Vest, Parents Discuss Alcohol

By Venkatesh Satlsh

Scores of parents attended events held as part of Family Weekend, learning about the Institute and voicing their opinions about student life.

"In all, about 450 families and over 1,500 people participated in the program. The most important event of Family Weekend this year was a discussion with President Charles M. Vest, held on Saturday morning. Vest addressed a packed 10-250 on parental concerns, focusing on the aftermath of the drinking death of Scott S. Krueger '91.

After briefly outlining the steps that have been taken committing the Institute to building new undergrad housing and prohibiting the use of Institute funds for the purchase of alcohol for events where people under the age of 21 were present, Vest opened the floor to questions.

Concerned parents voiced their concern and opinions about a range of issues related to alcohol abuse and the format of Residence and Orientation week.

"We believe it is important to get more adult oversight in the houses," commented one parent.

"We can't implement a police state on campus," Vest said, further noting that a cultural change would be needed to really solve the problem. He also said that the percentages of drinkers and binge drinkers are lower at MIT than the average percentage across the nation.

Another parent said that rush was too short and that residence selection was conducted in the absence of relevant information about different living groups. "I think MIT can provide a better picture of the different living groups," he said.

Discussion about rush "has had anti-Independent Living Group tone," but action being taken now by the Interfraternity Council leadership is changing the nature of the discussion, Vest said.

At one point, an audience member asked a question about the financial impact skimpy rush residuals would have on living groups, and that proposals to lengthen rush might have that effect.

"We should not let these short-term economic difficulties get in the way,"" of making decisions on an alcohol policy, Vest said in response to the question.

At that point, Vest turned control of the discussion over to a panel consisting of Rosalind H. Williams, dean of students and undergraduate education; Carol Orme-Johnson, housemaster of Bexley House and assistant dean; iddo Gillon '98, Interfraternity Council president; and Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Silby, co-chair of the task force on student life and learning.

Student communities need to be strengthened, Orme-Johnson said.

Chomsky and Cleaver Talk About Activism

By Daile Jimenez

Professor Noam A. Chomsky and Kathleen Cleaver discuss racial issues as part of the Race 2000 series.

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Wearables Conference Explores Fringes of Fashion, Technology

By Dan McGuire

"We want to continue to be doing things that are so high risk... that they can only be done here," said Media Laboratory Director Nicholas P. Negroponte, introducing the attendees at last week's conference to what could be the computing world's next big trend: wearable computers.

The goal of wearables, as they are called in the business, is to help bring order to life, said MIT's Associate Professor of Media Arts and Sciences Alex P. Pentland, in the introductory session. Generally less are two ways to achieve order, he said.

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Repair Gifts Mrs. Porter

Two Russian cosmologists made a second foray into the Mir space station this week, indulging in an exciting exercise in reconditioning to help improve the energy-gathering capability of several solar panels, but the mission ended with the discovery of a minor equipment snafu.

The cosmonauts, Anatoly Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov, made their first “interstellar spacewalk” inside the Spektr research node on Aug. 22 in the wake of a collision between Mir and an unavailable cargo craft that punctured Spektr and left the space station with about half its normal power supply.

Their objective then was to reconnect electrical cables from the module to power storage cells aboard Mir, but Russian space officials discovered late that the separation aboard Spektr whose purpose is to keep the module’s solar panels directed at the sun was not functioning properly. Thus, the cosmonauts’ mission was to redress that problem, said announcement.

Fittingly, that could manipulate the Spektr’s solar panels to keep them from the sun is considered a very - high-risk activity.

There are four solar panel arrays attached to Spektr, one of which was severely damaged in the June 25 collision and is not functioning.

The team had to work through July to install a computer program aboard the Spektr module that could manipulate the Spektr’s solar panels to keep them from the sun is considered a very high-risk activity.

The Department Monday accused Microsoft Corp. of using its market power as the world’s largest software company to force personal computer makers to pay for Microsoft’s Internet browsing program.

The Justice Department filed a federal antitrust suit to keep Microsoft from requiring that PC makers include Internet Explorer software with their products, and make users pay to use Internet Explorer and other browser technology.

The Department must convince Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson of the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., that the company has unlawfully taken advantage of its market power to hinder competitors. The Justice Department said the antitrust laws allow it to bring a suit to put Internet Explorer on a par with other browsers.

The law allows them to become fighter, attack, and attack aircraft. In the Tailhook scandal, in which Navy pilots groped and mistreated their chain of command will take truth, especially among women, that led to investigations.

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U.S. Team Will Visit North Korea
To Assess Worsening Famine

North Korea, one of the world's most secretive and closed societies, will allow a U.S. government team to visit the country for a firsthand assessment of a worsening famine, the Clinton administration said Monday.

The regime's decision to admit the inspection team, which arrives Saturday, suggests that the government in Pyongyang has decided to bend a little in order to get the donated food needed to alleviate the country's spreading hunger.

"The United States regards the food situation in North Korea as very serious," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said. He stressed that the goal of the inspection, the first by a U.S. government team, is to make sure that food is not being diverted to feed the country's million-member army. "The report of this team is designed to help us better understand the situation."

The seven-member U.S. team will be headed by Leonard Roger, an administrator for the Agency for International Development.

Rubin also said that North Korea has agreed to admit additional monitors from the World Food Program, apparently ending a standoff that had caused some countries, including the United States, to balk at sending large quantities of food to the country.

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Laser Strike During Test Shows Vulnerability of Satellites

WASHINGTON

In a controversial test that offers new proof of the vulnerability of the world's growing fleet of government and commercial satellites, a ground-based Army laser has struck a satellite orbiting 260 miles above the Earth.

Pentagon officials said Monday that after two false starts in recent weeks, the infrared beam of the huge Micral laser had struck the military's MISTI-3 as it appeared on the horizon Friday evening.

The Pentagon has portrayed the test as nothing more than a defensive step intended to gather data on the vulnerability of the U.S. satellite fleet, which is by far the largest in the world. Officials maintain that the United States has good reason to explore these risks, since other countries, including Russia, China and a number of Western industrialized nations, have laser capabilities.

Air Force Lt. Col. Bob Potter, a Pentagon spokesman, said scientists are evaluating the data sent back to Earth from the satellite. While the laser beam generated some heat on the satellite, Potter said the craft was not damaged by the test and is still functional.

Army scientists are hoping to use the data to assess how much destructive power can be neutralized on a satellite from a ground-based laser.

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5 General Council Meeting *
   * at 5:30 PM in Rm. 50-220. All graduate students are welcome.
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The Malaysian Connection

If This Jewish Conspiracy Existed, I Would Love to Sign Up

Stacey E. Blau

You'd think it would have to be a joke. But not to Malaysia's prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad. In the face of Malaysia's currency crisis, the ringgit, which has plunged 30 percent in value in recent weeks, he has claimed that Jews are plotting to destroy the country's economy.

"We may suspect that they have an agenda, but we do not want to accuse," Mahathir said. "And incidentally we are Muslims, and the Jews are not happy to see the Muslims progress. The Jews robbed the Palestinians of everything, but in Malaysia they could not do so, hence they do this, depress the ringgit."

Mahathir backed off slightly after a torrent of criticism, claiming that his comments represented only what he had been told by some fellow politicians. Still, he insisted, "sinister forces" were at work.

To be fair, it is not only the Jews who have for some reason been most hostile to Malaysia, incurred the wrath of the prime minister of Malaysia. Mahathir also has criticized the Western press, and American inventor George Soros of plotting to destroy the Malaysian economy.

I don't particularly fear for the Jews in Malaysia, since, first of all, they have relatively few grains of salt when it comes to respect for the dignity of a man who blames the economic problems of the world on himself. But there is still some disturbing force "the next to be sure, the United States would be the tip of the iceberg of the few Jews in Malaysia if Mahathir attempted to do something like that in More likely, however, Malaysia's prime minister won't become much more than he is right now a talkative man.

My concern is far wider than my personal feelings. I want to know about this Jewish conspiracy that gets a lot of mileage just from Mahathir. Since a very early age, I've heard bits and pieces about the alleged Zionist cahal that has for a long time ruled the economic world and made Jews rich. We've all heard the nasty talk about Jews endlessly hoarding and counting their money; Jewish loan sharks cheating borrows to get rich; Jews starting any one of the medieval Bubblean plagues in Europe to spur the evil Gentiles.

For centuries upon centuries, the behavior of the non-Jewish world toward Jews has been characterized by endless suspicion, stereotypes, and persecution of the Jews. It's all there from stories like Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice to the stuff we read in European history textbooks in high school. The theory of the Zionit conspiracy controlling the economy has persisted quite remarkably.

As a Jew, albeit a certainly placed and pretty nominal Jew, I want to know more about this conspiracy business. Specifically, I want to know how to get in on it. Considering that it supposedly has caused considerable damage to the making machine, I'd certainly like to be a part of it.

Seriously, though, I'd think that someone in the know would have let me in on the conspiracy by this time. I'm Jewish, or at least by Jewish law, I was born Jewish, since my mom is Jewish. I'm from New York, where massive numbers of Jews are concentrated. I'm 21, and I'm graduating from MIT this year. I've got the credentials, I'm old enough, and — the bottom line, really — I could contribute.

I have, however, had no luck finding out anything about a conspiracy, let alone joining up. I asked my mom, my dad, and my rich and stinky grandparents about the conspiracy, and they admitted there was none. Are they part of the conspiracy and simply keeping that fact from me? Are they waiting to spring the news on me and indoct me at some future point? I'm skeptical about those possibilities, I'll admit that I'm beginning to doubt the existence of the whole thing, and, frankly, I'm quite sorely disappointed.

Mahathir's accusations about the Jewish conspiracy were off in a quite significant way. Not only are the Jews out to get the Muslims. But what about the Christians and the Hindus and the Shintoists and the Buddhists and the rest of the world? They all make up the entire Gentile world for every ringgit it's worth. And at the rate that currency is plunging, that may prove to be a whole lot of ronjas.

A Public Relations Disaster

Now Is the Time for Introspection, Not Irreverent Posturing

Erik S. Balsley

I have been deeply concerned and saddened by the recent death of Scott S. Krueger '01 and the consequences of his death. Someone has died, and yet most statements I have read from student leaders and campus officials have dodged the issue of the loss of a life but have been no-so-vague attempts of shifting the responsibility for the tragedy away from themselves.

I learned of the news when I called The Tech a few hours after the news broke in New York ran a story on the issue. I left the country on Oct. 2 and am now in Japan and am still keeping up to date on the latest developments in the tragedy. In fact, an MIT alum recently called me to find out if I had been informed of the topic with me. My newfound distance from the Institute has in some ways allowed me to take a more objective view of it, and I have realized that some of the actual statements and positions of the MIT community are not being shared by some members of the community who are not only making those who said them look foolish, but also the entire institution.

MIT is running scared, and it shows. The incident itself would no doubt have damaged MIT and affected the community, but the official reaction has compounded the damage. Aside from statements made at the memorial service for Krueger and Umar A. Basha '01 and some of the letters that have appeared in The Tech recently, we have heard few honest expressions of sadness about the death.

Instead of taking a moment to admit that this has been a horrible accident and we are sorry to hear it has occurred and leaving it at that, the MIT community believe them elves to be their money; Jewish loan cheating borrowers to get rich, and Jews starting any one of the medieval Bubblean plagues in Europe to spur the evil Gentiles. In place of dealing with the reality of the death itself, we've been stuck with a lot of ritual bravado. Instead of taking a moment to admit that we have not the fraternity believe them selves to be a part of this modern-day conspiracy, we still have to blame the fraternity for its role in the tragic event.

One family has lost a beloved child. A Tragedy

President Vest should make a public apology and offer to be removed from his position this year. MIT didn't care enough about its undergraduates to create a healthy environment. MIT has blood on its hands.

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A Tragedy With A Difference

Guest Column

Ron Loui

On May 5, 1995, a beautiful student at the University of Washington in St. Louis named Melissa Gail Apman was killed. She was twenty, and had just after a party at a popular restaurant near campus, shot, raped, driven into the gutter, and left to die. The campus was in shock, and the parents of her two young children were broken beyond their graduation, as they had planned, to dedi- cate a memorial to her the next year. Our chancellor stood beside those parents with dignity and with sadness.

Ron Loui is a professor of computer sci- ence at the University of Washington in St. Louis.
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Survey Shows MIT Drinking Below National Average

By Naveen Sunkavally

The Medical Department recently released the results of a 1995 survey on the usage patterns, perceptions, and consequences of alcohol and other drug use among MIT undergraduates.

The survey was developed by the Department of Education and was given to students on several hundred college campuses across the country. At MIT, it had a 30 percent response rate out of a sample of 1,500 students.

The survey reported that, on average, "MIT students' self-reported use and personal consequences from use of alcohol and other drugs were lower than that of students from [other] four-year institutions."

According to the survey, 30 percent of MIT students abstained from alcohol during the year prior to the survey, 17 percent above the national average. Twenty-three percent of MIT students reported that they had participated in binge drinking in the previous month. The national average was 44 percent.

Binge drinking was defined as drinking five or more drinks in a row for men, or four for women.

The typical MIT student in 1995 consumed 2.4 drinks per week, as opposed to 4.4 nationally.

MIT students also reported "far fewer negative consequences from drinking and/or drug use than other four-year schools." Fifteen percent of MIT students committed some form of public misconduct, and 13 percent experienced some kind of serious personal problem, ranging from depression to sexual assault.

In addition, figures on the usage of drugs, including marijuana, LSD, and opiates, were uniformly lower than national levels in 1995.

Students hold misconceptions

One significant result from the survey was the disparity between the perceptions of substance abuse and the actual numbers, said Health Educator Tracy A. Desovich.

The survey reported that 73 percent believe that the average student consumes at least one drink a week, while only 28 percent reported actually doing so. Seventy-six percent of respondents believed the social atmosphere on campus promotes alcohol use.

Fifty-three percent of students in the survey reported that other students' drinking interfered with their life in ways such as making them feel unsafe or "messing up" their living space.

Over a third of the students who responded, 35 percent, indicated they would prefer not to have alcohol available at parties they attend.

Also according to the survey, almost all students, 94 percent, perceived drinking as a central part of the social life at fraternities. "If we keep these perceptions," Desovich said, "we are doing a great disservice" to the community and the process of alcohol education.

The survey results also stated that "seventy-five percent of students who live off campus are current drinkers, as compared to only 50 percent who live on campus."

Of the current drinkers in the survey, 57 percent of the population, half were underage. "Certainly at the present time underage drinking laws are being broken all the time. My own feel-..."
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*This presentation for PhDs and Postdocs, sponsored by The Boston Consulting Group, may be of interest to those who attend the presentation below.

Wed., Oct. 29, 6-8 pm, 6-120, BCG Cases and Case Interviews, a presentation for PhDs and Postdocs by The Boston Consulting Group.

Mon., Nov. 3, 3-5 pm 4-231, Tips on MS/PhD Resumes and Industry Interviews – A Recruiter’s Perspective, by Corning, Inc.
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Saylor will be at the Institute on Wednesday to present an information session for students.

"The best jobs are already taken," he said. "As long as you have a relevant degree and an interest in the field, you can go anywhere."

For the company to succeed, everyone from the CEOs of Microstrategy's customers down to the average consumer must succeed, Saylor said.

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The 1997 Head of the Charles Regatta returned to Cambridge, bringing 100,000 people to watch 5,000 rowers from around the world.

MIT crews, many alumni, and Professor Harley Rogers Jr rowed more than 15 boats in nine events and incurred respectable placings across the board.

Noteworthy: Director of Crew Jim Schmidt: "I credit the winning Women's Lightweight Eight crew and Rogers' second in the Senior Veteran Single race.

The race, the 43rd annual running of the world's largest regatta, was held on both Saturday and Sunday after last year's Sunday-only race was cancelled because of rain and high winds. The women's varsity eight was pleased with its performance and predicted that "we will do even more competitively until be was 40, learned to row when he spent a year at Cambridge University in England during his undergraduate years at Trinity College.

Most noteworthy: Director of Crew Jim Schmidt: "I credit the winning Women's Lightweight Eight crew and Rogers' second in the Senior Veteran Single race.

The course followed a difficult and winding 3.8-mile stretch of the Charles River from the Boston University Bridge to just upstream of the Eliot Bridge. MIT crews raced in club and championship events. The club events are less competitive and are for crews that haven't placed high in previous regattas. Additionally, younger (under 20) and veteran (over 40) crews have separate events.

Races are timed in chronological order. Pacers and lanes are posted in the accompanying box. Boats left at 15-second intervals, so crews couldn't tell their placings until all boats had finished.

Women's Club Four

The first race of the regatta was the women's Club Four at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Sloan Crew Club finished in 11th place out of 65 in 17:46.65, the slowest behind the 60 and 108 place finishers and the 67th and 68th women's varsity rows.

The lightweight women's varsity crew rowed to respectable placings using the best clubs in the country. The lightweight second varsity four placed 21st out of 25 teams in the Club Four competition. At 17:46.65, they were just half a second behind the next boat. Nadia Elvin, Tigges, Verhees, and David Dunn. "We rowed with flair and determination," said coxswain Eileen Liu '98.

The eight placed 58th out of 62 in the 7 p.m. Club Eight competition, at 17:35.65. The boat included Mike Deryck Lefty, Hand, Susan O'Neill, Zara, and John O'Keefe '98.

Also in the Club Eight, the Sloan Crew Club placed 58th, at 16:42.22, with Peter Miller '98, Gene, Nau Wu, Mihy, Michael Harble '98, Michael, and Eileen Liu '98. "We rowed together a solid race from start to finish," said coxswain Eileen Liu '98.

Men's Club Four

The varsity heavyweight eight placed 11th of 66 at 18:03.87 with a time of 18:05.82. The boat included Andy Berkheimer '01, Mark Berte '00, and Jeffery Munro '99. Men's Lightweight Eight

The eight placed 69th of 77 in 16:52.98, at 16:36.07, with Brian W. "The course is difficult because there are many sharp turns and traffic flow is congested," said coxswain Eileen Liu '98.

On Saturday, a Duke University crew came to the Eliot Bridge near the finish line and all the boats on one side were flipped off.

Men's Championship Doubles

Brad Layton '92, a member of the national team, won the Championship Doubles for the Potomac Boat Club and finished in 16:35.75.

The MIT graduate on the national team, Steve Tucker '91, didn't row in the regatta.

Women's Championship Eight

The women's varsity crew came in 21st of 34, at 18:46.64 with Mary Lagrange. "We're very well for upcoming crew season," said Schmidt. "I'm very excited about these freshmen."

Men's Championship Eight

The varsity heavyweight eight rowed to a solid 23rd of 43 at 16:48.48, on the Monday afternoon's Championship Eight.

The event was won by the world-champion U.S. National Team in a time of 13:28.48.

Columbia, the Beaver eight finished 17th among Division I and II schools, and brought forward Division I crews from City, Rogers, and Dartmouth. The varsity heavyweight eight also posted times faster than any crews from the Universities of Michigan, Ohio State University, the University of North Carolina, George Washington University, and Northwestern University.

The lightweight first boat included Sherry Wu '99, Sun, Olugbadoya '99, Mike Salamina '98, Matt Coates '98, Mike Perry '99, and Keith Kallmeyer '99, and the coxswain.

"The row was planned that they were able to improve on their prior two races this season and put together a solid race from start to finish," said coxswain Eileen Liu '98.

Cochan Hamilton said he was pleased with the boat's performance and predicted that "we will be much more competitive among our Division I rivals in the spring."
As a child of the depression and a first generation Jewish immigrant, Chomsky describes his childhood as a "very intellectually lively period." By watching demonstrations and workers being killed, and listening to the working class, he learned to pay attention to people's problems.

Cleaver said she was born into activism, since her parents were involved in several movements. After living in India with her family, she realized, "the country was run by people of color and they seemed to be doing a pretty good job," Cleaver said.

"So it never occurred to me that there was any reason for whites to run everybody's lives," she added.

**Activists have different interests**

The activists' differences were highlighted when they answered Mihlbom's question about how they stay focused in their work in activism while many others have given up as times and politics have changed.

"It's impossible not to pay attention to these things, to be alive and not to be aware of it, and to be aware and not to possibly try to do something about it," he said. "It wouldn't be my first choice, but there is no choice if you want to be able to look at yourself in the mirror."

Restrictions on speech occur often

Chomsky said the activism of the 1960s terrified the establishment. "The institutions responsible for the indoctrination of the young were failing," and people were challenging authority and really changing the country, he said.

Chomsky denied the idea that the activism of the period has ended. He said it's part of the "false propaganda that's trying to get people back to passivity." Although by comparative standards, the United States has a very good record on freedom of speech, Chomsky said, there are still cases of censorship, "but the really serious ones are not called censorship, they are the control of the arena of public discussion and information by private corporations...what amounts to totalitarian organizations," he added.

Condemning corporations such as Microsoft, which he said pretend to control something as public as the Internet and are attempting to gain more control over people's lives, Chomsky said there are "much bigger monsters out there which are not regarded as an attack on freedom of speech" which need to be so regarded.

**Audience questions future projects**

At the end of the program there were a few minutes given for the audience to pose comments or questions to the panel.

A Guatemalan native asked Cleaver about the challenges faced by blacks and Latinos in this country as they strive to build a common agenda.

"There's an intrinsic identification with the same issues" between both races, Cleaver said. "However, there seem to be an enormous amount of social barriers."

"The future depends on enlightened, committed, leadership, that's not self-serving and not corrupt," she said. "I think people have to start working together in building a sense of trust, but it takes an effort. It takes a commitment, although it doesn't mean it can't be done."

A student asked how to get people to realize that there are still issues to be addressed and causes to be fought.

Cleaver noted that the financial burdens imposed by society do not allow people to fully dedicate themselves to activism, and later pick up where they left off as she did.

"There are ways of ensuring that people who stay out of line will not step back into line," Chomsky added.

However, both agreed that the range of things one can do is inexhaustible. "There is endless misery and suffering, and it's needless," Chomsky said. "It's there because our institutions are catastrophic failures," he said.

**Attendees react positively to event**

Students that attended the forum had many positive things to say. "It's really good to see something like this happening at MIT," said Kann A. Tepesy '01, the junior chairman of the Black Students' Union. "Since the Extegrans, no one has really talked about this. Maybe this will be the thing that will get us talking about it."

Lisa M. Saldano G also expressed her satisfaction. "It was refreshing to have something so atypical to MIT happening," she said. "It adds depth and breadth to an MIT education."

Speakers have varied experiences

Chomsky is a graduate of Harvard University and has been at MIT since 1955. He has written numerous books in linguistics, philosophy, contemporary issues, international affairs and U.S. foreign policy.

Kathleen Cleaver is a graduate of Yale law school who in the 1960s left college to join the civil rights movement was communications secretary of the Black Panthers. She spent several years in exile in Algeria and returned to the United States and completed her education.
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**Oct. 1**: N10 parking lot, vehicle damaged; Bldg. N42, construction equipment stolen, $3,000; Bldg. E17, wooden bench stolen, $135; 77 Massachusetts Avenue, bicycle locked with cable stolen, $200.

**Out 2**: Student Center, Pink Floyd CD stolen, $13; Theta Delta Chi, laser printer secured with a cable stolen, $300; Bldg. 6, laptop stolen, $2,600; Bldg. E43, suspicious activity.

**Oct. 3**: Student Center, Theta Delta Chi, jacket stolen, $85; Theta Delta Chi, laser printer stolen, $500; Bldg. 68, laptop stolen, $2,600; Bldg. NE43, suspicious persons; Rotch Library, Alfredo Padilla of 4645 North Broadway, assistant, arrested for open and gross lewdness; Bldg. NS2, construction tools stolen, $57; Bldg. 13, two individuals stopped for suspicious activity.

**Oct. 4**: McCormick, obscene phone calls; Ashdown, bicycle secured with a cable stolen, $100.

**Oct. 5**: Student Center, Theta Delta Chi, jacket stolen, $80; East Campus, noise complaint; Briggs Field, backpack stolen, $50; Rockwell cage, wallet stolen, $40; Bldg. 24, laptop stolen, $1,000; Student Center, bicycle secured with "U" lock stolen, $80.

**Oct. 6**: Burton-Conner, 1) laptop stolen, $2,000, 2) CD player stolen, $205; Bldg. E38, construction equipment stolen, $300; Bldg. 16, construction equipment stolen, $3,825; Eastman court, wallet left unattended, stolen, $25; Bldg. E25, suspicious person reported, discovered to be another student; Senior House, suspicious activity.

**Oct. 7**: Ashdown House, bicycle tire stolen, $25; Bldg. 54, suspicious package, discovered to be a video; Bldg. 6, suspicious activity; Tang Hall, suspicious telephone call.

**Oct. 8**: Bldg. 1, computer parts stolen, $1,500; Bldg. E34, cell phone stolen, $213.

**Student Center reading room, several items stolen from backpack, $370; Eastgate, domestic violence; 33 Massachusetts Avenue, bicycle secured with a cable stolen, $600.

**Oct. 9**: Burton, bicycle secured with a "U" lock stolen, $500; Student Center, 1) Theta Delta Chi, jacket and wallet stolen, $500, 2) suspicious person; Rotch Library, suspicious activity.

**Oct. 10**: Hayden Library, malicious destruction; Zeta Psi, MIT Campus Police assist Alcohol Beverage Control Commission; Murnin parking lot, two vehicles damaged; an employee was assaulted from behind in the area of E25; the suspect tried to pull the victim's backpack off; Four suspects fired area heading down Memorial Drive.

**Oct. 11**: New House, noise complaint; Bldg. E52, malicious damage; Rockwell Cage, wallet stolen, $20.

**Oct. 12**: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, noise complaint.

**Oct. 13**: Bldg. 7, suspicious persons; a student was assaulted by an individual who had asked for spare change; suspect area head- ing down Albany St. away from Massachusetts Avenue; Westgate, bicycle secured with chain stolen, $120; MacGregor House, bicycle secured with a "U" lock stolen, $100; Student Center, William Forte, of 1773 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, arrested for trespassing.

**Oct. 14**: Baker House, annoying phone calls; Bldg. E25, wallet stolen, $45; Bldg. 68, suspicious activity; Bldg. 4, construction equipment stolen, $550; Johnson Athletic Center, bicycle secured with "U" lock stolen, $160; Krenge Auditorium, sweater stolen, later recovered, $120.

**Oct. 15**: Bldg. 37, suspicious activity; MacGregor, bicycle unsecured stolen from lounge area, $135; N42 lost, malicious damage to vehicles.

**Oct. 16**: Bldg. E38, leather jacket stolen, unknown value; 500 Memorial Dr., bicycle stolen, $140; Westgate Lot, vehicle broken into and hammer drill stolen, $200.

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This feature was brought to you by the CAC Program Board. Today's facts are courtesy of the MIT Quiz Bowl team. Members of the quiz bowl team are not eligible.

Most popular music groups have an interesting story behind their name. The Doors took their moniker from "The Doors of Perception," a 1954 book by Aldous Huxley describing his experiences with the hallucinogenic drug mescaline. The B-52's did not take their name from the military bomber plane. The name actually comes from a southern nickname for big poofy bouffant hairdos. What band takes its name from a villain in the 1967 movie Barbarella?

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2. Group
8. Decays
12. Each
13. Against
14. Place
15. Evolve
17. Period
19. Latin "a"
20. Girl ( slang)
21. Sly animal
22. Alike
23. Twists
25. Morning moisture
26. Impermeable pressure
27. Pig
28. Pen holder
29. Prude
32. Proposition
33. Wage
35. Tolkien's group (abbr.)
36. Not ever
38. Bureaucrat
39. Three (prefix)
40. Artistic
41. Keep away
42. Dry
43. Pat a match to
45. 2001 Computer
46. Freeze water
47. Notice
48. Nerd
49. Reach
51. Meal fare
56. Dige
57. Prayer ending
58. Dutch cheese
59. Take to court

Down

1. Gorilla
2. Congreg
3. Beginning
4. Create
5. Exploitive
6. Time zone (abbr.)
7. Female surviving spouse
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Wearables, from Page 1

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The Platypus and the Mermaid
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Harriet Ritvo speaks about her new book published by Harvard University Press.

Thursday, October 23
5:30 p.m.
MIT Humanities Library
160 Memorial Drive
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This enormously entertaining new book from the author of The Animal Estate captures the fervor of the Victorian age for classifying and categorizing every new specimen, plant or animal that British explorers brought home. Discussions of the natural world—particularly about the strange and monstrous creatures that confounded established categories—were central to the construction of human categories as well, such as the sexual proclivities of women and the imagined hierarchy of nations and races. As she depicts a whole complex of competing groups deploying rival schemes and nomenclatures, Ritvo shows us a society drawing and redrawing its boundaries in search of its own identity.

"The brilliance of Ritvo's book ... [lies] in the particular examples that she has chosen to illustrate the institutional bonds of humans with other animals...She tells so many wonderful stories."—Stephen Jay Gould.

Harriet Ritvo is Arthur J. Conner Professor of History at MIT. This event is part of authors@mit, a series sponsored by MIT Humanities and Dewey Libraries and The MIT Press Bookstore. FREE. Open to the public. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshments served. Info: 617.253.5249 or authors@mit.edu

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Parents See Campus; Talk to Vest, Faculty

The MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble performs in a family weekend concert.

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"We have to rely on other people that are around when [some] students try alcohol," she said.

The IFC is dealing with the situation well, Gilson said. "We're not shrugging things under the rug. There are problems and it's obvious we need to communicate our efforts."

After a number of parents complained about not being kept informed of events, Williams said that "there is a need for more information and we've heard that [complaint] repeatedly."

"We are not doing a good job giving out information to the freshmen" during rush, Gilson said.

Parents speak out

Parents voiced varying opinions on the discussion guided by Vest and the panel.

"I think they are concerned, but they don't have the answer. There has to be a general attitude change," said Ken Meredith, father of Kara S. Meredith '00.

"As far as how [the plan] looks, it looks good. Whether they follow through" is a different issue, said Steve Kostoulas, father of Evangelos Kostoulas '98.

"The most important thing is to keep in touch with our children and see how he's doing," said Despina Kostoulas.

"I was very impressed with the faculty representative (Silbey) and the openness of the president (Vest) and the administration," said Peggy Demon, mother of Ronald S. Demon '99.

"I think it's unfortunate that we have to focus on the negative. We see the need for more character-building and maturity," said Linda Beland, mother of Christopher D. Beland '99. "I'd hate to see us throw all our freshmen on campus."

"I have confidence my son is not going to be led into drinking, so this is not an issue for me," said Lois Britton, mother of Gerald R. Britton '99.

"I thought the issues [discussed] were on target and well thought out," said Catherine Lee, mother of Matthew Lee '00. "I'm confident that they will look into the issues."

Other events generally go well

Various departments held seminars on topics ranging from image-guided surgery to the economics of the weight-loss industry.

"I think it was very successful... the parents were very receptive," said Rosemarie Reznik, director of the geographic program for the Alumni Association.

"Their interaction at the panel discussion with Vest was very positive and I think the parents felt that the president and the administration were listening to them," Reznik said.

While parents were generally satisfied, a number of them felt there were too few events on the weekend and that working families were neglected by the schedule, Reznik said.

There were a few minor glitches in scheduling. For instance, there was a scheduling problem with one of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science seminars and some parents were confused about its time, but "the program itself was fine," Britton said.

"It's tough to coordinate all of the events because you have to get the cooperation of all the departments," Reznik said. Overall, parents were happy with the weekend, she said.

Family Weekend was "very informative. I particularly liked the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science seminar about image-guided surgery. They talked about the new building, which was impressive," Demon said.

"It's a very good weekend to gather information and for parents to network," Demon said.

Betty Graham, mother of Brian B. Graham '99, said she attended the Family Weekend Concert held Friday. "The level of energy and dedication was incredible... the musicianship was outstanding."
**Men's Water Polo Wins Division III Eastern**

By Daniel C. Stevenson

The men's water polo team defeated Johns Hopkins University 13-9 on Sunday to become the Division III Eastern champions. Earlier in the weekend tournament at Alumni Pool, they handily defeated Tufts University (17-7), the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (14-4), and Leiberman College (19-3).

Stefan Bewley '01 scored six goals to lead the Engineers in the championship game. Captain Zac Lee '98 was named the Division III Eastern MVP. Lee, goalie Ryan Adams '99, Matt Hausman '01, and Bewley were all named First Team All Eastern Division III.

Additionally, first year coach Jeff Ma '96 was recognized as Coach of the Year. From here the team hopes to defeat St. Francis this weekend and earn a berth in the upcoming Division I Eastern Championship at Princeton University where they could qualify for nationals.

**Strong start against Hopkins**

The Beavers beat Hopkins despite a major scoring hull in the third quarter.

Right at the beginning, Hausman scored a two-pointer and then Bewley scored a shot off a drive. After another Bewley goal and a point by Hopkins, the first quarter ended in MIT's favor at 4-1.

The Beavers began the second quarter strongly with two goals, one by Bewley and one by Mike McCarron '99 off a four-meter penalty shot drawn by Lee, bringing MIT's lead to 6-1. At that point, with about five minutes remaining in the half, "Our offense pretty much stalled out due to a bunch of careless passes and turnovers," Ma said.

Hausman scored twice to end the half at 6-3.

**MIT scores in third quarter**

Two goals off of four off problems continued in the third quarter, and Hopkins scored two more unanswered points, one off a power play.

Ma said he was "a little worried at that point, but not really too much because they were doing enough against our defense."

At the end of the third quarter, the Beavers drew a quick ejection and McCarron scored a goal on the resulting penalty shot. The Beavers then went up 10-5 when Bewley scored on a two-on-one.

With 57 seconds remaining, the Beavers scored on a penalty shot and Bewley sealed the win with a goal for MIT's 12th point.

**Hausman finishes off the game**

Hausman finished off the game with an insurance goal.

Seeded 5th at St. Francis

This weekend's tournament at Brown University will pit MIT against St. Francis, whom they lost earlier in the season. However, "we're playing much better now, so we have a shot at knocking them off," Ma said.

MIT is seeded 5th, their highest seed in recent years. The top four teams from the tournament will go on to Division I Eastern Championship at Princeton.

Ma named coach of the year

Ma said he was excited by his award, but called it "a testament to how well the guys played."

He said he really enjoyed coaching this team this year, his first back at MIT since playing on the team for four years, lettering three times. Last year he coached at Wellesley College.

MIT, a part-time coach, works in product marketing for Inter-dimensional, a Cambridge software company.

Chris Brocœur contributed to the reporting in this article.

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**Head of the Charles**

After a one-year hiatus, the Head of the Charles Regatta returned to Cambridge this past weekend, bringing 300,000 people to watch 5,600 rowsers from around the world.

MIT crews, many alumni, and Professor Hartley Rogers, Jr. raced more than 15 boats in nine events and secured respectable placings across the board.

Most noteworthy, Director of Crew Stu Schmick '86 ceded the winning Women's Lightweight Eight crew and Rogers placed second in the Senior Veteran Singles race.

The race, the 33rd annual running of the world's largest regatta, was held on both Saturday and Sunday after last year's Sunday-only race was cancelled because of rain and high winds. The weather was more than 15 boat in nine event and secured respectable placings for MIT.

Field hockey vs. Wellesley College, 7 p.m.

Tue day, October 21

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**MIT Rugby Club Comes Back In Second Half to Beat Harvard**

By Steven Murray

Today saw the renewal of an off-beaten rivalry between the MIT rugby club and the Harvard University Business School rugby club.

MIT has dominated the twice-yearly match in recent years, winning the last three tests. It is a hard-fought game however, and both sides were excited and ready to play.

The early play favored HBS as MIT was constantly called offsides.

The first signs of ill-will surfaced early in the first half as a Hopkins player came in late and levied a penalty against the MIT offense. A penalty was called on Hopkins for a fourth point of the half to give MIT a 6-1 lead in the beginning of the match.

The first signs of ill-will surfaced early in the first half as a Harvard player came in late and leveled the score. This留孽mit took the ball around the weak side of the scrum.

Going away from the bulk of his backs, Vithiananthan created an overload, and threw an easy pitch to the wing, who deftly avoided tacklers and placed the ball down in front of the Harvard goal to close the match.

"Honestly, they just couldn't play with us in the forwards," said Chris Surette '98. "We pushed them all over the field on scrums, and I look forward to doing it again."