

Minority faculty sought

By Katherine Shim

In a memorandum to the Academic Council and all department heads, Provost Mark S. Wrighton announced plans this week for a new program designed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities on the MIT faculty.

The program will include the creation of new faculty positions for underrepresented minorities in the event that no established faculty opening exists, funding for the newly appointed minority faculty member, funding for each department to bring visiting minority scholars to campus and the appointment of a representative from each department who will collect files on members of minority groups who may be candidates for faculty positions at MIT.

"In order to achieve our goal of increasing the number of underrepresented minority faculty at MIT, we must make special efforts to identify, recruit and support such individuals once they are here," said Wrighton in his memorandum.

"While the number of faculty candidates who are members of

underrepresented minority groups is perceived to be small, there are many who would be outstanding additions to the MIT faculty," he added.

The percentage of minorities on the MIT faculty, especially in the science and engineering departments is low. In 1980, eight percent of all faculty members were from the underrepresented minorities, while in 1990 14.4 percent were from these groups.

But during this period, the number of minority faculty members fluctuated. From 1990-91, 2.7 percent, or 26 out of 941 of the faculty were from underrepresented minorities, including 13 African-Americans.

"Underrepresented minorities" is defined as all African Americans, Puerto Ricans, Mexican Americans and Native Americans.

Files of minority candidates to be compiled

In his memorandum, Wrighton asked that by Oct. 15 each department head appoint a senior faculty member to compile files of members of minority groups who may be candidates for facul-

ties positions at MIT.

Wrighton asked that representatives from all departments meet periodically to share experiences and discuss effective means for bringing more minority faculty to MIT. The Provost will meet with the group yearly to review the achievements of the program.

The mechanism of maintaining files on potential minority faculty candidates has already been in place in many departments, said former Department Head of Architecture William L. Porter PhD '69.

"Most of the mechanisms that [Wrighton] talked about in the first place were already in place," said Porter. "But his program is very appropriate and very timely. I'm all for it," he added.

Wrighton's program has three stipulations:

- If no established faculty opening exists and a member of an underrepresented minority group has been identified, a new faculty slot will be created for that person. The new slot will remain with the department as long as the appointee remains on

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Dorm advising threatened

By Chris Schechter

The Undergraduate Academic Support Office plans to discuss the future of the residence-based advising system this year, including the possibility of disbanding the system altogether.

According to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Travis R. Merritt, the residence-based advising system is suffering from many problems, including a decrease in the number of students signing up for residence-based advisors, a lack of organization in the assigning of residence-based advisors to freshmen and the relative lack of diversity in residence-based advising groups.

The program, which is available in Baker House, Next House, McCormick Hall, Bexley Hall and three independent living groups, is an alternative to the

faculty-sponsored freshman seminar and advisory system.

Number of residence-based advisees drops

The number of residence-based advisees has dropped significantly this year, Merritt said. He attributed this to the marked increase in freshmen advisor seminars offered this year, which take potential advisees out of the system. Approximately 60 seminars were offered last year, as opposed to the 95 offered this semester, he added.

Merritt expected this number to grow, leaving fewer students left to be advised in their dormitories. "We are not sure how to have one system grow without expense to the other... we are thinking about it," Merritt said.

Another problem with resi-

dence-based advising is the lack of organization in the assigning of advisors, Merritt said. Students decide if they wish to participate in the program the day before the advisory picnic, by which time advisors and advisees have already been paired.

"We have to find a way to quiet down the confusion," Merritt said.

Seminars assure that advisors, advisees meet

"The freshmen have no time to make a decision," said Michael S. Gull '92, who coordinated the advisory process at Next House last year. "There has to be a better way to organize advising. But doing away with [residence-based] advising would be throw-

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Changes in rush might hurt ILGs

By Reaven M. Lerner

Residents of independent living groups should be concerned, but not worried, by the report of the Freshman Housing Committee, according to Neal H. Dorow, advisor to fraternities and ILGs.

The FHC, which was appointed by then-Provost John M. Deutch '61, recommended several changes in the current residence selection process, the most prominent of which was the suggestion that all freshmen be housed in dormitories. The report recommended that rush be delayed until the end of the freshman year.

According to a number of students and administrators, the FHC report will probably be brought up for public discussion within the next year, possibly within the next year or two.

Dorow said the report had not been discussed very much in the last two years, but that it had been "hanging over the head" of the Interfraternity Conference during that time. He attributed this period of uncertainty to the appointment of a new president and provost who had been "attending to other matters" until now.

Delayed rush could hurt ILGs financially

IFC President Holly L. Simpson '92 felt that most ILG residents, as well as members of the IFC, are opposed to delaying rush. She attributed this to a combination of financial and social reasons.

The financial strain would probably come from a sudden, sharp reduction in the number of people living at a each ILG. Rushing 50 percent of the men in a given class would no longer be sufficient to fill all of the ILGs, since there would be one less class

from which to rush.

"Given the fact that in order to fill the same number of beds with only three of the classes instead of all four, you're going to need to in-

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crease that to probably 66 or 67 percent of any given class," Dorow said.

"I don't know if that's a realistic expectation, or if living groups could realistically expect to attain that," Dorow added. "I personally don't think that's attainable."

Simpson said that the IFC treasurer from several years ago had determined that one-third of the ILGs would not survive the transition to a three-class ILG system.

While some of the nationally affiliated fraternities would be able to get funding from their national organizations, many of the local, independent ILGs would find themselves in a greater financial pinch than they could handle.

Zeta Beta Tau Rush Chair Michael K. McCandless '92 felt that his fraternity "would survive," although "it would not be a good thing for them to lose a class."

Ailing ILGs would probably not receive any compensatory money from the Dean's office, Dorow added. "We're not talking about a one-year fix. We're talking about forever, which makes any funding arrangement impossible," he said.

Freshmen might develop biases

Simpson felt that while delaying rush might give freshmen the chance to get to know the ILGs better, it would lead to other problems. She said

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Monologue on rape generates mixed student reaction

By Lois E. Eaton

Students and administrators differed in their reactions to Wednesday night's repeat presentation of "Something About Sex" held in Lobdell Court in the Julius A. Stratton '23 Student Center.

The monologue, delivered by Arthur H. Roberts '93 and accompanied by a series of slides, touched on the issues of sex, rape, abstinence, sexually transmitted disease and alcohol. Following the event, handouts with rape information, statistics and support numbers were distributed.

The script was written by Glen D. Weinstein '92, and contained numerous jokes, as well as information on sex-related topics.

The presentation, formerly known as "How to Give a Woman an Orgasm," was sponsored by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, the MIT Medical Department and the Residence/Orientation Week Committee. It will be shown for the last time on Wednesday night.

Many students were disap-

pointed with the discussion that followed the half-hour-long presentation. Students had expected more heated debate and felt that the discussion centered too much on one topic. Administrators, on the other hand, felt that the discussion was very focused and intense.

Roberts made several comments during the presentation that created controversy. Many of the audience members at the first performance found it offensive when he said, "Not all rapes happen in fraternities — sometimes the guys leave the house."

There was far less controversy at the second performance, although it was unclear why this was so. A brother at Phi Kappa Sigma said that he was not offended by this comment, explaining that "The monologue jabbed at everyone."

Don C. Brunson G, one of the moderators of the discussion following the monologue, said there was not "as strong a response from fraternity men as [the show's organizers] expected." But administrators said they were happy that the audience did not

single out the comment about fraternities in the discussion.

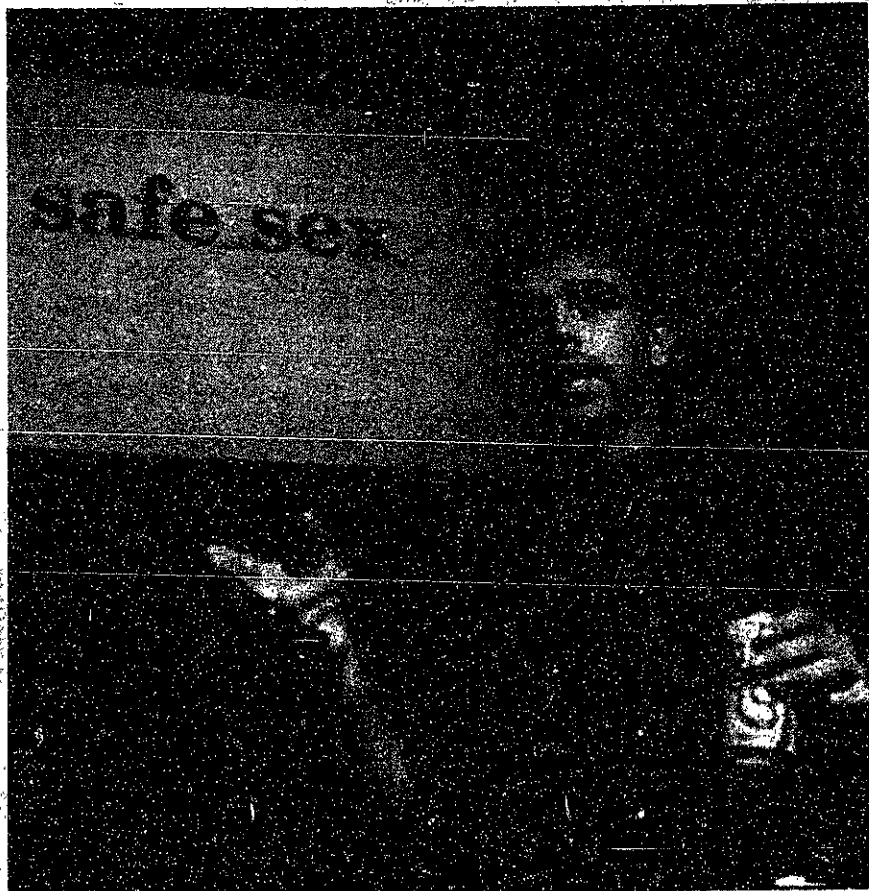
Many students felt that there was little new information in the presentation. Anthony G. Falcone '93 called the discussion "frustrating" and full of "sleazy comments." He added that he would have preferred to have discussed the societal problems, including how men and women are raised and taught to react and think about sex and rape.

Christine M. Coffey '93 found the discussion "heterosexually oriented," and was disappointed that the rape examples were "one night stands," rather than rape on a third or fourth date. The discussion focused on sex, and not attitudes towards sex, she added.

Ryan A. Smith '93 felt that he learned nothing new from the presentation, but was surprised by the comment that women have the right to be as confused about sex as much as men are.

Many of the students interviewed said they attended the event because of the controversial

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Arthur H. Roberts '92 in an encore performance of his one-man show "Something About Sex" in Lobdell Court last Wednesday.

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the faculty.

• In a regular faculty search resulting in the appointment of a minority candidate, the general operating budget of the department will be increased by \$30,000. At least one-half of this money will be given to the newly appointed faculty member for a period of five years as a "discretionary scholar allowance."

• The Office of the Provost will allocate \$200,000 a year to fund the bringing in of visiting minority scholars to the campus to acquaint the MIT community with minority candidates.

Though Wrighton's program has been widely praised, some department heads expressed fear that the program will fail to attract significant numbers of minority faculty. Department heads say that low numbers of minority faculty are hired due to the small pool of available minority applicants. They said that the true solution to the problem would be to aggressively encourage more minority students to attend graduate school and go on to teach.

"I think the program is great," said Department Head of Civil Engineering David H. Marks. "However, the problem lies in the pipeline. One has to start to identify students as undergrads and fund them through graduate school. When we start to look for faculty at the end of the pipeline, there are so few available that it's very difficult to hire them," he said.

"I'm very pro-trying to get minority faculty," said Department Head of Aeronautics and Astronautics Earl M. Murman. "But there is a real lack in the numbers of minority candidates. In the whole United States, one or two minority students graduate with PhDs in Aeronautics and Astronautics. And with every school trying to hire them as

faculty, it's very competitive. Also, many students who graduate with PhDs decide to go into other areas like industry rather than academia," he said.

"These are great initiatives by the Provost, but the supply is too small," he added.

Murman said that undergraduate minority students should be actively encouraged to go to graduate school and teaching. In the last year, the percentage of minority undergraduates in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics was four times greater than the percentage of minority graduate students, Murman said.

"I think the provost's program will have a positive impact, but the problem is much deeper," Murman said. "In order to really make a change, minority undergraduates must be really encouraged to attend graduate school."

The Provost's new program comes after Professor of Mechanical Engineering James H. Williams '67 protested against MIT's minority education and hiring policies last spring. Each Wednesday of April, Williams fasted outside the offices of both President Charles M. Vest and Wrighton.

Williams declined to comment on the Provost's new program.

Dorm advising may be stopped

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ing away a great source of support for students," he added.

Faculty advisory seminars, unlike the residence-based system, also assure that advisors and advisees will meet for at least two hours a week for 13 weeks in an organized fashion, Merritt said.

"[Residence-based] advising is very dependent on the associate advisors who run it in every different dormitory," Merritt said. For example, he said, Bexley Hall provides tutoring and group discussions as well as advisory meetings.

Another feature Merritt stressed was the diversity of students that can be found in an faculty advisory seminar as opposed to a group of students from the same living group.

The UASO will have a "fact-finding meeting" with students, faculty and associate advisors this fall, Merritt said. Another meeting will be held this spring to discuss the future of freshmen advising.

"Residence-based advising offers a better chance for students to get to know their associate advisors, since they live in the same dormitory," said Kathryn E. Howe '93, associate advisor at Next House.

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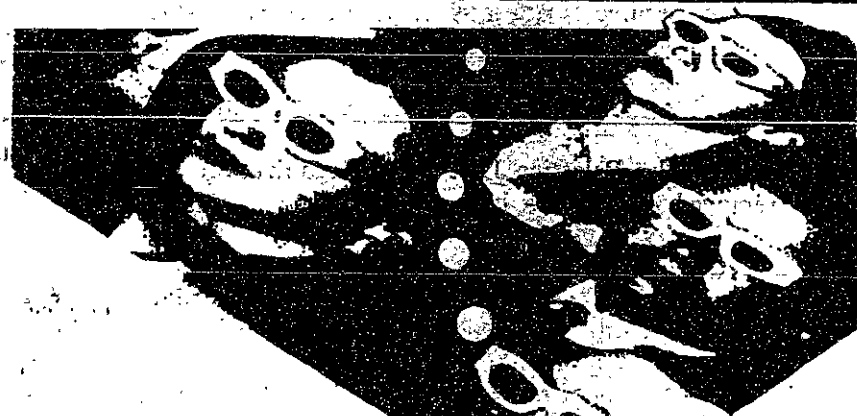


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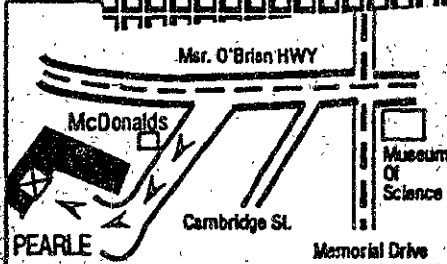
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World

US Navy ships sent to Middle East

Eight US Navy ships are sailing toward the Middle East, amid rising tensions between Iraq and the United Nations. Three amphibious ships left last week. The US already has one carrier in the gulf and another in the Mediterranean.

The aircraft carrier *USS Eisenhower* and the other vessels are carrying 9000 marines and soldiers. The Pentagon said they will conduct routine operations in the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

UN nuclear inspectors in Iraq may soon be released

The standoff between United Nations inspectors and Iraqi troops in Baghdad may be nearing an end. The Security Council has accepted an Iraqi proposal as the basis for ending the three-day detention of the inspectors. The UN team has been held since they uncovered documents apparently describing Iraq's secret nuclear weapons program. Under the plan, the material will stay in the possession of the inspectors while they and Iraqi authorities catalog them.

The Bush administration describes the dispute between UN inspectors and Iraq as part of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's well-known pattern of "cheat and retreat." The White House said it is still considering whether to bring more pressure on Hussein to ensure Iraqi compliance with UN resolutions.

Planning for Middle East peace conference continues

Secretary of State James A. Baker III says there is no basis yet for issuing invitations to a Middle East peace conference. Baker held a new round of talks in New York with Israeli and Arab leaders as well as the foreign minister of the Soviet Union, who is co-sponsoring the conference.

Meanwhile the Palestine Liberation Organization may have removed one of the last roadblocks to a planned peace conference. Senior PLO officials said leaders have dropped their insistence on publicly naming a Palestinian delegation and have agreed to a joint team with Jordan. Israel has said it will not attend the talks if the PLO has any public role in the talks.

The PLO parliament has been meeting in Algiers since Monday.

President George Bush and King Hassan of Morocco are also promising to work together for a Mideast peace agreement. The Bush administration is hoping the king will be able to help bring Arabs and Israelis together for a peace conference.

Economic problems spark angry protests in Romania

Though the premier of Romania has stepped down, angry protests against his economic reforms continue. The government in Bucharest announced on state-run radio and television that it has issued live ammunition to units guarding government buildings.

Meanwhile, gunfire was heard around a television center in Romania's capital. Soldiers are guarding the building from thousands of people demonstrating against runaway inflation in one of Europe's poorest nations.

Nation

More Americans living in poverty

The Census Bureau says the number of poor Americans increased last year for the first time since 1983. In its first report since the recession began, the Bureau reported that more than 33.6 million Americans are living below the poverty line — two million more than the previous year. This means that 13.5 percent of the country is living in poverty.

Bureau Official Daniel Weinberg called it "a significant increase." The poverty rate had been falling steadily since 1983.

Under the 1990 definition of poverty, a family of four earning less than \$13,360 a year is considered poor.

AIDS victims appeal House subcommittee

A subcommittee of the House of Representatives is hearing personal appeals from AIDS victims for passage of a bill requiring AIDS tests for health care workers. Among them is Kimberly Begalis, a young woman from Florida who was infected by her dentist. The 23-year-old said she has been made to suffer and she did not do anything to deserve it. But Barbara Fassbinder, a former nurse from Iowa, spoke in favor of education and precautionary steps instead of mandatory testing. She was infected from treating a patient.

Following the hearing, White House Spokesman Marlin L. Fitzwater repeated the president's stand against mandatory testing for the virus.

Senate Judiciary Committee to vote on Thomas nomination

The Senate Judiciary Committee may vote on Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court today. Two more members of the committee — Howell Heflin (D-AL) and Herb Kohl (D-WI) — say they oppose the nomination. But even Thomas' critics predict he will be approved by the full Senate even if the committee vote is tied.

Anti-crime bill approved

The House Judiciary Committee has approved a \$1 billion anti-crime bill. It narrowly rejected an amendment that would have made it easier to impose the death penalty. The Republican measure would have allowed federal prosecutors to seek the death penalty in murder cases without proving the defendant intended to kill the victim.

Congress will fund space station project

House of Representatives and Senate negotiators have agreed to provide \$2 billion for the space station project next fiscal year.

By voice vote, the negotiators agreed to go with the Senate-approved \$2 billion figure for the station. It is the same amount President George Bush sought for the orbiting laboratory, which NASA officials consider the centerpiece of the space program for the coming decade.

Opponents of the \$40 billion station tried to kill the project earlier this year, citing the cost and the need to find money for other scientific initiatives.

The space station, which has been on the drawing board since 1984, has already cost \$5 billion, even though construction has yet to begin. NASA hopes it will be orbiting by decade's end.

Local

Police officer arraigned for shooting death of a teenager

A Boston police officer pleaded innocent yesterday to murder charges in the shooting death of a teenager. James Hall was charged with second degree murder in the July 12 death of 16-year-old Christopher Rogers. Rogers was shot dead while hiding under a car. The arraignment was in Suffolk District Court.

Assistant District Attorney Thomas Mundy said Hall had been chasing Rogers. He said Hall fired intentionally toward the car, and the bullet ricocheted off the ground and hit Rogers. But defense attorney Frank McGee said the shooting was a tragic accident. He said that the officer was kneeling and fell, causing the gun to fire accidentally. The case was continued to Oct. 16. Hall has been suspended without pay since the shooting.

New prison health care contract to save money

Governor William Weld awarded a Florida company the state's prison health care contract. He claims the move will save the state from \$8 to \$14 million a year. The contract went to Emergency Medical Services Associates.

It is the first move in the Weld administration to privatize a state service, and Weld said there will be more. He said nearly 400 state employees could lose their jobs, but added that the private firm can hire those workers when the contract takes effect Jan. 1.

EMSA was the low bidder among four companies at \$28.7 million. Weld said the state had been paying too much for prisoner medical services. He said it has been costing about \$4000 per inmate per year, while other states spend about \$2000. EMSA currently operates health care services for three prisons, one in Florida and one in Virginia.

Weather

Fair Fall Weekend

A secondary cold front will move off the coast by Friday night ushering cooler and drier air for a better part of the weekend. On Sunday, expect a little more cloudiness associated with an upper air disturbance, but no precipitation, while the temperatures will remain slightly below normal.

Friday afternoon: Mostly sunny and pleasant. West winds 10-15 mph (16-24 kph). High around 65°F (18°C).

Friday night: Clear and cold. Slight chance of scattered frost well to the west and north. Lows around 45°F (7°C) along the coast, around 30°F (-1°C) inland.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, cool. Diminishing westerly winds. Temperatures 55°F-60°F (13°C-16°C).

Saturday night: Increasing high clouds, light winds. Lows 45°F-50°F (7°C-10°C).

Sunday outlook: Partly sunny with highs 60°F-65°F (16°C-18°C).

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EDITORIAL

Expand the safety shuttle

In many ways, MIT's safety shuttle, "A Safe Ride," has become a victim of its own success. After more than a semester of preparation last year, the Undergraduate Association Safety Committee, with the support of the MIT administration, launched a one-van, on-call shuttle service to serve both the MIT campus and surrounding Independent Living Groups. The cost of the project for the first year was approximately \$80,000.

The program has gotten off to an extremely successful start. Use of the van is higher than any of its organizers ever hoped. Complaints of having to wait for more than an hour for the van to arrive attest to the fact that students want — and more importantly, will actually use — a safety shuttle.

In response to the shuttle's overwhelming popularity, the Institute has offered to acquire another van. This would allow for one route around Cambridge and another route around Boston. Scheduled routes would do much to eliminate the long waiting periods associated with an on-demand system, because students would know when and where to expect the shuttle.

But even this is not enough. With one van circling a 21-minute-long route in Cambridge and another spending 46 minutes in Boston, waits for the shuttle could still be extremely long, even if it runs on time. And the prospect of students waiting outside for the better part of an hour creates more safety hazards than it solves.

The solution is simple: Expand the shuttle system and add more vans. The safety program is only worthwhile if there are at least two vans on the Cambridge side of the river and three on the Boston side in order to keep the average wait down to about ten minutes. Otherwise, the enormous amount of time that would be spent waiting for a ride would be prohibitive. A shuttle wouldn't be worth having, because nobody would be willing to wait for it.

Having a shuttle fleet of five vans is hardly an unreasonable request. Harvard University runs a shuttle system with six buses, and Tufts University's system has several cars driven by students.

Unfortunately, the MIT administration has taken the attitude that providing safe, reliable transportation to students is a luxury rather than a necessity, as demonstrated by the fact that current shuttle service consists of only one van and is not likely to expand much in the next year. If the UA Safety Committee had not decided to study the issue last year, it is doubtful that there would even be one van now.

It's time for the Institute to put its money where its mouth is when it comes to student safety. The Institute's Campaign for the Future has raised \$612 million over the past four years, and if safety were as high a priority as research, new classrooms and new housing, it would spend some of that money for "A Safe Ride." If MIT were truly committed to student safety, it would not see funding for the shuttle service as an either/or situation; it would find the money to spend. An expanded shuttle service is a sound investment which the Institute cannot afford not to make.

MIT can best serve its commitment to safety on campus by expanding "A Safe Ride" into a fleet of more than two vans. Students' safety interests can not be served without a larger number of vans.

Don't disappoint Saddam

Column by Matthew H. Hersch

Saddam Hussein is a very unusual character. He seems to want the United States to bomb him. I think that, in the interest of politeness, we should oblige him, and, once and for all, free the Iraqi people, the Kurds, the Shiites, the Israelis and all the other peoples from Saddam's grasp, to live in peace and freedom.

Last spring, the US-led coalition liberated Kuwait and all that. In the months since then, Saddam has crushed independence and democratic movements, killed thousands, tried to build nuclear weapons, finished construction of a super-gun (whose sole purpose is to shower Israel with nerve-gas shells), imprisoned UN observers who were trying to legally investigate Saddam's nuclear program and become a general nuisance to humanity.

A few months ago, Iraqi troops even shot at some unarmed UN nuclear weapons inspectors. When the United States protested, Saddam said that his troops weren't firing at the UN folks, they were firing near them.

For months, Saddam has danced around the UN sanctions which order him to reveal his nuclear, biological and chemical weapons technology. He's trying to get away with just enough to keep from getting bombed. Let's show him that it won't work.

For some reason — fear that he'll be scoffed at as a fool, or that he will endanger chances for Mideast peace, President George Bush has done nothing more than threaten military action.

This week, after months of empty threatening, Bush announced that US aircraft would escort UN observers into Iraq to carry out their investigations.

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This measure is a good start, but it is inadequate.

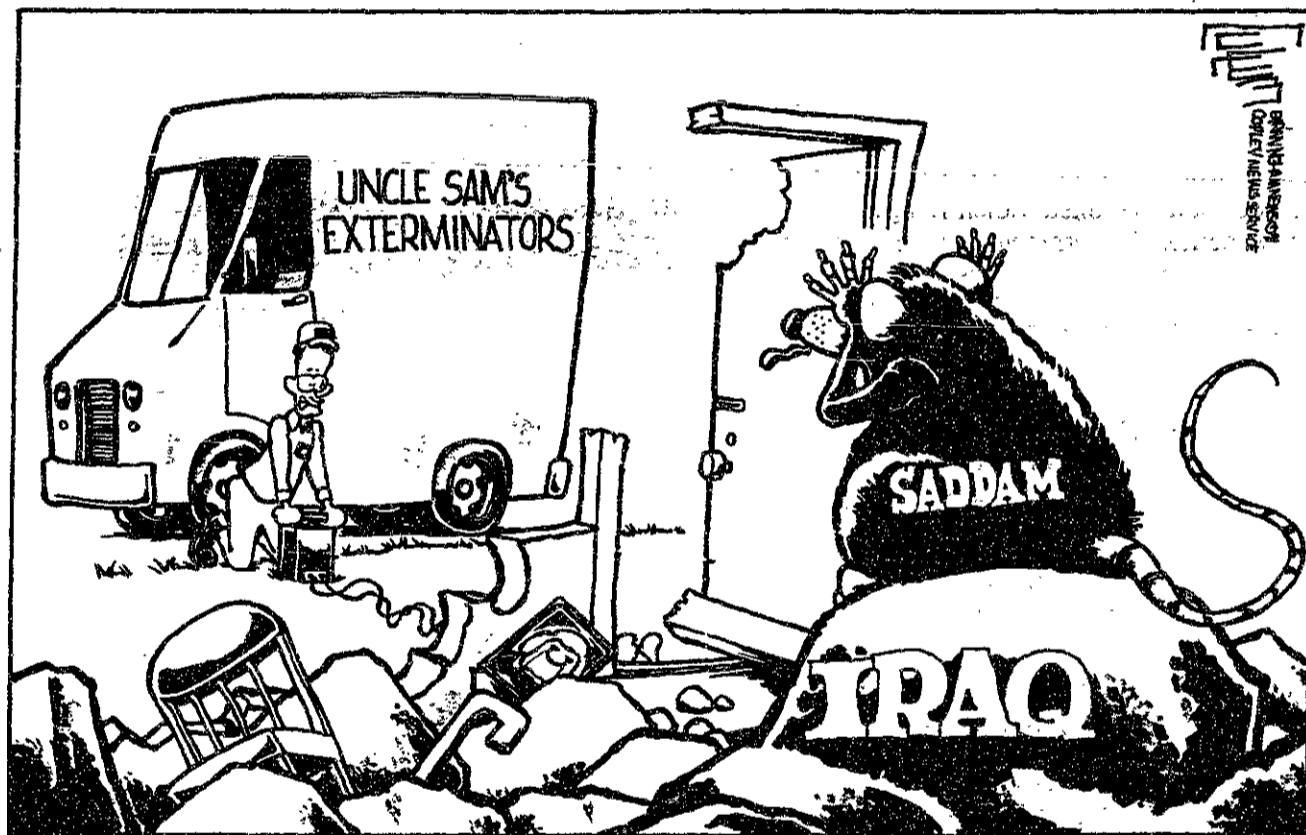
If US forces escort UN investigators into Iraq, the chances for a US-Iraqi confrontation are great, and in such a confrontation loss of life would be likely. US helicopters and escort aircraft would have to fly into the heart of Saddam's secret military machine, and any kind of slip-up or accidental fire-fight could cost the lives of US servicemen and UN experts.

The United States has the international justification to launch a strike against Saddam, and should have launched one months ago, after the first UN official was denied access to information on Iraq's nuclear program. US threats are now as empty as they ever were.

No allied soldiers or Iraqi civilians need be killed in a punitive strike. Cruise missiles, launched from submarines and surface ships, could excise Saddam's nuclear capability, his biological weapons plants, airfields, Republican Guard bases and other military targets. Even if a some military capability does escape unhurt, Saddam, if he survives, will get the message. Perhaps, after some pounding, his army won't have the eagerness or capability to crush minority groups.

Before Bush goes to the Mideast peace conference table, perhaps he should remember a few other buried remnants from the gulf war: that Syria's official reason for sending troops to the gulf last year was to prevent American forces from attacking Iraq, and that the Jordanians and the Palestine Liberation Organization sang Saddam's praises as Scuds rained down.

Peace is good, but a bad peace — an unjust peace — is worse. When Bush enters into negotiations, he should remember who his friends are.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All rape victims require support

I am writing in response to the anonymous male rape victim ["Male rape victims also need support," Sept. 24]. I completely agree; survivors of male rape do need support, and there is altogether too little support available. I encourage him, and any other survivors to actively seek this support. The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center Hotline should be able to provide some answers and refer to men's support groups.

The victim and I have something very much in common: I too was raped, in my own house, in my own bed, a place I considered safe. I was raped by my girlfriend who ignored or didn't feel my turning away, twisting away, saying things like "I just want to talk." I don't think she really heard me. I do know how that feels. I do believe women can rape.

Here, however, is one difference between the anonymous victim and myself. I am a woman. I too face the notion that women

can't rape, but even more significant than that, I must deal with the belief that self-professed feminist lesbians can't rape. They can.

There was no initial support for my experience, either. I couldn't even believe it had happened until several months later. I couldn't tell friends or peers, for fear they wouldn't believe me. I couldn't tell anyone at MIT without the fear that her standing in the community as an activist and a feminist would be demolished and that her work, and mine, in feminism would be discounted.

Even now, there is no way I can turn to my family for support. My father hasn't really dealt with my bisexuality yet. At the time of the rape, I wasn't even out to my family about my sexual orientation. I could not tell them I was raped by my girlfriend. "What girlfriend?" they would have asked. I too was alone.

I want to emphasize four things:

- Men do experience rape, which is just as real and just as horrible as the rape which women experience. One in seven men are raped by the age of 18. Most of these rapes are perpetrated by men.

- Women can and do rape, although 97 percent or more of rapists are men. Rape by a woman can be just as devastating as rape by a man.

- Not all women have immediate access to support. Not all women are believed. Rape, especially date rape, and especially rape by a woman, is still largely an invisible crime.

- Support is available, either through BARCC or other means. Here on campus, immediate support is available through peers at either Nightline or Contact Line as well as through the administration.

And to the anonymous victim himself: You are not alone. Keep talking and keep believing.

Mary P. Baxter '93

opinion

Plight of Shiite refugees shows no improvement

Guest Column by Haider S. Hamoudi

Only five months after the end of the bloody uprising in Iraq that resulted in the exodus of over one-quarter of Iraq's population to various neighboring countries, it seems as if the world has forgotten about the plight of the refugees. They have suffered from the same problem as nearly all people around the world classified as "refugees" — as long as they have enough food, drink and medical supplies to carry them to the next day, they must take second priority to other world events.

Of course, not all of the Iraqi refugees have been treated so negligently. Under pressure from the allied forces, the Iraqi regime has granted the Kurds a safe haven in the north of Iraq where no Iraqi troops are permitted to enter. As a result, many of these people have returned to their homes in Iraq, albeit with limited food and water.

But the Shiites, the same Shiites who, along with the Kurds, were urged by President George Bush to revolt against their dictator, have been forgotten in the deserts of Iran and Saudi Arabia. Why was there such a discrepancy between the treatment given to the Kurds and that given to the Shiites. Why have the Kurds been returned to their homes, while the Shiites sit helplessly in squalid camps?

The reason has been explicitly stated time and time again by various American public officials: the Shiites, being a majority in Iraq, constitute a threat in that they may form an anti-American government much like that of Iran. In other words, the man once called "the modern-day Hitler" must remain happily in Baghdad while millions of his people lie crammed in tents abroad because 10 years ago, people ascribing to the same religious faith as these poor souls revolted violently against a pro-American government which had done them so much wrong. One's sense of justice must truly be contorted to consider this fair treatment.

Only a few weeks ago, I went to Iran to visit the refugee camps, and, hard as it is to believe, I found no terrorists, no fanatics, nobody vowing to kill me because I am an American citizen. On the contrary, I found normal, everyday people. I saw children playing soccer with a tin can they had taken from the market. I watched fathers unload flour and rice from Iranian trucks in 110-degree weather (One even asked me if Tony Dorsett still played football), and I saw mothers cooking lunch for their children. It may come as a shock to some, but these Shiites looked and acted just like the other people I know.

Of course, many did not feel they were being treated as such. Some told me that Bush's "plan" was to leave Iraqi government in place while the people of that country lived like animals. When I asked one person if he was receiving enough food and water to live, he told me he was fed about as well as a pig in an American zoo, and treated no better.

Indeed, the comparison of the camps to a zoo was repeated quite a number of

times. They constantly referred to their position as that of animals in cages, and some even refused to have their pictures taken, saying that all the Americans wanted to do was laugh at them, just as they laugh at monkeys and gorillas. There is a definite anger and frustration in the camps, and nearly all want this unbearable situation to be resolved.

It is easy for one to be judgmental after hearing these things and say that there are many worse off in this world than Iraqi refugees. But one cannot underestimate the severe psychological effects of the situ-

without the least objection, simply on the grounds that basic medical supplies are available? I think not.

The fact that many of the refugees who had earlier revolted against Saddam are now returning to Iraq is a clear indication of how frustrated the Iraqi Shiites are. When those who were intending to return to Iraq were asked if they feared retribution by Saddam's Republican Guard, they all responded in essentially the same manner: that it is better to die as men than to live as animals.

At the core of the refugees' frustration

who were so concerned for their welfare during the gulf war fell silent when Saddam began to turn his tanks against them. They feel alone and abandoned by all who they once believed to be friends, and this feeling of loneliness only adds to their general sense of anxiety. "It is one thing if George Bush betrays us," said one refugee, "but when our own brothers support an oppressor, we are truly at a loss to explain why this has been done."

What terrifies these people the most is their inability to see any end to their suffering. Having completely lost hope in the Western powers, the refugees see nobody who is both willing and able to remove Saddam from power, especially after they had tried and saw with what force he was able to suppress them. (Incidentally, a large majority of these people had joined in the Iraqi uprising, although a significant number chose to leave their homes because they feared the communal punishment which Saddam often practices upon disobedient villages.)

This feeling was summarized a 65-year-old woman who told me that "I could handle this if I knew I could return to my home before I died. I want to see my friends again. I remember how we all used to drink tea together in the afternoons. Sometimes we would then go to the Tomb of Ali [one of the world's holiest shrines for the Shiites] and pray in the evening there. Afterwards we went home to our husbands. I want to return to Iraq."

As the refugee children asked newcomers about the fate of their parents, I became convinced of that oppression, whether against Shiites, Sunnis, Catholics, Jews, Kuwaitis, Palestinians or any other religious or ethnic group, cannot be met with silence. All abuses of human rights must be denounced, and those responsible for such heinous crimes must be brought to justice. Only by practicing such a philosophy can any individual or any country even approach what may be termed moral consistency.

Suffering is very real to those who endure it, and to ignore it in favor of some sort of twisted ideology — whether it be radical pan-Arabism or New World Orderism — is extremely unjust to the millions of people alive in this world. We cannot continue to make distinctions between Kuwaiti lives and Iraqi lives, or between African lives and European lives. All human life must be protected from oppression, and any violation of the human rights of any individual must be denounced.

Until the people of the world realize that oppression absolutely and unconditionally violates every principle mankind has ever created, Saddam Hussein will continue to appear. So long, that is, as they kill the right people. Politically correct killing, you might call it.

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ation in which these people have been placed. Iraq is a rich nation, and nearly all the refugees had nice air-conditioned homes in Basra, Amarah, Najaf or wherever else in the south they came from. They were accustomed to three meals a day, with meat at every meal.

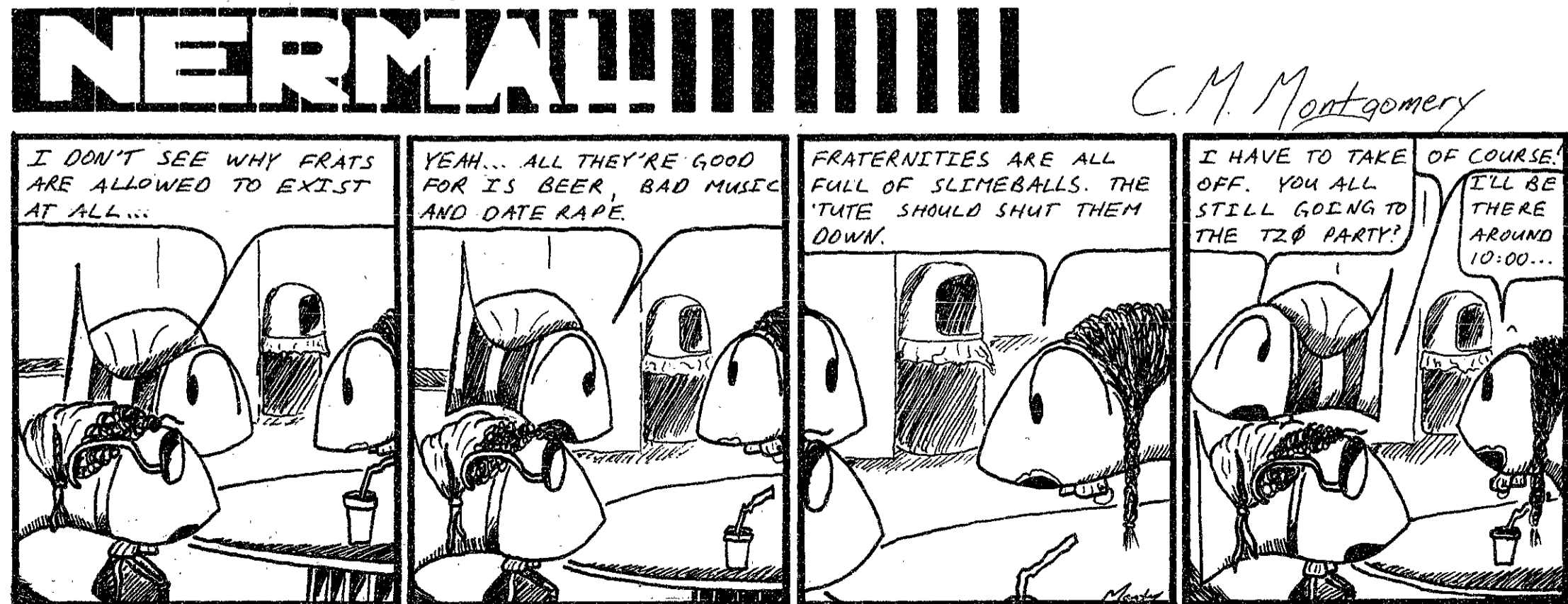
The refugees' situation before the war is similar to that of an average American citizen. Imagine taking middle-class Americans, forcing them from their homes, throwing them into the middle of a desert with eight people sleeping in the same tent. Imagine that they have all lost their jobs and are being fed by an outside source.

Can anyone argue that the result of such a situation would undoubtedly be frustration? Would any reasonable person ignore the plight of these people, arguing that they are not going to die of starvation tomorrow? Can one-quarter of a nation's population be put under these conditions

is a deep anger with the West and, in particular, with Bush for watching their suffering with absolute indifference. They point to Voice of America broadcasts which urged them to revolt against the man who had caused them so much suffering, and the subsequent inaction of the American army as it claimed it could not interfere in Iraq's internal affairs.

They often asked me why the United States sent B-52's over Baghdad and troops into Panama if they truly believed in the principle of non-intervention. Having just emerged from a country where the press is tightly controlled, the Iraqi refugees are woefully ignorant of geopolitics and cannot begin to understand why anybody would want them to revolt but not want them to succeed.

In all fairness, however, the refugees were not only disappointed with the United States. They were shocked to hear that many of their Arab and Muslim brethren



opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hersch columns displays limited views on Philippine and Yugoslavian politics

I disagree with Matthew H. Hersch '94's latest article ["Get off my island, please," Sept. 24]. Hersch, like Henry Ford, shares the opinion that "History is Bunk," especially when it comes to the unpleasant history of US colonialism.

The Philippine Senate recently voted not to renew the lease of Subic Bay Naval Base, acquired by the United States in an armed robbery known as the Spanish-American War. At the turn of this century, the United States drove the Spanish from the island, then crushed any native resistance to American domination at the cost of thousands of Filipin-

no lives.

Since then, the United States had held bases on the island, which have been resented by many of its citizens. Likewise, the other spoils of the Spanish-American War, Puerto Rico and a naval base in Cuba, remain in United States hands. These possessions have no legitimate national security purpose whatsoever, being merely remnants of what Hersch might think of as the "good old days," when Teddy Roosevelt and his ilk sailed the world in search of plunder. For the rest of us, though, the bases are an anachronism, a sign that the United States continues to

practice imperialism even while claiming to be building a "New World Order."

It's time that Americans wake up to the fact that playing policeman of the world is an expensive game, and that the bill comes due eventually. In this case, the United States should pack up its toys and go home, leaving Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Okinawa and Western Europe to determine their respective futures themselves. And we should get on to dealing with our domestic problems, which are far more threatening than any threat we face from losing the Subic Bay naval base.

Russell Olwell G

The initial motivation for this letter was the column investigating the possibility of deploying international peacekeepers in Yugoslavia by Matthew H. Hersch '94 ["Neutrality is not the answer for a unified Europe," Sept. 20]. However, to discuss Hersch's column adequately, I must describe other, more important aspects of this crisis.

Hersch's final conclusion that a peacekeeping, lightly armed European force would not be capable of conciliating the warring parties in the Croatia is a valid one. However, Hersch's discussion was based on misleading generalizations, upon which I would like to comment.

Hersch states "No one wants them [the European peacekeeping force] there." According to all news sources this is a false statement. The Serbian Communist Government and the ex-Yugoslavian People's Army (the YPA, Europe's fifth largest army) has been opposed to sending any kind of international observers into Croatia, although they recently yielded to allow unarmed international observers to enter. On the other hand, the Croatian government welcomed foreign observers who dared to visit the areas of conflict, and Croatian pleas for international intervention have been countless.

In the same paragraph Hersch claims that "Croats want to keep on fighting the central government until they win." Anybody who has been following the reports would know that Croatia wanted to exercise its constitutional right to secede from the federation, not to fight a devastating war. Furthermore, Hersch did not recognize that Croatia is

not fighting the central government but the ex-YPA, dominated by Serbian generals who openly admitted that they do not obey the orders of the central government.

Hersch went on to assert that "When the troops go home, the Serbs will still be hammering the

Croats." This is equivalent to asserting that when the United Nations forces leave the Persian Gulf, Iraq will still occupy Kuwait. Once Croatia wins its independence and international recognition, there will be many ways of protecting its sovereignty.

Goran Arbanas G

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Sesame Street: More than just learning the alphabet

Column by Jason Merkoski

Jaunty theme music emanates from the television set like a blues riff played on a toy xylophone . . . visions of felt-covered, boggly-eyed creatures waltz before our own pre-kindergarten eyes . . . perhaps we even drool in what passes for three-year-olds as ecstasy when the camera alights on a certain road-sign, the wording of which was even then branded indelibly on our souls. What did the sign say? Can you guess? Well, I'll give you a hint: "Can you tell me how to get, how to get to . . ."

Sesame Street!
Don't smirk: this is no sophomoric column poo-pooing public television, replete with lots o' larfs. This is, in fact, a re-visitation of sorts . . . in ways that others look back on, say Vietnam, I look back on the salad days of my childhood. For most of us, it has been about two decades since we first watched this most remarkable television program. Many of us (myself included) have *Sesame Street* coloring books hidden between the pages of our engineering notebooks, Bert 'n' Ernie place-mats to enhance our Lobdell dining experience, or even Big Bird squeaky toys stashed under our beds, waiting to comfort us in a moment of despair.

Yes, you do have these items — don't deny it. After all, as we learned from countless viewings of the show, lying is bad. The most heinous of the *Sesame Street* sins is to lie to yourself . . . even the highly goal-oriented Cookie Monster, or Oscar the Grouch, that Zen-Marxist tycoon of trash, even they believe in themselves. *Sesame Street's* guiding principle, I believe, is to be true to your own individuality.

(It is over this fundamental point that Mr. Rogers and I had our falling-out many years ago. While he may be the Beau Brummel of Public Television, and while he may be "cute" in his anal-retentive

"It's four o'clock: time to feed the fish" way, his show embodies concepts alien to my personal philosophy. His show, his Neighborhood, is in reality an over-glorified attempt at worldwide integration with Fascist overtones — really!

He is scheming to reduce the individualistic population to a group of mewling herd animals . . . kinda like a revamped communism. People are to stay in their drab homes, waiting for a glib Mr. McFee-lie to visit and redistribute the wealth. And as a bonus, there's Picture Picture, that "Big Brother is watching you" element to the show. In short, Mr. Rogers wants his Land of Make Believe to become a reality.)

To this day, *Sesame Street* holds a certain naive charm for me. I can imagine

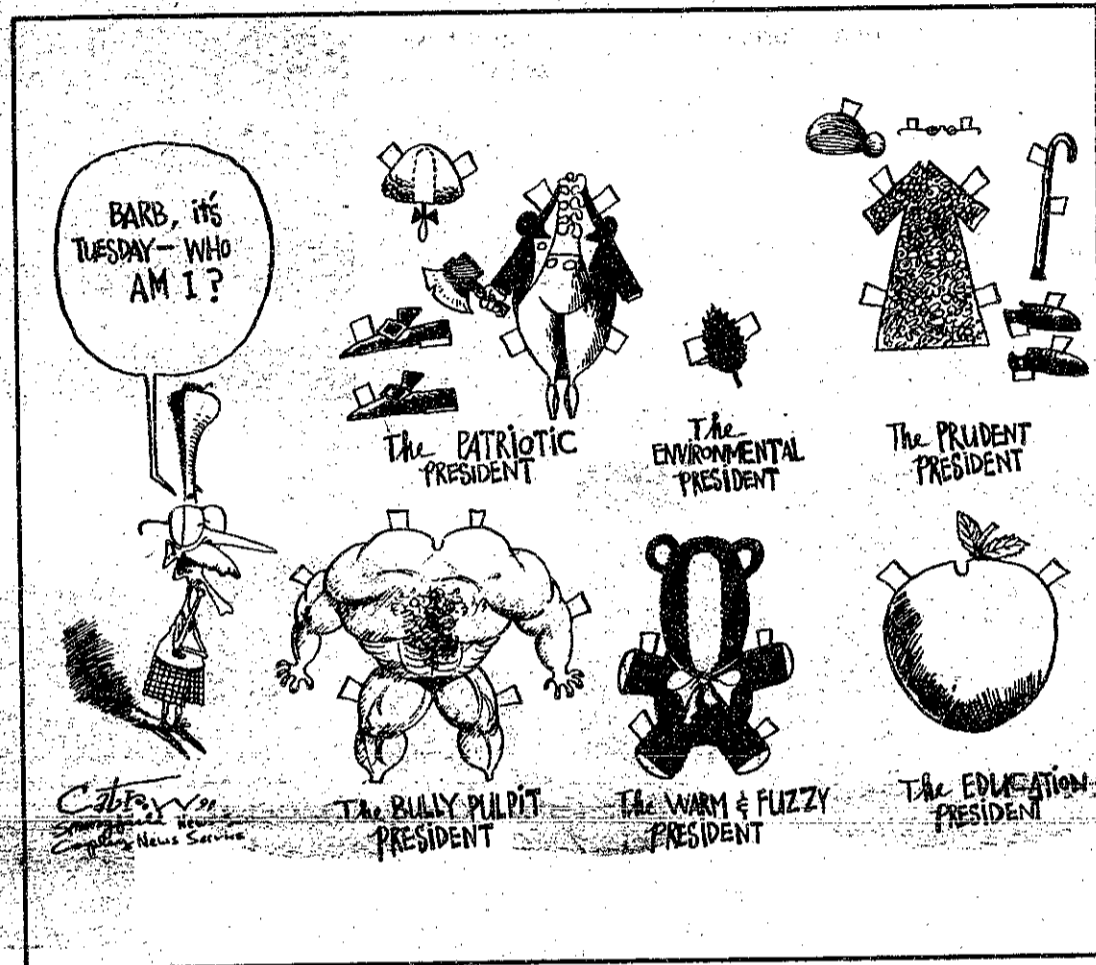
one day in the not-too-distant future as I stroll around Boston. I turn the corner and the cracked, soot-caked tenements change ("A-La-Peanut-Butter-Sandwiches!") into brightly colored apartments with wrought-iron balustrades, where people still dance the disco, and where people still say things like "Get down! Get funky!" See over there? That's where Mr. Hooper's newsstand is. And over there (Alli?) That's Linda teaching the kids sign language, or even Maria teaching them Spanish. But what's that?! Oh . . . that's just Snuffleupagus: he's a monster.

A what? Yes, a monster. It's as if *Sesame Street* is the cheesy science fiction 'World that Time Forgot!' Perhaps Darwin should have sailed here . . . vivid purple,

two-headed monsters that can *speak English!* are definitely more exciting than bullfinches and turtles. My pet theory is that *Sesame Street* was built on an early nuclear-waste dump site. Grotesque mutations rapidly occurred, and voilà! your monster is born (credence is lent to this theory by this observations: there are no female monsters. There are no male monsters, either. The monsters are either asexual, like your garden-variety amoeba, or are hermaphrodites, like your garden-variety worm. However, since the show is ardently G-rated, it isn't likely that any of these theories will be proven. That's for the best, I guess.

Sesame Street is also unafraid to change with the times. Its disjointed clips (which, through reducing the national attention span average to less than a second, paved the way for MTV) formerly included segments where flowers bloomed in time-lapse photography to the subdued fanfare of Vivaldi, as well as amusing scenes of abstract expressionism-inspired claymation. These days we have Robin Williams or even Bart Simpson explaining the more subtle aspects of tying one's shoes. Please do not misinterpret me: change is good. If nothing else, the Bee-Gees will *never* again appear on the program. Hallelujah! (Aleluya!)

However, we are not impressionable toddlers anymore. We have watched the show, and should by now be conditioned in the ways that the Children's Television Workshop believed were appropriate. But have we actually retained anything? I doubt it. I have heard the net financial loss for the "Dancing Under the Stars" ball, held recently to honor Charles Vest, was an obscene amount of money. To the best of my knowledge, there was no correlation in *Sesame Street* between having fun and blowing lots of money. I learned that anybody — grownups, kids, and monsters alike — could pleasantly while away the hours banging on cowbells and trash-can lids, or skipping rope, or telling stories.



This column was brought to you by the numbers '13,' '7,' and by Tech columnist Jason Merkoski.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soley's speech arguments hypocritical

I hope that the video *Truth or Consequences: Safer Sex at MIT* will not only teach the community about safer sex, but will also teach the community, and especially Jill B. Soley '92, about free speech on campus.

Last year, Soley wrote a letter to *The Tech* supporting censorship of speech that she felt was hurtful. Now she has co-produced this video, that could be held by some jurisdictions to be illegal to make or to show. If anyone on this campus feels that the video "creates an intimidating or . . . offensive . . . environment," then under the current absurd MIT Harassment Policy, which she apparently supports, she has acted improperly and is subject to punishment.

Soley is now on the other side of the fence. Although she feels that her film is different, and

therefore acceptable speech, she has followed the classic reasoning of all censors: "Stopping my speech is censorship, while stopping others' is proper." This current hot issue is often subjective or vague, as are terms such as "pornography," "blasphemy," "communist sympathy," or "offensiveness." These types of items allow whichever group is in power to censor whatever it feels is appropriate.

Many people have judged this video without seeing it. Of course, that is again typical of censors.

Soley has decided that her film is acceptable, while other films that she does not like, and may never have seen, are not. She would be surprised to learn that some people would call her film pornographic, but in this case she is in the majority, so she is

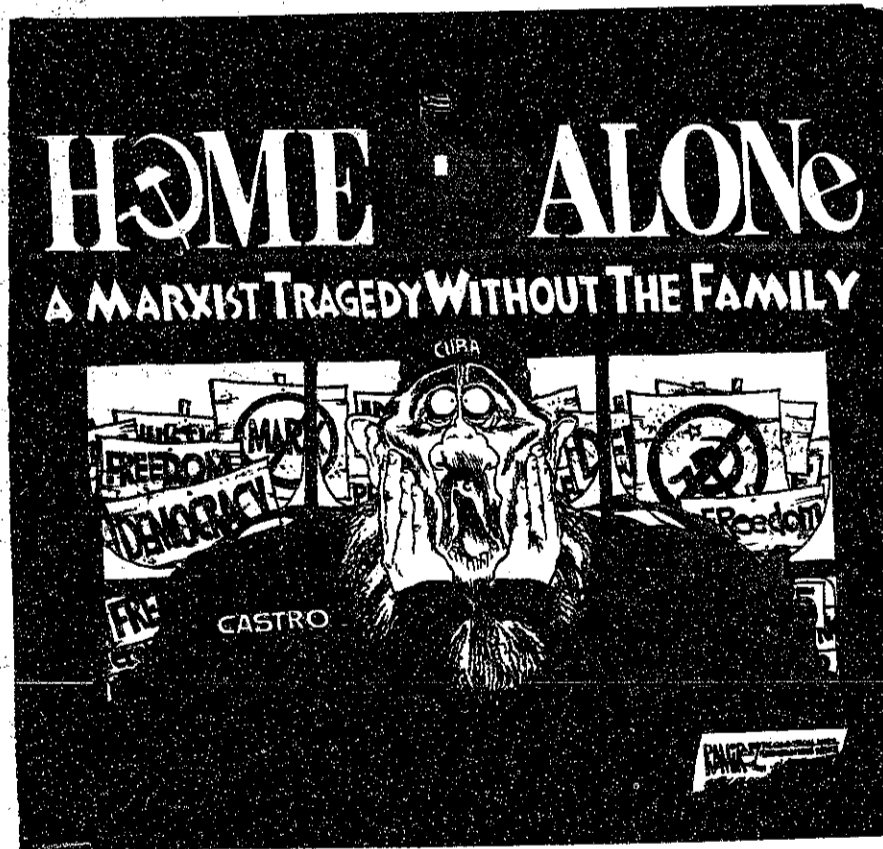
happy. The dangers of censorship come from drawing these types of lines.

According to *The Tech*, Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities James R. Tewhey is not sure the film is acceptable to be shown ["Explicit safe sex video will be shown at Bexley," Sept. 6]. He is worried about parental reactions, and will use that to help decide whether to show the video. No one should have the power to decide what we may see and hear on campus. The idea of parents' opinions influencing those decisions, and Tewhey interpreting and enforcing them, is extremely offensive.

Some speech is hurtful and offensive, but all speech must be protected, not only neutral, bland or "politically correct" speech. If our parents, or the administration, or senators such as Jesse Helms, are given the power to decide what is "bad," they will not reach the same conclusions as Soley or myself. In a free society, and especially on a college campus, the only answer is to stop all censorship, and to allow all ideas to be expressed. We are all mature enough to decide for ourselves which ideas we wish to view, to hold, to express or to challenge.

Safe sex is an important issue. I hope that anyone who wishes to will be allowed to see this film, and any other film that they desire, on this campus. I would be glad to help Soley preserve and express her First Amendment rights in any way possible.

Adam Dershowitz G



Natural law has no place in Court

US Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas' praise for the implicit use of natural law in judicial decisions gives legal standing to Catholic theological complaints about "unnatural" sex. Using the pretext of natural law, the Catholic hierarchy opposes birth control, sex-hygiene items such as condoms, sex education in schools, abortion, masturbation and homosexuality. Their real motive is to make people suffer for having sex.

They still believe virginity is best and that all sexual intercourse, even within marriage, is somehow impure and regrettable.

Yet celibacy practiced by the Catholic hierarchy is just as unnatural as birth control.

In Asia 2400 years ago, the Chinese philosopher Lao-Tse objected to roads, carriages and boats as unnatural. Clothes are contrary to nature, yet make man healthier than the naked savage who goes without clothing.

Today we support the idea of inherent human rights, but these are quite different from natural law.

Let's not return to the Dark Ages under the rubric of natural law.

Jim Senyszyn





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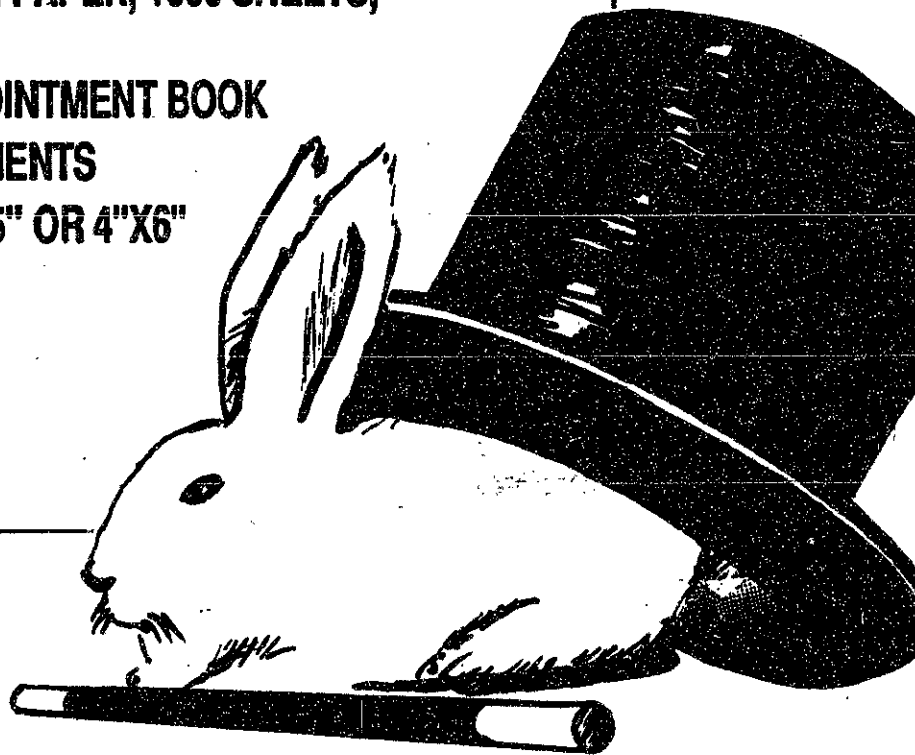
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The Fisher King's clumsy fantasy plot falls flat

THE FISHER KING
Written by Richard LaGravenese,
Directed by Terry Gilliam
Starring Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams

BY CHRIS ROBERGE

ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF A good fantasy is a sense of wonder and awe. If a story can convey this attitude to the audience, then its humor and excitement will become even more involving. If, as in Terry Gilliam's new film, *The Fisher King*, the fantasy element falls flat, it threatens to drag the entire film down with it.

The Fisher King opens with Jack Lucas, New York City's most popular shock DJ (adequately played by Jeff Bridges), engaging in verbal battles with the callers of his hit radio talk show. Jack strikes down any hint of optimism with his lethal cynicism. Sitting comfortably in his cold and sterile glass-enclosed apartment, Jack rehearses lines for a proposed sitcom based loosely on his glumorous life. One line that he takes considerable pride in mastering is a wickedly sarcastic, "Well, forgive me!"

a not-so-subtle foreshadowing of the redemption that Jack will soon seek. Moments later, he learns that his arrogant attitude towards life has triggered a tragedy that will whisk him away from his fame. Three years later, Jack is working in a sleazy video store run by his new girlfriend, Anne Napolitano, played by the very competent Mercedes Ruehl. His daily ritual reduced to getting drunk and watching a TV show that he was originally going to star in, Jack decides to end his miserable life. He is saved, though, by a group of the homeless led by Parry (Robin Williams). Parry is a former professor of medieval history, who died in a tragedy linked to Jack's past, has assumed a different personality. Parry now regularly talks to whom he calls "hundreds" of the cutest floating fat guys you ever saw."

From this point on, the plot remains fairly entertaining, thanks mainly to Williams' hilarious (if not deep) portrayal of Parry, but begins to wallow in predictable



Robin Williams (left) and Jeff Bridges star in *The Fisher King*.

Brazil and *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* — each dealt with how imagination and fantasy could provide escape from realities bogged down by compassionless logic. In those films, however, Gilliam filled the screen with dazzling images in which the estranged heroes could recognize both their fears and their refuges. *The Fisher King* seems to use Parry's imaginations of the Grail and his hallucinations of a Red Knight as a clumsy, and often unnecessary, means of paralleling the story with a medieval quest. Only one scene in the movie, where as Parry sees Lydia the rush hour commuters in Grand Central Station stop pushing and shoving each other and begin to waltz, manages to give Parry's mind and spontaneous insight into *The Fisher King* is far from being a disaster. Most of the movie is genuinely funny, and the 2 1/2-hour running time goes by rather quickly. But the simplicity and conventionality of the plot eventually undermine all of the film's attributes, ultimately resulting in a disappointment. Audiences would be better off seeing *Dead Again* for more entertainment, the amazing Barton Fink for more intelligence and even *Brazil* if they want to see Terry Gilliam's good version of *The Fisher King*.

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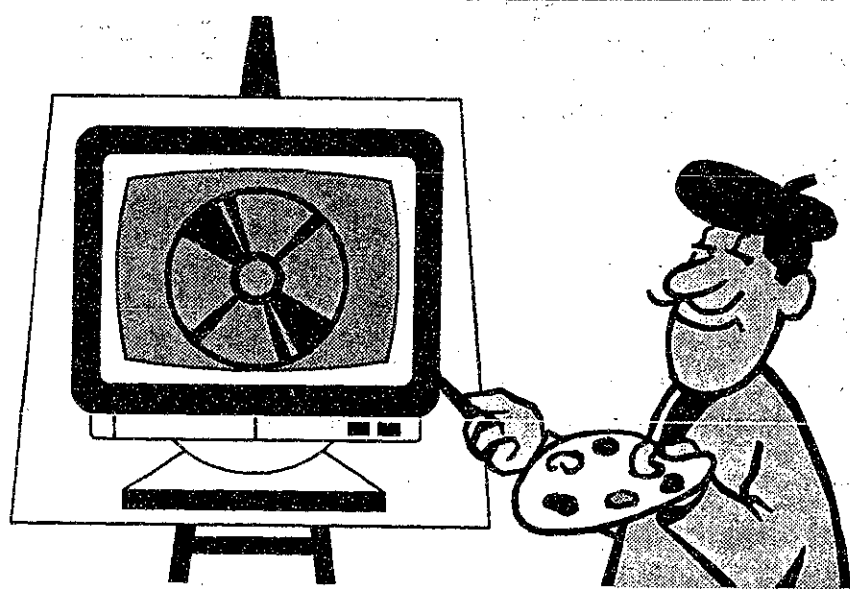
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Delaying rush would create problems, Dorow says

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freshmen arrive on campus relatively free of biases, making it easier for them to go look at living groups by themselves. Once they develop cliques, it becomes harder for them to find a place to live by themselves, she added.

Mary A. Frey '95, who is living in Next House this term but plans to move to pika next term, agreed that students would form biases if they waited to rush. "If you had a whole year, you could develop stereotypes. . . . [although] first impressions can also be deceiving," she explained.

Simpson predicted that there would be other problems involved, as well. "We have a dry rush policy. . . . If you delayed rush, and moved it to the end of freshman year, it would cause a lot of problems."

McCandless also worried about a full term of rushing. "It would basically extend rush through the whole first term [which] would be a nightmare," he said. We would end up "wasting a lot of time, worrying about which freshmen we would get."

Dorow said that it was impossible to measure the relative success of the current residence se-

lection against the proposed system. The current system, for which figures are available, has only a five percent attrition rate from rushing freshmen, he said.

He was also skeptical of the notion that freshmen would make better decisions if rush were not so short and hectic. "What would constitute a better decision? Pledging a better fraternity, or a different fraternity?" he said.

"Generally speaking, freshmen rush and pledge one fraternity. If we said, 'what if we gave you a couple more days — would you pledge another one?' that

wouldn't prove anything," he said.

Katherine Sun '95, who lives at the Women's Independent Living Group, thought the proposal was "not a bad idea," and would let freshmen "get to know each other better."

But she admitted that fewer freshmen would rush ILGs if they had already lived in dormitories for some time. "If I had been happy in the dorm, I don't see why I would want to move out of them," she said.

Dorow said that the FHC proposals were good, but unrealistic given MIT's current situation. "If we were going to start a big school, and we were going to start it with fraternities and off-campus living groups, we probably would say, 'let's have the freshmen on campus for a year to adjust.' . . . Moving from that

model to where MIT is now is very difficult," he said.

Simpson criticized the small number of students the FHC interviewed when preparing the report. They "interviewed 19 students out of 4000. . . . I read the report and I saw what they had cited as their sources, and I didn't think the report was very substantiated."

Dorow felt that it was time to do something with the proposal, and said that the report could not wait any longer. "There were a lot of people who put a lot of time into that committee, and they made some recommendations, and someone needs to tell them 'Thank you' — 'Thanks, but no thanks,' or 'Thank you, we're going to accept your recommendations.' One way or the other, we should not just leave it sitting on a shelf," he said.

Rape skit gets mixed reviews

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topic and the popularity of last weeks showing.

Administrators were pleased by discussion

One administrator thought that the discussion was "more sophisticated" and "thoughtful" than the other night. Others said they got the impression that there were fewer questions asked but that students left with a better idea of what it means when a woman says "no." They were happy that this discussion has started people thinking about the meaning of rape.

Advisor to Fraternities and Living Groups Neil H. Dorow, who attended the presentation, said that fraternity members need to be educated about the fact that rape happens in fraternities. He added that fraternity members must also become aware of the attitudes that exist toward fraternity rape.

The Residence/Orientation

Week committee and the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs made the decision to repeat the monologue for the third time next Wednesday, said Associate Dean for Student Affairs Travis R. Merritt. "This is probably going to be the last fling of it for a while. We had a pretty full house [on Wednesday] — not as many as the time before, but it was pretty good," he said.

Merritt said he "would like to turn this into a regular event," and would like to see new talent from the campus and a diversity of topics and points of view.

But the event still "needs funding and approval from higher in the administration," he added. He hoped that it would be the first in a series, as the advertisements stated.

Administrators differed in their stories over how the idea for the script originated. One administrator said Weinstein had approached the administration with the script and asked if something could be done with it.

Merritt said it was "suggested

to [the ODSA] by the administration that [the ODSA] do something on awareness of date or acquaintance rape" during R/O Week. They then contacted Weinstein, talked about different possibilities and formed the script.

Weinstein, who has written several plays for Dramashop, said he talked to Moya L. Verzhbinsky, formerly of the UASO, and expressed an interest in being on the R/O skit committee. The administration asked him to write a play and gave him a list of topics including the freshman book-reading, academics and campus rape. He wrote the script and then took it to the administration.

The monologue was originally planned to be run during R/O week, but Weinstein said that the "administration was weary [about the script] and we weren't ready yet." Weinstein said the script was "funny but the discussion on the first night fell through. I wish we had done it before rush, since it was oriented towards the freshmen."

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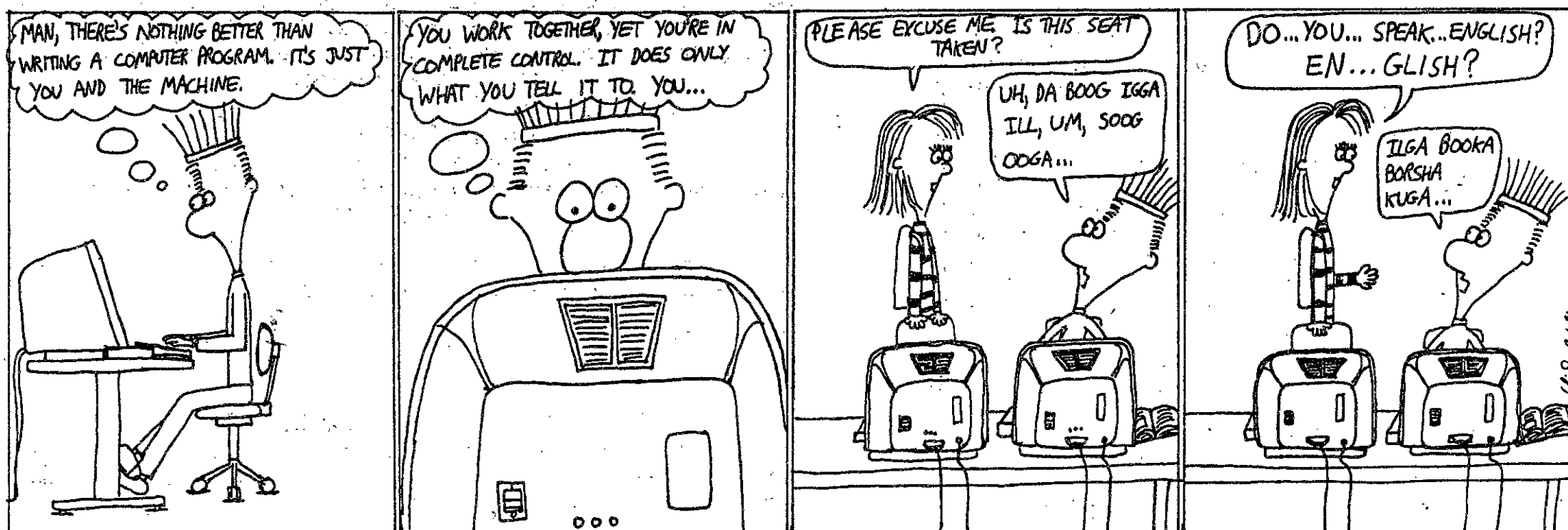
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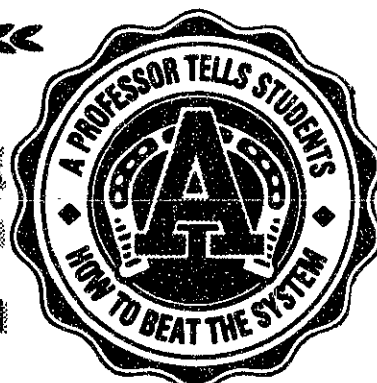
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By Mike Purucker

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MIT needed a miraculous but not unprecedented comeback to defeat Babson 6-5 in the Beavers' thrilling tournament opener. Trailing 5-1 in the seventh inning, and faced with their last at bat, MIT scored four times to force extra innings. Jonathan D. Gass '94 began the rally with a walk. Immediately after, pinch-hitters Brian C. Starzec '95 and Garvin H. Davis '93 singled, loading the bases with one out.

Babson nearly took the game

on the next play, but Michael C. Purucker '92 avoided hitting into a double play, narrowly beating the relay to first, and scoring Gass on the out. A walk to Brian J. Christensen '94 reloaded the bases and necessitated a change of pitchers. But to no avail — the new Babson pitcher promptly walked in Starzec by issuing four straight balls to John L. Mueller '94.

Ian W. Somerville '93 completed the rally by singling to the left on a 3-1 pitch, driving in Purucker and Christensen, whose slide to evade the Babson catcher's tag evened the score at 5-5.

Starting pitcher Peter J. Hinteregger '93 had gone eight solid innings, and was relieved by Robert F. Lepard '95. Lepard picked up the victory after blowing away the heart of Babson's order in the top of the ninth inning.

MIT wasted no time scoring in the bottom of the ninth. Purucker drew a leadoff walk, then advanced to third on consecutive bunt singles by Christensen and Mueller. With one out, Daniel G. Sabanosh '94 hit a fly ball to center field that was just deep enough to score Purucker, whose uncharacteristically poor baserunning necessitated a lunging dive around the ever-frustrated Babson catcher's tag.

In the tournament semifinals, MIT rode the right arm of Eric J. Hopkins '92 and a solid team offense to a 5-3 victory over Brandeis University. This time, no comeback was necessary, as the Beavers took a 2-1 lead in the first inning and never looked back. Hopkins needed just 89 pitches to stymie the Brandeis batsmen.

Mike Purucker '92 is a member of the men's baseball team.

Cross country places fourth

By Pete Ronco and Dev Sinha

Precisely one year ago, the men's cross-country team ran the Southeastern Massachusetts University Invitational and placed in the bottom half. Things have changed. The MIT team this past Saturday placed fourth in the event — now renamed the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth Invitational — a mere four points behind the third place host school. More than 15 teams participated.

The key to this turnaround, besides an increase in the size of the team, is mileage. Last year at this point in the season, even though the best runners were doing over 70 miles a week, the team was averaging only 45 miles per week. This past week, the

team averaged 65 miles, with the top runners over 80 miles.

Jerry E. Pratt '94, who received honors for placing in the top 15 finishers, led the team for the second week in a row. Another strong performance was turned in by David T. Moyle '94, who ran the first mile in a blazing 4 minutes 57 seconds. John H. Noland '95 continued to improve his place on the team moving from seventh man last week to varsity's fourth man this week.

The overall fourth man was captain Peter J. Ronco '92, who was running near the front of the junior varsity race. Other outstanding performances were turned in by Eric G. Olson '95, Elliot J. Mason III '94, Rajesh Suryadevara '94 and Giang V. Lam '94. This group keyed the

JV team's second place finish.

The team was using this meet to gauge its place in New England and was pleased to finish near the top. There is much work to be done, though, as there is only one team from New England going to the Division III National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships, and pre-season favorite Brandeis University finished a strong first.

Coach Halston W. Taylor predicted, "Brandeis isn't going to get any better. We're young and each man should improve a minute, so we'll see what happens."

The team runs against Tufts University, the University of New Hampshire and Bates College at Tufts next week. Tufts, a perennial rival, did not finish very far behind at the UMass/Dartmouth Invitational and will be looking for revenge.

Peter Ronco '92 and Dev Sinha '93 are members of the men's cross country team.

Men's golf team stays unbeaten

By Frank C. Popp

The men's varsity golf team continued their unbeaten streak Tuesday by obliterating Worcester State College and Assumption College. The Beavers fired a 405, well ahead of Worcester State's 443 and Assumption's 450.

The match was highlighted by a great play from Michael A. Leabman '95 and Michele G. Lombardi '95. Coach Jack Barry was elated. "The makes me very happy because it proves we have depth. A couple of our veterans had off days, but our freshmen were there to pick up the slack," he said.

Leabman shared medalist honors with Erik S. Norton '92, both

carding 80's. Lombardi was close behind with an 81. Heath J. Hawker '94 and team captain Wataru Yamaguchi '92 rounded out the scoring for MIT by shooting 81 and 83 respectively.

The Beavers picked up most of their strokes on the back nine, with Norton firing a staggering

even par 36, and Lombardi and Leabman each shooting a two over par 38.

The two wins, along with the lashings of Merrimack and WPI Sunday, raise the Beavers overall record to 16 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie.

Frank C. Popp '94 is a member of the golf team.

Pro Baseball Roundup

By Nick Levitt and The Associated Press

The Red Sox continued to bide their time for a comeback as they split a double-header with Baltimore yesterday, 2-1, 5-6. Toronto had the day off after their exhausting road trip out West. Meanwhile, the Brewers beat the Yanks 6-2. In National League action, Cincinnati obliterated the Braves 8-0, while Pittsburgh finally topped the Mets after fifteen innings of play, in the first game of a double-header.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Toronto	85	68	.556	—	W 2
Boston	82	70	.539	2½	L 1
Detroit	78	74	.513	6½	W 1
Milwaukee	74	77	.490	10	W 1
New York	65	87	.428	19½	L 1
Baltimore	64	88	.421	20½	W 1
Cleveland	52	99	.344	32	L 1

WEST					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Minnesota	91	61	.599	—	L 1
Chicago	83	69	.546	8	W 1
Texas	80	71	.530	10½	W 3
Oakland	80	72	.526	11	W 1
*Kansas City	77	75	.507	14	L 1
*California	76	76	.500	15	L 2
Seattle	76	76	.500	15	L 4

*Late game not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
*Pittsburgh	93	59	.612	—	W 4
St. Louis	79	74	.516	14½	L 1
Philadelphia	73	80	.477	20½	W 2
*New York	72	79	.477	20½	L 3
Chicago	72	79	.477	20½	L 2
Montreal	68	84	.447	25	W 1

WEST					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Los Angeles	88	65	.575	—	L 1
*Atlanta	86	67	.562	2½	L 2
San Diego	78	75	.510	10½	W 1
*Cincinnati	73	80	.477	15½	W 2
San Francisco	71	82	.464	17½	W 2
Houston	62	91	.405	26½	L 2

*Late game not included

Upcoming Home Events

Friday, Sept. 27

3:30 Baseball v. Bentley

Saturday, Sept. 28

12:00 Baseball v. Merrimack

1:00 Field Hockey v. Clark

1:00 Women's Tennis v. Mount Holyoke

Sunday, Sept. 29

9:30 Sailing Laser Invitational

12:00 Baseball v. UMass-Boston

Engineer teams score; soccer loses

By Nick Levitt

Yesterday in field hockey action, MIT destroyed Wellesley College by a score 5-0. Both the scheduled golf tournament and the women's soccer game were postponed due to bad weather.

Last Tuesday, the golf team continued its incredible winning streak, scoring 411 against Worcester State College (443) and Assumption College (450). Meanwhile, the men's soccer lost a close game to Babson College (1-0), the women's tennis team was outmatched by the Wellesley squad (6-3) and our women's volleyball team was downed by

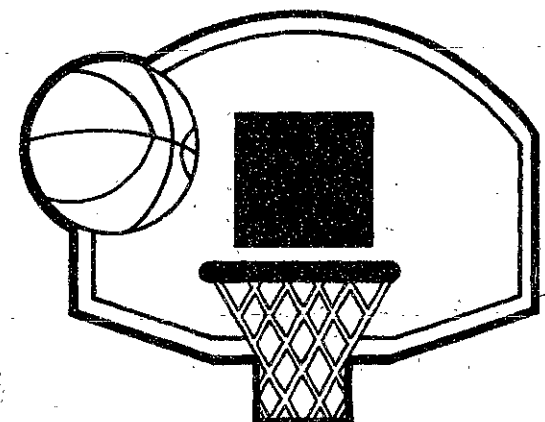
Mount Holyoke College (3-1).

The MIT women's soccer team, previously undefeated, were finally toppled by a very talented team from Smith College. They played solidly throughout the first half, keeping Smith to one goal and began the second half with much intensity, playing a thrilling game.

But eventually MIT's difficulty in clearing the ball from their zone led to their quick demise. Smith scored three goals in a space of six minutes, and the Engineers were shut out, 4-0.

MIT women's sailor Paula Lewin '93, from Bermuda, placed third in the New England Single-handed Championship held last Sunday on the Charles River.

The MIT men's tennis team, which sports a national ranking of 11th in the nation in Division III, also had a good weekend, knocking off the State University of New York at Binghamton 7-2. Binghamton was ranked 13th nationally at the time of the match. The victory runs the team's record to 2-1 in the fall with the lone loss to Division I Boston College.



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