Dorm rape raises concern

By Andrea L. Fish

The rape of a female Bradley Hall resident earlier this month has raised serious questions regarding the effectiveness of campus-wide resident housing security and the apparent lack of adherence to security measures by the MIT community. (See related stories, pages 2 and 24.)

The assailant - who was armed and a stranger to the victim - entered the victim's room through the unlocked front entrance and an unlocked office door, according to Captain Anne P. Glavin. Several residents had noticed him walking around the dormitory earlier that evening. The second contact the Campus Police, Glavin continued. He is still at large.

The Campus Police is analyzing evidence obtained from the scene, including partial fingerprints of the attacker. Forensics labs have not yet sent in a physical description of the attacker, but Glavin revealed it to release it. A list of suspects is being drawn up from those who are finding friends with prior arrests on campus.

Glavin said she was hopeful that the assailant would be caught. In an apparently unusual incident, police said a former student of M.I.T.'s food management institute service for trespassing in Senior House several weeks ago and discovered that he had an outstanding warrant for rape charges in Boston. Glavin noted that the two cases reported over the past year signal a much larger problem, as only about one in ten rapes is reported to the authorities. In addition, although both reported rapes in the past year were committed by strangers, an estimated 60 to 85 percent of all rapes are committed by acquaintances.

Olivieri warned that students must realize they are "not living in a fairyland." He said there was.

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Merritt becomes UASO head

By Alkire Merchant

Professor Travis R. Merritt became head of the Undergraduate Activities Board this week, replacing David S. Wiley '61 who left the post July 1 to become the MIT Registrar.

Although Merritt has been in the post for less than a month, Residence/Orientation Week has not been affected, Merritt said. The UASO staff and the R/O Committee are doing "heroic" work, he said. He plans to interview his son, Wiley for "fine-tuning" the paper process.

Merritt will like the UASO to get a clearer idea of its role within MIT undergraduate education and within the ongoing framework of educational reform. There are a lot of different initiatives for reforms and new programs coming from various offices of the university, he noted. Merritt said he looks forward to working closely with these people to design programs that are both reasonable and feasible. He would like to keep a "pragmatic" view, according to a US government official.

Even as MIT's alcohol-concerned semester approached this week, a report issued by the MIT Police Commission raised serious questions regarding the effectiveness of security and the apparent lack of adherence to security measures by the MIT community.

Merritt left his post as director of the Humanities Undergraduate Office, which handles undergraduate humanities majors and administers the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences requirements. For the time being, the office is being run by Ruth Speer and Susan Maasum - who had worked under Merritt - under the supervision of Professor Philip S. K. Rhee, assistant dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Merritt said.

Merritt told the MIT community that he does not plan to teach for the next year - with the exception of an advisor seminar for freshmen - so that he can focus on others.

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MIT student appears in N. Korea

By Ben Z. Stanger

Jon-Whan Lee G., a South Korea

MIT student in the Sloan School of Management, was reportedly appeared on North Korean television earlier this month, claiming that disillusionment with South Korea and capitalism had caused him to defect.

His disappearance has brought charges from Lee's family and the South Korean government that he was abducted and forced to go to North Korea.

Lee, age 25, returned to the United States on July 17 after a three month visit to Europe. He stumped around for a week, then left for Vienna, where there were no times of his until his North Korean television appearance on August 8. During a radio interview the next day, Lee said "I was disillusioned with the South Korean society, a colony where everything has been sacrificed for the Outside forces, and with the capitalist world, where corruption and immorality prevail."

Lee's father has called a third party to interview his son, either in a neutral country or in the western area of Peking, the border town where representatives of both countries meet almost daily. Rep. Yong-Wook Lee is a member of the Democratic Justice Party, South Korea's ruling party.

There is no precedent for such a meeting and third-party interview, according to a US government official.

The North Koreans have not responded to the call for a meeting, according to the official, who added that the United States would support a neutral interview "to make sure that [Lee] was there of his own volition."

The 140-member Korean Graduate Students' Association has written a letter to President Paul E. Gray '54 requesting that he help arrange a meeting between Lee and his family in a neutral setting. Lee's father will meet with Gray sometime this afternoon, according to KGSAs President, John C. Woh Hoo '88.

Gray was unavailable for comment.

The elder Lee has called the possibility that his son defected, "He was a devout Christian. I had frank debates with him. His mind was clear. What he was here on vacation. I was impressed with his firm commitment for capitalism."

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