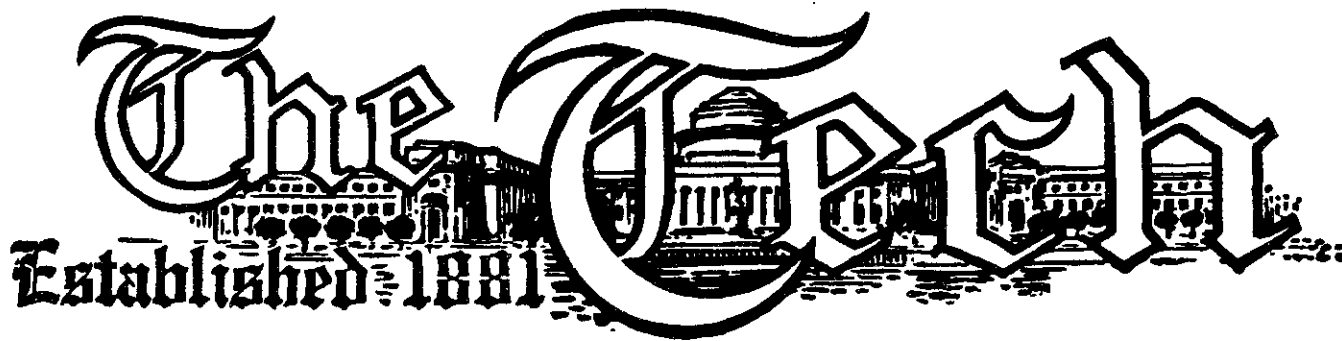


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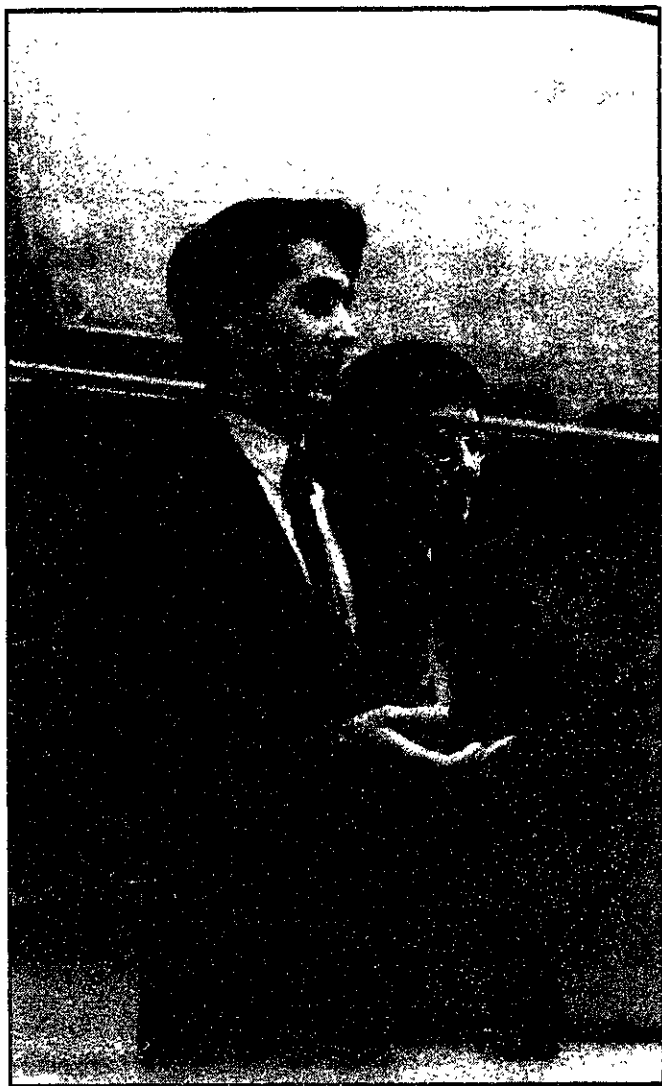
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UA Presidential Hopefuls Face Off in 6-120



Peter K. Verprauskus '94 and Kai-Teh Tao '94

Four Teams Debate the Issues

By George Ipe
STAFF REPORTER

In a debate that covered topics ranging from a student credit union to a reading from Douglas Adams' *The Restaurant at the End of the Universe*, the four Undergraduate Association candidate teams for president and vice-president faced off in verbal battle in 6-120 on Sunday night.

The four candidate teams for UA President and Vice-President are Shally Bansal '93 and David J. Kessler '94, Emily R. Prenner '93 and Anne S. Tsao '94, Stephen A. Rinehart '93 and Jeremy H. Brown '94, and Kai-Teh Tao '94 and Peter K. Verprauskus '94.

Three panelists posed questions: Theresa Esser '95 of *The Thistle*, Mithran Mathew '95 of *The Analyst*, and Brian M. Rosenberg '93 of *The Tech*. Avik S. Roy '94 of *Counterpoint* moderated.

After opening statements from each candidate, the panelists began the questioning. Each team was given two minutes to respond to the panelists' questions, and the other teams were given 30 seconds for

rebuttal.

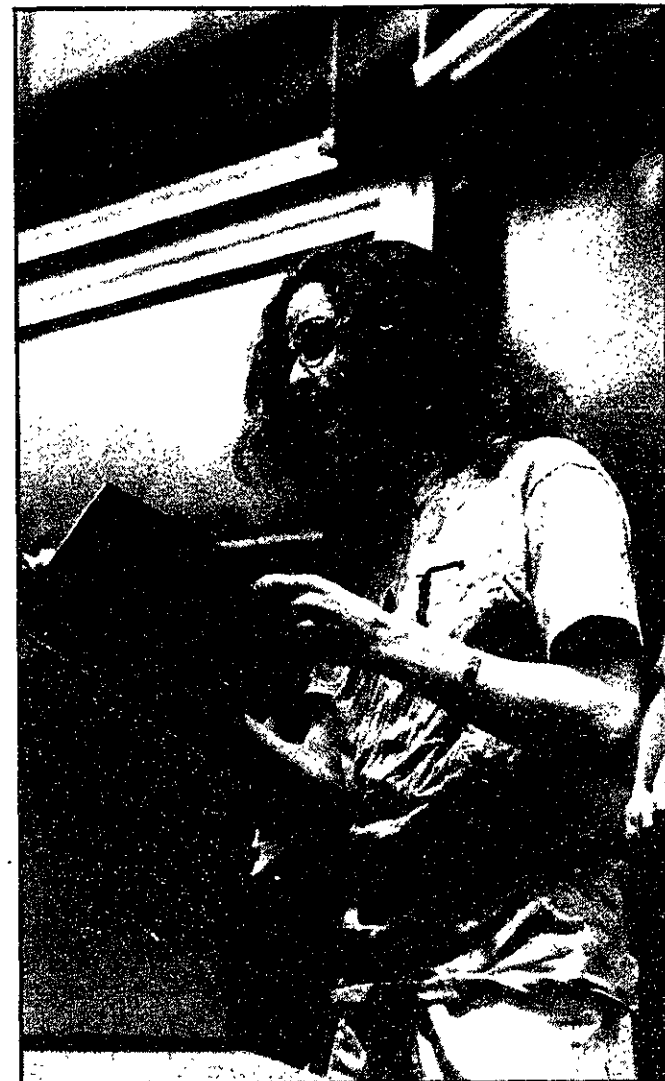
Many of the candidates felt the debate's format was bad. They cited short time limits on answers and the lack of provisions for responding to rebuttals as problems.

Early in the debate, Mathew asked Prenner about allegations that she had missed "many executive board meetings and some sub-committee meetings. How do you defend this?"

Prenner responded, "I am involved in many activities besides the UA, and they take a lot of time. But this will change. I am already committed to dropping my other activities if I am elected UAP."

Esser asked Prenner and Tsao, "You advocate the UA controlling a larger activities fee by increasing the amount charged students; but you also support a waiver for students who object to certain activities for 'religious, ethical, or moral reasons.' Wouldn't this in effect keep certain groups from getting needed funding?"

"We would have money left



Debate, Page 7 Stephen A. Rinehart '93

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GSC Resolutions Address Harrassment

By Sarah Keightley
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Graduate Student Council adopted a resolution which addresses three problems with the current sexual harassment policy and recommends changes to solve these problems. Along with these suggestions to the administration, the GSC plans to create a student help group for victims of sexual harassment.

Mary E. Herndon G., who worked on the resolution as part of the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Committee, said "the university needs to be a little more serious in dealing with harassment. There are a lot of people in the administration who really care, but there's no enforcement."

If a victim wants to file a complaint, "there is no formalized procedure. [This] definitely should be changed because it discourages people from coming forward." The administration thinks "it's all okay now because they've handed out the brown booklet [*Stopping Sexual Harassment at MIT*]."

The GSC resolution, adopted at its Feb. 20 meeting, is a petition asking the administration to change certain parts of the policy. "We listed three problems we found in the current policy, and we made some recommendations we would like to see MIT adopt," Herndon said.

The first problem is that there is no "set of official guidelines for how individuals who receive complaints should deal with the complaints," though there are seminars, Herndon said. Cases are currently handled in different ways with "unsatisfactory and even unjust outcomes," and confidentiality is not provided because of a "lack of a standardized policy," she added.

"Our recommendations are that the MIT administration come up with a clear, specific, and standardized sets of guidelines for administrative response," she said. "Strict attention" must be paid to the confidentiality of both parties and to the prevention of retribution by the alleged harasser. She added that the timeliness of complaint resolution is also an issue.

The second problem with the current policy is that although the published guide lists numerous people who can be contacted about harassment incidents, there is no official requirement that these individuals be trained, Herndon said.

"This seemed contradictory to us. There's no guarantee if you go to someone in the department that the person you see even understands the rules of confidentiality or will handle your case properly," Herndon said.

"One of the things that is kind of irritating" is that an employee's

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Nearly Half of Women Surveyed Report They Were Harrassed

By Joey Marquez
NEWS EDITOR

Forty-seven percent of the women and 9 percent of the men responding to a recent survey reported "experiences of harassment which they found upsetting or very upsetting," according to a survey conducted by the housemasters, tutors, and undergraduate residents of Baker House and East Campus.

This survey is the first part of an effort by administrators to "raise the level of [student] consciousness, so they can understand what's going on" with sexual harassment, said Samuel J. Keyser, Associate Provost for Institute Life.

Revised questionnaires have been sent to independent living groups and McCormick Hall residents.

In a letter, Keyser and President Charles M. Vest requested that the entire MIT community "work together to develop ways to reduce, if not eliminate, sexual harassment and harassment of all kinds at MIT."

Keyser said "East Campus and Baker have given a gift to the community ... [the report] holds up a picture of the community to itself. I think that's the first step" toward change.

The survey, sent to 359 people,

had a response rate of 49 percent; 158 of 281 women and 194 of 456 men returned questionnaires. The response rate varied among classes: 56 percent of freshmen, 50 percent of sophomores, 46 percent of juniors, and 37 percent of seniors returned questionnaires.

In an article written for *The MIT Faculty Newsletter*, Baker Housemaster William B. Watson and EC Housemaster Kenneth A. Oye wrote, "As teachers and supervisors, we should realize that these harassment experiences can have a marked impact on our students' change."

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Student Residence Book Revamped

By Brian Rosenberg
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Incoming freshmen will receive an updated and renamed 1992 *Undergraduate Residential Life* book this summer. The book, which gives freshmen a preliminary look at MIT housing options, has been reorganized to "get people excited about the possibilities of rush," said Eliot S. Levitt '89, staff assistant in the Residence and Campus Activities Complex.

The book will be divided into two sections. The first will give details on aspects of undergraduate life, including safety, dining options, single-sex housing, Residence/Orientation Week rules, and freshman crowding in the dormitories. The second section will be a guide to individual living groups in a "Yellow Pages" format, accord-

ing to Levitt, who has edited the book for two years.

Levitt said the front section will have a "more personal face. We're trying to emphasize individual student perspectives — essays, stories, whatever. Hopefully we can create an R/O atmosphere that is positive and not frightful."

The opening section is also aimed at parents. "A lot of parents look at the book, and I think we can ease many of their fears," Levitt said.

The second section will be similar to the listings used in past books, but will be significantly smaller. Each living group will have a half-page rather than a full-page in which to describe itself. "Eighty to 90 percent of the current text, a photo of the house, and a few highlights fit in a half-page," Levitt said.

Some of the photographs that previously would have appeared in individual listings will now be placed in the book's front section, with captions provided by each living group. "Freshmen won't be attracted to a living group just because of its listing, but will see it as part of the entire context of undergraduate life here," Levitt said.

"Each house used to have to sell the [housing] system, so they didn't say anything different from any other house. Now we're taking over the system sell, which gives the houses more freedom," Levitt said.

Levitt said he began work on the new book because he was dissatisfied with last year's design. "The book really didn't serve the purpose

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WORLD & NATION

Bush Vetoes Bill Linking Favorable Trade Status with Human Rights

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

In a continuing battle over U.S. policy toward China, President Bush yesterday vetoed a bill that would link favorable trade treatment for Beijing with progress on human rights, weapons proliferation and trade. Officials said the president has more than enough votes to win if Congress tries to override the veto.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said the president stands behind his longtime position that imposing trade penalties on China to compel it to take certain action would not be productive.

"There is no doubt in my mind that if we present China's leaders with an ultimatum ... the result will be weakened ties to the West and further repression," Bush said in his veto message. The result, he added, "will not be progress on human rights, arms control or trade."

The measure would require China to make "substantial progress" on human rights, weapons proliferation and trade imbalances before most-favored-nation trade status could be renewed after it expires in June. The bill was approved by the Senate last month by 59 to 39, eight votes short of the two-thirds needed to override a veto.

Serbs Abandon Sarajevo Barricades

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SARAJEVO, YUGOSLAVIA

After firing on peaceful demonstrators in a clash yesterday over Bosnia-Herzegovina's right to seek independence, militant Serbs later abandoned their barricades, which had held the city hostage throughout the day.

About 5,000 youthful marchers plowed through the militants' heavily armed roadblocks around 9 p.m., after three fellow protesters had been felled by gunfire and one reportedly died of those wounds. Four others were killed in earlier gun battles, hospital workers said.

The Serbian militants left Sarajevo as swiftly as they had appeared 24 hours earlier to defy a vote endorsing secession of this central, multiethnic republic from the Yugoslav federation.

Their retreat eased fears that Yugoslavia's civil war was about to consume volatile Bosnia. But tensions remained high and Serb political leaders warned that ethnic warfare was unavoidable. Sporadic gunfire still crackled early Tuesday morning; the cacophony of automatic weapons shots tapered off, however, after the militants packed up their barricades and went home.

Mafia Aide Testifies Against Gotti

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

Salvatore Gravano, "Sammy Bull" to the fellas who befriended him and lived to tell about it, took the stand yesterday in federal court and became the highest-ranking Mafioso ever to rat on the mob in public.

What he had to say was very bad for defendant John Gotti, reputed boss of America's most powerful Mafia family, the Gambino organization. As expected, Gravano testified that Gotti planned and authorized the murder Dec. 16, 1985, of Paul Castellano, his alleged predecessor as Gambino family boss.

Unexpectedly, Gotti's former right-hand man added another detail: Gotti was on the scene, he said. Half a block from Sparks Steak House in midtown Manhattan, on the fateful evening, Gotti and Gravano sat in a car and watched the murder unfold, ready as "back-up shooters" to cut down Castellano if he escaped the killers at the restaurant door, Gravano testified.

The backups were not amateurs, according to the testimony. "Nineteen," responded "Sammy Bull" when Assistant U.S. Attorney John Gleason asked how many murders he has participated in.

Support Doubtful for Tax Bill

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Senate Finance Committee begins work today on its own version of the Democratic tax-cut bill that was approved last week by the House, but it still was uncertain yesterday whether the plan could win enough Democratic votes to get it out of committee.

With much of the proposal still being revised, panel chairman Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas) met with Democratic committee members yesterday to outline portions of the plan, which he had drafted as a starting-point, but he reportedly fell short of mustering sufficient support.

Senate strategists said it still was not clear whether Bentsen would be able to win the additional votes today or whether the panel would be thrust into several days of internal wrangling that could delay the bill — and possibly jeopardize it entirely.

At least three key Democrats on the panel, Sens. David Boren of Oklahoma, Bill Bradley of New Jersey and John Breaux of Louisiana, are said to be opposed to the concept of raising taxes on the rich to help finance tax reductions for others — a key feature of Bentsen's plan.

WEATHER

Clearer Week Ahead

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Tuesday: Some morning cloudiness, then becoming sunny. High in the low 40s (4-7°C). Winds north 10-15 mph (16-24 kph).

Tuesday Night: Clear. Low 25-30°F (-4 to -1°C).

Wednesday: Sunny. High in the mid-40s (4-7°C).

Thursday: Fair. High in the 50s (10-13°C).

Democratic Field May Narrow As Seven States Hold Primaries

By David S. Broder and Thomas B. Edsall

THE WASHINGTON POST

Seven states choose delegates today in contests that will test the durability of the challenge to President Bush's renomination and could provide the first definitive sorting of the Democratic field.

Republican challenger Patrick J. Buchanan is looking for a big enough vote in Georgia to sustain his anti-Bush effort through the 11-state "Super Tuesday" coming up on March 10.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton is counting on Georgia to give him his first win of the season and launch him into the southern-dominated "Super Tuesday" states, where he hopes to establish his claim to the Democratic nomination.

But his advisers expressed concern that a Clinton win in Georgia could be eclipsed if the polls showing former Massachusetts senator Paul E. Tsongas out front in the other two primary states, Maryland and Colorado, are confirmed by the voting results.

Four other states — Idaho, Minnesota, Utah and Washington — and American Samoa hold Democratic caucuses Tuesday, bringing the total number of Democratic delegates at stake to 383. Whoever gets the biggest chunk of those delegates will establish himself as the leader in the race.

For three other Democrats — Sens. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Tom Harkin of Iowa and former California governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown, Jr. — Tuesday's results pose a test of financial and political viability.

Kerrey, with only a win in South Dakota to his credit, has concentrated on Colorado and the western caucus states in hopes of finding enough delegates to persuade his contributors he still has a chance. Harkin, who has fared badly except in the caucuses in his home state, hopes for a victory in the Minnesota

caucuses to encourage his labor and liberal contributors.

Brown, who came close to upsetting Tsongas in the Maine caucuses but has trailed badly elsewhere, needs a better showing to continue to qualify for federal matching funds.

Tsongas, who was credentialed by his victories in New Hampshire and Maine, campaigned Monday in Maryland, which appears to be his best chance for a win outside his home region. "I have to do well here," he said at a robotics firm in the Washington suburb of Greenbelt. "I have to be competitive in Colorado."

Private polls in Maryland show Tsongas out front, with Clinton in second and the other three far back. A poll published yesterday in Denver showed a close three-way race in Colorado, with Tsongas at 27 percent, Clinton at 23 percent and Brown climbing to 21 percent. The margin of error in the poll is large enough to consider the race almost a dead heat.

In Georgia, where top Democratic leaders, black and white, have endorsed Clinton, politicians are likely to be gauging his success by the size of his vote. Anything over 50 percent would be considered a clear victory in a five-man field; below that, it might be considered less impressive.

In an effort to hold down Clinton's black vote, Tsongas has been running radio ads publicizing Clinton's irritated response to a false report that Harkin would be endorsed by Jesse L. Jackson. The ads, saying Tsongas would show more "respect" for the civil rights leader, have been airing in five cities with large black populations — Atlanta, Macon, Savannah, Baltimore and Denver — according to Tsongas aides.

For Bush, the goal is to hold Buchanan below the 37 percent share of the vote the conservative

television commentator and columnist received in the New Hampshire primary. A crucial question for Buchanan is how many conservative Democrats and independents are attracted to the normally low-turnout Republican primary by his hard-edged appeal on such social issues as pornography, gay rights and quotas.

While insisting that Buchanan is no threat to Bush's renomination and arguing that the president will win virtually all the delegates at stake Tuesday, Bush strategists say that the longer the Buchanan challenge continues, the greater the danger of a party split that could weaken Bush in November. They hope — but are not sure — that Georgia will mark the beginning of the end of the right-wing insurgency.

As for the Democrats, Brown has vowed to carry on his low-budget effort through the final primary in California, but his effort would clearly get a needed boost if he can finish ahead of Kerrey and Harkin in Colorado and other states.

Harkin has put most of his effort into Minnesota, where the backers of liberal Sen. Paul Wellstone (D) give him a built-in organizational base. It is not clear whether a win in Minnesota by itself would revive a campaign that has languished for lack of funds ever since his fourth-place finish in New Hampshire.

Kerrey, focusing on the western contests, acknowledged in San Francisco that he was "not one of the front-runners" in the upcoming primaries. But after raising \$70,000 at a fund-raiser organized by developer Walter Shorenstein, said he hoped for enough of a showing to be considered "a credible candidate" for the later contests in the industrial states.

Violence Increases in Moldova

By Fred Hiatt

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Ethnic violence escalated on the edges of the former Soviet Union yesterday, with deaths in Moldova and intensifying combat between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Ex-Soviet troops began pulling out of Nagorno-Karabakh, a disputed enclave of Armenians in Azerbaijan, amid fears that all-out war would follow. Russian television showed pictures Monday night of dozens of corpses lying in the snow, victims of what Azerbaijan charged was an Armenian massacre, and of shelling of villages from both sides.

In Moldova, a small new nation near the Romanian border, police confronted a militia loyal to the even smaller Dnestr Republic, an enclave of ethnic Russians within Moldova that refuses to recognize Moldovan independence. Conflicting news reports from the city of Dubossary reported several deaths and injuries as a unit of Moldovan police was disarmed and arrested by ethnic Russian militia, perhaps with the assistance of roving bands of Russian Cossacks.

With the breakup of the Soviet Union, long-suppressed ethnic rivalries and national jealousies have broken into the open, often with heavy weaponry stolen, bought or seized from the former Soviet army. Russia, at the heart of the former union, has largely escaped such vio-

lence. But its efforts, along with those of the successor Commonwealth of Independent States and of outsiders like Iran, to mediate solutions have met with no success.

Moreover, with conflicts brewing with Ukraine and with would-be nations within Russia like Chechnya and Tatarstan, Russians are not sanguine about avoiding the fate of neighbors on the fringes of the former Soviet Union.

In another sign of tension within the former union, a spokesman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, Vitaly Churkin, accused the Lithuanian ambassador to Washington yesterday of a provocation for suggesting that Lithuanian-Russian borders might eventually have to be redrawn.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who last fall helped broker a cease-fire agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan that was never implemented, left yesterday for a brief vacation at the Black Sea resort of Sochi, officials said. They said that Yeltsin's health, the object of recurrent rumors, was good.

More than 1,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands have been forced to flee their homes in four years of fighting between Christian Armenians and Moslem Azerbaijanis in and around Nagorno-Karabakh. Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosian called the pullout of Soviet troops from the region "poorly thought

out" and said it "could further destabilize the situation," especially if Azerbaijan is permitted to take over military equipment left behind.

The Armenians denied Azerbaijani accusations that hundreds of civilians had been massacred in the village of Khojaly. Armenian forces attacked the village last week in an effort to stop shelling from there of the city of Stepanakert.

Reporters in the area reported seeing dozens of bodies, including some of civilians. Azerbaijani officials said Armenian forces began shooting at them when they sought to recover the bodies.

Azerbaijani spokesman Musa Mamedov appealed for world help at a time when "dead bodies of thousands of Azeri women, children and elderly people have covered the woods and mountains, at a time when the moans and sobs caused by sophisticated torture by Lebanese, Syrian and other mercenaries are filling the air," Interfax reported. He accused the Armenians of "cruelty comparable only to that displayed by the Nazis in Guernica and Babi Yar."

But Armenian officials said the entire population of Khojaly was only 1,000, most of whom left before the fighting began.

Russian television reported, meanwhile, that Azerbaijani forces had seized and burned two Armenian villages in Nagorno-Karabakh, with many casualties.

Court Rebuffs Bush Effort to Ban 'Indecent' Broadcasting

By Ruth Marcus
THE WASHINGTON POST

The Supreme Court refused yesterday to allow the government to ban "indecent" radio and television broadcasts, letting stand an appeals court ruling that such a blanket prohibition violates freedom of speech.

The court, with two justices dissenting, rebuffed a Bush administration request to reinstate the round-the-clock ban on indecent broadcasts, an issue the administration said is "of concern to virtually every American household."

The administration said the prohibition, required under legislation sponsored in 1988 by Sen. Jesse Helms, (R-N.C.), is necessary to shield children from exposure to such material and to protect the privacy of unsuspecting adult listeners. Broadcasters have said an absolute ban on indecent material would deter innovative news and dramatic programming by stations worried about running afoul of the vaguely worded ban.

The issue now returns to the Federal Communications Commission to decide what hours to allow the broadcast of "indecent" material, programming that is not legally obscene but that contains "patently offensive" descriptions of "sexual or excretory activities or organs." As the case has gone through the courts, the FCC has allowed the broadcast of such material between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The court's refusal to hear the case, *Federal Communications Commission v. Action for Children's Television*, was surprising, since it involved an appeals court decision finding an act of Congress unconstitutional.

Justices Byron R. White and Sandra Day O'Connor said they would have heard arguments in the case. Justice Clarence Thomas, who served on the appeals court panel

that voted unanimously to strike down the ban, did not participate in Monday's action. The votes of four justices are required for the court to consider a case.

In other action yesterday, the court:

- Agreed to decide whether forcing convicted sexual offenders to attend therapy programs that require them to admit their guilt violates their constitutional right against self-incrimination.

The case, *Montana v. Imlay*, concerns a Montana man, Donald Imlay, convicted of molesting a 7-year-old girl and placed on probation on condition that he enroll in a sexual-therapy program. Imlay's probation was revoked and he was ordered to serve the five-year prison

term when his therapist testified that Imlay could not continue with treatment because of his refusal to accept responsibility for his actions.

The Montana Supreme Court ruled that forcing Imlay to admit guilt would violate his constitutional privilege against self-incrimination. In a brief urging the court to hear the case, 18 other states said the Montana ruling threatened states' abilities to use sex-therapy programs and could "jeopardize court-ordered drug and alcohol abuse programs."

- Said it will hear the government's claim that it is entitled to seize a house purchased with proceeds from drug crimes, even if the owner of the house did not realize that tainted money was involved.

The case, *United States of America v. A Parcel of Land*, involves an accused drug dealer who gave the woman he lived with \$216,000 to buy a house. Federal prosecutors sought to seize the house as proceeds from drug trafficking but the owner claimed it was not subject to forfeiture because she was an "innocent owner," unaware that the money came from criminal activity.

The federal appeals court in Philadelphia agreed that the government could not seize the house.

The government, asking the court to hear the case, said the appeals court's "interpretation would allow drug dealers to distribute their wealth to minor children, other unknowing family members,

associates and others with whom they seek to curry favor."

- Refused to kill a lawsuit against New Jersey officials stemming from their efforts to force Princeton University's all-male eating clubs to admit women members.

The Ivy Club, which inducted its first female members in 1990, is suing state officials in federal court, claiming that they violated the club's freedom-of-association and privacy rights.

Yesterday, the justices let stand a ruling by the federal appeals court in Philadelphia that the lawsuit, which another formerly all-male club, Tiger Inn, has since joined, could proceed. The case is *Del Tufo v. Ivy Club*.

Harvard Law Professor Accuses School of Discrimination

By Mary Jordan
THE WASHINGTON POST

Harvard Law School's first tenured black professor, Derrick Bell, filed a discrimination complaint against the school yesterday, alleging that it "disproportionately excludes" black women and other minorities from its faculty.

The complaint, filed with the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights, seeks a formal investigation into a controversy that has received national attention and prompted campus protests.

Two years ago, Bell announced that he would not teach another day at Harvard Law unless it hired a black woman for a tenured position. In its 175-year history, a black woman has never held a tenured or tenure-track position there.

Currently, 59 of the law school's 64 tenured or tenure-track faculty members are male, five are women and six are black males. There are

no Asians, Hispanics or other minority members on the tenured faculty.

"The thinking is we have six black males, ain't that black people?" Bell, a popular professor at Harvard since 1969 and a former NAACP attorney, said yesterday in an interview. "There are none, N-O-N-E, Hispanics, Asians Americans and Native Americans on the faculty."

In a written response yesterday, Law School Dean Robert C. Clark said he does not believe the school has violated any state or federal law. "We would be happy to cooperate in any investigation that the Department of Education might undertake in response to this letter," the dean said.

In the past, Clark has said the law school is committed to achieving more diversity, but that the pool of qualified black women candidates

is "small."

Last year, 121 black females taught full-time at the 176 law schools approved by the American Bar Association, ABA research shows.

Some of those black women held non-tenure track positions and would not be eligible for Harvard's usual selection process. According to Harvard professors who did not want to be named, only about 15 or 20 black women are teaching at the top universities from which Harvard traditionally draws its faculty.

"It is simply crazy, wrong and insulting to say that none of the people in the small pool of black women professors are qualified to teach at Harvard," said Bell, currently a visiting professor at New York University Law School, who last week asked Harvard to extend his two-year protest leave.

In his discrimination complaint

and accompanying memorandum, Bell said Harvard Law refuses to advertise available positions and gets its faculty recommendations "through an insider-based network of colleagues at a few elitist institutions." Harvard traditionally has selected for its faculty graduates of "prestigious" law schools, former Supreme Court and other judicial clerks, and editors of law reviews.

Bell said women and minorities are underrepresented in these arenas. "The merit argument is a smokescreen for such nepotism. It is a way of continuing a racist, sexist, homophobic tradition with words whose viciousness is cloaked by what appears to be an insistence on excellence."

Yesterday on Harvard's campus, students posted fliers announcing a Wednesday rally in Bell's support.

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OPINION

Keep IAP Free of Academic Obligations

For over 20 years, Independent Activities Period has offered students a different way to experience MIT. Instead of working on problem sets, exams, and papers, IAP offers students the chance to attend seminars, go on field trips, and spend time on research projects. Faculty often find time during IAP to rework a course, brush up on their teaching skills, or delve more deeply into a research project.

Editorial

But if the Department of Chemical Engineering has its way, the days of IAP as we know it are numbered. Course X has proposed teaching Introduction to Computer Methods (10.001), a 6-unit programming class, exclusively during IAP. If approved — and given administrators' attitudes, some sort of approval seems likely — 10.001 would be the first required classroom subject offered exclusively during January.

On the face of it, the proposal seems reasonable: After all, 10.001 is a short, time-intensive subject, fits awkwardly into a student's regular schedule, and requires computer resources that are difficult to find during the regular semesters. Administrators feel that 10.001 is one of a small number of subjects well-suited to IAP, and that both students and faculty would benefit if the class were only offered during January.

Such reasoning should worry anyone who cares about IAP. Every department — not just Course X — offers at least one subject which would be "better" if it were taught during IAP. But for 20 years, the rules governing IAP have stopped those departments from taking away the one month during which both students and faculty have some sense of freedom.

Some would argue that the large number of students taking 10.001 during IAP, even when it is offered during the fall, means that students would prefer to take it then. But a quick look at the class enrollment reveals that a large percentage of the students are freshmen trying to find a way around the credit limit, rather than upperclassmen trying to turn IAP into a third full semester.

If the 10.001 proposal is approved, students can expect other departments to line up with their own proposals for required IAP subjects. Perhaps, as in the case of 10.001, these will be subjects that were previously taught during other semesters, but that would be "better suited" to IAP. But it is more likely that departments would take advantage of this opportunity and create new subjects especially suited for IAP, only increasing the load on students.

Departments will argue that moving classes to IAP is the best means of addressing the need for engineering programs to teach students more before granting them degrees. Filling IAP with classwork is a temporary solution at best, however. The Departments of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Aeronautics and Astronautics have already recognized that five years of training are, or will soon be, necessary to create effective professional engineers. Adding requirements during IAP is no substitute for the depth such longer programs would provide.

If the faculty cares about the future of IAP, it will reject the Department of Chemical Engineering's proposal. Approving the request would begin a process that would lead to the eventual demise of one of MIT's greatest educational achievements.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abortion Not a Means Of Population Control

I am writing this letter to express my anger and concern about statements made in the article "Why abortion must be safe, legal, and funded," by MIT Students for Choice co-founder Emily T. Yeh '93, which appeared in last week's issues of *The Thistle* and *Counterpoint*; an article which *Tech* opinion editor Bill Jackson '93 called "excellent" and recommended we all go out and read ["Thistle, Counterpoint War Rages on Print," Feb. 28].

Yeh begins her article with the statement "Illegal or not, abortion has been practiced in every society regardless of restrictions, since 2500 B.C." What kind of justification is this? Should a society allow an immoral practice to continue just because people have been doing it for a long time?

Yeh then tries to justify the killings by stating that 91 percent of abortions are performed before the child is 12 weeks old. The remaining nine percent represent nearly five million children with legs, arms, fingers, faces, internal organs, and detectable brain activity who were butchered in 1988 alone by "doctors" and "mothers" who did not want

them.

Perhaps her article would have been a good place for Yeh to tell why MIT Students for Choice condones a genocide of this magnitude. Instead, what we get are insignificant statistics that do nothing more than justify the killing of children with statements about the "complexity of a woman's decisions." She states that over three out of four of the women having an abortion say having a baby would interfere with work, school, or other responsibilities, and two out of three say they cannot afford a baby at this point in their lives. So, a significant number of the 24 million abortions performed in the United States since 1967 were done out of convenience.

But perhaps the most alarming of Yeh's arguments are those she uses to justify abortion because of its "population control" capabilities. To Yeh, those of us who value the life of children are "blind to the pressing problems of today's world." And "in China, abortion is mandated by the government in an effort towards population control." Since when are the actions of the Chinese government used as examples of moral standards by which other nations determine their own policies?

Yeh further justifies abortions by giving us "cold facts" about the number of children waiting to be adopted in this country. She states that "adoptive parents usually seek

white, healthy infants, often paying large fees to baby brokers or agencies, while infants of color and disabled children wait, often indefinitely for homes." She fails to realize that the reason these children of color are not being adopted is because a disproportionate number of persons of color who would adopt these children are living in poverty or near-poverty conditions and cannot afford the adoption fees.

I bring up these points because I feel our society should be very wary of persons advocating killing as a method of "population control." Statistics do not show that the minority community has a need for these fascist opinions and methods. What we do need is education for our children, jobs for our adults, and reproductive education for all our people.

Our country needs a rational abortion policy — a policy that grants women of all ages funded access to abortions if they have been victims of rape or incest, or if there is medical reason to believe that the mother's life is in danger. However, the killing of children whose only fault was having a mother who had not yet graduated from college and didn't want a scandal must stop. MIT must stop using our money to pay for the abortions of careless students.

Alfredo J. Armendariz '93

No Room for 'Revisionists' in *The Tech*

Column by Josh Hartmann
CHAIRMAN

Over the last year, the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust has submitted full-page advertisements to college newspapers across the country entitled, "The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate." The ads essentially claim that the Holocaust perpetrated in Germany during World War II did not occur. Roughly half the newspapers who received it, including those from Northwestern, Duke, Cornell, and the University of Michigan, ran the ad, while newspapers at Harvard, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, and several other schools refused it.

CODOH, led by a gentleman named Bradley R. Smith, is a historical revision organization. The advertisement, which is also distributed as a leaflet, makes extensive arguments about how claims of the Holocaust come from a Zionist conspiracy. Smith quotes "noted" historians, all of whom claim that gas chambers and organized plans for killing Jews never existed.

Smith probably figures that the most open-minded (read: gullible) audiences will be on college campuses. It is likely that he also figures that while *The New York Times* would not hesitate to refuse the ad, college editors and publishers will face a tough decision in their zeal for freedom of speech. Additionally, Smith probably realizes that all college newspapers are strapped for cash and would gladly take the money for a full-page ad.

The publishers and editors of these newspapers each had their reasons, many very con-

vincing, for running or refusing the advertisement.

"It wasn't a decision we came to easily," said Helen Junt, last year's executive editor of *The Daily Pennsylvanian*. "Our executive board voted. We decided 5-2 not to run it. I didn't want to be accepting their \$1,000 to accept their ad that had lies that promoted hatred. We weren't worried about offending the community."

Kim Barker, the editor in chief of *The Northwestern Daily*, had different reasons for running the ad. "We were the first school to

run it. We were sort of the litmus test for Bradley Smith. It was on the basis of free speech. I don't really think it is our job to be censoring ideas, no matter how offensive they may be."

But, when Smith tried to place a second ad in the *Daily*, it was refused. "Once an idea has been aired the ad is no longer needed," Barker explained.

Barker also said the ad generated extraordinary debate on Northwestern's campus,

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LETTERS POLICY

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Holocaust Revisionists Target College Newspapers

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including threatening phone calls to editors at the *Daily*.

Freedom of speech was not an issue for *The Daily Pennsylvanian*. "This is an advertising issue," Junt said. "The press has freedom to accept ads, if it wants to, and it also has the right to reject ads. It's not like we were telling them they couldn't come down to campus to distribute leaflets."

This was also *The Harvard Crimson's* argument. In an editorial, the *Crimson* said, "CODOH is free to pour their \$700 into copying machines. They can print up flyers and hawk them around Harvard Square to their heart's content." Their explanation continued, "But we are under no obligation to run CODOH's hateful nonsense beneath the banner of *The Harvard Crimson*."

When running the ad, *The Cornell Daily Sun* used the advertisement as an exercise in education. It ran articles and columns about the advertisement in the same issue, said Niraj Khemlani, editor in chief.

"Is it our duty to protect readers from offensive ideas? I don't think so," Khemlani said. "It benefits people by knowing that such a person exists; then people can shoot him down. Any time someone has an idea, they shouldn't be shunned. Those allegations are opinions."

Last week, CODOH sent the ad to *The Tech*. We refused to print it.

The Tech will publish an advertisement with anyone's opinion. We are not afraid of offending readers with the opinions printed in our pages, since all opinions are debatable. But the fact of the Holocaust is simply not debatable. The overwhelming evidence of the last 45 years leads to only one conclusion — that over 6 million people were killed under a plan masterminded by Adolf Hitler designed to eliminate Jews and other "undesirables." To deny that the Holocaust happened is tantamount to saying that slavery never happened.

In refusing to run this advertisement, we refused to run a series of allegations which are entirely unfounded. While Smith cleverly worded the text of the advertisement in an attempt to avoid telling direct lies, the spirit of the ad is straightforward: It is intended to

brainwash curious, gullible people to believe things that simply are not true.

Printing the advertisement does little to further education about the Holocaust. First, we believe that the members of the MIT community are intelligent and are already educat-

ed about the Holocaust. Second, any debate about the advertisement would not focus on the Holocaust; instead, it would center around the issue of whether *The Tech* should have printed the advertisement. The issue of education can be equally served through this and

other columns and letters to the editor.

Any coherent, carefully thought-out attempt to justify the Holocaust is welcome and merits publication. But there is no room in this newspaper for the vicious lies found in CODOH's advertisement.

Tech Has Responsibility to Print Truth

Column by Bill Jackson
LEAD GUITAR

As I write this column, a pamphlet from a gentleman named Bradley R. Smith sits in front of me. Brad is a Colonel Sanders-looking guy with a really bad attitude. Smith wanted to take out an advertisement, to present a full page of what he calls "historical revisionism" in *The Tech*. Smith has been sending the ad to college newspapers all over the country.

You may have already heard about Mr. Smith's brand of history, in which he calls for

expect us to turn the advertisement down. The Holocaust ad is no more plausible or acceptable from a standpoint of being responsible to *The Tech's* readership.

What I mean by "being responsible" is that *The Tech* has an editorial responsibility to its readers. While this responsibility is lessened for advertisements, *The Tech* can still refuse anything it feels does not fit in with the standards of the publication.

It helps to think of the problem in reverse: if *The Tech* were obligated, either morally or

If someone were to enter the office of *The Tech* to place an advertisement about Charles Vest being from an alien planet trying to steal Earth technology, our readership would expect us to turn the advertisement down.

"open debate" on the Holocaust. Setting aside the pathetic insinuation that debate isn't already open, reading this literature makes it clear that Smith is not promoting open debate, but pushing anti-Semitism.

Still, there was a great deal of argument among *Tech* staff members about whether to accept or refuse the advertisement. I am not a member of the Executive Board, but I was allowed to listen in on and participate in the discussion. One standard argument we discussed says that *The Tech* has a responsibility to print all points of view, and just because this is a minority opinion, *The Tech* shouldn't refuse the ad.

If someone were to enter the office of *The Tech* to place an advertisement about Charles Vest being from an alien planet trying to steal Earth technology, our readership would

legally, to print Smith's ad, then in a sense *The Tech's* right to free speech — its right to publish and not publish whatever it chooses — would be violated.

I defend Smith's right to disseminate his information. However, there is an enormous difference between defending someone's right to speak and actively committing your own resources to helping that person speak. I defend the rights of random LaRouchies to wander Massachusetts Ave. looking for converts and handing out pamphlets, but in order to defend that right, I do not have to stand out there and pass out copies.

In debating this issue, *The Tech's* Executive Board mulled over many different possible courses of action, including printing the ad alone, printing the ad with a disclaimer, and not printing the ad.

Printing the ad with a disclaimer would have been a mistake. By choosing to give space to both "sides" of this non-issue, *The Tech* would implicitly give credence to Smith's side. In printing arguments from both sides of an issue, *The Tech* implicitly agrees there is a valid issue to be debated and that each side has something worthy to say on the issue.

By this criterion, I, as an opinion editor, would endorse a series of columns debating the abortion issue, but not a series of columns debating the shape of the earth. I would not, however, actively stifle the Flat Earth Society. This responsibility to decide the difference between "fact" and "debatable issue" is the main reason *The Tech* was right not to run the Holocaust ad. Is it worth printing an obvious piece of garbage just to provoke violent response?

The final argument, and one which came close to convincing the board to run the ad, states that *The Tech* should run it in order to make people aware that such anti-Semitism exists. I disagree for one reason; the column you are now reading should make you aware that such anti-Semitism exists. If you need more confirmation, I suggest you write to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which will send you more information about Smith and his group. This is, in my mind, a much better way for *The Tech* to get the word out about this racism.

The Executive Board of *The Tech* should be commended for its decision not to run the ad. I hope that other campus and local papers follow this example and decide not to commit their own resources to help spread hate speech.

Volunteer Opportunities

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Fair Foods, a non-profit company in Dorchester needs volunteers to help with all projects. Projects run the spectrum from tutoring to construction. Specific projects for Spring '92 include composting, tutoring and fence building. Please call 288-6185 or 282-0728 and ask for Nick Weinreb or Nancy Jamison.

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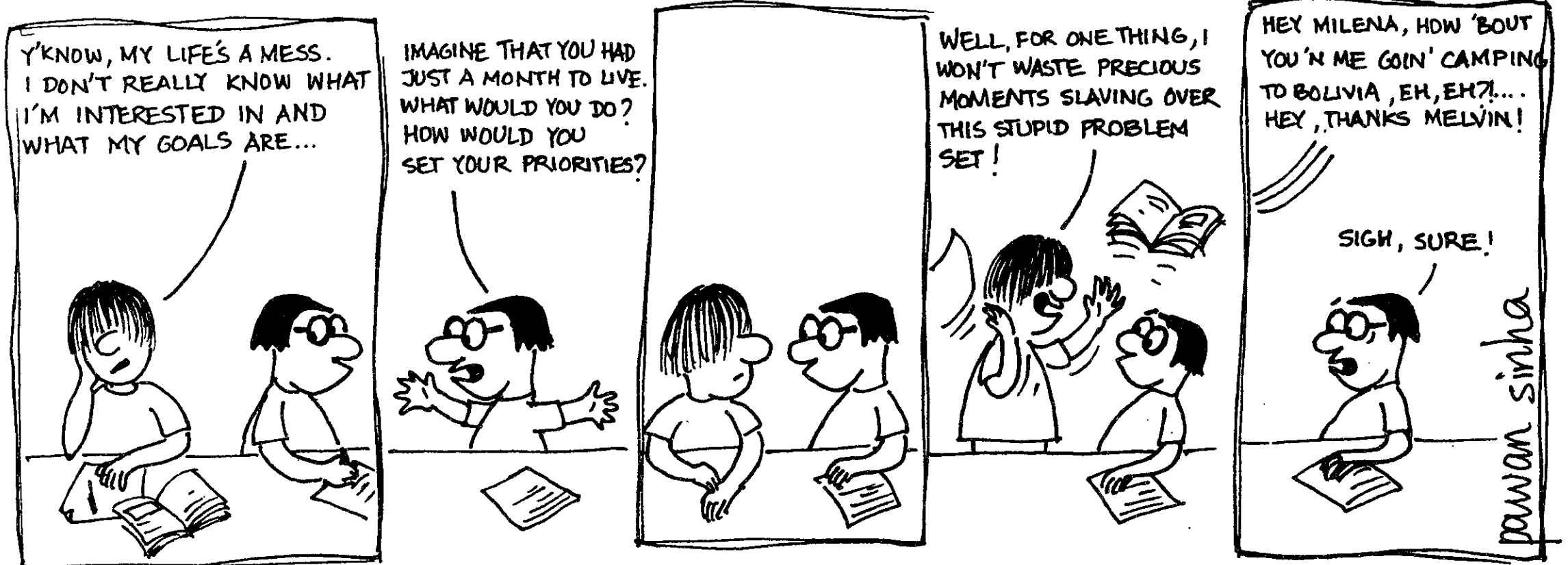


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UA Teams Debate Credit Union and Student Apathy

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from the activities fees. From this fund, money would be distributed to activities with insufficient support," Tsao said.

In a question directed to Tao and Verprauskus, Rosenberg asked, "I am curious to know whether you

came up with the idea of the student credit union you support independent of the UA Finance Board, which has been considering it for some time, and why should students trust a fledgling union to put their money in?"

Tao responded, "I spoke with the director of the employees' credit

union at MIT and he was very enthusiastic about it. He said that he wanted to help out and he thought that a credit union would give students a way to learn about the banking process, and it would allow them to have an alternative to commercial banks. Also because a credit union is non-profit, it can offer more higher interest rates."

In a rebuttal to Tao, Kessler countered, saying, "Yes, credit unions are non-profit, but no matter who runs [credit unions] they are prohibitively expensive. Also, it is not cost-effective; the rebate students can expect is not worth the effort."

Esser questioned Bansal and Kessler: "A UA referendum called for divestment of MIT assets from South Africa, but MIT has not done so. What will you do as UAP and UAVP to make student opinion an integral part of MIT's decision making process?"

"MIT is a corporation and works like a business and will make decisions as such. As UA officers we cannot hope to change that. But we can follow up on UA resolutions by effectively voicing student opinion, by informing the media, by letting people in authority know. This is a way to ensure the administration seriously considers student views," Bansal replied.

Rinehart and Brown were less hopeful about swaying the MIT corporation on major issues such as ROTC and divestment. "The only way you can make them listen, maybe, is to buy stock in the corporation," they suggested.

Candidates felt after the debate that the time allotted did not allow them to make their positions clear. "I am afraid some of the things we



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Above: Anne S. Tsao '94 and Emily R. Prenner '93
Below: David J. Kessler '94 and Shally Bansal '93



said were misunderstood. It was unfortunate, but we ran out of time and couldn't say everything we wanted," Tsao said.

Raajnish A. Chitale '95, chairman of the UA Election Commission, said, "I can understand why some candidates felt they were misinterpreted or their issues were confused. Given the similarity of some of the candidates' platforms

and the format of the debate itself, there might have been some misunderstandings."

Hans C. Godfrey '93, UA floor leader, said, "The impression given by some of the candidates was misleading. For example, Anne [Tsao] spoke of 'organizing an academic honesty colloquium.' Actually she is part of a huge committee involved with this."

A Look at the UA Structure

The Undergraduate Association provided The Tech the following description of UA offices and officers.

Undergraduate Association Council: The UA Council consists of approximately 54 students representing the dormitories, Intercommunity Council, and class governments. It is chaired by the floor leader, who is elected from the council each spring for a one-year term.

UA Council Office of the Floor Leader: The floor leader is responsible for funding all matters involving the council. He is its spokesman and chief legislative officer, determines the agenda for each meeting, and makes all committee appointments for the council. The floor leader is assisted by a vice chairman of the council and up to three staff assistants, all of which are principal officers of the council. Additionally, the chairs of the Policy and Special Committees, the Parliamentarian, and the Sergeant at Arms are general officers of this office.

UA Council Steering Committee: The UAC Steering Committee is chaired by the vice chairman of the council and includes the floor leader and the Policy and Special Committee chairs as members. It serves as an advisory body to the floor leader in setting the council's agenda and may enact policies for the UA government in place of the council.

Association of Student Activities: The ASA is responsible for governing student activities at MIT and for allocating space. This is a joint committee of the UA Council and the Graduate Student Council.

UA Office of the President: The Office of the President is responsible for executing the acts and laws of the Undergraduate Association. Its executive officers are the UAP, the UAVP, the UA Secretary General, the UA Treasurer, and its general officers are the Administrative Committee chairs.

UA President: The UAP is the chief executive officer of the UA. The UAP's primary duties include acting as general spokesman for the UA, serving on the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (CJAC), calling special meetings of the UA Council, and appointing ad hoc committees. Additionally, the UAP may veto UA Council legislation, but the Council may overturn the veto with a two-thirds vote.

UA Vice President: The UAVP is the chief operating officer of the UA and his primary duties consist of supervising and directing the functioning of the Office of the President and the UA office, assisting the UAP, and chairing the UA Executive Committee.

UA Secretary General: The secretary general acts as secretary for both the council and the Executive Committee. She is responsible for the communications aspect of the UA and co-chairs the UA Publicity Affairs Committee.

UA Treasurer: The treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer of the UA and is responsible for maintaining the integrity of UA accounts (both the UA government and student activities). This officer is the direct treasurer for the Office of the President, the UA office, and the ad hoc committees and the financial advisor to the standing committees; the UA Council, the class governments, and the UA Judicial Board.

UA Executive Committee: The UA Executive Committee is chaired by the UAVP. It mainly serves as an advisory board to the UAP. Its membership consists of the executive and general officers of the Office of the President, as well as the ad hoc committee chairs. In extreme emergencies, this committee may act to resolve a situation for the UA Council if the council can not meet.

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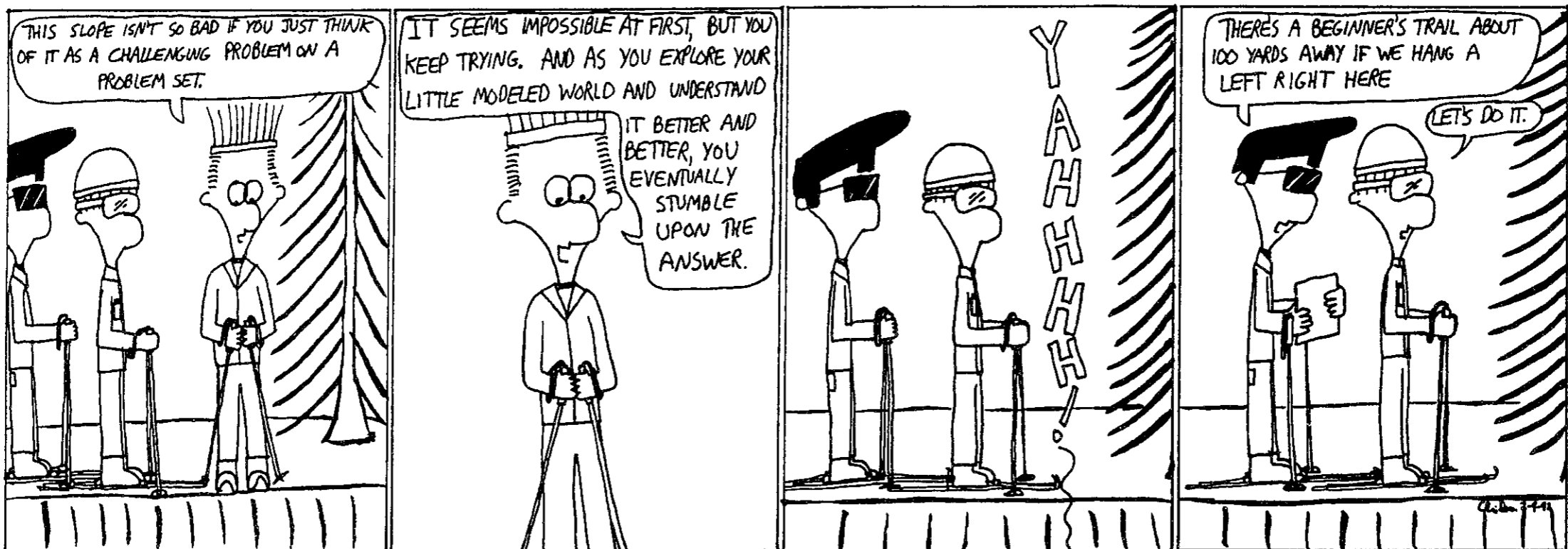
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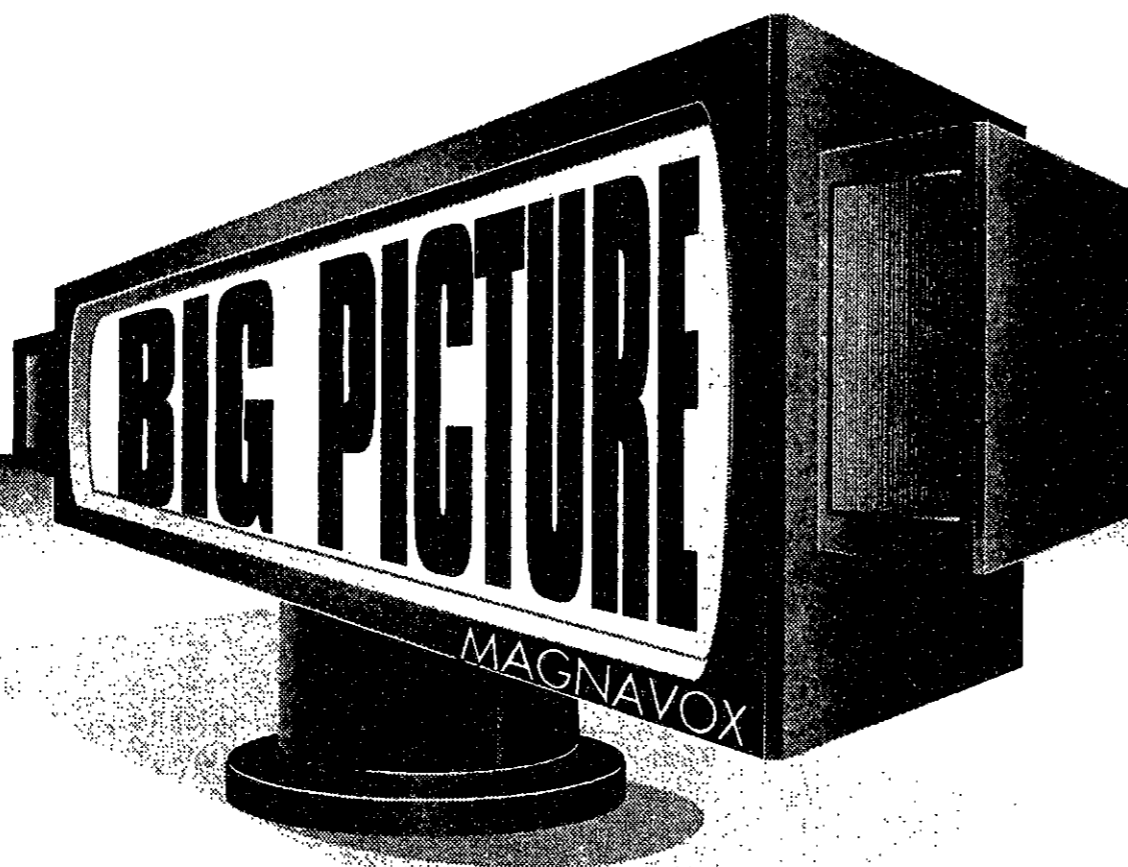
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Harassment Targets Women, Minorities

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Oye said analysis of the data revealed that "the good news on sexual harassment is that there are fairly minor discrepancies between women and men on what is meant by harassment." According to Oye, both sexes described sexual harassment as "unwanted letters or phone calls of a sexual nature, unwanted leaning over, cornering, deliberate touching or pinching; unwanted pressure for sexual favors, and certainly, attempted or actual rape or sexual assault."

On the other hand, Oye said the bad news was that the experiences of women and men were different. "Very, very clearly, the experience some young women are having at MIT is not acceptable."

Women and minorities harassed

"One must conclude from these survey results that women at MIT are forced to live and work in an environment that is much more hostile and much more demanding than it is for men," Watson and Oye wrote.

According to the survey's results, "Fifty-eight percent of the women reported that they had been subjected to unwanted pressure for dates; 47 percent reported they had received unwanted letters or phone calls of a sexual nature; 64 percent subjected to unwanted teasing of a sexual nature.

"An astonishing 32 percent

reported they had been subjected to unwanted pressure for sexual favors and 13 percent said they had been subjected to an actual or attempted rape or to some other form of sexual assault. However high these figures may seem, they are consistent with the results of other recent surveys of college women," Oye and Watson reported.

Harassment of minorities is also prevalent, according to the report. Responses indicated that more than half the Hispanics surveyed had experienced unwanted teasing, jokes, remarks, or questions based on their race. Oye and Watson also said that nearly half the African-Americans reported such incidents, and more than 40 percent of Asian-Americans had such experiences.

Students criticized survey's aim

The report also included general comments on sexual harassment. Some comments criticized the survey's omission of questions about gender discrimination. Watson commented, "Given the large number of added comments we received on this issue and the character of many other comments from women throughout the survey, gender discrimination appears to be an important factor eroding the quality of life and work of our women students."

Other respondents commented on subjects such as the authenticity of the survey, the constitutionality of MIT's harassment policy, and the First Amendment questions raised by harassment.

Watson concluded, "If a survey like this helps us to understand the

pervasive and corrosive nature of sexual harassment and gender discrimination at MIT ... then it will have been worthwhile to get this news out."

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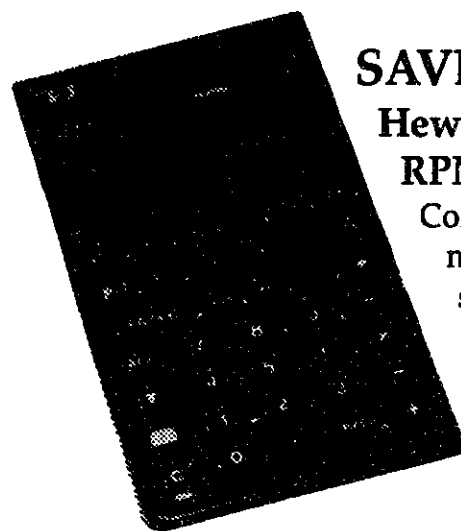
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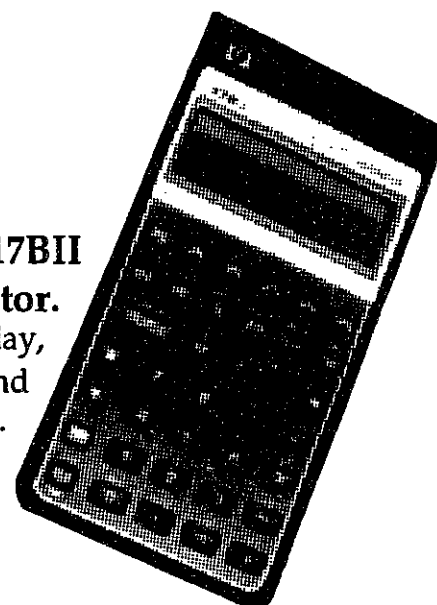
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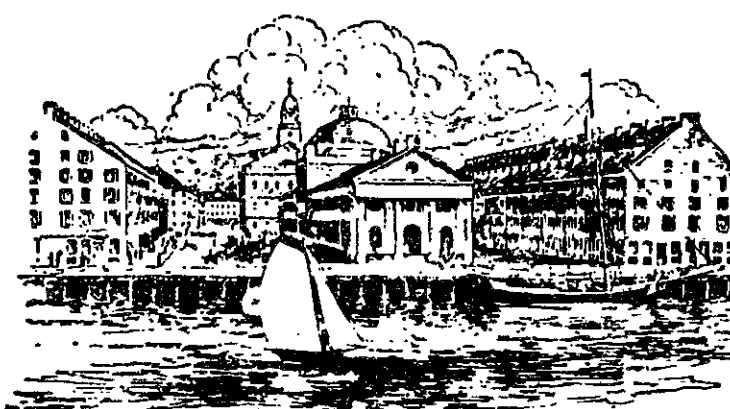
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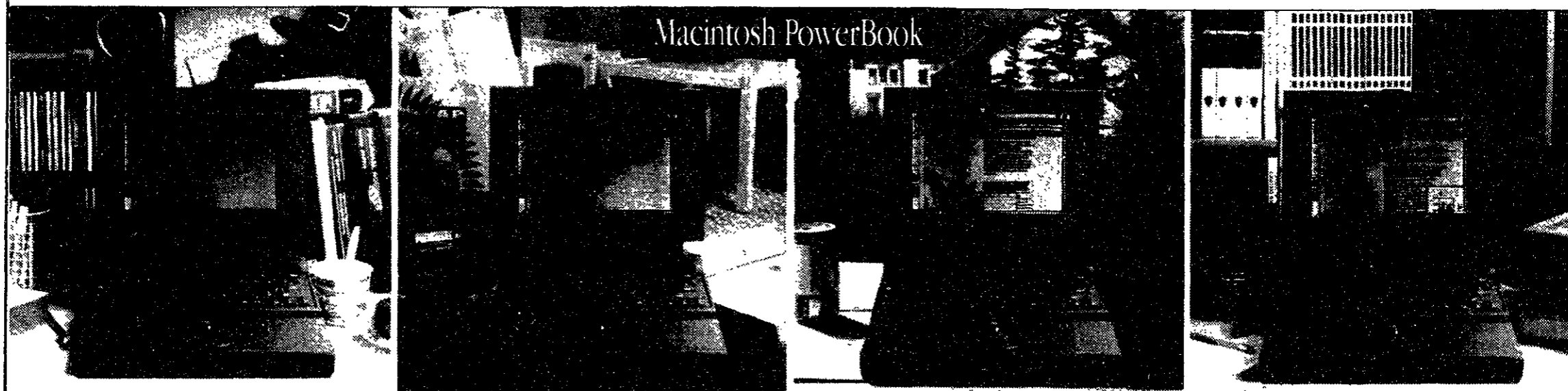
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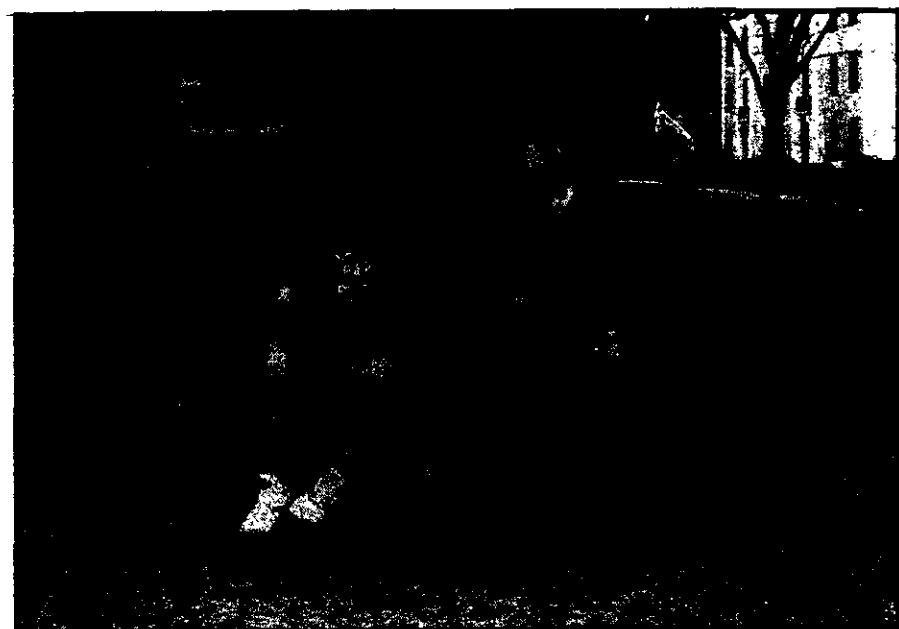
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Dorms, ILGs Join Program To Help Boston's Homeless

By Eva Moy
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT dormitories and some independent living groups have joined a program called Boston Can, a non-profit business which collects recyclable cans and bottles with deposit and donates the proceeds to area homeless shelters and people. Boston Can is a part of the Massachusetts Volunteer Network, which provides services and opportunities for homeless people.

MIT is one of 12 area colleges participating in this collection network, which includes Tufts University, Harvard University, Lesley College, Fisher College, and the Boston Conservatory, among others. Boston City Hall, city government offices, and about five businesses also participate, according to Jeanne M. Favazzo, a Boston Can employee. This is the second week of MIT's participation.

Boston Can will provide boxes, collection bins, and pickup services to groups which continually donate recyclables, Favazzo said.

It is "the conviction of Boston Can to create a stable and supportive work environment that not only encourages but facilitates upward and outward mobility," according to a flyer put out by Boston Can. The program provides "personal development and support systems" for the homeless as well as "confidence to break into the mainstream job market," Favazzo said.

The five cents per returned can and bottle helps pay for "self-improvement programs," Simmons said. These include job training and substance abuse programs, social counselors, and General Equivalency Degree and English as a Second Language classes.

"We have two employees who

are formally homeless ... and a lot of volunteers," Favazzo said. He hopes that more homeless people will be employed once the program gets off the ground.

MIT off to good start

Volunteers from every undergraduate and graduate dormitory are contributing to the effort. "I think it's wonderful... [The students are] the ones that make everything work around here," said John P. Corcoran, East Campus house manager. "I'd rather see the returnables go to an organization" than simply get recycled, he said.

Bailey E. Hewit, the McCormick house manager, agreed. "I think it's terrific. It's moving right along," she said.

"I'm not sure it's fully underway yet," said Eva D. Regnier '92, head student coordinator. She added that pickups may be made once every other week in the event that there is not enough material to warrant a weekly collection.

Collection sites at East Campus, McCormick Hall, Burton House, MacGregor House, Tang Hall, and Edgerton House serve all of the dormitories that participate.

Many ILGs have not joined Boston Can, largely because they have already set up their own systems, said Ateev Mehrotra '94, a member of Theta Xi. ILGs might not have room to store cans or bottles, he added. He also said that after Boston Can is set up in the dormitories, individual living groups may bring their recyclables to dormitory collection sites.

Budget Car and Truck Rental has donated a truck for picking up the cans and bottles. "Without them we wouldn't have a collection network," she added.

Freshman R/O Book Broadens Scope

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it was designed for," he said.

Response from fraternity rush chairs has been positive, Levitt said.

However, some Dormitory Council representatives have expressed fear that descriptions of housemasters and the graduate residence and tutor system would lead people to believe they would be babysat in the dormitories, Levitt noted.

"I question the desire of incoming students to read what housemasters, house managers, and other staff and faculty members have to say about residence life," said Elizabeth T. Smith '93, DormCon president. "When I was a freshman I skipped the whole front section... If you give too many people's opinions, you're wasting paper. Adding a few student quotes about what to expect [from residence life] might be the optimal idea."

The new book may reduce the

stress of freshmen arriving without knowing how things work, said David W. Hogg '92, former president of Senior House. Hogg, who wrote the Senior House submission for the book, said the idea is to make it "a bit less of a collection of ads and more of an informational guide to rush week and undergrad residence in general."

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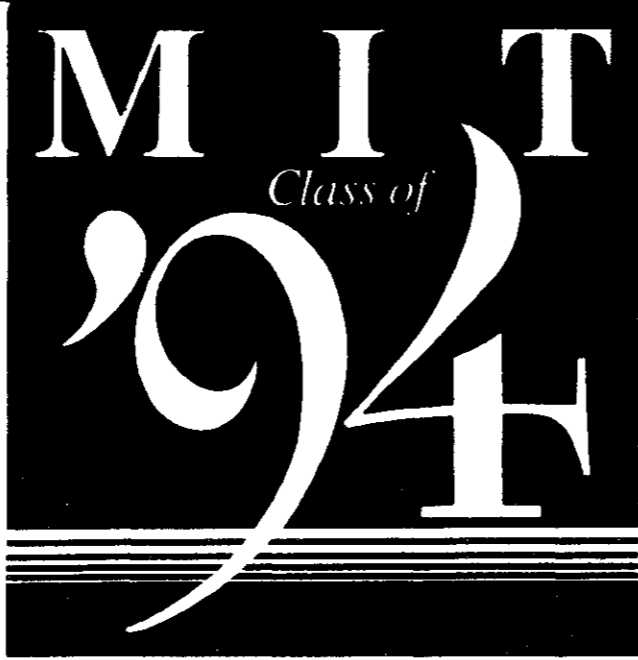
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GSC Passes Harassment Resolutions

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status as a harassment contact "is not even in their job description — it's really kind of crazy when you think about it," Herndon said.

The resolution cites a lack of centralization as the third problem. There is "no systematic record-keeping of sexual harassment complaints."

Herndon said the resolution recommends that MIT adopt a standardized procedure for documentation of harassment complaints, including those made anonymously. This could be accomplished if there were a central office in charge of sexual harassment, according to Herndon.

Peer counseling group created

Another part of the GSC's work is creating the Advocates for Victims of Sexual Harassment at MIT. The group would provide peer counseling for students, staff, and faculty.

Herndon said harassment is often different for graduate students than it is for undergraduates. "They've done one survey [for undergraduates]; they haven't done anything on graduate students ... the university doesn't take it seriously enough to even find out if there's a problem with graduate students."

Julie Gupta G disagreed. She does not believe MIT is biased one way or the other. She also does not think the incidence of sexual harassment is "higher than that of undergrads, even though the graduate departments are more highly male."

Herndon believes the incidence of sexual harassment among graduate students is quite notable. She said of her female graduate student friends, "I can't think of one who hasn't had an incident, though it might be very minor." Herndon has been harassed.

The Ad Hoc Group on Sexual Harassment, formed by students in 1988, came up with its own policy, which the administration did not adopt. Herndon said the GSC recommended that this policy or a similar one be adopted. The ad hoc group was instrumental in the GSC's work, she said.

Some women at MIT have also

written an underground guide to sexual harassment. The GSC is planning to publish this guide and make it available free to graduate students.

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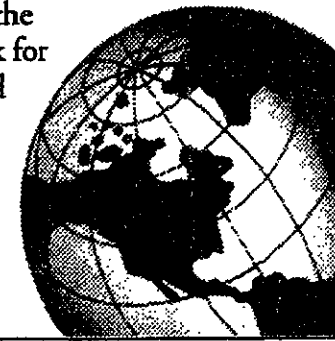
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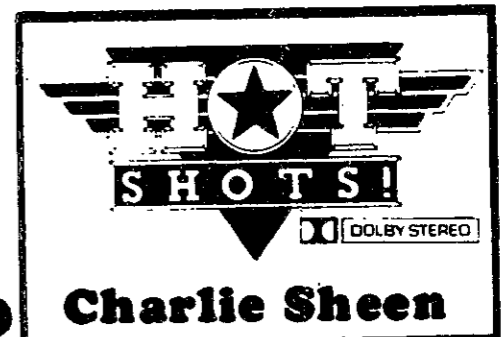
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Sports Contributes to Total Education, Self-Esteem

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Advisor Seminars are almost unanimously hailed as a tremendous success. While the merits of the seminars are many, their late afternoon meeting times impose a heavy burden on students participating in athletics (and other activities). I find it highly unlikely that the seminar times will change, since the only apparent loss is of an athletic nature. But imagine if the problem involved Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programs. The faculty would feel perfectly justified in demanding an adjustment, since they can fully relate to the values of UROPs.

But the faculty also should learn to understand and appreciate the values present in athletic participation, and fight just as hard to promote and preserve it in students' lives. I believe MIT is a more well-

rounded school then its reputation projects; and to a certain extent, I believe the MIT administration is comfortable with that perception in the outside world. It helps to maintain our mystique.

However, I feel differently. I believe an effort should be made to publicize more of MIT's non-academic successes. Ironically, this could improve the academic quality of MIT students, since some top-notch students do not consider enrolling at MIT for fear that their pursuits of non-academic interests will end. Maybe the faculty and administration could relate better if they understood that for many students, athletic participation serves as another means of pursuing excellence.

Ideally, an MIT could emerge that allows its students more freedom in pursuing individual activities, regardless of their reasons. I

envision an MIT that sustains the worthy academic standards of excellence without requiring the restriction of many other aspects of life. All that is necessary is a more open-minded attitude among the administration, faculty, and students.

Let the students decide the proper mix of academics and activities. If students choose to participate in collegiate activities at the expense of a lower GPA, then accommodate them, don't scold them. MIT students are widely accepted as the brightest and best students in the world; I believe they know better than anyone else how to maximize their collegiate experiences and further their personal development.

Don't misunderstand my message here — I am proud to be an MIT student-athlete. I have personally discussed this matter with several members of the administration, and I am convinced that they truly

want to further the mission of the athletic department, as well as other activities on campus. For instance, last term, the Committee on Discipline sent a letter to all MIT students, telling us that "MIT should serve not only to educate the reasoning mind, but also to develop the inner character that gives meaning to a productive life."

For many students at MIT, athletics is an integral part of the character development process that should occur in the collegiate environment. I challenge the administration and faculty to make the effort

to understand the value of athletics to a large percentage of the MIT community. At the very least, the administration should adhere to its aforementioned statement, and encourage character development. However, they also should be flexible enough to encourage development in ways students prefer, not solely in efforts more favorable to the administration. The MIT experience has the potential to be much more rewarding, but that will only occur if everyone at MIT — administration, faculty, and students — truly wants it to happen.

MIT Oarsmen Place at CRASH-Bs

By Roger Crosley
SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICE

MIT entrants in the recent CRASH-B Sprints, the world indoor rowing championships, came through with some outstanding performances in the event. Brad Layton '92 placed fifth in the collegiate men's division, less than seven seconds off the top time of 7:46.7. Layton is the first MIT student ever to make the finals in the 11 years the event has been held. In the lightweight division, Jeff Kuehn '92 was the sixth collegiate finisher, with a time of 8:18.0. Heather Lee '95 "rowed" to the 10th fastest time in the women's lightweight event.

Track members crowned

Two MIT track performers were crowned New England Division III champions last weekend. Matt Robinson '93 won the pole vault for the second consecutive year with a vault of 14'3" while Rob Flemming '93 took the title with a heave of 52' in the weight throw.

Wrestler places second

MIT 142-lbs. wrestler Matt Long '92 recently placed second in the New England College Conference Wrestling Association championships. Despite falling to a wrestler from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the finals, Long was

selected by the coaches at the tournament to be the "wild card" entry from the New England Region to the NCAA Division III Championships at Trenton State College.

Duffy, Levesque garner awards

Two MIT basketball players have recently been named winners of prestigious awards. Mike Duffy '92 has been named first-team GTE Academic All-District by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Duffy, who leads the Engineers in scoring and rebounding, is one of five district selections. He will now be placed on the national Academic All-America ballot.

Joe Levesque '95 received two honors. Levesque was selected as the Constitution Athletic Conference Player of the Week for his play in games against WPI and Babson. Levesque averaged 21.5 points on 68 percent shooting from the field for the week. Against Babson, Levesque was a perfect nine-for-nine from the field, including two three-point shots. The Player of the Week award came a week after Levesque received the President's Award from the Auburn-Lewiston (Maine) Sports Hall of Fame.

Volleyball hosts tournament

MIT hosted the Eastern

Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Open tournament last weekend. Fifteen teams from throughout the East competed in the tournament.

Fencing teams win trophies

The MIT men's and women's fencing teams each competed in the New England Championships over the past weekend, and each team brought home trophies.

The men's team placed second in its competition. The Engineers performed best in the epee with Henrik Martin '93 and Will Chavez '94 placing first and second, respectively. Luis Maldonado '92 won the foil competition and Mark Hurst '94 took third in the sabre competition.



Tom Klemas '92 rises for the spike against Long Island University at South Hampton Saturday. MIT lost the match in five games.

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MIT Hockey Wins NECHA Championship

By Mike Purucker
SPORTS WRITER

There is nothing quite like saving your best for last. The MIT men's hockey team provided a happy ending to this year's success story by defeating a fine Worcester Polytechnic Institute team 5-2 on Sunday at the Johnson Athletic Center. The victory gave MIT the New England College Hockey Association Division I North tournament championship. Playing arguably their finest hockey of the season, MIT gave their fans a fond farewell as they controlled the game nearly from start to finish.

MIT (20-4) took the lead for good late in the first period and never looked back. Rob Silva '93 stole a WPI clearing pass at the blue line and skated down the right side of the offensive zone, drawing the lone WPI defender toward him. Silva deftly passed the puck to linemate Mike Mini '93, who executed his favorite goal-scoring maneuver, faking a shot before turning the puck over to his backhand and sliding it through the crease. Mini's goal made the score 2-1 in favor of the Beavers. Earlier Alain Curodeau G had given MIT a 1-0 lead by scoring on a rebound off a shot by Noel Nistler G.

But WPI (21-6) has a gritty and talented team, and played MIT evenly for most of the first period, finally tying the game at 1-1 with three minutes left in the first. MIT reclaimed the momentum with

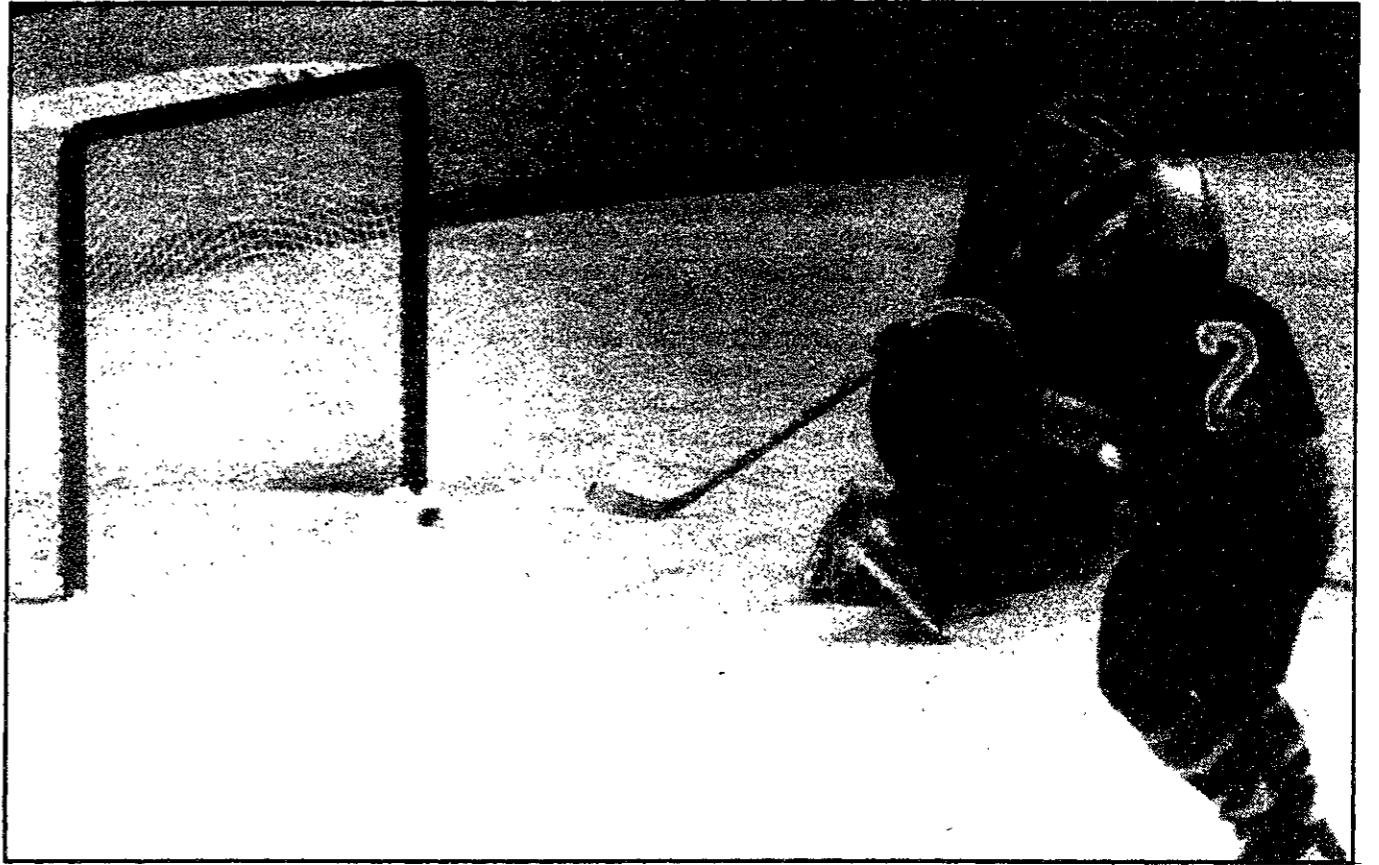
Curodeau, but he was left to watch helplessly as the puck skimmed off the post to his right and into the goal.

Mini knocked in a rebound of shots by Silva and Nick Pearce '94 to raise the Beavers' lead to 4-1. At this point, MIT was threatening to run WPI all the way to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, but the referee kindly stepped in, calling four consecutive penalties on the Beavers. WPI scored a badly needed goal on their first power-play chance to shave the Beavers' lead to two goals. But MIT killed off the next three penalties thanks to hard work by Captain Jason Krieser '92 and John Cushing G, among others.

MIT was still shorthanded at the start of the third period, but the Beavers dominated more and more as the period wore on. WPI rarely challenged the MIT goal, and when they did Arnone was there to say no. MIT closed out the scoring on a Pearce goal with seven minutes left in the contest. Mini stole a WPI pass and fed it to Silva. The towering center cut loose a screaming slap shot that trickled through the legs of the WPI goalie. Pearce had hustled down to the goal and slapped it into the net for a 5-2 Beaver lead.

Semifinals led up to victory

In Saturday night's semifinals, WPI defeated Wentworth, 9-4, and MIT beat Salve Regina, 6-3. Captain Gene McKenna '92 and Foley scored important goals, each



STAFF PHOTO BY JONATHAN KOSSUTH

Robert Silva '93 scores the second of his five goals in Wednesday's game against Franklin Pierce College. Silva also had two assists, while Noel Nistler G slipped in four and had two assists.

of this team is the depth and contributions made by every member. Coach Quinn piloted MIT to its best record in history, and the loyal fans were appreciative as the Beavers received their championship trophy.

The trophy, a cup mounted on top of a wooden stand, has past champions engraved at the base. WPI won in 1988 and 1990, but was forced to make room this year for the Beavers.

The players showed their appreciation of the trophy during the post-game celebration, particularly after leaving the locker room. But the highlight of the evening was a championship visit by MIT President Charles M. Vest. The entire team was flattered by the appearance of Vest, who showed he

knows how to do more than just run an institute of higher learning.

The Beavers' 1991-92 season ranks among the highest achievements in the history of MIT team sports. Everyone from the coaching staff to the athletic department to the tremendous fans had a part in the success. But in the end, it was the hard work, talents, and unity of the team that produced the NECHA Division I North Championship.



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Lloyd Johnston G breaks away but misses the goal in Saturday's game.

Mini's goal one minute later. John C. Simmons '95 played a solid first period in goal for the Beavers, but Miles Arnone G took over at the start of the second period.

The sight of Arnone between the pipes in his last game for MIT seemed to inspire the Beavers. Or it may have just been leftover momentum from the first period. Whatever the reason, MIT's offense took off at the start of the second period like the acceleration of a new Saturn automobile. Curodeau scored his second goal of the game on a tremendous effort just one minute into the period.

Curodeau was tripped as he crossed the WPI blue line, but the referee declined to call a penalty. Mike Foley G carried the puck into the WPI zone, where Curodeau took matters into his own hands. He took a pass, then skated to his right before ripping a slap shot along the ice back to the left. The WPI goalie had moved to his left to cut off the angle on



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the angle on Michael S. Mini '93 slips the puck past the Salve Regina goalie Saturday.

Athletics Needs A Place at MIT

Column by Mike Purucker
SPORTS WRITER

I was riding across the Charles River a few nights ago when, right around the 250 Smoot mark, I overheard a conversation that was all too familiar. An MIT varsity softball player on the bus was complaining because she had to miss practice because of her 5.310 lab. She said her coach understood the conflict and was not upset at her, but still she felt bad about missing practice.

Previously, I have both experienced and heard other student-athletes share frustration over laboratory and other time conflicts with athletics. Some instructors have disapproved of my efforts to finish labs quickly on days of games, while others have implied that my priorities need some adjustment.

I appreciate their concern, but the truth is that I am perfectly capable of setting my priorities. Like many other MIT students, I am simply trying to maximize my MIT experience by being involved in extracurricular activities — including intercollegiate athletics. My goal while at college is to fully develop as many of my personal attributes and talents as I can. While scholarship is indeed a large part of that goal, there is much more for me to learn than purely academics. Athletics and other activities provide an outlet for both personal improvement and enjoyment in the collegiate environment.

Student-athletes at MIT represent a rare breed among today's college athletes. Their sportsmanship and dedication are reminiscent of a purer era in intercollegiate competition. Like the Olympians now returning home, they participate in sports the way they were intended. Academics are not compromised in the least; nor should they be. The result is that everyone participating in athletics at MIT does so because he or she truly wants to develop the body as well as the mind. There are very few superstars, but many staunch competitors.

But MIT athletics are much more than just physical competition. Consider the Athletic Department's mission statement: "To provide an adaptive, high quality, student-oriented physical education, recreation, and athletic program that emphasizes participation, competition, confidence, and leadership. To enhance the MIT human environ-

ment for the entire MIT community." I would like to add teamwork, discipline, resilience, and perseverance to the list of qualities mentioned above.

I have benefited greatly from my experience as a member of the MIT varsity baseball team. My personal achievements have been satisfying, but they pale considerably in comparison to the rewards of working with others on a team. Bonds made on the playing field extend beyond practice time, and the camaraderie of the locker room can lift my spirits after a challenging academic day. Athletics also provides a sense of purpose and excitement. I don't normally wake up thinking, "Yes! I have a 10-page paper to write today!" But an afternoon game against Harvard University or Boston College tends to get me excited enough to face all the demands of an MIT day.

I have also been fortunate to work with the leaders of the Athletic Department, who achieve their goals better than perhaps any other university in the country. Yet despite this high level of success, the MIT Athletic Department is constantly threatened by the nature of the MIT environment.

Time is a precious commodity, and participation in athletics places a heavy demand on the time of student-athletes. But the problem is getting worse. The MIT community is increasingly infringing upon the 5 to 7 p.m. time slot, which is designated for non-academic use by the MIT administration. As this time is eroded, athletic games and practices become more difficult to attend, and both individual and team performances suffer.

The essence of the problem is that the majority of the MIT faculty do not understand the benefits of athletic participation and cannot identify with the students' desire to compete. It is not a question of whether or not they care; in fact, most faculty members are accommodating when a conflict is brought to their attention. But most faculty members simply cannot comprehend the rewards of intercollegiate athletics, and as a result, the various athletic programs at MIT suffer. More importantly, the individual student-athletes at MIT suffer.

For example, the Freshman