Orientation Schedule Gets Varied Reaction

According to the tentative schedule, residence selection will begin in earnest after the Freshman Essay Evaluation, tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning. However, it is hoped that the Freshman Essay Evaluation will move online so that incoming students may take it over the summer, Hodges said.

Residence selection will extend through Monday. Academic orientation and meetings with freshman advisors will begin on Tuesday. However, this schedule is also tentative and may change, Hodges said. Tuesday morning may be made free to continue with residence selection that morning, said Diane D. Drager, 1991, IPC president.

Entries in the Daily Confusion will be more regulated. While groups will still be able to list their events, they may potentially be limited in the number of events they can list, Cogliano said.

The proposed changes to rush are viewed as an "experimental program" that will be used to consider future changes, said Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams.

Students disagree on changes

Rush chairs are divided on whether the new ban on summer mailings will hurt or help their recruitment activities. Under the previous system, freshmen were given a "casio" into the residence selection process, he said.

Focus to be tightly defined

"The focus of Orientation 1998 will stress the academic for the first two and a half days, then the focus will shift to residence selection for the next two and a half days," Hodges said. Following residence selection the focus will switch back to academic orientation. The idea is to create a "clear separation between housing issues and academics," Hodges said.

Rush will begin Friday evening with the Residence Midway, which initially was proposed by the Interfraternity Council. Panhellenic rush, which will go largely unaffected, will also begin Friday evening.

Mass Delta Corporation President Shaun E. Meredith '90 and Sigma Phi Epsilon President Kevin M. Stange '99 discuss their handling of a December alcohol incident before the Boston Licensing Board.

The Lemelson Foundation also awarded an annual $500,000 national Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for inventiveness. The Lemelson-MIT Student Prize was created by the late Jerome Lemelson, a prolific inventor, to recognize creativity and inventive-ness at the Institute. A committee overseen by Professor Lester C. Thurow in the Sloan School of Management selects a student each year to receive the award.

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**House Votes to Dismiss Dornan's Election-Fraud Challenge**

**WASHINGTON**

The House voted overwhelmingly Thursday to dismiss the election-fraud challenge filed by Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., and then rejected a Republican attempt to tighten voter-registration procedures to prevent voting by noncitizens.

**The vote on the challenge was expected after the House Oversight Committee wrapped up a lengthy investigation last week by finding insufficient evidence to void Sanchez's 1996 victory over Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., that the congressman who filed the challenge, blaming his upset defeat primarily on illegal votes cast by noncitizens.

The vote-fraud legislation the House also considered Thursday would have launched a pilot program in California and four other states in the fall, at their discretion, to verify citizenship before people registered.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Steve Horn, R-Calif., required a majority vote—216-200—but a two-thirds margin was required for passage because it was voted on under special parliamentary rules.

It would likely be bought up again as part of a package of voter-reform bills, GOP leaders said, at which time the two-thirds rule will not apply.

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**Cuba to Release Dozens of Prisoners**

**THE WASHINGTON POST**

Cuba announced Thursday it has decided to release dozens of prisoners in what the Vatican called "an act of clemency and good will" resulting from an appeal made by Pope John Paul II during his trip to the island last month.

The release was announced first in a Vatican statement that said the immediate release of several hundred prisoners presented by the Vatican to Cuban authorities during the pope's visit. The list included the names of prisoners jailed for their political opposition to the communist government.

The release was later confirmed in Havana by Cuban Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez, who said "several dozen" prisoners were being released.

The names of the prisoners were not released, and it was not clear how many prisoners would be released or when.

A group of human rights organizations is estimated there are about 300 political prisoners in Cuba.

U.S. officials said the initial release of prisoners fell short of expectations. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the pardons were "woefully inadequate" because they were far less than the Vatican had sought.

"There are a lot of prisoners," Ruben said. "There are dozens of political prisoners in Cuba, and we would like to see them all released."

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**IBM Hired to Build Supercomputer**

For Nuclear Test Simulations

**LOS ANGELES TIMES**

The Energy Department awarded an $85 million contract to IBM Corp. on Thursday to build a supercomputer that will be used to simulate the detonation of nuclear warheads, allowing scientists to test the U.S. arsenal without performing actual explosions.

The contract is part of a multibillion-dollar federal program to acquire computers thousands of times more powerful than current PCs for use in national defense laboratories.

The Defense Secretary's plan to key White House efforts to demonstrate that actual nuclear tests are unnecessary and to prevent states from testing without a reliable way to test a ban treaty signed by President Clinton two years ago.

The new machine has 8,192 processors working in tandem to execute up to 12 teraflops, roughly one thousand times more powerful than a typical PC. It is scheduled to be delivered to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California in 2000.

Thursday's announcement was the latest in a series of Energy Department purchases of supercomputers for national laboratories. IBM is already under contract to deliver a separate supercomputer to Lawrence Livermore in 1999. Intel Corp. and Cray Research also have deals to supply supercomputers to laboratories in New Mexico.

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**Russian Defense Chief Scolds U.S. for Stark Hanse On Iraq**

**BY BRADLEY GRAHAM**

**THE WASHINGTON POST**

Russian Defense Minister Igor Sechin, forcefully delivering Defense Secretary William S. Cohen's warning to preclude "tough and uncompromising" stand on Iraq, warned that hardened judgment about military operations and expressing "deep concern" about future U.S.-Russian relations if the United States takes military action against Iraq.

"We have kept looking on at the start of a meeting between the two defense chiefs, Cohen calmly con- sidered that the Russians had exercised "great caution" toward Iraq. He argued that while there were risks associated with military action, the costs of allowing Iraq to continue to use its weapons without limits, they will have more discussion after the opening meeting....

The administration called the meeting a "subject of Iraq" a "challenge of Iraq" and an "exercise of great caution" toward Iraq. In the military field, especially if the United States takes military action against Iraq. President Boris Yeltsin warned last year that the United States would have "no choice but to act if it took military action and has sent a high-ranking envoy to Baghdad in an attempt to negotiate a compromise."

"We have considered this first time the Russians had made that blunt remark in a public, face-to-face encounter with a U.S. Cabinet member. Cohen and Sergeyev proclaimed agreement on the need for Iraq to abide by U.N. resolutions, saying their differences were over the means to that end. Sergeyev said he had raised several key issues in the meeting and again in the Pentagon briefing.

A senior aide to Cohen said the secretary also had been unaware of the U.N. inspectors' discovery. "He called on the U.N. special committee to a special deal on a special deal, which he said included confidential information....

Cohen said he was ready to release the Post's report briefly with Sergeyev, who disputed it in the meeting and again in the Pentagon briefing. A senior aide to Cohen said the secretary also had been aware of the U.N. inspectors' discovery.

"I would like to relate to you our deep concern over the possible prospects of Russian-U.S. relations if the United States takes military actions are taken," said the Russian defense minister.
Panel Told of Efforts To Deal With Art Plundered by Nazis

WASHINGTON POST

Directors of America's leading art museums told a congressional committee Thursday that they are searching for ways to resolve the thorny issues around art stolen by the Nazis.

In recent years a number of high-profile cases have put a spotlight on the issue of looted art and its acquisition, unwittingly in most cases, by museums. Even though the number of public cases is said to be small, they have shaken the art world.

Rep. James A. Leach, R-Iowa, chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services, has been looking into restitution for victims of the Holocaust and said the basic notion of justice prompted his attention to "the greatest theft in history."

"The operative principle is simple: Stolen property must be returned. Pillaged art cannot come under a statute of limitations," Leach said.

The issue has been gaining attention because more information is available. With the end of the Cold War, archives are being opened in Eastern Europe, documents are being declassified and collections are being posted on the Internet.

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MEng is a Graduate Level Program

I am writing in response to Altschul's column in a recent issue of The Tech: "Mastering An Undergrad Program," Feb. 6. I take exception to Altschul’s arguments and conclusion that Master of Engineering "students are genuinely undergraduates," and nothing more. It seems that he may be attempting to make this point to support the construction of a new undergraduate dormitory, but it is not completely clear from his article that this is the case. I do hope that he is not trying to discount the work and research of MEng students at MIT.

Altschul makes several attempts to show how the MEng degree program is similar to an undergraduate degree program, and concludes from these attempts that the MEng is not a graduate degree. However, the fact that the MEng programs subsume their respective undergraduate programs does not mean that these graduate programs are inferior. For instance, students pursuing the MEng in Computer Science program must complete a substantial level of research. In fact, it is my understanding that these programs (or at least the Course VI program) are expressly designed to allow students to progress from their undergraduate degree programs without the extensive commitment of the PhD program. MEng still provides graduate level research experience, it is just that it allows you to finish your research in less than 3 or 4 years.

The only evidence that Altschul provides to show that the MEng program does not include any individual graduate research work is the fact that the MEng program is listed next to the undergraduate program in the MIT Bulletin. This is hardly convincing; the admissibility of these two programs listing only reflects the overlap of their two intended audiences. The undergraduate program is aimed at undergraduates who wish to graduate with a bachelor's degree while the MEng program is aimed at undergraduates who wish to continue beyond their undergraduate program and take graduate level work into graduate level research.

I also fail to see why the fact that many MEng students have already graduated to another graduate program after their senior year and instead decide to receive their two degrees simultaneously means that the MEng program is "passing through more than one undergraduate program." There are many reasons to wait to receive the bachelor's degree, including the chance to earn a major or another bachelor's degree, or a simple lack of desire to go through the graduation process more than once. A student's failure to com-
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The Macho Institute of Taming
American Repertory Theatre's Take on Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew

By Bence P. Olveczky

It is the nature of theater itself that takes center stage in the American Repertory Theatre's refreshing original production of Shakespeare's comedy The Taming of the Shrew. Rather than aiming for a faithful interpretation of the bard, the two-and-a-half hour performance is a clever and humorous tribute to the art of playing theater.

Referred to as the "battle of the sexes," the play tells the story of how the wild and unregrett ing Katharina is tamed by her suitor, the opportunistic chauvinist Petruchio. In the end their relationship is blessed by true love, and we are told that women should "serve, love, and obey."

The play raises issues concerning gender, sexual politics, and the nature of love that have a very different meaning in our post-feminist, politically correct times than they had for Shakespeare. The archaic nature of the play is a serious challenge to artists trying to reinterpret the play for the modern era. Successful interpretations exist, most notably Cole Porter's Broadway musical Kiss me Kate, but they are few and far between.

George Bernard Shaw criticized the play for being "one vile insult to womanhood and manhood from the first word to the last." Realizing that he can not remain faithful to Shakespeare's original intention, the world-renowned Romanian director Andrei Serban takes the structural framework of the play and its many comic elements and transforms the piece into his personal homage to theater and play-acting.

There are several layers to the play and Serban makes use of them all to contemplate the nature of theater. He makes it ambiguous whether the central story about the taming of Katharina is the dream of a drunk, or a prank played on the set by a group of hunters who hire a theater group to perform for him in his drunken stupor. Are we witnessing a play true to life or just a dream? Where does reality end and the dream start? And what is theater? An illusion of reality or a reality in its own right? No obvious answers are given.

The drunk's dream (or is it reality?) is turned into a fast-paced post-modern farce with a multitude of cultural references. A gun-toting Terminator (one of Petruchio's alter egos), biker gang, paparazzi, and fashion queens are all part of the colorful cast, often making the stage reminiscent of a Halloween party gone awry. There is even a reference to MIT. Hortensio, one of Petruchio's confidant, wears a T-shirt with the MIT logo reading "Macho Institute of Taming." It happens, the Institute triumph again; machismo tames the shrew girl and the girl becomes a loving wife. But to jump the gun and get offended on behalf of feminism would be to miss the point of this wonderful production.

If Shakespeare's text suffers from Serban's interpretation (and it does), it serves to enable the Shakespearean idea of theater as pure entertainment. The director borrows elements from cabaret, circus, and slapstick comedy. The production is an intense roller-coaster ride from scene to scene, where the next laugh is never far away. Serban distances himself from the questionable character development by exaggerating the characters and placing them in cartoon-like settings, beautifully realized by the stage designer Christine Jones.

The production is carried by a strong cast, led by the handsome Don Reilly as the tamer Petruchio (not many girls I know would resist his taming), and Kristin Flanders as the enigmatic Katharina. The acting is playful throughout and seeing the cast sharing in the fun with the audience lends the production a light and unpretentious quality.

To be honest, the production has far less to do with Shakepeare's play than with director Andrei Serban's vision of what theater should be, but I have a distinct feeling that we are better served this way. Maybe because Serban's vision is not far from Shakespeare's own.

The Taming of the Shrew is playing at the American Repertory Theatre (64 Brattle Street, Cambridge) until March 21. Tuesday-Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 7 pm. Matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 pm. Call 547-8300 for more information.
By Mark Huang  

**GAME REVIEW**

Tomb Raider II: The Dagger of Xian

The new Tomb Raider movie starring Elizabeth Hurley is flying strong, but until then, I'll be playing some more of the game that track 23 is referring to: "<shower noises> <pause> Don't you think we've seen enough? <click> <bang>!"

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**Scoop**

By Virginia Huang

Valentine's Day is a holiday all we wish wasn't such a bad deal, yet consumer patterns have justified the production of over 20 million conversation hearts and heart-shaped candies. So, for the unfortunates who still have their grocery stores open, look over the schedule, and get ready to cheer for your favorite country.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:15 p.m. APOLINE SKATING - Women's downhill
2:30 - 6:00 p.m. SPEED SKATING - Women's 500m, first race
1:05 - 3:30 a.m. ICE HOCKEY - Men's: United States vs. Sweden Qualifier 1

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11:35 PM - 2:30 a.m. ICE HOCKEY - Men's: Canada vs. Sweden
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**The Arts**

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**February 13, 1998**
In The Translation Lost Is The Poetry Of It Now

By Vladimir Zelensky

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"A ballad of a loafer"

The queen of the hearts, she did some tarts, all the day of the summer.

The king of the hearts called for tarts and beat the full pain of the loafer.

The knave of the hearts brought back tarts and vouched he'd steal no more.

ENGLISH + PORTUGUESE + ENGLISH

"Hold on to your feet"

The queen of the hearts, she made some tarts, all on a summer's day.

The Knave of Hearts called for the tarts, he said some tarts.

The knave of the hearts, he robbed tarts and he took them absent clean.

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The loafer of the hearts brought tarts behind and made vote he would not rob more not.

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"Where's my portfolio?"

The queen of the hearts, it made some pie-charts, all the day of a summer.

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ENGLISH + FRENCH + ENGLISH

"Where's my portfolio?"

The queen of the hearts, it made some pie-charts, all the day of a summer.

The servant of the hearts, it stole pie-charts and their took clean party.

The king of the hearts required pie-charts and beat the full wound of servant.

The servant of the hearts brought back pie-charts and dedicated it would not fly more.

ENGLISH + GERMAN + ENGLISH + FRENCH + ENGLISH + SPANISH + ENGLISH + ITALIAN + ENGLISH + PORTUGUESE + ENGLISH (well, not quite ENGLISH)

"Piece de resistance is futile"

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The it and cake king beats necessary interns the full wound the employee.

The employee of the intern did not recoup cakes and dedicated he would not pilot it more.

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by Hugo

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I THOUGHT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HEART SHAPED

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GSC Motion Decrees ILG Tutor Liability

By Frank Dubek

The Graduate Student Council is considering a motion which would oppose the placement of graduate resident tutors in off-campus living groups until their responsibilities are more clearly defined. Every GSC-approved residence will have a resident advisor by the Fall of 1998, said President Charles M Vest in a Dec. 9 press release. The plan was a result of the housing discussions following the death of Scott K. Knager '00.

The motion, which was introduced at the Feb. 4 meeting of the GSC by Omri Schwarz G, stated that under the current alcohol policy, graduate students "will be expected to act and prevent undergraduate drinking. "Graduate students have neither the means nor the training to carry out such a duty," the motion continued. The resolution would force the GSC to oppose placing GRTs until a "specified list of duties for the resident advisors" was agreed upon.

The motion further states that the GSC opposes any action that "would make graduate students legally liable for the behavior of other residents" that occurs "in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" is agreed upon.

The motion also says that the GSC opposes any action that "would make graduate students legally liable for incidents they are resident tutors" would not only that resident advisors and "graduate students are, I can't recommend it," said GSC President Geoffrey J. Coram G, adding that he is concerned that GRTs would be forced to act "like policemen."

However, Coram said that graduate students could be a positive influence on ILGs and provide "someone with a little more maturity."

"Neither Coram nor Schwarz were aware of any details concerning how the plan to move GRTs into living groups would be implement. In late January, Vest reported that no additional progress had been made on the plan. The motion will be discussed and voted on at the next GSC meeting on March 4.

Lemelson Winner Inventor, Role Model

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normally be used for heart surgery. "It's used for the world of business and I have seen the impor-
tance of innovation to make business go," said Chairman of the Corporation Alexandre V. d'Arbeloff '49, who spoke at Wednesday's awards ceremony. "We're in a much more competitive era than 20 years ago. The importance of doing new things is particularly vital," he said.

"I don't perceive myself as an inventor," Madhani said. "I perceive myself as a guy who works in shop." Nevertheless, Madhani's creativity has given him five patents on the table for cases in the devices, one for a force-reflecting globe, and another for a robotic hand that captures and tracks.

"He is an inventor and a role model. The prize will help him to get some inventions into the world," Thurm said.

J. Kenneth Salisbury, principal scientist, a member of the department of mechanical engineering and the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory and Madhani's advisor, said "he's brought such joy to our lab." Salisbury also advised Thomas H. Massie '93, the Lemelson-MIT Prize winner from two years ago. Madhani now works for Walt Disney Imagineering Research and Development in Los Angeles.

MIT dates & deadlines

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Mass Mailings Banned, Rush Shortened in New Plan

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posal, ILGs will not receive the list of incoming students before rush. While "many FSILGs feel it is critical for them to target incoming freshmen before they come in," the issue of summer mailings to freshmen is "non-negotiable," Hodges said. "I want to let [incoming freshmen] decide first," Hodges said.

Instead of being able to send out rush booklets, dormitories and FSILGs will each have an entry in an expanded residence selection booklet which will list certain objective criteria to be met by those selected.

In the booklet will be a reply card which freshmen who wish to have the opportunity to return for more information about a particular dormitory or FSILG. The specific details of the offer will be potentially finalized, Hodges said, although it may be a simple checklist for each residence plus other written notes. Some object to the idea of a reply card. "Almost everyone I live with, including myself, would have never filled out that card," said Jay P. Machul, G, former rush chair for Eliot House.

The changes "effectively eliminate summer rush," said Sigma Phi Epsilon rush chair, Felix Dushinsky '99.

"Others aren't worried. I don't feel too bad about not getting the list," said Nathan J. Williams '98, Phi rush chair.

Another point of disappointment among rush chairs is the overall perception that there is less time to interact with freshmen and less opportunity for freshmen to make a choice about where to live.

"The lack of time to do things is really the biggest problem," Nathan Williams said.

"Reducing the time of rush is only making the choices less informed," Dushinsky said.

Students want more input

Another point of contention among students was the lack of student input into the initial decisions about what changes would take place during Orientation 1998.

The changes to freshman orientation were decided upon by a committee of concerned faculty deans, and administrators, Hodges said. Although one student representative sat in a committee meeting to offer input, no student officially served on the committee.

Students were left off the committee as part of a conscious effort to have faculty and deans ponder what they want students to get out of orientation experience.

Not to have students on the original scheduling committee, was "inappropriate," Machul said.

"We are more concerned with the decision making process." Hodges said.

Changes evolve from fall meetings

While rush chairs have yet to become accustomed to the changes that have been thrust upon them in the past week, administrators responsible for the changes insist that they are grounded in what was determined from discussions in the fall.

There were many guiding principles to the changes made, Hodges said. One message the Institute wants to send to students is that "the reason they're at MIT is to get an education," he said.

Another impediment for changes was the realization that parents want their sons and daughters not to rush in a kneek-jerk reaction to being bombarded with summer mailings, Hodges said.

"There have been concerns raised by entering students, in addition to faculty and staff and some student groups, that there is such an influx of information that students during the summer that it's overwhelming, that it's all-bulleted, and that a group has decided on arms race among different student groups, particularly residential, and that sends the wrong message to students," Stewart said. "We need to realize that if we did nothing to R/O, chances are we would have a negative impact on rush," Hodges said.

Still room for more modifications

Many things, however, still have to be decided upon such as the IFC rules governing the extension of bidsg, Dreger said. The IFC rush rules committee will meet in two weeks to continue working on changes, Dreger said.

Rush chairs will also have to plan how they will structure meetings given the new changes.

"They basically have to change the way their thinking to deal with the new rush," Dreger said.

"A lot of houses are in a panic with a gloom and doom attitude. They better get their acts together before rush starts or they will be doomed," Nathan Williams said.

Dreger said that "Hemminger contributed to the reporting of this story."
ICF Judcomm Punishes Sig Ep For December Alcohol Incident

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was "large enough to consider it a fraternity function" for insurance purposes.

The event, which was held inside the Interfraternity Council's decision to ban alcohol at events, was a "big party kind of spontaneous and spread by word of mouth," Stange said. Of the approximately 50 attendees, most were brothers or pledges, although a few other people were there.

Stange admitted that there was little control over alcohol during the party and that most of the students go and pour themselves a drink.

While Stange did not know the freshman, he did confirm that she was at the party. "Some people said she was drinking in her room before иd after she was at Sig Ep, Stange said.

According to witness reports, the student, who lives in Baker House, consumed between 12 and 15 shots of alcohol before returning to her dormitory room, said Captian John E. Driscoll of the Campus Police.

Alumni move to punish fraternity

Immediately following the incident, the Mass Delta Alumni Corporation, which owns the Sig Ep house, conducted their own investigation, said Shaun Mer, the Mass Delta Alumni chapter advisor, and to adopt a new stance-free, to appoint a resident assistant, to amend the IFC Risk Management Alcohol Policy. Because of its "straightforward acceptance of responsibility" and the action of the Alumni Corporation, the Judicial Committee decided not to severely punish the organization.

The IFC required Sig Ep to be alcohol free until June 1, to contribute $500 towards an alcohol awareness and education program scheduled for March, and to provide two CPR training sessions for at least 50 people.

The actions are designed to "prevent an alcohol related occurrence" at Sig Ep as well as to "help change MIT's cultural dependence on alcohol," said Judicial Committee Chair Katherine E. Hardacre '99 in a letter explaining the decision.

"Had the Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni not responded so promptly and stringently, the Executive Review would have demanded a harsher penalty," Hardacre said.

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An introduction to Athena and Athena workstations. Topics include: what you can do on Athena, getting your account, logging in, sending messages, finding help and documentation.

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Elementary text editing with Emacs, sending and receiving e-mail, and using the Athena printers.
Pre-requisites: Intro

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Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working

Maple (Maple)
A mathematics program that can perform mathematical, statistical, matrix, and string functions. It also has extensive graphics capabilities.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working

Serious Emacs (Ser. Emacs)
The text editor introduced its own Word Processing has many useful features not covered in that course. This course in a mind for anyone who uses Emacs more than an hour or two each week.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working, some Emacs experience

Customization on Athena (Dotfiles)
Intended for the intermediate-level Athena user, this course will discuss the custom configuration files (dotfiles) that affect it, as well as changes the user can make to those and other files to customize their working environment.
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February 13, 1998

Sports

Track and Field Annihilates Competition in Quad Cup Meet

By Jeff Billing

The men’s track and field team thoroughly annihilated the Tufts University Jumbos last Saturday in their final quad cup meet of the season. The Beavers went into the meet expecting a close competition, but walked away with 258 points, far more than Tufts’ 185, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy’s 110, and Middlebury College’s 31. The sweep gave MIT a 12-1 record going into the post season.

As usual, Mike Parkevich ’99 and co-captain Ravi Saxty ’98 lead the way. Saxty recorded four victories: winning the long jump, the 55-meter hurdles, the 55-meter dash, and the 200-meter dash. Parkevich was only needed in two events; the 1500-meter race and the 3000-meter race, both of which he won using his patented strategy of staying in second place until the last 400 meters where twice he unleashed a ferocious finishing kick, leaving the outstanding jump of 41’ 1/2” to win and was immediately followed by Tyson Lawrence ’91 in second place.

On the track, Todd Roenfeldt ’01 recorded second place in the 400-meter dash while Neel Karchem ’99 took third. Karchem then returned to place second in the 200m behind Saxty. In the 460-meter race, Martin Surlesh ’99 and Ashley Clayborne ’99 both ran season best times to place third and fourth. The 800-meter race may have been the most competitive of the day, with the top eight finishers all within four seconds. Joel Ford ’98 came through for MIT in 1:59.40 for second place.

Distance runners make good time

MIT’s distance runners recorded many New England qualifying times, a good omen for next week’s New England Division III competition. Chris McGuire ’00 qualified in both the mile and the 3000m while Phil Loiselle ’01 also qualified in two events, the mile and the 1000-meter race. Rich Rosalez ’98 came within half a second of the qualifying time in the 3000m with his seventh place finish.

Rosalez and the rest of the team will have their final chance to qualify tomorrow, when MIT hosts the Quad Cup Invitational. Among others, Williams College is scheduled to compete, and both MIT and Williams will be using the invite as a way to tune up for next week’s New England’s, where the two teams should fight it out for the championship.

Upcoming Home Events

Friday, February 13

Pistol, Intercollegiate Pistol Sections, all day.

Saturday, February 14

Men’s Basketball vs. Western New England College, 3 p.m.
Rifle vs. Kings College and Trinity University, all day.
Men’s Swimming vs. Bowdoin College, 1 p.m.
Men’s Track and Field, Quad Cup Invitational, all day.

Sunday, February 15

Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Wheaton College, 3 p.m.

Sweeheart’s Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 14, 1998

7:00pm - Midnight

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