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Today: Cloudy, breezy, 40°F (4°C)  
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President Charles M. Vest signs an agreement along with 23 other Boston-area colleges to curtail underage and dangerous drinking. The signing took place Monday at Northeastern University.

## College Presidents Sign Alcohol Pact

By Douglas E. Helmburger  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

President Charles M. Vest signed an agreement with the presidents of 23 other Boston-area colleges and universities yesterday that calls on member schools to work together to limit underage drinking.

Separately, the Institute announced that Campus Police officers will soon begin policing Boston-area fraternities seven days a week from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The pact, containing provisions such as limiting alcohol deliveries to undergraduate dormitories and increasing the availability of university housing for freshman, sets a common agenda for the fraternities. A "Deans' Council" will meet regularly with representatives of the 24 colleges to discuss implementation issues and to develop further efforts.

The 24 colleges worked on the agreement along with the Boston Coalition, a group established in 1991 to deal with increasing substance-

abuse related violence in the city.

"We've seen too many tragedies," Northeastern University President Richard M. Freeland, who chaired the coalition's task force on underage and problem drinking, told the *Boston Herald*. "We don't want to see any more."

Freeland chaired the coalition's task force on underage drinking and problem drinking.

According to the 15-page policy document, the groups began meeting over one year ago in November to begin their work. Their first meeting occurred in the wake of the death of Scott S. Krueger '01.

Other major schools signing the report include Boston College, Brandeis University, Harvard College, Northeastern University, Simmons College, Tufts University, and Wellesley College.

Boston University, which has recently criticized the supervision of

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## WILG, AXO Resolve Rush Violation Through Mediation

By Krista L. Niece  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A dispute between the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and the Women's Independent Living that arose during rush was resolved last week through mediation.

The dispute, which arose from

AXO's failure to enter a freshman in Clearinghouse as having pledged, was settled outside of a formal trial. So far, no trials for rush violations have been held, a stark contrast from previous years.

The freshman in question was also rushing at WILG. AXO's omis-

sion resulted in WILG not extending as many bids as it would have otherwise.

AXO recognized its failure and cooperated with WILG to reach an agreement. The dispute was mediated by an executive board comprised of IFC Judcomm Chair Katherine E. Hardacre, IFC Rush Chair Hongsup Park '99, and Women's Conference Rush Chair Connie W. Pong '99.

As part of its punishment, 90 percent of the sisters of AXO will

be required to perform ten hours each of community service by the end of the spring term. AXO will also host a Clearinghouse training session before next year's rush in an effort to prevent such incidents in the future.

Hardacre said that this was one of many misunderstandings that arise because of differences between the Panhellenic Association, which includes only the five MIT sororities, and the Women's Conference, which

is comprised of all living groups which can house women. This includes WILG, which is all-female but not affiliated with the Greek system.

In the official document regarding the decision, Hardacre wrote that "these differences [in rushing styles] have been the source of difficulties for many years" and that the Executive Committee planned to make "minimizing the damage of these differences" a priority.

## Spring Weekend, Dance Party Receive Funding

By Alex Ianculescu  
STAFF REPORTER

The bulk of large event funding for the spring term will go to this year's Spring Weekend, with a small amount going to MIT Live, a new multimedia concert event.

Student government officials met last week to allocate \$32,000 towards spring term large events out of a total \$124,000 in requests.

Spring Weekend received \$30,100. The remaining \$1,900 was given to MIT Live. A total of 12 applications were submitted for consideration.

MIT Live received the highest approval rating from the representatives in charge of large event funding, according to Graduate Student Council President Brian J. Schneider G, who served on the allocation committee along with representatives from the GSC, Undergraduate Association and the Association of Student Activities.

Kartik M. Mani '00, co-chair of the Spring Weekend committee, said that Spring Weekend "had as

good a chance as any other group" for receiving large event funding. "Spring Weekend has been a tradition at MIT, but we weren't confident that we'd get the entire funding," he said. Mani also co-chaired the Fall Festival committee.

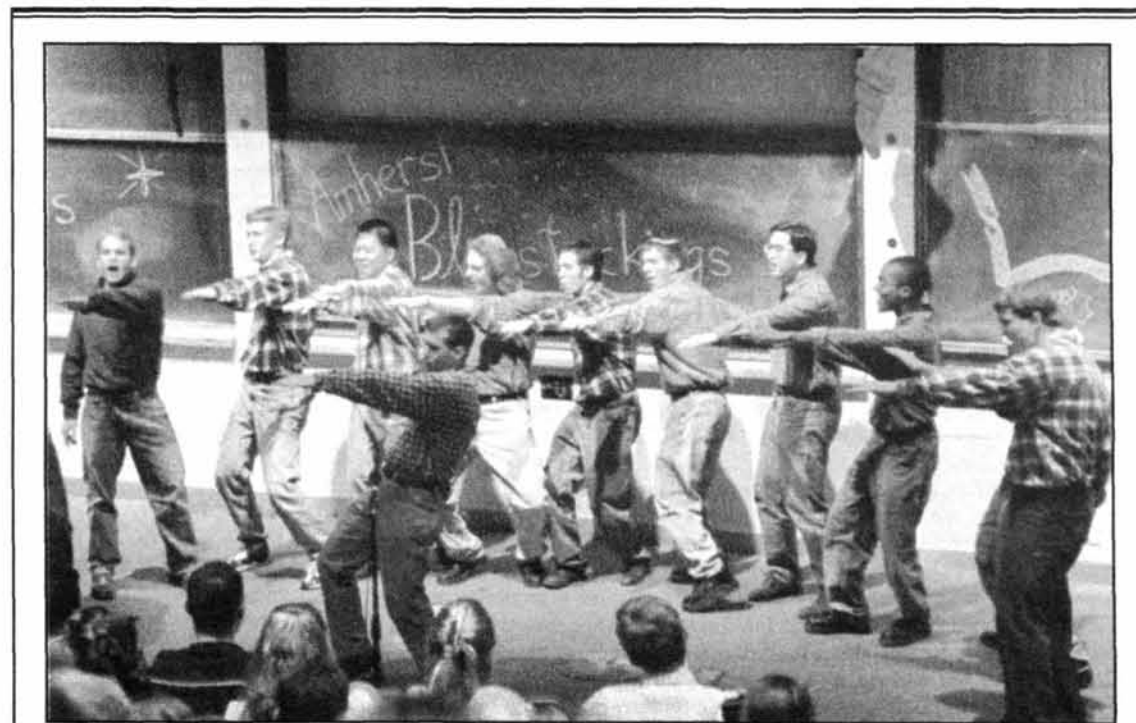
The Spring Weekend committee submitted a proposal asking for \$32,000 although its total budget is \$60,000. The committee plans on receiving additional funding from different departments, Dormitory Council, and the Interfraternity Council

### Funding decision fair

Questions over the fairness of large event funding had been raised during fall-term allocations.

"I can understand the suspicion, especially since the [Spring Weekend committee] co-chairs are members of the representative groups" to the funding committee, Schneider said. However, he adds "We made no pretext of giving the

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The Logarhythms spread holiday cheer as they sing a capella during their Logs Yule show Saturday in 10-250.

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This is the last scheduled issue of *The Tech* for 1998. *The Tech* will be published on the four Wednesdays of Independent Activities Period: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20, and Jan. 27. Regular-Tuesday-Friday publication will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 2, along with *The Tech's* annual Year in Review supplement.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Yeltsin Fires 4 Top Aides

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

In an impulsive show of strength, President Boris Yeltsin left the hospital Monday, returned to the Kremlin and fired four top aides. In a familiar show of weakness three hours later, he was back in the hospital to recuperate from a prolonged bout of pneumonia.

Yeltsin dismissed his chief of staff, Valentin Yumashev, and three deputies on the grounds that they were lax in fighting the corruption, crime and anti-Semitic outbursts that are convulsing Russian political life. He named Gen. Nikolai Bordyuzha, who heads Yeltsin's security council, to replace Yumashev; the other posts were left vacant.

Yeltsin also ordered the Justice Ministry and tax police to report directly to him and not just to Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov.

The spectacle of the ailing Yeltsin coming out of seclusion to dismiss associates has become a common event. Last spring, he returned from a week's convalescence to fire Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

## Democracy Activists Applaud Nigerian Vote

THE WASHINGTON POST

LIBREVILLE, GABON

The high turnout in last weekend's local elections in Nigeria augurs well for the country's effort to end years of military rule and is important in boosting efforts throughout West Africa to democratize, African analysts said Monday.

While Nigeria's election commission has not released overall figures on voter turnout, the long lines at polling stations throughout Africa's most populous country underscored people's enthusiasm for the return to civilian government being led by the head of state, Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar. Throughout the region — including Gabon, which held its own elections this weekend — Africans have been closely following the Nigerian evolution.

As results accumulate from Saturday's voting for Nigeria's local government councils, it appears that state and national elections to be held in the next 12 weeks will be contested by three parties — two broad coalitions and a narrower, but powerful, party based mainly in the southwest and representing the aspirations of the Yorubas, one of Nigeria's three largest ethnic groups.

## Clinton's Itinerary Irks Israelis

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

He is leader of the free world, of Israel's most important ally, of the nation that forks over \$2.9 billion annually to the Jewish state. But as President Clinton prepares for a three-day visit to the Holy Land this weekend, some ranking Israeli officials have made clear they would prefer he stay home.

The speaker of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, is boycotting all Clinton's scheduled events. The agriculture minister has advised him publicly not to come. The education minister, scorning the trip, declared Clinton a dupe.

Clinton's schedule in Israel itself, the fourth and longest trip here of his presidency, is not the issue. Rather, what has whipped up emotions is his plan to spend a day in the Gaza Strip, headquarters of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, plus a few hours in the Palestinian-ruled portion of the West Bank. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to have her own schedule in Palestinian territory as well.

Even Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who supported the visit six weeks ago, is not exactly bubbling with hospitality — perhaps because his shaky coalition government has since come under threat by right-wing partners bitterly opposed to any accommodation with the Palestinians.

"If he wants to come, he should come," the Israeli premier said flatly. "If he does not want to come, he should not come."

# Clinton Lawyers Prepare to Fight Impeachment Threat

By Peter Baker and Juliet Elperin  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

In a last-minute effort to head off impeachment, the White House will call more than a dozen witnesses before the House Judiciary Committee beginning Tuesday to argue that President Clinton's offenses do not compare to Watergate and do not warrant his removal from office.

The president's lawyers will neither introduce new exculpatory evidence in their two-day defense nor question any of the players in the scandal, including Monica S. Lewinsky herself, even though they had previously complained that they never had a chance to cross-examine the grand jury witnesses whose testimony provided the basis for independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's report to Congress.

Instead, the White House recruited 14 prominent former prosecutors, constitutional experts and Watergate veterans to "deconstruct the allegations," as one aide put it. Rather than challenge the facts collected by Starr, they plan to challenge his interpretation of them. And while some witnesses plan to criticize

Starr's investigation, the White House abandoned plans to present witnesses devoted to accusing him of "prosecutorial misconduct."

The two-day defense case beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday will open the final stage in the Judiciary Committee's historic inquiry as Clinton aides scramble to avoid only the second impeachment of a president. With the panel scheduled to begin voting perhaps 24 hours after the Clinton team wraps up Wednesday, committee Republicans met Monday to prepare three or four proposed articles of impeachment.

The real audience for the Clinton lawyers, however, will not be a committee that appears already to have made up its collective mind to approve impeachment along party lines, or even a general public that already has made its opposition to removing Clinton from office clear in opinion polls. The targets of the presidential entreaties will be about two dozen moderate House Republicans who will be critical to any vote on the floor next week.

Out of camera range, White House allies and some of those key members continued discussions about a possible alternative punishment that would involve a congress-

sional censure of the president combined with some sort of voluntary fine by Clinton. One congressional source said presidential aides had expressed a willingness to accept a \$300,000 penalty, though the White House denied shopping any censure or fine proposals.

Cognizant of the sentiments of those Republican moderates who have groused about what they see as a defiant defense strategy, the White House Monday reiterated Clinton's contrition for having misled the nation about his affair with Lewinsky and aides held open the possibility that he might speak out again on the subject in the coming days.

"The president is second to none in recognizing what was wrong in his behavior and apologizing to those who he has affected and hurt," said White House press secretary Joe Lockhart. "There has been some speculation that that is no longer the case, but I can tell you with great certainty that it is, that he is ... keenly aware of what he has done wrong."

But preparing for the worst, the White House also laid the groundwork for a possible constitutional challenge to an impeachment vote.

# Reno Plans Not to Investigate Clinton Campaign Donations

By Roberto Suro  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno announced Monday that she has decided not to seek an independent counsel to investigate whether President Clinton misused Democratic Party funds to pay for a massive television advertising blitz during his 1996 re-election campaign.

After a 90-day preliminary investigation, Reno reported to the special court that oversees the independent counsel process that "there are no reasonable grounds to believe that further investigation is warranted."

The attorney general's action renders it unlikely that Clinton will ever face a criminal inquiry into an

allegation that has dogged him since the closing days of the 1996 campaign and that was revived when Justice Department investigators subpoenaed a Federal Election Commission audit last September.

The audit, which prompted Reno's inquiry, alleged that Clinton dodged federal campaign spending limits by using Democratic Party funds to pay for an unprecedented \$46 million advertising effort. The so-called issue advertisements would have been legal if they had only advocated the party's views but, the auditors said, they contained an "electioneering message" that explicitly promoted Clinton's re-election.

The FEC is still considering the audit's assessment of the ads and a

recommendation that the Clinton campaign repay \$7 million of the federal funds it received after agreeing to abide by spending limits. The audit found similar violations by former Sen. Robert J. Dole's 1996 presidential campaign and recommended a \$17.7 million repayment, which is also under consideration by the commission.

Reno emphasized that she had drawn "no conclusions as to whether the (Democratic National Committee) media campaign complied with the election laws, or whether permitting this type of political advertising, paid for in this fashion, is good or bad policy." That, she said, "is a matter properly within the jurisdiction of the FEC and, ultimately, Congress, rather than for a grand jury."

# WEATHER

## The Rug Out From Under Us

By Greg Lawson  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

After smashing yesterday's high temperature record by ten degrees with a sizzling 76°F (33°F above normal), today we will be lucky to just reach the climatological mean of 43°F. A strong cold front passed over us last night reminding us that it is not in fact actually late spring. The front is the leading edge of a huge trough spanning the length of the United States. The front extends down from Newfoundland all the way through Texas. In spite of the cold air within it, the trough is actually piping winds directly to us from the southwest, right from the Gulf of Mexico. This will feed a small low pressure disturbance forming along the front down in western Tennessee with moisture.

As the low moves up along the front, this could bring us some light rain this afternoon and will ensure some more substantial precipitation late this evening. Forecast models seem to disagree on how quickly this disturbance will leave us. The rain should certainly have left us by early afternoon Wednesday, but may stop as early as midnight Tuesday — I am tending toward the later side. The clouds will clear Wednesday and we will experience the more familiar chilly high pressure pattern that mid-December often offers. There will be relatively clear skies with high temperatures in the low 40s until the next big trough comes through... perhaps this weekend?

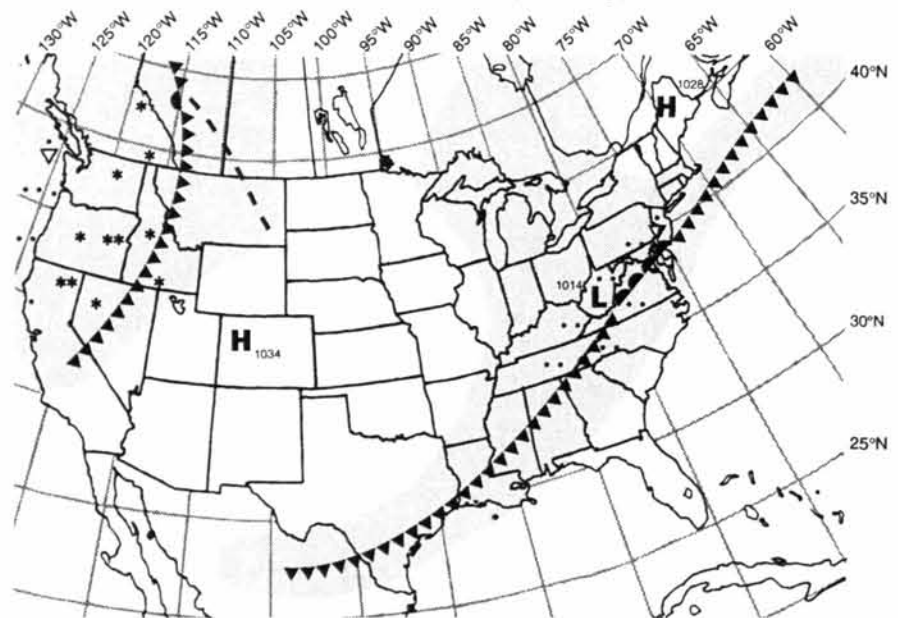
**Tuesday:** Perhaps some afternoon sprinkles. Cloudy with rain in the evening. Breezy with approaching low. High of only 40°F (4°C).

**Tuesday Night:** Rain will continue and die out in sometime early morning. Clouds begin to clear. Low of 34°F (1°C).

**Wednesday:** Mostly clear. Typical brisk December day. High 42°F (6°C). Nighttime low below freezing.

**Thursday Outlook and Beyond:** High pressure will continue to bring cool crisp days with few clouds and cool temps. It looks that it will end on Saturday.

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, December 8, 1998



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Light *	Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	Moderate **	Haze
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# Diabetes Drug Maker Hired NIH Researcher as Consultant

By David Willman  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

On June 11, 1996, the Warner-Lambert Co. announced that its new drug Rezulin had been selected for use in the federal government's largest study of diabetes.

In the company news release, Dr. Richard C. Eastman, the National Institutes of Health's top diabetes researcher who is overseeing the study, praised Rezulin as a drug that "corrects the underlying cause of diabetes."

The release was remarkable for two reasons:

First, Eastman's quoted claim that Rezulin corrects the cause of diabetes was — and remains — unproven. Eastman now denies making the remark.

Second, the news release did not disclose a potential conflict of interest. At the exact moment that he had

overall responsibility for the \$150 million government study, Eastman also was on Warner-Lambert's payroll as a consultant.

Eastman said he has acted properly and with the consent of his National Institutes of Health superiors. He said that he has "overall global responsibility" for the study but that he abstained from one or more votes backing Rezulin's selection.

These disclosures raise questions about conflict of interest, according to legal experts. Federal law makes it a crime for a high-ranking public official to have a financial arrangement with a company while participating "personally and substantially" in government matters that affect the company.

The revelations also raise questions about claims Warner-Lambert made in promoting Rezulin during its brief, troubled history: The drug

has been linked to at least 33 deaths, additional liver-related injuries and three urgent warnings to doctors since it became available in the United States in March 1997. The drug remains on the market.

So far, Rezulin has paid off for Warner-Lambert with sales approaching \$1 billion. The company reports that more than 1 million people with adult-onset diabetes have used the drug.

Warner-Lambert officials have achieved this while making a series of dubious statements about the drug, records and interviews show.

Last year, for example, the Food and Drug Administration accused the company of making "false and misleading" statements in a 1997 news release announcing the launch of the drug.

Company executives said that they have sought only to truthfully describe the drug.

# Astronauts Begin Cable Hookup For International Space Station

By Kathy Sawyer  
THE WASHINGTON POST

HOUSTON

Astronauts aboard the shuttle Endeavour stepped outside their spaceship late Tuesday to begin converting the lifeless core of the new international space station into a functioning structure that can keep itself warm and communicate with its creators.

Astronauts Jerry Ross and Jim Newman climbed out of an airlock in the shuttle's cargo bay to begin the planned six-hour spacewalk. Their primary goal was to hook up 40 cables running between the components of the seven-story structure constructed late Sunday by the mating of the orbiting Russian-built Zarya and the U.S.-built Unity module carried aboard the shuttle.

"The nervous system, if not the heart, of the space station will be coming alive," NASA flight director Robert Castle said as the stage was set for the first assembly spacewalk, some 15 years after President Reagan approved the project.

Ross and Newman successfully argued for an early start on the excursion to make sure they could get all their work done. The cables were to carry electrical power from Zarya, as well as transmit data and communications between the two modules. The power is generated by Zarya's two 35-foot solar wings, which collect energy from the sun.

Before starting work, both astronauts tethered themselves to their spacecraft with extra-strength fabric lines, in addition to wearing emergency jet backpacks. With the shuttle encumbered by the seven-story space station on its back and there-

fore ill-equipped for a rescue sortie, flight managers called for these extra precautions to make sure neither spacewalker could break free and drift off into the void.

Providing a play-by-play description of their work to each other and their support teams over their suit microphones, the pair began at the bottom of the Unity/Zarya "stack" and worked their way outward from the cargo bay. The 35-ton edifice — the embryo of the international research complex — is a true skyscraper, towering 76 feet high.

The operation provided dazzling TV images of the tiny humans clambering around like knights in white armor, scaling the glowing white tower that leaned starkly into the blackness space above a marbled blue curve of Earth horizon.

## Rehnquist Denies Bias in Hiring Law Clerks

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist told three black members of Congress the justices have not discriminated in the hiring of law clerks.

But in an unusual letter defending the Supreme Court, the chief also acknowledged the low number of blacks and Hispanics chosen for the prestigious positions and said, "We select as clerks those who have very strong academic backgrounds and have had previously successful law clerk experience, most often in the federal courts. As the demographic makeup of this pool changes, it seems entirely likely that the underrepresentation of minorities ... will also change."

Rehnquist also rejected a request by the three House members — Danny K. Davis, D-Ill., Elijah E. Cummings, D-Md., and Gregory W. Meeks, D-N.Y. — to talk to minority bar groups about the selection process.

"I was shocked and disappointed, to say the least," Davis said of the letter, which was written Nov. 17 but made public by the court Monday. "I had hoped that it would have suggested some corrective action." Davis said he did not accept Rehnquist's suggestion that minorities are underrepresented in the pool of qualified clerk candidates. "I'm sure there are lots of minorities with excellent credentials," he said.

For months, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Bar Association and other minority rights groups have been pressuring the justices to do something about the low number of blacks and Hispanics who become law clerks. Nearly 1,000 civil rights activists protested at the court's opening day in October, and the NAACP in recent weeks has been asking its members to write letters of protest to the high court.

Clerks are in a position to recommend which appeals should be heard at the high court and usually write first drafts of opinions supporting the justices' votes in a case.

## Alcohol May Be Added to Carcinogen List

THE WASHINGTON POST

A panel of government science advisers has recommended adding booze to the list of substances believed to cause cancer in people.

The nonbinding recommendation was made last week by the National Toxicology Program's Board of Science Counselors, an independent panel that reviews cancer research and advises federal regulators on potential health threats. By a 9 to 3 vote, the group said alcohol should be listed as a "known human carcinogen" in a government report due next year.

The panel reached the same conclusion for secondhand tobacco smoke, and said diesel fumes were "reasonably anticipated" to cause cancer. For a substance to be a "known human carcinogen" there must be convincing human studies or epidemiological data linking it to cancer.

The panel stressed that the cancer risk from alcohol is much more pronounced among smokers and heavy drinkers. Some panel members also noted that moderate alcohol consumption may have an overall beneficial health effect for many people.



## Graduate Student Council

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## Ice Skating Party - Fri, Dec. 11

Even if you don't want to skate, stop by the Johnson lobby to socialize with other graduate students. Cocoa and cider will be served.

## Ski Trip - Fri, Jan. 29 - Sun, Jan. 31

We will be going to Smuggler's Notch. Price is \$140\* for graduate students and post-docs and \$150 for guests. This price includes lodging, transportation, and lift tickets for three days. Discount packages for equipment rental and lessons are available. Registration forms now available at 50-220.

## Bruins vs. NY Islanders - Thurs, Feb. 4

The GSC has 30 tickets reserved in the mid-balcony section. The price is \$25 for graduate students, post-docs, and guests. This price includes a coupon for a hot dog and soda at the concession stand.



## Calendar

### ► DECEMBER

11 - Ice Skating Party, Johnson, 8:45 - 11 PM

### ► JANUARY

05 - Activities committee meeting \*

06 - Publicity committee meeting\*

19 - Housing & Community Affairs committee meeting\*

29 - 31 - Smuggler's Notch Ski Trip

\* = at 5:30pm in Room 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

## Spring Welcome Social Feb. 4, 5:30 - 7 PM, 50-220

Come meet other graduate students and enjoy free food and drink. Proper ID is required.

# OPINION

## Dangerous Public Relations Ploy

Monday's announcement of a new cooperative effort to curb underage and dangerous drinking forged by the Boston Coalition between 24 area colleges and universities, including MIT, seems nothing more than political pandering. The agreement appears to be an attempt by

### Editorial

local universities to divert the attention of the Boston media, the Boston Licensing Board, and Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph C. Martin II. Many of the document's provisions, such as suggesting that professors include alcohol-awareness material in a variety of different subjects, are simply laughable and indicate that the signatories do not intend the document to be realistically implementable.

While we do not expect MIT to significantly alter its policies in light of the commitment it has just signed, the document is still worrisome since MIT may fall back on it when it re-examines alcohol policies at a later date. Several of the document's provisions, while seemingly benign, could prove disastrous if actually implemented.

The coalition recommends universities "engage parents in the event that their son or daughter has jeopardized his/her residential or university status as a result of underage or problem

drinking," and that administrators "engage parents, as appropriate, in the event that their son or daughter has exhibited behavior that presents an alcohol-related health threat to him/herself or others." MIT has traditionally prided itself on treating students as adults. Implementation of these provisions would mark a major step backward from this policy.

Also troubling are the paternalistic tones of both the document and the process by which it was formed. The text appears to characterize students as incapable of behaving reasonably without supervision. Moreover, students were barely involved in the drafting of the proposals, with no MIT students involved in a significant way. While it is necessary for a body of 24 organizations to limit the number of people actively participating in discussion, students deserved a special role in these talks, as they will be the ones affected by any new policies flowing from the discussions.

Given these important concerns, students at MIT and other colleges in the Boston area can only hope that this document is nothing more than what it initially appears to be — a public relations ploy. If the proposals are enacted as written, it would represent a major shift away from policies that treat students as intelligent adults capable of making their own choices.



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# Political Football

## Finneran Not to Blame for Patriots' Departure

Michael J. Ring

There has been a sustained outcry in the Boston media, and even in this newspaper ["Speaker Finneran's Fumble," Nov. 24], over the prospect of the New England Patriots leaving Foxboro for Hartford. Local business leaders, sports-writers, and fans have displayed reactions ranging from bitter disappointment to crazed hysteria. The villain of this saga, according to Patriots' boosters, is Massachusetts' Speaker of the House, Thomas M. Finneran, D-Mattapan.

It is somewhat disappointing to see that the Patriots, barring a change of heart from the Connecticut Legislature, will be heading south. But the level of delirium displayed by many of the extreme fans is ludicrous. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will get along just fine without the Patriots. And Patriots' owner Robert Kraft, not Speaker Finneran, is the one who's culpable for the Patriots' leaving.

The Patriots provide some employment, some tax revenue, and some sense of civic pride to the Commonwealth. But their contribution to the state is not worth the \$350-million welfare check that Governor John Rowland, R-Conn., appears happy to write to Kraft. The jobs at Foxboro Stadium are part-time and low-paying. Surely the government can do better with its limited resources than to underwrite employment for poorly paid beer vendors for ten Sundays a year. The Commonwealth should work with business to insure Massachusetts remains a leader in the computer, biotechnology, and financial service sectors. These are attractive industries which attract an educated, well-paid work force, and their contributions to tax revenue are much greater than that of a football team.

Some argue that any drain on the Commonwealth's financial resources is offset by the team's contribution to regional pride. But traditionally the Patriots have ranked fourth among local sports fans' loyalties. They are not the Red Sox, whose bumbling

lack of success over the years has given the team a certain charm. They are not the Celtics or Bruins, teams that have hoisted banners to the rafters of the Garden. Historically, the Patriots stink.

I grew up in a town 15 miles from Foxboro. You might expect such a place to be the heart of Patriot nation. It is not. In the early 1990s, when the Patriots were consistently the worst team in the AFC East, hardly a soul could care about their fate. There is only interest now because the Patriots have fielded successful teams for several years running. But when their winning ways cease, the fair weather fans will look elsewhere.

We must remember as well that the Patriots are only a sports team. They are not one of the educational or cultural institutions that make Massachusetts a special state. This scenario is hardly equivalent to MIT picking up and moving to Nashua, or the Museum of Fine Arts heading to Providence. A professional sports franchise has only a fraction of the value of world-class cultural and educational institutions.

Turning to the political fallout, I wish to applaud Speaker Finneran for his courageous stand against corporate welfare. His vision, though unpopular, was right for Massachusetts. The House of Representatives was more than willing to spend \$57 million on infrastructure improvements in and around the stadium and the town of Foxboro. This is in addition to the \$30 million spent this decade to improve vehicular and pedestrian flow around the stadium. But the nearly \$90 million in state aid wasn't enough for Kraft. He wanted the state to buy land on which a new stadium would be built, which would have then be leased back to Kraft on sweetheart terms. The team would even have had an option to buy the land without paying for any increase in its assessment. The House, quite rightly, was unwilling to accept this dubious proposal.

The Commonwealth should not act as a land bank for profitable businesses. Yet that is exactly what Kraft and his political allies wanted the Commonwealth to do. Contrary to some portrayals in the media, the Patriots are profitable at Foxboro Stadium. They just aren't profitable enough to satisfy their owner's greed. Imagine if the Commonwealth had agreed to this land deal. Would the state then be obligated to clear a block of land in

the financial district, then just donate the land to Fidelity so the company could build a new skyscraper? Or would the state have to acquire land for MIT should the Institute look to expand its property holdings toward Central Square? The latter two organizations are much more important to this state than the Patriots; yet they do not receive the help Kraft is seeking.

Who are the losers in this prospective move? The people of Massachusetts may endure some nominal losses. But the people bearing the disproportionate burden of the move are the people of Connecticut, and specifically, the people of Hartford. The capital of Connecticut is a depressed city, more of an urban wasteland than a viable community. Hartford's schools are among the worst in the nation. A full one percent of Hartford's high school sophomores showed mastery on the four Connecticut Academic Performance Tests, and the average SAT score in Hartford for the Class of 1996 was a robust 777.

Hartford is not a vibrant place to live. Football will be far from a panacea for Hartford's ills. The state is going to spend \$350 million on a new stadium for Kraft out of taxpayer money; Kraft's contributions to the larger project, in the form of a new hotel and entertainment complex, will be a fraction of the stadium's cost. This deal is going to soak the taxpayers of Connecticut.

Several other cities have recently attracted NFL franchises, hoping to either recussitate an economically dead city or instill civic pride into some Third World burg. So let's take a look around the country. Did moving the Raiders to Oakland solve that city's problems? Absolutely not. In fact, the taxpayers of Oakland will cough up \$16 million this year to service the debt on stadium improvements. Nashville has a football team. Does that make them a world-class city? It is preposterous to argue Nashville is anything beyond a two-bit haven for rotten musicians. Meanwhile, Houston, the city that lost its football team to Nashville, is one of the pre-eminent commercial centers in the entire nation.

Life goes on without a football team. Massachusetts will do just fine without the Patriots. It can divert time and resources to solving the education and health care problems in the state. Unfortunately, the people of Connecticut are not so lucky.

# Approach Science Cautiously

Elaine Y. Wan

Documentaries, newspaper articles, doctors, scientists and fellow members of the MIT community may have convinced you with their inventions and discoveries that you should be, according to a recent column by Kris Schnee ["A Future with Biotechnology," Dec. 4], "optimistic about the future again."

Recent articles in magazines and newspapers like *Science* and the *New York Times* claim scientists have found a way to eliminate premature balding, to make everyone look thin, to eliminate sexual dysfunction and genetically inherited disorders. So basically, sometime in the future everyone will live long, look great and be physically perfect.

Everything may look encouraging now, but the future may actually be dimmer than expected. There will always be someone who drives the car, someone who assembles it, someone who makes the parts and someone who fills its gas tank. The current news in research and development may seem to persuade us that we will all benefit from the new technology that is evolving in laboratories. However, this technology will only be available to a limited number of people, namely the people who control the technology and the people who will be able to afford it.

Today, any couple can pay \$2,500 to use flow cytometry to guarantee that they will give birth to a daughter or to a son, whichever they prefer. If all the wives in the world saved enough money and convinced their husbands that they should have a daughter, then girls would dominate the planet in less than a decade.

In the past, there are also incidents in which an assumed scientific benefit to society has also caused undesirable side effects. The Industrial Revolution has greatly improved the convenience of life and led to widely used inventions. Cars are almost a necessity today, yet they are also partly responsible for the ever-enlarging hole in the ozone layer. The ozone concentrations in the Antarctic have decreased in thickness by over 25 percent in the last decade. The hole has increased ultraviolet radiation reaching the surface of the Earth. Energy that was once absorbed by the planet's ozone layer is now responsible for the increased activation of viruses, number of skin cancer cases, and tendency of people to suffer from eye damage.

Many of these diseases have now been linked to genetic mutations. So once again, we turn to science for help. Gene therapy has been proposed for the treatment of all types of cancer and diseases. We've cloned Dolly, so what next?

Those with the financial ability or technological resources can manipulate genes so that they will be resistant to mutations caused by increased UV radiation. They can also create a new category of humans who will be more tolerant to polluted waters and acid rain. They can manipulate human genes to produce the perfect child who gets a 1600 on the SAT, acs every test, has the appearance of a super-model, wins every event in the decathlon, and has the morals of a good Samaritan. *Gattaca*, anyone?

It is not enough to state that the future of biotechnology will raise many hopes, issues on ethics, and new laws. All these advancements in science will also create new health problems and conflicts. Today, we already have opposition against admittance into schools based on test scores. Some minority parents in New York City argue that their children are not selected for enrollment into specialized high schools like Stuyvesant and Bronx Science because their local secondary school did not prepare their children well enough for the admittance test. Now imagine the conflicts that would arise with the increasing faith in eugenics. Once again, education and job opportunities would only be available to those who could afford to meet the genetic standards.

Science and technology have offered solutions to our immediate problems. However, in solving our current problems we may inadvertently have created even bigger ones, as shown by the evolution of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. We should look at the advances in science with more caution. The next time you read about some new therapy, be a little skeptical and consider the other possible effects it may have on society. In a few decades, even you may be considered a "degenerate."

# Orange Ribbons for a Better Institute

Guest Column  
Jeremy H. Brown

Rush '98 was designed by a committee with no student members, but that's not the point. President Vest's decree that as of 2001 freshmen will be forced to live in dormitories overrode a painfully achieved consensus between students and faculty, but that's not the point. Dorm Rush is probably going away too, but that's not the point. If you throw a party, you have to hire so many Campus Police that even they grumble because it's a waste of their time, but that's not the point. If you call for medical help for your drunken friend, he's going to get slapped with the alcohol policy, but that's not the point either.

I happen to think that all these things are bad news. Although you may not mind some of the policies, I suspect that you agree with me on a bunch of them, and you're probably none too fond of the way any of them came into being. There's also a good chance you can list off another half dozen problem points I didn't think of.

So even though you and I don't agree on each and every specific point, we almost certainly agree on the overarching problem — the MIT administration is piece-by-piece screwing up MIT. They're screwing up by setting policies to treat MIT undergraduates as infants, by caving in to pressure from the media, and by concerning themselves more with avoiding litigation than with the real mission of education. In the case of medical transport, they are even jeopardizing basic safety, since no person should ever have to worry that by calling for help, he or she is getting a friend or himself or herself in trouble. Policy after policy is being passed in direct defiance of clearly stated student wishes, and most of these policies are stinkers.

Students try, over and over, to work with the administration, with faculty, with whomever is working to change some aspect of MIT. But in spite of all that — town meetings and luncheons, Undergraduate Association slime and Graduate Student

Council whines, good-faith agreements and a slap on the back — students are ignored when the final decision comes down from on high with stunning, agonizing, and ultimately numbing regularity.

"Working within the system" has bought us nothing. "Compromising strategically" has bought us nothing. And certainly apathy has bought us nothing. It's time for some antagonism, some ire, some anger. It's time to show the administration that we students care about

*An orange ribbon is a symbol of anti-apathy. It gets attention and provokes discussion from students, faculty, and staff.*

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MIT, that all our kvetching aside, we love this place and our experiences here, and we hate what we see the administration doing to MIT and the experiences to be had by the next wave of MIT students.

And that, to me, is the point of the Orange Ribbon campaign. An orange ribbon is a token of anti-apathy. It is a way to say "I'm here. I care. I'm angry about the mismanagement of MIT." It doesn't interrupt lectures, disrupt meetings, or take hours away from classes, stressing, or sleep. But if my experiences wearing a ribbon around campus are representative, it does get attention and provoke discussion from students, faculty, and staff.

Now, I'm not claiming that orange ribbons are a panacea; a ribbon is just a symbol. Symbols can be powerful things, however, and I see the orange ribbon having the potential for power in two ways. First, there is the

simple function of solidarity. For me, seeing another ribbon-wearer is truly uplifting; it shows me that I'm not alone in experiencing, and protesting, the incredible spate of awful policies and the administration's treatment of MIT students as infants. The orange ribbon can serve as a rallying point, a way for concerned people — students, faculty, even administrators — to find one another to talk about the problems and the solutions.

Second, there is the function of increasing awareness. By inspiring discussion and questions, the ribbons will cause people from all parts of the Institute to consider the situation we the MIT community are in, how we got here, and where we are going. We don't all have to agree on everything, or anything, but we need to figure out what issues are on the table. One of the primary issues is the sense that the administration is astray; presented with the growing number of ribbons worn (and the number is growing, even professors are wearing them), hopefully individual administrators will become aware that this sense is not restricted to a few fringe fanatics among the students, but is a widely held belief that they must address if they honestly desire a healthy and coherent MIT community.

In closing, I want to issue one important caveat. I've spoken of the administration as a monolithic block making dreadful decision after dreadful decision, when really the administration is composed of a large number of individuals. A great many administrators are good guys who care very much about doing the right thing for the students and the Institute as a whole — I hope they know who they are, and understand that student anger is not directed at them personally.

It's just that — you know how a few idiot students can make the whole lot of us look like binge-drinking fools? Well, there are a few binge policy-making administrators, and those are the ones we really have to wake up, be it with orange ribbons, petitions, alumni donation withholding, or any other scheme, if the future of MIT is actually to improve.

Jeremy H. Brown is one of the coordinators of the orange ribbon campaign.

# THE ARTS

## THEATER REVIEW

### What The Butler Saw

Theatre arts 'brief' psychiatric work

By Heather J. Anderson

Written by Joe Orton  
Directed by Richard Marcus  
With Fernando J. Paiz G, Marketa Valterova '00, Jessica Lin, Thomas Cork '00, Jeremy Lueck '99, Ann-Marie White G

What do you get when you mix a young and talented cast, a funny (even if a bit sophomoric) script, and more underwear than seen in Dance Troupe's recent production, *Fever*? You get the enigmatically titled British sex farce *What the Butler Saw*, put on by the MIT Theater Arts department.

*Butler* takes place in an eclectic world where clothing equals character and nearly everyone is mad — yet suspending one's disbelief is entirely effortless. The thing I liked most about the show was the boundless energy

and downright guts the actors exhibited. It may be cliched, but every member of this highly ensemble cast gave 110 percent of their energy 100 percent of the time. Even the pacing, which was at times awkward, did not interfere with the overall amusement of the play.

In brief, the story is that of a professional psychiatrist, Dr. Prentice (Fernando J. Paiz G) who tries to seduce his new secretary, Geraldine Barclay (Marketa Valterova '00) right before he is caught by his wife, Mrs. Prentice (Jessica Lin). All of this happens in the first fifteen minutes of the play; the rest of the time the secretary is trying to escape all the madmen (and women) around her by convincing Dr. Prentice to help her by telling the truth. Blackmail, quackery, and unbridled sexual appetite are the order of the day, and a surprise ending leaves everyone feeling (ahem) satisfied.

I applaud director Richard Marcus for picking a talented cast, and most of all for not

forcing the actors speak in a British accent, which would be tempting in a play which begs comparison with *Noises Off* (rent the movie version if you haven't seen it). Paiz is excellent as the dishonorable Dr. Prentice, displaying the same passion he had in the recent MIT Shakespeare Ensemble performance, *Measure for Measure*. In *Butler* he is allowed to be hilarious as well as uptight. Although her comic timing was a bit off in spots, Valterova (also from *Measure for Measure*) excels at evoking wads of sympathy from the audience as the only sane person in a house full of loons. Lin, the tall, beautiful, exotic Mrs. Prentice, was a bit too careless with her diction, but was exciting to watch nonetheless. Thomas Cork '00 (also from *Measure*) playing the unscrupulous, insatiable Nicholas Beckett, pageboy turned blackmailer who wants nothing more than to be hired as Dr. Prentice's typist, was quite funny, and looked marvelous in a leopard print dress and black pumps. White, always a pleasure to watch, played Sergeant Match (a bobby being a must in most British sex farces). Match is male in the play, but this cross casting did her (and us) no harm, and it was a shame that she was not on-stage as often as the rest of the cast. However, it was Lueck, the government-

issued rival psychiatrist with bestseller ambitions and a taste for controlled substances, who stole the show with his boisterously entertaining facial expressions and great comic timing.

The set, "the consultation room of an exclusive, private psychiatric clinic," was well planned; each piece of furniture was well used and well placed. However (and this is something I never thought I would say), Lit. Kresge seemed too large for the play. I would have preferred the wings to come on-stage a little further, and the doors far downstage right and left not be used at all. A three-walled office would have been a better choice than no-walled, as the distances the actors had to traverse between entrance and exit added to the awkwardness of the timing, especially at the end. The costuming was very good, including the outer- and under-wear, but the lighting could have been improved, as one out of four lighting cues was mishandled. Overall though, the production was highly enjoyable.

If you missed *What the Butler Saw*, then shame on you. Seriously, the MIT Theater Arts department consistently puts on good productions, and I encourage all of you to support this group by seeing their next show, *Romeo and Juliet*.

## ARTS PREVIEWS

### Holiday Events

Finding the best for winter break

By Vladimir Zelevinsky  
STAFF REPORTER

All good things must come to an end, and so does the year 1998. For your convenience, I would like to provide this brief list of all the film and theatre openings for the coming month. A necessary disclaimer: I haven't seen any of these, and have simply listed the events which seem interesting on the basis of their pedigree; in other words, this is what I plan to catch. Most of these will be reviewed in the future.

#### Film

Opening dates are subject to the whim of the studios; some films open for Oscar consideration (that you can catch only if your travel plans include New York City or Los Angeles), and then expand wide.

*Star Trek: Resurrection*  
Opening Dec. 11

The trailer looks fun, Patrick Stewart is reliably good, director Jonathan Frakes demonstrated he can spin a satisfying yarn with his *Star Trek: First Contact*, and F. Murray Abraham (Salieri in *Amadeus*) should make a fun villain. On the other hand, this is the ninth installment, and we all know that odd-numbered *Star Trek* films are usually unworthy of much attention.

*A Simple Plan*  
Opening Dec. 11 in limited release, in full release the following weekend

Sam Raimi (director of the *Evil Dead* trilogy and creator of TV's *Xena*) tries his hand at a snow-bound thriller about two brothers who steal a cool \$4 million from a downed plane. Both the snowy ambiance and Raimi's previous films point to something like *Fargo*, but the presence of Billy Bob Thornton in front of the camera gives hope that this "Plan" is more dramatically straightforward — and satisfying. *Shakespeare in Love*

Opening Dec. 11 for Oscar-qualifying run, expanding on Dec. 25

A "who's who" of the independent cinema; with Gwyneth Paltrow, Rupert Everett, Ben Affleck, Judi Dench, Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush, and newcomer Joseph Fiennes (Ralph Fiennes' younger brother) as the titular Bard of Avon. Co-written by the wordweaver extraordinaire Tom Stoppard, this is the unlikely front-runner for the most fun movie of the year. *You've Got Mail*

Opening Dec. 18

Tom Hanks reunites with his *Sleepless in Seattle* co-star Meg Ryan, which is good. They reunite with *Sleepless* writer/director Nora Ephron, which is not so good. Ephron's track record has been spotty at best, especially if you remember — or, better yet, don't remember — *Mixed Nuts*. But let's hope for the best. Hanks, at his worst, is still better than most. *Prince of Egypt*

Opening Dec. 18

I don't know what to expect from the ostensibly reverential retelling of the story of Exodus as an animated musical, but DreamWorks proved that they know a thing or two about tweaking the formula with *Antz*. Good thing, because I was getting a bit tired of Disney whimsy. *The Faculty*

Opening Dec. 25

The screenwriter of *Scream* and director of *Desperado* add up to: (a) a mindless two hours; (b) a copious amount of gore; (c) a whole lot of fun; (d) all of the above. My money is on (d). *A Civil Action*

Opening Dec. 25. for Oscar-qualifying run, expanding Jan. 8

Another "who's who," this time of big-name actors: John Travolta, Robert Duvall, John Lithgow, William H. Macy, Tony Shalhoub, Kathleen Quinlan. Written and directed by



Cirque Ingenieux will bring its imagination to the Colonial Theatre this holiday season.

Steven Zaillian (screenwriter of *Schindler's List*). Filmed here in Boston, the story (Woburn toxic waste dump case) combines harrowing drama and real-life excitement.

*The Thin Red Line*  
Opening Dec. 25. for Oscar-qualifying run, expanding Jan. 8

A World War II action drama, with yet another roster of top names in business: Sean Penn, Ben Chaplin, George Clooney, John Cusack, Woody Harrelson, Jared Leto, Bill Pullman, Nick Nolte, John Travolta (in a supporting part). Directed by the legendary Terrence Malik, if this doesn't sound like an Oscar-hopeful, I don't know what does. The trailer looks absolutely fantastic.

#### Stage

*Cirque Ingenieux*  
At Colonial Theatre on Dec. 22-27. More info at (617) 931-2787 and at <http://www.cirque-tour.com/>

With all the shows opening in Boston during holiday season, some sound like fun (*Victor/Victoria* and *Smokey Joe's Cafe*), and some are justly perennial favorites (*Blue Man Group*). But only one show (with the exception of the ever popular *Nutcracker*) seems to have not only a wealth of skill and imagination, but also the true holiday spirit of wonder and adventure.

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# Former Rep. Talks About Health Policy

By Sanjay Basu  
STAFF REPORTER

Former Massachusetts State Representative John McDonough discussed the future of health policy in America, during an evening lecture sponsored by the MIT Medical Congress.

McDonough, once Chairman of the Senate's Joint Committee on Health Care, announced his opinions on Medicare, HMO's, and the Clinton Health Plan to the small audience in attendance.

"Health policy is my life," he said as he began his talk. After turning away from the public spotlight and becoming a professor at Brandeis University, McDonough began analyzing the ways public policies work and don't work.

What he found, he told the MIT audience, was that the public often looked at health policy issues through a distorted lens.

"The American people want more benefits but they don't want to pay for them," he said. "This is the dilemma of the American policy-maker."

McDonough cited several statistics reporting the American public's desires for Medicare reform. The wish list includes payments for prescription drugs, long-term care coverage, and reduced age of eligibility. Statistics also show that Americans wanted these improvements without a tax increase.

### Lecturer challenges public opinion

Though the audience passively listened to McDonough's historical reports and spreadsheets of statistics, eyebrows rose when the former Congressman began discussing his perspective on managed care.

"People talk about managed care and HMO's," McDonough said. "I would argue that the real quality

problems have little to do with managed care."

"The real problems — the scandalous problems—have to do with the way we structure our approach to medicine."

McDonough then justified his unpopular opinion by citing what he called the "overutilization, underutilization, and inexplicable variation" of health services in America.

"While C-sections are performed even when they are not needed," he stated, "other health services, like the prescription use of beta-blockers against heart attacks, are almost never used."

"Some places even use different procedures at different rates, creating variation in health services for no reason. While some places use a lumpectomy instead of a mastectomy to treat breast cancer patients, others do the reverse. Both treatments are just as effective, but lumpectomy's are must more cost-effective and less invasive."

McDonough continued by comparing the health care industry to other industries in America.

"We're going to see a growth for health care inflation for the next few

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# Douglas, Poyneer Named 1998 Rhodes Scholars



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After demanding final interviews, Lisa A. Poyneer '98 and Christopher Douglas '99 were named Rhodes Scholars, earning the opportunity to study abroad at Oxford University.

By Susan Buchman

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Christopher Douglas '99 and Lisa A. Poyneer '98 join the list of MIT students selected as Rhodes scholars, the oldest study abroad grant for American students.

According to Associate Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Lawrence Vale, advisor to MIT Rhodes candidates, the Rhodes scholarship is "an opportunity for 32 Americans and groups from elsewhere to spend two to three years at Oxford."

The scholarship covers tuition, room, and board and also provides a living stipend.

#### Scholars face intensive process

After their Rhodes applications were approved by MIT, the two candidates' applications were submitted to their respective home states. After being selected as a state candidate, Poyneer and Douglas advanced to the district selection and were then declared scholars.

Poyneer, a graduate student in computer science from Renton, Wash., spent the past week participating in the final round of interviews for the scholarship.

"I'm totally exhausted from it," Poyneer said.

Poyneer traveled to Seattle last Tuesday and Wednesday for a banquet and a full day of interviews.

Interviews were conducted by a panel of seven members, six of whom are former Rhodes scholars. According to Poyneer, the interviews "weren't easy but they were friendly."

After all the candidates are interviewed they are gathered into a room together to wait while the judges deliberate and choose two students to advance to the district round. The finalists are then announced to the group.

Poyneer said that the two hours she spent with the nine other Washington applicants while the judges conferred were enjoyable.

It was a "really cool bonding experience," Poyneer said.

After Poyneer was chosen to proceed to districts, she went to San Francisco. Eleven students were interviewed in a process similar to the state process, and four students, including Poyneer, were chosen as scholars.

Poyneer had a perfect grade point average as an undergraduate and is committed to increasing the number of women in science and engineering.

While at Oxford, Poyneer will

study for a a master of philosophy in linguistics.

Douglas could not be reached for comment.

#### Stiff competition for the Rhodes

The Rhodes scholarship has an intensive application process, including the submission of five to eight letters of reference. Although there is no minimum grade point average, "we tend to endorse people whose grade point averages are 4.7 or higher although we are open to [GPAs] below that," Vale said.

To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be between 18 and 24 years of age and have at least an undergraduate degree by the time he or she enrolls in Oxford.

For the past three years, the Rhodes scholarship committee has required that a university endorse its candidates. Applicants from MIT are interviewed and reviewed by Vale and Dean of Graduate Education Isaac M. Colbert.

"We endorse the vast majority of MIT applicants who approach our committee, and the majority of those are interviewed" by the Rhodes committee, Vale said.

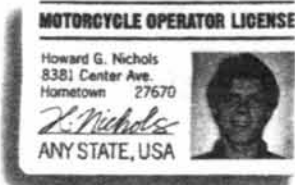
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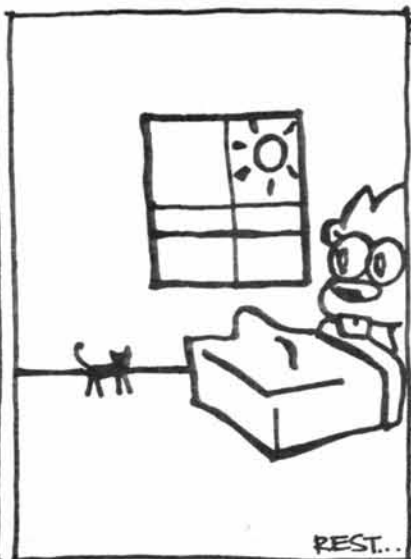
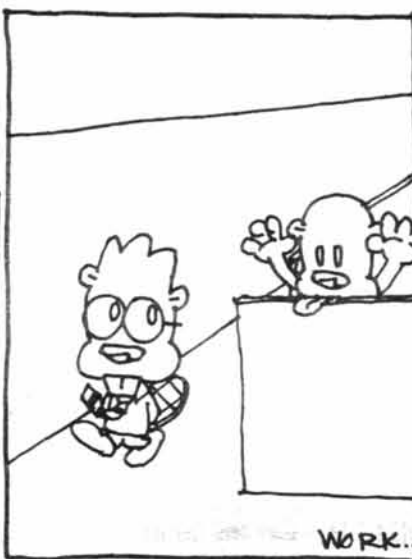


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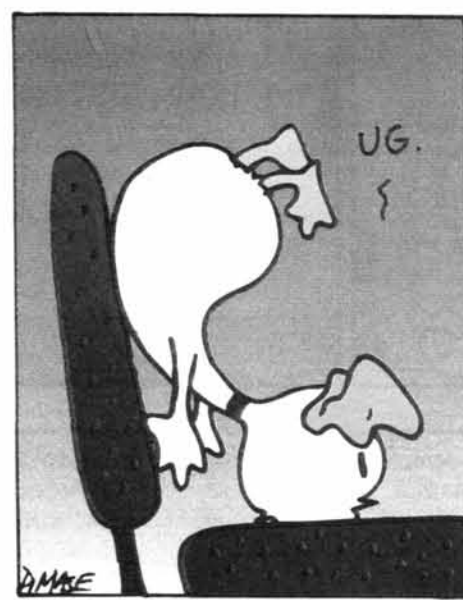
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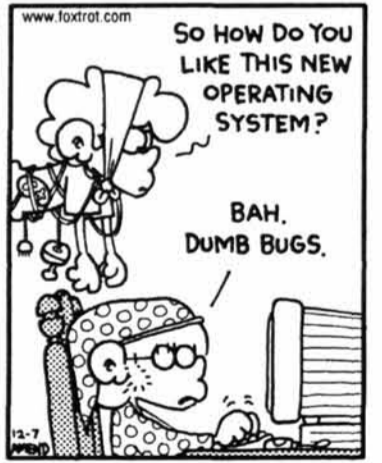
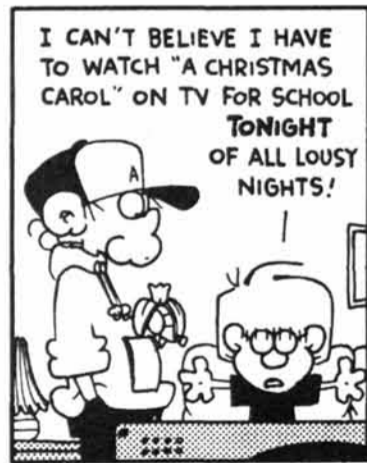
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### Thursday's Events

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### Friday's Events

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### Saturday's Events

1:00 p.m. – **MIT Emerson Scholarship Student Recitals.** Killian Hall.

8:00 p.m. – **Plush Daddy Fly and the Next-to-Last Days of Disco.** MIT's original sketch comedy troupe. Room 10-250.

### Sunday's Events

3:00 p.m. – **MIT Women's Chorale Holiday Concert.** Nancy K. Wanger directs the 40-voice choir specializing in classical repertoire. Children, accompanied by adult, welcome. Reception follows concert. Killian Hall.

### Monday's Events

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# Large Event Funding Guidelines Differed From Fall

Funding, from Page 1

money to [Spring Weekend]" Schneider said.

While one member of the funding committee had raised the idea that the spring term large event fund automatically go to Spring Weekend, that idea was turned down and bidding was made open to the entire campus, according to Schneider.

Proposals that were turned down included those submitted by College Republicans and College Democrats and several cultural groups.

One of the main criteria for approval for large-event funding was that it be a unifying force for the campus. Another criteria was how well-planned and detailed the proposal submitted was.

"We were looking for events that appealed to more than just a specific group, culture, or sub-population at MIT," Schneider said.

## Spring Weekend timetable set

Spring Weekend 1999 is planned for April 22-25 and will include the International Fair, the Spring Carnival, and the Spring Concert.

The committee for Spring Weekend is co-chaired by Campus Activities Complex Program Board representative Michelle T. Hardiman '00, Mani, a representative from the Undergraduate Association Social Committee, and Pubudu C. Wariyapola G, a representative from the GSC Activities Committee.

The Spring Weekend Committee also has representatives from other groups, including the International Student Association, the Lecture Series Committee, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Dormcon, the

IFC, Alpha Phi, and the Women's Independent Living Group.

According to Hardiman, "On Thursday [of Spring Weekend] we will have some intro event, on Friday there will be the International Fair, and on Saturday will be the carnival followed by the concert at night." The specific schedule is still tentative, however.

The ISA will be running the International Fair on Friday, and the other student groups "will be running their own mini-events," Hardiman said. "The Spring Weekend committee will just be coordinating all of these smaller events."

Organizers say the early funding boost will help the overall success of Spring Weekend.

"In the past, Spring Weekend had to do a lot of fundraising on its own," Mani said. "It is very, very good that we have secured this funding so early. Spring Weekend is going to be better than it's ever been. In the past, we've had a lack of timely funding. This year we have a substantial amount already set up, which is indicative that Spring Weekend will really be successful."

MIT Live is a multimedia event that will be held by the MIT Dance

Mix Coalition, MIT Anime, MIT Ballroom Dance Team, and Dance Troupe. The event is proposed as a large dance party with some unique features. During MIT Live, a large sound, lighting, and video system to allow for the interplay of lighting effects, dance artists, video effects, and manipulated music.

## Funding differs from fall

Large-event funding decisions differed from fall term to the spring term, according to Schneider.

For the allocation of large event funding in the fall semester, Schneider said that the funding representatives "picked a couple of events proposed by different student groups, and we just rolled this into one large festival."

The Fall Festival received \$18,000 in funds.

"Last time, for the Fall Festival, the student groups didn't get along very well, and there was a lot of miscommunication. Also, we didn't want to have to manage the event ourselves," Schneider said. Instead, this time the representatives allocating large event funding wanted to give one group the financial responsibility for a large event, rather than having to tell student groups exactly how to interact.

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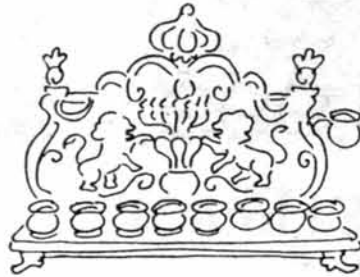
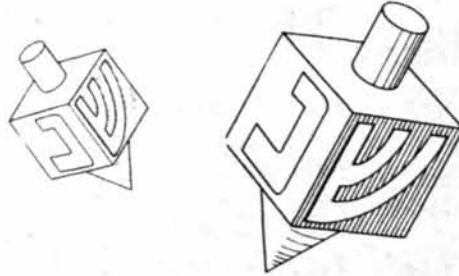
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# Uninsured Families Fall Through Cracks

Health Care, from Page 9

years," he said. "It won't be as bad as in '93 and '94, but it's still inflation."

McDonough also discussed his concerns about health access, stating that over 43 million Americans currently have no health insurance.

"Cost, access, and quality are our three big problems," he said. "And they're big ones... if the health care industry was the airline industry, we'd have two jumbo jet crashes everyday."

"So what do we do about it?" he asked

## Speaker discusses possible reform

McDonough said that the biggest task for policy makers of the future is dealing with the vast number of uninsured families in America, though that may not be a popular topic to discuss in Washington.

"We have reached a national consensus that requiring employer mandates that force employers to provide health care coverage is not a politically acceptable idea," McDonough said. He also said that virtually every candidate running for political office this year avoided the issue altogether.

McDonough also wants to "modernize" and "stabilize" Medicare, though he discussed the issue only vaguely.

"Medicare will go broke by 2008 and we need to bring it up to speed," he said. "It's funny that everyone is focusing on social security, because that program has at least another twenty years."

When questioned by the audience about his plans for the program, McDonough would only say that he and Congressman Ted Kennedy were considering a number of new avenues to help "make the program work."

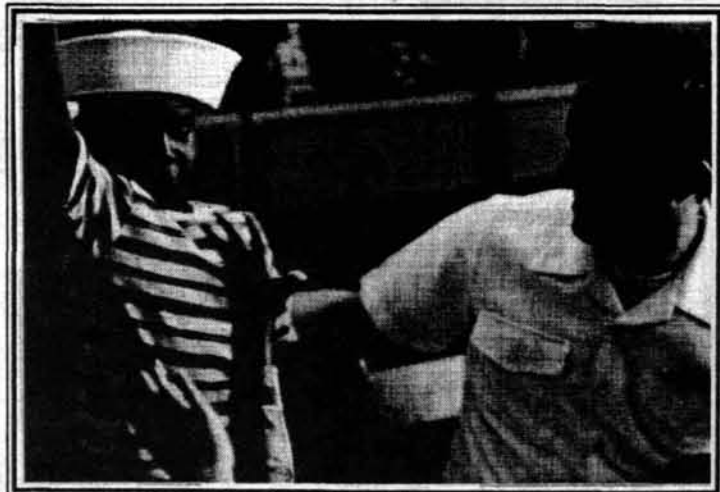
"One of the problems we face is paying for prescription drugs. Because science is advancing so rapidly, new drugs are being pushed down the pipeline at an incredible rate."

McDonough then returned to his discussion of HMO's. Though he earlier stated that HMO's do not cause the main quality problems in health care today, McDonough did specify that managed care needs to be regulated on a larger scale.

"What will be the national standards on managed care?" he asked. "We still haven't created enough national standards, including ones about denying medical treatment, paying for specialists and specific procedures, and suing HMO's."

McDonough ended the discussion by briefly discussing the Clinton Health Plan, which he called "a fiasco."

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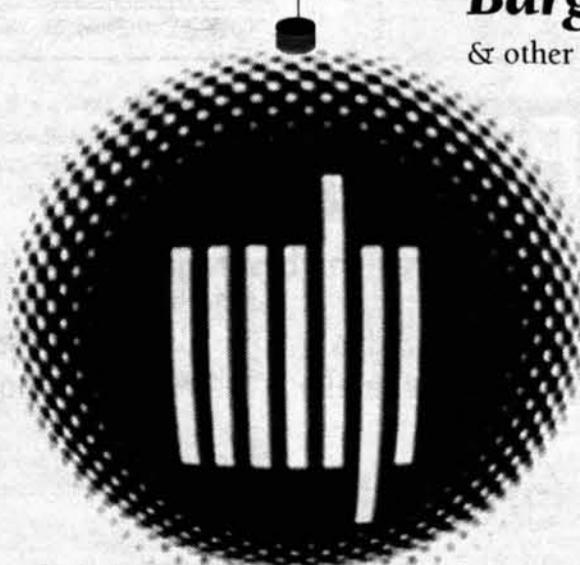
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# MIT Police Aim for Territory Expansion

Alcohol, from Page 1

MIT fraternities, did not sign the agreement.

Interfraternity Council President Duane H. Dreger '99 praised the document at its signing ceremony, saying that the IFC "applauds and fully supports" the recommendations made within it.

However, Dreger said that student input would be required in the design and enforcement of subsequent policy changes. "We all remember the difference between getting advice from a friend and being told what to do by our parents," he said.

Dreger said last night that he feels that the new document will not have any immediate impact on the Institute, since MIT's policies are already stricter than those in the document in many ways.

"We are pretty much at the level that the Boston Coalition wants, and we've actually moved beyond it in most areas," Dreger says.

Dreger said that the IFC's risk management chair was invited to a meeting, but "the student part of the process did kind of fizzle out."

MIT "can be a leader" in helping other universities with their implementation since it has already dealt with many of the issues involved, Dreger said.

The other universities and colleges which signed on to the pact include: Aquinas College, Bentley College, Berklee College of Music, Bunker Hill Community College, Curry College, Emerson College, Emmanuel College, Lesley College, Massachusetts College of Art, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, Regis College, Salem State College, Simmons University, Urban College of Boston, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and Wheelock College.

## MIT police plans expansion

The MIT Campus Police will soon begin patrolling Boston-based fraternities each evening as it also works to gain new police privileges in the area.

The powers are "obviously something that I support," said Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin.

While final details still need to be worked out, the size of the police force will expand to accommodate the expansion, she said.

"We're excited about developing a closer relationship with students, the [Boston University] police and the Boston Police," Glavin said. She has been talking to the police forces for some time to discuss the issues.

MIT is also beginning the processes necessary to get additional police powers in Boston, said Kenneth D. Campbell, director of the news office.

Currently, MIT police have arrest privileges on all MIT property and in Middlesex County, as the officers are deputized within the area. CPs cannot make arrests as of yet in Suffolk County, which includes Boston, or in Norfolk County, which includes Brookline.

The CPs will first work to obtain Sheriff's powers in Suffolk County, said Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72.

"We hope that these efforts will help improve our ability to respond to community concerns in areas where significant numbers of MIT students live," Bacow said.

Following a July alcohol-related incident at Beta Theta Pi, the Boston Licensing Board ordered the Institute to investigate the possibility of attaining deputy powers in Suffolk County. Members of the board chided MIT administrators for not working to obtain powers sooner.

# Coalition Agreement

The agreement signed by MIT and 23 other area colleges and universities had 53 total points related to curbing underage and problem drinking. Included are:

### Campuswide:

- Promote and increase the availability of alcohol-free programming for first-year and underage students who risk both medical and legal consequences should they consume alcohol
- Insure the availability of university sponsored and supervised housing for first-year students and decrease reliance on apartment rentals and other off-campus housing for underage students
- Prohibit use of student activities funds for the purchase of alcohol at undergraduate functions

### Residential Life:

- Insure that residential staff are afforded continuing training and support in their different roles as counselors and residence monitors

### Faculty:

- Offer faculty training to help identify problem behavior, and provide appropriate intervention or referrals
- Encourage faculty to identify and respond with appropriate university resources and/or referrals as problems are presented in the academic context
- Ensure the highest academic standards and performance every day of the week rather than structure and schedule class assignments in a way that permits an unacceptable campus norm of irregular academic performance
- Acknowledge and utilize the strength of our institutions — our commitment to education — and encourage faculty from many disciplines to incorporate issues of underage and problem drinking into curriculum, class presentations, and discussions

### Greek life:

- Work to restrict the use of chapter funds for the purchase of alcohol, and the purchase of alcohol for members or guests
- Prohibit fraternity or sorority members, collectively and individually, from the purchase for, service to, or sale of alcoholic beverages to anyone under the legal age

### Students:

- Involve students in the planning, policy formulation, and implementation of any programs or efforts designed to reduce underage drinking and establish a healthy campus norm

### Parents:

- Engage parents, as appropriate, in the event that their son or daughter has exhibited behavior that presents an alcohol-related health threat to him/herself or others
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# Florida Law May Protect College Students' Privacy

FROM UNIVERSITY WIRE

An existing state law may stop University of Florida alcohol records from going home to parents. The recent change in a federal student privacy act that allows parent notification

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when students violate alcohol or drug rules may not change anything for Florida universities, because an existing state law guarantees more privacy than the amended national law. The federal Higher Education Act was revised in October, allowing university officials to call the parents of any students involved in

drug or alcohol incidents. But state law has not changed, and Rob Pritchard, UF Associate General Counsel, said that could mean Florida universities will not be able to use the new federal provision to crack down on student alcohol and drug abuse. The federal Buckley Amendment, also known as the

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and part of the Higher Education Act, ensures students privacy in their educational records, such as grades and discipline. State law does the same. Both laws have a loophole, however, that has allowed parents of students who are financially dependent on them to request their records. The new provision expands that loophole on the federal level because it applies to any student, financially dependent or not. Since state law is more stringent because it applies only to financially dependent students, Pritchard said that one may be the governing law. Student Affairs Dean Art Sandeen recently asked Pritchard to look into the issue and determine UF's legal rights. Pritchard said he has not finished researching the issue yet, and a final decision has not been made. "A decision could be forthcoming in about a month," he said. Since President Clinton signed the new version of the federal act, several universities in Delaware and Virginia already have taken advantage of the change. Bonnie Hulburt, dean of students at Radford University in Virginia,

said her university has notified the parents of 15 offenders this fall. Hulburt said the parental notification is part of a broad effort to decrease binge drinking, initiated after five Virginia college students died in alcohol-related deaths last year. "We've had nothing but favorable reaction," Hulburt said, adding that alcohol violations on her campus have gone down. As a result, she said, so have the number of assaults, damage incidents and disorderly conduct violations by students. Radford's parental notification policy applies only to freshmen who are repeat offenders, Hulburt said. "We've increased the penalties," Hulburt said. "There is a \$100 assessment for any student alcohol or drug violation." That money goes toward paying for the educational seminars student violators are required to take. UF is trying to beef up its own penalties for such violations but might not be able to include the parental notification. A committee was formed over the Summer to study how UF could curtail the number of student alco-

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# Yale Senior Found Dead From Multiple Stab Wounds

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hol and drug incidents.

Head of Judicial Affairs John Dalton is heading up that committee and said he expects the group to offer recommendations to UF administrators by March.

"We're very concerned about the student's right to privacy," said Dalton.

[Independent Florida Alligator, Dec. 4]

## Yale senior stabbed to death

Yale University senior Suzanne Jovin '99 was found stabbed to death about a mile north of the University's central campus, at approximately 10 p.m. Friday night, New Haven police officials said.

Police responded at 9:58 p.m. yesterday to reports of a woman bleeding, according to a New Haven Police press release. Officers discovered Jovin, 21, suffering from multiple stab wounds.

Police said they had not determined whether the stabbing had occurred at the location where Jovin was found.

The medical examiner's office confirmed the cause of death as a multiple stab-wound homicide.

"New Haven police are uncertain of motive, and have leads that are being followed up," said Judy Mongillo, New Haven Police public information officer.

Michael Kuczkowski, press secretary for the New Haven mayor's office, said early indications showed this was not a random event.

Yale Chief of Police James Perrotti said six New Haven Police Department detectives and three Yale detectives had been assigned to the Jovin case.

Sources close to the investigation said Jovin returned keys to a car at Phelps Gate at 9:30 p.m. that evening, half an hour before she was found.

Jovin, a political science and international relations major from Goettingen, Germany, was a coordinator of Best Buddies, a volunteer mentoring program for adults with mental retardation. Earlier in the evening, she and group members held a pizza-making party for the adults at Trinity Lutheran Church, at Orange and Wall streets, said Dan Koehler.

"She did so much to make sure everybody had a good time [at the party]," Koehler said. After the event ended around 8:30, she left in a car with another volunteer, Koehler said.

Jovin had signed out the car from Yale's student-run center for community service and social justice earlier in the day for the event. "The car was in the lot and the keys were returned," Dwight Hall General Secretary Pamela Bisbee-Simonds said. The death is "a tragedy and we're heartbroken."

A Yale School of Forestry professor who lives on Edgehill Street and asked to remain anonymous said the area was fairly populated last evening.

"I was walking my dogs at about

9:30 p.m. down that street," he said. "Last night it was so warm, there were just a lot of people on the street walking dogs. Nothing unusual was going on there." University officials have contacted Jovin's sister, and are working through the day to reach additional family members, said Tom Conroy, Yale's acting director of public affairs.

Hours after students read about Jovin's death in e-mails from their college masters and deans, friends and classmates gathered in the Davenport Common Room to hear the University's response to last night's tragedy.

A panel of University officers and officials explained facts known at the time and offered reassurances to the visibly distraught group. Approximately 100 students packed the room, most sitting on the floor in front of the panel.

Last night's killing was the second of a Yale student in New Haven this decade.

President Richard Levin urged students to "lean on each other" and use the resources of the Yale community to help them through their grief.

"Going forward is going to be difficult," Levin said. "You're going to want to talk, you're going to want to weep, and you're going to want to be angry. Do it."

Yale College Dean Richard Brodhead expressed his disbelief that such a tragic event could occur on a corner only blocks away from his own residence. While Brodhead said he did not know Jovin personally, he said this tragedy warns us not to take for granted the people sitting next to us for dinner.

"Another part of your education — unfortunately and completely involuntary on the part of the school you attend — is events like this," Brodhead said.

Perrotti said the incident occurred in the jurisdiction of the NHPD, but Yale detectives will be interviewing students to reconstruct Jovin's last hours.

"It's pretty much New Haven now," Perrotti said. "Obviously, we're working shoulder-to-shoulder with them, and we want to solve the case."

Representatives from University Health Services and the Chaplain's Office said they will make themselves available for counseling.

Some students were quick to follow Levin's advice. As the meeting

broke, students embraced one another and wept.

News of the murder also disrupted this weekend's annual December meeting of the Yale Corporation.

"We're despondent and horrified," said Corporation trustee Jose Cabrenas. "We did conduct the general meeting, but under the pall of [last night's tragedy]."

While Levin urged the Corporation to continue with the day's schedule, the situation drew University Secretary Linda Lorimer away from the meetings for much of the morning. Corporation trustees said they spent much of the morning discussing the event and the agenda was obviously distracted.

[Yale Daily News, Dec. 7]

## ACLU opposes MSU crime policy

A controversial recommendation from the Alcohol Action Team has come under fire from the Lansing chapter of the ACLU as well as Michigan State University's undergraduate student government.

At its Thursday meeting, the ACLU passed a motion formally opposing the proposed Off-Campus Felony Conviction Policy.

The proposed policy would allow campus judiciary boards latitude to punish offenders of felonies

committed off campus such as arson, rape and murder with anything from probation to expulsion from the university.

Henry Silverman, president of the Lansing chapter of the ACLU, said students should be seen as independent citizens who have no legal ties to MSU.

"Students are members of the larger society and when they break the law, they should be subject to society's laws, not some college code, because the law should punish a person and not the university," he said. "(The policy) is also very vague and doesn't go into how it's triggered in the first place."

Silverman said he failed to see the point of the measure, saying the only possible reason for its implementation would be to pacify disgruntled East Lansing residents and officials who have a bad taste in their mouths after May's Munn field riot.

"A student convicted of a felony won't be around to be punished anyway, they're going to be in jail," he said. "If the only reason to have this is to make East Lansing feel better, then that's really silly."

MSU President M. Peter McPherson defended the proposed policy, saying its creation would put

powers already existing within the university on the books.

"The president has the authority to take such action in extreme cases," he said. "This is helpful because it formalizes what can be done."

McPherson said Silverman should have offered his input this summer when the group was still considering its recommendations.

"I don't see why Dr. Silverman didn't say anything before this," McPherson said. "They never asked to testify about this."

At its meeting on Tuesday night, MSU's Academic Assembly will introduce a bill that will also oppose the implementation of the proposed code, said Jamie Czekai, chairperson of the assembly.

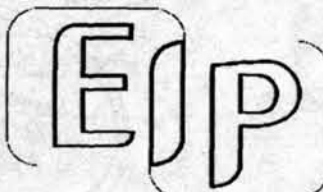
Czekai was a member of the action team from May through October and did not sign the team's final list of recommendations in part because of his opposition to the inclusion of the code.

"I was opposed to it when I was on the action team because I don't agree with changing Article 1.4 of the Academic Freedom Report, which says that if a felony or criminal act occurs off-campus, the law will handle it," he said.

[The State News, Dec. 7]



MIT lecturer David Deveau plays piano with Boston University's Bayla Keyes at the violin and Michael Reynolds at the cello Sunday in Kresge Auditorium.



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# Gaggle Cops 119th Tech Managing Board Elections

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Was it the scent of perspiration or the smell of dough baking in the ripe Saturday heat? I didn't know, but my Wild Turkey senses were intrigued. With my beak to the ground on the old street that crosses the river, I hopped and gobbled gleefully. And so I chanced upon *The Tech's* 119th Managing Board elections, a.k.a the Play-Doh® Fun Factory.

An assemblage of diverse hooligans and buffoons fell upon me at once. They had been gorging on some dough-bagels and dough-flavored orange juice when they saw me. They rudely patted my newly cropped feathers and fingered my plump, sensual body. Then they gagged and drugged me, tied me to a chair, and peeled my eyes wide open, forcing me to watch the horrendous spectacle that lay ahead.

First came **Josh "Starbuck" Bittker '99**, whose massive dough-production abilities in yesteryear led him to his second consecutive pronouncement as Chairman. Not to be undone, forever attention-craved **Zareena Hussain '00** "in the

**Membrane**" pounced onto the scene, shocking and tantalizing the most unsuspecting minds with her plump, doughy consistency. For her efforts, she was crowned Editor in Chef, after which she resigned her self to grunting maniacally in a corner of the room, wearing her newly-baked tiara.

But both were subsequently shown up by **Joey "Scrooge" Dieckhans '00**. He huddled in his cold room, waiting for the Ghost of Business Manager Present to appear, filling the room with pastries and other doughy comestibles.

Future dough exhibits were less impressive. Nonetheless, almost everyone managed to remember the name of **Ryan "If I could be like Mike" Ochylski '01** in his promotion to Managing Editor. Outgoing Editor in Chef **Douglas E. "Ring around the Sloanie; pocket full of money" Heimbürger '00**, "seemed" to "transcend" into "high-level" psychobabble and needed some "power plays" to win his "not as significant" role as Executive Editor.

**Susan "Eight Delights"**

**Buchman '01** captivated the audience with her suggestions to expand the dough processes and was subsequently named News Editor, along with **Jennifer "SMALL CAPS" Chung '01**, who got more than she wished for, **Krista L. "Who?" Niece '01**, and **Frank "Call the question" Dabek '00**.

Always too formal for the occasion, **Bernie Sanders idol Michael J. "Workers of the World, Unite!" Ring '01** gave his dough a semblance of respectability with a tie and won approval to continue his liberal rant as an Opinion Editor in the pages of *The Tech*. Ring was accompanied by **Naveen "I'm going to get laid! Where you going?" Sunkavally '01**. Never a huge fan of dough to start with, the scrawny Sunkavally instead awed the mob with his hair-raising ability to shed his massive Afro without any compunctions.

Meanwhile, despite his bureaucratic refinements within the Factory, **Brett "I don't know where *The Tech* would be without me" Altschul '99** was openly persecuted for his Oregon-American

nationality and sentenced to hard labor at least one night a week as Night Editor.

And if the future for Altschul looks bleak, the future looks brighter than ever for newbie **Shantonu "Deer caught in the headlights" Sen '02**, who got off to a fast start in his Play-Doh® career as Technology Director.

**Gregory F. "Visions of Exec Ed danced in his head" Kuhnen '00**, **Rebecca "Four" Loh '01**, and **Annie S. "F\*\*\*, Yeah!" Choi** were named Photo Editors, and **Gabor "Mad About Ágnes" Csanyi G**, the once and future Color Editor, was charged with maintaining the purity of the Play-Doh® hues.

All the while, **Satwiksai "The Body" Seshasai '01** was planning to "come out to play" Jimmy Hoffa-like and leave the operations helm to enter the Arts Department via a Fun Factory coup d'état. He succeeded, and convinced the anti-establishment **Joel M. "Not registered to vote in Cambridge" Rosenberg '99** to remain in the Play-Doh® brotherhood as an Arts Editor as well.

The band of thugs welcomed **Jennifer "Cruise" Koo '00**, a perennial Play-Doh® enigma, as the new Operations Manager, and they also told **Shao-Fei "Job-Off-Trak" Moy '98** that he always has a job with them as Sports Editor.

In addition, **Dan "RAID-5" McGuire '99** and laryngitis-stricken **Jennifer "It's not my fault" Lane '98** were asked to be Contributing Editors, and **May K. "Contents under Pressure" Tse** was resurrected from the graveyard to be Senior Editor.

And last, but not least, the board of urchins honored the memory of previous connoisseurs of dough by enlisting them as advisors: **V. Michael "Junior" Bove '83**, **Robert E. "Hired Gun" Malchman '85**, **Thomas T. "Tex" Huang '86**, **Jonathan "Tactless" Richmond PhD '91**, **Reuven M. "The Exterminator" Lerner '92**, **Josh "Is She Cute?" Hartmann '93**, **Jeremy "Reston" Hylton '94**, **Garlen C. "Merlin" Leung '95**, **Saul "Authentic personal message" Blumenthal '98**, and **Indranath "Solar panels" Neogy '98**.

And so, the painstaking Play-Doh® show was over, but, in reality, my anguish had just begun. The beasts tramped to Royal East. (Although, for the first time in many years of tortuous Fun Factories, there were protests against this traditional den of debauchery.) They carried me in a burlap sack, had me cooked up for supper, ate me up, chugged my juices, and gawked at my severed head for the remainder of the day. Who knows what these goons will squirt out next year?

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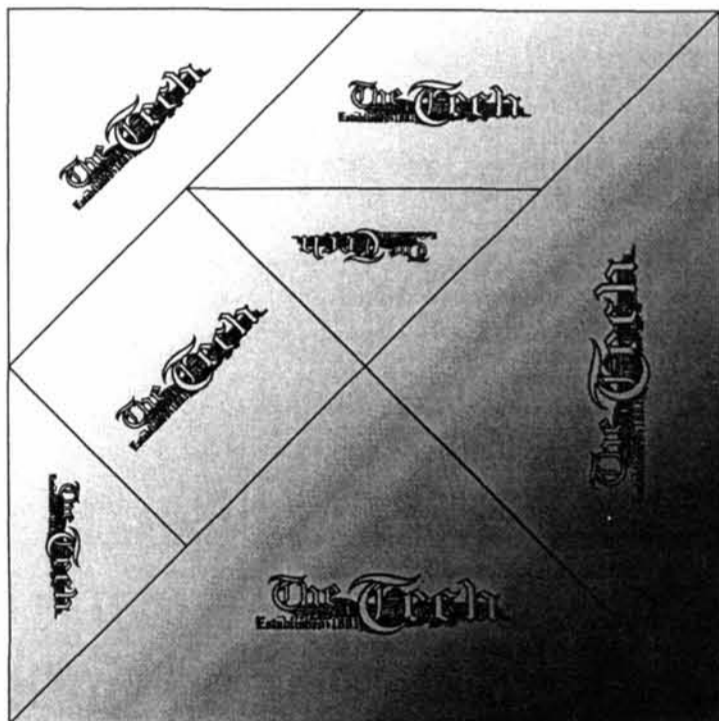
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**Friday, December 11**

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**Saturday, December 12**

Men's Indoor Track vs. Alumni, 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 27**

Men's Gymnastics vs. Springfield College, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 30**

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