Crowding Fears Spur Grad Housing Cuts

By Frank Dubek

Tang Hall will house an additional 72 undergraduates this fall, amid growing fears of a poor rush caused by negative media coverage of living groups during the past year.

This decision follows a move this spring to open an estimated 70 spots in Tang, which is normally reserved for graduate students. Floors two through nine of Tang will now house around 140 rising juniors and seniors, said Linda L. Patton, director of graduate planning.

However, the housing of undergraduates in Tang is intended to be a temporary situation, Patton said.

For undergraduates who choose to move to Tang, housing will only be guaranteed for two semesters so that graduate students may return to the space, Patton said.

Fears of slow rush fuel move

The decision was a result of "continually evaluating the information that is available," said Patton, based on the question of how to best provide for new students, said Andrew M. Eisenmann '75, associate dean for Residence Life and Student Life Programs.

MIT is "making our best guess" based mainly on anecdotal information from incoming students, their parents, and rush chairs that pointed to "more students being more likely to choose to live in residence halls."

By making additional spaces in the on-campus housing system, MIT is able "to bring our freshmen [to the Institute] in as positive a way as possible," he said. The additional spaces maintain all of the housing choices available to freshmen, Eisenmann said.

Graduate concerns addressed

Brian J. Schneider G, president of the Graduate Student Council, said that he was informed of the possibility of moving additional undergraduates into Tang on July 17.

"We understand that the administration is in a difficult position," Schneider said. While acknowledging that the housing system "can only crowd undergraduates so much before you spill into graduate housing," Schneider said that the GSC "wants to make sure graduate students are accommodated."

Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72 and several other administrators met with members of the GSC on July 27. At the meeting, Bacow laid out principles governing the use of graduate housing space for undergraduates including honoring graduate housing commitments and providing financial relief to those affected.

Other possibilities for replacing lost graduate housing were also discussed. These included leasing space from the alumni corporation's Gamma Delta, a plan which would depend on obtaining a new leasing license for the property from the Boston Licensing Board, which suspended the license for the property last year.

In addition, several FSILGs have been cleared to move to Tang, Patton said.

Kevin P. Chao '01

Kevin P. Chao '01, 19, died July 24 in Portage, Mich., in a fatal car accident.

Chao and a friend, Benjamin A. Kalleward, were traveling at least 80 miles an hour when Chao lost control of his vehicle. The car left the road and hit several trees before stopping, the Kalamazoo Gazette reported. Alcohol was reportedly not a factor in the crash.

Although the air bags in the 1997 Pontiac Firebird deployed, both men were pronounced dead at the scene. Both had been wearing their belts.

Chao, a resident of Burton-Conner House, was spending the summer in his hometown working at the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center, where he had attended high school. Kalleward, who also attended the center, had finished his freshman year at Case Western Reserve University.

At the Institute, Chao was a member of the lightweight freshman crew team and was also a production staff member of the KALM radio station.

Friends of Chao at Burton-Conner remembered him for his humility and his kindness. "I don't think anybody could say anything bad about him because he was so caring. He would do anything for me," said Janet J. Haieh '01, who also was on the crew team.

"What was most distinctive to me was his humility," said Anne M. Hunter, administrator for the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Chao's freshman academic advisor. "He was just a really charming, nice guy."

"He could pick up things amazingly quick," said Lawrence P. Chao '98, Kevin's older brother. "He was never content with just sitting around," he told the Gazette.

At Burton-Conner, Chao was "always very effervescent, very energetic and always smiling," said Michael P. Hamms G, Chao's graduate resident tutor. Chao served as the athletic chair of his floor.

He also served as the vending coordinator of the dormitory, being in charge of collecting video game equipment for common areas. "He was very good-natured" when problems arose, Hamms said.

"Chao often wondered about the potential job building 20 clears its last hurdle to demolition.

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Pianist Elaine Chew and cellist Michael Bonner perform Beethoven's Clarinet Trio, Op. 38.

BTP Partners Stage Rooftop Beer Attack on Police; House Now Dry

By Susan Buchanan

In the latest in a series of alcohol related incidents at MIT fraternities, Boston University police officers were pelted with beer cans thrown from the roof of Beta Theta Pi. As a result of the incident, BTP will be alcohol free until 1999 and faces other sanctions.

According to the Boston University Police Department report from the July 17 incident, "Police Officer [James] Barry was pelted with glass/cans of beer as he exited his cruiser ascending the rear fire exit stairs in pursuit of the offenders." Boston University police, who were later assisted by the Boston Police Department, made their way to the top of the roof where they discovered two legs and a beer tap. According to the Boston Police incident report, "further investigation in a common room in the building revealed two City of Boston parking meters, one bong pipe, and one double edged knife which were seized as contraband. Police approximated 50 individuals in leaving the roof area of 119 Bay State and through the house to the street below."

BTP pleads guilty to IFC charges

The Interfraternity Council Judicial Committee charged BTP with three violations of the IFC policy on risk management. BTP pleaded guilty to all the charges and focused on demonstrating that the fraternity brothers had been unaware of the party and were taking steps to prevent further incidents.

Robert N. Tunnick '99, a representative from the fraternity, said "we acknowledge that a premise control issue exists but insisted "that no Betas were present, no Betas purchased or consumed alcohol."

The BPD report states, however, that "Officer Graf of the BUPD was able to identify one James Bellwell Williams ... as the individual who had purchased the beer. Williams had admitted such to the officer during the investigation." Williams '99 is a member of BTP. The representatives of the fraternity also testified that it was not unreasonable that none of the brothers had realized the summer residents were throwing a party on the roof deck. Brothers cited numerous reasons for being unaware of the party until soon before the police arrived, ranging from loud music in their rooms to being in the fraternity's annex.

Fraternity sanctioned

Following the guilty plea, the committee ruled that BTP must be completely alcohol free on all its property until September 7, 1999. In addition, one of the third summer residents next year must be members of the fraternity.

At least ninety percent of the members and pledges of BTP must perform 30 hours of community service by December 19. The fraternity was also levied a fine of $1,000.

Erv Johnston, Director of Communications for BTP's national organization, said that the national fraternity suspended BTP's charter for a year on July 30. "When we suspend [a chapter], the chapter has no inherent authority to act as a chapter, we run everything over the alumni."

The national fraternity will also convene a review board to determine the future status of the chapter. Johnston said that he expects the chapter to cooperate fully with the Institute and the IFC. The BTP national has required that the chapter attend alcohol awareness program.
TREASURY OFFICIAL SAYS ASIA HAS HURDLES AHEAD ON ECONOMY

TREASURY WASHINGTON POST

Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence H. Summers told the nation’s governors Tuesday that Asia has many hurdles to overcome before its recovery will be complete, and asked the nation’s governors to press Congress to approve additional U.S. funding for the International Monetary Fund.

Summers praised the governors’ earlier support for the new IMF funding. But, he warned that the IMF is so strapped for funds that it cannot move readily to deal with future crises, which “makes future problems more likely.”

The address seeks an additional $18 billion, but the issue has been stalled in the GOP-controlled Congress, where some conservatives are pushing for significant changes that would decrease U.S. contributions.

The governors are pushing for significant health-care reform, and the administration has been slow to deliver on its promise to provide aid to struggling states.

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Summers said that he plans to meet with the governors’ group again in the future to discuss how to move forward on the funding for the IMF.

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Dow Falls 299 Points; Off 9.1 Percentage Points Since July

By Jerry Knight

Stocks fell sharply Tuesday in the strongest decline in more than three weeks, as a string of losses that in just 15 trading days has sent the Dow Jones industrial average tumbling from a record high to its lowest level since March.

Five shares fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where 42.3 million shares were traded. Traders could not point to a single reason for the decline, with many offering explanations that included new gloom over the Asian crisis, concern over corporate earnings and anxiety over new threats in the White House scandal.

"The sentiment has turned much more negative as people try to understand all the uncertainties out there," said Stephen D. Dalton, who manages $3 billion worth of stocks for First Capital Group, a Philadelphia-based division of First Union Corp.

But the run-up in the Dow average — especially from mid- June to mid-July, when the Japanese government raised hopes it would begin to grapple with the country's recession — has masked a broader weakness in the overall stock market, analysts said.

Indeed, 11 of the 30 Dow stocks have actually fallen this year, including Boeing Co., down 28 percent, and Hewlett-Packard Co., down 17 percent.

Tuesday, the Nasdaq composite index fell 65.4, the second-biggest point drop after Oct. 27's 137-point fall, closing at 1,710.66. The S&P 500 fell 40.32, to 1,072.12. With the Dow down 9.1 percent from its high, "we have the making of a correction," proclaimed Jeffrey N. Greenblatt, an investment strategist for Lehman Brothers Inc.

A 10 percent drop in stock prices is usually considered a correction. However, if the Dow were to rebound in the market, but the most pessimistic market watchers warned that this could be the end of Wall Street's three- and a half-year winning streak.

Prudential Securities technical analyst Ralph Acsaport, a noted bull who has been closely optimistic through every twist and turn in the market this year, said Tuesday that he had changed his mind and had become convinced stocks could drop another 10 percent.

Many other analysts rejected that forecast, noting, among other things, that the Dow Jones average was projecting the Dow would hit 10,000 by the end of the year.

Daiian said Thursday's plunge was like hitting a pothole when driving at 60 miles an hour: "Your stomach lurches, but you're not hurt."

Iraq Finds Opportunity Time to Spark Showdown Over Sanctions

By Robin Wright

On the eighth anniversary of its invasion of Kuwait, Iraq appears determined this week to provoke yet another confrontation with the United States, taking advantage of the Clinton administration's preoccupation with domestic weapon and ballistic missile issues. The diplomatic skirmishes also come as European allies are focused on recent fighting in the Yugoslav region of Kosovo — and the United States and NATO should not be surprised.

"It's classic Iraqi Saddam to play to the multi-front warSYS, to keep the kinds of crises going on now, like Kosova, from giving him reason to think there is a distraction," said Judith Yaffe, an Iraq expert at the National Defense University in Washington.

The United States took a firm stand: "We'll let the facts speak for themselves," a senior U.S. official said. "Iraq's obligations are clear."

The burden of proof is on the Iraqis, not the U.N. "to show it has met the requirements for lifting sanctions.

Amazon.com Buys Two Internet Companies, Broadening Reach

Amazon.com, the biggest bookseller on the Internet, said Tuesday that it will pay $280 million in stock for two other Internet startup companies: PopSurf and PlanetAll. The move is part of Seattle-based Amazon's long-term strategy to be not just a bookstore but also a central online shopping site for many types of goods.

Junglee, a Sunnyvale, Calif., company founded in 1996, has won high marks for its search technology that enables consumers to compare prices of a wide variety of products. So far, the technology has been used by Internet services such as Yahoo, Compag Computer Corp. and Cnet.

PlanetAll, based in Cambridge, Mass., offers a Web-based address, calendar and reminder service that also works on many handheld devices, such as the Palm Pilot 3Vc.

According to Jeff Bezos, Amazon's founder and chief executive, the two startups will strengthen the services Amazon already offers. "Jonglee is about making it easier for people to find the things they'd like to buy online," Bezos said.

George Combes, an Internet analyst with investment bank Hambrecht & Quist in San Francisco, said, "Amazon wants to be the first place consumers go for ecommerce." Although the company is best known for selling books online, it recently added music compact discs to its wares.

Sergeant Files $10 Million Suit Against Cochran, Firm

A Los Angeles police sergeant filed a $10 million malicious prosecution suit in federal court Tuesday against Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. and his law firm. Sgt. Michael Long, 48, was one of seven officers sued by Cochran on behalf of the survivors of a woman who was shot to death in 1997, agreeing to pay $2.4 million. The Police Commission reached a similar conclusion, finding that the two officers acted within department policy. Cochran, however, filed a $20 million Superior Court lawsuit against the city and the seven officers. The city settled with the family in 1997, agreeing to pay $2.4 million.

In his federal lawsuit against the Cochran law firm and Taylor's heirs, Long contended that the legal action against him was motivated in part by racial prejudice because he is white and the dead woman was black. He also charged that the plaintiffs and their lawyers harbored "malice, hatred and prejudice" against him because he is a police officer.

Cochran, reached in New York where he hosts a show for Court TV, said he could not comment about the suit because he had not seen it.

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anglewood Trip

The Tanglewood trip will be on Sunday, August 23 from 8 am to 8 pm. The concert will feature the Boston Symphony Orchestra with Yan Pascal Tortelier conducting and Mischa Maisky as guest soloist on cello. The price of the ticket is $25 and will include the bus trip, the concert, and lunch. Tickets will be available starting August 3 in the GSC Office in Walker Memorial (50-220) Monday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Constance Lai at con@mit.edu. The featured pieces will be:

MILHAUD's Beatrice et Benedict

RIEGLER Overture to Milhaud's Beatrice et Benedict

ELGAR Cello Concert

RAVEL 'Mother Goose' Suite

MILHAUD 'Le Bœuf sur le toit'

1998 Graduate Student Career Fair

The Academics, Research, & Careers committee is currently soliciting resumes for the 1998 Graduate Career Fair. Resumes can be submitted to the GSC office (50-220) any time until Sept. 18 and we are accepting both hard copies and electronic versions. One page is allowed for masters students and two pages for Ph.D. candidates. More information can be found at: http://www.mit.edu/activities/gsc/CareerFair/students.html or by emailing gsc-careerfair@mit.edu.
Saxena Reaches Conclusions

Vishal Saxena’s recent column ["Models and Paradigms for Accepting Cultures," July 8] makes some dangerous claims, principally involving the issue of relativism. While I thoroughly support his enthusiasm for open communication and curiosity among cultures, I am one of many individuals who believe that our reality is not limited to clever engineering approximations and the human desire for explanation of natural phenomena.

Saxena describes education as simply "a way of teaching us the paradigms that work." Certainly, this is true about engineering, but any student or former student who has ever had a class in which discussion of natural phenomena is limited to model remini cent of the paradigm "perception is reality," which is a poignant example of how flawed individualists and societies tend to minimize the importance or significance of that which they cannot fully comprehend.

Perhaps the reason why the "paradigm" of a flat earth expanded in modern science is because the earth really is round, and not solely because it enables us to more effectively solve problems of celestial mechanics. 

Geoffrey Goodell ’01

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RA Conspiracy Theory
Did MIT Cut a Deal With the District Attorney?

Dan Dunn

On July 3, MIT dropped a logistical bombshell on the alumni of more than 30 Independent Living Groups. They had less than 24 hours to make their way to execute an emergency meeting to discuss the recent news.

The full-time MIT conspiracists argue that the Institute had decided on this move back in December when Vest first announced the pilot program, and the administration simply waited for the community to dispense before releasing the news, thus saving a public bat- tle. I reject this for a few reasons. First of all, MIT showed no signs of planning for the RAs. It refused to pay for more than six house- holds to do a pilot program back in March; it doesn’t have a contract to sign for the RAs, and won’t until “mid-August.” The training is still being created and coordinated with the GRT program, and they were clearly unpre- pared to answer the question of the qualifica- tions of the RA. Second, all reports of when the decision were made point very consistent- ly to a June meeting, with confirming details. Finally, while I have seen incompetence and wrongheadedness all over the Institute, the times when administrators were simply out to screw students were very rare indeed.

Some people suspect that the Boston Licensing Board told MIT to take action or it would pull the license of every ILG ever over the summer, and that MIT said this. MIT would never believe the threat. While the Board technically has the power, it does not have the authority to license the totality of ILGs out there with clean record who how to do it now, with so little warning? This has been a call for the creation of administration watchers for the last month.

However, I think that the available evidence points toward this being a significant setback for the District Attorney Ralph C. Martin II. MIT, of course, is afraid of prosecution. Martin, all art politi- cians do, with a southern drawl. He could press charges against the Institute. But the case would involve years of litigating.

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MIT Financial Aid Policy

Elaine Y. Wan

The new academic year approaches upon us while a splendid summer drifts past. Just a few weeks for arch com- pletions, but now I find myself a veter- an of the first-year battle at MIT. I must master the art of dealing with more than grades. The preparation needed includes a comfortable bed for lots of sleep, sources of caffeine and alcohol, and an intense motivation, a fact or a place of resi- dence, a faraway place, an amount of cash and a huge stack of cash to pay for books and essentially such as food, pens and paper to make air- planes.

This week I received my bill for this year’s tuition and approximately expenses. I haven’t decided on all the classes I will take yet, but I am already to foot the bill. As enrolled students know, although the Institute is still looking into the issue of where out- tuition has increased. My wages for my summer job were barely enough to cover my summer expenses, and as I was now I must worry about working during the year to cover the expenses I will accumulate by then.

During my last few months as a senior in high school, I spent a lot of time in the library and on the web scouring for any possible chance of getting free or reduced tuition. I was eligible for many either because Asians are a visible minority or because I am not from an electricity-deprived town on the out- skirts of the city. I was accepted to several grants or stipends or requested interviews or 500-word essays on what I would do to save the dollar. I was waiting for the grant program, and I was wondering how I would design an electrical com- plex that uses two Duracell batteries in exchange for a couple of hundred bucks.

I was hoping to make friends and fortune, I was interested in entering science and engineering with a project I had been working on for two years and had submitted to writing several liter- ary pieces I had written a few years back. With lots of luck, I managed to get enough outside scholarships to make me feel finan- cially secure in college. Well, at least I felt that way that way. After finally signing the agreement to attend MIT in the fall, I realized that I was running out of time... because I must do all this by the end of the summer.

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Dan McGuire

It has been a difficult month for journalists. We have been working hard to inform you, the public, act like it’s the end of the world. Correspondents who could be off creat- ing interesting stories about this issue are instead stuck behind the anchor desk, talking about the same old thing.

This whole “public accountability” promise is a sham. Fabricating stories isn’t a way of reporting truth and understanding to an entirely new level that I’m getting ahead of myself.

We’re still trying to get Watergate- level material in an era when the world is less transparent than ever. We’re still trying to get the inconvenient truth and the simple central message.

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Soldiers to swordsmen: Spielberg's summer movies

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This is clearly supposed to be a character-defining scene, but as Ryan tells is so improbable and told in such a wrong way that is comes off as something told by a clumsy liar. I wouldn't have minded the film's weakness if it weren't so self-important and pretentious. With all that flag-waving and other patriotic imagery, endless (and meaningless) philosophical diatribes, quotations from Abraham Lincoln, and tearful earrings fifty years later (in the utterly unnecessary framing scenes), it is a major disappointment that the film can't even present a convincing narrative. It doesn't work as historical fiction either; despite the wealth of clearly well-researched period details, it ends up presenting an Indiana Jones as a major turning point in World War II. Well, here's a historical trivia bit for you — the Americans didn't enter the war until it was three quarters over.

In the end, a good deal of Saving Private Ryan doesn't work, with Spielberg drawing every non-battle scene in schmaltz with John Williams' highly intrusive score trying to push the emotional buttons, with Robert Rodat's dialogue sounding cliched and lifeless. Why, then, do I still recommend this movie?

Because of the battle scenes, and them alone. Spielberg's point clearly is "War is Hell; but it is sure exciting to watch." A side note: At a risk of sounding sexist, I suspect that, with all testosterone-filled action movies, female viewers will enjoy it much more than the males. I can't justify this opinion without conducting a woman poll, but I strongly suspect it is correct.

The Mask of Zorro

Directed by Martin Campbell

Written by Terry Rossio, Ted Elliott, and John Eskow

With Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins; Catherine Zeta Jones

The Mask of Zorro certainly doesn't intend to preach that violence is bad. On the contrary, it is full of good old violence ("old" as in Douglas Fairbanks and Erroll Flynn old) — swordfighting and swashbuckling, punching and kicking, guns and explosions. All of this is put on very well, and is very enjoyable. It is far more effective at being as much as a charac ter-driven film as the writers' tight: there is a lot 'going on, and it ends up as in Douglas Fairbanks and Erroll Flynn contrary, it is full of good old violence ("old"

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opinion without conducting an opinion poll, all "War is Hell, but it is sure exciting to watch." However, the war scenes (especially the final grand confrontation) end up being actively enjoyable. Spielberg is too much of a showman not to let them be so, and he piles up stuff. There's nothing wrong per se in old swordfighting about revenge, but after five or so it seems tedious. It also takes an awful lot of screen time — at two hours and five minutes it gets very tiring. I doubt I could make up that much excitement is diluted by longer stretches of less inspired material.

This material, by the way, would have been even less so if it were delivered with less charact eristic. Both Hopkins and Banderas plunge into the swashbuckling adventure with gusto, and deliver smashing performances. Mr. Campbell's effort gets a few more points from me, with Hopkins' stunts are not simple toys: equipped with an inexhaustible power source and a high-tech microchip as a brain, these toys can walk, talk, learn — and fight. They are released as two product lines: the clean-cut and handsome Commanders Elite, programmed to attack, and deformed monsters Gorgonites, programmed to be attacked. Of course, after about twenty minutes both are unleashed, and the war envelopes the land of Suburbia.

The technology has clearly developed a long way since E.T. and the toys move as if they were real.

It's made — and it is being advertised — a a profit fund on more picture a witty and highly entertaining part, but if I had to name a weak point it is that the movie carefully walks the line between using violence as entertainment and being a sharp criticism of such usage. It largely succeeds at both.

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Step to the music, not the asphalt.

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**Event Fund Panel Reaches Decision**

By Zareena Hussain
guest reporter

Over $18,000 from a $50,000 fund set aside to sponsor large campus-wide events has been allocated to sponsor a new "fall festival," intended to be a week-long series of events that focus on cultural awareness and public service.

"It's something MIT needs in the fall," said Kartik M. Mani '00, vice-president of the Class of 2000, who authored the proposal for the series of events. "An event like the fall festival "creates a better sense of community," he said.

Events to take place during the week include an international film series sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee, a mini-International Fair sponsored by the International Students Association, and a day of public service, Mani said.

"It will culminate in a swing dance and concert which will include the combined efforts of the Ballroom Dance Team and other event organizers," said Ryan K. Pierce '99, Undergraduate Activities floor leader.

The allocation was approved by a funding panel composed of members from the UA, including Pierce, the Association of Student Activities, and the Graduate Student Council.

"The exact fate of the funds and details of the fall festival continue to rest with event proposers and with members of the original funding panel," Pierce said.

The week will culminate in a swing dance and concert which will include the combined efforts of the Ballroom Dance Team and other event organizers. "It starts the ball rolling for groups to think about working with other groups," Chu said.

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"Leaders from the individual groups, though, are making most of the decisions regarding their events," Pierce added.

"Among the goals of the funding panel was to allow groups the opportunity to bring their ideas alive, and we're encouraged by the success thus far in that regard," Pierce said.

Currently, all decisions about the fate of the money allocated to the fund are made by the three governing bodies represented by the funding panel, said Van L. Chu '99, ASA president and member of the original funding panel.

Festival is feasible, inclusive

"The decision to support the fall festival was based on several factors including the feasibility of the proposal, how well planned the proposal was, and whether such an event would encompass students from all sectors of the MIT community," Chu said.

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Students decide fate of funds

All decisions about the fate of the large-event fund and further decisions about the $200,000 allocation from the Provost to student activities have been and will be made solely by students.

White representatives from the Office of Residence Life and Student Life Programs were present at funding decision meetings, it was largely in an advisory role. Richard A. Grash, a program coordinator in RLSLP who was present at these meetings, said he mainly was there to inform students of space and scheduling considerations regarding the fall festival.

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For instance, the Ballroom Dance Team proposed to use the money to offer free swing dance lessons and a organize a swing dance for the MIT community. The swing dance has since been combined with an originally proposed large concert into one event, Pierce said.

In addition, a proposal by LSC to have a semester-long series of films was instead changed to fall only within the week the fall festival takes place, Pierce said.

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Historical Board Ready to OK Fall Demolition of Building 20

By Douglas E. Heilmeier
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A permanent fixture in the 55 year history of the temporary wartime structure known as Building 20 has been the fleeting nature of its demolition. Tommorow, however, the Cambridge Historical Commission is set to clear the way for the Institute to obtain a demolition permit for the building, which has been slated for demolition ever since it opened late in 1943 as a temporary facility.

Later this year, a protective cocoon will encase the building while demolition workers remove the exterior asbestos walls and carefully take the facility apart, said Dr. Robert Simha MCP '57, director of planning.

Next year, construction will begin on the Stata Complex, which will eventually house the Laboratory for Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Lab for Learning and Wisdom and the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy.

When complete in 2001, the new 320,000 square foot building will also house a new dining facility and a medium-sized lecture hall, Simha said.

Commission discusses demolition

At a public hearing held in Building 68 last week, the Commission discussed the life of the building and also learned about the current use to be made of the site.

After touring the building, now emptied except for one researcher who is still waiting to move into its completely new renovated space on campus, the Commission heard a presentation from architect Frank O. Gehry about plans for the new building.

Certainly Gehry's team is looking to determine how best to divide the space according to the requirements of researchers and students in the building, Gehry said.

The building, which will be completed over the next six months, will likely feature a combination of work space, study space and labs spread out over buildings with large, expansive floors and "tower space" where zones of offices and labs surround a central core, much like the original MIT building.

Robert Simha, director of planning, said. Rooftop cafeterias and meeting spaces are also being considered.

"The good thing about Building 20," Gehry said, "is the flexible space of the building along with its temporary status made for a good cocoon." "We have come up with the [new building] is it has to be forgiving because of the nature of the building site," Gehry said.

Currently, the architects are looking at items such as lighting, sun control, partitions and the like to create flexible space for the researchers. They have created models based upon housing concepts such as the 19th century Japanese house, where room partitions can be opened and closed to form larger or smaller spaces on demand, Gehry said.

Gehry's team is also creating basic plans for a future "learning center," where underground classes could be centralized, Simha said.

The facility, which is a priority of President Charles M. Vest, would combine several large lecture halls with smaller recitation rooms and teaching laboratories, Simha said. It would feature the newest audio-visual facilities and would also include provisions for distance learning, Simha added.

Plans are also being drawn up for a long-term expansion to Building 68, which will complete the section of campus, Simha said. The current East Garage will be demolished before 2001 and replaced across Albany Street, creating space for the new buildings.

Current building praised

The wood-frame building, which vacated the codes even when it was built, was designed "in an afternoon" by Donald Whiston '72.

During the war, allied scientists perfected Radar within its flexible space.

After the war, while MIT applied again and again for extensions to its occupancy permit, the building served a variety of purposes. During the Vietnam War, anti-war protests held sit-ins in the offices of Professor Noam Chomsky and in the ROICI facilities.

More recently, the faculty fell into disrepair. "The threat of demolition has hovered over this building," said Gehry.

Renowned architect Frank O. Gehry heads the architectural team designing the new Stata Complex, which will be built on the site where Building 20 now stands.

CopTech Occupies MIT Museum Space

By Christina Chow

Caption: The first day of CopTech Occupies MIT Museum Space In Student Center

For the first time since its renovation a decade ago, the Student Center is changing dramatically. This summer, both Newbury Comics and the MIT Museum store choose not to renew their leases.

Coupled with basement renovations already under way by two information systems locations that will release an additional space, there are three vacancies to fill for this coming term in the student center.

The Copy Technology Center will replace the MIT Museum in its first floor space this fall. Peter Cummings, business manager of the Campus Activities Complex, said the MIT Museum store wanted "to retrain their business up the street." CopyTech was well prepared to come in and has spent a lot of time revamping its services including weekend and evening hours.

Student demand for a copy center was confirmed by a recent Planning Office survey that identified a copy center as a major student need.

"We were well into plans with Moving the CopyTech before the current space was vacated, but then it reaffirmed our thoughts...and made a feel good," Cummings said.

CopyTech, which already has two locations on campus, signed a five year primary lease with a five year lease option. CopyTech will likely open around October 1, said Philip J. Vedder, director of CAC.

Newbury space up for grabs

For now, the retail space vacated by Newbury Comics has not been filled.

One possibility that was identified by the dining review working group when it reported that students felt there was a significant "lack of seating...to support food areas," said Walsh.

In addition, the Undergraduate Association is currently campaigning for the Newbury Comics vacated space to be filled by graduate and social students. In May, the UA passed a resolution determining that whenever or major renovations were made to the Student Center, the UA would strongly encourage changes, to try making the Center a "student center," said UA floor leader Rynn E. Pence '99.

"The idea is to make the Student Center a central location for social interaction," Pence added.

The UA, partially working on recommendations by the working group on dangerous drinking, wants to make part of the Student Center a social area by installing jukeboxes and ping-pong and pool tables among other things.

"Graduate Student Council is behind the idea and [the UA Executive Committee has] been talking to members of the administration, and they seem supportive of the idea," Pence said.

In the past, the Student Center has featured a bowling alley in the basement, which was taken out during renovations in the late 1980s.

Since the space is part of the MIT real estate portfolio, the UA "is trying to take an open-minded approach, letting people have input, seeing how much support there is for the idea," before settling on one final proposal. UA representatives will meet with Cummings and Walsh today to further discuss these possibilities.

Video store possible in basement

One last vacancy will be opening up in the basement at the end of this month. Athena Video Consulting, the Microcomputer Center help desk, and PC repair will be consolidating their offices this month, Cummings said. As a result, an additional space will be opened in the Student Center.

One concept that CAC is investigating is the "video store concept, which we've looked into several times over the years," including the idea of " vending machines for video tapes that I have seen working on other college campuses," said Walsh.

"Our interest is to extend that to the floor and try to fill the space, because it does not one any good vacant."
Houses Find RAs While Questions Lie Unanswered

By Susan Buchman and Zareena Hussain

A month after the Institute first decreed the mandatory placement of resident advisers in fraternities, sororities and independent living groups by the 1998-99 school year, FSILGs, while in large part successful in the search for RAs, are still grappling with liability and financial issues that have yet to be clarified by the Institute.

An estimated 30 out of a total of 35 FSILGs have found a person to fill their house's RA slot, said Neal H. Dorough, associate dean for Residence Life and Student Life Programs and advisor to FSILGs.

However, while many living groups have cleared the initial hurdle of finding an RA, questions remain in the minds of house members about the financial responsibility of the house and the liability the RA would face as an officer of the Institute living in an independent house.

Key to clarifying this issue, some houses say, is an expected contract to be drafted by HLSLP.

A document is being developed and might not necessarily be a contract. Dorough said. It will "outline the mutual expectations" that the house, the RA, and MIT will hold. The final document will be signed by a member of the house's alumni board, a representative of the undergraduate residents of the house, the RA, and an official from HLSLP.

What is most unclear is "the role the RA would play as an enforcement officer, whether he would have more responsibility than your average resident," said Joshua R. Merok '99 of Zeta Psi, whose RA is an alumnus of the house.

"They've given us general guidelines," said Mary C. Obelnicki '98, rush chair of the Women's Independent Living Group, whose RA is an alumna of the house. However, "we don't have a very good idea," of the details of the arrangement, Obelnicki said.

Other questions centered around the responsibility the RA would have to assume. "The questions were more for the RA himself," said John Shim '99, president of Theta Xi, who also tapped an alumnus to serve as an RA.

The RA is likely to be the person next to the house president to be blamed if anything happens, Shim said. "If something were to go wrong... would MIT back the RA?"

Financial questions remain

Officially, houses have been promised the reimbursement of one house bill per resident adviser by MIT.

However, some houses have been assured that the Institute would pay for two house bills if the resident adviser happened to be housed in a double room.

"The official MIT release is [MIT] would incure one housebill," Merok said. "Right now that's not fixed."

Some houses may be unsure of the policy change Sigma Chi, whose RA will be a fraternity alumni from the Ohio State University chapter, is preparing to incur the cost of one house bill spread over the housing costs of all fraternity members because the RA will have to be housed in a double room, said house president Phillip P. Kim '99.

At Theta Xi MIT is only covering the cost of one house bill while the alumni corporation of the house is using existing funds to offset any further expense, Shim said.

Houses have been informed that they will not be reimbursed for housing their RA during next summer, although they would be expected to house him or her during that period.

"For sure we accrue the cost of housing them over the summer," Obelnicki said.

Despite the ability of FSILGs to cope with the situation of having to hire an RA, many are still embittered by the speed with which the decision was made.

"I think their timing is pretty poor," Kim said. "Most of the brothers were away for the summer."

Friends and Family Remember Chao For His Humility, Kindness

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security as a graduate of Course VI, 2, Hunter said. Although he had considered Mechanical Engineering, Chao decided the job prospects were better within Computer Science.

"I don't think many of my freshmen have career plans," Hunter said. "That's kind of refreshing over here."

Hsieh said Chao had been extremely enthusiastic about his year at the Institute and considered it to be his best experience. "His life definitely ended on a high note. I know he would have wanted it that way."

"He has done so much more in 19 years than people have done in 40," Hsieh added.

Private memorial services for Chao were held in Michigan last week. A scholarship fund in Chao's name has been established at the Math and Science Center. Contributions may be sent to the Center, at 600 West Vine St., Suite 400, Kalamazoo MI 49008.

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Kappa Sigma Questions Evidence As IFC Forces Fraternity Dry

By Susan Buchman

Kappa Sigma has been sanctioned following an incident in which a minor was allegedly served alcohol at the Kappa Sigma house and subsequently injured himself.

The fraternity was charged with violating four rules of the Interfraternity Council by serving alcohol to minors. Kappa Sigma is not certified to serve alcohol. The fraternity pleaded not guilty to all charges, arguing that there was no organized event at the house on the night in question and that no underage persons were given alcohol.

According to a police report, the alleged party was a gathering of alumni, members of the Boston University chapter of Kappa Sigma, and the wife of an alumnus. All members of the group were over 21 and had purchased the alcohol they were consuming. Rodriguez argued that what had taken place was a private event, not a house party.

The Judicial Committee trial concluded that Kappa Sigma guilty of the four charges. According to the summary of the Judicial Committee presented at the meeting, “this was an unplanned event that involved most of the floor tiles and pipe insulation disagreed. "I'm more convinced that it is not going to be used for any purpose," Schneider said.

Crowding graduate students in Ashdown House, Green Hall and Edgerton Hall is also a possibility. Patton said. In addition, the large, two bedroom Worthington Place apartments may house three graduate students if necessary, Patton said. Graduate students housed in Worthington Place will be subsidized for part of their rent.

Housing commitments honored
All students assigned housing in the new building will go. "I may have enough space within Tang," Patton said.

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grams, participate in TIPS training by November 1, and meet MIT's requirements for alcohol certification.

MIT has also taken action against the fraternity, suspending them from holding any social events or activities, including rush events, until more information is known. The Institute will conduct a review of the incident before Orientation. "I think there's a chance of BTP rushing this year," said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates. "At this point there's nothing to suggest that this chapter in a chapter was responsible."

During the review phase, the Institute has also banned alcohol at the fraternity. The alumni corporation, which owns the house, has agreed to augment supervision at the house. The alumni corporation will review the status of the summer residents and will take appropriate action, including eviction if warranted. BTP has taken steps to address the issues brought by the incident, including rewriting its policies on summer boarders, said Katie E. Hardacre '99, who chairs the IFC judicial committee. "The alumni corporation and the chapter have both been very responsive...in working with us," Bates said.

Eran Egozy adjusts his reed before performing Beethoven's Clarinet Trio, Op. 38.

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I thought we could pay them a little visit!

Albert and Newton are on vacation so they asked me to fill in for them.

I'm pleased to report another stellar week of accomplishments!

I moved more than 800,000 bits of data to a disaster recovery back-up facility!

I did just take credit for copying a file to a diskette?

I was my resume.

Son-of-a-Boss

Did you just make any sense at all?

Yes, it's brilliant!

Perfect.

I don't see why our web pages need URLs. Get rid of them.

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I<h11>'<dOn't just take credit for copying a file to a diskette?

It was my resume.

I need my son to manage our technology development group.

He's young, but I'm almost positive he went to college.

Where did you go to college?

Actually, I was in our attic for four years.

My name is Myron, not Moron!

Next time that you run spell check, don't automatically take its suggestions.

What's spell check?

I've been promoted to vice president of Marketing!

I've been promoted to vice president of Marketing!

My complete lack of knowledge has not gone unnoticed.

Son-of-a-Boss

It's already so simple a hamster could use it. How much dumbier is your boss?

Maybe we should leave my mom out of this.

My mom is a physicist!

I fired our exercise radar.

I guess I can do my puffing jack without clothes. It's just us guys.

Single occupancy isn't so hard to set.

I'm so hard to set.

Give me a month and I'll replace our link with uniform resource locators.

I'm just too easy to set.

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My complete lack of knowledge has not gone unnoticed.

I can't do a plan until you tell me the strategy.

Son-of-a-Boss

If you feel the need to buy me a gift, I'd love a piano.

I sometimes the leadership just radiates from my body.

My dad taught me everything I know.

He used to say "Don't drink the pickle juice until the pickles are gone."

Was that a big problem at your house?

I think I speak for a lot of cubicle dwellers when I say...

Choose me. I couldn't resist hearing your conversation outside my cubicle.

Shut up!!
YOU HAVEN'T INTERFERED WITH MY PROJECT IN WEEKS. SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG.

I BELIEVE IN EMPOWERING MY EMPLOYEES AND SPENDING OUT OF THE WAY.

AM I GOING TO FIND MY REAL BOSS'S BODY IN A Dumpster?

THERE'S EXTRA MONEY IN THE BUDGET. WOULD YOU LIKE A BONUS?

I HAVEN'T TALKED YET. BUT ALL THE GOOD POINTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. OUR MOMENTUM ALIGNS WITH OUR VALUE-ADDED DISTRIBUTION!

WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT WAS JUST BADGE, RIGHT?

ALL THE GOOD ONES WERE TAKEN.

I THINK THE EARTHLENS ARE GETTING SUSPICIOUS.

KEEP ACTING COMPETENT AND CARING. OUR PRISONER SAYS THAT'S HOW LEADERS ACT ON THEIR WORLD.

CAROL. LET ME DO THE ORG CHART ON MY PC. YOU HAVE TOO MUCH WORK ALREADY.

AAAGH!

NO ONE SUSPECTS THAT THE REAL BOSS IS IN A PRISON TUBE ON MY SNOWMOBILE?

IS IT OKAY IF I ONLY CARE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF YOUR WORK?

SURE. I ONLY CARE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF YOUR WORK.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?

IT'S JUST AN OBSERVATION.

DO YOU MIND IF I JUMP ON THE GARBAGE?

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT WHEN I SEE A FRESH FILE OF GARBAGE, I JUST WANT TO JUMP UP AND DOWN ON IT.

I USED TO MAKE SURE THE ARTICLES WERE RELEVANT. BUT THAT WAS MORE WORK THAN IT WAS WORTH.

I SAW THIS ALREADY. IT'S FROM YOUR PAPER. YOU ALWAYS LEAVE IT IN THE THIRD STALL.

APARENTLY MY BOSS HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT ALIEN.

THAT MEANS MY REAL BOSS IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN SOME Sort OF WEIRD ALIEN PRISON.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?

I'M A WORTHLESS EMPLOYEE WHO CUTS OUT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND ROUTES THEM AROUND.

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POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between July 1 and July 29. Information is compiled from the Campus Police’s weekly crime summary and from dispatcher logs.

July 1: Bldg. 13, toxic gas alarm; Bldg. 6, door knob stolen from Eastman Lobby, unknown value.

July 2: Walker, suspicious activity; Bldg. E25, malicious damage to card reader; Vassar St. and Mass Ave., provided assistance to non-affiliated intoxicated female; Bldg. E19, tool bag reported stolen, later discovered misplaced; Bldg. 13, toxic gas alarm, no cause found; Mass Ave., bike secure with U-lock stolen, no known value; Sigma Kappa, credit card stolen.

July 3: Bldg. WW15, abandoned vehicle towed.

July 4: Bldg. E23, suspicious person; Bldg. E53, bike stolen sometime between May and July, $150; Bldg. 56, credit cards stolen; East Campus, items thrown from window at pedestrians striking and injuring same; Bldg. 4, animal problem in 4-250.

July 6: Westgate, bicycle stolen, $40; Amherst St., minor motor vehicle accident, one operator taken into custody for an outstanding warrant; Bldg. W84, complaint of bottle being thrown.

July 7: Student Center turns over, minor motor vehicle accident; Bldg. E55, check on well being of a child; Bldg. NW30, Martin Smith, of 784 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.

July 8: 199 Bay State Rd, credit card stolen; Safe Ride driver harassed by group of youths; Bldg. W51, fire alarm; Beta Theta Pi, credit card stolen.

July 8: New House, gas leak; Hayden Library, suspicious person; Bldg. NW12, unreported.

July 10: Bldg. E60, larceny of laptop computer, $3,424; Herrmann Garage, damage to motor vehicle; Bldg. 6, chemical spill of one gram of Methyl iodide.

July 11: Barton Center, loud party; Bldg. 20, suspicious activity.

July 12: Bldg. W11, larceny of bicycle, $115; Ashdown House, fire alarm, $20; larceny of bicycle, $300; Bldg. 14, suspicious person.

July 13: Bldg. E51, two attempted breakings and enterings; Bldg. 68, fire alarm; Bldg. N2, lost child discovered, returned to parents; Bldg. E51, larceny of VCR; Bldg. 20, bike stolen.

July 14: New House, larceny of bicycle, $450; Bldg. 4, larceny of laser printer, $1,957; Bldg. 4, suspicious activity; Bldg. 54, Arrest (2 subjects), trespass after notice; Bldg. E52, harassing e-mail; Student Center, larceny of airline tickets, $1,100; Bldg. 54, larceny of credit cards; Alpha Tau Omega, larceny of bicycle, $370; Bldg. N42, lost child.

July 15: Student Center, un authorized person’s wallet; Bldg. 6, harassing mail; Killian Court, Suspicious Person; Bldg. 35, larceny of wallet, $20.

July 16: Bldg. 1, report of suspicious person.

July 17: Beta Theta Pi, report of bottles being thrown from roof of the Bldg. at Boston University police officers; Killian Court, generator stolen, $1,625; Bldg. 68, fire alarm caused by smoke backwash.

July 18: Bldg. E19, vending machine broken into, food items stolen; Rockwell Cage, wallet and cellphone stolen, $80; Beacon St., assist Boston Police with suspicious activity.

July 19: 500 Memorial Dr., report of two missing students from summer program, same later returned; Westgate lot, Honda broken into and airbag stolen; Bldg. 8, chilled water pipe broke causing water damage to area; 500 Memorial Dr., report of missing student from summer program, same later returned.

July 20: Killian Court, air compressor stolen; Bldg. 14, printer and power adapter stolen, $250; Phi Beta Epsilon, two wallets and watches stolen, $138; Bldg. 42, suspicious person stopped, checked out okay; Bldg. E23, several small items stolen, $43; Memorial Dr., assist State Police, lightening struck a truck and flying debris caused damage to two vehicles; Theta Xi, 1) laptop stolen, $3,700, 2) wallet stolen, $100; Bldg. 56, bike secured with a cable stolen.

July 21: Area of Bldg. 52, mulit arrested for malicious destruction of property (taxi cab) and as assault and battery of police officers; Bldg. 52, harassment of two women; Theta Pi, report of bottle being thrown.

July 22: Bldg. 14, larceny of computer scanner; MIT Coop, larceny of software, Bldg. 35, larceny of cordless phone/answering machine, $270; Student Center, 1) larceny of computer software, 2) arrest of Arjun Sannuti, for larceny and assault and battery on a police officer; Zeta Psi, larceny of bicycle, $250; Alpha Delta Phi, suspicious activity, item thrown from upper floor. Bldg. 48, malfunction of elevator.

July 29: Bldg. E17, missing person, located; Student Center, larceny of laptop, $1,000; Bldg. 66, Lab Explosives, unfound.

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