By Steven Salzick

"Late November or early December is the latest we will decide this," for the Dining Committee's Combined Room and Board Proposal, according to Chancellor Paul E. Gray. Student reaction to the plan has been generally muted; however, a boycott of Commons dinner tomorrow to protest the plan has been supported by the Undergraduate Association (UA). According to UA John Hakala, the UA planned to support the boycott with direct mailings and posters.

Reaction to the proposed boycott has varied on campus:

Vice President Constantine Simonides cited counterproposals submitted by Baker House and Simonides cited counterproposals which "are not directly contributing to the final decision." Baker House President Silvano Bivins said, "The boycott will be a good indicator of how students feel.

East Campus President John Griggs commented, "There is definitely a problem with the Dining decision. The boycott voices disapproval but does not offer any alternatives."

Reactions to the Committee's proposals varied among different student leaders and Committee members. Many people listed lack of practical alternatives, and a marked decrease in the availability of natural gas as major problems still remain, such as the existing, highly-sophisticated Faculty Control System (FCS) which monitors and regulated the energy use of the institution's most "energy-hungry" buildings. The extended and expanded use of time clocks, which control the activity of the energy systems of many Institute buildings, is being employed as well. Revitalization of energy systems in older structures is also being taken place. Physical Plant Coordinator, James McGaffin, noted that the students are making contributions many also be made by the faculty committee. The BU Board of Trustees, the BU Board of Overseers, and the Members of the Academic Committee, the BU Board of Overseers, and the Faculty committe.

By Andrew P. Lee

In January of this year, MIT forecasts a total gross utility cost of 67.7 million dollars, but due to the doubling of oil prices, and a marked decrease in the availability of natural gas, the cost of operating the existing plant, puts the figure for 1979 at approximately 101 million dollars, a fifty percent increase.

John Currie, Director of Finance, estimated that over one million dollars of the rise would be met by a $1.00 per meal hike...

Dining Commons boycott.

By Steve Kopelson

Kopelson was living on the Nachum Kibbutz in Israel before, during, or after his death. The cause of his death is still unknown. Kopelson had gone to Israel from his position as president of Baker University.

By Jerry Brown

\begin{tighten}{\text{Jury Brown answered questions after his speech in Faneuil Hall on Thursday, just after announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in Washington (Photo by Eric Spinelli).}}\end{tighten}
Dorms dislike forced commons

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reactions to a mandatory 15 meal plan, indicated that 23 percent of those surveyed would be inclined to move off campus if such a plan were imposed.

Student leaders and committee members expressed the following thoughts about the Dining Committee's plan:

- Prof. Naki Toksoz, Faculty Resident, Baker House, said, "The biggest problem is our students have to cook." Lowering cost doesn't come out as a very clear recommendation in the report and I hope in further considerations this would be taken into account.

- McCormick President Anita Blinn said she supports the plan. She said she sees the plan in McCormick as a way of uniting the two towers of that dormitory. She added, "less emphasis should be placed on students having to cook for themselves." She said "the housing system cannot handle more people cooking."

- MacGregor House President Tom Black '80 said MacGregor is drafting a letter to Gray opposing the plan. He said, "the Proposal will dilute the lifestyle of MacGregor."

- Burton House President Frank Wojtowicz said he was "opposed to any proposal that cuts across and plagiarizes different living groups." He said that Burton was also drafting a letter to Gray expressing the fears that Burton would become an unappealing dorm and that Burton could not handle everyone in the dorm cooking. He added, "Burton was not designed as a cooking dorm. The kitchens were designed for snacking on weekends."

- Bie Evans, a lecturer in the Humanities Department and Committee Member commented, "My hope for the plan is that the programmatic aspects will dilute some of the bad feelings people have about combined room and board."

- Baker President Brewster said the letter Baker has sent to Gray opposes the principle of mandatory commons and outlines the guidelines under which it would be acceptable. He added, "Commons is way too expensive. A substantial decrease in cost is essential."

- East Campus President Griep said the East Campus counter-proposal called for the installation of more kitchens in the two parallels. He said a survey of dorm showed "an overwhelming percentage preferred the cost of kitchens to forced commons."

Nation

Iranians may be deported — Many of the 2,000 Iranian students in the Greater Boston area may soon face deportation if they are caught in the United States without valid visas. A White House spokesman indicated that the number of Iranian students thought to be in the United States illegally is "substantial."

Campus

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- By Hy Tran and Jonathan Hakala

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Bergenheim noted that final action against the faculty members could range from a "slap on the wrist" to suspension or dismissal. "If the charges are frivolous, then this system will prove them to be frivolous," said Bergenheim.

Dr. Bergenheim and others object because they feel that proceedings should not have been initiated. The clause of the contract which permits said Bergenheim also attacked Menand's credibility, describing him as a "well-known socialist." Bergenheim also attacked members of the Boston press for biased and incomplete reporting.

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**Editorial**

Boycott dining halls at dinner tomorrow

The Committee on Campus Dining Halls is expected to submit the administration the administration that beginning with the Class of 1984, all residents of Baker, East Campus, MacGregor, and McCormick are required to purchase a $2 or $3 meal plan. From all accommodations, the administration will approve this proposal by the end of this semester. Despite the overwhelming opposition to the plan by the students—especially the students in affected dormitories—the administration believes student opposition isn't really very strong and thus the plan can be implemented.

To show the administration once and for all that student opposition is indeed strong and undeniable, we are calling on all students—those who are on a meal plan and those who eat a la carte—to boycott the dining halls at dinner tomorrow.

We are also including a test-out letter on this page so that all students—including those who do not eat in the dining halls and thus cannot vote their opposition through a boycott—can let Chancellors Paul Gray know the true extent of opposition to compulsory commons.

We encourage faculty and staff to support the students' plight by also signing in the letter.

There are many reasons why the compulsory commons proposals should be opposed. Here are the main reasons, some of which we discussed in our first editorial last May:

1. Compulsory commons will unnecessarily restrict students' freedom of choice. No longer will students be able to enjoy the unique character of Baker, East Campus, MacGregor, and McCormick without being forced to purchase a meal plan. In the particular case of McCormick, the plan will force all women who want single-sex on-campus housing to purchase a meal plan even though those women have historically declined not to use the dining halls. (Last year, over 90 percent of the residents of McCormick were not on any meal plan). Also, freshmen who want to live in a cooking house may not be able to get their choice in the housing lottery and would thus be forced onto a meal plan in a commons house.

2. Compulsory commons will reduce the attractiveness of the commons houses. When areas between living in a commons house or living in a cooking house, a freshman is much more likely to choose a cooking house since there he has a choice of cooking for himself or eating on commons.

3. Compulsory commons could severely damage the residence system. Compulsory commons would almost certainly increase the movement of students between commons houses. Whenever a likely candidate for a commons house decides to leave a commons house, that person must move out of the house. Since students have in the past tended to leave commons as they became upperclassmen, a dire situation could result where the cooking houses would become upperclassman homes and the commons houses would end up essentially freshman homes. Thus, integrating freshmen into the MIT maineun would be more difficult. Also, the unique character of each dorm might be eliminated, on many campuses where there are freshman and upperclassman dormitories, the dorms have absolutely no character.

4. The compulsory commons proposal is partly based on the hope that having people eat in the same dining hall will lead to more socializing. However, “pass the salt” doesn’t break the ice; people will generally eat with the people they already know.

The current commons proposal is thus unacceptable. We feel that the committee report does not sufficiently justify compulsory commons and we do not see the proposal as a positive departure from the status quo. We urge the administration to just in looking to the General Assembly, the representative body of the students, to provide counterproposals.

Students who oppose compulsory commons must participate in tomorrow's boycott. It is absolutely imperative that the boycott be successful if compulsory commons are to be stopped. Now is not the time to sit back. True, all current students are ex- cepted from compulsory commons by the proposal’s grandfather clause, but this protection does not exist for all.

Think of the conditions students were living under when compulsory commons were proposed to impose measures to move up the dining date and impose grade depletions. The boycott will be very effective if the flow of students through the dining halls is cut off completely. Nevertheless, the administration can no longer claim that the students are doing nothing.

The administration has always denied that it actually represents the views of the student body. Finally, an administration committed to making it very difficult for Paul Gray to continue the beginning of compulsory commons has no right to act since his selection as the new President of MIT.

**Gordon Hunter**

Scalanin's decision damages drama

Since Kreege was closed back in September, a myriad of problems has been created. Somewhere among these problems is a dispute that has developed between Dramashop and the Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) over production dates at Harvard's Loeb Drama Center. The outcome of this dispute may have serious consequences for both drama at MIT and the whole concept of IAP.

MTG, a primarily student activity searching for a place for its postponed fall production of "Anything Goes," and Dramashop, a primarily academic program searching for a theater for its unnamed IAP production, contacted the Loeb about the theater in January. Harvard decided to offer the Loeb to MIT for three weeks in January, perhaps reluctantly, let MIT decide how to split the time between the two groups.

Assistant Professor Robert Scanlan, who runs Dramashop, then approached the time left half the time to MTG and half to Dramashop. MTG found this split unfair since it would get the less favorable half with only one weekend, and thus would need to have six or seven performances on successive nights, many of which are week nights (in fairness, I should mention that I'm a member of MTG's Managing Board). Although there have been problems with the theatre (MTG is not planning to perform for two weekends), Scanlan believes that Dramashop needs the extra time for its construction and rehearsals.

MTG proposed to help Dramashop with set construction and lighting, an offer of over 15 skilled workers during IAP, if MTG could have the theater until the second Friday or Saturday. Many members of the administration, many Humanities Departments faculty members, and even many students in Dramashop sympathetic to MTG's proposal and tried to persuade Scanlan to change his mind, but all efforts failed.

Now on the administration or the faculty who was sympathetic to MTG's view was both able and willing to override Scanlan, who said that loss of any Drama would damage the academic program. Thus because Dramashop is an academic program, Scanlan got his way.

Scanlan's decision has badly hurt relations between the two drama groups, relations which had been improving in the last few years as some students became involved with both groups. Also some of the Dramashop students have been alienated because they feel Scanlan's decision was unjustified. Such a decision will cause the drama program at MIT, both for the academics and the activities.

The most disturbing precedent, however, is that an academic program has taken power over an activity during IAP. What we have here is not one but two academic programs without worrying about academics. When the decision was made to allow credit for certain activities during IAP, some opposed the move as potentially endangering the spirit of IAP. Their fears now appear to have been well-founded.

I strongly urge that the IAP Committee restate the purpose and goals of IAP to avoid further problems. If academics are allowed to take precedence over activities during January, IAP will turn into a nine-week running of the original intent of having the inter-term period. I also urge Professor Scanlan to consider more carefully the ramifications of his decisions on the overall state of drama at MIT.

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**Letter to send to Paul Gray**

I oppose the Committee on Campus Dining’s proposal for compulsory commons in Baker, East Campus, MacGregor, and McCormick.

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feedback

Beaver comic insensitive

To the Editor:

I found the cartoon in Tuesday's issue of The Tech offensive. It felt as if we were belittling and insulting gay people. It is unbelievable that you show such a lack of sensitivity at the same time that the UA is showing a similar lapse through the Smith party. In the latter case, if the MIT men at Smith behave as poorly there as many of them have here, I am sure that in the future Smith women will refuse to deal with them.

Naomi Pleas G.

I was very disappointed with your editorial entitled: "I am sure that in the future Smith women will refuse to deal with them." This is exactly the case with my comic strip. The fox was portrayed all along as being contemptible, and the last frame was just the coup de grace. What I was saying was: "'Faggot' is an offensive word, and only base and contemptible people use it as an epithet." The strip was just a visual interpretation of this statement. This is the only legitimate way the strip can be construed. It cannot and should not be construed (as a previous letter to the editor did) to mean that the author combined vandalism and wants to deny the rights of homosexuals. This is absolutely wrong. I deplore all vandalism and the denial of anybody's rights. I regret that some people did interpret it in this way. To them, I can only apologize and promise not to use the word in any future strip.

However, when I read the book, I was not offended, because I realized that the author was not being anti-Semitic, but was only illustrating the business of the main character. This is exactly the case with my comic strip. The fox was portrayed all along as being contemptible, and the last frame was just the coup de grace. What I was saying was: "'Faggot' is an offensive word, and only base and contemptible people use it as an epithet." The strip was just a visual interpretation of this statement.

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Note from Glenn Ackerman: I hope that this letter will put an end to the controversy over "The Beaver" comic strip of Oct. 30th. I regret that people took offense at the comic, but I still feel that it was not offensive if one looked at the entire strip and not just the last frame. I was not making a slur against homosexuals, but portraying a base and contemptible character. In The Young Lontigan by James Farrell, the word "sho" is used quite often, and incidents of religious persecutions are portrayed. Being Jewish, I am sure that these words and actions are at least as offensive to me as the word, 'faggot' is to homosexuals.

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Call to Order
General Assembly Meeting 9:30pm, Thursday, November 15, MacDermott Dining Hall
All students are encouraged to attend.

Agenda
1. Announcements.
2. Discussion of goals for the year.
3. Selection of students for Medical Department Visiting Committee Dinner.
5. Campus Dining Room Considerations.

Nominations Committee Hearings
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SCRH Hearing
The UA Standing Committee on Relations Review (SCRH) will hold its first hearing on Wednesday, November 15, at 6pm in Room 400. The Student Secretary will inform the meeting of the current state of the SCRH and the UA Social Committee and the UA Board of Appeals which will host the SCRH in the near future. A preliminary agenda for the hearing shall be available during the next General Assembly meeting.

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