Kappa Sig Avoids Suspension
MIT, KS Promise Changes During Six-Month ‘Period of Review’

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By Naveen Sunkavally

“...very pleased that the com-

missioners have been willing to con-

side...” By Student Larry G.

Benedict praised the message

endorsed by the CCL. “Their new

educational approach to getting

the message across not only

dangerous drinking but also about

the importance of getting help

for students who may need it...”

Benedict said.

A move away from punitive

sanctions lowers the barrier to seek-

medical help in alcohol-related

situations, Benedict said.

More Students Apply Early to MIT

By Naveen Sunkavally

MIT’s early applicant pool jumped to

3,427 students this year, an

11 percent rise from the 3,080

applicants at this time last year.

The increase is less than the sub-

stantial 41 percent rise in

applicants a year ago but reflects an

increasing interest in the Institute over

the last two years.

Dean for A.D.A. Affairs Marilee Jones

attributed the rise to “in an increas-

ing number of students appli-

ants in search of the freedom to apply early to more

than one university,” Jones said.

In addition, Jones said that

increased publicity for MIT may have also contributed to the increase in applicants. “Any publicity is good publicity,” she said, citing MIT’s increase in positive media and donations and construction efforts and negative coverage of issues related to student life.

MIT is planning to increase its student pool by 10 percent next year and no longer allows students to apply early to more than one university.

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Advocate

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MIT

By W.S. Wang

By Michael J. Ringer

IN A HIGHLY interactive forum last

night, Andrew Miller, Amnesty

International/USA’s acting advoca-

cy director for Latin America and

the Caribbean, spoke with an audi-

ence about 30 percent of the

process of uncovering U.S. invol-

vement in atrocities in the Americas. The forum was

sponsored by MIT’s Amnesty chapter.

Miller described the potential

impact of the recently proposed

Human Rights Information Act (HRIA), which seeks to "provide a process for discovering on an expedited basis certain documents relating to human rights abuses in Guatemala, Honduras, and other regions.”

Noting that "the US record has

not been the most positive vis-à-vis

in human rights in Latin and Central

America,” Miller narrated a long

history of intervention on the part of

the United States in support of

authoritarian governments to protect "specific economic and military strategic interests.”

The audience was clearly well-

informed in the topics throughout the discussion, which lasted over an hour, many speakers cited incidents of torture or abuse, noting that U.S. involvement was often not uncovered until well after the fact to the secrecy that this bill seeks to eliminate.

For example, the United States has allegedly supplied names to "death squads" in these areas for extermination. Miller said that this ruling represents a change in thinking and relations between MIT and the CCL, according to those who attended the hearing.

"Given the fact that there was a hearing, a lot of good came from it in that we know how [the CCL is] thinking differently,” said Interfra-

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California’s lung cancer rates decreased by 14 percent between 1998 and 1997, far exceeding declines in other regions of the country and prompting jubilant federal health officials to credit the state’s stringent anti-tobacco programs.

"We are very, very excited about this," said Terry Prechack of the office on smoking and health at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC office released a study Thursday comparing California’s lung cancer rates to those in five other states and three metropolitan areas.

California has consistently been ahead of other states in initiating aggressive public health efforts to discourage tobacco use. In 1988, it became the first state to pass a voter-approved initiative — Proposition 99 — that raised tobacco taxes by 25 cents per pack and dedicated part of the revenue to a comprehensive anti-smoking prevention program.

Palestine Accuses Israel of Using Excessive Force to Quell Unrest

By Mike Allen
THE WASHINGTON POST

Texas Gov. George W. Bush held a showy strategy session Thursday with the star of his prospective cabinet, retired Army Gen. Colin L. Powell, and expressed exasperation that any doubt remains about the outcome of the presidential race.

Powell began their brief on-camera burst with a light note, saying, "Congratulations, governor, on your success in your election." Bush laughed, but clearly was joking funny about his continued race with Vice President Al Gore.

"I've won three counts, and I think it's time to get some finality to the process," Bush said. "One of our strategies is to get this election ratified. And the sooner, the better — for the good of the country."

Powell’s visit to Bush’s ranch near Crawford, Texas, was the latest play in the Republican campaign to convey a sense of inevitability about the governor's ascension to the presidency. Bush is withholding his first Cabinet announcement until after the election, but aides have signaled to both the public and voters of both parties since his service as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under former president George Bush during the Persian Gulf War, is Bush’s near-certainty for secretary of state. Bush and Powell were publicly close during that time, and Bush is certain if that question should be posed to me, I think he would answer it directly to the governor at that time."

"We will not be part of Israel’s military establishment," Barak said in a speech to the Palestinian Legislative Council on Monday. "We will not serve in the Israeli army."

Palestinians Turn Down Barak’s Scaled-Back Proposal for Peace

By Lee Hockstader
THE WASHINGTON POST

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak proposed a sharply scaled-back peace deal Thursday that would grant recognition to an independent Palestinian state on part of the West Bank and Gaza but leave disputes on final borders, Jerusalem and Palestinian refugees unresolved.

Barak, down in the polls and facing steep re-election odds, advanced his offer in an appearance in Tel Aviv as reports circulated of quick gestures by Israel to resume peace talks with the Palestinians after two months of violence and bloodshed. As part of those efforts, Israel also held out the possibility of "confidence-building measures" to coax the Palestinians back to negotiations.

These would include the release of Palestinian prisoners, restoration of Palestinian work permits for jobs in Israel, resumption of tax revenue transfers to Palestinian accounts and reopening of crossing points from Jordan and Egypt into Palestinian-run territory. Israeli analysts say that Barak, who bowed to overwhelming political opposition this week and acceded to the new elections, has little hope of victory unless he can revive the negotiations, secure a major peace deal with the Palestinians and make it the centerpiece of his campaign. Thursday, he challenged his opponent to do the same, saying: "I will not be part of Israel’s military establishment."
As the Supreme Court prepares to enter the unfamiliar territory of a disputed presidential race, the outcome of the case—and possibly the election itself—could hinge on the court's interpretation of an obscure federal law born of the partisan political battles of the 19th century.

In their final written arguments submitted to the justices Thursday, the two sides clashed over the meaning of the Electoral Count Act, passed by Congress in 1887 and largely ignored since. When the high court convenes at 10 a.m. Friday in to hear oral arguments in Bush vs. Palm Beach County Canvassing Board, the once obscure law will be at the center of the presentation by lawyers for Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

The law was intended to prevent a repeat of the 1876 presidential election debacle, in which Republican Rutherford B. Hayes defeated Democrat Samuel Tilden after a near-violent war over competing slates of electors appointed within several states. It sets criteria for deciding whether a state's choice of electors is to be considered "conclusive" when Congress assembles to count the electoral vote.

The crucial language in the statute provides that, in states where a "contest or controversy" over the choice of electors arises, the dispute should be settled "pursuant to" state laws "enacted prior to" election day—and that the dispute should end at least six days before the electors are supposed to meet to vote.

If the dispute is settled in accordance with those conditions, then the electors chosen will be recognized by Congress.

In the view of the Gore team, led by Harvard Law School professor Laurence Tribe, the Electoral Count Act was meant merely to regulate each state's "dispute resolution process." That process, the Gore lawyers argue, can include judicial interpretation of pre-existing state election law, such as the Florida Supreme Court's decision allowing manual recounts to proceed.

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Attend the Open House in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on October 9th.

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Federal officials on Thursday proposed changing the flow of water in the Missouri River to mimic the waterway's natural flow, a move designed to help restore its endangered fish and birds.

In an unusual display of cooperation between two usually antagonistic agencies, leaders of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers agreed publicly that a "spring rise" in water levels is necessary to save the Missouri's pallid sturgeon, piping plovers and least terns from extinction.

The announcement reignited one of the Midwest's nastiest environmental battles.

Environmentalists welcomed Thursday's "biological opinion" by the wildlife service that the plans are acceptable—as well as the agreement by the Corps, which manages the river, that it must increase the flow during the springtime and decrease flow in the summer. A spring rise would also enhance recreation on the Missouri's reservoirs in North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana, though Gen. Carl Strock of the Corps warned that the agency may fine-tune the proposal to minimize any flooding of farmers or interruption of navigation.

But advocates for farmers and barge owners who would be hurt by a spring rise vowed to fight it, noting that Texas Gov. George Bush announced his opposition to the change earlier this year while campaigning in Missouri.

Man's Suicide, Ex-Cop Says

Los Angeles Times

As a distraught man contemplated suicide in his apartment near downtown, police officers from the LAPD's Rampart Division calmly encouraged him to take his own life, according to previously unpublished transcripts of interviews with former officer Rafael Perez, which have been obtained by The Los Angeles Times.

"If you're going to commit suicide, hurry up and do it, so we can get out of here," Perez quoted officers as saying to the unidentified man.

Perez told investigators on the LAPD's corruption task force that the officers continued to yell at the armed barricaded man. "You know, 'You ain't gonna do it. ... We ain't got all day,' that kind of thing," Perez said. "While they were doing this, they heard a gunshot go off ... and the guy had shot himself in the head."

The chilling account is contained in one of 14 volumes of Perez's interviews with detectives and prosecutors that until recently have been the subject of a court protective order. The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers plans to announce that the transcripts are available on its Web site:<http://www.criminaljustice.org>.

High Court Could Use Obscure Law in Deciding Election Case

By Charles Lane

Washington Post

The Mexican guerrilla leader known as Subcommander Marcos has surfaced on the eve of President Ernesto Zedillo's inauguration as a "nightmare" and threatening to provide Fox with his Zapatista rebels. "For us the nightmare ends today," Marcos wrote Zedillo, who had made no public statements since Fox was elected president-eject Vicente Fox's inauguration Friday.

Hearing on theValidity of 1876 Election Law

On the morning of March 2, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in a dispute over the 1899 elections in Mississippi. The court is being asked to decide whether the state's choice of electors is to be considered "conclusive" when Congress assembles to count the electoral vote.

The Supreme Court's decision allowing manual recounts to proceed.
Next House Sanctions Are Unreasonable

[Editor's note: The following letter was also sent to Assistant Dean Carol Orme Johnson.] On the night of October 27th, a party, or parties, on Next House Third East violated MIT policy and Massachusetts law. The party was advertised to the general public,了一系列 of which alcohol was served to underage persons and the residents of the house are members of the various factions. These facts are unquestionable and there is no defending the behavior exhibited.

Irrespective of this, however, the sanctions levied by Ms. Orme-Johnson are unreasonable and unjustifiable. In her recent letter to Jay Mitchell, president of Next House, Orme-Johnson said, “The third floor residents are not registered or unregistered, with or without alcohol, from now until 10 Jan 2002.” This definition of a party gathering to which people from outside Next House have been invited, any gathering in common space with people outside Next House, EVEN IF THEY ARRIVE after an incident. In an emergency. Richard V. Scali, staying clear that a mall minority of the residents were involved in the damage. It is unreasonable to punish them equally with the perpetrators. To do so is not only unfair but an burden on the students and embitter them from it. ppa is can lift its head from the chopping block tudent groups seeking more freedom and the ruling bodies can be held accountable for their actions. How- ever, the vast majority of students had no part in it and it is unreasonable to punish them equally with the perpetrators.

Regardless of the fourth point, that these sanctions effectively shut down Third East and will likely prove unenforceable if enforced, the punishments (particularly the definition of a party) are simply too broad to be acceptable. I don’t consider two students working on 6.011 in a lounge party, even if one is from another dormitory, and I doubt that I am the only one who believes this. I do not think that the residents of Third East should be held responsible for the actions of a handful of non-residents. It is likely that the Cambridge License Commis- sion, that it will treat the dormitories and the remaining Third East. These sanctions are designed more for show than for effectiveness, and, as such, are likely to do more harm than good.

The broadly worded language leaves no room for discretion. If the probation is meant to be enforced as written, it is patently absurd; if it is intended to be enforced for a different reason, we travel further down that dangerous path of having a hypocritical system that says one thing and does another.

Ms. Orme-Johnson, I implore you; these sanctions do nothing more than erode the confidence of the students and embitter them to the administration. And when they are shown to be unenforceable they will do little more than prove to students that MIT is incapable of policing itself. The administration has one more time. Benedict and T no ha e the implicit author- ity to keep incident internal, thu blo king some of the media ow is the time to support Benedict. The CLC’s decision to the kno ledge that they will not face action if they As we enter a new phase, we must remember to responsibly enjoy our freedom. With these new liberties come new responsibilities. In order to keep the system working, only one ugly incident away from a return to the stone ages. Not even Benedict could forgive us then. Make no mistake — Kappa Sig and the MIT student community both received a reprieve yesterday. Let’s work to keep it.
The Tech
December 1, 2000

OPINION
The Ombudsman

Pravda
We're Not

On Tuesday I used this space to criti-
cize The Tech's news coverage; today I use it to defend this paper. In the current is-
cue of Counterpoint Matthew R. Nor-
wood '99 paints The Tech as the willing
henchman of an administration intent on
deceiving students. While The Tech has its
flaws, this paper is certainly not MTI's Pravda as Norwood suggests in his ar-
ticle "The Ministry of Truth." In fact, I believe The Tech is striving for the "ob-
jectivity and completeness" that Norwood
discards in preparing his timeline of
events. The Tech staff works diligently to
get facts right and I hold Norwood to
the same standard: he perpetuates a
myth that students don't care about the
Tech's accuracy. In my last column I
demanded that Norwood be held
responsible to the student body.

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Stacey E. Blau '98 was not a member of
The Tech's editorial board in August of 1998 as Norwood claims and, in fact, is
ever listed as a staff member during that
time. Later, Norwood says that the
editorial board reversed its stance on the
fact, that editorial only encouraged Pres-
ident Blumenthal to get the hard deadlines
for moving freshmen to campus
(Scraping the 2001 Policy, February 29, 2000).

Norwood's most severe grievance
with The Tech seems to be with what he
characterizes as the radical stance of its
editorial board (which he apparently
equates with the viewpoints and priorities
of the student body). On this point he is
correct: The Tech's editorial board has
ever disagreed with the student majority
especially on the issue that has come to be
known as the 2001 decision.

When Norwood is writing, you would
think that editorial board was somehow
anti-administration, when in reality it was
an editorial board that took a different
decision editorial the same group of edi-
tors published an editorial blasting the "am-
nesty program's serious lack of consid-
eration and respect for students." (MTI's
Duplicity Towards FSILGs, July 8, 1998). Further, simply disagreeing with
the student body does not make The Tech an
administrative mouthpiece. As an
independent force which speaks for the
student body but is not bound to always agree with that body, The Tech only gains
influence on the administration.

That 1999 editorial board (of which I was a member) believed that moving
freshmen on campus was the first step in
improving the student selection system that
was detrimental to student life. Nor-
wood, in criticizing that decision now, has
benefited of something the board did not
in 1998: the knowledge that the resi-
dence redesign process was which about
to begin would turn out to be a debacle
from the student perspective.

Looking back at events of the past
three years is a valuable exercise and
Norwood makes some important observa-
tions about what may have motivated
administrative decisions and why student
action against those actions for the most
part failed. The Tech, however, left this
misunderstood. It is precisely what he
criticizes — an independent editorial
voice and a dedication to journalistic
principles — that make The Tech such a
valuable newspaper for the student body.

Frank Dakek G is The Tech's ombudsman. He can be reached at ombudsman@the-tech.mit.edu.
The following movies are playing this weekend at local theaters. The Tech suggests using <http://www.boston.com> for a complete list of times and locations.

The Legend of Bagger Vance (★★★)
A tireless unimproving film in Adam Sandler's film career. Countless cameos from movie stars and SNL, would-be-heartburning the attention from Sandler, who is never given the chance to really shine. Though Daumen and Samuell excelent performances, the lack of character development and corny golf spirituality ruins this film. - DM

Little Nicky (★★★)
Yet another uninspiring film in Adam Sandler's film career. Countless cameos from movie stars and SNL, would-be-heartburning the attention from Sandler, who is never given the chance to really shine. Though Daumen and Samuell excelent performances, the lack of character development and corny golf spirituality ruins this film. - DM

Red Planet (★★★★)
Björk, Catherine Deneuve, and director-writer Lars von Trier team up in the ambitious musical. A heavy and tragic plot collides with campy musical numbers to form a film that is better off as a drama than a musical. Björk and Deneuve's performances are stellar, but the rest of the cast needs intense dance and vocal training in order to make a more convincing musical. The film's music has traces of Björk's unique electronic style, but still feels held back and pulled in different directions. Bring tissues. - Annie Chot

Requiem For a Dream (★★★★)
With an excellent cast and talented cast of actors, Pay It Forward proves to be one of this year's most emotionally evocative movies. Social studies teacher Eugene Simonet (Kevin Spacey) creates an assignment of impossible standards: "Think of an idea to change the world, and put it into action." The persistent and imaginative Trevor McKinney (Hayley Joel Osment) constructs an ambitious plan known as pay it forward, whereby one act of kindness is reciprocated by three new acts of kindness, and so on. Inspiring, original, and thought-provoking, this film takes us on an extraordinary journey on the nature of humanity. - RK

Dancer in the Dark (★★★★)
Björk, Catherine Deneuve, and director-writer Lars von Trier team up in the ambitious musical. A heavy and tragic plot collides with campy musical numbers to form a film that is better off as a drama than a musical. Björk and Deneuve's performances are stellar, but the rest of the cast needs intense dance and vocal training in order to make a more convincing musical. The film's music has traces of Björk's unique electronic style, but still feels held back and pulled in different directions. Bring tissues. - Annie Chot

Unbreakable (★★★★)
M. Night Shyamalan's follow-up to The Sixth Sense is, despite the presence of Bruce Willis, a visual and similar visual sensibility, a rather different movie: a largely unpredictable genre piece, which, surprisingly, never turns into something that feels like a well-made B-movie. Willis is as satisfying, if not more so, than Pi. If you liked Pi, Requiem is a must-see. If you didn't, don't bother. - DM

Meets the Parents (★★★★)
From the director of Austin Powers comes the second most outrageous and intentional comedy about hapless Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) and the rest of his extended family. This movie is as satisfying, if not more so, than Pi. If you liked Pi, Requiem is a must-see. If you didn't, don't bother. - DM

M.I.T. Department of Facilities
CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
LIFE SAFETY
Installation has begun in Amherst Alley on a fire protection water pipe from Burton Connor to Baker House. Work will continue for several weeks and will disrupt daytime vehicular traffic. Excavation of a trench will cause noise, vibration and some dust.
NW30 (GRADUATE RESIDENCE)
Excavation of soil during the next two months will cause dust and閱sation to the surrounding area. Project completion: August 2001.

AMES AND AMHERST STREETS
Utility relocation work will disrupt both vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the end of the year. The work is part of the Media Lab expansion. Project completion: December 2003.

Massachusetts Avenue
Excavation of a fire protection main will close part of the sidewalk in front of Building 9 and affect the service road at W20. Work will take place in the evenings and on weekends.

Simmons Hall
Excavation of soil during the next two months will cause dust and trucks removing the material may impact traffic. Project completion: August 2002.

This information provided by the M.I.T. Department of Facilities: web.mit.edu/facilities/www/construction/
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On The Town

A weekly guide to the arts in Boston December 1 - 7 Compiled by Fred Choi

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Dec. 9: Rezillos

Dec. 10: Cookies

Dec. 19: China Town

Dec. 28: Kanna Club

Dec. 29: B.S.O. Box Office

Theater

Dec. 3: The City of Dreams (225 Clarendon St., Boston, MA 02116; 617-482-9393). Tickets are $20-
25. Call 426-6912 for tickets and information or to reserve tickets.

Dec. 4: New Jewish Repertory Theatre (40 Brattle St, Cambridge, MA 02138). Presented by the American Repertory Theatre. Tickets are presented as part of the Loeb Theatre Season. Tickets $5-$25. Call 617-747-4468 or visit <http://www.amrep.org>

Dec. 5: Ivanov (225 Clarendon St., Boston, MA 02115. For tickets contact: Are We Alone? Daily. Admission free with MIT student ID, otherwise $9, $7 for children 3-12. The museum features the theater of electricity with mini theater, an interactive game show, and an exhibition of works by Rembrandt, Fragonard, Delacroix, and Boston Public Library. Admission free to children under 12 and seniors. Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission free with MIT student ID, otherwise $10, otherwise $9, $7 for children 3-12. For full schedule.

Dec. 8: The Zoo (40 Brattle St, Cambridge, MA 02138). Presented by the American Repertory Theatre. Tickets are presented as part of the Loeb Theatre Season. Tickets $5-$25. Call 617-747-4468 or visit <http://www.amrep.org> for more information or to reserve tickets.

Dec. 9: Centenary Stage Company (39 State St., Flemington, NJ 08822). Tickets are $15-$20. Call 908-757-4184 or visit <http://www.cent stage.com>

Dec. 10: Joffrey Ballet (222 N. beet St., Chicago, IL 60611). Tickets are $44-$98. Friday 12/1 @7:30PM, Monday 12/4 @8PM, Thursday 12/7 @8PM, Tuesday 12/12 @8PM, Wednesday 12/13 @8PM.Opening Night is $4.50 for students. Call 312-294-2433 or visit <www.joffrey.org>

Dec. 11: Academy of Arts and Ideas (533 Rise St., Cambridge, MA 02140). Tickets are $6-$25. For tickets contact: Are We Alone? Daily. Admission free with MIT student ID, otherwise $9, $7 for children 3-12. For full schedule.


Dec. 15: The Copley Place (225 Clarendon St., Boston, MA 02116. 617-482-9393. 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission $10 ($11 on day of the concert only at the Regattabar). For more information, call the Symphony Ticket Office at Symphony Hall, 617-262-2437.

Dec. 16: The Copley Place (225 Clarendon St., Boston, MA 02116. 617-482-9393. 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission $10 ($11 on day of the concert only at the Regattabar). For more information, call the Symphony Ticket Office at Symphony Hall, 617-262-2437.

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Dec. 18: The Copley Place (225 Clarendon St., Boston, MA 02116. 617-482-9393. 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission $10 ($11 on day of the concert only at the Regattabar). For more information, call the Symphony Ticket Office at Symphony Hall, 617-262-2437.

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Down with Science

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT IN THE TERM?? NO... THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT. ONE OF THESE PAGES MUST HAVE FALLEN OUT.

IT'S GOT TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...

OH! WELL HOW ABOUT THAT. A FLUID MECHANICS TEXTBOOK. WHOOO! GOOD THING I DROPPED IT.

AND THAT WOULD BE MY ARP FARM.

the crass rat

CAN YOU BELIEVE HOW LONG THIS ELECTION MESS HAS LASTED?

HOW COULD IT POSSIBLY BE COMPLICATED? FOR PETE'S SAKE IT'S NOT ROCKET SURGERY!

THIS CONTINUED EXPOSURE TO BUSH HAS GOT TO STOP...

Hey Solar, I've... sorry, no time, I'll talk to you later!

Later... Hey Solar, do you... (whoops) I'll get to it out of here I'll see you later, ok so you don't wanna drink that soda, right?

What happened to "me busy"? That's "he, poor, and busy" to you!

By Guan-Jong (John) Chen

Tech Life
MITCH by ToastyKen

"Meta"

I don't know if Liz likes me and my grades don't hurt and I don't even know what I want to do with my life and... ARRR!

Sorry, May. I'm sure you're sick of hearing me whine about this stuff by now...

Nick! It's okay! I'll always be here for you and all, but I still think you should see counseling. It's... I know. I know.

I know it's for normal people with normal issues and going wouldn't mean I'm a freak. I know I shouldn't hold that stigma. I know their expertise and patience can supplement my friends' help. I know I shouldn't feel that I have to 'figure it out myself especially because they're just there as analysts to help me figure things out myself anyway, but... but...

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College to Present Plans to Cambridge
By Shankar Mukherji

The recent building boom on campuses in Cambridge has left many city leaders wondering what’s new and demanding clearer reports from universities on their future development plans.

The demand will be highlighted as the city Planning Board reviews university Town-Gown reports at a series of meetings in December. Although the process of holding public hearings on the Town-Gown reports is not new, the possible adoption of institutional master plans will give the hearings added significance. The Boston Planning Board uses a system similar to that under consideration by Cambridge.

MIT will present its report, which contains comprehensive plans for expansion, on December 5. Harvard will present its report on December 12.

Need for master plans questioned
Both universities have been reluctant in agreeing to the idea of developing master plans.

At a September meeting with the Cambridge City Council, Harvard Vice-President Paul Grogan said, “I don’t think a master plan is necessary to acquire the information you need.”

The issue of university expansion and its impact on Cambridge residents has become a perennial sticking point between the schools and community. With the rapid increase in the number of construction projects, however, the tension between residents and university planners is mounting.

In order to curb such tensions between the Institute and the surrounding community, MIT took special care when crafting this year’s Town-Gown report, adding a number of elements that may allow the need for a formal master plan.

Sara E. Galik, co-director of the Office of Government and Community Relations, said, “We have really augmented the report. There is more information about planning processes [and projects] [especially] with regard to neuroscience, the Sloan School, and microelectronics.”

MIT’s Town-Gown report will be available at these of Harvard, Lesley College, and Cambridge College, is available at the main public library on Broadway or on the City of Cambridge’s web site at http://www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/COOP/commplan/towngown/index.html.

All Town-Gown hearings are public and will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue.

Benedict Praises CLC Reaction to KS Case
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appreciated the CLC’s use of “unconventional tactics” in the rush reports.

Review period not a suspension
The review facing KS is different from a suspension or a revocation of their license. The review period is also different from having a delayed suspension of license, in which Kappa Sig would have faced suspension if it failed to please the commission during the interim.

Instead, the Kappa Sig case will be reviewed in six months, after MIT has had the chance to make headway on the issues as promised and report back to the city.

The CLC cited their trust in the efforts of Benedict and others at MIT as a reason they could take a non-punitive step at this time.

“I thank the Dean (Benedict) for outlining the issues. We agree on a lot of the chief points; the main sticking point is what to do about it, Barnes said. Revocation or a 60-day suspension of Kappa Sig license were available options considering the fraternity’s situation, Barnes said.

Two weeks ago at a general hearing before the CLC, Kappa Sig alumnus John Seeger ’57 described additional actions that already taken by the fraternity. Four of its brothers were expelled, and the alumni board dismissed the old officers and installed new ones, he said. In addition, 12-15 brothers left the house voluntarily.

KS called upon to lead change
The CLC expects that during the six-month review period, KS will act as a leader to get other fraternities to volunteer to change alcohol policy, to prevent similar situations from happening, CLC Chairman Benjamin S. Barnes said.

In a letter to the CLC, Benedict recommended that Kappa Sig not be suspended and outlined a plan in which MIT would form “a new Institute committee to focus on the issues of underage drinking” during the review period.

MIT would also like to convene a forum of local high schools and colleges to discuss how to curb underage drinking.

Assuming MIT can collaborate with the city’s existing alcohol committees by having an IFC representative on the Cambridge License Advisory Board and by getting involved in community service, Barnes agreed that strengthening the link between Cambridge and MIT’s efforts to curb sale of alcohol to people under 21 was a good idea.

The city this week will also get involved directly. On December 5, Barnes will come to MIT and talk to FSILG leaders about the CLC and refining approaches to enforcing alcohol policies.

MIT may hire Jeffrey Z. Snyder, G, Kappa Sig’s house manager, to help implement the changes.

Isolated nature mitigates violation
Commissioner Barnes expressed his concern that KS didn’t get the message to be careful with alcohol after their previous alcohol violation. The CLC’s most serious concern was that there was hesitancy to call for help on September 29 when Weston was intoxicated and in need of medical attention.

Nevertheless, said Commissioner Green, there is “no direct evidence that anyone except the actual intoxicated person was violating” the no alcohol policy and 30-day suspension during rush.

No one else was drinking, Green said. Green says he “always tries to go by the evidence; to be fair, I rule with that in mind and coupled with speaking to the dean.”

Green called for “positive discipline and training,” perhaps including periodic inspections as is done with other liquor licenses.

Furthermore, the CLC seemed heartened by Benedict’s effort on alcohol issues and wanted to give MIT time to straighten things out. “I don’t want to tie his arms,” Barnes said.

Indeed, the review is contingent on the specific actions MIT must take to control alcohol on campus. Benedict and CLC Executive Officer Richard V. Scalz met on Tuesday to discuss these points.

Benedict seemed to agree with the CLC’s decision. “Six months is not enough time to complete the goal, but enough to take proactive steps” he said at the hearing. “We can move forward to make some progress on this.”

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Applying Early Is Popular

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increasing interest in computer science," and this year's applicant pool is more diverse from those in previous years, Jones said. Nationwide, some colleges and universities posted similar gains in their early action numbers. For example, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania had approximately 10 percent increases from last year.

However, other institutions such as Harvard and Brown did not have such large increases - 1.2 and 5.6 percent, respectively. According to The Harvard Crimson, Harvard received 6,098 early applications, compared to 6,026 the year before. "It appears that interest in early programs has leveled off," Harvard Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid William R. Fitzsimmons told The Crimson. Like MIT, many top schools saw a smaller increase in early applications than they saw last year.

Jones said that the sheer size of Harvard's applicant pool may also have contributed to its smaller increase this year.

In general, Jones said she felt the trend towards more early applications nationwide wasn't necessarily good. "It's a complicated thing. It's probably not very good for your 17-year-old. There's too much pressure on kids now."

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Human Rights Bill Founders in House
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declassified records show that many "insubordinate" characters in Latin and Central American countries have been on the CIA payroll.

Bill eases access to documents
Miller praised the HRJA, saying that he believes it will "exhume the truth" regarding the role of the United States in the "gross violation of human rights" in those parts of the world. It is "very important to hold accountable those who give orders, not just those who carry them out," Miller said.

In addition, the process of discovering the truth about atrocities will help "countries embroiled in political struggles to heal," Miller said.

Although under this act the government would still be able to maintain the classified status of information deemed vital to national security, Miller said that "the burden of proof now falls on the government rather than those who are trying to gain access to these records."

The HRJA has encountered difficulty since being introduced in the House of Representatives three years ago. Miller expressed frustration that he often "butts up against special interests" and that a Republican-controlled Congress was less inclined to discuss a bill such as this one. He called for a grassroots political campaign in support of the HRJA.

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Rezoning May Limit Industry, Business

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... increased housing in the city. According to Beth Rubenstein, assistant city manager for community development, rezoning the 17 parcels outlined in the petition could create about 6,000 new units of housing.

Councillor Henrietta Davis, noting that the creation of more affordable housing is among the city's highest goals, commended the petition's authors for their strong focus on housing. "This [petition] deserves a lot of attention from the Council," Davis said. "It's a very exciting proposal in many ways and one we can be very proud of if we can bring the support of the full Council to bear."

Davis's enthusiastic comments were echoed by several residents reminding the city of the pressing need to increase the city's housing stock. Attorney James Rafferty represented a company that seeks to build a mixed-use development on a Cambridge Street parcel targeted for residential rezoning. Rafferty arguing that the small-scale retail planned for that development would be disallowed if exclusive residential zoning were adopted, urged the council to "be very careful about what we're fixing." Additionally, Rafferty said rezoning areas where businesses are currently located could make even small expansions of these operations very difficult.

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— Henrietta Davis, City Councillor

New Cambridge Zoning Petition Would Affect the MIT Campus

The proposed zoning petition for Cambridge will affect MIT in a few significant ways. Changes to the zoning of the east end of MIT's campus between Wadsworth Street and the Charles River would reduce the floor area ratio, or the total floor space on all floors divided by lot size, from 3.0 to 2.6. This change, called downzoning, essentially cuts the size of allowed developments in that region by 33 percent.

In addition, a broad swath of land at the north end of campus would be rezoned from industrial to residential. According to Cambridge Director of Land Use and Zoning Lester Barber, the zoning change is not meant to create new housing in the area but to recognize the nature of the land as the MIT campus. Much of the campus is zoned as residential, and MIT's institutional uses are permitted on the land.

The nearby district along Albany Street in Cambridgeport also targeted for residential rezoning, are as several plots in Kendall Square. The Kendall Square neighborhood would also be downzoned.

Universities generally supportive

Representatives of both MIT and Harvard expressed support for the petition before the Planning Board, although they did raise several areas of concern.

Sarah Gallop, co-director of MIT's Office of Government and Community Relations, told the Planning Board that MIT was "broadly supportive" of the petition but believed several parts of the petition needed further attention.

Gallop debated the wisdom of downzoning the eastern end of the MIT campus, noting the area is surrounded by some of Cambridge's tallest buildings and enjoys easy access to the Kendall Square subway station. Gallop argued the area is inappropriate for high-density development. She also said the downzoning would make it more difficult for MIT to build within its core campus, another stated goal of the Planning Board.

According to Gallop, MIT also has some concerns about development changes proposed for the corridor paralleling the Boston and Albany rail lines. MIT is developing new undergraduate and graduate housing complexes there. Gallop also shares the concerns of biotechnology industry leaders that limits on rooftop mechanical devices could make it difficult to construct research-oriented buildings.

Gallop said that the petition's language was unclear at points, especially in the sections on project review and parking. Despite these concerns, Gallop said MIT feels Cambridge will benefit from the petition. "We believe there is much to support in the above petition," Gallop told the Planning Board.

Kathy Spiegelman of Harvard University's Real Estate Office echoed Gallop's concerns about potentially vague wording and raised specific issues regarding downzoning in Harvard Square. She agreed that the petition could bring positive change to Cambridge.

Spiegelman thanked the Planning Board for recognizing that Harvard and MIT have unique needs. "Institutions need to be treated differently... and we very much appreciate the fact that the Planning Board and Community Development Department have respected ours," Spiegelman said.

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