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Alum Sues Institute Over Alcohol Files

By Frank Dobek

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J. Paul Kirby '92, former Undergraduate Association presi-
dent, has filed a lawsuit against the Institute, the UA, and Dedric A. Carter '98 in his position as UA president. In the lawsuit, Kirby seeks the release of several docu-
ments from UA files.

Kirby alleges that shortly after the death of Scott S. Krueger '01, around Oct. 3, Carter and he had agreed to exchange UA documents relating to MIT's alcohol policy between 1990 and 1991. During this time, Kirby chaired a subcommittee on alcohol policy which produced a report on alcohol. The documents in question are notes and memoranda used in the creation of that report.

Carter "remerged on his obligation to provide documents," Kirby said. Kirby brought the lawsuit because "a promise was broken," he said.

Kirby to publicize documents

Carter acknowledged that he had agreed to exchange documents with Kirby for use in Kirby's personal archives. When Kirby invaded that he wished to make the documents public outside of MIT, however, Carter refused to release the documents. "I couldn't, in good con-
science, let him walk out of the office with the documents," Carter said.

Carter said that he knew of Kirby's refusal of Kirby's request, Kirby phoned both his lawyer and the homicide division of the Boston Police Department.

Thomas R. Henneberry, director of insurance and legal affairs for MIT, said that the Institute has yet to be served with the suit. Carter also said that he has yet to be served. Carter plans to yield to MIT's legal counsel for his defense.

Henneberry, however, comment-
ed on Carter's ability to release the documents in question. "Dedric, as president of the UA, operates within the structure of MIT," Henneberry said. Carter "does not, personally, have authority to distribute MIT documents," he said.

Carter questions his authority

Carter said that the "documents are under the care of the UA" and thus "can be used... on campus..." Outside of MIT, however, Carter said that the UA does not have the authority to release MIT documents.

Kirby, however, said "I can't imagine that the leader of the stu-
dent government would not have access" to the documents. He said that during his term as UA president he felt free to distribute documents of the UA as he wished.

Kirby is seeking the documents in order to make them public, he said. "I want other schools to learn from MIT's lesson," he said.

Carter wants "the MIT community to learn something about its past," he said. Any undergraduate should have rights to see these documents, he said.

Carter said that he did not know if the documents would have any relevance to criminal charges. The "District Attorney's office is per-
fectly capable of conducting its own investigation," he said. Kirby also noted that the DA had already sub-
poenaed some documents.

Kirby called the documents "very damaging." The documents show that MIT really knew the exact state of affairs on alcohol on campus and chose to do nothing," Kirby said.

Carter, however, said that Kirby mentioned on the day of the proposed exchange that the documents might involve the criminal liability of MIT.

Salaries, Page 6

President Charles M. Vest earned the second highest pay at $365,877, down $1,667 from last year. He had the highest compensa-
tion at $298,000, up $13,000 from last year.

Safeges set under guidelines

"Pay is determined by a process that begins with approval of guide-
lines for pay increases, mostly defined as percentage increases, for each category of MIT employees, including faculty, not covered by collective bargaining agreements," Steele said.

The guidelines are established under the Provost's supervision and coordinated with Human Resources, the MIT Executive Committee, and then department heads, deans, and other supervisors who make recom-
mandations for pay increases within these guidelines, Steele said.

The highest paid officials includ-
ed the following people: Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Ronald R. Parker at $331,000; Director of Lincoln Laboratory Walter E. Moncrief at $308,385; Deputy Treasurer and Director of Investment Alan S. Burford at $295,056; former Chairman of the Corporation Paul E. Gray '45 at $293,783; Steele at $293,783, and Professor and Co-
director of the Sloan School of Management Thomas L. Magnanti at $270,060.

Council Celebrates 25 Years of Helping Fund Art Initiatives

By Jennifer Chung

STAFF REPORTER

Last weekend, the Council for the Arts at MIT celebrated its 25th anniversary with a plethora of events to honor the occasion.

The events included a Silver Anniversary Ball with a perform-
ance by actress, singer, and arts administrator Kitty Carlisle Hart, the presentation of council awards to artists both within and outside of MIT, and the 1996-97 grant by the new Endicott World Music Center.

Council helps fund projects

The Council for the Arts at MIT is composed of friends and alumni of MIT who wish to do so support the arts at MIT," said Laura E. Moses, an administra-
tive assistant in the Office of the Associate Provost for the Arts. Members of the council have contributed over $15 million to MIT performances, exhibitions, arts facilities, collections, and co-curric-
ular programs.

Due to the council's work, MIT students can visit the Museum of Fine Arts and certain Boston Symphony Orchestra performances at no cost. Particular groups and members of the community have received over $1 million to fund over 1,000 arts projects through a grants program.

Members create music center

One of the more international of the events during the weekend was the dedication of the Endicott World Music Center, located on the ground floor of Building N42, below the MIT Museum. Prior to the dedica-
tion ceremony, council members were treated to a tour of the muse-
um by artists Felice Frankel, Bill T. Jones & Arnie Zane, and others.

The dedication ceremony itself featured several performances by MIT and other groups on campus. "Also, with this recei-
ved gifts of water, and the performance of "Ganesh Kavacha," a dance piece by artists Felice Frankel, Bill T. Jones & Arnie Zane, and others.

The music center was complete-
ly funded by Bradford M. Endicott '49 and his wife Dorothea, both members of the council. "Alan Endicott (the associate provost for the arts) found the space," Bradford Endicott said. "At last year's meet-
ing, someone mentioned that the room was looking for funding. The size of the space was small enough for us to take it up."

"I'm really happy to see the stereotypical engineer smashed," said Dorothea Endicott, a cellist, speaking of the large number of artists groups on campus. "Also, with this room, students can now spend time rehearsing, instead of lugging instruments back and forth."

"As alumni have become suc-
cessful, they've discovered the arts. The council is a way for alumni to

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President Charles M. Vest will hold his fifth town meeting with the MIT community on Friday, Oct. 31, from noon to 2 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium.

The agenda is open to the issues and concerns raised by the community. Questions may be raised at the meeting or sent beforehand to town-
meeting@mit.edu. Refreshments will be provided in the Kresge Lobby.
In an extraordinary personal appeal to Union station investors, Secretary Treasury Robert E. Rubin walked out onto the steps of the Treasury Building Monday and declared that “the fundamental of the level of the White House is to be made explicit: The government does not have a simple antecedent to plan declines in energy prices such as Monday’s dizzying drop of more than ten percent of the Dow Jones value.”

President Clinton was conspicuously silent on the issue, leaving his spokesman to make only terse comments about the “unprecedented” of the U.S. economy. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, whose actions were greatly enhanced by his handling of a 1987 market plunge, also refrained from making any comment.

If a market plunge were to continue, Greenspan could have to face pressure to ease interest rates — the approach he took in 1987 — if for no other reason than to avoid the collapse of state-chartered financial institutions. Such a course would be difficult for Clinton to swallow given the Fed’s current anti-inflation policy.

“Obviously, the chairman (Greenspan) felt he needed to be on notice,” said a Fed spokesman, adding, “We don’t have any reason to change.”

Throughout the wild day, officials at the White House, Treasury, Securities and Exchange Commission, Council of Economic Advisers, and other departments and agencies, met to discuss how to keep the stock system viable.

Greenspan had warned late December that the markets suffered from “irrational exuberance” but simply wanted investors to watch their war tanks and drive stock prices up worldwide higher.

On Monday, administration officials appealed for calm: “This is a serious market condition, it is patterned the way it is likely to be understood in the heat of the battle,” said White House spokesman Mike McCurry. He termed the plunge a “false fraction” of the economic condition and the “normal and par for reason.”

“We want everyone to just take a deep breath and think about where we are,” he said.

The stock market was plummeting even as Clinton was delivering a speech extolling the performance of the economy. The cosmetic decline in the federal budget deficit was the highest — its lowest level in more than two decades. In addition, the size of the budget deficit to the U.S. economy — 0.3 percent of total GDP was below par level lower than that of any other major industrialized country.

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After the speech, aides informed the president that the “automatic circuit breaker” would be designed to slow down market spiral market activity. Thus, Bush had been waiting since its introduction following the 1987 crash.

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Reporting in Tuesday’s issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers in China have reported in this week’s issue have confirmed that a gene that leads to a condition called kernicterus can be serious, even fatal, and as scientists now are finding, can have major long-term implications.

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Melanoma patients from Union Station to New York City and Boston.

The union has been trying to work out local measures agreements to minimize the impact of a strike in the New York City and Philadelphia areas.

Half the county’s registered voters — or 10 million people — cast a special green ballot on Monday for peace in local elections, according to results released Monday. And the result has encouraged local leaders to pursue their own talks with the rebels, filling the gap left by the weekend cease-fire

When Clinton meets with Jiang Zemin Tuesday evening, there will be no economic agreements on Chinese arms sales to the U.S. That sale is not on human rights, U.S. officials reluctantly concluded Monday.

In a remarkable series of preparatory for Jiang’s arrival in Washington Tuesday evening, the administration quietly urged China to take some visible steps toward defending the human rights issue, a sore point in U.S.- China relations since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

U.S. aides particularly hoped that Jiang might order the release of China’s most prominent imprisoned dissidents, democracy advocate Wei Jingsheng and student leader Wang Dan.

But as the meeting approached, it became clear that Beijing would not free the two prisoners in advance and that a grand gesture during the meeting was unlikely.

“It’s almost harder to do it” while Jiang is here because China wants to avoid appearing to bend to U.S. pressure, a White House official said.

But Clinton will not make their freedom a condition for his trip, because there would make the larger U.S-China relationship “hostage” to their cases.

“If you get to the principle that we believe in, of regular sum, you cannot hold the relation- ments on the issue,” the White House official said.

Jiang, who arrived Monday for a four-day good will tour of the United States, has watched his country’s political system, as well as his own personal health, with an eye on maintaining the political stability of his country.

At the White House, Clinton and Jiang will have the opportunity to discuss the current political climate in the region.

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Despite Strong Fundamentals, Hong Kong Stocks Still Fall

By Keith B. Richburg

It was another bleak day at Exchange Square, Hong Kong's equivalent of Wall Street, where the second severe financial jolt in less than a week swamped local traders and sent ripples through markets around the world.

Once again, stock prices tumbled and while Monday's six per cent drop in the Hang Seng Index was less precipitous than Thursday's 10-percent slide, this time some of the territory's best known blue-chip companies were among the casualties. Hong Kong's financial secretary, Donald Tsang, made another spirited defense of the local dollar's peg to the U.S. greenback and vowed that speculators betting against the currency "will be burned." And, market analysts were left reeling, shaking their heads at the sudden downturn that all but wiped out Friday's seven percent rebound.

"What a day," said David Robinson, who manages a local hedge fund, sounding weary at the end of a trading session that saw his own portfolio plummet. "It's just so unpredictable. It's just depressing. It's very, very worrisome what's happening — it's a signal that things are starting to break down in Hong Kong. There's a huge amount of volatility and uncertainty."

A market analyst who asked not to be named said Monday's performance by the Hang Seng — which dropped more than 688 points, to end the day at 10,475 — was an example of investor irrationality. He said: "A lot of this denies economic reality, and it becomes a flow-of-funds situation. It's very hard to swim against the tide."

The economic reality is that Hong Kong, unlike its Southeast Asian neighbors whose economic difficulties fueled the stock slide, is in sound financial shape — a point Tsang hammered home in a speech Monday at an international investment conference. Hong Kong has $80 billion in foreign currency reserves, no public-sector debt, a huge budget surplus, low inflation and an unemployment rate of slightly more than two percent.

"Four months ago, one chapter of Hong Kong's history closed," said Tsang, referring to the shift of territorial control from Britain to China. "I can assure you that the chapter we have now opened is not Chapter Eleven."

"Hong Kong is not any other Asian economy," Tsang declared, vowing that Hong Kong, unlike its neighbors, had no need to flood its currency. "We will not change our system or our dollar link."

HIV Outbreak Among Rural N.Y.

Females Linked to Drug Dealer

By David Lauter

LOS ANGELES TIMES

At least nine females in a semi-rural area of western New York state, including one as young as 13, have been infected with the virus that causes AIDS because of a 20-year-old man who sold drugs to schoolgirls in exchange for sex even though he knew he had the disease, officials said Monday.

While reportedly lured to wooded edges of schools or parks, maybe where kids would be playing basketball and pick out young ladies who may, for one reason or another, be in a risk-taking mood, Chautauqua County Health Commissioner Richard Berke said Monday the news shocked residents of Chautauqua County, an area that until now had only sporadic contact with the AIDS epidemic.

"We had, we thought, a pretty good memory" of the region, Berke said. School officials were anguished. "We had, we thought, a pretty good education program" that was designed to warn children of the dangers, said James Coffman, assistant superintendent of schools in Jamestown, the largest town in the county.

He added, "young people in general, they feel they're invincible. They could have all the education in the world, but they all feel it doesn't affect them. That's the sadness of this."

And officials warned the news could be widespread. Although the man who allegedly caused the infections is now in jail on unrelated charges, health officials are continuing to trace nearly 100 people in the area who had sex with him or with his sexual partners.

In addition, they believe that in his travels across New York selling drugs, he may have infected many more people.

"The worst piece of news is we are probably facing the worst-case scenario," Berke said.

Similar cases have occurred elsewhere. Earlier this year, for example, a man in St. Louis, Mo., was shot and killed by an unknown assailant after allegedly infecting at least 30 women with the virus. But federal officials termed the current case highly unusual because of the youth of the victims and the seemingly high percentage of people who became infected and because it took place in an area where AIDS remains relatively rare.

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Clinton Attacks Opponents
Over Economic Isolationism

WASHINGTON POST

Laying bare his frustration with many fellow Democrats, President Clinton complained that lawmakers who want to limit his power to negotiate trade agreements are pursuing an "America-last strategy" that is rooted in ignorance of the new international economy.

"For the life of me, I can't figure out why anybody in the wide world believes it will create jobs for us to stay out of markets that other people are in, when we can win the competitive wars," Clinton complained.

The president was speaking to a friendly audience — the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, which supports his bid to win "fast-track" trading authority — but his remarks were the bleakest criticism he has made of others in his party who do not support his trade views.

The skeptics are an apparent majority among congressional Democrats, whose scant support for Clinton's free-trade policy has imperiled his prospects for winning the fast-track vote.

Clinton Monday implicitly acknowledged the uphill nature of his fight. "I still believe we're going to win it," he said, "but we have to fight every day till the last vote is taken."

Moments before he sounded that uncertain note about the trade vote, Clinton was triumphant on another subject: the latest federal budget deficit number. The federal budget deficit for last fiscal year was $22.6 billion, the lowest figure since 1974.

Prosecution Wins Nearly All Pretrial Points in CIA Slaying Trial

WASHINGTON POST

A Fairfax, Va., judge cleared the way Monday for the prosecution to mount its case for capital murder against Mir Aimal Kansi next week, rejecting defense efforts to move the trial out of Northern Virginia and throw out key statements and physical evidence.

One more pretrial hearing is scheduled Tuesday in the case of the man charged with killing two people outside CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., in 1993. But Fairfax Circuit Court Judge J. Howe Brown Jr. turned down several of the defense's most serious challenges Monday.

Brown largely put to rest defense efforts to make the FBI's June capture of Kansi in his native Pakistan a legal barrier to his trial in this country, and he ruled a police search of a suitcase owned by Kansi that turned up guns and ammunition was constitutional.

Public Defender Richard C. Goemann had argued that intense local news coverage, some of it erroneous, has made it impossible for Kansi to get a fair trial in the area. In addition, Goemann said, "Fairfax is an area with a very high percentage of government workers and we are talking about CIA employees who were shot. That increases the prejudice against my client."

But Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. argued that Goemann had failed to prove potential jurors have already made up their minds, and Brown agreed. Brown also found police were justified in searching three suitcases and an apartment where Kansi lived before the shootings because Kansi had left the area and his roommates gave permission for the search.
Since the faculty meeting where Stephan L. Chorover, professor of chemical engineering, revealed that all freshmen would be housed on campus, the dialogue over housing on campus has exploded into a lively and serious debate. Indeed, housing is one issue likely to produce at least as much discussion as alcohol use, which is ostensibly the central focus of the editorial board's concern.

Discussion: Change is long overdue, and now is the time to build consensus on what should be done.

The rationale and arguments have been keenly interested in continuing dialogue on the subject of housing. A forum on the subject organized by the Dean's Office was well attended, but the open forum attendance marks a dramatic shift from previous forums, which have been attended by only a handful of student government writers. We believe that the open forum and the administration will make further efforts to solicit a wide range of student input. The changes that are proposed will have a colossal impact on under-

grad students and community members. The stone unturned in reaching out to those whose voices have not yet been heard.

The primary reason cited for the change is an attempt to move freshmen to campus to build campus diversity and solidarity as well as closer ties to the faculty and administration. The primary reason is why should this be the case. Building this sort of solidarity and communication takes effort, and is not going to happen completely by simply forcing freshmen into dormitories.

The other reason cited for this change is that MIT's current system does not give incoming freshmen enough time to make "wise or informed decisions" about where they will live. Compared to other universities, however, MIT's residence selection process stands out in allowing students to learn much more about a living group than they could possibly by simply standing outside the window. The student explore the physical buildings they might be living in, but they get to meet the residents of a living group before they arrive there, a luxury only dreamed of at other universities.

The MIT system works, as evidenced by the high level of student satisfaction and, yes, loyalty to their living groups. The current system is not optimal, however, and the faculty and administration are taking steps to improve it. The changes I have heard most often are randomly putting students in dorms, therefore eliminating the choice of which dorm to live in, and reducing the size of the freshman class.

It is my belief that these changes are considered to be ideal by some members of the faculty and administration. It is also my strong belief that either of these changes would affect every student at this institute, especially those who live off campus. This is not just an alteration, soreness, and independent living group issue. This is every student and faculty member alike.

We continue to believe that housing freshmen on campus is only a first step. No matter what changes MIT finally makes, faculty need to play a stronger role in the campus community, both in terms of actually meeting and interacting with students out- side the classroom. Paying lip-service to community involve- ment will not suffice; faculty need to do some serious soul searching about what changes they can make in their own system in order to promote community involvement.

The current discussion about MIT's housing system has been a refreshing change after years of stagnation. We have every expectation that it will eventually lead to a better system and a stronger, more unified community.

Letter To The Editor

I was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. The editorial failed to mention any reasons for the endorsement. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of The Tech is endorsing the notion of putting freshmen on campus for the upcoming year. (["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17]) as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, we feel strongly about the debate in this issue. It was greatly disappointed to read that the
Divorce Not Yet Felt
It’s Time to End Our Artificial Campus Divisions

Zareena Hussain

The faculty have jumped on the tragic death of Scott K. Krueger '01, and have used it to make a name for itself. This comes from the current residential system. However, unfortunately, this is a necessary evil.

From among a number of problems the current housing system creates, the greatest problem is the strict dormitory system. It is almost nonexistent when the Interfraternity Council chair announces, “Let the rush begin!”

During this rush, many students, many of whom have never before met, find themselves interacting with people unlike themselves.

While some call the rush diverse, when was last time you saw someone from Sigma Alpha Epsilon hanging out with his friend from Zeta Beta Tau? This self-segregation promotes and reinforces stereotypes. The stereotypes which seem to hold true at MIT have maintained the real world.

Women are not immune. Take a look at the sororities or the cultural clubs. The only thing that saves women from self-segregation is the fact that choices for women segregating themselves off-campus are limited.

There is a one-year delay before those who choose to do so can completely cut themselves off from people they deem unlike themselves.

Students will still seek out and befriend those unlike themselves if they have the opportunity to do so as activities, classes, and parties. This is why it is a plus for artifically-segregated groups the strongest student activity.

Even the arguments against randomization echo bigotry: "What if my roommate is a freak?" The fact that you live with someone of a similar background.

Students need to grow up. We all put in here because of our good qualities. Is it too much to ask that we put some of those qualities in someone before you give up and set out on the unnatural path for all those who walk in. Freshmen will find them even if you end up in a group that is not for you.

MIT’s self-segregated housing system does not transclude society offering choice and maintaining diversity, it merely mirrors the culture apart from the Institute as a whole. At Harvard, my friends at Harvard received their phone number or address before arriving at MIT. And were able to give out their phone number and even pick my roommate.

Such freedoms are not found at other universities. My friends at Harvard had give us over the past 15 or so years would help us make the right choices in the future.

Understanding how much of this real experience is important we carry with us as we reach college responsibility not for anyone else, but for our own lives. Every decision we make and every step we take is our own. We are no one to tell us if we are right, and no one to reprimand if we is wrong, only ourselves to blame if things go wrong. This is something that is rare few of us do not realize this fact: I know it never struck me until a couple of weeks ago, but I am sure that some of us will never realize this. But this term things have happened at MIT that has brought it to my attention.

We are all students on this campus—maybe not all of us. But when the given the power to control our own lives, we are certainly playing at being adults. Unquestions things are given the power to affect us, ourselves, command over every action and thought—and that is why we are given. The decision to use it the right way or wrong way is entirely ours. And as long as we recognize this power we have, any decision we make will be right for us. No one else is going to judge us based on our actions if, ultimately, we alone can deal with them and justify them.

Your life lies in your hands. Realize that. Think about every decision you make. It will affect your life and yours alone. Do not do something to look cool and to be accepted into the crowd. Do it because you want to and you believe in it. It will make you a better person in your life. That is all we need to survive here and in the world: the ability to recognize that everything in our life is our own. Our lives. Our parents brought us up to instill some values in us, to trying to teach us right and wrong and not trying to show us how to make our own decisions. Now we need to be able to be independent. Parents will always be there to guide us, and peers will certainly be there to help. But at the end of the day, you will no longer be anyone to hold our hand along the path we choose to take. Just ourselves and ourselves to make our own decisions. For the end of the day we will have ourselves to applaud for the for the decisions and ourselves to blame for the wrong decisions. Let’s recognize that fact and act on it.

Non-Random Communities
The Strongest Communities Arise from Housing Choice

Douglas E. Heimbucher

Almost two weeks ago, several members of the faculty introduced a proposal to house all freshmen on campus. The dormitory system, they argued, could mean the end to some very good independent and social groups. Yet it could increase student contact with each other if the MIT community.

There is a proposal that is connected to this line, though, that is so negative that it is outweighed by the potential negative effects of the movement on the campus, the thought of undoing what a large number of freshmen held in the dormitory system.

If freshmen housing is randomized, let alone something that could be done in the dormitories of the 10 Institute-run living groups will be greatly harmed. The thought that most students have for their dormitory will also be lessened significantly, as residence students feel that they made a choice to live there.

Just over a year ago, I chose to rank Random Hall first on my list of the dormitories in the lottery. I was excited to receive Random as my dormitory, as I was able to pick from within the floors of Random and even pick my roommates.

When I was admitted to MIT I went to many different dormitories. My friends at Harvard received their roommates’ names before arriving on campus, and were able to give out both their number and address to their friends before leaving. These details ease the transition to college life, but the advantages of community far outweigh the drawbacks of not having a phone number or address before arriving at MIT.

Each dormitory here has its own distinct culture apart from the Institute as a whole. At Random, for example, most residents cook in our kitchens and eat in Central Square instead of on campus. We aren’t the quizzest place on campus. We are usually the last to head up to the lounge and not just going to the lounge and watching a movie or playing a game with a group of 15 or 20 people. The accurate attention is to the Interfraternity Association’s “campus-wide” parties and events show that many well-planned and advertised parties on a campus-level wide draw few people.

If housing was randomized, many people might choose to withdraw from socializing at all if they hate their dormitory and don’t like the other students who are available to them. More upperclassmen might decide to take their chances with a small group in the Cambridge housing market. Others may simply withdraw completely to the sanctity of their single.

As a result, students would be even less social than they are today, which poor迄今 students and these hiring graduates. It is even better close doors in a dormitory.

We live in a stressful campus environment. After classes, it’s nice to be able to go home and socialize, and get away from MIT. Removing the community and the culture of the dormitory system in order to promote campus-wide wide sprit would be a great mistake on the part of the administration. While the dorm system does have some problems, the selection system is not one of them.

The change and offer constructive criticism for how to best achieve the goals the faculty outline. In return, the faculty must remain steadfast in their vision to create a better living environment for students.

The faculty might not ignore that their motions will have an immediate impact on the current environment. To assess this impact, they must listen to students. While the faculty may be voting for what happens twenty years (but hopefully sooner) down the line, the must aggressively seek to understand the realities of MIT’s life, by actively interacting with students, instead of hearing about the ideas, hopes and fears of students second-hand from friends or the small unrepresentative number of student who sign up to serve on some out-of-touch committee.

Most students on this campus are 18 years old or older. Most of us live in Cambridge far away from campus. Most of us have left our families behind. We are not Massachusetts for an education. But on the day we left our parents behind, we did more than just leave home. We took something important away from us as well: responsibility.

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By Noreen Sunkavally
STAFF REPORTER

On Friday, Noordin Sopiee, chairman and chief executive officer of Malaysia's leading think tank, the Institute for Strategic and International Science, spoke about the myths and realities associated with the "East Asian miracle." The Malaysian Students Association sponsored the event, held in 10-200.

The East Asian miracle refers to the persistently high growth rates and standards of living among East Asian economies in the last 30 years. Sopiee began his speech by analyzing the word "miracle." He felt the word contained bad connotations because it implied something "magical, mysterious, and easily done." However, Sopiee also pointed to the good connotations of "miracle," as something "remarkable or astonishing."

Sopiee then discussed 10 common myths associated with the East Asian miracle. He attacked people who gave single-causal explanations, such as an authoritarian government or a Confucian work-ethic, for the miracle and those people who think that every East Asian country has followed a general East Asian economic recipe for success.

Sopiee also argued that the East Asian miracle was not easily accomplished and said, "You young people don't know the hell we went through to get toward today's hell."

Sopiee discussed currency crises. The last myth, or "pre-myth," that Sopiee addressed was the notion that the current currency crisis represents the beginning of the end for East Asian countries. Sopiee tried to debunk this "pre-myth" by noting the incredible strength of East Asian economies before July 2, when Thailand set off the currency crisis by devaluing the baht.

Malaysia, which has thus far suffered a 30 percent devaluation in the ringgit, would suffer the consequences but somehow get up and become a competitive economy after one to four years, Sopiee said.

Before the crisis, Malaysia was the second strongest and fourth most industrial economy in the world, Sopiee said. The Malaysian economy had all the fundamentals, like low inflation and high growth. Singapore, with an average growth rate of 7.92 percent, has been the most successful economy in the world in the last 25 years, he said.

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New Endicott Center Relieves Homeless
Musical Ensembles

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stay attached to MIT," Bradford Endicott said. He is typical of many of
council members, he said, "I
came to this school with no previous arts curriculum experience: I
remember taking an intro to music
class and finding it fascinating."

Music center news home to groups
James Makubuya, assistant pro-
fessor in the Music and Theater Arts
department, formed MITCAN to allow
students to experience African
music. "I cannot overemphasize how
happy I am to have this room to
practice in," Makubuya said. "Not
only that, but the Council for the
Arts funded the purchase of more
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"We think the people who have
donated the room to us," Makubuya
said in a speech prior to the group's
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longer homeless."

"Last year," said Patrick C.
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by Zachary Emig

Rhino-Man

Noun Poetry

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Sopiee also said that the "electron-ic herd" of speculators could not ignore the strength and potential of East Asian countries, and that despite the currency crisis, the herd will later turn back to invest in East Asia. Last year, investors made an average return of 25.9 percent in Malaysia, while the average world-wide rate of return was only 12 per-cent.

Change in ideology is true miracle Despite the bad connotations of the word "miracle," Sopiee thought that its good connotations described well the current situation with East Asian countries. He said that the change in ideol-ogy was remarkable. "[Before] we [Malaysia] were prepared to kill people if they were communists. [Now] for the first time in 150 years, nobody is shooting anyone anymore." He said that the most tur-bulent region in the past is not the Middle East but East Asia, which has experienced the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and countless other civil wars. "I think we have made a tremen-dous advance with regards to démocratization," Sopiee said. "However," he said, "I believe we have to do better with regards to political and civil rights.

Speaking of the psychological and cultural change over the last 50 years, Sopiee said that East Asian countries now have a greater sense of confidence and a regional con-sciousness and no longer feel inferi-or to Western nations.

Pointing to a survey that asked East Asians and Americans their most important values, Sopiee said that East Asian values have also contributed to the miracle. According to the survey, in East Asia, the most important values were the existence of an orderly society, consensus, and respect for authority, while in the United States, the most important values were free expression, personal free-dom, and open debate.

Sopiee answers questions When asked about Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's recent comments about a conspiracy among Jews and rich nations, Sopiee said the prime minister was making a point to the media. He also said that it was not possible for rich nations to conspire.

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