City demands MIT apology
By Ed Schussi

The Cambridge City Council ordered MIT Wednesday to apologize to several government agencies for a phenol leak in an adjacent trash compactor and to promise such leaks will not happen again.

The leak occurred when an assistant in a recombinant DNA laboratory left some chemical bottles in a hallway outside his laboratory. An MIT Physical Plant custodian then dumped the chemicals in the trash compactor behind the Kendall Square fire station.

Some phenol may have leaked into a storm drain leading into the Charles River, said Cambridge Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci. MIT Physical Plant custodian then dumped the chemicals in the trash compactor behind the Kendall Square fire station.

MIT has not yet received any official order from the council, according to Walter L. Milne, Special Assistant to the President for Urban Relations. Milne denied any publication of chemicals, citing the excellent work of the cleanup crew and the lack of evidence of phenol traces in the catch basin in the MIT storm drain.

The council unanimously voted to order MIT to send letters of apology to the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering and Attorney General, the Middlesex County District Attorney, the Metropolitan District Commission and the City of Cambridge.

The letter to the city, the council voted, must include a promise such an accident will not occur again.

Every reasonable precaution will be taken in the future, Milne said, to prevent such accidents from happening again.

MIT tables motion on sorority
By Thomas Huang

The InterFraternity Conference (IFC) heard about satisfactorily attempted to exempt fraternities from the state meals tax, and passed a motion to establish a sorority at MIT at meeting last night.

"We have been trying to get an abatement of the fraternity meals tax on behalf of people thought it was unjust," said Thomas Maples '84, IFC Financial Management Chairman.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue exempted Kappa Sigma and Nu-Sor Social Club from the state's five percent meals tax, according to Maples. Sigma Phi Epsilon is trying to apply for an exemption as well.

About two years ago, MIT tried to get meals tax exemptions for its fraternities through legislation but did not succeed, according to Stephen D. Immerman, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

The two recent applications for individual fraternity appeals to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue have been rare for MIT as long as "the percentage of women undergraduates should reach 50 percent or within the current MIT co-ed living facilities permit to any consideration of craft privileges," that the women requesting...the sorority should establish and maintain a state off-campus living facility.

The sorority would be a non-voting participant in the IFC and might have to pay half the regular IFC dues for at least its first year. The sorority would not be allowed to rush freshmen during this time.

Discussion of the sorority proposal was postponed until the next meeting, to let the council's districts to the IFC, and its rush procedures.

The process of forming a sorority would appear to move forward, noted Robert A. Sherwood, Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Chomsky criticizes US policy
By John J. Ying

Four panelists, speaking Wednesday night to an overflow crowd of 26-100, described the brutal behavior of Israel and its Phalangist allies in the invasion of Lebanon that culminated in the massacres in the Beirut refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila.

The panelists, Noam A. Chomsky, Professor of Linguistics, Dan Connell, Lebanon Affairs Person for Oxfam America, Roger Hurwitz, a researcher in MIT's Political Science Department, and Lena Jayusii, a Palestinian sociologist, spoke at an emotional forum sponsored by the MIT Student Union.

The lecture started with a fifteen-minute slide show, by the America Friends Service Committee, documenting the destruction of the Lebanese war.

Chomsky emphasized the duplicity of the U.S. in criticizing Israel for its actions while providing material and moral support. It is "hypocrisy to condemn Israel when we pay for them to invade, hypocrisy to condemn Israel for heavy bombing and shelling of dense population zones when we provide massive military assistance," Chomsky claimed.

Chomsky also blamed Israel, and not the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), for provoking the invasion of Southern Lebanon. "The Israelis are completely missing the point. The point is the invasion of Lebanon was carried out. Whether they were trying to sell the bombs were too quiet. The PLO could no longer be portrayed as modern." The government hopes the PLO will return to Lebanon, according Chomsky. This way it will lose the political credibility it has gained.

Three main reasons Israel invaded Lebanon, according to Chomsky, were to "integrate" the bulk of the occupied territories into Israel, to destroy "any manifestation of Palestinian nationalism," and to control Southern Lebanon and its resources.

Chomsky directly blamed Israel for the massacres in Sabra and Shatila. He noted Colonel Haddad's Christian militia was transported from South Lebanon to the refugee camps and commented that the Phalangist forces were chosen by "proceeding of their history of savagery and brutality.

All this [the massacres] takes place below Israeli observation posts. Close by, they [the massacres] were hearing the shrieks of people getting murdered.

Jayusii, a Palestinian who has lived in Lebanon, addressed the issues of mass immigration to Lebanon, a holocaust, the Palestinian people...It is an attempt to establish an Israeli imperialist dominance over the entire Middle East region.

About Sabra and Shatila: Jayusii notes, "There is no way I could see," that the Israeli Army could wipe out the camp "without knowing that a massacre would occur..." The Israeli government has decided in the end as the heart of every Palestinian to live in the proposed sorority.

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Chomsky also blamed Israel, the representative of the Arab people...They are the only ones who can resist the assault of the imperialist power...The only way to stand against genocide is to stand for a national self-determination of the Palestinian states...Chomsky ends a policy just returning from Beirut, vividly described of suffering and stressed the civilian casualties in the war. He said wounds from phosphorous bombs could remain up to 24 hours, not talked about assembly line amputation...The policy of casualties of military to civilian was 80 percent civilian,...the civilians were worse off...the military was better protected.

Hurwitz, a member of the New Jewish Agenda and one of the founders of Meked, an Israeli peace group, also attacked the Israeli government, "It is an attempt to establish an Israeli imperialist dominance over the entire Middle East region."