

McGeever, Kirby win UAP/VP



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Stacy E. McGeever '93 and J. Paul Kirby '92.

Voter turnout 33 percent; many run unopposed

By Jeremy Hylton

Stacy E. McGeever '93 and J. Paul Kirby '92 were elected president and vice-president of the Undergraduate Association on Wednesday. McGeever and Kirby scored a decisive victory over their opponents, Jonathan J. Lee '93 and Kristoffer H. Pfister '93.

McGeever and Kirby captured 59 percent of the ballots cast, while Lee and Pfister won only 34 percent of the vote. Other candidates received eight percent of the vote.

The results of the election will remain unofficial until certified by the UA Council. Candidates receiving less than five percent of the votes cast were not listed separately in the election results.

This included "none of the above" votes, according to Daniel J. Dunn '94, UA election commissioner.

McGeever said, "We are pleased and eager to begin working. We've already begun working." She and Kirby plan to make the academic calendar, including orientation and the Independent Activities Period, their first priority.

Lee wished the winners a good term of office. "They have some very good issues on their platform that it looks like students would like to see fulfilled," he said.

McGeever and Kirby saw two reasons for their success. "I think our issues — the basis for our platform — addressed a lot of students' concerns," McGeever said. She also added that door-to-door campaigning helped get students interested.

Kirby said that their platform "was solid and concrete and there from the beginning."

Lee felt his campaign was not successful because his platform was not made clear. He said he could not pinpoint the reason for that failure. "Perhaps our message didn't quite get through. What we were concerned about were those core issues that really need to be dealt with," he said.

Pfister said he was generally pleased with the way the election was run. "I was a little upset by the fact that *The Tech* did support the McGeever/Kirby team,"

said Pfister. "[*The Tech*] really does have a monopoly on the students, because there's only one real paper."

Voter turnout "about average"

Voter turnout for the election was 33 percent of the undergraduate student body, down slightly from last year's turnout of 38 percent. "This is probably about average, maybe a couple points below," Dunn explained.

The turnout figure is somewhat inaccurate, according to Dunn. "Some people just voted for UA president and some people just voted for class officers," he said. There were slightly more ballots cast in the UAP/UAVP election than in the elections for class officers.

Dunn was satisfied with the turnout for the election. "Given the ballot we had, the turnout is to be expected. If we'd had more competitive races, the turnout would have been much higher," he said.

Lee said that voter turnout was low. He thought that the low turnout indicated dissatisfaction with the way the UA is run. "I think that's when you see students voice their interest in the UA," he explained.

Dunn said the campaign for Class of 1992 president was the most hotly contested. "[The UAP/UAVP campaign] wasn't as emotional. While Lee and Pfister ran a very comprehensive cam-

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Most students willing to pay to maintain Project Athena

By Brian Rosenberg

Sixty-three percent of those who voted in Wednesday's Undergraduate Association elections said they would be willing to pay an additional \$100 in tuition per year in order to maintain the current level of Athena services.

Twenty-six percent of voters said they would not want to pay such an increase, and 10 percent had no opinion. The figures did not add up to 100 percent because of rounding errors and "ambiguous ballots, for example when someone writes, 'Yes, but,'" said Yevgeny Gurevich '94, a member of the UA Executive Board.

Voters answered a referendum question posed in response to recent changes in Athena funding. Grants from IBM and Digital Equipment Corporation for Project Athena expire on June 30.

The question was written by the UA ExecBoard and approved

at a meeting of the UA Council last week. According to current UA President Manish Bapna '91, ExecBoard conferred with Vice President for Financial Operations James J. Culliton about the \$100 figure.

Shally Bansal '93, an ExecBoard member who conferred with Culliton, said he indicated that the administration had conducted research indicating that tuition would need to be raised by \$100 to retain current services. She stressed, however, that \$100 was only an estimate. "An increase would not mean that Athena would receive \$100 times the number of students here, however, because all tuition increases are subject to financial aid and other deductions," Bansal said.

Professor Earl M. Murman, director of Project Athena and head of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, said

the results were "gratifying."

"It feels very good for Project Athena to hear that 63 percent of the students would pay money for Athena. It is also disconcerting that 26 percent would not. That means we still have work to do," he said.

Murman explained that \$100 per student is too little to maintain current operations. "The annual budget to maintain Athena — including equipment maintenance — is about \$6 million. Assuming there are about 10,000 students here, that's \$600 per student per year," he said.

However, Murman added that "an additional \$100 per student would mean another \$1 million, which would make a significant contribution on hardware replacement costs."

In explanation of the apparent contradiction between Culliton's

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Overlap Group will not meet

By Andrea Lamberti

Members of the Overlap Group, an organization of colleges and universities that includes MIT and the Ivy League schools, will not be meeting as usual this spring to exchange information about financial aid packages for admitted students, said Vice President Constantine B. Simonides '57.

Director of Student Financial Aid Leonard V. Gallagher '54 referred questions to Simonides, who said he learned of the group's decision from *The Harvard Crimson*.

The decision not to meet coincides with an ongoing Department of Justice investigation of the schools for possible violations of antitrust laws, and may mean that the department has determined that the meetings are violations, according to *The Boston Globe*. The group met last year even though the investigation was underway.

Daniel Steiner, vice president and general counsel for Harvard University, told the *Globe*, "In light of the concerns that the Justice Department has expressed

... we thought that as a sign of good faith, we would not meet this year while discussions are under way to resolve outstanding differences."

The Justice Department is "investigating alleged violations of the Sherman Act in connection with tuition, faculty salaries and financial aid at colleges and universities," Justice Department spokesman Gina Talamona said.

Talamona would not comment on specifics of the investigation or whether a settlement is being negotiated, saying only that "it's ongoing."

Simonides said that as far as he knows, MIT is not negotiating a settlement with the Justice Department. The Institute deals with the department through legal counsel, he said.

Although the Justice Department has not divulged the names of schools involved, the number of schools, or their geographic location, the investigation of late has focused on the 23 private colleges and universities that make up the Overlap Group, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The Overlap Group has met each year to make sure admitted students receive similar aid packages, and its members base their

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Bill could affect harassment policy

By Dave Watt

In an unusual alliance with the American Civil Liberties Union, Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-IL) has introduced a bill in Congress which extends First Amendment protections on free speech to students in private universities that receive federal aid.

If passed, the language of the Collegiate Speech Protection Act of 1991 may affect MIT's harassment policy, as well as restrictions on racist, sexist and anti-homosexual speech at universities nationwide.

The ACLU has endorsed Hyde's bill, which has been referred to a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. Hearings on the bill will be scheduled "hopefully by the end of the year," said George Fishman, legislative council for

Hyde.

The bill would permit students to obtain injunctions against enforcement of campus disciplinary statutes in the courts, and sue for the cost of attorneys' fees.

Bill would extend free speech rights to private schools

If the Collegiate Speech Protection Act is passed, MIT's sexual harassment policy might have to be reworded. According to Fishman, MIT's policy is similar to a University of Michigan harassment policy, which was found unconstitutional by a US district court in 1988.

The court ruled that public universities may not "establish an anti-discrimination policy which had the effect of prohibiting certain speech because it disagreed with ideas or messages sought to

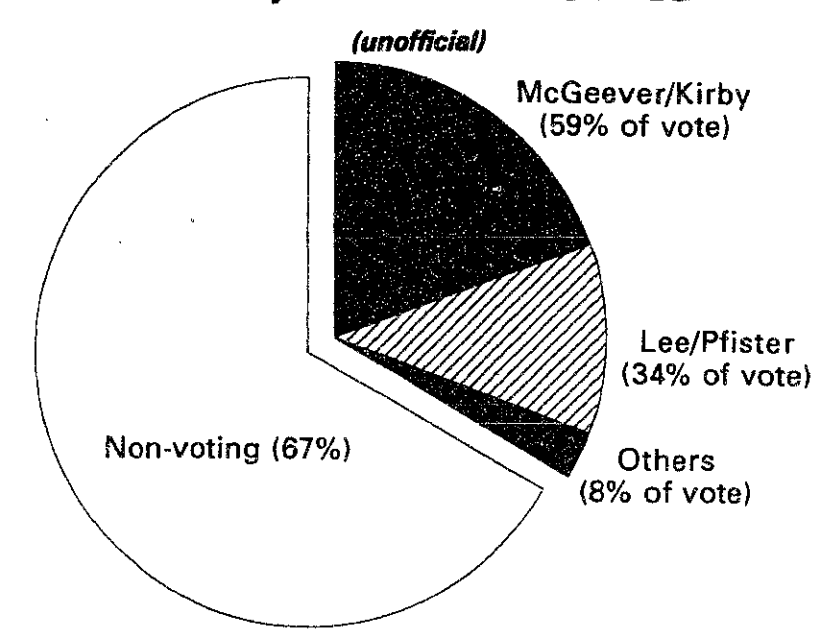
be conveyed." It added that the University of Michigan could not "proscribe speech simply because it was found to be offensive, even gravely so, by large numbers of people."

MIT's sexual harassment policy defines harassment as "any conduct, verbal or physical, on or off campus, which has the intent or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's or group's educational, work or living environment."

Philosophy Professor Judith J. Thomson, who has spoken out against the MIT sexual harassment policy, said bills like Hyde's should be unnecessary. "We shouldn't have any policies that would be illegal in a public university," she said. "I'm sorry if people get hurt feelings, but uni-

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UAP/UAVP Results



Validine cards can now purchase Domino's pizza

By Karen Kaplan and Andrea Lamberti

As part of a special arrangement with ARA, Domino's Pizza in the Back Bay began delivery service to the MIT campus earlier this week, allowing students to pay for their pizzas with their MIT meal cards.

"We've given [Domino's] the ability to allow students to buy pizzas as part of their meal plan balance," said Alan Leo, general manager of ARA food services at MIT. "In return, Domino's is paying a commission to the Institute, not to ARA." The commission, 20 percent of all purchase revenues, will "go toward offsetting costs in the food service program," he said.

The program, which began on Tuesday, has accounted for between 25 and 30 percent of the

Back Bay Domino's business this week, according to store manager Paul L. Mason.

Leo contacted many pizza companies, including Domino's, Pizzeria Regina, and Papa Gino's. In the end, Domino's was chosen because "they understood what I wanted to do," Leo said. "[Domino's] had the vision to see that they'd capture the market."

Mason said, "It's a pretty good arrangement." He added, "For every dollar, we get 80 cents."

Leo said, "The reason they're willing to pay a commission is that they're capturing the whole market of people who have [meal] cards. . . . They're bright enough to see that they don't need the whole 100 percent. The volume will help them cover the overhead."

Leo explained that, through the arrangement with Domino's,

MIT is tapping into a market that already existed. "These [pizza] companies are already delivering on campus; we want to make it part of the program," he said.

Students must give their MIT identification number when they order from Domino's. When the drivers make deliveries, they check the student's ID against the number given over the phone. The student then writes in the amount of the purchase, including tip, on a Domino's form and signs it.

Mason said he could foresee only a few potential problems. "The next stage will be to see how well the payment [comes along]," he said. "That's the only thing that could turn this whole thing sour."

There has also been some confusion about payment. "Some

people have been using other people's meal cards and some want to split the orders," Mason said. "We've just basically told them . . . you have to pay on one card."

Mason was also concerned that students did not realize that they could tip the drivers. "I don't know if they understand that they can sign for a higher dollar amount," Mason said. "Generally, students are a little tight with the money, anyways."

Domino's has run a similar program with Emerson College in the past, as well as with some other local colleges, universities, high schools and private schools. "We're trying to get into Northeastern [University], Boston University. It's a real big success," he said.

The addition of Domino's service is only one of many recent

changes made by ARA. Others include Stir Fries, Leghorn's, Dunkin' Donuts, and retail sales of cola, chips and dips. "In Lobbell, there's been a number of changes, and there will continue to be changes," Mason said. "We're trying to change to a more retail market-driven service. All those things that are happening at Lobbell didn't just happen overnight."

In light of these improvements, Leo is "absolutely" confident that ARA will continue to handle MIT's food services next year. "Based on what we're doing, I don't see what the motivation would be to change," he said.

Leo described another new service in the works for Lobbell Court — a fresh pasta and sauces station called "Allegro." Dishes would be cooked to order individually.

Overlap Group cancels meeting during probe

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decisions on factors other than money, according to the *Chronicle*.

Simonides said the purpose of the group is "to help students in need. Not having it would hinder processes that provide financial aid."

Simonides said MIT received a request for information one and a half years ago. MIT has responded to questions from the Justice Department, and that has been the extent of MIT's contact with the department, he said.

The Justice Department has asked MIT about "how decisions are made about Overlap meetings," about information on meetings between financial aid officers, on parental contributions, and about other decision processes at MIT, Simonides said.

While some universities have changed certain policies on sharing information with other universities as a result of the investigation, MIT has not, Simonides said. "We're sensitive on exchanging information with other

institutions, but we haven't changed any policies."

MIT continues to exchange demographic information with other schools. "There's no problem with that, and there never will be. But who's talking with whom about what may have to change. We're open, complying with requests, and waiting to see what the outcome will be," Simonides said.

The effects of the investigation remain to be seen, Simonides said. Universities have thrived on open communication, and it is still early to measure the effects of not communicating. "We've been sensitized about exchanging information with other schools, and that may have a long-term negative effect," he said.

The investigation has cost MIT "an awful lot" in terms of time and money, Simonides said. Dealing with the probe involves many people, both for collecting and transmitting information, plus lawyer time; overall, "it's tough to quantify exactly" the total cost of complying with the investigation.

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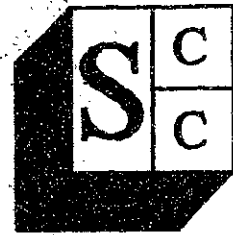
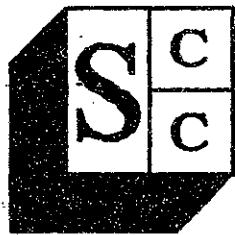
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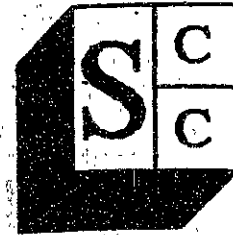
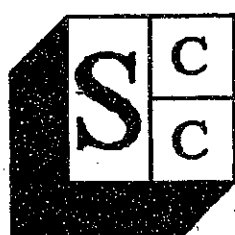
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World

Bush, French President Mitterrand meet to discuss peace in Middle East

Yesterday, President George Bush met with French President François Mitterrand in Trois-Ilets, Martinique, to discuss how to insure peace in the Middle East.

Mitterrand said that the Palestinian problem and Arab-Israeli relations remain the key to achieving peace in the Middle East. He added that the talks with Bush were friendly and positive.

President Bush said the talks were extremely productive. He also said that they focused on peace, security and stability in the Persian Gulf and Lebanon, and about the Palestinian question.

Bush said that the talks were held within the context of a special relationship that was highlighted by the gulf war. Bush also thanked the French for their steadfast and predictable cooperation during the war.

Bush said that the United States remains committed to playing a major role in settling the Palestine-Israel question. But he said the United States and France still have differences on how to go about that. He said that the United States still believes that an international conference would be useful at the appropriate time.

Mitterrand remained committed to the idea that the Palestine Liberation Organization remains the recognized spokesman for the Palestinian people and should have a role in any settlement of the issue.

Iraq violates cease-fire terms

A senior Pentagon official confirmed that the United States has "fairly solid evidence" of more Iraqi violations of a temporary cease-fire. The official said there is evidence Iraq is flying Iraqi combat aircraft, something it is not supposed to do under the gulf war peace agreement.

The official added that the fixed-wing aircraft have flown from one site to another within Iraq. He said it appears to be just a repositioning of the aircraft, but adds that the United States considers that to be a violation of the terms of the temporary cease-fire. The United States also said that Iraqi combat helicopters have been in action against anti-government rebels.

The official would not say what action the United States might take or whether US warplanes might intercept these Iraqi aircraft in the future.

Nation

Space Shuttle *Discovery* launch delayed due to cracked hinges

One of four new door hinges sent as replacements for cracked hinges on the Space Shuttle *Discovery* is also cracked. But a National Aeronautics and Space Administration official said that the split is small and of little concern.

Discovery was pulled off the launch pad and returned to its hangar last week because of two large cracks on two hinges.

NASA had planned to replace all four of *Discovery's* hinges with those from the nearly finished Space Shuttle *Endeavor*. The new hinges arrived at Kennedy Space Center last week. Workers discovered the crack today.

William Lenoir, head of NASA's Space Flight Program, said that the new crack should not further delay *Discovery's* military mission, targeted for late April or early May. The flight had been scheduled for March until the cracks were found.

NASA is proceeding as planned with the flight of the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* early next month. The plan is to move *Atlantis* to the launch pad tomorrow.

California researchers find that arthritis treatment is useless

California researchers have found that a widely accepted arthritis treatment does not provide long-term relief. The study found arthritis patients who received injections of gold salts suffered the same pain as those who did not receive the treatment. The study is published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Center for Disease Control to investigate capsule safety

Officials at the Center for Disease Control said it is time to review the safety of capsule medicines. The call by the CDC follows the deaths of two people in the state of Washington who took Sudafed capsules spiked with cyanide. The Food and Drug Administration is already considering a ban on non-prescription capsule medicine.

Secretary of State Baker visits the Soviet Union

Secretary of State James A. Baker III is in Moscow where he is holding talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh on the Middle East. The United States has promised the Soviet Union a role in the Middle East peace plan, but has not spelled out what that role will be. This will probably be discussed in today's meeting between Baker and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Yugoslavia undecided on response to Serbia's state of emergency

After meeting for several hours, the collective presidency of Yugoslavia has yet to decide how to respond to Serbia's call for a nationwide state of emergency.

Serbian officials said that the declaration is needed to restore order, but that is not the view in liberal Slovenia and Croatia, where reform-minded leaders said that the Socialist leaders of Serbia just want to keep the status-quo.

Kuwaitis criticize long return of emir

With much of his nation's oil fortune burned in the background, the Kuwaiti emir returned to his nation yesterday. In a low-key ceremony, the sheik said he thanks God for the liberation of his nation. Only about 5000 people greeted the emir. Some Kuwaitis have criticized their ruler for waiting so long to return.

"Birmingham Six" freed from a British prison

Sixteen years after they were wrongly convicted of murder, six Irish men known as the "Birmingham Six" have been freed from a British prison.

A court in London freed the six men, who had been convicted of the Irish Republican Army's deadliest bomb attack. The government said the evidence against them was no longer credible. After being freed, Patrick Hill told supporters that British authorities do not have the intelligence to spell the word "justice."

Prime Minister John Major's government is pledging a thorough study of the British courts due to the wrongful conviction of the six men.

FCC to investigate 1-900 numbers

The Federal Communications Commission is proposing rules to protect people who call 1-900 telephone numbers. Under these rules, every 900 service would have to inform callers how much their calls cost and give them a chance to hang up before they are charged. The FCC has received about 2000 complaints about 900 services, which offer everything from stock quotes to sports scores to X-rated conversation.

Vermont senator accuses infant formula industry of price fixing

Vermont Democratic Senator Patrick Leahy is accusing the nation's infant formula companies of keeping hungry children from getting the food they need. At a hearing looking into alleged price fixing by the formula industry, Leahy said noncompetitive practices cost taxpayers as much as \$168 million. Formula company representatives declined an invitation to testify.

Four fisherman catch a live warhead

Four fisherman on the shores of Long Island, NY, netted a 19-foot-long torpedo with a live warhead. The Coast Guard said that it was probably fired from an American submarine during the 1940s. The torpedo is on the deck of the fishing boat, which is anchored a mile and a half off Long Island. Officials are trying to decide what to do with it.

US Justice Department to investigate police brutality

The US Justice Department said that it will review all allegations of police brutality it has received from around the country in the past six years. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh made the announcement today after two members of the Congressional Black Caucus called for a wider investigation of brutality in the Los Angeles Police Department.

In related news, police departments of Atlanta and adjacent Clayton County are looking into an allegation of police brutality there. The case concerns a suspected prowler that was beaten by more than a dozen officers, according to witnesses. One witness said that "it looked like the guy who got arrested in LA," in reference to the videotape of Los Angeles police beating a motorist.

German government demands return of former East German leader

The German government is demanding the immediate return of former East German leader Erich Honecker. The Soviets moved the ailing ex-communist party boss from a Soviet military hospital near Berlin to the Soviet Union two days ago.

Local

Coolidge Corner Cooperative Bank fails

The Massachusetts Division of Banks has taken over the insolvent Coolidge Corner Cooperative Bank of Brookline. State officials turned over the bank to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Coolidge Corner was the first state-chartered bank to fail in 1991.

The bank's commissioner, Thomas Curry, said Coolidge will open today as an office of the Brookline Savings Bank. Brookline acquired all of its assets under a transaction arranged by the FDIC. Curry said that there will be no disruption or losses to the 6500 Coolidge customers.

The Coolidge Bank had assets of just over \$86 million and deposits of \$83 million at the end of 1990. State officials said that Coolidge had a lot of loans out on investor-owned condominiums.

Western Massachusetts Electric Company to raise rates

The Western Massachusetts Electric Company said that its conservation programs worked a little too well. Since so many of its customers turned down the heat and shut off lights, it now needs to raise the rates.

The utility said it promoted energy audits and other conservation programs heavily for residential and business customers. The results have cut into sales and profits. A spokeswoman said that customers began using the conservation ideas with the onset of the gulf crisis. The utility had expected to lose about four megawatts of usage. Instead, it lost nearly 16 megawatts through December.

The utility is seeking a rate hike of nearly 12 percent to hike annual revenues by \$43 million. The utility would raise the monthly bill of typical residential customers by about \$7.

Two youths due back in court for shooting of a Fall River girl

Police in Taunton said that two teen-age boys are due back in juvenile court today for a hearing for a shooting which critically wounded Sonya Donato, a 14-year-old girl from Fall River. Officers said that Donato is in critical condition at New England Medical Center in Boston. She had been shot in the head.

Taunton Police Capt. Robert Smith said that the youths were held overnight. He also added that they were apparently playing with a .38-caliber handgun at a party when it fired. The party was at a Taunton home.

Smith said that the police are trying to learn how the youths got the gun.

Weather

The Ides of March

The inclement weather of last night and this morning will slowly leave our area during the day on Friday. An upper level trough, passing through this afternoon, may cause a few scattered flurries before clearing sets in Friday night.

Both weekend days will be mostly sunny and somewhat milder. A high pressure system is going to build from the west.

Expect some increasing cloudiness late Sunday as a very impressive storm is forecast to move over New England early next week. It looks like more of this windy and raw weather to deal with before Spring Break!

Friday afternoon: Clouds breaking slowly. Strong northeast winds veering towards northwest at 15-25 mph (24-40 kph). High around 37° F (3° C).

Friday night: Clearing, continued windy and cold. Low around 28° F (-2° C).

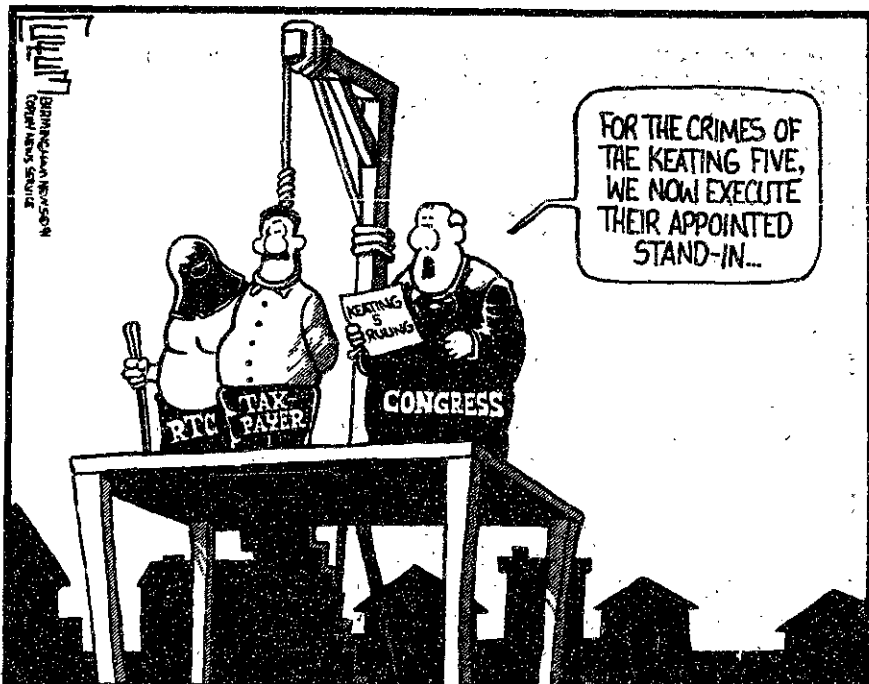
Saturday: Mostly sunny and milder. Winds northwest 8-15 mph (13-24 kph). High around 44° F (7° C).

Saturday night: Clear and cold. Low around 30° F (-1° C).

Sunday outlook: Fair. Winds becoming light and variable. Clouds increasing late. Highs in the 40s (4-10° C).

Forecast by Marek Zebrowski

opinion



America should get to know Canada

Column by Matthew H. Hersch

The other night I was watching an old flick in my film class. At one point, a distinguished-looking narrator appeared on the screen and announced that he was Canadian. Everybody laughed. I don't know why they laughed — the guy wasn't doing anything foolish, and the statement seemed rather important in the course of the film. For some reason, Canada is a standing joke in the United States.

Not that I dislike Canadians; quite the contrary. Some of my best friends are Canadian, and more than a few of my relatives and ancestors grew up north of the border. But however close, the Canadian political culture is different in a lot of ways from the US culture. Sure, Americans know that Canadians have mass and take space, and have brought forth to this planet hockey, mounties, good beer, comedians, and bacon, but aside from that, I really don't think we understand them.

It's hard not to like Canadians. They've been trusty allies to the United States, and fine, stable members of the global community. They bear no international grudges, contributed to the gulf coalition, like the environment, and don't invade countries. They look like us, act like us, and sound like us (just about). As all Americans know, if you're taken hostage overseas, just scream "I'm Canadian!" and you'll have no problems.

If there is anything about Canada that Americans don't like, it would have to be currency. Massachusetts Turnpike toll booth officers seem always watchful of the mythical major Canadian-American crime scam, the passing-off of Canadian money for American coinage. I've never tried to do this, and I don't know anyone who has. It all sounds very xenophobic to me. Canadian currency is far from worthless — I guess having its own cash is a nation's greatest sign of independence.

Americans have always held a mystique about Canada. Ever since Henry Clay claimed in 1812 that he could sack it with 1000 Kentucky riflemen, and even long before, Americans have always waited for the time when they could explore this last great frontier and incorporate it into their new political framework.

Amazingly, the only nation that has ever invaded it, the United States, is still tolerated by Canada. Sure, the Canadians have little practical choice, but they manage to make their opinions clear and remain cordial at the same time. One Canadian wrote

of America as the "big, slightly crazy giant that we have to be nice to." Sharing the world's largest undefended border seems to sit well with both nations.

The Canadians, though, think very differently than Americans when it comes to patriotism and international affairs, for instance. For the most part, they don't express love of their country or identify themselves nationally with the fervor that many Americans do. Canadians' seemingly contradictory loyalty to the British monarchy, another aspect of their culture, has independence-minded Americans stumped. Sure, in wartime Canadians will rally around the flag and fight with their allies, but most of the time, when it comes to patriotism, Canadians seem about to get about as excited as Jim.

Not to say that Canadians are slow — with their constant level-headedness they always seem to know something that we Americans don't.

In the rare instances that Canadian political fervor awakens, Americans often just don't get it. The biggest brouhaha in the Great White North over the past years has been the question of Quebecois autonomy, a type of political conflict that the United States never had to deal with. A large number of the inhabitants of Quebec, the French-speaking province of Canada, wants out. Unlike in the United States, where multiple ethnicities have intertwined, Canada still maintains a territorial division between English-speaking and French-speaking citizens. This issue is far from new, and has flared up every now and then with increases in French nationalism in the Old Country.

Americans have trouble visualizing how such a polarized society can function — Montreal, the almost-French Paris in North America is always a big tourist attraction just for its strangeness. Even during the American Civil War, the fight was political, not ethnic, and was fought among a largely homogenous group. Having a whole state that speaks a different language is incomprehensible to us. For all of our differences, Americans are largely the same.

My point: Get to know the Canadian who lives next door. Some Americans may already view Canada as the 51st state, but better relations between the United States and Canada can never hurt.

Matthew H. Hersch, a freshman, is associate opinion editor of The Tech.

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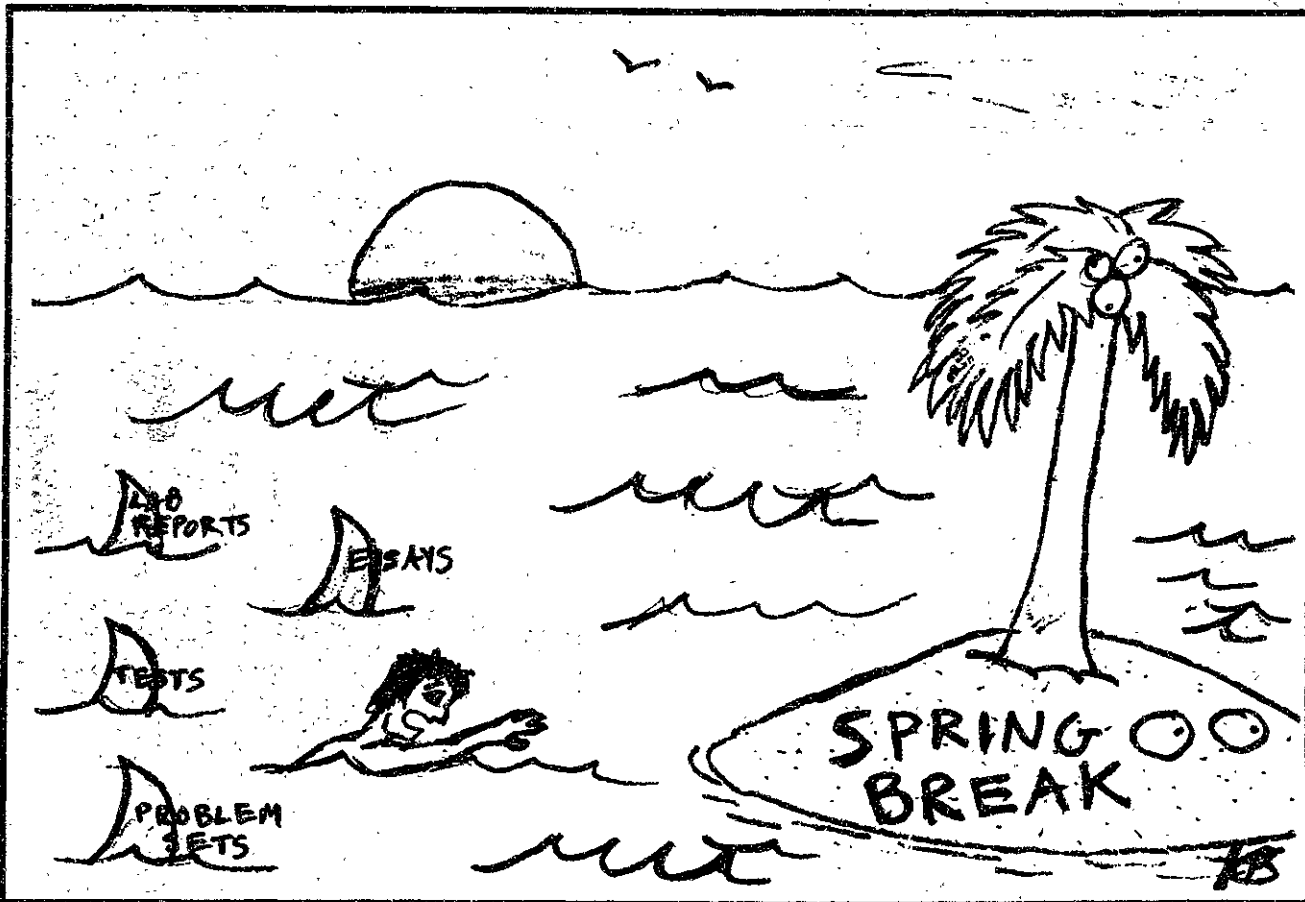
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Postering methods poor in Infinite Corridor, beyond

I would like to bring up the ways in which many groups and individuals publicize their events.

One popular method is to put up five or six posters on every bulletin board in sight. Sure, people see your posters, but they soon get covered up and folks think the event has come and gone.

Another annoyance is the posters stapled so they stick out of the wall. Not only do they constrict the Infinite Corridor, they

could scrape someone's eye and cause serious pain.

Placed a bit lower, the staples can catch on clothing, snagging and ripping and making the victim stop and untangle him or herself, causing even further delays along the corridor.

One thing that really bothers me is posters on the "Big Sail." You may not realize it, but it is art, not a bulletin board. That's partly why it isn't cork and why it's outside. I know it's ugly at

first sight, but over the years, you may just come to appreciate it.

Last, after spending a couple of hours painting a drop poster, I did not appreciate having it disappear from Lobby 7 along with the rest of them. Maybe it was lots of fun for you, but you destroyed probably 50 person-hours of work in one fell swoop.

Alexa Ogno '91
 Publicity Designer
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opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Special treatment of minority groups is a discriminatory act against SWAMees

As I read the letters in response to Timothy G. Wilson '93's commentary on Straight White American Males (SWAMees), I was struck by the assumption that all three authors appeared to make, and yet none of them stated explicitly ["SWAMee letter misunderstood discrimination at MIT and beyond," "This SWAMee supports efforts to end discrimination," March 12].

Ellen R. Spertus G, Rex F. Babiera '91 and James N. Rees Jr. G all stressed the fact that discrimination is still quite evident in our society today, and yet never explained why this simple statement of fact justifies the institution of affirmative action policies.

To state that Spertus believes SWAMees should be discriminated against, in matters such as college scholarships for example, in order to compensate for the discrimination against minorities in society is only a slight oversimplification of her letter; her claim that Wilson, as a SWAMee, would not be hurt by such a policy of reverse discrimination is absurd. Why discriminate in order to correct this evil?

Babiera's letter, stating that affirmative action policies are "not a perfect solution," at least hints at the inequality introduced by this policy supposedly meant to fight inequality.

Babiera realizes the bitterness which an affirmative action policy creates, but seems only to give it a cursory examination. He recognizes Wilson's bitterness, but does not understand it. Let me venture a guess at why Wilson would be bitter.

Since he was a small infant, he has been told that race and gender are irrelevant, with few exceptions. Given this background, when he grapples with the problem of college funding and finds himself excluded from many

scholarships and special programs based upon his race, he becomes frustrated and bitter.

This is made all the worse because those people who are excluding him strictly because of his race claim that they are in fact champions of equal rights, fighting discrimination, not committing it.

Rees seems to propose that minorities be compensated for the harassment they receive at the hands of the evil SWAMees. And nobly, he proclaims that he does not "mind paying slightly more tuition so that women can find a quiet place to relax on campus or so that a gay student can enjoy the benefit of a support group."

In all honesty I find both of these concepts worthwhile, but why not add to the list a room where SWAMees can complain about reverse discrimination without people assuming they're racists, a detailed replica of the USS Enterprise bridge for persecuted Trekkies, and dozens of other special interest rooms, all of course, funded by the Institute with money that would otherwise have been spent on education.

Besides, if Rees feels his money is being well spent, that is hardly reason enough to justify a policy which affects all students.

The implicit assumption that Spertus, Babiera and Rees made was that since there is discrimination, it must be corrected no matter what means are necessary, no matter if the innocent are hurt.

I ask why they condemn discrimination and then commit it. If discrimination in the form of affirmative action is an acceptable way to solve a problem, then why shouldn't discrimination in other more heinous forms be considered an acceptable way to solve a different problem.

The acceptance of affirmative action as a just and fair policy hampers, instead of speeds, any

movement toward a discrimination-free society. What else could possibly be expected from a policy which legitimizes discrimination as a solution?

If the removal of discrimination is truly our goal, then would it be more productive to have a policy based upon the premise that discrimination is wrong, no matter what the end?

James W. Reiner '94

Letters policy

The Tech welcomes letters from its readers. All letters are subject to editing and are published solely at the editors' discretion. Authors must sign their letters and include their phone number and MIT affiliation, if any, for verification, and should type letters double-spaced for ease of reading. Letters should be kept under 500 words. The Tech publishes letters anonymously only in rare circumstances, at the editors' discretion. Bring letters to The Tech's office on the fourth floor of the MIT Student Center or send them to: Letters to the editor, The Tech, P.O. Box 29, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139; or to Room W24-453 by interdepartmental mail. Electronic submissions in plain text format may be mailed to tech@athena and must contain the writer's full name, phone number, address and MIT affiliation (if any).



American press contradictory in covering gulf war

In the aftermath of the two recent acts of aggression in the Persian Gulf — the Iraqi attack on Kuwait and the American attack on Iraq — it is important to recognize the parameters of President George Bush's vaunted "new world order," a perversely appropriate phrase used 60 years ago by another imperialist aggressor. A press led by the "seig heils"

of such columnists as A. M. Rosenthal, Mona Charen and William Safire has given praise to the integrity and intelligence of men like Bush and Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

The latter praise is particularly ludicrous. The American military could hardly have lost this war if they had tried. One would have been equally justified in lauding the strategic brilliance of Benito Mussolini for his attack on Ethiopia.

If the applause for the intellect of the superpower leaders is laughable, the applause for their morals is downright sinister. Not every war must have a hero; many wars simply have two (or more) villains.

This is not to say there is no such thing as a just war. But a war over control of a portion of the energy resources of the Middle East between a bloodthirsty nationalist and a bloodthirsty colonialist hardly qualifies as just.

In fact, both Bush and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein recognize this fact, which is why both disavow their goals, claiming more high-minded reasons. The falsity of such claims is so blatant that even the Safires, Rosentals and Charens do not try to defend them.

The US record on support for human rights — in the Middle East, in Central America, in Africa, in Asia — is well-known and sordid. In fact, the "liberation" of Kuwait has amounted to the restoration of the feudal monarchy, along with martial law

and the suppression of a free press.

The only thing Bush ever accurately claimed about Kuwait was that it is "tiny." It would appear that war supporters vacillate between deeming an overwhelmingly successful attack on a defenseless country to be intrinsically right and intrinsically wrong.

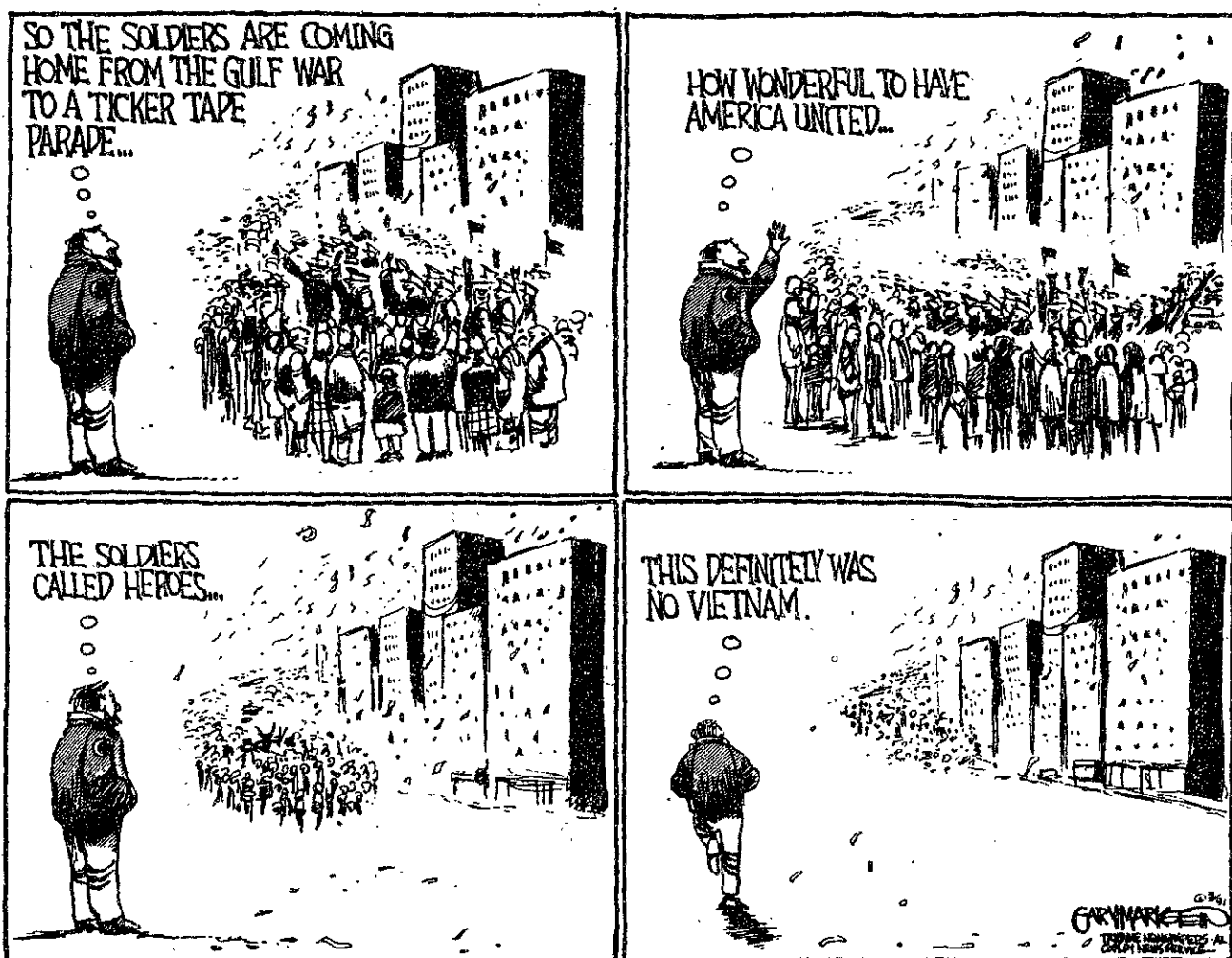
This contradiction goes hand in hand with the theory that the United States had to overrun Iraq in a two-day land war to alleviate the threat of Iraq conquering the world. Similarly, US leaders were so fearful for the safety of Israel that they did the one thing certain to result in an Iraqi attack on Israel — go to war.

It is notable that the Israeli government would rather see Iraq attack its civilians, possibly with chemical weapons, than see self-determination in its 20-year-old conquests, a rejected prewar negotiating point.

The jubilant jingoism of the past week is paradoxical. The American people were overwhelmingly against each action the United States took before it took it. It would appear that, as in 1984, whatever the state declares becomes the truth.

The period in which there was distaste for killing people in other countries — known as the vile Vietnam syndrome — is over. The American people have finally been taught that war is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength, and 2 + 2 = 5.

Greg Marks '92



Jackson's driveling columns curable with therapy

I experienced many good laughs while reading Bill Jackson '93's opinion column about my researches on Siggy ["Dreaming about a long hard look at Sigmund Freud," March 8]. I hope that others enjoyed it as much as

I did and that Jackson's future career as a "driveler" will achieve the success that it deserves.

Incidentally, driveling, which many psychoanalysts would consider a symptom, is probably something that could be looked

into with several hundred thousand dollars worth of time on the couch.

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Galway and Chieftains delight with Irish music

**JAMES GALWAY
AND THE CHIEFTAINS**
Program of traditional Irish music.
Symphony Hall, March 10, 8 pm.

By KAI TAO

LAST SUNDAY, JAMES GALWAY and the Chieftains delighted a sold-out audience at Symphony Hall. The Chieftains, an Irish folk music group, have been together for over 25 years. In the process, they have released 22 albums and performed for over a million people. The Chieftains are: Paddy Maloney on the *uilleann* pipe, violinist Martin Fay, fiddler Sean Keane, harpist and keyboardist Derek Bell, and Kevin Conneff on vocals and *bodhran*.

The Chieftains' leader, Maloney, began the night by giving the history of the group, how they got started and the types of music they play. In a very informal atmosphere, he introduced the members of the group, each strumming their favorite instrument. The group then began improvisations on a traditional Irish folk tune as the fiddle's strum set the peaceful mood. The harp's gentle plucking lulled the audience into a feeling of contentment. The resounding beat of the *bodhran* then joined the melodic harp notes, and thereafter dominated the rest of the piece, quickly changing the mood.



James Galway (foreground, bearded) and the Chieftains

In what would prove to be an evening of surprises, three Irish dancers dressed in traditional costumes pranced on stage. The dancers, featuring guest artist Jean Butler, perfectly coordinated every step, giving the impression that they were nimble puppets being manipulated by a skillful puppeteer.

The great flautist Galway then walked on stage, joining his Irish companions in playing another rousing folk tune. Galway, known for his expressive interpretations of works by the classical masters, was equally adept at performing the works of his national heritage. Maloney then offered Galway the chance to perform solo, joking,

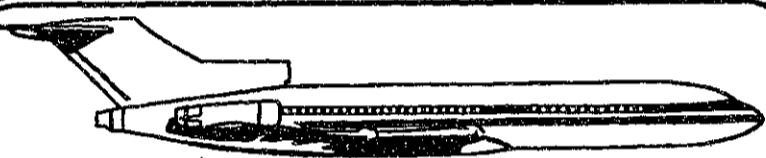
"He's quite good at that!"

Galway chose the classic Henry Mancini piece, *Baby Elephant Walk*, to showcase his talents on the tin whistle, alternating the cheerful and playful notes with the pounding bass of the piano.

Conneff followed Galway with a vocal solo on a traditional Irish ballad telling of the toils of the Irish immigrants.

After the brief intermission, the distinctive sound of a bagpipe moving closer and closer again surprised the crowd. As it turned out, one of the musicians had donned Scottish garb and walked along the aisles, playing a traditional Scottish tune. The musician then joined Galway and the Chieftains back on stage as they began playing a few Welsh tunes.

Galway and the Chieftains closed the concert with "Drowsy Maggie," in which each musician had a chance to solo on his instrument. The playful mood reappeared, as the Chieftains and Galway hogged their respective solos, refusing to give that opportunity to the next musician. The versatile Bell even treated the audience to a ragtime piano solo. In keeping with the surprises, however, Galway and the Chieftains returned for an encore, with Maloney remarking, "We just don't know when to go home." The night ended with the dancers returning to dazzle the audience with their steps while everyone was clapping and stomping to the beat.



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Shakespeare Ensemble plays spritely Cymbeline

CYMBELINE

The MIT Shakespeare Ensemble.
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By DEBORAH A. LEVINSON

CYMBELINE is perhaps one of Shakespeare's less well-known plays. Although the Folio of 1623 classified it as a tragedy, it has since been reclassified as a romance, leaving it in the same company as *The Tempest* and *The Winter's Tale*.

Yet *Cymbeline* isn't just the usual Shakespeare tale of two star-crossed lovers. It's also the story of a well-intentioned king of Britain, his evil, scheming wife, his long-lost children, and a war between Britain and the Roman Empire.

It's quite a lot for one play, but nothing unusual for Shakespeare. The play opens with King Cymbeline's daughter, Imogen (Maya B. Eliot G), being torn away from her husband, Posthumous (Brecht Isbell '91). Neither Cymbeline (Greg Swieringa '91) nor his queen (Maria Cheryl S. Casquejo '91) approve of Imogen's marriage to Posthumous, a commoner brought up in court, and so they exile him to Rome.

Once in Rome, Posthumous falls in with the idle gentry, who challenge him on his claims of his wife's chastity. One of the noblemen, Iachimo (Ryun Yu '93), bets Posthumous that he can seduce Imogen, and so the games begin.

Iachimo manages, through various subterfuges, to convince Posthumous that Imogen has indeed been unfaithful. Enraged, Posthumous delivers a thoroughly sexist speech on the deceitfulness of women, and instructs his servant, Pisanio (Christopher A. Crowley G) to kill Imogen.

Eliot is wonderful as Imogen, the very essence of purity and innocence. She has

fully developed her character. When Iachimo lies to her, telling her that Posthumous has cheated on her, her pain is palpable. The only fault in her performance was that she didn't react strongly enough when confronted with the headless body she believes is Posthumous. A character who "fears the sword" as Imogen does should recoil instantly at the sight of a dead body; it took Eliot several minutes to react.

Yu's Iachimo, however, practically steals the show. He is delectably slimy, the kind of character you love to hate. His villain is full of energy, delighting in Posthumous' pain at learning that Imogen has been unfaithful.

In the wrong hands, the character of Posthumous could be noble to the point of superciliousness. Isbell remains in control, showing tenderness in his scenes with Eliot, honor among the sneering Roman playboys, and passion as he defends Britain from the Roman invasion.

The cast as a whole is excellent, and each player has something to recommend him or her. Casquejo is sly and seductive as the evil stepmother queen; Swieringa is gruff but loving as Cymbeline; Harry Teplitz '91, who plays the queen's obnoxious son, Cloton, brings a very funny, over-the-top recklessness to his character.

Be warned: *Cymbeline's* plot starts out complicated, and it only gets more convoluted as the play goes on. For example, it may take you a while to figure out that woodswoman Belaria (Lindasusan Ulrich '91) was a courtier in Cymbeline's castle, and that she did not bear her two daughters, Guideria (Andrea Leszek '91) and Arviraga (Natalya Eliashberg '93), but rather stole them from Cymbeline. Also, the Shakespeare Ensemble's small size forces them to cast the same actors in multiple roles, which will cause you momentary confusion if you're not ready for it.

The Ensemble has taken some liberties with the play, but they all work well. They perform in (mostly) modern dress, make



Lisette W. M. Lambregts/The Tech
Belaria, played by Lindasusan Ulrich '91 (kneeling), tells the story of her life at the close of the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble's *Cymbeline*.

references to corporations like IBM and Citibank, and use computers and cellular phones to coordinate a war. William Fregosi's set — two curving staircases framing a central stage area — is innovative and versatile, serving alternately as Rome, Cymbeline's castle in Britain, Imogen's bedroom, and a cave in rural Wales.

There were a few lines spoken haltingly and some awkward blocking and scene changes, but these can be chalked up to the dress rehearsal, and will probably be gone by opening night. If you would like the chance to see a rarely performed Shakespeare play rendered with precision, *Cymbeline* is not to be missed.

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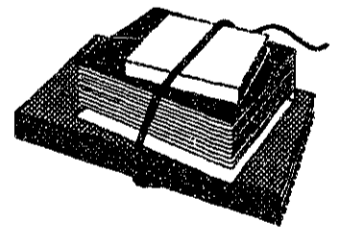
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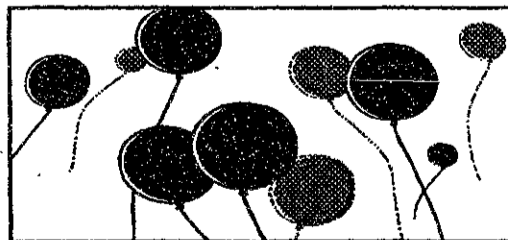
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Bill could affect harassment policy

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versities ought to be a place where speech is especially securely protected."

Thomson suggested that she would only support a narrowly drawn policy which constrains "speech that involves abusive epithets directed at individuals with the intent to cause distress," she said. Stanford University has adopted a free speech policy based on the three conditions Thomson described.

Representatives from Hyde's office in Washington said the bill would not protect sexual harassment as free speech. "Sexual and racial harassment are not protected by the First Amendment," said a spokesman.

Although Associate Provost Samuel J. Keyser said he supported the principle of Hyde's bill, he noted that speech on campuses must be viewed in a broader context.

"It's very easy to focus on legal aspects of this issue, because

that's the easy part of it," Keyser said. "But focusing on that and not focusing on the consequences of free speech on other people is like a form of denial."

Hyde faults "political correctness"

Hyde, in a press release, said the bill is intended to stem a rising tide of intolerance in university free speech policies. "The demands of political correctness are casting a pall of intolerance over American universities," Hyde said.

"Students must be able to express whatever ideas they choose, even if others are offended by those expressions," said Nadine Strossen, president of the ACLU, at a news conference in New York City Tuesday. "This bill, if enacted, would help ensure vital protection," she added.

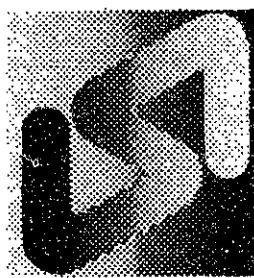
"This bill was not introduced to allow extremists to speak. That is a side effect of the bill," a Hyde spokesman said.

Hyde's spokesman suggested that universities use restrictive speech policies only to avoid bad publicity.

"College administrators are rightfully concerned about controlling their campuses," he said. "But oftentimes they are trying to control negative incidents that might affect enrollment or fundraising. These disciplinary codes are part of a desire on administrators' part to squelch embarrassing or negative incidents."

The text of Hyde's bill, which amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964, states "a postsecondary educational institution . . . shall not make or enforce any rule subjecting any student to disciplinary sanctions solely on the basis of conduct that is speech or other communication protected from governmental restriction by [the First Amendment]."

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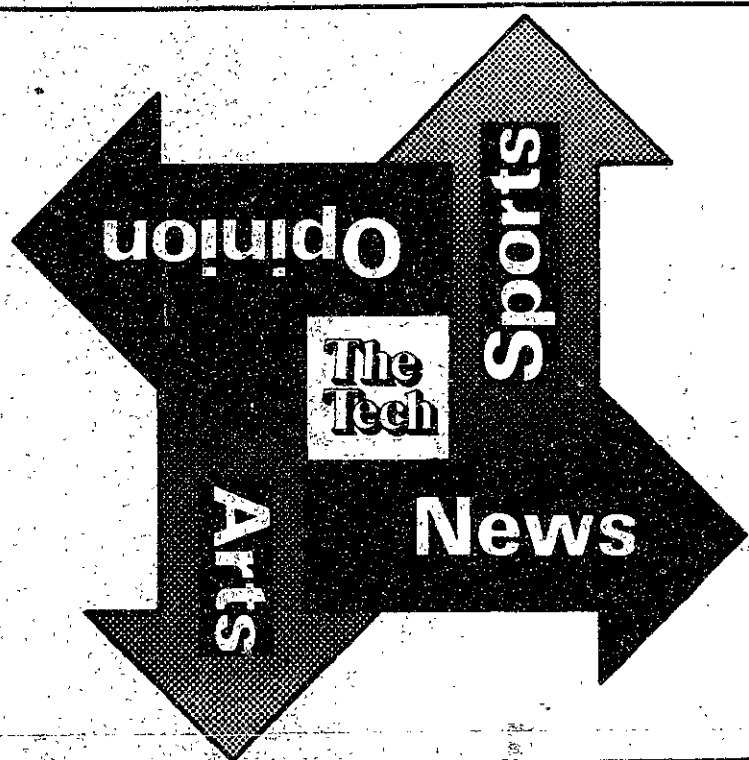
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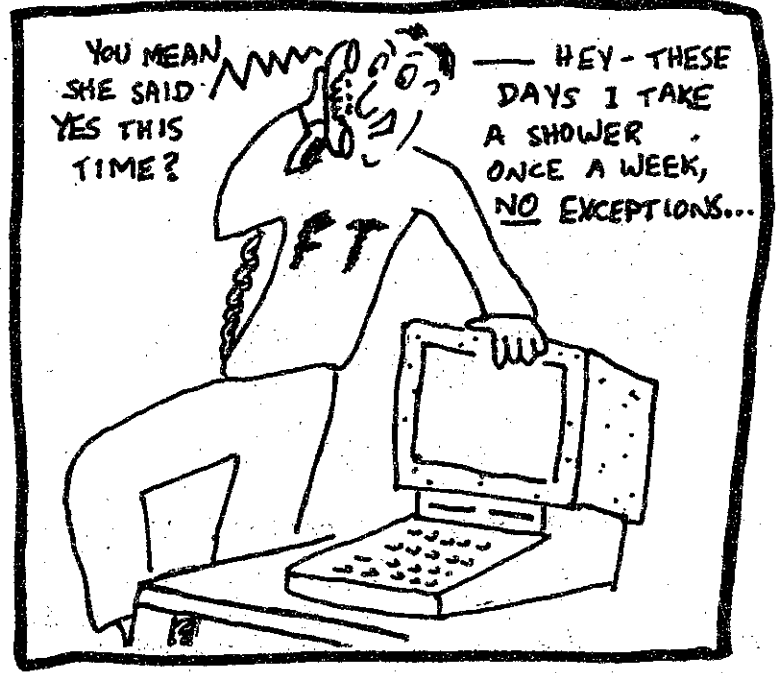
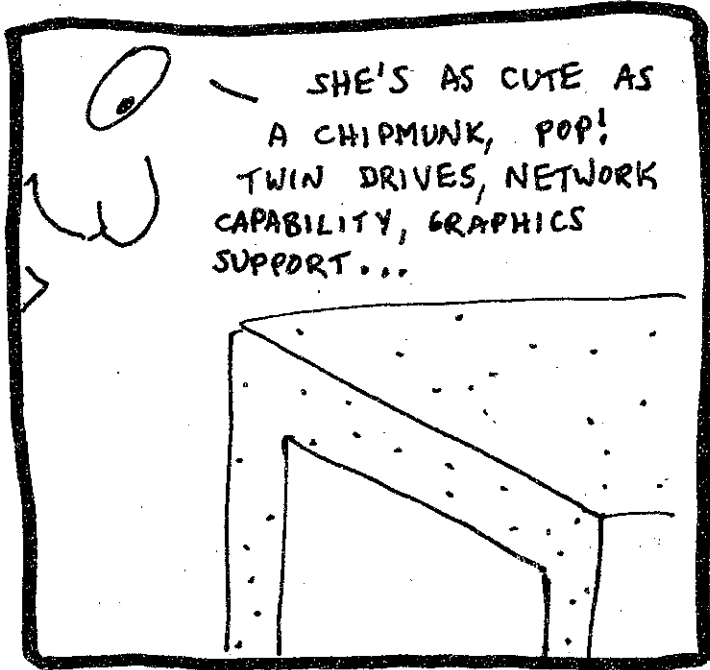
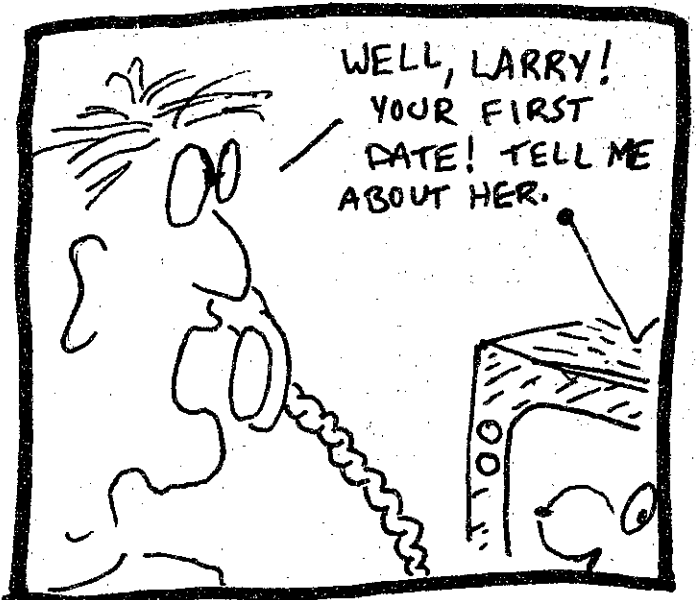
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Many class offices go uncontested or remain open

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paign, it didn't have the same intensity [as the Class of 1992 presidential campaign]," he said.

In an attempt to increase turnout, the UA placed a polling station on the Boston side of the Harvard Bridge. In previous years the Boston polling station was located at the Theta Chi fraternity. This year 120 votes were cast at the Boston station, compared with 70 last year.

Class officers elected; some positions remain vacant

Elections for class officers were also held on Wednesday. When it became clear that most candidates were running unopposed, the UA extended the deadline to register for a race.

"I think this year was worse than usual and I'm at a loss to say why," Dunn explained. "I think we did quite well with the extended deadline."

Candidates for treasurer, member-at-large, and class agent for the Class of 1991, treasurer for the Class of 1992, publicity chair for the Class of 1993, and publicity and social chairs for the Class of

1994 registered during the extension period.

There were no candidates on the ballot for three Class of 1992 offices. The other three officers elected will fill those positions at a future date.

Sharra L. Davidson, running unopposed, was elected president of the Class of 1991, winning 87 percent of the ballots cast. Susan E. Perrin '91 and Andrew P. Strehle '91 were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively. Running unopposed, Perrin captured 89 percent of votes cast and Strehle won 86 percent.

Laura C. Moore easily defeated write-in candidate Andrew F. Parsons in the race for Class of 1991 treasurer. Moore won 77 percent of the vote to Parsons' 10 percent. Brian M. Katz, who received 76 percent of votes cast, and Anthia Y. Chen, who received 87 percent, were elected Class of 1991 members at large. Garrett R. Love '91 became class agent by winning 81 percent of the vote. All were unopposed.

Aileen W. Lee defeated Peter N. Wainman in the race for president of the Class of 1992. Lee re-

ceived 55 percent of the votes cast, while Wainman won 41 percent. "The Lee-Wainman race was by far the most contested," said Dunn.

Ava Y. Kuo, running uncontested, received 72 percent of the vote to win the election for Class of 1992 vice-president. Jennifer B. Singer was elected junior class treasurer, winning 78 percent of the vote in an uncontested race. No one was elected to the office of secretary, publicity, or social chair for the Class of 1992.

Lisa M. Chow beat Andrew S. Altervogt for Class of 1993 president. Chow received 54 percent of the vote, while Altervogt won 34 percent. Yvonne G. Lin was elected Class of 1993 vice-presi-

dent, winning 55 percent of the vote. Dewitt C. Seward IV followed with 33 percent of the votes cast.

Sophia Yen won the race for Class of 1993 treasurer, defeating write-in candidate Jee Y. Ahn. Yen won 68 percent of the votes cast, while Ahn received 16 percent.

The team of Reshma P. Patel and Rebecca L. Geisler ran unopposed for Class of 1993 publicity chair. They received 78 percent of votes cast. Wendy C. Vit '93 and Leila Tabibian '93 were elected social chairs. Their team also ran unopposed, garnering 82 percent of the votes cast.

Kai-Teh Tao won the election for Class of 1994 president. He

received 64 percent of the vote, defeating Jeff C. Dickerson, who received 27 percent of the votes.

Jacob W. Loomis ran unopposed for Class of 1994 vice-president. He received 75 percent of the votes cast. Ann Chen was elected class secretary, receiving 78 percent of the vote. She also ran unopposed.

David S. Park narrowly beat Karen W. Ho in the race for Class of 1994 treasurer. Park received 49 percent of the votes cast, while Ho won 36 percent. Anne S. Tsao ran unopposed for class publicity chair, winning 77 percent of the vote. Jennifer M. Moore, who was elected social chair, won 89 percent of the votes cast in an uncontested race.

Most students willing to pay to keep Athena

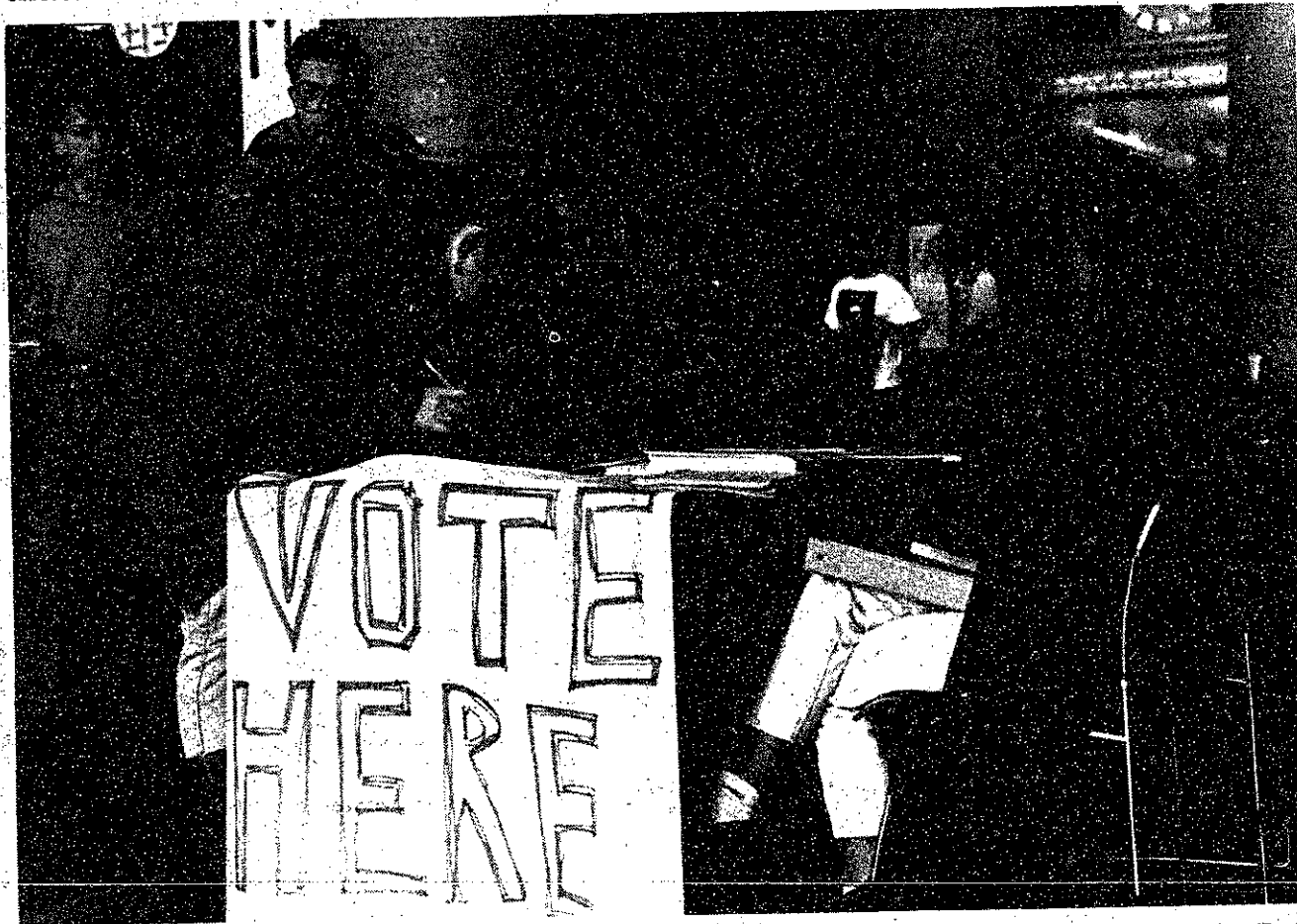
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and Murman's figures, Bansal stressed that any tuition increase would not be expected to cover the entire cost of Athena. "Culliton said that the Institute has been building a fund to carry on Athena, though he didn't describe how much money was in it," she said.

Hans C. Godfrey '92, chairman of the UA ExecBoard, said the referendum's results came as a surprise. "I'm surprised that so many students would be willing to pay for Athena. It was a pleasant kind of surprise, because it showed that students have an interest in Athena."

At a meeting last night, the ExecBoard decided that the referendum's results were significant enough to warrant a more in-depth survey on the future of Athena. The board intends to confer with the *Course Evaluation Guide* staff about the possibility of distributing a survey with the guides at the end of the semester.

The board also intends to discuss the results of the referendum with Culliton, the Academic Council, and the Committee on Academic Computing. Bansal said she thought the administration "wants to know how important Athena is to the students."



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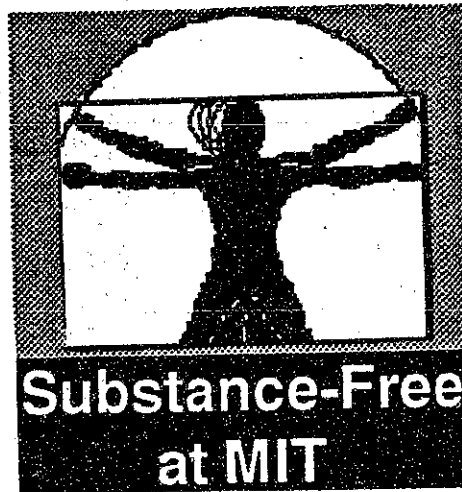
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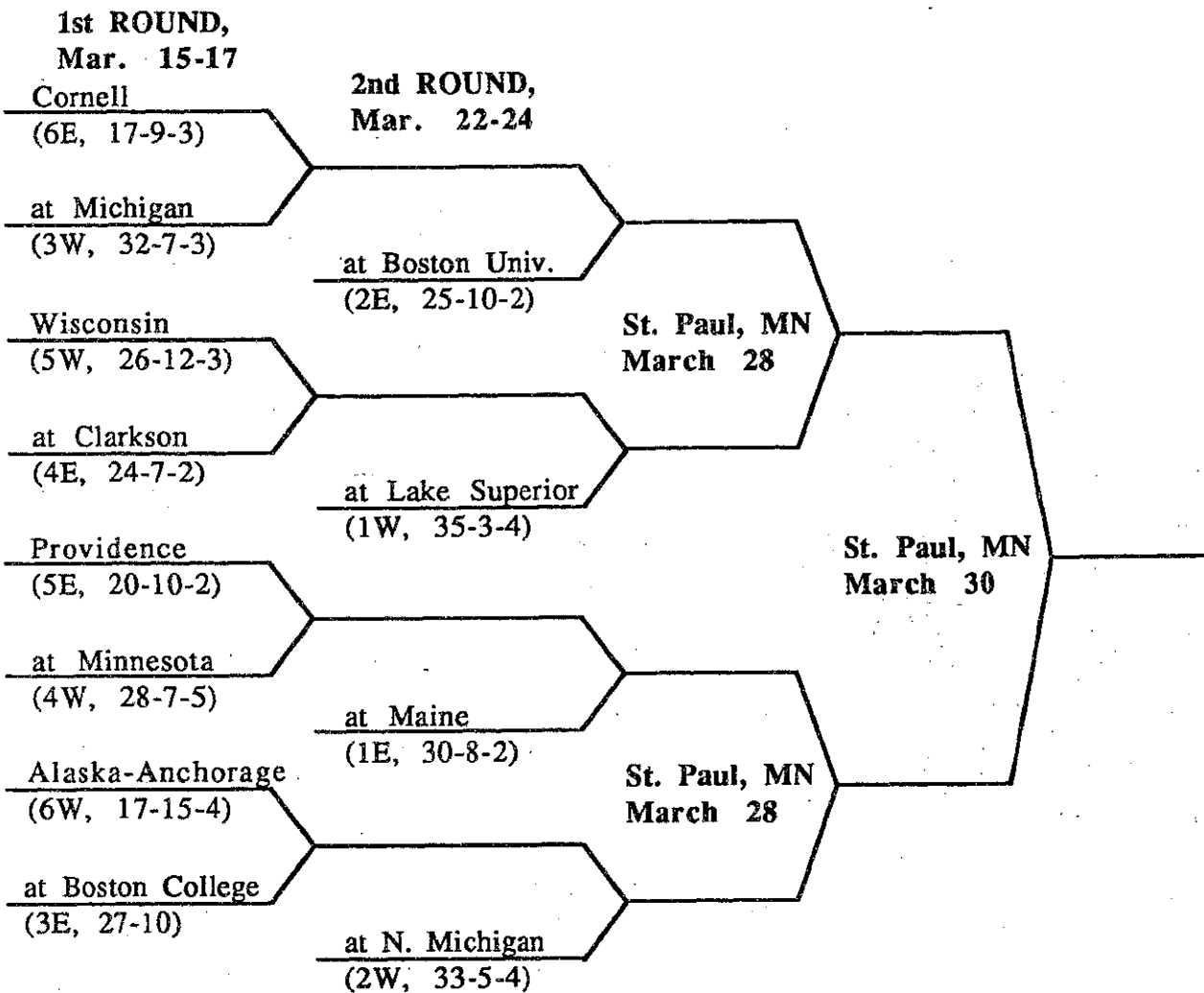
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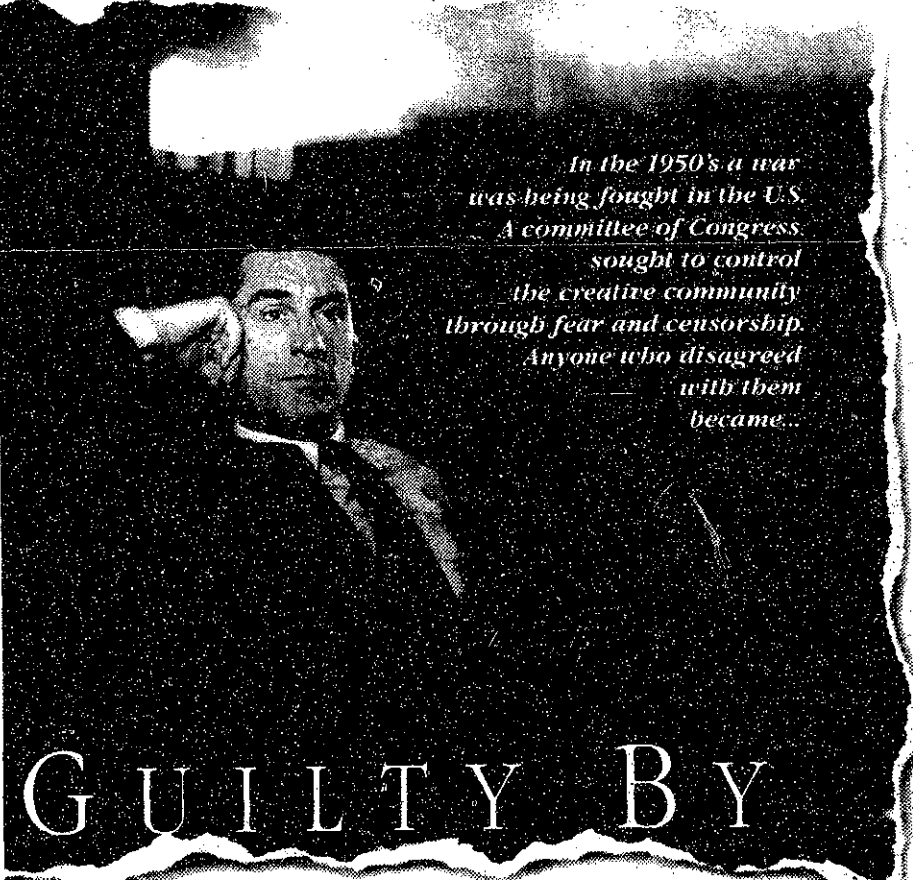
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