The Sloan School of Management fell to fourth place in the business category from second place last year and first the year before. Among the 12 engineering specialties, the Institute was awarded seventh first-place, one second-place, and two third-place rankings.

Research and Dean for Graduate Education J. David Lister PhD '65. The rankings, officially announced today, will be published in the March 10 issue of the magazine. In the overall engineering rankings, MIT was rated first and Stanford University stood second. The University of California at Berkeley and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign tied for third, and the Georgia Institute of Technology at fifth. According to the survey, MIT was ranked number one by academics and number one by practicing engineers. The Institute was ranked number one in the fine arts category, up from fifth last year.

"There is a good deal of noise in these surveys. The main thing anyone should take away from these surveys is that MIT is a very good school in almost all of its departments," said Vice President for Enrollment at the University of Chicago.

After consulting with President Charles M. Vest, Provost Joel Moses PhD '67, and people most affected by the search, Williams convened the search committee. The committee is chaired by Associate Dean of the School of Engineering John B. Vander Sande. Other full-time members on the committee are Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Harold Abelson '73, Chair of the Faculty Lawrence S. Bacow '72, Dean of the School of Science Robert B. Birgeneau, and Assistant Professor of the History of Science Evelyn M. Hambrecht '87, Professor of Ocean Engineering J. Kim Vandiver, who serves as chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, will be interviewed by the search committee once it gets under way, Williams said. As of now, however, Vandiver has not been given an official role in the search.

Students will serve on committee
There will be one undergraduate and one graduate student on the committee. The student members will be responding to solicitations to fill these positions from the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council at a later time, Williams said.

"We're asking for new directors of admissions," said UA president and secretary. "We are not asking for people to run for these positions, but we will take the time it takes.

"The search (for a new director of admissions) is only beginning, and we have yet to advertise," said Williams. "We would like to fill the positions as soon as possible, but we won't rush the process; it will take the time it takes." The director of admissions must have a thorough knowledge of the technical, social, and economic

Admissions, Page 22

Christopher H. Roberts '99 (clarinet) is accompanied by Catherine B. Lavelle G (piano) playing a concerto by Copland on Wednesday at the Advanced Music Performance recital.

plethora of students
Run for UA Positions
By Jennifer Lane
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR
As of yesterday night, only six of the 22 positions in this year's Undergraduate Association elections had no declared candidates. The deadline for signed petitions from candidates was Wednesday.

The petition deadline was extended until today for the Class of 1999 treasurer and publicity coordinators, said UA Election Commissioner Edgar H. Martinez '96. These offices currently have no candidates.

There are, however, several people prepared to run for those positions, Martinez said. Furthermore, some people who missed the Wednesday deadline for other positions are planning write-in campaigns, he said.

As of yesterday, 24 candidates or candidate pairs had declared their candidacy, Martinez said. There are significantly more positions with candidates this year than in years past, said UA Treasurer Russell S. Light '96, who is a member of the elections commission.

Last year, six of 26 offices up for election had candidates five days after the deadline. All Class of 2000 offices have candidates. "I'm really pleased the freshmen are so excited," Light said.

A possible reason for the high turnout of candidates is the UA's recent visibility, Martinez said. Over the past semester, the UA has done a lot of things that have been appreciated by the student body, he said.

The UA Logan Airport shuttle is an example of such an activity, Martinez said. After all, one of the best motivators for potential candidates is to have "an example of people doing things well," Martinez said.

The qualifications for candidacy include filling out an application and obtaining 440 signatures for the positions of UA president and vice president and 110 signatures for class officers.

Voting will begin next week
Electronic voting on Athens will begin on March 7 and run through March 11. Ballot box voting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on March 12 and end at 5 p.m. on March 14.

"We are reviewing the voting procedures from last year" to for-
**Weather**

**March On**

By Marek Zebrowski

A high pressure system settling in briefly for Friday will close this last full month of winter on a relatively mild note. Overall, February averaged over 4°F a day warmer than its normal this time around.

March will begin with yet another surge of much warmer air, associated with a ridge of high pressure moving southward out of the Southwest across Great Lakes. A cold front will then approach on Sunday. More showers and thunderstorms over the weekend as well as cold weather makes a quick appearance in our area early next week.

Today: Partly to mostly sunny in the wake of a cold front passing Tuesday night. Highs in the mid 40s to 50°F.

**WEATHER**

**March On**

By Marek Zebrowski

A high pressure system settling in briefly for Friday will close this last full month of winter on a relatively mild note. Overall, February averaged over 4°F a day warmer than its normal this time around.

March will begin with yet another surge of much warmer air, associated with a ridge of high pressure moving southward out of the Southwest across Great Lakes. A cold front will then approach on Sunday. More showers and thunderstorms over the weekend as well as cold weather makes a quick appearance in our area early next week.

Today: Partly to mostly sunny in the wake of a cold front passing Tuesday night. Highs in the mid 40s to 50°F.

**WEATHER**

**March On**

By Marek Zebrowski

A high pressure system settling in briefly for Friday will close this last full month of winter on a relatively mild note. Overall, February averaged over 4°F a day warmer than its normal this time around.

March will begin with yet another surge of much warmer air, associated with a ridge of high pressure moving southward out of the Southwest across Great Lakes. A cold front will then approach on Sunday. More showers and thunderstorms over the weekend as well as cold weather makes a quick appearance in our area early next week.

Today: Partly to mostly sunny in the wake of a cold front passing Tuesday night. Highs in the mid 40s to 50°F.

**WEATHER**

**March On**

By Marek Zebrowski

A high pressure system settling in briefly for Friday will close this last full month of winter on a relatively mild note. Overall, February averaged over 4°F a day warmer than its normal this time around.

March will begin with yet another surge of much warmer air, associated with a ridge of high pressure moving southward out of the Southwest across Great Lakes. A cold front will then approach on Sunday. More showers and thunderstorms over the weekend as well as cold weather makes a quick appearance in our area early next week.

Today: Partly to mostly sunny in the wake of a cold front passing Tuesday night. Highs in the mid 40s to 50°F.

**WEATHER**

**March On**

By Marek Zebrowski

A high pressure system settling in briefly for Friday will close this last full month of winter on a relatively mild note. Overall, February averaged over 4°F a day warmer than its normal this time around.

March will begin with yet another surge of much warmer air, associated with a ridge of high pressure moving southward out of the Southwest across Great Lakes. A cold front will then approach on Sunday. More showers and thunderstorms over the weekend as well as cold weather makes a quick appearance in our area early next week.

Today: Partly to mostly sunny in the wake of a cold front passing Tuesday night. Highs in the mid 40s to 50°F.

**WEATHER**

**March On**

By Marek Zebrowski

A high pressure system settling in briefly for Friday will close this last full month of winter on a relatively mild note. Overall, February averaged over 4°F a day warmer than its normal this time around.

March will begin with yet another surge of much warmer air, associated with a ridge of high pressure moving southward out of the Southwest across Great Lakes. A cold front will then approach on Sunday. More showers and thunderstorms over the weekend as well as cold weather makes a quick appearance in our area early next week.

Today: Partly to mostly sunny in the wake of a cold front passing Tuesday night. Highs in the mid 40s to 50°F.

**WEATHER**

**March On**

By Marek Zebrowski

A high pressure system settling in briefly for Friday will close this last full month of winter on a relatively mild note. Overall, February averaged over 4°F a day warmer than its normal this time around.

March will begin with yet another surge of much warmer air, associated with a ridge of high pressure moving southward out of the Southwest across Great Lakes. A cold front will then approach on Sunday. More showers and thunderstorms over the weekend as well as cold weather makes a quick appearance in our area early next week.

Today: Partly to mostly sunny in the wake of a cold front passing Tuesday night. Highs in the mid 40s to 50°F.

**WEATHER**

**March On**

By Marek Zebrowski

A high pressure system settling in briefly for Friday will close this last full month of winter on a relatively mild note. Overall, February averaged over 4°F a day warmer than its normal this time around.

March will begin with yet another surge of much warmer air, associated with a ridge of high pressure moving southward out of the Southwest across Great Lakes. A cold front will then approach on Sunday. More showers and thunderstorms over the weekend as well as cold weather makes a quick appearance in our area early next week.

Today: Partly to mostly sunny in the wake of a cold front passing Tuesday night. Highs in the mid 40s to 50°F.
VA Aides Leave Under Cloud Of Harassment Accusations

By Bill McAllister

A dozen senior hospital administra-
tors in the Department of Veterans Affairs have been denoted or questioned by top officials since 1993 after being accused of sexually harassing or intimidating women managing their facilities, VA Secretary Jesse Brown said Thursday.

"I don't know what he did say he would do strong action against any super-
visor found guilty of harassment and that he or his top deputies will personally review all such allegations against senior hospital officials in the future."...

...have been out in front of this issue since 1993,...

...the percentage of any veteran receiving strong demonstrations,...

She said in an interview. "It has been...an Outbreak of Vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
tance or predict an outbreak of vio-
...
Letters To The Editor

Editor's Note: As stated in the opinion policy below, all columns and letters in The Tech represent the opinions of the writers, not necessarily that of the newspaper.

Fraternities Provide Family, Community

The particular occasion for the most recent shallow fraternity-bashing column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ("Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25) was the accident which befell the members of Lambda Chi Alpha. The column blamed it on the alcoholism and general lack of control demonstrated by the frat members. Leaving aside the unbearable poorness manner apparent in insulting a family, which the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha do consider themselves, the author suggests a surprising ignorance (or not so surprising if one reads Tuesday's comment page) of a family having suffered a serious injury was the former senior House President, David G. Moore '91. In 1990, Moore fell off a balcony and died. Was it a drug overdose? People wonder, but Senior House, which was undeniably sad, at least was not blamed in a whole for not looking out after one another. Fraternities do aspire to this ideal of looking out for each other, and accusing the brothers of LCA of negligence is akin to yelling at a parent about after their child ran into traffic and was hit by a car.

Now I am given to understand from last week's column that the Sunday " omit trial" tells the whole story about the irresponsible density of what frat members promote. I must admit that most of my brothers would be happy if their Dionysian fantasies were played out on a regular basis, but this doesn't relate to whether or not brothers care about each other. Blau claims as much when she says dormitories are just like fraternities, minus the self-righteous and unsubstantiated claims of brotherly love. I could point to a host of examples, like Chocolate City, which suggest fraternities are not in their quest for close friendships. However, I prefer to preface my second thesis, which subsumes the first and is broader in its implications, with a few minutes of my free time. My thesis is that fraternities give people a constructive outlet for their desire to take part in a community. This explains why so many fraternity members write for The Tech: they already have friends and do not need another bunch of people to hang out with.

This also explains why the fraternity GPA is higher than the campus average — fraternity males are on average happier, and so it is easier for them to get their work done. This thesis also explains why fraternity members give back to the community, as their MATTER than average — fraternity members feel more closely connected to MIT through the groups they are in, and have more here where they are close to.

This thesis also explains why write letters to the The Tech — the people who are unhappy are those with nothing better to do than write a letter. I am almost embarrassed to be writing myself, but I think Blau's column demands a response.

I don't think The Tech would have printed a letter insulting the all black and hispanic men on campus. This is too broad a group to have anything real to say about them, negative or positive, that could not be said about all people. The Tech similarly printed in Blau's letter, which caricatured all fraternity males as irrational drunkards.

John D. Dunagan '98

All Living Groups Have Equal Share of Problems

Tuesday's column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ("Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25) demonstrated a lack of journalistic pride and integrity. To imitate and provoke us for the sake of provoking us for the sake of provoking. Consider Blau writes for a paper which is, in principle, free of personal or issue-oriented editorial bias. Are you out to turn The Tech into the second tabloid campus rag?

What inspired this? Face it, MIT students are people who drink a lot, smoke pot, smoke crack, dog race, ape, lie, steal, harass, commit vandalism, destroy, steal, eat pork during Passover — people have committed offenses of all types that range all the way from innocent fun, differences of morality, or lapses of morality, to serious transgressions and illegal activities.

In fact, you might say MIT students are a lot like the rest of the population, except you tend to find more intelligence among them. I used to work at the post office in the power plant. My point is that people are people. Those are the things that statistically must be taken with a grain of salt.

In my experience, you have anything real to say about them, negative or positive, that could not be said about all people. The Tech similarly printed in Blau's letter, which caricatured all fraternity males as irrational drunkards.

Blau writes for a paper which is, in principle, free of personal or issue-oriented editorial bias. Are you out to turn The Tech into the second tabloid campus rag?

What inspired this? Face it, MIT students are people who drink a lot, smoke pot, smoke crack, dog race, ape, lie, steal, harass, commit vandalism, destroy, steal, eat pork during Passover — people have committed offenses of all types that range all the way from innocent fun, differences of morality, or lapses of morality, to serious transgressions and illegal activities.

In fact, you might say MIT students are a lot like the rest of the population, except you tend to find more intelligence among them. I used to work at the post office in the power plant. My point is that people are people. Those are the things that statistically must be taken with a grain of salt.

In my experience, you have anything real to say about them, negative or positive, that could not be said about all people. The Tech similarly printed in Blau's letter, which caricatured all fraternity males as irrational drunkards.

John D. Dunagan '98

Letters and cartoons must bear the signatures of their authors, address- es, and phone numbers. Unsigned letters will not be accepted. No letter or cartoon will be printed anonymously without the express prior approval of the editorial board. Unsigned letters or cartoons must be signed condense letters; shorter letters will be given higher priority. Once a letter is submitted, all letters have to be returned. We regret we cannot publish all of the letters we receive.

Opinion Policy

Editorials, printed in a distinctive format, are the official opinion of The Tech. They are written by the editors of the newspaper. The editors of the newspaper are the chairman, managing editor, executive editor, news editor, and opinion editor. They are the sole contributors to an editorial. The editors of the newspaper are the sole contributors to a letter to the editor.

The Tech is printed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Letters to the editor and opinion pieces may be submitted by mail to General Editor, The Tech, 85 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139-7029, or by interdepartmental mail to Room W20-483. Electronic submissions are encouraged and may be mailed to letters@tech.mit.edu. All submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. two days before the date of publication.
There's a Reason Why It's Called the Opinion Page

By Thomas R. Karlo

If you're expecting a sequel to the column by Stacey E. Blau "'98 on the fraternity system ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 23], I'm sorry to disappoint you. As a columnist, though, there's little fun in yelling "fire" when everybody's already screaming and running for the exit, so I'll leave it to others to fan the flames. Nor do I think much productive discussion is going to happen on the topic until everyone returns to their seats and calms down. In the meantime, there's a few things I've been hearing through the general shouting that I'd like to address.

The reactions to Blau's column have been both positive and negative. Among those critical of her column, I've heard two common sentiments that I find both a bit mystifying, and a little daunting: "How can The Tech be so anti-fraternity?" and "How can The Tech let her write this?"

Regardless of how I feel about the opinions Blau expressed, I do know that I'll serve to err on the side of letting someone express their opinion. Would you really prefer a newspaper that only printed opinions that nobody was going to object to? In the real world, differences of opinion are what produce thought, examination, and positive progress. At MIT, it should be no different.

For The Tech to censor a regular columnist's piece simply because we thought it might elicit a strong reaction from the community would not only be a mistake; it would mean we had failed the MIT community. Columns are meant to stimulate discussion and thought with their pieces. If nothing else, Blau's column has certainly achieved this, considering the reaction and discussion it has caused among the normally apathetic undergraduate population.

Was the topic Blau chose to bring in from the MIT community relevant and worthy of consideration? Definitely. It would be difficult to argue that the issue of whether MIT should or should not continue to support Greek life (including those of us who are fraternity or sorority members) conspires to make fraternity look bad. If you believe that, you've probably watched too many Oliver Stone movies. The Tech staff is a diverse group of independently minded students, like the community we serve.

The Interfraternity Council should be careful before encouraging its members to become even more insidious and uncompromising when dealing with reporters and editors from The Tech. As a minority component of the community, the Greek community will not be well served by withdrawing as a voice within MIT. Fraternities and sororities are already one of the most secretive, and difficult to cover, organizations on campus. Tech reporters do their best to afford this community the attention it deserves but increasing the difficulty of communicating with the Greek community will not make their job easier.

In the real world, differences of opinion are what produce thought, examination, and positive progress. At MIT, it should be no different.

In general, it seems that a lot of folks can't accept the idea that more than one opinion on a particular topic might exist in our office, or that we might be willing to let someone express their own opinions freely. I take pride in being editor of The Tech that we publish not just opinions that I agree with, but those I disagree with. Let's do the same thing. Columnists are meant to stimulate discussion and thought with their pieces. If nothing else, Blau's column has certainly achieved this, considering the reaction and discussion it has caused among the normally apathetic undergraduate population.

Another subject has been the accusation, directed toward The Tech, that we all "anti-fraternity." People want to propose that because one staff member of the newspaper voices a particular opinion, we all suddenly share it. Or perhaps that the entire staff of The Tech (including those of us who are fraternity or sorority members) conspires to make fraternities look bad. If you believe that, you've probably watched too many Oliver Stone movies. The Tech staff is a diverse group of independently minded students, like the community we serve.

The Interfraternity Council should be careful before encouraging its members to become even more insidious and uncompromising when dealing with reporters and editors from The Tech. As a minority component of the community, the Greek community will not be well served by withdrawing as a voice within MIT. Fraternities and sororities are already one of the most secretive, and difficult to cover, organizations on campus. Tech reporters do their best to afford this community the attention it deserves but increasing the difficulty of communicating with the Greek community will not make their job easier.

In the real world, differences of opinion are what produce thought, examination, and positive progress. At MIT, it should be no different.

In general, it seems that a lot of folks can't accept the idea that more than one opinion on a particular topic might exist in our office, or that we might be willing to let someone express their own opinions freely. I take pride in being editor of The Tech that we publish not just opinions that I agree with, but those I disagree with. Let's do the same thing. Columnists are meant to stimulate discussion and thought with their pieces. If nothing else, Blau's column has certainly achieved this, considering the reaction and discussion it has caused among the normally apathetic undergraduate population.

Another subject has been the accusation, directed toward The Tech, that we all "anti-fraternity." People want to propose that because one staff member of the newspaper voices a particular opinion, we all suddenly share it. Or perhaps that the entire staff of The Tech (including those of us who are fraternity or sorority members) conspires to make fraternities look bad. If you believe that, you've probably watched too many Oliver Stone movies. The Tech staff is a diverse group of independently minded students, like the community we serve. The Interfraternity Council should be careful before encouraging its members to become even more insidious and uncompromising when dealing with reporters and editors from The Tech. As a minority component of the community, the Greek community will not be well served by withdrawing as a voice within MIT. Fraternities and sororities are already one of the most secretive, and difficult to cover, organizations on campus. Tech reporters do their best to afford this community the attention it deserves but increasing the difficulty of communicating with the Greek community will not make their job easier.

In the real world, differences of opinion are what produce thought, examination, and positive progress. At MIT, it should be no different.
I have been a member of Zeta Psi since rush of my freshman year, and I've never regretted it. (The Tech)
of our house social activities or the distinction
of our society. My opinion is that the greatest
majority of Blau doesn’t understand what brotherhood is all about. I believe that a great
disillusionment is to believe, some sort of euphemism for drinking,

...It’s hard to explain and very difficult to under-
...I generally don’t like to look back on the
demons are always a part of life. I know that
to make the point that I have been cold sober at the end of parties at
...He may be the hardest worker I have ever met, and also the best lover.
...I understand their feelings, now
...I think that it is necessary to redefine their
...I believe that all I have to do is mention two of my best friends in the house; the men of the
...So I am another one of my best friends in the house. I am probably the hardest worker I have ever met, and also the best lover.
...They have the privilege of living in the superlative sentiment Blau seems to assign to it. I understand what it means to count on somebody for everything, and have them hold you in the same regard.
...I have learned living in this wonderful place but
...I was really puzzled by Blau’s
...I would like to say that all fraternities do not
...Unhappy with Changes,” Oct. 1, 1996.
...Christopher H. Barron ’97, a Senior
...What I really mean to count on somebody for
...What is the fraternity equivalent of the murals
...I have found others, mostly men, who share
...Of course, one can have a coherent conversation at a party at Sigma Phi Epsilon or any one of the 38 FSIGs.
...Dorms don’t get shut down and theircharted taken away for a more accurate representation of Blau’s
to make the point that I have been cold sober at the end of parties at
...I have found others, mostly men, who share
...Regarding the point that Blau implies that
...I have found others, mostly men, who share
...Of course, one can have a coherent conversation at a party at Sigma Phi Epsilon or any one of the 38 FSIGs.
...I have found others, mostly men, who share
...I have found others, mostly men, who share
Tau Beta Pi Sponsored:

Career Fair!

It’s never too late to get a job!
Over 40 companies attending

Today!

10am until 4pm

DuPont
Blaui Presents Skewed Perception of FSILGs

In response to the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT."], Feb 25, I feel that Blau has presented a skewed and biased view on the theme of fraternal life. I find it interesting first of all that the author admits to having "never [gone to a] frat party" and yet proceeds to provide an extensive examination of fraternal events that center upon stereotyped and first-hand research from analytical commentaries such as Animal House.

If Blau claims that "Greek Week is to a large extent a weekend-long drinking fest." And yet, I seem to recall many Greek Week events such as the chicken wing eating contest, the Greek Week Ball, the fund-raiser for the Cambridge Family and Children's Services (a charity for orphans and abused children), and the newly introducted community service day. In fact, the Greek Week Co-Chair Waled Ashour '99 is quoted as saying that "Greek Week is a positive activity for students." From what I have seen, there is absolutely no alcohol involved.

There are many social events that the Greek system has, which don't include alcohol, like dry rush (yes, it exists already), Sigma Chi's weekly Tea Social (open to everyone), and intramural sports. It hurts when people who aren't even acquainted with our system demonize it with false statements.

Anna P. Orenstein-Cardona '99

Blau's Column Promotes Unfair Stereotypes

In response to the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT."], Feb 25, if I were to say that all Greek opinion writers were bigoted and anti-fraternity heterosexuals, I would be incorrect. If I were to use such a statement to support a claim that they were hypocrites in their writing practices, I might be approaching hypocrisy myself. Fortunately, I would not make such a statement, because I have actually bothered to gather some data myself, and have experimentally determined that not all Greek opinion writers are the same.

Many of us who live in coed or dry (or both) fraternities resent being called alcoholics who are only out to get laid. I assure you that my roommate at Epsilon Theta is not that happy at the insinuation that all she's after in life is to get drunk and bog a sorority chick down.

As for not having personality, I agree that not every fraternity can have a mural in Senior House, some of us manage to have murals in our own houses. What's more, some of us have actually managed to house a personality that is a little bit more involved than some point on the wall and which goes far beyond the surface that can be seen by the public. I am thoroughly confused by Blau's statement that the mascot of Jason and the Orientation Week, given the long lists of "performances" she claims to have imposed on fraternities every year. For example, just this last year, the IFC collected $5,376 in fines. In rush violation fines. In fact, the brothers were at an advantage this year since they were not forced to use the Clearinghouse system.

However, what disturbed me the most about the article was the statement that Stacey E. Blau '98 of "Greek Week." I find it interesting first of all that the author admits to having "never [gone to a] frat party" and yet proceeds to provide an extensive examination of fraternal events that center upon stereotyped and first-hand research. If Blau's party and apparently hasn't been inside many fraternities at all if she really believes that the dorms have more character. To characterize fraternities and the idea of brotherhood without first attempting to understand us like me claiming that PMS doesn't exist even though I've never menstruated. You've got to experience it to know what it is like. And you've got to talk to someone who's been through it to even hope to understand it.

Adam Wilson '96
Theta Delta Chi alumnus

Fraternity Life

It has always seemed strange to me that fraternities are often thought of as being in the same league as Alcoholics Anonymous. Often, I find that fraternity men and women do not know each other. What they don't know is that fraternities have a lot of personality, a lot of character, and a lot of history. You can't really know about fraternities without being in one. Fraternity Life is not about alcohol

Not Based On Alcohol

Blaui's Column Promotes Unfair Stereotypes

In response to the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT."], Feb 25, if I were to say that all Greek opinion writers were bigoted and anti-fraternity heterosexuals, I would be incorrect. If I were to use such a statement to support a claim that they were hypocrites in their writing practices, I might be approaching hypocrisy myself. Fortunately, I would not make such a statement, because I have actually bothered to gather some data myself, and have experimentally determined that not all Greek opinion writers are the same.

Many of us who live in coed or dry (or both) fraternities resent being called alcoholics who are only out to get laid. I assure you that my roommate at Epsilon Theta is not that happy at the insinuation that all she's after in life is to get drunk and bog a sorority chick down.

As for not having personality, I agree that not every fraternity can have a mural in Senior House, some of us manage to have murals in our own houses. What's more, some of us have actually managed to house a personality that is a little bit more involved than some point on the wall and which goes far beyond the surface that can be seen by the public. I am thoroughly confused by Blau's statement that the mascot of Jason and the Orientation Week, given the long lists of "performances" she claims to have imposed on fraternities every year. For example, just this last year, the IFC collected $5,376 in fines. In rush violation fines. In fact, the brothers were at an advantage this year since they were not forced to use the Clearinghouse system.

However, what disturbed me the most about the article was the statement that Stacey E. Blau '98 of "Greek Week." I find it interesting first of all that the author admits to having "never [gone to a] frat party" and yet proceeds to provide an extensive examination of fraternal events that center upon stereotyped and first-hand research. If Blau's party and apparently hasn't been inside many fraternities at all if she really believes that the dorms have more character. To characterize fraternities and the idea of brotherhood without first attempting to understand us like me claiming that PMS doesn't exist even though I've never menstruated. You've got to experience it to know what it is like. And you've got to talk to someone who's been through it to even hope to understand it.

Adam Wilson '96
Theta Delta Chi alumnus
DONNIE BRASCO

Directed by Mike Newell


By Jonathan Lift

FBI Agent Pistone (Johnny Depp, left) befriends Lefty (Al Pacino) to gain access to the mafia in Donnie Brasco.

**FILM REVIEW**

**Going undercover deep into the mafia**

By Nancy Hulang

I’m enjoying the hell out of myself right now,” laughed Luther Creek. Creek plays Mark Cohen, the principle role in the Boston production of Rent. Bostonians are by now more familiar with the late Jonathan Larson’s Rent, a show about young artists in Alphabet City in New York trying to make an honest living and find love in this “isolating age.”

Creek described what drew him to the show: “It seems to reach out to so many people who feel they’re being spoken to, who seem to feel quite isolated from [many cultural aspects], musical, cultural, particular.”

Being a part of Rent has taught Creek about life and love. “I’ve learned a bit more of what it means to live .. we hadn’t exactly kept in clear focus before,” he explained. In particular, he has learned from the themes in Rent: “Forget, regret, or life is yours to miss. Give in to love, or live in fear.”

Creek’s favorite pieces from Rent include “Halloween,” his character’s solo in the second act where he wonders life and his character’s loneliness. Creek also especially enjoys performing the duet “What You Own,” sung with co-star Sean Keller, who plays Roger (the role Creek was originally called in to audition for). Anyone disconnected by life would agree that it is a special piece, since the song depicts the disinterest and lack of emotion in present-day America. As the duet sings, “You’re living in America/Leave your conscience at the tone.”

“Recently, a lot of what has attracted me to a character is some place where I happen to be in my life at that moment,” Creek said. His hits include performing in The Who’s Tommy and the 25th anniversary tour of Hair, in which he played the leading role of Claude. Among sharing other similarities, the characters he has played have all challenged society to preserve their own individuality: “[They’re] each incredibly similar between ..”

Creek now lives in Boston but goes back to New York on his days off. “It feeds me so much as a performer and as a human being ..”

One thing else completely new.”

Creek now lives in Boston but goes back to New York on his days off. “It feeds me so much as a performer and as a human being ..”

There’s such an incredible energy about it. And among other things, it certainly keeps you thinking and on your toes, because otherwise, everything seems to literally pass you by.”

Now that Rent is a success and Creek doesn’t have to worry about paying the bills, he has begun to think about future projects. “I’m really still taking it one day at a time,” he said. For now, Creek is in the preliminary stages of forming a band and is working on writing songs. “I don’t like what I’ve written much, though, and I can’t decide if I’m just going to fiddle with it or..”

There were a bunch of wise guys who can hardly start up a nightclub in Miami and have to resort to cracking open parking meters to keep up with their monthly $50,000 payment to the local mob bosses. But their relationship and betrayals are as intense as any mob movie in recent history, and that is why Donnie Brasco is as rewarding as anything Francis Ford Coppola or Martin Scorsese ever have brought to the screen.

Something very exciting and wonderful happened on Monday evening in Killian Hall. The 13-member MIT String Sinfonietta made its debut concert featuring an expanded version of chamber music. The concert provided a completely different musical experience than the ones that I am used to at MIT. The program consisted of three pieces for strings ensemble, and each of the past three centuries was represented by each work. The Baroque era of music was highlighted; each piece either contained Baroque elements or was actually from the Baroque period. The choice of music was obviously chosen with unity in mind.

The concert was different in its style of presentation and performance. One difference was that the violins and violas play standing up, and although it is not out of the ordinary for a period performance, it gave an impression of alertness that might otherwise be lost since the audience had been sitting.

Another difference was the lack of a conductor. Instead of receiving direction from a single person, players were required to be aware of each other and listen closely to what their neighbors were doing.

Playing without a conductor may seem like a trivial point, especially to those who are not familiar with classical music. Chamber music players do not conduct, and what the MIT String Sinfonietta does can be considered an expanded version of chamber music.

Indeed, one could see and hear many moments when the players were actually paying attention to each other, as if they were playing intimate chamber music. This requires the highest order of musicianship to judge things like uniformity of attack, evenness of balance.
BREAKING BOUNDS
MIT Dance Troupe.


By Kimberly Knowles

E ach time the MIT Dance Troupe per- forms, it incorporates a new idea. Last year, it was fighting design; this year, it was professional dancers and choreographers. This performance featured Boston area talent performing their own choreography as well as a reprisal of favorite dances from Dance Troupe's past performances.

The show began with an executive piece called "Birds," in which a soundtrack of bird calls accompanied series of fleeting movements and intricate patterns as dancers seemed to fly about the stage, gathering in flocks and darting off stage.

The second, a solo work by André Quintela, was entitled "Dreaming." It was a sensual work, accentuating the form of the body. Another professional piece, by Nancy Marsh, seemed to be rather mature, expressing a feeling of middle age and longing.

The best professional dance was offered by Sharon Montella, who performed a hip-hop number to "Face Down" by Prince. She was full of spirit and energy, and the fact that she was alone on stage did not make a difference; her presence filled the room.

Overall, the student-choreographed pieces seemed a bit more engaging than the perhaps more disjointed professional efforts. A remake of "Closer" by Jimmy Lin '97 yielded a much more brutal plot, in which a man is controlled and manipulated by a woman, with "Emotions" on pointe shoes accompanying his agony.

Christina Schoefeld's "A Capella Tap" brought the same charm as the first time, revamped only by a new title. A dance called "Overwatch" by Nicole Y. Morgan G brought thrills to the audience with its blue and purple color scheme and ocean wave movements, interrupted by a rhythmic tribal section. Carol C. Chuang '98 danced a lovely solo at the end of the piece, closing the dance with energy and delicacy.

The highlight of the show was the finale, "Africa," by Chuang. It was worth sitting through the show just for this one dance. The emotion, the tension, the longing, and the con-
A weekly guide to the arts in Boston February 28 – March 6
Compiled by Cristian A. G. Sandusky
Send submissions to cristricktech.nec[at]aol.com or by interdepartmental mail to "On The Town," The Tech, 203-483.

Math Faculty Series
Kneale Auditorium, 100 Memorial Dr., Cambridge. March 5, 8 p.m. Admission: Free. Information: 454-9595.

Music Faculty Concert
Killian Hall, 160 Memorial Dr., Cambridge. March 6, 8 p.m. Admission: Free. Information: 253-9200.
Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto in B-flat Minor, Op. 70, marked

Tufts Music Faculty Recital
Tufts University, Alumni Hall, 340 Talbot Ave., Medford. March 2, 8 p.m. Admission: Free. Information: 627-5355.
In a program of works by Contemporary Composers

Boston Symphony Orchestra
Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. March 6, 8 p.m. Admission: $23-$89. Information: 747-2266.

Wind Symphony of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe

Joseph Kosuth: Figuring the Index

The Shape of Breath

Art in Three-Dimensional Space: Ongoing

Joseph Kosuth: Fj.edefining the Index

The Shape of Breath

Joseph Kosuth: Fj.edefining the Index

The Shape of Breath

Joseph Kosuth: Fj.edefining the Index

The Shape of Breath

Joseph Kosuth: Fj.edefining the Index

The Shape of Breath

Joseph Kosuth: Fj.edefining the Index
It takes only 25 minutes to print The Tech.

But don’t let that fool you. It takes all kinds of people to put together MIT’s Oldest and Largest Newspaper. Whether you’re interested in doing layout on state-of-the-art equipment, reviewing the latest movies and CDs, or selling ads to national companies, or anything in between, we welcome you to join The Tech.

No experience necessary!
Be it Known, That in recognition of exhibiting distinguished scholarship and exemplary character while a student at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and having been duly elected by the above Chapter

Jonathan Albert
Brian Banaszak
Ela Ben-Ur
Derek Bruening
Sami Busch
Brandon Carrus
Fred Chen
Guang-Ten Cheng
Wayang Cheong
Gilbert Cheung
Wanda Chin
Tiffany Cunningham
Barbara Cutler
Eric Empey
David Feinberg
Nikplay Fidelman
Fermin Garcia
Bradley Gray
Morten Hoegh
Valerie Hovland
Heileen Hsu
Staci Jenkins
Muneera Kapadia
David Korka
Hur Koser
Hank Lin
Jeremy Lin
Theresa Liu
Brian McDonald
Kenneth Michlitsch
Bruno Miller
Rex Min
Alexander Moskovitz
David Naffziger
Celeste Nelson
Rayshad Ostory
Anant Paravastu
Brandon Porter
Lisa Poyneer
Srivatsan Raghavan
Ameet Ranadive
Amy Richards
Ramon Rodriguez
Mark Roh
Helen Ruan
Wandy Sae-Tan
Maya Said
Jeremy Sawicki
Dave Shue
Wanwipa Siriwatwechakul
Scott Smith
Luisa Torrielli
Julie Townsend
Patrick Trapa
Christine Vy
Jessica West
Peter Woo
Hyoseok Yang
Tseh-Hwan Yong
Melody Yung

are hereby declared and certified members of

T · 4 · F

and are granted all the honors, insignia and privileges of this Association.

On this 15th day of February, 1997

Congratulations,

Charles M. Vest

Charles Vest
TEP member
Dr. Sasori took out a classified ad offering unbelievable salaries to engineering students specializing in robotics.

I can only assume he's trying to reconstruct Kaibatsu 5!

I've set a course for the address on the ad. We'll be there in 5 minutes!

Off Course

What's THAT smell?

I think it's the fridge out in the lounge.

I can't remember the last time anyone cleaned it.

I think I found the source.

It's this old yogurt.

Old?

This expired back when Jimmy Carter was still President.

...only in The Tech!
Exceptional Opportunities In Internet Technology.

INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION is a rapidly expanding software start-up company specializing in Internet-based financial systems and object-oriented financial frameworks. Integral is aggressively seeking exceptional candidates interested in computer science and engineering for positions in Software Development, Consulting, and Marketing. Positions are available in Palo Alto, New York, London, and Tokyo. For more information, please contact Debbie Woodward, Director of Human Resources, 156 University Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, or send e-mail to recruit@integral.com.

Cabinet Still Seeks To Solidify Purpose

By Venkatesh Sattih

The Dean's Office Advisory Council, chartered with the purpose of providing student insight to deans, has yet to clarify its membership and goals even after a series of meetings during the fall and through the Independent Activities Period. The advisory council "will be helpful in introducing the Dean's Office to the students at large and explaining what we do," said Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind J. Williams. Williams helped create the council in the wake of the administrative overhaul that took place in October. At the last meeting in IAP, the group discussed the role it would play in the student community and what means it would employ to increase the visibility of the Dean's Office, said Kenroy R. Cayetano '99, who has helped organize some of the council meetings.

"A lot of people don't know about the Dean's Office. When people have questions, they don't know who they should ask," Cayetano said.

Group's exact role is unclear

"I think there is ambiguity about the committee's role. I would rather keep its role somewhat undefined rather than focus too quickly," Williams said. "There will be enough coming up naturally that we will have to address," Williams said. "I don't know how strong an input students will have. [The dean] didn't do a good job of defining what we will do," said council member Nora Chen '97.

The council's creation "started off slow, but I understand what its purpose is better," said member Laura A. Montalvo '99.

Despite the slow start, "it's important to be a part of it. It's important that [students] have a voice in what goes on," Montalvo said.

"I always want to speed things up, but you have to be realistic," Williams said. "There are multiple demands on student time." The group initially planned to establish a booth on the Registration Day where students could obtain information about the administration, but the council did not have enough time to do so, Williams said. The information session may not be held this year, since student council members will be busy preparing for a visiting committee, Williams said.
Summer Internship for Engineering Freshmen

Why did you choose to become an engineer? For many of us "engineer" is simply the formal name for someone who loves to solve challenging problems and has a tremendous curiosity about how things work.

For more information, contact Neal Lackritz, Bose Institute, The Mountain, Framingham, MA 01701, Phone: (508) 766-6837, lackritz@bose.com

Design Tomorrow's Multimedia Technology Today.

Chromatic Research is the developer of the Mpact™ media processor, the world's first complete multimedia solution for Windows 95-based PCs.

See The Mpact Media Processor Demo In Action!
Tau Beta Pi Career Fair
duPont Athletic Center
10AM–4PM
Submit your resume to resources@chromatic.com or fax (408)752-9301
Sloan School Descends to Fourth Place in U.S. News

RANKINGS, from Page 1

number one in research activity with the greatest amount of research revenue.

"I think the distinguishing feature of MIT's engineering school is excellence across the board, in all of the disciplines we are involved in," Limper said.

The rankings were based on academic reputation, professional reputation, research revenue, and other factors. The surveys were issued to the directors of major departments and institutions to collect the peer reputation ranking.

The total scores were scaled such that the top ranked business and engineering school had a perfect 100.0 points. Fine arts graduate schools are ranked on a one to five scale, with one being distinguished.

Architecture places second

Harvard University ranked first in graduate architecture schools, and MIT ranked the second-place ranking. Princeton University, Columbia University, and Yale University rounded out the top five.

"I have seen some significant improvement in the department and that probably corresponded to the higher ranking," said Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning William J. Mitchell.

The last few years we have put a lot of hard work into improving the department," Mitchell said. "We have been hiring faculty, instituting new research programs, creating more space for studio teaching, and being a lot more visible to the external world with interesting publications by the faculty," he said.

"I don't think we are at the point where we should be yet. We need to continue to work hard to make a good working environment and develop in the design and computing area," Mitchell said.

Sloan School falls to fourth place

In the survey, Sloan was ranked first in management information systems, production/operations management, and quantitative analysis business specialties. Sloan University placed first, followed by Harvard University at second and the University of Pennsylvania at third. The University of Chicago ranked fifth.

"I am pleased that Sloan has again been recognized as one of the country's top management schools," said Dean of the Sloan School Glen L. Urban. "Our consistently high rankings illustrate the relevance of Sloan's approach of balancing theory and practice in management education.

"In this way, we provide a solid base of technical expertise coupled with communication, team-building, and leadership skills," Urban said.

In the area of academic reputation, Sloan tied for number one with the top six schools. Sloan was ranked third in placement success rate.

"MIT provides an extraordinary and relevant environment for a business school," said Director of the Master of Business Administration Program Lawrence S. Abele. "Applications for the MBA program have gone up nearly 400 percent in the past three years. This shows that tomorrow's business leaders are looking for what Sloan has to offer.

Two years ago, Sloan was ranked first by U.S. News and World Report, and last year, the school ranked second.

"The margins between the rankings of the top schools are so small that it is quite easy to vary from year to year without many changes in some of the criteria," Abele said.

"We are not very concerned about being first or second, but rather with consistently ranking well in the eyes of applicants, recruiters, and others in academics. Being consistently in the top five says something about the success we have achieved.

MIT Rankings in Engineering Specialties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Discipline</th>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>Ranked above MIT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aerospace</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Biomedical</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Johns Hopkins (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chemical</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Civil</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>University of Illinois, Urbana (2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computer</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electrical</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Environmental</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Stanford University (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Materials</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mechanical</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nuclear</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIT was not ranked in agricultural engineering or manufacturing</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

DIONYSOS FREE Platter of Appetizers with Dinner Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with M.I.T. I.D.

FINE GREEK CUISINE

661-7680 Open Mon.-Wed. 6-9pm 11pm
Thursday-Sun. 5-11pm

Conveniently located on the second floor of the Howard Johnson's Hotel

277 Memorial Drive * Cambridge, MA

We feature authentic Greek Cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere

Nice view of the Charles River

Live Greek music on weekends

Free Parking

FIFTY 3-D REASONING PROBLEMS

Order the CUBES Three Dimensional Reasoning Puzzle. Test your thinking skill solving three dimensional piece fitting problems. Different selections of the ten wooden pieces make a 3x3x3 cube, 2 1/4 inches on a side, or specific problem shapes. Fifty puzzles in the 16 piece Puzzle Booklet. CUBES is $25 plus $5 S/H (MA residents 5% sales tax.) Call 800-298-4947 or send a check. Receive a catalog of our other puzzle systems with your order.

Organized Thinking, 220 Boylston Street, Newton, MA 02167-1224

Sapient Corporation, a publicly traded company (NASDAQ: SAF) was founded in 1991 to pioneer a fundamentally different process for designing and implementing client/server and Internet-enabled software applications to help Fortune 500 companies solve critical business problems.

Our solutions have been successfully implemented in a variety of industries, including financial services, telecommunications, energy services, health care, government, manufacturing, retail, and others.

Sapient is looking for individuals who excel in a team environment and enjoy customer interaction.

If you have an interest in both business and technology, and seek career challenges with explosive growth potential in an aggressive learning environment, Sapient is for you!

Sapient is for you!

Sapient Corporation

Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone:
Fax:
E-mail:

http://www.sapient.com

Client/Server Developer Opportunities

You will be heavily involved in open systems development, relying on excellent communication skills and creativity to work effectively with clients to solve their business problems. In addition, you will use technologies such as C, C++, UNIX, HTML, Java, Windows '95, Windows NT, Oracle, Sybase, Informix, FoxPro, Cobol, PowerBuilder, Visual Basic and others. This position will put you on the fast track to becoming a Lead Developer and ultimately a Client/Server Architect.

Sapient offers competitive salaries and benefits, as well as performance based stock incentives. The company also provides an unequalled opportunity to work with some of the best minds in the business, as well as the latest industry-proven technologies.

Positions are available in the Cambridge area (our headquarters), the New York area, San Francisco, Chicago, and Atlanta.

MIT was not ranked in agricultural engineering or industrial manufacturing.

Fifty 3-D Reasoning Problems

Order the CUBES Three Dimensional Reasoning Puzzle. Test your thinking skill solving three dimensional piece fitting problems. Different selections of the ten wooden pieces make a 3x3x3 cube, 2 1/4 inches on a side, or specific problem shapes. Fifty puzzles in the 16 page Puzzle Booklet. CUBES is $25 plus $5 S/H (MA residents 5% sales tax.) Call 800-298-4947 or send a check. Receive a catalog of our other puzzle systems with your order.

Organized Thinking, 220 Boylston Street, Newton, MA 02167-1224

Sapient Corporation, a publicly traded company (NASDAQ: SAF) was founded in 1991 to pioneer a fundamentally different process for designing and implementing client/server and Internet-enabled software applications to help Fortune 500 companies solve critical business problems.

Our solutions have been successfully implemented in a variety of industries, including financial services, telecommunications, energy services, health care, government, manufacturing, retail, and others.

Sapient is looking for individuals who excel in a team environment and enjoy customer interaction.

If you have an interest in both business and technology, and seek career challenges with explosive growth potential in an aggressive learning environment, Sapient is for you!
INVENTA CORPORATION
SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

CAMPUS VISIT

Inventa Corporation is an international consulting and systems integration firm that teams with corporate clients to rapidly develop and implement Internet business applications within a guaranteed fixed-price, fixed-time model. Our unique LightSpeed™ approach to projects results in high-impact business solutions for our clients that begin generating return on investment in only 10 weeks.

Our rapid growth (over 120% per year) and IPO ambitions have fueled our need for talented, high energy achievers capable of and eager to assume rapidly increasing development and leadership roles. In this context, Inventa seeks to attract a few extremely talented graduates to join our team.

We will be conducting on-campus interviews at MIT Monday, March 3rd. This will be a closed schedule, so please sign up in advance in order to reserve a slot. For those unable to attend we will also be hosting an open house Sunday, March 2nd in the Crispus Attucks Room on the lobby level at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge located at 515 Memorial Drive from 7PM until 10PM. There will be a software demonstration at 8PM and refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

For more information please visit our web site at http://www.inventa.com.

The 1996-1997 James R. Killian, Jr., Faculty Achievement Award Lecture

GIAN-CARLO ROTA
Professor of Applied Mathematics and Philosophy

“MATHEMATICAL SNAPSHOTs”

March 5, 1997
4:30 pm
Huntington Hall, Room 10-250
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MIT’s School of Journalism

It’s never too late to receive a degree from The Tech. There are absolutely no prerequisites, credit limits, or requirements. There are no lectures, recitations, labs, problem sets, and exams. Positions from all departments are still open. Petition today by calling 253-1541 or by attending our meetings every Sunday at 6 p.m. in Room 483 of the Student Center.
Students Cite Host of Problems In Explaining Why They Failed

8.01, from Page 1

Chemistry (3.091) this fall was 11.5 percent, according to Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Donald R. Sadoway.

Six to 8 percent of students typically fail Principles of Chemical Science (3.11), said Professor of Chemistry Robert W. Field. Of course, many students who are performing poorly in a class choose to drop it rather than to fail, altering the final statistics.

One possible reason for the higher failure rate in 8.01 is the fact that the class is graded on an absolute scale. Other classes, like 3.091, use a curve and standard deviation in determining course grades.

"I do not believe in grading on a curve... I would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Buza said.

Students frustrated with class Students had several concerns over the format and structure of 8.01. The class "definitely needs to be restructured," said Brandi A. Karl '00, who did not pass the course.

Karl thought the course assumed too much previous physics experience, she said. "It's almost like you're supposed to know physics before you get in there," she said.

Karl and another student, Carolyn M. Dunbar '00, disapproved of the emphasis on independent learning and were dissatisfied with the class's approach to teaching, they said.

Dunbar, who also failed the course, would have preferred "having more lecture than just an hour a week." Additionally, recitation instructors spent too much class time going over problem sets and too little class time going over course material, Karl said.

There were also some student concerns over the structure of 8.01 exams. The test material was "more calculus than conceptual stuff," said Joe King '00, who did not pass 8.01. Review lectures before the exams would have helped students a lot, Dunbar said.

"I would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Busza said.

Curve... 1 would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Busza said.

"I do not believe in grading on a curve... I would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Buza said.

Students frustrated with class Students had several concerns over the format and structure of 8.01. The class "definitely needs to be restructured," said Brandi A. Karl '00, who did not pass the course.

Karl thought the course assumed too much previous physics experience, she said. "It's almost like you're supposed to know physics before you get in there," she said.

Karl and another student, Carolyn M. Dunbar '00, disapproved of the emphasis on independent learning and were dissatisfied with the class's approach to teaching, they said.

Dunbar, who also failed the course, would have preferred "having lecture more than just an hour a week." Additionally, recitation instructors spent too much class time going over problem sets and too little class time going over course material, Karl said.

There were also some student concerns over the structure of 8.01 exams. The test material was "more calculus than conceptual stuff," said Joe King '00, who did not pass 8.01. Review lectures before the exams would have helped students a lot, Dunbar said.

"I do not believe in grading on a curve... I would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Busza said.

Curve... 1 would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Buza said.

Students frustrated with class Students had several concerns over the format and structure of 8.01. The class "definitely needs to be restructured," said Brandi A. Karl '00, who did not pass the course.

Karl thought the course assumed too much previous physics experience, she said. "It's almost like you're supposed to know physics before you get in there," she said.

Karl and another student, Carolyn M. Dunbar '00, disapproved of the emphasis on independent learning and were dissatisfied with the class's approach to teaching, they said.

Dunbar, who also failed the course, would have preferred "having lecture more than just an hour a week." Additionally, recitation instructors spent too much class time going over problem sets and too little class time going over course material, Karl said.

There were also some student concerns over the structure of 8.01 exams. The test material was "more calculus than conceptual stuff," said Joe King '00, who did not pass 8.01. Review lectures before the exams would have helped students a lot, Dunbar said.

"I do not believe in grading on a curve... I would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Busza said.

Curve... 1 would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Buza said.

Students frustrated with class Students had several concerns over the format and structure of 8.01. The class "definitely needs to be restructured," said Brandi A. Karl '00, who did not pass the course.

Karl thought the course assumed too much previous physics experience, she said. "It's almost like you're supposed to know physics before you get in there," she said.

Karl and another student, Carolyn M. Dunbar '00, disapproved of the emphasis on independent learning and were dissatisfied with the class's approach to teaching, they said.

Dunbar, who also failed the course, would have preferred "having lecture more than just an hour a week." Additionally, recitation instructors spent too much class time going over problem sets and too little class time going over course material, Karl said.

There were also some student concerns over the structure of 8.01 exams. The test material was "more calculus than conceptual stuff," said Joe King '00, who did not pass 8.01. Review lectures before the exams would have helped students a lot, Dunbar said.

"I do not believe in grading on a curve... I would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Busza said.

Curve... 1 would have been happy to pass 100 percent. I believe in absolutes. I really believe students are not in competition with each other," Buza said.
Join The Tech and be the first to read the famous Police Log (as featured in the Boston Phoenix).

We have open positions in all departments. Of course, no experience is necessary. We meet every Sunday at 6 p.m. in Room 483 of the Student Center, or call 253-1541 for more information.

MIT Needs Unique Admissions Director

Admissions, from Page 1

issues involved in college admissions at this time," Williams said. A deep understanding of MIT culture and values as well as a fundamental commitment to need-blind admissions and diversity are also necessities, she said.

"I realize that MIT is a very special place, in part because of our very special student body. The director of admissions must understand our special nature and tailor admissions procedures accordingly," Vander Sande said.

Williams noted that the new director must also have an ability to work collaboratively with the CUAF and other faculty in defining admissions procedures and policies. Behnke will be leaving in late spring and will therefore be at MIT through this admissions cycle. Williams anticipates appointing an acting or interim director at that point, since there is doubt that a new dean of admissions will be chosen by then, she said.

"We have no candidates for a new director of admissions yet, but since MIT is a well-known institution, I have no doubt that many candidates will be interested in this position," Williams said.

What's the point of having access without understanding?

Lexis - Nexis

Fulltext legal and government information, magazines, academic management journals, SEC filings, business reference resources, domestic and international newspapers, and more!

Spring 1997 Workshops

March 6 (Th.) 3:00 - 4:30
April 8 (Tu.) 3:00 - 4:30
May 1 (Th.) 3:00 - 4:30
May 8 (Th.) 3:00 - 4:30

Workshops meet in 14-4645 (north side of bldg. 14, basement level).

Lexis•Nexis

Fulltext legal and government information, magazines, academic management journals, SEC filings, business reference resources, domestic and international newspapers, and more!

Candidates with a BS, MS and/or PhD are encouraged to apply.

Check out www.netapp.com

Network Appliance

Coop Student Board Election Update

The following Coop members have been nominated by the stockholders as candidates for the Board of Directors for the 1997-98 academic year.

M.I.T. Undergraduate Students:
George Berkowski
John Choe

M.I.T. Graduate Student:
John Hollywood

Harvard Undergraduate Students:
David Boggs
Matthew Kramer
Alice Lee
Carlos Lopez
Chana Schonberg

Harvard Graduate Students:
Julie Chow
Jay Olson

Any student Coop member may still petition to be on the ballot. Petition papers are available at the customer service desk of any Coop location or at the Customer Service/Credit Office, 6th floor, main building at the Coop at Harvard Square. For information Call our toll free number:
Allan Powell, 499-2025, apowell@thecoop.com

Attorneys, please forward your resumes to: Network Appliance, Attn: Tim Vasquez, 2770 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, CA 95051.
FAX: 408-367-3218
EMAIL: cooljobs@netapp.com

We are an equal opportunity employer.

"RENT RUSHES FORWARD ON AN ELECTRIC STREAM OF EMOTION. IT ALSO SHIMMERS WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN MUSICAL."

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

At last, good seats are available, especially Thursday nights. At 6.
(800) 447-7400

SHUBERT THEATRE
885 THOMSON STREET, BOSTON

http://www.altasrent.com

RENT. NOW.
want a spring break that's fun, exciting, and cheap?

try a community service spring break trip!

don't get trapped in lab or become a couch potato - join us for an unforgettable week of fun. teach during the day, relax and enjoy the area at night. groups are going to new york city, new jersey, and baltimore. don't miss out - sign up today!

for more information, contact anthony ives, (617) 258-7223, <ajives@mit.edu>
I asked my landlady how old she is, and she wouldn’t tell me. “That’s okay,” I says... “I’ll just wait until you go to sleep tonight... then I’ll cut you in half and count the rings.” The cops didn’t think it was funny, neither.

- The idea explosion created by Simulate started at MIT.
- We’re coming back for more fuel.

Simulate was founded by Mark Stiffler (BS 1’84, BS XV ’84, MS XV ’87) in 1991. Our explosive growth over the last several years has led us back to MIT to look for the best minds in information technology and business.

We deliver management consulting and information services to Fortune 500 companies. Our innovative solutions to business and technology problems have enabled us to grow by over 100% per year. If you want to participate in the excitement and rewards of a dynamic, entrepreneurial company, we want to talk with you.

At Simulate, you will find:
- Advanced information technology
- High-energy entrepreneurial environment
- Rapid growth
- Pre-IPO equity participation

If you want to learn more about what a job at Simulate can offer, you have three opportunities.

- Campus Presentation - Meet Mark Stiffler on February 26th from 6 to 8pm in Room 4-153 and learn about “Working at Simulate: How You Can Help Transform the Way Companies Produce and Distribute Information.”
- On-campus Interviews - Contact Ed Steinberg, (610) 664-7433, x419 to arrange an on-campus interview for Thursday, February 27th.
- Tau Beta Pi Career Fair - Visit our booth on February 28th from 9AM to 5PM.

Simulate: Inc. turning information into action

401 City Ave., Suite 722
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
Attn: Ed Steinberg
610-664-7433 • FAX: 610-664-7343

Visit our website: www.simulate.com
Listen & Learn
a peer listening workshop by nightline

support your friends when they need it most
respond appropriately in difficult situations

2–4pm on Sunday, March 2 in Room 6-120
students interested in joining nightline are encouraged to attend
questions? x3-8800 from 7pm to 7am, any night

Do you want to really
make an impression?

We know just the
perfect way. With
so many different
departments to
choose from,
you’re sure to find
something that
interests you at
The Tech. And
no experience is
necessary!
Just stop by the
Student Center,
Room 483, or call
us at 253-1541 and
see how easy it is
to join.
Men's Hockey Ends Regular Season With Playoffs Ahead
By Hana Ohkawa

The men's hockey team finished its regular season with a 7-0 win over Woonsocket Central last Saturday. The victory was sweet revenge for the Engineers, who lost to the Blue Devils of Woonsocket Central, 5-4, on February 11.

The team's league record of 5-3-2 was good enough for third place in the Atlantic. Conference of the Northeast College Hockey Champions, and for New England Championships. The Engineers advance to the NECHA playoffs to play this week-end at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The Engineers' relatively low conference standing makes for a very difficult draw in the playoffs. In the first round, the team will face St. Lawrence and Notre Dame, who finished second and third in the New England conference. The Engineers have beaten St. Lawrence and Notre Dame in the past, where the Engineers will take on the University of New Hampshire in the first round of the playoffs. The second round will be played at Western New England College.

The first round of the playoffs will be played tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the University of New Hampshire. The Engineers are favored to win against the University of New Hampshire, who finished fifth in the regular season.

Fencers Reign Over New England Teams
By Oriana Hunter and Siwya Doniasieck

The fencing team dominated the Boston College-hosted New England Championships, winning all nine events.

The victory made the team the New England champions for the second year in a row. The women's fencing team edged out Bowdoin College and Williams College for the title.

The team's success was due in part to the strong performance of Brian Bower '98, who was the most successful fencer on the team. Bower finished second in the individual championship and helped the team to victory in the team competition.

The women's foil squad's performance was highlighted by the individual championship victory of Amy Huang '97 and the team's overall record of 5-1. The team also won the foil team championship.

The men's team was led by the individual championships of Jessica Sandl and '99, who were named to the All-American team. The team also won the epee team championship.

The New England Championships were held at the University of New Hampshire.

Ballroom Dance Team Swings Past Competition at Tournament
By Tom Nugent

The ballroom dance team made a strong showing, both in individual results and team matches, at the Sixth Annual Harvard-Radcliffe Invitational Ballroom Dance Competition. There were more than 140 couples from over a dozen universities in the Feb. 2 competition.

The team did exceptionally well in the beginner level by consistently placing two to three couples in the final round of most events. The dedication of the team's coaches and enthusiasm of MIT students accounted for much of the team's success. Members of the ballroom team also had a role in running the competition. Senior Warren Dzw '91 and scrutineer Elizabeth Earhart Q both did an excellent job and kept the competition on time all day.

The day began with the American-style rhythm category. Feng Li '97 and Jennifer Hamock '98 took first place in the beginner swing. Men's collegiate fencers Benjamin Vandiver '99 and Wendy Loo G also took first in the advanced swing. Next came the international-style Latin category. Li and Geeta Sankappanavar '97 took first place in both the beginner cha-cha and the beginner jive. Not far behind were Jorge Barrera '99 and Stephanie Hon '98 who took third place in the beginner cha-cha and second place in the beginner foxtrot.

At the intermediate level, Rich Finlay and Anna Moroney '82 took first in waltz/foxtrot and second in the tango. And Amy Chin '97 and abreist Brian Bower '99, who won first place in the Under 20 Men's Sabre event, were a single bout shy of winning the title at the pre-stigious Under 20 Fencing Championships. The MIT fencers stayed undefeated during the whole tournament.

The overall best team of the MEC championships was won by Sophie Rouselle and Efstathiou, who began the season with no prior fencing experience, but with the best epee squad in New England. Amy Huang, Benjamin Vandiver '99, Joel Chen '98, and Megan Rausch '99, were named to the All-American team.

The American Red Cross
This space donated by The Tech
Nordic Skiers Place Well in Mideast Conference

By Jil Schindler

Jeffrey Doering '99 placed fourth in a 10-kilometer classical race and Lynn Cornell '96 finished fifth in a 10-kilometer freestyle race in the Mideast Conference regional nordic skiing championships held this past weekend in Salmon Hills, N.Y.

After participating in four weekend ski meets this season and placing respectively in each of the eight races, the nordic ski team qualified for the MEC regional championships which were originally scheduled in Lake Placid, N.Y. However, the quirks of this winter forced the race to be relocated to an area with snow.

The MEC officials originally planned a Saturday morning men's 15-kilometer classical race and a women's 10-kilometer with a 3.5-kilometer mixed relay in the afternoon. However, because of the last minute location change, a 10-kilometer freestyle for both men and women race was scheduled instead.

The men's race started at 3 p.m. with an interval start of three racers every 30 seconds. The women's race followed one minute after the start of the last man.

The race course was set on a 10-kilometer loop so the racers went around only once. This together with the lack of distance-to-finish markers made it hard for the racers to pace themselves.

"I thought I had about 2K left, but as I came out of the corner on the stop downhill I was surprised to see the yuts [in the finish] right in front of me. If I knew the finish was right there I would have pushed harder on that [last] uphill," said James Berry '99.

"I got confused around that loop when I saw people coming at me so I turned around after about 500 feet and went clockwise," Cornell said.

The poorly marked section of the course probably cost her one place.

Despite these two shortcomings, the course was well prepared with free delivery.

Women's Basketball Savors Strong Victory

By Erik S. Balsley

The women's basketball defeated Wheaton College 82-62 Tuesday night in advance to the next round of the New England Women's Conference playoffs.

The Engineers were fourth entering the playoffs, while Wheaton was ranked fifth. The Engineers thought they would be playing a close tough game, as they had defeated Wheaton by only three points in their earlier season matchup. That victory was the Engineers' first against Wheaton in 10 years.

Although Wheaton sank two early 3-pointers to bring the score to 8-4 with 16:57 left in the half, the Engineers continued to ham Wheaton, which was a close tough game. Although Wheaton made two baskets to bring the score to 4-6 with 15:26 left in the half. Shortly thereafter Vicki Best '99 grabbed a rebound and ran with the ball down a clear court and sank it to bring the score to 46-30.

Excellent rebounding was a key factor in the team's success. While Wheaton made 44 rebounds, the Engineers made 65. The team's number of defensive rebounds was the same as Wheaton's total rebounds.

Heather Lukacs '00 had another excellent rebounding game, she had 12 in the team's game against Mount Holyoke College to make 11. Amy MacKay '97 also took advantage of Wheaton's sloppy playing to make 13, while Vicki Canto-Ponce '00 had 12.

The Engineers continued to hammer away at Wheaton throughout the second half. With 7:26 in play, Best sank MIT's only 3-pointer of the game to bring the score to 69-42. It was an excellent game for Best, who played superb offense to score 19 points throughout the game.

Wheaton quickly sank a basket, but Canto-Ponce maintained the 27 point Engineers lead, the game's largest, by sinking a basket with 6:59 left to bring the score to 71-44.

Despite the wide margin, both teams played very well. MIT's only 3-pointer of the game to bring the score to 69-42. It was an excellent game for Best, who played superb offense to score 19 points throughout the game.

Wheaton quickly sank a basket, but Canto-Ponce maintained the 27 point Engineers lead, the game's largest, by sinking a basket with 6:59 left to bring the score to 71-44.

Despite the wide margin, both teams played very well. MIT's only 3-pointer of the game to bring the score to 69-42. It was an excellent game for Best, who played superb offense to score 19 points throughout the game.

Wheaton quickly sank a basket, but Canto-Ponce maintained the 27 point Engineers lead, the game's largest, by sinking a basket with 6:59 left to bring the score to 71-44.

Despite the wide margin, both teams played very well. MIT's only 3-pointer of the game to bring the score to 69-42. It was an excellent game for Best, who played superb offense to score 19 points throughout the game.

Wheaton quickly sank a basket, but Canto-Ponce maintained the 27 point Engineers lead, the game's largest, by sinking a basket with 6:59 left to bring the score to 71-44.

Despite the wide margin, both teams played very well. MIT's only 3-pointer of the game to bring the score to 69-42. It was an excellent game for Best, who played superb offense to score 19 points throughout the game.

Wheaton quickly sank a basket, but Canto-Ponce maintained the 27 point Engineers lead, the game's largest, by sinking a basket with 6:59 left to bring the score to 71-44.

Despite the wide margin, both teams played very well. MIT's only 3-pointer of the game to bring the score to 69-42. It was an excellent game for Best, who played superb offense to score 19 points throughout the game.