news roundup

World

Polson gas kills hundreds in India — One of history’s worst industrial poisonings left over 2000 dead in Bhopal, India this week as homes leaked from a Union Carbide plant Monday morning. Methyl isocyanate gas, used in making a pesticide, chemically scorched nearby fields and poisoned at least 20,000 people when it poured from an underground storage tank in the plant. The gas is lethal even in small quantities. Rajiv Gandhi, prime minister of India, said Tuesday that he is “extremely sad for the little children.” Some 200 infants were among those killed.

Local

State to raise drinking age in June — Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis signed legislation Tuesday that will raise the drinking age to 21 in June. The legislation does not apply to those turning 20 before June, and takes effect only if New York and the remaining New England states approve similar measures. Massachusetts is the first state to respond to a threatened loss of federal highway funds to those 26 states with drinking ages lower than 21.

Boston school committee may close eight schools — The Boston School Committee is considering a proposal from School Superintendent Robert R. Spillane to close eight Boston public schools by Sept. 1985 to save money. Under the proposal, theMario Umana Harbor School, a science “magnet” school, would become Boston’s middle school. US District Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr. has set a December 15 deadline for a facilities plan and a detailed proposal for assigning students to schools.

Harvard’s total endowment funds were $2.3 billion, down $130 million from last year. Harvard’s endowment income rose 8.1% and was $586.9 million last year. However, as of June 30 Harvard’s total endowment funds were $2.3 billion, down $130 million from last year.

Weather

Snow time like the present — The temperature finally dropped below freezing and there may be even more snow before school’s out. Get up early and call 3-SNOW to find out if you get a free extra day to write that paper.

Diann Hess-Avron
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Burt S. Kabini

Two arrested at MacGregor after fight — Campus Police arrested two non-MIT people at MacGregor House Sunday morning for disorderly behavior and trespassing. The police were called to MacGregor at 2:45 am after a fight erupted between students and the outsiders over a stolen wallet the outsiders had allegedly taken.

Man arrested in Building 7 — Campus Police arrested a man Monday morning for trespassing in Building 7, after recognizing him as having been arrested previously on MIT property.

Many larcenies in Burton — The Campus Police Crime Prevention Unit issued a crime alert bulletin in Burton House because of eight larcenies on the third floor in the past two months. The bulletin contained descriptions of suspicious people seen in the area at the time of the thefts and called attention to unlocked and unattended rooms.

Wallet stolen in duPont — A student reported the theft of his wallet containing $55 from his unattended jacket in the duPont Athletic Center weight room. Nov. 28 at 7 pm.

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