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MIT Students Rally For PKS, Leukemia

Rally Raises \$10,000 for Leukemia Society

By Karen Robinson
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Over 700 students attended a rally in an overwhelming show of support for MIT's embattled fraternities on Saturday.

The rally was held largely in response to the eviction of members of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity from their house last Wednesday and the cancellation of PKS' bi-annual Halloween party Skuffle which benefits the Leukemia society.

The rally had a two-fold purpose, said Peter A. Shulman '01, one of the rally's organizers. Aside from continuing Phi Kappa Sigma's effort to raise money for LSA, the rally was to "show the positive side of MIT" to the news media and world, as well as to MIT students.

"People channeled their anger and their negative energy about what happened this week into something positive," said Christopher R. Rezek '99 who aided in the organi-

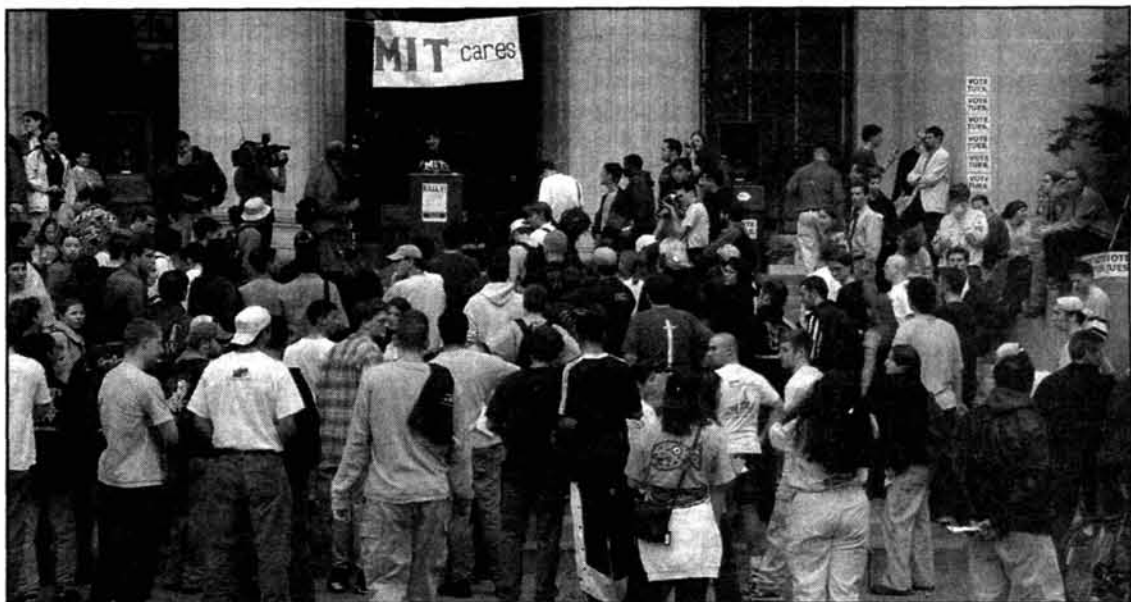
zation of the rally.

Media coverage ambivalent

While the purpose of the rally was in many ways to support PKS, this was lost on many local media outlets who reported the rally as a way for students to distance themselves from those who have had run-ins with local government offices.

"I got the impression they oversimplified the issues," said Chris Beland '00 who was strongly

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Members of the MIT community gathered at 77 Massachusetts Avenue to demonstrate their support for Phi Kappa Sigma's fundraiser for Leukemia research. IFC President Michael V. Trupiano and many other speakers addressed the crowd last Saturday.

Evicted Students Return to House

Phi Kappa Sigma Moves Back with Boston, MIT Administration's Support

By Matthew F. Palmer and Rima Arnaout

STAFF REPORTERS

The brothers of Phi Kappa Sigma moved back into their fraternity house Friday evening, having repaired the problems that caused the Boston Inspectional Services Department to evict them last week.

When "we corrected all the problems that [Boston Inspectional Services] cited us for, we called up to ask for another inspection and

they said 'ok,'" said PKS House Manager Robert H. Lee '02.

"We got a permit to disassemble the tunnel on Friday morning and hired a licensed builder to take it apart on Friday. We were inspected and back in the house by seven," said PKS President Lanny R. Chiu '00.

The MIT administration apparently helped smooth out the plight of PKS with City Hall. "We worked to ensure that PKS would receive a permit to be able to do the demolition necessary to return to their home," Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72 said.

"I was really impressed with the inspectors and officials; they worked really hard to get us back in the house quickly," Chiu said.

In addition to the rodent and egress violations, PKS was fined

\$50 because the skull emblem carved in the concrete in front of their house, apparently for illegal use of sidewalk. Although they did not have to remove it, "we were fined for it, as was everybody else on the block," Lee said.

The emblem has been in the sidewalk for years. "It's been here ever since I've been here ... I assume it's been here a long time," Chiu said.

Light shed on nature of violations

It is necessary to hire a licensed contractor to build a structure or take it down. PKS did not obtain such a license for their haunted house.

The police searched PKS on Wednesday, just prior to the

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Sloan Alum Donates \$25 Million

By Naveen Sunkavally

NEWS EDITOR

The Sloan School of Management has announced a \$25 million dollar donation from E\*Trade founder William A. Porter '67 and wife Joan Porter to be used for the construction of a new multi-purpose management facility.

The \$25 million donation for the William A. Porter Management Center, raised as a part of the \$1.5 billion capital campaign, officially kicks off fundraising efforts for the \$55 million necessary for the building, said Richard Schmalensee, dean of the Sloan School of Management.

At this point, neither a site nor an architect has been chosen for the building.

Sloan actively searched for funds

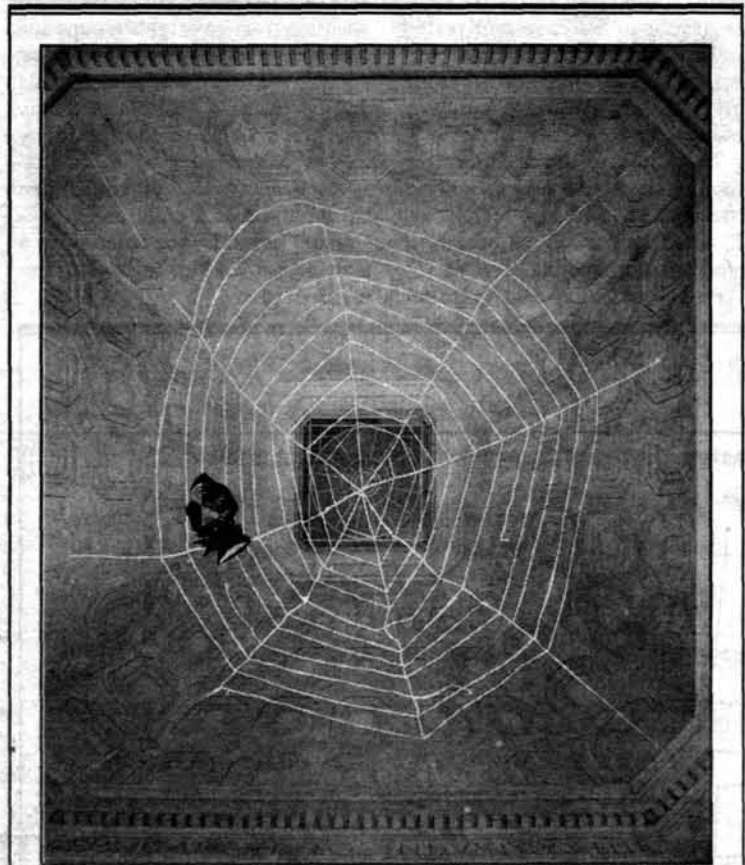
"We've been talking about [the building] for sometime ... it didn't come out of the blue," Schmalensee said. "We're operating in seven buildings and don't have much space."

Schmalensee said that he expects the new building to be used for classroom, office, and community space.

Associate Director of Communications at Sloan Paul J. Denning said, "The [new building] has been in the works for a few years, but there's nothing on paper." He said that the new building "will enable the school to bring together research, teaching, staff and student functions and activities currently housed in multiple locations across the MIT campus."

Schmalensee said that the \$55

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HALLOWEEN HACK—a giant spider web, complete with spider, appeared in Lobby 7 Sunday in celebration of Halloween.

MIT Students Reap Profit From Soaring Akamai IPO

By Laura McGrath Moulton

STAFF REPORTER

In its first day of trading on the Nasdaq exchange, MIT start-up Akamai Technologies, Inc. closed at \$145.1875 per share — a 458 percent increase from its initial offering price.

The Friday IPO was the fourth-largest first-day increase ever. Monday, Akamai closed at \$174.312 giving the company a total market capitalization of nearly \$16 billion. The company's nine million initial public shares were sold at \$26 and opened for public trading at \$110. The stock peaked at \$166 Friday and at \$179 per share Monday.

Akamai, which is located in Cambridge, originated in 1995 as a

collaboration between MIT Professor of Applied Mathematics Tom Leighton and then-graduate student Daniel M. Lewin PhD '99. Leighton and Lewin both hold stakes of the company now valued at more than \$1.5 billion, according to a CNET news.

The company employs several current and former MIT students, some of whom were able to participate in the IPO. Students who were among the company's first employees made a paper profit in excess of \$10M dollars in the first days of public trading. Many of those students are not able to sell shares or options immediately, however, and will have to wait several months

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# WORLD & NATION

## Kosovo Serb Leader Shot in Home

LOS ANGELES TIMES

PRISTINA, YUGOSLAVIA

A moderate Kosovo Serb leader was shot and wounded at his home, peacekeeping authorities said Monday, as the top U.N. official here denounced anti-Serb violence and warned ethnic Albanians they risk losing world support.

Momcilo Trajkovic, president of the Serbian Resistance Movement, suffered a gunshot wound to his right thigh after being attacked by "unknown assailants" late Sunday evening, U.N. spokeswoman Daniela Rozgonova said. Police are seeking two ethnic Albanian suspects, she said.

Trajkovic, 49, is a longtime critic of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and a key representative of Kosovo Serbs. Bernard Kouchner, head of the U.N. mission here, issued a statement in which he called Trajkovic "one of our most important allies in our efforts to build a tolerant and multiethnic Kosovo."

The shooting of Trajkovic comes amid continuing ethnic violence in Kosovo, including many attacks on Serbs that are seen either as revenge by ethnic Albanians or part of an effort to drive remaining Serbs from Kosovo.

## Clinton Urges Barak, Arafat to Complete What Rabin Began

OSLO, NORWAY

President Clinton Monday urged Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to seize the "moment of opportunity" and move swiftly toward agreement on the toughest unresolved issues of the Oslo peace accords.

The president held head-to-head meetings, with no aides present, with Barak and Arafat after arriving in Oslo for memorial ceremonies honoring assassinated Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who signed the Oslo agreement with Arafat in 1993. Among the world leaders here are Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who will meet with Clinton on Tuesday.

Clinton said, "I don't think you should expect some sort of major announced breakthrough" in his talks with Barak and Arafat.

But despite a serious case of jet lag — he slept barely two hours on the transatlantic flight — the president spent much of a long day nudging the Middle Eastern leaders toward agreement. On Tuesday, Clinton is to hold a three-way session with Barak and Arafat in the hope that he can accelerate their next round of talks on such difficult issues as the borders of a Palestinian state and the status of the disputed holy city of Jerusalem.

## China and Falun Gong In Standoff

BEIJING

After a week in which hundreds of members of the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement defied China's security apparatus by silently demonstrating in Tiananmen Square, the two sides appear stuck in an uneasy standoff.

Beijing's claims of victory in smashing the movement and getting its followers to abandon their faith are at best premature. But Falun Gong disciples' optimism that the protests can overturn the government ban on the group seems equally unrealistic.

On Monday, police arrested a handful of Falun Gong members who had made it to the square. However, the number of protesters had dwindled since last week, when hundreds of members were detained.

Beijing stands little chance of eradicating the group, as its founder, Li Hongzhi, now commands a worldwide following from New York. And with government levers of social and ideological control eroded by reforms, the regime is finding that its options at home are limited.

# Large Piece of Egyptair 990 Jetliner's Wreckage Located

By Don Phillips

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEWPORT, R.I.

Authorities Monday gave up hope of finding survivors in the crash of EgyptAir Flight 990, but Coast Guard search crews found a large piece of wreckage and heard what may be a radio signal from one of the aircraft's flight recorders.

Only a day after the jetliner plunged into the Atlantic off the coast of Massachusetts, National Transportation Safety Board officials said the possible discovery of at least one of the plane's "black boxes" gave a spark of hope to what otherwise will be a long and difficult investigation.

NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said Monday that nothing has been ruled out as a possible cause of the crash, and the FBI is continuing to review lists of passengers and maintenance crews who had contact with the aircraft. The bureau also is bringing lab and bomb technicians to the scene to assist in the investigation.

Among the passengers on the downed plane were two Egyptian generals, members of what U.S. officials said was a Ministry of Defense delegation of about 30 military personnel who had been in the

United States discussing helicopter contracting issues. The passengers also included 106 Americans, 62 Egyptians and 22 Canadians.

The Boeing 767 plunged from 33,000 feet into the Atlantic early Sunday without a distress call from the crew — making an unusually steep dive of 23,200 feet per minute and falling to 19,100 feet in 36 seconds, according to preliminary radar data. The plane's transponder stopped operating and reporting altitude at that point.

Hall cautioned that even if crews quickly recover the black boxes, information about the crash would still be slow in developing because the wreckage is located in about 250 feet of water — twice the depth of the 1996 wreckage of Trans World Airlines Flight 800 — limiting diving at the site. High winds and strong rains were predicted to hit the search area Tuesday afternoon, and sophisticated Navy search ships were still on their way to the site, making a swift recovery of bodies and wreckage unlikely.

Still, searchers found what investigators described as a large piece of the aircraft that will require a crane to remove it from the water. Crews also have collected an assort-

ment of clothing, purses and other personal items of passengers, but so far none of it has any burn marks that might indicate a fire or explosion, investigators said. The Coast Guard planned to continue its search before undersea recovery using Navy ships begins.

"Factual information may not be developed as fast as the press may like," Hall said at a briefing. He added the recovery of bodies "may be more extended than before."

This is more bad news for family members of the 217 passengers and crew who died on the plane, which took off at 1:19 a.m. EST Sunday from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York for Cairo. It disappeared from radar at 1:52 a.m. EST.

The potential good news is that investigators may be on the track of one of the two black boxes from the 767. A cutter heard the telltale "pinging" signal Monday, but Hall said it will be at least 36 hours before ships will be on scene and ready to pinpoint the signal and possibly begin recovery operations.

Recovery of the cockpit voice recorder and the flight data recorder is very important because the plane and crew provided few other clues.

# Defense in Shepard Murder Trial Abruptly Ends its Case

By Julie Cart

LOS ANGELES TIMES

DENVER

The defense abruptly ended its case Monday in the trial of a man accused of beating Matthew Shepard, just hours after the presiding judge ruled that the so-called "gay panic" defense would not be allowed.

The trial in Laramie, Wyo., moved toward a swift close after State District Judge Barton Voigt ordered that the controversial defense strategy could not be employed. In a ruling drafted over the weekend, the judge said that, despite protests to the contrary from attorneys, the defense's tactic was effectively the same as a temporary insanity or diminished capacity defense, neither of which is allowed

under Wyoming law.

The judge's ruling was not a surprise. Voigt had earlier scolded Aaron McKinney's court-appointed defense attorneys for invoking the strategy during opening arguments. But, after the order was read in court on Monday, few of the expected defense witnesses were called. Instead, by early afternoon the defense appeared to jettison the remainder of its case and rested after having called only seven witnesses. Monday was to be the first full day of testimony for the defense.

There was no rebuttal from the prosecution. Closing arguments are scheduled for Tuesday. McKinney, 22, could face the death penalty if convicted of murdering Shepard.

Police say that last October

McKinney lured Shepard from a Laramie bar, robbed and beat him then lashed him to a fence. Shepard, 21, died in a hospital days later. Russell Henderson, McKinney's alleged accomplice, pleaded guilty in April and is serving two life sentences.

The "gay panic" defense was a flash-point in the trial, which had already been the focal point of attention from gay-rights groups and others. The legal strategy holds that an unwanted sexual advance from a gay person to a heterosexual may cause an extreme reaction and may lead to violence.

McKinney's lawyers argued that sexual abuse as a child and a consensual sexual encounter with a male cousin left him angry and confused.

# WEATHER

## Caution: Rain Ahead

By Greg Lawson  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

This past weekend and yesterday's beautiful weather and mild temperatures will continue for most of today, though the cirrus clouds we see high above this afternoon serve to remind us that change is inevitable, especially in autumnal New England weather patterns. A tight, strong lower-level shortwave (i.e. an embedded small-scale disturbance) is ripping up the east coast. It will arrive in the Middle Atlantic states sometime late Tuesday evening, about the same time as an upper-level cut-off low coming from the west. As these two strong-willed features duel off, the shortwave will be overtaken and swept northward towards New England, but not without a fight. Increasing cloudiness and stronger winds will precede their arrival here. Once here, sometime early Wednesday morning, there's the potential for even dangerous weather. We'll receive rain (heavy at times), cooler air (but still above average), strong southerly winds with very strong gusts (possibly in excess of 50 mph), and even the possibility of some thunderstorms. Thankfully, this should pass out to sea sometime by late afternoon or early evening, leaving us in a cooler air mass. However, the slowing winds will shift to westerly and help dry out the air, allowing things to slowly warm up again. Look for a pleasant and seasonable weekend, perfect for foliage viewing and hiking.

**Today:** Warm and pleasant. Cirrus clouds rolling-in in the afternoon. Southerly winds increasing in strength. High of 68°F (20°C).

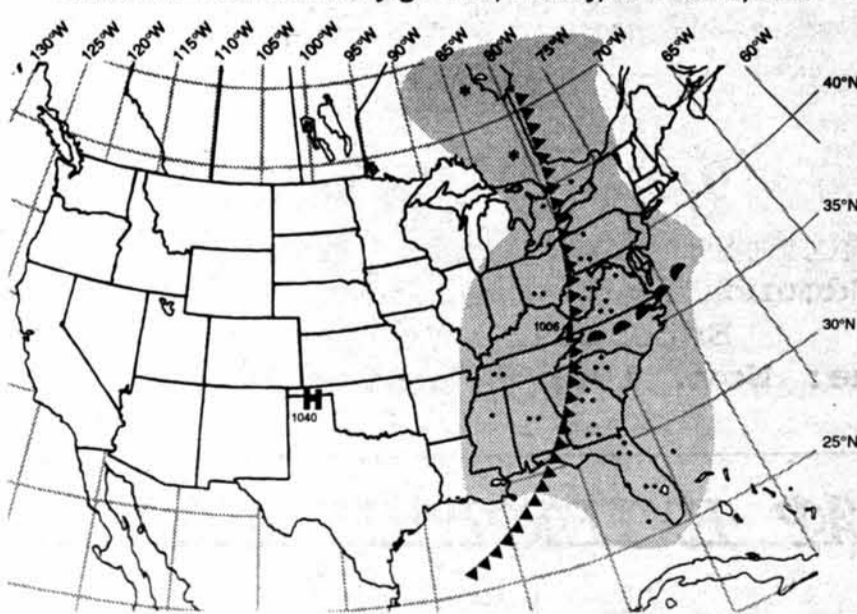
**Tonight:** Cloudy and windy. Rain beginning sometime after midnight, heavy at times. Strong, gusty southerly winds. Low of 57°F (14°C).

**Wednesday:** Rain and possible thunderstorms continue through afternoon. Strong, gusty winds continue then subside as storm passes. Clouds break-up as well. Clear, chilly night. High of 60°F (16°C). Low in the upper 30s (2-4°C).

**Thursday:** Intermittent cloudiness and still a bit breezy. High only in the low 50s (10-12°C). Low in the mid 30s (1-3°C).

**Friday and Beyond:** Partly cloudy. Warming back up to high 50s and low 60s.

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, November 2, 1999



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
<b>H</b> High Pressure	--- Trough	Snow: * (light), ** (moderate), *** (heavy)	Fog: horizontal lines
<b>L</b> Low Pressure	—▲— Warm Front	Rain: • (light), ** (moderate), *** (heavy)	Thunderstorm: cloud with lightning bolt
<b>S</b> Hurricane	—▲▲— Cold Front		Haze: horizontal lines with dots
	—▲▲▲— Stationary Front		

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

# Brooklyn Museum Wins Free Speech Ruling on Art Exhibit

By Patricia Hurtado  
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK

In another First Amendment setback for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a federal judge Monday ordered him to stop withholding city money from the Brooklyn Museum of Art and to end an eviction proceeding he began over the controversial exhibit "Sensation."

U.S. District Court Judge Nina Gershon concluded that the mayor had violated the museum's First Amendment rights by trying to punish it for exhibiting works he deemed "sick," "disgusting" and thus unworthy of city funding.

"There is no federal constitutional issue more grave than the effort by government officials to censor works of expression and to threaten the vitality of a major cultural institution, as punishment for failing to abide by governmental demands for

orthodoxy," Gershon said in a ruling at Brooklyn federal court.

Giuliani had cut off the museum's city subsidy and filed suit to evict it from its elegant, 19th-century quarters because the trustees refused to remove a Chris Ofili painting of the Virgin Mary that is dappled with elephant dung and pornographic cutouts.

Gershon said the Giuliani administration had attempted to "coerce" the museum, which houses the second-largest art collection in the US, out of its First Amendment right to free expression.

She granted a preliminary injunction that bars Giuliani and other city officials from "taking steps to inflict any punishment, retaliation, discrimination or sanction" against the museum because of the exhibit.

Gershon also ordered the city to restore a \$7.2 million-a-year sub-

sidy and stay an attempt to evict the museum.

While some legal experts had said from the outset that it was clear the museum's First Amendment rights had been violated, Giuliani slammed the judge Monday as "totally out of control" and said she was "abandoning all reason under the guise of the First Amendment."

"The judge is trying to gloss over and not deal with the fact that the purveyors of this trash are making millions and millions of dollars," Giuliani said in Schenectady, where he was campaigning for a local candidate.

The Giuliani administration has lost more than 15 court cases involving the First Amendment, with issues ranging from the rights of city workers to speak in public to denial of permits for demonstrations.

# Supreme Court to Make Ruling On University 'Fee Speech' Case

By David G. Savage  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MADISON, WIS.

College campuses are a haven for free speech, and nowhere more so than at the University of Wisconsin.

Students can join myriad groups, and the traditionally liberal campus even has two independent student newspapers, including one with a conservative bent.

While many revel in this marketplace of ideas, some young conservatives say that campus activism is less a tribute to free speech than to a bureaucratic system of "fee speech." Many of the activist groups on campus are funded largely by mandatory student fees.

Now the future of the fee-speech system — a feature of most university campuses today — is in doubt,

thanks to a free-speech challenge coming before the Supreme Court this month.

Scott Southworth, a UW law student who believes that students should have the right to "opt out" of funding groups and causes they oppose, argues that mandatory fees are unconstitutional.

He predicts the Supreme Court will agree and force student groups nationwide to use voluntary support.

At UW, about two-thirds of the annual fees — assessed at \$331 per student in 1995, when Southworth first challenged them — go to the health clinic and the student union. The balance goes to more than 100 campus groups, with some getting a few hundred dollars for a speaker or a newsletter and others receiving more than \$30,000 a year to pay for offices and staff.

Among the groups receiving university funds are the International Socialist Organization, the Militant Student Union, the Progressive Student Network, the UW Greens and the Ten Percent Society, the more militant of two gay-rights groups.

"As a conservative Christian, I don't think I should have to fund these violently partisan, anti-Christian hate groups," Southworth said. He described the university's response as: "Either pay for these groups or we will kick you out."

The University of Wisconsin defended the subsidies for student groups and says that the array of advocates enriches campus life.

"The groups ... make the campus interesting," said Wisconsin Assistant Attorney General Susan Ullman.

# Supreme Court to Decide if Police Frisking of Pedestrians is Legal

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court announced Monday that it will decide whether police, acting on an anonymous tip, can frisk a pedestrian.

Normally, an officer cannot stop and pat down a person without a specific reason to believe a crime is being committed.

At issue in a Florida case is whether a telephone tip from an unnamed informer is enough to justify confronting the pedestrian.

Courts in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Florida recently have thrown out charges against persons targeted and arrested based on anonymous tips.

Those courts said that, because police had no independent reason to believe the tip was reliable, their search of the pedestrian was unreasonable and violated the Fourth Amendment.

But the Supreme Court has been inclined to give police more leeway in searching motorists and pedestrians. On Monday, the justices agreed to hear an appeal from Florida prosecutors arguing that officers need greater authority to search for concealed weapons.

The case to be heard by the high court began four years ago when a caller told police in Miami that a black youth wearing a plaid shirt was carrying a gun. He was said to be standing with two others youths at a bus stop near the corner of 183rd Street and 24th Avenue.

Six minutes later, Officer Carmen Anderson arrived there, saw a youth wearing a plaid shirt, frisked him and found a concealed gun. The 16-year-old, identified only as J.L., was charged with illegal possession of a concealed weapon.

# Eppard Pleads Guilty to Accepting Illegal Payment as Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON

Lobbyist Ann Eppard pleaded guilty Monday to a misdemeanor for accepting \$15,000 in illegal compensation when she was chief of staff for Rep. Bud Shuster (R-Pa.) who is responsible for billions of federal dollars as head of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Vernon A. Clark, 69, a lobbyist for clients affected by Boston's "Big Dig," the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project, also pleaded guilty to misdemeanor for making the payments to Eppard in 1989 and 1991 and giving her an interest-free \$30,000 loan in 1993.

"Eppard, while a key congressional staffer, took money and other benefits from a lobbyist with clients who sought government action in connection with the Big Dig," said U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern. "The machinery of government is corrupted by under-the-table payments designed to smooth the way for lobbyists."

U.S. District Judge Joseph L. Tauro sentenced Eppard and Clark each to a fine of \$5,000, and fined Clark another \$5,000 for a tax offense. As part of a plea agreement, the government dismissed an earlier indictment that charged Eppard with extensive violations of the federal gratuities statute in accepting \$230,000 in illegal payments and loans from Clark and others from 1988 to 1993.

"I am greatly relieved that this long and painful ordeal has reached a positive conclusion," Eppard said in a statement released by her lobbying firm Ann Eppard Associates of Alexandria, Va.



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\* <http://web.mit.edu/alum/student/externship.html>

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## November - Calendar

- 2 Muddy Charles Board Meeting
- 3 General Council Meeting \*
- 8 Activities Committee Meeting \*
- 8-9 Ring Days, Lobby 10
- 11 GSC Representatives Endicott House Retreat
- 12 Activities Committee Working Meeting @ 1pm
- 14 Paeo De Lucia Concert
- 18 Academic, Research, and Careers Committee Meeting \*

All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

\* @ 5:30 in 50-220 (above the muddy)

# OPINION

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## New Media Strategies Needed

The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to President Charles M. Vest.

I am a graduate student and a successful, non-drug-using, well-adjusted alumnus of an MIT ILG. I'm writing because I am angry at the media for grossly distorting the nature of every minor incident that occurs on campus. The Boston Globe's characterization of MIT as a "campus out of control" should be the last straw.

As it is apparent that the unbiased truth about MIT life is not what the media is after, perhaps it is time that MIT took a more sophisticated approach to dealing with the media. Like a lot of my peers who have given up student activism in favor of stock options and technology careers I dislike politics, but this situation calls for some sophisticated political wrangling and media manipulation.

Perhaps a public-relations firm might be retained to turn the MIT News Office and the Campus Police into better spokespeople for our way of life. Clearly we need a talking head to churn out cheerful soundbites whenever some incident occurs. A suitably adept outside media manipulator with a good two-faced Janus approach would be best for this job. Perhaps he or she could hold the rank of Dean of Campus Affairs or something similarly important-sounding. Really he or she should be the Department Head of the School of Spin Control.

I am not suggesting that you waste your time performing this role, as I believe strongly that you are most valuable focusing on the science and research development side of our institution. I came to MIT to be educated through its strong research programs, not for any particular feature of its student life. I was happy with the status quo as far as R/O, alcohol policy, and the like were concerned, but I understand the need to adapt to changing needs. I am concerned that ignoring the media can only lead to ever-increasing levels of draconian MIT bureaucracy which is already creeping up on the lifestyle of the mainstream MIT student.

O. Matt Reynolds G

## MIT Shortsighted on Fraternities

The heavy-handed reaction of Boston's Inspectional Services Department, the Boston Police, MIT, and The Boston Globe to the recent on-campus incident involving members of Phi Kappa Sigma have finally pushed me over the edge, and compel me to express my concerns. The escalating "war" against fraternities is disturbing; I can only hope it's not too late to stop.

Most disappointing for me is seeing MIT

— with President Vest at the helm — continue to take a passive stance towards the fraternity system that is so vital to its success. The much publicized happenings over the past few years are not easy to sort out and I do not condone the mistakes that members of the greek system have committed. Nonetheless, it is sad to see MIT cower in self-preservation while the City of Boston, Boston University, the BISSD and other community members swipe with impunity at fraternities and collectively paint an ugly, one-sided picture of these events.

MIT seems content to back this view by portraying greeks as an aberrance on an otherwise utopian campus, which is certainly difficult to reconcile with my own experience at the institute. Dormitory and fraternity life are more alike than distinct — at least in terms of underage drinking and other targeted "dangerous" behavior. But no, better to blame a few frats than come to terms with the deeper issues facing MIT and the cities of Cambridge and Boston; cities where publications like The Globe are unable or unwilling to appraise fraternities without bias or backed by a shred of investigative journalism.

I expect this course of action to backfire and fear that in the long run, MIT's shortsightedness in not protecting the fraternity system will make the institution less appealing to many potential students and generally diminish the quality and diversity of campus life. I implore MIT's leadership to change course.

Certainly I for one will continue to redirect contributions earmarked for MIT elsewhere until I see the Institute more openly and honestly address its students and the surrounding community.

Chuck Vest, fraternity men have helped make the proud institution you lead what it is today — don't forget them now!

Nate Boyd '97

## Fraternities Abandoned by Administration

I have been frustrated for a number of years, and I feel it is time to speak out.

Increasingly, MIT has displayed the attitude that ILG members — and particularly, fraternity members — do not deserve the same assistance and treatment from MIT that dormitory residents receive. In the recent past, when MIT student organizations were involved in complex legal problems with other entities, MIT faculty and advisors were more than willing to help whenever possible — regardless of the affiliation of the students involved. It appears to me that MIT no longer feels that ILGs — and again, particularly fraternities — are worth assisting or protecting.

It is well known that the City of Boston and Boston University would prefer that MIT fraternities not be housed anywhere within the city

limits of Boston. Boston University has brought increasing pressure against the houses on Bay State Road — mostly for economic reasons — and the City of Boston has done the same with the houses on Beacon Street.

Given this backdrop, it is even more shocking that MIT refuses to help. Essentially, we have small groups of undergraduate MIT students fighting a complicated legal battle with entities that have unlimited power.

MIT has lawyers,

MIT has public relations consultants, MIT has effective representation in the community and in local government.

I therefore pledge, as long as MIT will not help MIT ILGs, I will not help MIT. I will not donate a single penny to MIT until it becomes clear that MIT recognizes the value of the ILG system and MIT recognizes that baseless attacks on MIT organizations are attacks on MIT itself.

I encourage other alumni to make the same pledge, and to let this stance be known to the administration and to those who regularly solicit for MIT donations.

If MIT will not react to the humanity of the situation, perhaps they will react to the loss of funds.

Robert M. Ramstad '91

## Vest's Comments Disturbing

I was disappointed in President Vest's comments on the authorities' reaction to the "explosion" in 10-250: "We have no choice but to hold them responsible." This reaction to the malfunction of a store-bought device illustrates the administration's disturbing trend toward blame and punishment rather than sympathy and support for its students. This stands in stark contrast to historical examples of solidarity, such as the "all tech men carry batteries" story, when students were apprehended attempting to hack Harvard.

There has been lots of discussion about building "community" at MIT. The recent reactions of President Vest to students' errors in judgment alienate and antagonize segments of the fragile community that does exist. It saddens me that MIT is allowing external perceptions to affect its internal policies and its students.

Amory Wakefield '96

## Authorities' Response the Real Explosion

A theatrical device malfunctioned and burned a student's hand on Tuesday, thankfully causing no permanent damage. Why is this national news? Because the student was a member of an MIT fraternity, and was promoting a Halloween charity party to benefit the Leukemia Society.

If anything exploded that day, it was the response: the police, fire department, and bomb squad were called to the scene. The news reported fires, severe injuries, even deaths. But the over-reaction didn't stop there: Boston authorities raided the fraternity house with bomb-sniffing dogs, evicted the members from their home, and threatened them with substantial fines. Needless to say, the charity event has been canceled.

This treatment by the Boston authorities is nothing short of harassment. Does your school or church run a haunted house? If there's no construction permit, inspectors might shut it down and issue fines. Do you keep any paint thinner in your garage? They'll be looking for that "incendiary material" too. Has anyone in your neighborhood shot off firecrackers? Watch out for the bomb squad! Heaven help you if a mouse gets into your kitchen, or you'll have to throw out all of your food.

These seemingly absurd scenarios were all-too-real for the 27 students who now find themselves without a home. If they've learned anything in the past few days, it's this: opportunistic and irrational politicians, plus arbitrary power to selectively enforce mountains of housing codes, is greater than any amount of goodwill or charity.

Chris Peikert '00



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# The Importance of Politics Ignored

## Media Fixation on MIT Diverts Attention from Critical Stories

Michael J. Ring

If you had just landed from Mars last week and happened to stumble upon one of Boston's daily newspapers or a local television newscast, you couldn't be blamed for believing MIT was falling apart at the seams.

The accidental explosion related to the promotion of Phi Kappa Sigma's Skuffle party dominated local news headlines for two days. On Tuesday, media vultures descended on campus anxious to pick at whatever bones they could find. On Wednesday, PKS's eviction from their Beacon Street house dominated the p.m. news cycle.

Just as the fervor over the PKS incident subsided on Thursday, the revocation of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's dormitory license at 484 Beacon Street threw another bone to the ravenous media.

As the ink and camera lights are focused on these fraternities, the local media — particularly the television news outlets — have ignored far more important matters to local residents: politics.

Boston and Cambridge have reached important political and economic crossroads. Residents are enjoying full employment and safe streets. But housing prices continue to soar, development pressures continue, and in some ways these cities are becoming victimized by their own successes. Several important political stories are currently unfolding on the state and regional level as well. These features demand and deserve attention in the local media, but they've largely been pushed off page one of the paper and past the first commercial break on the TV news by the recent events at MIT — events which are quite trivial in comparison.

For those of you that missed them, here are some major political stories. Read and judge for yourself whether MIT fraternity hijinks deserve more attention than these issues.

Today is Election Day in several cities across Massachusetts, including the cities of

Boston and Cambridge. The decisions to be made by the voters in the latter two cities are especially pivotal to local political progress in the next decade.

A gaggle of new development proposals threatens to alter the face of the city of Boston. New skyscrapers in the Back Bay, Chinatown, and the South Station area would, if built, alter the city's landscape. Meanwhile, a convention center of leviathan proportions, especially considering its South Boston surroundings, was unveiled last week. All of these projects would create hundreds, if not thousands, of new jobs. But they would also attract traffic and congestion, and many worry these projects would negatively alter the city's aesthetics.

District 8 (Back Bay-Beacon Hill-Fenway) — the location of the two fraternities evicted last week — is targeted for much of the new development. Two especially large projects stand out from the other proposals. Millennium Partners proposes a mixed commercial complex over the Massachusetts Turnpike across from Tower Records — a project to be capped by a 49-story tower most Back Bay residents feel is inappropriate for their neighborhood. And The Boston Red Sox are seeking to build a new Fenway Park — a topic producing much emotion and consternation among baseball fans and neighborhood residents alike.

Several spirited City Council races in Boston, stories which should have dominated the local media over the past week, were instead buried. In the at-large race, young challenger Michael Flaherty threatens to dethrone the aging, acerbic incumbent Albert "Dapper" O'Neil. In District 7 (Roxbury-South End), candidates Chuck Turner and Tracy Litthcut are locked in a lively contest over political progress in Boston's minority community. And in District 8, political scion Suzanne Iannella and young, aggressive Michael Ross are battling to represent a neighborhood in the crosshairs of developers.

On this side of the river, the issues are less concrete: there is nothing of the scale of

Millennium or Fenway Park to rile the denizens of Cambridge. But many of the themes of Cambridge's City Council campaign are the same as those of Boston's. Development pressures, the lack of affordable housing, and the search for policies to keep Cambridge affordable for working-class residents top this city's issues.

The political drama is delicious as well. With veteran councillors Francis Duehay and Shiela Russell retiring, Cambridge is guaranteed at least two new councillors. The question on this campus, of course, is whether Erik C. Snowberg '99 can reverse the traditional student apathy and win a council seat. But Cambridge's proportional representation system guarantees us other twists as well.

Are Ken Reeves and Henrietta Davis, scared by weak showings in 1997, in danger from progressive challengers like Jim Braude and Marjorie Decker? Will Sonny Peixoto's aggressive campaigning in East Cambridge hurt Tim Toomey? The quality of life for 95,000 Cantabrigians hangs in the balance to the answer of these questions. Certainly they deserve more attention than the ongoing fraternity saga.

The Fiscal Year 2000 budget for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is now four months overdue. The operations for this state of six million have continued through a series of monthly budgets. But only with passage of the new budget will come new social services, tax credits, and other programs needed desperately by some of Massachusetts' citizens.

Instead of turning the cameras on MIT students and attempting to inflame the student body, the media should turn the lights instead on House Speaker Thomas Finneran and Senate President Thomas Birmingham and ask them why the budget is 120 days overdue. The absence of a budget undercuts the financial stability of Massachusetts, and the inability of the Legislature to produce a timely budget for its electorate of six million is more reckless than anything SAE or PKS ever did.

The state of Rhode Island has also witnessed a sad but important political story this week. Its senior senator, John Chafee, died last week at the age of 77. A moderate Republican with 23 years of service, Chafee was respected on both sides of the aisle. He had considerable clout and could produce results for Rhode Island. That state will surely miss his commitment and dedication, and his passing deserves more notice.

Chafee's death also deserves more reporting from the media as well because his passage could have potentially devastating consequences for environmental legislation. As a Rockefeller Republican, Chafee supported strong environmental legislation, and as chair of the Environment and Public Works Committee, he single-handedly killed many anti-environment bills advanced by the rabid right of his party. His probable successors, Oklahoma Republican James Inhofe or New Hampshire Republican-turned-Independent (turned Republican?) Robert Smith, have horrible environmental records. The media have largely missed their responsibility to assess the impact of the change in leadership at Environment and Public Works.

There are plenty of people around this campus who would like the media to ignore these incidents. That suggestion is absurd. SAE does have a pattern of reckless behavior; the actions of PKS members were dangerous. These stories do deserve to be reported, and each group — particularly SAE with an undeniable historical record of these incidents — deserves to be criticized in the media.

These incidents should not, however, eclipse the ongoing political battles and controversies so important to all of us. In a few months most of us will have forgotten about the events of the past week, but the new City Councils of Boston and Cambridge will still be dealing with soaring rents and increasing development pressures. Politics is one story which shapes all our lives. The local media should stop the excess harassment of MIT students and living groups and start reporting stories which matter to all of us.

# MIT Student Spirit Rekindled

## In Face of Bullying Media, Students Come Together for Charity

Veena Thomas

MIT holds an interesting place in the eyes of its students. It's the institution we love to hate, criticize, and insult. As if MIT were a pesky little brother, we tease it and make disparaging remarks about it to each other in the family. Yet if someone outside the family, a playground bully perhaps, poked fun at the little sibling, we would immediately spring to his defense. He is family, after all. So it is with MIT. In the face of the Phi Sigma Kappa incident, MIT students who might normally claim they have little school spirit have rallied to MIT's side.

Who can blame them? What could — and probably should — have been a minor incident anywhere else in the country has been blown far out of proportion. The past week saw news crews parked on Mass. Ave., and MIT was in the headlines once again. Students found MIT dominated television and newspaper reporting. This suddenly sparked protective feelings towards the Institute.

Such instances as Marcella Bombardieri's article in *The Boston Globe* on October 27 have fueled this protective response. "A botched pre-Halloween prank sparked an explosion that sent a Massachusetts Institute of Technology student to the hospital yesterday, forced the evacuation of several campus buildings, shut down a section of Massachusetts Avenue, and occupied two bomb squads for the afternoon," begins her story on the incident. Even the introduction provides a grossly unfair and misleading

impression of the situation. Someone casually flipping open the newspaper could read the opening paragraph of the article, mutter "Those MIT kids think they're so smart," shake his head in disgust, and move on.

Most of us on campus know that paragraph sensationalizes the events of October 26. Judging solely from that one sentence with which Bombardieri chose to introduce her story, someone might be lead to believe a bomb had been planted in lobby 10, blowing up and reducing the Great Dome to rubble. The reality of the situation is much less newsworthy and much less sensational.

Where is the concern for the student injured? The focus of the paragraph should be on the student, instead of trying to undermine MIT's reputation. Let's rewrite Bombardieri's opening paragraph. "An MIT student, advertising a fundraising party for leukemia, was injured yesterday as a theatrical device he was using malfunctioned." Much less newsworthy, isn't it? The truth is still there, yet the impression has changed drastically. Someone might move onto the next page, or worse yet, not buy the *Globe*.

The *Globe* is not the only media source guilty of sensationalism. Some news sources reported three students dead in an MIT explosion. Others more accurately, but still sensationally, showed footage of the bomb squad. MIT is newsworthy, it seems, and so is anything happening here. These days, any time someone here coughs, it's on the news.

Bombardieri further wrote, "Though university officials downplayed the incident as

just 'an accident' with no harmful intent, it furthers a growing image of MIT as an out-of-control campus where reckless, rambunctious students put themselves and others in danger." A "growing image" of MIT? You'd think from what she says that no one in the world had heard of MIT except in 'out-of-control' situations. Someone would scarcely think she was referring to the best engineering school in the world. Perhaps it is the fact that we are such a premier institution that has the rest of the world rushing to judgment.

Remember the amazingly smart kid in middle school, the one that people mercilessly teased? Sometimes the general population can't deal with someone of an amazing caliber, and they rush to point out any flaws in that person, real or imagined. People feel threatened by intelligence, and instead of trying to make themselves feel better by boosting themselves up, they try to pull others down. Much like paparazzi rushing to photograph celebrities in compromising situations, the media frenzy looks for opportunities to descend on MIT.

What if the situation were slightly different? What if the incident happened at another college, say, Boston University? Let's imagine that BU was staging a musical, involving the same theatrical device, and during a rehearsal, it malfunctioned and sent a student to the hospital. Undoubtedly the media coverage (if any) and the immediate reaction afterwards would be quite different. There probably would have been a great deal more

sympathy toward the students, and the police almost certainly wouldn't search the theater group. Just because we're MIT doesn't mean we're building bombs.

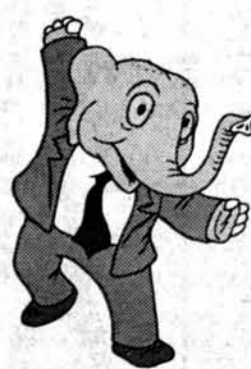
Not all the blame can be placed on the media, however; the city of Boston also decided to attack MIT. The relationship between the Institute and the surrounding area has been strained, and this incident only serves to reinforce the rocky relations. Boston firefighters evicted the members of Phi Kappa Sigma from their house, on two and one-half hours' notice, for such violations as improperly stored paint in the basement. This only served to strengthen student spirit, as other fraternities volunteered to house the brothers suddenly rendered homeless.

Faced with what would have been a tremendous fight to allow the party to happen, the brothers understandably decided to cancel the party. Again the student body, realizing the real loser here was the leukemia fund, gathered together in support. Students collected money for the charity. Emails were sent out and signs posted urging students to gather for a rally at 77 Mass. Ave. to "show the world that MIT students care and that we won't let unexpected setbacks stop us from helping others."

Hopefully this incident will have a positive outcome. One way of ensuring this and to show your support is to contribute to the leukemia fund. It's comforting to know that we can unite when those close to us are attacked. Perhaps, in the face of the media bully, we have spirit after all.

# Vote Today!

**Most on-campus dorms and fraternities: Kresge**  
**Tang, Edgerton, Next, New, and MacGregor: Central Square firehouse**  
 (a free voter shuttle will run all day)  
**Random Hall: Salvation Army Headquarters [Mass Ave.]**  
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# FEATURES

## Boston Bhangra Blast Celebrates Culture

By Sonali Mukherje  
STAFF REPORTER

If you happen to go past Kresge on Friday evening, and see a throng of people dressed in brightly rich Indian costumes, or hear upbeat, vibrant music emanating from the auditorium walls, do not be confused: while the time for Halloween has already passed, the time for dancing just begun.

Sponsored by the South Asian American Students (SAAS), the second annual Boston Bhangra Blast Competition will be held at MIT. The program will showcase student teams from MIT, Harvard, the University of Massachusetts, Tufts, Northeastern, Cornell, and Boston University as they compete in the ultimate dance competition for the top prize of \$1,000.

Bhangra is a form of Indian dance that originated in Punjab. Originally performed as a harvest dance, bhangra is one of the most popular forms of dance for Indian students who have been raised in America.

"It is a dance that combines both grace and power," said Rizwan S. Dhanidina '99, a member of Noor-E-Punjab, the MIT Bhangra group. The team, whose name means "the Light of Punjab," was created three years ago to offer MIT students the chance to learn and perform bhangra. The group has been showcased at events such as the International Festival in Boston.

Dhanidina describes the team as a cyclical learning process for both its new and experienced members. The experienced members become teachers for the new members and show them how to combine the strength and the flexibility one needs to do bhangra. Then, when they graduate, their students become the teachers to a new group of members. "It's a most fulfilling activity," Dhanidina said.

Noor-E-Punjab will be performing as one of three filler acts for the event. The other two acts have a theme of the melding of Indian with American culture, a topic that many Indian-American students must deal with

everyday.

The Fusion Dance, which is danced to the song "Satrangi Re" and was performed last year at Culture Show '99, is one of the acts. This dance is a combination of Indian and American steps.

When the performers combine the two dances together, they have the ability to show the audience how the two cultures complement each other. "[The cultures] fuse, realizing that their talents are unique and extraordinary, and create a dance that is the best of both worlds," said Selina R. Allibhai '01, a performer in the group.

Another performer, Smita S. Aiyar '01, agreed— "The dance reflects the Indian-American point of view, for it is a mixture of both cultures."

The other filler act will be a drama performed by the Princeton South Asian Theatrics, also known as P-SAT. Believed to be the first South-Asian American drama troupe, P-SAT will present to the MIT com-

munity its two-act play "Desis of Our Lives." A tumultuous love story that combines feuding families, angry clashes, and the occasional outburst of a song and dance reminiscent of Hindi films, "Desis" portrays the world of a group of Indian students in New Jersey as they set out for one of the most apprehensive moments of their lives: Princeton University.

A university review of the play has described it as dealing "humorously with 'issues of assimilation familiar to all South Asian-American students: the pressures of traditional values and parental expectation vs. the pressure to become Americanized.'"

Bhangra Blast is one of the many events that SAAS sponsors during the year in order to bring the flavor of Indian culture to MIT. This group often addresses the process of Indian students adapting to the American way of life. Their open-minded melding of the two cultures in events such as Bhangra Blast goes to show that cultural harmony can and does truly exist.

## This Week in MIT History

By Katharyn Jeffreys  
FEATURES EDITOR

Student activism in the late 60s played a visible role in Institute and national politics. For three consecutive years, from 1967 to 1969, the first week of November was filled with protests or picketing.



Over 100 students gathered to protest Dow Chemical Co. in 1967.

In 1967, recruiting visits from the government and corporations were protested in an effort to demonstrate disagreement with their actions in the Vietnam War. For example, when Dow Chemical Company came on Monday, November 7 to conduct interviews, students held a peaceful sit-in outside the placement bureau, where interviews were being conducted. The event, which was organized by the Committee to End the War in Vietnam, specifically targeted Dow because it produced napalm, used in incendiary devices in the war. Protesters also filled 7 of 15 interview spots in an effort to hinder the recruiter's efforts.

President Howard Johnson issued a statement regarding the Institute's policy regarding protests. He emphasized that one of MIT's primary principles is to allow for dissenting opinions to be expressed. However, Johnson also stressed that these differences should not "become violent or abusive or interfere or limit the reasonable rights of others." ["Johnson Expounds on Protest," 1967]

The protest was peaceful, and unfortunately had little short-term impact on campus politics. It did result in a counter protest led by the Young Americans for Freedom.



Students created a sanctuary for AWOL soldier Michael O'Conner in la Sala de Puerto Rico. O'Conner was arrested later in 1968.

While some members opposed the war, all felt that Dow had a right to recruit on campus.

### AWOL O'Conner given sanctuary

In the following year student activism took a far more visible role when the year-old MIT Resistance Group coordinated an effort to "offer sanctuary to AWOL soldier Mike O'Conner" ["O'Conner waits for Feds," 1968]. The group held peaceful resistance sleep-in in la Sala de Puerto Rico while waiting for federal authorities to come for Private Jack Michael O'Conner. The standoff lasted from Tuesday, October 29 until Monday, November 4, ending when the O'Conner's apprehension was apparently no longer imminent. The participants, totalling at most 1,000 concurrently, were entertained by music and living theater, as well as an open mike.

MIT truly accepted O'Conner into the community, going so far as to offer him a dorm room in Senior House. Additionally, Professors Noam Chomsky and Sylvian Bromberger felt that O'Conner would be qualified to enter MIT as a student after serving any prison terms. They spoke about creating a "Mike Scholarship" which would allow other qualified AWOL soldiers to attend MIT. Chomsky said that "MIT owes Mike a tremendous debt of gratitude." ["Mike at MIT in '70?" November 1, 1968] O'Conner was also granted permission to speak in lectures when invited. The following Sunday morning he was finally arrested, nearly two weeks after MIT students took him in. The arrest in the Student Center was quiet and without violence or protest.

### November Action Coalition shut down by Johnson

Protests occurred again in November 1969 when protests were sponsored by the November Action Coalition and the Science Action Coordinating Committee. The NAC was started with three goals, which were "1) an end to 'war-related' research projects on this campus; 2) 'raising the cost of the war in Vietnam;' and 3) building a radical movement at MIT and throughout the nation." ["November Stand," 1969] They planned "a day of massive action" to be held November 4, 1969.

Their actions led Johnson, on November 3, to bring to a faculty vote the option of an injunction against the group. The injunction, when passed, resulted in a temporary restraining order against the NAC. Johnson's intention in doing this was to protect the community against violence during the protests. The NAC contested the injunction in court and it was eventually lifted.

The next day, the NAC held their first day of protests which brought out approximately 650 marchers and several hundred more spectators. The rally was



600 students marched on the Center for International Studies as part of the November Action Coalition (1969)

peaceful but noisy, beginning on the Student Center steps and travelling to the Center for International Studies as well as public spaces around campus. The CIS had been closed for the safety of its workers, who were threatened by NAC desires to prosecute international war criminals.

On the fifth, the picketing occurred primarily around the Instrumentation Laboratory, which had been contracted for several war projects. The 370 protesters were met on one occasion by 300 policemen, a confrontation resulting in several arrests and eight injuries. Again, the protesters brought their cause to many areas around campus.

Two weeks later the Weatherman, a group of about twenty "self-styled communists" ["Weatherman caucus plans to focus talk on politics," 1969] who were members of the NAC, were arrested for conspiracy to commit murder after a shooting attack on Cambridge police headquarters.

The issues raised during these protests continued well into the new year with further discussion of the role of MIT in the Vietnam war and local issues such as the expulsion of Undergraduate Association President Michael Albert.



November Action Coalition members rally in front of Instrumentation Labs.



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# Viewpoint

What do you think of the media's coverage of the recent at MIT?

I am amazed that they were able to blow a non-event into anything, let alone the spectacle that this has become. However, I am not nearly as angry at the media as I am at BLB [Boston Licensing Board].

*Robert J. Buckingham, '00*



It's been unfair. They stretch the truth to make the story more exciting than it really was without taking into account how it would effect the fraternities.

*Anna E. Park, '01*



It seems like they're singling out MIT, as if we're the only school that has these kind of problems

*David H. Alexander, '03*

PKS did not deserve it at all... it was an overreaction on the part of Boston... for the 'on-the-spot' inspection of their house, the eviction and cancelation of the party which was for a good cause.

*Kailas N. Narendran, '01*

The media is driven by the consumerist market, who is truly to blame for the sensationalistic reports that have caused the reactionary policies around the institute.

*Mark C. Feldmeier, '96*



They seem to overreact to events that happen on campus

*James W. Duda, G*

The media is looking for a story and MIT and the frats are the victims

*Susan M. Byrne '01*



Maybe the coverage wouldn't be so bad if those girls could hold their liquor.

*Timothy P. Nolan, '01*

I think it has been blown totally out of proportion. It is foolish how the media distorts the truth so much.

*David E. Gutierrez, '02*

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# Spotlight of the Week

## IAP Fellowship Program

By **Bushra Makiya**  
STAFF REPORTER

The IAP Fellowships Program is an opportunity for students looking an IAP activity which reaches out to the Cambridge community which is also challenging and fun. Run through the Public Service Center, this program brings MIT students into the Cambridge Public Schools as science mentors in seventh and eighth grade classrooms.

Students will be able to work with teachers in the classroom on a regular basis, as well as helping kids begin their projects for the Science Expo in the spring. This year, the focus of the Science Expo, and also the fellowship, is environmental science.

MIT students receive a \$1,000 stipend for the program and are required to commit at least 100 hours to this program, as well as attending four seminars run by Dr. Melanie Barron, K-12 science coordinator for the Cambridge Public Schools.

Max K. Fischer '00, who participated in the program last year at the Longfellow School said it was "one of the best programs I've ever done to actually get involved in the community." He felt that the potential one has to impact the students, many of whom were not particularly interested in school and especially not science, was incredible. Fischer said that he started out the first day sitting in the back of the classroom, observing, and by the end of the four weeks, would sometimes actually teach the class. He also said that while the experience was very challenging and required a lot of patience, it was extremely rewarding. Many people at MIT are extremely focused on the future, he said, and it was nice to be able to apply what you learn here to the community around you and bring a strong science background and enthusiasm for science to the students. Another extremely fulfilling aspect of the fellowship for Fischer was the Science Expo projects. When he left the school at the end of IAP, the students were only beginning to think about their projects. Seeing them completed at the Expo a few months later was gratifying, Fischer said.

Kosanna W. Poon '01, who also participated in the program last year, called it "a really good experience." Her efforts were of a slightly different nature: she helped out many elementary classrooms in the same school, rather than working with one middle grade classroom. Poon said she applied to the program because she loved teaching and working with kids. She felt as though she had an impact on the students, and that they really had learned something by the time she left.

The Public Service Center houses about ten student run programs and also serves as a link for other student groups looking to begin community service projects. Annie McLeod '00 is the coordinator the the fellowships program this year.

This is the tenth year of the fellowship program, which also includes a summer fellowship program working in agencies in Boston. Over the past decade, 200 fellows have contributed over 35,000 hours to the Boston and Cambridge communities.

For more information, or for an application, view <http://psc.mit.edu/fellowships.html> or go the the Public Service Center, in the fifth floor of the Student Center. The deadline for applications is this Friday.

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## Tuesday's Events

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. – **Chi Alpha Campus Meeting.** Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will be sponsoring a series on the book of Revelation at our weekly meeting. There will be time for worship and fellowship as we study the Bible. PDR 3, Student Center. Sponsor: Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

9:00 p.m. – **UA Committee on Housing & Orientation Meeting.** Save the residence system. Design the new dorm. Improve Orientation. All this is little more than an hour. Come join one of the Institute's most influential student committees. W20-401. Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

12:00 p.m. — **Some Aspects of the Mathematical Exchanges between China and the United States in Modern Times, Wenlin Li, Institute of Mathematics, Academia Sinica, China.** Please call if you plan to attend: 253-6989 OR Send an email: [dibner@mit.edu](mailto:dibner@mit.edu). Open. More info: Call Trudy Kontoff at 253-6989. Email [kontoff@mit.edu](mailto:kontoff@mit.edu). Rm E56-100.

12:00 p.m. – **Raising Bilingual Children, Suzanne Flynn, Ph.D., Professor of Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition.** Open. More info: Call Family Resource Center at 253-1592. Email [frc@mit.edu](mailto:frc@mit.edu). Web: <http://web.mit.edu/personnel/www/frc/>. Rm 16-151.

2:30 p.m. – **Dynamics and structure in a quasi-2D non-brownian suspension, Dr. Florence Rouyer, Department of Physics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Professor John Bush at 253-4387. Email [bush@math.mit.edu](mailto:bush@math.mit.edu). Rm 2-338.

4:00 p.m. – **VLSI: Is it all about Integration and Performance? Trends and Directions, Uri Weiser, Intel.** Refreshments in Room 34-101 at 3:30 p.m. Open. More info: Call Debroah Hodges-Pabon at 253-5264. Email [debb@mtl.mit.edu](mailto:debb@mtl.mit.edu). Web: <http://www-mtl.mit.edu/>. Rm 34-101.

4:15 p.m. – **Unsteady Characteristics of an Airfoil Passing Through a Gas of Non-Uniform Density, Professor Frank Marble, California Institute of Technology.** Refreshments 4:15p.m. Lecture 4:30p.m. Open. More info: Call Lori Martinez at 253-2481. Email [dragonl@mit.edu](mailto:dragonl@mit.edu). Rm 31-161.

4:30 p.m. – **Frameworks for the History of Chinese Migration, Philip A. Kuhn, Francis Lee Higginson Professor of History, Harvard University.** A session of the Inter-University Seminar on International Migration. Open. More info: Call Laurie Scheffler at 253-3121. Email [lauries@mit.edu](mailto:lauries@mit.edu). Rm E38-714.

6:30 p.m. – **The Reflective Architect, Henk D'II, architect, Delft.** Dept of Architecture lecture. Open. More info: Call Dept of Architecture at 253-7791. Rm 10-250.

## Wednesday's Events

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. – **MIT India Information Meeting.** Live in India summer 2000 on a paid internship with the MIT India Program. Work in a cutting-edge company, or teach web skills to high school students. Find out more at this information meeting. 4-145. Sponsor: MIT India Program.

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. – **Pass/No Record Forum.** The Institute is currently considering changing freshman P/NR. Attend this open forum and let your voice be heard. Presented by the UA Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP). East Campus Talbot Lounge. Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

10:00 p.m. – **Revolution Meeting.** Working to integrate the small developed communities at MIT into a larger interacting entity. Admission 0. Coffeehouse (in the back). Sponsor: Swass Distribution.

11:00 a.m. – **NRZ, RZ or Soliton Modulation Formats: Your Choice or the Fiber's?, Stephen Evangelides, Tyco Submarine Systems.** On November 3, on this Date only, Lecture will be held in 36-428 (RLE Conference Room). Open. More info: Call Erich Ippen at 253-8504. Email [ippen@mit.edu](mailto:ippen@mit.edu). 36-428 RLE Conf. Room.

12:00 p.m. – **Security Dimensions—West Germany's Military Production in the 1950s: Some Lessons for Today, Professor Henry Wend, Boston University.** Bag lunch, refreshments will be provided. Open. More info: Call Lynne Levine at 253-0133. Email [llevine@mit.edu](mailto:llevine@mit.edu). Web: <http://web.mit.edu/ssp/>. Rm E38-615.

12:10 p.m. – **Watermass and tracer spreading in the deep South, Michael Vanicek, WHOI.** Open. More info: Call Markus Jochum at 3-2322. Email [markus@ocean.mit.edu](mailto:markus@ocean.mit.edu). Web: <http://www.mit.edu/~mjochum/sack.html>. Rm 54-915.

4:00 p.m. – **Optimization Over Linear Matrix Inequalities, Stephen P. Boyd, Information Systems Laboratory, Stanford University.** Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series in High Performance Computation for Engineered Systems. Open. More info: Call Professor A.T. Patera at 253-8122. Email [patera@mit.edu](mailto:patera@mit.edu). Web: <http://web.mit.edu/sma/>. Rm 4-237.

4:15 p.m. – **First order sentences and the evolution of random graphs, Gabor Tardos, Hungarian Academy of Sciences and DIMACS.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Professor Sara Billey at 253-6544. Email [sara@math.mit.edu](mailto:sara@math.mit.edu). Web: <http://www-math.mit.edu/~combin>. Rm 2-338.

7:00 p.m. – **Going to Mars - What are the Human Barriers, Prof. Laurence Young, Man Vehicle Lab.** Open. More info: Email [mitseds-officers@mit.edu](mailto:mitseds-officers@mit.edu). Web: <http://www.mit.edu/~mitseds/>. Rm 2-105.

## Thursday's Events

12:00 p.m. – **MIT Chapel Concert.** The Speakeasy String Quartet. David Laurence, viola; Rohan Gregory, violin; Olga Gelber, violin; Charae Krueger, cello. Transcriptions of early 20th century music. Admission 0. MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. – **Close Encounters Across Cultures Film Series: "Kolya".** Jan Sverak's 1996 Oscar winning "Kolya" is a complicated cross cultural

love story. Prof. Catharine Chvany will introduce the film. Discussion and refreshments will follow. Admission 0. Rm 4-237. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

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7:00 p.m. – **The State of Democracy in wake of the Military Coup in Pakistan.** A panel discussion on the recent military takeover in Pakistan. Speakers: Prof. Ayesha Jalal (Tufts University) and Mr Tariq Banuri (Stockholm Environment Institute). Admission 0. Room 66-110. Sponsor: Paksmit.

8:00 p.m. – **The Taming of the Shrew.** Shakespeare Ensemble Fall major production, directed by Senior Lecturer Michael Ouellette. Tix: \$8, \$6 students w/ID & senior citizens. Admission 6.00. Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

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3:00 p.m. – **Experiences in Interactive Expression, Perry Hoberman, Visiting Faculty, School of Visual Arts, NYC.** Visiting artists who use digital media and interactivity or audience participation in their work, will focus in depth on one piece, with a quick overview of his/her work, followed by discussion. Open. More info: Web: <http://cavs.mit.edu/seminar/mas879/interact.html>. MIT Museum Bldg, 390.

3:30 p.m. – **Mobile Computing: Hype or Harbinger, Professor Mahadev Satyanarayanan, Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science.** Please note that there are occasionally room changes. Please double check room prior to talk. Open. More info: Call Allegra Valberg at 352-0145. Email [avalberg@hq.lcs.mit.edu](mailto:avalberg@hq.lcs.mit.edu). Web: <http://www.lcs.mit.edu>. Rm 54-100.

4:00 p.m. – **Self-Assembling Nanostructures: Magnetic Storage Media to 3D Membranes, Vanessa Z. Chan, Department of Materials Science and Engineering.** Outstanding interdisciplinary materials research by graduate students. Refreshments at 3:30 prior to each seminar. Open. More info: Call Fran Page at x3-5179. Email [fmpage@mit.edu](mailto:fmpage@mit.edu). Web: <http://web.mit.edu/mpc/www/>. Rm 8-314.

4:00 p.m. – **Particle physics in the atmosphere: The influence of anthropogenic aerosols on climate change, Stephen Schwartz, Brookhaven National Laboratory.** Open. More info: Call at 253-0136. Email [ddlucas@mit.edu](mailto:ddlucas@mit.edu). Web: [www.paoc.mit.edu/MASSseries.html](http://www.paoc.mit.edu/MASSseries.html). Rm 54-915.

4:00 p.m. – **Trust Based Marketing on the Internet, Glen Urban, Professor of Management; Dean Emeritus, Sloan School of Management, MIT.** Refreshments to follow in Room E40-106. Open. More info: Call Andy Armacost at 253-7412. Email [armacost@mit.edu](mailto:armacost@mit.edu). Web: <http://web.mit.edu/orc/www/>. Rm E40-298.

## Friday's Events

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. – **MIT CHOICE SIT IN.** Unhappy with what might happen to the residence system at MIT? Nothing has been decided... yet. Join MIT Choice in a Sit In to protest proposed changes in housing policy. We'll assemble in Lobby 7. Admission 0. meet in Lobby 7. Sponsor: Swass Distribution.

7:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. – **MIT Anime Club Showing.** 7:00 Slayers Next 17 - 19 (subtitled); 8:45 TBA; Yu Yu Hakusho 9 - 10 (subtitled). Free! Stop by anytime and bring your friends. E51-335. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

8:00 p.m. – **Gilbert and Sullivan's, "Iolanthe".** The MIT Gilbert and Sullivan players present "Iolanthe, or The Peer and the Peri" in La Sala de Puerto Rico. Stage Directed by Erik Lars Myers. Music Directed by Kevin Mitchell '98. Admission 5. La Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

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8:00 p.m. – **N. Vijay Siva, South Indian vocalist.** With Bombay B. Gayatri, violin and N. Manoj Siva, mridangam. Presented by MITHAS (MIT Heritage of South Asia). General admission: \$15, \$12—students & seniors. Admission 12.00. Wong Auditorium. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

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3:00 p.m. – **Coherence, Resolution, and Information in Optical Imaging, Prof. George Barbastathis, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, M.I.T.** Refreshments to follow in room 1-114. Open. More info: Call Beth Henson at 258-5807. Email [bhenson@mit.edu](mailto:bhenson@mit.edu). Rm 3-270.

4:00 p.m. – **Cold Pulses and Other Constraints on Critical-Gradient Transport, Ken Gentle, University of Texas at Austin.** Refreshments served at 3:45 pm. Open. More info: Call Paul Rivenberg at 253-8101. Email [rivenberg@psfc.mit.edu](mailto:rivenberg@psfc.mit.edu). Web: <http://www.pfc.mit.edu/>. Rm NW17-218.

4:15 p.m. – **Triangulations of Convex Polytopes, Wungkum Fong, Department of Mathematics, MIT.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Professor Sara Billey at 253-6544. Email [sara@math.mit.edu](mailto:sara@math.mit.edu). Web: <http://www-math.mit.edu/~combin>. Rm 2-338.



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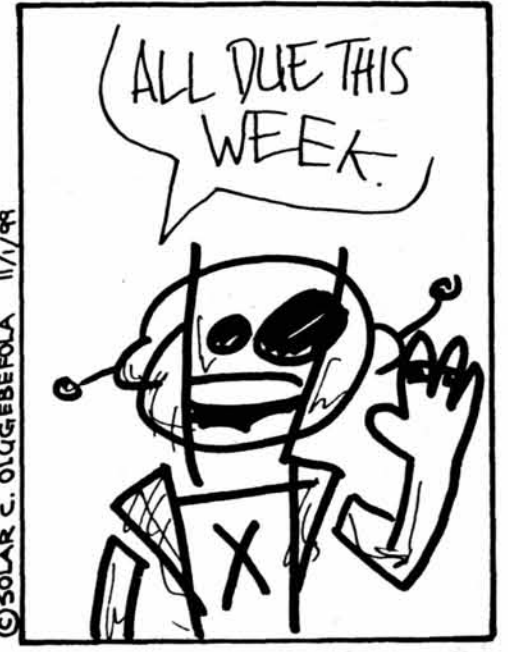
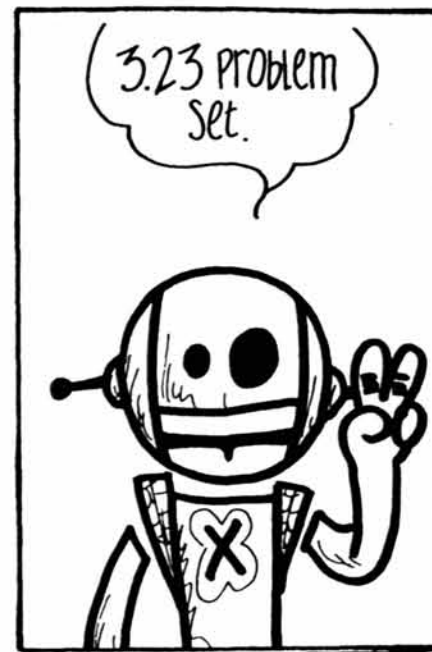
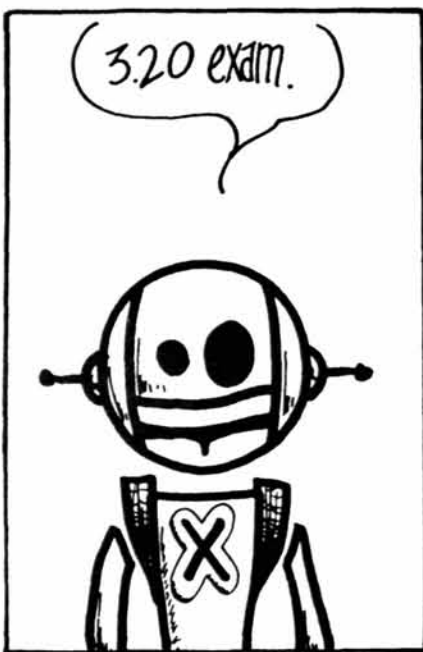
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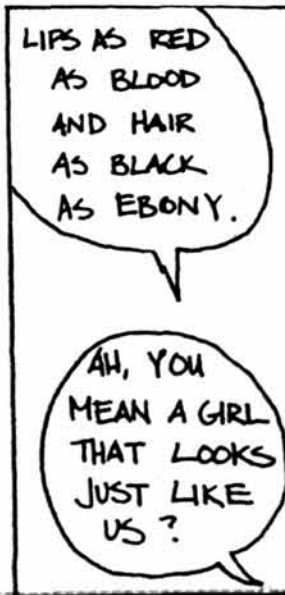
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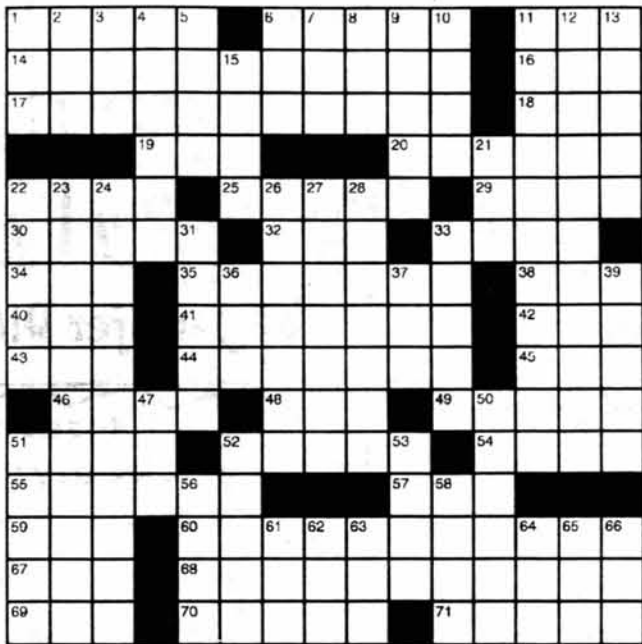
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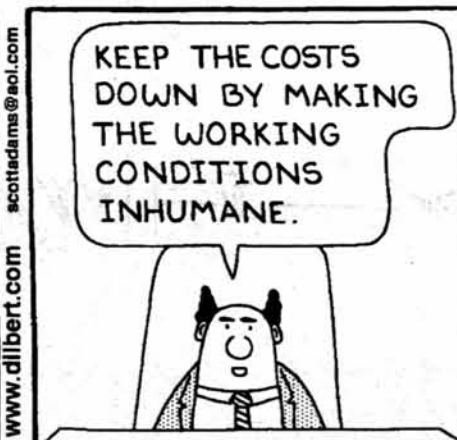
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**Large Field Debating Development, Housing Issues**

By Frank Dabek  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Take a heaping cupful of progressive democrats, a pinch of Libertarians and a dash of Republicans; add a pint of affordable housing crisis and development concerns, stir in strained town-gown relations to taste and garnish with a rent control initiative. Knead the mixture into one of America's most liberal towns — the so-called "People's Republic of Cambridge." The result? The 1999 Cambridge City Council elections.

Two openings created by retiring councilors have motivated a large number of challengers to run (a total of 24 candidates are on the ballot) making for an interesting and diverse field. Erik C. Snowberg '99, a current MIT student, adds a bit of additional drama for students by attempting to tap into the potentially powerful but traditionally apathetic student vote.

This year's race has been dominated by the related issues of

affordable housing and development in Cambridge. Students may not be interested in a long-term plan for Cambridge development but several candidates have discussed issues likely to be popular with students — proposals have been made to extend the operating hours of the MBTA, move last call at bars later, and improve bike safety on Cambridge streets. The relationship between MIT and Cambridge is also an issue for debate in this campaign.

**Rent control an area of debate**

High occupancy rates and rapidly rising rents in the wake of the elimination of rent-control in 1995 have led many candidates to address the problem of providing housing for the working-class citizens of Cambridge.

A number of candidates have called for the return of rent control. One this issue's loudest voices is David A. Hoicka '77

who helped organize the Cambridge Citizens for Rent Equity to push a ballot initiative calling for the return of rent control. The initiative failed to make it on the ballot after a controversial ruling by the election commission that it did not receive enough signatures.

Perhaps an even larger group of candidates have placed the issue of rent control out of consideration as a political impracticality — even if CCURE's petition had been certified for the ballot, state law currently prohibits rent control. Many of these candidates have pressed for increased city spending on affordable housing and regulations encouraging the construction of additional affordable housing units.

Candidates also acknowledge that MIT has a role to play in the housing debate. Many citizens feel that MIT has added to the

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**The Candidates on the Issues**

**Marjorie Decker**

A Cambridge native, Decker says that her political experience working under Representative Alice Wolf on issues of housing and development qualify her to pursue those same issues from a council seat.



**On affordable housing —**

*"The universities have a responsibility to plan affordable housing, particularly for their students"*

Decker has proposed the formation of a coalition of city councilors, universities, tenants and home owners to formulate solutions to the problems of affordable housing in Cambridge.

**On the CCA —**

*"The stereotype is that if you're CCA, you're a liberal from an upperclass background. And that if you're not, you're a conservative."*

Decker chose not to seek the endorsement of the powerful Cambridge Civic Association because she hopes to represent a coalition of independent voters and CCA members.

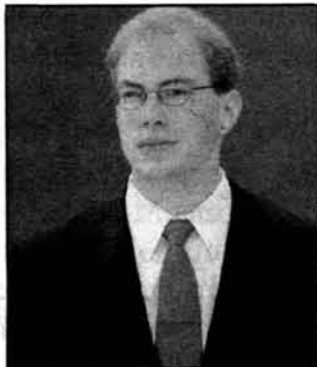
**On student apathy —**

*"Apathy has such a negative connotation ... but usually it's just the fact that student interests aren't so local. Getting students involved in local issues is a challenge."*

Universities should become involved in the fight to bring students to the table on local issues, Decker said.

**Erik C. Snowberg**

A current MIT student, Erik C. Snowberg '99 is pushing the issues of affordable housing, late night transportation, and MIT-Cambridge relations, which he hopes will resonate with student voters. Snowberg is betting on high student turnout to make him the first current student to win a seat on the council.



**On the relationship between MIT and Cambridge —**

*"Students will never have any real power over MIT without government representation."*

Snowberg proposes to work as a liaison between Cambridge government and the MIT administration. He has vowed to use the power of a city council seat to promote student concerns within the city and the Institute.

**On affordable housing —**

*"Housing is for homes, not for investment."*

A signer of the CCURE petition, Snowberg supports the return of rent control to Cambridge. He has also proposed the creation of a landlord licensing board to, among other things, provide a forum for tenant complaints.

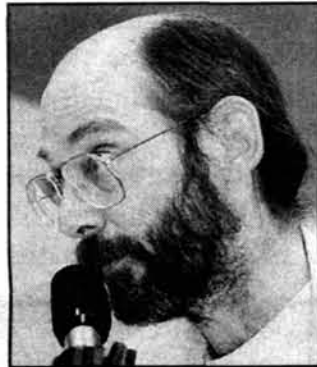
**On development in Cambridge —**

*"Development is out of control."*

Snowberg has advocated creating a long-term plan for future development in Cambridge and opposes short-term solutions such as development moratoriums. He acknowledges the necessity of development to maintain Cambridge's tax base.

**James Williamson**

Long time activist and regular at Monday night council meetings, James Williamson is running for council under the slogan "Take Back City Hall" and stressing slowing development.



**On the relationship between MIT and Cambridge —**

*"We need a major honest, fair, sensible debate about what the responsibilities of the universities to Cambridge ought to be."*

While criticizing Harvard and MIT for not providing large enough *in lieu* of tax donations or adequate housing for students and staff, Williamson hopes to improve relations between the city and universities.

**On affordable housing —**

*"The city should address [the problem of housing] low-moderate to moderate income people"*

Williamson is an advocate of the return of rent control to Cambridge but is also concerned with expanding the coverage of current housing subsidies to residents who are ineligible for assistance but cannot afford to live in the current housing market.

**On activism —**

*"I would lead and organize a national effort to finally get Lori out of prison in Peru."*

A long-time advocate of the cause of Lori Berenson, a former MIT student imprisoned in Peru, Williamson would use a council seat to lead a delegation (possibly including President Charles M. Vest) to Peru to plead Berenson's case.



Helder Peixoto



David Hoicka



Kathleen Born



Kenneth Reeves

Helder "Sonny" Peixoto is stressing public safety issues in his highly visible campaign for city council.

On public safety —

"When [a student] has their bicycle stolen... it's devastating."

Peixoto has proposed a joint MIT, Harvard, MBTA, state and local police network to reduce crimes such as bike theft. He singled out lewd and lascivious behavior along the Charles River and public intoxication as crimes that should be prosecuted more vigorously.

On public improvements —

"Why should we have to cross the bridge?"

Peixoto feels that Cambridge should provide the same public services that Boston does and has proposed constructing a "hatch shell" in the magazine beach area and a dog path.

On development in Cambridge —

"MIT and Harvard are not doing their share to halt development."

Peixoto encourages MIT to construct additional student housing in order to relieve pressure on the Cambridge housing market.

MIT alumnus David Hoicka '77 has made rent control the centerpiece of his council campaign.

On rent control —

"If you're a student in Cambridge, you should be really concerned about how much you pay for rent here ... I think rent control is a major issue, because it affects one-third to one-half of everybody's income around here."

Hoicka was involved in fighting for the CCURE ballot initiative effort which would have attempted to bring rent control back to Cambridge.

On student apathy —

"Students today don't even vote. And students who don't vote don't count."

As a student during the civil disobedience of the Vietnam war era, Hoicka said that students' interest in politics was far less now than during his time at MIT.

On universities —

"We have these two institutions, MIT and Harvard, who are large gated communities separated from the rest of this city"

Representing the diverse groups of university students and long time residents is a problem to be addressed by the council, Hoicka said.

MIT alumna Kathleen Born '77 is running for reelection on a platform stressing affordable housing.

On the relationship between MIT and Cambridge —

"If we have two of the top universities in the country here, we can have the best schools in the country as well. Universities may think they have done their share, but they clearly haven't."

Born encourages MIT to aid Cambridge in strengthening the city's public school system. She would also form a partnership with the numerous MIT start-up companies in Cambridge to mitigate their effects on the city's housing market and neighborhood character.

On affordable housing —

"At this point, rent control is a state issue and not a local issue. I was a very vocal supporter of rent control before Question 9 eliminated it."

Born did not sign the CCURE petition to return rent control to Cambridge and is focusing her efforts on preserving affordable housing in so-called "expiring use" buildings.

Long time city councilor and former mayor Ken Reeves is running for reelection after a unusually weak showing two years ago.

On rent control —

"I support it 100 percent but don't see the constellation in the sky that will bring it back."

Reeves proposes dealing with Cambridge's housing crisis not through the politically impractical rent control but by budgeting additional funds beyond the \$4.5M the city currently spends.

On development —

"I'm not pro or anti-growth [but] support community enhancing change"

Reeves is mixed on the difficult issue of development in Cambridge and proposes regulating development and allowing community input.

On universities —

"When I took office most people at MIT didn't know where Cambridge was."

Reeves' involvement with community outreach programs at MIT such as Public Service Center tutoring has helped to unite Cambridge residents and students he said.

# Candidates for Cambridge City Council

## Rising Rents, Development Key Issues on Election Day

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pressures of the housing market by failing to house students on campus — students who cannot find Institute housing are forced into the Cambridge market and are often able to pay higher rents than residents. These students not only contribute to the crowding of the residence system but also to high rents.

### Development in Cambridge

The other hot issue in this race is development in Cambridge. The city, and East Cambridge especially, has become increasingly commercialized in recent years. The movement of national chains into Cambridge often at the expense of local merchants is another point of concern for many residents.

On one side of the issue stand candidates such as James Williamson who has worked to halt development in both Harvard and Central Squares. Williamson was involved in the "Save Central Square" campaign which is battling the opening of a Gap at Mass. Ave and Prospect streets.

Most other candidates favor slowing or regulating the pace of development to maintain Cambridge's residential, low-rise personality.

The issues of development and housing are, in many ways, related. The housing crisis and development fears are both by-products of Cambridge's economic success in recent years. Limiting the development that brings new residents into an already crowded housing system is complicated by possibly jeopardizing this economic prosperity.

### Town-gown relations

Of special interest to students is the relationship between MIT and the city of Cambridge. Many candidates see the wealthy but tax-exempt universities located in Cambridge as potential sources of income. MIT currently makes an in lieu of tax payment to Cambridge — a new city council will have a chance to renegotiate that amount and several candidates have called for an increase in MIT's payments.

Most candidates agreed that the students of MIT and Harvard were a resource to the city and that efforts should be made to integrate university communities with the surrounding city.

### Other issues

A variety of issues other than rent control and housing have arisen in this year's campaign: late night transportation, education, crime, quality of life issues, public works, and activism have all been addressed by candidates.

Several candidates have proposed a late night shuttle service that would likely be popular with college students; Helder Peixoto has suggested the construction of a concert shell at Magazine beach, and Williamson would use a council seat to fight for the freedom of former MIT student Lori Berenson. Late night transport and improved bike access are both part of Snowberg's platform.

Regardless of Snowberg's fate, student voter turnout may prove to be one of the most lasting legacies of this race. If traditionally apathetic students turn out in blocs, they have the power to reshape Cambridge politics.

## Election Terms You Should Know

CCA — Cambridge Civic Association. One of Cambridge's largest political organizations, the CCA is the traditional stronghold of progressive politics.

CCURE — Cambridge Citizens for Rent Equity. A pro rent control organization which attempted to place a rent control question on this year's ballot.

EFZ — Eviction Free Zone. Another of Cambridge's tenant advocacy groups. The EFZ is planning the return of rent control by state-wide ballot initiative in 2000.

PR — Proportional Representation. Cambridge's system of voting which ensures a council seat to any candidate which receives at least 10 percent of the vote. Under PR voters rank their candidates in order of preference. Up to nine candidates may be ranked.

To determine the council, a quota is first established at 10 percent of the total ballots cast. Candidates who "reach quota" by receiving enough first place votes are elected. Any extra votes they receive are distributed to other candidates. The process continues by eliminating the low vote getter at each stage in the count and redistributing votes until nine councilors are elected.

Rent Control — Regulation of rents by government. Eliminated in 1995 by a statewide ballot question.



Jim Braude



David Trumbull



Henrietta Davis



Robert Winters

CCA endorsee James Braude's campaign supports changing to a democratically elected "strong mayor" system of government in Cambridge.

On the city manager —

"Democracy is the cure for what ails a cynical electorate in Cambridge."

Braude hopes that a move to a directly elected mayor would help citizens petition city government more effectively and preclude perceived cynicism among the electorate.

On Universities —

"Both Harvard and MIT should see themselves as far more citizens of Cambridge and far less citizens of the world."

Universities have the responsibility to do more to aid the city. He points out that Harvard's endowment earns each day in interest the same amount that Cambridge spends on affordable housing in a year.

On affordable housing —

"The ultimate solution [to the problem of affordable housing] is a far greater government mandate."

Braude, a rent control advocate, suggests funding affordable housing through broadbased taxes.

Republican David Trumbull is one of the few candidates not running under the progressive banner.

On city regulations —

"The crazy rules we have in Cambridge ... are a nuisance and drag on business"

Trumbull is in favor of the elimination of government regulations on a variety of items from milk to poetry readings.

On affordable housing —

"Affordable is what people can afford."

Trumbull believes in the ability of the housing market to regulate itself. He is opposed to rent control and to government interference in the market.

On development —

"I don't see why officials should second guess people's preferences."

Citing a recent survey in which Cambridge residents expressed a preference for often protested national chains (The Gap, for example) Trumbull is opposed to most regulations limiting development in Cambridge which he says are motivated by the "romantic idea of supporting local merchants."

On transportation —

"I would like to see shuttles like the MIT shuttles but open to the public"

Incumbent and Cambridge Civic Association endorsee Henrietta Davis seeks to improve the affordable housing situation in Cambridge while planning development to preserve the character of areas such as Central Square.

On the relationship between MIT and Cambridge —

"MIT needs to be Cambridge's best corporate system."

Davis encouraged MIT to continue its efforts to house additional freshmen on campus. She also called on the Institute to construct affordable housing units in Cambridge as well as sharing its intellectual resources with the city.

On affordable housing —

"If I were to support any rent control [legislation] it would have to be different."

Rent control in its previous form caused too much conflict to be practical according to Davis. Instead, she supports increasing the city mandate for the percentage of affordable units and extending housing assistance to more residents.

On transportation —

"I would like to see shuttles like the MIT shuttles but open to the public"

A Harvard mathematics instructor, Robert Winters is an expert on the local political scene and publishes the Cambridge Civic Journal. Winters has stressed his practical experience in Cambridge politics and the environment in this run for city councilor.

On the relationship between MIT and Cambridge —

"[Cambridge should benefit from] MIT and all of the interesting things that are happening there."

Winters was an instructor in MIT's mathematics department and was recognized by the MIT administration for his teaching efforts. He supports intellectual and creative collaboration between the Institute and Cambridge.

On affordable housing —

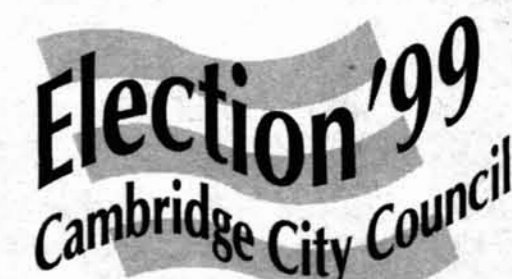
"[Rent control would] destroy the availability of affordable housing in the future."

Winters supports drawing investment towards affordable housing rather than reinstating rent control. He also applauds MIT's moves to increase the amount of on campus housing.

On the environment —

"we didn't just bullshit about it... we did it."

Winters was involved in a volunteer effort to bring curbside recycling to Cambridge. He is also concerned about water quality issues especially in the Magazine Beach area.



### Michael Sullivan



Incumbent Michael Sullivan brings a family history of public service to the council — his father, grandfather and uncle were all city councillors.

On education —

"Education is the one opportunity that

can't be taken away,"

Sullivan has stressed improving Cambridge's school system in this election. MIT volunteers have a role in the system as tutors he said.

On affordable housing —

"We should all bear the price of affordable housing."

While against rent control because it discourages construction of additional housing, Sullivan proposes dealing with the housing crisis through government spending paid for by broad based taxation.

### Katherine Triantafillou



Incumbent Katherine Triantafillou is stressing student involvement in government along with the issues of affordable housing and domestic violence prevention

On affordable housing —

"[The repeal of rent control] artificially raises the property prices."

Triantafillou was opposed to the repeal of rent control and supports the construction of new affordable units and single family homes as a solution to the crisis.

On development —

"[Cambridge would] suffer from not having small businesses."

Triantafillou hopes to manage development to preserve the small, family oriented businesses of Cambridge.

The information in this guide was taken from candidate profiles printed in previous editions of The Tech. Not all candidates for city council are included in this guide. The original profiles were written by Frank Dabek, Sanjay Basu, and Aurora Schmidt. Summaries were prepared by Frank Dabek. All candidates who responded to requests for an interview are presented. Candidates are not ordered preferentially in this feature — see the October 29 issue of the The Tech for the paper's official endorsements.

Also running for the council are: Jeffrey Jay Chase, Charles O. Christenson, Vincent Lawrence Dixon, Anthony D. Gallucio, Dorothy M. Giocobbe, Bob Goodwin, William C. Jones, David P. Maher, Alan Kingfish Nidle, Timothy J. Toomey Jr., and Daejann P. Wormwood-Malone.

Polls are open today until 8 p.m. Dormitory residents vote in Kresge auditorium except for residents of MacGregor, Edgerton, Tang, Next, and New House who vote at the Central Square firehouse and residents of Random Hall who vote at the Salvation Army Headquarters on Mass. Ave. near the firehouse.

The Cambridge School Committee is also up for election this November. Thirteen candidates are running for the committee, none of which are profiled here.

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# I-Campus To Accept Research Proposals

## Bulk of Funds to be Allocated in December

By Karen Robinson  
and Rima Arnaout  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITORS

As the next step in the Microsoft/MIT I-Campus Alliance, the Microsoft/MIT Joint Steering Committee will be asking for proposals from faculty and students in early December, said Project I-Campus Codirector Harold Abelson PhD '73, professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Abelson said that the steering committee will be open to a wide range of suggestions in evaluating proposals. Right now, they are "trying to think about what kind of criteria we'll be using to evaluate proposals," he said. Thus far, they have two broad categories of criteria.

"One is 'what's the reward' ... the significance of the educational impact [of a proposal]," Abelson said. The other is an analysis of how likely a proposal is to succeed.

Proposals will be evaluated based on how well they align with the terms of the MIT, Microsoft agreement. In October, MIT announced its partnership with Microsoft, in which Microsoft pledged to give MIT \$25 million over the next five years.

MIT-Microsoft research goals include creating technologies and content to improve student learning, according to Abelson. Other initiatives are improving university administration through technology and finding new technology-based ways for universities to interact with industry and other universities.

Some Microsoft funding has already gone toward launching projects such as enhancing the MIT-Shakespeare Electronic Archive and creating long-distance learning technologies with universities in Singapore.

The bulk of funding will go to projects outlined in the December proposals. Abelson's group will be looking for "large-impact proposals," he said. "The real question is whether it has MIT-wide impact."

### Student involvement encouraged

MIT and Microsoft hope for large amounts of student involvement. While research proposals are not expected to come from individuals, they could come from any group on campus, including any student group, Abelson said.

"December is a hard time for students to find time to write proposals," Abelson said. The proposals will be due in late January to give students plenty of time. Additionally the group is toying with the idea of running an Independent Activities Period activity for students interested in making a suggestion to the committee.

Right now planning workshops being held. One was held Oct. 22 and another is planned for Nov. 5, Abelson said.

The Oct. 22 workshop included a lot of pre-planning, according to student workshop representative Lucy Borodavkina G. The workshop group also discussed what proposals should look like.

Projects "should have impact; they should be sustainable beyond the Microsoft alliance. They should

set a goal for MIT community as a leader in education, set an example, for the rest of the country," Borodavkina said.

Right now the workshops' goal is to "get a sense for what the real opportunities are" and what general things people agree on, Abelson said.

"For example, there's a lot of support now for trying formats that get away from large lectures," he said. Another much discussed topic is interactive learning. "These are not new things to suggest ... but it's good for people to say it to each other" and turn over ideas, he said.

The group could fund any sort of activity, from new technologies to facilitated learning to new class formats. "The bottom line is that we can only fund what people propose to do," Abelson said.

Abelson expects there to be two types of proposals: those with a clear plan ready to go and "planning grants" which are more sketched out. This would be a bigger idea, about which the planners need more input and more time to think about, he said. "We'll be funding both types of proposals," he said.

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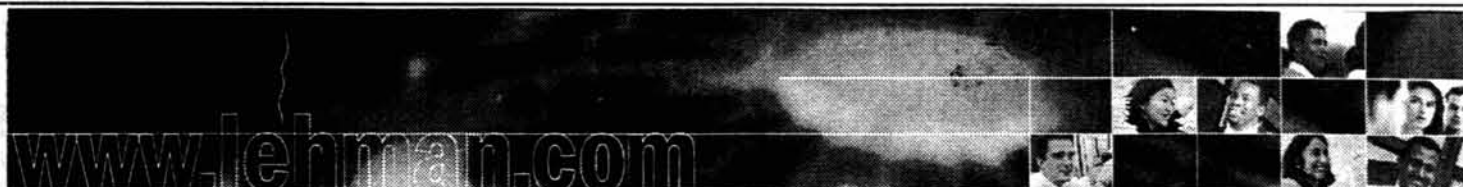
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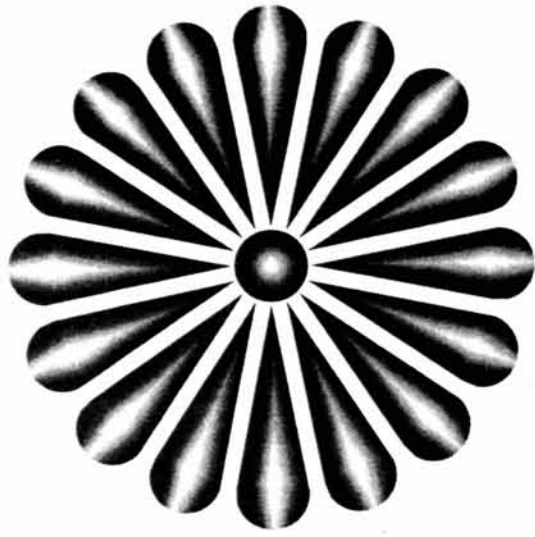
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## Police Search PKS, Confiscating Paint

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Inspectional Services visit. "The police found some turpentine and we had some more flash paper, which we handed over. The turpentine, they said, could be used to make something explosive," Chiu said.

In addition, "we had to get rid of some paint and aerosol cans; it turns out it's illegal to store them in your house in Boston," Chiu said.

The timing of the police and inspectional search of PKS is still unclear. "I have no idea why they decided to search our house at that point," Chiu said.

### PKS, MIT promise to cancel party

Boston officials also asked MIT for "a letter guaranteeing that the [PKS] party would not take place as planned," Bacow said. Boston wanted to be sure that the canceled Skuffle party wouldn't be held if PKS were able to move back in to their house early in the weekend. PKS's Halloween party and charity event Skuffle was scheduled for this weekend.

PKS is awaiting a hearing in the Cambridge District Court November 12 for three brothers and one alumnus. The hearing would determine if the four should be indicted for misdemeanor charges.

According to an MIT press release, those charges could include illegal possession and use of fireworks and disturbing the peace in connection with last Tuesday's accidental explosion which injured three people and caused Cambridge police to evacuate Building 10.

The Executive Committee of the Interfraternity Council met last Thursday to discuss the PKS incident, but IFC President Michael V. Trupiano '00 said they "did not issue a report because it was not a house related matter."

PKS brothers were evicted Wednesday from their house on 530 Beacon Street for "rodent violations, egress issues and illegal construction," according to an MIT press release. The students stayed in other fraternities as repairs were made to their house. The ISD investigation followed a police search of the house for explosives.

Last Tuesday, three members of PKS were injured when the device that one brother was carrying accidentally exploded. He was advertising for PKS's Skuffle party. All weekend fraternity parties were canceled following conversations that the IFC had with fraternity presidents, fearing the events could lead to bad publicity and the closing of other fraternities.

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# Vest, Bacow Speak at Rally

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involved in the rally, but said he was not surprised.

There's been "a national trend to report on fraternity mishaps," said rally organizer Benjamin K. Chun '99. "Mainstream media rarely reports the fine distinction that we understand" as MIT students.

"Public ruckus about fraternities in Boston media is really telling people what they want to hear," Beland said.

### Vest, Bacow support students

Several administrators "asked if they would be welcome" at the rally and were subsequently invited, according to Chun.

The rally began with an address by Vest who emphasized that he is "deeply proud of this student body."

Vest said he hoped that MIT and Boston would deal with the "few [students] who have done dangerous things, then move on." He spoke in support of the "fine young men of Phi Kappa Sigma" and their effort to "do some good."

Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72, said, "it's wonderful the campus has come together this way, both to support PKS and leukemia."

### Speakers on housing, leukemia

Other speakers spoke about leukemia, about the housing system, and about the news media. Matt McGann, Undergraduate Association president, emphasized that MIT students do participate in community service, and asked the crowd to have pride in themselves as a student body.

David Kristofek '02, who was roommate last year to leukemia patient David Li '02, read a letter from Li describing leukemia's effect and the necessity for bone marrow donors. He strongly encourages students, especially non-caucasian students (who are underrepresented in bone marrow registers) to have their bone marrow type recorded in an upcoming bone marrow drive, November 19.

Joel D. Rosenberg '99, founder of *democracy.mit.edu*, began by saying, "Now, some people would have a walk for leukemia ... but

we've decided to talk about it ... in leukemia, a few cells get out of control..." and continued to speak of the MIT residential system in parallel with the disease. "Now, one treatment for leukemia is chemotherapy," he continued, describing a treatment which kills healthy and cancerous cells alike.

Student Aram W. Harrow '01 used the rally as an opportunity to circulate a petition to make voting day an MIT holiday. This would "encourage students to vote and to become informed on political campaigns." Harrow said he thinks the day should be a national holiday as well — it's a cool way to make it relevant."

### Rally organized by many

The idea behind the rally originated on the mailing list *ifc-talk*, and expanded rapidly, Shulman said. This does not mean that the rally was

sponsored by the Interfraternity Council however; in fact no one campus organization was responsible for the rally. Instead, it was run by several students from different areas of campus. The rally was endorsed by several groups, however, including the IFC, UA, and Dormitory Council.

"This is just a first step," Shulman said, and said he expected even more student involvement in community service activities in the coming months which will, hopefully, become a lasting habit.

"We got a sense of something greater than ourselves," McGann said commenting on the sense of community the rally inspired.

"The next challenge is to have a community that come together when there's not a crisis," Beland said.

*Rima Arnaout contributed to the reporting of this story.*

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The Neo-Bubonic Bassoon Quartet played arrangements by Steve Young, including Rags, Beatles tunes, and a Looney Toons and Star Wars medley at the Alumni Concert held in Killian Hall last Sunday.

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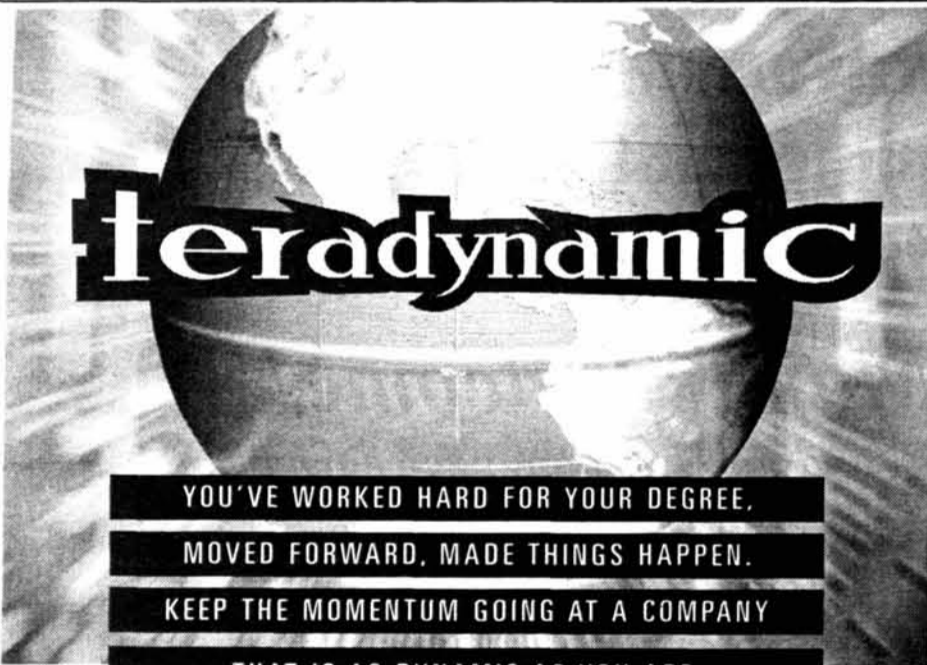


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Despite its success in trading, the company had \$1.3 million in sales and lost \$28.3 million in the first nine months of this year, according to the Associated Press, which called Akamai's reception on Wall Street "red hot."

The offering of the stock, whose symbol is AKAM, was led by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and co-managed by Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, Salomon Smith Barney and Thomas Weisel Partners LLC.

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- Richard Wurtman 11:00am-12:00pm**  
Cecil H. Green Distinguished Professor of Neuropharmacology, Director of the MIT Clinical Research Center  
How to Make a Useful Drug Out of a University Research Discovery
- Steve Basta 12:00pm-1:00pm**  
Vice President, Finance and Business Development, Creative BioMolecules, Inc  
Financing an emerging biotechnology companies: the traditional model. The considerations that impact decisions on private placements, public offerings, corporate partnerships and other financing options.
- Robert Rubin 1:00pm-2:00pm**  
Gordon and Marjorie Osborne Associate Professor of Health Sciences and Technology, Associate Professor of Medicine, HMS, Director of Center for Experimental Pharmacology and Therapeutics, MIT  
Challenges and Opportunities in Drug Development; The Role of Innovative Technology
- Floyd Dewhirst 2:00pm-3:00pm**  
Senior Staff Member, Molecular Genetics, The Forsyth Institute  
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- David Sherris 3:00pm-4:00pm**  
Chief Operating Officer, Director of Drug Development, OXiGENE, Inc.  
Running a Pharmaceutical Company Under a Virtual Model-- The OXiGENE Story
- Philip Holberton 4:00pm-5:00pm**  
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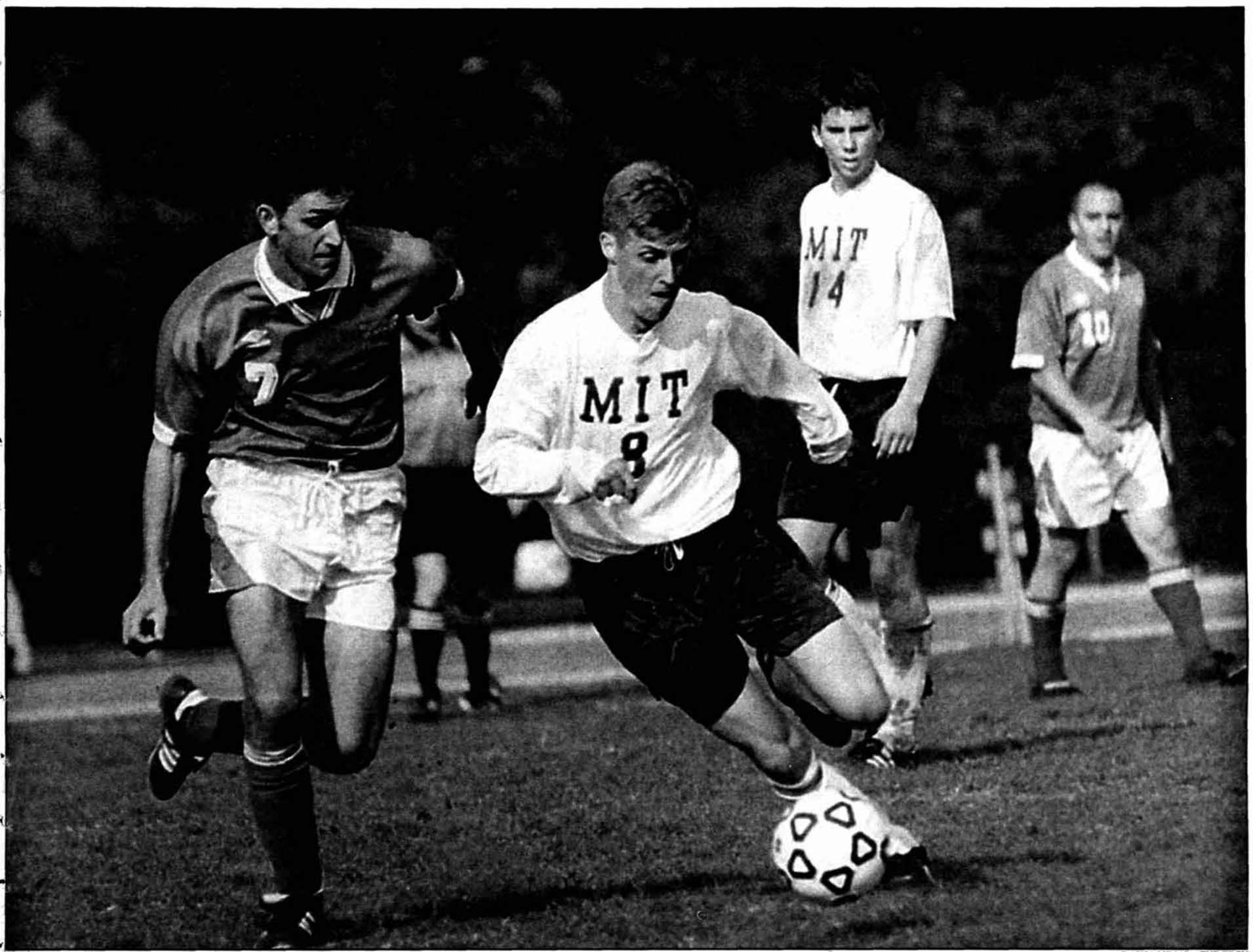
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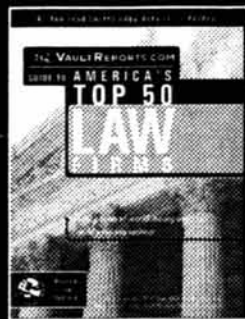
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