Author of 1-2-3 sues Election Commission

By Reuven M. Lerner

Frederick Meyer, a local realtor and the author of the proposed Proposition 1-2-3, announced Tuesday that he was "petitioning in a single Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court" to force the city of Cambridge to put the proposition on the Nov. 7 city ballot. The complaint was filed because, he stated, "the Cambridge Election Commission has failed to come up with the ballot wording for the proposal."

Rosemary White, executive director of the Cambridge Home Ownership Association, said that her group is "supporting Proposition 1-2-3, and supporting Fred in his attempt to get it on the ballot." She added that the Election Commission has had enough time "to come up with ballot language," since her organization had collected 15,000 signatures in December.

In response to concerns raised by opponents of the measure, the Cambridge Election Commission decided to add three phrases to the referendum. These additions mention that the proposition would "change rent control," something which Meyer adds to his complaint. He said that his proposition "doesn't change the rent control act," but that it affects a city ordinance in 1979 that prevents rent-controlled units from being turned into condominiums.

The revised wording held until Aug. 30, when Republican Commissioner Artis Spears, who had earlier voted in favor of the proposition, changed his vote and added three phrases to the ballot. The new wording is now in effect.

Meyer added that the Election Commission has failed to come up with any wording that would break the 2-2 commission deadlock.

Because of the unusual circumstances surrounding these votes, City Solicitor Russell Higley was asked to rule on their validity. Meyer had decided to go to a Justice after Higley ruled that all the votes would be held.

White explained that Justice John Grenaney's request to hear the complaints. She said that Grenaney would decide on Monday whether or not the issue will go before the full court, and what, if any, actions the Election Commission must take.

Should Grenaney wish to present the issue before the full court, he said that the suit would have to wait until Oct. 2, when the court reconvenes.

According to The Cambridge Chronicle, city officials had planned to print the ballots this week, and send them to absentee voters on Oct. 2. But White did not think that waiting for a court decision would seriously delay election procedures. "We feel it is possible that they [the court] could make their ruling very early, and then we could print the ballots we have," White said.

According to White, Meyer has requested that the entire election be delayed should the Justice not decide by Oct. 7. Opponents of the proposition would rather see a special election, with only this issue on the ballot. White said that in either case, Cambridge rules would require the approval of a simple majority of at least three registered voters. She said that the election would make it "very unlikely" that the Commission would take, since voter turnout would probably be low.

Meyer stated in his suit that his constitutional rights have been violated by the Election Commission. He said that the Election Commission has failed to come up with any wording that would break the 2-2 commission deadlock.

By Cliff Schmidt

Many improvements have been made on MIT's SESS telephone system since its installation in Nov. 1988, according to Director of Telecommunications Systems Morton Berlin.

Work began on the SESS system in the spring of 1986 in an effort to develop a more sophisticated yet economically feasible telephone system. The old Centrex system was owned by New England Telephone and located in their offices; this made efficiency an issue.

According to Berlin, the new system "will be in operation as of this year," and "will become effective until 1991."

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Chances in MCAT to stress comprehension, not memory

By Herb Le

In late February of this year, the Association of American Medical Colleges approved several major changes to the Medical College Admission Test, which will emphasize skills in data interpretation, problem-solving and verbal reasoning. These revisions will not become effective until 1991.

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At present, the seven-hour MCAT consists of 309 questions, which is composed of questions in six subject areas -- biology, chemistry, physics, science problems, reading-skills analysis and quantitative-skills analysis. The new MCAT, however, will take about six hours and will have 221
Emotional memorial honors victims of Tiananmen massacre

(Continued from page 1) observed to remember those who died.

The silence was broken by Xiacong Peng's eulogy addressing those who "paid for the price of democracy. You and our fellow people, indeed we have done much in the past, but now it seems like we have lost hope. But the Chinese people want freedom... and we will go to Tiananmen Square and build on the spilled blood... to build China's future.

Words were absent as the organizers showed slides of the days of June 4 in Tiananmen Square. They depicted the thousands who had ramped there for months, the building of the Goddess of Democracy statue, and the masses of gassed and malnourished students huddled on the pavement of the square during a hunger strike. One slide showed young protesters with an outstretched hand gesturing toward a large group of soldiers guarding their tank, reminiscent of the picture many newspapers carried in the wake of the unknown man who stood adamantly in the face of an advancing line of tanks.

A highlight of the evening featured a series of powerful speeches given by Wu's Kai, one of the most prominent leaders of the democratic movement. With deep, grieving tones he recalled the events of May and June: "If you ask what period of time is most memorable to me, it is not when I met with [Chinese Premier] Li Peng or [American President] Ronald Reagan. It was the time I was fasting. The students - all we had were our consciences and wills, that was all we had to fight for in our democracy. China, there were many people who died, and all they had were their love and their lives. Many policies of China are still very much based on power and strife. In 3000 years and with 1.2 billion people, indeed we have done much in the past, but now it seems like we have lost hope. But the Chinese people want freedom... and we will go back to Tiananmen Square and build on the spilled blood... to build China's future.

The evening concluded with poems and songs dedicated to the victims of the June 4 massacre and a speech by Xiulang Deng on the dilemma of the political development in China. Conducted for the most part in Mandarin, the program was translated by a member of the CISSA for non-Chinese speaking members of the audience.

At the end of this month, supporters of China's democracy movement, including many from MIT, are expected to demonstrate in Washington, DC.
World

Vietnamese troops begin pullout from Cambodia

Vietnamese troops have begun withdrawing from Cambodia. The Vietnamese said they are ending an occupation that began 11 years ago to topple the fanatical Khmer Rouge communist regime. However, Cambodian guerrilla groups said the Vietnamese are actually faking withdrawal and hiding their troops.

Duarte is giving in to his cancer

Former Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte appears to have given up his battle with liver cancer. A doctor said Duarte, 65, is refusing medication that could prolong his life. Duarte's cancer was diagnosed a year ago. He's been hospitalized in critical condition in El Salvador since Tuesday and is said to be near death.

Nation

Chen sweats St. Croix in wake of hurricane

The US Virgin Islands are being touted as the "American Paradise." Today the island of St. Croix is being patrolled by US Army troops to make sure that the lawlessness that has swept the popular vacation spot. President Bush dispatched more than 1100 military police to the island to put down looting. Pentagon officials said the GIs found "chaos and near anarchy" when they landed yesterday morning.

Two bills on flag burning sent to the Senate floor

Two rival measures on flag burning have been sent to the Senate floor. The Judiciary Committee approved both a Democratic bill and the constitutional amendment favored by President Bush and the amendment idea goes with an unfavorable recommendation. The measures aim to reverse a recent Supreme Court ruling that flag-burning is a form of free speech.

Bus accident kills 19

The community of Alton, TX, remains stunned following yesterday's school-bus accident that killed 19 youngsters. Authorities said the crowded bus plunged more than 40 feet into a water-filled gravel pit when it was hit by a delivery truck. Investigators quoted the truck driver as saying his brakes failed. Thirty-five people were sent to hospitals. At least one student is believed missing.

Supporters of Bakker give words of praise

It is now the defense's turn in the fraud and conspiracy trial of PTL founder Jim Bakker. Loyal employees and customers testified yesterday in support of the Reverend's innocence. One former employee said after her testimony that Bakker is the most underpaid man on the face of the Earth.

Sports

Cubs making their move in NL East

The Chicago Cubs came up winners on and off the field yesterday. The National League East leaders piled up the visiting Philadelphia Phillies, 9-1, at Wrigley Field, and the second-place St. Louis Cardinals lost to the New York Mets; the Cubs' "magic number" for clinching the division is now 6 games. Also yesterday afternoon, the Cubs won a coin flip giving them the right to host a playoff should they finish tied with the Cards atop the division standings. That would give them the right to host a playoff should they finish tied with the Cards atop the division standings.

Ickey may be out for the rest of the season

The knee injury suffered by Cincinnati Bengals running back Ickey Woods last Sunday could be severe enough to keep him out of action for the rest of the season. Bengals officials said a magnetic resonance scan performed Wednesday showed evidence of a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Woods will undergo surgery in the next few days.

Weather

Hugo moves onshore, heads north

Hurricane Hugo's winds strengthened late yesterday afternoon to 135 mph as the hurricane headed for the coast of the Carolinas. With weakening winds and heavy rains, Hugo will cross Virginia this afternoon. Our weather will likely be affected by Hugo late tonight and early tomorrow morning as Hugo passes to our northwest. Heavy showers and thundershowers are likely with winds likely exceeding 40 mph at times. After Hugo exits New England, winds will shift to the north and drizzly, considerably cooler weather will follow. The weather on Sunday should be favorable for outdoor activities from the Blue Hills of southeastern Massachusetts to central New England.

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Dave Akin's letter on Virginia Beach ("Cartoon misrepresents Virginia Beach riots," Sept. 19) presented an abbreviated account of the events and a slanted perspective. Patterns of thinking, such as the one that Akin's develops from a racially prejudiced training in early education and popular media. Akin's opinions are not informed by often omitted facts or the sharp increase in racist violence sweeping the country. Let's hope the happenings at Virginia Beach are not repeated.

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opinion

Third World countries edging towards freer markets

Column by Pankaj Vaish

This past year has witnessed a rather sudden demise of communism as it has been practiced in most Eastern-bloc countries. The events in Poland, the Soviet Union, and Hungary highlight the problems inherent in a centrally-planned economy while demonstrating the increasing fascination worldwide with the apparent wonders of free enterprise. In fact, to some analysts the free-market "victory" has been so decisive that the "evil empire" is no longer considered to be so evil after all. Instead, it is now treated as a defeated enemy worthy of sympathy. William Safire, a columnist for The New York Times, even lamented the fact that he no longer had any bad Russians to beat up on anymore.

These analysts might have celebrated the conversion of the big communist giants a bit too early, as the tragic events in China demonstrated last June. They have, nonetheless, some cause for celebration in the slow conversion of several developing countries, where a big fraction of the world's population lives. Although involuntarily at times, many less-developed countries (LDCs) have gradually trudged through this decade. This transformation is as much a result of arm-twisting by the International Monetary Fund, and their chief sponsor, the World Bank, as it is a result of the economic and political system they feel that most of their citizens desire.

The origins of these policies perhaps lie in the historic experiences of these former colonies. Influenced by 19th century socialism while studying at liberal European colleges, the post-independence Third World leaders put into place a centralized, bureaucratic system, ostensibly to protect the poor masses from the evils of industrial capitalism. This brand of economic and political system was labelled "democratic socialism" - an oxymoron, in the opinion of some critics.

Simply put, a lot of developing countries are realizing that their past economic policies, professed in the name of socialism, have just not produced the goodies that most of their citizens desire.

In every case, some countries have begun acknowledging the problems associated with big governments and stifling bureaucracies, which seems to be an inevitable byproduct of centrally-planned economies. While still retaining the word "socialism" in their official names or first pages of their constitutions - a practice common to almost all LDCs - many developing countries have gradually begun loosening tight-fisted regulations in an attempt to increase private investment and employment, and to curb out inefficiency. Some leftist intellectuals question the wisdom behind such moves. Reminiscent of Castro's decision to ban certain "bourgeois" Soviet publications in Cuba just a few months ago? Or the disavowal of perestroika by many Third World communists? But given the distinct possibility that government officials are much more corrupt than we publicly know, I find it hard to imagine how the private sector could hurt the country any more than the big governments have done so far.

Is it any wonder than that privatization and liberalization have become the buzzwords of these years? Who would have imagined even five years ago that Polish shipyards might be bought over by American capitalists? Or that Aeroflot would start a frequent-flyer kind of program called "perestroika perks!"? Would anyone have predicted that the same scene of Chinese soldiers dancing in Tiananmen Square as part of a government program to convey a sense of normalcy to those foreign investors who had left after the massacre? Which Latin American analyst would have predicted that Carlos Andres Perez, the Venezuelan President and the Vice President of the Socialist International, would have adhered to the IMF austerity programs so religiously? Or that Mexican President Salinas would have turned out to be the tough man on union-busting that he has proven to be?

Even Castro's Cuba has begun courting foreign tourists in hopes of attracting hard currency, and the Jamaican "bad boy," Michael Manley, sounds much more reasonable these days than he did during his last term as Prime Minister. And if all of that is not shocking enough, here is some news that takes the cake: the recently-concluded Non-Aligned Summit in Yugoslavia actually managed to issue a communique at the end of the meeting without denouncing the United States! Whether it is the muscle behind the mighty dollar, the resurgence of conservatism, or a realization of failed policies in the name of socialism, developing countries seem to be moving irreversibly towards a more market-oriented system.

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It would be naive to assume that the transformation is going on smoothly. Besides the leftist intellectuals, disgruntled civil servants and politicians are not exactly jumping with joy at the usurpation of their powers. But then something good might come out of this. For one, William Safire might still find thousands of Cuban, Ethiopian, and even Indian bad boys to beat up on.

Pankaj Vaish is a graduate student in the MIT School of Management as well as a member of the Class of 1989.

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The Japanese setting makes this a somewhat different cops and robbers story. Nick is completely without his gun, department resources and street smarts. The Osaka police grudgingly grant him and his warm, rather obnoxious partner and assign detective Masato Matsushita (played by Japanese film star Ken Takakura) to escort them. Nick is quickly taken down a peg by “Mas,” who speaks the English that Nick arrogantly demand

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Nick’s plane descends over countless factories, steaming and smokes in the sunset and continues as you meet Japanese hosts, hostesses, and homeless. The hero is just as disoriented as we are, and he remains so throughout.

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College, and third in passing de- 
(below Merrimack and As-
senough to give up many points. The 
defense 1987, 7-2-2, did not hold 
ground but held very tight 
around the 20 or 30 yard line.

The Beaver defense didn't 
have much of a pass rush (only 
13 sacks in 7 games). MIT needed to 
focus on running the ball to 
pressure the quarterback.

Looking back week by week 
at the 1988 football season

Sports

Football team includes 21 veterans (Continued from page 12)

- Linebackers: The strength of the defense, MIT's linebackers were led by Darcy Prather '91, another Football Gazette All-
American honorable mention. Prather, a team captain, had 117 tackles, averaging better than 16 per game.

- Secondary: The defensive backs had some problems, but the middle players were solid. Cornerback Darcy Prather, played in the second-
tier, led the team with four pass 
break-ups, and tied for the lead in interceptions. He also recovered two of the team's three fumble recoveries. Brian 
Day returned three passes.

- Kick returning: LaHouse and Day handle this job quite well. Day averaged 30 yards per return, 
and got one for a touchdown at rainsoaked Assumption.

- Punt returning: This is more of a problem. Sunny Ahn '91, had 36.8 yards averaged under 4 yards per return. 

The season opener saw the Beavers had a definite problem here. They 
only limited one field goal the entire year (that didn't fail), 
although last year was the first year 
that was the case. The defense 
really made quite a few of their 
PAK kicks. Moosie, the punter, 
averaged under 29 yards per 
and had one disastrous fake punt 
return.

This year, however, MIT has an 
actual kicker for the first time in over a decade. Darcy 
Prather, who got the job done on the 
placekicking, will have kicking as his 
only responsibility. He does not, 
however, kick off.

Rule changes

The NCAA Rules Committee voted last spring to allow 
the use of kicking tees on extra points and field goals. Any 
regular players who played as 
kickers might help MIT, since the other teams in the 
conference had sorely missed 
success kicking the ball than the 
Beavers. MIT was in the top three 
of the conference in field goals 
connected on a perfect five 
f一场er's 24-yarder that won a 17-14 game for Assumption. But if 
McGahn proves himself to be 
a better cutter, this change may 
also play against the Beavers. 
Good kickers at this level are 
still more of a problem. Sunny Ahn 
was only a freshman.

The Mit secondary, shored up 
for the second game 
week, held up when the game 
down the Assumption 
ran back, 21/2 sacks), Monty Frazier '92 
trolled the line of scrimmage, as 
the Chieftains were the backbone of the 
Beaver offense.

The result was that Stonehill had 
no ground to work on the 
ground, using a punting running 
style that had not been in 
evidence four weeks ago. MIT, 
in turn, had to look to the 
air, but didn't have much 
of success. Joe Jones '89 brought the 
Beavers to within one point 
by kicking the game's final 
minute, turnover Tim Day 
's 4-3 touchdown was also a 
two-point conversion with 33 
seconds left in the game for 
a 21-17 victory over the Friars.

The Beaver offense started off 
the game by showing 
the improved passing attack un- 
veiled last week against Stonehill College. Lapes, coming off 
MIT's second-best performance 
by a receiver in three years, 
enhanced the Friars for 100 yards on five 
receptions for. 545 yards and 6 
touchdowns.

Week 6: Assumption, 17-14

After winning some games they possibly could have won, 
MIT is supposed to lose a game they 
expected to win. Unfortunately, 
the Beavers did not have 
Assumption Greyhounds' home 
field in Worcester. The MIT 
football team faces one 
which neither team deserved to win.

There were some standout per- 
formances, notably by Day, 
who had three touchdowns while 
tying for the team 
leadership in 
break-ups, and tied for the team 
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leadership in kick return turnovers.

But overall, neither team 
showed up for MIT's final home 
weekend. There was a sense of 
disappointment as the game wound 
toward its conclusion.

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This was the third game in a row in 
which the team showed the 
opposing quarterback 
the ball and causing fumbles. This 
could affect 
emotional players like Day, who 
also played as a 
one in the 
conference.

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MIT football season begins second year in NCAA Div. III

By Michael J. Garrison and Harold A. Stern

One of the most attractive things about fall sports are their settings. A few hours a day has a hot, steamy summer day fade away as the temperature falls a bit by a mile. And in the spring, you want to be out there playing. Now you can just seem to root on the sidelines. There just seems right to hang out in the stands and catch the last rays of sun that the setting sun will give you.

By yourself, with your friends, with your family. But if you're still a MIT student, you have one more thing to think of, too. The Carlisle Cup.

The Carlisle Cup is a small thing, but it's an important one. For the last 15 years, the MIT football team has been fighting for a piece of glory in the annual battle between MIT and Harvard. And this year, with the team looking to return to the top of the conference, the Carlisle Cup is just one more thing to strive for.

The team is coming into the season with high expectations. They have a strong defense, a solid offense, and a lot of experience on the field. The team is led by senior quarterback Tim Day, who was named the conference's top passer last year, and junior linebacker Shane LaHousse, who was named the conference's top tackler.

The team will be looking to improve on last year's 9-2 record and make a run for the conference championship. They have a tough schedule ahead of them, but the team is ready to take on the challenge.

As the season progresses, the team will face some tough opponents. But with the right mindset and a lot of hard work, the team can compete for a spot at the top of the conference.

The team will be playing their first game of the season at home against Assumption College on Saturday, September 1. It will be a tough match, but the team is ready to take on the challenge. The game is at 2:30 pm, so be sure to come out and support your team.

So get ready for a great fall season and come out to support the MIT football team. Go Beavers!