

## Noble dismisses 1986 tenure lawsuit

### Documents will be public; MIT, Noble claim victory

By Brian Rosenberg

As part of an agreement between MIT and former Associate Professor David F. Noble, Noble's four-year suit against MIT was dismissed Tuesday afternoon. Under the terms of the agreement, nearly all documents relating to the case will be available publicly, and MIT will conduct a formal review of its tenure practices.

The case was to have come before the Middlesex Superior Court on Wednesday morning.

Noble, now a professor in the department of history at Drexel University, was denied tenure in MIT's Program in Science, Technology, and Society in February 1984. Then an associate professor in STS, Noble filed a \$1.5 million lawsuit charging that MIT had denied him tenure on political, not academic grounds.

Noble said his tenure case will not be reconsidered, nor will he receive any money. "My objective has never been monetary," he said. "When you file a suit, you have to ask for a lot of money to get people's attention. The money was also used for bargaining

leverage in negotiations," he added.

"The original complaint called for a tenure review or reinstatement, but I don't want tenure [at MIT] now," Noble said.

Noble believes the settlement represents a "major victory" for him. "In a nutshell, we have opened university decision-making up to public scrutiny, as we believe it should be. That's a great gain," Noble said.

Michael N. Sheetz, an attorney with the firm of Palmer and Dodge, which represented MIT in the case, also claimed a victory. "[Noble] has waged a five-year campaign to impugn the integrity of the tenure process [at MIT], then admitted failure. He was unable to prove that MIT violated its contract with him or did anything improper. Nobody in the real world should mistake this for anything but a defeat [for Noble]."

According to Noble, the settlement specifies that the documents from the case will be made public. "This means: not only [documents] from the tenure review, but depositions [taken



Tech file photo

Former Associate Professor David F. Noble

during the course of the lawsuit], minutes of meetings, the whole shebang," he said.

Noble noted one exception to the disclosure agreement: "The authors of letters of evaluation which have not yet been made public have 30 days to write to the court explaining why those letters should be protected [from disclosure]. Judge [James F.] McHugh [III] will then decide

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### MIT to review tenure policy

By Katherine Shim

The dismissal on Tuesday of former Associate Professor David F. Noble's suit against MIT in Middlesex Superior Court brought with it assurances of the formation of a committee by Provost Mark S. Wrighton to review MIT tenure policy.

The committee, which has not yet been formed, will receive a critique of MIT's tenure procedures from Noble. Noble hopes that his report will "expose that MIT has a total lack of due process" and bring MIT's tenure policy "into the 20th century."

Noble cited three major deficiencies in current Institute

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## No charges issued for alleged rape

By Andrea Lamberti

Ruling on an alleged acquaintance rape that occurred at an MIT fraternity in December, a Boston Municipal Court clerk on Tuesday decided not to issue a criminal complaint against Thomas M. Fahy '91, according to Fahy's lawyer, Bruce T. Macdonald. An MIT sophomore accused Fahy of rape after a Sigma Alpha Epsilon Christmas party Dec. 9.

The clerk, Paul J. Hartnett, said at the hearing, "I cannot in good conscience issue a complaint for rape," according to Macdonald. A criminal complaint is necessary to advance a case beyond the accusation stage.

Even though there are no statutes governing an appeal to a clerk's decision, the woman has already begun appealing the decision, she said. Toward that end, Detective Bernadette Izzard-Stinson, who presented the woman's side of the case, has already sub-

mitted a letter to the chief justice of the municipal court, the woman said.

Macdonald felt that the witnesses' testimonies led the clerk to decide there was insufficient evidence to press on with the accusation. "The overwhelming evidence indicated it wasn't rape. . . . Every witness added a little bit to the picture," he said.

Macdonald added that in a clerk's hearing, "The standard of proof is very low. . . . It doesn't take much [evidence] to issue a complaint."

But the woman said the clerk told Izzard-Stinson in so many words that "[the victim] was asking for it."

"What the courts decide is irrelevant," the woman insisted. "He still raped me. . . . Rape is rape; he will always have raped me."

Fahy could not be reached for comment. Macdonald said,

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## AEPi seeks IFC recognition

By Prabhat Mehta

David E. Borison '91, president of the recently reorganized Mu Tau chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi, on Wednesday asked members of the Interfraternity Council President's Council to once again accept AEPi as a member of the IFC. "We think we have something very good to offer . . . very special," Borison said.

Borison attempted to distance the new chapter from the reorganization of Mu Tau last year by the national organization of

AEPi. He cited the new chapter's achievements in building a strong brotherhood, performing public service, and participating in social activities and athletic events.

Last February's reorganization of AEPi, in which only 10 of the 55 brothers of the fraternity were invited to remain, resulted in the derecognition of AEPi by both the IFC and the Institute.

"We weren't involved in what happened last [year]," Borison said. "Let bygones be bygones."

A decision on readmitting AEPi, which is a Jewish fraterni-

ty, should be based solely on the merits of the current chapter, Borison argued, and not on the problems incurred by past members. None of the chapter's 13 present members, Borison noted, were associated with AEPi at the time of the reorganization.

If AEPi were readmitted to the IFC, MIT would again recognize the fraternity as Institute-approved housing, allowing freshmen pledges to reside in AEPi's Back Bay houses, said Associate Dean for Student

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## UAP/VP candidates take stands

By Joey Marquez and Karen Kaplan

With Undergraduate Association elections slated to occur March 13, two teams of candidates for UA president and vice president are defining their positions on campus issues. The candidates' teams, Stacy E. McGeever '93 and J. Paul Kirby '92, and Jonathan J. Lee '93 and Kristoffer H. Pfister '93, faced off in a debate on Wednesday where they discussed their platforms, student interest in the UA, freshman housing and governance.

The main goal of the Lee/Pfister ticket for the upcoming year is to provide a "legitimate" UA that "amplifies the student opinions to the administration." They feel that the current UA "has not been addressing problems" and that it has not "been receptive, open and representative of students."

McGeever and Kirby want to improve "student-faculty interaction" and develop a good relationship with the administration. The administration is not "evil" and "changes can take place" if

there is a good rapport with the administration, McGeever said.

Lee and Pfister do not have a platform "set in stone." Pfister said that it is "hard to put a platform together" since not much is known of the upcoming year.

Lee said, "To set a concrete stand and make promises" would only make the UA weaker and that strengthening communication is crucial in order to have a "very open and "strong" UA."

The McGeever/Kirby team has defined specific issues that they wish to address. Aside from improving student-faculty interaction, they would like to improve the academic orientation for freshmen. McGeever said that "orientation is not geared at student views and money is wasted and not maximized."

To further their goal of increased student-faculty interaction, McGeever and Kirby would like to recruit dedicated faculty to teach advisor seminars, said McGeever.

Another issue McGeever addressed was the continuation of the "tangible services" of the past

UA administration. McGeever said that shuttles would still run and that there will be a "soon-to-be implemented safety shuttle." And next year they would like to provide another tangible service — an Institute calendar listing various academic and social events.

The McGeever/Kirby ticket also would like to implement new programs for Project Athena due to the ending support of the Digital Equipment Corporation and IBM. McGeever and Kirby want to "expand the role students play in software development as well

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Farris P. Hitti '92 spikes the ball in Monday's game against Roger Williams College. Team captain Alan Peyrat '92 (crouched) is covering the hit. MIT lost, 3-2.

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# Recycling program to begin

By Sharon Price

A recycling program for all MIT dormitories will begin tomorrow, said Karen A. Nilsson, general manager of operations for Housing and Food Services.

After approximately four months of searching, Jet-A-Way, a Boston-based recycling company, was selected to provide a curbside pick-up service of glass, plastic, newspaper and aluminum from both graduate and undergraduate dormitories and apartment houses.

House managers John P. Corcoran of East Campus and Bailey E. Hewit of Senior House developed the program in response to student concerns regarding the

environment.

Suniti Kumar '91 will head the approximately 20 student coordinators who will oversee the program within their respective houses.

Last semester, a student-run group implemented a recycling program which used a Cambridge recycling center. But the center, already swamped with the load from Cambridge residents, could not handle the added burden of MIT's trash.

City officials then suggested that MIT develop its own program and use a private hauler. Jet-A-Way will transport MIT's garbage to a local recycling plant.

Currently, the role of off-

campus living groups in the program is uncertain. "Right now there are no plans to include them, but that could change," Hewit said.

She added that if independent living groups along Amherst Alley and Massachusetts Avenue do put their trash on the curb, Jet-A-Way will pick it up along their route.

Although the Jet-A-Way service is not open to ILGs in Boston, some have found ways to recycle trash. Members of Delta Upsilon bring their trash to the Sherman Street center in Cambridge, said Bradley E. Layton '92, who organizes the fraternity's recycling efforts.



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Members of the MIT community join peace activists in breaking their fast by eating matzah and dates Tuesday evening in Lobby 7. Several students fasted for almost one week in remembrance of those who died in the Persian Gulf war.

# Court decides not to issue Fahy complaint

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though, "I think [Fahy would] just rather put it behind him and go on with his life."

The woman said she is planning to file charges through MIT, although MIT will not act until the court rules a final decision.

Thirteen witnesses testified during the hearing last Friday and on Tuesday. Four members of SAE and three women who do not attend MIT testified on Fahy's behalf; six female MIT students presented testimony on behalf of the woman, Macdonald said.

All of the witnesses had attended a Christmas party at SAE's Beacon Street house Dec. 8, when the alleged rape occurred. The woman accused Fahy of rape the next day. She had attended the party with another member of SAE, both of whom became very drunk at the party, a close friend of the woman said in January.

The woman said the witnesses for Fahy "were trying to make out that I was asking for it; [they were] trying to prove that I wasn't drunk. They also said that they hadn't been drinking all night. They were making it seem like there was no alcohol there."

But Macdonald said it was "pretty clear" to Hartnett that the party-goers were drinking alcohol. "The clerk clearly indicated that he was well aware that ... alcohol was being consumed. It was no secret at the hearing."

The woman also said the question-and-answer sessions between Macdonald and Fahy's witnesses seemed staged. "I knew they were all lying. Sometimes the clerk would interject, [and] it would

throw off [the] witness. [They would] look at the lawyer to see what to say, [and] sometimes the stories didn't match."

The witnesses testifying on the woman's behalf said that she had been drinking, and that alcohol was available at the party. One witness described the woman as "annihilated," she said.

Since the incident, the woman said she has stopped drinking to the point of extreme drunkenness.

No formal guidelines exist for appealing decisions of this nature, Hartnett said. "There's no statute that allows for it that I know of."

Detective George Noonan of the Boston Police said that the case is essentially over. "That should be the end of it," he said.

Noonan added, though, that although the clerk denied issuing a complaint, that does not mean "a person can't reissue for another complaint."

### Incident remains a concern on campus

Although the courts have issued a decision on the case, MIT is still dealing with the incident. "There is a possibility that charges might be filed here, and I'm not going to comment until I know what's going to happen," said Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey.

Neal H. Dorow, advisor to fraternities and independent living groups, said concern about the circumstances surrounding the event remains.

"The feeling is that most people are relieved that the courts have entered a decision," Dorow said. However, he added, "I don't think it changes the circum-

stances in which the alleged incident occurred."

"We're still concerned about the way alcohol is oftentimes misused in living groups," he said.

The Dean's Office imposed sanctions on SAE last month, placing the fraternity on probation until September 1992.

While on probation, SAE brothers will not serve or consume alcohol "at any social event in which the organization is involved," Tewhey wrote in a letter to SAE in February.

Additionally, the chapter will "arrange to implement and participate in educational programs each semester that cover the subject of date and acquaintance rape and alcohol awareness," Tewhey said in the letter.

"The same or similar" educational programs on acquaintance rape "shall become a regular, mandatory part of the chapter's

pledge education program," Tewhey wrote.

Dorow said the sanctions do not otherwise affect the fraternity's rush privileges.

### SAE begins seminars

The fraternity began its educational program Feb. 28 by participating in the social midway at MIT sponsored by Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA).

And Monday night, student health educator Anne L. Gilligan led a discussion about "alcohol and alcohol use on campuses" at the SAE house, she said. Later this semester, Men for an End to Sexual Assault (MESA) will host a house seminar at SAE.

These events, in addition to a fraternity retreat, "are intended to be permanent fixtures in our chapter, and will be rooted in our pledge program," the SAE executive committee wrote to Tewhey on Tuesday.

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# news roundup

from the associated press wire

## World

### Baker to tour Middle East, Soviet Union

With the war wound down, diplomatic efforts have begun in earnest to try to settle other conflicts in the Middle East. Secretary of State James A. Baker III arrived this morning in Saudi Arabia, his first stop on a tour of the Middle East and the Soviet Union in an attempt to make plans for postwar security arrangements in the gulf.

Baker also hopes for a breakthrough on the Palestinian-Israeli confrontation. Baker said he is willing to meet with Palestinian representatives when he stops over in Israel.

Baker will be making a stop in Kuwait during his trip — and a senior official said prospects for democracy in the emirate will be raised. Kuwait's prime minister indicated yesterday it could be a while before the royal family allows parliamentary elections. The prime minister said that martial law in Kuwait could be extended past 90 days.

Baker also said he intends to talk to Saudi King Fahd about a possible shift in Arab positions toward Israel.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said President George Bush has found Israel cool toward his call for a solution. Bush hopes that Israel will give up occupied land, and that the Arabs would let Israel live in peace.

However, Israel is not sounding enthusiastic. Foreign Minister David Levy said his nation and the United States are split on how to proceed. Levy said Israel cannot have a deal with Palestinians without peace with all Arab nations.

An official of the Palestine Liberation Organization said they stand by conditions that Israel and the United States will not accept — an independent state with its capital in Jerusalem. But the official said Bush is making a good try.

Congress has been looking into additional spending resulting from the Persian Gulf war. Two bills have been introduced in the House. One would give Israel \$650 million in aid to cover its wartime expenses as a noncombatant, such as gas masks for its civilians. Another bill would budget \$42.6 billion to pay for the US war effort. House speaker Thomas S. Foley predicted that both bills would pass.

### Iraqi rebel activity continues

Iraqi opposition sources said Saddam Hussein is having to fight off their attacks in his own capital. They claimed the loyal Republican Guard and army defectors are staging tank battles in the Baghdad area.

Rebellious Kurds in the north claimed they have captured three towns on a key road to Baghdad. And an exiled Shiite religious leader said defecting soldiers are battling the Republican Guard in the south. None of this could be independently confirmed, however. There have been reports that 400 Iraqi dissidents have been executed.

## Nation

### LA police chief may charge officers with brutality

The chief of police in Los Angeles has asked that three officers be charged in connection with the beating of a man early last Sunday morning.

A videotape taken by a witness showed the officers kicking, clubbing and stomping an apparently docile Rodney King. Other officers stood by and watched. King had also been shocked with a stun gun.

The tape sparked outrage after being shown on national television.

Chief Gates, noting that there is no evidence the beating was racially motivated, said he will seek felony charges against the officers. Officials said the other officers have been assigned desk duty pending an investigation.

Police claimed that King, a prison parolee, was driving faster than 100 mph and had to be chased before he was stopped.

King said he was going 45 mph in a 35-mph zone and did not stop because he feared a ticket would get him sent back to prison.

King's attorney said police had sought charges of resisting arrest and battery on a police officer. But the district attorney's office refused to prosecute the case.

The tape showed three officers wildly beating the man, whom they had ordered out of his car and apparently told to lie face down in the roadway, as he is seen doing in the video.

The two-minute tape, made Sunday by an amateur photographer, shows the three officers being joined by about seven more, most of whom stood and watched the beating.

### All US POWs, some Kuwaitis freed; US troops begin journey home

Kuwaitis aboard buses and trucks chanting "USA! USA!" crossed through an allied checkpoint in the southern Iraqi city of Safwan yesterday afternoon. The boisterous Kuwaitis appeared to be former hostages released by Iraq.

The release came just hours after allied and Iraqi commanders signed a "memorandum of understanding" to speed up the repatriation of detainees and prisoners of war. According to a Bush administration spokesman, between 800 and 2000 Kuwaitis have been picked up, many of whom were injured.

US prisoners of war freed by Iraq will fly home together, perhaps as early as Sunday, for a welcome-home celebration at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, DC. The Department of Defense said Iraq has freed 21 American POWs. Nine had been listed as being in Iraqi hands. The others were listed as missing in action. Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said US military authorities believe Iraq has released all American POWs.

The first large contingent of US ground troops deployed in the Persian Gulf will begin arriving home this weekend. Elements of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division plan to return to Fort Bragg, NC. Nine hundred soldiers were in the first group to leave, and are due to arrive in the United States this afternoon.

A Red Cross official in Kuwait said 29 of some three dozen journalists missing in southern Iraq will be released today. But the International Red Cross in Geneva said it could not confirm the report. American news executives asked President George Bush Wednesday night to keep US troops in southern Iraq until the disappearances are resolved.

About 150 members of the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division arrived home at Fort Stewart, GA, just after midnight. Balloons, bouquets and beer await the thousands of troops now on their way home, along with large crowds.

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said US troops will be returning at the rate of about 5000 a day, unless there is a new outbreak of fighting. British troops will begin returning home this weekend as well. Their withdrawal is expected to take about two weeks.

Arab members of the allied coalition have worked out a plan to remain in the gulf region as peacekeepers.

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf sent a message yesterday to all of the forces that took part in Operation Desert Storm. The statement from the allied commander in chief said, "I asked you to be the thunder and lightning of Desert Storm. You were all of that and more." Schwarzkopf also praised his forces for earning the respect of millions of people in the Middle East, as well as at home.

President Bush has proclaimed April 5-7 as "national days of thanksgiving" for the allied victory over Iraq. The president's proclamation asked that Americans gather to give thanks for the "blessing of peace and liberty" and for US troops.

It also asked that bells across the country be rung at 3 pm EST April 7 to celebrate the liberation of Kuwait and the end of hostilities in the Persian Gulf.

And Bush urged that prayers be said for what he called the innocent men, women and children who have suffered as a result of the gulf conflict.

### Dingell calls generic drug industry a "cesspool"

The chairman of a House investigations subcommittee said the generic drug industry looks like a "cesspool" that needs to be cleaned up. And John D. Dingell (D-MI) said the Food and Drug Administration should do the job, starting with itself.

Dingell said the FDA has too much bureaucracy standing between an inspector's discovery of a possible problem and the FDA's action to fix it. Often, he said, higher-ups let the companies off with a warning.

### Native Alaskans to be heard in Exxon Valdez claim trial

A federal judge has opened the way for native Alaskans to be heard before the government moves to settle civil claims over the Exxon Valdez oil spill. District Judge Stanley Sporkin said he will temporarily block the government from settling with Exxon unless the government holds off voluntarily. The native Alaskans fear that they will not get a chance to take part in talks that could negotiate away some of their rights.

### Martinez clears hurdle for drug czar appointment

Former Florida Gov. Bob Martinez has moved one step closer to becoming President George Bush's chief of drug policy. The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday cleared his nomination for discussion in the full Senate.

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) said Martinez is committed to the war on drugs. But Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) said Martinez has focused too much on law enforcement and not enough on treatment for addicts.

### Child victims of Chernobyl arrive in Connecticut

A huge Soviet-made cargo plane arrived in Connecticut yesterday, carrying two sick children who are victims of the Chernobyl nuclear accident. The plane will return to the Ukraine with 200 tons of medical supplies and equipment to aid other victims of the 1986 disaster. Another Soviet freight transport is in North Carolina to pick up telecommunications equipment for allied forces in the Persian Gulf.

### Martial law imposed in Albanian port

The government of Albania has imposed military control on the port of Durres. Officials there are trying to stem what the opposition Democratic party called a "national hemorrhage." Thousands of would-be refugees have tried to seize ships to sail to Italy. Authorities said one person was killed and at least eight injured in Tirana on Wednesday, when police broke up crowds trying to enter foreign embassies to seek visas.

### Brazilian gunmen steal jet

Brazilian authorities said three gunmen who took over an airliner yesterday were not hijackers — they were robbers. The three let the crew and passengers go, and flew away with the 18-seat turboprop. Police called it an "armed robbery," not a hijacking.

### Bush awards Thatcher Medal of Freedom

President George Bush has awarded former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In bestowing America's highest civilian award, Bush said Thatcher led Britain with "fearlessness, determination, integrity and true vision." Thatcher's Conservative party ousted her from power 14 weeks ago.

## Local

### State legislature debates deficit plan

The Massachusetts House has rejected a move to go along with the Senate's version of a state deficit reduction plan. Instead, the House voted to ask that it be sent to a conference committee to work out a compromise. The move, on a 121-31 vote, was a setback to the House Republican minority. The GOP had urged the chamber to go along with the Senate plan.

The vote also wiped out a victory by minority leader Peter Forman of Plymouth to repeal the sales tax on business services. The house voted 88-62 to repeal the tax. But since the plan was attached to the Senate budget-cutting bill, it died. The repeal issue may either be included in the budget-cuts compromise or be dealt with separately.

The debate at times became bitter. The House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Thomas Finneran termed Republican Gov. William F. Weld a bully and "the boy wonder from Cambridge." The Senate's version of the cuts package was closer to what Weld had sought than the plan passed by the House.

## Weather

### Windy and colder

A surface low located in the gulf of Maine will continue moving northeastward towards the Canadian Maritimes and intensify. Tight pressure gradients will not relax until late Friday night, thus assuring strong winds and plenty of cold air advection. With a high pressure system building into the region, it will remain mostly clear through Saturday, when some cloudiness is expected to approach from the west.

Some light snow flurries are a possibility on Sunday as a cold front passes the area and moves offshore. The temperatures will continue to be on the cold side into early next week.

A large ocean storm at the end of the weekend will most likely stay far enough south and threaten only the Cape with some snow showers.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny and very windy. High around 40°F (8°C), winds NW 20-30 mph (32-48 kph).

**Friday night:** Clear and cold with gradually diminishing winds. Low 20°-25°F (-12° to -7°C).

**Saturday:** Mostly clear, with clouds increasing late in the day. High around 38°F (6°C) with lighter winds.

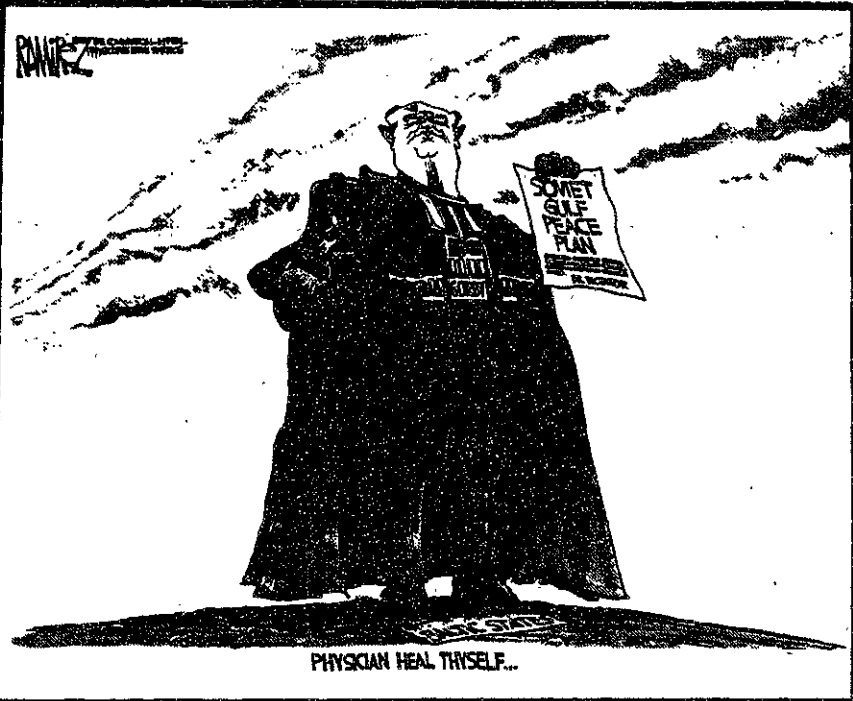
**Sunday:** Cloudy with some flurries possible. Temperatures in the mid-30's (-2°C).

Forecast by Marek Zebrowski

# opinion

## Confederacy is the answer

Column by Matthew H. Hersch



When the Soviet empire collapsed like a jello skyscraper two years ago, a lot of people realized that the end of free-speech restrictions and hard-line rule in Eastern Europe would bring complications. With no one forcing them to be quiet little communists, Russians, Georgians, Lithuanians, Hungarians and others suddenly remembered that they hate each other. In the Soviet Disunion, provinces vie for autonomy; in former satellite states, ethnic minorities vie for independence.

In Yugoslavia, inter-ethnic tension is getting real violent real fast, and unlike the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia doesn't have a moderately-reliable national military to stop the infighting. These days, it seems that if you get a nationalistic Bosnian, Croat, Hercegovinian, Kosovian, Macedonian, Serbian, Slovan and Vojvodinian in a room together, there's bound to be trouble.

The Serbians are most represented in high national government and military positions, and want a strong federal government which they can dominate. Croats, less influential in the present government, have no problem with national government, so long as they don't have to listen to it. They've formed their own local army to spook the Serbians living in Croatia. Slovenians want independence, but not as badly as the Croats. Croats, as a result, accuse Slovenians of being gutless wonders. Serbians, meanwhile, hold a long-standing enmity for the Croats because of Croatian collaboration with Nazi occupiers of Yugoslavia during World War II. Confused? The Bosnians and Macedonians are too.

These days, it seems that if you get a nationalistic Bosnian, Croat, Hercegovinian, Kosovian, Macedonian, Serbian, Slovan and Vojvodinian in a room together, there's bound to be trouble.

The two options immediately suggested to solve these troubles are the same ones that have been suggested since that Bosnian with a gun killed that duke and started that war a long time ago. A grand, unified Yugoslavia with a strong central government would prevent the needless duplication of military and social services that would plague decentralized, independent Yugoslavian states. Then again, many Slavic nationalists already oppose this scheme because they fear it will place important government powers in the hands of people who

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would like to see them dead. Many believe, meanwhile, that the existence of independent midget-states, while more acceptable to many ethnic minorities, would open up the region to military assault by foreign powers.

The last fear is largely misapplied. Soldiers who hate each other, forced into a federal army, won't fight well, anyway. Neither a central government nor local autonomy holds the answer. What Yugoslavia, and a lot of other regions need, is a confederacy.

Yugoslavia, a state recovering from communist, autocratic domination, needs economic freedom and government non-intervention to transform itself.

Confederacies have gotten a bad reputation in this country, not only because they are associated with the Civil War, but because many US history texts arrive at the conclusion that the Articles of Confederation which existed between the Revolutionary War and the adoption of the Constitution was inefficient and ineffective. They have slandered a legitimate form of government.

Confederacies are loose organizations of states with a limited central government. Under the Articles of Confederation, only minor powers, like foreign affairs, standardization of measures, postage and currency fell under federal jurisdiction. While a small central army existed, defense rested largely on state militias — the National Guard of today. The states may not have been able to tax effectively or establish centralized domestic policy objectives, but Yugoslavia doesn't need to be able to either. Yugoslavia, a state recovering from communist, autocratic domination, needs economic freedom and government non-intervention to transform itself. The period under the Articles of Confederation, while marked by disorganization, was one of tremendous economic growth.

A Yugoslavian confederacy would not need what it has now — a large central government, filled with Croat enlisted men who hate their Serbian officers, stationed in Slovenia and financed with Bosnian taxes. In many provinces, local militias already exist — if they were legalized and replaced the national army, most of the present ethnic disputes would disappear. A treaty between the states could provide for national defense by linking the militias in an alliance. Forcing Yugoslavians together will never work, and a loose confederation is better than no confederation at all.

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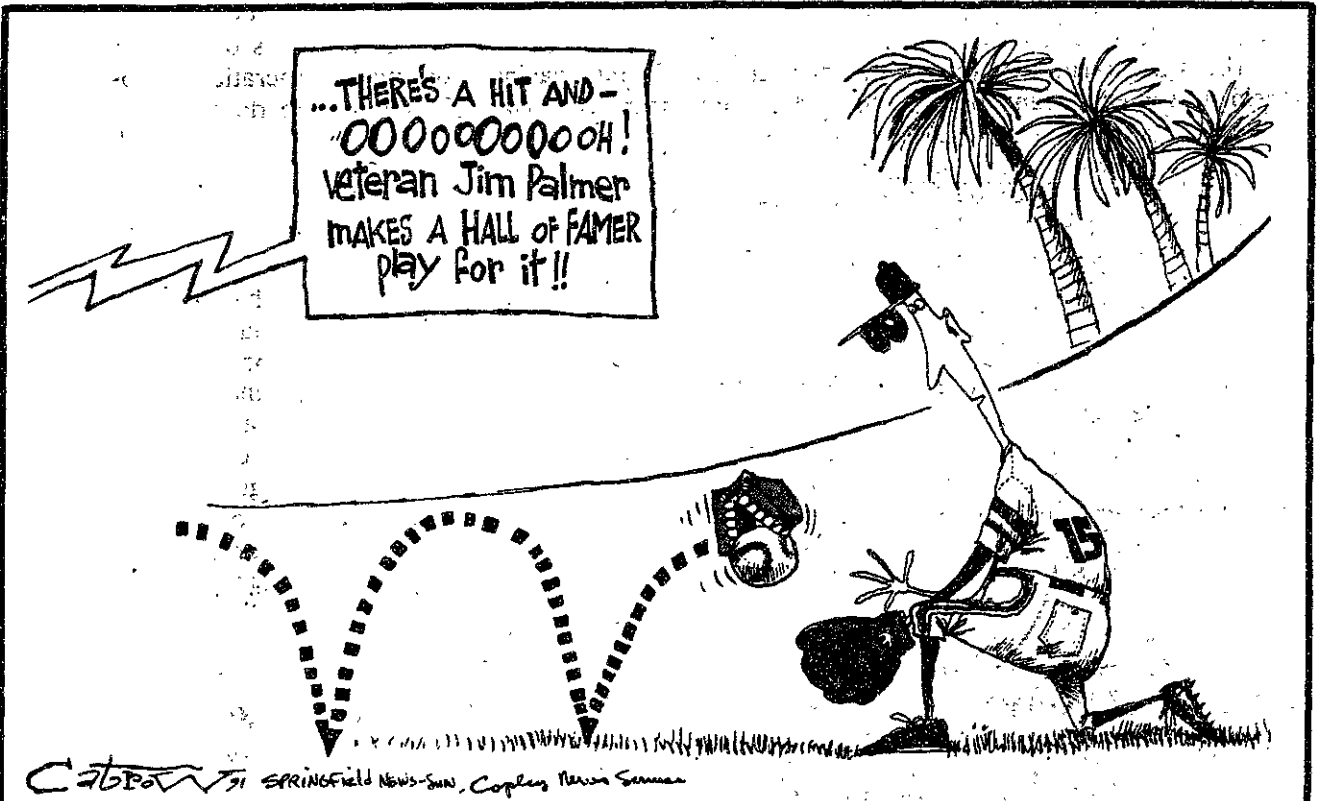
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# opinion

## Dreaming about a long hard look at Sigmund Freud

Column by Bill Jackson

As I was hungrily devouring this week's edition of the news feast we call *Tech Talk*, I was struck by a front page story with the alliterative headline "The Faults and Frauds of Freud."

It seems that Frank J. Sulloway, a visiting scholar in the Program in Science, Technology, and Society, claims that Sigmund Freud adjusted his data to make his theories look better. Being a great follower of Freudian theory, I was a bit disturbed by this claim. Not only does it shake the foundation of psychoanalysis, but it makes it a lot less fun to analyze movies about trains.

After reading the article, I marched over to meet with Sulloway. Walking down the hall, I was surprised to see a man standing outside Sulloway's office. "Excuse me," I called, "are you Dr. Frank Sulloway?"

"Indeed I am," he responded, "What can I do for you?"

I explained that I wrote drivel for *The Tech* and I wanted to discuss his research on Freud, possibly as the basis for a column. He seemed delighted that I was

*Opinion Editor Bill Jackson '93 is planning to write a letter to The Tech objecting to the drivel written by Opinion Editor Bill Jackson '93.*

interested and invited me in to talk.

"Let me unlock the door," he said. He pulled out his key and slid it into the lock. It didn't unlock at first, but he slid it back and forth a bit and it finally gave with a sigh.

I entered his office and took a seat. His office is nicely furnished, I thought. However, I also noted that there were two

out a tall can of juice, "and those six are somewhat questionable." He shook the long can of juice up and down and then opened it. Juice bubbled out of it, foaming and spilling all over the floor.

"I see," I said, sliding the pencil through my fingers. "So do you see a tension between your research and current Freudian theorists?"

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ashtrays on his desk. He was a smoker.

No sooner had I realized this than he pulled out a box of big Cuban cigars and offered me one. I declined, explaining that I wasn't a smoker. "I see," he said, writing something down. He helped himself to a cigar. Holding it tightly between his lips, he puffed once. "Now, what would you like to know about my research?"

I got out my reporter's notebook and a pencil. I held the pencil lightly and asked him to explain why he found fault with Freud's data.

"Freud chose to publish six principal case histories," he explained while pulling

"Oh yes," he said, "I see tension everywhere. The current theorists do not agree with my research on Freud."

I bit the eraser off of my pencil and Sulloway winced and crossed his legs. "So," I asked, "what can be done to come to an agreement between the two sides on this issue?"

"Well," he said, "we need interaction between the two sides of the Freud issue. We need to join our two theories together and let them mesh."

I wiped my brow. "Really?"

"Yes," he continued breathlessly, "we need to allow the theories to interact, to

get inside one another, to meld into one!" "Could you open a window?" I asked, but Sulloway was lost in his ideas.

"And once the theories have interacted completely, causing much friction in the scientific community, we will have much debate, going back and forth and back and forth and back and forth and suddenly there will be a sudden release of tension, an explosion of Freudian knowledge!"

"I think I'm all set to write the column now," I said, getting up to leave.

"No, please, stay and have a snack with me!" He pulled out a tray of eclairs.

"I really have to leave," I said, reaching for the doorknob.

"Oh, well. Do come back! I'm having a water fountain installed in the center of the room."

I left quickly, and in the process tripped over a huge, rolled up beige carpet in the hallway and hit my head on the floor.

That's when I woke up. I had fallen asleep on my desk. The latest *Tech Talk* was on my desk in front of me. I had never seen Sulloway at all. And, considering that the real Sulloway is a well-known and highly respected Freudian scholar, I'm sure that whatever he says about Freud is right. So I went to Buzzy's for a corn dog.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### MIT's treatment of Altman embarrassing

(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to President Charles M. Vest.)

I am so upset by the firing of China Altman and further outraged by the manner in which she was dismissed that my conscience compels me to bring these matters to your attention.

I have been actively involved in the musical arts at MIT for over a decade, both as a student and alumnus. Over this period, I have personally seen how Altman has excelled in promoting the arts at MIT.

Her unique concern for student participation in the arts at

MIT has resulted in increased student membership in arts organizations as well as increased attendance at arts events. In fact, it was Altman's success at raising the visibility of the arts that resulted in MIT's eventual hiring of an associate provost for the arts. It is quite ironic that Altman was fired by this very person.

Not only was Altman fired, she was subjected to dehumanizing treatment by the Office of the Arts after her dismissal. Locking her out of her office, clearing her desk, rummaging through her belongings and removing items all sum up to appalling behavior that is an embarrassment to MIT.

I cannot believe that someone who has contributed so much to the Institute can be treated so poorly. Such actions suggest a major abuse of power here.

I am asking you to investigate this matter and take appropriate action to rectify this situation. MIT can not tolerate such behavior.

Altman's reinstatement as director of arts communication, perhaps under the management of the News Office, should be seriously considered. The MIT community cannot afford to lose one of the driving forces behind MIT's rejuvenated commitment to the arts.

Charles R. Marge '84



#### MIT Coalition Against Apartheid still supports divestment in South Africa

The changes that have occurred in South Africa have created a great deal of confusion within the international anti-apartheid movement. Many people are unclear about what role they should play in encouraging democratic change. Arguments have been put forth that the divestment/disinvestment/sanctions campaigns should stop, in the hopes that the reward of allowing South Africa to rejoin the world community will encourage the white government to implement further changes.

But this argument is inadequately substantiated, in that 1) it acknowledges that the international isolation of South Africa is something de Klerk wants ended — and given the fact that de

Klerk himself links the positive steps he has taken to the sanctions campaign, this is a reasonable assumption; 2) but having admitted the important role that sanctions have played so far, this argument fails to suggest how, in their absence, de Klerk will be encouraged to make the critical shift from his current proposal to one which allows one person/one vote democracy; 3) it proposes to reward the wrong people: It is the people who have struggled to end apartheid that should be rewarded for the steps taken so far, and not de Klerk.

Lifting sanctions now would leave the world community with no comprehensive mechanism through which to urge the South

African government to end apartheid, allowing de Klerk to stall the negotiations or to stand fast on non-democratic proposals if he chooses to do so, and would therefore contribute the further suffering and bloodshed within the country.

The role of the international community in hastening the end of apartheid has not changed: The international divestment/disinvestment/sanctions movement is more crucial than ever in bringing pressure to bear on the South African government.

The question of MIT's divestment from companies with ties to the South African economy is as valid now as it was in the past: Since 1986, the MIT community

has expressed a strong commitment to both the end of apartheid and MIT's divestment as a means to that end. But the issue of divestment is more critical now than a purely moral argument would allow. Recent events indicate that various governments around the world — including the Bush administration — have responded or are considering responding to de Klerk's call to lift sanctions based on his assertion that "irreversible" steps have been taken to end apartheid. In order for sanctions to remain in place, credible testimony from authoritative sources is needed to affirm their importance.

By publicly divesting, our university would draw attention to both the positive steps taken by de Klerk and to the fact that such steps are thus far incomplete.

At the very least, the divestment of an institution with MIT's reputation and with such sizeable investments in firms with ties to the South African economy would encourage these companies to pressure the South African government to speed the end of apartheid. MIT's divestment may also be the final push needed to convince them to disinvest, further pressuring the South African government.

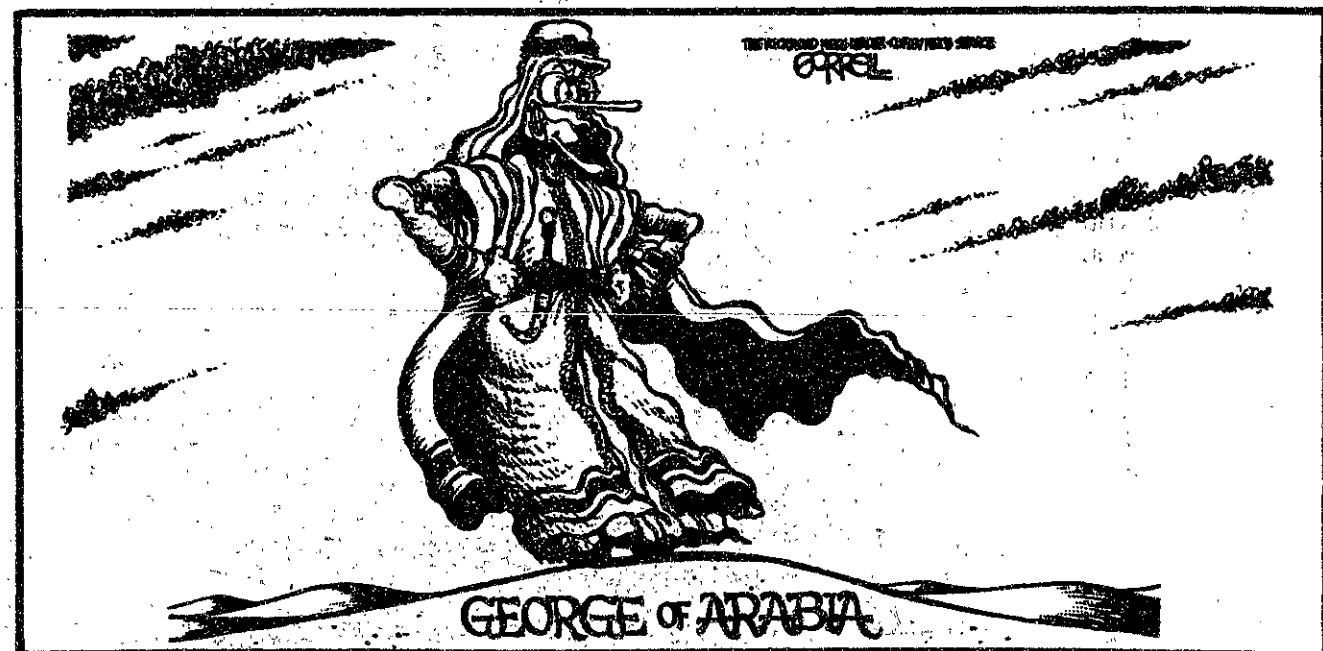
MIT's divestment may also encourage these companies to urge the US government to maintain sanctions. Without sanctions, the divestment campaign would be the only resource left to the anti-

apartheid movement with which to pressure the South African government for change. The negative publicity that would be focused on these companies in an atmosphere of an intensified divestment campaign could only hurt their public image, and is something they undoubtedly wish to avoid. Reminded of their vulnerability to such a campaign through MIT's divestment, their stake in the continuation of sanctions may thus be established.

The MIT Coalition Against Apartheid has met twice with members from the MIT Corporation to discuss the issue of divestment — the most recent meeting being last Friday. We are now convinced that there are Corporation members who are dissatisfied with MIT's current position on divestment and who would be willing to support a change in that position. To that end, the members of the CAA will be asking students, staff and faculty to reaffirm their commitment to divestment by endorsing a gradual divestment proposal.

Given the urgency of the current situation, and the fact that with the help of some Corporation members we may finally be able to take the Executive Committee to get a more significant stand on South Africa than it has in the past, MIT community support in this effort is pivotal.

Sue Nissman G  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Oppressed SWAMees deserve same treatment as minorities

Three cheers for Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and all the other individuals throughout history who have stood up against the prejudices of the day to make the United States of America a land virtually free of discrimination!

Although practically every member of every minority will state that prejudice still exists towards his (or her) particular group, he (or she) will also agree that conditions are much better today than they were at other times in history.

A new minority has now been created, though, and I would like to speak up for that group — so called SWAMees by John Leo of *US News and World Report*, for Straight, White, American Males. Unfortunately, I belong to this group and am becoming increasingly aware of the hardships I am destined to face in life.

I know that throughout history it is just such SWAMees who have been responsible for many of the atrocities committed against blacks, homosexuals, American Indians, women, etc. But does that mean that it is up to me to pay for the sins of my

forefathers by suffering reverse discrimination?

Many groups exist at MIT, and I applaud their efforts to fight unfair bias. GAMIT, the Black Students' Union, the Society of Women Engineers and many other groups provide a forum for students who share a common sex, ethnicity or religious belief.

Unfortunately, some of these groups are going overboard, and new groups are being formed all the time — resulting in discrimination against SWAMees. I grow angry every time I walk past the Margaret Cheney Room in Building 3, a room that any female can use at any time that has a grand piano, a kitchen, showers and beds.

Of course, I wouldn't know — I'm a male. Many of my friends are receiving substantial sums of money for their education because they are both intelligent and black, Hispanic, Indian or American Indian. I wouldn't know what this is like, either — I'm only intelligent.

I guess by saying all of this I'm risking being called a racist, a sexist, a Nazi, and, yes, perhaps even a David Duke supporter. I

am none of these, although I still shudder at the thought of what would happen if I started a group to fight reverse discrimination against those of us who, unfortunately, have been born without minority status.

I support every group that works to fight oppression or prejudice, as long as it doesn't fight it at my expense. Am I selfish for demanding that I do not lose my rights so that others can

have them? Maybe I am an idealist, but I do not think that such a trade-off of rights is necessary to approach true equality of all human beings.

So, what do I want? I want true equality for all human beings. I want all people to have a fair and equal chance to succeed. I want people to ask themselves two questions before they think of starting a new group to help "their" people.

First, is the group needed at all? Just because no Undergraduate Society of Ethnic Lesbian Engineers from Siberia (USELES) currently exists does not mean that one needs to be created. Second, does some other group already exist to carry out the same function? Think about it. I don't want to have to change my gender or sexual orientation just to get a fair shot at life.

Tim Wilson '93

### MIT, Vest commended for forming communication group on gulf war

It is heartening to learn that MIT has decided to form a communication group about the just-concluded gulf war. I would like to congratulate President Charles M. Vest on his justified urgency concerning this matter and the whole MIT community will eagerly await the makeup of the group which will be disclosed at the next faculty meeting. Presumably a few months after that group will begin deliberations.

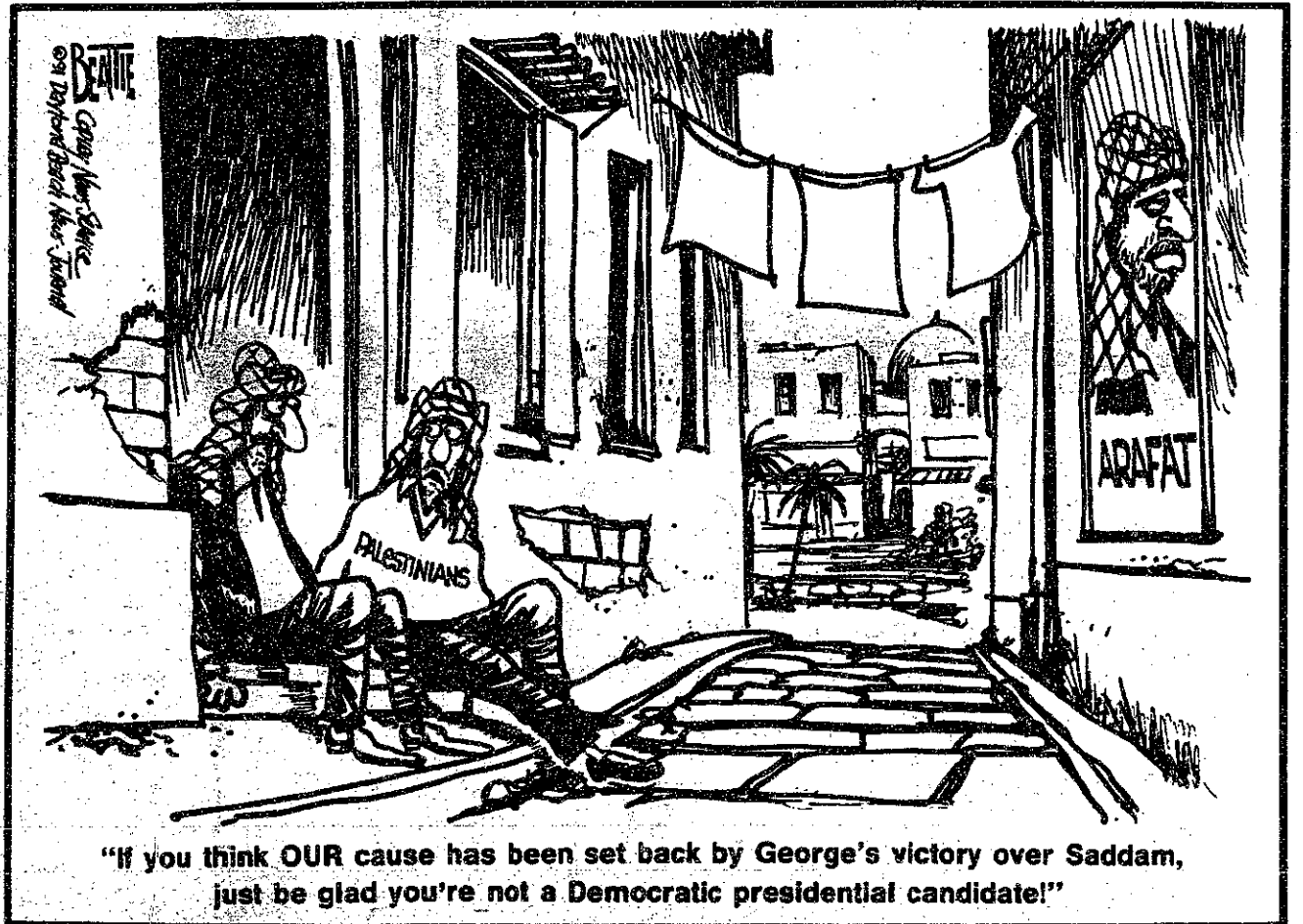
Some naysayers might wonder how is it that MIT could not convene a communication group in the six months that war has been possible, while a coalition of


countries could transport half a million soldiers and materiel to the gulf, fight a war and win it.

These critics obviously have no idea of the complexity involved in setting up a committee at MIT, or they would not have made this insidious comparison with the comparatively tractable task of fighting a war.

Finally, if the celerity with which this task has been performed by the Vest administration is a harbinger of the future, we can certainly look forward to many such timely and efficient initiatives.

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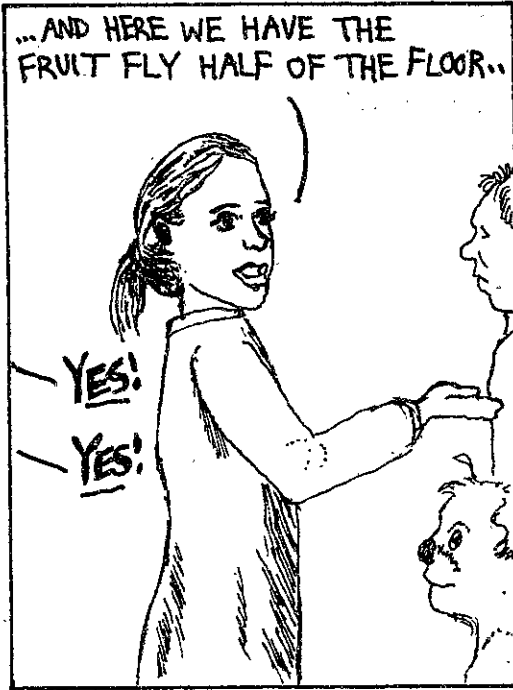
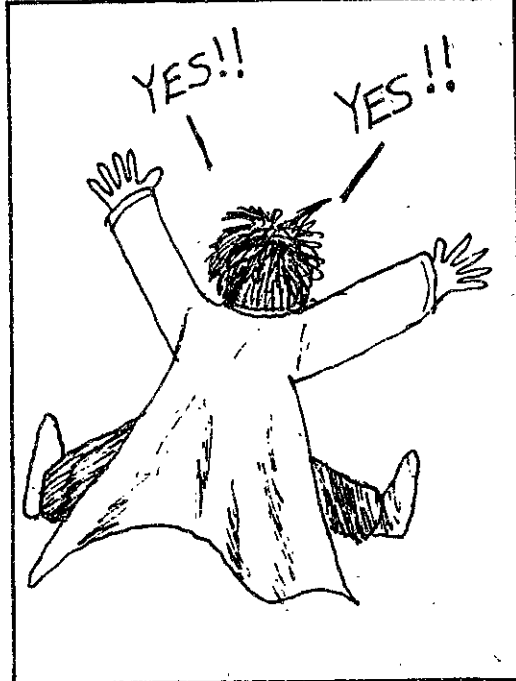
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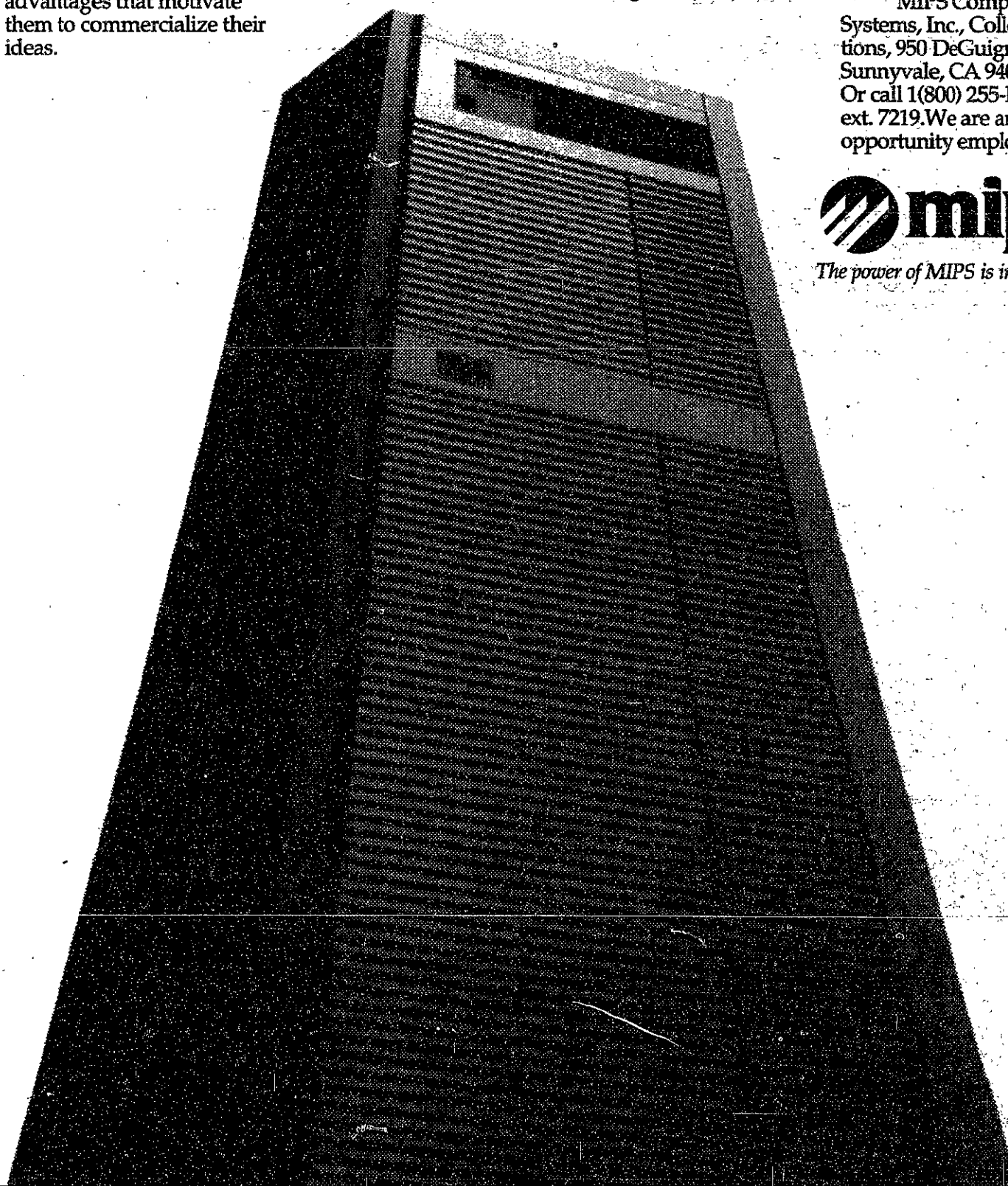
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By MICHELLE P. PERRY

**N**EW JACK CITY is billed as a contemporary urban gangster epic which opens the doors to a new American story. In actuality, it is an unsuccessful marriage of *21 Jump Street* and the *Godfather* films, and should succeed in offending audience members of any race or gender.

A police detective (Mario Van Peebles) assembles an interracial group of young, "bad-boy" cops to break up an urban drug syndicate. Two hours of inane dialogue and predictable plot elements follow. The cast includes rapper Ice-T and Judd Nelson as police officers, Chris Rock as a drug-abusing homeless person and Wesley Snipes as drug lord Nino Brown.

Van Peebles claims, "I want to involve audiences in the characters and the action while they're getting a powerful message about the terrible effects of drug use." However, he succeeds in doing the exact opposite: Nino Brown drapes himself with symbols of power: gold chains, worshipful friends and sexy women. The rhetoric he spouts defends his lifestyle: "You gotta



Russell Wong (left), Mario Van Peebles, Judd Nelson and Ice-T play police officers in *New Jack City*.

rob to get rich in the Reagan era." His eventual downfall does not erase the explicit message that for a young, black man from the ghetto, drug dealing is the easy way to become rich and powerful.

Van Peebles chose Ice-T for the role of an undercover police officer because "young people know about his gang background, his rejection of that and his hard-edged rap music that reflects his awareness of inner-city life. We wanted a highly credible hero kids could identify with."

Ice-T, the Sigmund Freud of rap artists,

is the same person who stated on national television that misunderstandings between men and women arise because of the strong sexual urges which men experience and which they need to satisfy. This is not a direct quote, but paraphrasing his remark does not hide the obvious implication that men raping women is justified by "animal urges." Does Van Peebles really want kids to identify with this person?

Ice-T is not the only sexist element in the film. The four major female characters can easily be summed up as the girlfriend, the slut, the hit woman and the token professional. The girlfriend is a failure at womanhood because she is barren, and the slut is all too available for the requisite gratuitous sex scenes. The professional is a prosecuting attorney who at first seems like a semi-respectable female character, but she turns out to be totally incompetent at her job.

The hit woman is the most frightening display of misogyny: She provoked comments from the audience like, "That bitch is crazy," and, when a police officer hit her in the face, "Smack the bitch." Women are physically abused throughout the film, and a scene where Chris Rock's character started attacking a woman actually drew laughter from the audience.

*New Jack City* is full of ridiculous stereotypes: the greasy Italian mafioso, the



Mario Van Peebles cornflake-carrying yuppie, the Dickensian street urchin. The dialogue compliments these characterizations: "Can you program Pascal?" (with the reply, "Can a white man dance?") or the classic, "Sit your five-dollar ass down, before I make change."

Van Peebles' father, Melvin Van Peebles, is a director respected for his portrayal of the black experience. This fact could be used to try to legitimize *New Jack City*. However, Mario is not following in his father's footsteps.

*New Jack City* should disappear soon from a theater near you.



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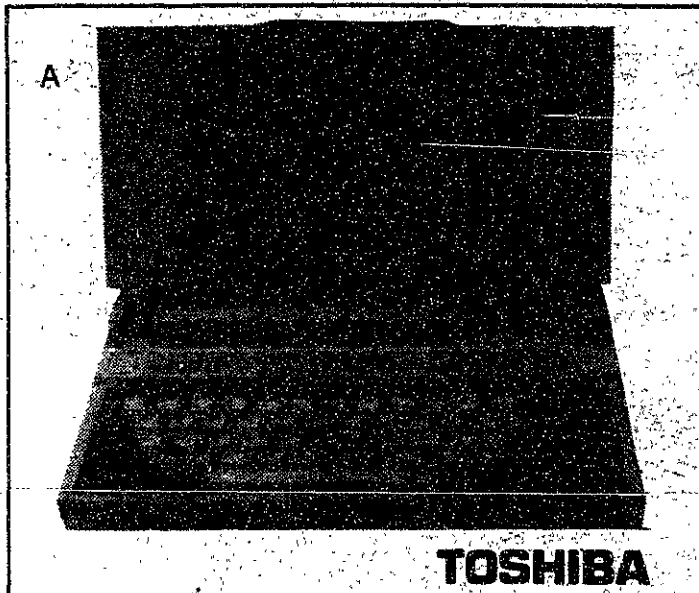
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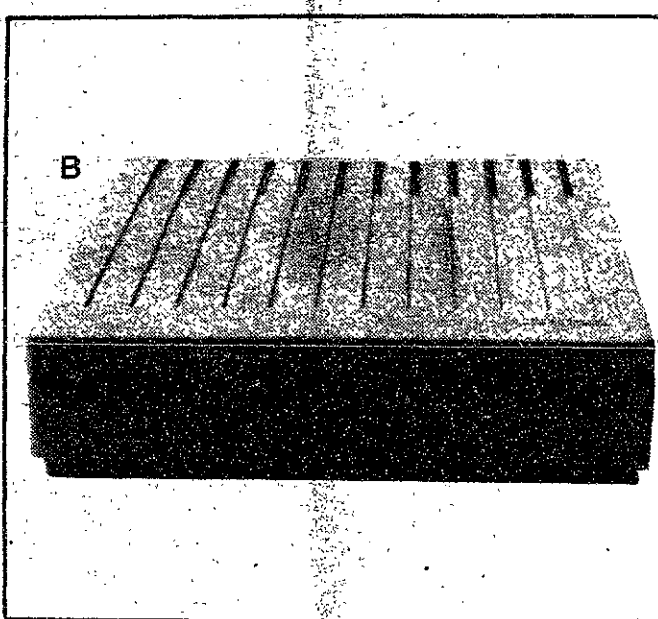
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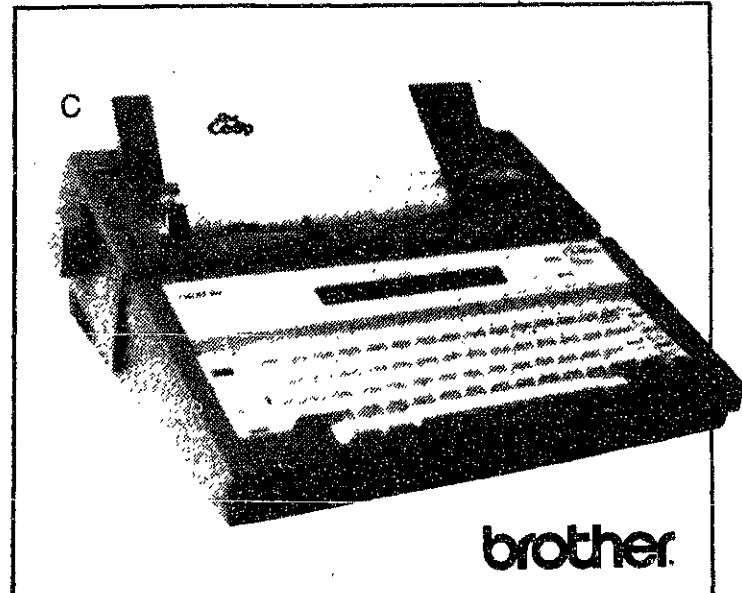
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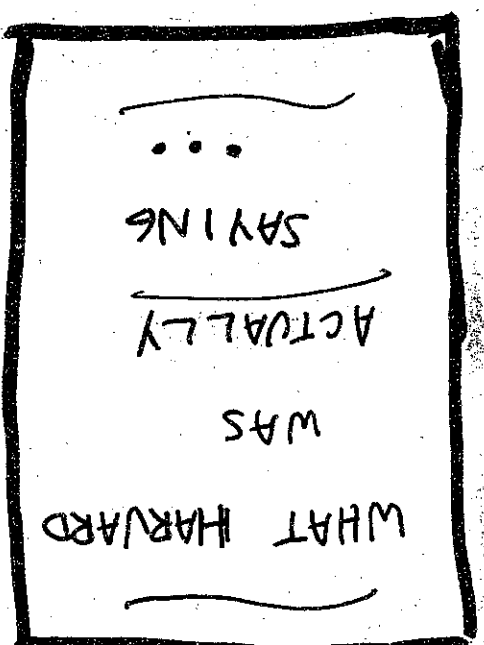
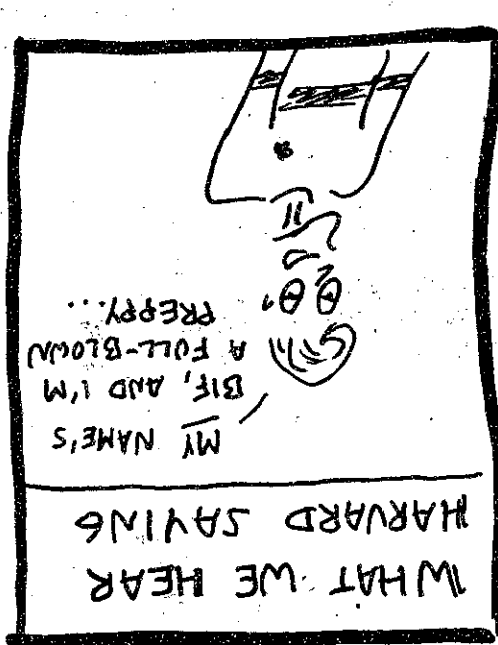
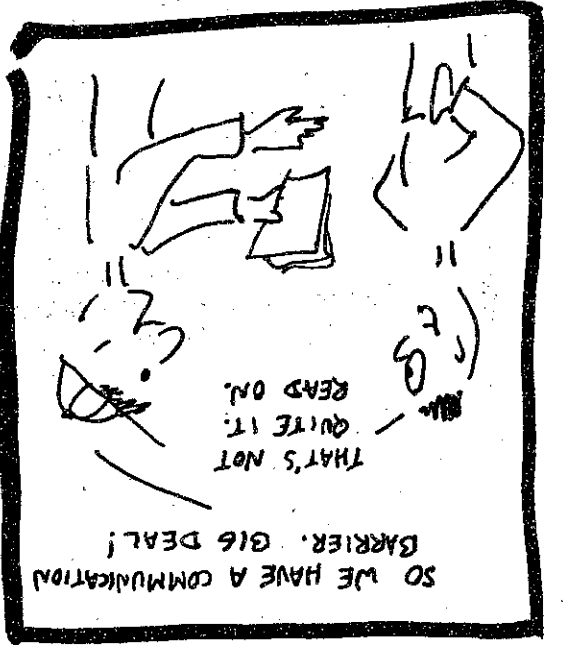
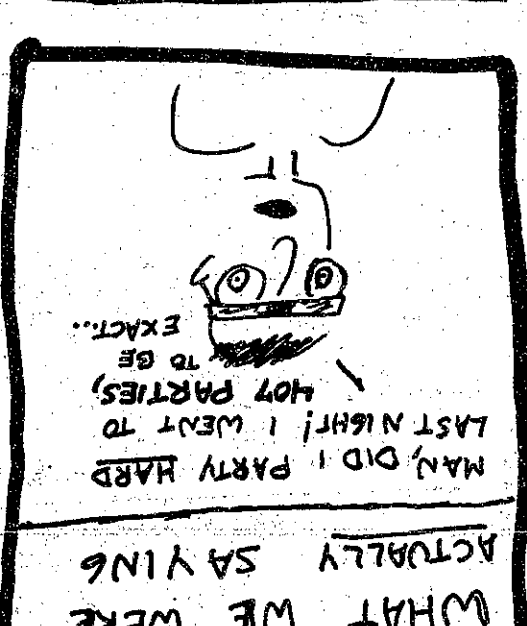
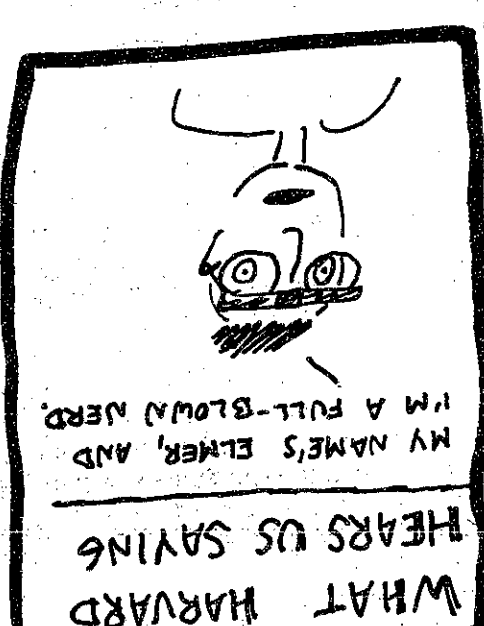
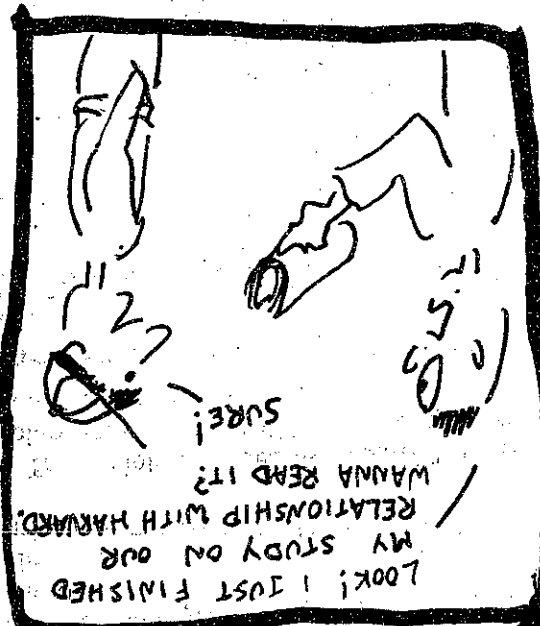
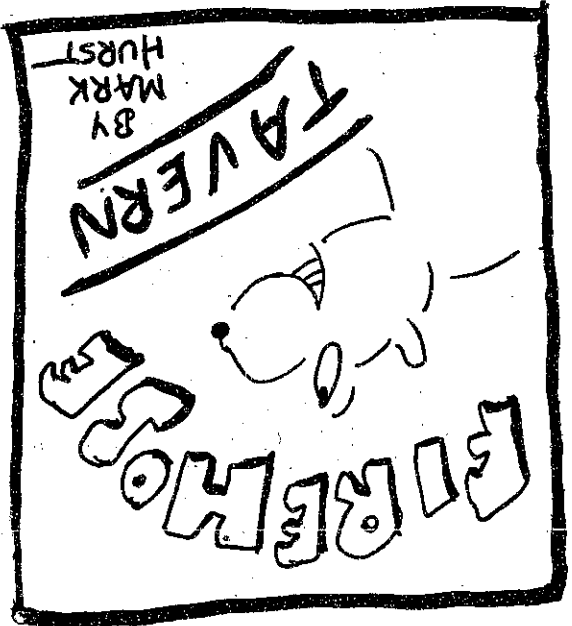
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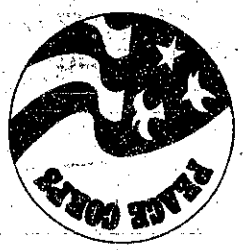
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By DAVID ZAPOL

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The program began with a real show-piece for the ensemble's dynamic balance. The *Quartet in E-flat*, K. 171 is a gem, though, like many of Mozart's string quartets, it is often performed as a violin concerto. The melody is predominately in the first violin part, and so it takes a skilled group to make it a real ensemble piece. The Juilliard's impeccable performance perfected the balance, with no individual being the leader, and the individuals all knowing exactly where the group was go-

ing. It resembled a jazz performance where each person has a solo, except that here the solo was passed around every few measures while the first violin carried the theme. It is hard to convey the complex layering that was going on, but it was carefully-thought-out and worked well, sounding clear and often resembling a lullaby.

Possibly the most exciting part of the entire performance came when the first violinist, Robert Mann, played a solo while the three other instruments strummed pizicato. The ensemble was so in time and in tune with itself that it sounded like a guitar. This was during the *Quartet in D Minor*, K. 421, a gorgeous piece featuring complicated interplay between Mann and the other violinist, Joel Smirnoff. In flawless unison, they played in octaves a melody so sweet that it made the audience gasp. The unity in the group was unbelievable. It became clear that when the performers had a real understanding of what they wanted from the music, they created perfect musical images.

For the last work, the *Quintet in E-flat*, K. 614, Samuel Rhodes, the Juilliard's violinist, was joined by Michael Tree, the vio-

list and founding member of the Guarneri Quartet. The ensemble sat with the two violins facing the two violas, and the cello sitting at the head, facing the audience.

Tree's viola sounded as beautiful as its voluptuous wood looked. It had tremendous bass range and made the energy of

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**Journal**

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## Noble dismisses \$1.5M suit

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which letters should remain confidential," Noble said.

Sheetz confirmed the details of the disclosure, but did not consider it to be significant. "At the trial, the entire case would have been publicized. The [disclosure] is nothing more than what would have happened when the trial began," he said.

Sheetz added that he "looks forward to a full review of [Noble's] tenure file, because it will bear out that MIT's tenure procedures worked well [in Noble's case]."

The disclosure "is very important so that people will have a very clear view of what happened, both to expose the corruption in the university and to begin to provide remedies, to provide some check [on MIT's tenure process]," Noble said.

### MIT will conduct tenure review

According to both Noble and Sheetz, MIT has agreed to conduct a review of its tenure procedures. "Through my lawyers, I will provide the provost with a formal written critique of existing policies and procedures, as well as proposals for reform," Noble said.

"Upon receipt of that, the provost will establish a faculty committee to review both the issues I present and those brought up by the faculty," Noble continued. "At the conclusion of [the com-

mittee's] review, it will issue a formal recommendation about changes in formal policies and procedures. The Institute will then act on the recommendation, although no [policy] changes were mandated [in the agreement]," he added.

Sheetz agreed with Noble's description of the review process. He emphasized that MIT has made "no promise to change any procedure or to do anything differently."

"There are no traditional settlement documents in the case, but the parties [MIT and Noble] have an understanding" that the review will occur, Sheetz added.

### Noble: MIT to move into the 20th century

"What's been created is an opportunity for MIT administrators to bring the Institute into the 20th century as far as tenure procedures go," Noble said. "As a child, I was taught to leave a place a little cleaner than it was when I arrived, and I feel I've done that with this agreement. Perhaps MIT will now catch up with the rest of academia."

"This case will be available as a lesson, a case study in political discrimination," Noble added. It's a case study in how universities silence critics through political discrimination in promotion and tenure reviews. That's very valuable because most [tenure cases] are shrouded in secrecy.

"I can only hope that this deci-

sion will affect other institutions without tenure or appeal procedures," Noble added.

Sheetz said he does not think that "anything that came out of this case will have any impact on other universities' tenure proceedings. I don't think [Noble] can claim a victory in a campaign to change tenure procedures."

### Case began in 1984

After Noble was denied tenure in February 1984, he appealed the decision. According to a report released last March by Middlesex County Judge Robert Hallisey, Noble had received a unanimous vote in support of his candidacy for tenure from an interdepartmental review committee.

However, at the next stage of his tenure process (the second out of five), the nine tenured members of the STS program refused to recommend Noble for further review, by a vote of five to four.

Noble filed suit in September 1986, then spent two years in court earning the right to see the documentation from his tenure review committee. He spent another two years trying to make that documentation public. Noble achieved some success when the suit was scheduled to go to trial before a jury.

In his report, Hallisey dismissed eight of Noble's nine counts against MIT. He allowed the count asserting a breach of contract by MIT. This was the count that was to have gone to trial on Wednesday.

## MIT to review tenure policy

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tenure policy: the absence of a comprehensive tenure code, the absence of written appeals procedures, and the absence of consideration of political views in tenure deliberations.

President Charles M. Vest declined to comment on the issue saying discussion of tenure policy was "premature at this date."

Noble will begin his report within the next month and will work with both MIT faculty and the American Association of University Professors in preparing his report, he said.

"What I'm calling for is modest in the extreme," Noble said. "Other universities like Drexel University, where I currently teach, and the University of Michigan, where President Vest comes from, have very elaborate tenure procedures."

"The tenure process at MIT is ad hoc right now," Noble continued. "What I'm asking for is standard procedure at many other universities — a system of checks and balances in university decision making."

Regardless of Noble's report, the ultimate decision of whether the tenure policy will change will be up to the tenure-review committee, Noble said.

"This only provides an opportunity for MIT to clean up its act," Noble said. "Not only will many professors benefit from due process, but tenure reform might minimize prospects of future litigation if MIT has due process in house."

MIT Faculty Chair Henry D. Jacoby said, "In particular at the Institute, many things are not written down in as a lot of rules." He added, "Though tenure policy is written down in the *Policies and Procedures* manual, a lot of tenure procedures are case law."

Jacoby did not foresee a need for any changes in current tenure policies.

"I have seen the system work here for 18 years, and I have not seen any place where it fails," he said. "The process works well, and has many safeguards."

Paul L. Penfield Jr '60, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, said, "One issue the committee may consider is whether or not letters of recommendations should be made public or confidential."

Penfield continued, "The argument for confidentiality is that it ensures honest assessments of the candidate. The argument for making letters public is that there's [a] feeling that if you say bad things you should be able to confront your accuser."

Though policy differs slightly from department to department, under the current tenure system, individual departments must bring assistant professors before a tenure review sub-committee before the professor has been on the faculty for eight years, the *Policies and Procedures* faculty guide states.

The sub-committee will then assemble a file of the professor's "performance, accomplishments, promise, research, teaching and service . . . with letters of recommendations from both inside and outside MIT," Jacoby said.

Upon approval of the sub-committee, the case will go to either the school council or the personnel committee of the school. The school council will then present the case before the Academic Council. From the Academic Council, the case goes before the president who presents the case to the MIT Corporation.

The entire process runs from five to eight months, Jacoby said.

Discussion of tenure policy could affect the case of Gretchen L. Kalonji '80, former associate professor of Materials Science, who filed a discrimination griev-

ance in April 1989, three months after she was denied tenure. A committee was formed within the Institute to review the case, which is still pending, Kalonji said.

"I'd have to look at [the formation of a tenure review committee] in a little more detail, to see what [MIT has] committed [itself to] before I become too jubilant," about the decision, Kalonji said.

Noble said, "The [Kalonji case] brings questions of political discrimination, and how the Institute will evaluate it."

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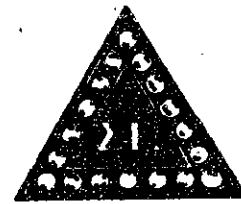
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# Dean's Office supports IFC recognition of AEPi

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Affairs James R. Tewhey. Loss of Institute-approved housing status came with MIT's derecognition of AEPi in April of last year.

AEPi, if recognized by the IFC and the Institute, would also be able to participate in traditional independent living group rush activities during Residence/Orientation Week, said Neal H. Dorow, advisor to fraternities and ILGs.

The IFC will vote on whether to grant AEPi initial membership at its next meeting, on April 3, said IFC President Holly L. Simpson '92. Initial members do not have voting privileges and are subject to expulsion by a simple majority vote of the Presidents' Council, Simpson said.

In addition to Borison, other members of the fledgling chapter, alumni from the Mu Tau Corporation, and members of the Delta Pi fraternity also attended the meeting to participate in what became at times a tense and emotional discussion on AEPi.

DPI was founded last spring by former AEPi brothers. Currently, 28 of its 31 members are former AEPi brothers.

Some of those present at the meeting, including students from DPI, expressed concerns that the national organization might attempt to reorganize the chapter again if it found the chapter to be unsatisfactory.

When asked how the new chapter would prevent that from happening, Borison replied, "We will abide by FIPG policies," in reference to the risk management policy of the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group. AEPi's national organization cited three violations of this policy as its reasons for reorganizing the MIT chapter.

The three alumni representatives of the MIT chapter of AEPi attended the meeting to support the new chapter's efforts. All

three have served on the board of the Mu Tau Corporation, which owns and runs the chapter's two houses in Back Bay Boston.

Alfred H. Bloom '50 said inaccurate coverage of the reorganization by *The Tech* has led to unfair hostility toward AEPi.

"A lot of what was printed in the campus press was not true," Bloom said. "The fact is the national wished to have anyone who wanted to abide by the rules of the fraternity."

Bloom felt the members of the old chapter downplayed the seriousness of their violations of FIPG rules. "They insulted everyone's intelligence," he said.

Another alumnus accused the former brothers of lying and falsely accusing the national organization of religious bias. "I am really sorry to see [the former brothers] pull this Jewish bit," he said. "They lied so much it was pathetic."

In an interview last night, former DPI President Lawrence P. Lubowsky '92 maintained that the national organization's actions were in part discriminatory. "For many of us, there is no doubt that AEPi is a discriminatory organization," he said. "From what they showed to us during the reorganization, we

don't think that AEPi should be allowed on campus."

Current DPI President Keith J. MacKay '91 concurred with Lubowsky's assessment: "It seems too soon [to readmit AEPi], especially in light of the fact a very large portion of the students who got thrown out last year are still at MIT."

### Dean's Office supports new chapter of AEPi

Despite the opposition of DPI members, the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs supports the efforts of the new AEPi chapter, Dorow said. "We are supporting the efforts of the MIT students in having their fraternity recognized," he said.

Tewhey said AEPi should not continue to be denied recognition on campus as a form of punishment for its handling of the reorganization, which MIT has criticized. "If we're punishing anyone at this point, we're probably punishing the students who cannot live in [the AEPi] houses," Tewhey said.

Lubowsky said that while DPI has no objection to the idea of students starting a new fraternity, he objected to students starting a new chapter of AEPi so soon after the reorganization.

"We don't really have anything against the people in AEPi," Lubowsky said. "We are, however, insulted by the fact that they jumped right in after the reorganization. They never stopped to find out exactly what happened."

Dorow defended the new AEPi brothers' decision to revive Mu Tau after the reorganization. He said the advantages of the chapter — the two houses in the Back Bay and a well-established and extensive alumni network — made it a prime target for stu-

dents wanting to form a new Greek organization.

Lubowsky acknowledged that "it's a hard deal to turn down." However, he felt reviving Mu Tau "was not the morally correct decision."

While Simpson would not speculate on how the IFC would vote at its next meeting, Lubowsky said he thought the IFC would not reinstate AEPi. "I have a feeling that it would be a few years before AEPi gets recognition from IFC," he said.

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# UAP/VP teams debate issues



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Stacy E. McGeever '93 (far right) and J. Paul Kirby '92, candidates for UA president and vice president, respond to a question at the UA debate Wednesday night while UAP/UAVP candidates Johnathan J. Lee '93 (far left) and Kristoffer H. Pfister '93 look on.

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as creating opportunities for students in the maintenance of the workstations themselves.

In terms of IAP, both tickets do not want to eliminate it, but McGeever and Kirby would like to see "pilots for new classes" and take advantage of this period to increase student-faculty interaction.

McGeever and Kirby believe that a responsible, educational alcohol policy should be adopted. McGeever said the problem seems to be the "control of drinking" rather than underage drinking. But Lee and Pfister did not want to take a stand without hearing further student opinion. Pfister said that he would personally want a "lenient alcohol policy."

## Candidates debate issues

Both teams emphasized their positions at the UAP/UAVP debate Wednesday night.

McGeever and Kirby, who spoke first, emphasized their platform issues: keeping and improving IAP, continuing to influence MIT food service, stressing governance and continuing the work of the current administration of Manish Bapna '91 and Colleen M. Schwengel '92. "We're concerned with issues on the students' minds," Kirby said.

Lee and Pfister underlined the importance of the UA's legitimacy, calling it a "much greater, more important issue." Lee said, "We have to make the Council truly representative of students' diversity. The UA is not legitimate, it has no respect. How can we represent students without their support?"

Pfister added that "the Russians have a word for this. It's *glasnost*." They also mentioned the importance of issues like freshman housing, the academic calendar and keeping IAP.

When asked why the UA has been suffering from a lack of student interest and what could be done to remedy it, McGeever suggested setting up a stronger communication network and showing students "that the UA really affects them."

Kirby noted that "the amount of time students have to spend working on issues" discouraged many students from participating. But both felt that there were "interested students out there, and we will personally take it upon ourselves to find them," McGeever said.

Lee blamed student apathy on "a lack of communication and a lack of openness. We don't know what students think is important." He offered specific methods to combat this, including "canvassing students on a frequent basis," continuing with the *UA Today* and getting student representation on Institute committees.

Lee also emphasized what he and Pfister see as a "lack of diversity" within the UA. "The UA has really built up a bad reputation on campus," he said. Lee

and Pfister said they would be more flexible, open and honest.

When asked their positions on housing and governance, McGeever focused on the "problem with the role of graduate tutors" and the alcohol policy. Kirby added that Residence/Orientation Week could be improved as well.

McGeever praised the current UA administration for its "amazing" steps taken on the governance issue, saying "it touches every single aspect of student life."

Lee focused on the potential role of students in appointing faculty members, calling for more diversity among faculty. Lee said he hoped to provide a housing plan "representative of all students on campus" by seeking out student input.

The UAVP candidates were then asked what each of them would do if the dean for student affairs came to them asking for help in dealing with a pornography problem on campus. Kirby responded by saying he would open the lines of communication, but that he was inclined to allow people to possess pornographic materials in the privacy of their own rooms. Pornography in common areas would require some kind of regulation, he said, and he would want to promote student discussion on this issue.

Pfister stressed that "America is based on free speech . . . and if they want to show *Deep Throat* in East Campus, there's nothing I can do to stop them." He said he was inclined to "sit back and see what happens and roll with the punches," although he recommended organizing a colloquium to discuss the issue.

Lee asked McGeever and Kirby how they would address the lack of support for international students on campus. Both said they

had not heard of any problems with international students, but if it were true, McGeever said she would do "anything in my power," to remedy the situation, including setting up student support groups.

Kirby said, "When entire segments of the student body are treated unfairly, we have to get together and meet their needs." He added, "If there's one thing we believe in, it's equality and fairness."

McGeever questioned Lee and Pfister on educational reform, asking whether they supported a university atmosphere with well-rounded curricula, or an institute with a more narrow focus and more depth.

Pfister then cited tests which showed that engineering students generally had more of a well-rounded education than history students, for example. Lee said the issue rested with students, because if they felt the Institute should be more like a university, they would take more humanities classes.

Lee then asked McGeever and Kirby, as UA insiders, what they felt the flaws in the UA were and how they would address them. McGeever responded that the major flaw was communication. Otherwise, she said, "we've made amazing strides this year in achieving tangible results for students." Kirby noted that attendance at UA Council meetings rose from 20 percent last year to around 90 percent this year.

McGeever then asked Pfister how he would promote continuity within the UA and restructure the council. Pfister responded that if he and Lee were elected, "there would be a lot of restructuring and we can assure there would be a lot of continuity."

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# sports

## Women's gymnastics take sixth at ECAC finals

By Catherine Rocchio

The MIT women's gymnastics team recently completed its competitive season at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) championship at Cortland College in New York. MIT came in sixth in the team competition with a team score of 134.6.

After losing five seniors from last year's New England Championship team, this year's team was comprised of many first-time competitors including Jennifer Moore '94, Kim Cornwall '94, Karen Oda '93 and Sandra Tan '92, all of whom lent their skill to MIT's performance at this championship meet.

The women's first event was the vaulting exercise where the team had its strongest performance of the year. Anne Wandtke '91 and Debbie Ellingson '91 both set the tone for the event by executing the best vaults of their gymnastic careers, earning respective scores of 7.45 and 7.4, while Gretchen Martin '92 vaulted for the first time this season and earned a 7.65 for a strong handspring vault.

Oda turned in her season's best performance with an 8.05 for a perfectly landed handspring vault. Kortney Leabourne '92 executed a beautiful handspring full-twist for her season's best score of 8.65 while Julie Lyren '93 landed a powerful 1/2 on full-twist off vault for an 8.7, her season's best and the team's highest score of the day.

The uneven bars event unveiled a new bar routine for Martin whose free straddle over mount was caught solidly and led the

way for Lyren and Leabourne to work cleanly on the event.

Leabourne earned the highest score on the bars for MIT with an 8.1. The balance beam gave the Engineers some momentary troubles, but Oda and Lyren both stuck to their routines with Lyren scoring MIT's highest on the event earning a 7.9 for her switch-leg leap and backhandspring combinations.

MIT rallied on the floor exer-

cise, the last event of the competitive season for the women, and turned out one of the best performances on this exercise for the whole year.

Ellingson, Tan and Wandtke all performed their season's best with difficult acrobatic and gymnastics tricks for scores of 6.25, 6.45 and 6.85. Oda tumbled strongly with a layout in her first pass and a back somi in the second for a consistent score of 7.15

while Leabourne's energetic dance and two somi pass earned her a 7.6. Lyren had the top score of the event once again, performing her season's best routine for an 8.5.

Both Leabourne and Lyren tallied strong all-around scores for the MIT engineers, Leabourne with 31.00 and Lyren with her best overall meet of the year earned 32.00.

MIT is sending two of its gym-

nasts to the Division III National Championships at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota this weekend. Lisa Arel '92 will be returning to the meet for the third year in a row and is joined by first-time qualifier Leabourne. The top eight individual competitors in Division III qualify for this meet.

(Catherine Rocchio '89 is coach of the women's gymnastics team.)



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Gymnast Julie K. Lyren '93 practices her floor routine in preparation for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship meet. MIT came in sixth place in the team competition.

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