Bad Mouting Rules Changed

By Jeremy Hytton

**NEWS EDITOR**

The Dormitory Council will not be enforcing its official "bad mouting" rule this year, because of concerns that the rule may limit constitutionally protected speech, according to Tanya M. Shaukat '95, DormCon president.

The Inter-Fraternity Council ban on bad mouting is still in effect, however. "You don't say anything that will hurt another fraternity, sorority, or independent living group," said Prashant B. Doshi '95, IFC president.

The Mediation Committee, which handles conflicts between DormCon and the IFC, issued rules early this month that warned: "Spreading false and/or malicious information about other living groups can result in charges filed against the offenders, or the officers of their respective living groups."

Plotkin's concerns, detailed in a lengthy article in yesterday's Thistle, were based on the policy as it currently exists. "The problem is in the wording of the regulations, in what Plotkin described as "a textbook case of attempting to effect a 'chill' upon free speech."

Students could violate the Institute harassment policy by making malicious statements about another person or group, Shaukat said. He cautioned, however, that an individual would have to file charges for a specific incident that he or she found injurious.

Because victims of harassment must file charges through standard Institute channels and not through MedComm, members of JudCon will not enforce the harassment policy. "We've sort of decided that we'll let the Institute take of Institute policies," Shaukat said.

Shaukat remains hopeful that bad mouting will not be a problem during rush. "I don't think there will be problems," he said. "It has not been a problem in the past."

**IFC rules unaffected**

The change will not affect the enforcement of IFC rush rules, Doshi said. Doshi, who is a member of MedComm, had not been informed of the changes in dormitory rush policies yesterday afternoon, however.

While he admitted that the IFC rules do limit freedom of speech, Doshi contended that the bad mouting restrictions have many benefits. "The whole idea is to create a safe and unbiased environment for the freshman," he said.

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**Movie Filmed in Killian Court**

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The fervor of Hollywood swept MIT off of its feet Monday when MGM Studios began filming its new movie, "Boston Explosives," in Killian Court. Filming will continue in the Boston area until Oct. 1, with the film's release slated for next summer.

The Killian Court footage will be one of the movie's opening scenes, introducing the character played by Jeff Bridges. Bridges plays Jimmy Dove, a member of the Boston Explosives Enforcement Unit.

Duff's family has asked that students and friends not visit him until he has had more time to recover from surgery, Randolph said. "There's a possibility he will not recover full movement," he said.

Because of the spectacle created by the fans, Duff told reporters: "He was repelling off of our roof. He wasn't doing it with a repelling gear, but with two normal, hardware-store ropes," said Nicole Fang '95, a Baker deskworker and friend of Duff.

A Baker resident head Duff fall and called the campus police at 11:22 p.m. Two officers responded within a minute and paramedics took Duff to the hospital. Duff was conscious after the fall but could not feel his legs, Fang said. Duff was taken to Beth Israel Hospital, where he underwent surgery at 3:30 a.m. Duff shattered his third lumbar vertebra (in his neck) and was in surgery for four and-a-half hours, according to Robert M. Randolpht, associate dean for student assistance services.

Duff's recovery will be long, Randolph said. "There's a possibility he will not recover full movement," he said.