Students indifferent about UA races

Analysis

By Darrel Tarnawski

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McBay: Human talent is lost

By Michael Gipe

Dean of students at Boston Stone 
University Sheryl M. McBay urged Congress Wednesday to undertake a "fundamental" national effort "to address the pervasive problems impairing the education of minority youth at all levels."

She was one of several authori- 
ties speaking in Washington, DC, at a seminar addressing barriers to minorities and women in edu- 

McBay, said.

"We must realise the talent we are missing when, as in 1965, women received only six percent of the US doctorates in engineering or at year, in that same year, ony seven blacks in this entire nation received a doctorate in mathematics," she said.

McBay told the panel that "an comprehensive, well-coordinated national effort is required to ad-

Museum opens OmniX Cinema

Feature

By Susan Cantelli

Imagine yourself in an amuse- ment park — the kind that at- tempts to give you the feeling of 

-explositing a plane, nothing lead- ing up to a roller coaster, or as-

turing around side streets in a 

-Boston. The new OmniX Cinema at the Boston Museum of 

-Science gives you just such 

-sensations — but without the 

-risks of a flying accident or cra-

th. The theater, one of only 12 in 

-the world, has a domed screen 76 

-feet in diameter. The images fill 

-the viewer’s peripheral vision, 

-both horizontally and vertically, and the viewer is enveloped by 

-the action of the film.

The screen, as well as the seat- 
ing, is tilted at a 30 degree angle to the horizon. The viewer’s imagining of flying upside down is one of the films now being shown is eno-

-hour enough to make participants feel queasy.

The OmniX Theater is the highlight of the Museum of 

-sience’s newly renovated wing. Also included in the wing are the 

-Hayden Planetarium, a sidewalk 

-located in a sidewalk enclosed projection booth is air- 

-locked.

The films are specially made for the OmniX Theater. Among 

-the films to be shown are "The Dream is Alive," a day in 

-the life of stunt pilots, with a dash 

-of danger thrown in. The Boston Museum of Sci-

-ence is part of a consortium or- 

-organized to produce existing sci-

-en films that appeal to general 

-audiences. The consortium hopes to stimulate interest in science by showing high-quality educational films.

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Senate overrides veto of highway bill

President Reagan said yesterday that he is "deeply disappointed" that the Senate override his veto of the $8 billion highway bill. The vote was 67-33, just enough for the two-thirds majority necessary to overturn the veto.

The president had called the bill a budget-buster full of special-interest construction, and said that the nation cannot resume $52 million in aid to South Korea despite a United Nations ban on such sales.

More than 100,000 people gathered in Lafayette Park yesterday to protest the nuclear arms race.

IRS promises short wait for refunds

The IRS promises that taxpayers will not have to wait more than three weeks for their refunds.

A Senate committee has approved a plan to increase the tax on long-distance telephone calls.

Weather

A strong spring storm will move into the Boston area this weekend, dumping more rain on the region. The storm is expected to affect most of the area, bringing heavy rain and strong winds.

The forecast calls for temperatures in the 60s and low 70s, with scattered thunderstorms.

Compiled by Robert Adams
Out of the American Dream

Tomorrow, maybe half the go to the same school. 
he'd last night's rain. Rain been long, but he's no his feet to the night sky, he must close his eyes. It's cold. It stings. The invisible rain comes down, down, down. 
Run now. Run away. The floods are gathering like warships. 
He can't find his shadow, the fear, and he don't know where to turn. Rolling oil slicks in the puddles suffocate the purple and blues of a noon, and under the moon, the same as when he was a child. Look out yourself, the shadow said. You need be young, strong, energetic. The poet's a cage, you got that to be said. I can't get out, no matter how hard I try. Come, then, his friend replied. You can fly away with me. I won't try to take you. 
"I've tried, the man cried, I'm tried. But I'm weighted down with money and prospects of the future. 

At the corner of Fifth Street and Santa Clara, they have this small black building, which people like him can go to. Inside, if he can just remember right, the floor is covered with white beams, long, and naked tables stretch from one end of the room to the other. But the heat makes him feel better. He could get some soup for tomorrow night. In his dreams last night, he had been visited by his student-friend. Look at yourself, he said. You need to be young. He replied. 

Three young Vietnamese kids had been found dead in a small building, you see, which someone had converted into a small cage-dream in the pot-hole street.

Closed for months for lack of funds, though, he finds out it is closed, it would be warm. He could get some soup, some soup, to keep him warm. A man, in a business suit, came in, and said, "You can escape the rain is to hobble whiskey with a five-dollar bill. He laughed and said, "That's riot me." 

Last Thursday the Supreme Court heard that employers may not be able to discriminate because of a race or sex and consideration of individuals. This is a promotion by an employer's rights. But only if the employer happens to belong to an under-represented group. In doing so, the Supreme Court has rendered an opinion that attacks the concept of fairness and equal rights for all people. 

Discriminating property rights An employer has a moral right to promote anyone for any reason. 

"If the Supreme Court is aiding in the enforcement of unfair discrimination, then the way to do it is not free to be out of special treatment just because they be black or white," the Court has ruled. 
The Supreme Court's opinion on discrimination can be accompanied by many judge's whose rights can be discriminated against, the Court has stated, are the official opinion of The Tech. The United States Constitution guarantees that individuals should be treated equally. In other words, the Court says that only one race and only one sex can be discriminated against. According to the Supreme Court, an employer may not discriminate against those on their personal, or according to regulations dictated by the Supreme Court. 

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The ROTC program is considered by many as a military program. The Supreme Court has been accused of being a 'fundamentalist' simply meaning that the Bible, as an historical and trustworthy record, is the basis of the "fundamentalist" - source in matters of faith and doctrine. I didn't know I was supposed to believe and do all of the stuff of Carrasco mentioned. 

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"Silence speaks" in Alabama books

The black community pointed rigorously at the books (our country's history) communicated that blacks were unimportant and taken too little a part in history-shaping events mentioned. This would seem biased to the black community as well. How, may they feel that? How, when the textbooks didn't even mention them? But, you may ask, weren't the books read by? Not mentioning such an important group of people in America, the books communicated that they had taken too little a part in history to be mentioned. Silence speaker: blacks were unimportant and unimportant. Silence was also speaking in some of the textbooks in Alabama. It was saying that God is unimportant. By not mentioning in even the most casual way the influence religion has played in this country (especially Christianity and Judaism), the books "spoke." The message is clear enough: religious beliefs have had too little impact on society to be mentioned. This would seem biased given the fact that so many of the country-shaping events mentioned in the books (our country's founding, emancipation, civil rights, etc.) stemmed from the religious convictions of the great theologians and women who ruled for change.

Carreiro rightly pointed out "to express one's views by the suppression of all others" as a religion. As for the "opinion" we conveyed, you might examine what we said. Our song reads, "We're the leaders of the last designing language." MIT -- "leads to World War III." Is this opinion, or is it fact? This is a question all students need to ask. We should note that our main concern is not ROTC, or even SEXI research. It is the lack of opportunities for students to apply technology to socially constructive uses.

Despite statements by MIT Professor Jack Rail, head of the Arm Control and Disarmament Program, that "the US Department of Defense is one of the most influential sponsors of social research in the country," you don't have one DOD re- search project going to alleviate the transportation crisis, protect our drinking water from contamination, or even apply computers to education. The only way this problem can be solved is if members of the community get involved in creating new opportunities to apply science to ways that directly benefit people. You may think you are incapable of changing things, but if you discuss the issue with other students and faculty, you may discover that you have more power than you think.

For his reason, we are having an open forum on the question: "How does military research affect the MIT education," with Professor of Electrical Engineer- ing James R. Melcher PhD '62 and Professor of Physics Vera Kaulikowsky.

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Whoopi provides mindless entertainment with “Burglar”

BURGLAR

Directed by Hugh Wilson.
Starring Whoopi Goldberg and Bob Goldthwait.
At Cinema 57, Chestnut Hill, and the Somerville at Assembly Square.

By DOUG CAIRNS

B U R G L A R is Whoopi Goldberg as Bernice Rhodesbar, a small-time burglar. The opening scene with Whoopi dressed up as a poor woman is great — the added padding to her disguise is outstanding. Suspense is built the old-fashioned way — with two events on a collision course instead of a sudden, startling surprise. This may not be Hitchcock, but it is nevertheless thoughtful and wellexecuted.

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East Campus has most dorm thefts
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of the living group thefts are due to "law conditions" such as un-
locked doors, he said. But in
September he noted that lacking
floors would make it harder for
thieves to move through the
building, and thus cut down on
thefts.
The total theft loss from insti-
tute living groups last year was
$72,077.35.

Concerns over student safety
The main purpose of the cur-
rent campuswide security up-
grade is student safety, Oliveri
said. There have been about 25
crimes against persons on cam-
pus annually.

Captain Anne P. Glavin point-
et out that the more serious of
these crimes are committed by
people outside of the MIT com-
munity.
The physical upgrades are be-
ing synchronized with a security
awareness campaign. On Wednes-
day evening, the Campus Police
presented a slide show and talk
about security to East Campus.
Part of the campaign will in-
clude the issuing of friendly re-
minders by the night watchmen
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Monday April 6
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Student apathy toward UA continues

(David Libby ’85, who was Moser’s predecessor as UA president, mentioned that running student government at MIT is hard just because of the nature of the place. “Students here are very busy. They’re doing the same thing that you would need to do in a community, and they do it at their next free moment,” he said.

Dickson announces plans for new building

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