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that people can come out of it with an open mind about different living groups, clubs, and organizations." The beauty of Williams' act is that "she can combine humor with a message, and very few people can do that effectively," Doshi said.

Speaking about her shows, Williams said "some days I feel like a messenger, compelled to deliver the raw truth of a situation, bright side or dark," according to a press release. At other times, "I'm aware that I am a saleswoman and laughter is what I have to offer. The world needs a few good laughs right now, with the economy, AIDS, parenting, and crime on everybody's mind," she said.

Williams feels that "laughter is a great cathartic release." A good laugh "relieves tension and eases some of life's pain. A good clean laugh makes us all feel better," she said.

Williams to MIT after hearing her speak during Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Awareness Days last year. Doshi "was impressed with her presentation," according to Dorow.

Doshi added Williams' talk at the initiation of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexuals, Transgendered, and Friends at MIT (GAMIT). Dorow said, GAMIT extended the invitation after Lambda Chi Alpha, the IFC, and GAMIT sponsored a talk by gay author and activist Warren Blumenfeld, Dorow said.

Doshi initially thought about having the IFC sponsor a show by Williams sometime during the fall term, Dorow said. However, after discussion with the Residence and Orientation Week Committee, the decision was made to have Williams appear as the Thursday-night speaker.

IFC was willing to take on the expenses, in the neighborhood of $5,000, for the speaking fee and overhead costs, Dorow said. "Prashant thought that it would be important for the IFC to do this," he said.

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spirit, Segal said. "The feedback from most freshmen was that they really enjoyed it. The counselors mentioned that it was really well-organized," Segal said.

Due to greater publicity than in past years, women's events were more successful than usual, Segal said. In particular, at least 150 women attended the Women's Chocolate Feast on Monday. "We had a very strong women's subcommittee this year," Segal said.

R/O hectic yet successful

"The hardest thing we had to deal with was the new Clearinghouse system," Segal said. "Figuring out how to make it work was a big challenge."

"Even though we were hired early on, it was still hard to give structure to R/O because of previous decisions that couldn't be changed," Swamy said. "For example, we wanted to drop off freshmen at dorms" before having them check in at the R/O Center, "but we couldn't do it because the materials giving arrival directions to freshmen had been printed before June 1."

"I was really surprised that everything ran so smoothly," Allen said. "The only problem is staffing the R/O Center because it is open around 300 hours during rush."

"It's a lot more crazy and hectic than I thought it would be. Things are going on all around campus," Allen added.

"I really enjoyed the experience," Segal said. "Apparently, we have had fewer people comment about disorganization, and upperclassmen have commented about how things were going smoothly."

In order to help next year's planners, Allen said this year's organizers were trying to keep track of how many people attended each event.

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