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 WEEKEND

Juniors' Parents Storm Campus

By BARBARA E. MARTINEZ

Hundreds of Baby Boomers descended on their progeny yesterday for the start of Junior Parents Weekend.

The folks enjoyed events like lectures, panels and open houses, all sponsored by the Junior Parents Weekend committee, and Harvard institutions opened their doors to parents.

"We've been to the labs, the natural history museum, places people don't usually go," said New Hampshire Mary Swanson, mother of Lisa G. Swanson '98. "We ate at Loker—it was great! The coffee shop was wonderful. Afterwards we went to B.S. 11. I really liked the professor."

The library offered a special reception and tour for parents. "I enjoyed learning more about the University and its history," said parent Barbara Adams. "I wanted to stow away in the library!"

Yesterday afternoon the Office of Career Services (OCS) sponsored a panel for parents which discussed how students can plan for life after Harvard.

"The OCS lecture gave us a taste of what resources the College has to help students after graduation," said Richard Wells of Lexington, MA



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Professor of Psychiatry JOHN E. MACK discusses alien abductions in Boston yesterday.

Aliens Subject of Mack Talk

By MAIA K. DAVIS

Pulitzer-prize winning Professor of Psychiatry John E. Mack and New York author Budd Hopkins addressed a crowd of around 700 last night at John Hancock Hall in "A Dialogue on the Alien Abduction Experience."

The dialogue was sponsored by the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research, founded by Mack in 1993, and the Intruders Foundation, founded by Hopkins in 1989.

While Mack and Hopkins agree aliens abduct people—an idea which has caused great controversy—they disagree over the aliens' motives.

Mack, author of *Alien Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens*, ascribed to aliens a "corrective initiative." He argued that abductees he has interviewed tend to become enlight-

ened to the nuances of the human condition and the degradation of the environment.

But Hopkins, author of *Missing Time* and *Intruders*, regards alien activity as more physical and self-serving.

"I don't like their bedside manner," he said.

Although Mack and Hopkins are both recognized as pioneers in alien abduction research, last night was the first time they have discussed their research together in public.

Three years ago, Harvard Medical School investigated Mack for endorsing the study of alien abductions and in a letter to the professor, Harvard Medical School Dean Daniel C. Tosteson '44 questioned his research methods.

No further action was taken for reasons of academic freedom.

Hopkins, however, supported his colleague.

"I commend John for his courage for being at a university overly frightened by something as dramatic as this," Hancock said. "I don't think any institution of organization is being very wise to oppose the serious investigation of this phenomenon."

Mack credits Hopkins for initially convincing him alien abduction exists.

"This phenomenon is of enormous complexity, meaning and value to the understanding of ourselves," Mack said.

Mack has worked extensively with

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Japanese CEO's \$8 Million Gift Funds Building

Chemistry And Chemical Biology Dept Hopes to Attract New Research Groups

By ARIEL R. FRANK

The CEO of the Eisai Company, a major Japanese pharmaceutical firm, donated more than \$8 million for the construction of a new building for the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Dean of the Faculty Jeremy R. Knowles announced this week.

Haruo Naito's company has had a long association with Loeb Professor of Chemistry Yoshito Kishi. Knowles said in a news release that Naito was also impressed by the quality of the department's students and research.

Dudley R. Herschbach, Baird professor of science, called the donation "magnificent."

"I, like all my colleagues, am a great admirer of Kishi. He's a fabulous scientist and a splendid colleague," Herschbach said.

According to David A. Evans, chair of the chemistry department, the gift will help attract new Faculty.

"The department has confronted a space shortage for some time that has prevented it from reaching its full complement of Faculty," he said.

Herschbach said the labs' crowding had prompted a visitor to comment: "Gee, this looks a lot like our garage."

The money will fund the construction of an addition linking the

Mallinckrodt and Converse Laboratories. According to Alan K. Long, director of labs for the departments of chemistry and Earth and planetary sciences, planning will begin immediately for the new building, which will contain labs, offices, common rooms and instrument facilities.

Long said construction should finish in the year 2000.

"The intention is to put several research groups in that space, and we haven't hired the Faculty for those research groups yet, so we will tailor the space to their needs," Long said.

According to Long, the chemistry department has more graduate and post-doctoral students than most departments, but fewer Faculty.

Kishi has led an Eisai lab in Andover, Mass. since 1980. Research in the lab focuses on developing compounds that may be useful as drugs.

According to a news release, Eisai has developed products used to treat Alzheimer's disease, heart attacks and bacterial infection.

Naito graduated from Keio University and earned his M.B.A. at Northwestern, returning to Japan to join Eisai in 1975, the release said. He has been president and CEO of Eisai since 1988.

President's Search for Provost Begins

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Mack Talk

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130 people claiming to have been
abducted by aliens. As a result of his
research, he concluded that aliens
have great influence in transforming
their subjects.

"The mind-to-mind communica-
tion by the beings has an enormous
impact on the individuals," Mack
said. "I've seen this case after case."

Mack notes that his ideas have met
widespread resistance, but he says
people are slowly opening themselves
to the idea.

"I don't know what my Medical
School colleagues would think, but
increasingly, medical students look
both ways down the hall, then slip
into my office," he said. "There is a
curiosity growing about this."

The discussion was moderated by
Christopher Lydon, host of the
WBUR talk show "The Connection."

Tickets were \$30. Proceeds will
benefit Mack and Hopkins' research
foundations.

During question and period, an
audience member strongly endorsed
Mack and Hopkins' research.

"I believe if flying saucers exist, we
stand to lose a lot by not taking them
seriously," he said.

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