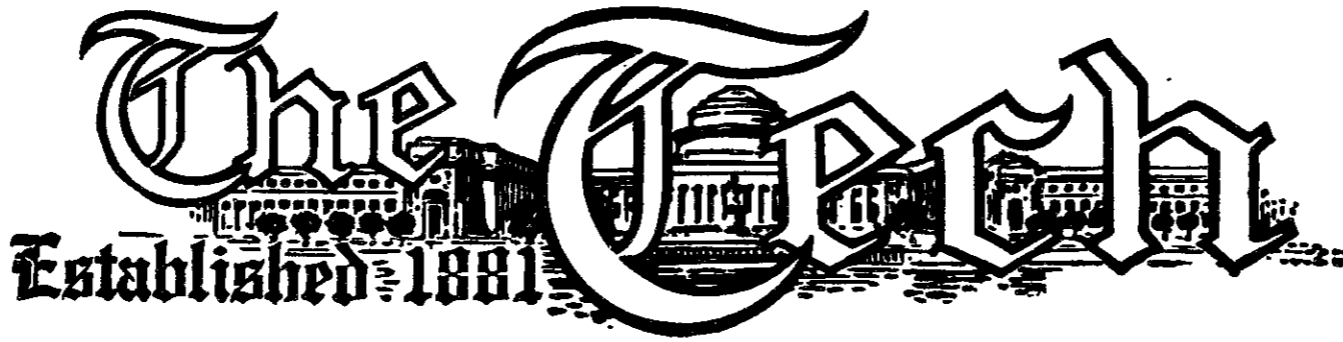


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Sciences Offer Five Minors

By Hyun Soo Kim
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Following a recent decision by the faculty to allow students to minor in any academic department, all five science departments have created minor programs for undergraduates. Engineering minors will probably follow next fall. Students and faculty have expressed support for the proposed science minor program.

To enter a minor program, students can submit a petition any time before Add Date in the fall term of their senior year, according to Biology Professor Gene M. Brown, chair of the committee that reviewed science minors. As a special exception this year, seniors can still request a minor if they satisfy the requirements.

The proposed science minors require 60 to 72 units beyond the General Institute Requirements. "We got a committee together to make sure the minor programs were approximately similar in scope and

number of subjects. There was remarkable agreement about the scope and intellectual content" of the programs, Brown said.

For example, the proposed minor in biology requires a total of 60 or 63 units including Organic Chemistry I (5.12), Genetics (7.03), General Biochemistry (7.05), and two additional subjects from a given list. The proposed mathematics minor entails six 12-unit subjects of diverse content, including at least four advanced subjects.

The School of Engineering may also offer minors as early as next fall. "It's expected that the minor program construction will be done at the department level. There is great interest in all eight departments to come up with minor programs," said Associate Dean of Engineering John B. Vander Sande, who is also chair of the School of Engineering Education Committee.

Each department will have a faculty advisor to answer questions about its minor program.

Two undergraduate students, Christie L. Halle '94 and Barbara C. Manganis '95, initiated the push for science minors last year. They were also on the committee that reviewed the science minors proposal. "I thought [MIT] should have science minors. We were surprised that the entire university decided to do it," Halle said.

At the faculty meeting two weeks ago, the faculty had voted unanimously to institute science minors.

Some departments 'turbocharged'

"The school of engineering will offer a very interesting spectrum of minors. They are very nice offerings for the student body. It's a win-win situation for faculty and students. Faculty get more students in classes, and students get the recognition in their diplomas," Vander Sande said.

"No [departments] have objected. Some departments have tur-

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TECH FILE PHOTO
This trailer at 240 Albany St. currently houses the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation shelter.

Shelter Proposal Awaits Final Vote

By Charu Chaudhry
STAFF REPORTER

Three months after MIT announced a proposal to move the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation shelter off MIT land to a permanent site in Central Square, negotiators await a final vote on the proposal, which is expected later this month.

The CASPAR shelter, which at present is little more than a trailer, moved to its present location at 240 Albany St. in 1979 and has occupied the property rent-free since then. However, CASPAR is anxious to move to another, permanent site, officials say.

Under the current proposal, supported by MIT, CASPAR, and Cambridge officials, MIT would purchase and renovate the property at 380 Green St. in Central Square at an expected cost of \$2 million. MIT would then deed the land and building to Cambridge, and the city would enter into a long-term lease with CASPAR.

In exchange for the property, Cambridge would transfer ownership of three sidewalks on the MIT campus to the Institute, along with a portion of the sidewalks on a fourth street. These sidewalks include Carleton and Hayward Streets, Amherst Street west of Massachusetts Avenue, and Vassar Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Audrey Street. MIT has relinquished all development rights to this land.

Residents of Green Street and the surrounding area object to the proposal, saying that moving the shelter would bring a dangerous,

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Three Fall Prey to Pickpockets

By Sarah Y. Keightley
NEWS EDITOR

In a series of similar incidents, three people have been pickpocketed on campus since Nov. 23. Two incidents occurred at the main entrance of 77 Massachusetts Ave., and the other occurred in the Student Center.

Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin did not release the names of the victims, but she said she believes they were students rather than staff or faculty.

The suspects were "targeting people carrying backpacks and pocketbooks — anyone carrying something that might be of value,"

she said. This included wallets and checkbooks.

A Campus Police crime bulletin described the pickpocketing method used by the suspects. As the victim walked through a doorway, the suspect walked in front of the victim, suddenly stopped and reversed direction, thereby bumping into the victim. Behind the victim, the second suspect then snatched his or her backpack or pocketbook.

According to the bulletin, "In all cases the victims have described the suspects as follows: black males, 5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, both approximately 25 years old. One was wearing a three-quarter length light green coat and brown stocking cap. The second suspect was wearing a brown leather bomber jacket, blue jeans, and sneakers."

Plainclothes Campus Police offi-

cers have been patrolling the area this week and last week in an effort to catch the thieves. Using plainclothes officers is not an unusual measure, Glavin said.

"This is one of the easiest crimes to prevent," she said. Students should be careful with what they carry, avoid keeping wallets and checkbooks in accessible parts of backpacks and pocketbooks, and not leave their backpacks and pocketbooks unzipped, she added.

Glavin noted that pickpocketing is not unusual, but that Campus Police sent out the crime bulletins because these crimes incidents represent "a recent rash" of the crime.

Student reaction

In general, students are not aware of the pickpocketing inci-

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Hunger Group Sponsors Banquet

By Sarah Y. Keightley
NEWS EDITOR

In stark contrast to the feasts many recently enjoyed at Thanksgiving, MIT's Hunger Action Group sponsored Hunger Awareness Week from Nov. 16 to Nov. 20 to illustrate the world's unbalanced food distribution and to raise money for children's development projects.

Activity Profile

"Children of the World" was the theme of this year's Hunger Awareness Week, said Mehran Islam '94, co-president of Hunger Action Group. The main events were the hunger banquet on Nov. 17 and Oxfam America's annual fast on Nov. 19.

Hunger Action Group is a supporter of Oxfam America. According to Geetha G. Krishnan '93, co-president of the club, Oxfam is a national organization which raises money for grass roots development projects in developing coun-

tries. The day of fasting is a national event sponsored by Oxfam, while the Hunger Awareness Week is a Hunger Action Group event.

Most ate only rice at banquet

Sixty percent of the people at the banquet lunch were served only rice, 35 percent were served rice and beans, and 5 percent were served a gourmet meal, following the pattern of the world's food distribution, Islam said.

Community Fellows Director Melvin H. King, also an adjunct professor in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, spoke at the luncheon.

King, who was served rice, has spoken at the event for the past four or five years. This was a "good learning experience, especially when you see what others have access to," he said.

He noted that while hunger is more of a global issue, it is still appropriate on a local level. "Students should think about this as an issue in their lives," he said.

King said he challenged those in attendance to come up with solutions to the hunger problem. He asked students to use their creativity

to somehow give those who are hungry and homeless an opportunity to change their conditions.

King's speech emphasized the importance of making the MIT community more aware, Islam said. According to Islam, King said that students at MIT are creative when creating hacks, but "where's the creativity when it comes to hunger and homelessness? The creativity is there, but is not being utilized."

Krishnan said that about 12 or 13 people attended the banquet.

Bina M. Patel '94 attended the banquet and was served rice and beans. She said she expected a better turnout. But she added that it was probably a stressful time for people, and thought the event could have received more publicity.

Annual fasting fund-raiser

Oxfam America's 19th annual fast took place on Nov. 19. People sacrificed one meal and donated the money that they would have spent on food, Islam said. This year Hunger Action Group raised \$400 during the week. The money is

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Energy Efficient Lights Installed Across Campus

By Michael A. Saginaw
STAFF REPORTER

From Building E51 to the Infinite Corridor, MIT has begun installing new energy efficient fluorescent lights as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Lights Program. Ultimately, 90 percent of the Institute's lights will be upgraded.

The goal of the Green Lights Program "is to reduce pollution by reducing the amount of electric generation by putting in more efficient lighting," said Physical Plant Engineering Projects Manager George H. Kilmarx.

The new lights save energy because they use electronic valves which open and close 2400 times a second. By contrast, the older lights use magnetic valves which open and close only 60 times a second.

"Because they are operating at a very high frequency, the new lights excite the phosphorous inside the lamp more completely, and therefore you get more output for the same energy you put in," Kilmarx said.

MIT will use 25 to 30 percent less electricity to power the new lights. Because of this savings, the lights will pay for themselves in about five years.

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Packwood Enters Alcohol Diagnostic, Treatment Facility

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.), under fire for allegedly making unwanted advances to female staffers and lobbyists, checked into a alcoholism diagnostic and treatment program over the weekend and hired a lawyer to represent him before the Senate ethics committee.

An aide to Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell (D-Maine) said Monday that the ethics committee likely would begin a preliminary, staff-level investigation this month, and leave the final disposition of the case to a newly reconstituted committee that will take over in January when the 103rd Congress convenes.

"It's Senator Mitchell's hope and expectation that a review would begin promptly with the current makeup of the committee," the aide said. "As far as when that could be completed, there's no way of knowing."

Mitchell and Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Dole (R-Kan.) said Sunday that they would welcome an immediate ethics investigation of Packwood.

Women's groups and Oregon Democrats have mobilized to pressure the Senate to investigate the incidents and to try to force Packwood — who has been considered a champion of women's rights — from office. The coalition is planning a recall drive and has set up a telephone "hotline" for women who were harassed or victimized by Packwood.

"We appreciate the fact that Packwood may be trying to deal with his problem, whatever that problem may be, but we don't see this as an alcohol problem. We see it as an abuse of power," said Betty Roberts, a former Oregon Supreme Court justice who is heading the coalition. "In many instances, there was no alcohol involved."

Packwood, 60, who narrowly won election to a fifth term Nov. 3, said Friday he would request and cooperate in an ethics committee investigation of the women's accounts of his actions.

Packwood also said he would seek counseling for what he described as his "problems" with alcohol, suggesting that a drinking problem may have affected his judgment and conduct.

The *Washington Post* reported Nov. 22 that since Packwood's earliest days on Capitol Hill, he has made uninvited sexual advances to women who worked for him or with him, including 10 women who gave specific accounts.

Josie Martin, Packwood's press secretary, said Monday that the senator "voluntarily" entered a treatment facility on Sunday and that he would undergo tests and evaluation for a week before deciding whether to seek longer-term treatment.

Packwood's office, citing his right to privacy, declined to identify the facility other than to say that it is located somewhere outside the Washington area.

Federal Government Moves Toward Resuming Executions

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The federal government, which has not put a prisoner to death since 1963, took the first step Monday toward resuming the practice by specifying the circumstances under which executions would occur and choosing lethal injection as the method.

A Department of Justice rule outlining the procedures to be followed in future federal executions was published in the Federal Register by Attorney General William P. Barr. It is scheduled to take effect after a 30-day public comment period.

The rule-making comes as the federal government prepares to begin carrying out death sentences following a 29-year hiatus. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down existing capital punishment laws two decades ago, and Congress was slow to revise federal law to conform to the standards articulated by the court.

One federal prisoner currently awaits execution for violation of a 1988 drug law, and the government is seeking the death penalty for nine others under the same statute. Citing the growing number of cases under the law, the Department of Justice said that "the need for the rule has become imperative."

Opponents of the death penalty denounced Barr's action as premature and politically motivated. They argued that the Bush administration should leave to the next Congress the selection of what method to use for executing prisoners.

Barr's chief spokesman, Paul McNulty, rejected the criticism, saying that the proposed rule is "a regulatory follow-up that will effectuate their (Congress') decision" to restore the federal death penalty. Responding to suggestions that the timing of the rule-making might represent a parting shot by outgoing Bush administration officials, McNulty added: "I don't know what they expect the incoming (Clinton) administration to do differently."

WEATHER

Clouds and Sun

By Michael Morgan
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The weather for the first few days of December will slowly take on a more winter-like feel as temperatures gradually fall. A series of disturbances every day or two will threaten the area with rain or snow — but amounts should be light.

Today: Clouding up with a flurry or sprinkle possible after dark. High 42°F (6°C).

Tonight: Clouds diminishing toward dawn. Low 32°F (0°C).

Wednesday: Increasing clouds with light snow or rain arriving from the west late. High 42°F (6°C). Low 28°F (-2°C).

Thursday: Partly sunny and chilly, with highs near 40°F (4°C). Low 25°F (-4°C).

U.N.'s Boutros-Ghali Proposes Armed Intervention in Somalia

By John M. Goshko

THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS

An international military operation, probably led by the United States, must intervene forcibly in Somalia to disarm its warring factions if that East African country is to be saved from further massive starvation and bloodshed, U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali told the Security Council Monday.

If Boutros-Ghali's proposal is accepted, it would be the first instance of the United Nations becoming involved in a country's internal affairs without the agreement of local authorities and with a mandate including the possible use of offensive military force, instead of implementing passive peace-keeping measures such as monitoring cease-fires or elections.

In a letter to the council, Boutros-Ghali said he would prefer such an operation to be under the direct command and control of the United Nations. But he noted that such an arrangement is unacceptable to many members — notably the United States, which has offered to provide up to 20,000 troops and other support for the operation — and he tacitly acknowledged that the United States would dominate and lead any force sent to Somalia.

Boutros-Ghali said that traditional U.N. peace-keeping efforts have failed to halt the famine and anarchy devastating Somalia. He analyzed five possible courses of action that the world body might take and concluded that only "a country-wide show of force" by outside troops

can guarantee deliveries of food and humanitarian aid in the face of attacks by warring militias.

The secretary general's precedent-setting proposal drew a cautious reaction from the 15 countries on the Security Council and other U.N. members. Diplomats from various delegations said they would require instructions from their governments about what position to take on the proposal, and they said the council would not begin discussing Boutros-Ghali's recommendations until Tuesday at the earliest.

It was unclear Monday what other countries might be willing to donate forces to such an operation. Also unclear was whether African countries, and their Third World allies, would support the idea of intervention for humanitarian reasons, oppose it for imposing a new form of colonialism on one of their number or insist that any forces that go into Somalia be controlled directly by the United Nations.

With his proposals, Boutros-Ghali, who as an Egyptian deputy prime minister campaigned for the secretary general's post as a representative of Africa, essentially associated himself with the U.S. view that active military measures, including force, are necessary to stop feuding warlords from thwarting U.N. attempts to deliver food and medicine to the more than 2 million Somalis the world body says need help.

In a visit here last week on behalf of President Bush, acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger offered to provide up to a division of U.S. combat troops and

support elements if the U.N. approves an operation to safeguard deliveries of the aid. But while Eagleburger said the United States would act only under the authority of a U.N. mandate, he also stipulated that any American troops sent to Somalia would have to remain under U.S. command, as was the case in the Desert Storm operation during last year's Persian Gulf War.

The U.S. proposal prompted some U.N. members to call on the world body to establish interim control over Somalia and organize elections there. On Sunday, a senior Bush administration official, who spoke with reporters accompanying the president in Kennebunkport, Maine, said it might be necessary to follow the military operation with such a U.N. effort to end the anarchy that has engulfed Somalia since the overthrow of its dictator, Mohamed Siad Barre, last year.

White House press spokesman Marlin Fitzwater emphasized Monday that any U.S. role would be limited to the immediate problem of safeguarding food and medicine distribution and would not include any effort to establish a government.

In his letter to the Security Council, Boutros-Ghali also delineated the difference between the two problems. He said there was an urgent need for intervention by a force under the command either of the United Nations or individual members, but added: "In either case, the objectives of the operation should be precisely defined and limited in time, in order to prepare the way for a return to peace-keeping and post-conflict peace building."

White House Moving Forward With Plans to Send U.S. Troops

By Don Oberdorfer
and Barton Gellman

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The White House is moving ahead with plans to send U.S. combat troops to Somalia with the objective of doing their job under a U.N. mandate and coming home before Jan. 20. But the Pentagon doubts the operation can be completed by then.

Reacting to the recommendations presented Monday by U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Washington officials expressed the belief that, after several days of debate, the Security Council would accept the U.S. offer of a substantial military force.

The aim of the force, spokesmen for the White House and State Department reiterated Monday, would be only humanitarian — to break the hold of clan fighters and armed hoodlums on relief supplies for starving Somalis.

An official familiar with the deliberations which preceded Bush's Nov. 25 decision to offer U.S. ground troops for U.N. duty said there had been no explicit agreement within the administration about how long American troops would be present in Somalia. However, a White House official said the president's objective is to terminate the U.S. presence on the ground before Bush leaves office Jan. 20.

If this could be accomplished, it would simplify the transition to the Clinton administration, since Bush would not be handing over a partially completed American military operation in Africa. Until now, President-elect Bill Clinton has been informed but not consulted about the U.S. proposal to use ground

troops.

Pentagon officials, skeptical that such an enormous undertaking could be completed in as little as six weeks, said Monday the Jan. 20 objective should be taken "with a grain of salt."

"It may be the goal right now to turn it over to the U.N. by Jan. 20," said one senior defense official. "(But) I don't think anybody is saying we will be out of there by then."

Military planners, anxious to avoid unrealistic expectations, recalled that in the early days of the buildup to the Persian Gulf War, White House Chief of Staff John Sununu '61 leaked word that only 50,000 troops would be required, when internal Pentagon estimates already called for more than 200,000. About 540,000 U.S. troops eventually fought in the Gulf War.

For Operation Provide Comfort, the postwar operation to feed and protect Iraqi Kurds, "we were going to be out by April" of 1991, one official said. That operation is still underway.

While informal discussions about how to proceed are expected to take place among U.N. diplomats in New York, U.S. officials in Washington will be drafting a Security Council resolution that would give U.S. ground troops, as part of a multinational force, a mandate to provide security for deliveries of food and medicine. An official said the United States envisions a resolution authorizing use of "all necessary means" to protect the relief operations.

Gen. Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was expected to issue Monday night the operation's first formal planning order to Marine Gen. Joseph P.

Hoar, chief of U.S. Central Command, and supporting commanders around the world.

According to officers familiar with preliminary Pentagon planning for the operation, the expectation was that U.S. troops would be on the ground in Somalia for three to six months. Planners said the most likely scenario remains a Marine amphibious landing to secure Mogadishu's airfield and port, followed by the establishment of three or four major regional feeding and security centers.

Administration spokesmen went out of their way Monday to say that the United States has no plans or proposals to establish an international trusteeship or protectorate in Somalia. The weekend remarks of a senior administration official, who in a discussion with reporters suggested that the United Nations may be compelled to install an interim government and organize elections, were described by White House officials Monday as merely theoretical ideas based on logical assumptions, not an expression of U.S. policy.

Administration sources conceded that, ultimately, some means for restoring civil order in Somalia will be necessary to redress conditions underlying the "man-made famine," as experts call it. However, discussions now about organizing a new governing system in Somalia are deemed politically unhelpful and unnecessarily provocative.

The question of what role the United Nations or other outside powers might play in the future governing of Somalia is "incredibly touchy for Africans," an administration official said.

Tsongas Confirms Cancerous Growth

By Christopher B. Daly
THE WASHINGTON POST

BOSTON

Paul E. Tsongas, the former Democratic Massachusetts senator who was the first known cancer survivor to campaign for the presidency, confirmed Monday that he has a cancerous growth in his abdomen requiring further radiation and chemotherapy.

Tsongas, 51, had described himself as "cured" from a bout with lymphoma first diagnosed in 1983, but his health remained a nagging issue in the campaign. Tsongas said President-elect Clinton should create a commission that would establish guidelines for presidential candidates to release medical information. Tsongas said he now believes there is no alternative to full disclosure of actual medical records, and said he would release his entire medical history as an example.

The cancerous growth in his abdomen, which he described as a "large-cell lymphoma," has not spread to other parts of his body, Tsongas said. His doctors at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute here believe that the cancerous mass can be treated.

The growth was discovered in August as part of Tsongas' regular

follow-up health care. Further tests indicated the need for a biopsy, which was performed Nov. 19.

At a press conference in the offices of his Boston law firm attended by his wife, Niki, and several aides, Tsongas confirmed recent press reports that the biopsied material was cancerous. He plans to begin chemotherapy this week.

"I intend to swim in the Nationals this year. There is no reason why not," Tsongas said, referring to the national swim tournament he has competed in before. "This is my tenth year of having this adversary. So I'm very comfortable with it."

In September 1983, while serving as a freshman senator, Tsongas was diagnosed with lymphoma, a form of cancer that affects the lymph system. Citing his desire to be with his family, the young Democrat chose not to seek re-election to a second term in 1984.

Instead, he returned to Boston and underwent a then-experimental form of treatment known as "autologous bone marrow transplant." Under the care of Drs. George Canellos and Tak Takvorian, Tsongas had marrow removed from his hip and purified. With his marrow out, he was treated with whole-body radiation in an effort to kill all the cancerous cells in his body.

Later, the marrow was reinjected, and Tsongas made an impressive recovery. As a presidential candidate, he made a point of demonstrating his good health by walking and swimming. Tsongas also he spoke at length about his illness and treatment and asked his doctors to do the same.

In an interview with *The Washington Post* in November 1991, Tsongas said he considered himself "cured," because he had been cancer-free for more than five years. In separate interviews, his doctors declined to use the term "cured," but they said Tsongas had been disease-free since he was discharged in October 1986 and that they could find no medical problems.

In the 1991 *Post* interview, Tsongas noted that in 1987 "they found a node in my armpit, and to this day they disagree on what it was but they pulled me in for a mass of radiation." Some Boston news media described the node as a recurrence of cancer.

In April, 12 days after Tsongas suspended his Democratic presidential campaign, *The New York Times* depicted the 1987 node as a "recurrence" of Tsongas' cancer and suggested that the candidate and his doctors had been less than fully candid.

High Court Affirms Right to Abortion In Allowing Appellate Ruling to Stand

By Joan Biskupic
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court made it clear Monday that a woman has a constitutional right to an abortion, letting stand an appellate court ruling that struck down a Guam law making abortion a felony.

The court's order affirmed its narrow ruling last June upholding most of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that made abortion legal nationwide. Combined with Bill Clinton's election as president Nov. 3, the order brings to an end two decades of contention over whether the basic abortion right is protected. It also opens a new chapter of debate over state limits on that right. The court, for example, is still expected to consider state laws that require waiting periods before abortions and pre-abortion counseling.

"The idea that women will be sent to jail because of backalley abortions now seems dead," said Harvard University law professor Kathleen M. Sullivan.

It was the first time since the landmark 1973 *Roe* decision that the justices declined to take a major abortion case. Three justices, William H. Rehnquist, Byron R. White and Antonin Scalia, said they

wanted to hear the Guam case, *Ada v. Guam Society of Obstetricians & Gynecologists*. It takes four votes to take up a dispute.

The *Roe* ruling generated the "right to life movement," which in turn helped form the conservative engine that put Ronald Reagan and George Bush in the White House. Together, Reagan and Bush asked the court on five separate occasions over 10 years to strike down *Roe v. Wade*.

Monday's action on the Guam case underscores that the essence of the 1973 ruling survived both Reagan and Bush presidencies.

President-elect Bill Clinton has said he would nominate only persons who believe in abortion rights to the court. Now the controversy that overwhelmed the court — and judicial nominations — will take a new form. The question for the judiciary and for lawmakers nationwide is what constitutes an "undue burden" on abortion rights, the standard set in the court's June ruling on Pennsylvania abortion restrictions.

Anti-abortion groups have stepped up their activity in statehouses, and Douglas Johnson, federal legislative director with the National Right to Life Committee, said activists are trying to make sure

that Congress does not go further than the high court and adopt proposed legislation that would curtail state regulations on abortion.

"The question is how many hoops and hurdles states will enact for women to go through," said Sullivan. "But the longer *Roe* remains the law, the harder it is to overturn it."

How far states may go in restricting an abortion right is likely to be decided on a case by case, statute by statute basis. During the 1970s and 1980s the Supreme Court continually assessed regulations, such as whether parents or husbands should be able to block an abortion, how long a woman must wait for an abortion and what information she must first receive.

But until last June's ruling in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, such restrictions were tested against *Roe v. Wade*'s especially high standard for any infringement on the abortion right. Under the new, slightly lowered standard in *Casey*, courts would weigh whether a regulation "has the purpose or effect of placing a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion" before the fetus can live outside the womb.

Washington Gallery a U.S. Spy Center

By Joel Achenbach
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Quaint, charming, the old stone building called the Art Barn in Rock Creek Park here has for many years been a place where struggling artists could exhibit their works. Until recently, it was also a place where American spies monitored nearby communist embassies, using surveillance equipment planted in the attic.

The gadgets were stowed behind a false wall in an area once used as a coop for homing pigeons, Art Barn Executive Director Ann Rushforth said Monday. Government agents — Rushforth said she believes they were from the CIA — periodically appeared, climbed a narrow stairwell to the attic, removed storage materials in front of the false wall and entered the listening post through a trapdoor. The agents were targeting the Hungarian Embassy directly across the street and the Czechoslovakian Embassy farther up the hill, she said.

Finally, about six months ago, the agents pulled out all the wires and equipment, and the Art Barn's role in the Cold War came to an end.

"We always knew which guys were the CIA guys because they always wore sunglasses indoors, had real sharp creases in their pants, short haircuts and shiny shoes," Rushforth said.

The story broke in an unusual fashion: by invitation only. The Art Barn Association — a nonprofit group that uses the gallery to show paintings, sculptures and crafts by local and "emerging" artists — is holding a \$50-per-person fund-raiser Tuesday night at the Spy Club in downtown Washington. The invitations, including one sent to *The Washington Post*, featured a rather startling explanation of why that nightclub was chosen for the event:

"In honor of the end of the Cold War, we are holding our benefit festivities at the Spy Club to celebrate an end to the Art Barn's years of dedicated service to the Central

Intelligence Agency. It is a little known fact that until very recently, the Art Barn's attic housed surveillance devices to watch over our foreign neighbors. Now in the new era of Glasnost (sic) we welcome all our friends and neighbors to come share this evening of intrigue and art."

"Good grief!" said CIA spokesman Peter Earnest when the invitation was read to him over the phone. But he said the agency doesn't do this sort of thing — in the United States.

"We have no domestic responsibilities. We do not have domestic counterintelligence responsibilities," he said.

He referred questions to the FBI, which is supposed to handle any government surveillance operation inside the United States. FBI spokesman Nestor Michnyak said, "We wouldn't confirm or deny anything like that." The FBI did recently confirm that it continues to conduct counterintelligence operations outside the Russian Embassy.

Holiday Shopping Gets Off To Fast Start

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

They aren't breaking out the eggnog to celebrate quite yet, but last weekend's kickoff to the important holiday shopping season certainly was pretty good news for the nation's retailers.

According to some early industry tracking data and an informal poll of key national and local merchants, sales were up between 3 percent to slightly more than 5 percent from last year in the first three days of the key selling period when retailers garner the bulk of their sales and profits.

That represents a clear improvement from the preceding three years, when sales rose by only 1 percent to 2 percent in the same period.

This year's improved results are in line with many preholiday predictions that showed sales would pick up this year, because of increased consumer confidence and stronger sales momentum in the months leading into the season.

Economy watchers are keeping a particularly close eye on holiday sales as a possible indicator of whether consumers are finally shaking off their recession mentality. Weak sales at this season over the past three years have been one of the main causes of a rash of bankruptcies and restructurings among merchants.

While retailers said they were still a bit wary of fickle consumer patterns, they also said they were heartened by sales so far.

"We exceeded our plan and certainly exceeded last year's sales," said Thomas Fingleton, chairman of the Hecht Co., the local department store chain. Competitor Woodward & Lothrop Inc. reported an 8 percent increase.

"We did very well, pretty much across the board," said Ben Kovalsky, chief executive officer of the Cosmetic Center, the Savage, Md.-based chain that sells fragrance and beauty goods. Kovalsky said sales were up 5 percent so far over last year at the chain's stores over the weekend.

Most retailers and polls now expect sales to peak this year on Dec. 19, the last Saturday before Christmas.

NASA Prepares Launch of Last Military Payload on Shuttle

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Barring interference from a late autumn cold snap, the manned space shuttle *Discovery* is set to lift off early Wednesday, carrying the last major military payload that will be placed into orbit by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's shuttle fleet.

As is customary, NASA and Air Force officials refused to say what the Department of Defense has stowed in the spacecraft's cargo bay. But the payload's announced weight of 23,215 pounds and its launch in a sharp northeasterly direction from Florida's Kennedy Space Center suggest that *Discovery* will be hauling a Lacrosse all-weather spy satellite, analysts said.

As the final phase of launch preparations began Monday, NASA officials were keeping a wary eye on the weather. Forecasters said there was a 60 percent chance of an overnight chill that could postpone the liftoff until Thursday.

Cold weather launches have been tightly restricted since the 1986 explosion of the space shuttle *Challenger*, a disaster attributed to the effect of freezing temperatures on a seal in the vehicle's solid-fuel rocket motor. Launches are now prohibited if temperatures dip below 47°F (8°C) in winds of 5 m.p.h. or less for 30 minutes after fueling. The combination of lower temperatures and wind speeds encourages the formation of frost or ice.

Although forecasters said that the restrictions could be violated before dawn Wednesday, NASA officials planned to begin fueling *Discovery*'s 153-foot-tall external tank with liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen at 10:39 p.m. tonight. Liftoff is now scheduled for 6:59 p.m. Wednesday, with the spacecraft set to return Dec. 9.

The shuttle, once the sole launcher for large spy satellites such as the Lacrosse and Keyhole series, has played a crucial role in modernizing the U.S. space intelligence network. But future launches will be carried out by unmanned boosters, while the shuttle is restricted to more complex scientific, maintenance and construction missions requiring the skills of astronauts.

The flight will be commanded by U.S. Navy Capt. David M. Walker, a veteran of two previous missions. His crew is composed of Marine Corps Col. Robert D. Cabana, the pilot, and three mission specialists: Air Force Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr., Army Lt. Col. James S. Voss, and Army Lt. Col. Michael Richard Clifford.

Russian Court Largely Upholds Ban of Communist Party

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Russia's highest court Monday largely upheld President Boris Yeltsin's ban of the Communist Party, while recognizing the right of rank-and-file communists to try to relaunch the party from the bottom up.

The decision of the 13-member Constitutional Court effectively rules out any revival of the once all-powerful party in the form in which it existed before the abortive hard-line coup of August 1991. But it will allow a reformed Communist Party to compete with other political parties "on an equal basis" and reclaim some of the property that was confiscated by the state.

The 11-2 judgment allowed both sides to claim a partial victory in the five-month court case, which shed new light on the Soviet Union's totalitarian past. Dozens of experts and witnesses were called to testify at the hearings and thousands of hitherto secret documents revealing the party's involvement in mass political repression were handed over to the judges for examination.

"This was the only decision possible. Any other decision would not have made sense," said Mikhail Fedotov, a member of the team of lawyers representing Yeltsin at the hearings. "The court decided in our favor in 80 percent of its answers to the questions that were posed to it."

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"I can't wait till the Pulitzer jury sees these pictures I've taken of Bill Clinton's cat!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Signs Show Lack Of Respect for Women

I am writing this letter in response to something I saw on Friday, Nov. 20 that grossly disturbed me. As I walked out of Lobby 7 and toward Massachusetts Avenue, I noticed a large crowd of people protesting sexual harassment at MIT. I thought to myself, "Finally, students are fighting for a worthwhile cause." But I looked further and my stomach turned as I saw several individuals holding up signs saying "Go home bitch" and "Stop your bitching." It took all my restraint not to walk up to these boys and kick them in the groin. My anger has nothing to do with the recent results of the harassment trial. Personally, I do not know enough about the case to say whether or not Professor Bitran should have been acquitted, but sexual harassment is a very serious issue and I was absolutely appalled that anyone could joke about it in such a manner.

I could not believe that these people would publicly admit they had no respect for women, and that they could freely give their names to widely read publications such as *The Boston Globe*, promoting the stereotype that all men at MIT see women as they do, as inferior beings. Their ignorance and disrespect for members of the opposite sex made me want to vomit.

With all the violence and inhumane acts occurring on campus lately, I have been thinking a great deal about what has happened to people's morals these days. One nagging question keeps reappearing in my mind. If we go to college and become educated and moral values are instilled in us, why is the world in such lousy shape? One would think that people at MIT are a bit more intelligent than your average male chauvinist pig, but I guess I gave these people too much credit. If we here are among the very smartest, how can a group of individuals be so ignorant?

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Teamwork Among Citizens Can Stop Crime

Tonight I got my introduction to Boston: two young men stole \$60 from me. We are students, and so we all should learn something from such episodes.

This robbery occurred at approximately 8 p.m. in the Park Street MBTA station near the north end of the outgoing Red Line platform. The two cocky characters who intimidated me also intimidated the whole platform of thirty people into motionless silence. I yelled and

hollered and tried to follow the guys from a safe distance, but they got away, even though they had to pass the crowd as they walked nonchalantly to the stairway.

Here is the lesson: we must act when we become aware of crime around us. For example, if someone had followed the thugs who robbed me, it would have been easier to catch them. Someone else could have notified the police sooner than I did. Yet another person could have helped describe and identify the suspects. The MBTA and city police responded very quickly and commendably, even bringing one person for me to identify, but I had only a very weak description. Other people's memories would have been invaluable. Teamwork among fellow citizens would have given us the upper hand that night.

If citizens continue to disregard their duty to work toward a more civil society, violence and crime will continue to increase. The two arrogant young whippersnappers who stole my money will continue to gain confidence (\$60 in five minutes without even having to run is addictive) and move on to assault, rape, and murder.

Dale G. Fried G

Safe Ride Needs Improvement

The Tech received a copy of the following letter addressed to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56.

Crimes committed on campus in the past months have prompted much discussion about safety at MIT. The Graduate Student Council feels that improving the situation requires a combination of individual, group, and administrative efforts, and believes the Safe Ride van service to be one area needing improvement.

Of paramount importance will be the addition of more vans, but other changes would be helpful as well. It is extremely important, for example, that people know when the van will stop at a particular location. Waiting outside for the van can be more dangerous than simply walking to one's destination; if the waiting time required is as much as 30 minutes, many people will walk.

A stop at the Kendall Square MBTA station is very important. Additional stops at Draper Laboratory and the Central Square T station should be considered. These would insure safe access to public transportation for most of the MIT community. An attempt should be made to mark the stops with signs, and wherever possible, there should be emergency phones and lights at the stops. Safe Ride vans could stop for 15-30 seconds at each stop for people who are waiting inside buildings. The vans should not simply drive through a stop if nobody is present outside.

For the safety of the drivers, all passengers should be required to show a college ID before entering the van. Fitting the vans with power locks would also be beneficial, giving the driver control over who enters the van. A procedure should also be available through which riders can file complaints about the drivers. The Graduate Student Council could help publicize this procedure.

The GSC feels very strongly that security at MIT is inadequate. Criminals are comfortable here, while the MIT community is not. We recognize that individuals must take action to protect themselves, but MIT as a whole must as well. A Safe Ride is only one of the services available, but it can be used more efficiently than it is presently. The GSC hopes that these suggestions can help improve A Safe Ride, and we would appreciate a timetable for implementation of changes.

Anand Mehta G

on behalf of the Graduate Student Council

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— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

★★★★: Excellent
 ★★★: Good
 ★★: Mediocre
 ★: Poor

★★★ **Bram Stoker's Dracula**

Director Francis Ford Coppola has fashioned a film with a frenetic pace and ubiquitous visual tricks in a style that is closer to that of MTV and *Batman* director Tim Burton than it is to the Victorian gothic horror of *Dracula* author Bram Stoker. The movie's appearance completely dominates the disjointed plot and poorly drawn characters, making most of the film an attractive but muddled mess. But the effects, sets, and costumes are so vivid and excessive that *Dracula* manages to be very interesting even as it frustrates with a lack of coherence and drama. *Loews Cheri*

★★★★½ **Bob Roberts**

Funny and disturbing, this satire of American politics written and directed by its star, Tim Robbins, uses a mock documentary style to chronicle the rise to power of the fictional Bob Roberts. Roberts is a right-wing entertainer, entrepreneur, and political candidate who has adopted folk singing as a medium for his conservative attitudes, and whose only clear beliefs are that individuals should be able to gain as much wealth as they can and that the liberal programs of incumbent Senator Paiste (Gore Vidal) are a waste of money. The film's scathing indictment of candidates and campaigning in the era of entertainment is accurate, hilarious, and troubling. *Arlington Capitol Theater*

★★★★ **Howards End**

The filmmaking trio of James Ivory, Ismail Merchant, and Ruth Praver Jhabvala have translated E. M. Forster's novel of class struggles in 20th-century England into a brilliant film that is an astonishing achievement. The screen is filled with contrasting elements such as the rich and the poor, the romantic and the pragmatic, and the urban and the pastoral. The alternately funny and moving story considers which group will ultimately inherit the nation. Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, and Samuel West are excellent, and Vanessa Redgrave and Emma Thompson are outstanding. *Arlington Capitol Theater*

★★★★ **Husbands and Wives**

Bleak and powerful, Woody Allen's new film examines the state of relationships today and decides that unending love is little more than a myth. Shot as a documentary, it follows the members of two marriages as they grow disillusioned with one another and begin to look for happiness elsewhere. Judy Davis gives a wonderfully neurotic comic performance, Sydney Pollack is amazing as a man

full of frustration but still deserving pity, and Allen and Mia Farrow appear to be haunted by pain. The movie is occasionally funny, but it is more convincing when it dramatizes its characters' inabilities to find fulfillment. *Arlington Capitol Theater*

★★★★ **School Ties**

This is an amazing film dealing with anti-Semitism in the 1950's. Brendan Fraser delivers a powerful performance as David Greene, who is recruited from a poor town to play football for an elite preparatory school. David at first hides the fact that he is Jewish and fits in well with his new group of friends. When they find out that he is Jewish, each reacts differently. The movie examines different forms of prejudice in the actions of David's friends after their discovery. Overall, the acting is

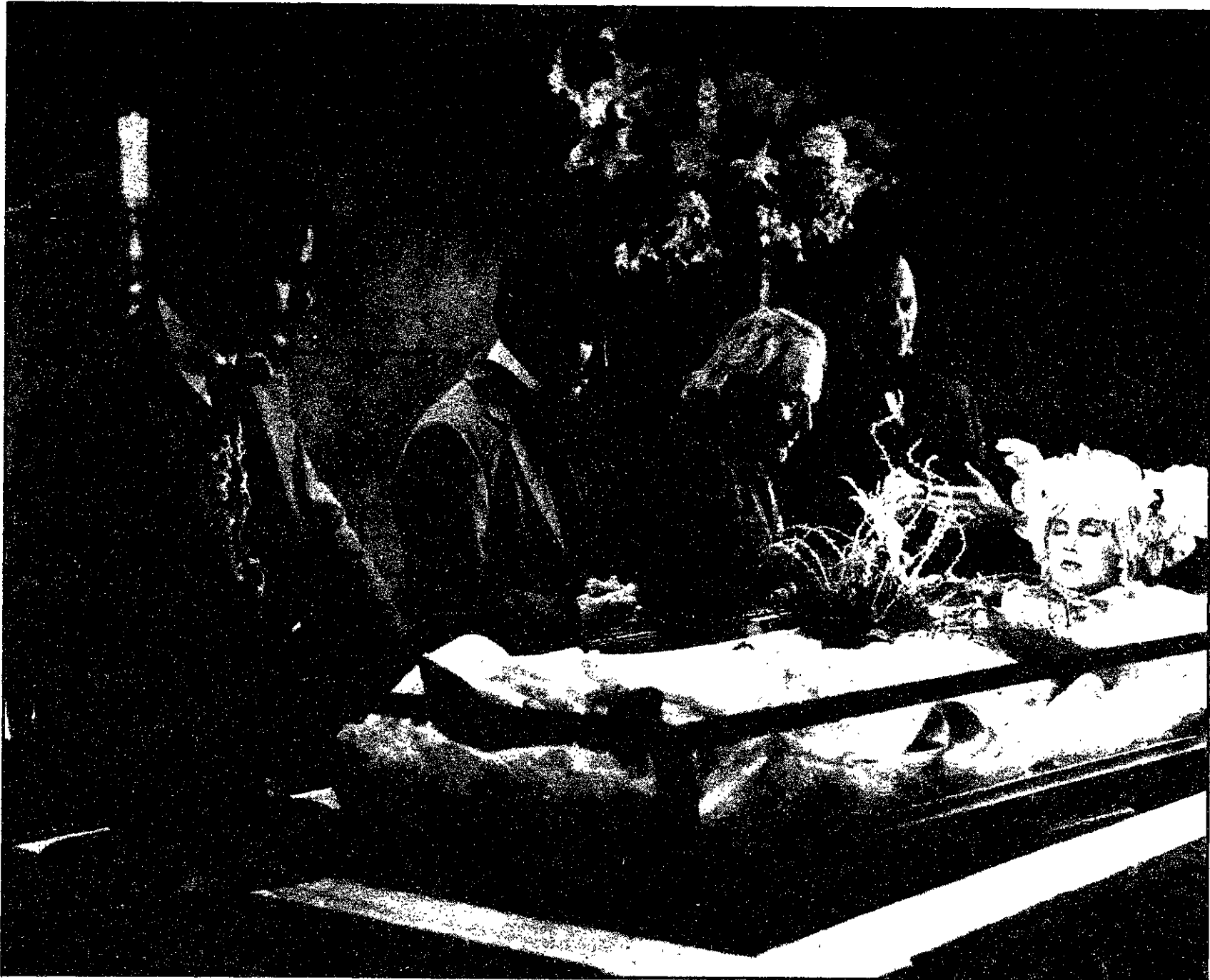
convincing, the story is feasible, and the moral well presented. The film properly balances a humorous and serious side, yielding a final product that is as meaningful as it is enjoyable to watch. *Loews Copley Place*

★★★★ **Singles**

This light and entertaining film focuses on the struggles of six singles in their 20s as they try to understand love and relationships. Steve Cambell, Kyra Sedgwick, Bridget Fonda, and Matt Dillon are all good, the script by director Cameron Crowe is often extremely funny, and Seattle locations and music provide an interesting backdrop. Although it is not as realistic as Crowe's *Say Anything*, the movie is filled with wonderful isolated moments that are filled with truthful familiarity. *Loews Copley Place*

★★ **Under Siege**

Under Siege is poorly written film that relies on violence rather than substance to be entertaining. Steven Seagal is Casey Ryback, an ex-Navy SEAL who is masquerading as a cook on the USS Missouri when a gang of hijackers (led by Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey) takes over the ship. Ryback must single-handedly eliminate all the bad guys and save the day, which turns into Ryback scouring the ship and coming up with new and creative ways to eliminate the enemy. The martial arts sequences are impressive and Tommy Lee Jones delivers a powerful performance as the mastermind terrorist, but the bad writing, evidenced in the incredibly weak female role and the lack of any interesting plot twist ruins everything. *Loews Fresh Pond*



The deceased Lucy Westenra (Sadie Frost) is surrounded by uneasy friends (from left) Quincey P. Morris (Bill Campbell), Lord Arthur Holmwood (Cary Elwes), Van Helsing (Anthony Hopkins), and Dr. Seward (Richard E. Grant), in the visually stunning *Bram Stoker's Dracula*.

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Sciences Create Five Minors

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bocharged on this issue," Vander Sande said. "Nuclear engineering has already discussed [minors] in a faculty meeting and has a draft of a minor proposal. I am amazed at their enthusiasm," he added.

One result of the new minors is that "it may cut down the number of double majors. ... A student has to overload to do that. Maybe now they don't have to overload at all," Brown said.

"I think it's a good idea, I would get one if I still had time. You can learn stuff outside your major. You don't have to put in so much time, and it shows on your transcript," said Rajeevan Amirtharajah '95, who is majoring in electrical engineering.

"I think it's probably a good plan. There's a lot of people who would take up classes in another field, but are not willing to put in effort to get a complete double

major. Now they can get a minor. ... Or people who go halfway through a major and hate it, now they can get something out of it," said Phillip B. Hume '94, a physics major who is considering a minor in planetary science.

Helen E. Cargill '94 said, "I was majoring in chemistry, but I'd been taking more Humanities classes. ... I will probably switch majors. But it will not be good to throw all the science away. I will probably minor in chemistry."

New Site for Shelter Debated

CASPAR, from Page 1

undesirable set of people to the area.

The CASPAR shelter is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and provides primarily emergency care for alcohol and drug abusers from Cambridge and Somerville. CASPAR provides basic services such as food, clothing, hygiene, and counseling services.

CASPAR staff and MIT officials agree that a permanent site for the shelter must be found soon.

"It is absolutely imperative that we get a permanent site and that we get it now, because there's a real possibility that we won't be funded and the community will not support us unless we have a permanent site," said Aaron Shepard, CASPAR's assistant director. "It's been a long process. We have been in a trailer for 13 years."

"The most important thing is that CASPAR get a permanent site. The best thing we can do is allow the deliberative process to continue," said Paul Parravano, an MIT community relations assistant.

The current proposal was first announced in August, and since then CASPAR and the city have held many public meetings to address the concerns of community groups. Municipal and state laws require an extensive review process before the Cambridge City Council can vote on the proposal. A vote is expected before Dec. 24. A progress report from the committee is expect-

ed on Dec. 10.

A special review committee, chaired by City Councilor Jonathan Myers, now meets weekly to examine all aspects of the Green Street proposal, the siting history, and possible alternative sites. These include the Danica Building on Sidney Street, a vacant lot on Hamilton Street, the Volve Building on Massachusetts Avenue, and other sites in Inman Square.

"The committee will continue to talk and come up with proposals until a consensus is reached. The

most important thing is that whatever site is agreed to, it be a consensus site that the entire community and the committee can support," said Ronald P. Suduiko, special assistant to the president for government and community relations.

"We are hopeful that a permanent site will be found for CASPAR. We are very supportive of the CASPAR community, and we feel that it is important to focus on CASPAR as an organization that is striving to meet the community's needs," he added.

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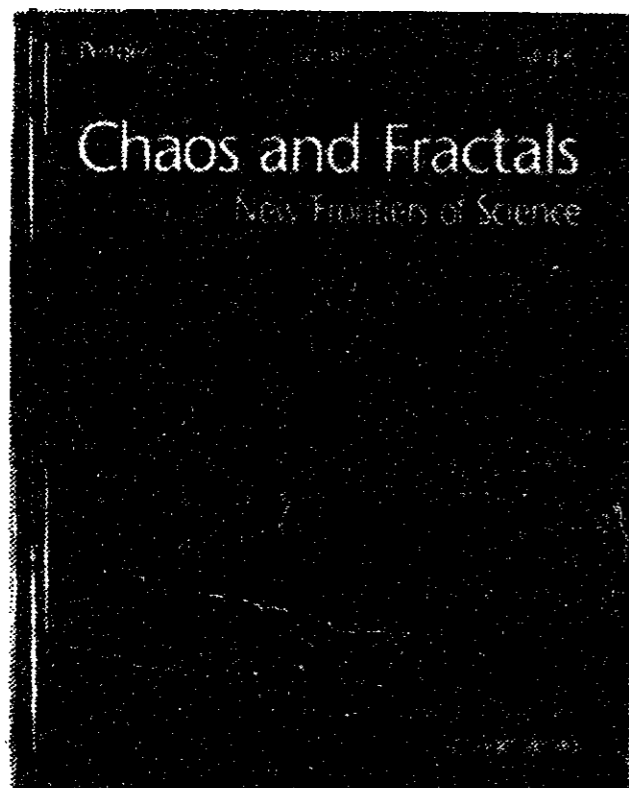
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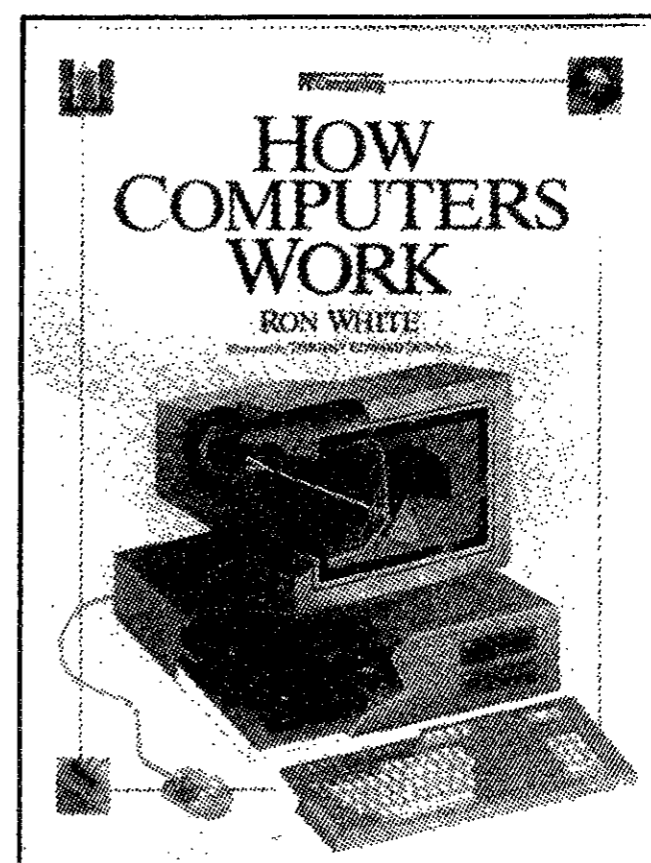
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Three Fall Victim to Pickpockets

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dents. "I know there's a lot of theft and muggings going on, but I didn't know about the pickpocketing," Yurah Kim '94 said.

"I didn't know any [pickpocketing] was going on — it's not surprising," said Kristen K. Nummerdor '93.

John M. Shavel '94 said he was actually surprised that more incidents of pickpocketing have not occurred. "MIT students are oblivious most of the time anyway. ... Just look at the way some of them cross at 77 Massachusetts Ave.," he said. If there were more pickpocketing, students would be more conscious of their surroundings, Shavel added.

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Efficient Lights Installed

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The higher operating frequency also means that the new lights produce less visible "flicker."

MIT is also switching to higher quality light bulbs. They are thinner and contain a higher quality phosphor. Thus, they emit a fuller spectrum of light which allows people to see contrasts better, Kilmarx said.

The new lights contain integrated circuit chips which maintain a constant output as the lights age and in the case of a brownout. "It's the cutting edge of the technology," Kilmarx said.

Installation of the new lights is

progressing westward from the east side of campus. So far, new lights have been installed in buildings E10, E15, E17, E18, E19, E23, E25, E32, E34, E40, and E51.

The main cluster of academic buildings will get a substantial number of new fixtures to house the new lights. "We expect to put the order in for those new fixtures in the next few weeks," Kilmarx said.

The new lights have also been installed in one section of the Infinite Corridor. The new lights are being installed closer to the ground than the old lights, providing more light in the space where people walk.

Group Helps Relieve Hunger

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going towards children's development projects, he said.

"If each MIT student donated \$1, we would have raised \$8000. That's something to think about," Krishnan said.

As a member of the club, Patel has also helped with the fund-raising

project for Somalia and the food salvaging program.

The food salvaging program is a good way for MIT students to help out on a local level, Krishnan said. Four days a week, students take surplus food from the dining halls and bring it to homeless shelters. The group currently needs more drivers, she added.

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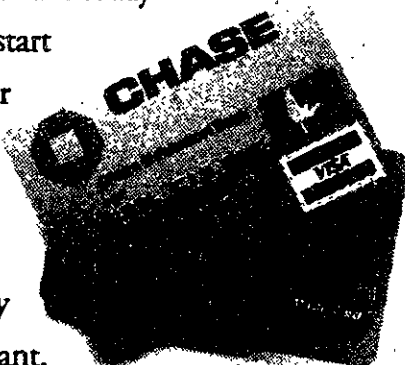
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COUNSELING

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Counseling and HTLV-III blood screening services are available for individuals concerned about exposure to the virus associated with AIDS. For more information about this free confidential service sponsored by the Department of Public Health and Counseling Services, call 522-4090, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside Boston call collect.

Getting High? or Getting Desperate? If drugs are becoming a problem, call or write: **Narcotics Anonymous**, 264 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass. 02128, (617) 569-0021. Local meetings held at the MIT Medical Department, E23-364, on Mondays from 1-2 p.m.

Contact Line peer counseling and information on issues of sexuality. Sunday through Wednesday 8pm - midnight, 253-6460.

LABIA (Lesbians and Bisexuals in Alliance) socials. Look for posters about upcoming events.

Thursdays. **GAMIT**(Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Friends at MIT) study breaks, 9 p.m.-?, room 50-306. Contact Johanna, 225-7127.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The MIT Folk Dance Club sponsors two

evenings of international dancing at MIT on Sunday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm. Beginners are welcome; no partner is needed. Call 253-3655 (FOLK) for more information.

The **MIT Outing Club** holds office hours every Monday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm in W20-461. Stop by and help plan, lead or participate in trips ranging from one day outings to month long treks. The club is especially active in rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing, backpacking, hiking, and winter mountaineering. Beginners are more than welcome. The club rents a variety of equipment at low rates and has a cabin in NH available for rent. Contact Dave at 492-6983.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Off-Campus Housing Service** welcomes any member of the community who either has available housing or who is searching for housing to contact our office in Room E32-121, 253-1493.

Do you like children? If you are interested in spending a few hours each week with a child who has emotional problems, this **volunteer opportunity** may be for you. You will discuss your experience weekly with a group of other volunteers. If you're interested, please call Dr. Judy Osher at the Cambridge Youth Guidance Center, 354-2275, for more information. (Males, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian-Creole especially needed, but all are welcome.)

The Boston University Astronomy Department sponsors **Open Observatory Night** every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 pm. For more information call 353-2360.

All **first-time student loan borrowers** (Perkins, Technology, or Stafford Student Loans) are required to attend a loan counseling session. Please contact the Bursar's Office for a schedule of the sessions.

Surplus equipment is available for departments and members of the MIT community in the **Equipment Exchange**, building NW30, every Tuesday and Thursday from 11-3 pm. Thirty days after being advertised in *Tech Talk* the equipment is sold.

The "**Statement of Registration Status**" is still required of all male students who are expected to register for the draft, if they want to receive federal financial aid. Women, underage students and those who have completed the statement in previous years do not have to file statements. MIT requires male students who have completed the statement by indicating they are "underage" to submit the statement annually until they have registered.

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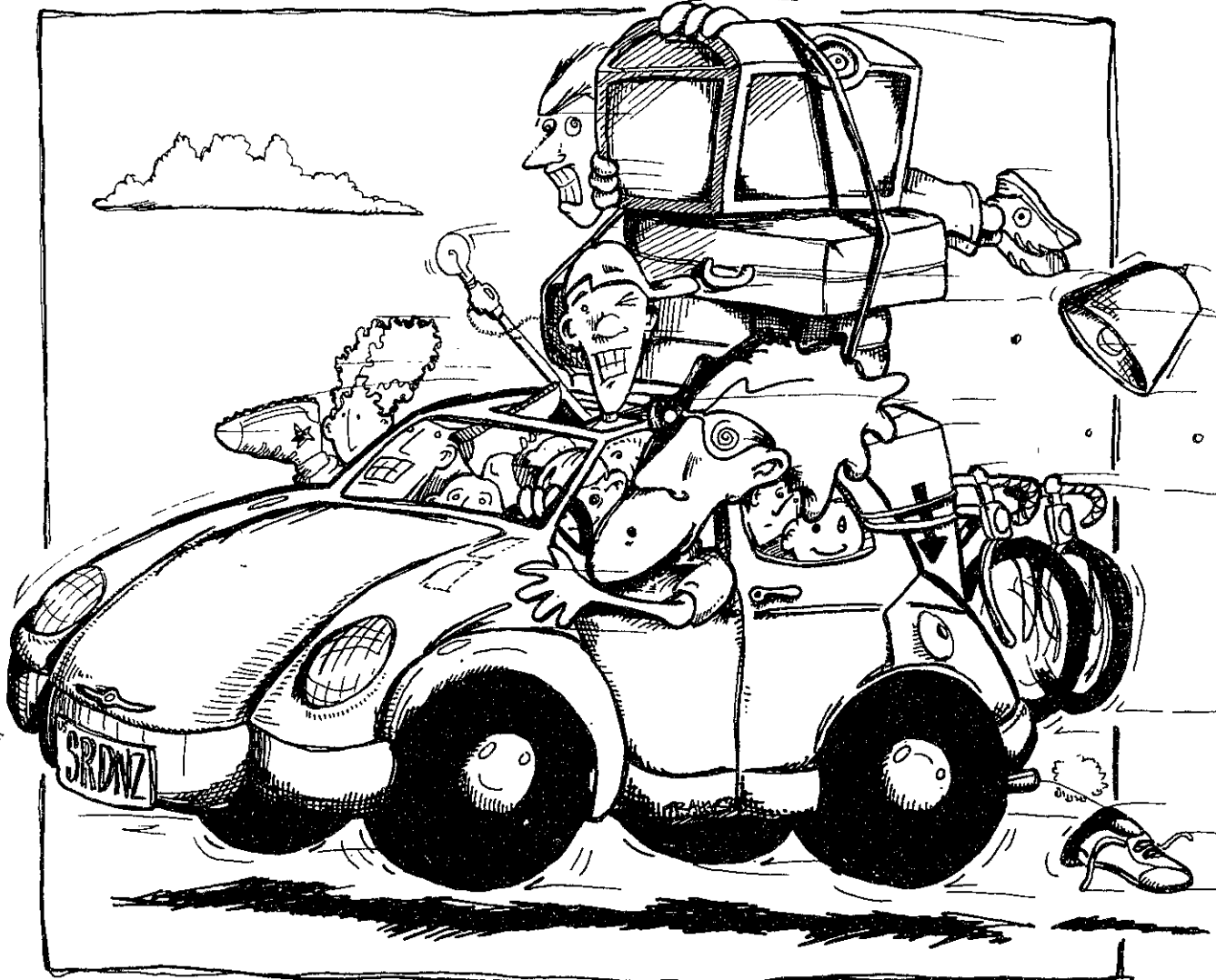
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SPORTS

Three Athletes Named Academic All-District

By Roger Crosley
DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Three fall sport athletes have been named to the GTE College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District First Team. Football wide receiver Roddy Trantum '93 and linebacker Matt Robinson '94 were named to the squad, while volleyball player Colleen Johnson '93 was named to the volleyball All-District team. Trantum led the balloting for the football squad. The team was selected by sports information directors from institutions located throughout the New England States, New York, and the five eastern Canadian provinces.

Wrestling

The wrestling team recently kicked off its season by having two third-place finishers in the Hawk Wrestling Tournament, held at Roger Williams College. Rafi Levin '94 placed third in the 177 lbs.

weight class, losing to the eventual champion from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. At 126 lbs., Drew Rideout '95 also gained a third-place finish. Over 20 wrestlers competed in each weight class.

Ice Hockey

The men's ice hockey team has completed the pre-Thanksgiving portion of its schedule with a perfect 5-0 record, including a 5-4 victory over Worcester Polytechnic Institute in which the Beavers had a depleted squad of only nine players. The five wins mark the best start in the history of the program.

Field Hockey

Five field hockey players recently participated in the Northeast District Field Hockey Tournament, held in New Canaan, Conn. Ann Torres '96, Surekha Vajjhala '96, Pattie Hahn '96, Meera Saini '95, and Cathy Mangione '95 competed on the All-College teams.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, December 1

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Bryant College, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2

Squash vs. U.S. Naval Academy, 4 p.m.

Wrestling vs. University of Massachusetts-Lowell, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 3

Women's Ice Hockey vs. Connecticut College, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Gordon College, 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 5

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