Senior Hse. residents "fix" dormline tape

By Robert E. Malchman

A Senior House resident entered MIT's dormline telephone exchange in the basement of Ashdown House early Sunday morning and replaced the recording played to outside callers with one devised by himself and an accomplice.

The usual message, "This is MIT. Collect and third-number calls will not be accepted at this number," was replaced by one saying, "This is MIT, where the phase 'Sport Death' has been censored by the Dean's Office. Collect and third-number calls will not be accepted."

"Sport Death" is the motto of Senior House. In May, the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) ordered the phrase removed from the Residence Book because it is potentially embarrassing to the Institute or offensive to freshmen or their parents, according to the Dean of Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood. The Dean's Office published the book and exercised editorial control over its contents.

The dormline prank was a response to this action, according to the perpetrator, who requested anonymity. Making the change was "pretty trivial," he said. "I have technicians checking it out."

"We'll take steps to see that it doesn't happen again."

"This is the first instance in the year I've been here," said Donald Green, Supervisor of Telecommunications. Green will ask his student employees at dormline about the incident. "If I find the guilty party," he said, "I'll say it wasn't appreciated and if it happens again you'll get booted out."

Sherwood said the Dean's Office has no plans to investigate the matter unless "someone files a complaint with us. As it stands now, it's a non-issue."

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space in the basement, SCC says.

Three facilities should be re-placed with a student pub, an automatic bank teller machine, an ice cream or pizza parlor, or a "more stylish" barbershop, the committee suggests.

Non-student functions using Student Center facilities on a daily basis often conflict with student events, says the report. Outside conferences and inside seminars create "a rigid and formal atmosphere in the Student Center which discourages student use of the building."

The report was prepared at the request of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA), for presentation to the Corporation's Visiting Committee on Student Affairs November 7-9.

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