SAE Sanctioned for Providing Alcohol to Prospective Student

By Susan M. Buchman

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been suspended after a prospective student was served alcohol at its house during this year’s Campus Preview Weekend.

SAE has been disciplined for the incident by both the Interfraternity Council and the dean’s office. The fraternity was initially stripped of its institute approved housing status and forbidden to possess alcohol on its premises during the school year. The loss of housing status was overturned, however, upon appeal.

“Serving proofs is absolutely unacceptable and monumentally stupid,” said Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams. “IFC imposes sanctions on SAE. The IFC’s Judicial Committee held a hearing on the incident on May 15. SAE was charged with violating four IFC rules. The first was a violation of IFC standards and procedures for students and the rules of the fraternity, sorority and independent living group system which states that ‘underage persons are not to consume, possess, or be served alcoholic beverages in the house or at an ILC-sponsored activity.’

The second charge was a violation of a section of the IFC policy on risk management which reads ‘No fraternity shall violate the basic principles of good taste or imitate any activity which will be detrimental to the reputation of the MIT community, the Interfraternity Council, or its members.’

Charge three was a violation of the same policy, but the specific clause ‘the FSLG must be certified by IFC for alcohol use.’

SAE pleaded not guilty but was found guilty of all charges and sanctions were imposed by the IFC Judicial Committee. SAE’s Institute approved housing status was revoked, meaning that freshmen could pledge SAE but could not live in the SAE house for the 1998-1999 academic year.

SAE was also forbidden from having freshman stay overnight during rush. A fine of $2,000 was assessed, using the rate of $500 per incident by both the Interfraternity Council. AE’s Institute was suspended for the 1998-1999 academic year.

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Clintons, Congress Show Unity in Fight to Save Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders joined in a rare show of amity Thursday to proclaim their determination to preserve Social Security — the government's most popular program, and to shield it from future attack. The Clinton administration has all the Baby Boomers reached retirement age in about 30 years.

But Social Security alone, Clinton told a forum mandated by Congress, is not enough to protect elderly Americans from the ravages of poverty. "Very few people are doing any savings above Social Security and whatever pension reforms they have or don't have for their own retirement," he said.

Embodied by today's prosperity, Americans have a unique opportunity to decide whether they prefer to "rely" on the government or to protect themselves. It's an opportunity to assure their future, the president said. "People have the chance to be an enemy of the people. He sought to destroy all of the things that our Constitution and law protect."

As he handed down the life sentence, Matsch leaned forward into the microphone on his bench, stressing "enemies of the Constitution," and quietly told the judge that he preferred to "rely" on his counsel to speak on his behalf.

Matsch was clearly unmoved. "I'm here to defend our Constitution," he said, "and to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States from domestic violence, crime, foreign and domestic.""The judge, said, speaking out for the first time after presiding over separate trials for Nichols and McVeigh."

Terry Nichols has been proven to be an enemy of the people. He sought to destroy all of the things that our Constitution and law protect."

"I agree there are unanswered questions" about the bombing, Tigar said. "And those should be laid at the feet of prosecutors and the FBI."

The defense attorney said that McVeigh was convicted on all 11 counts of his federal indictment, including the death of Amtrak worker Robert9. Nichols, who pleaded guilty to a lesser charge, is serving a life sentence for his role in the bombing.

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The deadly crash of a German high-speed train earlier this month has raised concerns among U.S. officials to reassess the safety of new Amtrak trains scheduled to go into service next late this year. Jennings, 150 mph speeds on the run from Washington, D.C., to New York City and Boston.

The National Transportation Safety Board is scheduled to open its investigation of the incident.

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Subatomic Particle Neutrino Has Mass, Researchers Say

By Thomas H. Maugh II

In a finding that is being called the physics discovery of the decade, an international team of researchers reports today that the elusive, ghost-like subatomic particle known as the neutrino has a mass. This suggests, among other things, that they represent at least part of the so-called missing or dark matter necessary to explain how large-scale structures in the universe came into being.

Neutrinos — formed primarily in the Big Bang that created the universe and in the fiery nuclear furnaces of stars — are by far the most common elementary particles. The discovery that they have mass, just like the more substantial particles known as electrons and protons, was announced at a Takayama, Japan, meeting called Neutrino '98.

The discovery also will force revision in what physicists call the Standard Model — the set of esoteric rules that describe how particles interact with each other to form larger particles, atoms and everything else in the universe.

That Standard Model now says that neutrinos have no mass, just like the photons that carry light energy.

The finding that they do have mass should help resolve some inconsistencies in the theory.

For two decades, physicists have been puzzled by results of experiments to detect neutrinos. Large detectors built to measure neutrinos produced by the sun and those produced when cosmic rays strike atoms in the upper atmosphere have found far fewer neutrinos than theory predicted.

That failure was initially attributed to defects in the detectors, but the new results provide "very strong evidence" that the problem lies in the nature of neutrinos themselves, said physicist William Louis of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The key is the demonstration that neutrinos have the ability to repeatedly undergoing a Jekyll-and-Hyde transformation from one type of neutrino to another — for example, from an electron neutrino to a tau neutrino and back again. Physicists call this process oscillation.

Ken Starr Faces Legal Setback as High Court Rejects Fast-Track Plea

By Susan Schmidt

The Supreme Court Thursday rejected independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr's plea to issue a fast-track decision on his battles against President Bill Clinton, despite complaints by the Clinton administration over from White House deputy counsel Starr finally was able to bring disputes on a rare emergency basis possible impeachable offenses by claim of executive privilege this court decided not to bypass the nor- more likely that Starr will send had refused to answer certain ques- tions dissented in the one-page a deal for her te timony about the

Nuclear Powers Denounce Tests by India, Pakistan

The United States and the four other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council Thursday night denounced last month's nuclear tests by India and Pakistan and pledged to work to halt the arms race in South Asia, but did not adopt any concrete measures to secure cooperation from the new nuclear states.

Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and her counterparts from Russia, China, Britain and France issued a communiqué that "condemned" the tests, called on India and Pakistan not to repeat them and offered to help India and Pakistan resolve the issues that have divided them for 50 years.

"The whole world is asking India and Pakistan to stop, listen and think," Albright said after the meeting. "Don't rush to embrace what the rest of the planet is racing to leave behind. Don't assume that you are the only countries on Earth that are immune to miscalculation. There is no point worth making, no message worth sending, no inter- est worth securing that can possibly justify the risk."

The five permanent members did not specify any inducements or penalties aimed at persuading the regional rivals to embrace the meet- ing's conclusions. But they agreed to "provide assistance, at the request of both parties, in the development and implementation of confidence- and security-building measures."

These were not spelled out, but one senior official said they could include the sharing of U.S. monitoring and surveillance capability to lessen the danger of uncer- tainty between the two countries, which have fought three wars since their independence from Britain in 1947.

Arms Inspector Gives Question List on Irish Weapons

The chief U.N. arms inspector Thursday gave the Security Council a detailed outline of unanswered questions about Iraq's chemical, biological and missile programs.

This missing information is what council needs before it can decide whether to lift the crippling economic sanctions that Iraq has faced since the 1991 Persian Gulf War. In contrast to past reports, when the inspectors cited systematic Iraqi attempts to obstruct inspections and hide the truth about their weaponry, the council was told today that if Iraq continues in recent, more coopera- tive attitude, it could move very close to getting a clean bill of health by October.

"If Iraq follows (this plan), it should make the crisis much short- er," said Richard Butler, executive chairman of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM), which has the responsibility of identifying and dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

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Montreal Jazz Festival
Leave 8 a.m. Friday, July 10 & Return 11 p.m. Sunday, July 12
$75 for MIT graduate students $8 & $85 for guests, which includes transportation to and from Montreal, and two nights in a single room at the McGill University residence halls. Participants are responsible for providing their own food and incidentals. Many of the musical events are free!! Visas will be needed for international students. This event has been very popular & successful in the past. Students can sign up in 50-220.
SAE, Alcohol, and Irresponsibility

The incident at Sigma Alpha Epsilon, where alcohol was served to visiting students during an event at the end of Campus Preview Weekend, was a severe violation of MIT's policies and Massachusetts law. Moreover, the Institute's attempts to hide the event from scrutiny are highly improper and have further undermined MIT's credibility.

The fraternity violated the trust of parents and the Institute by serving alcohol to a visiting student. An event like this, where students are encouraged to break the law before even enrolling, makes the Institute look extremely irresponsible. The visiting high school students and their parents trust MIT to look after the visitors while they are here. This event made a mockery of that trust. The punishments meted out to SAE are reasonable and more severe sanctions would not be appropriate.

MIT's behavior following the incident has been equally reprehensible. The trial conducted by the Interfraternity Council occurred in near-secrecy. In most JudComm cases, all the fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups are apprised of the situation, but this time they were not. Although the trial was conducted in accordance with the IFC constitution, neither the Institute nor the IFC should be hiding incidents like this from the public view.

In an additional effort to hide the incident from public view, MIT also failed to inform several bodies that clearly should be apprised of the situation. MIT provided no notice to SAE's national organization about the incident or punishment. The Institute also failed to inform the Boston Licensing Board.

After the death of Scott S. Krieger, '01, MIT pledged to improve communication with the board. Their failure to communicate in this case suggests those pledges were not made in good faith.

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A New, Post-School Rhythm

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own. Then, in perhaps the most disturbing fashion, you learn that you can skip classes without feeling guilty (you did learn that, I hope), decide what you want to learn and what you don't. And finally figure out how you're going to make it up to yourself. There'll be no one looking over your shoulder, much of your life doing this. This school thing.

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Groups Agree to Divide Grant, Create New Large Event Fund

By Zareena Hussain

In the latest round of decisions over the fate of a $200,000 allocation by the outgoing provost to student activities, $50,000 has been set aside to fund large campus-wide events designed to involve the entire community.

In addition, $96,000 will go to the Undergraduate Association and $54,000 to the Graduate Student Council for student activities. Representatives from both governments agreed to divide the remainder of the funds in this manner in negotiations which took place over the last several weeks. Tentative policies for the disbursement of the common $50,000 have also been established.

Discussions over long-range funding policies are still ongoing. These talks include representatives from the executive committees of the UA, GSC, and the Association of Student Activities. The ASA was not involved in the original decisions to split the funds.

Funding deadline set for summer

The impetus for a fund for large campus events came from both the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate and Education and from student leaders who perceived a need for campus community events, said GSC President Brian J. Schneider.

"We all saw the need for specifically targeting money for events that would bring the campus together. In particular we wanted different student groups to pool resources in order to present a worthwhile and fun event," Schneider said.

About $15,000 to $20,000 of the large events fund will be allocated in the fall, with the remainder to be handed out in the spring. The deadline for applying for fall funding from within the large events fund has been set for noon on June 29, despite the fact that many students had already left for the summer.

"The UA, GSC, and ASA wanted to get this money out as quickly as possible so that student groups can start planning for a large event in the fall," Schneider said.

"We knew that people would complain by making the deadline during the summer, but we wanted to get the money out to the student groups as quickly as possible," he added.

Priority for funding will go to well planned events that appeal to a wide audience, Schneider said.

Applicants for fall large event funding will meet an ad-hoc committee of three representatives from the UA, three representatives from the GSC, and two representatives from the ASA for review, Schneider said.

Funding will continue

It now seems likely that funding at increased levels will continue in future years despite previous uncertainty. As a result, all of the provost's $200,000 initial allocation will likely go to fund student activities for the 1998-99 academic year.

"All the indications from the administration lead us to believe that this is a renewable resource for student activities," Schneider said.

"With the increase in funds, [OSSELE] has indicated that there will be a higher scrutiny on the dispersal of funds made by the GSC and the UA," Schneider said.

"The administration's apprehension to increase involvement in the upcoming funding decisions stems from previous efforts to implement more streamlined ways of allocating funds to student activities as recommended by student services reengineering, said Assistant Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Katherine O'Dair.

Current students are setting the policies for funding distribution. The administration is unlikely to get overly involved in setting policy for allocating the additional funds, O'Dair said.

One of the recommendations that came out of student services reengineering was the push for a Central Allocations Board, a joint committee between the UA and GSC to decide upon funds for student groups in which both undergraduates and graduate students are members.

While the ASA was supportive of such a board, leaders within both the GSC and the UA were strongly opposed, O'Dair said. Funding powers were deemed as one the core responsibilities of both student governments. A central funding board was seen as taking away those powers, O'Dair said.

The initial decision during reengineering to remove responsibility from students "didn't fit right with the students," O'Dair said.

Further complications may arise in the GSC surrounding the use of their grant. The GSC is uncertain as to whether all of the $54,000 allocation will be allocated to graduate student groups. Currently, they may be forced to use $15,000 for a revamped Graduate Student Orientation in the coming year.

"The Graduate Student Council is still continuing to find alternative sources of funding for graduate student orientation," Schneider said.

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June 5, 1998

William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States

Dear President Clinton:

Our daughter Lori Berenson entered MIT as a freshman with the Class of '91. She has been wrongfully incarcerated for over two and one-half years in a Peruvian maximum security military prison under extremely harsh and at times brutal conditions. Accused of "treason against the fatherland," Lori was sentenced to life in prison by a hooded "judge" in a secret military tribunal with a gun held to her head. She was and continues to be denied any semblance of due process, a fate regrettably shared by all too many similarly imprisoned Peruvians.

In the words of Amnesty International "it is unacceptable for hundreds of political prisoners like Lori Berenson not to be able to exercise their basic human right to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal."

Lori's interest in and commitment to helping the poor of Latin America was nurtured at MIT. As a research assistant to the late Professor Martin Diskin (Department of Anthropology), she studied problems of wealth and land distribution in Latin America, and subsequently traveled there to further investigate the effects of poverty.

In her only public statement following her arrest in Peru, Lori said "I am to be condemned to a prison where I am to be condemned to live with prisoners like Lori Berenson not to be able to exercise their basic human right to a fair trial in a civilian court, or grant her immediate release.

In December of last year, 55 Senators and 180 Congressional Representatives, including both Senators Kennedy and Kerry and the entire Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, sent letters to Secretary of State Albright calling on our government to "do everything in [its] power" to achieve justice for Lori. It is imperative that you as President take the lead in this effort now.

We have heard you speak forcefully on behalf of political prisoners of other nations with great success. There is no reason to believe you cannot do the same for our daughter Lori, an American citizen whom Amnesty International has declared is also a political prisoner. We call on you to do so now.

Please do not by your inaction permit Lori to suffer any longer.

Respectfully,

Rhoda and Mark Berenson

The following representative group of members of the MIT community wish to express their support for the above letter. (We regret that we do not have room to print the names of all those who have expressed interest in supporting this statement.)

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The Berenson Family from left to right: Rhoda, Kathy, Lori, Mark. Summer 1994.

More information on Lori Berenson can be found at the following web site:
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Important student activity announcement:

Large Event Funding

The Graduate Student Council, Undergraduate Association, and Association of Student Activities proudly announce the availability of funds for large events for the 1998-99 school year. This funding, made possible by a $200,000 allocation from the Provost's Office, will allow $50,000 to be devoted solely to large community-wide events over the next year.

We now ask student groups to develop and submit proposals for funding. We plan to allocate approximately $10,000 - $20,000 of the $50,000 in late June to one or more large events with campus-wide appeal. Applications are currently available on the web; they will be due Monday, June 29th. One person representing each event should be available for a short presentation and to answer questions on Tuesday, June 30th, between 6:00 and 7:30pm.

Applications & more info:
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Deadline:
Monday, June 29th at noon in the UA office (W20-401)

Questions:
asa-exec@mit.edu
by Douglas E. Helmberger

The Working Group on Binge-Drinking recently called upon the Institute to revise its sanction policies when medical transports are involved and to improve social opportunities on campus.

In presenting its reports at a press conference on May 13, Professor of Biology and Department Head Phillip A. Sharp said that the group was concerned about potential consequences associated with contacting the current ambulance service, run by the Campus Police.

"It should be a universal rule among MIT students — that they immediately call for help at the first sign of any alcohol-related trouble," Sharp said.

Providing a service that is separated "as completely as possible" from any MIT sanction or penalty for alcohol use would encourage the prompt use of life-saving help, said Sharp.

Campus Police. "The Campus Police will be, and remain an effective transport service," Sharp said, provided that students don't hesitate in calling for service.

New social plans recommended

The working group also recommended the establishment of additional function space in the Student Center with the goal of enhancing student social life.

"During the past few years, a significant fraction of the social life of MIT has involved parties with alcohol," the report commented.

A "recreation room-type space" could help to improve student social life, according to the report.

In addition, the development of a "large and expensive bureaucracy" in response to the disappearance of large social events at the Student Center.

Until a few years ago, several libraries were open 24 hours a day, said David A. Goldstein, chief of the administration's commitment to social life on campus, Williams said. "I'm hopeful that there might be more" funding for additional new programs in the future.

Administrative position created

A new administrative position will oversee alcohol policy at the Institute, President Charles M. Vest announced in a statement at the news conference.

The position comes out of response to recommendations of the working group, which strongly urged the creation of a new position at the senior administrative level to develop programs on dangerous drinking and to establish programs to change the acceptance of dangerous drinking. The administrator will also encourage research on alcohol use at the Institute and communicate with city, state and federal leaders and parents on alcohol issues.

The new position will "reinforce things in motion," Williams said, and will improve policy because it will be at a level higher than the various groups involved in controlling drinking such as the Medical Center and Williams' office.

The report also urged that all living groups who participate in rash have an "MIT presence," including graduate residence tutors, housemasters, and the watchnight security force in the dormitories.

In order to improve security at fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, the report encouraged the extension of main to the residences. "Such monitoring and the potential of issued sanctions for inappropriate activities would provide boundaries to dangerous drinking in living groups," the report wrote.

The forthcoming extension of graduate residence tutors to the FSILGs and potential inspections of common areas in the residences could also help in controlling drinking.

The report also said that housing all freshmen on campus could help control drinking, but that other factors were involved in a decision to move freshmen to campus.

Finally, it called for the creation of new alcohol education programs and for the mandatory extension of the Medlink program to all residential floors of dormitories and to all FSILGs.

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**Godzilla**

Jurassic Park III

By Vladimir V. Zolotovskiy

Directed by Roland Emmerich
Written by Ted Elliott, Terry Rossio, Dean Devlin, Roland Emmerich
Directed by Roland Emmerich.

Here’s the one-line review: Godzilla isAlright!

Written by Michael Crichton, Jurassic Park (1993) is a travelogue, and more than a few elements of this movie doesn’t feel long at 2 hours and 40 minutes. Many plot strands - human relationships are intertwine seems good, co-written by Eric Roth (screenwriter of Forrest Gump, 1994). The director Robert Redford's direction is textbook, using the modem western - are intertwined seam-

Do you remember the sequence of events of either Jurassic Park? In the case of Godzilla, as humans, we see real - what we see is real - Godzilla's filmmakers used real-life footage. Something hatches out of the egg, grows 400 feet tall, crosses Panama on foot, swims across the Atlantic with its mouth stomping around. Said stomping comprises the movie's lowlights. Something hatches out of the egg, grows 400 feet tall, crosses Panama on foot, swims across the Atlantic with its mouth stomping around. Said stomping comprises the movie's lowlights. Sometimes, just when you thought it was safe to go outside, Godzilla plows an ominous path through Midtown Manhattan In that movie, human interactions were often predictable, and after a while, boredom commences. The effects are still quite good, and it seems that several years already, and there is pretty much nothing going on otherwise.

Godzilla is a human ancient. As characters, they function mostly as cinematic fillers - there is still a great deal of work for Crichton and Devlin writing recognizable human beings. Anyway, it is still a matter of Independence Day. In that movie, human interactions were often predictable, and after a while, boredom commences. The effects are still quite good, and it seems that several years already, and there is pretty much nothing going on otherwise.

First, there’s the question of Godzilla’s origin. In the original 1954 Japanese movie, the lizard’s mutation was caused by the American nuclear tests, making the story work on the subtext level as well, with the monster personifying Japan’s fear of the foreign superpower. In this version, the cause is French nuclear testing, and it’s really hard to make any kind of subtext out of that. Of course, Godzilla is not interested in establishing any kind of subtext, which is a pity.

Second, there is the ubiquitous matter of the movie’s advertising slogan, “Sits does matter!” - Dr. Freud would surely comment on that. Godzilla is, in essence, too big. He’s hard to see as a whole, as nothing other than a collection of body parts, hard to compare with everyday objects, simply too huge. The cause of the movie as well — Godzilla is often too big. There are too many crowds running around, too many helicopters flying around shooting at the beast, and too many action set pieces. Some of them, like the underwater one, were totally unnecessary. Size, of course, matters, but bigger isn’t always better.

By Vladimir V. Zolotovskiy

**The Horse Whisperer**

Beautiful things happen in Redford's Montana

By Vladimir V. Zolotovskiy

Directed by Robert Redford
Written by Eric Roth and Richard LaGravenese
Starring Robert Redford, Kristin Scott Thomas, Scarlett Johansson, Sam Neill, and many horses.

No wonder Titanic made so much money. When I watched it for the first time, five months after its release, I couldn’t believe how good the movie was. Finally, one has arrived: Robert Redford’s The Horse Whisperer is the best film of the year so far, at least in the factual category — Everest is perhaps a better adventure film. A mother (Kristin Scott Thomas) takes her daughter (Scarlett Johansson) and her daughter’s horse, both traumatized by an accident, to rural Montana, to be cured by a horse doctor (Robert Redford). Redford’s direction is textbook, and it’s a pleasure to watch a movie with a smart screenplay such as this one. It has quite an impressive pedigree, and I hope that the Hollywood (screenwriter of Forrest Gump) and Richard LaGravenese (The Bridges of Madison County), and it shows. The story is about love, understanding and intelligence and perception.

Rescue is the picture’s hook, using the most effective use of filmmaking techniques, with each shot precisely placed and having a distinct purpose. When we see the horse running down a snowy slope, it is visually stunning, and the rest of the movie excels in visual effects, which are used as a tool of visual storytelling. The film is carefully paced, and doesn’t feel long at 2 hours and 40 minutes. Many plot strands — human relationships with horses, a culture clash story, a romance, a travelogue, and more than a few elements of a modern western — are interwoven seamlessly.

Theologically, the film is impeccable: it is spectacularly shot with gorgeous cinematography, including breathtaking shots of the Montana wilderness. Both sets and costumes look absolutely authentic — it’s a wonderful performance, especially as well, and the rest of the movie excels in visual effects, which are used as a tool of visual storytelling. The film is carefully paced, and doesn’t feel long at 2 hours and 40 minutes. Many plot strands — human relationships with horses, a culture clash story, a romance, a travelogue, and more than a few elements of a modern western — are interwoven seamlessly.

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MOvie review
A Perfect Murder
A merciful slaying makes this movie end faster
By Vladimir V. Zelensky

With Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow, Vijgo Mortensen
Screenplay by Patrick Smith Kelly
Based on the play Dial M For Murder by Frederick Knott
Directed by Andrew Davis.

A Perfect Murder is the worst kind of bad movie there is — for reviewing, at least. It does not feature horrible dialogue, impossible situations, or lazy plotting. It is simply lame — sluggish, boring, and lazy, with nothing to be excited about, nothing to write about, and nothing to recommend. Admittedly, watching it was never painful, which alone saves it from being the worst I’ve seen this year so far, but this is faint praise indeed.

The story, adapted from a play Dial M For Murder, done once before by none other than Alfred Hitchcock, revolves around three miser- able people in New York City — financial tycoon Steven Taylor (Michael Douglas), his wife Emily (Gwyneth Paltrow), and her lover, a struggling painter David Shaw (Vijgo Mortensen). For roughly two hours, these three engage into half-hearted attempts to cheat, bete, blackmail, double cross, and kill each other.

What emerges defies categorization. It’s not a suspense film, since it very much lacks suspense — only a couple of short sequences have any semblance of tension. It’s not a mystery, since every single plot twist is telegraphed way in advance, and the ending is painfully obvious from the very beginning. It’s not an action/thriller, since there’s not much going on — a detailed summary would take a couple of paragraphs, tops — and since most of the events lack explanations, both physical (how could this happen?) and psychological (why would this happen?). It’s not a drama, because caring for any of these three protagonists is virtually impossible. Steven is rich and cruel, David is poor and dishonest, and Emily is a non-character to such an extent that she almost disappears from the screen. It is simply a boring film.

The acting doesn’t help much. Michael Douglas can act heartless rich men in his sleep by now, having gone from Wall Street to last year’s The Game. He’s quite effective here, but there is a total lack of originality in his performance. His two co-stars fare much worse. Mortensen comes off as a simple thug, and Paltrow bears only two facial expressions, with painful lack of speed.

At least the scenery is realized well, with false art direction that makes good use of David’s paintings. The musical score is another noteworthy aspect of this film, if only because it attempts to imbue some excitement. That’s really as much as I can muster to write about A Perfect Murder. All in all, this movie is nothing but two hours I spent in the dark while whatever was happening on screen was left far behind by the speedy movements of my watch’s minute hand.

MOvie review
Quest for Camelot
Warner Brothers doesn’t remember much from the days of Looney Tunes
By Vladimir V. Zelensky

With the voices of Jessalyn Gilsig, Cary Elwes, Gary Oldman, Eric Idle, Don Rickles, Pierce Brosnan
Written by Kirk De Micco, William Schifrin, Jacqueline Feather, and David Seltzer, based on the novel The King’s Dragonet by Vera Chapman
Music by Patrick Doyle
Songs by David Foster and Carole Bayer Sager
Directed by Frederik Du Chau

With Disney consistently making profits on their animated features, other studios have tried entering the field. 20th Century Fox made an impressive debut last fall with Quest for Camelot — an impressive debut last fall with Anastasia, and now we have first major release from Warner Brothers, Quest for Camelot — and it’s a disaster, a nearly unwatchable movie which fails in every single respect.

Rumored to be a run-away production, with the original director and lead animators all quitting during the production, and with the budget swelling to unprecedented levels making this the most expensive animated film ever, this is an appallingly awful movie. While there are several worthwhile, albeit totally undeveloped, elements in the story, all are lost in a totally insipid and formless screenplay.

Said story features Kayley, a young spunky girl of the Arthurian era, who wants to become a knight. Some trouble brews in Camelot — an evil knight Ruber (how could this maniac even become a knight in the first place?) tries to overthrow King Arthur, and steals Arthur’s magic sword Excalibur. The sword is conveniently lost in the horrific Forbidden Forest (you know, living plants, dragons, magic, etc.), and Kayley ventures inside, searching for the sword. Ruber, along with his stupid minions (including half-chick- en, half-bat-sweater — don’t ask) plods along. On her trip, Kayley acquires a ragtag group of helpmates, including Garret, a blind and bland love interest, a two-headed dragon, and a falcon, who is the only character with the good taste to refrain from speaking.

Other characters do speak, and do so in a very lackluster fashion. Gary Oldman is Sir John Gielgud as Merlin, Cary Elwes as Garret) is Sir John Gielgud as Merlin, Cary Elwes as Garret) is Sir John Gielgud as Merlin, Cary Elwes as Garret) is Sir John Gielgud as Merlin, Cary Elwes as Garret) sound terminally bored. Singing is utterly unremarkable as well, although it’s hard to imagine anyone being enthusiastic singing such insipid songs — whose bright idea was to score a chase sequence to a tender bal-
CONCERT REVIEW

Moxy Früvous

Everyone needs a flashlight to play at MIT

By Yaron Koren

After an amazing concert last year, expectations were deservedly high for the Moxy Früvous show on May 15 in La Sala de Puerto Rico, sponsored by LSC's May 15 concert in La Sala de Puerto Rico.

Once again, the show was opened by Honest Bob and the Factory-to-Dealer Incentives, who provided a good dose of their quirky, They Might Be Giants-style rock, including a fun chemistry-metaphor number and a poppy Nine Inch Nails cover, to the appreciative audience. This intrepid reporter got made fun of by the band during the show for skewering their name in an article written before the concert. Well, here's my apologetic follow-up statement: their name is Honest Bob and the Factory-to-Dealer Incentives, and they are a force of nerd-dom to be reckoned with. Go buy their album, if you like good music, or if you did well on your math SAT. Hope this helps.

After the hour-long opening act, the stage darkened and a purple light filled the room, along with a synthesizer drone. Moxy Früvous came out and three members of the four-piece started playing on drums in what eventually became an awesome trance-like, super-extended version of "Sahara."

The band played an inspired two-hour set, with songs from all their albums, as well as concert favorites like the rap version of "Green Eggs and Ham." They ranged from a rocking "King of Spain" to a soulful, a cappella version of "I've Gotta Get a Message to You," to a heartfelt final encore of "The Drinking Song," in which they invited the swaying audience to sing along.

The show also occasioned the playing of three new songs, two of which, "Half As Much" and "I'll Hold You," were being premiered. All three songs were well-crafted but disappointingly sounded much like the lame, alt-rock music that Moxy Früvous used to stand apart from. Insipid, touchy-feely lyrics such as those of "Sad Girl" ("taking her cue from every ad, girl") certainly helped to give the impression that the songs are part of a deliberate attempt by the band to score a mainstream radio hit. It'll be interesting to see if the play works, but in any case let's hope it doesn't represent a permanent trend for the band.

As is always the case with their concerts, much of the fun was not in hearing the usual songs, but in the between-song banter and musical spontaneity which have made Moxy Früvous a live act with very few peers. This show was no exception, and all in all the band played through about five complete improvised songs, some of which could have been comfortably at home on a lesser band's actual playlist. One highlight: after lead singer Jian Ghomeshi lost a ring on stage, someone from the audience offered up a flashlight to help him search. This led to an amazing impromptu performance of "Everyone Has a Flashlight at MIT," during which everyone who had a flashlight, an impressively large number of people even by MIT standards, started waving their flashlights around like lighters. The ring was eventually recovered.

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Sometimes more like a photo album, Technique captures a part of MIT life

By Saul Blumenthal and David D. Hsu

Technique sells itself as "a photographic essay which attempts to capture a year of life at MIT." As in previous years, this year's Technique excels in photographic quality, in particular, the introductory color photographs. While certain aspects of MIT life are covered well, we would like to see a yearbook that better represents the complete MIT experience.

The cover of Technique features a color photo of the Lobby 7 windows. The eight-piece metalwork on the windows is effectively used as a running theme to indicate the various sections of the yearbook. Several sections begin with a creative two-page collage, capturing the essence of the section topic. For example, the spread for "Life in Hell" presents the necessary ingredients for MIT survival, including textbooks, course guides, bottles of Jolt and Mountain Dew, and the How To GAMIT guide.

The ode to MIT by Lin-Ann Ching '98 on pages 48 and 49 similarly encapsulates the MIT experience, as do the student responses to questions posed on pillar posters on pages 60 and 61. The photographs taken as a whole, however, are not as successful in providing a slice of MIT life.

Ironically, the "Life in Hell" section begins with four pictures focusing on inanimate objects. As in previous years, there are too many pictures of buildings and other scenes, rather than the students who bring the campus to life. Too many of the photographs, like those of the Boston skyline, Kresge Auditorium, and Killian Court, could have been taken in 1988 just as easily as in 1998. Building 20, the only building we know will not be here 10 years from now, is nowhere to be found.

Even though we have seen similar photographs in past yearbooks, Technique maintains its high standards in photo quality. The color is put to good use, as in the picture of the sun aligning with the Infinite Corridor on page 46.

We wonder how some of the photographs have any connection to the MIT experience. When looked at 20 years from now, the photos of a girl with a flower and a woman on the beach on pages 14 and 15, while artistic, will bring back no memories of MIT. Similarly, the color photograph of a man on a mountain on page 28 looks like it belongs in someone's photo album rather than the MIT yearbook.

To its credit, Technique does have photographs that portray student life. The pictures in "Clubs" show candid shots of students participating in activities, often giving us an insider's view of the group. The trade-off is that a candid shot will not include all the activity's members, as a group shot would. Many of the living group photos convey the personality of the group's residents while also showing a majority of the residents.

In a solemn reminder of the loss suffered over the past school year, Technique includes a tribute to three undergraduates who died, Michele S. Micheletti '00, Umaer A. Basha '01, and Scott S. Krueger '01. Close friends of the students provide poignant remembrances.

One of the more humorous parts of the yearbook is President Charles M. Vest's letter to the Class of 1998. In his first sentence, he says, "There is a high probability that some subset of the Class of 1998 will change the world." Any Course XVIII major will tell you that the empty set is a subset of the Class of 1998. We hope this was not Vest's intention.

Technique's challenge is to capture the vast range of the MIT experience in a finite number of photographs. This is a daunting task, and it is inevitable that some subjects and events will be more represented than others. With this in mind, the final product is a satisfactory portrayal of some parts of MIT life.
Off Course

by Hugo

The President is going to talk about colonizing Mars, curing cancers, or a peace plan for Asia.

...I don't think he can use MIT for cornering the computer market.

I think you are being a little paranoid.

The body came from that hit man I took out in Shingu.

And I took the Rhinoceros head from Mr. G's mansion—right before I torched it.

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Epiologue

by Zachary Emig

I realized pretty early on that my high profile was a critical liability to both Sector 9 and myself. That was when I hatched this plan.*

No, no, nothing so hackneyed as that. It's simple, really. The shell and the rest of the bones were from different bodies!

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WHAT DOES EVERY
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MORE ART IN THERE.

WHAT'S THE
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THE IMPORTANT THINGS
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WHENEVER I TALK.
BUT THAT'S NOT
THE BEST PART ...

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I'VE BEEN HAVING SEVERE ATTACKS AT WORK.
AND YOUR ONLY EVIDENCE OF PREGNANCY IS WEIGHT GAIN. HERE COMES ANOTHER HONEYS, KIDS!

I'M AFRAID TO PICK UP THE PHONE. I WANT BUSINESS CALLS.
I'LL DUCK INTO A RESTROOM UNTIL THE SHYNESS PASSES.

I'D LIKE TO HAVE CHILDREN, UNLESS A WOMAN IS INVADED IN SOME WAY.
OH, RIGHT. FOR THE SHYNESS SHOTS.

I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A PRESCRIPTION FOR PAINFUL SHOTS.
I CAN HELP.

I'VE BEEN HAVING SEVERE SHYNESS ATTACKS AT WORK.
I'LL SEND NUDE PHOTOS OF YOU TO EVERYONE ON THE INTERNET.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HOPE.
WHAT WILL THAT WORK?
ALL OF MY PREVIOUS CLIENTS ARE DATING· "MOTLEY CRUE." BAND MEMBERS.

I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A PRESCRIPTION FOR PAINFUL SHOTS.
I'LL CURE YOUR SHYNESS BY PUTTING NUDE PHOTOS OF YOU ON THE INTERNET.

I DIDN'T KNOW THE INTERNET COULD REJECT A BODY.
I DIDN'T KNOW IT COULD SCREAM.

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By Frank Dabek

Collin A. Bullthaup '99 emerged victorious in the annual Design and Manufacturing (1:207) Mechanical Engineering contest held at MIT on May 13.

The contest challenges students to use a limited set of materials to design a machine to accomplish a specific task. Collin's was named "Ballcano," a sort of space alien. "He was absolutely amazing...I couldn't have done it without him," Bullthaup said.

Fuller, however, said, "I had a pretty simple role in this. David Abramo "90, who finished second in the contest, attributed his success to the creative vehicle attached to Bullthaup's machine and designed to disrupt opponents. The drone, he said, was "crucial in the final round. That drone was going to stop close to Abramo's. As a result Abramo "drove out of a long line to the contact point and crushed their machine to full to drop properly."

Alec H. Slocum '82, professor of Mechanical Engineering and 2,007 course instructor called this year's contest "the best ever" and praised the contest, saying, "If I was a space alien I wouldn't wipe out the Earth because of this."

Barlcano an active board design "Ballcano" was designed by Edwin Rickert '98, his head teaching assistant for 2007. At the center of the course board was a bluePanda, designed to disrupt technical problems with the boards. He won the bet.

This year's design inspired a number of strategies. Dump trucks which collected balls in hoppers and deposited them in the center were popular. Defectors, of both entries in the final competition, shuffled invariants, directed balls from the base of the ballcano to the holes by means of tracks or tubes.

One strategy, which Sambang said he did not anticipate was the shooter, which collected balls launched at the holes by spinning wheels. After two or three performances by shooters in the opening match, Sambang said, "They proved me wrong...now I believe our machine is best."

Context mixtes feature, education Slocum told the crowd that 2007 is "where Physics meets the road." Ever since the 2001 contest, the course has moved towards the grade for the course; Slocum said that it is a valuable component to the curriculum. Woodie C. Flowers PhD '73 expected "a lively classroom" due to the "triumph" of an educational tool -- "Engineering is not about homework sets, Engineering is making things happen," Flowers said.

The contest was dominated by Slocum's tightest four men. However, Slocum announced scores, introduced contestants to the audience, and explained machines. Not content with counting down in English to six numbers, Slocum, encouraged audience members to count in ways ranging from Chinese to a South Asian language.

An appearance by the Engineers Drinking Song and a former 2,007 student who performed his "It's not a game to test" rendition of the contest round surrounded the context.

After the contest, Sambang announced that the highest scoring contestants will be competing for "a 2.70 design contest in Brazil. Students enjoy course

The reaction of students taking the course was positive.

"It's been the hardest work I've had to do, but I've learned something about myself," Erik Liu '00, said that the course has been "a hard work. I'm just going to have to keep working hard because I won't get to play with my machine anymore.""There's no way I'm going to do this," said Greg Schiha '02, "the course was about faith in course II because mechanical engineering is a very hands-on approach, it was really good experience and a lot of fun. I really enjoyed the class and the people in the class and the experience.""I think the course was about faith in course II because mechanical engineering is a very hands-on approach, it was really good experience and real application of mechanical engineering. Liu describes the course in a manner of which one thinks would be helpful in order to "gain the people who are playing with great tips."
GRADUATES CELEBRATE DURING SENIOR WEEK

By Jean K. Lee

In their last few days before Commencement, many MIT graduates enjoyed the annual Senior Week, filled with events and activities for seniors and their guests.

A major Senior Week event was a barbeque and field day for about 150 people. Other main activities included a Harbor Cruise, a Boston Pops concert and a trip to Rhode Island for games and a clambake, which had a turnout of about 200 people.

"The turnout has been really great for all of the events," said Senior Class President Salman Khan '98.

For families and friends arriving for commencement celebrations, there was also a Duck Tour of Boston, a pancake breakfast with President Charles M. Vest and a reception welcoming students to the Alumni Association.

A new event initiated this year was a volunteer project at the Cambridge Community Center where a group of seniors spent an afternoon playing with children.

In addition to providing good times for the graduates, Senior Week is designed "to celebrate graduation and to help bring the class together," said Peter Muise, coordinator of reunions and class events of the alumni association.

While some of these events were planned and sponsored by the Senior Class Council, others were headed by the Senior Week Committee, which is separate from the council and entirely funded by the MIT Alumni Association.

"We had a committee of nine seniors who met starting in the fall to start planning events, survey the class, plan publicity" and so on, said other details, Muise said.

"The events turnned out even better than we expected," he added, noting the large attendance at the Senior Week events this year.

Jorge F. Rodriguez '98 and Iddo Gilon '99 receive the Karl Taylor Compton prize from Dean Rosalind Williams at the Awards Convocation held on May 18th in 10-250.

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National Revamps AEPhi Chapter

The MIT chapter of Alpha Phi Epsilon has recently undergone a reorganization under the direction of its national organization. As a result, several members of the sorority have defiliated themselves from AEPhi and others have been given alumni status.

Bonnie Wunch, Executive Director of AEPhi, said that the chapter was undergoing a reorganization because "it had not achieved the size [the national] had in mind." Wunch said the national "came to help [the chapter] move to the next step."

Deborah G. Carlton '99, president of AEPhi, said that the reorganization was the result of "stagnant growth" in the chapter and that the purpose of the process was to make the local chapter a "successful organization" and to form a "cohesive group."

Former member Sarah J. Dash '99 said that "AEPhi National's decision to reorganize was premature and unfair." Dash felt that the national "completely neglected to acknowledge the fact that we had had a successful formal rush in 1997; and had become a strong chapter with a great deal of potential for further growth."

Neal H. Dorow, assistant dean for residence and campus activities, said that "when a national thinks a chapter is having difficulty sustaining itself, ... its viability appears to be at risk very often they come in to assess what the problems may be."

Dorow, who acts as an advisor to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, said "very often they reorganize the chapter as a result of assessing the mission of the group."

"National organizations are given "a degree of sovereignty" over chapters as long as their actions do not conflict with MIT's policies on discrimination," Dorow said that such conflict "was not a issue in this case to my knowledge."

Process involves interviews

Wunch said that the reorganization process involves a "commitment interview" between each member and the national organization. She described these interviews as "similar to going through the rush process again."

Members are either given bids to sororities, fraternities, and independent living groups; or they are traditionally Jewish sorority, or are given alumni status. Wunch also said that the national sorority would be heavily involved in rush next year.

Dash said, however, that "[the national] had completely neglected to offer [the local chapter] significant additional support in previous years."

In addition, Dash said that she "found the idea of a 'commitment interview' very insulting, because each person in [the chapter] had invested a great deal of time and energy in the sorority."

Carlton and Wunch, however, said that she was "very positive that we will have a successful rush in the fall."

Both Carlton and Wunch strongly denied that the reorganization of AEPhi, a traditionally Jewish sorority, was done with regard to religious affiliation. Wunch said that AEPhi "does not discriminate" when choosing members.

Carlton said that "[the reorganization] was definitely not done along religious lines."

New Chancellor to Report to Vast

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now by Bacow, Brown said.

Provost to maintain stature

Besides granting new statute to student learning, the split also allows the Provost to focus upon maintaining the quality of faculty at the Institute by looking more closely at appointments and tenure proceedings, Williams said. "The

Moreover, the Provost will remain central to the administration since he controls the three central factors in the Institute: money, people, and space, Brown said. The move increases the size of the upper administration that had shrunk with the death of Vice President for Administration James J. Culliton in 1997 and Vice President and Secretary of the Corporation Constantine B. Simonides '57 in 1994. Administrative positions were shuffled around, with another position being filled in its initial form. Moses' will not be the only senior administrator to depart the senior administration this summer. Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '67 will also be retiring. A search for a new position, executive vice president, which will supplant Dickson's duties in further consolidation, is underway.

Both have leadership history

Both Brown and Bacow have extensive histories within the administration and the faculty.

Brown joined the faculty in 1980 and is a Professor of Chemical Engineering. He was the head of the Department of Chemical Engineering from 1988 until January, 1996, when he was named Dean of Engineering. He is a Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, to be finished early in the next century.

Bacow joined the faculty in 1977 and has taught in the School of Humanities and Social Science, the School of Architecture and Planning, and the Sloan School of Management. He co-founded the Center for Real Estate, and served as its first director. From 1995 through 1997, he served as the chair of the faculty.

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Event requires high security

President Clinton’s presence has resulted in an unprecedented level of security measures. Many MIT buildings and portions of surrounding roads, including Massachusetts Avenue and Memorial Drive, will be closed during periods of the day. The MIT Campus Police have worked closely with the United States Secret Service to “make sure commencement flows well,” said Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin. “When you’re dealing with the president of the United States, who happens to be the most protected person in the world, . . . the logistics are massive.”

“We have hosted foreign presidents and Vice President Al Gore in the past. [Hosting President Clinton] is similar but times ten,” Glavin said.

To accommodate the security screenings required by the U.S. Secret Service, Killian Court will be open to guests of graduates from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today due to security requirements associated with the president’s visit. In addition, the handling of hazardous materials is prohibited in most areas of the main campus behind Killian Court.

Shortly prior to the commencement ceremony, Clinton is scheduled for a private meeting with 13 student leaders, including Khan, past Undergraduate Association President Dedric A. Carter ’98, Interfraternity Council President Duane H. Dreger ’99, Dormitory Council President Manju Madhavan ’98, Graduate Student Council President Brian J. Schneider G, and others.

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**David D. Ho**

A veteran of AIDS research, David D. Ho has recently been under the spotlight for developing a combination of drugs that attacks the virus which ultimately causes AIDS.

If he is not a stranger to MIT, he attended MIT for a year as an undergraduate and took classes in the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology program during his years at Harvard Medical School. After his freshman year at MIT in 1976 as a physics student, he transferred to the California Institute of Technology.

For more than a decade, he has worked on AIDS research. He was honored by Time Magazine as its 1996 Man of the Year for developing a strategy of attacking HIV in the early stages of infection.

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Carl F. Floe, who served the Institute for 34 years as a professor in the Department of Metallurgy and for ten years as MIT’s vice president for research, died May 18 of a heart attack at his residence in Boston. Floe was 90 years old.

After he resigned his vice presidency in 1969, Floe returned to the classroom. He became a professor emeritus in 1973, and, after retiring from MIT, continued to consult for industry in the United States and overseas.

Floe hailed from the Klondike Region of the Yukon Territory, Canada and received his ScD in Metallurgy from MIT in 1935. Floe also received a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree from Washington State University, where he was a member of the faculty before coming to MIT.

Floe also taught at Notre Dame University for three years before he was named an assistant professor at MIT in 1939. He became an associate professor in 1942 and served as executive officer of the Department of Metallurgy from 1943 until 1950, the year he was appointed to a full professorship. He was named assistant provost in 1952, assistant chancellor in 1956 and vice president for research administration in 1959.

While a vice president, he oversaw the activities of the Lincoln and Draper Laboratories. He also represented MIT on the boards of the Brookhaven National Laboratories, the National Center for Atmospheric Research and the National Radio Astronomy Laboratory. He also chaired the Harvard-MIT Joint Center for Urban Studies and the MIT Committee on Copyrights and Patents.

During World War II, Floe was a consultant to the US Army Quartermaster Corps and several defense industries. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and several other professional organizations in the United States and Britain.

He was also a member of several honorary fraternities including Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau and Alpha Chi Sigma. Floe is survived by his ex-wife, Beverly Brooks Floe; three children, Jonathan T. Floe of Somerville, Mrs. David Holdgate of Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau and Alpha Chi Sigma.

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SAE Regains Freshmen Approved Status in Appeal

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violation. SAE was initially to remain completely alcohol free until October 13, 1998; even members of legal age are not allowed to bring alcohol onto the premises.

No members of the fraternity are to be present at the Residence Midway, a new event for Orientation that will feature all other FSILGs. Lastly, the Judicial Committee placed SAE on probation for the upcoming year and recommended that any further inappropriate behavior result in the suspension or expulsion of SAE from the IFC.

In a trial of an Official Body versus an FSILG, the Judicial Committee chair assigns an Investigator to the case. The Investigator's responsibility is to find witnesses and evidence that is pertinent to the case and write a summary of his or her findings to be submitted to the chief investigator, according to the Judicial Committee Bylaws.

Jamie Vannant '99, the investigator for this case, refused to comment upon the investigation.

Sanctions revised upon appeal

SAE appealed the severity of the sanctions handed down by the Judicial Committee review board. SAE claimed that the fine and the loss of Institute approved housing constituted cruel and unusual punishment, Doanow said.

The appeal was seen by the IFC Executive Committee, chaired by IFC Vice President of Internal Affairs C. Bob Broderick '96 in the absence of IFC president Duane H. Dreger '99. The committee restored Institute approved housing status to the fraternity, as well as the ability to host freshmen overnight during rush.

However, the committee added some additional sanctions. SAE must now remain alcohol free was until June 11, 1999. Furthermore, SAE must hold two alcohol awareness events in the fall 1998 term. One of the events will be for members of the IFC and will deal with one of the topics in the IFC's Story of Education program. The suggested format is "a social event in a drug setting," according to Dreger. The other event will be for the entire MIT community.

The other sanctions, including the probation, the ban on attendance at the Residence Midway, and the fine were upheld upon appeal.

"If [SAE] fails to comply with any of the sanctions it will be in contempt of the Review Board and that falls under cause for suspension or expulsion," from the Interfraternity Council, Dreger said.

Dean's Office also involved

The Dean's Office has taken action on the incident, but the issue is "still under consideration," said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates. The office is working with the findings of the IFC investigator.

Members of the Dean's Office met with the president of the local SAE chapter and a member of the chapter's alumni corporation. "The alumni are very much involved," Williams said.

"SAE is under suspension while the whole process takes place. We will have a meeting at the end of June to hear their proposal for why they should be allowed to house freshmen," said Bates.

We don't want to approve them unless they provide a law-abiding environment... they must reassure us that they will provide that environment for their freshmen," Williams said.

Although the IFC originally revoked SAE's approved housing status, Bates said that "technically it's the Institute that approves housing." Revoking approved housing status is not the only disciplinary option. "There are a broad range of possible outcomes, it depends on what we find.

The full range of sanctions associated with losing Institute approved housing status are not clear, Williams said. Currently, FSILGs automatically receive Institute approved housing status, however this policy may change in the future. Institute approved housing status grants the ability to house freshmen in a residence, as well as other privileges.

Concerned bodies not informed

Neither the national Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity nor the Boston Licensing Board were informed of the incident. "We have not yet been called by the university or the chapter itself," said Benjamin Lewis, press secretary for the SAE national fraternity, when contacted by The Tech. "We're not happy about finding out this way," he added.

Drewro questioned the accuracy of Lewis' statement. "That's not entirely accurate. I requested that they be sent a letter," he said.

"It is the responsibility of SAE to inform its national of such incidents," Williams said.

In a statement released on Tuesday, the SAE national said "we will not tolerate the distribution of alcohol to minors by any chapter of our fraternity. We fully support the university's stance against the chapter and we will do everything we can to ensure that these alcohol violations do not happen again.

Exactlly which actions will be taken have not yet been decided but the MIT chapter will receive visits from SAE's educational leadership consultants, Lewis said.

"[A consultant] will probably make a couple of visits in the fall," Lewis added. Regarding the IFC sanction requiring that SAE remain alcohol free until June 1999, Lewis said "that's something we would have done ourselves."

"This is completely wrong. It's against all our policies. We want our guys to understand that this will never be tolerated again. After what happened last fall at MIT the last thing we need is them not complying with MIT's alcohol policy," Lewis said.

"We want to squash this feeling of alcohol policy rebellion," he added.

Boston officials not informed

MIT has not informed the Boston Licensing Board of the incident. There is a line between letting the board know about something significant and letting them know every internal event, Bates said.

Compared with other alcohol-related events that have been reported, "this is a very different set of circumstances," she added.

Boston Licensing Board Chairperson Ellen E. Rooney could not comment directly on this case as she had not researched it but "we would be expecting that they would report it to the police," she said.

The policy of the Boston Licensing Board is to investigate all reports filed by the Boston Police Department involving alcohol at licensed facilities such as fraternal houses.

"We're not planning to decide whether to contact [the licensing board] until the investigation is concluded, perhaps not even then," Bates said. The Dean's Office had not immediately contacted the licensing board because "there's nothing directly affecting our license.

If the board were to be informed, it would be through MIT's Office of Government Relations.

The student will not be disciplined by anyone at MIT. "TLU would not have been appropriate," said Bates. It is unknown whether the student choose to matriculate as a member of the Class of 2002.

Douglas E. Heimburger contributed to the reporting of this story.
This report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher. "Medical services" includes medical shuttles, transports, escorts, and other emergency services.

May 7: Bldg. E17, radio cassette player stolen, $100; Burton, garbage disposal stolen, $260; East Campus, attempt to locate student, McConnick, e-mailing student, Bldg. E17, threats, Bldg. E51, bike stolen; Medical Service Call: 3.

May 8: Magazine Street, Safe Ride driver found missing Cambridge child; Bldg. NW52, suspicious activity; Bldg. 10,allet stolen, $100; Bldg. E19, two wheelers stolen, $100; Ford Lot, minor motor vehicle accident; Kresge lot, vehicle broken window. Medical Service Calls: 4.

May 9: East Campus, complaint of loud music, no alcohol, problem resolved; Ashdown House, check on student, advised to call home; Bldg. 8, suspicious activity; Massachusetts Ave by Bldg. 9, assist Cambridge Police, with a motor vehicle accident; Massachusetts Ave and Memorial Drive, Assist State Police, with a minor motor vehicle accident. Medical Service Call: 1.

May 10: Westgate lot, hit and run vehicle damage; Main Street and Ames Street, motor vehicle accident involving a MIT Police cruiser; duPont Weight Room broken into; Senior House, noise complaint, no alcohol, problem resolved, McConnick, laundry stolen. Medical Service Calls: 2.

May 11: East Campus, noise complaint, unable to locate problem; Bldg. NW51, e-mailing student, Bldg. E34, suspicious person; Bldg. E15, computers stolen, $5,200. Medical Service Calls: 4.

May 12: Pacific Street, vehicle broken into and tools stolen; Bldg. N52, bikes stolen, $450; Bldg. 11 Athena Cluster, 43 used stolen; Bldg. 7, suspicious person, same identified and issued a trespass warning. Medical Service Calls: 1.

May 14: East Campus, computer thrown from roof, Bldg. 3, suspicious person; Baker, pocketbook containing cash stolen, $150; Bldg. E18, amusing phone calls, Bldg. 12, attempted break in area; Bldg. 39, report of vehicles operating at a high rate of speed. Medical Service Calls: 2.

May 15: DuPont Gym, assault and battery between two basketball players; Herman garage, bike stolen, $1,000; Memorial Drive and Ames Street, report of MIT Police, motor vehicle accident; Bldg. W34, damage to a door, Walker, report of person stealing a bike, unable to locate; Dewey Library, wallet stolen, $50. Medical Service Calls: 1.

May 16: Burton cash stolen, $60; MacGregor, notify student to call home; Bldg. 2, suspicious area, Baker, problem between two roommates; FSILG, sexual assault. Medical Service Calls: 4.

May 17: Kresge, 1) malfeasance damage, 2) twelves wallers containing cash stolen, $200; Bldg. 19, e-mailing students, same extinguisheing. Medical Service Calls: 0.

May 18: Tang Hall, computer stolen, $3,700; Bldg. N51, unauthorized use of a computer; Bldg. E15, VCR stolen, $500; Student Center, Kamar Cummings and Jarrett Sparks, of unknown addresses, both given trespass warnings. Medical Service Calls: 1.

May 19: Dr. Kogo Theta, tip, compliant, no alcohol, situation resolved; Student Center, cell phone stolen $250; Bldg. 4, suspicious activity; Ashton, suspicious activity. Medical Service Calls: 4.

May 20: Student Center, brass rat stolen, unknown value, $6; suspicious activity, MacGregor, notify student to call home; Bldg. 7, suspicious activity; Bldg. E51, bike secured with a U lock stolen, $650; Bldg. E17, Zip Drive stolen, $100. Medical Service Calls: 5.

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Women's Ultimate Team Finishes Ninth at Nationals

By Olivia E. Kesler

The women's ultimate team finished a solid 14-11 spring season with a ninth place overall finish in their first ever appearance at the National College Ultimate Championships at the National Sports Center in Blaine, Minnesota last weekend.

The team, in only its third year of existence, qualified for nationals by finishing in third place at the Northeast Regional Championships on May 2 and 3. The top 12 women's and men's college teams from around the country qualify to play in the National Championship tournament.

The team played very well, and compiled a 2-1 record for the weekend, including a win over one of the teams that made it to the semi-finals of the tournament.

The tournament format consisted of two pools, each with six teams. Each team played five games Friday and Saturday, one each with each other team in the same pool. The top two teams in each pool advanced to the semi-finals and finals on Sunday morning. MIT was seeded fifth out of two pools, each with nine teams.

The tournament started the game by trading downwind goals. While working the disc successfully through Indiana's zone defense, one of MIT's poppers, Jessica Young, was knocked over from behind by one of the Indiana players and had to sit out with a facial injury. Indiana took the next four points, to take a 5-1 lead. MIT again tried to claw their way back into the game, but most of the remaining goals of the game were scored downwind by Indiana.

The third game was on Saturday morning against sixth-seeded Rice. The alert of the game was delayed by 90 minutes because of lightning. MIT played mostly zone defense, and scored all of the upwind goals in that game, for a final score of 13-4. Unfortunately, MIT experienced several injuries during the game to add to those from the previous day. The fourth game was a hard-fought game to go to the semi-finals versus the third seed University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Both teams needed to win the game to advance to the semi-finals.

Once again, MIT came out to an early deficit as they were caught off-guard by UNC-Wilmington's frequent fouls and didn't call enough of them. After going down to a 1-4 deficit, MIT got back into the game and tied it up at 4-4. UNC then took the half 7-5, and a series of tactical errors combined with fatigue took MIT out of the game.

UNC-Wilmington won the capped game 11-5, ending MIT's bid for the semi-finals. UNC then lost to Yale in the next round, so Yale advanced to the semi-finals with a 3-2 record; their only 2 losses coming from Stanford and MIT.

MIT's final game was against first seeded Stanford, who was 35-0 for the spring season at that point. MIT fought fairly hard and made Stanford work for every point, but Stanford took an early 4-1 lead. MIT scored several points on full-field throws, and even managed to score one of their points using a new type of offense learned from the Swedish National Team.

They even managed to work the disc all the way to the upwind goal line against Stanford on several occasions, but in the end MIT scored only four downwind goals, and Stanford took the game 13-4.

The Stanford team went on to win the National College Championships, and they have now won 60 games in a row over the past two years.

Overall, the weekend was very successful, and all of the team members had a lot of fun, played very solid ultimate, and showed the other teams that MIT can perform well among the best college ultimate teams in the nation, despite the relative inexperience of the team. Next year, the team will be looking to return to nationals and to perform even better there.

Congratulations

The Tech congratulates these graduating staffers. Thanks for all your help, and good luck with your future endeavors.

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