Who should enforce the policy?

Fienman said that a policy is only as effective as its enforcement. But Fienman and Olivieri differed on who the enforcers should be.

Fienman requested that students and social chairmen take the initiative to learn about the responsible organization of parties, including age identification and bartending. But the Olivieri report suggests that "neutral observers" — such as graduate tutors — act to monitor parties. Olivieri said: "If you have a rule and you don't enforce it, your liability is higher than if you didn't have the rule in the first place." More than a third of the 247 social functions that took place at MIT incurred "major problems," he said. "If we don't strive for a better system of compliance, we're going downhill."

The episodes of violence and injury that occurred in the past year indicate that the burden on the Campus Police and the Campus Activities Office may be too heavy. The Olivieri report describes 21 alcohol-related incidents in dormitories that required Campus Police intervention, including at least three episodes of fist-fights on Amherst Alley, one involving two groups of non-MIT students, personal injuries, property damage, attempted theft, and the harassment of a female student.

The report reveals that seven alcohol-related incidents occurred at fraternities that required police intervention, even though the Campus Police do not monitor fraternity parties. The report also describes problems of control in which outsiders wander dormitory halls and non-MIT students mill around outside if they cannot get into parties.

Students are beginning to resent the Campus Police presence and feel that police observation of social events is exaggerated, and police officers are hesitant to take assignments at parties because those details are often the most difficult and least liked, the report claims. MIT's policy statement on the use of alcohol echoes the Massachusetts law, stating that members of the MIT community must not serve alcohol to or buy alcohol for students under 21 years of age and those who are intoxicated.

Under "dry rush" rules, no alcohol can be served "at events in common areas during the period when freshmen are being recruited for dormitories, fraternities, and other independent living groups." From Friday afternoon to Monday evening — with the exception of Saturday from 8pm to midnight — the United States and to over 250 countries.

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