Dining committee favors forced commons

By Richard Salz

The Committee on Campus Dining is considering a series of recommendations that would make participation in a meal plan mandatory in a number of dormitories, starting with the entrance of the Class of 1984 in the fall of 1980 and continuing with each successive class.

Although the recommendations are intended to provide items for committee discussion, Professor John Kassakian, committee chairman, noted that the proposals have met with general committee support. Dan Perich '81, a committee member, mentioned that only he and one other person, also a student, have said anything against the recommendations.

According to the draft, residents of East Campus, Baker, MacGregor and Next House, the proposed new dormitory, would be on a form of combined meal and common plan, whileSenate House, Burton, New House, Betley, and Random Hall would become primarily 'cooking houses.'

Although the draft recommends that the West Tower of McCormick become a 'commons dorm,' the committee has not discussed the issue since none of McCormick's representatives were at the last meeting.

"If. McCormick will be embraced in the program," noted Kassakian. "It's a difficult case. It does have one of the finest dining halls (on the campus). We will have to deal with it very carefully."

The committee recognized existing facilities strengths, according to Kassakian. Should the plan not work out as expected, the Institute would not be locked in since no major construction would be needed to force such an occurrence. An example of the 'locking in' would be to close off the parallel between the two halves of East Campus and build a dining hall, as someone had suggested, observed Kassakian.

The proposal has no institutional objectives or philosophical underpinnings, the chair says (Please turn to page 3)

Shareholding committee holds forum

By Richard Salz

Last Thursday, the Advisory Committee of Student Responsibility (ACSR) sponsored an open forum to solicit opinions from the MIT community on the issue of divesting. MIT currently has more than $1.25 billion invested in companies with holdings in South Africa.

Smith asked 14 of the more than sixty people at the meeting to speak. All but one of them were in favor of MIT taking a more active stand.

One of the speakers was Mfundl Vundla, the Boston Area Chairman of the African National Congress. He said that blacks in South Africa are not interested in affirmative action but rather they want real political power. He also said that South Africa "wouldn't know if MIT were to divest. The blacks are 'trying to seize power from the white minority settlement regime,'" he said.

Michael Gerardi '81, the only person to speak against further action, compared doing business with companies that have holdings in South Africa to the practice of doing business with communist countries. He stated that divestment of only South Africa-related stock would be an immoral thing to do.

The majority of the committee does favor divestment, according to Dan Saltzman, a member of the committee. In addition, "the Corporation feels they dealt with it last year, and they don't want to do it again," he noted. He sees as these two major stumbling blocks towards divestment. Saltzman is in favor of divestment.

Lawrence Krauss, G, of the MIT Coalition Against Apartheid, is more hopeful. "I'm very optimistic for the first time. I think we made an impact on the committee."

The next meeting of the ACSR is Thursday at 5pm in room 10-138. The purpose of the meeting will be to follow up on the forum. "I think divestment is an issue that's not going to go away," said Saltzman. "It can't be dealt with in one meeting."

MIT fraternities are no longer social elite

By Gordon R. Halin

Editor's note: This is the last of a four-part series.

MIT fraternities differ from the fraternity systems at many other schools. Barbi Hill '80, chairman of the Interfraternity Conference (IFC) said that the MIT fraternities "have a purpose for existing than the dormitories. In addition, dormitory residents, especially those from the big west campus dorms, are at least as active as fraternity members in student government and extracurricular activities, with the possible exception of sports.

Dean Sherwood's housing assistant Mark Byrne '78 said that the relationship between dorms and fraternities is different than it was at one time. The average fraternity member now is if a frat lost to a dorm in a IM sport it was considered disastrous. But as a major stumbling block, dormitories are less expensive than the fraternities.

"The Institute's system helps a number of people more proportionately than the dormitories. In addition, dormitory residents, especially those from the big west campus dorms, are at least as active in terms of integration with the rest of the student body than do most schools' systems. Thus the fraternities enjoy a much greater degree of affiliation with the rest of the community than is true at most places. The average fraternity is more self-contained than the average dorm (or dormitory floor or entry). However, there is still considerable interaction between frat residents and other people at MIT.

In contrast, a school like the University of California at Berkeley has about the same number of fraternities as MIT, and a student body about 10 times the size. I stayed in a frat there for a week, and the separation between the two groups was almost total. The dorms are almost exclusively Greek while the fraternities have significant numbers of non-Greek members who do not go to dormitory parties and vice-versa."

These floats are part of the parade to the Greek Games, an Interfraternity Council event of the 1950's. (Photo courtesy MIT Historical Collections)
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news roundup

World

Protecting students killed — Soldiers in the Central African Empire killed about 100 schoolchildren between the ages of 8 and 16. According to a local official, the children were protesting the military's requisitioning of them to wear and buy school uniforms. Anstory said that on April 18, soldiers of the Imperial Guard swept through the homes in four areas of the capital of Bangui, rounded up the children, and took them to prison at Ngarangba.

Sports

Rangers defeat Canadians — The New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens in the first game of the Stanley Cup playoffs by a score of 4 to 1. The second game is tonight, also in Montreal.

Nation

Mechanics med — The automobile repair industry has asked President Jimmy Carter to make Transportation Secretary Brock Adams apologize for saying that Americans waste $1 of every $2 they spend on car repairs. Adams' estimate was about 20 cents higher than any previous Government estimate. The Department of Transportation said it was sorry to see the industry reacting defensively, rather than trying to reveal what most surveys show as the nation's number-one consumer complaint.

Teenage pregnancies costly — Teenage pregnancies cost the American taxpayers about $8.3 billion a year in welfare and related outlays, according to a new study by the Stanford Research Institute. American taxpayers about $8.3 billion a year in welfare and related outlays, according to a new study by the Stanford Research Institute.

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Children's inactivity dangerous — Thomas B. Gilliam, a University of Michigan researcher, says that today's children are so inactive, they're becoming high-risk candidates for coronary heart disease, as young as six years old. While they might not have a heart attack tomorrow, Gilliam says, they are already forming habits and bodily conditions that might lead to one, even during childhood. Of the 400 Michigan school children he has tested since 1971, close to 50 percent showed one or more risk factors for heart disease, including abnormal high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, or obesity.

Wisconsin doctor stoned — A Wisconsin doctor stoned to death while delivering babies and "performing other operations that could lead to one, even during childhood. Of the 400 Michigan school children he has tested since 1971, close to 50 percent showed one or more risk factors for heart disease, including abnormal high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, or obesity.

Sports

Sailing Card Holders: There will be an annual general meeting of the MITNA on Wed., May 16 at 5:30pm at the Sailing Pavilion. We will elect Nautical Association officers and discuss the Summer Sailing Program. Please bring your sailing friends. A bring-your-own steak fry will follow if interest warrants.

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Faculty members are still needed to serve as freshmen advisors for next year. Please contact the Office of Freshman Advising, room 7-103, x3-6771, in advance.

The New York State Senate has approved the third year of funding for the Office of the Aging. The bill would also order the Administration on Aging to pay a salary of $12,250 for the year beginning Jan. 1, 1979, to a person working as professional-level staff on planning committees and other units of the New York State Office of Aging. Applications from students in disciplines not normally associated with political life as well as those in Public Administration and Political Science are welcome. Applications should be completed by June 1, 1979. Further information is available in the Graduate School Office, 3-136.

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Announcements

"Mobilitation for Survival" is sponsoring a rally at noon on Fri., June 2. The rally will start at Seneca Park on Broadway, and will feature speakers and a march on Draper Laboratories. For more information, call 3-64-008.

Family and Friends of Prisoners, Boston Bail Funds, and the Coalition to Stop Institutional Violence are sponsoring an evening of entertainment at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Tickets are $3.50 at the door, and $3 in advance from any of the above groups. The evening will feature refreshments, music, theatre, and other performances to be announced.

The Annie Ryder Fellowship, given by the Boston branch of the American Association of University Women, is open to full-time women graduates studying education. Applicants must be New England residents. For more information, contact the Graduate School Office, room 3-136.

All degree candidates must turn in their past cards indicating if they wish their diplomas to be mailed, called for in person, or if they plan to attend the June 4 graduation ceremony by Thursday, May 17, or as soon as the notices are received.

Freshman evaluation forms are due the Friday, May 19. The instructor turn-in deadline is Friday, May 25. Forms were sent to all freshmen groups, and are also available in the Office of Freshman Advising.

A photograph on page 1 of Friday's issue of The Tech, erroneously described as an MIT Choral Society picture, was actually a scene from Dronaplay's production of "The Wild Duck" taken by Gary Longben. The Tech regrets the error.

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Frat's face coed decision

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Hill added that it is more important for a coed frat to have an open membership to attract new members.

U.A. Weather Committee

The U.A. Weather Committee will monitor and arrange weather patterns in accordance with the guidelines established by the U.A. Weather Committee.

UA News

OPENING FOR MANAGER

The Student Center Committee will be accepting applications for 24 Hour Coffeehouse Manager. The deadline for applications is July 1, 1979. For more information, contact Chris Wheeler or Mike Muchnik at x3-3916.
Compulsory commons unneeded intrusion

The Committee on Campus Dining is tentatively planning to recommend compulsory commons for all residents of Baker, East Campus, MacGregor, and half of McCormick. Such a recommendation by the committee's reports is not in the best interests of students.

Compulsory commons will unnecessarily restrict students' freedom of choice. The net effect of the plan will force all students in the designated "commons" houses to subscribe to a 12-meal plan, which is approximately equivalent to a 200-300 point plan. Thus, the students who now eat on the 200-300 point plans will be forced to purchase one-third of the students in what will become the "commons" houses. This means that all students will be forced to take extra meals on commons. Furthermore, more students on commons will mean even longer lines for dinner in already overburdened dining halls.

The compulsory commons plan makes particularly little sense in the case of McCormick, which already has its own kitchens which most residents use. In fact, two-thirds of the juniors and seniors and none of the sophomores are currently enrolled in the 15- or 19-meal plans. Under the committee's plan, half of the McCormick residents would be forced onto the committee's 12- or 19-meal plans.

The committee offers several justifications for its plan. First, it says compulsory commons will reduce the cost of commons by ensuring a constant number of students in the dining halls. Although compulsory commons may reduce costs slightly, it will do so at the expense of students who will be forced to pay for meals they do not want.

Some committee members also claim the plan is necessary because cooking in rooms is illegal under campus zoning laws. The committee thus sees a threat from Cambrige's zoning laws. Although Cambridge has forced students to put away cooking equipment during building inspections, the city has never seriously tried to eliminate cooking in rooms. Cambridge probably does not want to risk losing the millions in voluntary taxes which MIT pays the city. Furthermore, even if there is compulsory commons, people are not likely to gastronomically quit cooking in rooms.

Finally, some committee members insist that the plan will increase social interaction between students. This may be somewhat true — once people are fully right for MIT to dictate lifestyles to students? We think not.

We urge the committee to strongly reconsider its present form of compulsory commons and ask that no action be taken to establish such a system at MIT.

Four years later, a last look at MIT

The term is ending as a doze ("thundering" may be a better word) for some of us. It will be the last term, if not of school altogether, then at least of life at MIT.

It's strange. It was never meant to go that way. I came into the room with a mother with 2 master's and a dad with a law degree. I came into the room with all the expected values and boundaries as assumed by all concerned that this bright (though obtuse) kid would make it somewhere. Then, one week from now is the day that most of us are 18 or 15 years — the day I no longer have to go to school ever again. Now that most of the month I haven't realised what's happening to me. It's been too long with further education, an SM (where else?) or a JD. Perhaps another reason is this: after May 24, I will move from being a student to being unemployed and possibly broke. Or perhaps it's just because I have, as always, so much work to do before the term is over.

Soon I will realize that I am leaving MIT and Boston for good, and my own. Then I will move on to the world, and whatever will suit — which is why I'm now attempting to size up the total of current and future troubles. Having never been more than five minutes late for class, I know that Cambridge boundaries of the great state of California, one would-be engineer,hugged mom and daddy and little sister goodbye 45 months ago and hopped on the flight to Boston's Logan Airport. Needless to say, I urgently want to state a sense of communal shock, having absolutely no conception of what an Eastern, Massachusetts was like. (San Francisco, the closest thing back home, I'd only visited once.)

The remainder of the year was a futile attempt to adjust — to living away from home, to Boston, to MIT, to no longer being the biggest math whiz within a radius of 10 miles or all problems which many freshmen have to face. Also, the stress of being asked by friends how things are going, the stress of being asked how I am doing with the stress.

I want a friend who will be there.

The question I consider myself to be different — and fortunately — is that I left MIT 3 years ago, possibly to never return. The fact that I did come back is, in high faith that it was the best decision, speaks more highly of MIT than those who were here before, therefore are capable of saying.

I first set off to be a computer programmer, fine and noble profession, practiced by many. Not the professors, nor the labs, not the courses, not the beautiful sculpture. It's the students. Who are we to argue of or not. MIT is a relatively small community — in August 1977, after being gone a year, I still exchanged looks of recognition with a dozen people each day I walked across campus.

And while I occasionally allow anti-social tendencies, I feel I am surrounded by bright people who regularly debate answers to problem sets or apply Physics to problems from everyday life. UCLA is a far more normal environment, and I'll be the first to admit that I'm not at home in an normal environment.

My UCLA experience was not atypical — even at largely residential colleges, most of my friends have not experienced that sense of community which has marked my stay at MIT. Irrespective, only those at Oxford and that little school up the river seem to have had a comparable experience.

Like many seniors, I'll miss MIT, but not for the same reasons. MIT did not prepare me for a high-paying job in industry which I had anticipated. But it did give me a good place to realize a crucial year of life, and a place that will be large- ly responsible for what I'll be 15 years from now.

Paul L. Hubbard

I've been looking 5/41 for hours and I'm only halfway through. I've already gone to every available lecture and I still can't get it.

Hag, a letter... damn, going to the ROTC junk mail.

Greetings, your draft number: 2600.

They can't do that!

By Kent C. Massey

I know what I need, in a two study break, I'll go check my mail.
Economics: the gospel according to St. John


By Joel West

Galbraith never gives up. Even in this age of fiscal conservatism he continues to preach his liberal solutions to the nation's economic woes. But whether or not one agrees with his philosophy, he has produced a very readable critique of contemporary economic theories and how they (fail to) deal with the problems of the 1970's.

The premise of the book is certainly unarguable. Inflation, taxation, government spending, interest rates all touch our daily lives; in a participatory democracy, citizens should be aware of the consequences of the decisions being made for them by politicians, bureaucrats and corporate executives, as well as those made at the ballot box (it is ironic that this book was written before the advent of Proposition 13).

After house pricing our current economic systems, Galbraith goes after the "marketplace," pointing out that no matter how much one professes to admire Adam Smith, everyone seeks to free himself from the tyranny of the marketplace and gain the ability to determine his own price for his goods and services. The theory of the marketplace is based on the interchangeability and lack of individual power of any one producer; as Galbraith puts it, "No one can say that if General Motors disappeared from the automobile industry, price and production would be unaffected." In his opinion, labor unions, oligopolistic corporations, and govern-ments have all largely freed themselves from the control of the marketplace.

With these groups free from the constraints of supply and demand, inflation is fueled onward, as it has in the US during the past 10 years. Unemployment can be used to curb inflation; Galbraith points out, however, that it is much less effective than theory would predict, and that it affects different segments of society unequally.

Large corporations have large capital sources of their own, and are thus the last to be affected by an increase in interest or a decrease in money available for lending; when money is available, the corporations are of course the bank's preferred customers.

Galbraith explicitly recognizes a postulate (which may not be shared by all) that underlies all his arguments: a democratic rather than meritocratic sense of equity. His main serious criticism of Milton Friedman is prefaced by the observation that his fellow economist uses a different values system: "he is an avowed conservative, and it is not the function of a conservative to worry about big business over small business. Or about unemployment. He does not, and it is his privilege to ignore these adverse effects.

Some of the book's most amusing passages, in fact, are where Galbraith refers to Friedman's allegedly poor grasp of the real economic and marketplace; one exchange is priceless:

"Professor Friedman was, for a while, adviser to the government of Israel.

"Galbraith: "Well, it is part of the ancient Hebraic lore that the children of Israel were meant to suffer.

"Galbraith's dogma is faced head-on with frequent witticisms such as "good statementship is always reserved not only the comforting of the afflicted but the assurance of the comfortable." Though sometimes tedious, the humor and the informal style combine to give a very easily read book: Salinger's questions, usually intelligent though occasionally on the "cute" side, serve to break up the monotony of nonstop pseudo-science.

The book's only weakness is where Galbraith presents his own solutions to economic problems. His answer is CIPP (Comprehensive Incomes and Prices Policy), a warmed-over version of wage-price controls. While they leave alone small businesses and other places where the "market" forces work, Galbraith does not seem to give much thought to how politically unpalatable controls of executive salaries will prove. In response to the question "Is CIPP forever?" Galbraith gives a somewhat answer: "Yes. So long as unions, corporations, farmers, others, exist and struggle successfully for higher prices and incomes.

Movies

This weekend's LCS films:
The Creature from the Black Lagoon (in 3-D) Fri., 7. 6:30 & 9:30; 10:30 & 1:30.
The Importance of Being Earnest (Classic) Fri., 7:30, 10:25.
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Women's Softball improved this year

By Gekko R. Hall
In its second year of existence as a varsity sport, the women's softball team finished a 4-4 record, a substantial improvement over last year's winless season.}

Mo Rorabaugh '80, the team's captain, is confident that the women can improve on their record next year since only one of this year's team members is graduating. According to Rorabaugh, the primary reason for this year's improvement was Jill Smith '81, who replaced a graduated senior as the starting pitcher for this season. In addition, Rorabaugh was pleased with the squad's defensive capabilities. However, she also said that the squad's hitting was not very good this season.

The major difficulty which the team encountered was a lack of personnel. The varsity and JV combined had only 13 people, a decrease from last season. However, with only one person graduating and a crap of incoming freshmen next fall, this problem will hopefully be resolved for next season.

Tennis finishes up at 4-8

By Ted Espi
The varsity tennis team began their season with their annual southern trip. The trip took them to North Carolina to sharpen their skills against UNC, Davidson, Highpoint, Philier, and Georgetown. An inspired team returned from the southern trip ready for the start of the regular season.

Early in the season, team members Yuval Maruya, Captain, Stan Drobuc '79, Marc Julian '79, Joe Pasquale '80, Charlie Calkins '81, Alex Hamza '81, and Jay Napoleon '81 ripped through their opponents, compiling a 4 and 0 record. With a sound 7-2 win over Wesleyan the team secured a place at the New England Championships.

However, the team began to run into some difficulties. Although the subsequent matches were closely contested (each having four three set matches) the team could not put together five matches for a victory. At the conclusion of the season the team headed towards for the New England Championships. Stan Drobuc scored a first round victory then moved on to play the first seed. He was not as successful in his second match. The doubles team of Alex Hamza and Joe Pasquale also scored a first round victory. In the next round, they drew a match with the first seed and lost, ending their tournament hopes.

After a tough first round three set loss Charlie Calkins won the consolation tournament. The team will be losing their top three players to graduation but they are optimistic nevertheless.

Varisty Tennis Team Final Standings

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Final Record: 4 wins 6 losses

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Sailing wins NE team racing

By Eric Crowe
Editor's note: Kevin Greene is a member of the men's sailing team.

The men's varsity sailing team finished up a very successful season by winning the New England Intercollegiate Racing Championship last Friday at the Coast Guard Academy. They then proceeded to finish a strong 3rd in the New England Dinghy Championship over the weekend. Both placings qualify the team for the collegiate North Americans in the respective events, which will be held in Chicago June 11-19.

The MIT team, consisting of senior skippers Elliot Rosen, Lenny Dolhert, and Bates McKee, sailed with crews Eddie Marcus '81, Guinan Kenwood '82, and Roberto Lopez '80, was the event by beating Tufts, traditional rivals of MIT. The score was 3-1 in the best of 5 series.

The MIT sailors showed great strength and dominance in the series from the beginning. They are expecting to place well in the North Americans, where they'll compete against 11 other collegiate teams from the United States and Canada.

The New England Dinghy Championship were held at Coast Guard over the new two days. MIT started out well in their heat, with only 11 sailors that qualified from the 49 teams in New England competed for the trophy. Saturday afternoon was dark and cold, with the wind blowing from the north at a blustery 20 knots. By dusk five races had been sailed. MIT sailors Dolhert and Kenwood in A-division, Rosen and Marcus in B-division, respectively, qualified for the final.
Water Ski Club formed

By Gregg Stave
Editor's Note: Gregg Stave is a member of the MIT Water Ski Club.

A team of six water skiers representing MIT finished third this past Saturday in the seventh annual Northeast Intercollegiate Championships held in Oakham, MA. Penn State won the competition which was comprised of slalom skiing, trick riding, and jumping. Twelve schools were represented at the tournament.

In the slalom event skiers make alternating left and right turns around six buoys through the course. Among the MIT skiers Marc Olen '81 placed 10th scoring 14 buoys. Make Savin '81 finished 11th and Steve Olen '82 was 13th. Don Habib '82 had a strong practice round but unfortunately fell in the first competition.

The winner was Bob Melan of Plymouth State College who tallied 40 buoys. For the "trick" competition skiers attempt to accumulate as many points as possible in a 20 second-pass. Greg Store '79 placed seventh in that event for MIT. Jumping was the most spectator event and was won by Larry Grella of Plymouth State with a leap of 110. In the Intercollegiate competition the team was at five feet and entrants could choose their boat speed up to 32 mph. MIT skiers Bruce Brandon '79 and Marc Olen placed 10th and 13th respectively after completing the first successful standing jumps of their careers. For a jump to be counted the skier must stand up and ski past a ride boat after landing. Penn State outsailed the field in the team competition scoring 1600 points on the basis of strong all-around skiing. The University of Vermont placed second with 1470 points and MIT was third with 1270. Other schools represented included UMass, Tufts, Yale and Dartmouth. The women's overall crown went to Patti Drummy from U Maine.

The newly formed Water Ski Club is not yet officially recognized. Its goal is to promote slalom skiing, trick riding, and jumping. The club plans to expand its membership next year and hopes to attract women members.

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Sports

Orangutans, Bombers are new A-league Softball champs

By Gordon R. Haff

Following two exciting playoff series, the Baker Orangutans and the Burton Third Bombers emerged victorious in IM Softball 'A' league fast and slow pitch respectively last Sunday.

The most unusual aspect of the Orangutans' victory was that the team was not even originally slated to be in the playoffs at all. Fred Sims '81, the IM Softball manager, said that at the beginning of the season, he had intended to have only the top two teams in each 'A' league fast division participate in the playoffs. However, Sims said that at the end of the season, he decided to get more teams involved in the playoffs. In addition, he said he felt somewhat guilty about how few games some teams had played during the season. Thus he expanded the fast pitch playoffs to include three teams from each division.

One of this year's two Baker fast pitch teams, the Orangutans improved substantially over last year. Baker's 'A' league champions last year, the Baboons, dissolved after last season when all but two people, including their star pitcher, graduated. Once in the playoffs, the Orangutans handled the opposition with ease and backed by strong hitting and pitching they breezed to the trophy.

Meanwhile in slow pitch, the Burton Third Bombers faced their toughest opposition in the second round of the playoffs against the Sig Eps. With two out and no men on base in the bottom of the seventh the Bombers trailed Sig Ep 8-6. However, a walk, two Sig Ep errors, and a single bet up a two-run double by John Lowell '80 to win the game.

Haff

Time

One Sig Ep error was particularly a true classic. The pitcher bobbled a routine up-the-middle one-hopper. Then when he picked it up, still in plenty of time to throw out the runner, he threw the ball into the dirt where the first baseman scooped it up and then dropped it.

Following that squeeze, the rest of the path was easy. The Bombers averaged their loss in last year's finals to Beta Theta Pi in this year's semifinals. The final against Transportation was also an easy victory.

Chemical Engineering won the B league finals, defeating CSC 13-9.

This year's 171 teams were once again the greatest number of teams to ever participate in IM Softball.

Sims said that he doesn't know where the field space will come from if there are seven or eight more teams next season. Although there have been no really serious problems with scheduling this year the weather over the weekends has been extraordinary good. Only part of one day over the Patriots Day weekend was lost to rain.

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