Students Give Input on New Dorm, Protest Against Housing Decision

By Rima A. Amoore
Staff Reporter

Students and administrators discussed architectural, cultural and dining features of the planned new Vassar Street dormitory at a community meeting Wednesday.

At a concurrent meeting sponsored by the Undergraduate Association, students discussed the recent decision to house all freshmen on campus in Fall 2001 and its effects on the housing system.

The Dean’s Office and the Planning Office hope to submit student input to the design team, whom they plan to hire by Jan. 1.

Coop Announces 4.5 Percent Rebate,
A 28 Percent Rise From Last Year’s

By Kevin R. Lang
Staff Reporter

The Harvard Cooperative Society announced Thursday that Coop members will receive a 4.5 percent rebate on their purchases this year.

The rebate applies to most purchases made by members in fiscal 1998. The checks will be issued on Oct. 28.

The Coop rebates are up from last year’s 3.5 percent because both retail and sales increases in coming years, as higher rebates yield more members. He added that rebates are driven by how much members spend, and that the company’s profit benefits Coop members.

The Coop also has plans to expand into catalog and internet retail. Products not available in stores would be offered over the World Wide Web and through catalogs. Web products will focus on insignia goods, Murphy said.

Restructuring revived rebate
Murphy attributed the return to preprofitability to the company’s restructuring program, which began in 1995. The Coop stopped selling many of the more specialized goods it had previously stocked, and it had previously stocked, and it had previously stocked, and many of the more specialized goods

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Computer Problems Hit Career Services

By Susan Buchman
Staff Reporter

The Undergraduate Association is calling for changes in the new computerized resume and interview system used by those seeking job opportunities after it suffered several glitches over the past month.

The new system, InterviewTrak, is used by students to arrange and schedule interviews with prospective employers. It was installed by the Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising this year.

Although the UA initially called for a return to a paper-based resume system, the organization has since withdrawn from this position.

The UA resolution, passed on Oct. 5, called for MIT to return to using a paper-based resume system until the software performs properly. It also called for more oversight of the Career Services office by the administration.

In a letter to MIT administrators dated Oct. 7, UA president Paul Oppold ’99 said that he had received complaints from over 100 seniors and many other undergraduates about the new system.

These concerns focused on the loss of control over the format of one’s resume when it is submitted over the Web, and the lack of confirmation that information has been received by a company.

A greater concern arose on Oct. 4 when the resume submission section of JobTrak entitled InterviewTrak went off-line. This caused some students to miss deadlines for submitting applications.

“Seniors need to take advantage of all of their opportunities and do not want to be guinea pigs while this new system is brought up to par,” said Oppold.

Last year, the Career Services office installed a computerized resume submission program but ‘quickly withdrew it after complaints from seniors and others.

The JobTrak system was created in 1987 and has been used by over 750 colleges. The Interview-Trak section of the system was rolled out this fall at 22 universities, including MIT.

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The Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, 69°F (21°C)
Tonight: Clearing up, 46°F (8°C)
Tomorrow: Cool, 55°F (13°C)

Details, Page 2
by By Rajly Chandrasekaran

Justice Department Kicks Off Microsoft Antitrust Court Case

The Justice Department and 20 states led by Washington state attorney general Bob Ferguson proposed, on behalf of Microsoft, that the company be sanctioned for violating antitrust laws in its dealings with Netscape. The government alleges that Microsoft was producing a browser for personal computers.

The government alleges that Microsoft executives felt threatened by Netscape's new software for Internet browsing. The government's move to settle the case is seen as a key selling point in its negotiations with Microsoft.

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 Cooler Weather Ahead

By Bill Rams trom

WEATHER

After a very warm weekend, a cold spell is in our future, with temperatures going down from very warm normal this past week and well below normal by the end of the week. Dig out your sweaters, highs will probably only reach the 40's by Thursday. Two upper-air disturbances will pass through during the next couple of days, bringing some cloudiness, especially after the sun goes down. A couple of these troughs will pass through later this afternoon, much colder air will blow in on gusty northeast winds.

Clouds will be looking more winter-like this week; a large, cold high will lumber down from Canada, bringing colder weather. Some lake-effect rain and snow will fall along the lake shore. Wind chill will be quite low. With some cold air mass coming, may bring down some of the fall foliage across our area this week.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny. Gusty northwestly breeze. High 40°F (7°C).

Wednesday: A few clouds and cooler. High 53°F (12°C). Low in the low 30s (1-3°C).

Thursday: Another gusty northwestly breeze. High 48°F (9°C).

WEATHER Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, October 20, 1998

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U.S. Politicians Weaken Budget With 11-Hour Final Touches

By George Hager and Juliet Elperin

WASHINGTON

The White House and congressional negotiators Monday put what they hoped were the finishing touches on a massive year-end spending measure and prepared for a final House vote Tuesday evening, after another round of last-minute dealmaking. Although leaders held televised news conferences late last week to announce that they had finished work on the huge budget deal, negotiations continued through the weekend and into Monday. In a flurry of 11-hour bargaining, negotiators took some provisions out, put some provisions in, and continued to battle fiercely over others.

Keeping in mind were nearly $2 billion of increased payments to Medicare home health care providers and a disability program for Persian Gulf War veterans that a senior GOP aide said will cost from $1 billion to $6 billion over 10 years.

Also preserved was legislation to repeal a government directive requiring peanut-free zones on some airline flights. Sen. Richard C. Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Appropriations transportation subcommittee, said the directive, designed to protect people with peanut allergies, was not based on scientific evidence.

These guidelines represent why some people have come to resent the "government," he said.

Stripped from the package were two provisions that had been promoted by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.: One would have exempted scrap metal recycling plants from being counted under Superfund cleanup laws. The other, also backed by Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., would have provided more than $350 million of agriculture credits to Russia.

The credits would have allowed Russian business interests to pay for frozen poultry and other products shipped overseas by American producers.

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By Peter Baker

Files From Paula Jones Lawsuit Released Prior to Appeals Case

Lawyers for President Clinton and Paula Jones waged a stop-at-nothing series of legal battles under and continued to battle fiercely over work on the huge budget deal, negotiations to which were unsealed Monday.

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The Washington Post

Clinton's legal team raised the issue of Jones's sexual history in a brief filed Jan. 7 — as it turned out, hours after President S. Lewinsky signed an affidavit falsely denying any sexual relationship with Jones. The affidavit said that Lewinsky, who worked for the president's doctors to testify at his impeachment trial, "wished to cooperate fully in an investigation by a court-appointed psychiatrist" and that he had surgery that would alter its appearance.

The motions, briefs and affidavits were unsealed and posted on the Internet by U.S. District Judge Wright's decision to throw the appeal in exchange for a $1 million payment from the president and another $1 million from Abe Hirschfeld, a real estate developer.

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Scientists are still learning about the nuances of prairie dog behavior. They have a highly organized social system. Dog towns are broken into wards, containing several cohorts, or family units. Family members greet with a "kiss," a robust teeth-clacking that allows them to identify each other.

The kissing elders could learn much from the prairie dog's burrow construction. At the top of the burrow a sentinal stands on the high mound, serving as a lookout. Just inside is a listening post, cut into the side of the tunnel, providing a safe place to listen for predators lurking above. Deep in the burrow's labyrinth are birthing chambers, storage rooms, sleeping quarters, a toilet, tunnels to other burrows and several escape hatches.

But it is the complex language of prairie dogs that sets them apart. Professor Con Siobodchikoff of Northern Arizona University records "distinguishing characteristics" their "vocalizations" that indicate whether they have a fairly high cognitive ability. "These animals can form concepts about species and predators and have knowledge of hunting styles," he said. "That implies they have a fairly high cognitive ability.

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The GSN is pleased to announce the 1998 Fall Semester Ring day! The rings are available in 10K, 14K, and 18K gold in 4 crown sizes: petite, small, medium, and large. Degrees available include Ph.D, Sc.D, M.Ing., M.C.P., M.Ch., and M.BA.

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The Right-Wing Conspiracy

After One Gay Man is "Healed" in Wyoming, Ultra-Conservatives Continue to Trumpet Their Time

Naveen Sunkavalli

Matthew Shepard was "healed" last Monday. The purgatory to which he was cleansed cleaned him of his sin all right. Unfortunately, this cleansing won't be too bit too too.

By now, most have probably heard about how two men kid-napped Shepard, a University of Wyoming freshman, from a bar, drove him out to a remote ranch, beat him up severly, and left him to die while tied to a fence in near-freezing temperatures. It took nearly 18 hours for a passerby to discover Shepard's unconscious body dangling from the fence post, and another five days - until last Monday - for him to die.

Who do I blame for this senseless death? While full responsibility for the death lies directly in the hands of the two men who committed the crime, I also blame conserva-

tive organizations and conservative Republican leaders in America today. That means the Christian Coalition, the Family Research Council, and their puppets in Congress such as Trent Lott and others. These organizations have created an arena, a place where such heinous hate crimes such as this can take place in the first place. It's just hard to believe in America there can exist opinions so polarized on the top of the fence. The ultra-conserva-

tives have made it their silent agenda to exter-

mize homosexuality through Biblical heal-

ing, witchcraft, and sorcery. In the place from which I'm part of, could care less whether a person is homo-

sexual or not. "Clean" or "healed," which is the usual words used by the Coalition or the FRC, imply the homosexuality is some sort of disease that can be fixed by discover-

ying the Bible and its true meaning. Trent Lott went as far as to liken homosexuality to leprosy, a claim often heard on the Right.

These right-wing organizations and their moralizing agenda - their central purpose is to present the Bible as the center of govern-

ment, to proselytize the entire mainstream population and more with their Biblical rants - this is the true right-wing conspiracy that is plaguing Republican leadership today.

By exposing such a ridiculous and then fizzling that view on top of the country, conser-

vative organizations are creating an atmos-

phere of intolerance against homosexuals. What's worse is that no Republican can take a definitive stance against this morbid demon of lopping without wreaking havoc on his or her political career. The majority of these groups are not homosexuals. But the majority of America must suffer under the political force of these zealots.

The Bible is a book I can't get me wrong. Historically, it is perhaps the single-

most influential book in the world. But the Bible is just that - a document, a text, whose influence on national law and society should end there. Church and state should be separate entities, but with the Christian Coalition and the Family Research Council breaking down those barriers, Christian leadership hardly seems that church is separate from state. Rational thought, which is the center of any government, should not be suffused with, uncorroborated, irrational religious rants.

Personally, I think that Trent Lott should be forced to live with a homosexual with the rest of his life. And, if I wasn't such a big fan of the First Amendment, I'd have the Christian Coalition shut up in a closet and silenced ad infinitum for their sheer idiocy.

But let's set that aside, I hope our Congress will take this auspicious opportunity to enact the federal Hate Crimes Protection Act, which would expand hate crime laws to include these crimes based on sex, disabil-

ity, or sexual orientation. This bill is backed by President Clinton and most Democrats. The only roadblocks are right-wil-

ing Republicans backed by ultra-conservative orga-

nizations.

Massachusetts, states such an enacting would mean nothing different because hate-crime laws based on race, religion, color, national origin, and sexual orientation. And for 19 other states, enacting Federal hate-

crime laws won't be such a bad idea. These 19 states already have hate-crime laws based on race, national origin, religion, and color. For those 19 states, hate-crime laws would not be such a bad idea if there are already civil rights for people based on those three areas. There will also be protection based on sexual orientation.

It's the other 10 states that have no hate-

crime laws that will pose the problem. One of those 10 states, incidentally, is Wyoming, which has persisted passing hate-crime legis-

lation.

Opponents of hate-crime laws, namely Christian conservatives, claim that such laws would infringe on their freedom of speech, that it would silence opposition to the homosexual lifestyle. How ironic that those whose goal is to exterminate homosexuality through "curing" such opposition will be hindered by hate-crime legislation! But the truth of the matter is that hate-crime laws will do nothing to hamper freedom of speech. Christian conser-

ervatives can still rant however much they want about the holiness of a sound family. If a Christian conservative or another person, how-

ever, decides to murder someone because he or she is a homosexual, then he will still have another weapon in hate-crime laws.

In the case of the Matthew Shepard mur-

der, relatives was the primary motive by the police, and Shepard's homosexuality was given as a possible secondary motive. In Shepard's case, hate-crime laws would have done little, because the defendants already are legally guilty of murder. Indeed, in most cases, hate-crime laws would have little effect if there are more severe crimes committed.

However, hate-crime laws could prove to be valuable deterrents. By enacting hate-

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Edulji could see neither the members nor the administrator of the list. Intrigued, she sent out an e-mail to the list, trying to find out who was on it.

"I initially thought what it was some personal group that someone had created," Edulji said. When she sent out that e-mail, Edulji received a message back that made her know she hadn't sent the e-mail to just a few friends, she said. A message from the MIT mail servers warned her that the list epeople were so large that not all the people on the list received her e-mail.

"And then, it all just started," Edulji said. A barrage of messages soon followed. In excess of 130 e-mails were sent to the list, which, according to Joanne Costello, coordinator of information technology support planning in Information Systems, had more than 1,600 addresses. Mostly, the list referenced other large MIT-hosted mailing lists. The only individuals named on epeople were from outside MIT, Costello said.

However, the barrage of e-mail messages did not pose any serious problems to the Athena mail servers, Costello said. This was because none of the messages used up a large amount of memory. While a total of 240,000 e-mails (150 messages to 1,600 users) sounds impressive, it is actually small in comparison to the amount of traffic a server can handle, she said.

However, while Athena survived unscathed, most epeople's mailboxes did not.

Ironically, the spam was created by members of the list itself. The first e-mail to the epeople list was sent by those who were, like Edulji, curious to solve the puzzle of what all those on epeople had in common.

One person wrote, "Let's start a whole 'who is everyone' fest, but this is a little odd, on." Some suggested that the list was everything from "a class of 2000 thing" to a "convergent chaos thing" to a hack.

"Whoever is behind this is probably.. .laughing so hard right now," one person wrote to the list. However, not all subscribed to the list were amused by the first few e-mails. The messages soon snowballed. Most that followed came from people e-mailing the list asking to be removed from the list. One even threatened he would sue the administrator.

Creator tries to shut down list

In the meantime, soon after the e-mails had started, the unit's executive administrator, Alaskan Chhabra G., tried to delete the list. Chhabra had created the list two years ago to inform students of international events happening in Boston, but said he ended up never using it and had totally forgotten about it until last Friday.

He basically tried to delete the list an hour after Smita's e-mail, Chhabra said. When he still saw mail coming to the list a few hours later, he went directly to Costello, who informed him the list would not be deleted until 2 a.m. the next day because the list included more than one group and not individual names, people not using commands such as blanche to take themselves off the list.

Some were nearly impossible to decipher with any certainty which MIT list an individual was subscribed to. Nobody who was subscribed to epeople, no one on the list could remove themselves before 2 a.m. when the list was ultimately shut down. Chhabra e-mailed the list that it would be shut down by 2 a.m., but that did not deter the tide of e-mails.

Some e-mails bordered on the malicious, with one person using a VBA script to send seven copies of a Shakespearean sonnet to the entire list.

Others used the list as ways to advertise events, such as concerts, film series, the fall festival, and Leadershape.

Some use list as social outlet

The most eye-catching e-mail on the list elicited another, unexpected response. Several people asked if they could stay on the list.

After coming to terms with the idea that the list would become permanent, a few e-mail epeople decided to keep the list as a way to preserve the spirit of what had made them want to join in the first place.

One person created a zephyr class called epeople to which people on the original epeople mailing list could voluntarily subscribe.

Others tried to figure out a way to start a list, or who wanted to find the other people who had been part of the phenomenon of epeople. They agreed on the Muddy Charles Pub in Walker Memorial at 4 p.m. Monday.

Legendaary East Campus resident Jack Florey, using a World Wide Web-based address, even joined the fray. Florey encouraged those who had created the epeople list to have names of students who had decided on a place and time to meet. But at this point, most spent the time enjoying the unstoppable avalanche of e-mails before the 2 a.m. deadline would bring them to a halt.

"It's bloody great," one person wrote, labeling himself a "cepeople victim."

"It's brilliant! It's wonderful, it's life affirming nonsense," wrote Javier Chavez '01. "I thought the influx was pretty funny," said Susan E. Rushing '99. "It was nice to see that some MIT students have a sense of humor."

"It was one of the funniest things I've ever seen since I've been at MIT," said Ashok Eastman '99, who was also on the list.

But despite the revelry of the weekend, according to the bartender on hand at the pub Monday afternoon, no people showed up at 5 p.m.

Friday's barrage not uncommon

The snowball effect that happened starting with Edulji's e-mail Friday, "is actually a very common phenomenon," said Assistant Professor of Media Arts and Sciences Judith S. Donath, head of the Sociable Media research group.

"It happens quite often."

In these situations, when people find themselves on mailing lists they don't want to be on, a lot of the responses tend to be "a little like people honking their horns," Donald said.

People think "I have been bothed, so no one can be bothered," she said.

Often people, at the time they send an e-mail asking to be taken off a list or complaining about an e-mail list don't realize they are sending their message to so many other people, she said.

"People don't realize the message process with the list," Donald said. At some point, "there is no reason to panic.""
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MIT, Duke University, the University of Chicago, and the University of California at Berkeley, among others. JobTrak working to fix errors

Oppold's letter said that complaints were about JobTrak, a separate program, but according to Kenneth Ramberg, co-founder of JobTrak Corp., the author of the commercial package including both programs, the errors with the system were confined to InterviewTrak. "The main problem was the unbelievable amount of demand that was placed on the system," Ramberg said.

JobTrak, a separate system that is used to post job announcements, "has been working fine for ten years." To correct the problems with InterviewTrak, JobTrak Corp. installed two new servers to handle the heavy flow of data.

In response to the concerns over the InterviewTrak system, Ramberg was invited to MIT by the Career Services Center Thursday and Friday and met with Oppold, Associate Dean for Residence Life and Student Life Programs Katherine G. O'Dair, other students, and the staff of the Career Services Center.

Ramberg will be returning to campus this Thursday, when he will meet with students in forums at noon and 6 p.m. to discuss specific problems and gather suggestions on the system, said Christopher Pratt, director of the office of career services and preprofessional advising.

"Ken Ramberg will participate in these forums, along with members of the [Career Center] staff and an employer representative who has used the system to schedule interviews for her on-campus recruiting visits," Pratt said. "The goal is to hear from representatives of all InterviewTrak users — students, staff, and employers."

"We greatly appreciate all the feedback we've received from MIT students," Ramberg said. Paper resumes will not return

According to Oppold, returning to paper resumes is no longer under consideration. A survey conducted by the Career Services office showed that "very few students would prefer to return to the manual paper process we used in the past," he said.

"We have been convinced that reinstalling the paper system is not a viable option, and thus are focusing our attention and fixing InterviewTrak," said Oppold. In response to the suggestion that MIT students return to a paper resume system, Ramberg said MIT students get "tens of thousands of [job listings] that you normally wouldn't get if you weren't on the network" through the JobTrak program.

Ramberg said he does not believe that the web resume format puts JobTrak and InterviewTrak users at a disadvantage in the eyes of employers.

"I've met with over 600 employers ... and they are much more concerned with content over the format that was used," he said. "Employers understand that the Internet is the wave of the future ... and there are going to be some limitations."

Long term assistance proposed

"We have requested that JobTrak send a customer representative to our office to serve both employers and students who may need assistance in using the system," Pratt said. "We also plan to provide resources to students who experience difficulty with JobTrak."

"I have contacted a few students, including the Student Information Processing Board, to help other students with InterviewTrak questions as if it was Athena supported software," Oppold said.

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"I'm a little disappointed in how the crew performed. The Head is our biggest showcase, but it's not the race we spend the most of our time preparing for because it comes so early in the season," noted Schmill. "But we're optimistic about how we'll perform in the championship doubles in a few weeks.

"We're happy about our race. This was our first race of the season," said Laura Muri '91, who is a member of the U.S. national team. "I am, however, optimistic about how we'll perform in the Head of the Charles Regatta this weekend."

Perhaps the most impressive of all MIT affiliations was the performance of Linda Muri '85. An rower on the U.S. women's national lightweight eights team, Muri helped the team finish first overall in their division.

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The club singles, fours and eights were held Saturday afternoon while the championship, lightweight and youth races occurred on all day Sunday. The Bangladesh and Turkey national teams made their debut this year.

Before 100,000 spectators, the U.S. national team displayed their dominance Sunday by taking home the trophy in the men's championship eights event for the second consecutive year with a time of 14:09.65. The strong Princeton University team finished second, roughly 10 seconds behind the Canadians last year.

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Down with Science by Jennifer DiMase

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Wow! Where did you get this?

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Jammed for life by Jessica

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I SWEAR, SCHOOL COULD BE SO MUCH MORE FUN...

I'VE NEVER UNDERSTOOD HOW YOU GUYS CAN SMILE AFTER ALL THAT.
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Confidential HIV and Sexually Transmitted Disease testing and treatment in private medical office. Faculty, or visitors to MIT, she said. Accordingly, the new dorm is looking for outgoing people to assist with community activation to the new dorm with the communal facility and by beautifying Vassar Street.

Students at the Baker meeting discussed layouts of rooms and facilities that might help counteract the isolating effect of a long and thin dorm building. Some students made specific suggestions for the building. People asked for bathrooms with more privacy and better lighting throughout the building.

Students discuss housing decision

While plans for the new dorm proceed, many students still are protesting MIT's decision to house all freshmen on campus. Discussion at the UA's open forum focused on housing policy rather than the new dorm. "One of the best things about this school is being able to live where you want," said Anthony Paris '92 at the open forum. Freshmen resent losing that freedom, and students also worry that the benefits of rush and of fully incorporating freshmen into student life will be lost, he said. Still, attendance at the forum was low. In order to reach more of the student body, the UA has organized an online plebiscite where students can register their opinions about the new dorm and housing policy. The polling ends on Monday.

"We hope to form a UA opinion from the results" and submit a report to the administration, said UA President Paul T. Oppold '99.

"Hopefully, a super-majority (sic) of students will demand that their opinions be heard," Oppold said.

Debates about the new dorm and housing policy will continue as the administration synthesizes student input and as the planning office finds an architect for the new residence, Bates said.
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Some Use ccpeople For Social Contact

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gouges and literatures who also found herself on ccpeople said, "I found it quite interesting how many people clearly didn't understand what was going on in pretty fundamental ways — that these complaints of theirs were going to everyone, and hence creating only further annoyance."

"The local users didn’t comprehend that lists took overnight to go away; most of them couldn’t figure out how they were on the list all, but that were on these other lists which had been subscribed, etc.," she said.

However, even the attempts at creating a community of ccpeople proves a virtual model of very common human reactions, Donath said.

"It’s like running into people at a party," Donath said. "It’s an excuse to say hello. Because there is an event you just shared, it breaks down some of the barriers to communication."

List provides social opportunities

Rushing saw the list as an opportunity to meet new people and reunite with old friends.

"Since I knew many of the people sending the messages, I thought it would be fun to meet up with them. I actually didn’t realize that my message was going out to so many people," Rushing said.

"I think it only could have really happened at MIT," Eastman said. "It’s just a reflection of the fact that MIT has no sense of community and people are searching for a way to meet people outside of their ordinary sphere of interaction."

However, while many of the people on the list have chalked up what happened to chance occurrence, and despite facing the monotonous task of deleting hundreds of e-mails are willing to put damage to their disk quotas behind them, Chhabra, the creator of the list, said he has learned a valuable lesson from the experience.

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SPORTS

MIT Equestrian Team Takes Home Several Ribbons in Season Opener

By Nina Kutsuzawa and Candice McElroy

The Equestrian Team kicked off their second full season on Saturday at Dartmouth with a slew of ribbons. For the first time in the team's history, they were fully represented in all divisions.

Over fences, new rider Kristen Landino '02 placed an impressive second in the open division. Christina Saltzmann '99 and Junlin Ho '01 placed third in their respective novice jumping classes. Newcomers Katie Shields '00 and Jenny Lee '02 placed fifth and sixth respectively in intermediate fences.

On the flat, Saltzmann won another third place for her novice equitation. Cynthia Randles '99 and newcomer Sara Etemadi '01 both won fifth in the walk-trot and advanced walk-trot-canter classes respectively.

Despite drawing difficult horses, Captain Candice McElroy '99 won a fifth in novice equitation, and newcomer Sarah Low '02 earned a sixth in intermediate equitation.

Nina Kutsuzawa '00 became the first MIT equestrian to qualify for the spring regional competition by taking fourth place in Saturday's competition. This also enables her to class out of the walk-trot and into the beginner walk-trot-canter division.

Kutsuzawa

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association events judge rider's equitation, or ability to ride a horse, and not a rider's familiarity with a horse. At each show, there is a horse lottery in which riders are randomly assigned a horse which they will ride for their competition.

In IHSA competitions, the riders are divided according to their ability. The experienced riders ride in the open category, with intermediate, novice, advanced and beginner walk-trot-canter and walk-trot divi-
sions for inexperienced riders.

The team will travel to Vermont next weekend for back-to-back competitions at Middlebury College and University of Vermont.

Family Weekend 1998

Members of the comedy troupe Roadkill Buffet ponder deeply on Friday in Room 39-228.