NIH report finds fraud in MIT research

By Andrew L. Fish

A highly publicized investigation of scientific fraud at an Imanishi-Kari is currently a correction were fabricated. Based on analysis by the Secret Service, the report charges that parts of the Imanishi-Kari notebook were falsified. Also, the report alleges that support for using computer tapes were made years before the MIT research began.

Baltimore received his sharpest criticism in his defense of the allegedly falsified data. The report indicated that he blamed the NIH for the fraud. The report quoted him as saying, "If those data were not real, then she [Imanishi-Kari] was driven by the process of investigation into an untenable set. But it does not go to the heart of any scientific issue..." Baltimore was referring to an NIH-staged correction to the Cell paper.

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GSC discusses new status

By Dave West

The Graduate Student Council discussed a proposal on Monday to eliminate the "dual status registration" status for graduate students. The GSC also nominated candidates for next fall's officers.

The GSC has been pushing to begin ABD status, which would offer substantially discounted tuition rates. About 150 students have completed all of their coursework, but have not yet written their dissertations.

But Dean of the Graduate School Robert J. Stern said he thought it would be difficult

Professors discuss professors

By Alice Gilletz

Professor of Political Science Lincoln P. Bloomfield compared US involvement in the Middle East to an "American-German" conflict, which was launched in 1943 and is still ongoing, and sometimes landing in the Middle East. His comments came as part of the first meeting of the MIT Community Series on the Middle East.

Bloomfield and Associate Professor of Political Science Charles Stewart III lectured at the meeting, which was held on Monday at 4 p.m. in Room 16-250. President Charles M. Vest moderated an open discussion after the speeches.

Bloomfield's lecture, titled "An Expanding Involvement," was a historical sketch of US-Middle East relations from 1940 to the present. Stewart's lecture, titled "Through a Glass Darkly," outlined the US influence foreign policy and the reasons for that attitude.

"US involvement in the Middle East (can be limited) to three areas — the Arab-Israeli conflict, oil, and the threat of terrorism," Bloomfield said.

The Arab-Israeli conflict began when Britain put the Palestinian Mandate "in the hands of the United Nations." Bloomfield explained. He said the United States supported the United Nations, recognizing Israel, but that the French have also been highly involved with the Palestine问题. France kept Israel armed until the Six Day War. Bloomfield said, when the United States began supplying Israel with military equipment.

Bloomfield said the Arab states recognized the United States as a monitor for the peace talks.

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Graduate students debate unionization

By Lakshmana Rao

Graduate students heard arguments for and against student unionization at "Labor Unions for Graduate Students" at a colloquium by that name Wednesday. Stewart was a member of the Graduate Student Council, which was "ways that graduate students on some other campuses around the country have attempted to gain the union's support for their cause," Silber said.

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NIH report critical of David Baltimore

(Continued from page 1) Deutch said she was “very relieved that the truth has finally come out.” She called the report “an act of courage on the part of the people that wrote it.”

She noted that while an investigation into MIT’s handling of the matter is continuing, “the scientific issues have been settled.”

O’Toole said she was happy with her current position with Genetics Institute, a Cambridge biotechnology company, and has no plans to return to a university setting.

Deutch: MIT scrupulous

Former Provost John M. Deutch ‘61, who has supported Baltimore, had not seen the NIH report. “I’m certainly not prepared to make a comment about academic misconduct without having studied the report,” he said.

“The reports from NIH since this matter began have been frequent and not always consistent,” Deutch said. “I think it’s very careful to wait until one looks at the particulars of this report.”

An earlier MIT investigation of O’Toole’s claims found no evidence of misconduct. Professor of Immunology Emeritus Herman N. Eisen, who led that investigation, told The New York Times he did not believe he should have acted differently, given the information presented at the time. Yesterday, he referred all questions to Deutch.

Deutch was “firmly of the view that MIT’s conduct in this matter was scrupulously correct at every step of the way.”

Yet, President Charles M. Vest, who also had not seen the NIH report, issued a statement which said he has “asked a small group of faculty and administrators to look into our procedures for dealing with allegations of academic misconduct.”

The statement, which was addressed to MIT faculty and researchers, asked for help in designing “an institute-wide program to ensure that all junior colleagues are appropriately informed in [objective] methodology and attitudes.”

Dingell pleased with system

A spokesman for the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, chaired by John D. Dingell (D-MI), said the committee might hold further hearings on the matter after the NIH completes its investigation. Dingell’s committee has also been investigating O’Toole’s fraud allegations.

In a statement, Dingell said, “This system seems to be working as we had hoped. There is still more work to be done. I trust that NIH will look at the way certain institutions and individuals responded — or failed to respond — to some very serious allegations and evidence of misconduct.”

Baltimore and his supporters have been upset by Dingell’s involvement in the investigation. In a 1998 letter to colleagues, Baltimore dismissed Dingell’s probe as “totally unnecessary” and warned that “what we are underwriting is a harbinger of threats to scientific communication and scientific freedom.”

Deutch also expressed concern about the Baltimore investigation — like the congressional investigation of Stanford’s overhead policy and the Justice Department antitrust probe into university admissions and financial aid policies — was indicative of “a lack of public confidence and appreciation of the nation’s great research universities.”

Deutch, who is currently a National Academy of Sciences committee writing a report on scientific misconduct in the academic community, said “the proper response to that is not to turn away from the controversy, but for universities to forthrightly meet these questions and attempt to restore confidence in these terrific assets of the nation.”

(Editor’s note: Andrea D. Lamberti and Jeremy Hyman contributed to the reporting of this story.)
Saudia Arabia, Japan to help pay for war

Saudia Arabia said that it is not behind in paying its share of the costs of the Persian Gulf. The official Saudia news agency said that the kingdom will come through with the money. Each House of Congress has passed measures aimed at pressuring allies to pay their contributions. Negotiators from the House and Senate discussed differences in their bills yesterday. According to the White House, Japan will give the United States $5.7 million today. Spokesman Martin Finnegan said that the money is an initial contribution toward Japan's share of the war's costs for 1991. He added that more money is expected soon.

Japanese media have said that Japan was not consulted enough on the Persian Gulf crisis. The Secretary of State, James A. Baker III said that relations with Japan are not going well. He also said that he and Japan's visiting foreign minister taped to keep them that way.

1100 Kuwaitis freed by Iraq

A Red Cross spokeswoman said that more than 1100 Kuwaitis were freed by Iraq yesterday. She said that they are being bused to Saudia Arabia and then will be flown to Kuwait. It is not known how many are civilians and how many are military. The release came as delegates from Iraq held talks in Saudia Arabia on repatriating Iraqi prisoners of war. But the Red Cross said that was coincidental.

Great Britain to abolish poll tax

The British government said that due to popular demand, it is "dumping" the poll tax. One official said that citizens did not think it was fair to just tax everyone. He said that the government will go back to some form of property tax to fund local governments. Critics had said that the poll tax did not take into account people's ability to pay. Opposition to the tax helped push British Prime Minister John Major's predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, out of office.

Weld meets with Walpole, Norfolk citizens to discuss landfill

Gov. William F. Weld met with officials and citizens from Walpole and Norfolk yesterday. But they reached no conclusions on whether a sewage debris landfill would have to be built in Walpole. During his campaign for governor, Weld opposed the location of a dump in Walpole. But the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency is continuing to insist that the state have a backup site. Environmental Secretary Susan Tierney has proposed a plan whereby sites, stones and other debris would be sent to commercial landfills. Sludge would be added as fertilizer. Under that plan, the Walpole site would be a backup only. But Walpole anti-dump activists said that even that plan is not appealing. They claim it still would require endorsement of the EPA and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

Weld to announce decision on deficit-reduction package

Gov. William F. Weld said he will announce his decision today on which sections of a deficit-reduction package he will sign and which he will veto. Weld said that he will reject a legislative plan that would force him to slash salaries of cabinet secretaries. But the House and Senate may have the votes to make the tax override which would allow the governor to sell surplus state land. Weld had asked the legislature for that power. But he said that the provision that was passed does not give him the latitude he needs to raise $90 million this fiscal year.

Weld raised all cabinet salaries to $85,000 a year when he took office in January. The current proposal would drop salaries to a range that would force some of the nine officials who take pay cuts of $20,000 or more.

Weather

Bonjour, printemps!

Between a large surface high over southeastern Canada and a substantial cyclone over the center of the United States, a blocking pattern will develop. A dry front will move through the Northeast, bringing clear skies to the south. But it could bring more clouds to the north.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a few breaks to west of the coast. A high wind warning is in effect for coastal areas from 10-15 mph. (16-24 kph).

Friday night: Clouds thickening and precipitation slowly rolling in. Cold rain with a few pockets of wet snow inland, caused by trapping of colder air near the surface. Chance of snow in the mid-30s (0-2°C). Winds continue to northeast.

Saturday: Rainy, windy and raw, with temperatures a bit lower than in the high teens last night. High of 16°F (0°C).

Sunday: More rain likely, with temperatures in the 40s (5-6°C).

Forecast by Marek Zebrowski

Compiled by Joey Marquez
I am writing this letter to bring to the attention of the MIT community the fact that the recent recipient of hatred and intolerance.

Last week was Respect Life Week, sponsored by MIT Pro-Life. Many of our event posters were ripped down, sometimes found on the floor crumpled up, stepped on or torn to bits.

The drop poster in the Julia L. Stratton '23 Student Center was scrutinized for illegal political action. It resulted in a series of legal and moral challenges, assuming persons who consider themselves "pro-choice." I refer to the nature of existence, or simply wanting to quote you. What will it be? Existentialism? Logical positivism? Pragmatism, OK? To which the philosophy major is "prolific." Just as pearls of wisdom endangers freedom is necessary for keeping us amuse. Music is necessary for keeping us into the arts, philosophy has the least practical value. Music is necessary for keeping us from practical value. Music is necessary for keeping us with lots of nasty-sounding foreign words. "Philosophy, whether it be a genuine curiosity over famous "Philosophy, whether it be a genuine curiosity over famous, the more you will be-

But what of philosophy? Take for example "a priori" It means "characterized as". The Pythons said it best: "The meaning of life? Well, it's nothing very special. Try to be nice to people, avoid eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in, and try to live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations."
Lerner's notebook omits terrorist attacks by Israel

In his discussion of terrorism in Israel, Rayner M. Lerner '92 clearly attempts to treat the relevant issues fairly, but I believe his account is misguided ("Report on Israel: the trap of terrorism," March 15).

Lerner balances Arab terrorism by mentioning Jewish terrorist groups whose "activities have been condemned by the Israeli government and international authorities." However, he omits the much more important examples of Israeli state terrorism, such as the Haram al-Sharif killings of last October, a bombing raid that notes that many define terrorism to include government violence, which Lerner does not.

This bias is strongest in his description of the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, which he claims war undertaken "on the basis of all evidence..." from firing rockets at Israeli settlements along the northern border." In fact, during the year preceding the invasion there was a cease-fire with the PLO. The PLO twice attacked the Israeli settlements in this period, but as Norman Finkelstein notes in the Journal of Palestine Studies [Winter 1991], "both these attacks were遏eded by Israeli air assaults against Lebanon."

An official press release for the 1982 invasion not mentioned by Lerner was the attempted assassination of the Israeli ambassador to London; however, this was carried out by the PLO, but with the knowledge of Israeli intelligence agencies, the Abu Nidal terrorist group, possibly with the aid of Iraq.

United States has become greatest threat to peace

Along with US atrocities in Iraq and Kuwait, and the gross illegal actions in Panama, current reports of a Bay-of-Pigs style fiasco in Libya underscores the fact that the United States has become the greatest threat to world peace.

The message is clear: Any nationalistic world leader who does not want to join the Washington puppet show will be targeted for removal — by any means possible.

Based on non-existent "proof" of Libya's connection with terrorist activities, a bombing raid was conducted to kill Qaddafi. When the attempt failed, a group of dissidents were trained to overthrow him.

This has also succeeded in failing to attract the United States' spending enormous amounts of money to relocate these dissident commanders. It seems to me very hypocritical that this country should be scared of purported domestic terrorists when it engages in them itself with no remorse.

The American government acts as if the world is a chess board. Foreign leaders are pawns to be manipulated for its own self-interest. Imperialism and domestic terrorism and bigotry of other peoples are blatantly ignored and trumped upon.

In the name of empty words such as "freedom" and "democracy," dictatorial regimes are supported, and the United Nations is considered a toy. When the United Nations condemned the US invasion of Panama, Bush cared less, but now with the Persian Gulf crisis, to avoid an overtly imperialistic image, Bush regards the UN as a sacred institution to drum up world support.

The worse aspects of American foreign policy are its ignorance of the human rights and emergency of American actions, lack of understanding, and complacency.

If a foreign leader is anti-American he must be removed — now. No consideration is given to the future stability of the region and long-term effects.

For example, in Panama, after the kidnapping of Manuel Noriega and the installment of a new president (who had to be sworn in on a US base) the United States promised over $400 million in aid. So far a mere $10 million has been given, and with growing economic troubles a recent poll indicated that the new Panamanian president has a mere 20 percent of the people's support.

The sole objective of the Panamanian adventure was to remove somebody the United States didn't like — the well-being of the Panamanians was not considered.

The other problem, discontinuity, is intrinsic in the American government. Each administration and its own interests, or the people during one administration may be considered enemies during another — and you know what happens to enemies.

Anonymous posters breed hate

Thursday, as I walked down the Infinite Corridor, I noticed a poster stuck into one of the display cases. It had a quote from Leviticus about how a man who lies with a man as with a woman shall be damned, and so on.

In the fine print, the group taking "credit," a reincarnation of the infamous Dudes At MIT of past years, said they did not want their tattletale to go towards groups promoting immoral sexual activity, and they wanted to see an end to it.

I got angry. This is a university community and I understand that my tuition money will go towards supporting those groups with whom I do not agree. However, I firmly believe it is the right of all people to speak their minds, even if I find their views distasteful. At the time, I thought about writing a letter to address this issue, but I wasn't certain that I could make time to do so.

A few, twenty, five later, I saw a poster that shocked me, outraged me, and upset me deeply. It said, simply, "Buttlammers Give Losers Anal Disease." This is not a discourse of opposing views. This is harassment. This affront pains me in a way in which I cannot find words.

To the people who put up those posters, I have questions for you: Do you know anything about the people you are attacking? Do you hate them because they refuse to censor their thoughts and feelings? Do you want to hurt those who have never even seen any of those acts which you find "immoral"? Why? Why would you want to hurt the people who have?

What are you afraid of? Ignorance breeds bigotry. I can tell you that gay people are not monsters. They eat, sleep, do homework, play sports, hang out with friends, and love their partners, just like straight people do.

They have minds with which to decide how best to live their lives, and they do not need you to impose your set of morals on them. They understand the implications of their actions and take full responsibility for them.

Many of us rejoice in taking responsibility for our actions, because we are being true to ourselves. Putting up anonymous, harassing posters belies your cowardice.

If you are truly going to be the good Christians you wish the world to believe you are, you will not condemn gays, but love them as God's children and let Him do the judging.

Take a good, long look at yourselves and find out why you put up the posters. They do nothing to further your cause and only spread the opinion of those who might otherwise be sympathetic.

I will defend your right to hold your opinion, but I will not tolerate harassment.

Lindasimus Ulrich '91

Robie Samanta Roy '90
Out of Time shows some big changes for REM

OUT OF TIME
REM.
Warner Brothers Records.

By LARRY SMILG
and JEREMY HILLTON

MARCH AFTER A TWO-AND-A-HALF-
year hiatus, REM thought people would forget what they sound like. It is easy to
forget that their new album, Out of Time, was actually created by the same band that
recorded Murmur and Life's Rich Pageant.
REM gained its reputation as alternative
music's darling with songs like "Radio
Free Europe," showcasing driving guitar
and percussion and Michael Stipe's occa-
sionally understandable vocals. After mov-
ing to Warner Brothers Records from IRS
for their last album, REM gained popular-
ity, and with it a "pop" sound. The al-
bum, Green, often made political state-
ments with songs like "Orange Crush" and
"World Leader Pretend," commenting on the
arrogance and narrow-mindedness of
today's world leaders. ("World Leader Pre-
tend" was also the only song for which
REM has published the complete lyrics.)

Out of Time is a far cry from these po-
litical statements. It is a quiet, personal al-
bum, marked by plucky mandolin and
string accompaniments. Its moods range
from dark and introspective to "shiny" and
bland, and at times the mellow, sometimes bland sound of
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"Near Wild Heaven." REM purists will
probably find this album to be a disapp-
poishment. For everybody else, the new
material will get more enjoyable with each

Sometimes the experiments of this al-
bum work well. By combining their old
sound with the fullness of a string ensemble, REM creates a new sound
that will not alienate old fans the way
"Shiny Happy People" will. On "Tear-
kana," the classic REM guitar and percus-
sion are complemented by the addition of
strings. The vocals on the track, which be-
gin "20,000 miles to an oasis," are both
distant and, surprisingly, understandable.

The third track, "Low," is a clear departure
from the rest of the album. Stipe's vocals
are beautifully dependent and dark, but
the real surprise is the guitars. They begin
quietly, working with the organ in the back-
ground, but occasionally the guitars take
the lead with a riff that sounds hauntingly like
Bauhaus, the progenitor of the early-80s
Gothic rock movement. Stipe matches the
guitars' intensity, with vocals less haunting
but more melodic than Peter Murphy.
The instrumental on this album, "End-
game," combines strings and flagellum to
create a sound reminiscent of the peaceful-
ness of a walk in the woods, a pleasant
break in between "Near Wild Heaven" and
"Shiny Happy People." The sound is com-
pletely unrecognizable as REM, unlike
other tracks, where Stipe's voice marks
them as his own.

The songs that work best are those that
keep some of the old REM style. This may
not be an entirely fair standard by which
to judge the album, but the comparisons are
inevitable. Initially songs like "Radio Song" and
"Losing My Religion" sound disappoint-
ing, but they grow on you. When REM
were a band's first album, we would have
evaded it. The burden of a trademark sound is that the public has greater expec-
tations for an album — particularly after a
great run that longer than George Bush's presidency.
(Green was released on election day, 1988.)
Out of Time moves toward a more
smooth, personal REM — a mellow ver-

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Jesus Jones produces uneven but likeable Doubt

DOUBT
Jeff Jones, BSR Records

Nik Harmon, the drummer for Jesus Jones, has recently released their second album, Doubt, an uniformly enjoyable listen. The band was formed in Massachusetts, taking their name from the idea of a music band that is musically perfect, but one unfortunately marked by occasional malice and creative laziness.

Jesus Jones is another of the seemingly endless number of bands from Massachusetts, entering the world of music about the same time as The Pretenders and The Cars. Their name is inspired by the notion that Jesus was the perfect band.

Jones was originally a solo artist, but the band doubled when the Pretenders fell apart. The band was formed in London, with a line-up that included Jones on lead vocals and songwriter, guitarist, and keyboardist.

Doubt is the band's second album, released on BSR Records in 1989. The album shows the band's growth as they moved from a more electronic sound to a more dance-pop sound. The album features tracks like "Dreams" and "Liquid Crystal Girls," which were popular hits in the U.K. charts.

The album also features guest appearances by Brian Eno and Blondie, who contributed additional production work.

Overall, Doubt is a solid effort from a band that has continued to evolve and refine their sound over the years. The production values are high, and the songs are catchy and memorable. With the help of guest appearances and a strong pop sensibility, Jesus Jones made a strong impression with Doubt.

The album continues to be a fan favorite among those who appreciate a well-crafted pop album with catchy hooks and memorable melodies. Jesus Jones' music has a timeless quality that has kept the album relevant over the years.
tumbleweed-garden

ILL SPEND THE SPRING BREAK IN TAMPA. IT'S GONNA BE REAL JAZZ!

HOW 'BOUT YOU? WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

OH, WELL... I DON'T WANT TO WASTE ANY TIME. I'LL JUST STAY HERE AN' STUDY!

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"HERE'S MELOVIN' ONCE A SERIOUS NERD, NOW REDUCED TO THIS PATHETIC STATE!"

THE POLICE FOUND HIM STUDYING IN THE MEN'S ROOM!

HOW WAST MELOVIN' CAUGHT?

THEM, EXCUSE ME... I'M GONNA USE THE MEN'S ROOM...

AND THE CRUELS, HEARTLESS WARDENS MAKE THE PRISONERS ENGAGE IN INHUMAN LABOUR...

pawan sinha

DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE SPOILING THE HOLIDAYS FOR BOTH OF US?

A TRIP TO THE PENITENTIARY WILL SET YOU RIGHT, OFFICER. SEND HIM OFF RIGHT AWAY.

AND THE CRUELS, HEARTLESS WARDENS MAKE THE PRISONERS ENGAGE IN INHUMAN LABOUR...
**Graduate students discuss possible unionization**

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"We now have a contract that standardizes grievance procedures, illness class sizes, the non-
discrimination clauses, and guarantees minimum health insurance coverage for all the TaTs," Bromley reported. The contract also addresses the similar concerns of project assistants, who are analogous to research assistants at MIT. Bromley added, "It is important to get undergraduate support for all the causes of unionization."

Amy Polk, secretary of the Graduate Union of the United States at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, said that it is important to get undergraduate support for all the causes of unionization. "The GUEU explained to the undergraduate students at Ann Arbor that poor working conditions, among teaching assistants have a serious effect on the quality of undergraduate education, and that they were very sympathetic to our cause," Polk said.

Kochan noted that all three schools represented at the colloquium were publicly funded. "Private sector industrial relations statutes and boards have to be invoked to form student unions in private schools, as in a sham," he said. "Under the present rules, it is very convenient for an institution like MIT to drag on an arbitration for as long as five or six years before responding positively," he added.

**GSC discusses new status**

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"Part- or full-time continuing to write their dissertations as non-resident students, Perkins said." Many other major universities offer various kinds of ABD status, both for master's degrees and doctoral degrees. During his talk, Perkins cited examples from eight other major research universities, seven of which offer some kind of ABD status.

In justifying MIT's inability to offer ABD status to its students, Perkins said that the Institute has historically tried to use federal research grants money to pay for graduate tuition, and that making a transition to more MI support would be difficult. "MIT has been very successful at leveraging its operations on research support instead of endowing university fellowships," Perkins said. Candidates nominated for next year's officers At the end of the meeting, the GSC accepted nominations for next year's officers. More nominations and elections for officers will take place at the GSC's next meeting.

Rosina Samadani, Mary L. Horan, and Paris Ciaci were nominated for president; Jennifer L. Smith, James Kilby and Christina S. Miller for vice president; Ramnath Subramaniam for secretary; and Christopher S. Stipp for vice president. 

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Don't count Lakers out

In early November the headlines were all negative: "Lakers start with a dismal 2-5 record." On Jan. 8, the Lakers were 8 1/2 games behind the front-running Portland Trail Blazers. The critics predicted that at best they could finish second in the division—first place was out of the question. The following day, the Lakers embarked on a journey which saw them win 16 consecutive games (the longest winning streak this season). By March 19, the Lakers were in sole possession of first place in the Pacific Division.

Why did Sports Illustrated consider them finished? First, people thought that Magic was finished and that his drive for excellence was no longer sufficient to carry Los Angeles. Secondly, they thought with a new coach they thought with a new coach they thought with a new coach they thought with a new coach they thought with a new coach they thought with a new coach they thought with a new coach they thought with a new coach.

The Lakers have taken a slightly different outlook in their rise to the top. They are running less and playing better defense. These are two things which are crucial in the playoffs.

Whereas before the team relied on outscoring the opponent with an offensive punch, LA now focuses on shutting down its opponents. This formula seems to be working, as the Lakers are one of the best teams in the league once again.

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The second reason is defense. There are only two teams in the NBA which hold their opponents below 100 points per game. Detroit limits its opponents to 96.5 points per game but only scores 99.7. The Lakers, on the other hand, limit opponents to 99.0 points per game and at the same time score 106.2 points per game. This is quite an accomplishment considering their vulnerability at center.

The third reason is Mike Dunleavy. To take the place of a coach who won five NBA titles in one decade and voted coach of the year is no easy task. Pat Riley established a dynasty in Los Angeles and when he left, there were big shoes to fill. Not only did Dunleavy maintain the excellence, but he also managed to incorporate Perkins and Teagle without disrupting the system. Perkins is an excellent post-up player and has been a big part in the Lakers' comeback.

The Lakers have found themselves in the finals. If they stay focused on the championship, they will surely win five championships!