Central Square Fire Damages Restaurant

By Dan McGuire

A weekend fire gutted one Central Square restaurant and severely damaged three others. The fire began early Sunday morning at Pho Republique. It was spotted by workers at The Middle East, who were preparing to open for the day. Workers saw a “thick black wall of smoke you could cut with a knife” coming from Pho Republique, one employee said. They immediately called the Cambridge Fire Department.

“The fire department was here in five minutes,” said Joseph Sater, an employee at The Middle East. “Otherwise the whole block would be gone up.”

The employees of The Middle East “saved the day,” said Tom Chung, the manager of Mary Chung’s. “We’re lucky that they were there early in the morning to call the fire department.”

A spokesman for the Cambridge Fire Department said that the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Restaurateurs make repairs

City officials shut down all of the restaurants on the block where the fire occurred until they could be inspected. The natural gas piping was disconnected. Most employees and owners spent Monday surveying the damage and making repairs.

Construction crews at The Middle East, which is next to Pho Republique, spent Monday ripping out carpeting and the ceiling in the restaurant to remove smoke and water. The restaurant’s manager, Hardeep Badsha, said there was also some damage in the ceiling.

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Fire damage at the other restaurants was less severe. Firefighters broke into Mary Chung’s to make sure that the fire hadn’t reached that restaurant. Workers there spent Monday replacing ceiling tiles, patching up holes in the walls, and removing excess moisture. Tom Chung said that his goal was to reopen the restaurant by Friday.

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Pho Republique was boarded up after the fire. The owners of the store could not be contacted for comment.

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Deutsche Bank in End Stages Of $9 Billion Takeover

Deutsche Bank confirmed Monday it is in the "advanced stages" of negotiating a nearly $9 billion takeover of Bankers Trust Corp. of New York, a move many analysts see as helping the big German bank compete for a larger piece of Europe's burgeoning merger activity.

The combined company, which would have assets of about $850 billion, would jump to the top of the list of the world's biggest banks based on assets.

Bankers Trust shares soared $7 to $84.25 on the New York Stock Exchange, still well below the $93 per share offer confirmed by Deutsche Bank last week, even though many analysts had predicted the deal would be priced at at least $90 per share.

As McDougal learned a broad smile and her eyes brimmed with tears of relief, the jury pronounced her not guilty of nine counts of perjury and tried to "wrung-out" as it attempts to

impeachment Vote Near As Panel Holds Second Hearing

By Guy Gugliotta and Juliet Elpern

The House Judiciary Committee announced Monday it will hold its second public hearing on President Clinton's possible impeachment, publicly debating "the consequences of perjury," as panel investigators continue reviewing testimony Monday for the attorney for former White House volunteer Kathleen "Kick" Kennedy.

The Dec. 1 hearing, committee sources said, will address the testimony from federal judges, individuals convicted of perjury and military personnel who would talk about the impact to morale of lying under oath. A witness list, however, has not yet been prepared.

But White House and congres-

sional officials said impeachment received only passing mention during a courtesy call by new White House Chief of Staff John D. Podesta to Livingston at the Capitol Monday. That session came as the Judiciary Committee took its first of four closed-door depositions in the inquiry, from attorney Daniel Greckler.

Committee sources said the Greckler testimony addressed possible articles of impeachment and White House officials were in close consultation with influence witness, who has accused Clinton of going out in the Oval Office with other officials, sounded similar to

weather

Thanksgiving Holiday To Bring Light Rain over Northeast

By Bill Ramstrom and Greg Lawson

A ridge of high pressure over the center of the country will move westward and weaken as it is squeezed by the two lows to either side of it. Upstream from the ridge, to its west, there is a very deep surface low. Downstream there is another shallow, weaker ridge. These storms and the current cold trend into the upstream low is going to be very low. A low pressure system moving in from the Gulf of Mexico, will bring a few showers and some areas of drizzle. Some areas could see a few isolated thunderstorms.

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These comments, and the more detailed background remarks of other officials, sound similar to the approach taken by Washington in August when President Saddam Hussein's government triggered the most recent confrontation with the United Nations by suspending most of its cooperation with UNSCOM.

Unlike earlier incidents when the United Nations instantly threatened military retaliation, Washington on that occasion refused to discuss airstrikes. It was not until Oct. 30, when Iraq escalated the confrontation by seizing its last links with UNSCOM, that Clinton dropped the threat of force and ordered a U.S. military buildup in the gulf.

So officials acknowledged that the mixed signals sent by the U.S. response in August had raised questions about the administration's resolve. But, as one source put it Monday, "It is paid off in terms of convincing other countries that we weren't rushing to bomb Iraq injudiciously, and when we were ready to move, that gave us a lot more backing internationally than we had earlier.

In the meantime, Iraq showed no signs of backing down from its refusal to produce the documents.

The hearing would leave indepen-

dent counsel Kenneth W. Starr as the only public witness to discuss the facts in the Judiciary impeachment inquiry of Clinton. Some committee Republicans have said they expect to vote the week of Dec. 7 on approving at least one article of impeachment against the president for perjury in his grand jury testimony on the Monica S. Lewinsky affair.
It has not committed to a specific figure. Administration officials said the government is positively disposed toward the Israeli request and has begun to sound out Congress on support for a supplemental appropriation. Also expected in the supplemental request is an economic development package for the Palestinians, which two officials estimated would be worth $400 million. Washington is hosting an international donors conference for the Palestinians beginning next Monday.

By John-Thor Dahlburg

Railworkers Across Europe Hold Strike Against End of Monopolies

Railroad workers, startled at what they see as the dismantling of an industry that serviced nearly two-thirds of their continent, staged a coordinated walkout Monday with a series of protests and strikes to insist on safeguarding the national rail services.

"Our demand is that the government change its thinking," said Sabine Kromer, spokeswoman for the Union of German Transport Workers. "The other fear is that with competition increases the quality of service will decrease." Kromer was in Paris, where the strike hit especially hard, British Railways, said Sabine Trier, spokeswoman for the Brussels-based European Federation of Railworkers. "The other fear is that with competition there will be a lowering of safety standards, that working conditions will be diminished." Kromer insisted that trains halted at midnight Sunday, and traffic wasn't moving again until 24 hours later. In Belgium, the one-day strike began Sunday night. Under the terms of a three-year deal that two of the workers in a team in three was running Monday, the French national railways said. The line between Paris and London, which links Paris and London, were unaffected.

In Luxembourg and Portugal, rail workers decided on a two-hour job stoppage.

It's in its first public split with the new government of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, the Clinton administration on Monday rebuffed a German proposal to have NATO repudiate "first-strike" use of nuclear force.

As German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping began a round of high-level talks here, U.S. officials asserted that retaining the option of being the first to launch a nuclear strike would provide the same deterrent value it had during the decades of the Cold War.

"It is something that is integral to the NATO strategic doctrine," said U.S. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen.

Some U.S. officials have been hinting that they will press for a change in the doctrine. In an interview published over the weekend by the German magazine Der Spiegel, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said Germany wants to take up the issue with NATO "because we see things differently."

"There are public assertions are alarming American officials, who have come to expect smooth relations with their biggest NATO ally and who have been assured that the new government would continue most national security policies on the same principles."

"I can't tell whether this is a gesture or something more important," said one U.S. official, adding, "it is a concern."

Georgia Supreme Court Strikes Down Law Against Sodomy

Bolstering a multistate campaign to end criminal prosecution of private sex between homosexuals, the Georgia Supreme Court struck down that state's law against sodomy Monday.

The Georgia court became the seventh state tribunal in recent years to nullify or severely weaken state laws that are designed mainly to outlaw gay and lesbian sex.

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The court challenges have been matched in success by efforts in state legislatures to repeal such laws. The latest repeal, in Rhode Island this year, brought to 26 the number of states to eliminate sodomy laws by legislative action.

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Cross-Departmental Socials

In late November, the Funding Board will be allocating funds for holiday events aimed at encouraging social interaction between two or more academic departments. The events must be held between Dec. 1, 1998 and Jan. 31, 1999. The events should be open to all graduate students, faculty, and staff within the chosen departments, and should be designed to provide a social atmosphere apart from the typical realms of the classroom and laboratory. Funds may be used for food, beverages, paper goods, entertainment, and other expenses related to the event, subject to the Institute and GSC Alcohol Policies. Typical awards range from $500-$2000. Historically, the departments involved have matched the GSC awards. Applications are due at the GSC office by 5 PM on Nov. 30. Further information and forms can be found at www.mit.edu/activities/gsc.

Spring Large Event Funding

Applications due Nov. 30 at 6 PM in W20-401. GSC, UA, and ASA will be allocating $32,000 for large, campus-wide events for the Spring of 1999. The event must be open to everyone in the MIT community and must appeal to a large audience. Events must be sponsored by more than one student organization. Only one GSC-recognized student groups can apply for funding. Events requiring large space must demonstrate space availability. Apply at http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/money/money.html or at 50-220. Email questions to lef@mit.
Letters To The Editor

As members of the Taiwanese-American community at MIT, we are deeply disturbed by Chinese President Jiang Zemin's hostile attitude toward Taiwan ["Chinese Leader Zemin Protests U.S. Stand on Taiwan and Tibet," November 17].

Despite never having had sovereignty over Taiwan for one single day, the Chinese government at Beijing is still holding on to the false claim that Taiwan is a province of China and has repeatedly threatened to overtake Taiwan by force. In March of 1996, as the people of Taiwan held their first-ever democratic presidential election, China launched ballistic Scud-type missiles at two areas just off the coast of Taiwan, one 30 miles to the southwest, and the other only 12 miles to the northeast. The missile threats were designed to intimidate Taiwan's voters and disrupt Taiwan's trade and economy. Being a nation with the 19th largest gross national product in the world, Taiwan has a strong and vibrant economy and is the seventh largest trading partner of the United States. It has also demonstrated significant progress in its political transformation from a one-party government to a multi-party democracy.

In light of Taiwan's economic importance and its strides toward democracy, the United States has long demonstrated its commitment to the security of Taiwan. As stated in the Taiwan Relations Act, "It is the policy of the United States to make clear that the United States recognizes the existence of diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China rests upon the expectation that the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means." The United States also "considers any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including by boycotts or embargoes, a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States." China's threat of using military force against the people of Taiwan places the peace and stability of the entire region at risk.

Let us not forget that China's brutal suppression of the student protesters in Tiananmen Square in 1989 and its systematic neglect for human rights have provoked the outrage of the international community. While Taiwan's peaceful transformation into a free and democratic society is not free of growing pains, it can serve as a powerful model and catalyst for the democratic transformation in China. The leaders of the Chinese government should be reminded that an invasion of its democratic neighbors, Taiwan, would wreak relations with capitalist Asia and the West, far more than the killing of the pro-democracy demonstrations in 1989 ever did.

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The Limitations of Oranges
Poorly Designed Campaign Takes Wrong Approach for Effecting Change

Eric J. Plosky

As Whoppi Goldberg joked when she hosted the Academy Awards a few years ago, there’s a colored ribbon for every issue under the sun. Now, proving that even MIT is susceptible to cultural trends, a new campaign group known as the Orange Ribbon Campaign has been springing up, handing out printed cards and ribbons—orange ones—to communicate its protest message.

At first glance, the Orange Ribbon Campaign apparently exists to protest President Hockfield's decision to house all freshmen on campus in 2001. If one actually reads their information card, though, the argument that the orange ribbons are in fact "stands for our anger at administrative condoning toward MIT student" is, and at least one that the administration must stop taking its lead from the press—a charge that is quite directly the recent flurry of MIT plans launched by last year's tragic death of Scott K. Krueger '01.

It is refreshing to see some form of student protest taking place on campus; it certainly marks a change from the usual, fruitless apathy. But the organizers of the Orange Ribbon Campaign, while displaying admirable initiative and determination, clearly do not understand the current planning situation on campus. Though a fine idea in theory, their protest movement is shortsighted, counterproductive, and ill-advised. However, by analyzing their problem, we can help the Orange Ribbon Campaign be able to overcome its own ineffectiveness, and may actually provide a new model for future campus movements.

First, it is important to remember the cause of the administration's unusual activity over the last few years, the Krueger tragedy. In response to the resultant political frenzy, MIT has been forced into an assortment of short-term plans, including a controversial new dormitory. Does it matter that many of these solutions are, at best, hasty Band-Aids to a far more serious problem? The same political situation required an emergency student protest at MIT's part. The Orange Ribbon Campaign would have us believe that MIT could simply change the political necessity of an immediate crisis response.

The second problem with the Orange Ribbon Campaign is its antagonistic, belligerent stance toward the administration. Adapting such a position may help add to the group's visibility; would it be impossible to ignore a loud, often attracted to load, militant protest group? But doing so would also ignore the argument strategy overall; it lessens credibility, leaves little maneuvering room, and makes cooperation with the administration unlikely. Rather than foster defiance and contempt, the Orange Ribbon Campaign would do better to establish a productive dialogue with the administration.

The ongoing media scrutiny, MIT is anxious to avoid continued student unrest. The Orange Ribbon Campaign can use this time to promote a more positive image of the university. By pointless to neck protests about issues that have already been decided, such as the 2001 freshman housing resolution. But if the Orange Ribbon group, or any other protest group, can stomach throwing its support to the administration on freshmen housing, they may find administrators willing to bend on some of the matters yet to be decided, such as some form of substance-free dormitory housing in the configuration of the new dormitory. A conflict-seeking protest group, a simple "Anti-X Campaign," is only likely to serve a very limited purpose.

Finally, whatever the Orange Ribbon Campaign's message, it is largely being lost in the current cacophony of student complaints and grievances. In what may be seen as a concession to the mounting student concerns, the administration has added a set of recommendations in order to achieve clearer communication. Yet for all of the efforts of the Orange Ribbon Campaign seem not to have taken my suggestions. Instead of simply voting on a new dormitory, students in order to form one loud chorus of protest, the Orange Ribbon people are simply adding another student protest to the already crowded state of making many groups, as well as themselves, even more difficult to understand.

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Ebert Says Devices Mirror Human Nature

Ebert, from Page 1

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Ebert compared man's relationship to the Web to the free short story "Shakespeare's Memory," written by Jorge Luis Borges.

In the story, a man, who is an expert on Shakespeare's writings, is offered the gift of Shakespeare's memory. The only caveat is that the memories of Shakespeare come to him in dreams. But soon, Shakespeare's memory, which is stronger than the man's, takes over.

The man begins to think in Shakespeare's English "and now Shakespeare's memory is running him," Ebert said.

"When I think of the Web, I think of Shakespeare's Memory. I venture through the Web of information, I am jacking into my own personality," he said. "I hope it's not changing the definition of a human."

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Ebert compared man's relationship to the Web to the free short story "Shakespeare's Memory," written by Jorge Luis Borges.

In the story, a man, who is an expert on Shakespeare's writings, is offered the gift of Shakespeare's memory. The only caveat is that the memories of Shakespeare come to him in dreams. But soon, Shakespeare's memory, which is stronger than the man's, takes over.

The man begins to think in Shakespeare's English "and now Shakespeare's memory is running him," Ebert said.

"When I think of the Web, I think of Shakespeare's Memory. I venture through the Web of information, I am jacking into my own personality," he said. "I hope it's not changing the definition of a human."

In the process, the instant gratification that computers and the Web offer provide a source of extreme bliss, Ebert said.
Do the Heavens Speak of the Glory of God?

A lecture on the interaction between science and theism.

Tuesday, November 24
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DAMMED FOR LIFE

Hey Look! There's Lisa!

C'Mon, We'll Make a Jump For It!

Where Are Albert and Newton?

Augh! Watch Out Lisa! Here We Came!

Augh!

Oh Well

Wumph! Pop!

Hey, It Worked!

Where's My Tail?

Aargh...

Looks Like Someone Has a Bad Case of Unicorns.

I've Got a Pre-Horn Sample of Your DNA in the Truck. I Could Fix You Up With My Cell Normalizer.

Why Do You Have My DNA in Your Truck?

It's for Exactly This Sort of Situation.

I'd Love My Job If Not for My Slow-Witted Co-Workers.

Why Are You Drinking My Soda Again?

Am Not.

You're Drinking My Soda Again!

I'm Feeling Much Healthier Since I Strapped All of These Magnets to My Body.


Okay

You Erased My #%!* Hard Drive!!

By Jessica

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THANKSGIVING FUN PAGES

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by Scott Adams

Dilbert®
John gave me a kiss.

I think I still have it in my pocket somewhere...

Guess I ate it already.

Sigh — for a moment there I thought your life has become more exciting than chocolates.

Down with Science

...My bubbly carbonated bottle of joy...

The card — friendly goes are smiling on me.

There's no name on this card.

I will never log on with anyone else.

Thank you for speaking English.

Hi, Denise. Am I early? Late?

Well, let's see.

Mom's busy in the kitchen and Dad's glued to some sport ball game on TV.

I'd say you got here at the perfect time.

I meant for dinner.

Gosh, we haven't smoked since what, yesterday? 

Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family! Pretty soon you kids'll be grown and we won't always have these opportunities to be together!

I can't believe you'd want to have dinner at your girlfriend's house instead of here with us!

Who said two high instead? Our dinner's giving son at 2:00; theirs? meals? is at 4:00, are you insane?

Jason, will you and that globe get out of here?!
TechCalendar

TechCalendar appears in each issue of The Tech and features events for members of the MIT community. The Tech makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of this information, and The Tech shall not be held liable for any losses, including, but not limited to, damages resulting from attendance of an event. Contact information for all events is available from the TechCalendar web page.

Visit and add events to TechCalendar online at http://tech-calendar.mit.edu

Tuesday's Events

5:00 p.m. - "Organization for International Projects" Technology & Cities Lecture Series. Mr. Robert Armsby will discuss Bechtel Corporation's major international projects and their innovative approaches to perform the work on these assignments. Bartos Theatre, E15-070. Sponsor: School of Architecture and Planning.

8:00 p.m. - MIT Brass Quintet and Brass Ensemble. Lawrence Isaacson, Director. Killian Hall.

Wednesday's Events

6:10 a.m. - Weekly LEM Service and Supper. Eucharist in the Chapel every Wednesday at 5:10 p.m., followed by a free fellowship supper and discussion in W11 at 6:15 p.m. W11 and MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

Monday's Events

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Monday LEM Bible Study. Join our weekly exploration of the Gospel of Luke. You don't need to be a regular — come as you are able. Pizza and soda will nourish your body while the word nourishes your soul. W11 downstairs. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

7:00 p.m. - Lilies. (1996, 35mm, Canada): Award-winning feature explores gay adolescent love, betrayal and revenge in a small village in northern Quebec. Director John Greyson will attend. Rm 1Q-250.

Don't forget, tomorrow is the deadline to turn in your copy of "Damned for Life"!

What do you think Albert and Newton should be saying to one another? Look in last Friday's "Damned for Life" strip (November 20) and then send in a copy with your own words!

All entries should be sent by interdepartmental mail to: The Tech, W20-483.

The Campus Activities Complex will be accepting applications to reserve the following:

Event Facilities for the period of:
July 1st 1999 through June 30th 2000

Student Center (W20), Kresge (W16), Religious Activities Center (W11), Walker (Bldg 50), Chapel (W15), Wong Auditorium (E51)

Promotional Space for the Spring Semester:
February 1st 1999 - May 21st 1999

Lobby 7 Drop Posters, Lobby 10 Booths, Infinite Corridor Panels, Student Center Tables and Student Center Balcony Posters (For February Only).

Applications for the spaces above can be picked up and turned into CAC (W20-500).
Tenor soloist Mark Evans joins the MIT Concert Choir in performing Haydn's The Seasons during the Klaus Lipmann Memorial Concert Friday in Kresge Auditorium.

Dancers erupt from a group, flaring outward in a scene from Dance Troupe's Fever.

Colon cancer is an equal opportunity disease that affects both women and men. This silent killer frequently begins without symptoms and those with a family history are at even greater risk.

Colon cancer is preventable—even curable when detected early. In fact, if cancer is found early enough, the patient has more than a 90 percent chance of survival.

Colon cancer screenings are safe and effective and are now covered by Medicare and an increasing number of other health providers. There's even a test that can be used in the privacy of your own home.

Talk to your doctor about getting tested.
Proposal to the Institute Dining Bidding process near completion

Institute Dining Implementation and in January will come to campus the implementation team in December the bidding process for service contracts. Walsh said that every residence community needs to have a defined dining program by a group that is a subset of the community, he said.

Dining director to be named

Contractors, with the selection of new contractors are the final stages of the Office of Campus Dining director search. Originally, the director was to take office at the beginning of next year. However, that appointment has been somewhat delayed, and interviews with finalists will begin during the first week of Independent Activities Period. Walsh said.

After a nationwide search, an outside consulting company offered a list of fifteen names to the implementation group. From this list, the director will narrow down the candidates to a pool of three to five, Walsh said. Groups of faculty and students will be called in to discuss their needs, the director said.

Since this position has never been filled before at MIT, the interviews will also serve to inform the candidates, Walsh said. "You've got to make them understand that this is going to be a unique position."

As the search process for a dining director and contractors continues, the prospect of reopening previously closed dorm dining halls and the introduction of residence-based services remains a more distant goal.

Dining director efforts, Walsh said. "There are so many years of catch up to do," Walsh said. "One thing we want to avoid is doing too many things and not doing them well," Walsh said.

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McCormick dining to be reopened

McCormick Dining Hall is scheduled to re-open by next fall, according to the dining report issued last year. McCormick dining facilities will receive catering from dorms that do, through a pairing system. Ashdown House will be paired with McCormick Dining. Burton-Conner House will be paired up with Baker Dining and MacGregor House will get catering from Next House.

Once these dining programs are fully operational, Lobdell will close in the evenings to support the use of the residence-based dining facilities.

The restructuring, once implemented will be re-evaluated, after two years of operation, Walsh said.

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Holiday Elicits Happy Memories For Many

Thanksgiving, from Page 1 and Brad Pitt stand-in. Currently, the sophomore class is also holding a canned food drive to benefit Cambridge's Margaret Fuller House, a shelter.

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Drop Off a Resume, Get a Slice! Free Pizza!

W3Health, the brainchild of some MIT folks, is a (Boston-based) software company that uses internet technology to create solutions for the healthcare industry. We're looking for software developers who want to meet...
Students Use Orange Ribbons to Wage Silent Protest

By Kevin Lang

Responding to issues including freshman housing choice and confidential medical transport, a group of students under the banner "ILTFP," or "I Love This F***ing Place," started an orange ribbon campaign last week in an effort to raise awareness among students, faculty, and administrators.

"With the recent trend towards uniform, bland housing, and the clamp-down a few years ago on paraphernalia," Brown aid. Jeromy H. Brown G., another coordinator, hopes that the ribbons will result in more than awareness. "Ideally, upon such re-examination, the administration would reverse foolish trends, such as the headlong rush to eliminate freshman housing choice," he said.

Future administrative policies should reflect the treatment of MIT students as "responsible, capable adults," Brown said.

Another major concern of the group is the administration's "failure to make a decision on confidential medical transport." Currently, medical transports are reported in the campus police log, although names are not given.

Jones said that over 800 ribbons were distributed from the Student Center and Lobby 10 last week. More ribbons are being ordered for the coming weeks, since the initial supply was exhausted, he said.

Responses not all positive

Some students had negative reactions to the campaign. Sonia Garg '02 felt annoyed by repeated e-mail pushing the campaign. "Someone handed a [ribbon] to me, so I took it, but I didn't really put it anywhere," Garg said. The presence of ribbons around campus was not noticeable, she said.

However, another freshman, Angell C. Shiah '99, thought the ribbon campaign was a good means of unifying the student body. "I don't know if it totally agree with everything," he said.

"I agree with some parts of President Vest's arguments," Shiah said. He also indicated that he had seen a number of students displaying ribbons, though he did not have one himself.

Each ribbon was distributed with a card explaining the ribbon's significance. The group is concerned that MIT might lose its uniqueness as student freedoms become more limited, the cards say. "At this rate, MIT seems destined to become some horrific college of every other university, bland, homogenized, and second rate," the card indicates. The ribbon "stands for our anger at administrative condensation toward MIT's students, and our anger at administrative shortsightedness in leading MIT as a whole."

However, Jones said that students were not alone in supporting the ribbon's message. "One member of the MIT Corporation stopped by the booth on Friday. He took a ribbon, saying it was important to stir up the student body and decrease apathy," Jones aid.

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Yale Prof Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

FROM UNIVERSITY WIRE

Short Takes

Yale House Master and current professor Antonio Lasaga surrendered himself at 2:30 p.m. yesterday to U.S. Marshals in Bridgeport, Conn. after being charged with violation of federal child pornography statutes, the Marshall's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

He appeared with his lawyer and was released on $50,000 bail, with the stipulation that he not contact any children while the case is pending, the Associated Press reported.

Lasaga, a professor of geology and geophysics, has been under investigation by the FBI for several years.

The University has not revoked his tenure, said Cmdr. Brian Seastone of the University's Police Department. No one had been charged in the incident.

According to police reports, the alleged victim was a student at an off-campus party Nov. 14 with the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house, 645 E. University Blvd., and later drank some champagne.

"She told him she was dizzy and wanted to lay down," Seastone said. "She said she lay down with him and that she felt a buzz." Seastone added that the alleged victim was found unconscious. No analyses were done at the time and there is no evidence in the investigation.

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Among the measures discussed to protect personal safety were the locking of room doors, not propping open outside doors of dorms, traveling in groups and utilizing the Blue Light escort service.

Other steps being taken are increasing lighting as well as police presence in the Ujamaa, Akwekon and the Latino Living Center. Many in the audience, however, said that although many issues were discussed, they doubted the effectiveness of their statements and proposed solutions.

"We've been to more than one of these, and it all talk and no action," said Marcia Bailey. "The administration really has to look at their protocol: the Indian community is really aggravated that the fire has still not been investigated."

"They can talk all they want, but I don't feel safe," said Elizabeth Abunaw '02, adding that "I could still be walking home and end up in the hospital."

"They talk to us, but we're not talking to them," said Marcia Bailey. "The administration is really afraid of the Cornell name."

Murphy noted that Hendra Dukla, vice president of student relations, was present at the meeting and had been invited to attend today's Student Assembly meeting, which would "convey our disgruntled and presence for these actions, and the need that to the community."

Other administrators in attendance included: Lenorman Strong, vice president of student and academic affairs; David H. Ewen, associate provost; John Ford, dean of students; and Raymond Dalton, executive director of the office of minority educational services.

[Yale Daily News, Nov. 23]

CONTACTS AT HOME: A YALE POLICE OFFICER who worked the scene said there was no evidence of prior cases.

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Men's Varsity Four Takes Second at Foot of Charles

By Karl Richter

The men's crew team produced MIT's best ever result at the Foot of the Charles, Saturday. The MIT varsity fours finished second out of 49 teams behind Harvard in the largest fours race in the world.

Harvard finished the upstream course which starts from the MIT Pierce Boat House and ends at the Harvard Weld Boathouse in 13:34.8 to take first place. The Engineers' heavyweights followed closely with a time of 13:41.3, while the Harvard lightweights placed third in 13:45.5. Northeastern University and Dartmouth College rounded out the top five places.

The heavyweight varsity four first boat included Matt Kliska '99 at cox, Daniel P. Parker '99 at bow, Michael M. Perry '99, Christopher J. Penny '01, and Karl K. Richter '99 at stroke. The three senior oarsmen in this boat were part of the 1997 first varsity four that produced the school's previous best-ever finish of sixth place.

The Engineers started as the fourth seed behind Boston University and just ahead of Dartmouth in the starting order. Throughout the race, MIT worked to reel in the Boston University boat, which had started 28 seconds ahead of them. In the last ten strokes, the Engineers nearly pushed their bow past the Boston University boat, securing a finish ahead the third seeded team.

Heavyweight Coach Gordon Hamilton was quite pleased with the results, commenting, "We have never finished higher than sixth, so this is great!"

While MIT's top heavyweight boat performed their best ever in this regatta, the performances of the lower boats also demonstrated an improved depth in the squad. Hamilton added that "the second and third boats were very competitive and should get much better."

MIT's second and third varsity fours finished the race just two seconds apart in 22nd place and 24th place respectively. The second four was coxed by Christina E. Carvey '99 and included Solar Olugebefola '99 at bow, Andrew D. Copeland '01, Michael J. Salamina '00, and Jeb E. Keiper '99 at stroke. The 3rd varsity four included Julie J. Hong '02 at cox, Mark H. Hsu '01 at bow, Eugene Weinstein '00, Guillerme Carrilho G, and Damon L. McMillan '00 at stroke.

MIT's fourth boat did not lag far behind with a 28th place 14:54 finish. Bob Broderick '99, Gregory A. Bollrud '99, Melahn L. Parker '01, Ben D. Ackerman G, and Marc V. Berte '99 finished the race ahead of first varsity boats of Boston College, University of Massachusetts, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and also ahead of the Dartmouth third boat and the Northeastern fourth boat.

"The attitude of the entire squad has been very positive this fall. I am looking forward to one of the best heavyweights eight's in MIT's long history," Coach Hamilton said.

While the Varsity teams raced fours, the freshmen squads raced eights at the Foot of the Charles. MIT's top freshman eight rowed a technically sound race to finish in seventh place.

The Foot of the Charles marks the end of the fall season of rowing for MIT. The heavyweights race next on January 16 in Miami, Florida, with a scrimmage against the University of Miami after a two week training session. The spring sprints season kicks off on April 3 when the Engineers race Columbia University on the Harlem River and attempt to win back the Alumni Cup.

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Final date for return of application is 5:00 pm, Friday, December 11, 1998.

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