**MIT Requires FSILGs to Select Resident Advisers for Fall Term**

**By Frank Dubiek**

The Institute announced on Thursday that all fraternities, sorori-
ties and independent living groups will need to have graduate resi-
dent advisers starting this fall, at least one year earlier than had been previously stated.

Rosalind H. Williams, dean of students and undergraduate education told FSILG leaders of the new plans at a rush chairs meeting and also said that houses would need to be entirely alcohol-free beginning next month until they hired an RA.

Houses that fail to hire an RA for the fall may not be allowed to rush or house freshmen in fall 1999, said Associate Dean for Residence Life and Student Life Programs Andrew M. Eisenmann '70.

The change is merely “one of timing,” Eisenmann said. “We had looked to have RAs in all FSILGs but had been acting on the assumption that it would have been a pilot program.”

The Institute “recently reviewed our overall progress in enhancing our housing system and orientation, and concluded that we should stick to the original time schedule announced last December for placing resident advisers in the FSILGs,” said President Charles M. Vest.

Vest said that the changed plan will “serve us all better than the reduced, experimental approach.”

The decision to change the schedule was made by senior administrators, said incoming Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow ’72.

“Students have not been involved in the discussion.”

**FSILGs Expect Slower Rush in 1998, Few Freshmen Return Interest Cards**

**By Aileen Tang**

A recent Newsweek article about the death of Scott S. Krueger ’01 has brought the incident back under public scrutiny. The negative media attention is believed to heighten concerns among some parents and incoming students about Greek life at MIT.

“We understand that the consequence of our decision is that [the board] is unlikely to return the dormitory license to the fraternity,” Williams said.

As a result of MIT’s decision, alumni officials decided not to apply for a formal application and attend a hearing. The board would take past actions and MIT’s support of the fraternity into account when reviewing the matter, Rooney said.

“The number of pledges will go down this year just because of Newsweek and other stuff going on in the media,” said Kip V. Hodges PhD ’82, dean for undergraduate curriculum. “A lot of factors have to do with events of last year. We want to make sure that the media aren’t near-
sides of the river to watch the pyrotechnics.

A battery of rockets flares over the Charles River In Boston’s Fourth of July celebration. Over 900,000 people crowded both sides of the river to watch the pyrotechnics.

**MIT Withholds Support for Fiji, House Will Not Re-Open This Fall**

**By Douglas E. Heimburger**

Members of Phi Gamma Delta will not be moving back into their house at 28 The Fenway this fall after MIT withdrew its support for the fraternity’s dormitory license.

“We still do not know what occurred on the evening that led to Scott Krueger’s death,” said Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams in a letter addressed to Roderic P. Taft ’74, a member of Fiji’s alumni com-

MIT, in keeping with its standing practice, has deferred any investiga-
tion into the death of Krueger ‘01, and on which cannot determine whether to support Fiji before the Boston Licensing Board, Williams said.

Fiji will not automatically receive its license back when its seven-month suspension ends August 15, said Boston Licensing Board Commissioner Ellen E. Rooney, who chairs the board.

Instead, if the Malcolm Cotton Brown Corporation, the alumni group that owns the house, wanted to renew its license, it would have to file a formal application and attend a hearing. The board would take past actions and MIT’s support of the fraternity into account when reviewing the matter, Rooney said.

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As a revamped 14-day Orientation program is set to launch on August 26, an unprecedented degree of uncertainty and specula-
tion loom over the prospect of this year’s rush for fraternities, sorori-
ties, and independent living groups.

The new structure will draw many rush chairs are get-
ting back is that the Newsweek article has been pretty devastating to them.”

Many rush chairs also believe that the new policy of withholding freshmen contact from the FSILG’s has burn rush prospects, Hodges said.

This year, houses may only contact students that specifically expressed an interest in them by returning a special reply card to the Institute.

According to the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education, roughly half of the 1,050 incoming freshmen during the 1998-99 academic year, Taft said. “At this time, it appears that there will not be an active Fiji chapter” next year.

Institute unable to decide support

**Reorganization Combines Housing-Related Offices**

**By Brett Altschul**

The Office of Residence and Campus Activities and the Department of Housing and Food Services have undergone a major restructuring, with many of both offices’ functions being combined into the new Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs.

The reorganization should help unify many aspects of MIT’s hous-
ing system, said Associate Dean for RLSLP Andrew M. Eisenmann ’70.

“There were redundancies that were split in ways that may or may not make sense.”

For example, housing assign-

ments for undergraduates were made by RCA, but those for gradu-
ate students were made by HFS, he said.

The separation of the adminis-

tive and program-oriented com-
ponents of the housing system wasn’t serving a useful purpose, Eisenmann said.

“Neither office exists as it was before,” he said. RLSLP includes people from both of the old offices, he said.

This reorganization and the for-
mation of RLSLP is part of an effort to change the overall character of the Office of the Dean for Students and Undergraduate Education, he said.

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By Ronald J. Ostrom and Robert L. Jackson

WASHINGTON

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Nigeria's Would-Be President Abiola Dies of Heart Attack

By James Rupert

THE WASHINGTON POST

Nigeria's imprisoned political leader, Moshood Abiola, died Monday of a heart attack as he talked with Nigerian officials and senior U.S. diplomats about how to resolve Nigeria's five-year-old political crisis, the Nigerian government said.

Abiola, 60, who was the apparent winner of Nigeria's annulled 1993 presidential election and had been jailed since the following year, was a focus of hopes for ending 15 years of military rule in Africa's most populous nation. His release had been expected massively as a key step to restoring civilian rule and ending Nigeria's international isolation, and his unexpected death deepened Nigeria's political uncertainty.

Within hours, as the news spread, the U.S. envoy was in the town of Ilorin, near Abiola's home, expecting to meet with the Nigerian leader. The Nigerian government, which had been expected to release Abiola within the hour as a gesture of good faith to the West, immediately denied reports that Abiola had been released.

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Based on Race, CDC Study Shows

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Flesh-Eating Bacteria Ravages 11-Month-Old Girl

An 11-month-old girl fought for life in a pediatric intensive care unit Tuesday, her body ravaged by flesh-eating bacteria.

After removing strips of dead tissue from her chest and back, surgeons began grafting cadaver skin to her tiny frame Tuesday afternoon in hopes of staving off deadly infection.

"This child has lost 20 percent of her skin," said plastic surgeon Stephen Bresnick of Northridge Hospital Medical Center. "She's lost muscle. She's lost fat. Her skin is exposed."

The girl, identified only as Baby Rosa, remained on life support and massive doses of antibiotics Tuesday. She was in critical condition but was improving, though doctors said only about half of patients with such severe cases of flesh-eating bacteria survive.

Doctors remain mystified about how Rosa caught the disease, but believe it sprang from a simple staph infection -- Staphylococcus aureus, the same bacteria that causes boils and other relatively harmless skin conditions.

Baby Rosa's parents, who have not been identified, believed that a piece of food stuck in her throat caused the infection.

On July 1, her mother drove Rosa to Mexico to visit a family doctor in Tijuana. After spotting a bright red rash on Rosa's back, the physician told her mother to drive to Los Angeles immediately and check her into a hospital, Semans said.

If she survives, Baby Rosa faces more surgery and will be left with a significant deformity, Bresnack said. Her parents do not have health insurance, a hospital spokesperson said, but the baby's doctors and Northridge Hospital said they would provide care regardless.

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Motorola Reports Earnings Plunge

Motorola Inc., announced Tuesday that its operating profit shrank almost to zero in the second quarter, confirming new troubles at a technology giant that for years was known for solid profitability.

The company did manage to avoid the operating losses that many analysts had predicted it would report. But it offered little hope of a quick recovery. Chief executive Christopher Galvin said in a statement that "the negative impact on our business is likely to continue for at least the remainder of the year."

Galvin pledged new efforts to restructure and refocus the company, building on the cuts of 15,000 jobs, about 10 percent of its workforce, that were announced last month. Galvin cited a weak economy, market and economic crisis in Asia in explaining the poor numbers. But many analysts see management problems playing a major role.

"It is internal structural problems," said Greg Greiling, a telecommunications analyst at investment bank J.P. Morgan & Co. "The markets sell them into, rather than as a semiconductor, are booming."

Motorola has mistakenly "acted like a company in a leadership position when market share is a zero sum game," said Lynn Lawrenece, vice president of wireless research at the Yankee Group, a Boston-based market research firm. "They haven't proven nimble in reacting to competition."

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Board of Governors

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- Harbor Cruise
- GSC Night on the Town

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General Council Meeting

* At 5:30pm in Room 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.
The recent decision mandating the placement of resident advisors in all fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups by this fall reveals the administration's serious lack of consideration and respect for students. The decision undermines the trust students have invested in the Institute on issues of housing and student life.

While the implementation of a mandatory RA program is laudable, the incredibly short notice given to FSILGs is not. The decision comes six months too late and follows a slipshod series of contradictory and disorganized moves.

While President Charles M. Vest did originally call for RAs to be placed in FSILGs by this fall, the administration has since explicitly stated that the program next year would be “of a voluntary nature. For Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams to deny this fact when speaking to FSILG leaders is totally unacceptable. Williams needs to carefully consider her credibility with MIT's students and her position as protector of their interests in the MIT administration.

First advised that there was only enough money to fund a pilot program for six FSILGs, but that a funding decision could not be made until after a house had signed a contract to hire an RA, many FSILGs who feared their funding application would be rejected chose not to participate. When MIT suddenly announced that all the houses that had applied for funding would receive money, it betrayed those who had failed to apply for financial reasons.

However, that betrayal pales in comparison to the administration’s new directive. Most FSILGs were given only eight weeks to hire their RA. Many are now left ill-equipped to deal with a situation for which they did not believe they needed to take action to improve its relationship with these bodies not repeated.

Ultimately, the creation of a mandatory RA program in MIT’s Duplicity Towards FSILGs

In addition, the decision to make the RA program mandatory was made without significant student input, and MIT’s advisor to the FSILGs, Assistant Dean for Residential Life and Student Life Programs Neal H. Dorew, was not involved in the decision. Now there is essentially no time for student input in defining the role of an RA.

The administration’s newest mandate merely exacerbates the problems facing FSILGs. While the appointment of a new employee to address the concerns of sororities and ILGs provides an additional person to help in the program’s implementation, the program itself remains ill-defined. Questions remain about how much funding the Institute will provide to the houses to defray the cost of the RAs.

The nature of the RA position itself also continues to be ill-defined. The job was obviously created to curb underage drinking in FSILGs and mitigate MIT’s liability in situations like those surrounding Krueger’s death, but the exact responsibilities of the position have yet to be outlined beyond vague generalities. While administrators have been quick to suggest the simple days-to-day role an RA would play, they have been lax in defining more specifically the relationship an RA is to maintain with the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education. While it is fine to characterize the relationship as a partnership, that definition completely avoids any mention of liability issues, which is at the heart of why this program would be pursued. The closest MIT has come to actually defining its role has been to say that it may be modeled on the systems sororities have to employ house directors. However, sorority life is very different from fraternity life, in that all sororities and sorority events have always been alcohol-free.

Ultimately, the creation of a mandatory RA program in FSILGs represents a sound decision. While mistakes have been made, it is everyone’s responsibility to make sure this program runs smoothly and does not head toward disaster. The administrators must regain the trust of students by being forthcoming with information and by making decisions about RA liability and funding in a timely manner. They must recognize the faulty decision-making that took place last year and ensure that it is not repeated. It is they who are responsible for making sure every house is able to participate successfully in the program by offering human resources, financial support, and effective leadership.

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"It's the number of U.S. presidents who think 'constructive engagement' will improve human rights."
Eleven years later, many of the same leaders who had met in Philadelphia, this time to draft a new government for the fledgling nation, were facing the task of creating a system of government. Most of these leaders were both practical and rational men, but they were also frightened of a tyrannical government. The majority of the representatives of the people for almost 100 years have been getting away from the philosophy that made up the Constitution. Frustrated with the system of the government the Founders had given so many specific duties and responsibilities specifically through the Constitution.

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Retiring Provost Joel Moses Discusses Funding, Research

By Zareena Hussain

Joel Moses PhD '67, the chief academic officer at MIT, has sought and accomplishments few others will be able to boast.

When he steps down at the end of the month, he leaves an Institute both in the midst of change and prepared to deal with future challenges. One of the key issues in future years for the Institute is funding with the upcoming capital campaign.

"A key challenge is getting sufficient funding to permit MIT to hire and retain outstanding faculty, students, staff, and facilities. This past year I have developed, with the help of the academic leadership, a draft list of priorities for a capital campaign. In addition, Chuck Vest, Bill Dickson and I have developed parameters for future MIT budgets that will keep MIT at the forefront of academic institutions for the coming decade. These changes assume a transition of support for MIT that increasingly comes from private gifts and the endowment that results from them. I am optimistic that these changes will permit the new team to deal with the challenges they will face," Moses said.

In addition to funding issues, another key issue that has come up during Moses' tenure is the aggressive hiring of junior faculty.

"In the span of a few years ago created a sizable number of openings for new faculty," Moses said. Many deans "have used this opportunity to hire outstanding young faculty. The strength of the faculty is, of course, a key reason why MIT attracts superb students," he said.

Moses was also integral to the creation of the Systems Design and Management graduate program.

"We have discussed creating a program that parallels the Leaders for Manufacturing program, but that emphasizes design, for nearly a decade. Ii emphasizes design, for nearly a decade. It will face," Mo es said.

Moore, and now director of the MIT Card Center, has in sight and accomplishments few others than MIT can teach, even with distance learning. We are therefore working with other schools to help them to teach this material. I have found that giving lectures in SOM one of the most rewarding experiences in the past several years," he said.

Finally, industry-sponsored research as well as funds derived from gifts is key to supporting the Institute's future research endeavors.

"Industry has changed a great deal in the past decade, and it is important for us to learn what new problems they face. The usual industrial contracts give us an important, but limited, view of these problems. Hence we have developed the notion of strategic partnerships with selected companies. We currently have three such partnerships, with Angen, Merck, and Ford. I expect that we will have a few more in the coming years. I am pleased to say that the discussions over intellectual property and publication rights have gone smoothly in all the negotiations that have been completed so far," Moses said.

High School Girls Learn Skills in KEYS Program

By Susan Buchman

Kay Adams

Twenty-one girls arrived on cam- pus last week to participate in the Keys to Empowering Youth pro- gram, which brings eleven-to-thirteen-year-old girls together with college students for one to three days to participate in workshops on empowerment, awareness, and problem-solving.

Through participation in hands-on activities and interaction with mentors, the girls are exposed to non-traditional career paths. The program is organized by the Public Service Center and was coordinated by Praya M. Rajadou '91.

"I absolutely loved working on the Keys to Empowering Youth Program," Rajadou said. "The girls were awesome to work with. They were enthusiastic about a wide variety of activities."

KEYs began in 1993 when a group of graduate and undergradu- ate students, staff, and faculty at MIT decided to help address the problems within the Boston-area community. The motivation behind KEYs is to give encouragement to adolescent girls at a critical stage in their personal development. The girls are encouraged to think about their futures and talk about the steps they may need to take to achieve their goals.

Preparation for the three-day program began in the past academic year. Girls from the Boston area spend a Saturday at MIT during the school year. The one-day program is split up into three parts: group goal discussions, team problem solving, and laboratory activities. Some of the girls returned for the three-day program last week.

The three-day program is led by mentors who are undergraduate and graduate students. The mentors facilitate discussions, lead activities, and share their personal experiences during the course of the day.

The group was one of three to play at the Project Mall Benefit Concert on June 26.

Merger Ends Splits in Housing Policy

Maguire, former director of HFS and now director of the MIT Card Office. No changes are planned for the MIT Card, Maguire said. In the future, the MIT Card Office will continue to run as it has in the past, he said.

The housing system is currently under review and modification. The failure to food services system have already been established, and this reorganization is not expected to affect them further.

Reorganization has long history

"There's a long context behind the integration," Eisenmann said.
MOVIE REVIEW

Mulan

By Vladimir V. Zelensky

Mulan (speaking voice by Ming-Na Wen, vocal effects by Robin Frenkel, sung voice by Jennifer Jadess, animation by Tony Bancroft and Barry Cook)

Mulan's latest animated film shows a successful movie formula

Great Wall, and the fact that the real Huns conquered China (in fact, none of the Mongolian tribes are Huns). Mulan has to not only vanquish the intruders, the harshness of military training, but also the centuries-old gender stereotypes. Her adventures are visceraally exciting, and there's even some emotional weight behind Mulan's plight.

The second film has Eddie Murphy voicing Jack Foley (George Clooney), who is caught, jailed, and spends his time planning an escape and a heist. He has spent five million in uncut diamonds. However, there are his old friends from the last time he was in prison, as well as the men he really needs to get out, all being shown off their respective quirks. Which, of course, provided most of the humor, as well as the pacing and the story. By the end of the plot, I can't believe Joe's problems. Martin, with his steely narrowed eyes, aloof manner, and his plight is truly exciting to observe. Of course, he is abetted by an excellent supporting cast, and not in the least by Steve Martin as mysterious Mr. Doff, who offers to solve Joe's problems. Martin, with his steely narrowed eyes, alof
deceiver and carefully controlled line delivery, exudes the sense of genuine menace to whom would happen to be the hero. As the other major player in the game, Joe's secretary (Sandra Bullock) is a weak link in the chain, perhaps because she is somewhat annoying when she's trying to act chipper. However, in her couple of serious scenes, she's as good as everyone else.

And, of course, there is the story — a classic Hitchcockian thriller, where every single word, glance, or object ultimately leads to the end. For O1'1£e, a movie of Hitchcockian proportions is a scarce one, and it is fortunate that the two are as far from each other as possible. The said plot, while occasionally engaging, is of the strictly cut-and-paste, connect-the-dots variety. It doesn't generate much excitement, and the pacing feels somewhat slow — perhaps, because Leonard, along with Soderbergh and screenwriter Scott Frank (who also adapted Get Shorty) are much more interested in other things.

At first, they parade a fascinating array of characters across the screen, including Foley's partner, Buddy Bragg (Ving Rhames), a tough, but charming criminal, who doesn't do anything without consulting his partner. There's Glenn (Steve Zahn), a perpetually stoned dude, who wears sunglasses even when it's pitch dark around him. There's Mr. Ripley, a semi-honorable Wall Street financier, who is warmly attached to his toupee collection. And there's goofy personas and captivating characterizations aplenty.

Second, there's a love story, and it's absolutely excellent. During one of his adventures, Jack takes hostage a federal marshall (Karen Sisco (Jennifer Lepice). This scene (an adaptation of Elmore Leonard's novel Jackie Brown) is a tense thriller, where every single word, glance, or object ultimately leads to the end. For O1'1£e, a movie of Hitchcockian proportions is a scarce one, and it is fortunate that the two are as far from each other as possible.
The X-Files: Fight the Future
Mulder and Scully make the leap to the big screen

By Teresa Huang

Directed by Rob Bowman
Written by Chris Carter
Starring Gillian Anderson, David Duchovny, William B. Davis, Mitch Pileggi, Martin Landau, and Armin Mueller-Stahl

The X-Files cannot compare to the magnitude of alien activity in this film. When we first see the dynamic duo of FBI agents Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson), we find them reassembled on the anti-terrorist division of the FBI after higher-ups have closed the all-important X-Files division. The action begins with a tasteless explosion—a little too reminiscent of the Oklahoma City bombing—which of course has something to do with Mulder and his quest to uncover government conspiracies regarding the existence of extraterrestrial life. The film continues the storyline developed in the series involving a global conspiracy between an extraterrestrial race and the Syndicate, a collection of key players in high levels of government. After receiving a tip from a seemingly crazy doctor (Martin Landau), Mulder and Scully set aside their anti-terrorist work and dive right back into their usual routine, investigating conspiracies, asking questions no one wants answered, and causing general mayhem for the Syndicate and its master plan. Piece by piece, the alien conspiracy is uncovered as Mulder and Scully risk their lives in a quest for the truth.

And yes, the show works on a big screen. It’s obvious that Chris Carter responded to the challenge of making his little show into a blockbuster movie by making everything in sight bigger—bigger explosions, bigger risks, and bigger wardrobe budgets. Strip away the booming music and special effects, and you have a typical episode of The X-Files—a full of surprises and confusing as all hell. The X-Files: Fight the Future unfolds at a steady yet intense pace, jumping from one intense sequence to the next while intriguing and scaring the audience at the same time.

There are many reasons why The X-Files is the highest rated show on Fox, and this film lets all of them shine.

Most movie critics have been debating whether the film is understandable to those unfamiliar with the show. What everyone forgets is that The X-Files has always been impossible to understand. When was the last time you saw an episode of The X-Files that tied up all its loose ends neatly? Chris Carter is the master of spending a full 60 minutes revealing bits of information which collectively offer no conclusions in the end. The X-Files: Fight the Future is a prime example. While the conspiracy between the government and alien life becomes more clear through the film, Mulder and Scully’s investigation, the film leaves many questions unanswered while stirring up fresh new ones. The real challenge will be incorporating the major revelations from the film back into the weekly television series. Fans of The X-Files can add to the pieces uncovered in the film to the puzzle of the last five seasons. Non-fans can consider themselves caught up.

However, though The X-Files: Fight the Future took great pains to make the central conspiracy theory understandable to all, it sometimes forgot to give those unacquainted with the show a reason to care about the characters. While deciphering the plot was an issue that was effectively addressed, deciphering why Mulder and Scully care so much about aliens and each other was an issue that seemed largely ignored.

Even so, the movie succeeds as a top-rate action film, packed with intelligent twists and plenty of gratuitous grossness to satisfy every kind of X-Files fan. People who have never seen an episode of The X-Files should especially see The X-Files: Fight the Future for the perfect introduction to the series. The appeal of both the show and the film is undeniable. As for Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny as big screen actors, I give them an A for effort, though they shouldn’t quit their day jobs just yet. For every hit like The X-Files: Fight the Future, there can be a miss like Playing God.

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before the licensing board came "fairly recently," said Associate Dean for Residence Life and Student Life Programs Andrew M. Eisemann '70.

"We didn't have the information to set in support or in a negative way," said Eisemann, "so it's hard to say what had indicated that MIT would have to take any action. We were dealing with a lot of other factors that were involved in the decision. The house controls dormitory entrances and exits, so we will have to reevaluate our overall housing policies."

Vest echoed Eisemann's statements.

"Many factors were considered in our decision, including the system to parents and new students about their orientation toward our housing goals."

"An RA is an attractive figure in living groups for new students and their parents," said Vest.

"We are seeking "the best environment for our students," said Vest.

Although Eisemann identified the decision as the "first action" to be taken, "my decision was not the only one," she said. "The decision was made during the fall, but we are still in the process of making updates."

Vest echoed Eisemann's statements. "The goal of the decision was to maintain the stability. In particular, we would be willing to explore the possibility of allowing students to return to the residential community, but our current position is to suspend operations and operate other programs."

The alumni corporation is considering the possible consequences of the decision. "If MIT is willing to work with us, we will continue to "be "closed to residents again, which is what we were trying to do," said Williams.

Concerns over the potential closing of the house were expressed by several members of the alumni corporation. "I don't think it's necessarily [be] interpreted as a positive or negative message," he said.

The administration has not yet announced a decision on the future of the house. "I don't know if the way it was handled this year will have returned the forms to date."

Hodges, who helped returned students to the dormitory, "was given the best by the response rate and "not the best."

The administration "expected that there would be a high response rate," said Williams. "We were not able to get MIT students or others who are not MIT undergraduates who are interested in the dormitory process."

Despite the concerns of many students, the administration has not yet announced a decision on the future of the house. "I don't know if the decision will be made at a time when it is harder for us to implement it."

Vest said that the change represents a "positive opportunity, not an institutional decision," and that it would "mean we must work all together for success."

Vest added that the action was made at a time when it is harder for us to implement it. "We are seeking "the best environment for our students," said Vest.

"The timing is bad because a large percentage of house members are not available during the summer," said Interim University Council president Dianne H. Dreger '99. "It would have been better if the decision had been made later." Although Dreger, however, expressed optimism about the future of the house, she said that "we are setting up a system to let us settle and trying to find someone," she said. "I think most of the kids have been in place for the upcoming term."

"We are all struggling to make academic and social changes in our residential and learning communities," she said. "Tragedy has focused us on the need to enhance what is best about our campus and to eliminate its flaws," she said.

RA problems addressed

Some of the remaining problems in MIT implementation have been addressed. The question of who will own the house has been settled over the past weeks. Under the plan, RA's will be employed by the FSILG in which they live, and are monitored by Neal H. Dorow, assistant dean for RSLSP and assistant to FSILGs. Most houses will likely be able to obtain liability insurance covering their RA's Dorow said.

"In most instances, having an RA is a real problem in an off-campus house," he said.

Further aid is provided to the process of placing RA's in new positions has been created by mitigation in RSLSP. The FSILG system to match RAs with RA's is being created by an "advisor for FSILGs." and will report to Dorow, Eisemann said. Rae will also be involved in the recruiting and training RAs.

"This process is also being planned. "There is a general train program for every RA," said Rae. "The training system is in some RA's to not return. Rae also said that the program was an "unacceptable step of contacting students who did not wish to hear from them."

Since he had only heard complaints from parents, Hodges said he was surprised by the number of "involuntary RA's. "Those who were "involuntary RA's had been involved in "off-campus RA's. "They were forced to "involuntary RA's."

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