

## Student Hit By Bus While Riding Bicycle

By Reuven M. Lerner  
NEWS EDITOR

Christopher H. Prince '92, a 21-year-old management major and the president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was severely injured on Tuesday afternoon when an MBTA bus hit his bicycle from behind.

According to the Metropolitan District Commission Police, the accident occurred on the Harvard Bridge at about 5:45 p.m. Witnesses told MDC officers that Prince, who was riding toward MIT on the Harvard Bridge, swerved in front of the bus, presumably because of the wet snow that had just started to fall.

"He was about eight feet away from the front of the bus when we found him, and he was obviously injured, so we began to give him some emergency medical service and notified the police jurisdiction," said Anne P. Glavin, chief of Campus Police. She said that Campus Police were notified of the accident by an anonymous

caller at 5:37 p.m.

"Our people found the student lying on the side of the street. His bike was under the passenger-side front tire of the bus," she added.

Prince, who was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, was taken to Beth Israel Hospital for what a spokesperson called "serious injuries." As of last night, the hospital would say only that Prince was in surgical intensive care.

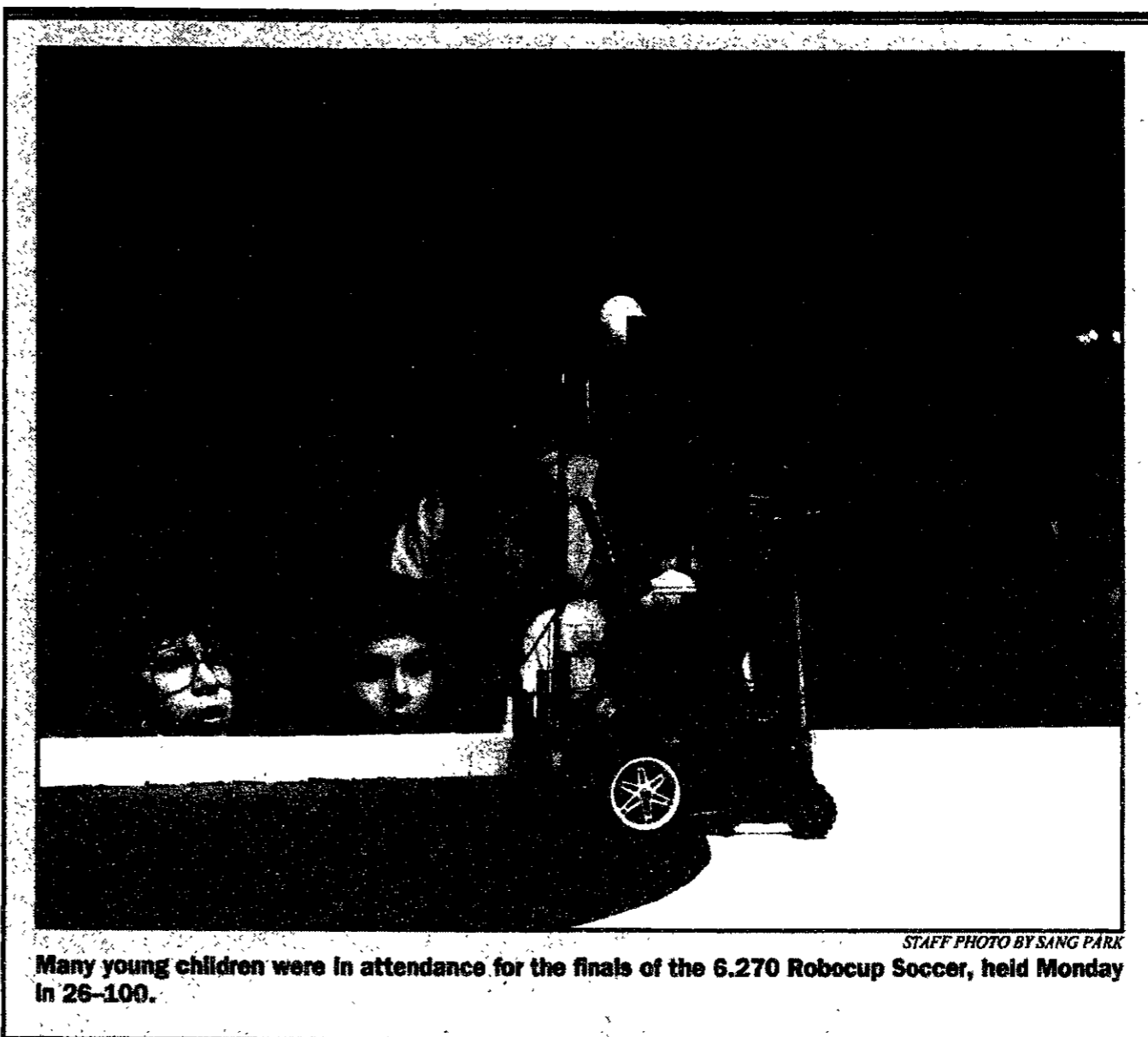
The MDC police said that while officers filled out an accident report, they did not issue a citation or file any charges against the bus driver or the MBTA.

**"Still very disoriented"**

Richard A. Kroes '92, vice president of SAE, said that Prince was going "back and forth out of consciousness," but that he had suffered "no major brain damage."

"He's chipped one of the vertebrae just underneath his skull. He's

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Many young children were in attendance for the finals of the 6.270 Robocup Soccer, held Monday in 26-100.

## Need-Blind Admissions Not at Risk

By Eva Moy  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

While dozens of other universities are reducing costs by cutting back on financial aid, MIT does not expect to have to make major changes in its financial aid program anytime soon.

In fact, according to James J. Culliton, vice president for financial operations, MIT does not expect to make any of several types of drastic cuts — such as cutting departments or sports teams — that other universities have made recently.

"In terms of financial aid's position ... we're going to review and award as before," said Katherine M. Nolan, associate director of the Student Financial Aid Office. The self-help level may change, but "students will still be awarded full need," she added.

MIT made this decision despite the fact that the deficit will be slightly larger than last year, according to Culliton. MIT has projected relatively small deficits for the next

three years, he said.

Michael C. Behnke, director of admissions, said that a task force on financial aid several years ago advised that MIT keep both need-blind admissions and moderate self-help levels. Every few years, the Institute investigates whether to retain need-blind admissions, he added.

"There are strains on us this year," Culliton said. "We're going to have to spend more of unrestricted money" for financial aid.

A change in policy would cause more stress on families, grants, and contracts, Culliton said, adding that MIT is trying to help students to make decisions based on schools rather than money. The financial needs of current students may also change, he added.

**Other aid schemes**

Some other universities have financial aid systems different from the one used by MIT, including "admit/deny" and "gapping,"

Behnke said.

Under the admit/deny plan, which Behnke called the "most ethical" alternative, students are admitted regardless of need, but the school does not necessarily meet their full need. Schools that employ gapping also admit students without consideration of their ability to pay, but provide different levels of financial aid.

While both of these methods are considered need-blind, a third takes the student's ability to pay into consideration during the admissions process.

MIT awards an average of \$10,000 to each student, Behnke said. To do otherwise would be giving an "empty admissions offer," making the family feel guilty if they cannot afford to pay, he said. If the student comes to MIT, the family or the student may have to take other jobs, which could affect the student's education, he added.

## UA Discusses Possibility Of Student Honor Code

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At Wednesday night's Undergraduate Association Council meeting, Associate Provost Sheila E. Widnall '60 presented several ideas on the issue of academic honesty and the possible implementation of an honor code at the Institute, including a proposal to create a student honor committee.

UA President Stacy E. McGeever '93 said that the UA's discussion on academic honesty was intended "to look for a set of standards from the students who are concerned about the policy of academic honesty for the student body to at least be aware of, if not adhere to."

McGeever said she realized that students' ideas of an honor code would vary considerably, and said she would support the creation of a structure to make academic honesty a more obvious concern at MIT.

"While an honor code can come into play just as a statement, we want to develop programs that will alleviate conditions which foster cheating," she said.

Widnall opened a discussion about honor codes by saying that academic honesty at MIT is a "complicated, long-term issue." She emphasized that the entire issue is still under discussion and would probably not be resolved in the near future. She expressed concern over the terminology being used in discussions of academic honesty, saying that she objected to the association of the word "cheating" with MIT students. Widnall also stressed that the outside world must view academic honesty as a concern at MIT if an MIT education is to retain its value.

**'Gray areas'**

When Raul R. Shah '92, student representative to the Committee on the Undergraduate Program, expressed his concern about the "gray areas" of academic honesty

— including the use of course "bibles" and other collaborative methods of students — Widnall said that faculty need to make clear to their students their expectations and standards on questions of cheating and collaboration the first time a class meets.

McGeever expressed concern about the widespread decay of academic honesty which follows enrollment at MIT, specifically during freshman year. "It is too easy for freshmen to fall into the habit of copying problem sets ... something which stalls learning as well as fostering a lack of self-esteem," she said.

Widnall concluded by suggesting that the UA create a student honor committee or "honor court" to inquire about academic honesty from the student point of view. Such a committee would meet with instructors, thus reducing the problem of miscommunication between students and faculty.

**Code questioned**

Some students at the meeting were unsure of how successful an honor code would be at MIT. David J. Kessler '94 said that an honor code would not be an effective solu-

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## Voter Registration Deadline Is Approaching

By Sabrina Blmer

The last day to register for the Massachusetts presidential primary is this Tuesday, Feb. 11. Massachusetts residents may register with one of three parties (Democratic, Republican, or Independent Voters' Party), or may register as a political designation (see below). The primary election is Tuesday, March 10.

Primaries are run differently in each state. For those not familiar with the intricate workings of the Massachusetts primaries, here are a few answers to commonly asked questions.

• Can I register to vote in Massachusetts even if I come from another state?

Yes. If you live in

Massachusetts, are a U.S. citizen, and are over 18, you can register to vote here. Registering to vote in Massachusetts automatically makes you a Massachusetts resident. Students who depend on aid from their home state should make sure that becoming a Massachusetts resident will not disqualify them for their aid.

• Can I register in any Massachusetts town?

Yes. For example, if you live in Somerville, but it is more convenient for you to register in Cambridge, you may do so. However, you will be assigned to a polling place in your town of residence, so you would vote in Somerville, not in Cambridge.

• Where in Cambridge can I register?

You can register at the Cambridge Police Department (362 Green Street, in Central Square). You can also register Monday at Cambridge City Hall.

• Can I vote in any party's primary?

It depends on how you register. If you register with a party, you may only vote in that party's primary. If you want the option of voting in any party's primary, you should register as an "unenrolled person." As an unenrolled person, you do not belong to a party or to a political designation. You may vote in either party's primary (of course, you can only vote once). Your party affiliation will then automatically change to that of the party for which you voted.

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# WORLD & NATION

## GAO Says Thrift-Rescue Payments Lag

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The federal government has collected only \$365,000 out of \$84 million in fines and repayments in 55 major savings and loan criminal convictions, the General Accounting Office told Congress Thursday.

"Someone in the federal government should be held accountable," said GAO associate director Harold Valentine. "Not even a penny for every dollar (in fines and restitution ordered) has been collected."

Members of a Senate Banking subcommittee, clearly exasperated by testimony of GAO officials, were also told that no one in the federal government is keeping track of how much is collected.

Valentine and GAO assistant director Edward Stephenson later estimated that if all 4,030 convictions in major bank and S&L cases since 1987 are considered, the government has collected about \$20 million out of \$1.3 billion in court-ordered fines and restitutions. Many of the prosecutions occurred after 1989, when Congress began providing extra money to hire hundreds more attorneys and FBI agents to bring the cases.

In addition to criminal prosecutions, the government also is seeking to recover billions of dollars in civil suits resulting from S&L and bank failures. Congress has authorized more than \$550 million for fiscal years 1990 through 1993 to press civil and criminal suits related to banks and S&Ls.

## North Korea Nears Big Step Toward Nuclear Bomb, U.S. Says

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

A senior Bush administration official told Congress Thursday that North Korea may be only months away from finishing a plant that can reprocess nuclear fuel, a step that would enable it to build a nuclear bomb by the middle of next year.

A North Korean nuclear reprocessing plant "may be nearing operational status," Undersecretary of State Arnold Kanter told a hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Asia.

On Jan. 22, Kanter met with a North Korean diplomat at the United Nations in the highest level talks ever between the two countries.

Kanter's testimony amounts to the most explicit public statement yet by any senior U.S. official about the rapid pace with which North Korea's nuclear weapons program is proceeding toward completion. A reprocessing plant can be used to convert the plutonium produced by a nuclear reactor into a nuclear explosive.

## 'Draft Cuomo' Campaign Picks Up Steam

THE BALTIMORE SUN

CONCORD, N.H.

A campaign to persuade voters to write in the name of New York Gov. Mario M. Cuomo has added a fresh — and potentially significant — variable to the Democratic presidential primary contest here.

At the least, the movement could threaten the continued viability of two or three of the active candidates whose names are on the ballot if they end up running behind an inactive write-in candidate after they have spent months on personal campaigning and building their organizations. At the most, it could be the first step in a party-polarizing contest over the nomination that might last late into the spring.

The National Draft Cuomo Committee, an ad hoc group based in Chicago and operating out of a second-floor downtown office here, has just mailed 75,000 post cards to New Hampshire Democratic households spelling out the steps that need to be taken to write in Cuomo's name on the primary ballot Feb. 18. There are four versions tailored to reflect differences in procedures in communities that use paper ballots, voting machines or electronic voting devices.

## WEATHER

### Eyes on the Storm

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

As a weak high pressure ridge remains stationary north of New England, a significant storm will move along the Atlantic seaboard northward and intensify early on Saturday. A shortwave in the Ohio valley will be absorbed into this intensifying cyclone and pull the moisture shield westward, thus bringing the best chance of snow to the coastal sections of New England and the Canadian Maritimes.

Following the stormy start of the weekend, colder and fairer weather will follow on Sunday and Monday.

**Friday afternoon:** Becoming cloudy with a chance of snow late. High around 35°F (2°C) with a stiffening easterly breeze at 10-15 mph (16-32 kmh)

**Friday night:** Cloudy with a 70 percent chance of snow, low around 28°F (-2°C), winds turning northeasterly at 15-25 mph (24-40 kmh). Snow may mix with rain on the Cape and some beach erosion and coastal flooding is possible in northeast facing areas.

**Saturday:** Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of light snow, high around 32°F (0°C) Continuing northeasterly winds.

**Saturday night:** Slow clearing, winds becoming northerly, temperatures dropping through the 20's (-2 to -6°C).

**Sunday outlook:** Fair and colder with highs in the 20's and lows in the teens with strong northwesterly winds.

# Bush Vague on How to Fund His New Health Care Proposal

By Douglas Jehl  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CLEVELAND

President Bush Thursday unveiled a much-touted plan he said would cut health costs and guarantee access to care, but he offered no clear explanation of how his administration would pay the \$100 billion price tag.

"We'll figure that out," Bush said as he began the cross-country trip to drum up support for the election-year initiative.

In presenting the package here, he proclaimed that its market-based approach would "preserve what works and reform what doesn't" in a health-care system choked by mounting costs. He warned that alternatives proposed by his Democratic rivals would force the nation to "swallow a cure worse than the disease."

At the heart of the Bush proposal is a plan to offer new tax breaks to help low- and middle-income families pay for health care. At the same time, it would slash Medicaid funding by about \$35 billion over five years, in part to force states to model their systems on health-management organizations.

But what Bush described as a "comprehensive" plan otherwise left unspecified how its vast costs would be borne. While pointing to a series of ways to make the health-care system more efficient, administration officials said they would begin to fill in the details only if Congress shows interest in the program.

Their studied vagueness underscored the politics behind a program to be used as a bludgeon to attack rival Democratic proposals as steps down a slippery slope toward socialized health care.

While peddling the Bush program as a free-market alternative, the White House seemed determined to avoid giving offense to any quarter. Its 94-page White Paper was at its most specific in a final chapter outlining "problems with other approaches."

Bush used his appearance here less to discuss the details of his plan than to attack the so-called "play or pay" approach and other Democratic-backed alternatives. Although the plan to cut Medicaid funding would generate the program's biggest savings, he made no mention of the potentially controversial proposal in his 25-minute speech.

"We stand at a crossroads," he told the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. "We can move forward to dramatically reform our market-based system or we can force ourselves to swallow a cure worse than the disease."

Bush assured the group of business leaders that his plan would "give Americans the kind of health care they want and deserve and put an end to the worry that keeps them awake at night."

To maximize the political impact of the health-care plan, the White House had held its details from the State of the Union address and federal budget Bush proposed last week.

He traveled to Cleveland to formally unveil the plan in part as tribute to efforts of health-care reformers in the city to encourage small businesses to band together to gain access to more affordable insurance coverage, a principle embraced in the White House plan.

But his audience here appeared no more than mildly enthusiastic about its contents and interrupted his speech only once with applause, when Bush referred to a previously announced proposal to impose limits on malpractice suits.

The proposal Bush outlined here has been in the making for more than eight months. But its drafting was accelerated late last year after an upset Democratic victory in a Pennsylvania Senate race made clear that health care had become an issue of election-shaping importance for many voters.

In contrast to various Democratic promises of health care

for all, sometimes under government auspices, the Bush plan promises only universal access to health care through tax credits and tax deductions designed to make health insurance affordable.

The proposed new assistance to low- and middle-income families would decline according to wealth, but would cost taxpayers \$35 billion a year after being phased in over five years. A needy family of three or more whose income fell below the poverty line would receive the maximum benefit of \$3,750.

To remove another barrier to coverage, the Bush plan would require insurance companies to provide health plans to all groups that sought them. It would prohibit insurance firms from denying an application because of the illness of an employee who had previously been insured.

But the plan would stop short of requiring that insurance companies provide coverage even to new applicants, offering no new guarantee to those denied health care because of AIDS, cancer or other pre-existing conditions.

The approach aims to preserve a health-care system Bush said should be based on "choice, not central control." Administration officials said its main cost-cutting measure — to end unlimited federal reimbursement of Medicaid expenses — was designed to force states to emulate the private sector in creating scaled-down health-care plans.

But the absence of further detail about how the plan might be funded reflected what White House officials conceded was an election-year reluctance to offer targets for political attack.

The officials said the vagueness reflected the defeat of policy aides in a fierce internal White House battle in which chief of staff Samuel K. Skinner and re-election campaign officials warned that specificity could backfire against Bush.

# Clinton Questioned about How He Avoided Military Service

By Paul West

THE BALTIMORE SUN

NASHUA, N.H.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton's presidential campaign was sidetracked again Thursday, this time over new questions about how he avoided military service at the height of the Vietnam War.

For Clinton, the issue is not new — it first surfaced when he entered politics in the 1970s.

Besieged by reporters at campaign stops in Manchester and Nashua, the governor gave a calm but forceful defense of his behavior, 23 years ago. Clinton said that, after first attempting to avoid conscription, he decided to expose himself to the draft. He was never called because he drew a high number in the 1969 draft lottery.

But proposed reforms in the draft system, widely publicized at the time Clinton was changing his draft status, raise questions about whether he thought he was putting himself at risk.

Retired Col. Eugene Holmes, then the commander of the Army ROTC program at the University of Arkansas, was quoted in Thursday's *Wall Street Journal* as saying that Clinton, then a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in England, "was able to manipulate things" so that he

was not conscripted in the fall of 1969. He told the paper that Clinton had misled him into thinking he would be returning to Arkansas within a couple of months, rather than spending the entire academic year in England.

Clinton, disagreeing, says he does not know why Holmes, now 75, would make such a statement. He says the ROTC commander had encouraged him to go back for his second year at Oxford, since he could not attend ROTC training camp until the following summer.

Both men agree that during the summer of 1969, Clinton told Holmes he intended to enroll at the Arkansas law school and wanted to join the ROTC program there. Instead, Clinton went to Yale Law School and never joined ROTC.

As a result of his oral commitment to join the ROTC, Clinton got a draft deferment for September and October 1969, the two months he had been told that he was likely to be called up.

In September or October 1969, he says he changed his mind and decided not to join the ROTC unit, and was classified as draft-eligible on Oct. 30, 1969.

At the time Clinton backed out of his commitment to join the ROTC, which would have required

him to go on active duty after finishing law school, the Selective Service system was in turmoil, as President Nixon struggled to ease anti-war sentiment on college campuses.

On Sept. 19, 1969, following meetings with top House and Senate leaders, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird announced that Nixon intended to sign an executive order exempting those ages 20 through 26, which included Clinton, from the proposed draft lottery.

Another change affecting Clinton, announced Oct. 1, allowed graduate students already in school to finish their academic year, even if they were called for induction.

Clinton says he decided to give up his ROTC deferment that month because he "felt badly" about having a deferment that would last four years, since several former classmates had already lost their lives in the war.

By the time the lottery took place, on Dec. 1, 1969, the rules had changed again and Clinton was in danger of being drafted. But he drew number 311; no one with a number higher than 195 was ever called.

Clinton, who strongly opposed the war, said Thursday, "I was not seeking to avoid military service."

# Military Plan Crashes on Training Flight, Killing 16

By Bob Sexter  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

EVANSVILLE, IND.

A huge military transport plane nose-dived into a parking lot just outside the regional airport here Thursday, touching off a fireball of burning aviation fuel that engulfed a motel and restaurant and killed at least 16 people.

"I heard a plane sputter and then the building started shaking and the lights flickered," said garage mechanic Eric Huffman, who was working across the street. "It felt like an earthquake had hit."

The Lockheed C-130 turboprop was based in Louisville, Ky., and was on a training flight for the Kentucky National guard. Witnesses said that it had been practicing a series of "touch-and-go" takeoffs and landings when it appeared to lose power shortly before 10 a.m. CST and plunged almost nose first into the ground. Debris from the crash slid into JoJo's restaurant and an adjacent four-story motel called the Drury Inn.

Authorities said that all five crew members appeared to have died in

the crash. Two other victims were found in the restaurant kitchen and nine in the motel, mostly on the fourth floor, said a spokesman for the coroner. At least 14 others were admitted to local hospitals suffering from burns and smoke inhalation.

It was the second worst aviation disaster in the history of this Southern Indiana community. In December 1977, a chartered DC-3 crashed on takeoff from the same airport, killing 29 people, including the entire University of Evansville Purple Aces basketball team.

The latest tragedy also brought back eerie reminders of another accident only four years ago when an Air Force trainer plane lost power and smacked into the side of another airport motel, killing 10 people inside. That crash also took place in Indiana, only 200 miles up the road in Indianapolis.

Military investigators dispatched from Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill., were still poring over the debris Thursday night. Spokesmen said that it could take several days to determine what went wrong.

The plane crashed along a commercial strip just south of the airport along busy U.S. Highway 41. The site was only a few hundred yards from a sprawling Whirlpool refrigerator factory, the largest employer in Southern Indiana.

Mike Genpre, who worked nearby, said that he ran toward the motel after he heard the explosion and saw an "incredible wall of smoke and a tower of flames." Despite intense heat, Genpre said that he made his way into the building and checked rooms on the first three floors but could find nobody. But when he reached the fourth floor, he said, smoke was everywhere and he was forced to crawl on his stomach to see where he was going and find an air pocket.

"I started yelling," he said. "We heard some people. One woman walked out very disoriented. Her skin was covered black with smoke. She was very shaken up. I heard screaming but I couldn't make it out. ... Another lady crawled to the landing. She said she'd been blown through the door ... she was burnt very badly on her hair, skin and

face. It was all very gruesome."

Dan Rush, in Evansville for a business meeting, said that he had flown in C-130s when he was in the Air Force. So when he happened to notice the aircraft take off as he was driving on a nearby highway he instantly realized that something was amiss.

"It just wasn't right," Rush said. "It started side slipping and nosed to the ground. ... It was on a very steep angle. ... From what we could tell, it went right into the parking lot. ... I've never seen anything like it, even close. The fireball was unreal. ... There was extremely black smoke and flame. There was a real brilliant core. I have no idea what caused that."

Capt. Dan Gardner, a spokesman for the Indiana Air National Guard, said that the aircraft had completed two touch and goes, a procedure where the pilot settles the plane down on the runway but lifts off again without coming to a stop. The crash took place on the third such procedure.

The aircraft was assigned to the 123rd Tactical Air Lift Wing of the

Kentucky National Guard based in Louisville, about 100 miles away.

Lt. Col. Ed Tonini, chief of public affairs for the Kentucky Guard, said that the Evansville airport is frequently used for training flights because it is close to Louisville but has far less commercial traffic.

All five crewmen on the aircraft were members of the Kentucky Guard. The pilot, who flew commercial cargo flights in civilian life, was identified by guard officials as Maj. Richard A. Strang, 39, from Floyds Knobs, Ky. Authorities did not immediately release the identities of the civilians killed on the ground.

The four-turboprop C-130, a model with a good safety record, has been a workhorse for the Air Force and Air National Guard for more than 35 years. Almost 100 feet in length, with a 132-foot wingspan, the C-130 can carry a payload of about 20 tons at a cruising speed of more than 350 mph.

Under normal configuration, the plane carries almost 7,000 gallons of fuel; this reservoir of fuel that fed the devastating blaze after the crash.

## Yeltsin Presses for More Western Aid during Visit to France

By William Drozdiak  
THE WASHINGTON POST

PARIS

Russian President Boris Yeltsin bluntly warned the international community Thursday that unless foreign assistance is stepped up dramatically, a new dictatorship may arise to crush his country's fragile experiment with democracy and free-market economics.

Yeltsin said the delayed arrival of substantial aid from abroad is becoming politically dangerous and could eventually trigger a resurgence of totalitarian rule, from either the left or the right.

"I have faith in these reforms and I believe they are irreversible," he said during a city hall reception

on the second day of a three-day visit. "But if they fail, I can already feel the breath of the red shirts and brownshirts on our necks." His reference was to the red emblem of communism and the Nazi brownshirts, or storm troopers.

The Russian leader said the next three months will prove critical in determining whether his country escapes the threat of an authoritarian relapse. He declared that the West must realize that "if Russia fails in its reforms, especially of the economy, a dictator will appear. That's why the international community must contribute to a solution."

Western aid deliveries have stalled because of transportation

problems, inadequate distribution networks in the former Soviet republics and alleged siphoning of some supplies to the black market.

Under one of several cooperation agreements signed Thursday by French and Russian officials, France will provide about \$300 million in credit for future grain purchases. Prime Minister Edith Cresson also said France will extend a similar line of credit to permit Russia to buy French industrial goods.

At a meeting with French businessmen, Yeltsin chided the company leaders for failing to invest in his country. "Perhaps you can save a franc today," he said, "but if the Cold War returns, you will end up paying a thousand times more."

He acknowledged that it could take up to five months to stabilize Russian prices after the country's recent moves toward a free-market system, and he added that several years may be needed "to create a really stable economy." But he insisted that despite the difficulties, "we won't retreat."

During talks with French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, Yeltsin vowed to go further in reducing Russia's nuclear arsenal than is called for under the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) signed by U.S. and Soviet officials last year. "We are ready to cut the number of nuclear warheads nearly six times, from 12,000 to 2,500, which I consider a minimum

defense to deter terrorists and irresponsible leaders," he said.

He expressed hope that as Russia and the United States reduce their nuclear arsenals, France will "in turn abstain from increasing its nuclear armament." The French government has repeatedly declared that it will not match the drawdown in nuclear arms because its nuclear force is much smaller than that of the two larger powers.

During a final meeting Friday with French President Francois Mitterrand, Yeltsin is expected to sign what will be his newly independent country's first peace and friendship treaty with a Western power.

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## Audits Threaten 50-Year Relationship

For nearly 50 years, the federal government and American universities have worked together to produce some of the world's finest scientific research. It is easy to see the benefits each party has reaped from this relationship: The government gains access to top-notch researchers while universities receive financial support.

But if the Defense Contract Audit Agency's audit of MIT is a taste of the future, the heyday of government-sponsored research may be coming to an end. The DCAA and several other agencies have spent more than a year poring over MIT's finances in search of fraud and the misuse of government grants. MIT has cooperated with the auditors throughout the process, and should continue to do so. The flood of negative publicity created by the audit has grated against the Institute's top leaders, who are obviously annoyed.

In some ways, MIT's annoyance with the auditors is justified. The Institute receives several hundred million dollars in research grants from the government every year, and the news that MIT may have misused some of that money will certainly not help the Institute win any new contracts.

This is not to say that MIT has been completely honest about its bookkeeping. A university is a business, and it is not uncommon for businesses to play games with their financial records. While it remains to be seen just how much MIT will

eventually owe the government, its initial \$780,000 payment raises suspicions that other questionable uses of funds are yet to be uncovered.

But MIT is not the only guilty party in this mess. The government — particularly Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Mich.), chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee — tried to publicly embarrass MIT and other universities for alleged misuses of funds, even before formal evidence was presented before the committee. Perhaps sending Institute employees to Barbados on the government's tab was inappropriate, but the implication that such an event is typical is simply ludicrous. Dingell probably means well and intends merely to save the American people money, but his hardball tactics boost his image more than they accomplish this goal. Indeed, one of the government's primary approaches to the audit has been to ignore several agreements that, in principle, allow the Institute to keep many of the funds the DCAA is now demanding.

The government should be applauded for its efforts to save the taxpayers money. But no one stands to gain from undue harassment of institutions that are probably guilty of nothing more than a few fudged finances. The DCAA and other agencies should realize that attacking American research may cost everyone more, both financially and technologically, than it stands to get back. If the government does not tone down its criticism, MIT — and a number of other universities — may decide that working for the government is not worth the hassle.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Smith Insensitive To Needs of Elderly

Mark Smith's article ["Aid to Elderly Comes at Others' Expense", Feb. 4] is a perfect example of the 1980s' "me first" selfishness. His attitudes toward the benefits non-working seniors earn after their decades of hard work are immature. By decreasing these benefits, senior citizens are impoverished in their remaining years.

I do not think a sixty-five year old father who has house payments and two kids to put through college would accept Smith's proposal as easily as he does.

Michael J. Kreuze '93

As individuals, we can all speak out against ideas we consider dangerous or incorrect. But perhaps the only standard we can converge upon and define clearly as a group is one of respect for freedom of speech. There can be no mutual respect when one person sits in judgment of another's right to speak. Richmond says that "we must also deal with infractions of such mutual respect on the computer in the same way we deal with them everywhere else." If he means that as individuals, we must publicly criticize these infractions, then he is right. But if he means that we should put the Institute's politicized judicial procedures in charge of judging our speech, then I must disagree.

Lars E. Bader G

Unlike postings along the Infinite Corridor, no one is forced to see computer postings. The only people who read the jokes in question were people who went out of their way to find jokes to read on the network. When ideas are posted on a computer, it is very easy for anyone to respond, argue, agree, or "hang up the phone." The computer bulletin board is almost the ideal "free marketplace of ideas," where all ideas may be expressed, and only the good ones will win out.

Adam Dershowitz G

### Christianity Cannot Be Reconciled with Other Religions

In his column, ["Religion Helps Some Survive Nuclear Age," Jan. 3] Swami Sarvagatanada writes, "There are so many different and seemingly contradictory religions in existence. Not only do we disagree about each other's beliefs, but we become disagreeable as well, leading at times even to bloodshed ... [this problem] cannot be allowed to continue." We wholeheartedly agree that this problem of intolerance does exist and should cease. However, he goes on to suggest the solution to these problems lies in accepting all religions as true. At that point, we are forced to disagree; Christianity cannot be reconciled with other religions.

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### Richmond's Definition Of Free Speech Too Broad

In his column, ["Computer Nets Need Same Standards as Public Displays," Feb. 4] Jonathan Richmond rightly points out that computerized bulletin boards and electronic discussion groups are often rude and full of offensive remarks. But his argument that free speech needs to be curtailed on computer networks is excessively broad. The right of free speech is not something the government or other institutions can weigh against other considerations, based on political judgments and prevailing views. If it were, then free speech would not be a right at all, but merely a privilege given to us by a generous authority. Under the constitution, the government has no leeway — freedom of speech must be upheld. And under Massachusetts law, MIT may regulate no speech which a public university cannot restrict.

Richmond also feels that because some countries have laws restricting freedom of speech, the Institute must help to enforce those restrictions on network users from MIT. Does he believe, then, that if users in Iraq obtain network access, and the Iraqi government decrees that no posting may assert that the Holocaust occurred, that MIT should punish students who seek to preserve the memory of that horrible event?

Richmond's assertion that "people at MIT are entitled to exist in a non-threatening professional and educational environment" is worrisome. If by "non-threatening," Richmond means that no one at MIT should ever be made to feel uncomfortable by his or her peers, then I disagree. Yngve K. Raustein '94, who posted the anti-Semitic jokes to which Richmond refers, should be, and probably has been, made to feel very uncomfortable for having done so. If, for example, someone has racist views, I would much rather be given the chance to understand their exact character than delude myself that their views do not exist. We can fight prejudice most effectively when we understand it best.

### Free Speech Must Be Maintained

Jonathan Richmond should be applauded for demanding that we apply the same standards of free speech to computers as we do in other non-electronic media. However, to reconcile the current inconsistencies, we need more free speech in general, not less on computers. Richmond takes for granted that such an ill-defined, subjective, and dangerous notion of an "entitlement to exist in a non-threatening ... environment" justifies compromising our commitment to free expression if someone labels an idea "offensive".

The truth is that free speech is already a compromise that works like this. There are many ideas I express which Mr. Richmond finds repugnant and for which he believes I should be jailed, disciplined, or silenced. Likewise, there are many ideas Mr. Richmond expresses which I find repugnant and for which I believe he should be jailed, disciplined, or silenced. The compromise is that each of us is entitled to express our ideas, and no one is silenced.

Adam R. Grossman '87

### All Speech Must Be Allowed on Campus

I have seen many things posted on campus that I have found deeply offensive, including the reprinted jokes in Dr. Richmond's column. It seems to me that by printing them, *The Tech's* constitutional protection of the press clashes with the reader's right, as claimed by Richmond, not to be offended. Fortunately, that right does not exist, as it would void the First Amendment.

By allowing all speech, MIT is approving, or disapproving, of none of it. That should be the role of a university. As soon as MIT starts censoring any speech on campus, then the implication is that it condones all the rest, and must start controlling everything that is published.

## ERRATA

Edwin C. Whitehead, founder of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, died Sunday at the age of 72. Due to a reporting error, Whitehead's first name was mistakenly given as John in Tuesday's *Tech* ["Whitehead Founder Dies"]. Whitehead held over 20 patents in fields ranging from tissue processing to automated blood analysis. His \$135 million gift for the Whitehead was the largest single gift ever made to American science.

Because of a reporting error, an article in Tuesday's issue ["Panel to Study Overhead Costs"] misspelled the name of the graduate student representative on the Committee on Indirect Costs and Graduate Student Tuition. Her name is Anjali Sastry.

# Students Should Awaken to the Dangers of Our Modern Industrial Society

Rev. Scott Paradise  
EPISCOPAL CHAPLAIN

I sometimes think of MIT students as sleepwalkers. In some respects, of course, they are very much awake. They study hard. They get the world's best education in science and engineering. They struggle with the usual problems of growing up. They qualify for elite jobs when they graduate. They have the prospect of entering absorbing and successful careers. They expect to marry, to have children, to enjoy the high consumption lifestyle taken for granted by the successful in America. If they think about the human crisis the future holds, they do not let it deflect them from their plans for life.

The crisis is this: humanity is on a suicidal path. Fundamental change is needed for humane human survival.

For the past fourteen years I have organized the forums of the Technology and Culture Seminar at MIT. During this time, we have invited recognized authorities to address a considerable number of serious social and environmental problems. In some cases, speakers proposed plausible solutions to the problem being discussed. But in only one or two cases can I remember having any real hope that the solutions would be implemented. Global warming, ozone depletion, pollu-

tion, deforestation, desertification, militarism, population growth, and the widening gap between the rich and the poor combine to threaten the human future.

If students act like sleepwalkers in regard to these problems, who can blame them? After all, so does most of the MIT community. So

## Our doomsday machine is the modern industrial system.

does the United States government. So does American society.

For most of us, it's business as usual. That is, let's hope for economic growth, pursue government grants, work for successful careers, and get through this year and the next as best as we can. Let's not plan for the fundamental changes necessary to steer a course toward a sustainable society. We do not anticipate major changes in our way of life. For many of us, hardship and even inconvenience are not on our agenda.

Years ago, the nuclear weapons strategist Herman Kahn postulated what he called a doomsday machine: a nuclear device built by the United States and so powerful that it

could, if detonated, destroy human life all over the world. This device would detonate automatically if anyone dared to attack this country with nuclear weapons. This he considered the ultimate deterrent.

This device has already been built. The button has already been pressed. It will destroy at least a large part of the human community without a single nuclear device being exploded. It will accomplish this destruction with excruciating slowness over the next 100 years or so. Our doomsday machine is the modern industrial system.

Students need to awaken to the fact that the misuse of science and technology serves as a major ingredient in this doomsday sys-

tem. A just and sustainable society cannot be created without better uses of science and technology. Once awakened, students will commit their lives to these ends.

Perhaps at MIT we are more aware of the many dimensions of the human crisis than anywhere else. But awareness is only the first step, and if not followed by a second step, a futile one. Sara Parkin, a spokesperson for the British Greens, has said, "Our numbness, our silence, our lack of outrage, could mean we end up the only species to have minutely monitored our own extinction. What a measly epitaph that would make: 'They saw it coming, but hadn't the wit to stop it happening.'"

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Christianity is unique. It is not a set of "moral and spiritual values," nor is it about duties, rules, guilt, and virtue. Christianity is about a person, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the unique revelation from the Creator to the world He has created. It cannot be rightly said, as Swami Sarvagatanada claims, that Jesus was simply another prophet, or just a great teacher; He is fully God.

Lastly, Christianity teaches that we are condemned to eternal punishment because of our sins; no matter what works we do or how good we try to be, we can never free ourselves from this condemnation. It is God who saves

us, by taking upon Himself the penalty for our sins through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He offers this gift to us for free, but we can receive it only through faith in Christ Jesus. The road He offers is not one of "many paths"; it is the only one.

Alexander S. Chen '95  
Eric J. Ding '95

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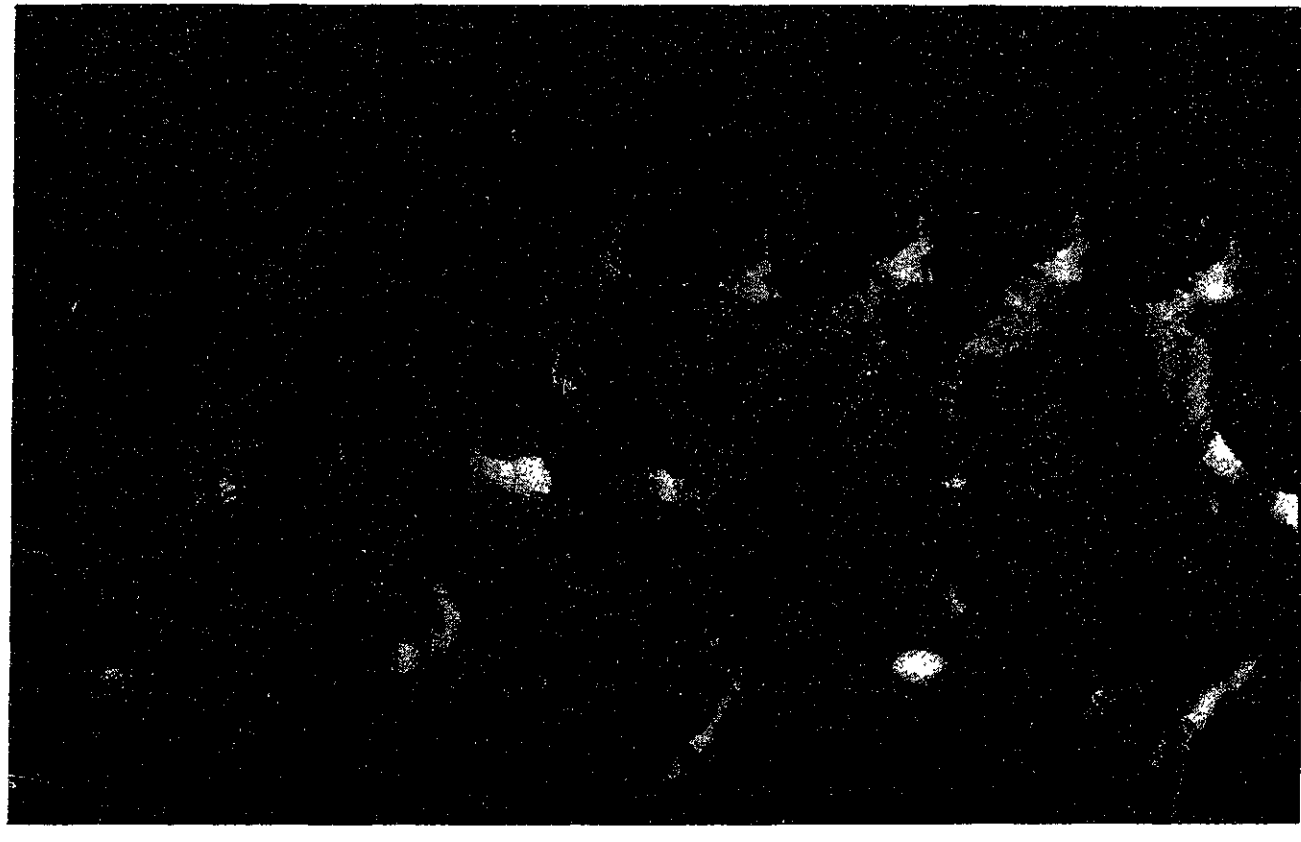
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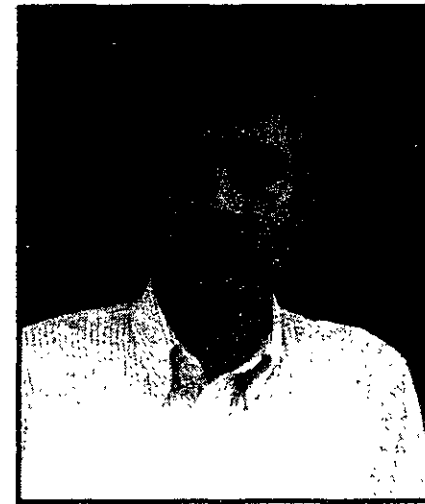
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By Brian Rosenberg  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Six professors have been named MacVicar Faculty Fellows in recognition of their "exemplary and sustained contributions" to undergraduate education, according to a press release from the MIT News Office.

The new fellows are Professor of Electrical Engineering and

Computer Science Harold Abelson PhD '73, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Edward F. Crawley '76, Professor of Chemistry Daniel S. Kemp, Professor of Mathematics Arthur P. Mattuck, Professor of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences John B. Southard '60, and Professor of Biology Graham C. Walker.

Each faculty fellow will hold a 10-year term and receive \$5,000 each year for support of research, educational activities, and other scholarly expenses. The program is supported by \$10 million in MIT endowment and a \$1 million gift from the Exxon Education Foundation. President Charles M. Vest announced the creation of the program in his inaugural address,

but it was only recently named to honor the accomplishments of the late Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65, former dean for undergraduate education.

"Excellence in undergraduate teaching must be rewarded and encouraged," Vest said in his inaugural address. "To this end, we are establishing an endowed program to

recognize members who have profoundly influenced our students."

When the program is fully in place, there will be 60 to 80 fellows, according to Provost Mark S. Wrighton. Plans are for six to eight new faculty fellows to be appointed each year. Selections are based on merit alone, without any quotas for schools or departments.

## Indian Students Find a 'Home Away from Home' by Participating in Sangam

By Alice N. Gilchrist  
STAFF REPORTER

Sangam: In Hindi, it means "a meeting or gathering point." To Indian students at MIT, however, it has become something else, a "forum where Indians and American Indians can express themselves and maintain their cultural identity,"

### Activity Profile

says Sangam President Sudhendu Rai G.

The group, which has approximately 200 members, is divided almost evenly between undergraduate and graduate students. According to Greenivas R. Gorti G, vice president of Sangam, the number of members has grown "directly in proportion to the number of Indian students attending MIT."

Sangam shows Indian movies, organizes celebrations during major

Indian holidays, and sponsors lectures and demonstrations, according to Jayant Kumar '95, secretary, and Pradeep R. Sreekanth '95, publicity director.

During IAP, Sangam sponsored two musical demonstrations and lectures on different styles of Indian music, said Kumar. Some of their major activities last semester were a "fall foliage trip" to New Hampshire during Columbus Day weekend, celebrations of two Indian festivals, Dushehra and Diwali, in late October and early November, and a lecture in November entitled "India: Where is the Nation Heading?" by Prem Shankar Jha, former information advisor to V. P. Singh, former prime minister of India.

This semester, Sangam plans to show Indian movies monthly, sponsor more lecture series and demonstrations, and organize discussions about issues important to the Indian community, said Gorti.

India is a "diverse country with many different religions, races, and



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Members of the Indian Student Association take a breather during a recent hike up Mt. Dickey in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

languages," so the name Sangam implies that the organization is a place where all kinds of Indian people "can meet and express themselves in a united way," Rai said.

Smruti J. Vidwans '95, a member of the Sangam executive com-

mittee, said that the group can be very important for freshmen. She said Sangam gave her an opportunity to do things "for Indians at MIT and Indians in general," and that Sangam makes Indians "feel at home" at MIT.

## Students and Widnall Discuss Possible Institute Honor Code

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tion to the problem of excessive collaboration, saying that many students would disregard such a code if implemented. UA Vice President J. Paul Kirby '93 said that the honor code could not guarantee that students would not "improperly collaborate" in some way.

Jun B. Lee '94, an IFC representative, said cheating is unavoidable because of the high-pressure environment at engineering schools such as MIT. Other council members said it is unrealistic to expect an honor code to work at a place as competitive as MIT. If students were given the choice of doing work themselves and getting a lower grade or copying a problem set and getting a better grade, many council members

felt most people would choose to copy.

### Other discussion

Gregory M. Lubiniecki '94 told the council about an anonymous letter addressed to the MIT administration, chaplains, and UAC which spoke about the intolerably high levels of stress at MIT and the lack of effort being put forth to alleviate suicidal tendencies that result from stress. Lubiniecki urged council members to let other students know that counseling is available at the Institute for times when the stress "gets to be too much."

Raajinish A. Chitale '95 was nominated for the position of UA Council Vice Chairman.

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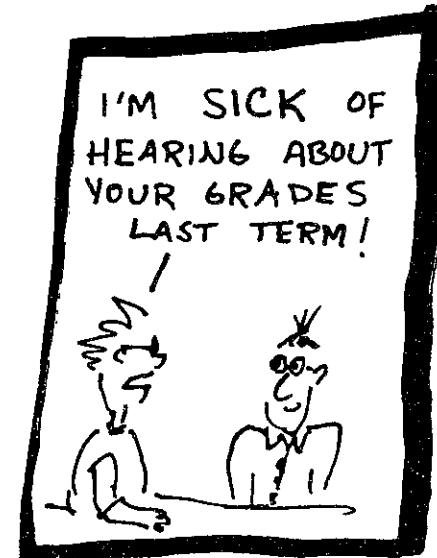
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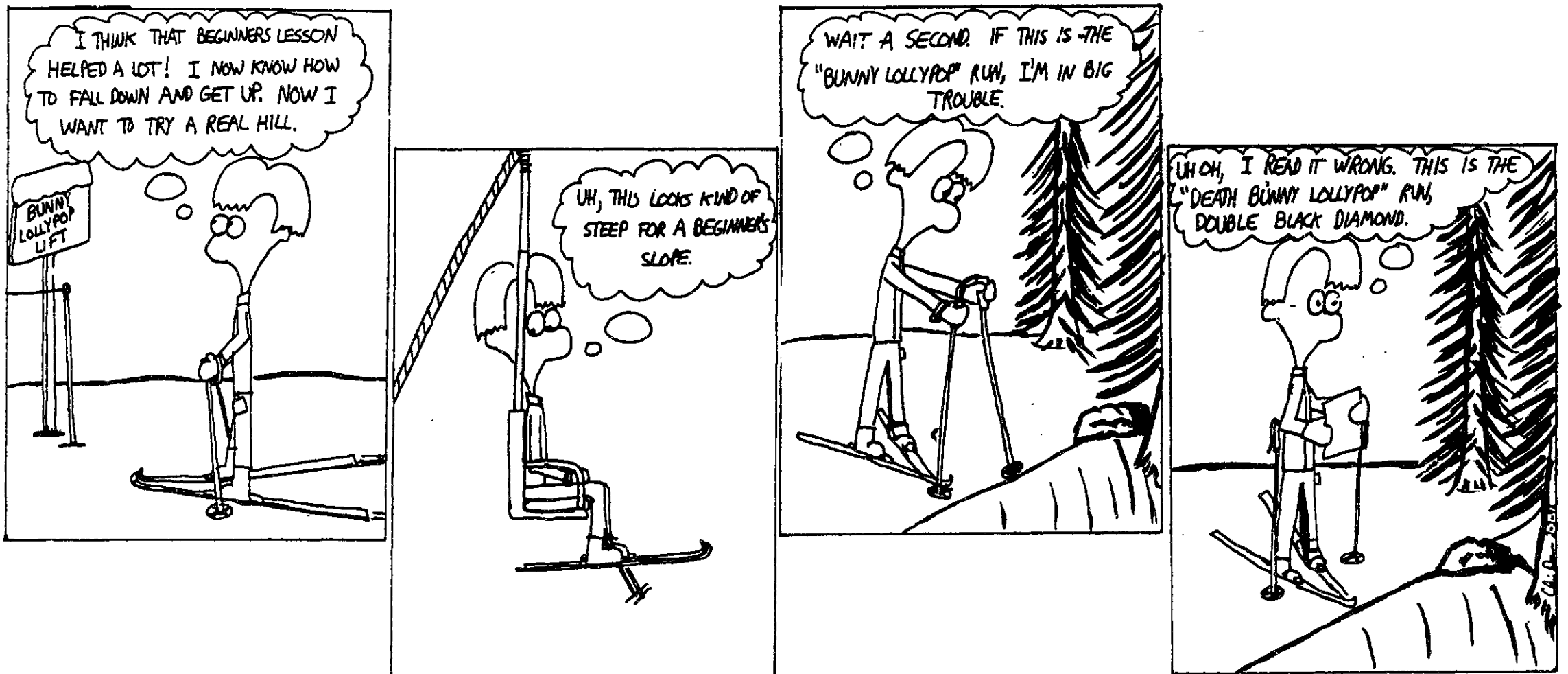
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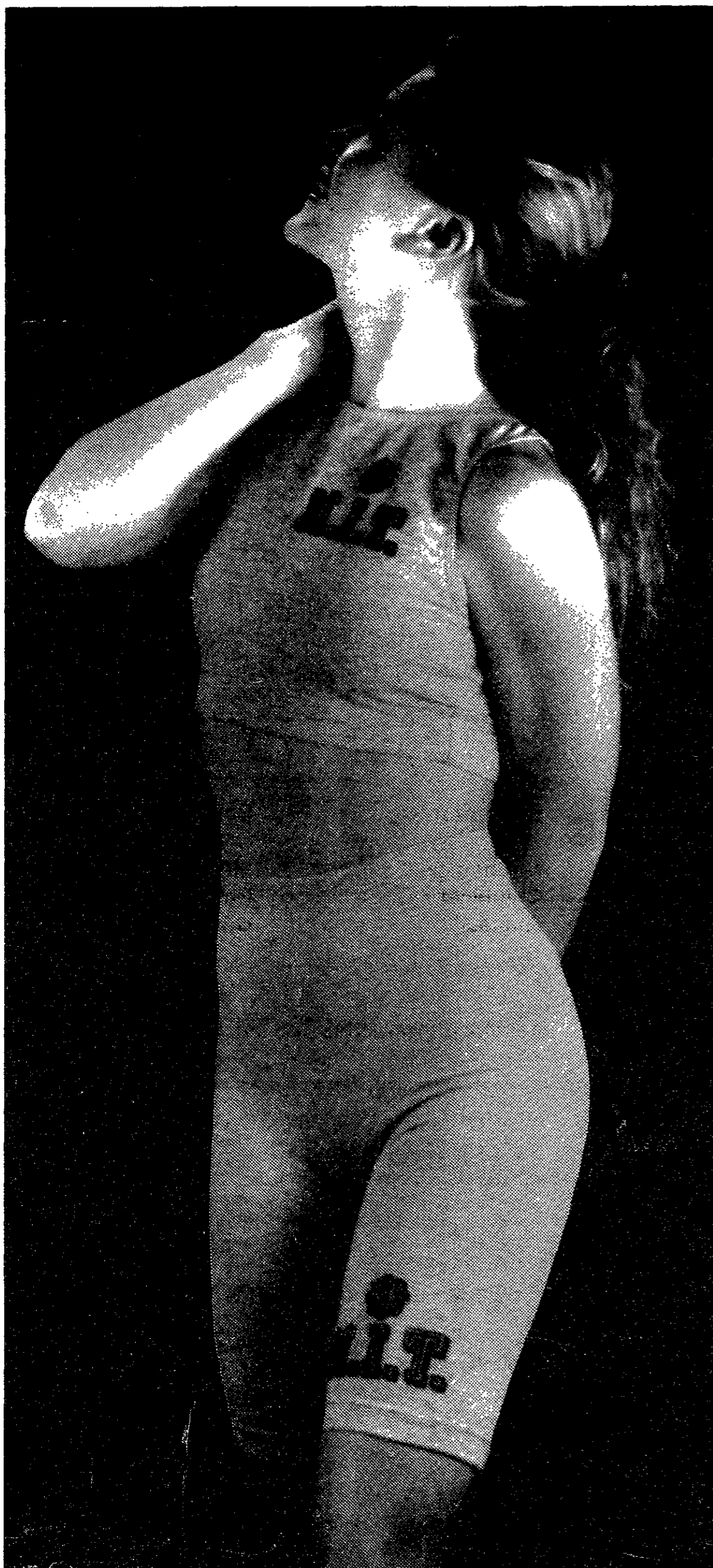
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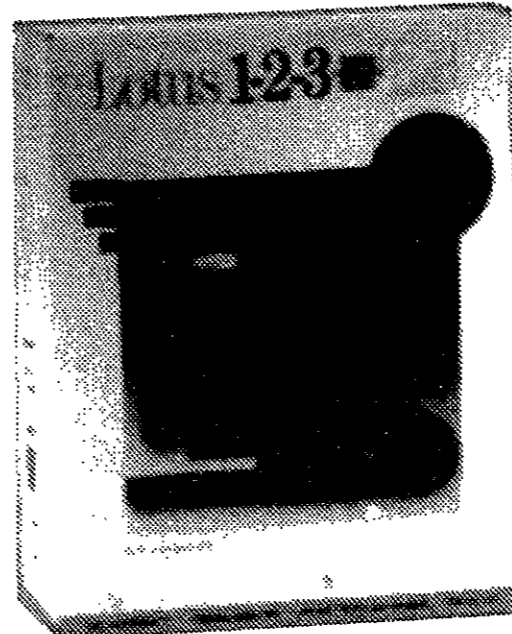
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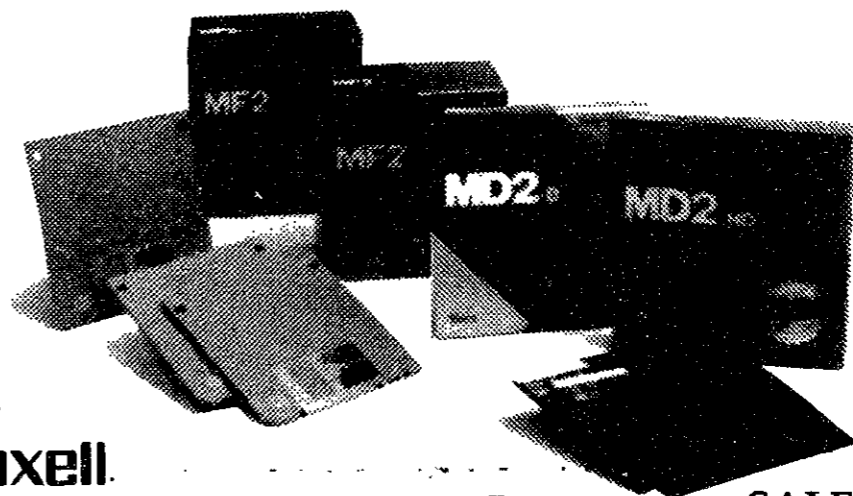
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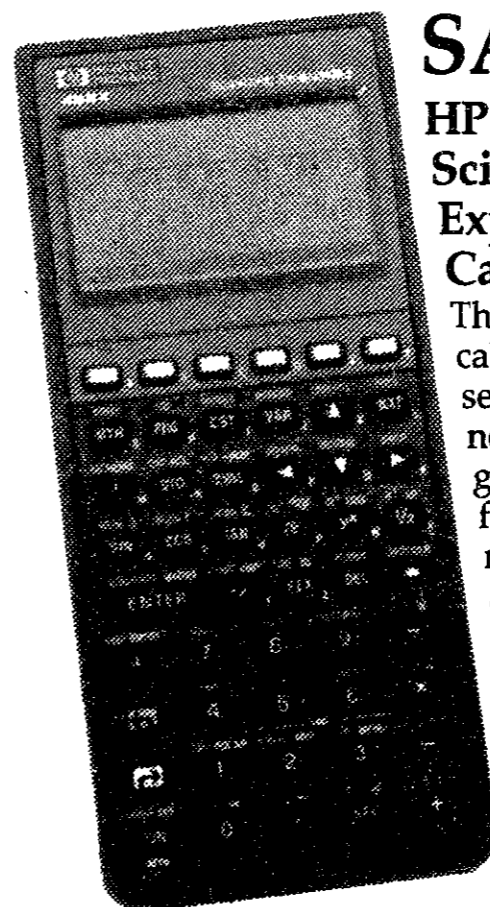


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Accident, from Page 1

Tuesday evening.

not paralyzed — he can talk. He responds to people, but he's still very disoriented," Kroes added.


Kroes said that the fraternity heard of the accident through Prince's mother, who called them

"He's doing very well, considering what happened," Kroes said. "It doesn't seem very fair that this happened to him. But he's tough kid, and he'll recover."



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Rafael Levin '93 attempts to break the hold of his Rhode Island College opponent Wednesday. MIT lost the match 26-8.



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## SPORTS

## Men's Hockey Defeats Suffolk U. for First Time

By Mike Purucker  
SPORTS STAFF

The MIT men's hockey team recorded another first Tuesday night when they beat a very talented Suffolk University squad 7-3. Suffolk is currently in a third-place tie in the very competitive Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Northern Division and defeated the Beavers 10-3 last year.

Coach Quinn had never beaten Suffolk during his tenure at MIT. He called his team's performance the finest sixty-minute effort he has seen while behind the MIT bench.

Suffolk may have come into the game overconfident, but a goal by Nick Pearce '94 just twenty seconds after the opening faceoff quickly got their attention. Suffolk tied the game five minutes later, then scored a freak goal with one minute remaining in the first period to take a 2-1 lead.

The second period featured some of the finest defensive hockey seen at the Johnson Athletic Center in years. After skating toe-to-toe with Suffolk all period, the Beavers went on the power play when Pearce was hauled down with 2:43 remaining.

Suffolk scored 13 seconds into the power play, raising the Beavers' deficit to 3-1. The goal would have broken a lesser team's spirit, but MIT raised their game to a new level, drawing two more penalties and scoring two goals with a 5-on-3 advantage.

Mike Mini '93 scored the first goal, backhanding in a rebound off a shot by Noel Nistler G. Alain Curodeau G then tied the game at three apiece just 42 seconds later, again assisted by Nistler. These goals gave the Beavers momentum heading into the final period.

MIT wasted no time in the third, scoring three goals in the first seven minutes. Jason Biederman '93 got the game-winner at 3:46, assisted by Jason Krieser '92 and John Cushing G. Lloyd Johnston G scored a minute later, and added the final goal with five minutes remaining. But the Beavers' prettiest and most poetic goal was their sixth, scored by Mike Foley G.

The teamwork typifying MIT's game showed when Foley tipped in a pass from Gene McKenna '92 just to the left of the Suffolk goalie. The play was set up through a great effort from Curodeau and constant pressure on the Suffolk defensemen. But it was appropriate that Mike Foley should score a goal in perhaps MIT's most significant hockey victory ever. Foley has been with the team the longest, and his teammates said that he had a look of total disbelief in the locker room following the unprecedented win.

MIT beat Suffolk because every player on the team contributed their best effort. The first line of Pearce, Rob Silva '93, and Mini looked exhausted afterward, and Mini suffered a concussion from a cheap shot fired after scoring his goal. Six different players scored the seven goals, and defensemen Nistler and McKenna had four and three assists, respectively.

Goalie John Simmons '95 made 19 saves, but had excellent help from his defensemen clearing Suffolk forwards and pucks away from the crease. Suffolk's Brian Gruning had scored 37 goals and 55 points in 16 previous games, but the Beavers held him without a single point.

The MIT players felt their defense was the key to their victory.



Lloyd Johnston G scores his second goal of the game in MIT's 7-3 win over Suffolk University. MIT overcame a 3-1 deficit to improve their record to 13-2. STAFF PHOTO BY JONATHAN KOSSUTH

Nistler said, "They never got around our defense all game. We wanted it more than they did."

Suffolk was "used to wheeling and dealing. You could see them getting frustrated as we stymied them. We simply outplayed them in the third period," said Krieser.

Biederman said, "When we got in the locker room at 3-3 after the second period, we said to each

other, 'Can you feel it?' We knew then we were going to win."

MIT is justifiably proud of their on-ice success this year, and their 13-2 record stands on its own. Team Captain McKenna feels that all that is left is national recognition. As the locker room banter carried on around him, he said, "We want to be just like the football team. We want to be in SI."

The Beavers will not be gracing the cover of Sports Illustrated anytime soon, but rest assured that they have the undivided attention of the teams in the New England College Hockey Association. MIT is in first place in the NECHA Division I North Conference, and can clinch first place on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. when they meet second-place WPI at the Johnson Athletic Center.

## Gymnasts Strong Against Dartmouth

By Reginald Abel  
TEAM CAPTAIN

The MIT men's gymnastics team defeated Dartmouth College 145.25-127 on Saturday.

MIT started off slowly on floor exercise, due to the absence of two injured competitors, Art Shectman '95 and Chi Won '94. The first competitor, Xavier Leroux '95, received a season high score of 6.0 for his routine, which included a difficult back-back somersault combination. Scott Lazerwith, also a freshman, received a 7.25 for a routine displaying several dazzling strength moves. Chris Ellefson received a 6.65. Floor exercise was capped by Reginald Abel '92, who performed a routine which included a back-punch front and a front-punch-front somersault combination, for which he received a team high of 7.8.

Richard Pietri '93 and Ellefson received scores of 4.1 and 4.55, respectively, on the pommel horse.

The still rings, by far one of the most difficult events, saw good routines by MIT gymnasts, including several individual season high scores. These included Jonath Padilla '93, Pietri, Won, and Abel. Padilla, competing on the rings for the first time, received a 4.0. Pietri and Won received 4.55 and 5.65

respectively. Abel received a score of 6.65 for a routine which included three iron-crosses. Scott Lazerwith and Ellefson rounded out the event for MIT with scores of 6.45 and 6.65 respectively. Both had difficult strength moves and finished with strong double-back somersaults.

The next event, the vault, was once again the highest scoring event for MIT. Chi Won received a 6.95 for a comprehensive handspring with a half twist. Padilla received his season high, a 8.05 for an excellent handspring. Ellefson, a consistent performer on vault, received a 8.3 for a well executed handspring. MIT's vaulting brigade was led by Abel, who received a 8.85 for a handspring-front somersault.

The final event, high bar, saw Ellefson receive his season high score of 7.05. MIT's high bar specialist, Won, received a 7.2 for a routine including a difficult reverse hecht.

MIT travels to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst for their next meet. The next and final home meet will be on Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. against City College of New York.

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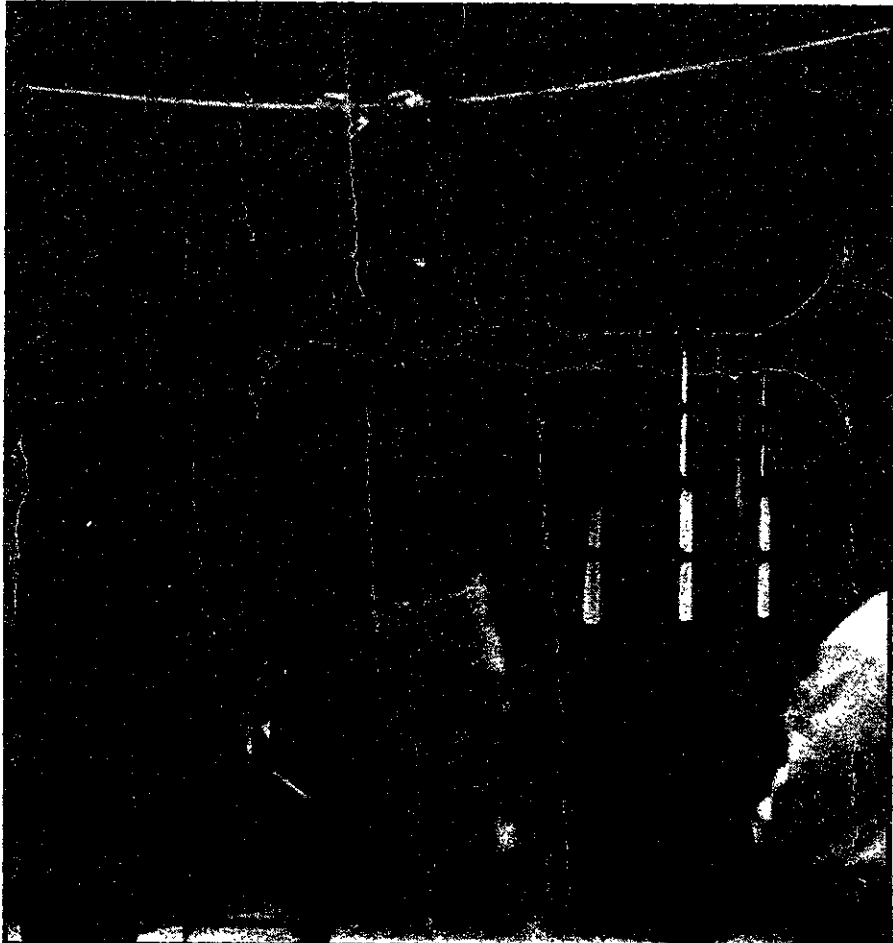
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Chris Ellefson '95 scored a 7.05 in the high bar event for MIT in Saturday's match against Dartmouth College. STAFF PHOTO BY SANG PARK