

## Incident prompts debate on how to relate survivor stories

By SHARON KATZ

The revelation that a female undergraduate falsely accused a fellow student of sexual assault has raised questions of how to most effectively speak out against sexual violence on campus.

While administrators have suggested that the use of an open-mike format for the annual "Take Back the Night" march could encourage survivors to make hasty decisions, march organizers assert that this feature is central to affirming women's experiences.

Those involved in preventing sexual assault and harassment, moreover, have emphasized that the same environment which allows for this type of violence to occur could encourage members of the campus community to now question the validity of survivors' stories.

In the incident which has raised these concerns, Mindy Brickman '91 recanted much of her experi-

ence about sexual assault in a letter appearing in today's issue of The Daily Princetonian. Brickman spoke in Henry Arch during this year's march about her experience, shortly after which she submitted a letter to the 'Prince' repeating her story.

The dean of students office responded to her allegations made during the march by printing a letter which stated that many of her facts, including her allegations regarding the office, were incorrect. In today's letter, Brickman apologizes for her inaccuracies.

Organizers expressed concern that some individuals might use this incident as an excuse to dismiss the problem of sexual harassment and assault.

### Blame victim

"It could serve to vindicate certain people who are threatened by women empowering themselves, and find ways to blame the victim

again," said Women's Center participant Alicia Dwyer '92. "I would hope that people would see it as a minority event, which will lead not to distrust of the march but increased participation in the plan-

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ning of the march."

Interim SHARE director Joyce Clark said, "I believe that as a community, we've come a long way in learning to believe survivors and in giving them the respect they deserve. I hope that we continue to move forward on these issues and not retreat or regress."

Women's Center participant Gitanjali Maharaj '92 pointed out that listeners at the march should focus their attention on the concerns of rape survivors, rather than analyzing the details of their experi-

ences.

"There is no way we can ensure that everything we hear is truth, but we need to listen not to find the truth in (the stories) but for what kinds of needs these people have and what we can do to help," Maharaj said.

### Take preventive measures

While several administrators agreed that this incident should not be used to treat the issue of sexual violence with less concern, they said the university should consider taking steps to prevent false allegations in the future.

"People have to feel free to find strength to find healing and while it's never easy to get at truth, the truth is what we have to get," said Dean of Students Eugene Lowe '71. "It may be useful to think about the way the 'Take Back the Night' march works."

"An open microphone can be abused. Speech that is made might

not always be accountable," Lowe added. "There is something which happens in that dynamic which is not controllable. People's confusions cannot be checked by reality counseling."

Clark added that from a clinical perspective, the open-mike format might not serve survivors' best interests.

"My concern is that the pull of the moment may not create the kind of situation where people can make the best long-term decisions for themselves," she said.

### Great risks

Assistant to the President Carl Wartenburg said, "I don't know if (the open mike) is helpful or necessary. It might be empowering to some, but the risks are so great that it may not be healthy."

The decision to speak publicly before a microphone must be viewed in the context of a culture  
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## MoBio emerges as top program following decades of stagnation

By NOAM LEVEY

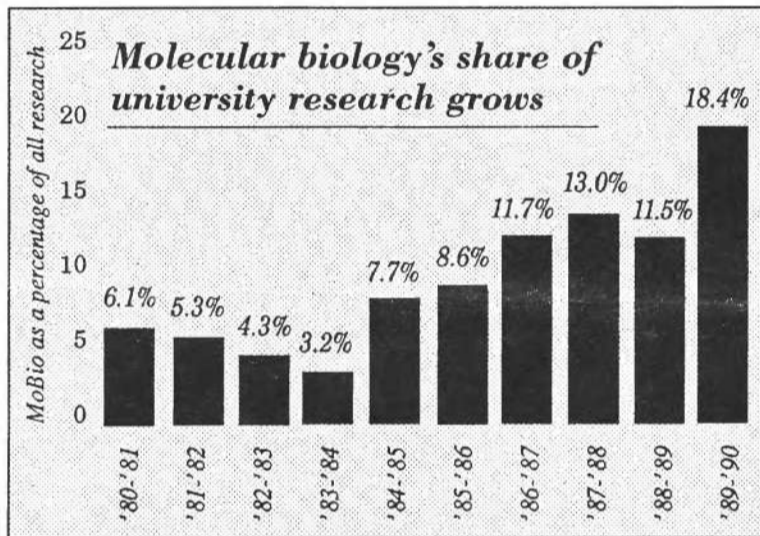
After 30 years of on-again off-again attempts at developing a major molecular biology department, Princeton has at last created a program of world-class caliber.

"We are in the top five or six biology departments in the country in terms of high quality research and teaching programs," said molecular biology chair Arnold Levine, who recently turned down an offer to direct the Salk Institute, one of the foremost molecular biological research organizations.

Since its creation in 1983, the MoBio department has blossomed into one of the university's most prominent centers for research and has grown into a substantial institution for the study of molecular biology.

In 1983, only a handful of professors remained from the original department of biochemical sciences, the predecessor to the MoBio department. Today, the MoBio department boasts 25 professors, over 100 graduate students, 100 post-doctoral fellows, 60 technical staff members and 84 junior and senior concentrators.

Meanwhile, research in molec-



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ular biology has skyrocketed. In fiscal year 1984, the first year MoBio was considered to be a separate discipline, the department received less than \$1 million in research grants. In fiscal year 1990, by contrast, MoBio received almost \$13 million in research grants — almost 20 percent of all research funding received by the university. (See graph on this page.)

The long-delayed creation of a

strong MoBio department originated in January 1983, when President William Bowen GS '58 announced that the university would pour \$46 million into a new molecular biology program.

The project included a \$29 million complex to house the department — what is now the Lewis Thomas '33 Laboratory — as well as the appointment of a core of cutting-edge faculty to the new  
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## Wright to assume restructured role Moving to One Nassau Hall

By MARC SOLE and ERIK SWAIN

In a significant shift of responsibilities, Vice President Thomas Wright '62 expects to be moved next year into One Nassau Hall to work more closely with President Shapiro on institutional planning and responsibilities outside the university.

Wright, who will retain his title as vice president and secretary to the Board of Trustees, said he plans to continue overseeing the athletic and health service departments in the immediate future, but added he would likely give up those responsibilities eventually.

The decision to shift responsibilities was made by Shapiro, in conjunction with incoming provost Hugo Sonnenschein. Assistant to the President Carl Wartenburg said that Wright's move had been considered ever since Wartenburg left the president's office to coordinate university efforts against alcohol abuse on campus four or five months ago.

The change signals Shapiro's latest effort to mold the structure of the administration to reflect his own needs and preferences since he



Thomas Wright '62  
Redefined duties

took over in 1987. Wright was quickly elevated from general counsel to vice president status under the initial configuration of Shapiro's administration.

Shapiro was out of town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Wright said that though many of the details about how he will operate and how the administration will be restructured have not yet been worked out, he expects to focus on long-range planning, take care of unforeseen events and support Shapiro in his representational responsibilities outside the university.  
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## Bush expected to name Bradford as adviser

By MICHELLE WOOLLEN

David Bradford, associate dean of the Woodrow Wilson School, is expected to be nominated soon by President Bush to serve on his Council of Economic Advisers.

Though Bush has not yet officially nominated a candidate for the Council, administration officials have been conferring with Bradford. Bradford, who teaches economics and public affairs, is expected to receive the nomination

in the upcoming weeks.

"I'm not officially nominated, but I'm not just speculation," Bradford said yesterday. "I am involved in discussion with the administration about possibly being their candidate."

### Three-member council

The three-member Council of Economic Advisers makes recommendations to the president on specific economic policies, including taxes, education and trade. The departure of Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Richard Schmalensee this summer will leave open a position on the advisory board.

Wilson School Dean Donald Stokes GS '51 said yesterday that he believes Bradford will most likely receive the nomination.

"I know he's been talking very actively with them," Stokes said. "It's my understanding that the president is going to nominate him."

Economics professor Alan Blin-

der '67 said Bradford's background qualifies him for membership on the Council.

"He has all the necessary experience," Blinder added. "He's got the smarts and the personality. He would be a very good choice."

Under the Ford administration, Bradford served in the Treasury Department as deputy associate secretary for tax analysis. He contributed in 1986 to Blueprints for Basic Tax Reform, a Treasury publication which influenced the income tax changes that year.

Stokes praised Bradford's previous work for the national government.

"He has had significant experience in Washington, and he did a very impressive job," Stokes said. "He's one of the world's ranking public finance economists. It's the president's decision to make, but I admire his taste."

Bradford downplayed his experience at the Treasury Department, noting instead that the limited num-

ber of economic policy makers narrowed the field considerably.

"I'm sure my experience in the Treasury was relevant," Bradford said, "but this is a fairly small world."

If Bradford joins the Council of Economic Advisers, the university will grant him a year's leave with the option of adding a second year, Stokes said.

Bradford said he anticipates no problems with taking a leave from Princeton because a two-year term is "rather typical" for a Council member.

Though Bush may wait weeks before naming a candidate to fill Schmalensee's role, Bradford expressed his excitement at being the current frontrunner to join the Council.

"I like the idea a whole lot," he said. "I hope it works out."

The Council of Economic Advisers is currently chaired by former Stanford University professor Michael Boskin.

### We're outta here!

Hey, we offered you Hogue, we offered you Bush, we offered you a little porn, but all you wanted were our Calvins. We're signing off for the summer, but don't be too bitter. Keep your letters for September when we resume publishing in full force on the 12th.

## Condemn unjust accusations

### Isolated incident

Though Mindy Brickman '91 thought she was helping raise campus awareness about the plight of rape victims, she may have set back the very goals she sought to promote. Brickman, who spoke out at the "Take Back the Night" march in April and wrote a letter to the 'Prince' about her experiences, falsely accused a fellow student of raping her. Her actions were a horrible offense to the student she named in conversations with members of this community and could make some people doubt rape survivors in the future.

Brickman admits to her deception. She libelled a student whom she had not even met, and spread her false claim through conversations around campus.

This incident may give rise to speculation about the legitimacy of women's rape survivor stories, and this episode may damage the impact of the "Take Back the Night" march in the future.

As harmful as Brickman's actions were to this student, they should not alter the community's sensitivity to the existence of rape. What must be remembered is the significance of survivors' stories and the pain which rape survivors suffer when they are not believed — either in a personal or public forum.

Rape survivors have traditionally been demoralized by societal suspicions and doubts. However, awareness of rape is growing and we should not allow such progress to be set back by an isolated incident.

Society has been quick to doubt the accusations levelled by victims of rape — much more so than victims of other violent crimes. A person who walks into a police station, for example, and says "I've been mugged" would not be questioned as if he or she was responsible for the crime.

Rape victims deserve the respect and sensitivity we give victims of other violent crimes. This recent incident, damaging as it may seem, should not harden us to the horrors of rape.

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## On curriculum, free speech, beer jackets

### Fabricated issue?

I would like to correct the comments attributed to me in the "Scholars debate value of multicultural curriculum trends" article ('Prince,' May 17). First, although I am very much opposed to those who dismiss the study of non-Euro-Americans as irrelevant or intellectually suspect, the critical quotes attributed to me were not aimed at Princeton, but rather at U.S. universities in general. In fact, the interviewer was repeatedly told that, although much work remains to be done, I am very pleased with the advances this university has made in the areas of faculty, student and curricular diversification.

Second, the statement on the focus of the university's scholarship being "overwhelmingly on the Euro-American tradition" was taken out of context. In an American university, as I noted during the interview, this emphasis is to be expected, is a necessary component of an American's liberal education, and is desirable in that one cannot function successfully in the U.S. without a solid understanding of Euro-American cultural practices. What is not appropriate is a curriculum that leaves no space for alternative perspectives, relevant (U.S.) multicultural content, or non-Western voices.

Third, while curricular resistance to change is great everywhere (not just at Princeton), our university's willingness to move in the direction of diversity, without hoping to marginalize into irrelevance the pluralizing components and without compromising its high standards, is proof to me of its commitment to responsible change. And this is no small part of the attraction that drew me here in the first place.

In the future, please do not try to fabricate a controversy where there is none.

J. Jorge Klor de Alva  
Professor of Anthropology

### Myth of silence

I would like to debunk the myth of the oppressive liberals who attempt to silence opposing views by, among other things, tearing down flyers put up by conservative groups.

Hal Wenglinsky '91 concocted this myth in a whiny letter to the editor ("Harassment, accusations stifle 'most hated man on campus' " 'Prince,' April 29). He claimed that "PSAC (the Princeton Student Action Coalition) tore down about 100" flyers that he had put up to advertise his forum on political correctness, which was part of the Day of Dialogue. He asserted that this was done because he opposes the "Take Back the Night" march, which PSAC supports. Now for the truth.

PSAC organized the Day of Dialogue to facilitate discussion on nationwide and campus issues. We gave equal publicity and time to all the forums, including Hal's. His decision to further advertise his own forum was fine, except that his poster stated that PSAC sponsored the poster and thus supported the views that he put forth on it. This was not true, and his flyer, which said that it was sponsored by PSAC, had never been approved by us at all.

According to Dean of Students regulations, every flyer posted by students must have the name of the sponsoring student organization on it, as well as a contact person and phone number. PSAC did not sponsor his flyer. It gave no contact person. When I saw them in Wilson and called the Dean of Students office to ask what to do, they told me that either I could tell Hal to remove them or that I could bring a flyer to their office and then the proctors would remove them. Nevertheless, I left them up. The only flyers that I took down were ones that had been strategically placed over the Take Back the Night flyers, as the march had not yet taken place.

Despite Hal's outrageous lies, VOCAL decided to use his whining tactics in their letter to the editor ("Proud Americans," 'Prince,' May 10). Supposedly their flyers have been "Completely dismantled by frustrated Bush protesters who want to make it appear as if there is no second side to this story." VOCAL is not a registered student organization. Despite this, no protest organizer that I know of (myself included) took down any of VOCAL's flyers. We ignored university regulations to let them voice their opinions about the "second side to this story."

So who is trying to silence others? The George Bush Reception Committee, which is a registered student organization and has flyer privileges, attempted to publicize its events by putting posters up in dining halls and the eating clubs. Most flyers in the clubs were torn down within six hours. In Wilson, which I posted, they stayed up for some time, until one night I found all of them torn down. No other flyers had been torn down. At least they were in the recycling bin.

Later that night, a friend and I were making banners for the rally. We were harassed from a nearby room, and then showered with at least five eggs from Wilcox Hall. One banner was ruined.

I am not trying to complain about

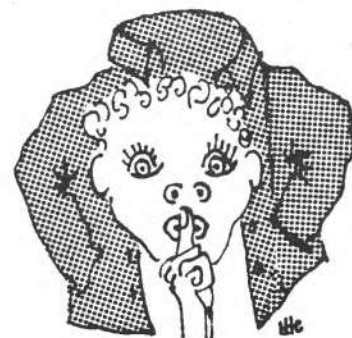
oppression of liberals at Princeton. I just want the facts to be known, and to ask the question of this campus, "Who is trying to stifle whose freedom of speech?"

Benjamin Edelman '93

### Exclusive politics

I am writing to express my outrage at the way the Class of 1991 has handled the senior jackets. It is May 20 now, and I still have not received my senior jacket though I've been to pick it up four times so far.

Many people were psyched about



working on beer jackets last spring and so they signed up to work on the beer jackets committee. However, most were assigned to work on other committees (ones they had little interest in) and our president, Stephan Roche '91, placed one of his TI brothers as the head of the beer jacket committee. This committee for the most part worked in secret with perhaps participation from Steve or Marco Sorani '91, our vice-president and Steve's roommate. The senior class was never invited to vote on a design, and contrary to claims made by certain individuals, neither was the executive committee of the class. In fact, from what I've heard, Stephan merely presented the executive committee with the winning design. Of course, though as a class delegate I'm a member of the executive committee, I am rarely informed of when meetings are and so I was not present at this particular meeting. Thus, I had no idea what the senior jackets looked like until I saw a friend of mine who had gotten hers (she happened to have ordered a small).

From the little that has been discussed about the senior jackets at committee meetings, I gather that the primary difficulty with the jackets has been a financial one. Well, my suggestion to Stephan, had he ever contacted me, would have been that his response to pressures to reduce alcohol consumption should have been to divert some of the money from pub nights to beer jackets and leave beer jackets beer jackets rather than keeping all the pub nights and symbolically renaming beer jackets senior jackets (a decision, once again, that was not discussed at any executive committee session that I or either of the other two delegates was informed about).

The secretive manner in which decisions about senior jackets were made by a small group of friends is indicative of the way in which all senior class activities were organized. This kept my senior year at Princeton from being the best it could have been. I hope the new Class of 1992 officers will make every effort to get input from their entire class as they plan out their senior year so as not to repeat the fiasco of this year.

Sanjay Patel '91  
Class of 1991 Delegate

## Apologizing for false accusation of rape

By MINDY BRICKMAN '91

I wish to make the community aware that some of the statements I have made recently on the editorial page of The Daily Princetonian and at the Take Back the Night march have been incorrect. I believe it is absolutely essential that I clarify my story so that no unfair accusations continue to be made by myself or others against any of my fellow classmates or other members of the university community.

Despite my comments to the contrary, I never brought any official charges of sexual harassment or assault against any Princeton student. Consequently, no student has ever been dismissed or suspended from Princeton University as a result of a sexual harassment or assault offense committed against me.

I never intended for anyone to be hurt by my statements and I wholeheartedly apologize to anyone who either took offense or felt as if they were personally injured by my letter and speech. Rather than attempting to achieve any type of revenge toward my alleged assailant, I made my statements in The Daily Princetonian and at the Take Back the Night march in order to raise awareness for the plight of the campus rape victims. Although I want sympathy and support for my fellow victims, I do not want to create an uncomfortable academic or social environment for any other Princeton University student.

Because of these comments, a certain individual

has been wrongly accused and is being pursued for a crime he did not commit. Although I have never met this individual or spoken to him, I would like to utilize this public forum to specifically apologize to him. In fact, the student I identified as my assailant in

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conversation with many members of this community was not the person who raped me. He coincidentally left Princeton on his own accord around the time I was raped, but his leaving the university for personal reasons and my rape are completely unrelated. I urge students who are knowledgeable of this situation to cease blaming this person for my attack.

In several personal conversations and especially at the Take Back The Night march, I have been overcome with emotion. As a result, I was not as coherent or accurate in my recounting of events as a situation as delicate as this demands. I hope this letter definitively clarifies all questionable aspects of my story.

Two years ago I made the decision not to prosecute the true assailant. Now I do not have the right to make unfounded statements about others. Therefore, I once again apologize to any individuals who have been personally injured or verbally attacked as a result of my statements.

This statement is one I have chosen to make voluntarily.

Thank you for listening.

## Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson



# Rape accusation triggers debate

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which has inhibited women from speaking out against sexual harassment and assault, said march organizer Emmy Chang '93.

"There are all kinds of societal pressures that make sexual assault stigmatized, and that so often silence survivors," Chang said. "All kinds of emotions are involved when a survivor tells her story. They may not be able to tell the whole story because the details are too painful, and everything they might say is influenced by the way in which they think people might perceive them."

### Alternative formats

Administrators suggested that a better format might include small groups discussions in lighted rooms with counselors present. In this setting, they said, trained individuals could help survivors cope with their emotions and still receive the affirmation they need.

Survivors sometimes regret their immediate decision to speak at the march and suffer painful psychological consequences later, administrators said.

Student organizers of the march, however, disagreed strongly with



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*— Eugene Lowe '71,  
Dean of Students*

any proposals to eliminate the present structure of the march.

"The march in its present format has a lot of power, with the whole community there," Chang said. "I don't think you can duplicate that in small groups."

Tara Crean '93 said, "The open mike is an extremely important medium. If there was some kind of

screening, people would be less likely to speak, and the whole purpose is to let people come forward who have been silenced."

March organizers emphasized that instead of questioning survivors, community members should question the environment which perpetuates sexual violence.

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