The definition of Institute funds is very broad. If in Nice House we have a party, I spend my own money, that’s considered Institute funds,” Shah said.

Alcohol policy affects events and purchases. While some dormitories and their social events may be adversely affected by the Institute ban, other dormitories will go largely unchanged, said some house presidents. As a result, student opinion about Institute alcohol policy remains divided. Wojciech P. Gizewicz ’99, president of New House, did not anticipate the ban having a significant impact on the dormitory’s shut-eye policy. “There have been no downside events with alcohol in at least two years,” he said. He did note one strong reaction among the residents. “No one has sought me out to talk about it,” he said, although he added that there has not been a house meeting since the new policy was instituted.

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By Jennifer Lane

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

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

Students and other members of the Institute community hold misconceptions of the IFC as well as fraternity and sorority life, Dreger said. Over the course of the next year, the IFC will work to build up a larger sense of community and “educate everyone around us about what we do,” he said.

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

Developing this certification program will involve collaboration with other offices around the Institute. Additionally, the current IFC alcohol policies are new, largely unimplemented and “may need some tweaking,” said Dreger. Dreger will work closely with the two new IFC vice presidents, Vice President for Activities and Organization Margaret C. Tsi ’99 and Vice President for Internal Affairs Bob Broderick ’99 will oversee IFC committees ranging from community relations to programs for freshmen. Tsi is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and Broderick is a member of Zeta Psi.

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Dormitories Channel Alcohol Funds Elsewhere

By Krista L. Niece

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

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

“I guess you could say [the Institute ban] is more stringent than our policy was,” said Dormcon president Ashesh P. Shah ’99, “It made sense to lift our ban when there was [a ban from a higher authority] accomplishing the same thing.”

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By Jennifer Chung

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

"How should the transportation money be spent?" Snoev said. "Even walkers’ needs are being considered, there’s a question on the survey, for instance, which asks if we should have better landscaping."

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

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

Survey utilized by many groups

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

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

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

"I'm going to make sure these documents see the light of day," Rep. Robert Wexler, D-Fla., said. "The public has a right to know how Congress must have these documents to do its job." He gave the industry until noon Friday to comply with the request for the documents.

The unusual request underscores the companies' dramatically worsened the rising tensions between the beleaguered industry and lawmakers. The Justice Department will consider national tobacco legislation in the spring that could impose new regulations on the industry while protecting it against any new lawsuits.

"I don't underestimate the liberties on Capitol Hill and leaves others skeptical. Philip Morris is a potent force in Wexler's district, and the company's Richmond plant employs about 5,000 of its constituents. According to the campaign finance lobbying group Common Cause, Bliley has received more tobacco campaign contributions than any other House member — more than $133,000 since 1987.

**Winnie Mandela Apologizes But Maintains Innocence**

LONG ISLAND OAKS, NEW YORK

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

"I am saying it is true, things went horribly wrong. I fully agree with that," Madikizela-Mandela said in the final session of a nine-day hearing on whether she should testify. "I have not dealt with groups of troublesome men and boys based in her Soweto home. "And for that part of those party members, were we not aware of the fact that there were factors that led to that for — that I deeply regret.

"I was a carefully scripted day testimony, Mandela also isolated allegations to the families of Stompie Seipei and Dr. Abu-Baker Abose, a teenage activist and a Soweto physician murdered in 1989.

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

The surprise overtures by Madikizela-Mandela came after a grudging admission by the former wife of President Nelson Mandela methodically denied allegations of murder and multiple sexual assaults, and poured contempt on the commission's hearings, opened to the public upon her insistence, to look into 18 alleged human rights violations involving the notorious soccer club.

**Thurmond Plans to Step Down As Arkansas Senator**

WASHINGTON

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

Revealing his decision in a letter to the committee chairman, the 83-year-old Thurmond, who has represented the state since 1954, said he will not seek another term.

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

**Weather**

Drizzle and Flurries

By Gerard Roe

BY UPI WIRE

A large mid-level low pressure system translating slowly eastward will bring the region a mixture of rain, drizzle, and flurries today and tomorrow. Some smaller scale disturbances embedded in the larger flow will bring precipitation over the area beginning this afternoon. At the same time, the surface, colder air is pushing in from the northwest. It looks as though at this stage, the precipitation will begin to diminish as the colder air moves over the region overnight. Morning: With the wet ground, there should be a little bit of precipitation at most. The rest of the weekend looks to be clearing but chilly. Thursday: Heavy episodic precipitation and ponding along ground. Changing to flurries in the evening. The high will be in the early morning and temperatures will fall slowly during the day. Daytime temperatures around 40°F (4°C).

Tonight: Continuing flurries. Low 36°F (2°C).

Friday: Cloud-It looks like dueing in the morning. Some southwesterly gusts of 5 mph appearing later. High 38°C (4°C). Low 26°F (3°C).


**Lawmakers Question Proof Of Donor's Military Service**

WASHINGTON

BY STEPHEN BARN AND TERRY M. NELSON

The House Republicans commissioned a new study on Thursday that raised the possibility of demands that the administration release more sensitive information, including personal data, about a Russian spy planted in the U.S. military.

In a meeting with Republicans this month, the retired KGB counterintelligence agent George de Moubray, whose code name was "Booz," said he had served in the U.S. military as a Soviet military intelligence officer and had served with both airborne and special forces during the Vietnam War.

"He is dead and cannot defend himself," he said in a statement. "I am not prepared to change my beliefs based on the evidence presented. I have never demonstrated a messiah's complex or even a concern for either truth or decency."

***The Washington Post***
President of India Dissolves Parliament, Midterm Vote Set

By Kenneth J. Cooper

NEW DELHI—The Washington Post

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

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

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

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

India's already slow movement toward a more open economy will be suspended during the months of election campaigning as bureaucracies postpone decisions on policy issues and investment proposals until a new government is installed. Already, the aborted winter session of Parliament took no action on pending legislation, including bills to introduce private competition in insurance and to regulate the satellite television industry.

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

Congress withdrew support from the ruling coalition because an official report accused a Front partner, the Tamil-Based Dravidian Progressive Federation, of abetting the Tamil terrorists from Sri Lanka, who are suspected of assassinating former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991.

Congress and the United Front failed to reach a compromise allowing Congress to resume its job from outside the government.

New Report Says White House 'Obstructed' Human Rights Issues

By Robin Wright

WASHINGTON

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

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

The administration practice of ignoring human rights in some areas and adopting a "selective" commitment based on economic convenience or strategic interests in others now poses "a growing threat" to human rights in key parts of the world, most visibly in China and Central Africa, charges "Human Rights Watch World Report 1998."

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

The State Department Thursday had no response to specific charges in the report but spokesman Jamie Rubin disputed its tone and conclusions, saying: "I think that if you look around the world and you ask the people of the world which nation they look to as to be the beacon for human rights, democracy, and freedom, there's no question the answer will be the United States."

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

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

Setting your own pace

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

Instead of Avoiding Students, Professors Should Embrace End-of-Term Chaos

Stacey E. Blau

The two last weeks of the semester are typical the worst ones of the term for most students. Problem sets, exams, final projects, and presentations all come due right at the end, typically followed by finals. Of course, the last two weeks of the term is not the only time that professors make things difficult for students. With the exception of the first class of students, professors who make multi-class assignments or require their classes fall due two weeks before the next class, and then into final weeks, and still other faculty members who devise new and creative violations of their own faculty rules and regulations, there is little about students' end-of-term crunch that is left planned for.

Unfortunately, by this point in the term, there is no time for students to do be done about end-of-term rules and policies. Nevertheless, things such as violating the rules are doing so with a clear conscience in which they planned out before the semester had even begun. They cannot at the last minute restructure the course to distribute work more evenly or make it due earlier.

But it is only fair to have some sympathy for the faculty when it is the students who are forced to bear the brunt of professors' totally thoughtless and rushed plans for the course, the ones stuck with the assignments. And for most students, it usually doesn't make any difference if an assignment is due the day after the last lecture or the day before the last lecture. Probably the only time that students really have to like your students," he says, or equally, "all questions are stupid," he says, or equally, "all errors he makes on the board. "There are no errors you can. It's sad that students often have to turn to the reen, not to appear on the cover of the book names, Underline was devised for typeset- ing and graphics will be forever grateful. It's so much better if only a few basic design principles were considered.

3. Don't put gray background behind all text. Don't use "dumb" quotes; they make what you write look "dumb" or "dull." You don't have to have the money for a Fortune 500 company to produce good-looking, high-quality letterheads and form letters. Some technology can produce the numerous posters, brochures, booklets, new letters, and ads that could look so much better if only a few basic design principles were considered.

4. Web graphs are usually very low-res- olving problems. It's not surprising that students at MIT are known for designing a jukebox for their dorm from scratch or hours sitting in front of a computer writing software for their extra-curricular work.

The Institute hosts a faculty that is comprised of top-notch scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and economists involved in cutting-edge research, and the material to teaching about "no bubble is so iridescent or so brilliant that it is blown by the glorious teacher."

Teaching at MIT should be of utmost importance. The issue of Rota's total openness policy includes strong preparation for each and every lecture. He's taught 18.03 Differential Equations over the past five years, and stresses that the more relevant examples before every lecture. "There's no such thing as a good unprepared lecture," he says.

But preparation can only help you present your material in a way that you would want to be able to share with your students. Rota believes that good lecturers need great enthusiasm, great ideas, and a willingness to communicate. When they are teaching, Rota also feels that he is on the same level in his students, not so much different from students, that they make the word hard to read.

As for the theatres that Rota is known for employing in class, he calls them "great teaching tools." Rota gives Hershey bars to students in 18.03 if they catch him making a mistake or if they ask a question in class. Rota's teaching style demonstrates a partnership between professor and student. For the most part, he says, his students have a great deal of confidence in their own abilities, and in the spirit of the material. But he also adds, "You need to put boxes around the material."

"It seems that the natural thing for the professor to do is to call on the student," he says. After all, "real authentic teaching can take place."
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Anastasia

Anastasia
Another studio ventures into Disney's territory.

By Vladimir V. Zelevinsky

Byline

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

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

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- 2 stars: If you’re really hungry and it’s really cheap, why not?
- 3 stars: A good meal with a variety of vegetarian selections.
- 4 stars: Stands out in its class, great for vegetarians.

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

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With a name like Larry’s Chinese Restaurant, you might be expecting something less than an exquisite dining experience and that’s exactly what Larry provides. In order to meet the vegetarian leemand yu hsiang tofu arrived in just over the forty minutes promised, lukewarm, and leaking into the bottom of the bag. Yu hsiang tofu at its best is crispy fried tofu and an assortment of crisp vegetables in a slightly sweet and reasonably spiced sauce garnished with scallions. Yu hsiang tofu at its worst is a bitter, cut into large triangles and served soft and spiceless, then laid limp over a bed of overcooked vegetables. The sauce that was sent to depths of the delivery bag was bland, mild, and not even hinting at sweet. The vegetable le mant was equitably bland although hardly as painful as the yu hsiang. Not recommended.

Mandarin 1½
314 Mass Ave.
497-3444
Free delivery minimum: $15
Daily, 11:30 AM - 10:00 PM
Vegetarian Entrées Priced $4.95-$5.70

Mandarin Restaurant has given me some good meals in the past. On the night when the Vegetarian Gourmet decided to review it, however, expectations were not met. The one and one-half star rating takes into account better days than this one. The vegetarian peking ravioli (pockettikers to you and me), sesame spicy tofu with peanuts, and vegetarian’s delight arrived in an hour, well past the thirty to forty-five minute wait I had been told to prepare for, but still quite hot. Once again, there was a pool of sauce at the bottom of the delivery bag. Perhaps its just a pet peeve of mine, but it is really so hard to keep a meal together on your way to your door? The peking ravioli was big and beautiful with perfectly cooked dough. The ravioli turned out to be a bit dull on the inside, but with the marvellously tasty and warmly spicy dipping sauce, I could scarcely complain. The sesame spicy tofu with peanuts was reasonable although neither spicy nor particularly sesame. The dish came with a nice assortment of vegetables including broccoli, scallions, water chestnuts, and red and green peppers, but all were a bit bland from oven baking. The peanuts were clearly thrown in as an afterthought and not nearly as satisfying as the kung pao crowd might have wished.

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

Pu Pu Hot Pot 2½
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401-0516 or 495-0536
Free delivery minimum: $10
Daily, 11:30 AM - 11:30 PM
Vegetarian Entrées Priced $4.50-$5.75
No personal checks

Pu Pu Hot Pot provides a variety of good, hot food at reasonable prices. They even managed to keep the sauce inside the containers. Hallelujah! The Chinese vegetable wontons (pan-fried), spicy tofu with broccoli in garlic sauce and tofu with mixed vegetable, expected in thirty minutes, surprised me, piping hot at my door, a mere seventeen minutes from when I ordered.

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

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

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

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

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

Saferide questions included

"We know that there are students who care about Saferide," Snover said. "The question of expansion comes in, but we can't make a case for Saferide. There are several things which could happen with Saferide. Should Saferide be in service 24 hours a day? Should there be bigger buses? And what about Saferide's impact on the neighborhood?" she said.

Other issues explored

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

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

MBTA project involves MIT area

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Alcohol Policy Stalls At Academic Council

By Zareena Hussain

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

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

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

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

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

In addition, the recommendations called for the enforcement of policy needed to be improved, by President Vest in the wake of the death of Scott S. Krueger '01, no Institute funds can be used for the purchase of alcohol at events where those under 21 will be present. Exceptions can be made for events which receive "prior approval."

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

Enforcement of policy needed

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vest's alcohol policy guidelines set

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

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

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

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

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

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Students Harbor Mixed Reactions To Recent Alcohol Policy Changes

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

Residents have had waning reactions towards the ban. "Dormitory Council policy was pretty heavily opposed when it first came up," Misra said. Opposition has ebbed recently, though. "Now, with the new Institute ban, no one seems openly against it," Misra said.

The Dormitory Council's policy "was a temporary ban on alcohol at events," Shah said. "No one's looking to sponsor a twenty-one-and-over event, so this policy is in effect the same thing."

The Institute ban policy will be in place "at least until April," Shah said.

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GSC Meeting Minutes

At their Dec. 3 meeting, the Graduate Student Council heard reports from various guests and committees.
The alcohol policy ad-hoc committee reported their recommendations for the GSC alcohol policy, which centered around encouraging responsible drinking. The committee proposed measures for regulating alcohol at GSC-sponsored events including checking ID at those events as well as requiring a bartender to be present to serve the alcohol. Their recommendations will be voted on next month.
The housing and community affairs committee reported that the client team for the new graduate housing at University Park met for the last time on Tuesday to discuss the team's draft report. The GSC will have a future role in the upcoming design phase of the project.
The housing and community affairs committee is also looking into the results of the transportation survey to determine the transportation needs of graduate students.
The academic, research, and careers committee is working with the Black Graduate Student Association for a joint resolution on student body diversity. They are drafting a proposal to the Graduate Education Office to keep track of the applicants and admission statistics for minority students. The resolution will be submitted to the council at the next meeting and will be voted on at the following meeting.
The GSC heard from Lawrence Sass G, a member of the Faculty Policy Committee which is examining physical and financial changes at the Institute. Sass solicited graduate student opinions on his proposed policy change to have the Institute fund graduate students in order to remove the burden of seeking funds from each individual student.

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New IFC Officers Will Intensify Connection To the Community

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

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

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

Ruhl will be closely involved in organizing alcohol educational programs, highly in demand at the Institute after several alcohol-related incidents this semester, including the death of Scott S. Krueger '91. "It's like to try to prevent these incidents from happening seawards," Ruhl said.

Others elected to new positions

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

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

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

MIT competitors placed very well at all levels. In the newcomer event, Stephanie Shaw G and Yedil Workneh '98 won the American style rhumba, while Workneh and Tara Andrews '99 won the American style waltz. Shaw and Seth Webster G placed in the finals of the international style rhumba.

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

In the silver international style division, Tom Nugent G and Yuying Chen G won the tango and quickstep and placed second in the foxtrot. Vikas Bhushan G and Jennifer Hartmoeck '98 also placed in the finals of all of these events. Michael Posner and his partner from Northeastern University placed in the finals of all of the open level international style events, Latin and standard. Posner also won the mambo event, with Sabrina Almeida '99 and Jorge Barrera '99 right behind them in second place.

Maia Lipinski G and Mike Otero, a scientist at Lincoln Laboratory, swept top honors in all of the open level international style standard events as well as in the American style Viennese waltz. Andreas Gaul G and Silvia Hodu G placed second in the American style Viennese waltz, and third in foxstep.

The MIT competitors are looking forward to bringing home more ribbons this weekend when they will be competing at the Yale Regional Competition in New Haven, Conn. This will be their last competition until the new year.

Photos by Dennis Yancey

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

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

Left Coach Larry Anderson presents Melvin Pullens '98 with a basketball that commemorates the 3,000th point scored during his college career.

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