luncheon sponsored by the Women's Conference and the Society of Women Engineers.

At this meeting, members of MIT's sororities, other independent living groups, SWE, and the Program in Women's Studies will describe services provided for female students and opportunities for involvement in organizations.

Departments and labs are also offering tours and open houses throughout the weekend.

Visiting parents are also invited to participate in scheduled activities, ranging from informal campus tours to a parent's panel at which representatives from student services will address parents' concerns.

Campus Preview Weekend will conclude tomorrow at 2 p.m. with a check-out lunch for prefroshi, parents, and hosts.

Prefrosh to Take Part In Panel Discussions, Lab Tours, and Dinners

Prefrosh take part in panel discussions, lab tours, and dinners.

In previous years, prefroshi attending Campus Preview Weekend had not been allowed to stay in independent living groups. Last year, a policy change was implemented that allowed some prefroshi to stay in certain FSILGs.

Romero said that a similar policy was adhered to for this year's preview weekend, as most on-campus fraternities, in addition to others which are located around Kenmore Square or within a shorter distance from campus will be hosting prefroshi.

"We try not to put prefroshi at a great distance from campus, in order to allow easy access to personal items that may be in their host's room," Romero said.

Prefrosh are especially interested in dorms.

There was actually an excess of hosts living in FSILGs who volunteered to host, Romero said. "There were just not enough prefroshi to go around," she said. About six to seven fraternities which requested prefroshi were not allotted any.

Sigma Alpha Epilson members expressed disapproval at Tuesday night's meeting, claiming that they had requested many more prefroshi and had been assigned very few. However, SAE had already received more prefrosh than any other fraternity, Romero said. "There was actually an excess of 80 prefrosh which were placed in groups of three to four, to avoid isolation," she said.

"Some prefrosh who stated that staying with a minority host was extremely important were placed with minority fraternity hosts," Romero said. Also, prefroshi who had been assigned to off-campus fraternities for the weekend were placed in groups of three to four, to avoid isolation, she said.

Douglas E. Heinberger commented on the reporting of this story.

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Du, Bugnion Elected to Secretary, Treasurer Offices

After a secret ballot vote, McDonough was elected vice president.

Bugnion runs after Du elected

Du, an EECS graduate student, was nominated and unanimously elected for the uncontested position of secretary.

The responsibilities of secretary matched many of her interests, Du said. She has had experience in student government during her college years.

Du would also work to encourage more women and international students to join the GSC, she said.

Filling the secretary position was welcome news for the GSC, since Bugnion, the lone candidate for treasurer, had said she would withdraw her candidacy if no secretary had been elected.

Bugnion was worried that if there was no secretary, additional duties would fall on the remaining three officers. She was unanimously elected.

Bugnion was previously a representative to the GSC for the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences.

Seventeen of 29 voting GSC members were present at the meeting.

Because today is mystery meat day.
Gray, from Page I

both big as life; and, later, Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams.

Walker decked out for the show.

The hall itself was a sight to see. Hardly recognizable after the lavish catering and carminations of MIT dining and Physical Plant, Walker was a place transformed.

An arch of balloons, white, purple, and green, met visitors just inside the outer door; the daffodils and guestbook — apparently leather-bound — both contributed to the impression that someone had paid close attention to the little things, and wanted the guests to do the same.

It was an impression the six-foot-five, long-legged Mississipi jean-columned Room did little to dispel.

Inside the softly-lit main hall, groves of columns and wild flowers gave the party an almost Mediterranean feel. In the middle of the room, two huge tables were piled high with pastries and sweets. On one side, a wet bar served all comers. Yes, all.

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Paul Gray, this is your life.

After about an hour, guests took their seats as the reception segued into a tribute to the Greys.

There was a lot to say. Gray has been at the Institute for all but two years since 1956, when he entered as a freshman. He went on to earn two higher degrees and become a professor of electrical engineering, along the way earning a reputation as a dedicated teacher.

He has carried that reputation through a number of administrative posts, including president through most of the 1980s and chairman of the Corporation since. The 65-year-old plane to step down in June to focus once again on teaching.

What could have turned into a tear-jerking love-fest instead turned out instead to be a heartfelt, genial tribute, thanks in part to Vest. He set the pace for the evening by pre-senting Gray with a gift of a body-wear carrying — to keep him in touch with what kids are wearing these days, he said. Gray promptly stuck it on his nose.

"Paul has a wonderful sense of humor, available at times when it's seriously needed," said the next speaker, Institute Professor Emeritus Francis E. Low.

"This reminds me of the lady who went to see the dentist," Low said. The dentist approaches the lady, seated in the dentist's chair, and then backs away. "Madam, he says. You're holding my testicles," he says. She says, 'Yes, doctor. And we're not going to hurt each other, are we?'" At any rate, he said, the deal went through. Well.

Chorallaries commemorate Gray.

For a change of pace, the Chorallaries serenaded Gray with soaring renditions of Rubber Ducky — one of Gray's favorites — and the Engineers' Drinking Song.

Gray later said that he could think of at least two alumni during the 1980s whose diplomas he in fact signed Rubber Ducky.

Mrs. Vest also received the high praise and admiration of the assem-bled company for being, in the words of Corporation Secretary Kathryn A. WillmoJe, "a partner to Paul, an ambassador to MIT all around the world, and a model of MIT caring and service." To say it.

Mrs. Vest cited Mrs. Gray's "insight and inspiration," "sinister smile," "intimate wisdom," and love, as well as all the appetites she "arranged throughout the years" through what must be excellent food. The guests of honor were clearly moved by the attention and praise.

This has been a lovely party," Mrs. Gray said. "The flowers are beautiful and so are you." Gray then took the podium. "MIT is thought of, remembered in so many ways. Boston Tech. The premiere institution of applied science and engineering in the nation. Out of the world's great research universi-ties. "Tech is Hell," and its modern equivalent, which I shall not repeat.

"It is the people who make this place, give it its spirit and personali-ty," Gray said. "Thank you so much for being here tonight: thank you for this occasion, your kind remarks. ... You have been our friends for so long, and we look forward to nothing very much changing come June 17."

And with that came to a close a great afternoon of great finger food, as well as a dedication of an era.
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Men's Pistol Tops Civilian Schools for Third in Nation

By Evelyn Huang

Colorado Pring, Colo.
The men's and women's pistol teams competed in the Intercollegiate Pistol Championships held from March 20 to 22 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The men's team finished third in the championships, improving from their fourth place overall finish last year. The team finished behind the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy.

MIT finished ahead of such schools like the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Texas A&M, and Ohio State University by placing third, fourth, and fifth in the three events: 22-caliber standard pistol, .22-caliber free pistol, and 177-caliber air pistol.

Following last year's national championship, the women's team endured some mishaps to finish fourth and fifth in the three-caliber women's air pistol and .22-caliber sport pistol, respectively.

Given the extreme mental nature of this sport, the Engineers' strong performance was not a surprising result.

In the first event, men's free pistol, the team of Jacques De Lalaing, 97, Ben Leong, 97, John Novak, 96, and team captain Danny Yu, 98, placed fourth out of 10 teams invited to the tournament with a team aggregate score of 1,941, only three points behind third-place Texas A&M.

De Lalaing finished 14th in the nation in free pistol with a score of 492. Leong earned 173th with a score of 487. Novak placed 22nd with a personal career high of 494 after recovering from surgery on his shooting arm earlier in the season. Seth Webster 97 placed 24th with a score of 481.

In standard pistol, the team of De Lalaing, Leong, Novak, and Webster finished third with a score of 2,069, trailing the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Military Academy. De Lalaing came in 18th in the nation in standard pistol with a score of 516. Novak and Leong also finished with high scores of 534 and 526 respectively. This year, the team avoided the weapon malfunctions of last year, turning in season average scores.

In air pistol, the team of De Lalaing, Leong, Webster, and Myong-Sin Yi 98 placed fifth with a score of 2,138, only 19 points behind Ohio State University and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, which placed third and fourth respectively. Webster finished 15th in the nation with a score of 543. Yi finished 22nd with a score of 538.

In women's air pistol, the team of Yi, Tracey Ho, 99, and Evelyn Huang 99 placed fourth with a score of 1,024, only eight points behind third-place Coast Guard, last year's champion hips, improving from their fourth place overall finish last year.

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Included from prior years, so consult the Finboard Web page at http://web/jinboard/www for details. Failure to comply with the new guidelines may jeopardize your group's funding.
IVC Concludes Season With 2nd Place Finish

By Rad Roberts

The intercollegiate volleyball club finished second in the New England Collegiate Volleyball League championship tournament at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday. The team advanced to the tournament by clobbering the University of Massachusetts at Lowell last week to finish the 1997 regular season as undefeated division champions.

IVC showed its tenacity in the first match of the tournament by beating Northeastern University 15-10 in the first game, and by overcoming a second game 13-10 deficit to win 15-13.

Dartmouth College proved a more worthy opponent, by beating IVC 15-12 in the first game. IVC rebounded to capture the second game, 15-10. Providence College was easily dispatched 15-7, 15-10, and IVC advanced to the semifinals to face UNH. Boosted by dozens of cheering fans, UNH was hot to avenge their earlier loss to IVC in the finals of the NECVL open. IVC rose to the occasion and UNH's challenge to defeat them in two straight games.

Tom Klemas G was unstoppable, firing blinding hits from all over the court. Patrik Husbands G passed UNH serves with cat-like grace and Klemas was seemingly unstoppable. Setter Koji Asari G had a dramatic block on the tallest UNH player and Mitch Price G hit right over several UNH blockers.

The real surprise came from middle blocker Jim Fleming G, who helped shut down the UNH offense with his best blocking performance of the season. Gene van Buren G and Roberto Leon G rounded out the IVC defense with solid digs in the back row.

With each IVC block and hit the MIT bench roared with thunderous cheers that put the UNH fans to shame. The UNH coach was stunned. His team had prepared for this match for months, but they couldn't stop IVC.

Before UNH could collect their wits, IVC finished them off to win the first game, 15-5. In the second game, UNH pushed their intensity to higher level, surging ahead to a 9-2 lead. Rad Roberts G then entered the match for IVC, making diving digs and several blocks to spark his team.

John Madonna '98, Klemas, Roberts, Fleming, and Husbands scored blocks and hits as IVC ran off 10 unanswered points to lead 12-9. UNH still refused to yield as they fought back to 12-12, but IVC dug in defensively and sealed their victory with three outstanding plays to win the game 15-13.

This match marked the high point of the IVC season. Each player performed the best he had all season, and the team played with a coherence and camaraderie that was truly inspirational.

In the finals, IVC faced the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The match opened with a block from Husbands, which scored the first point of the match. However, UMass played outstanding defense and IVC couldn't reach the level of intensity it found against UNH. IVC blocking and digging broke down somewhat and UMass played an almost flawless game to capture the first game 15-9.

IVC fired up its intensity in the second game, but UMass answered. Both teams fought hard to a 9-9 tie by trading blocks and sideouts. UMass eventually won the second game, 15-12, to claim the NECVL championship despite a valiant IVC effort.

Husbands and Klemas were selected as tournament all-stars and the IVC team was honored for finishing second in the NECVL championship. With many returning players, coach Satoshi Asari hopes IVC will be a very strong team again next year.

IVC will host a doubles volleyball tournament open to MIT students, alumni, and staff of all abilities on May 3. Two divisions of women's and men's teams will vie for prizes while enjoying lots of playing time. Registration forms will be available in the lobby of the Student Center from April 30 to May 2.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, April 11
Baseball vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 12
Baseball vs. Western New England College, 12 p.m.
Lightweight Crew vs. Dartmouth College and Harvard University, 9:45 a.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Babson College, 1 p.m.
Women's Track and Field vs. Bates College, Bowdoin College, and Colby College, 1 p.m.
Monday, April 14
Baseball vs. Clark University, 3 p.m.

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Coop Student Board

The Harvard Cooperative Society announces that the following students have been designated as members of the Board of Directors for the 1997-98 academic year.

M.I.T. Undergraduate Students:
George Biekerowski
John CLOSE

M.I.T. Graduate Students:
John Hollywood
Larry Sae

Harvard Undergraduate Students:
David Boggs
Matthew Kramer
Alice Lee
Chensa Schoenberger

Harvard Graduate Students:
Julie Chow
Carlos Lopez
Jay Olson

Each Spring, The Society normally conducts an election to select eleven student directors for the next academic year. This year there were no petition candidates, therefore, The Stockholders have determined that three slate of nominees will be designated the 1997-98 student directors and no election will be held.

Robin Evans '99 hands the baton to Natalie Smith '00 on their way to winning the 4 x 400 meter relay in Wednesday's track meet at Steinbrenner Stadium. Evans also won the 800 meters in 2:32.2, and Smith won the 400 meters in 1:03.7.
Amber Crabbe '00, who pitched from the third inning in Tuesday's game against Regis College at Briggs Field, makes a throw to first base. MIT lost 10-7.

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Application Deadline: Friday, April 15th

Applications may be picked up at:
- The Source, Stratton Student Center First Floor
- CAC Office (W20-500)

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