

MIT Student Robbed Near Sloan Campus

By Dan McGuire
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

A student was robbed at gunpoint Sunday evening at the corner of Wadsworth Street and Main Street.

Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin said that the student was approached at approximately 7:30 p.m. by a white male. The man pulled a small caliber revolver out of his windbreaker and demanded the student's money. The student gave the man \$50, at which point he left. The student reported the crime to the Campus Police at 8:30 p.m.

According to the victim, the suspect is a white male of medium build. He is described as being approximately five feet ten inches tall and about twenty years of age. He was wearing a windbreaker and a baseball cap at the time of the robbery.

Glavin said that the Campus

Police, along with the MBTA police and the Cambridge Police are investigating the incident.

Armed robberies rare

Glavin said that the robbery appeared to be an isolated incident. "We meet with the Cambridge Police Department regularly," she said, and there are no indications that there are a "rash" of crimes occurring in that area.

Armed robberies are rare on the MIT campus. The last armed robbery occurred in September of 1996 when three people threatened a student on Amherst Alley with an unseen weapon and stole his bicycle.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to please contact the Campus Police at 258-9724 or use the anonymous tip submission form available on the Campus Police's home page at <http://web.mit.edu/cp/www/invest/an.html>.



Flipmode Squad frontmen Busta Rhymes and Spliff Star thrill the audience with their outrageous antics during the Spring Concert in Johnson Athletic Center Friday. The concert was organized as a part of Spring Weekend. See story back page.

Revised CP Event Policy Reduces Costs for Several Student Groups

By Laura McGrath Moulton
STAFF REPORTER

The Campus Police revised their event detail policy over the past year in an attempt to make it easier for student groups to safely host

large events on campus and to better streamline the assignment of overtime police detail.

The policy determines the assignment of CP details on the basis of event type, said Chief of

Campus Police Anne P. Glavin. Events without alcohol, or large crowds hosted by MIT students for MIT students are subsidized to a lower rate, while larger events or those involving alcohol require student groups to pay for CP overtime detail.

In addition, some groups, such as the Lecture Series Committee, will receive a lower rate because of the unusually high number of events they hold each semester. The standard rate for a CP detail is \$39.00 per officer per hour, according to the CP policy.

Staff shortages are partially responsible for this policy change. According to Glavin, excessive amounts of CP overtime as well as the cost faced by student groups has led to a policy that incorporates the routes of officers already on duty into event details.

LSC benefits, GAMIT no change

One of the main beneficiaries of this change has been LSC. Previously, LSC had been required to pay for six hours of CP duty each Friday and Saturday night. Under the new policy, a policeman already on-duty spends the half hour prior to each movie supervising the cash box, then continues with the rest of his or her beat, Glavin said.

LSC chairman Douglas E. Heimbürger '00 expressed satisfaction with the new arrangement.

"It saves us about \$250 per week, which adds up over the course of the semester. We hope this will allow us to present more lectures and better quality movies to the MIT community," Heimbürger

Growth, Sustainability Focus of Gibbons' Talk

By Erik Snowberg
STAFF REPORTER

John H. Gibbons, former science adviser to President Clinton, discussed the challenges for science and technology in the 21st century in his third Karl Taylor Compton lecture. His talk was entitled, "Sustainable Growth: Fantasy or Vision."

Gibbons, who served as Clinton's science adviser from 1992-1998, focused on environmental issues and also stressed the role of scientists in keeping track of public policy.

After exploring the challenges mankind will face in the next century he concluded that he was "not optimistic" about the future of humanity. He said that in dealing with these challenges "humanity will fall short of its potential."

Talk third in series

Gibbons began his talk by reviewing the contents of his other two Compton Lectures. Those lectures dealt with the historical impacts of science and technology — both good and bad.

Gibbons defined several issues which he felt would be of paramount importance in the next century. He said that we had come to a "moment of truth" in the world's history. "This will be a momentous and extraordinary century in human history," he said.

He showed several slides which detailed projected population expansion over the next century. Other slides showed the increasing levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. He pointed to these factors as "clear evidence that the Earth was reaching its limits."

Gibbons compared humanity's

impact on the planet to that of an asteroid. The difference between the two was that the impact of humans took place over hundreds of years, whereas an asteroid's damage occurred all at once. Humans are "the hit that keeps on hitting."

Vision and Fantasy

Gibbons classified approaches to sustainable growth and development as either vision or fantasy. He said that the usual approaches fell into the category of fantasy. These approaches included "sticking it to the next generation" which he said would no longer work.

Another approach based in fantasy was what he called "Disney's Law" — wishing will make the problems go away. He said this approach was typified by Congress' recent instructions to the Environmental Protection Agency which do not allow the agency to do any research on global warming.

He said that approaches based in vision were those designed to "foresee and forestall" problems. These policies should be "anchored in reality," and backed up by research.

Challenges for the Future

Gibbons listed what he felt were the most important challenges of the future. According to Gibbons, the first challenge is to avoid the use of weapons of mass destruction. He said that it was important to finish the strategic arms limitation treaties, START II and START III as well as the comprehensive test ban treaty.

Gibbons also suggested that we need to change the way we provide goods and services. He said that life cycle costs of buildings and appli-

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KRZYSZTOF GAJOS—THE TECH

Ania Mierzejewska G of the Polish Club serves bigos, a traditional Polish dish, during the International Fair Friday in Johnson Athletic Center.

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WORLD & NATION

D.C. High Schools Evacuated After Bomb Threat

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Police emptied all 17 District public high schools today after a caller warned that a bomb was planted in one of them. No explosive devices were found, but thousands of students spent the day corralled into safe areas near the schools while emergency personnel searched their buildings.

The threat came in a 9:58 a.m. phone call to the Metropolitan Police Department's communications center. The caller said that a bomb was in one of the city's high schools and hung up, officials said.

"It appeared to be a teenager trying to disguise his voice," police spokesman Kervin Johnson said. A handful of schools were able to resume classes by afternoon, said schools spokeswoman Denise Tann. But bomb squad personnel didn't complete their sweep of all the schools until about 2:30 p.m. After-school activities continued as usual and classes will resume at normal hours Tuesday.

Chernobyl Virus Proves Mostly Harmless

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

The Chernobyl virus, which can literally destroy a computer, infected a small number of computers Monday, allaying fears that it would sweep the world like another virus did several weeks ago. By midday Monday, the 13th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Russia, only 70 computers had been infected in the United States, according to the Computer Emergency Response Team at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Among them were 30 to 40 computers used by Boston College students, said college spokesman Jack Dunn. The virus affected only students who did not install antivirus software distributed by the university last fall, he said.

Overseas, Chernobyl seemed more widespread with reports coming in from Russia, Malta and Finland. In Singapore, there were at least 150 cases, including some at the national university, state television news said.

The most common version of the Chernobyl virus, also known as "CIH," affects computers using Windows 95 and Windows 98. Another version, less common, strikes computers on the 26th day of any month.

Clinton Proposes Gun-Control Measures

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton will call today for criminal background checks on persons seeking to buy dynamite and blasting caps, part of what appears to be a relatively modest new package of weapons control the administration is proposing in the wake of last week's high school massacre in Colorado.

Although advocates had hoped the shootings might spur an ambitious new effort to restrict gun ownership, the initial reaction from both Democrats and Republicans has been far more tepid.

Clinton's crime package primarily recycles gun control measures proposed before last week's tragedy, while in Congress, the Senate's Democratic leader questioned whether new gun laws are needed at all. GOP congressional leaders, meanwhile, discussed plans for a "national dialogue on youth and culture," which would focus on responses other than new gun restrictions.

Clinton's overall package has "little new," said Bruce Reed, White House director of domestic policy.

U.S. Army Apache Crashes Despite NATO 'Readiness'

L.A. Times Staff
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

A U.S. Army Apache attack helicopter crashed on a training mission at Albania's Tirana airport Monday night but the two crewmen escaped from the wreckage, a Pentagon official said.

"We have a report of an Apache that landed short of the runway at Tirana at about 10:40 P.M. local time (2140 GMT). Both crewmen were extracted or got out and I'm not aware of their condition," said Army Col. Richard Bridges, a Pentagon spokesman.

The helicopters and their supporting troops and equipment were declared ready for action against Yugoslav forces for the first time today.

"The full package of the Apache (force) is now in Albania," said Col. Konrad Freytag, NATO's military spokesman. The helicopters and supporting ground-based rocket launchers have been deployed north of Tirana, near the border of the embattled Kosovo province in Yugoslavia.

Freytag said the helicopters can be called into action when Gen. Wesley Clark, the NATO command-

er, decides they are needed.

NATO spokesman Jamie Shea told reporters this morning that completion of the Apache deployment brings total U.S. combat strength in Albania to 5,300.

Poor weather continued to hamper NATO warplanes beginning their second month of strikes throughout Yugoslavia, Freytag said. The German colonel called poor weather the single biggest disappointment and obstacle in the NATO campaign, saying it has slowed the NATO effort to take down Yugoslavia's integrated air defenses.

"The weather has really extensively hindered our precision air operation," Freytag said.

Nevertheless, NATO planes continued to pound away at fuel production and storage facilities, Yugoslav ground forces operating in Kosovo and key bridges, including the last surviving bridge in the city of Novi Sad in northern Yugoslavia. Shea said destruction of the bridge makes it far more difficult for Yugoslavia to supply fuel to its troops in the south.

Shea had no further detail on the visit by the head of the International Red Cross with the three American

soldiers captured by Yugoslavia. He said the Red Cross official provided the soldiers with mail from home and took delivery of some of their letters home, but said he wanted a longer visit to assess their mental and physical health.

In Washington today, Congress, despite some criticism of NATO strategy, was preparing legislation that would exceed President Clinton's request for \$6 billion of emergency money for the air war against Yugoslavia. House Republicans were drafting a bill with a price tag of at least \$11 billion, said House GOP aides who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Although Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota told reporters today that the \$6 billion seemed adequate for meeting direct Kosovo-related expenses, Republicans were leading the way for more money to take care of longer-range needs.

Daschle said that the Senate might take up another measure soon to exhibit Senate support for "expanding the effort if required." But he doubted the Senate would support a stronger resolution to authorize the president to use "all necessary force" to prevail.

Yugoslavia Allows Red Cross To Visit Three NATO Soldiers

By Daniel Williams

WASHINGTON POST

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia allowed the head of the Red Cross to meet for the first time today with three American soldiers captured along the Macedonian border last month, as a prominent Yugoslav official said the Serb-led government must be prepared to accept foreign peacekeepers in Kosovo, even if they include NATO troops.

In a visit that indicated Yugoslavia may treat the three Americans as prisoners of war under international law, Cornelio Sommaruga, the head of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said he looked each soldier in the eye, "warmly" shook their hands and conversed with them briefly.

Sommaruga said nothing about their condition, though he said a doctor would meet with the three captives on Tuesday.

Sommaruga also criticized both Yugoslavia for its forced expulsions of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo, and NATO for its bombing attacks on civilian targets such as television facilities.

Deputy Prime Minister Vuk Draskovic, a moderate, said the government must be willing to give ground to NATO on a key issue by permitting armed international peacekeepers to enforce a possible peace settlement in Kosovo. Although he holds a senior post, Draskovic is a longtime opponent of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, so it was unclear whether he was speaking for the govern-

ment. Western officials suggested Draskovic's comments reflected growing dissent in Belgrade, but an independent Yugoslav politician said Milosevic may be behind the statement.

As government and opposition politicians in Belgrade digested Draskovic's remarks, the United States and its NATO allies continued their bombardment of Yugoslavia, now in its fifth week, and the accompanying buildup of military forces in the region.

The final six of the U.S. Apache AH-64 attack helicopters being deployed for attacks against Serb forces in Kosovo arrived in Albania. One Apache crashed at 10:20 p.m. (4:20 p.m. EDT) last night about 40 miles northeast of the Tirana airport in Albania, Pentagon officials said.

WEATHER

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, April 27, 1999

The wind that won't go away

By Véronique Bugnion

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A few drops fell over Boston yesterday evening, but nothing like the 4.48 inches reported from Oklahoma City in the wake of a line of strong storms which swept through the Southern Plains yesterday.

An area of high pressure is currently gaining strength over South Central Canada and will gradually make its way into Northern New England during the week. The strong gusty winds which our region experienced last night will gradually weaken later on today, but until that happens expect a cool northerly flow with winds up to 15 to 25 mph. For the rest of the week, stable and dry conditions will prevail, perhaps just a few degrees colder than the climatological average.

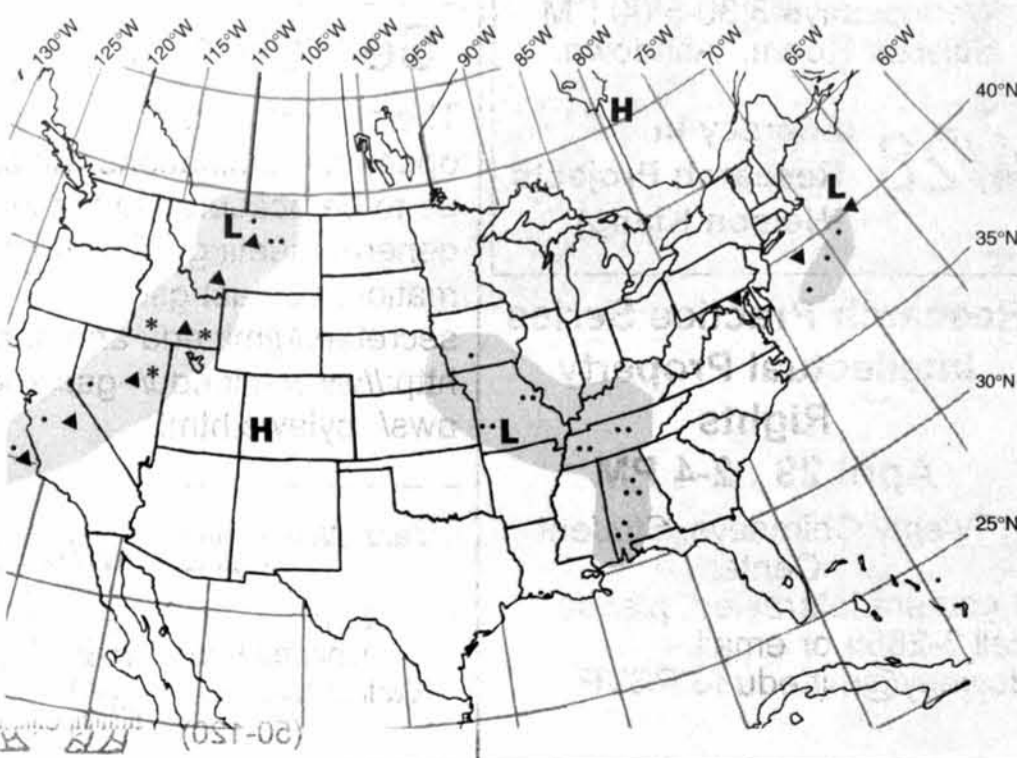
Tuesday: Partly sunny, windy and cooler, high 56° F (13° C).

Tuesday Night: Clear and cool, low around 40° F (4° C).

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high in lower 50s (10-12° C).

Thursday: Mostly clear, highs 55 to 60° F (13-15° C).

Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	Trough	Snow	Fog
L Low Pressure	Warm Front	Light	Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	Cold Front	Moderate	Haze
	Occluded Front	Heavy	Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech



Columbine Killers Envisioned Hijacking and Crashing Plane

L.A. Times Staff
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LITTLETON, COLORADO

The two students who killed 13 people at Columbine High School wanted to kill at least 500 others, attack nearby homes and then hijack a plane and crash it into New York City, investigators said. Authorities also said today they planned to question an 18-year-old girl about whether she purchased two of the firearms used in the rampage.

Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone earlier told reporters the goal of the killers, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, was to strike during the busy lunch hour to go for "a big kill."

But in an interview published today in *The Denver Post*, Stone said the gunmen's diary indicates that if they survived, they wanted more—to "hijack an airplane and crash it into a major city." He said

New York City was their target.

"Once they burned the school down, then they were just going to start ravaging the neighborhood, killing as many people as they could," Stone told the newspaper Sunday.

"I suppose when you first hear it, you think that it's some horrible fantasy," District Attorney Dave Thomas told NBC's "Today" show. "But we now know that at least the first portion of those planned activities were in fact carried out."

"Unfortunately, we also know that had a couple of the devices in the school actually detonated as they had planned, the death toll could have been much higher than it was," Thomas said.

The diary plotting the mayhem in precise detail, bomb-making materials and weapons were found in the bedroom of one of the two teens.

The pair, enraged by what they considered taunts and insults from classmates, allegedly rampaged through their school with guns and bombs before turning their weapons on themselves. Investigators, amazed at the sheer firepower, are trying to determine if others were involved.

Thomas confirmed reports that an 18-year-old woman, described as Klebold's girlfriend, was to be brought in for questioning today about whether she had purchased two of the four firearms used in Tuesday's massacre at Columbine, a 9 mm carbine rifle and a TEC-DC9 semiautomatic pistol. Authorities were attempting to determine if any law was broken, he said.

Thomas said the woman has not been named as a suspect and no arrests were imminent. He said he didn't know if she supplied the guns or if she knew what Harris planned.

FDA Approves New Fat-Blocking Diet Pill That Targets Intestines

By Lauren Neergaard

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The government approved a long-awaited pill Monday that sounds like a dieter's dream: It blocks the body from absorbing almost a third of the fat a person eats.

Xenical is supposed to be only for obese people on strict diets.

Indeed, popping the pill before a big greasy cheeseburger and fries is almost certain to cause unpleasant side effects as the leftover fat exits the body.

But Xenical is the first-ever diet drug that works in the gut instead of targeting the brain to suppress appetite. So scientists expect that, gastrointestinal discomfort aside, it should be a safe drug—unlike two popular appetite

suppressants that had to be banned in 1997.

Consequently, doctors are bracing for demand from people seeking a magic elixir for weight loss.

"This drug is not a magic bullet," stressed Dr. Steven Heymsfeld of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York, who helped research Xenical. "We don't want it used just casually by itself without any diet, or just for cosmetic weight loss."

Xenical, known chemically as orlistat, blocks intestinal enzymes. So instead of being stored on people's hips, 30 percent of the fat they eat passes straight to the colon for excretion.

In studies, adding Xenical to a diet let people lose about 7 1/2 pounds more in a year than diet alone, the Food and Drug Administration said Monday.

Because of the way it works, Xenical can cause intestinal cramping, oily spotting, gas, fecal urgency and oily or loose stools. Some 27 percent of Xenical users had at least one episode, although the side effects tend to wane the longer people take the drug.

The more fat eaten, the more side effects. Thus, the FDA recommended that Xenical users get no more than 30 percent of their daily calories from fat, something they can calculate by reading food labels.

Xenical also decreases absorption of the important fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K, so users should take supplements two hours before or after swallowing Xenical.

Dieters take one Xenical capsule with each main meal, up to three daily.

Supreme Court to Rule On FDA Tobacco Regulation

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court stepped into a major dispute over smoking Monday, agreeing to decide whether the Food and Drug Administration can regulate tobacco and crack down on cigarette sales to minors.

The Clinton administration and the tobacco industry will square off in oral arguments this fall over the FDA's 1996 decision to start regulating tobacco. The government says the policy switch was justified by new evidence that the tobacco industry intended its products to feed consumers' nicotine habits.

A lower court threw out the rules, saying it is up to Congress—not the FDA—to make the "major policy decision" of how to regulate cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

President Clinton released a statement saying he was pleased the court would take up the case. "Every day, 3,000 young people become regular smokers and 1,000 will have their lives cut short as a result," he said. "I remain firmly committed to the FDA rule, which will help stop young people from smoking before they start."

The federal government plans to sue the industry to recover federal health-insurance costs, and the industry faces individual and class-action lawsuits by smokers and their families.

For decades, the FDA said it lacked authority to regulate tobacco so long as cigarette makers did not claim that smoking provided health benefits. But the government reversed itself in 1996 and said it would begin regulating tobacco products as "devices" that deliver addictive nicotine.

Silent Protest Draws Thousands To Beijing

WASHINGTON POST

BEIJING, CHINA

More than 10,000 Chinese followers of a cult-like figure who lives in the United States massed on the streets outside the Communist Party headquarters Monday in the largest protest since the student-led demonstrations rocked Beijing in 1989.

Clutching the writings of Chinese martial arts master Li Hongzhi, the protesters entered Beijing in the pre-dawn hours in buses and flooded the streets around the Zhongnanhai compound. There they sat almost silently five or six deep on the sidewalk, many of them meditating throughout the day as their leaders negotiated with government officials. Scores of police looked on.

The protesters were demanding the government take action against a Chinese magazine that last week published an article critical of the cult called "Falun Gong." Followers of Li, who lives in Houston, said they were concerned that the article, which argued that Falun should not be practiced by young people, was the government's first step toward banning the cult which involves group meditation, exercise and spiritual training. They also said they wanted the government to recognize the sect, granting it legal status.

Monday's protest underscored Chinese leaders' fears of unrest in the weeks before the 10th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protest.



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Professional Development Seminar Series Last Session

Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 PM
Hulsizer Room, Ashdown

4/28 Secrecy in Research Projects (Nelson Kiang)

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April 29, 2-4 PM

Twenty Chimneys, Student Center
If you are interested, please call 3-2855 or email, downey@mit.edu to RSVP.

General Council Meeting

Thursday, May 6
5:30-6:30 PM, 50-220
New officers will assume their positions

Secretary Position

The secretary position is still open, so nominations will continue to be accepted until the May general meeting. For more information, contact gsc-secretary@mit.edu and see <http://www.mit.edu/~gsc/about/bylaws/bylaws.html>.

Jazz Wednesday Nights @ the Muddy Charles Pub! Walker Memorial (50-120)



26 gsn published

28 professional development series 3:30-5:00, Hulsizer Room, Ashdown

03 activities committee meeting *

04 muddy charles board of governors meeting, muddy pub, 5:30-6:30

05 awards convocation, 4:30-5:30 PM, 10-250

06 general council meeting *

* @ 5:30 in 50-220 (above the muddy)
All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

MIT Awards Convocation
Wednesday, May 5
4 PM, 10-250

OPINION

Clarifying the Trespass Policy

The recent arrest of former Toscanini's employee Theodore Bell for trespassing in the Coffeehouse demonstrates the confusion surrounding the policy for trespassing in the Stratton Student Center. To avoid further confusion, and unfortunate incidents such as that of the Bell case, the Institute must clearly and publicly articulate exactly what it considers trespassing.

The policy of subjecting the whole building to a "no trespassing" prohibition, as is currently posted on the entrance to the Student Center, is ludicrous. One logical interpretation of this restriction is that no person unaffiliated with MIT is allowed in the building. But the Institute profits when those unaffiliated with MIT frequent the small businesses on the lower floors of the center. Clearly, those outside the community wishing to conduct business in the Student Center should not be excluded. To exclude outsiders from the upper floors, which house student activities, the reading room, and an Athena cluster, seems more sensible. Such a policy would be much better than current practice, where Campus Activities Complex director Philip A. Walsh

says, "It's hard to give a hard and fast rule."

In practice, the trespassing policy is carried out on a case-by-case basis; a suspected offender is subject to the whims of the Campus Police officer who accosts him or her. A system that relies so heavily on officers' personal judgements is unfair and unacceptable. An activity constituting trespassing to one officer may not be such an activity to another.

To prevent a situation similar to Bell's from arising again, the Institute must work swiftly to meet three goals. First, it needs to draft a clear set of rules regarding exactly what constitutes trespassing in the Student Center. Second, MIT must openly disseminate these rules through posting and publication, ensuring that all members of the community and those outside the community visiting the Student Center are aware of the Institute's regulations. Third, and perhaps most importantly, the MIT community must expect and demand fair enforcement of the trespassing rules. Anything less than a wholly equitable administration of these policies will waste any effort exerted in creating a sensible — and publicly known — policy for trespassing in the Student Center.

Letters To The Editor

Mouse Sighted In Alumni Pool

Today (April 23) while swimming at the MIT Alumni Pool, a *live mouse* was found swimming in the slow lane. Rumor has it he was doing freestyle, breathing on both sides, but I can't corroborate that. Thank God, the pool staff fished out the mouse and disposed of it.

Needless to say, I ended my workout early. Isn't this gross? MIT undergrads *have* to pass the swim test or take a swim class as a substitute. Furthermore if there is a group of people desperately needing physical fitness, it is this fine MIT community. Shouldn't the pool be at least rodent-free if not clean?

As a pre-emptive request to the animal-rights people: don't write in and say how all living creatures deserve to have equal access to athletic facilities. I hope that others on campus feel the same grossed-outness-outrage about this as I do.

Dhaya Lakshminarayanan G

The Proactive Approach

I am writing in response to the column by Joel M. Rosenberg ["MIT's Willing Accomplices," April 16]. It was not the

intention of the Interfraternity Council to publish "propaganda as a news article" in *The Tech*. The IFC newsletter was published in *The Tech* as a cost-effective means of communicating with our members. There was never any attempt to pass off the advertisement as something different than it was, namely reports and commentary of interest to the Greek community.

That being said, one of the main points of Rosenberg's column was that the MIT administration has managed to exploit the undergraduate population, and specifically the FSLG system, for its own means, while continuously "ignoring the wants of students." He cited the IFC's effort during Campus Preview Weekend as a prime example of this, noting that a prefrash's impressions of MIT during CPW were not only contrived, but contrived for the wrong reasons. It does thirty percent of the campus an injustice to reduce the IFC's efforts during CPW to a misguided, selfish recruiting effort.

Arguably, a preview weekend at any school is contrived. However, there is no other way for a school to present all of its options over a span of three days. During CPW, the MIT community turned out in full force to show prefrash what this school can be like. The weekend was not just about parties, or even good dry parties. It was about hanging out on Kresge Oval, attending sports games and concerts, and meeting people at barbecues, casino nights and ice

cream socials. In short, Campus Preview Weekend, IFC-style, was about the Greek community living up to some of its fundamental principles: camaraderie and fun.

The IFC's efforts during CPW reflect our relationship with the administration. Rather than rebelling against the entire system, we have chosen to work with MIT towards mutually acceptable goals. One example of this is the IFC Transition 2001 Committee, which is evaluating the social and financial impacts of housing all freshmen on campus and will begin formulating strategies with MIT administrators to ease the transition for all involved. Our proactive approach will help ensure that the fundamental aspects of MIT undergraduate life will stay constant for generations to come.

Vicki W. Lin '01
IFC Public Relations Chair

For 'Click and Clack' At Commencement

In the April 13 article, "Seniors Mixed on 'Click and Clack' Choice," writer Erik Snowberg quotes a senior as saying, "The whole point of going to a good school is having someone impressive speak at graduation." If that senior has learned a fraction as much as I have from this school, he or she must know what a foolish statement that is. Go ahead, drop out. Transfer to whatever

school President Clinton is giving his political speech this year. I'll see the summary of that talk in the papers, after I have left my own graduation, excited and enthusiastic instead of half asleep.

Come this June, my husband and I will have five degrees from this school, and have been affiliated with MIT for nine years. I anticipate that this will be the best speech I have heard at commencement yet.

Sarah H. Buta G



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Reflecting on Littleton, Colorado

Better Parenting, Gun Control Would Prevent Such Tragedies

Eric J. Plosky

What's so surprising about the school shootings in Colorado?

I'm not talking about the scale of murder and bloodshed; no reasonable person can comprehend such senseless destruction. No, I'm talking about the very idea that such a massacre *could* happen. Why should we be surprised by alienated, disaffected kids exacting revenge on their popular, happy peers? This example was uncharacteristically bloody, but it's just the latest manifestation of American society circa 2000 — increasingly fragmented, suspicious, and schizophrenic, shredding itself apart.

The shootings have little to do, I think, with our "culture of violence"; it is not violence itself that is destroying our society. As Tipper Gore pointed out on Sunday's "Meet the Press," we've always lived in a culture that tolerates — and often glorifies — violence, especially in this, the most brutal century in history. It has long been accepted that well-adjusted people are able to accept the fantasy nature of film and video-game violence, and are able to separate such fantasy from the reality of their daily lives.

We run into problems when maladjusted people enter the picture. By way of definition, "maladjusted" is not at all a synonym for "non-mainstream." The maladjusted are those who cannot separate fantasy from reality, lacking a sense of self-awareness and/or self-preservation, and, as a result, often have incredible difficulty operating on a day-to-day basis. Naturally, our society stigmatizes the maladjusted, though there is absolutely no reason to do so. All of us, certainly, have had our bad stretches.

But Americans are elitists, intolerant; we're often racists, sexists, and homophobes. At the same time, just like all human beings, we usually seek the companionship of like-minded people. It should surprise no one that a group of bitter, outcast teenagers in Littleton formed their so-called "Trenchcoat Mafia." Effectively cloistered, these kids looked around for support and encouragement, and they found it in the doctrine of Hitler, an ideology of hate. Why is it that only hatemongers seem to be clever enough to recognize the potential of the disaffected? I would say that hatemongers are no more perceptive than the

rest of us, but only if "the rest of us" doesn't include the parents of Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, who apparently didn't notice their kids constructing a 40-pound propane-tank bomb in the garage.

In any case, how do we address this situation? We first have to give up the fiction that everything in America is hunky-dory and that the Colorado incident was merely a freak occurrence perpetrated by freaks. We have to admit, rather, that our society has grave problems requiring our immediate concern, and that the shots fired at Columbine High spoke for many more than the two gunmen. Unless we get over our naiveté, our feigned *Pleasantville* innocence, we won't be able to save our society from further degeneration.

There are lots of ideas as to what we can do "reknit the social fabric." Many are bad. Bill Bennett and Pat Buchanan, for instance, would revert to "traditional" instruction in schools, emphasizing Christian morals and values. Public schools, it should be clear, are not the place for religious instruction or religious methods, even if the message of such education is worthwhile. Our country was founded on the principle of strict separation of church from state, and so must it remain.

Appealing to Hollywood to provide more wholesome entertainment is a bad idea. It's not necessary for the well-adjusted (in fact, I suspect, it would greatly annoy them), and it's not enough to help those who really need help. Media moguls do nothing more than provide, obediently, what the market demands; it is offensive to propose trying to enforce some regulated morality on people (consumers, if you will) who should be able to make their own decisions.

Another dreadful suggestion is cracking down on criminal behavior; it's usually proposed by the most intolerant of right-wingers. Fostering a culture shaped by fear and punctuated by paranoia should not be the aim of American policymakers. Besides, lawmen should be flexible and intelligent enough to be able to find other options rather than simply drawing battle lines and donning riot gear at the first sign of trouble. Is it any wonder that defiant attitudes develop toward the boys in blue? Police need to see ordinary citizens as people, not potential criminals. The cop on the beat — we would do well to return to community policing — should be able to discriminate between situations calling for cuffs and those

that simply demand a reprimand or even (gasp!) a word of wisdom.

There are some good ideas, ideas that urge us to face all of our pretensions and hang-ups squarely, drop the naive façade that paralyzes us into inaction, and start to work toward a culture of inclusion. In part, this means a reordering of some of our longstanding views. Bill Bennett indignantly pointed out on "Meet the Press" that the kids in black trenchcoats walking down the hall at Columbine chanting "Heil Hitler" were all but ignored by their classmates and teachers. But, he said, "I guarantee you" that if a bunch of kids walked down the hall with bibles chanting "behold the prince of peace, the king of kings," they would have been run out of school. We must tolerate the free expression of beliefs on one hand while being alert to signs of genuine maladjustment and danger on the other.

A culture of inclusion means better parenting. On the whole, parenting is terrible in America, and something must be done to improve relationships between parents and their children if our society is to start healing. Caring parents should be the first barrier between disaffected youths and insane, irresponsible actions. (Other barriers should be caring friends and teachers, and a mental health system that can function free of medical consumerism and social stigmatism.)

On another note, guns must be eliminated from our society. Now, I recognize that just as violence is not itself the cause of cultural decay, guns are not themselves the cause of wanton killings. And, yes, banning guns to prevent murders is as useless as barring windows to prevent suicides — the determined will find a way. But the availability of guns makes killing, especially mass killing, too easy an option; even when stores are regulated, kids obtain guns by other means. Guns shouldn't be available at all — we should institute a nationwide guns-for-goods amnesty exchange to get them off our streets. And don't throw the Second Amendment at me: the mark of a truly enlightened society is that a "well-regulated militia" is *not* necessary in order to secure freedom.

The more intelligent and perceptive among us should not be surprised by Littleton. But neither should we tolerate any more of the fragmented, self-obsessed society that makes such incidents a reality. It's time to face facts. It's time to take action.

Rooting Out Corruption In China

Elaine Wan

It has been about two weeks since I woke up on the morning of Wednesday, April 13 to find secret agents patrolling the entrance of McCormick Hall. That day I walked along the Charles River, amidst bright red Chinese flags and balloons, and squirmed past Massachusetts and Campus Police. I heard Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji speak on world trade in Kresge Auditorium and since then have read the many responses to his suggestions vis-a-vis trade relations between China and the United States. For the past two weeks, members of the MIT community have addressed the need for human rights in China and concern for Zhu's proposals, but no one has addressed the needs of the Chinese people and the actions Americans should take to promote human rights in China.

I am a Chinese American. I was born and raised in a society whose members respected people of any sex, race, religion or culture. I was taught to cherish and make use of my right to express my views and thoughts. As a country of democracy, the United States must spread freedom to all corners of the world, but her citizens must also understand the needs of the people from other countries before we take action.

The Chinese Premier's visit was a great opportunity for me to understand the political and financial concerns of China through the words of a man who has earned the respect of the Chinese people, members of his party, President Clinton, and the media. Zhu has presented himself during his trip to America as an open-minded and charismatic member of the Communist Party who could joke about espionage, throw a football, and still focus on his agenda: to promote the inclusion of China into the World Trade Organization. Zhu has also publicly recognized the need for human rights in China. However, the question still remains: Will China increase the rights of its citizens?

China's leaders began an experiment of holding elections at the village level in 1987. It was then predicted that it would be fifty years before China held nationwide elections. However, the massacre in Tiananmen Square and the imprisonment of Chinese human rights advocates has dimmed a future of freedom in China. Although democracy in China is the first priority for Americans interested in developing Sino-American ties, very few are aware that the number one complaint of the Chinese is corruption, according to *The New York Times* ["All This Corruption," March 11, 1999]

"Westerners often decry human rights conditions in China, citing political restrictions on writers and intellectuals in the large cities. But for hundreds of millions of ordinary Chinese who live in towns and villages, it is the unrestrained authority of a local party chief that is usually most oppressive," the article says. Public opinion surveys in China have found that many villagers are aware that a few thousand U.S. dollars can buy one a position as a Chinese government official. It is these officials who prevent the Chinese from expressing their ideas and choosing their own leaders. These officials cruise their territory and demand cuts of the profits from the most prosperous local businesses. It is these officials who claim that the Chinese citizens should not be able to vote because most of them are illiterate. But it is President Jiang Zemin and Premier Zhu Rongji who have publicly declared their commitment to eradicate such corruption. This is why Zhu has gained respect among his people.

Although Zhu has not proposed direct changes in China's current government system, he has recognized the problems on the minds of the Chinese people. Zhu has gained popularity among the Chinese newspapers for his famed quote, "In order to eradicate corruption, I would have to prepare ten coffins. Nine coffins will be for the corrupters but the last one may be for myself." An anti-corruption campaign is extremely treacherous because the current corruption network is composed of military officials, construction companies and other government officials.

We should support an anti-corruption campaign in China. In order to restore rights to the Chinese, it is necessary to bring awareness to those villagers and those in rural China who readily accept the absence of political voice. It is necessary to educate those who are illiterate, so that they can compare their lives with those of people in countries with human rights. There must be economic development to promote education so that educated Chinese can make demands and changes from their leaders which will eventually expand the rights of the Chinese and fortify Sino-American relations.

The Armenian Genocide

Guest Column

Armen M. Vartanian

How would you react if I claimed that Serbia's ethnic cleansing is a figment of the media's imagination? Would you be outraged if I told you that I could prove the Holocaust never happened? You would probably point to all the evidence, and say that my statements are utter nonsense.

But it is certainly not impossible to attempt to deny large-scale atrocities. Most people associate "genocide" with Nazi extermination during World War II, but many might also use the word to describe crimes against humanity in Rwanda, Cambodia, Russia, and most recently, Serbia. But how much do you really know about the planned executions that have occurred in all of these countries? Are there others that you have heard about but that have not been given public attention?

You see, I am Armenian. Armenia is a small country located north of Iran, and to the west of the Black Sea. And if you ask any Armenian what "genocide" means to him or her, you will get the same description: the systematic execution, planned and ordered by the Ottoman Turkish government and carried out by the Turkish army, of 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1924. The Turks stated and nearly achieved goal was to wipe out the entire Armenian population within the borders of the Ottoman Empire, which included the Turkey of today as well as parts of Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

These murders are the Armenian Genocide, which Armenians and others commemorate on April 24 every year. Next, ask Armenians about the impact of the Armenian Genocide on their lives, and you will get another consensus: households still deeply affected by loss of family, and, in some cases, animosity toward Turks, who are not guilty of the crimes committed by their forefathers' government, but who are guilty of refusing to accept that the Genocide ever happened and for publicly declaring their disdain for those who do accept the Genocide.

For example, last year at the University of

California at Berkeley, a professor of Near Eastern studies approached the Armenian students' table, where they were commemorating the Genocide, and told the assembled group that the Genocide never happened, and went on to say that the Armenians deserved to be massacred. After an investigation, the professor, initially supported by the school, was criticized by a joint effort of the administration, students, and humanitarian organizations.

This occurrence is not isolated. Despite the many facts supporting Armenians' claims, the veracity of a genocide of the Armenians is questioned due to the age of the crimes and the vehement denial of its existence by the current Turkish government. In Turkish classrooms, and still in many American and European history classes, the Armenian Genocide is not mentioned due to a campaign by Turkey to rewrite history by leveraging its relationship with Western nations and by influencing decision-makers in academia and government.

Upon examination, however, the claims made against the Armenians are purely anecdotal, the strongest of which are stories of equally horrible Turkish massacres. These claims are false. There was no Armenian governing body at the time to orchestrate these organized killings, and for that matter, Christians were not allowed to carry arms in the Ottoman Empire. In 1916, U.S. ambassador to Turkey Henry Morgenthau tried to call attention to what he called in his dispatches to America the "race extermination" of which the Turks were guilty. Recently, Morgenthau recalled a chilling remark about the Armenians by Adolf Hitler, whose generals asked him what the world would think if they carried out his orders to kill every man, woman and child in Poland who stood in the way of a 1939 blitzkrieg. "Who remembers the Armenians?" Hitler said.

The fact that the Ottoman Turkish government devised and implemented an official policy to kill the Armenians cannot and should not be disputed. Several members of academia, among them Richard Hovannisian, author of the recently published account "Remembrance and Denial:

The Case of the Armenian Genocide," have conducted extensive research for concrete evidence to affirm the Genocide. The Armenians' was the first set of war-time, government-run extermination covered by the global media, whose efforts today provide undeniable written and photographic evidence of the atrocities. One of the most sympathetic supporters of the Armenians was the United States. The Armenian Atrocities Committee was formed in 1915 to send necessities to Armenia, and later became the Near East Relief Committee, whose membership included former and future Presidents. During this time, the phrase "starving Armenians" was coined and entered the vernacular of Americans.

Today, in a reversal of opinion, there is only limited global cognizance and recognition of the Armenian Genocide, due to political concerns (e.g. NATO needs a strategic ally in the Middle East and near the former Soviet Republics), as well as a lack of interest. Many key political bodies, including the United States, fail to recognize the Armenian Genocide for what it is; they only attempt to do so by passing often weak resolutions that recognize atrocities, or by taking up the genocide cause only to let it die in process. In March, the French Parliament unanimously passed a resolution recognizing the Genocide, but shortly afterward the effort failed when an arms deal with Turkey was jeopardized by their consideration of the bill. Also, the Clinton Administration continues to back the Turkish government's denial of the Armenian Genocide, recalling the events of 1915 as "atrocities" and "massacres."

So what am I writing for? Serbia will forever live in your mind as a battleground to stop ethnic hatred. And if you are outraged by the killing and violations of human rights, I want you to be outraged that crimes against the Armenians have remained unrecognized for over eighty years. The Armenians of today seek affirmation of their Genocide, of the truth. I ask you to simply speak up when you hear that truth denied.

Armen M. Vartanian is a member of the class of 1996.

FEATURES

International Fair

Students learn about other cultures and show off their own.



Members of the Colombian Student Association perform a traditional dance at the I-Fair Friday in Johnson Athletic Center.

By Aaron D. Mihalik

STAFF REPORTER

The International Students Association transformed Johnson Athletic Center into a cultural smorgasbord last Friday for its annual International Fair.

For many people, the most notable piece of the I-fair was the exposure to foods from other cultures. The I-fair gave many people exposure to new and exciting cultural dishes, and almost every student group at the I-fair

offered a variety of authentic cultural dishes. The money from the sale of the food, in turn, helps the student groups fund activities, including cultural dinners, celebration of cultural holidays, and study breaks.

Many students perform at I-fair

Aside from the eclectic array of food, international clubs at MIT expressed their cultures in other ways. The most conspicuous method was a performance on the large stage set up on the indoor track. Many clubs used the performance opportunity to display their cultures' styles of clothing and dancing. Throughout the day there were a number of performances representing different cultures.

"We had 17 performances plus a fashion

show," said Buddhika N. Kottahachchi '02, an I-fair organizer. "While most of the performers were students... a few student groups brought in professional performers," Kottahachchi said. "The final performance by the South Asian students titled 'Bhangra' drew a very positive response."

At every booth, students shared information about their cultures. At one booth, for instance, a zealous Canadian, attired in a superhero costume complete with a red maple leaf on his chest and a white-with-red maple leaf Zorro mask to conceal his identity, talked about the sport of curling. Curling is basically shuffle board on ice, played with brooms and a "big ass rock," he said.

On the other side of the room, Cypriot students passed out picture-filled brochures of their beautiful island while inviting students to snack on desserts. Adjacent to the Cypriot students was an impressive display of Taiwanese hand puppets.

Wide representation at I-fair

Over 40 clubs participated in the I-fair. "Not only clubs representing various cultures but others such as [Share a Vital Earth] (the MIT environmentalists' club), which concerns the whole world, also took part," said Kottahachchi. "We also had about two clubs taking part for the very first time at I-fair, which is encouraging."

Each participating group was given a booth. While all groups decorated their booths with cultural symbols and posters, many groups also sold food representative of their

cultures and distributed information packets and brochures.

"In this booth, [the groups] are encouraged to create a miniature version of their community," Kottahachchi said. "In addition to this, the clubs can perform a dance or act representing their culture or take part in the fashion show. This year, we introduced a new item — where every country shows off their countries' flag[s] at the end of the day," Kottahachchi added.

Nearly 3000 people attended the I-fair, indicating that this year's I-fair was as successful as previous I-fairs, despite bad weather and a last-minute venue change. The organizers "were warned against holding it indoors since it was thought that many wouldn't attend," Kottahachchi said. However, "when CAC said they couldn't give us power outlets at Kresge [Oval], it was a shock." The I-fair publicity committee resorted to making a last-minute effort to poster the location change around campus.

I-fair brings community together

The international student community is quite large at MIT. According to the International Student Office, there are over 2200 international students at MIT. Since its creation in 1976, the ISA has used its resources to promote the diverse international community at MIT.

The ISA "brings MIT students from all countries together to celebrate and share their cultures," Kottahachchi said.

ISA began the I-fair "in order to provide a forum where [international] students could both educate others about their rich cultural heritages as well as learn about other cultures," Kottahachchi said. "I-fair continues to be the only event that covers the globe in this manner. In fact, the theme of I-fair is 'Bringing the World Together'."

The outcomes of this and past I-fairs have been very successful for both the participating organizations and the students who visit the forum. For the MIT community it helps students "develop understanding and tolerance of people from other cultures... [and to] learn to appreciate their uniqueness," Kottahachchi said. The I-fair provides the participants with "an opportunity to dress up in their traditional clothes, act like they would at home, and educate and learn in the process. The benefits of participation are easy to see, and that is why so many clubs participate."

Viewpoint

This week's question:

Do MIT students need to know more about world events and cultures?

"You need to know about both. MIT has lots of cultural events. So if people are interested, there are a lot of opportunities to learn about cultures."

Samitha Samaranayake '02

"Without question, I think a lot of people here will probably get positions later with a certain amount of influence. So they definitely have to know more about the world today."

Michael T. Padilla G

"It is absolutely necessary that MIT students know what's going on in the world, as it is one of our driving missions to be aware of and attempt to provide solutions to problems in other parts of the world. That's part of being an engineering school."

Ronojoy Chakrabarti '02

"I think they're both very important. To understand the events, you need to understand the cultures too."

JaNette Kelly '02

"I think they need to know more about world cultures. They can stay up to date with world events by reading newspapers or on CNN, but you cannot learn about world cultures by reading the news. You have to go and experience it for yourself and talk to someone in that culture. You cannot get knowledge about a culture by reading about it."

Aaron P. Moronez '99

"MIT students need to be more politically aware about what's going on around them. And about other people's culture and their backgrounds."

Ricardo Dawkins '01

Compiled by Andrew J. Maywah

Spotlight of the Week

Conductor John Corley celebrates 50 years with Concert Band

By May K. Tse

SENIOR EDITOR

This Saturday will be 50th anniversary concert of the MIT Concert Band, and the final performance for director John D. Corley, who has been conducting the band since its inception in the fall of 1948.

"Mr. Corley brings with him to the group an enormous amount of musical experience, both as a performer and as a conductor. He knows exactly what he wants to hear out of the group on any given piece and does an exceptional job conveying that to the group. Many times during rehearsals, he will also stop and tell some story related to the piece we are performing. These breaks in rehearsals then give the band a more enjoyable experience overall, and help us to better understand the pieces we are playing," said Robert L. Rucinski '99, president of the MIT Concert Band for the past two years.

Rucinski continued, "Mr. Corley also has a tremendous understanding of the MIT student and student life. Having been at MIT for so many years, he realizes the pressures that can build for the individual student. He has always strived to make the 4 hours of rehearsals per week a time in which the people can forget about the stresses of coursework and do something different which they enjoy — playing music."

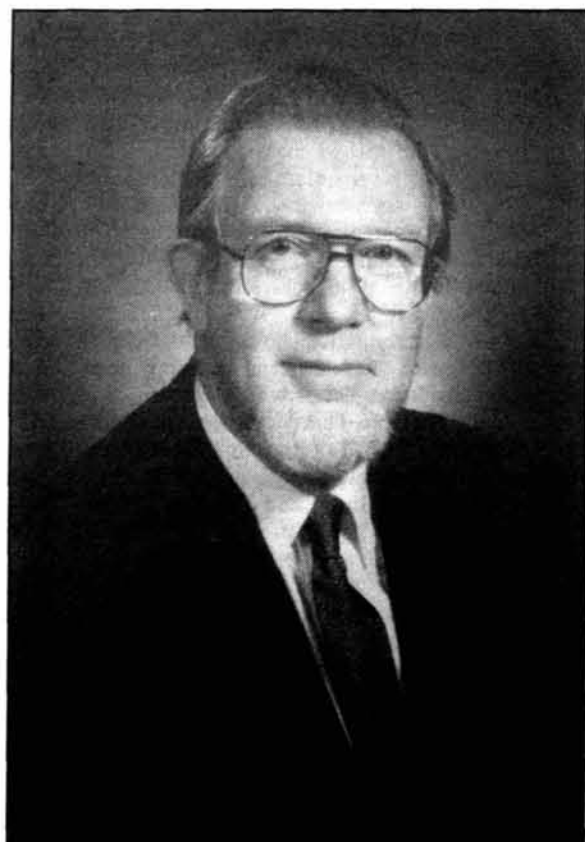
The weekly practices also seemed to be cherished by Corley as well. "My greatest memory from my years with the MIT Concert Band is of the enthusiasm and energy of the students. It has been therapy for me to work with MIT students. I can remember many times when I went to a rehearsal being very tired because of what I'd done that day; as soon as they started to play I'd get all excited about making music again," Corley said. Corley cites attracting composers to write for the MIT Concert Band as his greatest accomplishment. He

said, "I want to leave behind with me the idea of being dedicated to the creation of new music, performing new pieces, attracting composers — both students and off-campus people as well — to write pieces for us. To date, we have a piece by a Lithuanian composer, we have more than one French composer, two English composers; these are people who have written for the MIT Concert Band in Cambridge, Mass. We've earned a reputation for promoting original works, works written originally for our band, not arrangements of orchestra pieces or piano pieces or 'show-tunes.'" After Saturday's final performance, Corley will still be quite active.

"I will be leading the Boston Brass Ensemble; I'm the conductor. We play for the MIT commencement. I'll play for 11 other commencements as well I'm not as busy, but I don't plan to give up music entirely and I want very much to help do whatever I can to see that the many manuscripts which were written for the MIT Concert Band get into a shape and form through computers and so forth to make those pieces available to other college bands," Corley said.

Next year, the MIT Concert Band will be conducted by Dr. Fred Harris. "I'm excited about the appointment of Fred Harris, who will be the new conductor of the MIT Concert Band. He was a conducting student of mine at the Boston Conservatory when I taught there. I think he's going to enjoy the same things about the band that made me so excited about it all these years," Corley said.

The May 1 concert will feature two new works: Funk and Circumstance by Jeff Morrow '96 and Time Into Gold by Adrian Childs '94. In addition, over 60 alumni are returning to perform with the current band.



Concert Band Director John D. Corley

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- 12:00 p.m. - **Topological Aspects of 19th Century Debates on the Space Problem.** Moritz Epple. Dibner Institute Lunchtime Colloquia. Room E56-100.
- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - **Open House for New Minor in Toxicology and Environmental Health.** New minor in Toxicology & Environmental Health! Learn how chemicals and microorganisms cause disease. Get a broader perspective on the health impact of your major. Room 10-105 Bush Room. Sponsor: Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Health.
- 2:30 p.m. - **Ocean Isopycnic Modeling beneath Ice Shelves.** Professor David M. Holland, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences - New York University. Physical Mathematics Seminar. Refreshments will be served at 4:00 p.m. in 2-349. Room 2-338.
- 4:00 p.m. - **Why Does Quasi-Monte Carlo Beat Monte Carlo For Mathematical Finance?** Joseph F. Traub, Columbia University. LIDS Colloquia. Reception will follow in 35-338. Room 35-225.
- 4:00 p.m. - **The Ocean's Biological Carbon Pump: Mechanisms of Nutrient Supply to the Subtropical Surface Ocean.** Professor Steven R. Emerson, University of Washington. EAPS Department Lecture Series. Refreshments, 3:30 pm, Ida Green Lounge. Room 54-317.
- 4:00 p.m. - **High K Dielectrics for Gigascale CMOS and Flash.** Lalita Manchanda, Lucent Technologies. MTL VLSI Seminar Series. Refreshments in lobby of room 34-101 at 3:30 p.m. Room 34-101.
- 4:30 p.m. - **Religion and Politics in the Persian Gulf.** Prof. James A. Bill, The College of William and Mary. The Emile Bustani Middle East Seminar. Room E51-095. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.
- 5:00 p.m. - **"Get the Message?" An Update on Advanced Speech Interfaces Research.** Christopher Schmandt, Speech Research Group at the Media Laboratory, Media Lab, Bartos Theater.
- 5:30 p.m. - **The Increase of R&D and Venture Businesses in Japan.** Koichi Masubuchi, Kawasaki Professor of Engineering, Professor of Ocean Engineering and Materials Science. Room 4-237. Sponsor: MIT Japan Program with Ocean Engineering and Materials Science.

Wednesday's Events

- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - **Smart Resumes, Cover Letters, and CVs.** Learn the fundamentals of creating strategic resumes, cover letters, and CVs. Room 2-132. Sponsor: OCSPA.
- 11:00 a.m. - **Capturing Early Light and Diffusive Light for Imaging Applications.** Robert Alfano, City University of New York. EECS /RLE - Optics & Quantum Electronics Seminar Series. Room 34-Grier Room B.
- 12:00 p.m. - **Trading with the Enemy During Wartime.** Professor Jack Levy, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University. Room E38-615. Sponsor: Security Studies Program.
- 12:10 p.m. - **Vertical mixing during the North Atlantic Tracer Release Experiment.** Louis St. Laurent, MIT/WHOI Joint Program. Room 54-915. Sponsor: Physical Oceanography.
- 3:30 p.m. - **Lecture on Science Policy: Issues in Starting and Running a High-Technology-Based Business.** Ed Dunn, MIT Enterprise Forum. Professional Development Series. Ashdown House, Hulsizer.
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- 4:15 p.m. - **Shuffling Cards and Lie Theory.** Dr. Jason E. Fulman, Dartmouth University. Combinatorics Seminar. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2-349. Room 2-338.
- 5:00 p.m. - **Advanced Music Performance Recital: Petra Chong '99, horn; Jaemin Rhee G, piano.** Bozza's En Foret; Moritzveich's Four Pieces from Op. 35; Francaix's Divertimento; Hindemith's Sonata. Killian Hall.
- 5:15 p.m. - **Learn to Sail - Classes 1 & 2.** Meet people, and enjoy yourself. Want to Learn to sail? The MIT Sailing Pavilion offers introductory sailing lessons on the Charles River in Tech Dinghies. Bring a change of shoes. Learn-to-Sail. Sailing Pavilion.
- 7:00 p.m. - **Lesbianism and the Indian Psyche.** Manju Jaidka. Room 6-120. Sponsor: Women's Studies Program with Anthropology Program.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

- 12:00 p.m. - **MIT Chapel Concert.** Andrew Cook, alto saxophone. Yoshiko Hiramatsu, piano. Music by Hindemith, Shulhoff, Samuel Adler, Rio Noda. Chapel.
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. - **Competencies That Build Leaders in the New Millennium.** In this workshop you will be introduced to the concept of competencies. Room 5-234. Sponsor: OCSPA.
- 3:30 p.m. - **The Evolution of Multithreaded Architecture.** Burton Smith, Chairwoman and Chief Scientist, Tera Computer Company. Part of the MIT Laboratory for Computer Science Distinguished Lecture Series. Refreshments will be served at 3:15 p.m. Room 34-101.
- 4:00 p.m. - **An Algebraic Geometry Approach to Integer Programming.** Georgia Perakis, Assistant Professor of Operations Research, MIT. Refreshments immediately following seminar in Room E40-106. Room E40-298. Sponsor: Operations Research Center.
- 4:00 p.m. - **Model Variation and Model Error Modeling.** Prof. Lennart Ljung, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Linkoping University, Sweden. D'Arbeloff Lab Distinguished Lecturer Series. Room 3-270.
- 4:00 p.m. - **Why isn't the Pacific storoom track strongest when the jet stream is most intense?** Edmund Chang, MIT. MIT Atmospheric Science Seminars. Room 54-915.
- 4:15 p.m. - **Weak links in superfluid ³He: Josephson effects old and new.** Richard Packard, University of California at Berkeley. Physics Colloquium. Refreshments in Room 4-339 at 3:45 pm. Room 10-250.

- 7:00 p.m. - **Chainmail Workshop.** Come learn how to make chainmail in this interactive workshop. Materials will be provided, but bring needlenose pliers if you have them. Student Center, Mezzanine Lounge. Sponsor: Society for Creative Anachronism.
- 7:00 p.m. - **Writers Series: Jeffrey Paine.** Sponsored by Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies Writers Series with Urban Studies and Planning. Room 6-120.
- 7:30 p.m. - **Living in Two Languages Series—Shirley Geok-Lin Lim.** "Memory and the New-Born: The Maternal Imagination in Diaspora." Presentation by the author of *Among the White Moon Faces: An Asian-American Memoir of Homelands*. Followed by book signing. Bldg. E51, Wong Auditorium.
- 7:30 p.m. - **Reading with Shirley Geok-Lin Lim.** Part of the Center for Bilingual and Bicultural Studies Series at MIT. A Women's Studies reception will follow in the Ting foyer. Room E51-115.
- 8:00 p.m. - **For Colored Girls Who Consider Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf.** Dramashop production of choreopoem by Ntozake Shange directed by Assistant Professor Thomas DeFrantz. Admission \$8, \$6 w/student ID. Kresge Little Theater.

Friday's Events

- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - **MIT Sloan Challenge.** The MIT Sloan Challenge is a fun, mobile, high-tech game where teams of players tackle a series of challenging real-world business situations. Sloan & around Boston. Sponsor: MIT Sloan Challenge.
- 12:10 p.m. - **GABLES Monthly Lunch.** A social get-together of the MIT Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian Employees and Supporters group. Sponsor: GABLES.
- 3:00 p.m. - **The Motion of Small Particles in Viscoelastic Fluids.** Ronald Phillips, University of CA, Davis, Department of Chemical Engineering. Chemical Engineering Department Spring Seminar Series. Reception held before seminars at 2:45 p.m. Room 66-110.
- 3:00 p.m. - **Extremes in Thermodynamic Machines.** Professor John Brisson, Mechanical Engineering Dept., MIT. Mechanical Engineering Spring Seminar Series. Refreshments to follow in Miller Room, 1-114. Room 3-270.
- 4:00 p.m. - **Thermodynamic Modeling as an Aid to Understanding Magmatic Evolution.** Professor Mark S. Ghiorso, University of Washington. EAPS Department Lecture Series. Refreshments, 3:30 pm, Ida Green Lounge. Room 54-915.
- 4:15 p.m. - **Parking Functions, Allowable Pairs, and a Symmetry in Trees.** Dr. Louis Kalikow, Brandeis University. Combinatorics Seminar. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2-349. Room 2-338.
- 6:00 p.m. - **Moonlight Sails & BBQ's.** Glide along the river after dark, sailing in a Rhodes-19. Bring long a flashlight and something for the BBQ on the dock afterwards. You should have a current MIT Sailing Card for this event. Sailing Pavilion.
- 7:00 p.m. - 12:15 a.m. - **MIT Anime Club Showing.** 7:00 Rurouni Kenshin 57-59 (subtitled); 8:50 Magical Knights Rayearth OAV 1-3 (subtitled); 11:30 Kodomo no Omocha 16-17 (subtitled); Feel free to come at anytime. Room E51-345. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.
- 7:30 p.m. - **MIT/Wellesley Toons Concert.** The pop a cappella group from MIT and Wellesley College performs funkadelic rhythms and ethereal harmonies. Room 10-250.
- 8:00 p.m. - **MIT Concert Choir Concert.** William Cutter, conductor. Admission 5.00. Kresge Auditorium.
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Saturday's Events

- 11:00 a.m. - **Sailing Regattas.** Sailing Team regattas held at local venues. MIT, BU, Harvard. Cheer on the Sailing Team or just enjoy a spring day by the river. Sailing Pavilion. Sponsor: MIT Nautical Association.
- 7:00 p.m. - **Logs' Punt Finals concert.** The last concert of the term by the Logarithms, MIT's all-male a cappella ensemble. Room 10-250.
- 7:30 p.m. - **Chorallaries Spring Concert.** Coed a cappella ensemble. Room 6-120.
- 8:00 p.m. - **For Colored Girls Who Consider Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf.** Dramashop production of choreopoem by Ntozake Shange directed by Assistant Professor Thomas DeFrantz. Admission \$8, \$6 w/student ID. Kresge Little Theater.
- 8:00 p.m. - **MIT Concert Band Concert.** John Corley conducts the 50th Anniversary Concert. Kresge Auditorium.

Sunday's Events

- 7:00 p.m. - **Speakeasy String Quartet: Rumble Seat Music.** Vintage jazz from the 1920's and 30's, arranged for strings, featuring transcriptions of Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Fats Waller, George Gershwin and other American composers. Killian Hall.

Monday's Events

- 11:45 a.m. - **On the Active Destabilization of Markets.** Brian E. Stern, President, Xerox Technology Enterprises. Refreshments in Room NW12-222 at 3:00 pm. Room E56-Dibner Building. Sponsor: Nuclear Engineering.
- 3:30 p.m. - **Comments on International Nuclear Matters.** John M. Deutch, Institute Professor, MIT. Dept. of Nuclear Engineering/American Nuclear Society Seminars. Refreshments in Room NW12-222 at 3:00 pm. 3:30 pm (1 hour 30 minutes), Room NW12-222. Sponsor: Nuclear Engineering.
- 4:00 p.m. - **Xenotransplantation: Biological and Ethical Aspects.** Annual Arthur Miller Lecture on Science and Ethics. Fritz Bach, Harvard Medical School. Program in Science, Technology, and Society 1999 Spring Colloquia. Media Lab, Bartos Theater.
- 4:15 p.m. - **Applications and Algorithms for Fourier Analysis on SL₂(p).** Professor Daniel Rockmore, Department of Mathematics - Dartmouth College. Applied Mathematics Colloquium. Refreshments will be served at 3:45 p.m. in Room 2-349. Room 2-105.

Tang Hall Will Return to Full Graduate Occupancy

By Frank Dabek
NEWS EDITOR

The 53 undergraduates currently housed in Tang Hall will not be allowed to keep their spots in the graduate residence next fall.

Phillip M. Bernard, program director for residential life, said that the decision has already been made "not to accommodate the undergraduates in Tang." When they were initially given spaces in Tang, undergraduates were not guaranteed more than two semesters in the hall.

The displaced undergraduates will be guaranteed spaces in the

campus residence system however, Bernard said.

Moving the undergraduates back into the system will likely increase crowding. Bernard said that while he doesn't "anticipate any major problems," the dormitory system will be "very crowded [in the] beginning of next year."

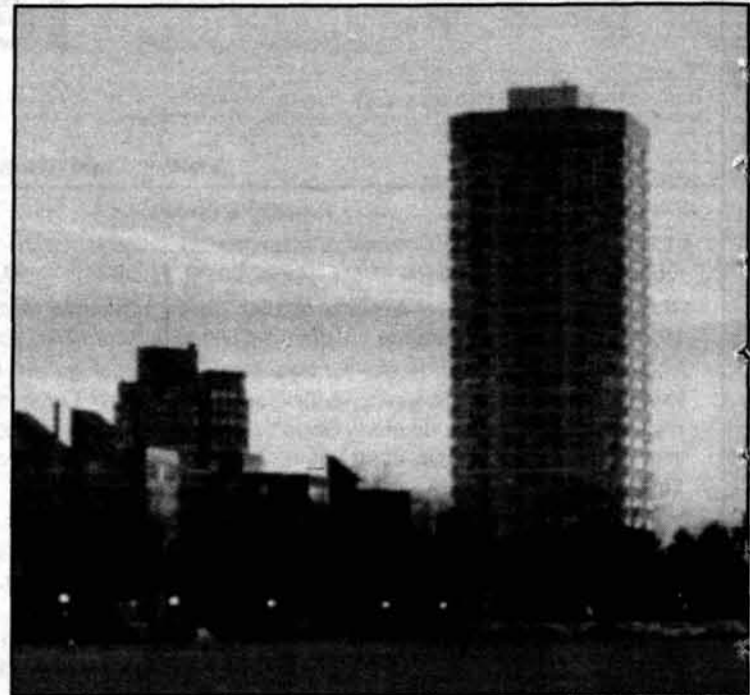
The exact level of crowding will depend on the number of freshmen who pledge fraternities, sororities and independent living groups as it does each year.

Brian J. Schnieder G, president of the Graduate Student Council,

said that the administration had taken a "rightful stance" in not allowing the undergraduates to remain in Tang.

Since graduate students are only allowed to live in the dorm for one year, "why should undergraduates be given even more priority," Schnieder asked.

He stressed the importance of Tang to incoming graduate students, especially international students, who are presented with the difficult task of finding housing in the crowded Cambridge housing market in a short amount of time.



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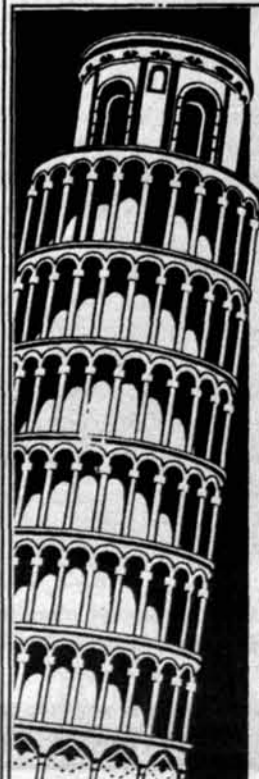
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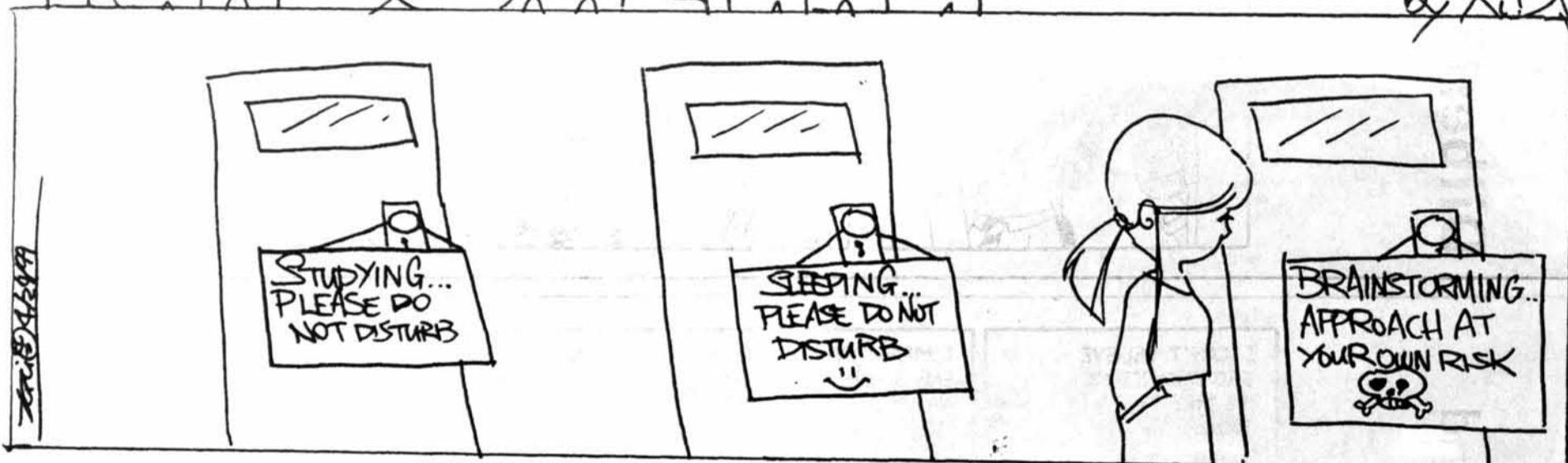
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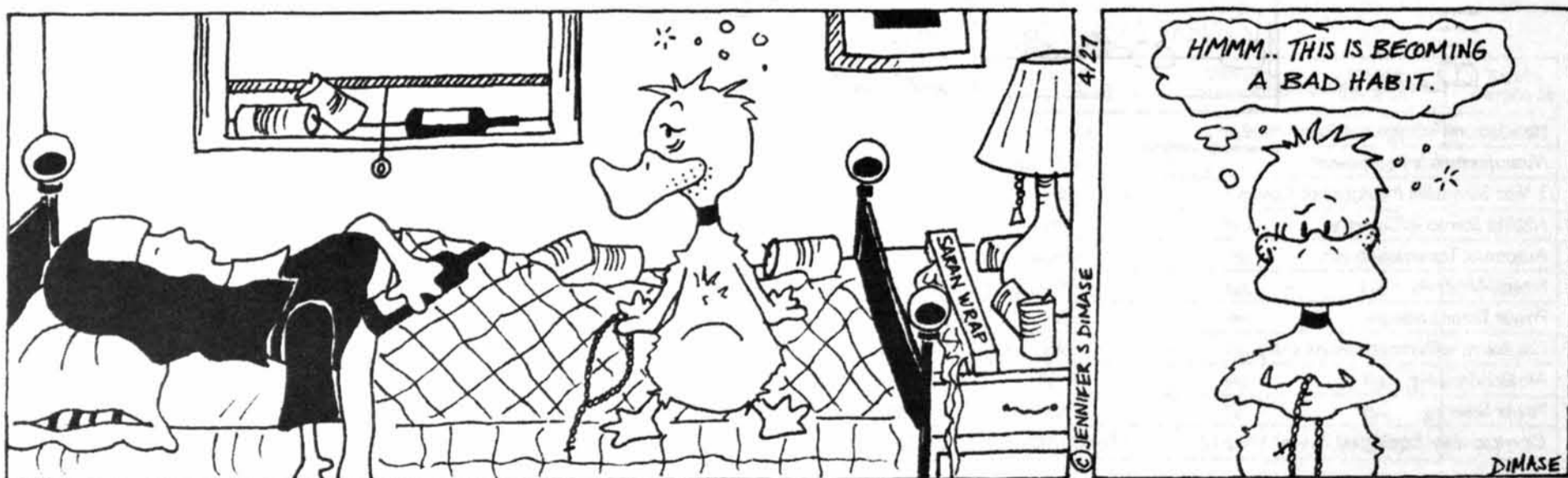
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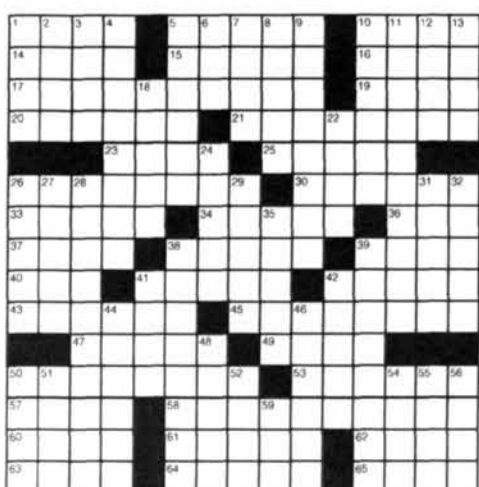


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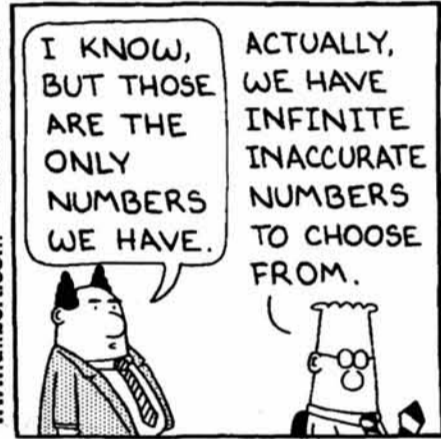
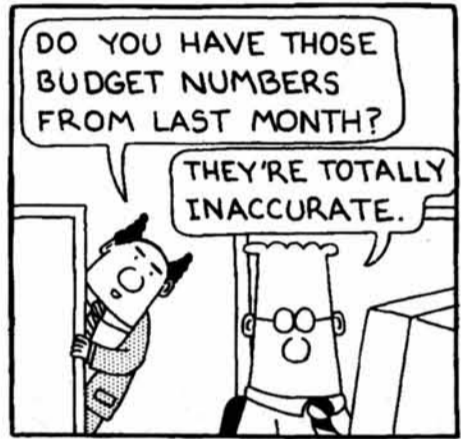
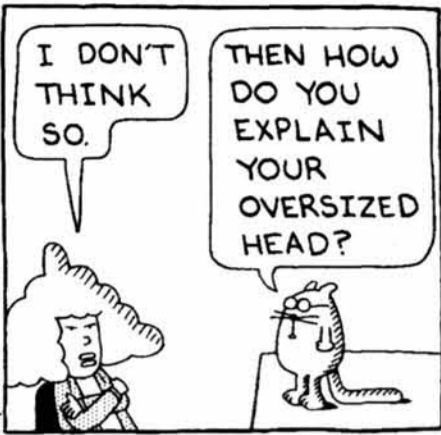
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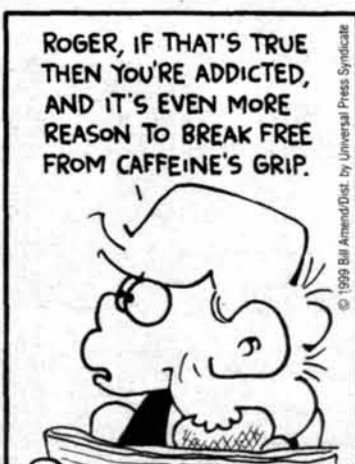
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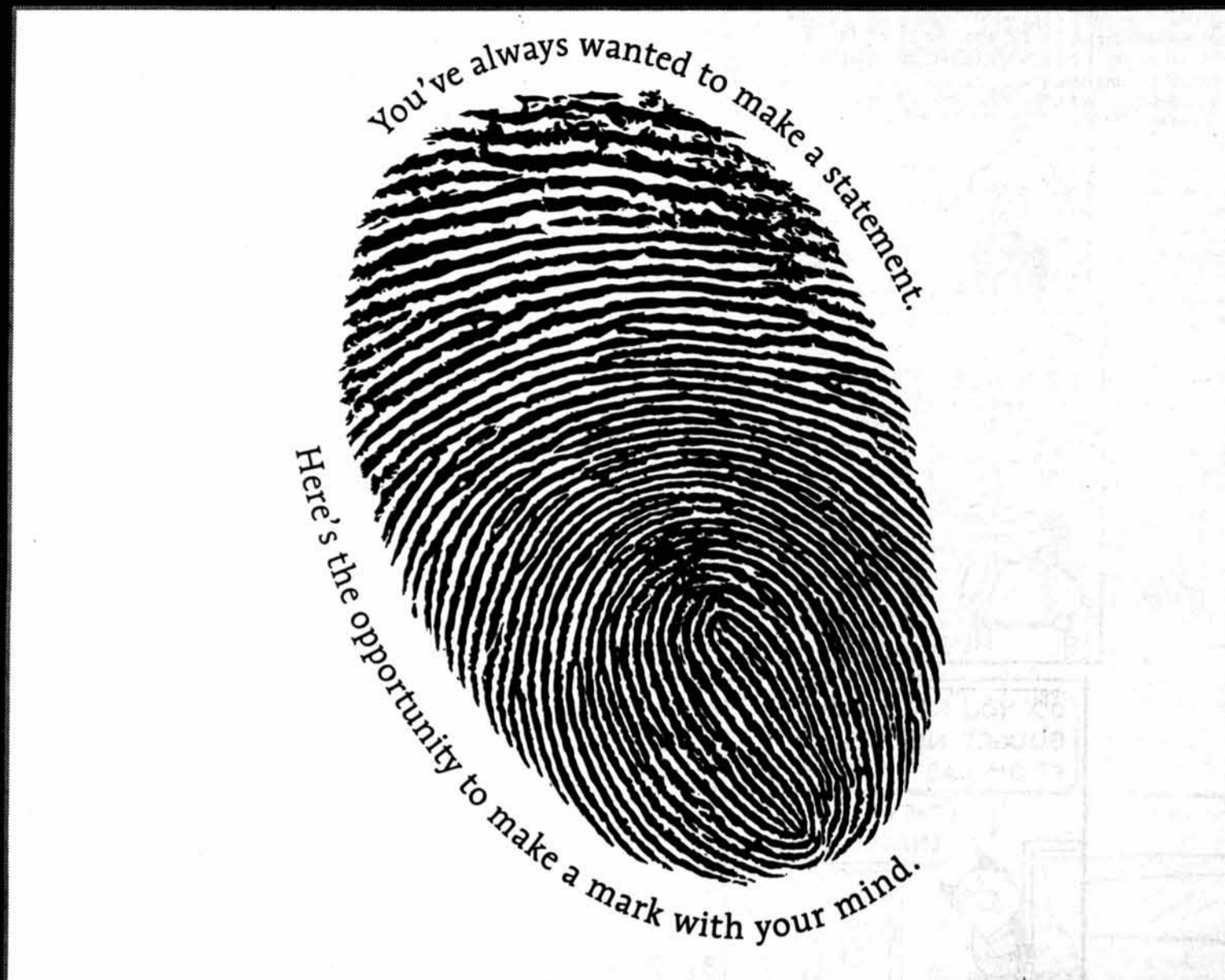
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By Adam Brown
STAFF REPORTER

A \$20 million donation to the Laboratory of Computer Science made by Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates for the construction of a building in his name has been received by MIT students with mixed reactions.

Peter R. Gamache '01, who sold "open source pies" as a form of protest when Gates delivered a speech at LCS two weeks ago, said that the donation was important to the Institute. As to the fact that it came from Gates, Gamache remarked: "I don't think it matters." Various members of the Student Information Processing Board shared Gamache's opinion.

Joseph T. Foley G said that the donation was "the funniest damn thing," and that Microsoft products are laden with "creeping featurisms." Microsoft products contain too many unnecessary features that introduce bugs, Foley said. His largest complaint was that the software "is not worth the money."

Some students concentrated less on what Microsoft produces and more on what the donation means to the Institute. "Money is good," said Anna B. Folinsky '02. "It's even better when he doesn't have it."

But many students are wary of Microsoft's potential to influence LCS and the Institute through this donation. Sara C. Pickett '99 voiced her concerns: "Money is good," she said, "as long as [Bill Gates] doesn't exert undue influence on [LCS]."

Anthony Y. Hui '00 disagreed. "Personally, I think that LCS will stand to its principles," he said.

LCS goals differ from Microsoft's

Many also pointed out that LCS and Microsoft have different software philosophies. For example, Research Affiliate Richard Stallman,

a founder of the Free Software Foundation and the author of the Emacs text editor common on UNIX systems, may work in the new building dedicated to Gates.

A SIPB member also said that the MIT Computer Science Department values modularity and fault tolerance, which Microsoft products often fail to demonstrate. Computer Systems Engineering (6.033), in fact, has used the Microsoft Windows operating system as an example of poor design methodology. Windows has also been mentioned in this way in the Computational Structures (6.004) course.

Hacking expected at new building

Many students expect that the

new Gates building will become a target of hacks. "People will just hack it to hell," Gamache said.

Christa R. Ansbergs G of SIPB said the building provides "motivation for the hacking community."

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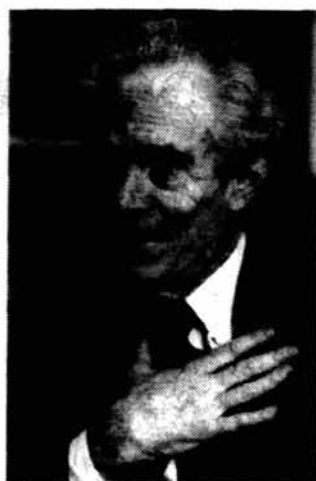
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Peer Review Spurs Event Policy Change

Campus Police, from Page 1

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Assistant Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Katie O'Dair praised the policy. CP officers "continue to monitor these events with route officers stopping by to ensure that things are running well." O'Dair added, "For years, students have been asking for a more reasonable policy" and this could be that policy.

"The Campus Police have worked hard over the past year to work with students and come up with a policy that is fair and safe. For the Dean's office, we want to help students have safe, fun, and successful events; we will work with the Campus Police, student organizations, and the administration to me up with policies that work towards this goal," O'Dair said.

Policy result of peer review

The changes in policy were part of a broader peer review conducted by the Campus Police last September, which focused on department organizational structure, the CP facility, the departmental mission, and compliance with feder-

al crime reporting laws. The review also include the input of several focus groups including members of the MIT community.

The review team, which included Chief Susan Riseling of the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Dr. R. Bruce McBride, assistant vice chancellor at the University of New York, and Mr. Douglas F. Tuttle, a policy scientist at the University of Delaware, found that "Overall, every group rated the MIT Police Department well. All groups also identified areas for the police to think about or to review."

For instance, the review mentioned that "some students expressed concerns over the process for deciding whether the police were going to staff a student event, how many police officers were needed and why."

Groups also expressed concern about the role of the CPs in giving medical transport to intoxicated students while at the same time being responsible for issuing alcohol citations.

Focus group members also "noted that the visibility of the MIT Police decreases significantly inside the campus buildings."

The larger review was commissioned by Glavin in response findings that the CPs had omitted crime statistics occurring in fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups from their weekly crime log, and yearly crime summaries, as mandated by federal law. However, the review group found that despite previous omission of crime statistics, the CPs were in general compliant with federal law.

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Gibbons Discusses Weapons, Resources

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Another challenge was the use of free resources. He said that national forests, which were set aside for sustainable use, were instead being used as tree farms.

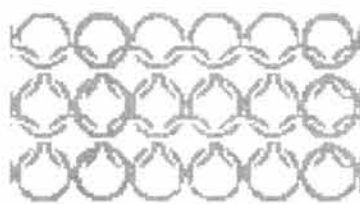
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Gibbons served as the director of the Congressional Office of

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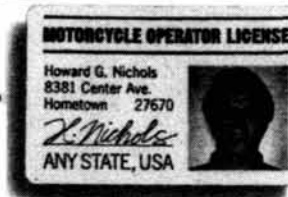


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Busta Rhymes Concert Highlights Spring Weekend

By Steve Hoberman
STAFF REPORTER

MIT played host to a number of events during this year's Spring Weekend. While rain forced the International Fair to move to Johnson Athletics Center Friday, clear skies greeted the Spring Carnival and MIT Unplugged on Saturday.

A sold-out concert by hip-hop artist Busta Rhymes drew over 2,500 students to Johnson Athletic Center Friday evening and marked the centerpiece of the two-day event. The high attendance at this

year's Spring Concert marked a departure from recent years when less-recognized acts came to perform.

Spring Carnival participation also increased, according to Michelle T. Hardiman '00, a Spring Weekend co-chair.

"I honestly thought it went so much better this year," Hardiman said.

More attend Carnival, Unplugged

Spring Carnival, held on Kresge Oval, "was much more visible than before because it was larger,"

Hardiman said.

The carnival boasted eight rides. Two popular additions included a tsumo wrestling booth and a platform for a joust, according to Hardiman.

The carnival also included a gyroscopic antigravity machine, a velcro wall, and a bungee running event.

"People thought the carnival was really fun," said Janaki Wickrema '02, who was in attendance.

"It was very cool," said Deanna Chou, '01.

The annual Alpha Phlea Market

and a Battle of the Bands rounded out the list of Spring Carnival events.

Fewer people attended MIT Unplugged which followed the carnival. The Alpha Tau Omega bachelor auction and Dance Mix Coalition BASSIX party were held in Lobdell, while two psychics and a caricature artist entertained students on the first floor of the Student Center. That evening, students also had the opportunity to sing karaoke-style in Networks.

"I think it went well but I think it is an event that needs to be built for the future," Hardiman said, citing the fact that this was the first year the ATO auction and dance party were held as part of one larger event.

Spring Concert goes well

"I'm very satisfied" with the concert, said Kartik M. Mani '00, another Spring Weekend co-chair. Other area colleges were well represented at the concert as well — students from Northeastern, Harvard, and Boston University attended the show.

"We let MIT students have priority," when it came to purchasing tickets, Mani said. Other college

students were also charged more for tickets. Spring Concert was the only Spring Weekend event that was officially open to the public.

Rhymes gave an energetic and audacious performance. Accompanied by two members of the Flipmode Squad, Rhymes was not bashful about engaging the audience.

Student reactions were mixed. The audience enjoyed Rhymes and his antics, responding enthusiastically to the artist's encouragement to yell louder.

Many enjoyed the concert. "He's a really good performer," said Cindy Cho, '00.

Other students were unhappy about the choice of singer.

"The \$30,000 that Busta Rhymes cost was one student's tuition," said Edward Early '00. "If that student was me, I want my money back."

Spring Weekend cost a total of \$68,000, according to Hardiman. The Busta Rhymes' concert cost \$49,000 out of that total, exclusive of ticket revenue.

Spring Weekend was sponsored by the Undergraduate Association, the Dormitory Council, the Graduate Student Council, and the Campus Activities Council Oversight Committee.



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Romanian President Emil Constantinescu spoke before members of the Harvard and MIT Romanian student groups Friday about the importance of studying abroad and the importance of student participation in government. President Constantinescu gave his talk at the Harvard Faculty Club before heading to a NATO conference in Washington D.C.



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