

SABRINA KWON — THE TECH

As part of the explosive fun of Spring Weekend, a rousing round of musical chairs took place in Johnson Athletic Center.

Spring Weekend Rainy, But a Hit

By Sabrina H. Kwon
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

This year's Spring Weekend was busy despite the gray skies that covered much of the event.

"It was definitely not ideal spring weather this year," said Spring Weekend Coordinator Wendy C. Vit '93. "We wanted to bring MIT together and out of its winter blahs, but the weather didn't help us do this at all."

Only one event, a volleyball tournament sponsored by the Junior InterFraternity Council, was cancelled because it did not have an alternate rain location.

The International Fair, sponsored by the International Students Association, was extremely successful despite a few drizzles. About 30 international clubs representing countries and cultures from around the world converged on Kresge Oval on Friday to perform dances, display fashions, and sell food from their regions.

"The weather forecast said a week ago to expect a sunny day, but it was cloudy and it rained a bit," said Alkarim S. Allarakhia '94, who organized the event. "But turnout was good anyway. All the food ran out by 2 p.m., so most of the booths closed down early, but the performances ran until 4:00," he said.

Violent Femmes draw large crowd

About 2,000 people attended the annual Spring Weekend Concert, which featured the Violent Femmes this year. Most students said they enjoyed Thursday's concert, but felt that the group performed too much unfamiliar music and not enough of their old classics. "I was going through the doors to leave Johnson [when] I heard them start up 'Blister in the Sun,' and then I ran back in," said Laura J. Vojvodich '95.

Other people were unhappy with other aspects of the concert. "I

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AEPi Readmitted to IFC

Delta Pi President Says Response Is 'One of Apathy'

By Judy Kim
STAFF WRITER

After two years on inactive status, Alpha Epsilon Pi was readmitted to the InterFraternity Council last Wednesday by a majority vote.

According to AEPi President Jonathan D. Rosenberg '94, the fraternity applied for IFC recognition on April 1. "There was no official process. I made a speech indicating to the council that we would be applying" for recognition, he said.

Rosenberg said the IFC held an "in-depth discussion" two weeks later, after which the fraternity was officially recognized.

MIT withdrew recognition of AEPi as an independent living group two years ago in response to the reorganization of the Mu Tau chapter by the fraternity's national organization. Interviews conducted during the reorganization resulted in the expulsion of 45 of the chapter's 55 members.

All 10 members invited to remain in the fraternity declined to do so, and the chapter automatically became inactive, according to former IFC President Miles Amone G.

Former AEPi members formed a new fraternity, Delta Pi, a month after AEPi was dissolved. The new fraternity was immediately admitted

to the Interfraternity Council.

"Our response is one of apathy," said Adam T. Singer '92, president of Delta Pi. "We have our own future and that's the focus of our energy. [The decision] is not our concern."

Application rejected last year

AEPi applied for recognition a year ago, but was rejected by the IFC. "We support last spring's IFC resolution rejecting AEPi and asking that they reapply at a later date," Singer said.

Judicial Committee Chairman Eric A. Ask '93 said he understands that AEPi was initially denied IFC recognition because of the heavy emotional involvement of expelled AEPi brothers. Last year's IFC chose not to recognize the new AEPi "out of respect for the old AEPi members," he said. Ask said that most of "the old AEPi's are gone."

The IFC decided that it would be "unfair to deny [the new AEPi] admittance since there is an entirely new set of people" in the fraternity, said IFC President James F. Miskel III '93. The new AEPi members had "nothing to do with the old situation" and it seemed "silly not to recognize them" at this time, he added.

Rosenberg said that time was a

major factor in gaining official recognition. Two years after AEPi began the reorganization process, "people now see us as a new, full-fledged fraternity."

Rosenberg understands and accepts the reasons for the IFC's initial refusal. A year later, the IFC realizes that "we want to get on with our fraternity," he said.

While the national organization is historically Jewish, "AEPi is completely non-discriminatory," said Rosenberg. Although "most of our social, cultural, and philanthropic events center around Judaism," anyone who is "comfortable with us" can rush AEPi, he said.

Miskel said the arguments for and against granting AEPi official recognition "were not based on religion." He said that "most MIT fraternities are Christian fraternities. On the same token, AEPi is a Jewish fraternity."

MIT policy forbids campus organization from discriminating on the basis of religion.

Ask, who ran the council meeting, said IFC decisions are based on majority vote, and that two-thirds of the total IFC membership were necessary for a quorum. Voting was conducted by written ballot, Ask said.

Voters Favor Student Life Fee, But Turnout Is 'Disappointing'

By Jeremy Hylton
MANAGING EDITOR

Less than one in every six students voted in the student life fee referendum — a result that many Undergraduate Association officials described as disappointing. Only 626 students cast ballots on April 23 and 24.

More than 75 percent of the voters, representing about one in every 10 undergraduates, voted yes on the first referendum question: "Should students, rather than the administration, set the overall amount designated for student activities?"

Students also supported using the student life fee, which would be collected from all full-time undergraduates, to fund the *Course Evaluation Guide* and to eliminate the need for a \$20 athletic services fee.

"I am overjoyed at the results of the referendum," said J. Paul Kirby

'92, UA vice president. "I am unsure of what the turnout means." Kirby and UA President Stacy E. McGeever '93 have spearheaded the student life fee proposal.

McGeever sees the referendum results as a mandate to enact the fee. "General sentiment is very strong. As a result, I don't see a problem with going forward with this general proposal," she said.

McGeever hopes to present a plan to enact the fee within the next two weeks and to hold a second referendum before the end of the semester to set the amount of the fee for next year. "We have spoken in terms of a time scale of a week and a half or so. I don't know if we're going to have a second referendum definitely or not, though," she said.

Kirby and Arthur C. Smith, dean for undergraduate education and student affairs, discussed the results of the referendum yesterday.

According to Kirby, "Smith will be telling the president, provost, and others what happened with the referendum and asking them how we will go forward."

Students also voted to have "a board of knowledgeable people, some selected by the undergraduate student body and some by the UAC," set the student life fee. The UA Financial Board would still control the distribution of the funds.

Support for the special board was weak, however. Forty percent of the voters favored it, but two other proposals each received about a quarter of the votes cast. The defeated proposals were to have either the entire student body or the UAC would set the fee.

"I think with the turnout so exceptionally low, the data is only good as a guide, and any further

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Summary Judgment in Overlap Case Unlikely; Trial Date Set

By Brian Rosenberg
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A trial date has been set for MIT's battle with the federal government over its financial aid consultations with other universities. At a hearing Thursday in Philadelphia, Judge Louis C. Bechtel also indicated that the government's motion for a summary judgment in the case would probably not be granted.

The trial, which will also be held in Philadelphia, was set for June 25. In its suit, the Justice Department alleges that MIT violated the Sherman Antitrust Act when it met with a group of other universities, known as the Overlap Group, to set

rules for determining financial aid for incoming students.

The Justice Department filed for a summary judgment on April 3, asking for a ruling on the case without a trial. MIT asserted that granting the summary judgment would unfairly deny the Institute the right to fully present its case.

No date has been set for the formal hearing on the government's motion, according to Ken Campbell, director of the MIT News Office. MIT will file its response to the government's motion on Friday, after which the judge may make a ruling.

"The judge said that in perhaps

one in 1,000 cases, a summary judgment is granted, and those are frequently overturned," said Bruce Pearson, a Washington-based lawyer working on the case with the Justice Department.

Pearson added that litigants often file for a summary judgment as a matter of course, and because "it helps you organize your case." Pearson said litigants often claim they are confident that such a motion will be granted when "they really know how few of them are actually granted." Pearson indicated that he expected the case to go trial, but said that "if MIT wants to talk about a settlement, we'd be willing

to listen."

Thane Scott, a lawyer representing MIT in the case, hinted that no settlement was forthcoming. "We are pleased that a date has been set and we expect the trial to proceed," he said.

MIT refused to sign decree

The need for a trial stems from MIT's refusal to sign a consent decree saying it agrees not to discuss financial aid policies in the future. All other members of the Overlap Group, including the eight Ivy League universities, signed the decree last May.

"The government contended it

was an unlawful and unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce for the schools to agree to give financial aid solely on the basis of economic need, and to cooperate in making sure that private financial aid given to commonly-admitted undergraduates was based solely on the students' financial need," according to an MIT statement.

MIT holds that the Overlap meetings increased the amount of money available for need-based financial aid, as well as eliminating the need for schools to engage in a bidding war of merit-based aid.

WORLD & NATION

Poll Shows Perot Neck and Neck With Bush in California

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LOS ANGELES

If the general election were held today, Ross Perot and President Bush would run neck and neck in California, with Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton trailing narrowly, according to a new Los Angeles Times poll.

Attracting support from across the ideological spectrum, Perot, the Texas billionaire considering an independent bid for the White House, was favored by 32 percent of the respondents, compared to 33 percent for Bush and 26 percent for Clinton, the survey found.

Perot's showing underscores widespread dissatisfaction with both Bush and Clinton in the battleground state: A majority of Californians disapprove of the president's job performance, and a plurality say the Democratic front-runner lacks the honesty and integrity to serve as president.

Looking toward the state's June 2 presidential primaries, the poll found former California Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr. holding a 51-37 lead over Clinton among Democrats.

On the Republican side, the poll found President Bush with a commanding 72-18 advantage over challenger Patrick J. Buchanan, who has accumulated high negatives in the state, even among GOP partisans.

The Times Poll, supervised by John Brennan, surveyed 1,395 registered California voters from Thursday through Sunday, including 619 registered Democrats and 526 registered Republicans; it has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points for all registered voters. For the individual samples of registered Democrats and Republicans, the margin of error is 5 percentage points.

Rebel Groups Struggle for Kabul

THE WASHINGTON POST

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Violent street battles and artillery duels rattled the Afghan capital for a second day Monday as guerrillas loyal to Ahmed Shah Masood appeared to advance in their effort to oust the forces of radical Muslim leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Casualties were again heavy, and the shuttered streets of Kabul were the scene of chaotic skirmishes and thunderous artillery exchanges that spilled into heavily populated neighborhoods.

On the western side of downtown Kabul, Masood's forces drove Hekmatyar's guerrillas from a number of installations they seized after entering the capital Saturday, chased them through the streets and in one instance captured and imprisoned at least 75 of Hekmatyar's men.

But on the eastern side, Hekmatyar's guerrillas regrouped in a compound of apartment blocks and offered heavy resistance, and throughout the day their allies above a nearby ridge pounded Bala Hissar, a 5th-century fort that is a Masood stronghold just outside the capital.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Pakistan, where the Afghan guerrillas were based during their 14-year struggle against the Soviet-backed Kabul government, said Monday that a cease-fire had been agreed upon by all sides. But hours after that announcement, heavy bombardments continued at the airport, across the Kabul River and above Bala Hissar, and there was no confirmation from the rival guerrilla leaders of an agreement to stop fighting.

British Parliament Elects First Woman Speaker

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

Amid cheers and applause, the British Parliament Monday elected the first woman Speaker in its history.

Betty Boothroyd, 62, a Labor Party member of the House of Commons for 20 years and deputy Speaker for the past five, won by a comfortable 134-vote margin over Conservative Party candidate Peter Brooke, the former secretary for Northern Ireland.

It was the first contested election for the speakership since 1951. In the vote, party discipline was not imposed, freeing lawmakers on the other side of the aisle who favored the Labor candidate. Boothroyd, in fact, was nominated by a senior Tory, John Biffen, who was leader of the House early in Margaret Thatcher's tenure as prime minister.

An ebullient and popular legislator with a ready smile who comes from the right wing of Labor, Boothroyd is the 155th Speaker of the Commons, which has a history spanning six centuries.

WEATHER

More Dreary Cool Days

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The low pressure center currently located in the Ohio Valley will pass to the south of us, sparing us rain, but bringing associated cloudiness with it. Temperatures will be slightly below normal.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Light easterly wind 5-10 mph (8-16 kph). High 51° F (10° C).

Tuesday night: Mostly cloudy. Light and variable winds. Low 39° F (4° C).

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with breaks in the clouds. High 55° F (13° C). Low 41° F (5° C).

Thursday: Partly sunny with lingering clouds. High 55° F (13° C).

Ex-Soviet Republics Join World Banking Community

By Steven Mufson

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Russia and twelve other former Soviet republics Monday won membership in the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, opening the way for tens of billions of dollars of Western aid to help resuscitate economies crippled by seven decades of communism.

"Today, we witness a far-reaching turning point in the history of the IMF and the World Bank," Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said.

He said entry of the former Soviet republics meant that the international financial organizations "can for the first time be described as truly global."

As full members, the former republics could receive more than \$6.5 billion in IMF and World Bank loans during the next 12 months. Reaching agreement with the IMF on economic reform is also a prerequisite for unlocking billions of dollars of additional aid already pledged by Western nations.

When the IMF and World Bank were founded in 1946, the Soviet Union spurned an invitation to join. Forty-six years later, Western leaders hope the two institutions will help spearhead the transformation of the republics into free market-style nations on a more stable economic and political footing.

Two remaining republics of the former Soviet Union — Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan — hope to gain admission to the World Bank next month. Turkmenistan was admitted to the IMF, but a vote on Azerbaijan's membership to the fund was postponed until May because the republic had not finished the paperwork required.

The admission of the former Soviet republics Monday marked the end of a decades-long ideological struggle over the best means of running a modern economy. It also marked the beginning of the toughest challenge ever for the IMF and World Bank, which not only lend

funds to countries needing help but, in the case of the fund, also encourage, and often require, economic discipline.

As the "sad experience of our country has shown to us very clearly, it is very easy to destroy the mechanism of private property, market, democracy; it is terribly difficult to rebuild them," Yegor Gaidar, deputy prime minister of Russia and architect of its radical economic reform program, said in a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Speaking in fluent English, he added that Russia "had no other choice than to put all of our eggs in a basket and to concentrate on the most fargiving, most radical economic reforms."

Gaidar mapped out an ambitious schedule, saying he hoped an IMF program would be negotiated during May and that anyone would be able to freely exchange the Russian currency, the ruble, for foreign currencies after July 1. Convertibility is important for foreign companies interested in investing in the former Soviet republics and for companies there that are making goods for export.

The Russian economist said that his government would raise oil prices to world market levels in two weeks and already was privatizing some state-owned small businesses. He said the government would withhold money to municipalities that were not selling state-owned businesses.

Gaidar said that western oil companies would be asked to bid on oil field work to boost Russian oil production.

Support for the effort to undergird the ruble could come from an international stabilization fund, which the Group of Ten industrial nations approved in principle Monday morning. The \$6 billion stabilization fund would be drawn from the General Arrangements to Borrow, a \$24 billion pool of money the ten nations established in 1962 for international financial

emergencies. The G-10, which actually includes eleven countries, includes the G-7 countries — United States, Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Canada, and Italy — plus Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

But even though the G-10 approved the fund, smaller members of the group expressed deep reservations and set down tough conditions for Russia to meet before the fund could be put into use.

Members were especially anxious about separate central banks in every republic and about the control of the money supply. Slowing the expansion of credit and the central bank's printing presses is needed to stop the country's runaway inflation rate.

"The question is whether the Moscow (central) bank will be able to control the other central banks," said a key European central banker. If not, he said, "ruble stabilization will not have a chance."

At the moment, the ruble is worth about a penny, although Georgy Matyukhin of Russia said Monday the central bank was intervening in exchange markets in small amounts to keep the ruble stable even at that weak level.

The monetary policy and banking system of the former Soviet republics remain at the heart of anxiety among Western nations about radical reform of the communist countries.

Most experts doubt that these issues can be cleared up before June or July, which is when both Gaidar and IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus said they hoped an IMF program could be in place.

Monday, the first 20 of 1,000 people from the republics arrived in London for six-month training stints at British financial institutions.

But in Russia, financial confusion continues to disrupt the economy and experts said clearing it up will require not only policy changes but skilled professionals that the country lacks.

Nine Officials Charged in Sewer-Line Explosions Case

By Peter Eisner

NEWSDAY

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

Mexico's attorney general Sunday charged nine officials with negligence in the sewer-line explosions that killed 215 people and said that the state-run oil monopoly was responsible for allowing gasoline to leak into the lines.

Among those charged by Attorney General Ignacio Morales Lechuga were the mayor of Guadalajara, Enrique Dau Flores, who, along with his subordinates failed to order an evacuation of the working-class Reforma district, and four employees of the government oil monopoly, Petroleos Mexicanos, known by its Spanish acronym, Pemex.

The gasoline leaked from the Pemex pipeline, which was rusted by a water pipe installed above it, Morales Lechuga said at a news conference.

Morales Lechuga said that the deaths and injuries could have been avoided if city officials and Pemex had evacuated the scene of the calamity. Under Mexican law, negligence that leads to death could result in murder charges, but the attorney general did not spell out what legal action was being taken.

He specifically cited inaction by Dau Flores, and by Aristeo Mejia, the Jalisco state head of urban development.

After Morales Lechuga's news conference, Pemex issued a statement saying that it would provide \$32.7 million to rebuild the devastated area. The company did not take issue with the attorney general, saying only that the "final result" of the probe into Pemex's role in the disaster was still pending.

Residents of the Reforma district reported repeatedly three days before the explosion that they smelled gasoline fumes. Officials told them that there was no danger, and conducted a final inspection just hours before a series of 15 blasts gouged a 20-foot-deep trench along sewer mains in a 20-block area.

"There are penal and civil responsibilities to private citizens and to public servants who, because of ineffectiveness, negligence or omission, contributed to the results now known," Morales Lechuga said.

The announcement that the government was parceling out blame among officials was considered an answer to rampant cynicism from critics, including opposition politicians and local news media, that the

Institutional Revolutionary Party of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari would attempt to evade responsibility for the tragedy. The government party, known as PRI, which has run this country of 90 million since the 1920s, holds a virtual monopoly on political power at the federal, state and local levels.

A federal official said that the Salinas government, by identifying culprits in the tragedy, was attempting both to water down criticism directed at Mexico City and to insulate Salinas himself from attacks. "That's exactly what they're going to do," said the source, speaking on condition he not be named. "Identify those responsible, say they were negligent, and separate them from the rest of the government."

Residents of the devastated Reforma district formed a citizens group over the weekend, demanding that they be given a say in efforts to rebuild their homes.

There were indications that the situation had not returned to normal for residents in areas adjacent to the explosion site. Red Cross officials said that about 25,000 people had been moved to evacuation centers or relatives' homes for fear of additional explosions.

Serbia and Montenegro Declare Formation of Union

By Blaine Harden
THE WASHINGTON POST

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA

The remains of the 73-year-old Yugoslav federation were officially laid to rest Monday as the only two member republics that had not declared themselves independent announced formation of a truncated version of the old South Slav union.

The new state — called the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" — is composed of the old federation's largest republic, Serbia, and its smallest, Montenegro, and comprises less than two-fifths of the former Yugoslav territory and less than half its population.

Leaders of the new state — proclaimed in Belgrade by Serbian and Montenegrin members of Yugoslavia's communist-run rump parliament — pledged that they would work to halt the ethnic war-

fare that destroyed the old six-republic federation, left more than 10,000 dead and created nearly a million refugees in the former Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"I hope the adoption of the new constitution will mark the ending of agony and chaos," said Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who has been accused by the United States and other western governments of being the chief aggressor in the continuing conflict between Serbs and Croats in the former Yugoslav republics.

In Croatia, local Serb militia forces backed by the Serbian government and the Serb-led Yugoslav army seized about a third of that republic's territory in six months of heavy fighting, while in Bosnia, Serbian paramilitary units and the army have been conducting a simi-

lar offensive over the past month.

Because of Serbia's continued aggressive behavior in Bosnia, the United States has threatened not to recognize the new Balkan union as the legal successor to Yugoslavia, a position that could deprive the new state of membership in the United Nations and of further association with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler said: "As we have explained to the Serbian leadership, the U.S. attitude about future relations with Serbia and Montenegro will be framed by their demonstrated respect for the territorial integrity of the other former Yugoslav republics and for the rights of minorities on their territory."

Tutwiler said that the United States will consider "their willing-

ness to negotiate all related issues [at a continuing EC-sponsored peace conference] ... on the basis of mutual agreement with the other four republics," and she added: "The role of Serbia in the current violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina will be a major consideration."

U.S. and European Community diplomats were conspicuous by their absence Monday from the ceremony proclaiming the new Yugoslavia. Greece was the only one of the 12 EC nations to send a representative, along with Russia, China and a number of nations of the Non-Aligned Movement. China was the only major country to recognize the new state thus far, the Belgrade government announced.

Formation of the new Yugoslavia also raises vexing questions about who is to control units of the Yugoslav army that remain

inside Bosnia. About 100,000 troops — mostly Serbs and Montenegrins — and a vast arsenal of tanks, planes and artillery are spread across the republic, and if they remain under the sole authority of the new Yugoslavia, they become, in effect, an occupying force of a foreign power.

Talks begun Sunday between Serbian, Bosnian and army leaders to try to negotiate a peaceful troop withdrawal. Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic has insisted that army commanders must submit to his authority or pull their forces out of the republic. Army leaders have said they will leave only if they are asked to do so by leaders of the republic's Muslim, Croat and Serb communities. Serbs, who are outnumbered two to one by the other ethnic groups, do not want the army to leave.

German Foreign Minister Genscher Resigns After 18 Years

By Marc Fisher
THE WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN

German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher announced Monday that he will step down next month after an 18-year tenure in which he helped design German and European unity and catapulted his small moderate party into a pivotal role in his country's politics.

The Western world's longest serving foreign minister, Genscher, 65, is by far the most popular politician in Germany and one of the last of its current leaders to have seen military duty in World War II. Although he has suffered for years from heart problems, Genscher did not cite his health as he made the surprise announcement in Bonn. Rather, he said only that "after such a long time in office, I think the time has come to give up the office ... voluntarily."

Aides said that Genscher decided in January to leave on his 18th anniversary in office — May 17 — because, having ushered Germany through its historic reunification, it was best to depart on a high note.

They said Genscher also wanted to avoid being dragged into the years of economic, political, and social wrangling the country now faces as it struggles to absorb the ex-communist east and redefine its role in the new Europe.

Several hours after their leader resigned, Genscher's Free Democratic Party — the junior partner in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling coalition — announced that it will nominate Construction Minister Irmgard Schwaetzer as his successor. A former Genscher aide, Schwaetzer, 50, is almost certain to be confirmed, making her the highest-ranking woman politician in German history. A chemist by training and a longtime party official, she has broken with the ruling conservative coalition by supporting a more liberal abortion law.

Genscher's departure, which he said he has been considering since early last year, will leave a gaping hole in his party's domestic profile. The Free Democrats, who usually garner little more than 10 percent of the national vote, have been able to parlay support from Germany's

intellectual and business communities to become a political fulcrum that determines which of the country's two largest parties will rule.

Although Genscher reportedly informed Kohl of his intention to quit in January, he apparently withheld his announcement until after it was clear that Kohl protegee Volker Ruehe — who had openly criticized Genscher and lobbied for his job — was out of the picture. Ruehe was named defense minister last month.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Monday that he regrets Genscher's departure and he praised him for his role in promoting human rights and bringing about German unity. But Genscher, who was one of the first Western leaders to argue that Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev was a harbinger of epochal change, has never been a favorite in Washington. The past two administrations have considered him a lukewarm friend, a Europeanist lacking the emotional ties to the United States that characterized many German politicians of his generation.

By departing now, Genscher

leaves unanswered the basic foreign policy questions stemming from German reunification. What role will the country play in the new power relationships developing within Europe and between Europe and the United States? And what balance will Germany find between the enormous needs of internal unification and the pressing demands for German assistance from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe?

The Germany Genscher leaves behind has emerged from the euphoria of reunification as a country weighted down by burdens. Despite frequent German pleas for help from its partners in the Western alliance, Genscher and Kohl still believe that Bonn has been left largely in the lurch on aid to the former East Bloc.

The European integration agreement reached at Maastricht last fall — one of Genscher's proudest achievements — appears to be in danger of unraveling as the German public realizes that European unity will mean abandonment of the country's rock of monetary stability,

the mark.

The economic drain brought on by the need for massive reconstruction of Genscher's native eastern Germany — along with the unexpectedly deep social and psychological gap between the prosperous west and the economically backward east — have sapped energy and attention from foreign affairs.

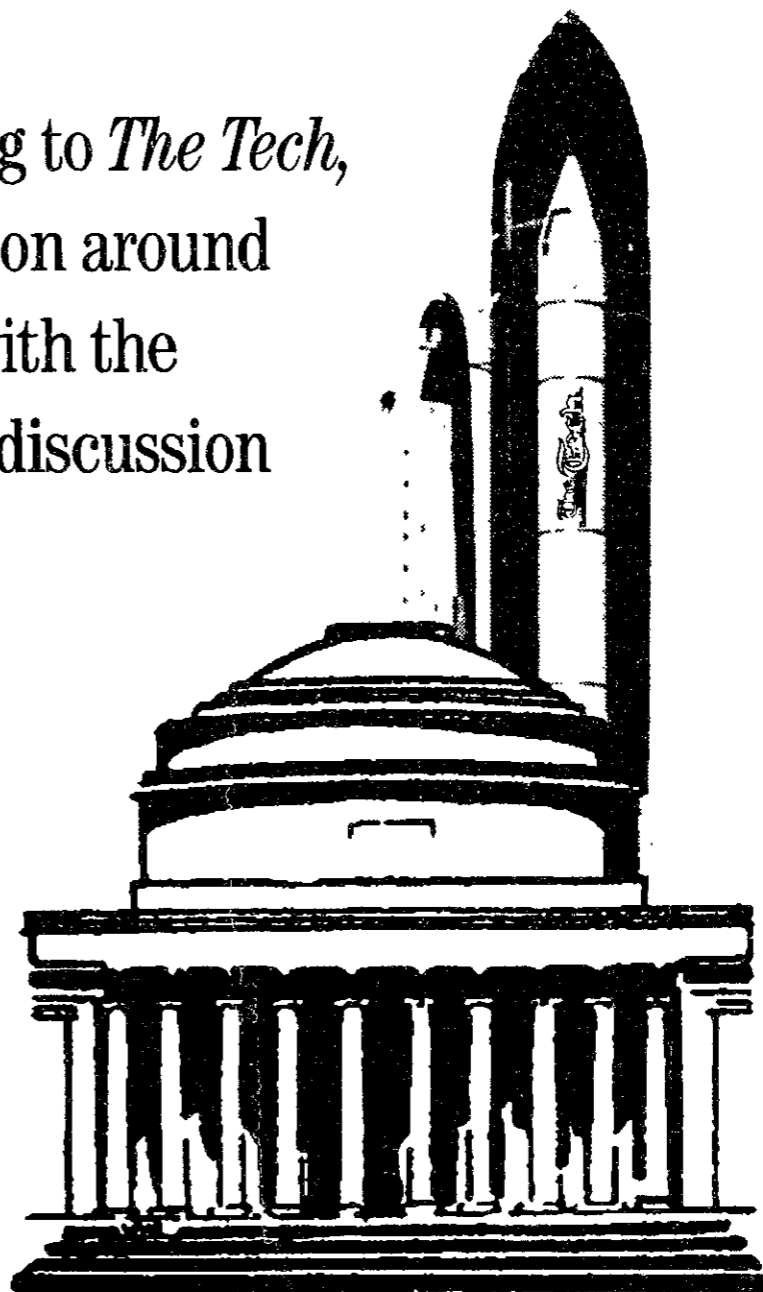
And the instability and angst prompted by rising inflation and a growing influx of foreign migrants have unsettled Bonn's political scene, making Genscher's traditional way of doing business — quiet, behind-the-scenes politics, apart from the public fray — seem quaint and old-fashioned.

Kohl, whose relations with his longtime foreign minister were often icy, offered high praise today for his colleague's energy and dedication. "The man has been in office 23 years, around the clock, you can really say," Kohl said. Genscher, who served five years as interior minister before taking on the foreign affairs post, did not return the favor. Kohl was not mentioned in the resignation statement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India Offers More Than Poverty, Sadness

I am writing in response to the review of the film *City of Joy*, which appeared in *The Tech* recently ["Swayze shines in the thoughtful, yet overly optimistic *City of Joy*," Apr. 17]. I saw the preview of the movie, screened by LSC, and on the whole found it entertaining and reasonably factual. Personally, I liked their portrayal of the cultural themes as well

as facts of life in India: close ties among family, the value of education, the economic struggle, and the struggle against corruption.

However, I worry that a movie such as this will give a Western audience a stereotyped, gloomy picture of India. It will reinforce the negative image, in the popular mind, of India as a country of perpetual poverty and misery.

Imagine a situation in which the only images people unfamiliar with reality in the United States saw related to the struggles of a single parent against poverty, drugs, and

crime.

I really think that the Western audience should get to see images of the other India: one that launches its own satellites and has a substantial industrial infrastructure and advanced manufacturing capabilities. Without a positive image, India will never attract the massive amounts of industrial investment she needs to solve the problems she faces. Movies such as the *City of Joy* do not help in that endeavor.

Bala Subramaniam G

Harassment Surrounds *Star Trek* Viewing

Column by Katie Joynt
GUEST COLUMNIST

Before I came to MIT, I had never seen an episode of *Star Trek*. I didn't know there was a difference between "old" and "new," and I certainly didn't have a preference. So I was genuinely amazed at the cult-like following the program has at MIT. I mean, I thought that

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Trekkie-nerd image was just a stereotype. But the truth is that this Trekkie following is not only large in number, but creates an environment hostile to anyone who does not agree with the controlling crowd, and particularly hostile to women.

I didn't know this when at first I abstained from joining the hoard of my peers in front of the TV, which I did out of snobbish and ignorant disdain. "This California girl," I thought, "does NOT watch *Star Trek*."

But as MITisms started creeping into my daily life, I began to find myself drawn to the screen filled with my now familiar *Next Generation* friends. As a newcomer to the show, I had a hard time following it, and my mind filled with inane questions like "What's a Klingon?" and "How come Whoopi Goldberg is wearing such a funny hat?" So it was only after a few episodes, when I had answers to these naive questions, that I began to really notice the structure of the program.

Star Trek: The Next Generation is set in the 24th century, and by that time, producer Gene Roddenberry tells us, most of our social dilemmas on Earth will be solved. For instance, humans will no longer have to kill animals for food, but will be able to get the taste of meat from high-tech replicators. Nonetheless, each episode seems to have a strong moral message, analogous to a real situation on Earth in the past or present. For instance, in "Measure of a Man," a scientific

team wants to take apart the android Data to study him. The ensuing controversy over his rights as a sentient being, though he is a machine and presumably the "property" of the Federation, clearly parallels the human institution of slavery.

More recently, in "The Outcast," First Officer Will Riker falls in love with a person from a genderless planet, who is persecuted because of his decision to love. Often, in cases like these, Captain Picard or another member of the crew will make a stern or heartfelt speech, which speaks the Godlike *Star Trek* opinion on the issue.

It is encouraging to see a program with such a broad audience addressing important issues. However, *Star Trek* is limited to certain realities of American television. It is important, in this country, that TV heroes are primarily white men, since that is what the

public wants to see. So *Star Trek*, with its good intentions, has to maintain a delicate balance of Utopian vision and contemporary conservatism. Its portrayals of women fall into two groups: sweet, nurturing women, who may be competent but are not overly assertive, and manipulative power-hungry bitches. The first group is spearheaded by the sensitive Deanna Troy, but includes the other "leading lady," Doctor Beverly Crusher. Dr. Crusher is strong, determined, and intelligent, but her motherly care for her patients and for her son sometimes gets a little sappy. Another major

female role, the mysterious and wise Guinan, counsels but never pushes.

The other group of women are often guests on the show, women who start out intelligent and helpful but turn out to be deceptive alien beings. Ensign Ro definitely started out in this category, though she has been graciously given some redeeming qualities. Security Chief Tasha Yar, a true female role model, was killed several seasons ago. The actress was recast as an evil two-faced Romulan.

But these images of women on *Star Trek: The Next Generation* are not what really bothers me. They are so much stronger than the short-skirted women in the original *Star Trek*, who wore fake eyelashes and didn't say much, that I will accept the stereotypes, which may have some basis. No, it's not anything on the TV screen that upsets me about *Star Trek*, though it's not perfect. What upsets me is

what happens outside the TV screen, in that group of MIT students glued to their seats.

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Among Tragedies, Holocaust Stands Apart

Column by Michael J. Franklin
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Wednesday is Yom HaShoah — Holocaust Remembrance Day. If the past couple of years can be any prediction, this column will run under the headline of "We must remember the Holocaust" and 15 to 20 students and a faculty member or two will attend the memorial service in the Chapel. It may seem strange that any students attend at all. None of us existed during the Second World War, and still fewer have relatives that lived through and survived the war and the Holocaust. So, why should we try to remember the suffering and destruction wrought in Europe decades ago?

Tens of millions of people died during the Second World War — Poles, Germans, Russians, Americans and others, but it was only the Jews who were chosen for extermination. They did not die in indiscriminate bombing attacks or ship sinkings. The Germans and their allies pushed the Jews out of society, dehumanizing them, torturing them, and finally killing them, simply because they were Jewish. To allow the Holocaust to fade into the footnotes of history gives the Germans the final victory, sanitizing their actions by making the destruction of the Jews just a part of the war, having no significance by itself.

The statistics surrounding the Holocaust defy comprehension. How can I grasp six million? Six hundred times the student population of MIT doesn't help. If an Athena laser printer were printing the names of those who were killed, it would take nearly nine days running non-stop to do so. Three million out of 3.5 million Jews in Poland were murdered. The 170,000 Jews in Vienna before the Holocaust kept 90 synagogues flourishing. Afterwards, the 6,000 survivors had one synagogue. Czechoslovakia supported a Jewish population of 180,000 dating back to the 11th century. After the Holocaust, 5,000 Jews remained in that country, and today only one synagogue is in use in Prague — the other four have been turned into museums housing the collections for Hitler's "Museum of the Extinct Race."

But these numbers are still too big to be of much use. Think of the Holocaust in view of your life today. You are at home with your family when the police pound on your door, announcing that you must move to a different section of town. Too few houses for the families? Just squeeze into fewer rooms in houses with other families! You can't come back to school — not only have you been expelled, but you can't use public transportation and your car has been taken by a former neighbor after you moved out.

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The days pass. You eat, but not much. One day, you and your family and your neighbors are taken to a nearby forest and told to dig trenches. Then you are told to strip, and the soldiers use their machine guns on the emaciated bodies of you and your friends. You fall into the trenches, maybe dead, maybe not. Nonetheless, you are covered with dirt and forgotten.

Instead of the forest, perhaps you are being "relocated." The few belongings your neighbors did not take must be packed into a small bag you bring with you to the train station in the morning. You stand and wait inside the terminal. No food, no water, no restrooms. If you fall, you die.

Finally, you board the train like so many sardines, with no room to move or air to breathe. During the days you travel, your only view is that of the heads of the people around you — the windows have been boarded. Perhaps people have died from lack of food. Too bad you can't toss them out. Finally, you arrive at your new home. "Work makes you free," proclaims the sign above the entrance, and a fetid odor wafts in your direction.

If you were with your family, you are now separated. Later, you learn that your mother and sister were taken to be "deloused" but instead were gassed in the delousing shower, removed and reduced to a few piles of ashes. You learn this from a former neighbor, who by virtue of his size and strength was volunteered for the job of removing and cremating people like your mother. What happens to you? Who knows? Perhaps you die from lack of food. Or some disease (going to the "hospital" is just a faster way to die). Or maybe because some soldier decides you should die.

No, not everyone died. Some people did help Jews escape, and they are honored at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, by trees along "The Avenue of the Righteous." Several hundred trees, each with a marker indicating the name and country of someone who helped keep some Jews from death. Only several hundred trees representing countries with hundreds of millions of people. Why so few?

One of the survivors aided by such people is the father of a friend, and he told me his story last year. After the Germans invaded the Netherlands, restrictions were imposed on Jews. Parks, he mentioned, were closed to "dogs and Jews." Forced into hiding, he and his family stayed in a farmhouse, but moved into a hayloft as German inspections became more frequent. No heat, limited food and not enough room to stand, but the hayloft was home for two years, and sufficient protection

from the Germans. This family was saved, but 75 percent of their Jewish countrymen — about 135,000 men, women, and children — were exterminated at Auschwitz and Sobibor.

Raoul Wallenberg, a Swiss diplomat in Hungary, was instrumental in saving the lives of over 80,000 Jews with passports and safe houses. As a country, Denmark did more to help than any other. When the Germans invaded and ordered Jews to wear yellow stars, the entire population donned the yellows and helped the majority of the Jews to escape. But the vast majority of people in the countries allied with and overrun by Germany were either ardent supporters of the anti-Jewish policies, or accepting bystanders. Anti-Semitism was not new in these countries, and many were happy to see the departure of the undesirables in their society.

The Holocaust must be remembered as a unique event in history, where the Germans enthusiastically supported a maniac who caused the nearly complete destruction of Jewish life in Europe. Others died in the gas chambers, in the trenches, and in the work camps, but no group was singled out as were the Jews. The Germans enacted laws restricting the activities of Jews, circulated propaganda degrading them, and succeeded in so dehumanizing them in the eyes of the rest of the Germans that their elimination was cause for satisfaction.

But this was not some insignificant aberration in history. Centuries of German and Christian anti-Semitism provided the groundwork for Hitler and his allies, numbing the minds of non-Jews to the ever-increasing hostility toward Jews. Hitler did not spring from nowhere and vanish. Anti-Semitism existed well before Martin Luther's tirades in the early 1500s and continues into today as neo-Nazis reappear. The median age of Jews in Poland is in the late 60s, yet some Poles still blame "the Jews" for their economic problems. Old habits die hard.

The Holocaust cannot be condemned to a place in history between the fire-bombing of Dresden and Hiroshima. To do so diminishes that great evil, declaring that Hitler was no worse than Truman and that 6 million Jews died for the same reason as anyone else: there was a war. If you forget the Holocaust, or forget its separate identity, you hand the Germans the victory that was wrested from them, and they gain anonymity in the list of countries fighting wars and killing people, unrecognized for their role in the murder of the Jews.

Remember the Holocaust for what it was: the death of 6 million Jews simply because they were Jewish. Remember that ordinary citizens of a so-called civilized society stood by and watched while their fellow citizens were degraded, dehumanized, and destroyed. The specifics of the Holocaust will not happen again, but discrimination against minority groups continues to cause the death of thousands, not in this country, but in countries such as Iraq and the ex-Soviet republics. Remember that decades ago it was the Jews, but tomorrow it could be you.

Nukes Are The Answer For Mt. Etna

Column by Matthew H. Hersch
OPINION EDITOR

Okay, Techies. Here's a question for you: The most active volcano in Europe has recently spewed 120 million cubic yards of lava, much of which is now oozing towards the small Sicilian village of Zafferana Etna. Using all technological means currently available and Stokes' Theorem, find a way to stop or divert the lava flow. Show all work.

Answer: Nuke it. Earlier this week, a joint Italian-American contingent attempted to divert the lava flow from Mt. Etna, Europe's largest volcano, by blasting the channel in which the lava flowed and dropping concrete barriers in front of the stream. The effort earned high marks for ingenuity — Italian air force pilots and U.S. Marines from an amphibious assault vessel offshore carefully hoisted the concrete blocks using helicopters — but still, the volcano threatens to flambé the quaint village of 7,000 lying below.

Plugging up a volcano is no small affair, but surprisingly, the technology for doing it has existed for years, unrecognized, in the most unusual of places — the neutron bomb.

Relax. Let me explain. Several years ago, a great deal of concern surrounded the possibility that a rapid Soviet tank assault through Germany could completely overtake Western Europe. The United States believed it lacked the conventional forces to halt such an advance, so it began working on a way to employ nuclear weapons on the battlefield. These efforts ran into problems, though, because any potential battlefield in Western Germany was so close to civilian population centers (also known as towns) that nuclear weapons detonated to kill tanks crews would also take out the village barber, plumber, and dog groomer.

To solve this problem, defense planners developed the enhanced radiation weapon, dubbed the neutron bomb. This device, a modified midget H-bomb, had the nifty quality of emitting most of its detonation energy as blast and prompt radiation, with very little of the radioactive fallout that tends to linger after the explosion. In battle, you could drop one on a column of tanks — immediate neutron radiation would kill most of the tank crews almost instantly, but the meager blast and minimal fallout would keep local structures (also known as buildings) intact, allowing American forces to move into the area very quickly. Dubbed a "capitalist" weapon for its ability to kill people but leave buildings standing, the neutron bomb became held up in political squabbles in the early 1980s. For stopping lava flows in 1992, though, they may be perfect.

This is not the first time anyone has suggested using nukes for peaceful purposes — many have talked about using them to dig out harbors and canals. To stop a lava flow, one could utilize nuclear weapons to dig craters in low-lying areas, providing reservoirs for lava flowing down a mountain. Nuclear weapons positioned a couple of miles from populated areas or detonated partially underground could hollow out tremendous caverns to contain molten rock flows. To try such an operation, though, one must use nuclear weapons that not only leave nearby towns intact, but minimize radiation damage to the environment.

Ten years ago, scientists realized that ERWs weren't very effective at killing people, because the prompt radiation they emit falls off exponentially as you move away from the blast. This problem put serious accuracy requirements on the missiles meant to carry the neutron bomb — but it turns out to make ERWs useful for geological purposes. Several low-yield neutron bombs could dig diversion trenches for the lava flow, and though radiation near the blast would be extreme, communities a few miles away would suffer minimal exposure. The blast would release minimal heat, and fallout would be minor, especially considering that lava flowing into the blast craters would bury any fission products remaining after detonation.

In our drive to end environmentally destructive nuclear testing, we should not forget that nuclear devices may hold a promising future as instruments of geology and civil engineering. And in our drive to pull the world from the brink of nuclear war, we should not abandon potentially useful nuclear energy research projects. Against volcanos, even the "capitalist" bomb may be able to do some good after all.

Culture of Misogyny Surrounds Next Generation

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back? Is it the idea of women in control that scares men into assaulting their characters?

I have twice experienced this atmosphere directed at me in the 15 times I have watched *Star Trek: The Next Generation* in a public space. The first was during the episode "Justice," when the Star Trek crew beamed to a planet where the inhabitants believed in love, exercise, and good play. I assumed that these tan blond humanoids were (men and women alike) scantily clad because the planet was hot. It was then that a male member of the hall exclaimed, "Geez, where do they get all these bimbos?" I thought the planet was about happy, satisfied, affectionate people, free of Earth's bitterness and hostility, but maybe our way is better after all.

The next personal example was in "Code of Honor," on a planet where Tasha was required by the local law to fight another woman to the death. In an effort to save both women's lives, the Enterprise planned for Tasha to fall upon the enemy woman, when both would be beamed to safety. In one sweep the episode managed to convey both disapproval at solving problems by fighting, and the fact that Tasha and the other woman could and would fight to the death for what they believed in. The challenging woman was fighting for the man she loved; Tasha was fighting because she respected the planet's

customs and didn't want to put the Enterprise's mission at stake. But at the fatal moment, the words of commentary I heard about these strong determined women were "necrophiliac lesbians!" How could he so miss the point?

The effect of these attitudes is to force women like myself to stop watching *Star Trek*, or never start. I know many women who don't watch the show, despite the fact that many of their hallmates do. They see the *Star Trek* following and avoid it — women constitute only 10 percent of viewers in a typical *Star Trek* lounge. Why? Because they believe it is a place in which they are not welcome and would not feel comfortable. This feeling is not exclusive to women, either. The fact is that the things that are said are all the things that feel like harassment and sound like free speech. When men get all huffy puffy about the harassment policy, it is about these liminal issues. The right to call women "bimbos" is absolutely protected by the First Amendment. It is not something that falls under the category of harassment, as far as official definitions are concerned. It is not a right that women want to take away from any person.

However, this exercise of free speech, free speech that changes nothing, that serves only to remind someone in a disadvantaged group of that disadvantage, is what I consider harassment. It is the insidious knocking of any group by people that can knock them. And the

group of people who surround an episode of *Star Trek* is a powerful group in that way. We know that every week the same people will be in the lounge, in force, like a sit-in for nerds. Not everyone who watches *Star Trek* that contributes to this feeling, and the behavior may vary from dorm to dorm. But the people who find it necessary to make comments like "necrophiliac lesbians" must get silent approval from the others who sit with them, week after week, and don't give up on the show like I did.

There is a phrase in the harassment policy which concerns the ability of a person to work effectively at MIT. It is vague and hard to address. But the fact is that a person who feels harassed may well shut down as an effective force, because he or she feels violated and invalidated. *Star Trek* is an escapist show. It is a good way for MIT students, who are overworked and stressed out, to float away at warp speed. The hostile environment that drives some people to not watch *Star Trek* denies them this much-needed stress valve.

I am not trying to put blame on people who watch and enjoy *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. I am not asserting that people's attitudes and speech while watching the show should be monitored or checked. But I would like people to at least notice the atmosphere that is created and perpetuated around it, and to think about it.



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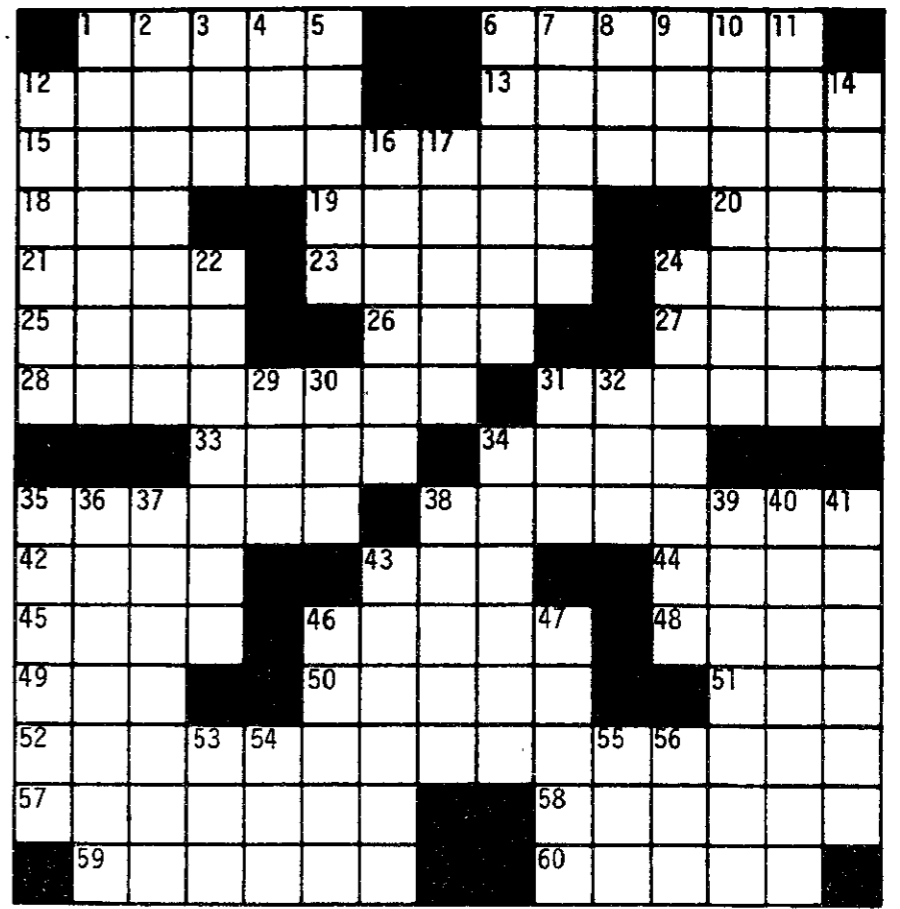
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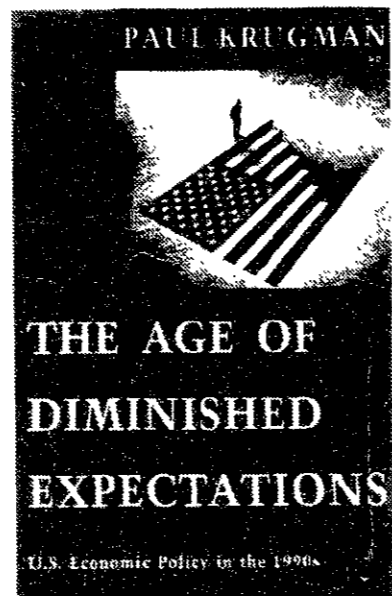
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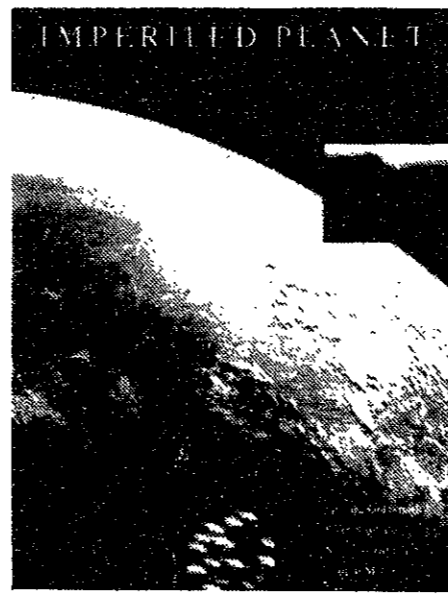
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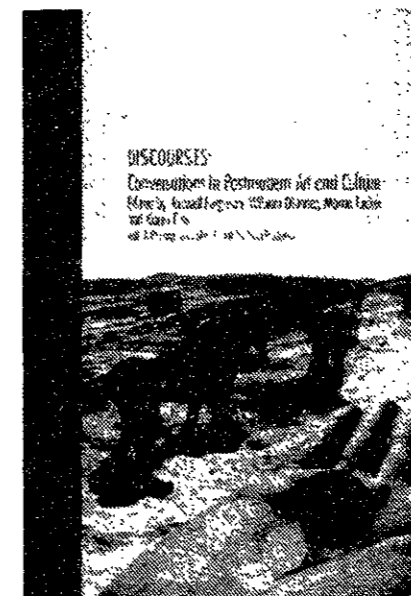


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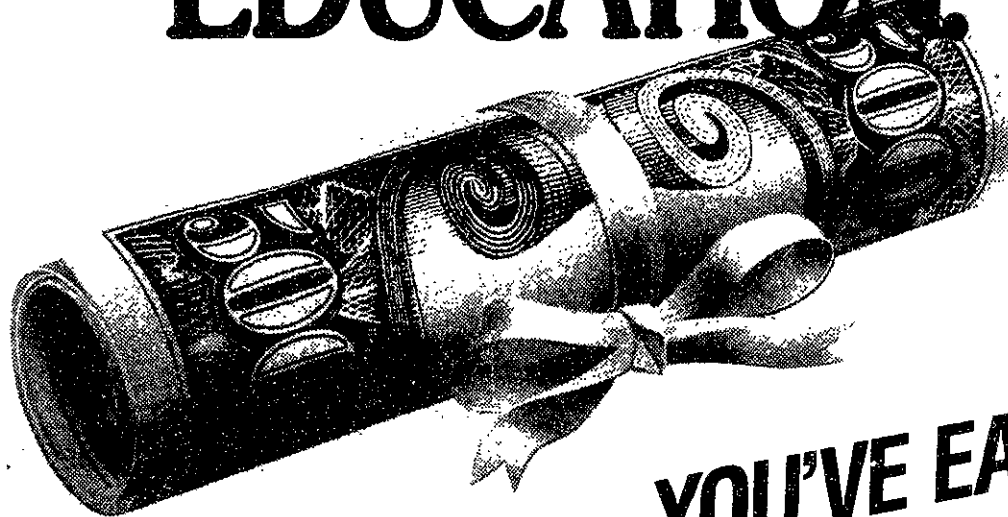


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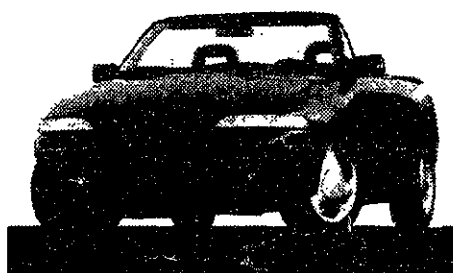
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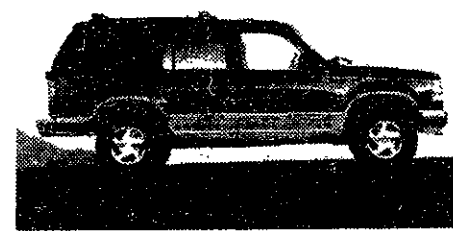
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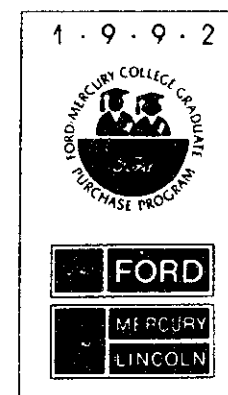
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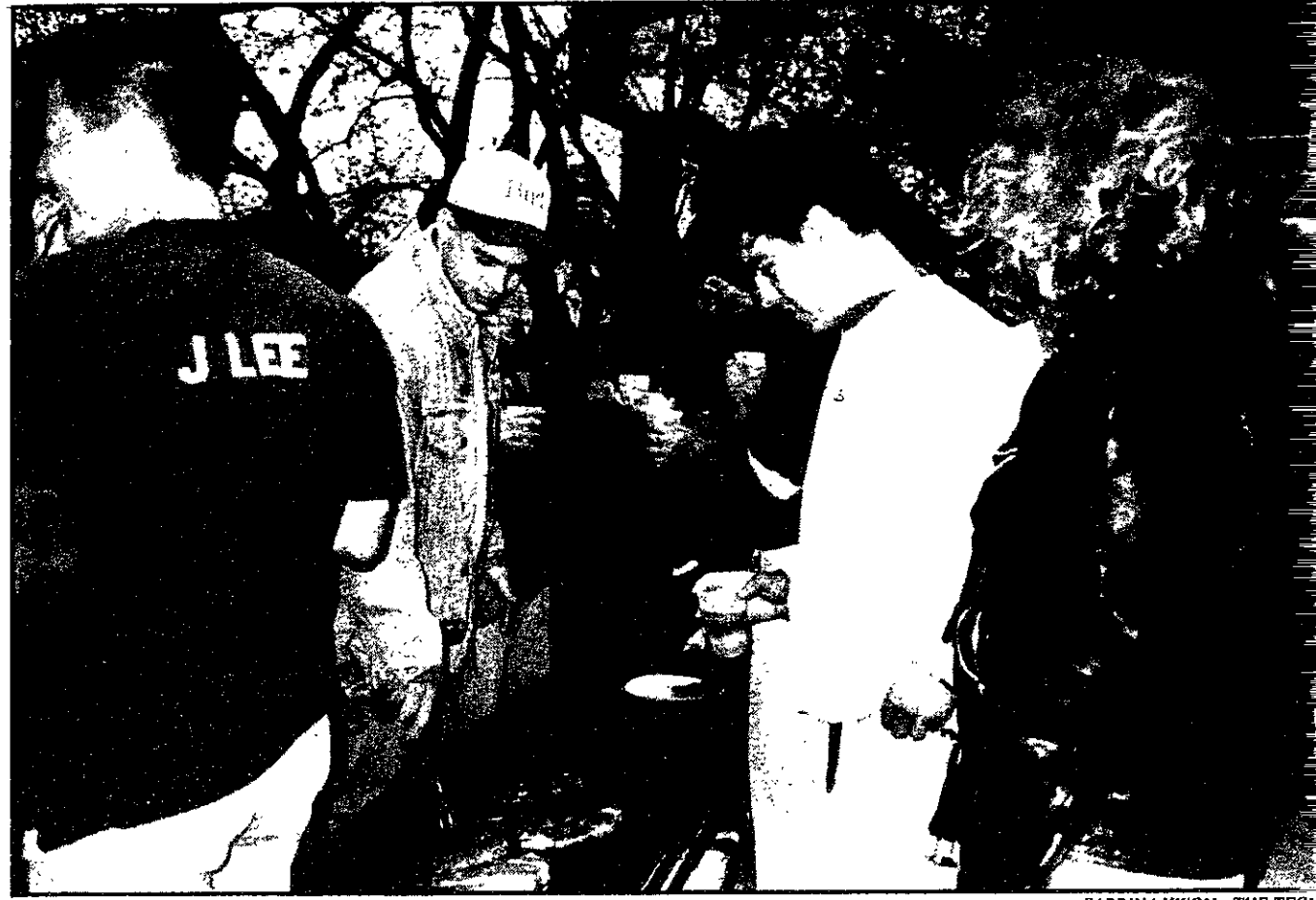
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As part of Spring Weekend festivities, Delta Upsilon held its annual Steak Fry at the barbecue pits adjacent to Johnson Athletic Center.

Spring Weekend a Hit Despite Weather

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was really disappointed by the no crowd-surfing policy," said

Kendrick C. Boardman '95, who was taken by security guards and forced to leave Johnson Athletic Center for his "excessive" slam-

dancing and crowd-surfing.

"They should have at least announced that if you crowd-surfed you'd get kicked out. I might have thought twice about doing it because I missed the rest of the concert," said Sabrina N. Bernold '95.

Vit and co-coordinator Leila Tabibian '93, were pleased with the concert. "Ticket sales went well both here at MIT and at neighboring schools," said Vit.

"We wanted to end the year with a big bang, and despite the rain, I think it happened," Tabibian said.

Rain forced events to move

Saturday afternoon's Go Bananas Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the freshman and sophomore Class Councils and the UA Social Committee, was "really, really popular," despite a change of location due to the rain, Tabibian said. In less than 75 minutes, students devoured 120 pounds of bananas, 30 gallons of ice cream, four gallons of hot fudge, and 15 pounds of toppings, all provided at no charge.

The event was held in the Student Center lobby because of the rainy weather. "I thought the rain would have decreased the turnout, but there were long lines for the ice cream. We even ran out 45 minutes early," said Lillian W. Kuo '94, who helped organize the event.

"It was really good, especially since it was free. I was in the Student Center doing other stuff when I saw the ice cream and the line and the poster that said 'Free banana split sundaes,' so I got in line and got some ice cream," said Jennifer W. Glos '95.

Vit said the rain location might have boosted the turnout, since people like Glos ended up getting sundaes even though they didn't know about the event in advance. The event, which cost \$250, was funded by the UA Social Committee, and candy, spoons, and napkins were donated by Lobde Court.

Two other events affected by the rain were Delta Upsilon's Steak Fry and Kappa Alpha Theta's Musical

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Chairs. "Mother Nature was just not cooperative this year — there was no spring in Spring Weekend," said Richard C. McKern '94, a chair of DU's annual event. "It started to rain halfway through the Steak Fry, and we had to move to the Johnson [Athletic Center] overhang." Despite the move, all 500 steaks were grilled and eaten, as were 50 gallons of ice cream and "lots and lots of fries," McKern said.

Charity money raised

Like the Steak Fry, Theta's first annual Musical Chairs event was forced to move from Briggs Field to the Johnson Athletic Center overhang. The rain, however, seemed to affect the event's turnout, since "a lot more tickets were sold than people who actually attended," said Theta Community Service Chair Shally Bansal '93. Although exact numbers were unavailable, Bansal estimated that at least 60 people were present for the event, and more than \$250 was raised for Court-

Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a charitable organization.

Other Spring Weekend events helped raise money for charity. The first annual Alpha Phi Gong Show garnered \$650 for the American Heart Association, according to Jennifer J. Schussel '94, who helped organize the event.

Roland W. Pan '92 and Michael Genrich '93 captured first place and a new CD player in the Gong Show with a customized version of "More than Words."

"I think the crowd had a lot of fun with all the audience participation," said Alpha Phi Community Service Chair Sarah Moody '94. "We had a bunch of great acts, some serious and some goofy."

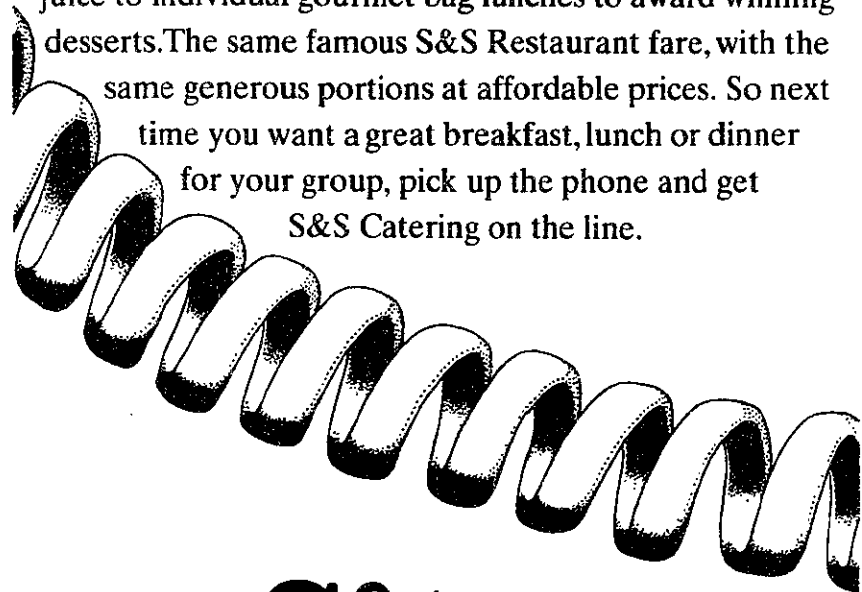
The Women's Independent Living Group held their fifth annual Mr. Spring Weekend Contest on Wednesday night, where Albert H. Cheng '92 was crowned. Cheng said he was "honored to be chosen to represent the spirit of Spring Weekend, but I wish it were sunnier. The weather was kind of a downer for all the activities," he said.

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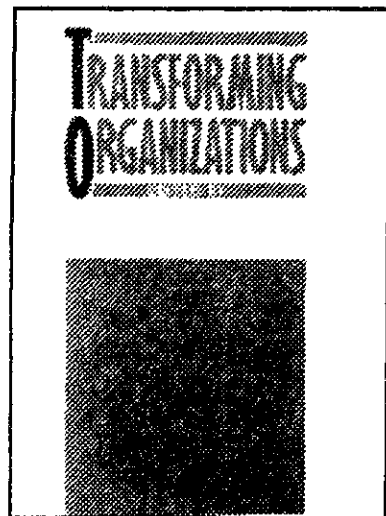
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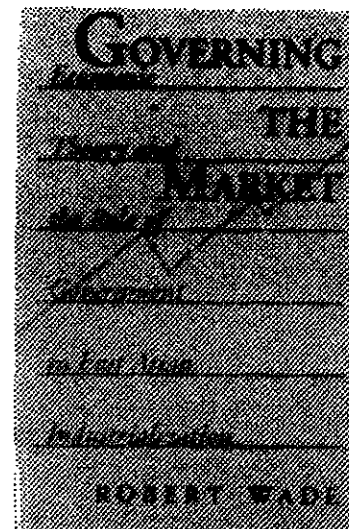
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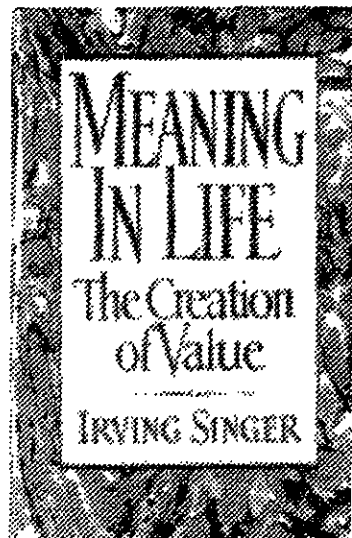
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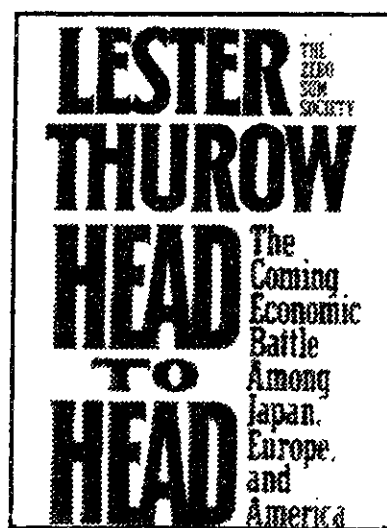
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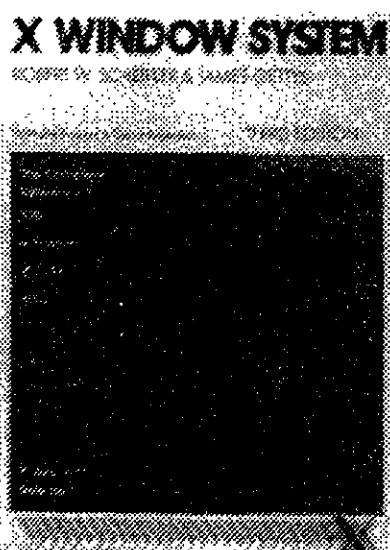
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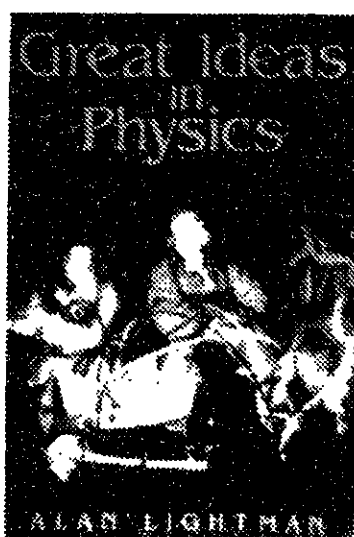
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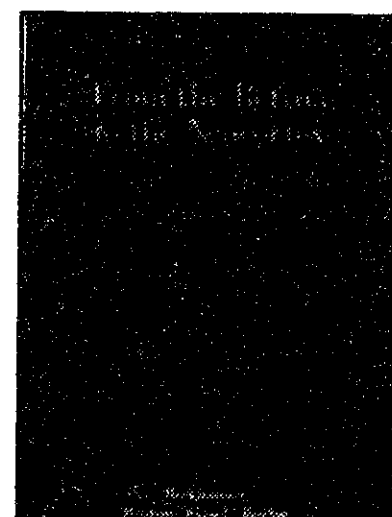
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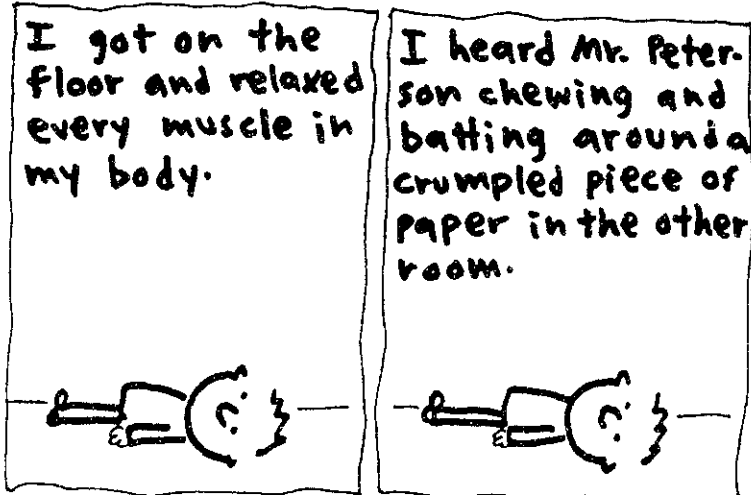
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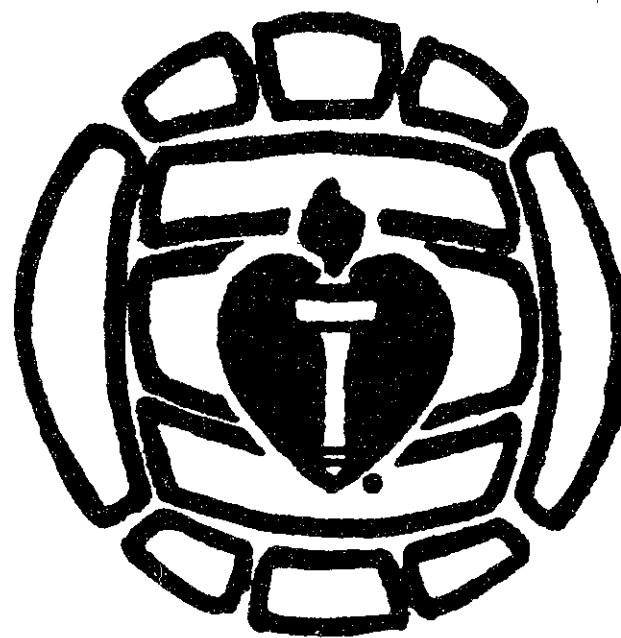
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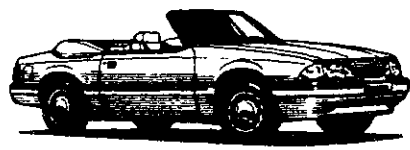
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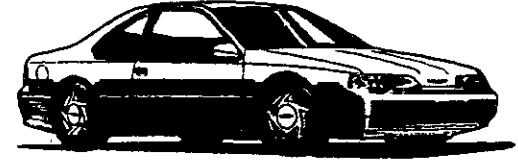
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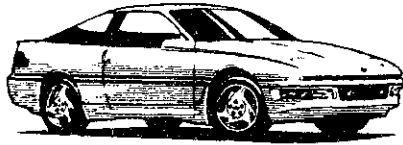
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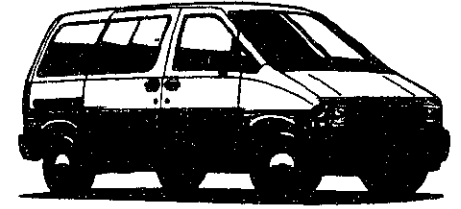
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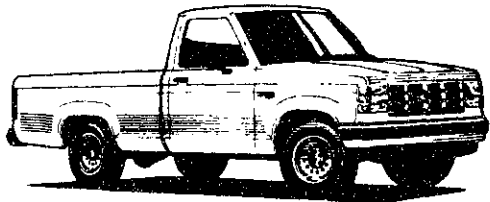
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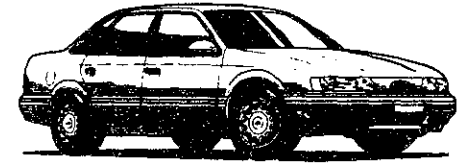
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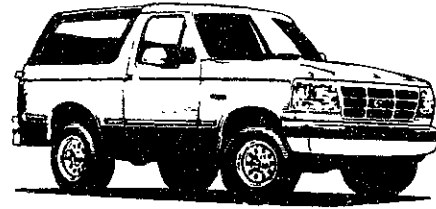
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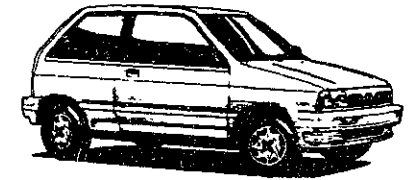
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Council Members Divided on Significance of Referendum

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action on this would have to be brought to the UAC," said David J. Kessler '94, the incoming UA vice president. Kessler opposed the student life fee throughout his campaign for UAVP, but reversed his position at the last UAC meeting.

Next House UAC Representative Jonathan J. Lee '93 agreed. "I don't know how seriously this can be taken as a campus-wide referendum because of the low turnout," he said. "I just thought [the results] were too low to be much of an indicator," said Steven A. Luperchio '95, a member of the election commission.

Kirby was puzzled by the low voter turnout. "We were there for two days. We made pretty significant attempts to get pamphlets in everybody's mailboxes," he said. "I don't think that a reasonably aware person could have wandered through MIT and not noticed there was a referendum."

Lee, however, attributed the low voter turnout to poor publicity. "It might have been nice for the sponsors of this particular referendum to perhaps have taken a few further steps — such as organizing dorm-to-dorm and house-to-house sessions to tell exactly what this was about," he said. Lee noted several other publicity problems with the referendum.

Regardless of the voter turnout, many undergraduates support student control over activities funding, according to UA Secretary General Anne S. Tsao '94. She discussed the proposal with small groups before

the referendum. "It's obvious that the majority of students think there should be student control over the student life fee," she concluded.

McGeever felt the vote was a clear indication of student support. "I think [the fact] that 78.5 percent of the people who voted said yes for question one points to a very strong student tendency towards wanting to control a portion of their own tuition money," McGeever said. "It is a very strong indication to the UA that such a program should be implemented."

Kessler agreed that many students support the plan. "It does look positive and we have a lot of work cut out for us if we want to move this forward," he said.

Plans have been rushed

Both Kessler and Lee, however, felt that the plans to implement the student life fee have been rushed. At a UAC meeting, Lee moved to hold the referendum next week, when registration materials are distributed, but the motion was voted down.

"People are not being patient enough in this. It's obviously not enough to go straight into the fee," Kessler said. "A lot of really good work has been put into this idea and it would be a shame to ruin all that effort by not putting enough time into that last 10 percent."

"I think it would have been nice to have a few more weeks of discussion on the campus-wide scale. I think it would have been nice, but I don't think it was horrible that we didn't," McGeever

explained.

Kirby explained that the referendum came so quickly because the issue has been discussed with fervor this semester. "We have been talking about it very intensely; it's been a really dense four months," he said.

Kirby also noted, "What people voted on was a very simple question."

"The most important thing we can do with the results is to use them as a motivator to find out what people think," McGeever said. "I'm very interested in finding out why

people voted the way they did."

The first question, whether students should control funding for activities, received 475 "yes" votes and 130 "no" votes.

The second question concerned what group would set the dollar amount of the fee. The three options were: by student body referendum, 165 votes; by the UAC, with an option for the students to reject the proposal by referendum, 178 votes; and by a board selected by the UAC and through student body elections, 250 votes. Because the first round

votes proved inconclusive, the third option was selected under the preferential balloting system, ultimately receiving 297 votes.

The third question asked whether an athletic services fee should be paid for out of the student life fee, eliminating athletic cards. Voters gave the question 393 "yes" votes and 200 "no" votes.

On the fourth question, 361 students supported funding the *Course Evaluation Guide* from the student life fee, and 167 students voted against the proposal.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1992



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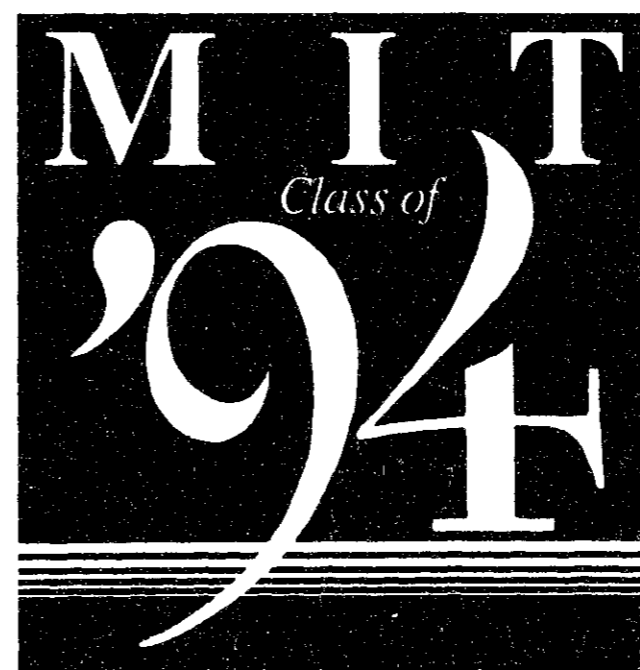
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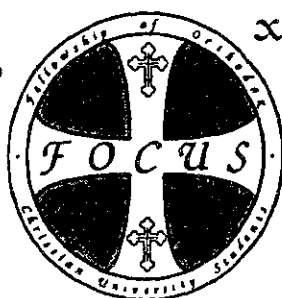


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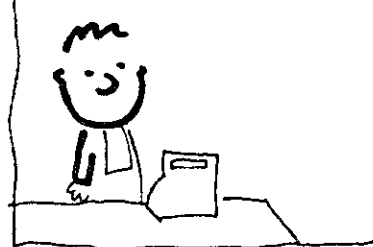
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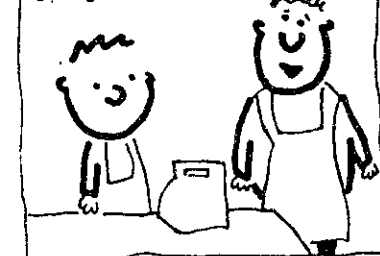
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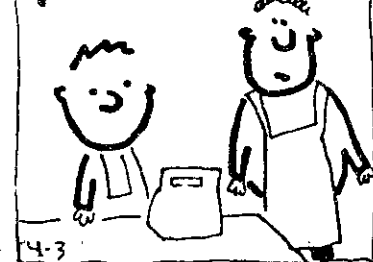
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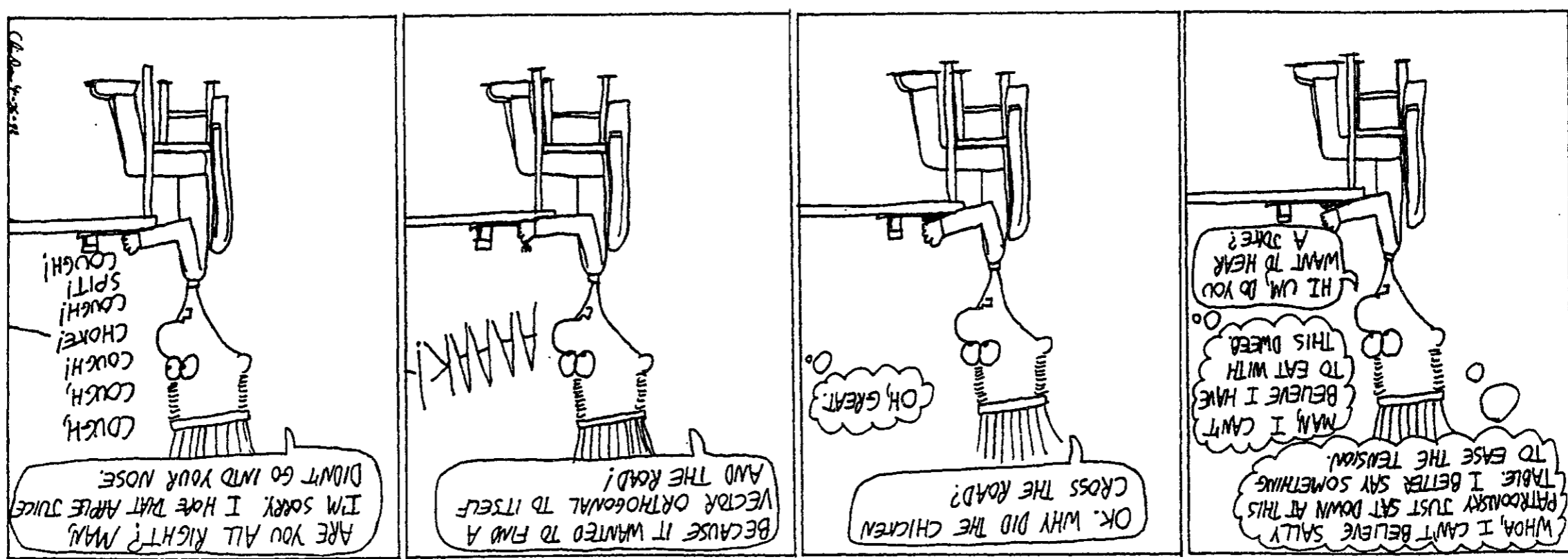
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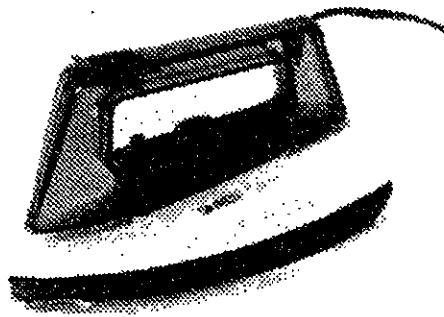
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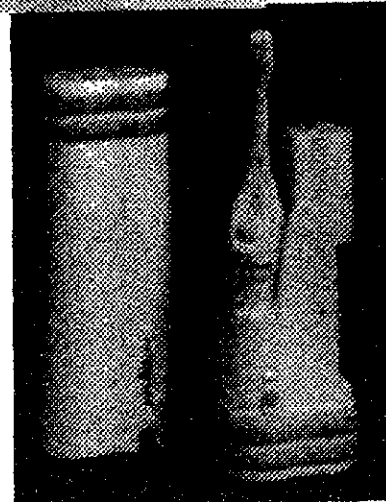
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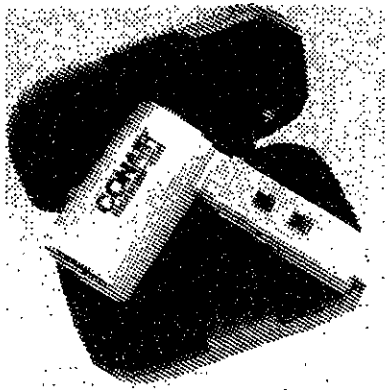
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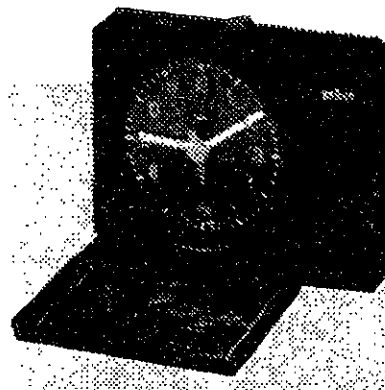
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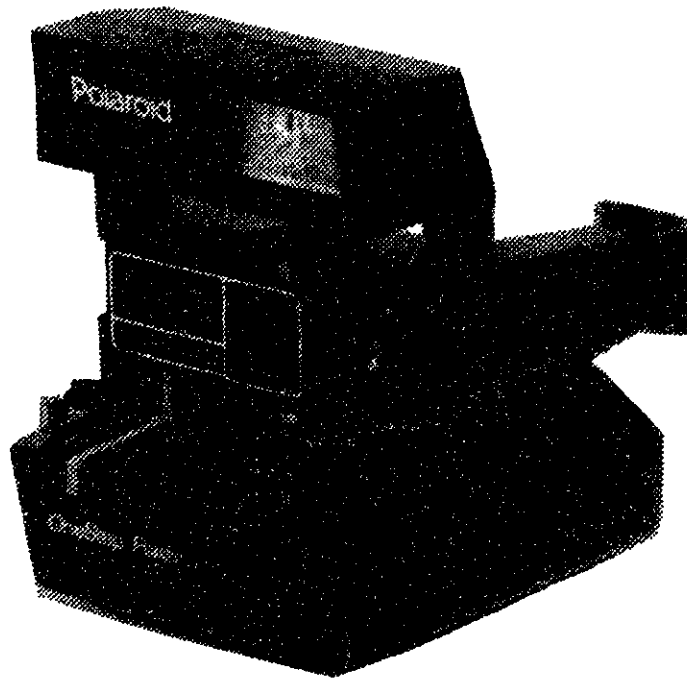
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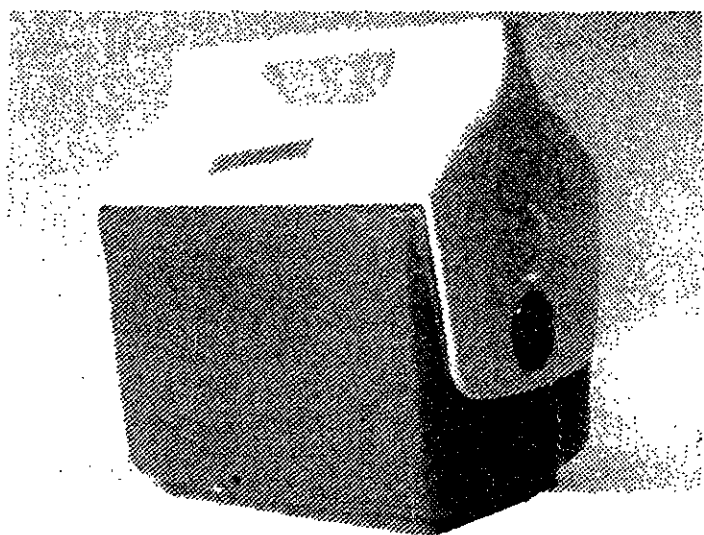
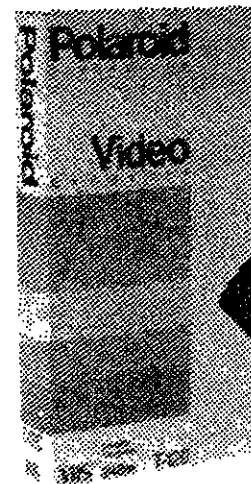


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