

# **Guide to the Records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Working Group on Dangerous Drinking AC.0538**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Working Group on Dangerous Drinking, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
<b>Title</b>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, records of the Working Group on Dangerous Drinking
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<b>Language</b>	English

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## Historical note

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From Working Group on Dangerous Drinking, *Report to President Charles M. Vest*. (May 13, 1998). [http://web.mit.edu/alcohol/DDR/ddr\\_full.html](http://web.mit.edu/alcohol/DDR/ddr_full.html):

The Working Group on Binge Drinking [later renamed Working Group on Dangerous Drinking] was formed by MIT President Charles M. Vest in late November 1997. This group was one of three initiatives by President Vest after the tragic death of MIT undergraduate Scott Krueger. The other initiatives made recommendations on MIT's policies on underage drinking, Orientation, and on housing of students on campus. Charged with providing "focus and concerted leadership" in addressing "[t]he problem of binge drinking and its direct and indirect detrimental effects on university communities," the group met almost weekly from January-May 1998.

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## Scope and Contents of the Collection

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This collection documents the activities of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Working Group on Dangerous Drinking, originally called the Working Group on Binge Drinking. Formed in November 1997 after the alcohol-related death of an MIT freshman, the group met regularly from January to May 1998. The collection spans the years from 1991 to 1999, with the bulk of the records dating from 1997 to 1999. It consists of meeting agendas and minutes; correspondence, mainly to and from Phillip Sharp, cochair of the working group; memoranda; notes; information on the formation of the group; news clippings; draft reports; and a copy of the final report presented to President Charles M. Vest on May 13, 1998. Also included are background materials about alcohol and dangerous drinking; news clippings about Scott Krueger, the MIT freshman who died of alcohol-related causes on September 29, 1997; and clippings about other alcohol-related deaths of college students in the late 1990s.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Working Group on Dangerous Drinking, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### Subject(s)

- Alcohol--Physiological effect.
  - Alcohol.
  - Binge drinking.
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Massachusetts Institute of Technology. *Alcohol Policies and Procedures @ MIT* (2003). <http://web.mit.edu/alcohol/www/index.html>.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "MIT president praises report on 'dangerous drinking,' announces search for head of alcohol program." *MIT News* (May 14, 1998). <http://www.mit.edu/newsoffice/1998/drinking.html>.

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>
Working group's reports and draft reports 1997-1998	1
Report for Fipse Grant February 1998	1
Notes and committee meeting minutes and agendas 1997-1998	1
Correspondence and memoranda 1997 October 2 to November 2	1
Correspondence and memoranda 1997 November 3 to December 31	1
Correspondence and memoranda 1998 January to March	1
Correspondence and memoranda 1998 April to 1999 March	1
Information on formation of working group 1997-1998	1
MIT alcohol policy report and background readings 1991-1998	1
MIT-specific background materials 1991-1998	1
Background information on MIT Emergency Services 1997-1998	1
Educational booklets on alcohol from Channing L. Bete Co., Inc. 1997-1998	1
Sourcebook - <i>Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies</i> 1996	1
Sourcebook - <i>Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies</i> update 1997-1998	1
Background materials (6 folders) 1997-1998	1
News clippings about working group 1997-1998	1