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Four pumpkins were chosen as winners at Next House's pumpkin carving contest on Tuesday. Among the winners was Stella B. Sze '94, who carved the pumpkin carriage pictured above. A second pumpkin has the word "Halloween" carved in it.

## Vest appoints new group to study ROTC gay policy

By Janice M. Yoo

President Charles M. Vest has appointed a committee to investigate the policy that prohibits homosexuals from participating in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

The committee was formed in response to a faculty motion passed last fall which said that "inadequate progress toward eliminating the [Defense Department's] policy on sexual orientation will result in . . . making ROTC unavailable to students beginning with the class entering in 1998." The administration has not made any final decision on the fate of ROTC, however.

Members of the committee, which is chaired by Provost Mark S. Wrighton, include Sarah Eusden, assistant for government and community relations, Kenneth R. Manning, professor of the history of science, J. Kim Vandiver, chair of the faculty, J. J. Pitts, director of the Office of Minority Education and Stephen D. Immerman, director of special services for the office of the senior vice president.

Eusden said one of the committee's tentative plans is to track the history of homosexuals in the US military. The committee also plans to look at the possibility of

cooperation with other college faculties, administrations and corporations, she added.

The committee will meet for the first time on Monday, Nov. 4.

### Policy has come under attack

Vest said, "I am hopeful that as universities across the country work harder to effect this change, as public opinion continues to move toward favoring such changes and as studies continue to confirm that there is no basis for this discrimination, there will be a change in DOD policy."

Johanna L. Hardy '93, a member of GAMIT, is very supportive of the committee. She expressed

concern, though, that the administration would be reluctant to take any action against ROTC because of the financial benefits the Institute and students receive from the program. She called MIT a "haven for this discrimination" because both Harvard University and Tufts University allow their students to take part in the ROTC program at MIT, despite having removed the problem from their campuses.

"I literally almost cry when I walk past the Air Force barracks on the way to class, because it had always been my dream to be a pilot in the Air Force," Hardy said.

## Survey results in insurance changes

By Lakshmana Rao

MIT students will have only one health insurance option available to them during an open enrollment period to be held in November, the MIT benefits office has announced.

About 6500 of the 9800 students enrolled this semester are covered by an insurance program underwritten by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, according to Linda L. Rounds, executive director of the medical department. Other students are covered by their parents' insurance plans, she added.

The plan has no dollar limit on payable benefits for each illness or accident and full coverage for emergency room and surgical services, but no coverage for outpatient physician or dental and optometric services.

Joining the Blue Cross plan costs each student \$588 per year, \$138 more than the Massachusetts minimum health coverage plan and \$4 less than Harvard University students pay for health insurance. "The MIT health plan is geared to protect against the eventuality of big dollar expenses. This makes the MIT health plan better than the minimum health coverage mandated by Massachusetts law, even though the costs are slightly higher," Rounds explained.

A health services survey conducted last fall found that students, especially those who do cooperative research and field work, want insurance coverage for treatment performed outside MIT. The survey, conducted by the Graduate Student Council and the Undergraduate Association in conjunction with the Medical Department, was distributed to students on Registration Day last fall. The survey's results were released in a report last November.

Rounds said that the inclusion of an out-of-state coverage option in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield health plan would require students to pay \$1800 per year. "Health insurance costs for students are especially high because students have to pay the full cost. The faculty and staff of MIT have wider options in health insurance coverage because the Institute subsidizes about 70 percent of their health insurance," she added.

Christopher M. Gittins, chairman of the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Committee, said, "We hope to work with the Medical Department to generate more insurance options for MIT students by the end of this academic year."

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## Alumni feel Athena accounts deactivated without warning

By Eva Moy

The last half of about 3200 Athena accounts, including a few belonging to current students, were deactivated this week, according to Carla J. Fermann '86, a consultant in Information Systems Computing Support Services. All students who are not currently registered according to the Registrar's office were deactivated, she said.

Several students expressed concern that the information in their accounts was lost. However, Fermann explained that the accounts have not been deleted and the information can still be accessed.

Most of the deactivated accounts belonged to last year's seniors and graduate students, Fer-

mann said. Accounts not already deactivated are usually cleaned up after add date of the next fall, she said.

A small number of current students' accounts were also accidentally deactivated, Fermann said. These include students who have changed their names or identification numbers and graduate students working on theses but not taking classes, said Marc H. Horowitz '92, vice chairman of the Student Information Processing Board.

### Students notified of deactivation

Fermann said students were notified of changes in account eligibility requirements in *Tech*

*Talk* last year. The message of the day, displayed to all users when they log in, also told people why and how to back up files, clean up accounts and remove one's self from mailing lists in preparation for losing an account, she said.

"We don't yet have a way to notify individuals," Fermann said, citing the large volume of electronic mail that would have to be sent.

Horowitz thought that IS "should have sent mail," stating that it would not be a problem to send that much mail over a system that can handle 100,000 messages per week. He thought some of the current trouble could have

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## New fire alarm system to begin testing soon

By George Ipe

In a move to increase safety and modernize existing systems, new fire alarms are being installed in the Infinite Corridor and some adjacent buildings, according to Safety Officer Jerry Diaz. An outside contractor began work on the system upgrade in February, and a three-part testing phase will begin later this month.

The alarm systems being replaced were designed to comply with fire codes that were written when the buildings were built, "20, 30, 40 years ago," Diaz said. "But codes change as years pass; when new technologies come by, what was acceptable 30 or 40 years ago is not acceptable today," he said.

Though encouraged by the

Cambridge Fire Company and the present state fire codes, "the alarm system upgrade is something that MIT has chosen to do voluntarily," Diaz said.

The old system was installed without fire alarms so that students would not be disturbed by false alarms. "So the old system didn't have any bells, or whistles, or horns. What they had was a 'pull station' where the alarm could be manually triggered, and a signal would be immediately sent to the fire department. Night watchmen and campus police were also on the lookout for possible fires," Diaz said.

### System is state-of-the-art

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## Massacre rumors scare students

By Eva Moy

A rumor that a massacre would take place in the South House of MacGregor was the intended source of a rumor that a massacre would take place in the South House of MacGregor.

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# Survey changes insurance

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Mark A. Goldstein, chief of pediatrics and student health services, said "We have made some short term changes" based on the survey results, "and will continue to work on other long term changes."

A summary of the survey's results said that "statistics show that a majority of students were satisfied with the services they

used. However, the statistical satisfaction does not seem to correlate with the comments made by students."

The survey categorized student responses into different areas such as insurance claims, comments about specific doctors, hours of service, waiting time for appointments and attitudes of staff and doctors. The survey report was submitted to the Medi-

cal Department last fall for consideration of further action.

"The department made arrangements for post-doctoral MD students from the Institute of Adolescent and Young Adults to see students in the medical clinic for four afternoons per week. We now have more young women [from the IAYA] providing these services, which will help to reduce the physician waiting time for students," he added.

# Massacre rumors spook students

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he said.

MacGregor House President Jay M. Goodliffe '92 said that only a few people knew about the rumor, and that those who did know were not taking it seriously. "We're not awaiting any ax mur-

derers," Goodliffe said.

MIT's concern focused on the reaction to these predictions rather than the possibility of their fulfillment. "There is, however, a possibility that the prophecy's exposure in the media will encourage someone to play on this fear

to ruin other peoples' Halloween," wrote Eliot S. Levitt, staff assistant for residence programs, in a memorandum sent to house-masters and graduate tutors.

Levitt said that the only thing to do is to "keep your eyes open," and that it would be "far more helpful to be watchful than to be an alarmist."

# New fire alarm system put in Infinite Corridor

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the-art, replacing the old electro-mechanical alarms with solid-state electronics. The new fire alarm will augment the pull stations with flashing strobe lights, which will aid the hearing-impaired. In addition, a 'whooper' siren, preferred by modern fire codes, will be installed," he said.

Another feature of the system is an emergency microphone that will allow firemen to give instructions directly through a speaker system.

Installation in Buildings 2, 4, 6 and 8 is nearing completion, and initial tests will begin by the middle of November. The three phases of final inspection include a contractor test and an MIT acceptance test, both mandated by law, and a joint fire alarm drill conducted by the fire station, MIT and the contractor.

Diaz said there have been no major fires on campus since the arson incident at Burton-Conner House last year. He added, "This

modernization program is in its first phase; future plans call for these alarms to be installed in other buildings as well. The new systems will be a great improvement over what we had before."

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## Errata

Because of an editing error, an article in Tuesday's issue ["Annual Halloween concert cancelled"] incorrectly identified the concert's sponsor. The event is put on by the Concert Band.

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A story by The Associated Press in Tuesday's News Roundup erred in identifying Gov. Bruce Sundlun. He is governor of Rhode Island.

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# news roundup

from the associated press wire

## World

### Mideast peace talks get off to shaky start

The Arabs and Israelis agree on one thing — they are not happy with what they are hearing at the Middle East peace conference. After listening to four Arab delegates demand that Israel make concessions regarding the territory it occupies, Israel lashed out. Israel's deputy foreign minister said the Arab speeches were "full of slander" and called for the effective dismantling of his country.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir also renewed Israel's call for a home-and-away arrangement of visiting each other's capitals in future bilateral talks between Israel and its adversaries.

On the other side, one of the leading Palestinians at the talks is not at all pleased with Shamir's pitch. Shamir said that focusing on the yielding of territory would create an impasse. The Palestinian delegate said she is angry and that Israel has not budged one inch, literally or figuratively.

The foreign ministers of Lebanon and Syria each called for Israel to get out of southern Lebanon, and the Lebanese minister said Israel's self-declared "security zone" will be the main focus of their bilateral talks.

## Nation

### Bush, Congress discuss economy

Now that he has killed two Democratic plans to help the long-term unemployed, President George Bush is talking about what he will accept. Bush told a small business group that he still supports a proposal offered by Senate Republican leader Bob Dole. Bush has told GOP congressional leaders that any Democratic plan must come with money allotted to pay for it. One such plan would raise money for the jobless by limiting the ability of well-to-do Americans to put off full payment of their income taxes.

Bush said he refused to accept any jobless bill that would bust the budget agreement with Congress. But Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp said America's economic troubles and the fall of Soviet communism are good reasons to take a new look at the pact.

### Labor Department defends ruling in fatal fertilizer plant explosion

The Labor Department is defending its decision to impose a \$10 million fine on a Louisiana plant where an explosion killed eight workers. The May 1 blast killed 120 people at a plant in Sterlington, La.

The Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union said the settlement is a "sweetheart" deal that allows the Angus Chemical Company fertilizer plant to pay money rather than face charges of wrongdoing. In a statement, the union's president said the settlement is a "scandalous, sleazy maneuver." But Labor Secretary Lynn Martin said the settlement forces the company to do something immediately to improve safety standards.

The union contended that if Angus pays the hefty fine, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will not charge it with "serious" or "willful" safety violations. That makes it more difficult for survivors to win civil suits against plant operators.

### House to vote on banking

The House of Representatives is gearing up for a vote on a banking overhaul bill that one Republican lawmaker said is a formula for disaster. California Congressman Al McCandless said the Democratic plan is a mere shadow of what the White House proposed. As lawmakers work toward next week's vote, they have nixed a Bush administration plan to allow commercial companies like Ford to own banks.

### Rockwell charged with cheating NASA

Rockwell International and two employees are being charged with cheating NASA. A US attorney said Rockwell, a present employee and a former employee are charged with inflating the amount of time worked on NASA projects. A 15-count federal indictment said the former employee had told other employees things like "soak the shuttle" or "hose NASA."

### 168 fires break out in Camden, NJ

Camden, NJ, officials reported that at least 168 fires broke out Wednesday night, known locally as Mischief Night. Fire officials said 50 to 60 buildings were damaged in the annual outbreak of arson and violence. Police said they arrested 65 people on charges ranging from curfew violations to theft.

Officials said in several cases people threw rocks and bottles at fire fighters, forcing them to abandon some small fires.

## Local

### Holland residents vote on recall

Residents of Holland voted yesterday on whether to recall two of the town's three selectman. The recall drive was sparked by the indictment of the former town tax collector on embezzlement charges.

Selectman Fred Henke and Charles Thompson could be recalled and still hold onto their offices, because both are candidates to succeed themselves on the two-part ballot.

Former tax collector Elizabeth Rozema pleaded innocent and is scheduled for trial on charges of stealing \$40 thousand in tax collections between 1985 and 1990. Rozema resigned in May 1990 after nine years as tax collector. She was facing allegations of mismanagement in her office.

Angry residents obtained the recall vote — accusing Henke and Thompson of ignoring warnings from auditors and others about problems in the tax collector's office.

## Weather

### A brief respite, then more rain

The recent windy, rainy weather has been due to a strong low pressure cell that has been sitting off the coast for the past two days. It will finally leave us Saturday, giving us a brief respite, but following that, the next storm system will come through, giving us unsettled weather for Saturday night.

**Friday:** Light rain early, ending by afternoon. Northeast winds 15-20 mph (24-32 kph), tapering off to 5-10 mph (8-16 kph) by evening. High 53° F (12° C).

**Friday night:** Overcast. Light winds from the south. Low 48° F (9° C).

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy and warmer. Light rain starting late afternoon. High 62° F (17° C).

**Saturday night:** Light rain. Low 45° F (8° C).

**Sunday:** Light rain ending in the afternoon and cooler. High 55° F (13° C).

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## EDITORIAL

### Safe-sex video should be shown

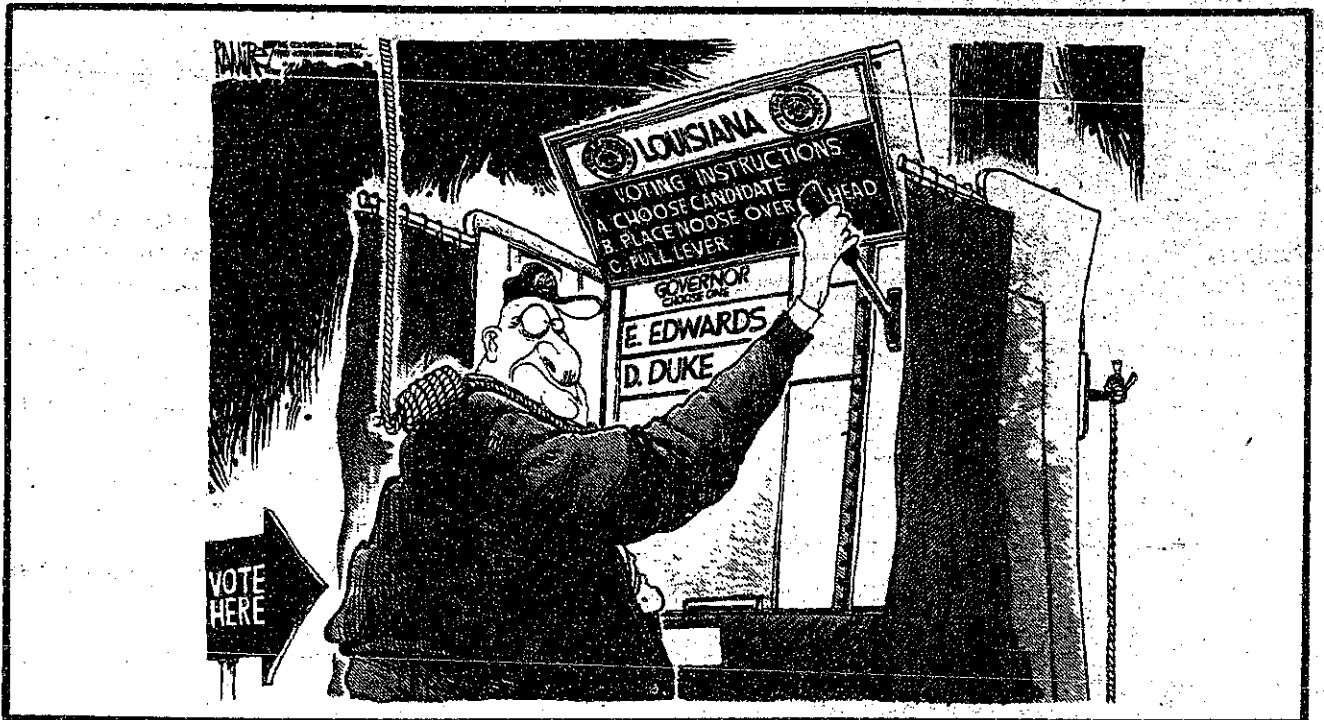
When Aaron T. Curtis PhD '91 and Jill B. Soley '92 produced *Truth or Consequences: Safer Sex at MIT*, they knew the video would be controversial. Telling students to use condoms and other birth-control devices was not a new idea, but using live models to demonstrate their use certainly was.

It is safe to assume that the video's explicit nature is the reason why the administration has not shown it in dormitories. Except for a few individual housemasters and graduate resident tutors, there has been no effort on the part of anyone but Soley to let students see something that could potentially save their lives. True, some students might be offended if they were to see the video, but the same could be said for the "How to Give a Woman an Orgasm" presentations, which discussed similar topics. Every student should be given a chance to learn from the video, and it is the administration's duty to see that this happens.

*Truth or Consequences* is not flawless: It assumes the viewer knows about AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases, and mentions birth control almost tangentially, listing the options without going into great depth. The video also fails to explain just why an oil-based lubricant could cause problems when using latex condoms.

Although the video was produced to be an introduction rather than a documentary, it would have helped to add some information on these topics. The discussions that followed the video's two screenings in 6-120 balanced this problem somewhat, but it would be preferable to see this information included in the video itself.

Soley and Curtis' video has the potential to save lives, but students must see it to benefit from it. The administration would be doing everyone a favor if they were to sponsor showing the video in living groups; by not showing it, they are doing the MIT community a grave injustice.



## Peace and sandal repair

Column by Reuven M. Lerner

Last semester, while studying at the Technion in Haifa, Israel, I needed to get my sandals fixed. After a local shoemaker quoted me what I considered a reasonable price, I gave him my sandals. He handed me a ticket with which I could claim them the next day and I went on my merry way, sure that I had gotten a great deal.

Just how naive I had become became apparent the next day, when I collected my sandals, paid my money and sat down to try on my newly-refurbished footwear. A man entered the store and asked the shoemaker how much it would be to repair his sandals. The shoemaker offered him the same price that I had paid.

Without batting an eyelash, the customer told him the price was too high, and offered to pay half of that. The man and the shoemaker bickered for a few minutes, but in the end each got what he wanted: the shoemaker made a bit of money, the customer got his sandals repaired and each was confident that he had come out with the better deal.

The Middle East peace negotiations now taking place in Madrid are much like my experience at the shoemaker. In this particular case, there are many pairs of sandals to be fixed, and no one quite agrees on just how many will suffice (or are necessary) for any one participant, but there are similarities nonetheless.

Like my shoemaker and his customer, the participants have opened by asking for more than they can reasonably hope to get. Israel claims that it will not cede any land to the Arabs, but — as we saw in 1979, when Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel in exchange for the Sinai peninsula — fears of insecure borders become less of an issue when countries have signed a peace treaty. Moreover, the Israelis have said they will not stop new Jewish settlements in the territories, ruffling the Arabs' feathers to no end.

Syria, meanwhile, is demanding the immediate and unconditional return of the Golan Heights, knowing full well that the Israelis will need good reason to return any of it. The Palestinians, whose future status will be determined in no small part by this conference, demand that Israel withdraw from the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip, as well as

East Jerusalem, something the Israelis are unlikely to accept. The Lebanese want Israel to withdraw from the security zone in southern Lebanon, but the Israelis have made it clear that they will not pull back until infiltrations across the border stop. The Jordanians have not made any clear demands of the Israelis as of yet, but are standing firm with the rest of the Arab delegates.

Conference commentators, hosts and participants have told us repeatedly that the negotiations will be difficult, and will take time and patience. This is true for any negotiated settlement, but especially so in the Middle East, where screaming at a merchant and walking out of his shop (only to find him chasing you down the street with his "final offer") are part of the game. Yasser Arafat, Hafez al-Asad, King Hussein and Yitzhak Shamir have lived in the region long enough to know the difference between a hard-line position and one from which negotiations can begin; once the negotiations get underway, I would not be surprised if the parties make concessions that would have been considered revolutionary and impressive only a short time ago.

If for no other reason, peace negotiations will continue because the participants are afraid of failure. Arabs and Israelis are tired of fighting, tired of pouring so much money into their defense budgets and tired of forcing their children to fight instead of cooperate with each other. There is tremendous pressure for them to succeed: After so much hype, neither Israeli nor Arab leaders can afford to face their constituencies empty-handed. In addition, President George Bush has made it clear that an end to the 40-year conflict will mean increased American support for both Arabs and Israelis.

Negotiations are never easy, and the Madrid peace conference is no exception. But if my experience at the shoemaker is any guide, the bickering and nay-saying that we have seen until now is all part of the game, one the negotiators already understand and that we will see more of in the months to come.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Medical Department is irresponsible

In the beginning of August, I received a notice from the Medical Department saying that I had to receive some immunizations, including German measles or rubella, in order to comply with a new Massachusetts law. According to a recent article ["Measles shot required by spring," Oct. 29], it appears that only the measles shot is required by law.

This means that the Medical Department unnecessarily required me, as well as many other women, to receive rubella immunizations. It is very important that women be immune to rubella — if a woman becomes infected by the virus three months before or after becoming pregnant, her child will probably have congenital rubella syndrome, a wide variety of extremely severe malformations. However, there is a significant chance that the immunization itself, if administered within three months of conception, will cause these same birth

defects. Some doctors require that sexually active women have a pregnancy test before receiving the shot.

There was no mention of this risk in the letter sent to students. Worse yet, when I went to receive the shots, the nurse did not even ask if I was sexually active, nor did she inform me of the dangers of the disease and its immunization. A married friend of mine, obviously sexually active, went to receive the rubella shot, as per the Medical Department's order. Just before the nurse was about to perform the injection, my friend said, "Wait a minute. I'm sexually active. Should I be getting this?" The nurse replied, "Oh. Well, you weren't planning on getting pregnant, were you?" showed some concern, then gave her the shot.

To assume that all MIT women are sexually inactive or not planning to be pregnant in the near future is extremely ignorant. No

matter what the Massachusetts law may state, the MIT Medical Department should not be administering the rubella immunization to any woman without proper consultation, and sexually active patients should be able to refuse the shot if they do not want to undertake the risks associated with it. Certainly, if a woman already exercising birth control receives the shot and knows that there is a chance that her child may be seriously malformed if she becomes pregnant, she and her partner will want to take extra precautions to make sure that the situation does not occur.

To withhold the risks associated with any drug, procedure or immunization is extremely irresponsible and inexcusable. Under no conditions should this be happening in the MIT Medical Department.

Cora Dancy '93

# opinion

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Recent *Tech* articles display amateur, unprofessional journalism

A recent article ["Coca-Cola replaces Pepsi in Senior House machine," Oct. 8], editorializes repeatedly on the Coke boycott. The article reads "Political correctness was the reason cited for the move," and attributes a dubious, patchwork quotation to Jason A. Schulz '93, "At the time both [Coca-Cola and Pepsi] were

[politically incorrect]. Now the situation [in South Africa] is a little better." The use of an ideological epithet in the former passage makes me suspicious of the accuracy of the latter attribution, particularly since it contains the same epithet.

Similar amateurism occurs in another article. ["Reporters dis-

cuss Gulf War," Oct. 22]. "The panelists blamed the generals for seeking 'revenge' against the press for losing the war in Vietnam." I fail to see why "revenge" needs adornment with quotation marks; furthermore, it is hardly an objective truth that the press lost the Vietnam War, and I think that the insertion of an appropri-

ate "allegedly" into the passage might have preserved the integrity of what is supposed to be a news article, not an opinion piece.

In a somewhat different vein, Jae H. Nam '93's column, ["Harsh new gun control needed," Oct. 22], appropriately lauds gun restrictions, but reveals an incongruous blood lust in its

appeal for capital punishment, and in the means it suggests. Furthermore, it implicitly makes the ridiculous assumption that a person's "right" to hunt or shoot for sport is as morally weighty as the specter of more than 25,000 lives ended by guns each year in this country.

Greg Marks '92

### Article on financial aid policy contains inaccuracies

I'm sorry that the article on the Public Service Center Fellowships ["PSC to offer \$1200 fellowship grants," Oct. 29] contained a fundamental misunderstanding of Student Financial Aid Office policy.

Our treatment of these fellowships is exceptional — but the policy we are setting aside is not the one concerning the use of College Work-Study funds by students working for off-campus

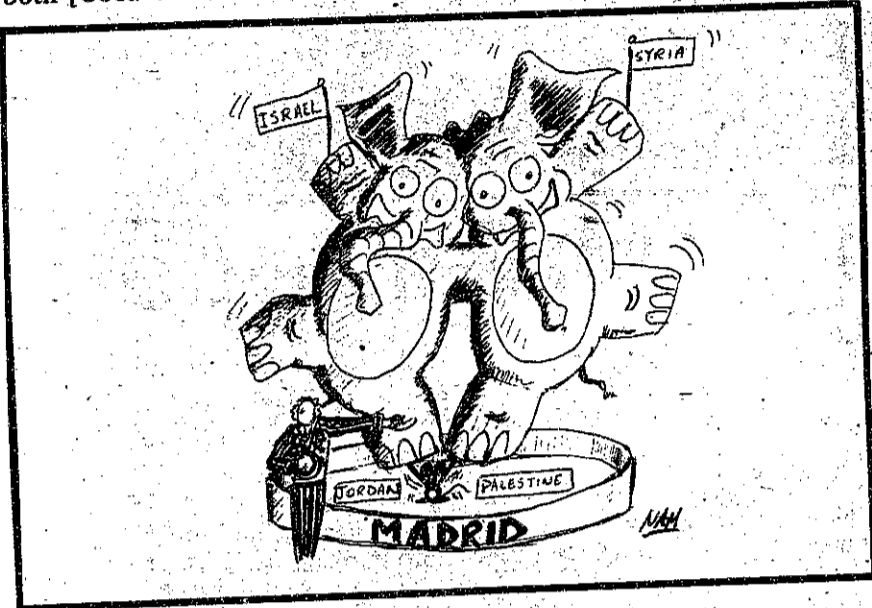
agencies. That policy remains in place and unchanged.

The PSC Fellowships are funded by money available to the PSC from private sources; federal work-study funds are not involved.

The exception that the SFAO approved is that these fellowships will be allowed to represent the work component of a needy student's financial-aid package. This means that the SFAO will not re-

duce its original award of grant and scholarship to the students who receive PSC awards, as is normally the case when grants are received from scholarship agencies outside the Institute. The reason for this exception is that the awardee will indeed be expending a considerable work effort in fulfilling the conditions of participation.

Leonard V. Gallagher '54  
Student Financial Aid Office



### Massachusetts Ave. traffic lights are a great danger to pedestrians

The traffic lights at the crosswalk in front of the main entrance to MIT currently malfunction in a very dangerous way. Sometimes the walk signal displays "WALK" while the traffic light remains green. I first saw this several weeks ago; it happened again last Friday at about 1 pm, and I notified the Campus Police. They said they had al-

ready called the city people in charge, twice. It happened again less than 10 minutes before I wrote this letter. I've noticed people starting to cross when the signal displays "WALK," without checking the lights, assuming that the cars will stop. Although I've not seen any accidents yet, I've seen some close calls.

John Morrison '64

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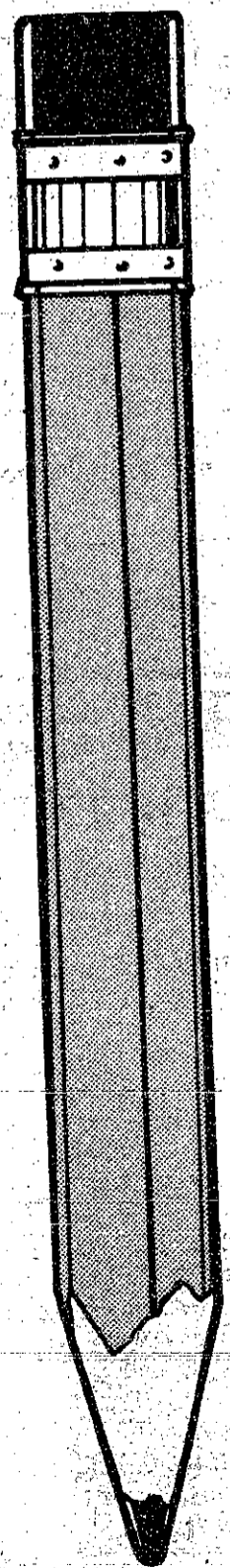
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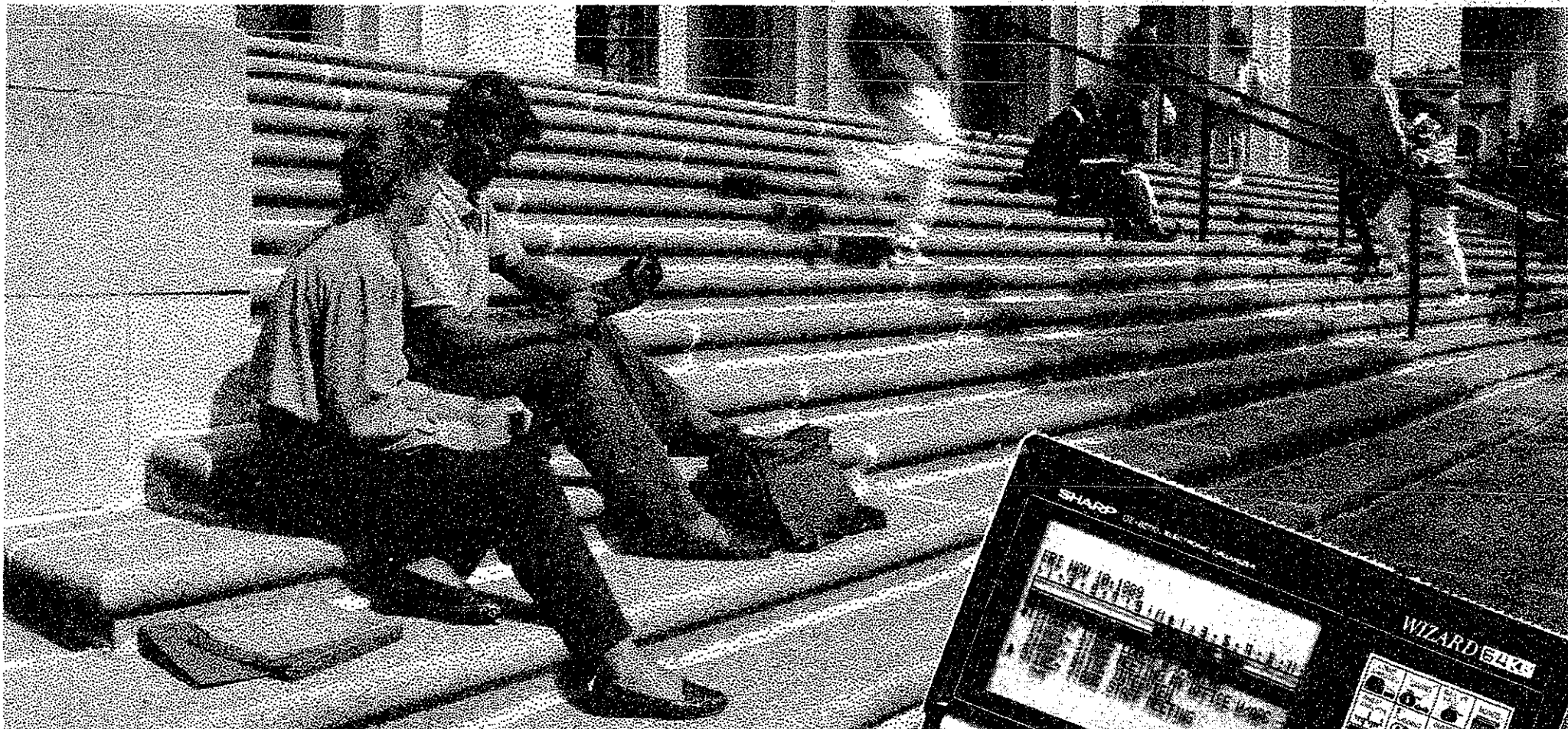
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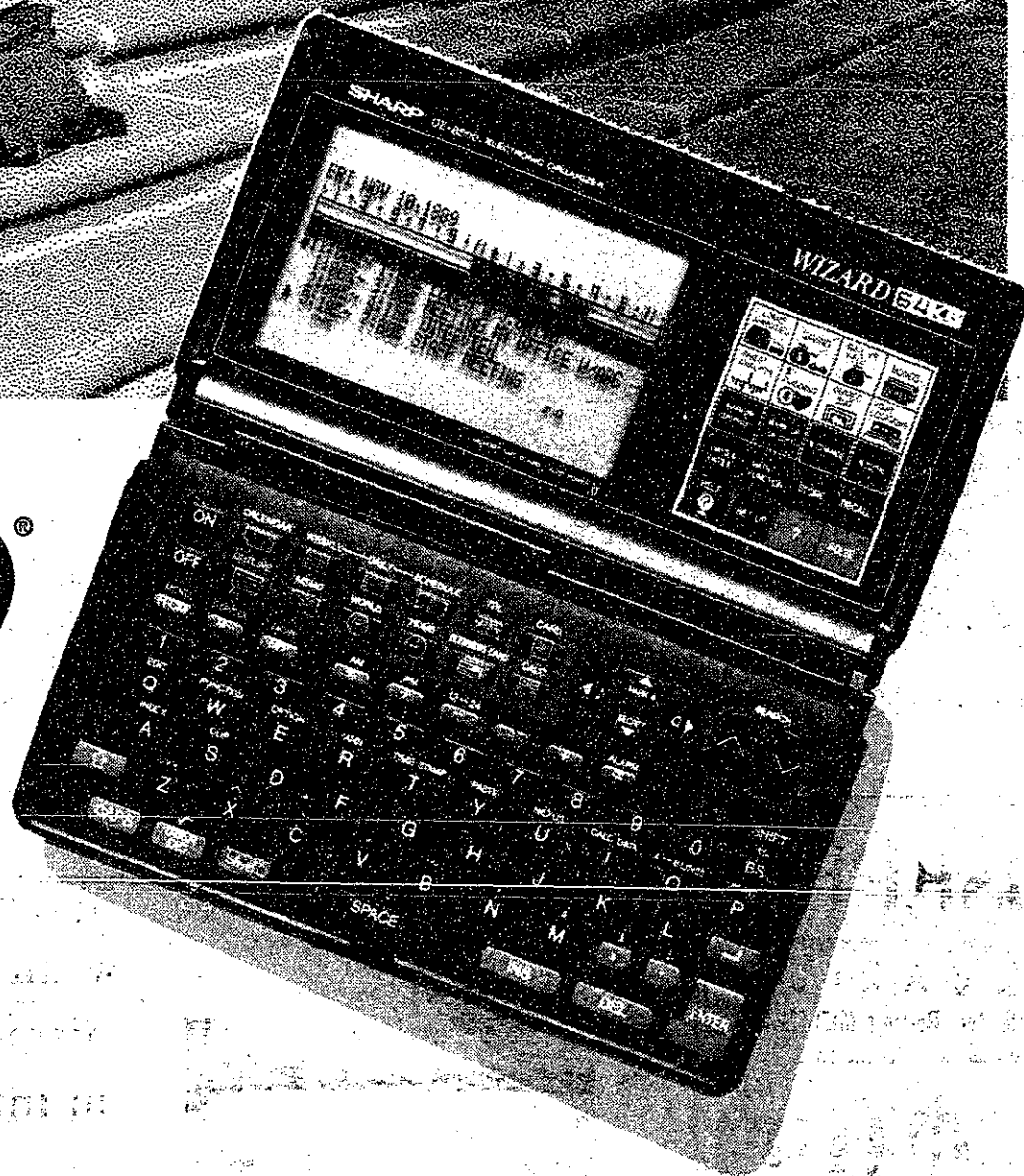
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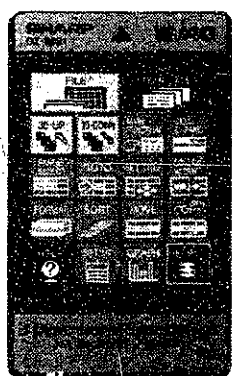
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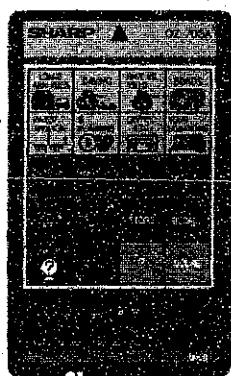
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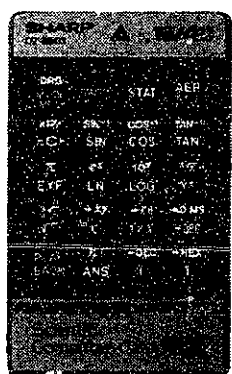
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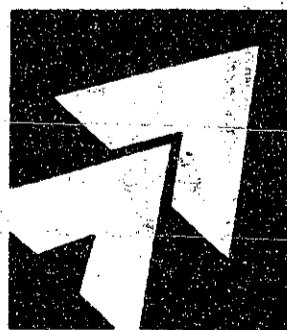
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# Athena accounts deactivated

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 been avoided if students were simply notified by mail when their accounts would be deactivated.

A recent graduate who insisted on anonymity said, "It was rea-

sonable, of course, to discontinue the accounts of those who were no longer registered students and did not have any other status which would entitle them to an account."

But the alumnus felt it was unreasonable not to notify students of the pending deactivation, because some of those entitled to keep their accounts also had to deal with losing electronic mail or being unable to access files. "I think they should have sent e-mail a couple of weeks in advance. That wouldn't have taken very much effort," he added.

Current students who have had their accounts deactivated can contact Athena User Accounts and will probably have access to their accounts within a day, Fermann said.

They can temporarily access their accounts in order to copy over information themselves, have their files sent on floppy disk or through a modem or make other such arrangements, Fermann said. "Things have been kind of hectic, so the response time may not have been as great [as it should be]," Fermann added.

## notices

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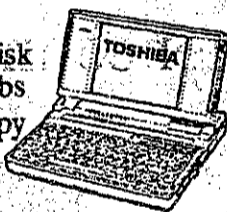
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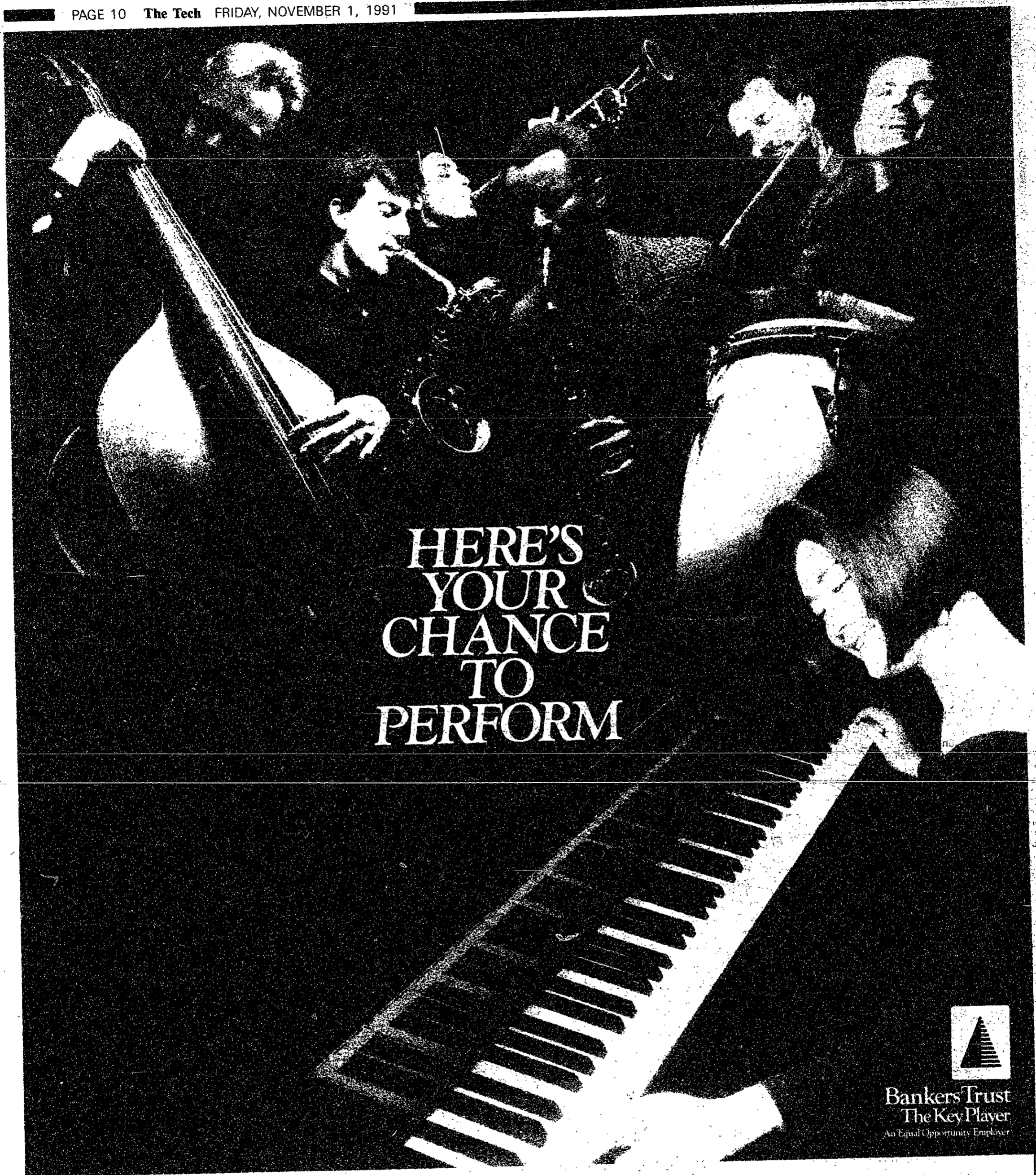
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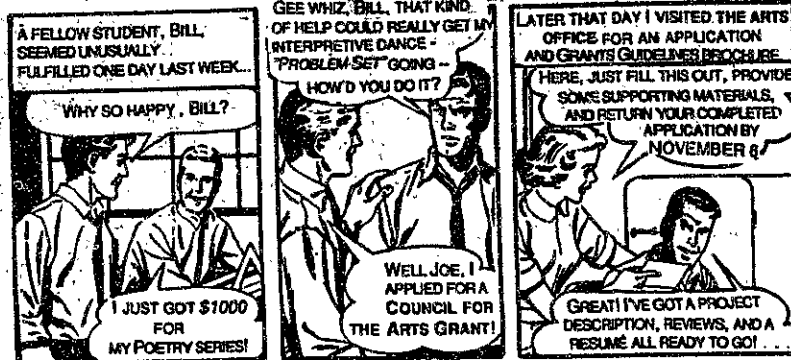
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# sports

## Women's crew comes in second

By Amy Bowen

The MIT Varsity Women's Crew entered two eights in the 1991 MIT Invitational held on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The first MIT boat had a solid race, pulling away steadily from the Simmons College boat over the 2.5 mile course. MIT finished second out of the five crews in the race with a time of 15:17, behind Tufts University.

The second MIT varsity boat started off the line on the tail of Simmons and confidently swung past that crew to take fourth place with a time of 15:59, only 10 seconds behind the third place crew, Boston College.

The MIT Novice Women made a strong showing against Tufts, Simmons and Brandeis in the

invitational, their first race of the year. Five of the 11 novice women crews in the competition were from MIT. MIT captured a solid second place behind Tufts and a fourth place behind Simmons with times of 16:26 and 17:17, respectively. MIT crews also took eighth (only five seconds behind the seventh place crew from Simmons), 10th- and 11th-place finishes in the race.

The MIT women are now preparing to compete in the last race of the fall season — the Novice Women in eights, the Varsity Women in fours — in the Foot of the Charles on Saturday, Nov. 9.

*Amy Bowen '92 is captain of the women's varsity crew.*

## Men's crew beats Tufts in varsity invitational

By Matthew Beaumont

Last Saturday, MIT crew teams participated in the Tufts University-MIT Invitational. The race followed the Foot of the Charles course, running from the MIT to the Harvard University boathouses.

Varsity men's crews from Tufts, MIT, Boston College and Brandeis University rowed the first race. The Tufts lightweight varsity were first off the start line, followed by MIT. MIT varsity heavyweights overcame the distraction of a broken rigger

just minutes before the start and managed to start third.

Just days before the race, the Tufts coach had baited the MIT crews with his claim that his crews were in better physical condition. But by the Weeks Footbridge, MIT lightweights had made up the distance on Tufts and were overstroking them. Coxswain Otway Louie '93 steered the MIT team into the lead.

With Tufts out of the way, only the overall title was left up for grabs. The lightweights finished strongly to take the overall victory by 10 seconds over MIT heavyweights. Tufts lightweights and heavyweights took 3rd and 4th places, respectively.

Rowing on the MIT lightweight team were Matt Beaumont '92, Inigo Puente '94, Steve Tucker '91, Ron Harvey '93, Jeff Kuehn '92, Mark Armstrong '92, Dave Brenneis '92 (bow) and Paul Tempest '92 (stoke).

Coach Pete Holland said he was extremely pleased with his squad's first-ever victory over Tufts. "We've got a really great group this year. Our finish in the Head of the Charles was our best since 1982. We rowed really well there, and then we took it up another notch this weekend. All our crews did extremely well," he said.

MIT varsity women's crews took second and fourth places. Coach Mayrene Earle was also very happy with her team.

*Matthew Beaumont '92 is a member of the men's crew team.*

## Water polo continues trend with victory over BC

By Jeffrey Ma

The varsity water polo team continued its trend of improved play last Tuesday night at the Alumni Pool with its finest performance to date, an impressive 16-7 win over Division I powerhouse Boston College.

"We're really are starting to come together as a team," said Co-captain Jim Lee '93. "It's really good timing, considering we have the New England Championships this weekend and the Division III Easterns next."

Lee, one of the most feared and controversial players in New England Water Polo, was a major factor in the Beavers' upset of BC, scoring two goals and playing splendid defense. BC was previously ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation.

It was Lee's beautiful pass to

Alou MacAlou '92 two minutes into the first quarter which set the trend for the game as MacAlou spun and scored the first of his four goals. All in all, though, the first half of the game was really a defensive battle with the likes of Alan Liu '94 and Greg Shank '94 stumping the feared BC offense.

Goalie Chad Gunnlaugsson '93 read the BC players like books, swatting down nearly every one of their offerings. In doing so, Gunnlaugsson played his best game of the season, displaying the talent which has made him a strong candidate for Defensive Player of the Year. Gunnlaugsson credits his improved play to the team's new blood. "The four freshmen are my favorites. They've really made a difference," he exclaimed.

Freshmen Jon Pfautz, Dave Brandenberger, Javier Nazario and Mike Chatwin have served to provide depth to a team which in past years has been only six or seven players deep. Nazario, a prolific goal scorer, scored what could have been the season's most important goal in the second quarter of the game on a pass from Jeffrey Ma '94. This goal made the score 3-1 and set the tone for what lay ahead. The first half ended with MIT leading 4-3.

The second half proved to be a testament to Coach Jon Benedict's preachings. At the half, he explained, "The team that wants this more will win it." MIT responded well to his and Assistant Coach Duncan McCallum's inspirational direction, as they served to out-muscle and out-hustle BC,

blowing them out 12-4 in the second half.

Buoyed by the fine performances of Ma, with four goals and six assists in his finest performance this season by far, and Tony Scherer '94, with two man-up goals, the Beavers dominated, scoring on almost every one of their offensive possessions.

Noticeably absent from Tuesday night's victory were Isy Goldwasser '92 and Mike Liu '93. Goldwasser, a co-captain and perhaps the team's best pure-shooter, was sidelined with a shoulder injury. Liu and Dave Kern '94 have been stalwarts throughout the season, providing experience and crack shooting off the bench.

*Jeffrey Ma '94 is a member of the men's water polo team.*

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