Hazing complaints addressed

By Nicholas Rowe

After receiving an increasing number of complaints through the offices of President Paul Gray '74 and the Dean for Student Affairs, Shirley McBay, a letter was released to all dormitory and fraternity residents, stating that "hazing ... and other malicious behavior, as well as non-voluntary participation in such acts as 'showers' ... are clear violations of an individual's rights." The letter reminded students of their right to refuse to participate in such acts.

Steve Immerman, Business Advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups, cited one letter to Gray from a fraternity resident, an example of the mail that had been received. The resident wrote about the traditional showering of freshmen before the first 8:01 exam, after which people who refused to participate were treated as 'outcasts.' Immerman said that tension before an exam is high enough without being showered.

Last term, Gray met with a representative of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs about these complaints. It was decided that the Interfraternity Conference and the Dormitory Council should send letters to remind people that certain acts are unacceptable and to let students, particularly freshmen, know that they have the right not to participate in these activities.

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She said that "church groups are living with the people. They know what's happening." Gallo denounced the actions of the El Salvadoran government, citing the assassination of Archbishop Romero last year and many "atrocities" performed by government troops. She claimed that in El Salvador "reform is not going to change things. There has to be a radical change."

The discussion on El Salvador was moderated by John Womack, a Harvard professor.

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