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WEATHER
Today will be clear with a high in the mid to upper 60's, dipping to 50-55 tomorrow night. There is 0 percent chance of rain. Saturday will be sunny.

INSIDE

Two million dollars of contributions were received over the summer for the proposed fraternity rush dormitories. Fraternity rush hour begins today, and the frats are only 38 pledges away from full occupancy. Even the dreariest surroundings can be substantially improved by artwork. The List Student Loan Program will provide over 100 students with the opportunity to do just that. (Photo by David M. Tenenbaum.)

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By Ron Newman
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The focus of the upcoming debate is the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Grading, issued last March as a special supplement to Tech Talk, the newspaper published by the administration. Citing inequities and frustrations which may "engender a sense of cynicism about the grading system," the report proposed three changes: the placement of grade distributions for each course on the transcript, specifying their first, second, and third choices at the Hayden Gallery. The gallery will close at 1 pm and students will be matched as closely as possible with their art preferences. Loans will be limited to one print or poster per student.

Local
The New York Yankees came to Boston riding a hot streak and trounced the Red Sox 15-3. Willie Randolph paced a 21-hit attack as the Bronx Bombers narrowed Boston's AL East lead to three games. New York now has won 13 of its last 15 games.

In another tight pennant race, Philadelphia gained some home court advantage by defeating Chicago, 5-3. Coupled with a 5-4 Pirate loss to St. Louis the Phillips moved to a 19 game lead in the NL East.

The Tech asks to call himself the "King of Junk Telephone Calls," believes that as the postal service gets worse, the telephone will replace the junk letter as a means of reaching reluc-
tant consumers in the country. "In this case, the mail," Gluck told me, "It works for a long time and we're all grateful to it. But you have to keep up with the times. If anyone is to blame for us going to junk telephone calls, it's the consumer."

By Kenneth Hammar
The MIT Committee on the Visual Arts is sponsoring an exhibition and loan program of framed posters and prints from the List Student Loan Program and the Catherine N. Stratton Collection of Graphic Art. More than 100 posters and prints are available for loan to full-time registered MIT students. The exhibition will be open to the public, 10 am to 4 pm daily, and worked evenings between 5 and 9 pm, until September 15 at the Hayden Gallery.

Students may borrow a print or poster for the academic year by specifying their first, second, and third choices at the Hayden Gallery. A full range of styles and mediums used by contemporary and modern artists will be represented, according to Gayle Garrels, the Committee on the Visual Arts Registrar. Abstract, expressionistic, minimal, or other field, pop, op-art, and figurative styles will all be displayed. Mediums vary to include lithographs, silk screens, wood cuts, and etchings. The work of such eminent artists as Calder, Arp, Stella, Tetties, Claes Oldenberg, Trova, Ellsworth Kelly, Robert Motherwell, Al Held, and Chill are represented in the exhibition.

Some of the graphics in the List and Stratton collections may have a value as high as $6000, according to Cambridge. Most of the prints and posters in the collections are signed by the artists and are part of limited editions.

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Dr. Gray said the CIA has informed him the request will take six months to process. Documents received by the Institute will be made available to the public, the Chancellor said.

The existence of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from MIT to the CIA was first disclosed by The Tech July 25.

Dr. Gray said there is sufficient interest among the MIT community to justify the request for information. Moreover, he said, "I didn't want to read it first in directly to the student's mastery of the material but to see how their performance relative to that of their peers," it went on to provide information on the distribution of grades in each course. "We won't make available "a meaningful and accurate picture of their [students'] performance relative to their classmates," Some faculty members, such as Biology Professor Jonathan King and Education Program Professor Sherry Turkle criticized the proposed "letters of commendation" as elitist, especially since the Ad Hoc Committee proposed limiting the letter to one print or poster per student.

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