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teach minority topics and working to fight racism through so-called "hate speech" policies are all on the PC agenda.

Roger Howard, associate dean of students at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, sees the PC movement a bit differently. Howard contends that PC is a buzzword for those who group together a variety of issues.

"I think this PC stuff is a construction of those people who are pulling a lot of theories together and lumping them together," he said. "There is no PC movement."

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In an effort to address some of the so-called real issues, the U. of Wisconsin has made an effort to enact an official speech code.

The code, currently challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union, prohibits students from making discriminatory comments on campus. Some students find the new code vague and unconstitutional. The ACLU is awaiting a decision from a federal court judge in Milwaukee to see if the court agrees with its argument.

"The rule has a lot of ambiguities," said Gretchen Miller, ACLU's legal director for Wisconsin. "Our concern is that it would inhibit free discussion that college students would engage in. For example, racial harassment. We think it is important that students be able to talk to each other about this issue. This kind of rule will inhibit this kind of discussion."

Smith College has followed UW's lead, preparing a handout that details specific "manifestations of oppression" including "preferred terms" for minorities.

But representatives at the Massachusetts women's school say the press has distorted the purpose of the handout. Debra Bradley, news director at Smith, said the pamphlet is meant as a "springboard for discussion."

"Unfortunately," she said, "it has been described as a speech code. It isn't a speech code at all. It's an informational tool."

"We try to educate people so they can be sensitive toward others. You may poke fun at

the way these are phrased, but the concepts, I think, they have a lot of validity."

Stanley Fish, chairman of the Duke English department and a man often portrayed in magazine articles as being at the forefront of the PC movement, agrees that the media has a great deal to do with the PC momentum.

Duke has received large write-ups in PC articles nationwide because of a test students take during orientation workshops called "Duke's Vision."

The test, which describes the official ideology of the university as multiculturalism, has no correct or incorrect answers. Students also must attend a post-test seminar which outlines the goals of the institution.

Tonya Robinson, president of the Associated Students of Duke U., described the test as a "self test" about institutional goals. "Overall, most folks feel a goal of multiculturalism is a good goal," she said.

"It is dangerous to begin to mandate people's speech, but Duke has not gone in that direction," she said.

Fish contends that people who call his and other universities "PC infested" are "misinformed and erroneous." "Horror stories are endlessly circulated — most of these articles are parasitic on one another," Fish

said. "Only one story is being written, and it's written over and over again. And it contains very few items."

"Most of these reporters have never been within 1,000 miles of the campuses they speak so freely about."

He also said many of the articles are written with no sense of history, as if everything on campus was perfect before a few "crazy" people showed up.

Although Fish said some extremists exist on campuses, he expects the controversy to die down.

"When voices that have been for a long time silenced... finally get a chance to speak, they sometimes speak in ways that go to the opposite end of the spectrum which oppressed them," he said. "What will happen is the urgency of these voices will lessen as they become more assimilated into the structure of university life."

But Howard, who doesn't care for the PC label either, disagreed. "We are going to struggle with this for some time."

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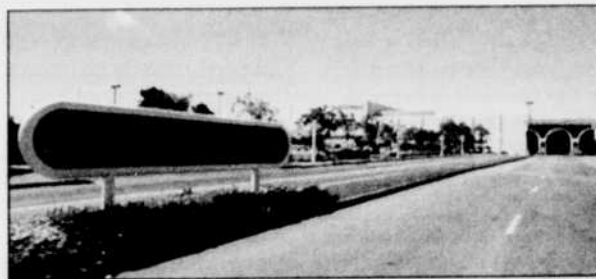
Research

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catering at a reception for the president's new bride and \$3,000 in dry-cleaning bills, according to Stanford's news office.

But government officials said misuse of research funds was revealed at all of the investigated schools, including \$731,000 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$500,000 at Harvard U. Medical School, \$402,000 at the U. of Pennsylvania and \$260,000 at the U. of Pittsburgh.

At MIT, investigators revealed that the inappropriate charges include: \$24,000 for functions at the president's house, \$13,600 for flowers in the public meeting area below the president's residence, \$27,317 for legal fees relating to federal hearings and \$10,000 for various gifts.



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Indirect research monies also funded this shopping center.

In the audit of Penn's 1987 expenses, reviewers uncovered similar charges: \$137,980 in wages and benefits for alumni relations personnel, \$964 for alumni mailings, \$194 for alumni parties after two football games, \$14,500 in travel expenses and \$73,800 in administering gifts and trusts.

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News from around the country

IOWA

Iowa State's heterosexual society...

A group of students at Iowa State U. have formed a Heterosexual Society on their campus, sparking some heated debates at their meetings. DeAnn Backes, who founded the society earlier this year, said heterosexuality is the only biologically correct lifestyle. Lisa Waldner-Haugrud, a graduate student and teaching assistant in sociology, who voiced disapproval of the society, said, "The reason they're starting the group is they don't like gay people." James Schafer, Iowa State's Lesbian/Gay Bisexual Alliance president, said he hoped the Heterosexual Society would be a support group to deal with heterosexual issues rather than just gay-bashing. "I was hoping they'd be more proactive than reactive," he said. ■ Jeff Ewoltdt, *Iowa State Daily*, Iowa State U.

KENTUCKY

Please Mr. Postman... Craig Harsch, meet Kelley McDuffie — again. When Harsch, a 1991 graduate of the U. of Wisconsin, Stout, mailed photocopied letters to 30 Western Kentucky U. students named Kelley, he considered it a "shot in the dark" at finding the woman from Western he met during Spring Break. Harsch wasn't optimistic because he didn't know her last name or how to spell her first name. But his efforts paid off when he received a call from Kelley McDuffie. "Well, you found me," she told Harsch. Harsch said they talked about school and spring break when McDuffie called him. "I was pretty surprised to hear from her," he said. "I didn't really know what to say." Harsch said from now on they both will be writing each other. And from now on Kelley won't be getting photocopied letters. ■ Rob Weber, *College Heights Herald*, Western Kentucky U.

MICHIGAN

You pee, you pay... Tinkling, wee-weeing, peeing. No matter how you say it, urination is something that should be kept behind closed doors, or at least indoors. That's what the officers at

Michigan State U.'s Department of Public Safety are saying. "I think they give out a couple tickets a night" for public urination, said junior Craig Appel. MSU sophomore Tobin Yager was apprehended by police for public urination. "I spent the night in jail for it," he said. "I had just come out of Dooley's, the big bar up here, and I was taking a leak. I didn't have any defense." Public Safety Officer Ronald Weesies denied that MSU officers issued two tickets per night for public urination. "I would be surprised if there were 20 arrests per year," Weesies said. "Generally when they write a citation it's under state law, and they are charged for something like indecent exposure or disorderly conduct," he added. The maximum penalty for indecent exposure is \$500 or one year in jail. ■ Melissa Peerless and Tami Pollak, *The Michigan Daily*, U. of Michigan.

PENNSYLVANIA

A jolly old trip to Ireland... One woman swallowed 97 goldfish, a man ate 97 worms and another person dove from a ladder into a green sheetcake as part of a "What would you do to win a trip to Ireland?" contest at Penn State U. Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority organized the event, which raked in \$10,000 for the Association for Retarded Citizens. The winner, Erin McCall, wanted the trip enough to gulp down 97 goldfish in one hour. Mike Abrams, *The Daily Collegian*, Pennsylvania State U.

UTAH

Expensive parking ticket... Students who park illegally at Brigham Young U. could end up getting booted out of school. Although no one has been expelled for violating the rule, university traffic officers said it can be done. "By the time we get some people in here they literally have hundreds of dollars in citations," said Capt. Mike Harroun, director of campus police traffic, said. "Technically, it's a violation of the law and a violator could end up going to court and getting a criminal record. However, we try... to resolve things here." ■ Christy McKellar, *The Daily Universe*, Brigham Young U.

And at Pitt, unallowable charges in 1989 included, among other things, salary and benefits for the president's driver and \$2,425 for the president's Christmas cards.

Some of the reported expenses are clearly inappropriate, and administrators attribute them to miscalculations or accounting errors, while university and government administrators blame Office of Management and Budget guidelines for many of the discrepancies.

"It's important to note that part of the problem that all of us see is that a lot of (the research contracting guidelines) are open to interpretation," said Jesus Mena, a U. of California, Berkeley, spokesman.

To combat the misunderstandings, OMB has begun revising the rules for judging what expenses the government considers appropriate. Stanford, meanwhile, will institute a system of checks and balances to revamp its indirect costs procedures.