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Charlemagne (Andrew Quixote Kraft '95) gives some fatherly advice to Pippin (Robert J. Dyckman '94) in the Musical Theater Guild's production of *Pippin*.

Visa changes affect student jobs

By George Ipe

Nearly 1600 international students at MIT who hold F-1 visas, which permit students to study and work on campus, will soon be affected by recent changes in immigration regulations. The changes will primarily affect off-campus work opportunities for international students, said Milena M. Levak, director of the international students' office, which sponsored a well-attended meeting last Tuesday to describe the new regulations.

The F-1 regulation changes stem from an immigration act passed by Congress last year. Congress proposed a special pilot program which would allow students who have held an F-1 visa for at least one year and are in good academic standing to work off-campus, provided the employer files an attestation with the Department of Labor.

The attestation must state that the employer has advertised the job position for at least 60 days and that the student will be paid the same wage as any domestic worker in a similar position, Levak said.

Under the original F-1 visa reg-

ulations, students were permitted to work a limited time on campus—usually 20 hours per week during the academic term and full-time during the summer. International students could also work off campus during the summer in a Pre-Completion Practical Training Program, which allowed the students to have jobs related to their course of study.

The new regulations have abolished that possibility, Levak said. "International students now cannot work off campus so easily. The only option is for the student to find an employer who is willing to go through the labor attestation procedure. This is often difficult," she said.

"The employers are unlikely to recruit employees for the requisite 60 days," she said. Levak went on, "Now many international students will not be able to find jobs over the summer because no employer, or very few employers, are willing to go through the paperwork that the new procedures require. I think these new regulations are a real detriment to our students."

Udaya I. Liyanage '94, an international student from Sri Lan-

ka, disagreed. "I am generally indifferent to the new changes. I am more concerned about international students at smaller colleges where there are fewer opportunities. At MIT there are plenty of jobs on campus. Also, MIT can probably get us permits to work off campus if need be," he said.

Liyanage said, "I am unclear (Please turn to page 2)"

Students, alumni fight for Chinese

By Karen Kaplan

A group of MIT students and alumni who petitioned for a Chinese language program within the Department of Humanities last year are now working to expand the current program and ensure its survival.

The three subjects offered this year are Chinese I (21.245), offered this term, and Chinese II (21.246) and Introduction to Chinese Classic Fiction (21.309), both of which will be offered in the spring.

Chinese was last offered at MIT in the fall of 1979 and the spring of 1980 through a joint

COD mails letter on academic honesty

By Brian Rosenberg

Students will soon receive a letter from the Committee on Discipline that expresses concern over the possibility that "cheating and plagiarism have become rampant on campus." The COD hopes to prompt students to discuss the issues surrounding academic honesty, including the possible adoption of an honor code, according to COD Chair Nelson Y-S. Kiang.

The letter was prompted by testimony given by several students during the hearings surrounding the Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00) class in the spring of 1990. Seventy-eight undergraduates from the class were charged with misconduct, the largest such incident in MIT history. "Many students said that everyone cheats at MIT, [that] you have to cheat to stay even," Kiang said. "I don't believe that, but the perception is out there," he said.

"We've also seen quite a number of other cases of misconduct recently, and we decided it was time to reemphasize" academic honesty, Kiang said. He also said students often do not understand the serious consequences of cheating.

The letter will be distributed through US and interdepartmental mail, and will appear in the next faculty newsletter, Kiang said.

COD unanimously supports establishment of honor code

An informal poll taken at a recent COD meeting found that the

committee unanimously supported MIT's adoption of an honor code. The COD does not make policy, however, and Kiang said he currently has no specific plans. "We're going to try to find out more about schools that have such a system," he said. Wellesley College, the California Institute of Technology and the United States service academies all have honor codes of some sort.

Kiang said the current COD is becoming proactive, rather than reactive. "We'd like to help educate as to what the proper behavior is" in order to reduce the number of cases, he said. "We would encourage the students to take the initiative and discuss this among themselves and with their faculty advisors," Kiang added.

"It is very different to agree in principle and to think it will work here," said Undergraduate Association Vice President J. Paul Kirby '93.

"There are a lot of questions that need to be asked, such as 'Why do students cheat?' and 'Do people have the same definitions of cheating?'" Kirby said.

Jason A. Quick '95 opposes the idea of an honor code. "There's enough pressure at MIT to begin with, and if I had knowledge of other people cheating, I would have the pressure of reporting or cheating myself," he said.

Elizabeth Y. C. Oh '94 said she thought an honor code is a good idea, but that it would not work at MIT. "The people who find out about [cheating] are usually friends or acquaintances, and won't really report it."

Fusion results will not affect MIT research

By Reuven M. Lerner

Monday's successful controlled fusion reaction at the Joint European Taurus facility in Culham, England, will not have an effect "one way or the other" on fusion research at MIT, according to Professor Ronald R. Parker PhD '63, director of the Plasma Fusion Center.

The experiment, which produced nearly two megawatts of power over a period of two seconds, was the first controlled fusion reaction to produce that much electricity. It was "certainly a record for making fusion on earth, at least in a semi-controlled way," he said.

Parker felt the experiment would have very little influence on the amount of money the PFC receives from the government. "It can't hurt," he said, adding that

he was glad to see scientists "actually beginning to produce measurable power. On the other hand, it's not like all of a sudden Congress is going to whip out its checkbook and say, 'how much do you want?'"

He said that while Monday's experiment would probably not increase the amount of money Congress allocates for research, it "might help the situation from deteriorating any faster."

Research at MIT will continue along its normal course, Parker said, which includes installing a small-scale version of the European reactor that "should be comparable to the performance of the experiment in England."

Associate Provost and Vice President for Research J. David Litster PhD '65 was also confident that MIT's position in fu-

sion research was unlikely to change. "MIT is actually in a relatively strong position in the whole area of plasma fusion right now," he said.

Parker said the experiment's results were significant, but stressed that this "doesn't mean that energy too cheap to meter is just around the corner. It means we've made a certain amount of progress in fusion, we've learned to produce megawatts of power, we're ready to take another step."

The experiment was more of a breakthrough than a milestone, Parker said. It was "a goal you have to get to, a gate you have to get through—I wouldn't call it a breakthrough, in the sense that it was unexpected or surprising in any way," he said.

program with Wellesley College, according to Zachary Knight, administrative officer for the foreign languages and literatures section of the humanities department.

Last year, members of the Chinese Students Club and a group called Chinese Alumni of MIT (CAMIT) worked to organize a lasting Chinese language program at MIT. "The idea was to get enough money to set up a permanent program," which could cost into the millions of dollars, said Shu-Yuan Tung '92, one of the students involved in the effort. "We applied for a grant from the Chiang Kai-Shek Fund in Taiwan, and we got some money to start up a program, but not enough for a permanent program," she said. Tung did not know exactly how much money was received.

Knight said the Institute received \$180,000 in funding from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation in the United States, which will support a "small, experimental Chinese program here for the next three years." At that time, Knight said, the program may be "regularized" if funding can be found by "some sort of endowment from somewhere else." Knight said he was unsure of the program's future if no such endowment is found.

Knight said the Chinese program was funded entirely by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation and that he knew nothing about the Chiang Kai-Shek grant.

In addition to 21.245, 21.246 and 21.309, the Chinese program

may expand to include higher-level Chinese language courses in the next two years, as well as other Chinese literature classes. The courses are being taught by Yih-jian Tai, a visiting assistant professor of Chinese from Boston University.

But Tung said that CAMIT and CSC have continued their fundraising efforts in hopes of strengthening the program. "Usually the way these things work is you get enough money so that you can feed off the interest." The groups have been contacting both "individuals and organizations" in order to solicit donations, she said. "CAMIT is very organized, and they're taking it very seriously," Tung said.

Different kind of class needed

In addition to higher levels of Chinese language classes, Tung said the petitioners are hoping to get an introductory class for students who can speak Chinese, but who can't read or write it. "There's a real demand for a class targeted to" those kinds of students, she said.

The introductory language class this term assumes no prior knowledge of spoken or written Chinese. "On the first day of class, the professor asked who knew any Chinese and asked them to wait and take Chinese II," said Nancy C. Koay '92, a student in 21.245. This substantially reduced enrollment in the class, she said.

Knight said he thought students with some knowledge of (Please turn to page 2)

New immigration law to affect student jobs

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about the real motives for the regulation changes. Maybe they are just a nominal requirement to justify allowing foreigners to work. I don't foresee any big problems with summer jobs."

Levak thought otherwise, saying, "MIT doesn't really have much say in jobs off campus and getting permits, but there are some exceptions. The curriculum of the VI-A [Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Cooperative Program] student is not going to be affected because co-ops and internships have not been abolished by the new regulations."

"Still, I would like our students not to be deprived of other job experiences; I feel that these regulations are really a loss for them. But there is a glimmer of hope. The National Association for Foreign Student Affairs has

Students raise money to keep Chinese at MIT

(Continued from page 1)

Chinese could probably go into Chinese II "with a little bit of help." He acknowledged that if students turned away from Chinese I try to enroll in Chinese II, "in effect we will have a greater demand for Chinese II. But given what the budget is, we can only offer so many sections," he said.

Koay, who said she does not "know a word of Chinese," said she felt very comfortable with the class. "It's about time Chinese was taught at MIT. It's good that we finally got it," she said.

Richard Lee '94, who also likes the class, said he entered with a little bit of speaking background. After the professor's warning, he considered registering for a Chinese class at either Harvard or Wellesley through MIT's cross-registration program. "My schedule didn't fit with Harvard's Chinese class, and I didn't want to wait for Chinese II," he said.

until Dec. 6 to respond to the Department of Labor about the new regulations. They may respond to NAFSA's recommendations, or they may not," Levak added.

A newsletter will be sent to all international students to advise them of the new changes in the F-1 students visas. In the meantime, Levak hopes that interested companies will lobby the Labor Department before Dec. 6 to make some of the hiring requirements for international students more palatable to employers.



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from the associated press wire

World

Libyan officers indicted for Pan Am 103 bombing

Relatives of people who died in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 said yesterday that the indictment against two suspects is a good first step. Now they say authorities should go after those who masterminded the plot. Two Libyan intelligence officers are charged with murder and conspiracy in the attack, which killed 270 people. Acting Attorney General William Barr said the pair planted and detonated the bomb. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said it is clear top Libyan officials were involved, and he did not rule out military action against Libya.

British authorities said the alleged bombers are probably in Libya, and the man heading the investigation in Scotland said Libya was being pressed to turn them over for trial. But there's no sign that Libya means to cooperate. Gadhafi's ambassador to France told the British Broadcasting Corp. that the British and US charges are "a very serious lie."

Blue jeans head to Poland

Levi Strauss is going to Poland. The blue jean giant said it will begin making the pants in Poland next year for European consumption.

The San Francisco-based firm said it will invest \$20 million and eventually employ up to 1000 workers. Levi Strauss will also try to get Poles to stop buying counterfeit jeans. In its announcement, the company said buying fake Levis is "against the interests of Polish workers."

The company said four Levi stores already have opened in Poland and two are due to open later this month, including one in Warsaw.

Menem speaks to Congress

President George Bush is praising Argentine President Carlos Menem as "one of the strongest defenders of democracy." Menem is making a state visit to the United States. In a speech to Congress, Menem asked for US help in dealing with his country's huge foreign debt.

Local

Activists, homeless call for return of shelter director

AIDS awareness activists and homeless women have joined to ask Catholic Charities to rethink its dismissal of a shelter director. But the archdiocese director said that the firing of director Gayle Basten will not be changed. Basten operated the St. Patrick's shelter for women in Cambridge since it opened two years ago. She was dismissed because she made condoms available to women using the facility.

Kerrey speaks at BU

Democratic presidential candidate Bob Kerrey said it seems like President Bush sees the American people just as poll figures rather than flesh and blood. Kerrey told about 600 students at Boston University that the president only became concerned about health care after Pennsylvania voters elected Democrat Harris Wofford to the Senate.

In his talk, Kerrey outlined his ideas for downsizing government. He said he wants to cut the number of major federal agencies from 14 to seven.

Nation

House approves jobless bill; unemployment benefits rise

The House has overwhelmingly approved an \$5.2 billion unemployment bill. The legislation, which passed 396-30, will provide up to 20 weeks of benefits for three million Americans who will have exhausted their other benefits during the recession. The White House and Congressional Democrats agreed on the bill Wednesday afternoon after four months of haggling.

On a related front, the Labor Department said unemployment benefits hit their highest level in six months during the week ending Nov. 2. David Jones, an analyst with Aubrey G. Lanston and Company, said this shows that businesses are doing nothing but cutting costs and laying off workers.

Chicago fighting for jobs of Midway employees

The city of Chicago is trying to save the jobs of more than 4000 Midway Airlines workers. Midway went out of business overnight after a deal for Northwest Airlines to buy the troubled carrier fell through. City attorneys have filed a motion in bankruptcy court asking that Midway be forced to resume operations. A spokeswoman for the city's law department said it is not clear when the motion will be heard.

House says no to FDIC bill

For the second time in 10 days, the House of Representatives has killed a bill to shore up the fund that insures the country's 110 million bank depositors.

The 227-191 rejection came despite appeals from President George Bush and congressional leaders of both parties. Now the issue goes back to the House Banking Committee, which will try to craft a new version. The alternative is to risk seeing the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation unable to protect depositors with accounts in banks that fail.

Many lawmakers were reluctant to endorse anything that reminded them of the savings and loan bailout. But Chalmers Wylie (R-Ohio) argued that this plan differed from the savings and loan bailout because no taxpayer money would be used. The Senate is debating its own version of the banking legislation.

Former letter carrier kills three, wounds six others

Postal authorities said they were aware of threats made against several supervisors by Thomas McIlvane, a former letter carrier, accused of going on a shooting rampage in Royal Oak, Mich., yesterday. Three people were killed and six wounded in the rampage.

Oakland County prosecutor Richard Thompson said at a news conference in Royal Oak yesterday that threats made by McIlvane were forwarded to postal authorities for investigation.

Weather

Warm but cloudy

A fast-moving system will pass through our area late Friday, bringing the possibility of light rain, but not much else. It will stagnate and deepen off the coast and cause winds to shift to the northwest, bringing temperatures down from our recent warm weather. Clearing will result Saturday afternoon due to the system's lack of moisture, leaving a sunny Sunday.

Friday: Warm with overcast skies. Light rain possible in late evening. High 57 °F (14 °C). Southwest winds light 5-10 mph (8-16 kph).

Friday night: Overcast skies. Winds shifting towards the west and getting stronger, 15-20 mph (24-32 kph). Low 46 °F (8 °C)

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with clearing in the afternoon. High 55 °F (13 °C). Low 40 °F (4 °C).

Sunday: Mostly sunny and cooler. High 50 °F (10 °C).

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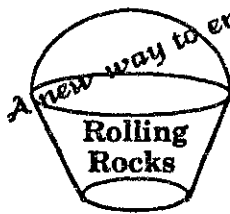
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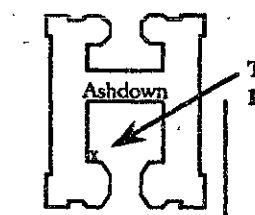
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DormCon proposal was reasonable

Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey's decision to reject the Dormitory Council's alcohol plan is inexcusable. Tewhey, who had previously advocated dormitory self-regulation, has now rejected a reasonable plan worked out and agreed to by the Institute houses. The plan would limit the percentage of house tax money that could be spent on alcohol to the percentage of house residents of legal drinking age.

The fact is that no dormitory has come close to this percentage in the past, despite the lack of any spending limits under the current policy. The 17 percent of Baker House taxes spent on alcohol is much lower than it might appear at first glance: Baker sponsors two cocktail parties each term for faculty members, which certainly isn't the type of alcohol consumption Tewhey wants to stop. Other houses' percentages are even lower; the limits were proposed by DormCon only as a self-regulatory gesture that allows for maximum flexibility by individual house governments.

If there is indeed a problem with drinking in undergraduate houses, Tewhey should be prepared to demonstrate this problem. He should approach it from a more reasonable perspective, stressing education and improved regulation of underage drinking, rather than make a nebulous attempt at restricting the purchase of alcohol.

An exploration in dating

Column by Jason Merkoski

This is my technique: I sit outside the MIT entrance at 77 Mass. Ave., with a stolen fraternity sweatshirt around my neck, and a baseball cap on my head. (It's an appropriate enough place to put a hat. And after all, people can look at me and try to guess whether my hair is washed or covered by three-day-old grease.) Around my neck is a sign announcing: "In A Few Years, I Will Be Working For A Lucrative Engineering Firm And Will Be Driving A Red Sports Car." As usual, within five minutes, a youngish woman sidles up to me, a money-hungry look dancing in her eyes.

"Hi," says she, "My name is Sylvia."
"Ah, good. Come to dinner with me."
We ended up in an Indian restaurant a few minutes later. I like to go to ethnic-type places, because my cultural diversity really turns on the babes. What can I say . . . I have a knack with women.
"So, uh, Stacey."
"Sylvia."
"Yeah! Tell me about yourself."
"Well, gee," she says, running her be-ringed fingers through her dyed-blond hair, "There's not too

chocolate that, after rummaging around in my back pocket, I had managed to find.

"Oh! Thanks!" she said. "Eating chocolate is one of the more sensual things you can do with your mouth, you know." Then she gave me an odd grin.

That is one thing I hate about women, you know. They never tell you what they mean. They don't even hint at what they're thinking about. Why do men have to make all the moves, huh? It's the Nineties, after all. It's about time that women began to put *something* into relationships, right? Take as an example her behavior a few minutes later. She leaned across the table and said something to the effect that there were some crumbs on my lips. As she got closer to my face, I began to laugh.

"Hey!" I said. "How could there be crumbs? I haven't eaten yet. And ugh! Your breath is awful!" She slumped back in her seat, and strangely enough, she *actually* looked dejected. Wow! What acting! I could tell that she was secretly amused at the little joke I pulled. Trust me, she was. I just have this sixth sense when it comes to understanding women.

The waiter returned with the food, but I noticed that there were no chopsticks with the meal. "Yo, what gives? Where are the chopsticks?" The little man mumbled something about the fact that Indians don't use chopsticks, but I knew he was fooling me. What kidders! I prodded him with one of my forks, and with a yelp he went back to the kitchens. Seconds later he came back with two pieces of wood which would serve as chopsticks.

"Oh, while you're at it," I said, "Could you bring me a beer?"

"Of course, sir. May I see your ID?"
"Huh? Oh, yeah, sure. Okay." I pulled my driver's license out of my wallet and showed it to the surly waiter. I gave a "Jeez! What a dork this guy is!" look to my female friend.

"Er, excuse me, sir, but according to this, you're only 19."

"Do you have a problem with that, my good man?"

"Well, the drinking age is 21."
"It most certainly is not. Perhaps you should check with your management."

"Sorry, but you really must be 21 to drink."
"But, uh," I said, trying to think of an excuse, "Oh! But where I come from — New Jersey — the drinking age is 18."

"No, sir, I'm pretty sure that the age is 21, for all states. I'm sorry." With that he walked away. Sylvia began to laugh. I began to realize that she was laughing *at* me, not *with* me. So I gave a Jack Nicholson smile, and waited for the meal to end. When we finally got the check (forty dollars and twenty-three cents for two Bismati-Burgers and two Tandori-Taters) I said to her:

"Sorry, Suzie, but I just remembered that there's this new game on Athena, and so I must rush. Perhaps I'll see you later, okay?" And with that I ran out of the restaurant and back to MIT. For the past few weeks, I have seen her around campus, stopping people at random and asking them if they know me. Aww, the poor girl misses me!

Ah, dating. There are those who see it as a means to an end. I call it an art.

Tech columnist Jason Merkoski is actually about as dense as he makes himself out to be.

As usual a youngish woman sidles up to me, a money-hungry look dancing in her eyes.

much to say, I guess. Um, I was brought up on the sun-stung shores of Trinidad, and . . ."

"Shush. Here comes the waiter."
A pudgy little man wearing a curry-stained smock and brandishing a pitcher of water came to the two of us. He gave a toothy smile and then said a bunch of things I didn't understand. I asked him to repeat what he said. Once again, I was confused.

"Hey!" I cried, "Speakie English, huh? Huh?! Learn to enunciate, okay?" My date slumped over the table and hung her head between her hands. What a character! She was probably guffawing over my savage wit, and how I was able to put the waiter in his place! "Look, my good man," I continued, affecting a British accent, "You had better listen up to me. I am not going to deal with your silly antics anymore. We English are not amused. So you had better watch out; we could, if we wanted to, take your smarmy country by force again. By God! India shall be ours!"

"Yes," he managed to say, no doubt impressed by my threat, "So what do you want to eat this evening?"

"A hamburger. And fries." He was about to say something, probably how American cuisine is not generally served in an Indian restaurant, but I cut him off, saying "You heard me! A hamburger and fries! And bring some ketchup, too. Donna over here will have . . ."

"Sylvia!"
"Yeah, what's-her-face will have the same. Now leave us alone!"

He wandered off. In much the same way I have a knack with women, I know how to treat riff-raff like Indian waiters. My date seemed a little distraught, for some reason. I offered her a piece of

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rubella immunizations important

The recent letter by Cora M. Dancy '93 contains several misrepresentations ["Medical Department is irresponsible," Nov. 1]. While Dancy says that "only the measles shot is required by law," the truth is that measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus and diphtheria immunizations are required by the Massachusetts College Immunization Law. This year the commonwealth modified the law to require two doses of the measles vaccine as well as the other previously required immunizations.

Second, while Dancy states that "there is a significant chance that the [rubella] immunization itself, if administered within three months of conception, will cause . . . birth defects," careful scientific studies have proven the opposite. Since 1971, the Centers for Disease Control have maintained a register to monitor the

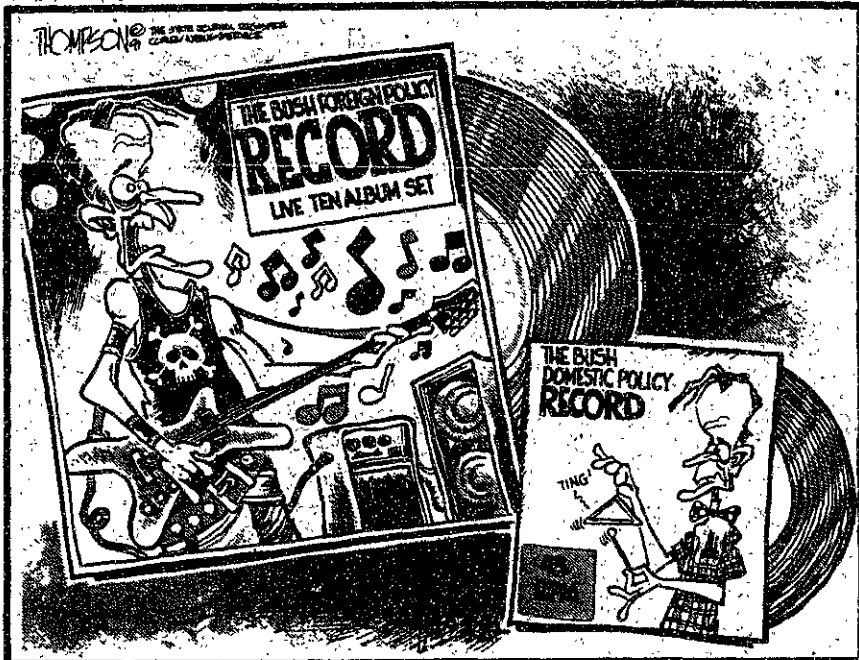
risks to the fetus of exposure to the rubella vaccine within three months before or after conception. With data collected from more than 500 infants whose mothers were vaccinated with the rubella vaccine in the three-month window before or after conception, no infant has shown the malformations of congenital rubella syndrome.

Finally, implying that Medical Department personnel are "ignorant" and assume "that all MIT women are sexually inactive" does not mix with reality. We offer to the student population a wide range of obstetrical and gynecological services as well as health education information and programming. Birth-control information and devices are available at the Medical Department, and we have an active outreach program for living groups on sexuality issues.

Public policy mandates universal rubella immunization of boys and girls as well as young men and women. With a high level of immunization among the populace, the chance of a rubella epidemic is vastly minimized. As a result, universal rubella immunizations will help prevent the non-immunized susceptible pregnant woman from contracting rubella with possible transmission of the rubella virus to her unborn child. False and misleading statements about rubella immunizations will deter patients from seeking the inoculation. This in turn will damage the effectiveness of the immunizations program and therefore place unborn children at risk for congenital defects and deformities.

Mark A. Goldstein
Chief of Pediatrics and Student Health Services

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rush penalties do not need to be publicized

One thing I have noticed in my three-and-a-half years at MIT is people's willingness to flame about subjects when they only see half of the story. A shining example is *The Tech's* recent editorial ["Publish ILG rush sanctions," Nov. 8]. *The Tech* said that in order to prevent houses from violating rush rules in the future, the InterFraternity Council should publish the sanctions for rush violations.

If *The Tech* had even read its own story on the matter ["JudComm rush trials start; fewer violations reported," Oct. 25], it would have known that there are many cases which have not yet been brought to trial or are under appeal. I hardly think it would be fair to publish accusations, since defendants are supposed to be innocent until proven guilty.

The IFC rush and Judicial Committee chairmen take many steps before and during rush to minimize rush violations by keeping in touch with IFC members. I do not see the purpose of publicizing sanctions to the whole MIT community.

The Tech also assumed that only fines are given as sanctions. The IFC is aware that fines are in some cases no more than a slap on the wrist. JudComm often sanctions houses in ways that will have a greater impact, such as imposing restrictions on the following year's rush.

If *The Tech* is so concerned with people obeying rush rules, why doesn't it ask the same of the dormitory system? I don't know any of the statistics of dormitory rush violations, but it seems to me that holding certain dormitories or parts of dormitories up as examples to other dormitory residents would serve an equal purpose. The assumption that ILGs are the only ones who commit rush violations is unfair and untrue.

Perhaps the reason that *The Tech* is so adamant about the IFC publishing the violations is that it feels the information would make a good front-page headline. Or maybe it thinks that the story would give people something to talk about over

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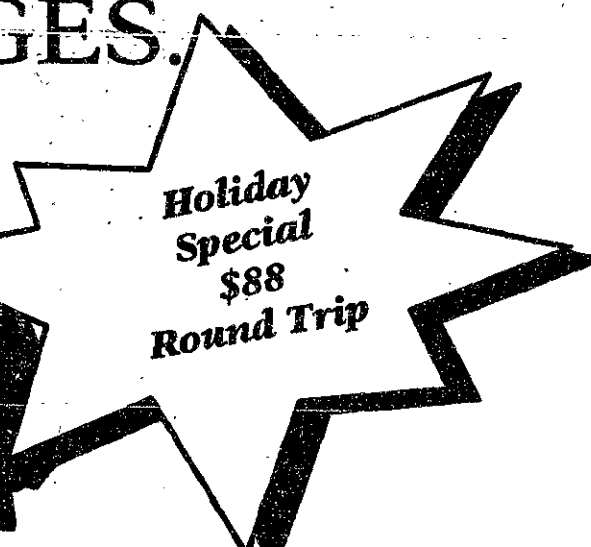
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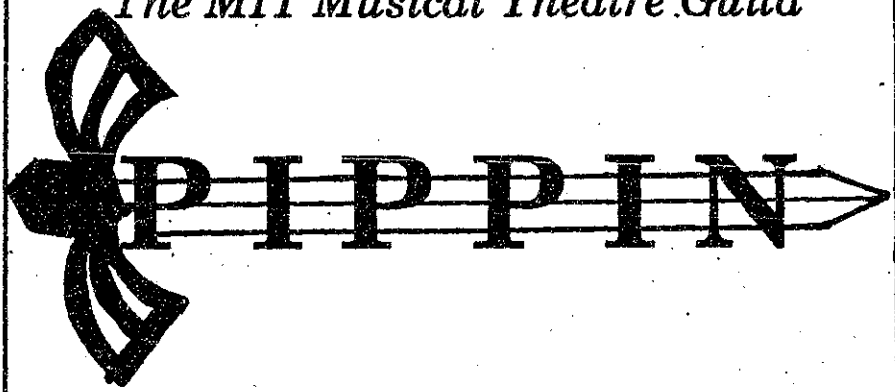
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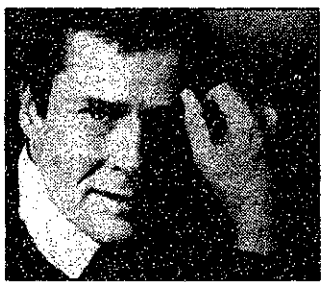
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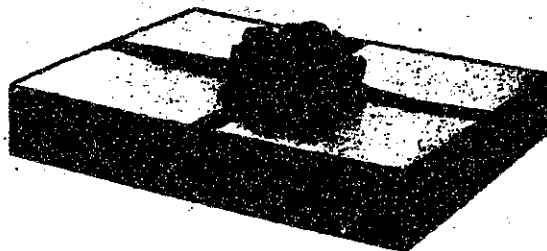
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Play tour brings a revitalized Squeeze to Boston



Chris Difford of Squeeze

SQUEEZE

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By PAULA CUCCURULLO

IN THESE TIMES OF FINANCIAL recession, the live concert trade is suffering. Few bands can afford to tour extensively, and only a select few can sell out more than one date per city. So it is heartening to see that good music can still draw a crowd — such as Squeeze's return, by popular demand, to play their second sold-out Boston show in less than a month. The concert, a rare club date, was a unique opportunity for both the band and the crowd to cut loose on an otherwise dreary November night.

The past few years have been less than fulfilling for Squeeze. Their last few albums were critical favorites but commercial failures due to lack of publicity from their longtime record label, A & M. Squeeze's songs were as melodic and haunting as ever, but they lacked a wide audience (with Bostonians always being the exception to that rule). They even lost founder member Jools Holland to his solo career.

But with their new label Warner/Reprise, two new keyboardists (one, Don Snow, played with the band in 1982) and the successful new album *Play*, the band seems revitalized. They were certainly ready for a party with an eager Boston crowd.

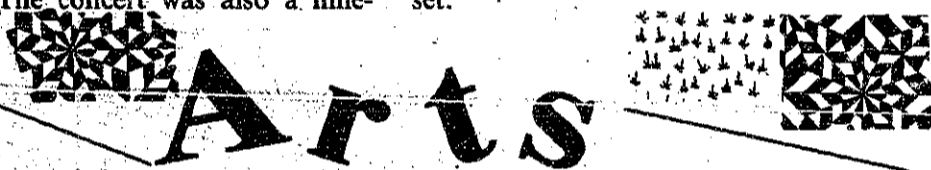
Monday's show at Avalon was notable both for its focus on the new album — featuring eight of *Play*'s twelve songs — and its new takes on old Squeeze standbys and covers, notably T. Rex's "Bang a Gong" and Smokey Robinson's "Tears of a Clown." The concert was also a mile-

stone for the band, since rhythm guitarist/singer Chris Difford calculated that it was approximately the band's thousandth live show. (Guitarist/singer Glenn Tilbrook commented that it was apt that such an occasion should fall on Veteran's Day!) The mood was appropriately festive for the occasion, with Squeeze's elaborate light show modified but still exciting in the small venue, and with the band playing up the laughs and displaying their musical talents in equal measure.

And very talented musicians these are, a fact which is often pushed aside by appreciation of their ability to craft pure pop songs. Even Difford's numerous broken strings failed to dampen his enthusiastic rhythm lines. Most impressive were the band's solos during their classic show-closer, "Black Coffee in Bed," which played like a cross-section of their musical influences. Tilbrook's guitar wailings were from the finest rock and blues tradition, while bassist Keith Wilkinson leaned more towards a jazz fusion edge, and drummer Gilson Lavis pounded his kit ragged with his big-band-inspired sound. Snow's boogie-woogie keyboard pounding was enough to make even the band cheer and offer him handshakes afterwards.

The Candyskins, an Oxford five-piece band, started out in promising fashion with their alternative-radio hit "Submarine Song" but bogged down in a rut of pleasant yet dull guitar rock. The lead singer became the most entertaining feature of the show, joking with the crowd and asking at one point for big smiles as he snapped its picture. The Candyskins did seem to focus at midset and regain their energy with a faithful cover of Buffalo Springfield's "For What It's Worth" and stayed on a high note to the end of their set.

Linda Cuccurullo



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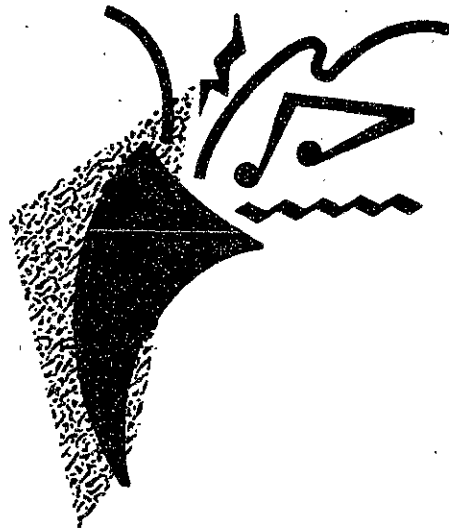
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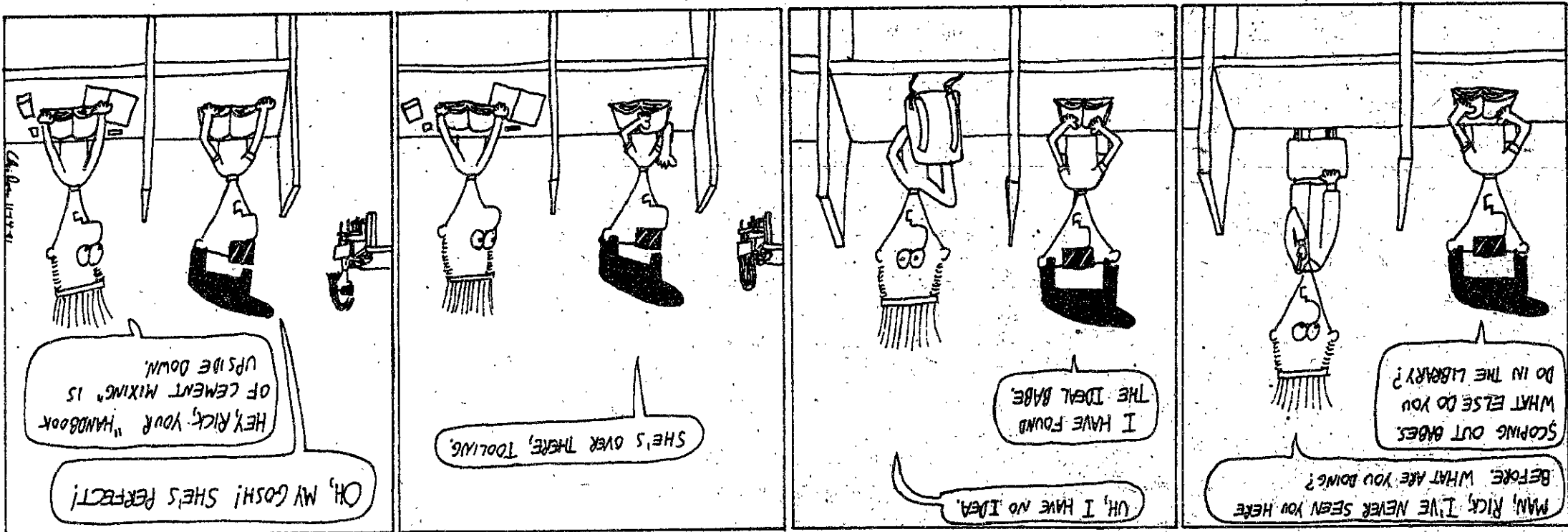
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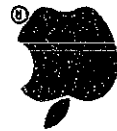
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their matches in the final round, but the Lady Blades' comeback attempt fell short. Three of MIT's seven victories came from Swapp, two from Sara Ontiveros '93 and one from Heather Klaubert '94 and Olabisi.

The MIT women swept the first and second rounds against Brown, 8-0. By the end of the meet, the score stood at 14-2, with Brown scoring only 20 touches on the MIT team, a clear victory for the Lady Blades. All four of Ontiveros' victories were 5-0, as were two of Swapp's four. Olabisi, Klaubert, Kathryn Fricks '92 and Shing Kong '94 also contributed wins to this match.

Vassar also fell in a 14-2 victory, including an MIT sweep of the final round. Swapp took four victories (including two 5-0 bouts), Ontiveros took four and Klaubert won three. Fricks, Olabisi and Tzu Yi Chen '95 each contributed one victory.

The women's JV squad narrowly beat rival Wellesley by a score of 9-7. MIT led 3-1 at the end of the first round, helped out by a decisive 5-1 victory by Olabisi. By the fourth round, however, only Chen took the winning match, a close 5-4 victory. Contributing to the JV victory were Olabisi who took two bouts, Klaubert with two and Chen, who captured a total of three. Fricks and Kong each took one bout.

Men's fencers fare well

The men's varsity and JV teams held their own against Tufts, NYU, Brown and Vassar. To kick off the day, the JV men narrowly defeated Tufts 15-12. The sabre squad slashed through the Tufts team with an 8-1 record. Mark Hurst '94 and Rene Despinos '94 each took three

wins, and Charles Baroud '93 snared two. The foil squad narrowly lost to Tufts, 4-5. Scoring the MIT victories were Freeland Abbott '92 and Luis Maldonado '92, each with one, and Kris Geising '93 with two. The epee squad also fell to Tufts 3-6, with Captain Henrik Martin '93, William Chavez '94 and Glenn Narvaez '94 each winning one bout apiece.

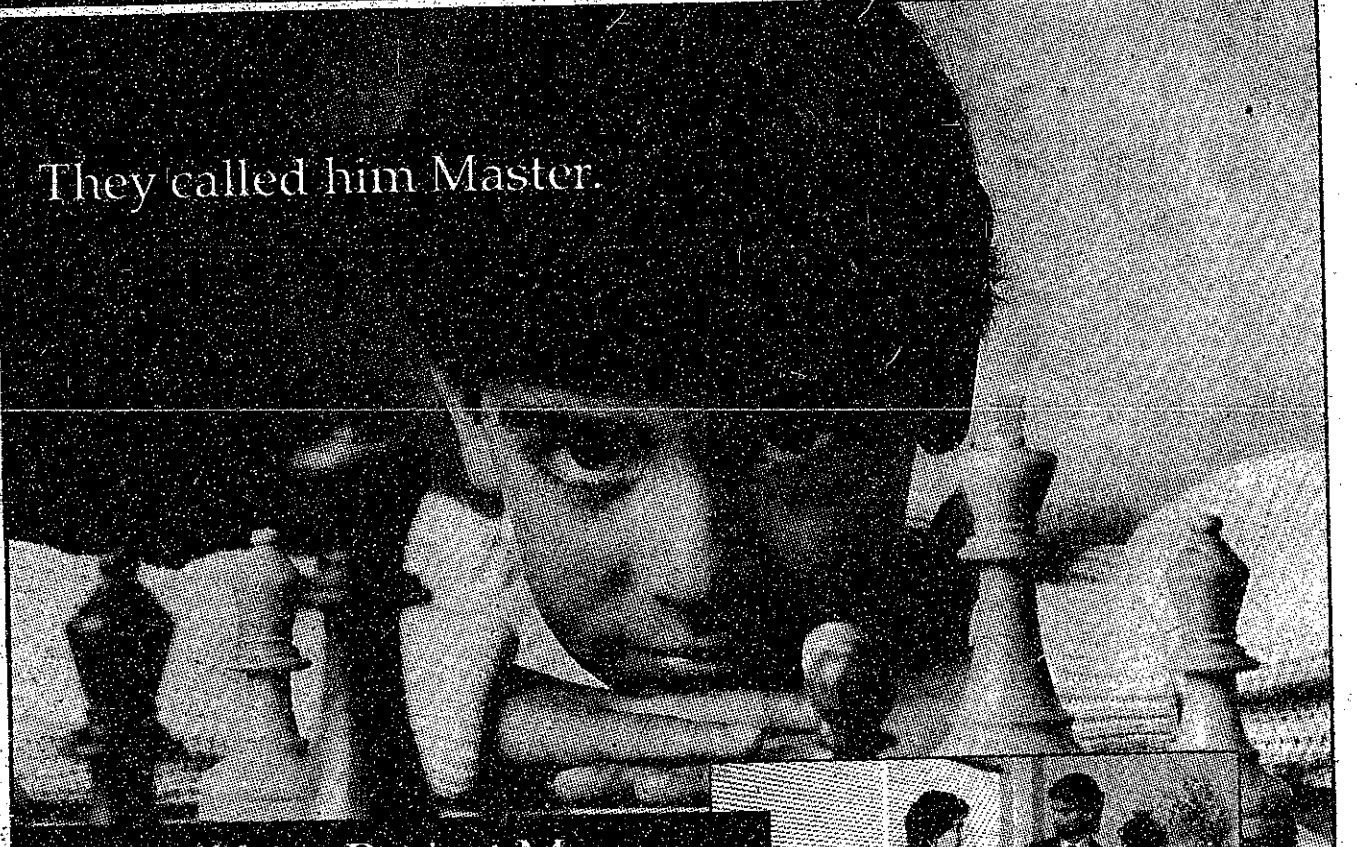
The men's team then fell to NYU in a 10-17 loss. The sabres completed their round 1-8, with Hurst taking the sole bout from NYU. Maldonado and Abbott each took two bouts, but the foil squad lost 4-5. The epee squad eked out a 5-4 victory from Ed Chin '92 (two wins), Chavez (two) and Martin (one).

The epee squad repeated their feat against Brown, again winning 5-4 in an 11-16 loss. Martin swept his three bouts, while Chavez and Chin each claimed one. In foil, MIT claimed only three bouts, with one win apiece from Abbott, Maldonado and Rhodney Edouard '94. The sabre squad met the same fate as Despinos took two victories and Hurst grabbed another.

The MIT fencers faced Vassar last and defeated them in a whopping 19-8 victory. The sabre squad swept through their competition 8-1. Three bouts went to both Hurst and Despinos, and Baroud claimed two. The men's foil squad fought Vassar to a 6-3 victory with Abbott sweeping all three of his bouts and Maldonado, Edouard, and Geising each claiming one each. The epee squad also prevailed, 5-4. Two bouts went to Martin and Chavez, and Chin took one.

Sara Ontiveros '93 is a member of the MIT women's varsity fencing team.

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Water polo ends season as Division III champions

By Jeffrey Ma

The varsity water polo team ended their season last weekend by capturing the 1991 Division III Eastern Championships. The Beavers scored impressive wins over Amherst College, Colby College and Johns Hopkins University, outscoring them by an average of 10 goals.

"It was a great way to end the season," said co-captain Isy Goldwasser '92. "It's worth all the season's hard work to know that we are the best in the East." Goldwasser, who had earlier been hampered by a shoulder injury, appears to have recovered fully, scoring three goals against Hopkins. He and Jon Pinder '92 were the offensive sparks in MIT's 13-10 victory. Pinder, who scored four goals, was instant offense throughout the tournament, scoring seven goals in all.

The game began as a shootout, with Hopkins and the Beavers trading goals all the way through the first quarter. The game turned on defense, however. At the conclusion of the first quarter, Hopkins lead 6-5, but MIT applied their feared lane-press defense, holding Hopkins scoreless in the second quarter while the Beavers tallied three goals. This intense defensive trend continued for the rest of the game as co-captain Jim Lee

'93, Chad Gunnlaugsson '93 and Jeff Ma '94 each finished with 4 steals.

"We really shut them down and did it with defense," said Lee, who collected three personal fouls before the game's end. The Beavers' defense was unnecessary in their two earlier round games, as they beat Colby and Amherst by a combined score of 41-14. The team scored at will, showing the reason why they were seeded first and favored to win this tournament.

The second half was a test of wills as the two teams went back and forth, neither scoring easily. The Beavers let many opportunities go by the wayside, converting only two of their nine man-up situations. Anthony Scherer '94 scored a pivotal goal in the fourth quarter on one of the two successful power plays, sealing the fate of the Hopkins team.

"We just went out there and played our game," said Greg Shank '94. Shank and his nine underclassman teammates will not be able to bask in the glory of this victory for long, for they are already planning for next season. The team is expected to be strong again as five starters and all bench members return.

Jeffrey Ma '94 is a member of the varsity water polo team.

Men's X-country 4th at ECAC

By Peter Ronco and Dev Sinha

The men's cross country team faces the New England Division III qualifiers this weekend, one week after the Engineers' fourth-place finish at the East Coast Athletic Conference Championships at SUNY Binghamton.

Despite injuries to key runners, MIT came behind only Middlebury College, the Rochester Institute of Technology (two nationally ranked teams) and Williams College in a field of 24. Ethan Crain '95 lead the Engineers, placing twelfth overall, followed by David Moyle '94. Both received individual honors for placing among the top 15 finishers. Captain Pete Ronco '92 had perhaps his best performance of the year, finishing 22nd overall. These runners, along with Jesse Darley '95, Jerry Pratt '94, Carlos Duran '94 and Jon Claman '93, will represent MIT at the qualifiers tomorrow.

The Engineers ran last week's meet in much the same manner as previous meets: Starting in the middle of the pack, the lead MIT runners began to move to the front after the first mile. Darley and Duran's absence from the previous two meets have hampered this effort.

The team has its work cut out for it at this week's qualifiers, held in Gorham, Maine. Even with strong individual performances, the distance between the first and fifth men must decrease if MIT is to beat Brandeis University, the favorite going into the race. As only one team from New England advances to the

championships, the race with Brandeis is all-or-nothing. Brandeis has defeated MIT twice this year, but the margin of victory has diminished. With an MIT performance such as the one the team had three weeks ago at the

Constitution Athletic Conference Championships, Brandeis could be very vulnerable.

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

Women's varsity, novice crews rows well at Foot

By Amy Bowen

The MIT varsity and novice women's crews made a strong showing in the 2.5-mile Foot of the Charles regatta last Saturday against stiff competition from Radcliffe College, Boston University, Brown University and Northeastern University.

The first novice eight finished 14th out of 40 crews with a time of 17:03.0 minutes, only 13 seconds behind tied 11th and 12th place crews Simmons College and Syracuse University. The second novice eight came in 27th place in 18:22.0, beating the second and third Radcliffe eights; the third novice eight finished in 31st place in 18:55.0, right ahead of the second Smith eight; and the fourth MIT novice crew finished in 40th place in 20:42.0.

The varsity women raced the Foot in two open and two lightweight fours. The open fours came in 13th and 16th place out of 22 boats with times of 17:52.9 and 18:18.9. The 13th place crew finished a mere 1.1 seconds behind the 11th place Wellesley College crew. A boat of MIT varsity crew alumnae also braved the cold that morning, finishing 21st

in the open fours race with a time of 20:56.5.

The lightweight fours took fourth and fifth place out of five boats with times of 19:01.9 and 19:41.5, respectively, behind the very experienced Radcliffe and Boston College lightweights. This was the last race of the fall season for the women.

Amy Bowen '92 is a member of the women's varsity crew.

Fencers split bouts against Brown, others

By Sara Ontiveros

The MIT women's varsity fencing team got the dual meet season off to a strong start this past weekend against New York University, Vassar College and hosts Brown University. Also, the junior varsity squad defeated the Wellesley College JV team.

MIT fenced NYU to a close 7-9 loss. The score was even at 4-4 after two rounds, but dropped to 5-7 in the third. Ronke Olabisi '93 and Felice Swapp '92 won *(Please turn to page 11)*

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