Rushdie Stuns Audience in 26-100

By Daniel C. Stevenson

What many spectators expected to be a lecture in Room 26-100 last Tuesday evening turned out to be a surprise appearance by Salman Rushdie. Rushdie has been living in hiding since a death sentence was issued against him on Feb. 14, 1989, by then-Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran for his book *The Satanic Verses*. Currently, there is a $2 million reward for Rushdie's death, Sontag said.

Rushdie, a former associate dean for residence and campus activities, was removed as dean in April after he exchanged harassment charges with Katherine M. Nolan, a financial aid administrator with whom he had an 18-month long affair. Rushdie and Nolan filed sexual harassment charges against each other on March 19, 1993. Nolan received a six-month restraining order by a Newton court barring Rushdie from contact with Nolan and her daughter.

Later, both Rushdie and Paul J. Kirby '92, who had worked with Rushdie as Undergraduate Association vice president, filed MIT harassment complaints against each other.

By Hyun Soo Kim

MIT administrators will hold a community-wide town meeting today at noon to answer questions about the effects of MIT's budget cuts. The meeting is in the Sala del Puente in Room 26-100 and is scheduled to end at 2 p.m.

The plan will force reductions in administrative and support staff, faculty, and the rate of graduate admissions, according to President Charles M. Vest.

The idea of the town meeting is to listen to the questions and comments people may have and to give some suggestions on how we can [streamline the budget] better," said Kathy A. Wilmore, director of public relations and executive assistant to the president.

We hope that faculty, employees, and students who are interested in these issues will be there," Wilmore said.

By Jeremy Hylton

Two employees of the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs have filed harassment charges against the Institute with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, according to MCAD spokesman Jane Brayton.

Sharen P. Shea, an accountant in the Office of the Dean for Residence and Campus Activities, filed harassment and retaliation charges against MIT with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination on Nov. 2.

In her complaint, Shea alleged that she was demoted and had her workload reduced because of Kirkby's complaints, and because she had filed a sexual harassment complaint against Rushdie in June 1992.

The MCAD is investigating both complaints, but has not decided if he will pursue the charges, Brayton said. If the agency accepts the charges, the investigation could take as long as two years, she said.

The two officials have declined to comment on any personnel matters or specific allegations, but the MCAD has refused to comment on the status of the investigation and Student Affairs have filed charges on Aug. 17, according to MCAD spokeswoman Jane Brayton.

By Amy Hsu


By A. Arif Husein

The Interfraternity Council collected nearly $3,000 in fines from chapters that had participated in this year's rush for violations of rush rules.

The IFC Judicial Committee brought a total of 19 charges against 11 ILGs. Most violations were brought against the Naples, which said it did not properly handle the case and against the Sigma Alpha Epsilon. These two groups had 10 and 10 violations, respectively.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was charged with five violations, which was the highest number among the ILGs — and was found guilty of three of the charges. Alpha Delta Phi was charged with four violations and was found guilty of two of the charges.

Living Groups Fined For Rush Violations

By Jeremy Hylton

Many employees were concerned about whether there would be any early retirement incentives, Rice said, but additional retirement incentives have not been planned yet.

"I think it's impossible to tell which jobs are threatened," said Manager of Labor Relations David B. Achenbach, who represents the MCAD in negotiations with unions.

Achenbach said no early retirements are planned because workers are involved with MIT have brought up this issue, asking, what is the financial picture like in the long-term during collective bargaining. I think everyone is concerned about the budget cuts. I think everyone fears that their positions will be cut," Achenbach said.

"The most important aspect of tomorrow's meeting is to hear directly from employees the kinds of changes," Rice said.