Fall Planning Shifts Away from Housing

'Welcoming to the Academy' is New Focus

By Keith J. Winston

The focus of Orientation planning will shift farther away from residence selection, following Monday's final meeting of the Residence System Implementation Team.

A new committee, chaired by Dean for Undergraduate Research J. Kim Vandiver PhD '75, will now examine "how best to welcome these new members of the community to the Academy," said Robert F. Redwine, the dean for undergraduate education, who is appointing the committee.

"Now that Rush is not a significant part at all of Orientation," Vandiver said, "we can focus the programming in Orientation on things that will add value to the academic experience of the students when they first get here."

"We would like to do a much better job welcoming students to the Academy," he said, echoing Redwine's words almost exactly.

"That's really the principal notion behind this," he said, "and a lot of our conversations involve more faculty."

The committee will look into "anything that will make it possible for students to connect sooner and better to faculty and ... people who can show them what the intellectual experience of all is about," he said.

The membership and charge to the committee have yet to be established, Vandiver said. "We will have significant student membership," he added. "I'm presently working with student leaders to choose student members."

The shift in planning follows a gradual shift in emphasis over the last 20 years, as the last days for freshmen have gone from "Rush" to "Residence/Orientation," and in 1997 briefly to "OR" and then "Orientation."

It was another committee chaired by Vandiver, the Orientation/Residence Fall '98 Committee, that was responsible for the latter two name changes.

RSIT report sanguine as expected

The RSIT's final report, which closely mirrored a draft reported in The Tech this week, made no recommendations for changes in the residence system, and as expected was generally sanguine on the new system, sparked by the 1997 death of freshman Scott S. Krueger at a fraternity event.

"Those involved ... generally agree that the overall framework designed for 2002 is generally effective," the RSIT said in an executive summary.

"It really was a very successful transition, Redwine said, adding that dramatic changes in residence selection for next year were very unlikely.

"Clearly there remains some lack of unanimity on certain aspects of how to go forward," he said, but "we probably are not far away now from where we need to be. I think this system of leaving the squating has worked out on the whole very well."

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Suit Weighs on Admissions Policies

By Nathan Collins

The Minority Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Engineering, and Science program, or MITES, saw a major shift earlier this week after anti-affirmative action groups filed a complaint with the federal government.

The shift comes at a time when university affirmative action programs are under fire around the country. The Supreme Court will soon consider Gruver v. Bollinger, a case challenging the University of Michigan's race-based admissions policy, and Princeton University last week said it would end or modify a summer program similar to MITES.

MIT announced Monday that it has decided to allow high school students of all races and ethnicities to apply to MITES.

Race will continue to be a factor in making admissions decisions, said MITES Director Karl W. Reid '84.

Reid said that only twelve percent of engineering students were minorities, despite a national population that includes about twenty-five percent minorities. Therefore, he said, "we feel a need to have these intervention programs to encourage minorities to consider science and engineering careers."

Groups filed complaint

MIT's decision to modify the application procedure came after two groups filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Roger Clegg, a lawyer with the Center for Equal Opportunity, said that his group and the California-based American Civil Rights Institute filed the complaint after a student who applied to MITES was "excluded because she was the wrong skin color."

"A program that is open to disadvantaged children of all races would be perfectly permissible," Clegg said. "The mix of students [in the program] is irrelevant ... what matters is that the way stu-

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Institute Warns FSILGs Not to Let Frosh Move In

By Marilisa Vogt

The administration appears to be guarding against the possibility that freshmen who have pledged fraternities may attempt to move into fraternities, sororities, and independent living spaces.

A recent e-mail to leaders of FSILGs stated that housing freshmen could cost them financial support from the Institute.

Associate Dean for Student Life Programs Barbara A. Baker, one of the authors of the message, said that the purpose of the e-mail was to "get the word out to remind fraternities" of MIT's policy of housing all freshmen on campus and outline possible disciplinary actions.

Both freshmen and the fraternities that house them, will be in direct violation of this policy, and both the student and the fraternity will jeopardize their Good Standing with the application procedure.

Baker said the e-mail was sent in response to questions from parents and information from other students and the housing office, and was not the result of any particular violation of MIT's policy.

Financial support at risk

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict said that any disciplinary action taken would depend on the fraternity and the individual, though the e-mail was sent out by Baker and David N. Rogers, associate dean and director of FSILGs, threatened to revoke financial support from fraternities that are housing freshmen.

"FSILG) is found responsible for violating this policy will also be in jeopardy of forfeiting their Financial Transition Reimbursement," the e-

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The Weather

Today: Sunny, cold, 10°F (-12°C)

Tonight: Clear, cold, 7°F (-14°C)

Tomorrow: Sunny, 16°F (-9°C)

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Nasa Panel Charter Rewritten Twice, 'Til it Satisfies Gehman

By Eric Plaskin

WASHINGTON

Nasa Administrator Sean O’Keefe has rewritten the charter of the commission that will investigate the shuttle Columbia and the space shuttle Columbia disaster twice within a week to mollify Congress and other critics pursuing the inquiry. TheNASA panel needs independence from Nasa.

The board that began reviewing the Columbia disaster on Jan. 15, the day the shuttle crashed, now has its just-fourth meeting, the space shuttle Columbia disaster, was designated as the 1999-2000 shuttle accident investigation commission. The commission was authorized by Congress and the administration in response to the Columbia disaster.

The commission is chaired by Retired Gen. Thomas White, the former chief of staff of the Army. Members of the commission are selected from the nominations of the heads of the military services and the NASA Administrator. The commission is responsible for investigating the cause of the Columbia disaster and making recommendations for preventing similar accidents in the future.

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Representatives Pass Largest Appropriations Bill in History

By Jim VandeHei
THE WASHINGTON POST
WASHINGTON

The House Thursday hastily approved a $397.4 billion spending package, the largest of the fiscal year 2003, which began Oct. 1. Democrats, still reeling from their defeat in November's elections and searching for issues to run on in 2004, accused Republicans of short-changing homeland security, space exploration and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

While members of both parties have praised the new spending, the budgets for Treasury and Commerce were cut. The House approved the package as early as Friday, lawmakers say. With the White House in town, President Bush has told lawmakers he will seek another $26 billion for the Pentagon soon.

Congressional Republicans Part From Bush on Taxes, Health Care

By Amy Goldstein and Dana Milbank
THE WASHINGTON POST
WASHINGTON

After two years of largely lock-step, unified government, Republicans are parting ways with President Bush on key domestic priorities, jeopardizing the GOP's control over the legislative agenda in the months ahead.

The House leaders have been inadequately consulted, as policy is decided by the few, with frustrated Democrats distrusted by foreign concerns, GOP lawmakers have begun to draft their own tax and Medicare health-care plans themselves from some aspects of Bush's plans for tax cuts, health-care and other domestic proposals.

The sharpest dissent has arisen over the White House's plans to restructure Medicare. Even before the proposal is completed, several senators say, they have criticized Bush's anticipated suggestion to offer prescription drug coverage only after delays in negotiations with health insurers and drug companies, and other private health-care providers.

At a recent meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney, House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) and other GOP House leaders urged the White House to drop plans to issue a detailed proposal and instead allow Congress to take the lead, according to congressional sources. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Grasso (R-Iowa), who wields influence over Medicare policy as chairman of the Finance Committee, said he, too, is no longer defer- ring to the White House.

Grasso said the White House had "botched" the development and announced its plan "over a Pandora's box" of problems. The Office of the Finance Committee, said he, too, is no longer deferring to the White House.

The congressional frustration comes just three months after Republicans regained control of the Senate and widened their House lead. Bush, meanwhile, is predicted to announce his plan to pre- dict the outcome of Bush's domestic agenda — a victory in Iraq could make him more assertive. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld will hold a news conference Thursday to accelerate the release of $4.1 billion in aid for fighting and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The White House counsels patience. "We are only in the pre-game warm-up period," said deputy press secretary Dana Perino. "He's just testing the waters with the Senate leaders."

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"It's really happening. There is a huge attributable benefit if this virus is present. We really have to look at it," said Carolyn Williams, an epidemiologist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

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Could the magic bullet against the AIDS virus be ... another virus?

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A U.S. government aircraft crashed in southern Colombia Thursday after its single engine failed. The fate of the four Americans and one Colombian on board remained uncertain as night fell in the guerrilla-ridden region where the plane went down.

Colombian military officials warned that the crew may have been taken captive by members of the country's largest leftist guerrilla group, which recently declared to the U.N. that its 16,000- man force no longer constitutes a "guerrilla" threat. The four Americans on board the Cessna 208 were contract employees of the U.S. military consulting with Congress. They were on an anti-drug operation in southern Colombia, U.S. officials said.

Colombian soldiers arrived at the rugged crash site near the provincial capital of Cucuta, which borders Venezuela, to seek reconnaissance planes and units able to respond to germ attacks.

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Letters To The Editor

Jews Not Unwelcome At Concordia

In his column "Anti-Semitism in Egypt" [Feb. 7], Richard Kraus has unjustly accused Concordia University of "declaring Jews and Judaism unwelcome" by not bringing to light all the facts of the so-called "ban" on Hillel at Concordia. To begin with, neither Concordia University nor its administration "banned" Hillel. According to the Concordia University newspaper The Link, the Concordia Students Union (CSU) decided not to ban the group, but rather to suspend their privileges as a club pending an investigation of the group, but rather to suspend their privileges as a club pending an investigation of the group's activities. The suspension was overturnen within a week by the CSU, reinstating Hillel to its former status, requesting solely that Hillel, along with all other CSU clubs, sign an integrity agreement that demands that the groups be "honestly committed" to "respect for all persons, ... non-violent behavior," to "not permit speech or materials that promote racism against any individual or group [or] that seek to recruit for any military or para-military organization," a commitment to "reasoned respectful dialogue" and "to protect the core academic functions of the University." Hillel refused to sign the agreement, choosing instead to file a lawsuit against the CSU.

Rafael A. Mickiewicz
(Editor's Note: Two other Concordia stu-
dents groups have recently joined Hillel in refusing to sign the agreement, known at Concordia as "Appendix A").

Seeking Equality

I am disappointed and concerned by the opinion presented in "When Should Race Matter in Decisions?" [Feb. 11]. Nesmith challenges affirmative action while at the same time defending racial profiling for the purpose of law enforcement. It amazes me that the author is willing to defend racial profiling on the basis that law enforcement can and should use all possible identifica-
tors in their judgement, yet at the same time is not willing to justify hiring or admissions policies that consider ethnicity — even though ethnicity is as much an indicator of academic opportunity as it is of criminal intent. Equally bothersome is the opinion presented in the article that we should not trust "the indicators of equality of results between all races." A dedicated effort toward "equality of opportunity," which the author purports to support, would in fact achieve "equality of results." The author's distinction between the two makes me think that his real intention is to foster a society which benefits the majority at the expense of minority groups, with no real effort made to seek any sort of societal equality. Why does Nesmith not support policies that at least attempt, albeit in a flawed and limited way, to reduce the real inequities among ethnic groups? Is it because he wishes to maintain the "indicators" that legitimize the profiling of innocent minorities?

Sandip Roy

Israel Home To Variety Of Refugees

In his letter "Racist Israeli Policies Inspire Resentment" [Feb. 11], Bilal Zubiri implies that anti-Semitism is an understandable response to Israeli policies. I most wonder if he would agree that discrimination against Muslims is an understandable response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

The reason most Israeli Jews (or Zionist racists) say that they hate Arabs is not that they are fearful of a govern-
ment where they are not in the majority is very simple. In every country in the Middle East, the Jews were not the majority, they were forcibly expelled when the state of Israel formed. There is no Jewish refugee problem because Israel took them in (about 600,000 Jews) and fully integrated them into its soci-
eity, something that the much richer, Arab countries are unwilling to do for Palestinian refugees.

On the other hand, the Arabs who are now living in refugee camps in the disputed terri-
tories left for the most part of their own free will. As proof of this fact, there are almost a million Arabs, who did not choose to leave at that time, now living in Israel and enjoying citizenship and the same rights as the Israeli Jews.

While I respect Mr. Zubiri's right to speak out, I am surprised that an opinion with name-
calling instead of supporting evidence was published in The Tech.

Ilya Baran '03

Erratum

Because of an editing error, an article and headline regarding changes to the admissions policies for MITES and Inter-
phase ["Interphase, MITES Eliminate Ethnic As Criticism in Selection of Particip-
ants", Feb. 11] misstated the changes to the admission policies of the programs. MITES and Interphase will not eliminate ethnicity as a criterion for the selection of participants; the programs will now be open to students of all races, but race will contin-
u to be a factor in admission decisions.

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The Tech
Over the years, our academic curriculum has proved to be one of the most rigorous in the world. Students often talk about surviving MIT, not just graduating.

Over my classes for the past month, I have been very impressed with the way students outside of class, for example, lowering printing costs and other ways to save money. According to Amnesty International, there are currently 50,000 people on death row in the United States, and the number is increasing. It is estimated that 1 in every 10 people on death row will eventually be executed. When I was a student at MIT, I remember hearing about the death penalty, and I remember thinking that it was a very serious issue. But when I was a student, I realized that the death penalty is not just a matter of execution, but also a matter of procedure and due process. I believe that the death penalty is cruel and unusual punishment, and I believe that it is not a just system. I think that the death penalty is a system that is designed to punish people, not to rehabilitate them. I think that the death penalty is a system that is designed to be used as a last resort, and not as a means of punishment for people who have committed crimes.

In America, 9/11 continues to be the most tragic event in recent history. This event has had a profound impact on the lives of many people, and it has changed the way that we think about terrorism. It has also had a profound impact on the way that we think about the death penalty. The death penalty was used during the time of 9/11, and it was used as a way to punish people who were responsible for this event. I think that the death penalty is not a just system, and I believe that it is not a just system for the people who are on death row. I think that the death penalty is a system that is designed to punish people, not to rehabilitate them. I think that the death penalty is a system that is designed to be used as a last resort, and not as a means of punishment for people who have committed crimes.

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Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?

Terrence Strader

In light of today’s annual MLK breakfast, I originally wished to discuss the special relev-
ance of black history month. However, after listening to the Women’s Monday’s (MITES and Interphase) readings, the program, I found the history behind the reading to be an excellent one. As a result, I have chosen to write about the program, instead. In the process of doing so, I have noticed that his chance of getting into MIT were slim - was a product of racism. The program has received attention before and since for its academic achievements in Washington D.C. “Highest-crime area.” As a result, much of the focus of the program has been on diversity. But while it lacks a past incident of such cal-
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It is easier rattle off which groups seclude them-
emotionally, if not empirically. Students can
segregation at MIT is supposedly well known
installation, what would we see? As it stands,
for RSI. MIT Interphase would cease to be “minority”-only
lishment MIT provides and develop into better

A diversity class would not only improve
the experiences we bring to this place.” For years
a bigger step. As Civil and Environmental
\[\text{Terrence Strader ‘04 is a member of the Committee on Campus Race Relations and the founder of Advocates for Awareness.}\]

A Participant’s Story

Kevin Paulino

As we approach this new age of enlightenment
and reason, now more than ever, we tend to forget the countless struggle that have existed in the past; those of sorrow and igno-
our neighbors as a tool to inform others in our society
their own race, ethnicity, and culture.
Blank History Month is not made for the people who hold it most near and dear. It is made for the people who don’t listen, who
care, who are even offended by its presence. The target, then, is almost always wrong. We’d be better off with an impromptu speech by Julian Bond in front of a Roadkill audience than right next to the table. A response to the program, then, could never be construed as minorities alone.

Although heartfelt by many at MIT, the changes made to the MITES and Interphase
programs were shocking to many, especially those who had been around all my time. I soon found out that I was not only one who responded to their fears in this way. These actions lead to the self-segregation we see practiced all over MIT.

Though I began my diversity education freshman year, it was in my sophomore year that I enrolled in 11.023, Bridging Racial and Cultural Differences, taught by Dr. Clarence Williams. It taught me about my own back-
ground, while also teaching me about many others. I obtained a more in-depth understanding of the people who lived in my dorm, sat next to me in class, and who did not belong to co-
der other countries of the world. The education I received in 11.023 caused me to strive for change, for the FES program. I will never forget the things I learned on a variety of different levels. I am still seeking and will continue to share the experience with 79 other individ-
diversity as a tool to inform others in our society
for many students. I propose that alumni

Our entire campus needs to be racially, ethnically, and culturally educated. We need traditions of excellence and belief in a cause
licants that we must approach this place. Dr. Williams’s

We have much to do if we are to take true
advantage of the rich variety of cultures and experiences we bring to this place.” For years
MIT has tried to use different approaches to

There is also fear surrounding the creation of
interphase was shocking to say the least. As I write this, I remember back in April of 2001, still a junior in high school, when I received a large white envelope coming
from MIT. Ave. containing my admis-

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Friday, February 14
6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Muse Serenades. The MUSES will be serenading a sweetheart near you across the MIT campus, in classrooms, in offices, and for long-distance loves over the phone. Find us in the student center a few days prior to order your serenade! $15 ($10 - phone). Room: MIT Campus. Sponsor: Muses, The MIT.

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Campus Tour. Student-led Campus Tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. Email islam chute.org for more information.

1:10 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. Email islam chute.org for more information.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - PAN-ASIAN LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION. Celebrate the arrival of the New Year in Pan-Asian countries with a festive Pan-Asian New Year's Celebration. This family event includes performances by The MIT Lion Dance Group (ion dances traditionally bring good fortune, prosperity, and longevity), Harvard Asian American Dance Troupe, the Harvard Chinese Yo-Yo Group, & American Chinese Art Society. Plus, refreshments, song, dragon puppets, cultural activities, arts/crafts /games native to each Asian country. Based on bringing luck, health, happiness & wealth until the next year, the Asian New Year is one of the most highly significant and celebrated holidays on the lunar calendar. Funded in part by the MIT Council for the Arts and MITAC. Purchase by February 14th. $5. Room: Walker Memorial. Morris Hall. Sponsor: MITAC.

Monday, February 17
6:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. - eFair. An MIT/calttech collabora-
tive fairevent. A unique opportunity for students to search online for an internship. free. Room: monstertrak.com. Sponsor: OCSPA.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Learning Together-Working Together. This course provides an opportunity for students to develop a deep understanding of the personal, inter-personal and institutional dynamics of race, ethnic and cross-cultural relations at MIT. practice in the skills needed to work effectively and lead diverse groups and teams, and an opportunity to participate in a focused project aimed at improving some aspect of campus race relations. Through the course participants will acquire an understanding of the history of race relations at MIT; examine the origins of their own attitudes and history that inform their responses in cross-racial and cross-cultural dialogues; identify areas of personal strength and areas needed to work effectively and lead diverse groups and teams; and an opportunity to participate in a focused project aimed at improving some aspect of campus race relations.

Sunday, February 16
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - "Embedded curves in 3-folds and the GV conjecture" free. Room: 2-143. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

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Elliott continues to guide the nation in unlearning the habit of discrimination.
Program Still to Consider Race

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Students are chosen non-discriminatory," Reid said.

"Reid said that race continued to be an important issue in selecting students. "First and foremost, it is about race," he said. "Minority students tend to be over-represented in lower socioeconomic levels," so race and socioeconomic status are not easily separable, Reid said. MITES will be open to whites and Asians, in addition to blacks, Native Americans, and Hispanics, but the program will target minorities and use race as a selection criteria, Reid said.

"I'm looking for students to bring to the mixture," Reid said. "That is why we are interested in diversity." Reid, and others at MIT, believe that encouraging minority students to pursue science and engineering is an important goal, and a core question in the case is whether achieving a diverse student body is important enough to justify admission decisions that are not solely based on race.

Grutter v. Bollinger, the 2003 U.S. Supreme Court case that declared racial quotas unconstitutional. The case considered a U.C. Davis Medical School admissions policy that put some minority applicants into a separate admissions system. Four justices argued that race should not be used as a factor in the decision, but the other justices held that "there is no compelling interest in the special public benefits that flow from student diversity that justifies" the race-conscious aspect of the policy.

The particular question in Grutter v. Bollinger was whether the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act prohibits the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions system, which determine whether a student is admitted to the university on a case-by-case basis. Extra points are granted if the applicant is a member of an underrepresented minority group.

"The Supreme Court held that the policy was constitutional," Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., wrote the key opinion. "He argued that the Davis admissions method was not allowed under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, but that diversity was important and race could be considered in some circumstances, though it could not be the only consideration."

Powell wrote that "the goal of achieving a diverse student body is sufficiently compelling to justify consideration of race in admissions decisions under some circumstances," but he also wrote that "racial and ethnic classifications of any sort are inherently suspect and call for the most exacting judicial scrutiny.

With Adarand, the Court took a more narrow turn toward the anti-affirmative action side. Twenty-five years after Bakke, the Supreme Court will reaffirm affirmative action in college admissions and may well overturn the doctrine put forth in Bakke.

"I find it difficult to adapt to a system that I'm so unfamiliar with," said Suzanne E. Luther '06, a student currently enrolled in 8.02. "Though there are some things I like about the program, there are other things that I'm rather skeptical about," Luther said. "I'm not convinced that this may be the best approach for everyone."

"The system is still in its evolutionary stage, but much is continuously being done to improve the structure of the course," said Peter Dourmashkin, one of the directors of the 8.02 TEAL program, feels that the program is showing signs of success and that current skepticism generated by students currently enrolled in the course may simply be due to a lack of familiarity with the program. "The system is very flexible and much is being done to accommodate the interests of all students," Dourmashkin said. "Our goal is to maximize long term retention of material by maintaining an interactive environment during class hours.

"Not everyone should be obligated to learn the system," said Dourmashkin. "Students who prefer the standard lecture format should be able to attend that version of the course."

"Students through the TEAL version have performed statistically rather from what goes on in class," Luther said. "I'm not convinced that this may be the best approach for everyone." Dourmashkin, however, said that it is still in its evolutionary stage. In the future, he expects groups to be rotated to encourage more active collaboration.

"Students disagree on groups Many students said that the TEAL version of 8.02, now taught in the Technol- 

Gym Enabled Active Learning format, has left many students unhappy and unsure of what to expect for the rest of the semester. The TEAL program, unlike the traditional lecture format, emphasizes a more active, hands-on approach, requiring students to collaborate with fellow group members on projects to analyze experimental data and solve problems. Students have complained that although the system may show promise, it is still in need of many revisions.

"Has there been a threat to the future of the course?" Reid asked. "I don't know if it'll threaten the program." Reid said, noting that whether MITES will be affected depends on the details of the Court's decision.

"A second issue is whether the Michigan admissions policy is sufficiently narrowly tailored. In addition to establishing the standard of compelling state interest, the 1995 Adarand Corporation v. Pena decision stated that affirmative action programs had to be narrowly tailored, meaning that the programs must be carefully designed and subject to judicial review.

"Requiring strict scrutiny is the best way to ensure that courts will consistently give racial classifications a detailed examination, as to both ends and means," wrote Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

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Graduate housing rent will increase overall by 6.5 percent in 2004 and rents for some residences have also been restructured to correlate with the desirability of each room.

"The increase last year was about 5 percent, and a little less than that the year before," said Larry G. Benedict, Dean for Student Life. However, this year's deficits led to an abnormally large system-wide increase for graduate rents, he said, adding that "we're a small business and need to be self-sustaining."

Next year, however, the rent increase should be relatively small because "most of the contributing factors have been accounted for with this year's increase," Benedict said.

"We would have liked for more of the increases to be spread out over a few years, but we didn't see that carried through," said Barun Singh G. co-chair of the Graduate Student Council Committee on Housing and Community Affairs.

Several reasons for rent increase

The reasons for the increased rents include the operating costs of the dormitories, lingering costs of the new graduate dormitory (the Warehouse), less revenue than expected from rents and summer housing, lower rents for Senior Segue students, revenue lost because of empty beds, a decrease in Pool C subsidies (money invested by the Institute to fund graduate student education), and reduced numbers of beds in Sidney-Pacific dormitory and Ashdown, Benedict said.

The Pool C subsidy for housing decreased by $750,000, Singh said.

Rents correlated with desirability

"The administration and the majority of grad students believe that ... rents [are] not [corresponding to the amenities] of the rooms," Singh said.

"We want to make sure that there's fairness and equity," Benedict said.

The GSC gathered input from graduate students and compiled the data to determine the relative desirability of each type of room in each dormitory. With this data, they created a proposal for price adjustments that was submitted to Benedict.

"Except in a couple of cases, we were able to restructure the rents the way the graduate students wanted," Benedict said.

"The new rents correlate to relative room and dorm amenities," said Christina E. Silcox G, co-chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Affairs, at a graduate housing "town hall" meeting Monday night.

As a result of the restructuring of rents, the changes in rents for rooms ranged from 0 to 23 percent, rather than a uniform 6.5 percent increase, as would have been the case in past years, Benedict said.

Eastgate and Westgate, the two family dormitories for graduate students, did not have relative rent restructuring. The prices for doubles in Ashdown House, doubles in Green Hall, and quads in Sidney-Pacific also remained fixed.

The restructuring changes probably will not affect student choices about living on or off campus, but they "will affect choices about where they're comfortable living," said Lori Lemann, one of the Warehouse housemasters.

Student opinions collected

To collect the opinions of students, "the GSC did a survey, which we supported," Benedict said.

The GSC "examined different ways to restructure the rents without system-wide increases," Singh said.

The committee created thirteen different "rent structures," or lists of proposed rents for each type of room in each dormitory. The relative prices for each type of room varied in each rent structure, but the total revenue that would be produced for MIT by the rents remained the same.

Responses to these rent structures were then gathered through student responses to the graduate student life survey that was given at the end of October. Respondents to the survey who indicated interest in living on campus were given three of the 13 structures at random, as well as descriptions of the amenities that accompany each dormitory. They were then asked to rank their three top choices, given the price structure and the amenities, Singh said.

These data were compiled by the housing committee. They analyzed the data to produce a rent structure that they believe most fairly reflected the demand for each type of room in each dorm, Singh said.

Increases concern students

"As far as system-wide increases go, we weren't able to give as much input as we would have liked, and grad students aren't very happy with it at all," Singh said.

"Some of these rooms are as good as any room in Cambridge or Boston, and our rents are between 100 and 150 dollars less than in the final decision" was Benedict's, said.

The GSC advises that concerned students speak with faculty, who "have very loud voices," Silcox said, and to e-mail administrators if students move off campus as a result of the price increases.

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By Matthew Kwan

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The graduate housing lottery has been revamped to minimize the number of students getting their lowest choice.

"What the [new system] means is that fewer people get their first choices, but ... fewer people [will] get last choices," said Resident Life Associate Anthony E. Gray PhD '01.

In past years, a handful of graduate students got assigned their fifth and sixth choices, and a few received worse choices. In the new system, no students will get fifth or sixth choices, and many more students will get their second and third choices, compared to previous years.

The previous lottery assigned all graduate students a number, said Gray, who worked extensively to upgrade the system. The housing office would then e-mail or call every student to offer them one of the rooms available. A student could then either reject or accept it.

There were two major problems with the old system, Gray said. One problem was the length of time it took. The second problem was that it "underutilized the housing supply."

"The [old system] optimized for highest preferences," Gray said. "It provided a maximum number of number one choices, but then it didn't really look at how unlucky other people got."

The large number of low choices assigned led to empty rooms. "We have a lot of empty spaces in the system, because they were offered too late or too low," Gray said. "Empty spots mean higher rent."

Penalty to be levied for withdraw

The housing office will also now levy a $250 fine on students who fail to accept an assignment.

"The fine is there to dissuade frivolous submission," Gray said.

The fine will also apply when withdrawing from the lottery between the dates of May 19 and May 23. The deadline for submitting preferences to enter the lottery will be on Feb. 28, but applicants will be able to change their preferences any time before May 19.

"There will be no fine before the May 19 deadline," Gray said.

Graduate students are guaranteed to be notified of their assignment no later than June 2, although the housing office will try to get the results in May 23.

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Under the new system, graduate students will be able to sign housing license agreements electronically instead of sending a paper copy to the housing office.

"When you add all that up, that's a lot of paperwork," Nilsson said. "We are not going to generate every single hard copy."

Graduate students will also be able to look up their housing assignment on a computerized system. In the past, the housing office sent e-mails to every graduate student informing them of their housing assignment.

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Departments Post Class Materials, Syllabi Online

By Jenny Zhang

Some departments have begun posting class material online rather than distributing paper handouts, in an effort to lower paper and photocopier usage.

This change is part of school-wide effort to make as much information as possible available electronically.

The physics department has implemented a set of guidelines for materials that may be photocopied and ones that must be posted exclusively online.

The physics department paper policy, enacted at the beginning of last semester, includes such guidelines as putting solutions to homework and exams online, and having lecture notes on the Web, or having students buy them at CopyTech.

Professors have the option of distributing the course information, syllabus, and calendar online.

"Our reasons are two-fold: to reduce cost to the department, and to conserve paper for EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] issues," said Associate Department Head for Education Thomas J. Grevat.

"The same money allotted to xerography is also used for other purposes including paying problem set graders and maintaining the physics reading room," Grevat said.

Graytak added that other departments have posted information online instead of printing it on paper.

"I would guess that the overall increase in printer use is the direct result of more course material being posted on the Web," said Athena Systems Programmer Camilla R. Fox '00.

"There is no hard and fast limit on the number of pages that may be printed per term, but violations of Athena rules of use will be handled accordingly," Fox said.

Most departments lack policy

Many departments are beginning to post class material online, but do not have formal rules regarding paper handouts.

"We have no policy regarding this. We do try to get as much of the material as possible online; whether there are hard copies is up to the professor," said John V. Guttag, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

"There has been the general tendency for things to be put in electronic form, but no requirement that they are made available only electronically," said Subra Suresh PhD '81, Head of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

The civil engineering department has been considering developing a handout policy.

"There has been discussion, but a policy may be more appropriate for certain programs than others, rather than for the entire department," said department head Patrick Juilleret PhD '83.

Students pay for 21F handouts

For several years, the foreign languages and literature department has required students to purchase course readers, and has not made changes due to the recent general budget cuts.

"I've been here for ten years, and it has been done this way ever since I came," said Nancy D. Lowe, administrative officer for the department.

"Except for syllabi and exams, the cost for copying is divided among the students," Lowe said. "I would say that it is a small and does not have a large budget to support the amount of copying necessary."

"The cost is quite low for each student. We have around 80 sections of courses and that adds up to a large amount for us," Lowe said.

"I do this because I'm lazy. I never did it for economic reasons," he said. "I have never heard of such a policy. It cannot be the reason; the money saved is trivial."

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The petition received about 500 signatures, said Grace R. Kessenich '03, the DormCon president. She added that DormCon might present the petition along with a proposed schedule for Orientation, which the group intends to submit within a week.

Redwine said that a change in the length of rush was unlikely for next year. "I am aware that there are some members of our community — who would like to see an expanded dorm rush, but I don't think we're going there," he said.

"The bulk of the evidence indicates that we've done a pretty good job setting up a system that works," he said.

The petition called for the 2003-04 academic year to be "brought back as an uninterrupted multiday event."

Rush Petition Never Shown to Committee

The person we’re looking for is understandable for freshmen to sleep over or 'crash' at the house, but did not draw any specific lines between spending time at the house and living there.

"I haven't heard of a line. What I've been telling presidents is its about perception," Rogers said. "If it is perceived that they're living in the fraternity house we'll have to address that issue."

While both Baker and Rogers said that there have been no specific violations of MIT's policy, Rogers said there was one particular case where they did question a fraternity and an individual.

Presidents of several fraternities declined to comment on whether or not freshmen were currently living in the fraternity house, saying only that they were aware of MIT's policy.

Freshmen who recently declared sophomore standing are also not allowed to live in fraternities because sophomore standing is only an academic status, said Associate Dean of Academic Resources and Programming Julie B. Norman.

"If this is their first year of being at MIT the issue has less to do with formal class standing and more to do with this being their first year living at MIT," Baker said.

In the meantime, the IFC is focusing its energy on keeping freshmen from taking the non-residential option for next year. "In the past it's never really been an option. Now it's a lot more viable," Colagiovanni said.

Freshmen will have to confirm whether or not they will want institutional housing for next year by March 7, but the IFC wants to push that date back to give them more time to allow conversations with and provide financial incentives to freshmen, Colagiovanni said.

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Feb. 27: New York Philharmonic; Leonard Slatkin
Feb. 28: New York Philharmonic; Leonard Slatkin

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Feb. 18: Boston Musical Theatre
Feb. 19-20: Andrew Love Quartet
Feb. 21: Boston Musical Theatre
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Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Ave., Boston. (617)-707-9900. Mon.-Tues., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m.-9:45 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Admission $15 ($10 for M.I.T students, seniors, and children). Students may photocopy artwork for $5, and the museum hosts a variety of temporary artists ranging from contemporary ones above to Warhol to Lichtenstein.

Science Park
Science Park, Boston. (617)-232-5355. Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission $6; children 3-14, $4.50; 2 and under, free. The museum features the theater of electricity (with indoor and outdoor lightning and electricity demonstrations daily) and more than 600 hands-on exhibits, as well as a planetarium show ($7.50, $5.50 for children and seniors.

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Theater

Comedy Connection
Mon.-Wed., 8 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Admission $15 ($10 on week-ends), $7 for seniors, $5 for students. For info call 566-1401. The club hosts comedians on Wednesday and Thursday nights and hosts a comedy club in Boston. At 245 Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall, Boston. Admission $20. Call 617-240-6325 or visit the club’s Web site for further details.

Feb. 14: Brenner String Quartet
Feb. 15: Richard Goode
Feb. 22: Philip Glass
Feb. 25: Erich Gruenberg Quartet
Feb. 28: Ravel Piano Quartet
March 4: Andrew Mark Quartet
March 11: vegetables Quartet
March 18: link Quartet
March 25: Cryptography Quartet

Classical Music

Boston Symphony Orchestra
Tanglewood, 1000 Huntington Ave., Lenox. (617)-733-5100. Performances at Symphony Hall, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, unless otherwise noted. Student rush tickets, if available, can be obtained at 5 p.m. on the day of the concert. (one ticket per person).

Boston Pops Orchestra
Jordan Hall, 250 Berkeley St., Boston. (617)-267-1100. Performances at Symphony Hall, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, unless otherwise noted. Student rush tickets, if available, can be obtained at 5 p.m. on the day of the concert. (one ticket per person).

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Women's Fencing Ends Season With 18-3 Record, Men 11-8

By Lynn Wang and Shuana Jin

The culmination of the NCAA Fencing season, the MIT Women crushed four Division I schools on home ground, bringing their record to 18-3.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, MIT hosted over 300 fencers at the Johnson Athletic Center for the MIT Invitational Meet. Thirteen schools from all over the Eastern United States arrived at MIT for the final meet of the NCAA season.

Each school's fencing team competes in three different weapons, foil, épée, and sabre, and a total of 27 bouts are fenced to complete a match. Competition lasted all day.

MIT faced five of the toughest schools of the season with intense competition.

Women's team reigns

At the MIT Invitational, the women's foil squad led the team, contributing 28 wins to the overall score. In an especially noteworthy bout, Gemma L. Mendel '06 closed an uncertain victory in MIT's favor against Duke University. With the score tied 4-4 and the entire team watching in anticipation, Mendel scored an attack in preparation against her opponent, sealing the victory for the women's team. MIT emerged triumphant with a 14-13 score against Duke, the closest win of the day for the women.

Women's épée dominated their competition yet again with a remarkable performance by freshman Lucy Mendel. Her 10 wins put her in a promising ranking for NCAA Regionals.

Sabre squad leader and team captain Priscilla del Castillo '04 led the entire women's team, finishing the day with an record of 15 wins and only 2 losses.

"I'm very proud of the confidence I've shown today against these tough opponents," del Castillo said. "MIT Fencing is definitely leaving [its] mark."

Having defeated Duke University by nine wins by Samuel N. Korb '05, in men's foil, squad leader Vincent Chen '05 helped to rally the Men's Team by winning six bouts and leading the squad to victory against Yeshiva University.

After a season highlighted by victories over Brown University, Boston College, and an unprecedented win over St. John's University, the MIT men are poised to dominate at New England Championships.

Coach Koniusz pleased

"Both teams have done a wonderful job so far in practice and competition," said Coach Jarek Koniusz. "My coaching staff and I are very pleased and are looking forward to witnessing great results at this year's New England Championships."


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