Boston Evicts Two Fraternities

One SAE House Closed After Hearing on Drinking Incident

By Omar Zurklya

In a meeting that lasted just fifteen minutes, the Boston Licensing Board yesterday revoked Sigma Alpha Epsilon's dormitory license at 484 Beacon St. in Boston and ordered all occupants to move out by November 15.

The ruling could be the death knell for the embattled fraternity. "MIT does support the action of the Boston Licensing Board," said Rosalind H. Williams, Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education. With one SAE house, it is unlikely to successfully regain its license.

SAE's failure to attend the hearing is "embarrassing to both the MIT administration and its students," and that the fraternity's "showed no reason for MIT to reinsta-" stated Williams.

MIT has already suspended SAE in response to an incident on Sept. 2, in which an undergraduate Wellesley student was allegedly served alcohol at the house. During a follow-up investigation, the Boston Police additionally cited SAE for blocked stairways and failure to correct the plumbing present in its dormitory.

A local news crew attempts to enter 77 Massachusetts Avenue while students evacuate following a small explosion in Room 10-250 Tuesday. Three students were injured in the blast.

The ruling was made yesterday. It is the fifth floor.

Asbestos Find Leads To Burton Five Evacuation

Twenty-nine Burton-Conner House residents were forced to evacuate their home on Monday after asbestos tiles were found under carpeting on the fifth floor.

House Manager Kenneth Donaghey said that the tiles were found only in the main corridor of Burton-Conner, and that none of the adjacent rooms or suites were directly affected. However, removing the asbestos required blocking off the corridor.

"I believe from what I understand yesterday, they're done cleaning," Donaghey said. Once the contractor tests the air in Burton-Conner, the equipment should be taken down. Donaghey said. Residents are scheduled to move back in at noon on Saturday.

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Cambridge City Council Election '99

Reeves an Outspoken Veteran

By Frank Dabek

Ken Reeves is a ten year veteran of Cambridge's city council, a two time mayor and perhaps the most outspoken politician in an electoral system that usually breeds backslapping and number two vote trading.

Reeves and his campaign staff will tell you how the press is against them (the Cambridge Chronicle failed to endorse him this year), about differences with City Manager Robert W. Healey and with other candidates. Despite this directness — Reeves says undeniably that he "does try to speak the truth as I know it" — he has retained a strong community following. This election, Reeves has been speaking stressing the bread and butter issues of affordable housing and education.

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Within the MIT community, Reeves felt initially that "most people at MIT didn't know where Cambridge was." He became involved in the MIT public service center and helped to integrate students into the city through "build bridges between town and gown." The situation is improving, he said, and "people are filtering" into the city.

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Sullivan Stresses Education

By Frank Dabek

Michael A. Sullivan brings two terms of experience to the Cambridge City Council election, in addition to a family history of involvement in city politics — Sullivan's grandfather, father, and uncle were city councilors.

Sullivan stresses education and quality of life along with this year's standoff issues of affordable housing and development.

Education is the "one opportunity that can't be taken away," Sullivan said. He noted the role of volunteers from MIT and other universities in the educational system as tutors, especially in the areas of mathematics and science. Activities such as these "build bridges between town and gown" and benefit both parties, he said.

Sullivan, however, makes a distinction between the role of students and MIT as an institution. He applauded MIT's construction of a new dorm as a way to improve safety for new students. Coming to an urban city like Cambridge can be a shock for some students and you "don't want to go back in a body bag," he said, in reference to the several stu- dents who were city councilors.

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The Weather

Today: Sunny, 6°F (-17°C)
Tentative: Clear, cool, 4°F (-17°C)
Tomorrow: Sunny, 57°F (14°C)

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FAA Announces Design Changes To Avert Fuel Tank Vapor Buildup

The Federal Aviation Administration Thursday announced that it will seek changes in an aircraft built in the future modifying the buildup of flammable vapors in the fuel tanks, a measure that stems from the 1996 explosion of TWA Flight 800. Although the new design for commercial aircraft, the agency will tell manufacturers to spend a year reevaluating the designs of the fuel tank systems and developing mandatory inspection procedures for aircraft with existing tanks.

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House Republicans Approach Spending Debate with Clinton

By Janet Hook

WASHINGTON

Capping a steady march to a final budget confrontation with President Clinton, the Republican-controlled House Thursday approved a spending bill that would cut funding for all government agencies by one percent — a last-ditch austerity measure designed to help the GOP meet its much-vaunted goal of not tapping Social Security revenues for other uses.

Far more was at stake in the bill than just one piece of the sprawling annual budget. The measure is central to Republican efforts to shed the party's image as hostile to Social Security, education and other social programs. Sidetracking that effort, Republicans said during House debate, they will have lived up to their promise to produce a budget that avoids drawing on the Social Security surplus for the first time in decades.

"We have brought ourselves to this moment," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "Today we are proving we can fund the government without raising Social Security and without raising taxes.

Democrats, challenging that claim, branded it a letter from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office showing that the spending bills approved by Congress would result in a $17 billion drain on the Social Security Trust Fund.

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In recent months, there has been a political awakening among Cambridge's student population. Many members of this formerly dormant bloc have come to realize the importance of local political affairs. Issues such as adequate affordable housing and late-night transportation can be best addressed through the political process.

With this rationale in mind, The Tech is pleased to endorse the following five candidates for Cambridge City Council.

We recommend MIT student Erik C. Snowberg '99 as students’ number-one choice. Snowberg has been the impetus for students to come together and address political issues here at MIT and at Harvard. Snowberg is uniquely positioned to bridge the gap between students and residents, and his election to the council would give students a much-needed voice in the political process. His strong support for increased affordable housing and late-night transportation services should earn him the support of students.

While Snowberg is a former Tech staffer, we believe this should not prevent us from endorsing him. Snowberg has immersed himself in the local issues of concern and is one of the more knowledgeable candidates on many issues.

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"Long Live Magic"

Mack defends Harry Potter, wizard of a different sort of magic than the "O" kind, and remains charitable toward the RIO system (keeping just the "O") and continues to view students and faculty alike as opposed to the proposal. This is one of many issues of magic, aliens, or any other New Age belief ever demonstrated any super power. Harry Potter might be dead, but it is just the beginning of the discussion beyond pure science. There is no reliable way to learn about the universe of science and scholarship.

First is "action at a distance" among particles, as a recent development in studying quantum physics — a meaning of "strange" unfamiliar to people living in a macroscopic world. For instance, particles of energy can apparently be linked in such a way that, even when separated by large distances, the act of measuring what one particle is doing might affect the other. (Could a faster-than-light communication signal be established?) Scientists have not yet fully understood the phenomenon, we are learning, and there is no reason to believe science is really understanding it.

Another is the apparent acceleration of the universe’s expansion, which Mack oddly calls "a question" not "a mystery." Based on observations of a certain type of supernova in 1998, it is spreading out at an increasing rate, a strange and counterintuitive notion. But it is not incomprehensible at all! In fact, Einstein’s once-rejected idea of "cosmological constant" representing energy in a vacuum is being revived as a possible explanation of the data. A new satellite study is planned for launch in 2000 to gather more information on cosmic background radiation, which could bolster or disprove the idea of accelerating expansion.

Mack also gives an example of mysterious phenomena, the "exquisite complication hypothesis," which could be used to "crop circles." Sure, it’s straight evidence, but his theory of how they might be made does not appear to be scientific.

The most interesting of Mack’s examples is his own theory about why we experience the mind to affect physical objects. Presumably this means classic telekinesis, like making large rocks levitate, and not the brain’s ability to control muscle fibers in the arm by electricity. The latter is explainable, the former is nonsensical. But if Mack really knows of people who have preformed telekinesis, it would be a powerful argument for why he would arrange a public demonstration in Cambridge to convince people that he could also contact James Randi, who offers $1M for any such proof of the paranormal (see Randi’s book, Fool Us Once, Fool Us Twice: Exposing the Bunk Behind Magic, Confidence Games, and Other Deceptions).

In short, Dr. Mack celebrates ignorance. He has not proven what he has not claimed to have proved, and he does not stand and declare that he can be understood, he presents frauds as facts. Starting from the acceptance of the idea that people in by showing them "a cosmos as wondrous as our dreams and imagination." If mysticism means adherence to irrational and counterintuitive beliefs that do not work. And in the end, Mack and other mystical thinkers are cheating themselves.

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Take two minutes from your problem sets and forget about apathy long enough to vote, to raise your voice so loudly that you cannot be ignored.

The True Process of Housing Change

Guest Column

Peter A. Shulman

I am not an "us versus them" person. I do not like to have my housing issues put on the back burner until it was revived two years and still are, dangling before the students and faculty alike opposed the proposal. Yet an examination of the history provided students with the impression that MIT's efforts to bring freshmen onto-campus issue, but that do we have a say in how that plan is implemented or actually going to work. And then we should commend the SAC on its "best job with what we’ve been given" proposal.

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The Essential Vegetarian
A weekend of vegetarian dining options
By Kathryn Jeffreys
FEATURED STORY
This past weekend was filled with wonderful vegetarian dining experiences for me. On Friday night I went to Buddah's Delight in Chinatown. I was pleased to be accompanied by a vegetarian who, I am told, is a treat I rarely have. We both thought good things about Buddah's Delight from friends and was interested in trying it for some time.

The second floor dining room is a large open space overlooking an adult bookstore. The stuff was kind but slightly confused. Our waiter, however, was very patient in explaining what each menu item was and in making the recommendations.

The menu consists entirely of vegetarian dishes, so don't be put off by the name. I ordered the Geneva chicken, shrimp, and a pork listed on the menu. There is a reason the meals are in quotations, for it is a mere description of the appearance and texture the soy product assumes. The Geneva chicken was very tasty and brown.

The 'chicken finger' is an asparagus. They consisted of sticks of tofu fried in a corn dog-like batter. Definitely something I had never tried before. The main dishes are large, but the pieces of veg are small and are served up into a large salad (which I didn't particularly care for). I also found the food to be a little bland, but the flavor and texture were a welcome change to my traditional Chinese food. The dishes were known for their tenderness in texture.

The next night I enjoyed a very different dining experience at Tai Sa Spanish Tapas Restaurant. Tapas are small dishes of food which vary from being a piece of bread slathered with bits to keep the flies out. Tai Sa has an amasing number of vegetarian tapas options and very few fish tapas. The tapas are served at any tapas restaurant. The dishes are made of portabello mushrooms, potatoes, tomatoes, cheese, etc. Order two or three of them (at $2 to $5 each) per person and be prepared to sample many different dishes.

The menu also has many entrees, deserts, and wines, all of which are reasonably priced considering the portion size, quality and ambience. The restaurant is dimly lit with soy, and has a wonderful attention to detail (be sure to check out the charmingly decorated bathrooms). The waitstaff was very kind and not overbearing considering the general lack of meaning in most modern films. Compared to them, The Straight Story is refreshingly small and measured way, rather moments.

RESTAURANT REVIEW
Punjabi Dhaba
Late Night Dining
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It is always surprising to newcomers to the Boston area that there is such a lack of late-night dining options in the MIT/Harvard vicinity—most places close their kitchens by 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. Punjabi Dhaba is a new Indian restaurant in Inman Square. It is open late, great service, and is cheap as it goes to other words; it is a student's heaven.

The food is very basic. Fresh from the tadka oven come bread and delicious spicy foods; dhabas make up in taste what they lack in tastefulness. Punjabi Dhaba has all these aspects. Punjabi Dhaba is the only one in a chain of Bombay restaurants Akbar, India Pavilion and Gandhi. While, however, the others are primarily sit-down and more formal, the Dhaba only seats 15 on the main floor with seating for about 25 upstairs, and works on the fast-food concept. The wait is usually 15 minutes, although I have waited for as long as 30 minutes. It is a self-service order, order, and then wait for your order to be called out. The best-selling dishes at the Dhaba are also their tastiest. The Chicken Tikka Mancha and the Veggie platter both sell for the unbeatable price of $6.95 including rice and chutney. Other good vegetarian options are the Soan Panner (panero creamed spinach with homemade cheese cubes), $4.95 and all the breads, Parathas, and Nan ($1.50-$2.95), with Yogurt or Raita (spiced yogurt with vegetables, $0.75). Especially good is the Gobi Paratha fried bread layered with cooked cauliflower. Try dippimg a plain Paratha into the Masiyal for a truly authentic roadside and village experience from the Indian subcontinent.

Sweets are made at one of the other restaurants and at, $1 above the same at even a cookie or a fruit of late fast food. This is surprising, since they are not machine made, and are quite labor-intensive, such as the Gajar Halwa (carrot desert) and the Gulab Jamun (fried flour and milk dumplings in rose water flavored sugar syrup). During the summer, the Mango Lassi (mango yogurt drink, $1.95) is a great thirst quencher. For the cooler weather, the Masala Tea ($1.50) might be a better bet, although it's not consistently as good.

On the downside, the fish curry definitely needs improvement. The texture of the fish and the combination of spices seemed to make the freshness suspended and taste of the dish incomprehensible. The sauce was added on the side and the combination of spices made it even more difficult to taste the dish. The fish curry definitely needs improvement. The texture of the fish and the combination of spices seemed to make the freshness suspended and taste of the dish incomprehensible. The sauce was added on the side and the combination of spices made it even more difficult to taste the dish.
MUSIC REVIEW

State of the Airwaves
Halloween, Hole, and Horrible Jokes

By Dan Katz

When you mention electronica, instantly people begin spouting out names like Prodigy, Chemical Brothers, Crystal Method, now maybe even Basement Jaxx. But frankly I've never been able to figure out why Apollo 440 haven't become a musical household name. For a while I didn't think anything could hope to match the band's breakthrough single, "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love," a breakbeat reworking of Van Halen's "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love." Then along comes the high energy of "Stop The Rock," which is currently blazing up WFNX's top ten and getting added to radio stations across the country. Of the DJ acts making music today, Apollo 440 tend to be the most rock-oriented, and "Stop The Rock" is the kind of song that, like Fat Boy Slim's "Praise You," could seriously jumpstart a career.

Halloween offers quite a few concerts of varying relevance to the holiday, ranging from the dark music of the Damned at the Paradise Rock Club to the oddball stylings of Jim's Big Ego at Passim's (with Counting Crows at the Orpheum and Warren Zevon at Somerville Theater somewhere in between). The most promising show of the weekend, however, occurs tomorrow night, as hometown favorites Guster bring newfound national success (but no newsticks) to the Orpheum, accompanied by newcomers Jump Little Children. Wednesday night, anybody who actually knows the words to punk songs can show up at the Middle East to croon with members of NOFX and Bad Religion under the moniker Punk Rock Karaoke. Other shows throughout the week read like a modern rock radio playlist, including Matthew Sweet, MxPx, Blinker the Star, Fuel, and Saves Ferris.

In an odd turn of events, 120 Minutes premiered the new Tonic video Sunday night—"You Wanted More." Yes, Tonic's upcoming album, Sugar, is being promoted on MTV as a "new" video that was in heavy rotation all summer, but now without the clips from American Pie that actually made it entertaining. It's a shame too, because the band's current radio single, "Knock Down Walls," continues their move back from Top 40 into rock and serves as another step to erase the embarrassment of releasing the amazingly boring "Soldier's Daughter" as a single.

Bush's new album debuts Tuesday. I haven't heard the music yet, but some of the song titles ("Jesus Online," "40 Miles From The Sun," "The Disease of the Dancing Cats") are actually edgier and more creative than the entire lyrical content of the band's first three albums put together. Propelled by a number one radio single, the band's got a shot at debuting on top of the album charts, but they'll have to compete with two other rock albums: Creed's continually strong Human Clay, and the current leader, Santana's Supernatural, the band's first number one album in 28 years. (Moral of the story: If at first you don't succeed, get the guy from Matchbox 20.)

Tommy Lee's got a new band called Methods of Mayhem and a new single called "Get Naked." Guess he ... No, actually none of the fifteen wisecracks I can think of are really worth it. Come up with your own (for inspiration, wander around the Web for an hour or so).

And finally, after a long series of rumors and controversies, bassist Melissa Auf Der Maur has departed from the ranks of Hole. The bad news is that the band has lost a great bass player, a wonderful vocalist, and someone much less grungy than Courtney Love. The good news is that now there is no longer any reason to listen to the band ever again. Auf Der Maur is rumored to be replacing D'Arcy, the departed bassist from the Smashing Pumpkins, which may ruin the Pumpkins' current ingenious plan to make each of their albums less successful than its predecessor.

And now it's that time again ... Email State of the Airwaves and Talk about your favorite bands, why radio iritates you, or why you want me to declare gray-box-to-gray-box war on The Essential Vegetarian. I make my home at <airwaves@the-tech.mit.edu> and I will put aside my massive stack of problem sets to read each and every one of your letters until next week, happy Pumpkin Day and keep expanding your horizons.
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Top Grosser
No. 1: Meat Loaf, $65, $52, $35. Nov. 23.
No. 2: Chris Cornell, $23.50. Nov. 20.
No. 3: Nina, $21.
No. 5: Midland, $20. Nov. 16.

Boston Symphony Orchestra 2000 Season:
All performances have two tickets per person (first come, first served).

The Other Events

The Somerville Monster Museum
A Museum of Unnatural History
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. For more info, call 617-931-2000.

The Nutcracker
Dallas Symphony Orchestra
December 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30; December 29, 30; Sunday, December 30.

The Arts

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- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

American Beauty (***)
An extremely annoying movie: this deadpan black tragi-comedy is a laughable failure as a work of art, being pretentious, simplistic, and self-important. Excepting a truly remarkable performance by Kevin Spacey (whose part is disappointingly small), there's nothing to this movie beyond tortured metaphors, caricatures instead of characters, and a messy pile-up of red herrings instead of a plot. — Vladimir Zelensky

Autumn Tale (****)
Veteran French filmmaker Eric Rohmer continues his gentle, thoughtful, and detailed studies of romantic confusion in this delightful comedy about a middle-aged woman's search for love and happiness. A vintage Rohmer film with all the sophistication, depth, and intricacy that makes his films so irresistible. Without doubt one of the best movies of the year. — Bence Olveczky

Earth (*****)
Based on Japji Sidhu's novel Cracking India, this film sees the partition of the Indian subcontinent into India and Pakistan through a child's eyes. Haunting images, great soundtrack by A.R. Rahman, and unforgettage performances. It's a romance, a tragedy, a history, and a comment on the human heart: its tenderness and the beast that hides within. This movie is not to be missed. — Zarmir Ansari

Fight Club (*****)
A complex screenplay, strong performances, and artistic direction make for an enjoyable filmgoing experience. The excessive violence and rhetoric at times cause the pace to drag, but the film's subtleties will be there on time. A minor plot detail: she doesn't have the money. So she needs to run. — VZ

An Ideal Husband (****)
An Ideal Husband is an example of how not to direct a movie. With such superlative resources at his disposal — star-studded cast (Jeremy Northam, Rupert Everett, Cate Blanchett, Julianne Moore, Minnie Driver), great source play, lush production design — all that director/writer Oliver Parker manages to create is a particularly joyless, visually uninteresting film. (Jeremy Northam, Rupert Everett, Cate Blanchett, Julianne Moore, Minnie Driver), (***)

Runaway Bride (*****)
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Outside Providence (*****)
It's Pawtucket, Rhode Island, in the '70s, and the Farrelly brothers are at it again. The writers of There's Something About Mary show a broader scope here, moving from visual comedy to funny, affecting dialogue. Recreational junkie Tim Dunphy's run-in with a parked police car nets him a transfer to strict Cornwall Academy, where he makes a new set of good-guy friends. Dunphy's old man (Alec Baldwin) stays home with Tim's three-legged dog and Lola's boyfriend needs $100,000 in twenty minutes, or else he's dead. Lola's motherke is just stolen, so she has to run if she wants to be there on time. A minor plot detail: she doesn't have the money. So she needs to run really fast. The result is a streamlined movie possessing an unstoppable sense of motion, and giving the visceral pleasure of seeing a tightly-wound plot unfold. — VZ

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The Straight Story (***)
A great true story: in 1994, seventy-three-year-old Alvin Straight rode a 1966 John Deere lawnower from Laurens, Iowa, all the way to Mount Zion, Wisconsin, to see his ail ing brother. Directed by David Lynch (Twist Peaks), this G-rated film is remarkable, assured, and unhurried, yet full of action (internal as well as external), beautifully shot at look, frequently hilarious, and emotionally affecting to the point of being mesmerizing. — VZ

The Thomas Crown Affair (****)
A cross between a star vehicle and an old-fashioned heist movie: a bored millionaire steals priceless paintings for fun, and a dedicated insurance investigator tries to trap him, falling for him in the process. Excellent opening and ending sequences, largely expendable middle; but that Monet-Magritte-Escher inspired climax is spectacular. — VZ

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9:00 a.m. - William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Shakespeare Ensemble's major production this fall is a deconstruction of William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" directed by John Sayles. Admission 5.00. Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

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Du Pont Evacuated Due to Bomb Scare
Envelope Turns Out to Contain Buttons
By Kevin R. Lang

Almost immediately, Campus Police evacuated both du Pont and Building W31, which includes Campus Police headquarters and the Athletic Department. Dozens of students waited outside du Pont and in the Student Center after simply being told to leave without explanation.

Sales said that the bomb squad tested the envelope and discovered that it contained historical buttons. Sales did not know who the envelope was addressed to, but it was apparently intended for the MIT Historical Collections. The red discoloration was found to be dye that had leaked on envelope.

By 7:15 p.m., Campus Police and Cambridge fire officials had entered W31, and the buildings were re-opened.

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City Should Spend More on Housing

Reeves, from Page 1

The Cambridge community from the Institute.
Reeves encouraged students to become more active in Cambridge’s politics, however. Students at a rally held earlier in the year at MIT “exhibited a profound amount of quiescence,” he said. Such apathy is disconcerting especially since MIT is such an important institution in Cambridge, Reeves said.

As an institution, MIT must understand it’s impact on the community and be responsible member of that community, he said. The impact can be felt in areas such as the contentious debate around affordable housing.

Reeves says that Cambridge is experiencing a “very real crisis” in housing. He opposes rent control not on philosophical grounds but because its return is politically unfeasible. “I support it 100 percent but don’t see the constellation in the sky that will bring it back.” Reeves’ pragmatism may be, as he acknowledges, bad politics.

In place of rent stabilization measures, Reeves proposes budgeting additional city funds to create more units of affordable housing. His belief that the city should spend more on housing is one of the areas where he comes into conflict with city manager Healey. Reeves has also raised questions about Healey’s qualifications.

Reeves believes that the city, should spend $20 million to purchase industrial sites at the end of rent control as one source of the current crisis – Reeves was a supporter of the plan. The city manager tells the council what to do, Reeves said, and Healey is not in favor of additional funding.

Increasing home ownership and expanding the amount of housing owned by non-profit organizations are Reeves’ other plans to improve the housing situation.

On the issue of development Reeves claims a neutrality — “I’m not pro or anti-growth [but] support community enhancing change,” he says. The city must manage growth and economic transition lest it overwhelm the city in traffic, height, or environmental impacts, he said. He questions, however, the so called “nostalgia party” of those such as James Williamson. “It’s a difficult way to talk about pragmatic politics,” he said.

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Sullivan, from Page 1

dent deaths in recent years.
The new dorm will reduce
crowding in the Cambridge housing
market by "taking students out of the
mix," Sullivan isn't a fan of Steven
Holl's proposed "spine" design,
which he described as ugly. He did
however, find Frank Gehry's design
for the Stata Center "really cool."

While relations between the city
and MIT are often marked by con-
flict, Sullivan says that Cambridge's
relationship with MIT is better than
with Harvard. "There is an arro-
gance at the other end of the river," he
said. MIT's centralized administration is
also easier to negotiate with than
Harvard's collection of deans.

Quality of life issues boil down
to clean and safe streets — MIT stu-
dents would most likely see these
issues in improved safety and light-
ing along the Charles riverfront.

Sullivan against rent control
While Sullivan opposes rent con-
trol measures because he feels that
they eventually decrease the supply
of housing by removing incentive to
construct new housing units, he
hopes to improve access to afford-
able housing.

Cambridge is in danger of
becoming a city composed of only
the very rich and the working poor
unless the city is able to provide
housing subsidies to middle income
residents currently not eligible for
assistance. Such assistance would
come largely in the form of govern-
ment spending of tax dollars — "we
should all bear the price" of afford-
able housing, he said.

Cambridge has spent more than
$80 million towards affordable hous-
ing in the last five years and, while he
said the city could do better, Sullivan
believes that the city is "light years
ahead" of other communities.

Debates over development have
gone hand in hand with housing
questions this election. Sullivan sup-
ports limited, planned development in
Cambridge. "You can't have it both
ways," he said — new housing can't
be created without new development.

Sullivan gives Kendall Square as
an example of a how not to develop
an area. While the Kendall develop-
ment consists almost exclusively
of office space, the ideal develop-
ment would include retail, office, residen-
tial and open space.

Sullivan feels that it is "important
to keep small businesses" and that it
is possible for small business to com-
pete with larger, national businesse.

He says that despite efforts to
'save' Central Square, the area is
not in its heyday and should move
towards becoming an area that 'Can
support a neighborhood — complete
with additional supermarkets and
retail clothing outlets.'

Sullivan supports some morato-
riums against development to allow
communities to review development
which will affect their neighbr-
hoods.

Aside from his experience on the
council Sullivan has served as an
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National, MIT Plan Investigation into SAE Incident

Second resident also investigated

In addition to discussing the cited violations, testimony at the BLB hearing held on Tuesday included complaints of disruptive behavior submitted by residents neighboring SAE, which has houses at both 480 and 484 Beacon St.

As a result, the board summoned SAE to a hearing on Nov. 16 regarding the house at 480 Beacon St., which holds a separate dormitory license. "We are of course disappointed," said Carl E. King, council for the Massachusetts Iota Tau Association, the corporation that owns both SAE buildings. "Our first priority now is to not revoke the license at 480 Beacon."

We want the students to understand that "there are repercussions that come from their behavior," said Daniel F. Pokaski, chairman of the licensing board. He also repeatedly expressed his disappointment at the "acknowledged" facts stated by SAE members by not appearing at Tuesday’s hearing, and indicated that similar sanctions may occur for SAE’s second house if undergraduates are not present on Nov. 16.

King said that while he does not represent the students of SAE, he did advise them against appearing on Tuesday because it is the corporation that owns both SAE buildings. "Our first priority now is to not revoke the license at 480 Beacon."

MIT also conducted its own investigation and will convene a hearing panel "probably within one to two weeks," said Betty H. Sultan, who heads the Office of Student Conflict Resolution.

A head of investigation has been appointed and "if the charges are substantiated, they will be grounds for revoking MIT’s recognition of SAE," Williams said.

The Interfraternity Council will conduct its own inquiry after the MIT investigation is complete, but is not currently active in the process. "We have relinquished control of the investigation to the Dean’s office," said Michael V. Trupiano ‘00, President of the IFC. "It is the policy of the IFC to support fraternities as much as possible."

The SAE freshmen will move into campus housing so that upperclassmen can remain at 480 Beacon St. King said that address is licensed to hold 20 residents. The license at 484 Beacon was for 24 students, but also contained the kitchen facilities, which will now have to be shut down.

After the board’s decision, King said that "we will be here on the 16th with the students to address neighbors’ concerns." Williams said that MIT will "work with the fraternity to determine a response for the Nov. 16 hearing."

SAE President Christopher J. Albrecht ’00 could not be reached for comment.

If MIT unlikely to assist with license

As part of its decision, the board stipulated that a full hearing must be conducted with the permission of the board before the license for 484 Beacon can be reinstated. They also said that such a request would not be granted before the end of this academic year.

Commissioner Michael J. Connolly indicated that the "institute may take responsibility" for SAE, raising the possibility of reinstating the license after Nov. 15. MIT is unlikely to take such action at this time, Williams said.

Currently, all undergraduate members of SAE are under suspension by their national fraternity. According to a statement released by council representing the corporation, members must reinstate individually.

The alumni commission will vote on each person to determine if he is "worthy of continued membership in the fraternity." No one responsible for the incident, and "no house officer found to have condoned the availability of alcohol within the fraternity house, will be reinstated."

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Retired MIT Professor Willard Johnson and his wife, Vivian Johnson, with Councillor Ken Reeves (right) at a September, 1999 party to support Reeves’ re-election.

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Burton, from Page 1, said: "It wasn't very much mess," Taylor said. "Students had approximately two to three hours to pack for the week. However, Taylor said that "the students I've talked to seem to be understanding." The Graduate Resident Tutor on the hall and his wife also had to leave, and Taylor has been coordinating efforts to help displaced students through the GRT. "People worked together very well on this unfortunate incident," Taylor said he wanted to ensure that students would not suffer academically because of the relocation. Donaghey said that carpeting in other areas of Burton-Conner had been recarpeted without incident in the past. He was uncertain if the asbestos tiles existed elsewhere in the dorm. "EMS has a better idea of where all the asbestos is, but I would expect that as we pull rugs up we should be testing the tiles underneath." Taylor said that MIT should take more precautions to prevent such incidents in the future, "It could be a continuing problem. The Institute


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Chu said the investigators found "turpentine and old soda bottles." Bill Lee, a member of PKS's alumni board, said the board has hired a contractor and exterminator to correct the problems. He hoped members of the fraternity could move back on Friday.

"MIT shares the city's desire to assure safe housing for these students. All of the violations cited are easily corrected and the Institute will move swiftly to assist the fraternity in correcting them," MIT said in a press release.

"MIT has tried to be as supportive as possible [of PKS] while not condoning unacceptable behavior," said Assistant Dean and Director of Mediation Carol Orme-Johnson.

"They have a party. The Campus Police has an obligation to pursue crimes that they are aware of. The administration can't do anything about that," Orme-Johnson said.

FSILG canceled Halloween parties PKS's bi-annual Skuffle Halloween party, along with all fraternity parties for this weekend, have been called off. Interfraternity Council President Michael V. Trupiano '00 said IFC officials spoke to fraternity presidents warning them of the potential dangers of holding a party this weekend.

After speaking with the IFC, Theta Chi President Philip W. Juang '00 decided to cancel their Under the Sea party planned for Friday. (The IFC said it was a bad time to have a party. It would draw attention and you might be evicted.), Juang said.

In addition, a letter from the IFC Executive Committee was sent to the fraternities saying that the explosion, the revoking of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's license, and other fraternity problems "lead us to believe that there is a concerted effort to find fault in the conduct and existence of Boston FSILGs, and that anything happening at an FSILG will be circumsp ect.

"It was an individual event," said Trupiano. "We won't deal with it as a fraternity issue." The IFC Executive Committee met Thursday to discuss the PKS incident.

A rally is being planned for Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. on the steps of 77 Massachusetts Avenue. Benjamin K. Chu '00, Vice President of the IFC Activity Organization, said the event will support PKS, help raise money for the charity that Skuffle would have supported, and show that MIT students are responsible and supportive.

"What makes it in the headlines is not what we're about," Chu said of MIT students.

The IFC has invited city and MIT officials to the rally. They hope to raise $2,000 for the Leukemia Foundation of America.

Police investigate explosion As part of an extensive advertising campaign for "Skuffle," the fraternity's bi-annual Halloween party, PKS students were planning to interrupt Tuesday's Circuits and Electronics (6.002) lecture in Room 10-250. Robert H. Lee '02 walked into the lecture dressed in a grim reaper costume.

"As part of the disruption, one of them was holding a device that they thought would go up in a puff of smoke... it exploded," said MIT Spokesman Robert J. Sales. Previous interruptions had been conducted without incident.

Lee was taken by ambulance to Massachusetts General Hospital with injuries to his hands. Chu said Lee was released from the hospital later that day in good condition. "He was a little shaken up," Chu said.

Aaron A. Griswold '03 and Ripal B. Nathrai '02 also suffered minor injuries. They were treated and released from the MIT Medical Center.

Campus Police closed off Building 10 for most of the afternoon while the Cambridge Police and Fire Departments aided in the investigation. The Cambridge Bomb Squad found a second device similar to the one that exploded and confiscated it. Building 10 was re-opened later that afternoon.

Chu said that the device that exploded was "store bought" and that other fraternities have used similar devices in advertising their events. The Cambridge Police searched PKS's house Tuesday afternoon, looking for explosives.

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Koo Wins NEWMAC Honors

Tennis, from Page 28

fell short, losing 8-3. (Nakamura-Konkel were seeded third.)

In the doubles flight, Koo-Hall were seeded fourth. They

crushed Connecticut College 8-2 in the first round, and USM 8-3 in

the second. But they ran into Tufts, who had beaten them during the

season, in the quarterfinals, and lost 8-3.

The third doubles team of Singh-Y King Cheng '02 had to play the

two seeded from Williams in the final round, but lost 8-3.

Koo Wins NEWMAC rookie of the year, and MIT was all-conference at

the first, second, and fourth singles and first and second
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It was quite a season for Koo--men's tennis, not just in terms of

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ment, as well as the conference championship award. For her

effort, Coach Carol Matsuzaki was named the head coach of the

year. Koo was named NEWMAC rookie of the year, and MIT was all-conference at

the first, second, and fourth singles and first and second
doubles positions.

It was quite a season for Koo--men's tennis, not just in terms of

results, but in terms of playing and practicing as a team and making

sense of each other. "I am proud to be part of such a great team," he

said.
Football Engineers Another Comeback
MIT Defeats New England Top Ten Squad
By Alvan Eric P. Loveto

All season there have been whispers around the New England Football Conference that young MIT is one of the most improved football teams in the conference. On Saturday, the Beaver was let out of the bag.

In front of a sparse home crowd at Steinbrenner Field, the MIT football squad made its loudest statement of the year with yet another come-from-behind victory, this one an 18-14 tally over Nichols College. Fullback Kip Johann-Berkel '02 rumbled into the end zone on a 1-yard run by sophomore quarterback Nate Stawicki. The Beavers answered quickly and emphatically into piles time and again to collect blue-collar yardage for first downs.

Led by Johann-Berkel and Enrique Villavicencio '99 (19 carries, 82 yards, 4.3-yard avg), MIT hampered out 13 of its 16 first downs on the ground. Linebackers Brian St. Peter (14 tackles) and Chris Brann (12 tackles) and safety Courtney Jackson (13 tackles) were statistical leaders for the tired and shellshockkedNichols defense, which surrendered 217 rushing yards for the afternoon.

Following an MIT fumble in the second quarter, Nichols struck first on a 1-yard run by sophomore quarterback Nate Stawicki. The Beavers answered quickly and emphatically into piles time and again to collect blue-collar yardage for first downs.

By Nisha Singh

This past weekend, the women's tennis team wrapped up their fall season with the annual New England Intercolligate Tennis Tournament. MIT finished 6th in the field of Twenty-four Division III teams from all over New England. The finish is the second best in the history in the program (the team was 5th in 1996).

In the first singles flight, co-captain Meadiani K. Nakamura '00, seeded third, advanced all the way to the semifinals. She faced a tough Middlebury College opponent in the first round, winning 6-4. She then faced Tufts in the second round, a player that she had struggled against during the season. She had no problems this time, winning 6-4, 6-1. In the semifinals, Nakamura crushed Mt. Holyoke for the third time this season, 6-2, 6-0. She faced the top seed from Amherst College in the semifinals, and she fought her for every point, especially in the first set, losing 6-4, 4-6.

In the second singles flight, Kelly J. Koskelin '02 blanked her Smith opponent 6-4, but lost to Tufts in the second round (the only player she lost to all season) 6-4, 6-0. In the third singles flight, Julie Koo '03 advanced all the way to the finals. Seeded third, she also faced Tufts in the first round. Having had a close match with Tufts previously, Koo knew it was going to be a struggle. She came through in three sets, winning 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-1, after fighting back from 5-1 in the second set. Koo then breezed through her match with Salve Regina, winning 6-0, 6-1. Koo also faced Amherst (the number two seed) in the semifinals. She played to perfection, walking away with the 6-1, 6-4 upset. Facing the top seed from Williams in the final, Koo fought hard, but lost 6-2, 6-2.

Lowers singles take tough draws
In the fourth singles flight, Jessica Hall '02 beat Brandeis, 8-2 in the first round, but lost to Tufts 6-1, 6-1 in the second.

Tennis was the only team to beat MIT this season, everyone knew they were going to have a tough match if they played them.

In the fifth singles flight, Deana Cieza '00 had the misfortune of drawing the top seed in the first round, and she was unable to win a game, losing 6-0, 6-0.

Singh faced Brandeis in the first round, a woman that had boasted本市 in a close match during the season. It was even closer this time, but Singh was unable to come up with the victory, losing in the third sets 6-3, 6-4. In the first doubles flight, Nakamura-Koskelin faced a tough Middlebury team, winning 6-5. They then played Endicott, a team that although overmatched, fought extremely hard and kept it close. Nakamura-Koskelin won 8-6, and then beat Brandeis 8-4. They faced the top seeded team from Amherst in the semifinals. Since they had lost to them in a third set tie-breaker during a tournament a few weeks ago, they knew that they were capable of pulling off the upset. However, they...