

# The Hack overshadows The Game

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to prosecute perpetrators of the prank, Sohn noted.

By coincidence, the MIT Marching Band attempted another prank at the same game, although only parts of their complex plan were successful. Band members distributed 1,134 red and white cards to Harvard fans before the game, telling them the cards spelled "Beat Yale." Instead, the cards said "MIT." Many excited fans held up their cards without prompting from the band, after Harvard scored its second touchdown. The band persuaded enough of the spectators to hold their cards to form a part of the message ten minutes before the end of the game, according to Tom Galloway, an associate of the MIT marching band.

The band's most ambitious move, though, came at halftime. After Yale's marching band completed its show, about 40 MIT band members, at first accompanied by two confused students from the Yale band, ran onto the field after a signal from Galloway. "We just basically ran

out there," commented Karin Lohman '85, former president of the MIT Marching Band, "no one tried to stop us."

A pre-recorded tape was then supposed to begin playing over the stadium sound system, Galloway noted, although the prank did not proceed as scheduled. "The device just didn't work — Murphy's Law. We were in a hurry, and never had time to do a

full-scale test," according to a member of the Technology Hackers' Association, who claimed responsibility for the sound system plan.

The taped voice would have asked spectators to hold up their cards, according to Galloway and then would have announced, "As you may recall, last year MIT took over Harvard and renamed it 'Upchuck River Community

College.' Due to our recently developed tactical nuclear capability and your newly elected puppet — uh — student government, we feel safe in upgrading your status from colony to province." The new Harvard flag — a giant green parachute bearing a pink alligator — was supposed to be unfurled as the "Engineers' Drinking Song" played on the tape. Finally, 56 seconds of credits would have been listed, and

the tape would have concluded by declaring, "This hack was *not* sponsored by *Newsweek*." Despite the tape's failure, the marching band lay down on the field and formed the letters MIT. They left the field hurriedly to avoid being trampled by Harvard's band. The parachute was not deployed; it was recovered and is now hidden in the Undergraduate Association (UA) office, according to Galloway.

## Finance Board gives shuttle green light

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least prove there's some interest in the project."

"I guess that \$1920 still hangs over our heads," said Merritt. "Right now, it's the liability of the MIT Shuttle Bus Project. But if we decided to can the project, it would become a personal liability." If the bus project eventually makes a profit, Merritt indicated, it will cover that debt.

The Finance Board stated the shuttle project should sign a contract with Carroll — the project

has operated so far used purchase orders — purchase and erect bus stop signs, and print its refund and ticket expiration policies on each ticket, according to Charles P. Brown '84, chairman of the Finance Board.

From the beginning of the project, Merritt noted, "we would only be giving refunds if the service were stopped." Massachusetts law requires organizations print refund and ticket expiration policies on such tickets, Brown said.

"The shuttle bus started oper-

ating under a purchase order," Brown said. "Carroll let them operate without prepaying so far."

Merritt indicated most of the shuttle bus's \$1000 grant from the Finance Board has been spent, much of it on advertisements and the purchase of bus stop signs.

On September 15, the board allocated a loan of \$8720 to the Shuttle Bus Project. The loan must be approved by ADB, which has not yet voted on it. "I'm not sure what ADB plans

on doing with it," Brown said.

The project has commitments from students in several fraternities to buy passes, Merritt said. The new route will provide service to additional houses, she added. She said the interruption in service and the continuing good weather will be obstacles to selling bus passes.

The bus project will soon receive bus signs to mark stops, Merritt noted. "We can put them up anywhere on MIT property," she said. "The stops over in Boston are just going to have to be known."

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