Woman Surprises Intruder at DKE

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At about 1 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, a summer resident at the Delta Kappa Epsilon house confronted two people that had entered the house. The suspects sprayed the woman with a chemical and fled. They were later apprehended by the Cambridge Police Department.

Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin said that the woman was not an MIT student. Also, the woman was not injured. Glavin said, "We advised the Cambridge police," and the suspects were arrested a few streets away from the campus, she said.

The Campus Police assisted by bringing the woman in to identify the suspects, Glavin said. The suspects were caught on bicycles that were believed to be stolen. Nothing else was stolen, Glavin said.

DKE residents said that they had no comment on the incident.

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One of Birgeneau’s three daughters attended MIT and graduated in 1993. "My daughter who went to MIT was relatively happy," he said, "I feel good about my daughter’s experience here.

In his letter Birgeneau wrote that he knew his daughter attended MIT, and he knew from her enthusiasm that MIT was a wonderful place for a bright, ambitious young woman to obtain an undergraduate education. "We are very proud of the academic performance of our students at MIT," Birgeneau said.

"The letter told prospective parents and telephone calls from prospective applicants and their parents. Birgeneau said that he is not aware of other universities using this approach to reach out to prospective female students, though administrators from other schools seem interested in this idea. "The new female president of the University of Pennsylvania expressed interest in writing a similar letter," Birgeneau said.

In an ideal world, our students and faculty would represent the actual diversity in the United States," Birgeneau said. This recruitment effort is progress in making MIT’s student population more balanced, he said.

As a result of his letter, Birgeneau said that he has received personal letters and telephone calls from prospective applicants and their parents. DKE residents said that they had no comment on the incident.

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