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Major tries to rename river

By Tony Zamparuti
Cambridge mayor Alfred E. Vellucci asked the city council last week to change the name of the Charles River.

The council discussed the mayor's proposal to rename the Charles the Kwa Na Ha Nee River at its August 2 meeting, but took no action on the plan.

"City councilors did not oppose the name change, but some questioned the city's authority to rename the river, since it borders several other cities and towns.

"Kwa Na Ha Nee means "site of the waters, great motherland, place of the birth of all native first people and first nations; the turtle island," said Fox Tree, a native American supporter of the change, speaking before the council.

"Fox Tree represented Native First People, a group planning a weekend festival in late September, celebrating American Indian culture. The festival should be held on the Charles banks, Vellucci said.

"Vellucci and Fox Tree will try to arrange a meeting to discuss the name change with Boston Mayor Kevin H. White, the Cambridge mayor said this week.

"Now that I can say [Kwa Na Ha Nee]," Vellucci told the council, "I think it sounds nicer than Charles River."

"I don't want to change the name," Vellucci explained this week. "The Indians want it to stay."

"Fox Tree named Vellucci an honorary American chief to recognize the mayor's support for the name change.

"The mayor used his new Indian name, Chief Little Velvet, several times during the council meeting. He chose the name from a translation of his Italian surname.

Several of the councilors raised doubts about the feasibility of Native First People's September festival.

The city would welcome the event, said councilor David Sullivan '74, but "a lot of logistical problems could arise. It is going to cost a lot of money to host a tribal festival."

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By Bill Gifflee
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EECS head irked by Tech article

By Barry S. Serman
According to details of a self-evaluation report drafted by the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) has department officials upset. The story, published in the July 30 issue of The Tech, said EECS fears it may lose the premier electrical engineering school in the country, and slip to third in computer science.

"It is unfortunate that it came out in The Tech," said Course VI Head Joel Moses '67.

Moses claimed the story may have given the impression EECS gave the report to the newspaper. "We did not," he said.

The Tech's account on the EECS computer system was closed within four days of the article's appearance. "This strikes me as a purely punitive action," said Richard Salz '83, project director for The Tech's new electronic newsroom system.

Moses said he suspected The Tech obtained the report through its EECS computer account, but denied any connection between the closure and the closing of the account.

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High costs plague new buildings

By Bart Kaliski
Construction of the EG & G Educational Center is "going forward and going well," according to Director of Physical Plant Paul M. Barrett, but the building will cost more than originally planned.

The new building, located in the courtyard between Buildings 36 and 38, will provide additional classroom and laboratory space for the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) Department. The founders of EG & G, Professor Harold E. Edgerton '27, Kenneth Gershemhausen '31, and Herbert E. Grier '33 donated nearly five million dollars for the building.

Last February, Barrett reported that construction bids were higher than the planned budget for the facility.

"The center is "costing more than contemplated two or three years ago," he said this week. Barrett did not know whether donations for the building will still cover the cost.

Barrett said the building will be completed in the spring of 1983, as planned, despite delays due to rain during June.

Foundation work for the Arts and Media Technology Center, located at 25 Ames Street, was finished in June. Barrett noted, and construction will be completed in the spring of 1984.

Barrett said bids for the superstructure of the center were higher than expected. Physical Plant has decided to contract with the lower bidder, he continued, "but we are trying to get the price more in line with our resources."

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