First Couple Attends MIT Rabbi's Service

By Hyun Soo Kim

President Clinton made history last Monday evening by being the first U.S. president to attend a Jewish high holiday service. The Rosh Hashana service at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, was conducted by Rabbi Joshua Eli Plaut, who also has a chaplaincy at MIT.

Clinton ushered in the Jewish New Year 5755 by saying the New Year's wish "Shanah tovah," which means, "May you be inscribed in the book of life for a good year.

The Source, located in the Student Center lobby, is the recently opened senior class gift from last year's graduates.

The Source Debuts as New, Expanded Information Booth

By Jeremy Hylton

The gift of the Class of 1994 has gone from seniors' pledges to reality faster than any in recent memory. The Source, a multi-service information desk on the first floor of the Student Center, opened officially last Wednesday.

The Source hopes to provide a broad range of services for students and visitors. The eight-person staff answers questions, sells copies of Technique and other student publications, sells tickets to campus events, and provides information about the campus and its programs.

The Class of 1994 pledged $30,000 to be collect-
ed over a five-year period, to pay for construction of The Source's booth. The Campus Activities Complex Advanced the entire amount and expects that the graduates will eventually collect enough money to repay the costs, according to Ted E. Johnson, assis-
tant director for programs in the CAC.

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MIT Students Not Inconvenienced by Massachusetts Jury Duty System

By Barry A. Arnaout

The Massachusetts Jury Commission summoned roughly 275,000 residents to serve jury duty last year, according to Jury Commissioner Frank Davis. These prospective jurors included a fair number of college students who, under state law, are not exempted from serving.

The issue of whether collegians should be required to serve duty was brought up in a recent letter, and the Coop has about 120,000 active members, of which about 25,000 are MIT and Harvard students; membership fees are $1 per year.

Most state students, from jury duty, stating that serving the state for not exempting students, especially out-of-

state students, from jury duty, stating that serving the state would be unfair and inconvenient.

However, it seems that this view is not widely shared at MIT. While some do find the summons dis-

ruptive, most feel that the ability to postpone duty to a future date overcomes any inconvenience, and that the state's law is fair.

"Jury duty is probably the only way to have an effect on crime and generally making a better place," said Brian C. Berman '95. "As obligations go, it's pretty minor. I'm looking forward to getting called for it some time," he said.

"Should collegians be excused?" Berman said. "No, I don't think so. Our obligations as students are generally less binding and more flexible than those of other professionals.

Theresa V. Iuzzolino '93, who was called to duty during her sophomore year, said, "I'd rather be called to jury duty now than at some point later in my life," she said. Iuzzolino said that she has less at stake now than in the future, making less money per hour, and having a flexible schedule.

"I did serve (about 10 years ago), and it really wasn't a big deal at all," said Robert L. Kwiat '81, who was able to postpone his appointment until just after the academic term.