IN THE NEWS

Former Nixon speechwriter Patrick Buchanan told a Boston University audience Wednesday that he felt the decision in determining the Presidential candidates from each of the major parties. He commented that though the facts reported in The Final Days, a recently published account of Nixon's resignation, were generally accurate, the atmosphere portrayed was misrepresented.

The baseball team defeated Bates College to make its record 10-6 with nine games left to play. Senior Mike Royal, in a superb performance, hurled a one-hit no-hitter to lead the Engineers to victory.

MIT sailors were victorious in three regattas last weekend, as the women captured the President's Trophy; the men, the Dartmouth Bowl; and the freshmen, the Greater Boston Freshman Championship.

The Creative Photography I and II were destined for cancellation, Professor John Habraken denied charges that the Lab will be dismantled next year. Habraken dismissed the issue of next year's subject listings as premature.

In view of the scope of the reorganization in progress, he said, the arts curriculum must be redefined within the Department's program before such specific matters as subject 4.051 and 4.092, Creative Photography I and II, can be considered. Habraken stressed her "sincere regret for the personal distress caused to the three of you caught in the middle," and said she accepted responsibility for "procedural deficiencies" revealed by the incident. The memo, written by Assistant Dean Alice Seelinger and addressed to house masters in each of the Institute houses, listed a number of candidates for graduate residents — graduate students who are assigned to floors or entries to act as "tutors" for residents. Three candidates were listed by Seelinger as "unsuitable." Thursday obtained a copy of the memo and published it. "The manner in which the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs appraised apprehensions was expressed was clearly inappropriate," Eisenberg wrote. "The use of the shorthand term 'unsuitable', without qualification or explanation, could be taken to imply an absolute judgment, unwarranted for an opinion which is best subjective." Eisenberg said that Seelinger's evaluation had been made at the request of some of the house masters, when the DSA forwarded the applications to the house masters, before the house residents had a chance to evaluate the applicants. "With the benefit of hindsight, it is apparent that the circulation of (DSA) evaluations at the time applications are forwarded is incorrect," she wrote. "It is likely to give undue weight to the (DSA) view in a fashion that may prejudice and perhaps even predetermine the outcome of house evaluations."

Future evaluations, Eisenberg said, would use "contemporaneous and independent" appraisals by DSA and by the houses, with final decisions made in "conference" when "major differences are indicated."

Eisenberg wrote that procedures will be "set forth in writing and distributed to candidates to avoid ambiguity" in future evaluations, and a greater effort will be made to "communicate the judgements and the reasons for them to the applicants and so afford them an opportunity to understand and to respond to those judgments."

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