

Random To Remain Open Despite Fears

By Frank Dabek
and Naveen Sunkavally
STAFF REPORTERS

During an emergency meeting yesterday afternoon, MIT administrators determined that they would continue the long-term temporary existence of Random Hall as an undergraduate residence.

Despite fears that a closing date would be set for Random, Dean for Students Margaret R. Bates said that the group "decided to move ahead with a more detailed engineering study" of the site in preparation for an upgrade focusing on fire safety systems. The upgrade will allow Random to continue as a residence.

"I think [the study] is great... I'm happy that we're moving forward," Nina J. Davis-Millis, housemaster of Random Hall, said.

Davis-Millis said MIT tends to employ "a policy of deferred maintenance," which has hurt Random

Hall over the past few years.

Victoria V. Sirianni, director of the facilities department, said that along with East Campus, Random has one of the most antiquated fire suppression systems in the MIT housing system. Repairs are feasible, she said, but require "substantial infusions of cash."

"We've known all along that this block would be taken over by the development company in charge of University Park, and that that knowledge has put Random in a limbo," Davis-Millis said. "This study is a first step towards resolving that limbo."

Bates acknowledged that Random has "always been considered a 'soft building'" and its long term plans include absorption into the ongoing University Park development system. Those plans are "not the operative issue here," however, Bates said.

MIT Reviews Parental Notification Policies

By Naveen Sunkavally
NEWS EDITOR

In the midst of a national shift among colleges and universities towards informing parents about student drinking violations, MIT is reviewing its parent notification procedures.

The shift began last October when Congress, in reaction to several high-profile drinking deaths across the nation, passed a bill allowing schools to report student drinking violations and other criminal acts to parents. The bill provides an exception to the 1974 Buckley Amendment, a far-ranging statute which had mandated that schools act *in loco parentis*, or "in place of

parents," in disciplinary matters and forbade the release of student records.

More recently, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, working within the framework set by the October bill, voted this past May to require all public schools and universities report to parents all student drinking violations beginning next fall. While the move applies to state and community colleges such as Bridgewater or Framingham State, it does not apply to the UMass colleges or private institutions such as MIT.

MIT sends out letters to parents

At MIT, no policy changes have



Boston's Independence Day fireworks show illuminated the evening sky over the Charles River.

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been made yet, but exploratory steps are being taken. "We are very much in the midst of it," Dean for Student Life Margaret Bates said. Letters were recently sent in order to determine what types of general informa-

tion parents would want to know about students. Bates said that parent input is one thing that is especially lacking in the current review. The input from the letters will be collected throughout the summer.

"No policy changes will be made over the summer," Rosalind H. Williams, dean for undergraduate education, said. Williams said that

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Freshman Interest in ILGs Increases

By Rima Arnaout
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Close to five hundred incoming freshmen have turned in reply cards requesting information about fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups during summer rush, according to the Interfraternity Council.

This year's response is an improvement over last year's, following a change made to the cards intended to increase student interest in learning more about MIT's FSILG living options.

About a hundred females returned reply cards, said Alpha Chi Omega Rush Chair Rebecca M. Grochow '01.

In addition to the rush efforts of individual FSILGs, the Interfraternity Council has taken its own initiative to encourage freshmen interest in FSILGs.

"Last year was the first year that the reply card thing started, so last year the turnout was really low,"

IFC Membership Recruitment Chair Ranjit S. Survanshi '00 said. Calling the freshmen "just seemed like a natural thing to do last year."

A few weeks after the June 11 reply card deadline, the IFC "did a reply card telethon [in which it] called the incoming freshmen who didn't send in their reply cards" to make sure that the people who didn't respond hadn't intended to send in replies and forgotten, Survanshi said.

"The turnout increased dramatically after that," Survanshi said. Another IFC telethon was scheduled for yesterday evening.

Reply system changed this year

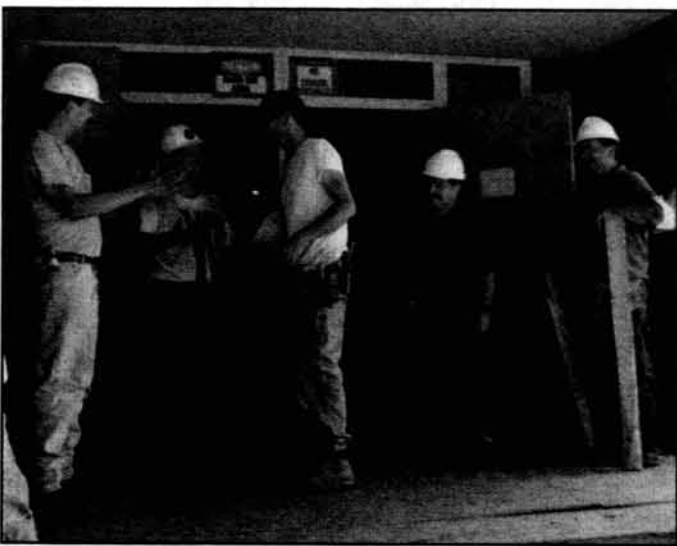
This summer's rush card system was changed only slightly from that of last year. "Last year you could choose which FSILG you wanted to hear from," Grochow said. This year, freshmen can only check off whether or not they want to hear from FSILGs; they can no longer

request information from a particular FSILG only. Only freshmen who indicate interest in rushing may be contacted by FSILGs.

This year was the second in which reply cards were a part of the summer rush system. Grochow said the change in the reply cards was made by Elizabeth Cogliano Young, coordinator of student programs in the Office of Academic Services. Young refused to comment about the reply cards, saying that the reply cards were not a good indicator of actual freshman interest in the FSILG system.

This summer's residence information mailing to the Class of 2003 was otherwise similar to that of last year's. "A book went out that had a little blurb about all of the living groups," Grochow said. At the back of the booklet was a post card that freshmen could send back to MIT, indicating whether or not they want-

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Renovations scheduled for completion by August 30 continue on schedule at Baker House, an undergraduate residence celebrating its 50th anniversary this fall. Designed by internationally renown Finnish architect Alvar Aalto and built in 1949, Baker will house 318 students in the fall. This summer marks the second phase of the \$24 million renovations, overseen Kennedy and Rossi.

United States continues to demand a fair trial for former MIT student Lori Berenson.

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WORLD & NATION

Illinois Gunman Bought Weapons from Street Vendor

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

CHICAGO

Benjamin Nathaniel Smith bought the guns he used in his racist shooting spree from an illegal street dealer after he was turned away by a gun shop that did the required background check, investigators said Tuesday.

The background check showed that an ex-girlfriend of Smith's had taken out a protective order against him because of abuse. Smith, 21, killed himself during a struggle with police Sunday night after a series of drive-by shootings of Jews, blacks and Asians in Illinois and Indiana that left two people dead and nine wounded.

The white supremacist had tried to buy two 9 mm handguns and a shotgun on June 23 at a licensed gun shop in Peoria Heights, said Jerry Singer, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. After being rejected, Smith bought a Bryco .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun on June 26 and .22-caliber pistol on June 29 from an illegal dealer who already was being investigated by the ATF, Singer said.

House Chairman Seeks Tax Breaks for Long-Term Health Care

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday called for the federal government to begin offering tax breaks to make long-term health care more affordable for elderly people with disabilities or lasting illnesses.

The proposal by Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, would eventually allow people who buy long-term care insurance to deduct the entire expense of those premiums from their taxes. It also would give tax breaks to Americans who care for elderly relatives at home, and seeks to give employers incentives to include insurance for long-term care among the benefits they offer to their workers.

Archer's efforts to lessen the burden of paying for nursing homes and other long-term health care will be part of a House GOP tax package that could total more than \$800 billion over the next decade. The Republican tax plan, which will be taken up by the committee when Congress reconvenes next week, would also reduce taxes on income, capital gains and inheritances.

Tape Recordings Admitted in Cisneros' Trial

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Bolstering the government's case against former Housing Secretary Henry G. Cisneros, a federal judge said Tuesday he plans to allow prosecutors to present crucial segments of recorded phone conversations to try to show Cisneros conspired to conceal payments he made to his former mistress.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin rejected defense arguments that all 88 conversations secretly tape-recorded by Linda Jones had been "tampered with" and were inadmissible. Jones has admitted recopying all the tapes to omit portions she deemed unfavorable to her.

But Sporkin said the government would be entitled to play key segments for jurors that contain Cisneros' voice and seem relevant to the case against him. Despite defense lawyers' attacks on the validity of the recordings, associate prosecutor James Fleissner told Sporkin, "We have witnesses who will testify to the authenticity of segments" that jurors would hear.

Cisneros' trial is scheduled for September. His December 1997 indictment charged that he misled FBI investigators who were checking into his background after President Clinton nominated him to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Barak Takes Oath of Office, Initiates Peace Discussions

By Howard Schneider

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

Ehud Barak took over as Israel's 28th prime minister Tuesday and, citing a historic opportunity, called on Arab leaders to accept what he called an "outstretched hand" to make a "peace of the brave" that would end the long cycle of war in the Middle East.

Sworn in with a Cabinet picked to maximize the government's parliamentary majority and to consolidate power in his hands, Barak, in his first speech as prime minister, said his mandate is to "complete the mission" undertaken 20 years ago when Israel made peace with Egypt and signed its first treaty with an Arab nation.

Appealing by name to the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, and to Syrian President Hafez Assad, he said Israel wants to pursue simultaneous peace discussions with both and to remove its troops from Lebanon as part of a drive to make peace with all its neighbors. The creation of a Jewish homeland, he said, will not be finished until tensions are resolved with Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians as well as with Jordan and Egypt.

"A historic chance has been given to us," Barak said. "We can expect difficult negotiations. ... But if we find the same determination on the other side, no power in the world will stop us."

The tone of Barak's inaugural remarks—holding out the goal of peaceful relations among Israel and all its neighbors—provided an immediate and sharp contrast with the themes of outgoing prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's three years in office, during which the Likud party leader emphasized security guarantees against what he viewed as implacable regional enemies.

Since the breakthrough with Egypt, the sometimes halting peace process has produced a treaty with Jordan, a succession of agreements laying foundations for a possible Palestinian state and discussions—currently frozen—with Syria and Lebanon. But a final accord with the Palestinians and a state of peace on the Syrian and Lebanese borders have proved elusive.

Israel continues to occupy a portion of southern Lebanon to prevent Lebanese guerrillas from attacking its northern border areas and also retains control of the Golan Heights,

seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war. Although most of the Gaza Strip and patches of the West Bank have been turned back to the Palestinians and a self-governing authority has been created for them there, the march toward a permanent settlement was effectively halted by Netanyahu over his demands for improved security.

Netanyahu, defeated in an election May 17, wished Barak well and resigned from the Knesset immediately after the new prime minister's speech.

The swearing in of the new Labor Party leader and the approval of his broad coalition Cabinet by the newly seated Israeli legislature paved the way for an expected flurry of meetings focused on restarting the peace negotiations.

Barak, a highly decorated 57-year-old general, said he intends to meet with Arafat promptly after taking office and is planning to come to Washington by the end of next week.

"We are ready to move together in order to achieve the peace of the brave, which we signed with the Israeli government," Arafat told reporters at his Palestinian Authority headquarters in Gaza.

Hillary Officially Announces Senate Exploratory Committee

By Michael Grunwald

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Hillary Rodham Clinton made it official Tuesday: She is considering the race for Senate in New York.

"This morning we filed a statement of organization with the Federal Election Commission to establish the Hillary Rodham Clinton for U.S. Senate Exploratory Committee," said Clinton's committee spokesman, Howard Wolfson.

The committee has been in operation for almost a week, but now she can officially start the exploring, which she will do Wednesday, when she begins a summer-long "listening tour" with a four-day jaunt through upstate New York.

The tour opens at the farm of retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick

Moynihan, D-N.Y., the intellectual heavyweight she hopes to replace, and continues with an education round table at the State University of New York at Oneonta. Thursday she will start early with another "listening event" in Cooperstown—this time about health care, a topic with which she has some familiarity.

Also on this week's itinerary for Clinton and her entourage of Secret Service agents, aides and more than 200 media people: Utica, Syracuse and Albany. "Hillary Clinton is eager to begin this tour and looks forward to listening to New Yorkers across the state," Wolfson said.

The first lady plans to spend a great deal of time in New York this summer. Some advisers believe that if she weathers the inevitable spate of carpetbagger questions now, 16

months before the election, voters will get tired of the issue by the time the campaign really heats up.

GOP Senate fund-raising chairman Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., appeared on a talk show Sunday with an actual carpet bag to discuss her candidacy, and New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani (R) continued to needle her Tuesday about a comment from one of her aides dismissing the possibility of the Clintons vacationing in the "fly-infested" Adirondacks.

"I would recommend that people vacation in the Adirondacks. It's good for the economy of the state," Giuliani said. "As far as I know, there are flies in Massachusetts, Vermont. I think they even have flies in Arkansas."

WEATHER

Heat Today, Gone Tomorrow

By Mary Obelnicki and Annie S. Chol

Today we take a vacation from the heat wave as a cold front approaches from the west, leaving us with drier, cooler air. Expect sunny and warm weather, comfortable for actually leaving the confines of air-conditioned buildings and participating in outdoor activities. Tonight will also be cooler, allowing us to sleep in our own beds, instead of the couches of the 55°F (13°C) Stratton Student Center.

Pleasant temperatures will continue throughout the week. Thursday welcomes arctic temperatures in the lower to middle 80s and a slight chance of rain. Thursday evening is forecasted to bring temperatures in the lower to middle 60s — you may want to bust out those down blankets.

Friday's weather will continue the cooling trend, with highs in the lower to middle 80s and fair conditions at night.

Today: Breezy with clear skies and lower humidity. High of 87°F (31°C).

Tonight: Mostly clear and pleasant. Low of 64°F (17°C).

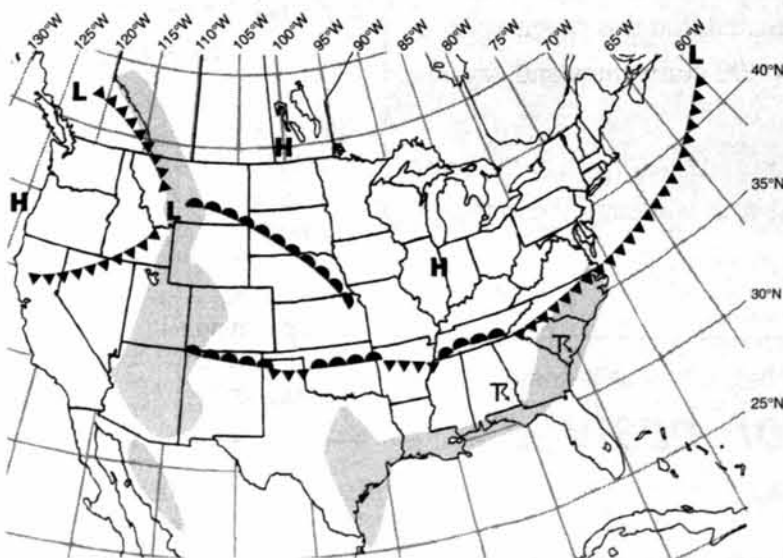
Thursday: Continued sunshine and low humidity. Chance of late-day showers or thunderstorms. High of 83°F (28°C).

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, chance of showers. Good sleeping weather. Low of 65°F (17°C).

Friday: Partly to mostly sunny. High of 85°F (29°C).

Friday Night: Fair, Lows in the 60s.

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, July 7, 1999



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	--- Trough	☉ Snow	☁ Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	☂ Rain	⚡ Thunderstorm
☄ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	☂ Light	☁ Haze
	▲▲▲ Occluded Front	☂ Moderate	
		☂ Heavy	

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U.S. Initiates Trade Embargo Against bin Laden Supporters

By John Lancaster
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton Tuesday banned all commercial and financial dealings between the United States and Afghanistan's ruling Taliban, accusing the Taliban of continuing to provide refuge to Osama bin Laden, the wealthy Saudi exile suspected of ordering U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania.

Clinton's executive order freezes all Taliban assets in the United States, bars the import of products from Afghanistan and makes it illegal for U.S. companies to sell goods and services to the Taliban, whose militant Islamic fighters control about 85 percent of

the mountainous, war-torn country.

But the order makes an exception for food and other humanitarian supplies, and a senior State Department official emphasized that the sanctions are "not aimed at the people of Afghanistan."

U.S. officials said the measure is intended to put pressure on the Taliban to surrender bin Laden, who is accused of masterminding the Aug. 7 bombings in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya, that killed 12 Americans and nearly 300 Africans and wounded thousands more. Days after the attack, the United States launched cruise missiles at targets inside Afghanistan that officials described as bases used by bin Laden and his group of

armed Islamic extremists, al Qaeda.

"The Taliban continues to provide safe haven to Osama bin Laden allowing him...to operate from Taliban-controlled territory a network of terrorist training camps and to use Afghanistan as a base from which to sponsor terrorist operations against the United States," Clinton said in a letter to Congress explaining his order, which was signed on Monday and went into effect at midnight Tuesday night.

Taliban officials reached Tuesday in New York, where the organization maintains a mission to the United Nations, reiterated the group's statements that bin Laden has either left the country or gone into hiding.

NATO Arrests Serb Politician, Holds Man on War Crimes Charges

By Charles Trueheart
THE WASHINGTON POST

PARIS

A senior Bosnian Serb politician who reportedly ran the machinery of ethnic cleansing against Bosnian Muslims and Croats in northwest Bosnia in 1992 was arrested by British NATO troops Tuesday morning and flown to The Hague to stand trial on war crimes charges.

Radoslav Brdjanin, who subsequently became a deputy prime minister of Bosnia's peacetime Serb Republic, was detained without incident by British soldiers in the Bosnian city of Banja Luca around 9:30 a.m., according to a Maj. Gordon Welch, a spokesman for the NATO-led international Stabilization Force (SFOR).

Agence France-Presse news service reported that Brdjanin and his wife were stopped in their car at an SFOR roadblock, and that he submitted peacefully to the arrest.

Brdjanin is charged with planning, ordering and committing killings, beatings, detentions and deportations of Muslims and Croats from the Krajina region around Banja Luca during the first nine months of the 1992-1995 Bosnian war, according to Welch.

The March 1999 indictment of Brdjanin is among an unknown number of sealed indictments, issued secretly by the United Nations' autonomous International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

The tribunal's recent investiga-

tive resources have been devoted almost exclusively to prosecuting war crimes in Kosovo. On May 27, it announced the indictment of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and four of his associates for alleged crimes against humanity in the Serbian province.

Tribunal prosecutors and their spokesmen have warned that the five face additional charges—perhaps for their role in the earlier war in Bosnia—and that others will be indicted in the immediate future.

Chief prosecutor Louise Arbour has pressed NATO simultaneously to demonstrate to Milosevic and other war crimes suspects in Serbia that the alliance is serious about bringing suspected criminals from the Bosnian conflict to justice.

Kosovo Airport Opens as Russian Troops Arrive

LOS ANGELES TIMES

PRISTINA, YUGOSLAVIA

War-scarred Kosovo passed two milestones Tuesday: the arrival by air of additional Russian troops, marking what officials hope will be the final agreement between Russia and NATO to cooperate in the province, and the reopening of the Pristina airport for humanitarian flights. Two planeloads of Russian troops and gear landed at the newly repaired airport, along with a U.N. charter flight from Italy carrying satellite telephone equipment and generators for relief organizations.

The Italian flight was the first civilian aircraft to land since peacekeepers entered Kosovo on June 12. U.N. and NATO officials said it will be the first of many to bring in the supplies and personnel needed to rebuild Kosovo. In addition, commercial flights may resume within two months, said British Brig. Gen. Andrew Bellamy, who has been appointed by NATO to head air operations in Kosovo, a province of Yugoslavia's dominant republic, Serbia.

The commander of the Russian troops at the airfield, Gen. Anatoly F. Volchkov, told reporters that six Russian military flights carrying equipment and "from 30 to 40 people per aircraft" were expected in Pristina on Tuesday. Later in the day, however, it appeared that only two had made it because of technical difficulties in Russia.

Puerto Rico Governor Seeks Assistance from U.N.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

PUERTO RICO

Frustrated that Congress hasn't resolved Puerto Rico's political status, the commonwealth's pro-statehood governor urged the United Nations on Tuesday to get more involved and urge Washington to act. Gov. Pedro Rossello asked the U.N. decolonization committee to reverse a 1953 decision by the General Assembly and place Puerto Rico back on the list of non-self-governing territories whose status is to be resolved by 2000.

Puerto Rico was removed from the list when it adopted its present constitution and became a U.S. commonwealth. The former Spanish colony was ceded to the United States in 1898 after the Spanish-American War. Rossello said Tuesday that placing Puerto Rico back on the list of 17 non-autonomous territories was the "only way to provoke the U.S. Congress — after more than a century of colonialism — to fulfill the responsibilities required by its own Constitution and the U.N. Charter."

Specifically, Rossello wants Congress to clarify Puerto Rico's options and stand by the results of a referendum on its future. Two locally organized plebiscites have failed to produce a majority backing statehood, but Rossello claims the statehood numbers would increase if Congress set out the options itself and promised to recognize the results.



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- 14 orientation committee meeting *
- 15 summer funding / Spring reimbursement
APPEALS DEADLINE
- 20 academic, research, and careers
committee meeting *
- 21 housing and community affairs com-
mittee meeting *

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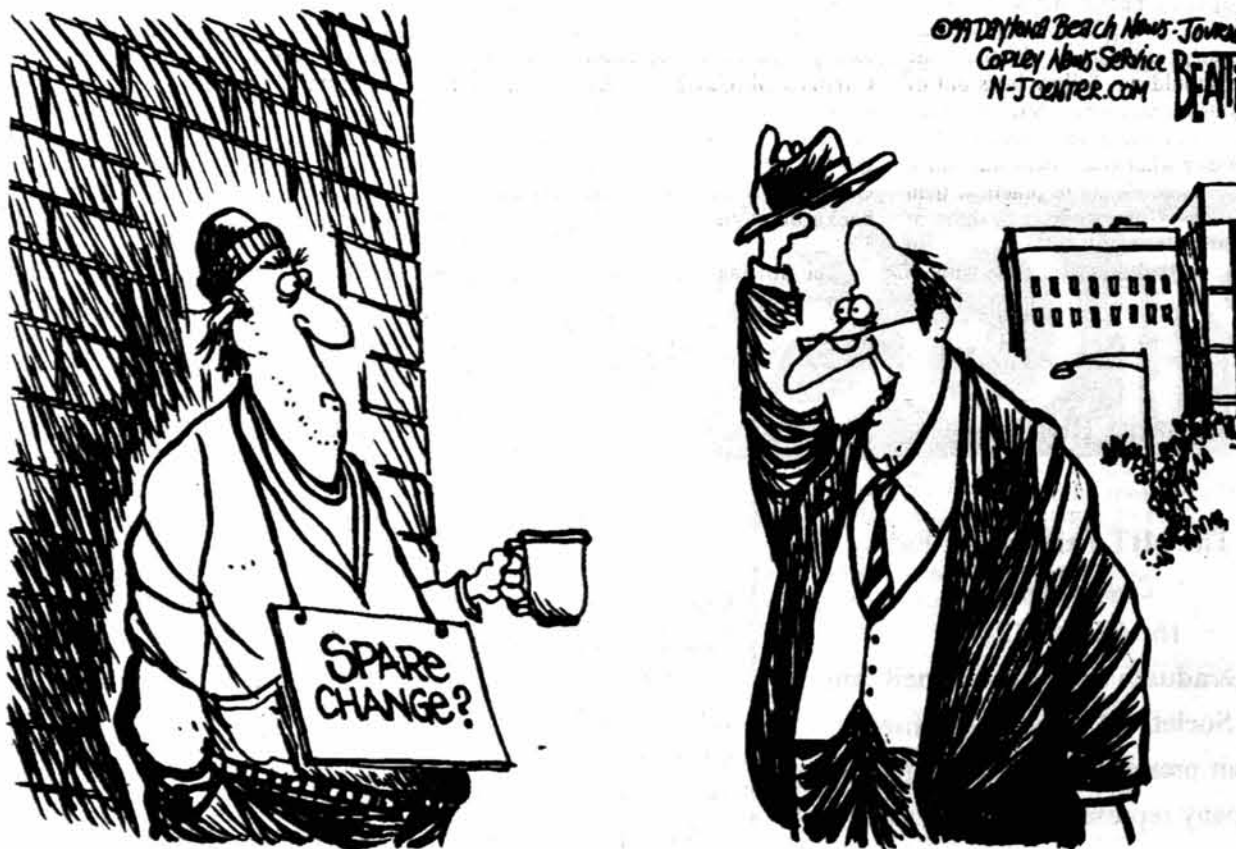
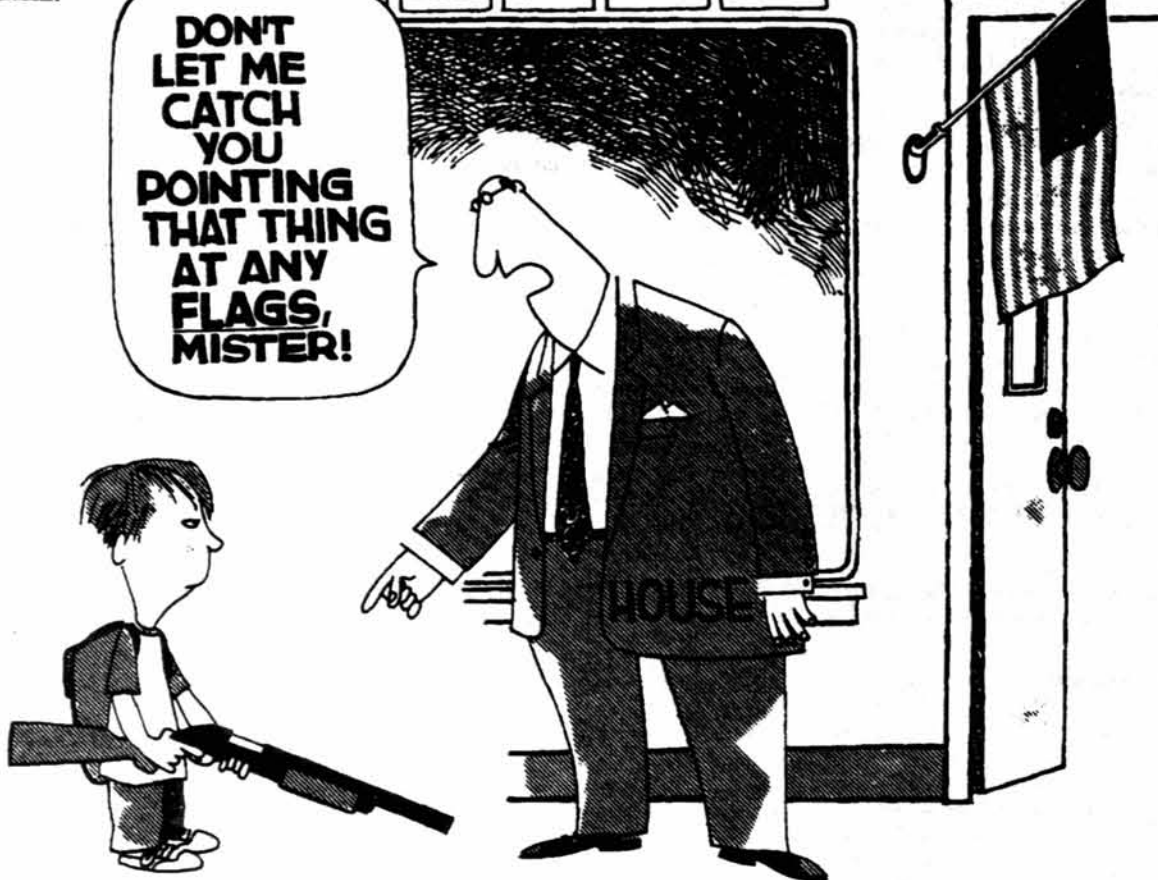
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Ten Commandments Debate Highlights Congressional Lunacy

Naveen Sunkavally

After hearing that nearly two-thirds of the House favors letting states post up the Ten Commandments in schools, I felt it imperative to get my own copy and stick them up in my room. After all, given the historical tendency that these tablets have had in curbing violence in, for instance, the Middle East or during the Crusades, how could I go wrong?

Commandment number ten, especially, struck a silent chord of lost morality within me: I will never again covet my neighbor's manservant, maidservant, or cattle.

Patently unconstitutional, the amendment will most likely, thank God, die a quiet death in conference between the Senate and the House. Perhaps our reps up in Washington should try learning another set of ten commandments, collectively called the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..." Just goes to show how seriously our representatives are taking their jobs.

Surprisingly enough, I have run across people in mainstream America, i.e., outside Washington, who also favor posting the Ten Commandments in schools. Recently, the *New York Times* ran a column by a student who wrote about the difficulty encountered in starting an atheists' club at his school; a letter-writer responded, saying that tearing down atheist posters is no more harmful or wrong than "sanitizing" schools of the Ten Commandments. The argument runs that faith has a public role, and the federal government's allowing the mere sight of the Ten Commandments in classrooms will help promote morality and curb youth violence.

But faith is not a public matter. We have laws to make people socially responsible, and we inflict punishment for those who break the laws. People should not follow laws out of some underlying moral purpose but for a practical purpose: to ensure a stable society. "Do unto thy neighbor what you would want done unto you" is a principle more practical than moral. Of the Ten Commandments, three of them — "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not steal," and "Thou shalt not bear false witness

against thy neighbor" — are incorporated in the law. The other seven commandments are all a matter of personal choice and have no business in our schools.

Instead of forcing kids from all backgrounds to view in sanctuaries for objective learning the personal choices others may choose to make, why don't we just paste up the relevant laws in our schools? (Sounds kind of silly put that way, doesn't it?) We are not "sanitizing" our schools of the Ten Commandments, or of any religion, for that matter. By not respecting any religion, the state is acknowledging the supremacy of all religions, as long as those religions do not promote practices that break the law. If anything, posting the Ten Commandments up in schools will make society more divisive.

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What's more amusing than the Ten Commandments legislation itself is the manner in which it arose. The Ten Commandments legislation is an amendment to a bill calling for stricter juvenile crime provisions; that bill passed after hefty debate late in the evening on June 17, and it set the stage for debate over the matter of gun control legislation.

On the plate were two main alternate pieces of legislation. Current law states that federally licensed dealers at gun shows must perform background checks for buyers, but exempts private dealers at the same shows from performing such checks. One of the two proposed bills, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy of Long Island and backed by the White House, mirrored a strict gun control bill passed a month before by the Senate (in a tie-break vote cast by Al Gore), and it called for all dealers to perform background checks. This bill was rejected 193-235.

The bill that passed, sponsored by Rep.

John Dingell of Michigan and backed by the National Rifle Association, also requires private dealers to perform background checks, but reduces the number of gun shows covered by law and also cuts the time dealers have to make those checks, from three business days to 24 hours. This bill passed early June 18, 218-211, following heavy lobbying on the part of House majority whip Tom DeLay of Texas and President Clinton.

In effect, the Ten Commandments amendment served as an alternative to strict gun control legislation. Those voting for the Ten Commandments amendment felt their consciences eased, and then went along and voted for an easing of gun control. One's conscience is expendable this way. The American people, in rare agreement that guns were out of control, expected their representatives to do something, and Congress came back with a sham, unconstitutional amendment that pandered to the religious right and at the same time granted concessions to the National Rifle Association. The House decided to compromise the lives of citizens for the pleasure of gun nuts to shoot up in their free time. Can you believe it? The House must really have mistaken NRA chief Charlton Heston for Moses. As *New York Times* Maureen Dowd put it: "Talk about profiles in courage."

Meanwhile, the 2000 presidential race has shaped up quite nicely regarding the Ten Commandments issue. Leading Republican, reformed alcoholic, and compassionate conservative George W. Bush actually endorsed the amendment, saying, "I have no problem with the Ten Commandments posted on the wall of every public place." What a nut. Senator from New Jersey and Democratic candidate Bill Bradley played it safe, saying the amendment would probably be proved Unconstitutional in the courts, while Al Gore wisely didn't say much at all. As far as I'm concerned, Bush just struck out looking.

What can the public do to prevent the House from doing such ridiculous things in the future? Sadly, not much. What we really need is an influx of youth into Congress, but the barriers to entry (i.e., money, money, and money) are too great. Our representative democracy is not as democratic as it purports to be. All we can do is look up how reps voted for various pieces of legislation, and then systematically vote the panderers out of office. And before the next voting cycle comes around, we can also eagerly hope that Tom DeLay is exposed as a closet klepto who slept with his neighbor's wife.

Fast, Expensive and Out of Control

Michael J. Ring

Just as the temperature has gone soaring during the dog days of summer, the sweet nectar of democracy has been put on ice.

What once seemed like a fruitful, crowded, competitive presidential election, the first in twelve years without an incumbent seeking reelection, has evolved into a yawn of a race. Most of the Democratic competition to Vice President Al Gore had already

been scared off in 1998 or the opening months of 1999, but the Republican primary still offered hope for a fierce contest. Two recent announcements, though, have chilled the prospects for any candidate not best known for his middle initial.

Last week, George W. Bush, Texas governor and heir apparent to the Republican throne, announced he had shattered all previous fundraising records by shaking down over \$36 million thus far for his White House run. Also recently set was the 2000 primary schedule, crammed into a few weeks of February and March, 2000. The twin conspirators of seemingly infinite money and seemingly infinitesimal time promise to produce the worst presidential nominating sequence in our nation's history.

First, let's tackle the cash. On the Democratic side, primary voters may actually have a horse race, thanks to Al Gore's numerous stumbles out of the gate and to a reasonably equal distribution of campaign contributions. While the veep has taken in \$18 million thus far, upstart challenger Bill Bradley is putting on the full-court press with \$11.5 million in contributions.

No such parity exists on the other side of

the aisle. W's Texas-size bank account has buried the competition. Arizona Senator John McCain, who is second among Republicans in the great money-chase, has captured "only" \$4 million, but one-ninth of W's tally. Only Steve Forbes, who can always cut himself a nice little campaign check, can compete with the Texan's money.

Now, from money to time. The primary process, which once took three or four months, has effectively been crammed into one and one-half months. The Iowa caucuses next year will actually be on January 31st, with the New Hampshire primary following in early February. Then a rapid-fire series of primaries will follow, as states like Virginia, Michigan, and Arizona leapfrog each other seeking that all-important early date. By the time California and New York hold primaries on March 7, both nominations may well be sealed, eight months before the 2000 final election.

Running for the most important job in the free world should take time. Candidates need to develop plans and ideas, and then sell them to the American people. They need time to hear the worries and concerns of the people they represent. Perhaps most importantly, they need the time (and money) to have a rational debate with their opponents over who offers the best agenda for moving America forward.

And so these baneful twins of excess money and not enough time intertwine to ruin the political process. Instead of offering groundbreaking, perhaps controversial ideas, candidates will be tempted to take the poll-driven, Clintonesque route. Those the least likely to do so, those most likely to offer constructive plans for our society, Bradley and McCain, are underdogs.

As we enter the Third American Century, our nation will face many challenges at home and abroad. We must continue to adjust to our current role as the only superpower while managing relationships with nations with

great future potential, like China. Domestically, we need to reform many of our most basic government welfare guarantees to the graying of America. I sincerely hope the 2000 presidential process will be the last to be conducted so hastily and transparently.

The 2000 election should make blatantly obvious to everyone how much campaign finance reform is needed. As if W's \$36 million isn't enough, who knows how many more millions will follow in issues-advocacy ads? The specter of that \$36 million makes absolute spending limits on the campaign a tempting possibility as well, but at the very least other candidates without the fund-raising punch must receive more generous public financing to compete. Senator McCain has promised to take his fight for campaign finance reform to the campaign trail. Let's hope America listens.

But money is only half the problem; the other is time. Here the secretaries of state of the various states must show a little courage and put away that instinctive drive to set an early primary. A system of rotating regional primaries, through which a geographical bloc of states all vote on the same day, is an ideal solution. First, it allows focus on regional issues that are often overlooked in a hasty campaign, such as fishing in the Northeast and farming in the Midwest. And a well-spaced schedule — perhaps three weeks between each regional primary — allows plenty of time for voters to meet candidates and understand their positions, while making an air war difficult and likely unfruitful.

Time is not money in politics; money is no substitute for time. Primary voters need an extended period of contests to learn about candidates and their platforms, and a rushed schedule calling for all-out television saturation is an unacceptable substitute. Both political parties should take steps now to make sure the 2004 election is a return to electoral sanity. For our future, we deserve nothing less.

Between Academia and Industry

Guest Column
John W. Strohm

William Koffel '00 didn't do one of his problem sets one week, and the reason made the front page of *The Wall Street Journal*. Koffel's assignment for Professor Frans Kaashoek in 6.033 was similar to the work he was doing at a start-up company founded by Professor F. Thomas Leighton — work protected under a non-disclosure agreement. Leighton said that the homework was industrial espionage, while Kaashoek said the problem presented was a common one. The real conflict of interest here is not about homework, it is about the dual role of professors: as instructors and as employers.

There are benefits to professors-as-employers. Such professors work with their student employees as intellectual equals, and the job can be an excellent learning experience for the student. But before professors can employ students, they have to hire students. And since most start-up companies don't have HR departments, a professor who wishes to hire students must also be the company recruiter. A problem arises for professors: As a recruiter, a professor wants only the best and brightest, while as a teacher he has a duty to be fair to all students. How does a recruiter organize a class, and how does it differ from how a teacher organizes the same class?

The recruiter wants to make the class hard and difficult to follow, so that only the smartest and most motivated students will do well. The recruiter sees which students understand the material, and then hires them. Those who are not top students can be ignored, because they are of little use to the recruiter. These students, who comprise nearly the whole class, grow disenchanted and frustrated. To a recruiter, a class is an evaluation, not a way to learn.

Do recruiters really focus only on the cream of the crop? Of course they do — look at the NBA draft. Did scouts pay more attention to the top picks or to the bottom of the barrel? Some might say that this is example is irrelevant, because scouts are just concerned with evaluating talent, whereas professors should be teaching. But that is exactly the problem: professors who are looking to start companies act like scouts when they should be teaching instead.

A teacher focuses on teaching. He wants the top performers to do well, but he is more concerned with teaching the entire class. The class can cover just as much material as a recruiter's class, but teachers present material in a different way. The recruiter overwhelms students with convoluted concepts to test their comprehension, while the teacher clearly explains the vital material. Under the teacher, all motivated students have a chance to do well. You get the same amount of water to drink whether you drink from a garden hose or a fire hose, but one is a lot more pleasant.

Sadly, professors who start companies cannot leave recruiting mode once they enter it. To survive, start-ups must expand, requiring more employees, and the student body is the best place to find them. Professors-as-recruiters cannot switch back to teacher mode because each class they teach is a chance to find new talent, and new talent can mean corporate success. The financial incentives for being a good recruiter are high, while the financial incentives for being a good teacher are relatively modest.

If the quality of teaching is suffering, why does MIT allow professors to start up their own companies? The answer is money. MIT doesn't just allow its professors to start companies, it encourages them to do so, and even funds promising start-ups. The Technology Licensing Office collects royalties from the professors' start-ups, thus giving MIT an incentive to ensure that the company succeeds. Looking at MIT as a corporation, this arrangement makes sense. It looks like MIT, Inc. is here to stay.

Professor John Guttag, newly minted head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, hinted at a possible solution to this problem. He said in the *Journal*, "We're making up policy as we go along." This non-policy does a disservice to all involved by propagating confusion and misunderstanding. Guttag should create a proactive policy that clearly spells out the duties of professors who wish to start companies and hire students. Such a policy could help avoid the embarrassment of being the subject of a front-page expose, help start-up companies prosper, and, most importantly, improve the quality of undergraduate education.

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U.S. Continues Demand for Fair Trial for Berenson

By Dan McGuire
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The U.S. government will continue to insist that Lori Berenson, a former MIT student, receive a fair, civilian trial, U.S. Ambassador to Peru Dennis C. Jett announced.

Berenson, 29, was a sophomore in the anthropology and archaeology section of the humanities department when she withdrew from the Institute in 1988. She was charged with high treason by a secret Peruvian military tribunal and sent to prison in January of 1996.

Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori charged that Berenson aided members of the Marxist Túpac Amaru Resistance Movement (MRTA), who were planning an attack on Congress.

Her family has said that she is innocent and that she was working as a journalist in Peru at the time of her arrest.

Reiteration of long-held policy

The State Department has avoided

ed involving itself specifically in the Berenson case, but it has condemned the fact that Berenson was not tried in a civilian court. "She deserves a new process in a civilian court so that she has a chance to defend herself," Jett said.

A State Department official who spoke on the condition of anonymity called Jett's announcement a "reiteration of long-held U.S. policy... We continue to believe that Lori Berenson did not receive a fair trial," the official said. "She was tried before a military court and was not allowed to see the evidence against her," he added.

Lori Berenson "continues to be a sticking point on our bilateral agenda," the official said.

The official said that the announcement was prompted in part by the fact that Jett is preparing to conclude his tenure as the American Ambassador to Peru. Jett raised Berenson's status in his final discussions with Peruvian officials.

The U.S. recently found support

for its position in the Organization of American States, whose Inter-American Human Rights Court unanimously declared that everyone tried by Peru's military tribunals should be retried in civilian courts.

Berenson is being held in Socabaya prison, 465 miles southeast of Lima. State Department officials visiting her have described conditions there as "grim."

Peruvian official defends case

Juan del Campo, the spokesman for the Peruvian embassy in Washington, D.C., defended Berenson's trial, saying that it had taken place "within the boundaries of contemporary international law."

Del Campo, who serves as First Secretary for Press and Politics for the embassy, said that the system of military tribunals had been created to combat rebel groups like the Shining Path and the Túpac Amaru Resistance Movement, who intimidated civilian judges to get lenient sentences.

"When we imposed this system it started working," said del Campo. Terrorism is no longer much of a problem, he added, although the legislation which sets up the tribunals has yet to be repealed.

He said that a civilian retrial of Berenson was not planned, but added that an independent commission, set up two years ago by the government to review the cases put before the military tribunal, was willing to review Berenson's case.

"In this very difficult situation, mistakes were made by the military tribunals," he said. Thus far, the commission has released 500 people who were falsely imprisoned, he said. Berenson has not yet submitted her case to the commission, he said.

Del Campo said that disagreements over Berenson's fate had not adversely affected ties between the U.S. and Peru. "We have very good relations with the U.S.," he said, "We are cooperating in" a number of initiatives, he said.

MIT students help Berenson

MIT students have mobilized to protest Berenson's treatment. A forum was held in 1996 to discuss the case. Supporters also brought their case before President Bill Clinton when he spoke at the 1998 Commencement proceedings. They placed an advertisement containing an open letter to Clinton in the Commencement issue of *The Tech*. The letter was signed by students, faculty, and staff.

Campus organizations have also pushed Berenson's case. "The MIT chapter of Amnesty International, as with the official international organization, is all for allowing Lori to have an open and fair civilian trial," said Amnesty International member Douglas K. Wyatt '96. "Hopefully... Lori can prove as she has stated before that she did not provide material assistance to the MRTA."

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Guidelines Limit Use of Standardized Tests in Admissions

By Laura McGrath Moulton
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Taking the SATs or the ACT is a rite of passage for college-bound high school students, who tend to obsess over their scores and spend considerable money on classes and tutoring to increase their chances of getting into their dream school.

The US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights is trying to lessen that focus on standardized testing through new guidelines. A draft of these guidelines, called "Non-Discrimination in High Stakes Testing: A Resource Guide," has been circulating through colleges and universities this spring, sparking a fierce debate on the proper role of standardized tests in college admissions. Because of the tendency for minority students to receive lower scores on such tests, the guidelines encourage limitations on their use to avoid violation of federal anti-bias law.

According to the guidelines, "the use of any educational test which has a significant disparate impact on members of any particular race, national origin, or sex is discriminatory, and a violation of Title VI and/or Title IX, respectively, unless it is educationally necessary and there is no practicable alternative form of assessment which meets the educational institution's educational needs and would have less of a disparate impact on the basis of race, national origin, or sex."

The release of the draft of the guidelines caused consternation among college officials and test administrators, who worried that the goal of the guidelines might be to eliminate standardized testing altogether.

Jones downplays impact on MIT

"The document is really more focused on primary and secondary schools" as well as public and to a

lesser extent private universities, said Marilee Jones, MIT Dean of Admissions. Several states, including Massachusetts, are considering implementing standardized tests which students must pass in order to graduate. The guidelines will "identify the legality around the issue," Jones said.

"They're not focusing in on the SATs" or trying to abolish them, but rather [making] sure that schools use standardized tests as "just one indicator," Jones said.

The College Entrance Examination Board, which administers many standardized tests, posted a legal and a technical response to the guidelines on its website. The response criticizes the "anti-test theme" of the guidelines and says that it "omits any clear, even-handed statement of the value of standardized tests."

Some favor guidelines

Others have applauded the

guidelines, saying they represent a positive change for minorities seeking higher education.

"I think it has been a long time coming," said Leo Osgood, Associate Dean of Students and Director of the Office of Minority Education. "Standardized tests can not be used to exclude people. You can't put the burden of decision on those results."

Standardized tests "tell someone what you know that day, and that's it," said Osgood. "Do they tell your potential for learning? I think not."

Osgood noted that such tests are not "strong predictors of academic success" and are "skewed to a certain class."

Jones agreed, saying that standardized tests "overpredict the performance of men and underpredict the performance of women."

MIT will not have to change its current admissions process to comply with the guidelines. MIT bases its admissions on "a candidate's

grades, the quality of their academic program, standardized test scores, personal accomplishments, and such characteristics as creativity, leadership, and love of learning," according to the admissions web-site.

Jones said MIT uses an algorithm to compute a candidate's "numeric index" which incorporates grades, class rank, and standardized test scores.

"The numeric index has the highest correlation to success at MIT, more so than any one of its parts," Jones said. "We have a very good use of these tests, better than most schools."

Osgood praised MIT's admissions process. "Everyone who is admitted has the potential to succeed here," he said.

The Department of Education will continue to seek feedback on the draft of the guidelines. It hopes to publish a final version by December 1999.

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Harvard Shuts Down Allegedly Indecent Website

By Frank Dabek
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Harvard University became embroiled in a conflict between members of the Net's hacking community last week when it shutdown the Packet Storm website it had agreed to host.

The site, which provided security information and tools, was shutdown after a letter from John P. Vranesevich, founder of the AntiOnline website, alerted Harvard to a directory on the site which contained materials he classified as libelous and "sick."

A Harvard news release blamed the shutdown on "sexually related material and personal attacks on an individual not associated with the University."

Vranesevich said that while he was "used to seeing parodies of my website [and]... criticism of myself," the jp directory contained on packetstorm.harvard.edu unac-

ceptable content including images of his 17 year old sister along with her home address and phone number. Vranesevich said that his sister had been harassed as a result of the picture. "A lot of the people who visit [sites like packetstorm] commit felonies on a daily basis," he said. Vranesevich and his company have also been harassed following the shutdown, he said.

Ken Williams, the maintainer of Packet Storm, denied allegations that he harassed Vranesevich and said that all of the material in the directory (which was never publicly linked) was available elsewhere on the web. "I never crossed the line," he said. "What was on my site was already on the web," said Williams. The directory, he said, was merely an archive of existing parodies.

Williams said that the picture of Vranesevich's sister was taken from the website of her high school, which had published its yearbooks

on the web.

In his letter to Harvard, published on AntiOnline, Vranesevich also alleged that the site contained pictures of "people engaged in homosexual activities" and "a nun that appears to be covered in seminal fluid."

Williams denied these allegations. There were "no pornographic pictures or sexually explicit pictures" in the directory, he said. There was an image of a nun portrayed as the victim of legislation limiting speech on the Internet, but the image was not sexual, he said.

Although Williams claims the content of the site was already public material, Vranesevich said that "any claim for freedom of speech is only an attempt to cover [William's] actions." Vranesevich also said that he has no intent to sue Williams despite William's initial belief that he was a potential target of legal action.

Site to return elsewhere

Although Williams said that Harvard initially told him that the four gigabytes of data on his site would be destroyed, he recently received a hard drive from Harvard containing the data.

"The site will be back up," he said. He has received over 200 offers to host the site.

The shutdown of Packet Storm was a topic for debate in numerous online forums, such as slashdot.org,

hackernews.com and attrition.org.

The discussions reveal an ongoing dispute between Vranesevich and many in the online community including Williams.

Williams described Vranesevich as "a real charlatan... out to make a buck for himself." He said that Vranesevich encouraged people to deface websites so that they could report their actions on AntiOnline.

Williams also pointed out that Vranesevich waited until the site moved to Harvard to complain about the jp directory which had existed for over a year. The site was online at Harvard for only 9 days before it was shut down.

Vranesevich said that the hacker community has incorrectly represented Williams. "Hackers have been trying to play him off as this poor student," Vranesevich said, alluding to Williams claims that he would fail a class if he lost the data on packetstorm.harvard.edu.

Of the experience, Williams said that he is "confident that the truth will come out... I hope that justice is served." He said his reputation has been damaged by the incident, but also said, "My actions over the years are a good reflection on me."

For his part in the dispute Vranesevich said that the situation was "handled properly" by Harvard but was perhaps "blown out of proportion."

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Students Bid Fond Farewell to Brown

By Jonathan Richmond
ADVISORY BOARD

Few professors retire to such displays of affection and, indeed, love as Howard Brown. But, then, Howard never set himself the goal of winning the Institute Screw. Instead, in his gentle way, he has been a friend and comforting presence to generations of MIT students ensconced at night in the concrete confines of the Student Center.

The tributes flowed in, literally from around the world. Writing from Israel, Reuven Lerner '92 admitted that "Howard influenced me more than some of my professors, which in and of itself teaches us quite an important lesson." Howard provided Lerner the therapy needed to get his thesis done.

"Every night, like clockwork, Howard would come in and give me a wonderful break from the monotony of hacking and debugging. We would talk about my work, his cats, and opera, among other things. He was always kind, warm, and interesting, and never failed to put a smile on my face."

Indranath Neogy '98 sent his comments from England: "Seeing you drop by the darkroom, or even just in the hallway late at night, sometimes when I was stuck there, sometimes when I was leaving, it always cheered me up..."

Greg Kuhnen '00 spoke of Howard's intimate relationship with The Tech. "I remember him being very moved by the Philip Gale story. He asked me if he could keep a copy of the front page from that issue. It really hurt him that someone with so much ahead of them could throw it all away." Howard also "seemed to like seeing us do chair races, even though he was going to have to clean up the black marks we left behind on the floors."

You will have gathered by now that this friend of all students was a custodian — a great one, at that. And in his typically modest, unassuming, generous way, Howard would indulge members of The Tech on production nights, waiting until the issue was done before coming in to clean up our mess.

Kevin Simmons '98 reflected on

his friendship with Howard, which developed during many late nights in the Technique darkroom. "You have always been there for me when I've been sick, locked out of the office, or just in need of a friendly face to cheer me up. Everyone I can think of that knows you is fond of you, Howard. You are a truly gentle man, and have great taste in music, too. I wish you happiness in the days to come, and want to remind you that visits at 2 a.m. would be great. I'll miss you."

On June 7 The Tech held a retirement party for Howard. Howard was there on time. There were goodies on the table, and a cluster of admiring faces had gathered around.

After a few moments of silence, Howard told us about his time at MIT, how he worked at Lobdell, then Baker House, then the Student Center. He reminisced on the generations of students he'd befriended. And then there was a pause once more. "And when I die, I want my ashes to be scattered on the oval outside. That's what I want to be looking at: the Student Center."

Another silence, then it was time to give Howard his gift — the lovingly-prepared plaque and a pile of CDs, to provide more music for his retirement. "Oh Man! Holy Toledo," said an amazed Howard. "You know what my roommate told me. You'd better stay at home because they're going to make you cry. And you know what — he was right! Excuse me. I'll be back. I've got to go out in the hallway and cry."

As I set off up Massachusetts Avenue at 2 a.m., I remembered Howard popping in to chat long after the issue would be over and I'd often be by myself doing some work for my dissertation. We shared a love of opera as well as laughter, and his visits invariably provided the adrenaline to keep going for another few hours.

Who says MIT ever needed a Charm School when its students and a janitor can befriend each other in such natural and unself-conscious ways and leave such deep impressions on each other's lives. Lets leave the airs and graces to Harvard.

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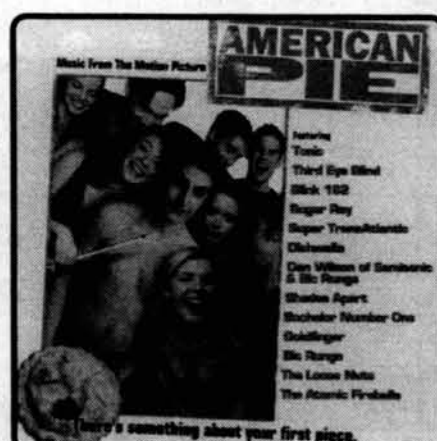
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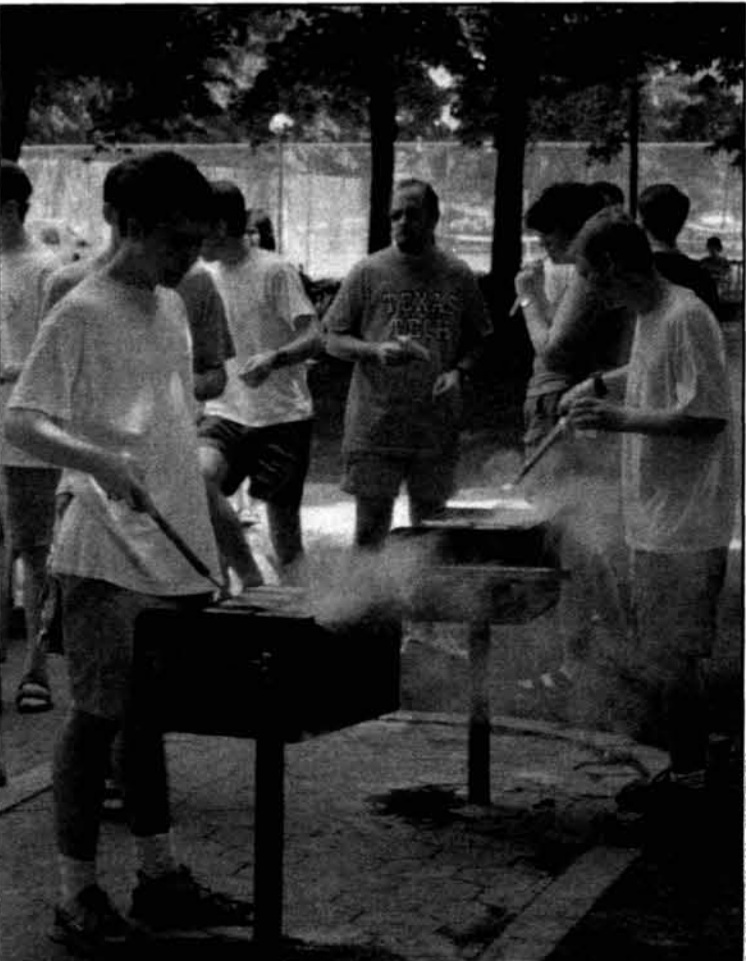
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Thousands Gather on Esplanade To Commemorate July Fourth

By Amy Thayer

At about 2:30 Sunday afternoon I arrived on the Esplanade. Rollerbladers were taking advantage of a closed Storrow Drive to show off. Immediately behind them, the Budweiser Clydesdales, accom-

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panied by a marching band composed of some of the best high school musicians in the area, paraded past. Hundreds of people were strolling down the river. Virtually every spot of grass on the riverbank was occupied. The best positions for viewing the much anticipated "pyromusical" and hearing the concert had been taken since the early morning. Members of Alpha Phi Omega arrived at 7:30 am to stake off their area. Although the Esplanade didn't officially open until 6 a.m., some enthusiasts showed up as early as 2 a.m. to claim their spots.

Dozens of boats have been parked along the Charles for the entire weekend. MIT sailboats ducked in and out of the tightly packed yachts. A steady stream of kayaks, canoes, dingies, swimmers, rafts — some of which are evidently homemade — were floating through the river inlets.

The oppressive heat — the heat index at the hottest part of the day was over 100 degrees — had people doing what they could to keep cool. Boston Pops Conductor Keith Lockhart changed shirts six times during the orchestra's two-hour performance. One family sat in an inflatable pool. Several water fights broke out amongst the boaters. Others squirted bottled water or water guns on themselves, Municipal District Commission trucks drove down Storrow Drive showering everyone in their path.

Several elevated speakers played tunes ranging from Disney to classical to patriotic tunes. Flying advertisements and news helicopters circled the sky. As early as 3 p.m., there was no way to get closer than 300 yards to the Hatch Shell without hurdling people.

Police attributed the low incidence of heat-induced illness to the fact that many spectators arrived after the hottest part of the day was over. And indeed, from 5 o'clock on, there was a constant flow of people from Boston and Cambridge filling both the Harvard and Longfellow bridges and Memorial Drive.

As the sun went down and the beverage of choice changed from slushies to alcohol, the crowd became a little rough around the edges. A couple of boys decided to produce their own show, setting off fire works on the crowded Harvard Bridge. One spectator complained, "People didn't even stop for the Star Spangled Banner - they just kept on walking. It was very rude."

In contrast to the mood of those on the bridge, the movie screens broadcasted images of people doing the cancan and singing along to Yankee Doodle. One woman was even dressed as the Statue of Liberty.

As veteran conductor Seiji Ozawa began Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, the crowd on the bridge quieted in expectation. Boaters responded to the first fireworks with flares. Then, as the pyrotechnic display began in earnest, hundreds of camera flashes went off in the five-mile radius surrounding the barge.

"The dazzling fireworks display you will witness tonight - the 'pyromusical' will last 30 exhilarating minutes," reads one line in the Commemorative Program, compliments of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra. And they were exhilarating. The award-winning Pyrotechnology, which has produced the Independence Day displays 16 years running, put on a spectacular show perfectly choreographed to the music. As one MIT student described, "The [Harvard] bridge was the best place to be. You could feel it shake with each explosion."

As soon as the last firework disappeared in the cloud of smoke, boats that had been parked for more than two days to see the show quickly rode away tooting their horns. and people poured back into Cambridge and the Back Bay.



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Pops on the Esplanade Continues To Entertain Boston Audiences

By Joel Rosenberg
STAFF REPORTER

America, the Beautiful, had another birthday Sunday, and she didn't look a day over 210. To celebrate here in Boston, hundreds of thousands of people once again flooded the streets to listen to the Pops and see the pyromusical fireworks extravaganza.

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The Esplanade opened at 6 a.m. for the truly hard-core patriots, who then proceeded to do a whole lot of waiting in 100-degree heat. It wasn't until 7:55 p.m. that several \$24 million F-18 "Hornet" Strike Fighters buzzed the Charles to show-off how we keep this Land of Liberty secure. Boston was going to attempt to get into the Guinness Book of World Records for the "Largest Aerial Banner Flown" by trailing a chopper with a 9945-square-foot American Flag, but the banner was unfortunately shredded in a display for the media on June 2.

At 8 p.m., the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra took the stage for the twenty-ninth "Pops Goes the Fourth" concert, led by Conductor Keith Lockhart. The Tanglewoods Festival Chorus accompanied the Pops in the "Star Spangled Banner" to open the show, after which the Pops gave a taste of jazz by playing John Williams' "Liberty Fanfare," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," and then a swing medley that got the flag-encrusted crowd dancing. "Overture to State Fair" was then followed by "Doodletown Fifers", accompanied by the Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes and Drums.

To close the first half of the program, the group performed a new composition, "With Voices Raised", by *Ragtime* authors Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens. The piece bridged a patriotic chorus sung by the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, the Boston Pops Gospel Chorus, and members of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus, with patriotic quotes from legendary figures like Abigail Adams, Mother Jones, Frederick Douglass, Dr. Martin Luther King. Senator Ted Kennedy joined in, quoting JFK:

"If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most common basic link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal."

Trisha Yearwood was the guest artist this year. The crowd didn't seem appreciative of the country singer come North, although spontaneous bubble-blowing from the audience during "Over the Rainbow" was an inspiring close to her set. The three participating choruses appeared again to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing," described by Lockhart as the *de facto* anthem of African Americans. It was followed by a "Patriotic Sing-Along", which included "America", "America the Beautiful", "Yankee Doodle", "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy", "This Land Is Your Land", "You're a Grand Old Flag", and "God Bless America."

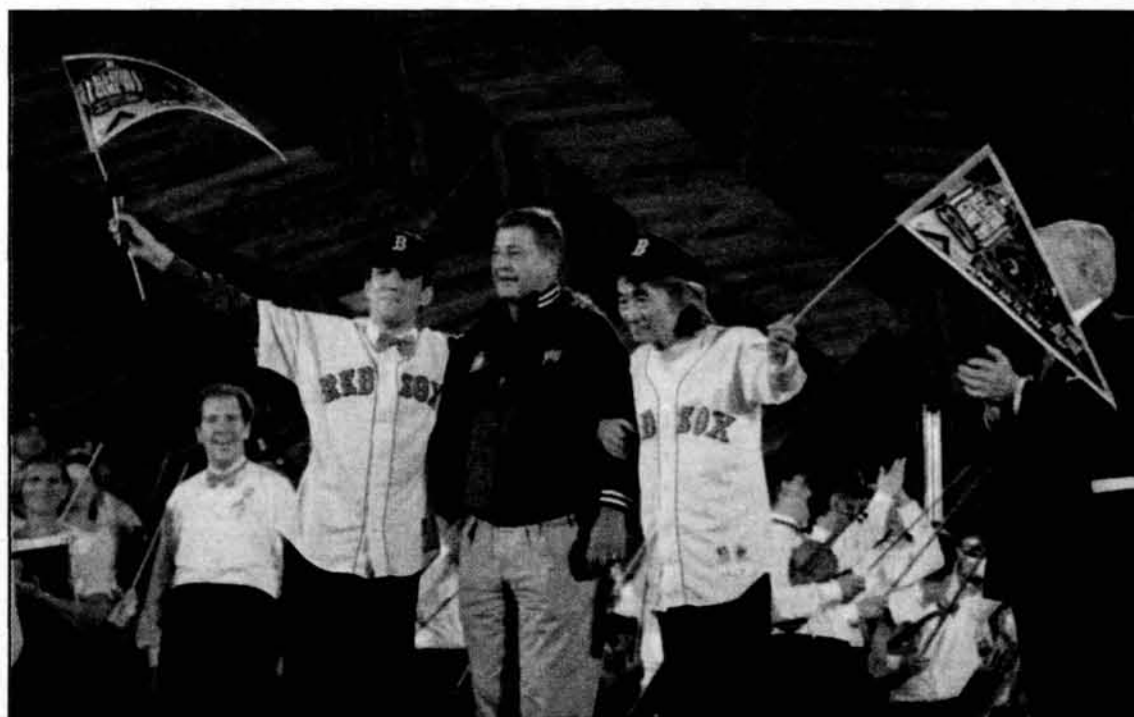
Finally, the legendary Seiji Ozawa made a guest appearance to celebrate his 25th year conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra, leading the Pops in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture", complete with Army cannons firing shells over the river. Ted Kennedy returned to present Ozawa with the logbook from the USS Constitution from the year 1812, and to introduce former Red Sox pitcher Carl Yastrzemski, flanked by the evening's two conductors in Sox jerseys (Ozawa 25, Lockhart 99). The trio sang "Take Me Out To the Ball Game" as musicians in Sox hats played and audience members waved All-Star pennants. Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" closed the live music portion of the evening as Seiji danced across the stage, his signature gray hair flopping under a Red Sox cap.

Attention then turned to the river as three tons of pyrotechnics launched from four barges to complete the third annual pyromusical, created by Boston-based Pyrotechnology, Inc. The impressive display ended rather anticlimactically. But as the crowd slowly dispersed, they took with them the memories of another celebration of freedom. It was still only 10:30 p.m., but those with hopes of an after-party had to have already been prepared—ironically, one wasn't free to buy booze this Sunday the Fourth.

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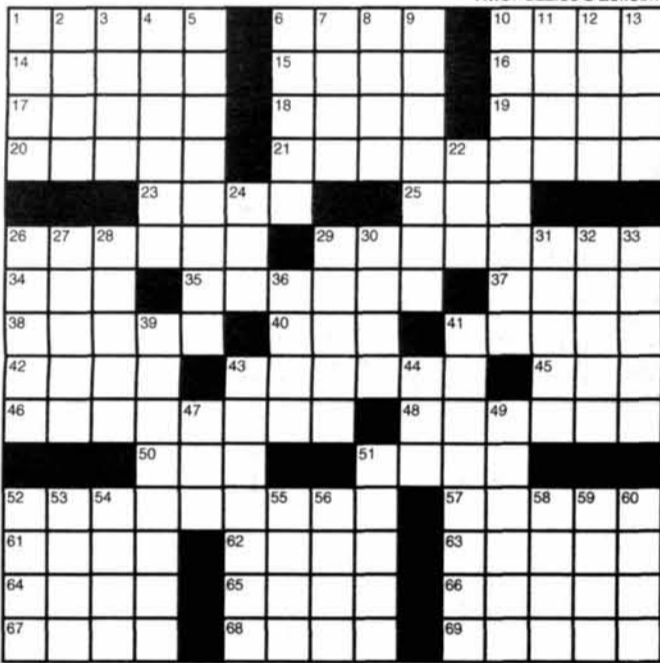
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Wednesday, July 7

12:00 p.m. — Learn to Sail on your lunch hour. You don't need a sailing card but please bring a change of shoes. MIT Sailing Pavilion.
5:15 p.m. — Learn to Sail Classes one, two and four. Sailing Pavilion.

Friday, July 9

12:00 p.m. — Learn to Sail on your lunch hour - Class two of six. Sailing Pavilion.

Sunday, July 11

10:00 a.m. — Learn to Sail, Weekend Classes. Bring a change of shoes and a lunch. Sailing Pavilion.

Wednesday, July 14

12:00 p.m. — Learn to Sail on your lunch hour - Class three of six. Sailing Pavilion.
5:15 p.m. — Learn to Sail - Classes one, three and four. Sailing Pavilion.

Thursday, July 15

4:00 p.m. — Ocean Science and Technology in the 21st Century. Dr. Hiroshi Ohba, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. Room 10-105. Sponsor: MIT Japan Program with MIT Department of Ocean Engineering.

Friday, July 16

12:00 p.m. — Learn to Sail on your lunch hour - Class four of six. Sailing Pavilion.
9:00 p.m. — Potluck Performance Art Party. AKA show+tell. Bring video, poetry, slides, anything to read, show, perform and/or consume. Admission \$4.00. N52-115.

Sunday, July 18

10:00 a.m. — Learn to Sail, Weekend Classes. Bring a change of shoes and a lunch. This class combines the first three of the Wednesday evening classes into one Sunday class. Sailing Pavilion.

Tuesday, July 20

5:15 p.m. — Learn to Sail - Classes one, two and four. Sailing Pavilion.

Wednesday, July 21

12:00 p.m. — Learn to Sail on your lunch hour - Class five of six. Sailing Pavilion.

Thursday, July 22

8:00 p.m. — Aurelius Ensemble: Antojitos Latinos. Latin-American music: Piazzolla, Villa-Lobos, Gershwin & the US premiere of Jose Elizondo's '95 Danzas Latinamericanas. Guest: Wilson Hsieh '88, violist. Admission \$5.00. Killian Hall.

Friday, July 23

12:00 p.m. — Learn to sail on your lunch hour - Class six of six. Sailing Pavilion.
8:00 p.m. — Aurelius Ensemble: Antojitos Latinos. Latin-American music: Piazzolla, Villa-Lobos, Gershwin & the US premiere of Jose Elizondo's '95 Danzas Latinamericanas. Guest: Wilson Hsieh '88, violist. Admission \$5.00. Killian Hall.

Sunday, July 25

10:00 a.m. — Learn to Sail, Weekend Classes. This class combines the first three of the Wednesday evening classes into one Sunday class. Sailing Pavilion.

Tuesday, July 27

7:00 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

Wednesday, July 28

5:15 p.m. — Learn to Sail - Classes one, three and four. Sailing Pavilion.

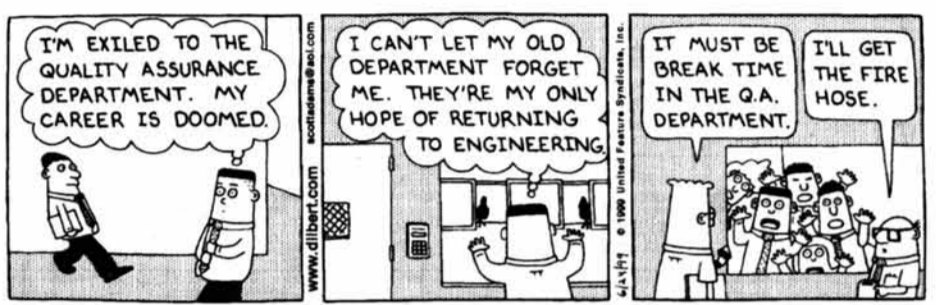
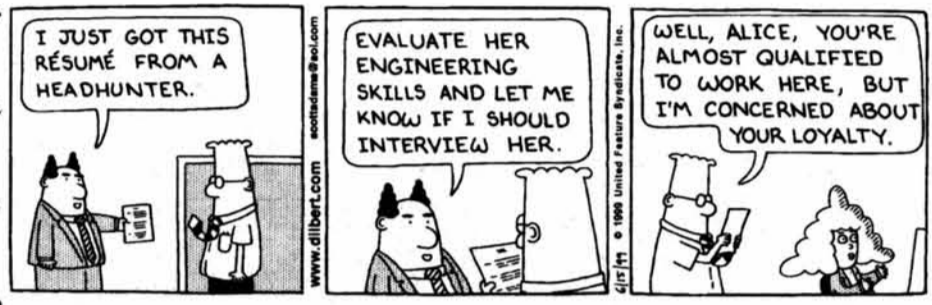
Friday, July 30

12:10 p.m. — GABLES Monthly Lunch. A social get-together of the MIT Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian Employees and Supporters group. Send e-mail for location. Sponsor: GABLES.

Sunday, August 1

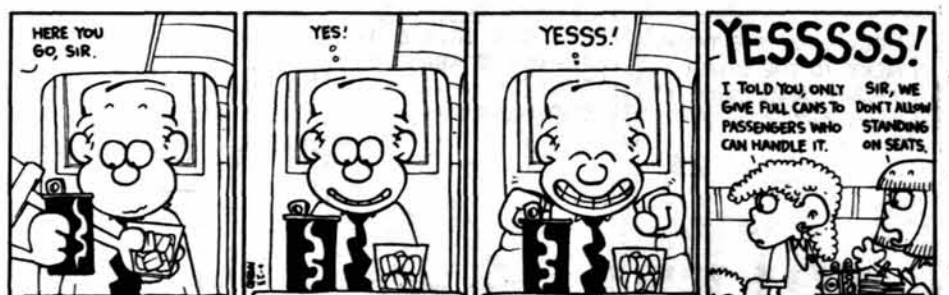
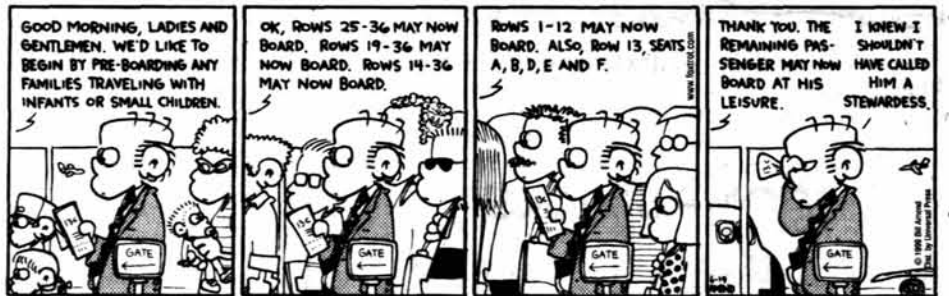
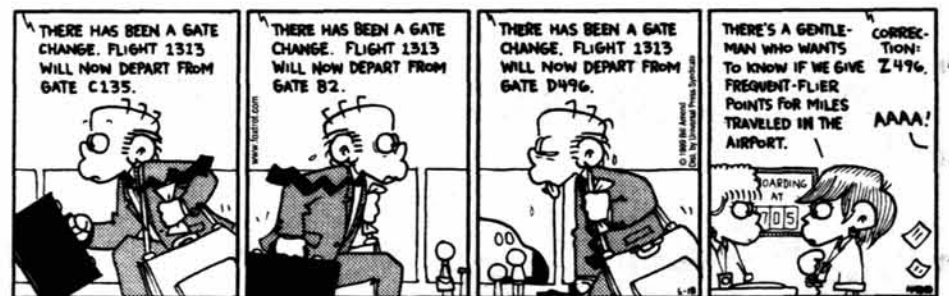
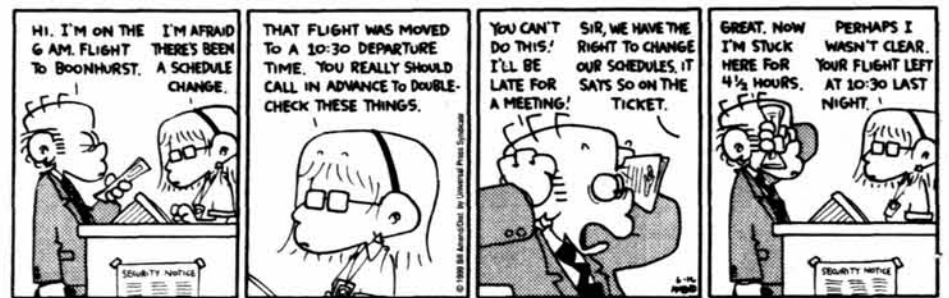
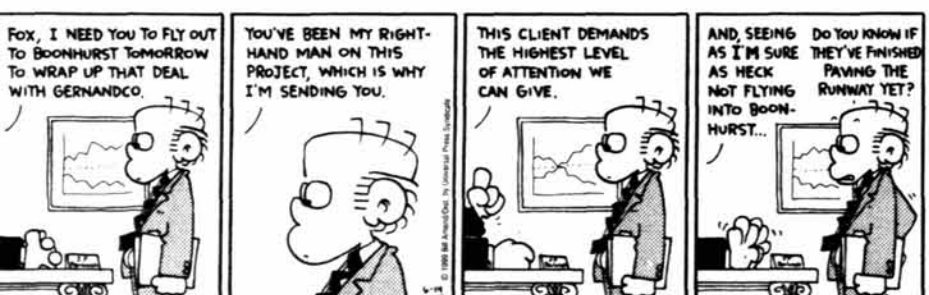
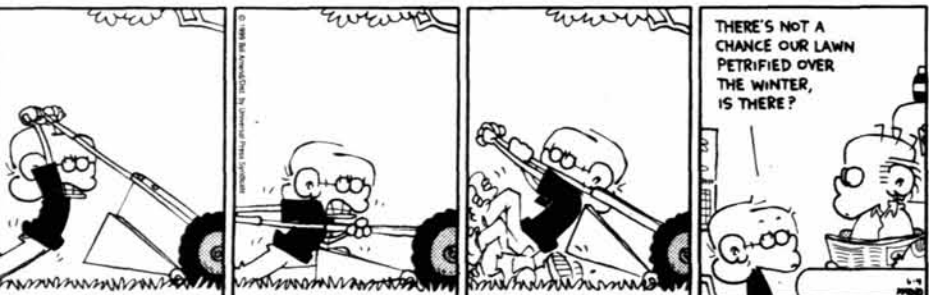
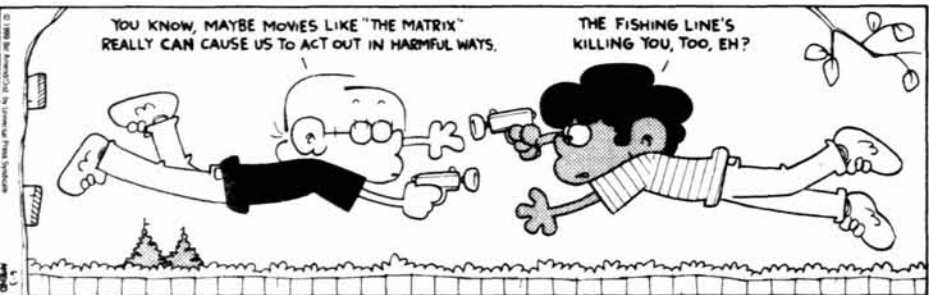
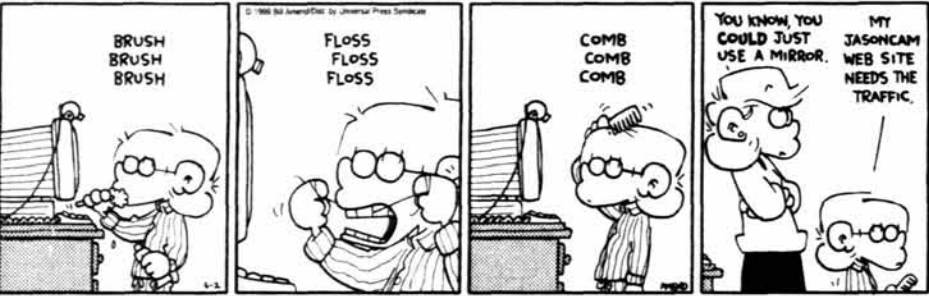
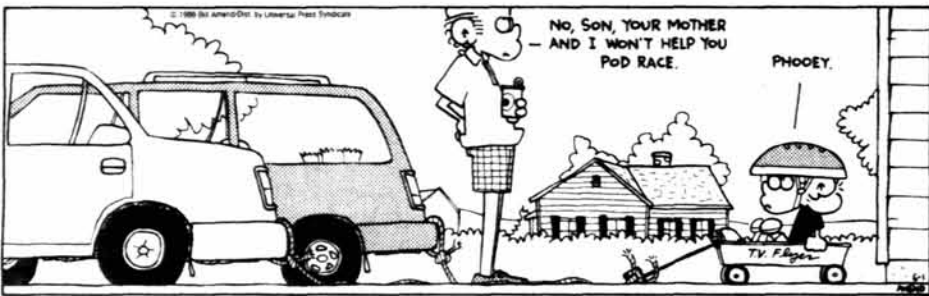
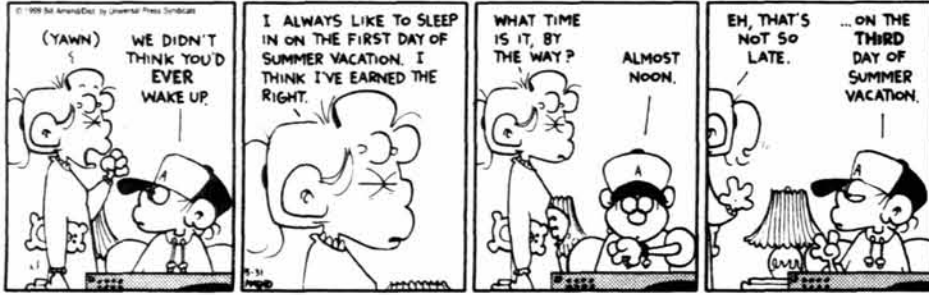
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High Schoolers Come to MIT for Summer Programs

By Kristen Landino
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

During the summer MIT offers a number of programs which cater to talented high school students across the country.

Project Interphase; Research Science Institute; Summer High School Studies Program; and Minority Introduction to Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and Science, are examples of these selective summer academic enrichment programs.

Research Science Institute

Under the aegis of the Center for Educational Excellence in McLean, Virginia, RSI is an intensive six week program for high school students gifted in mathematics and science.

There are currently 68 students enrolled in this highly selective program which features research, lectures, and discussion. Most RSI students will be entering twelfth

grade in September.

The first week mainly consists of lectures followed by five weeks of intensive research culminating in a research paper and presentation in the last week of the summer program.

RSI was not always held at MIT; it was established in 1984 by Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, and moved to MIT in 1992.

Rickover founded the program in order to keep the United States competitive in science and technology by nurturing the nation's most promising students.

Feng Vhang, a current RSI student from Des Moines, Iowa, is working for Professor of Biology Arnold L. Demain.

"I'm trying to develop a growth medium which will slow the growth of budding yeast. Eventually, we hope to send the yeast into space and study them," Vhang said.

RSI student Michael Dimakos from Athens, Greece, spends his

days working with an MIT graduate student from Yugoslavia on convergence number theory. He describes his work as "not too hard - until now. I expect it will be much harder tomorrow though."

Students enrolled in the program are sponsored by a grant from the Intel Foundation and do not pay any tuition costs, thereby opening the program to students of all financial backgrounds.

"It is a really great program. I had a friend who came here and she loved it," said RSI student Charitcha Gowda from Rockville, Maryland.

RSI alumni have gone on to be very successful in the Intel Science Talent Search competition, often using their summer research as the basis for their submissions. RSI has produced 153 Intel semifinalists, 47 finalists, and 19 top ten scholars in its first 14 years. In the 1998 competition, the first, second, and fifth place winners were all RSI alumni.

Neils Dreyer, an RSI student

from Germany, is studying cryptosporidium parvum, a type of parasite, in geese. When asked about his work, he responded: "I collect shit".

Interphase aids minorities

Sponsored by the Office of Minority Education, Project Interphase is open to all incoming underrepresented minority freshmen.

The seven week curriculum consists of physics, writing, physical education, chemistry, calculus, as well as other co-curricular activities which focus on preparing the students for their freshman year at MIT. Incoming freshmen enrolled in the program can also earn transcript credit for subjects taken in the program, thereby allowing them to skip the corresponding subjects usually taken in the fall semester.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Project Interphase. In 1968, then President Howard Johnson appointed a task force to assess the educational opportunities available to students.

One year later, at the urging of Shirley Jackson PhD '68, the first woman to receive a PhD from MIT, Project Interphase was established to increase minority attendance at MIT.

SHSSP caters to area students

Another program offered during the summer at MIT for high school students is SHSSP.

Sponsored by the Educational Studies Program, it consists of a series of non-credit academic enrichment courses held every Saturday from July 10 to August 14. Classes are two hours long and are offered in the areas of computer science, chemistry, biology, electrical engineering, mathematics, neuroscience, and the liberal arts.

It is open to area students in grades seven through twelve. Students may take up to three class-

es for a total cost of \$30.

MITES

Mites is a six week residential summer program open to talented underrepresented minority high school juniors. The program focuses on introducing the students to careers in engineering, science, and entrepreneurship.

The program is fully scholarship-based; admitted students pay no tuition. This tuition-free system is possible through grants from a host of individuals and organizations including the following: 3M, Citicorp Foundation, Digital Equipment Corporation, DuPont Chemical Company, Hewlett-Packard Company, and the Eastman Kodak Company among others.

The curriculum consists of various levels of calculus, chemistry/biochemistry, physics, writing/humanities, entrepreneurship, and design. The design course culminates in a highly competitive engineering design competition each year.

In addition to rigorous coursework, the students also have the opportunity to talk with business executives, scientists, and researchers of color in different fields through special lecture series.

Admission to MITES is based on a number of factors including: high school grades, standardized test scores, participation in extracurricular and volunteer work, written essays, and teacher recommendations. A group of MIT faculty, administration, students, and instructors select the class each year.

A fair amount of MITES alumni are accepted to MIT each year. Of the 58 students who attended MITES 1997, 43 of the 46 who applied were accepted at MIT; 22 of these students plan to enroll.

Anna K. Benefiel contributed to the reporting of this story



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Two MIT students lead a group of children for an afternoon of swimming at the Alumni Pool Friday June 25.

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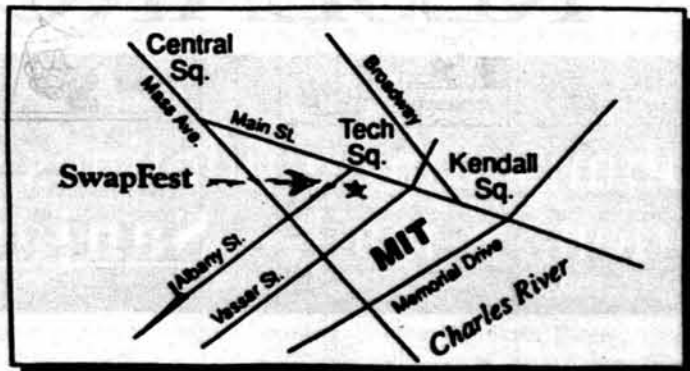
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EFZ Presents Plan to Initiate City-Wide Rent Control

By Erik Snowberg

STAFF REPORTER

The Eviction Free Zone unveiled a plan to reinstitute rent control in Massachusetts at a city-wide tenants' meeting last Tuesday. The group's 12-step plan centers around a state-wide campaign for the 2000 elections.

The tenants' meeting, held at the Cambridge Senior Center, was meant to gather feedback on EFZ's plan. The input from those in the audience was almost entirely positive, with some members offering constructive comments based on their experience.

The audience's comments also exposed a disagreement in tactics between EFZ and Cambridge Citizens United for Rent Equity (CCURE), another tenant activist group.

Different tactics, same goal

While EFZ is planning a state-

wide campaign for the 2000 election, CCURE is pushing forward a local ballot initiative for this November. CCURE has already started collecting signatures to get its question on the local ballot.

CCURE's initiative would restore rent control in Cambridge only. The language of the initiative deals with many of the concerns surrounding older rent control laws that ultimately led to their demise.

David A. Hoicka '77, an organizer for CCURE who has been gathering signatures to put the initiative on the November ballot said that CCURE's effort has generated a lot of excitement. "I have had people cross the street, stop their car and even get out of a taxi to talk about rent control and sign the petition," he said. He also said that people from other cities and towns had told him that they were in need of rent control as well.

Hoicka, an MIT alumnus who

sued the Institute in 1993, introduced a successful initiative last November which asked MIT to remove its nuclear reactor from Cambridge.

Some members of EFZ spoke against the November ballot initiative. Steven Meacham told the audience he felt that a ballot initiative would draw away energy from the statewide campaign and would not result in any net gain. Even if CCURE's initiative petition were approved by a majority of Cambridge voters, it would still have to be approved as a home rule petition by the Massachusetts State Legislature. EFZ's campaign will also seek a home rule petition.

Meacham and other members of EFZ felt that there was no chance of this happening. In the words of one member, they would be dismissed by the Legislature as "those Cambridge people."

A twelve step plan for success

EFZ's 12-step plan included ways to bring back rent control in Cambridge and other cities and towns in the Commonwealth. Rent control was abolished through a state-wide ballot initiative in 1994.

The initial steps of the plan have already been accomplished by EFZ through work over the past five years. Other steps, such as establishing ties with tenants groups outside of Cambridge, are already in the works.

The plan offers very few details about how EFZ will build a statewide coalition. One of its flyers states that "Anything less than a statewide campaign is futile. Anything less than a broad based

campaign will be defeated."

Dean Grodzins, a Cambridge resident and author of the Comic Strip *Tangents*, said that he saw "no fundamental incompatibility between [CCURE and EFZ's] strategies." Elizabeth Koundakjian, a member of the organizing committee for EFZ's Campaign to Save 2000 Homes, said that it was important for tenants to stick together and that the two organizations should encourage each other.

The EFZ is also trying to make affordable housing the main issue of Cambridge's 1999 City Council election. In response to this point, Avi Green, a Cambridge resident, said, "So few people vote in elections you could easily make it the central issue in the upcoming election."

Loss of Summer Rush Threatens ILG System

Summer Rush, from Page 1

ed to receive more mailings from FSILGs.

Most FSILGs currently use the summer to introduce incoming freshmen to their living groups. "About all the rush rules allow us to do is make those calls," Eliot F. Drake '02, vice president of operations for Sigma Phi Epsilon, said. "We feel that that's pretty restrictive but we understand that [the rules are] in the interest of equity between the houses," Drake said.

Sororities such as AXO planned summer rush parties during the spring. "You call the girls or write to them, and invite them to the parties... some of them just have questions about orientations, like 'what's gonna happen to me when I get to MIT?'" Grochow said.

Summer rush important to ILGs

The current summer/fall rush sys-

tem will carry on through next year roughly unchanged, but, with change rocking MIT's entire residence system, it is possible that summer rush may be eliminated in 2001.

When asked how fraternities would fare if summer rush were cancelled, Survanshi said, "Before we even look into that, we have to save the regular orientation rush... If there is orientation rush, summer rush is huge because the freshmen can make an even more informed decision if they get the entire summer."

Grochow said that for sororities "summer rush had never been a big deal... summer rush is more about getting them to rush greek in general" rather than to pick a particular sorority.

Drake said that losing summer rush "will obviously be deleterious to the way rush is now, but if there is some newer and better organization, then summer rush might not be missed."



KRZYSZTOF GAJOS—THE TECH

Members from the Association of Taiwanese Students paddle their boat, M.I.T. ("Made in Taiwan"), towards the finish line during the June 13th Dragon Boat Races on the Charles River.

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Board Evaluates Campus Policies To Make Decision

Parents, from Page 1

the deans are discussing parent notification procedures amongst themselves, and will, if necessary, make a recommendation to the Committee on Student Affairs. "If we make any change, it will be discussed with students and parents," Williams said.

Currently MIT treats parent notification for student drinking violations on a case-by-case basis, notifying parents when dangerous drinking is involved (the Buckley Amendment had still allowed schools to notify parents when a student's safety was at stake). Bates said that historically MIT has tried to emphasize personal responsibility and has tried to act directly with students rather than through parents.

"Our primary concern is dangerous drinking," Bates said. The question now, given the new freedom by the recent legislation, is whether "[parent notification] would be helpful in less dangerous drinking."

Where exactly the line between dangerous and less-dangerous drinking is one of the issues that must be resolved. What sort of

offenses should merit parent notification? "We're trying to address this with basic common sense. There may be serious situations that are not necessarily violations, and violations that are not necessarily serious situations," Williams said.

Another issue is whether having a hard-and-fast rule such as the one mandated by the Board will drive drinking more underground and cause students not to report fellow students even in dangerous situations.

Board surveys campuses to decide

Jack Warner, vice-chancellor for the Board of Higher Education, said that the primary reason for requiring schools to inform parents was evidence gathered from surveying different campus policies.

He pointed out the success of parent notification at the University of Delaware. "They've had excellent success rates when students are caught underage drinking or exhibiting drunken behavior," Warner said.

The Board's decision makes no distinction between responsible and irresponsible underage drinking. It applies to all violations. "We have

to remember that's the law of the land. Parents themselves may vary in their response [to student drinking violations]. We have to apply the law uniformly," Warner said.

"I'm a parent of college-age students myself. I certainly want to know... I can influence them better," Warner said. He said that he knows many parents who have expressed a similar desire to know about their students drinking habits.

Warner also felt that the argument that requiring parent notification would drive drinking underground is a "cop out," comparing it to the idea that having regulations on on-campus would drive students off-campus. He cited studies by Henry Weschler, director of College Alcohol Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health.

UMass Lowell adopts new policy

At the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, the Chancellor has approved parent notification of student alcohol violations this past spring. The policy, to take effect in the fall, represents a cross between enforcing a hard-and-fast rule and treating violations on a case-by-case

basis. While not all violations result in parent notification, and while notification does depend on the severity of the violation, parents are usually notified on the student's second violation.

Christine McKenna, executive director of communications and marketing and liaison to Student Services at UMass Lowell, said that the fact that parent notification was a "proven deterrent on other campuses" was a primary motivation for the new policy. "Students would be more apt to comply" under the new policy, McKenna said.

She said that liability was "not at all" a motivation for the policy.

Much to be resolved still

Bates said that other campuses, their policies, and the results have to be evaluated to see what is best for MIT. For instance, in the case of the University of Delaware, Bates said it would be necessary to see how many drinking violations took place, and how many were technical versus dangerous violations.

"It's a balancing act" between the wants of parents and the wants of

students, Williams said. "If we talk to parents, they really want to know... it's a real consideration." But students' trust in the university is also an issue. "I doubt we will arrive at a consensus," Williams said.

Interim Special Assistant to the President and Chancellor for Alcohol Education and Professor Emeritus in Linguistics and Philosophy Samuel J. Keyser said the Board's decision represents a "bureaucratic solution."

"What it (the student drinking problem) requires is a change in culture, and a certain sense of how students are setup in this," Keyser said. Keyser said that students are receiving mixed messages in a culture that bombards children with hundreds and thousands of alcohol advertisements by the time they are 18 but makes it illegal for them to consume alcohol for the majority of their undergraduate years.

At the same time, Keyser pointed out the statistical success the prohibition of underage drinking has had in highway deaths.

"It's really not a good situation. It's much too complicated," Keyser said.

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between May 24 and June 24. Information is compiled from the Campus Police's weekly crime summary and from dispatcher logs. This summary contains most incidents reported to Campus Police but does not include incidents such as: medical shuttles, ambulance transfers, false alarms, generals service calls, etc.

May 24: Bldg. E51, wallet stolen from classroom, \$30 cash; McCormick, student problem; Bldg. NW61 rear, male, Jose Galindo, arrested for drug possession and trespassing; Bldg. 48, suspicious person; Kappa Sigma, report of tires stolen from truck.

May 25: DuPont men's locker room, 1) locker broken into, nothing taken; 2) locker broken into \$12 cash stolen; suspicious person seen in area; 3) attempted break into locker; Bldg. 39, bike stolen \$300; Baker, construction worker broke sprinkler head, causing water damage; Student Ctr. past attempted larceny of bike; 33 Mass. Ave. bike secured with "U" lock stolen \$320; Student Ctr., routine check and inquiry, issued trespass warning.

May 26: Mass. Ave. and Albany St. lot, hit and run damage to vehicle; Kresge Lot, backpack stolen from vehicle, containing laptop, cash and cell phone \$3050; Bldg. W33 alley, check of suspicious person, same checked out okay; Killian Court, two suspicious persons stopped and issued trespass warnings; Bldg. 9, MIT ID stolen; Bldg. 13, past larceny, two bike stolen \$800; DuPont, stop of suspicious person, checked out okay; MacGregor, report of firecrackers, same located and advised to cease.

May 27: Bldg. 4, musical equipment stolen, \$3,000; Bldg. N52, suspicious activity; Bldg. 16, suspicious package, checked out okay; DuPont men's locker room, check on suspicious person, trespass warning issued; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with truck stuck under overpass.

May 28: Vassar St., assist Cambridge Police with motor vehicle accident; Bldg. E60, computer parts stolen \$108; Kenmore Square, check on report of suspicious person, unable to locate; Bldg. NW12, check on two homeless persons, same directed to shelter; Bldg's. E15, E51 and 68, skateboarders moved along; Bldg. W61, check on suspicious persons, check out okay; Purrington St., suspicious person, trespass warning issued; Westgate, juvenile making hang-up calls on emergency blue light phone; Student Ctr., check on suspicious persons, trespass warning issued.

May 29: Bldg. W8, two suspicious persons, issued trespass warnings; Bldg. E56, suspicious person issued trespass warning; Bldg. 66, suspicious activity; Eastgate, check on well being of student, all okay; Bldg. 13, report of suspicious activity, same checked out as student activity.

May 30: Bldg. 14, computer bag stolen \$100; Bldg. 54, bike stolen \$800.

May 31: Herman Garage, bike secured with cable lock stolen \$100; Boston, Sigma Nu, bike stolen \$300; Cambridge #6 Club, noise complaint; New House, noise complaint.

June 1: Bldg. NW14, suspicious activity;

Bldg. 8, book case stolen \$800; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen \$35 cash and credit cards; Main and Ames Streets, assist Cambridge Police with individual with cut leg; Alumni Pool, report of wallet stolen, no value, victim left without filing police report; Bldg. NW16, check on individual, checks out okay.

June 2: Burton, report of naked man in bathroom, subject didn't know it was a coed bathroom; Memorial Dr., assist State Police with vehicle accident; McCormick, computer stolen \$300; Bldg. 18, pipe fittings stolen from outside of building \$300; rear of Bldg. NW30, assisted homeless person to shelter.

June 3: Mass. Ave. and Memorial Dr. assist State Police with a domestic violence situation; WILG, report of person trespassing, search of building unable to locate; Bldg. E51, suspicious person issued trespass warning; Bldg. 10, suspicious activity.

June 4: MacGregor, report of suspicious person, unable to locate; Brookline, Zeta Beta Tau, missing person, later located; Bldg. 3, suspicious activity; Bldg. 3 report of missing person, later located; Boston, Fenway House, student problem; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen \$80 cash and credit card.

June 5: Walker sidewalk area, attempted larceny of sign; Killian Court, attempted larceny of plants; Memorial Dr., assist State Police with a break into a vehicle and stolen stereo; New House, laptop computer stolen \$3,000; Bldg. W34, suspicious individuals, same given trespass warnings; Bldg. E52, suspicious individual issued trespass warning; 100 Memorial Dr. assist Cambridge Police with noise complaint.

June 6: Mass. Ave., assist Cambridge Police with a past simple assault, unable to locate suspect; Bldg. N51, suspicious activity; Sloan Lot, hit and run damage to vehicle; Kendal T station report of suspicious person, same gone upon police arrival; Random Hall, check on suspicious individuals, trespass warnings issued.

June 7: Bldg. E39, pocketbook, stolen \$10 cash and credit cards, pocketbook located in Boston minus cash and credit cards; Alumni Pool, 1) wallet stolen \$240 cash, 2) \$6 cash; Student Ctr. plaza, solicitor escorted off property; Bldg. 39, male arrested for receiving stolen property and other related charges; Tang, contact student and advised to call home.

June 8: Bldg. 2, suspicious package, same check out okay; Bldg. E19, plastic bad boy statue stolen \$10; Bldg. NW14, suspicious activity; Bldg. 16, cart stolen \$150; Danforth St., disorderly person after receiving parking ticket; Student Ctr., bike secured with cable stolen \$400; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with minor motor vehicle accident.

June 9: Cambridge, #6 Club, wallet stolen \$300, same later located intact; Bldg. NW61, student problem; Boston, Pi Lambda Phi, unwanted guests.

June 10: Bldg. 36, laptop computer stolen \$3,000; Bldg. 3, 11, 35, & E32, annoying e-mail; Longfellow Bridge, assist State Police with vehicle vs bicycle accident; Student Center, report of past assault; Bldg. 1 and 7 malicious damage to vending machine; Ashdown, report of skateboarders, same

moved along; Albany lot, suspicious vehicle, same checked out okay, Carlton St. suspicious vehicle, trespass warning issued.

June 11: Bldg. E56, suspicious activity; East Garage, '89 Plymouth Voyager stolen.

June 12: Bldg. E52, report of teen-agers attending function running up and down stairs, asked to cease; Bldg. W31, two suspicious persons, same checked out okay.

June 13: Bldg. W89, two suspicious persons, one taken into custody on an outstanding warrant; Tang, laptop and books stolen, \$5,037; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with a female assaulted while walking along river; Endicott St., windshield of vehicle smashed.

June 14: Memorial Dr. and Mass. Ave. report of three suspicious persons, unable to locate; Student Center, three individuals arrested for trespassing; Memorial Dr. assist State Police in attempting to locate a male exposing himself to passersby; MacGregor, notify student to call home; Bldg. E25, report of suspicious person, same placed under arrest for trespassing; Bldg. 68, report of skateboarders, asked same to cease and move along; Bldg. W20, annoying e-mail.

June 15: Student Center, 4 individuals issued trespass warnings; Bldg. W59, tennis bubble, persons refusing to show ID, CP's called to assist with situation; Bldg. 68, past larceny of pocketbook stolen \$100 cash; Bldg. W71, bike stolen \$160; East Garage, '89 Dodge Caravan stolen; cellular telephone stolen \$250; Mass. Ave. at Amherst St. check on suspicious male; Memorial Dr. and Mass. Ave. assist State Police with pedestrian struck by motor vehicle; Mass. Ave. at Amherst, check on operator of vehicle; Boston, assault between persons known to each other at Fiji.

June 16: Bldg. E25, suspicious male, trespass warning issued; Westgate, noise complaint, volume lowered; Bldg. E52, bike secured with cable stolen, \$430; Main St. and Hayward St. assist Cambridge Police with disoriented elderly person.

June 17: Bldg. E19, laptop computer stolen \$3,000; Main St., vehicle backed into MIT Police cruiser while parked; East Campus, suspicious activity, safety hazard; Bldg. E51, arrest of two juveniles for attempted larceny of bike and other related charges; McCormick, assist Cambridge Police, 911 hang-up call, all okay; Steinbrenner Stadium, unauthorized use of facility, persons left area; Bldg. E15, skateboarders, given trespass warning; Memorial Dr. at Ashdown House, emergency telephone call, check of area no cause found; East Garage, suspicious person, trespass warning issued; Bldg. 54, report of suspicious person checking out bike racks, individual left area; Ford Lot, check on suspicious vehicle, same checked out okay.

June 18: Bldg. E52, report of suspicious package, same checked out okay; Amherst Alley, suspicious person, unable to locate; Albany Street at garage, two suspicious persons, trespass warnings issued; Bldg. N52, report of suspicious activity, same checked out okay; Amherst Street, check of vehicle making U-turn; Franklin Street, assist Cambridge with group disturbance; Ames Street, check of three individuals, same checked out okay; Bldg. 7, male arrested for

trespassing; Bldg. W87, malicious damage to rear of building; Student Center, two individuals issued trespass warnings.

June 19: Broadway, assist Cambridge Police with graffiti complaint; Bldg. 9, check out person pushing a bike, checks out okay; Bldg. 36, person reported attempted bike theft and when victim attempted to stop suspects he was punched in face before suspects fled area; Bldg. N52, suspicious activity; Amherst Alley, person taken into custody on an outstanding warrant; Harvard Bridge, assist State Police with bicyclist struck by vehicle; Student Center plaza, check on individual, check out okay; Kresge, contact person to call home.

June 20: Burton, bike secured with cable, stolen \$150; Westgate, noise complaint, no cause found; West lot, male issued trespass warning; Student Center, homeless person assisted to shelter.

June 21: Alumni Pool, report of backpack stolen, victim recovered same, not stolen; #6 Club, wallet and jewelry stolen \$490; Pacific Lot, male arrested for possession of marijuana; Bldg. 3, bike secured with cable stolen \$200; Bldg. 37, bike stolen unknown type lock no known value; Bldg. 2, annoying phone calls.

June 22: Mass. Ave. at Vassar St. assist Cambridge Police with suspicious persons, gone upon arrival; Bldg. E52 plaza, two suspicious persons, trespass warnings issued; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with minor motor vehicle accident; Bldg. E19, laptop computer stolen \$4,000; Bldg. 8, cellular telephone stolen \$20; Bldg. 7, damage to article on bulletin board; #6 club, report of suspicious person, check of building proved negative; Memorial Dr. and Vassar St. Cambridge Police requested assistance with traffic due to fire alarm at 600 Memorial; Amherst Alley, noise complaint, no cause found.

June 23: Johnson Athletic Ctr., two suspicious individuals, trespass warnings issued; Mass. Ave. at Amherst St. spoke with person making U-turn; Bldg. 5, routine check and inquiry, person checks out okay; Bldg. E15, two backpacks stolen, later found intact; Westgate, suspicious person, same gone on CP's arrival; Albany St. and Main St., suspicious person; Amherst St., hit and run damage to vehicle; Bldg. 57, male arrested for trespassing; Bldg. 66, barrels stolen \$100; Purrington St. 4 individuals issued trespass warnings; Ashdown, report of male unconscious on grass, same discovered to be sleeping, sent on his way.

June 24: Boston, Bay State Road, assist Boston University Police with three suspicious males; Bldg. N52, suspicious activity; Cambridge, assist at Galleria mall with a suspicious male, no MIT assistance needed as enough Cambridge units arrived; Mass. Ave. at Bldg. 35, bike tire stolen \$100; Westgate Lot, attempted break into vehicle; Bldg. 37, cellular telephone stolen \$180; Pacific Lot, two individuals arrested for possession of crack cocaine; Ames St. and Amherst St. check of suspicious motor vehicle; Student Center, check on suspicious person, trespass warning issued; Purrington St. check on two individuals; #6 Club noise complaint, same quieted down.

SPORTS

Spring Post-Season Honors

The Tech congratulates the numerous athletes who have brought local and national attention to themselves and the MIT athletic program.



TECH FILE PHOTO
Tracy M. Sadowski '99 scores another goal on her road to earning a spot on the GTE College Sports Directors of America At-Large Team.

national

average in Tech history (.444).

Koskelin defeated the third-seed team to advance to the semis.

Name: Tracey C. Ho G
Sport: Pistol
Award: National championship
Notes: This is Ho's second consecutive national championship.

Name: Kelly J. Koskelin '02
Sport: Tennis
Award: NCAA All-American
Notes: Koskelin earned All-American status by advancing to the doubles semi-finals of the NCAA Division III National Championships. Koskelin and Nakamura defeated the third-seed team to advance to the semis.

Name: Kevin B. McKenney '00
Sport: Baseball
Award: GTE College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American
Notes: McKenney holds the MIT record for single season hits (62) and finished the 1999 season with the highest single season batting

Name: Nikolaos Michalakis '01
Sport: Track and field
Award: NCAA All-American
Notes: Michalakis earned All-American status as a result of his fifth-place finish in the javelin at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Name: Joel Morales '99
Sport: Baseball
Award: GTE College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American
Notes: Morales hold the school record in single season runs batted in (42) and the highest career batting average (.371).

Name: Mealani K. Nakamura '00
Sport: Tennis
Award: NCAA All-American
Notes: Nakamura earned All-American status by advancing to the doubles semi-finals of the NCAA Division III National Championships. Nakamura and

Name: Caroline M. Purcell '02
Sport: Fencing
Award: Position on the United States National Team
Notes: Purcell traveled with the national team to the World Championships, held in Paris, France during April.

Name: Leif Seed '99
Sport: Track and field
Award: All-American
Notes: Seed earned All-American status as a result of his third-place finish in the 800 meters at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Team: Women's Air Pistol
Award: National Championship
Notes: This is the second consecutive year that the team has won the national championship.

Team: Men's Crew Four
Award: Silver medal at the IRA National Championships

regional, conference, and league

Name: Walter A. Alessi, coach
Sport: Lacrosse
Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Coach of the Year; inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Eastern Massachusetts chapter of US Lacrosse.

Name: Madeline G. Burke '99
Sport: Lacrosse
Award: New England Women's and

Men's Athletic Conference All-Conference team

Name: Eric L. Chen '00
Sport: Tennis
Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference All-Conference team

Name: Benjamin P. Cooke '00
Sport: Tennis

Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference All-Conference team

Name: Jeffrey Hamilton, coach
Sport: Tennis
Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Coach of the Year

Name: Zachary T. Jenkins '01
Sport: Baseball
Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference All-Conference team

Name: Kevin B. McKenney '00
Sport: Baseball
Award: NEWMAC All-Conference team; GTE College Sports Directors of America Academic All-District team (also see national award).

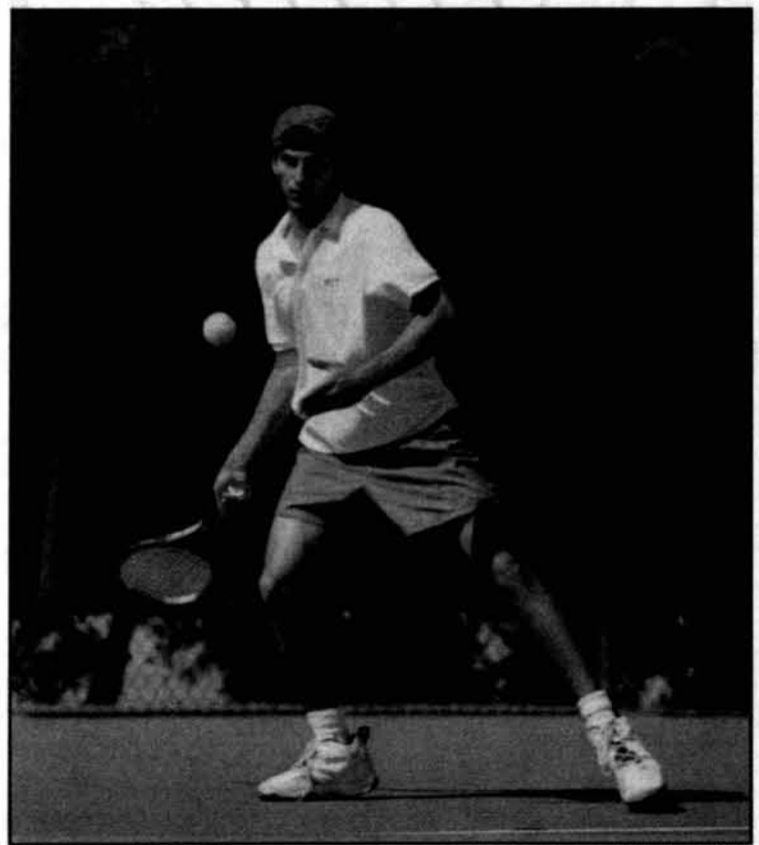
Name: Joel Morales '99
Sport: Baseball
Award: NEWMAC Athlete of the Year; GTE College Sports Directors of America Academic All-District team (also see national award).
Notes: This is Morales' second consecutive selection for the GTE CoSIDA team.

Name: Anish S. Parikh '01
Sport: Tennis
Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference All-Conference team

Name: Pascal F. Rettig '01
Sport: Lacrosse
Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference All-Conference team

Name: Ricardo A. Rossello '01
Sport: Tennis
Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference All-Conference team

Name: Tracy M. Sadowski '99
Sport: Lacrosse
Awards: GTE College Sports



TECH FILE PHOTO

Anish S. Parikh '01 was one of the many MIT athletes to be selected for the NEWMAC All-Conference team.

Information Directors of America All-District Spring At-Large Team; NEWMAC All-Conference team.
Notes: Sadowski was a GTE CoSIDA All-American and Academic All-American for field hockey this past fall.

Name: Luke D. Tomycz '02
Sport: Tennis
Awards: NEWMAC Rookie of the Year, All-Conference team.

Name: Eli J. Weinberg '02
Sport: Lacrosse
Awards: New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Division III All-New England Lacrosse Team (honorable mention); All-League Pilgrim Lacrosse League; Pilgrim Lacrosse League Divisional Rookie of the Year;

NEWMAC All-Conference team, Rookie of the Year.
Notes: Weinberg was the only first-year student selected for the both the NEILA team and the PLL team.

Name: Justin M. Verdirame '00
Sport: Lacrosse
Award: Pilgrim Lacrosse League All-Southeast Division team

Team: Men's tennis
Award: NEWMAC championship
Notes: The tennis team earned the conference championship without dropping a set.

Team: Men's track
Award: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference championship



STEFAN CARP—THE TECH

Boston's hopes of breaking into the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest aerial banner ever flown met their demise after the banner was shredded by wind during its unveiling last Wednesday.