**Olympic-Class Pool Slated For Completion in June 1995**

By Vipul Bhushan  
**CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

A new Olympic-class swimming pool, the centerpiece of the three-stage Central Athletics Facility expansion, has moved one step closer to becoming a reality. Last Tuesday, the athletics department visitsimulating pool, to be located between the Student Center and the Johnson Athletic Center, will be 50 meters long with an adjoining diving well. A movable pool bottom will be able to divide the pool into sections so that many groups can use it at once, and movable floor bottoms will be able to accommodate children who need shallow water as well as swimmers requiring more depth to dive from starting blocks.

The new facility, the third phase of a master plan for campus athletics conceived in the mid-1970s, will utilize the resources in Johnson, the DuPont Gymnasium, and the DuPont Athletic Center. As part of the project, Rockwell Cage, which was built from a pair of World War II vintage surplus Navy hangars, and the Briggs Field House will be demolished. Construction of the new three-story building is expected to cost $15.7 million.

The Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation Visiting Committee gave the athletics facility proposal an "enthusiastic endorsement," Director of Athletics Royce N. Flippin Jr. said. Simultaneously noted the "administration support will be required for our 1995-96 season."
President Boris Yeltsin on Monday established a Defense Ministry and named himself acting defense minister, paving the way for the creation of a Russian armed forces and the final dissolution of the Red Army, the last bastion of the Soviet Union.

The growing House bank scandal escalated again yesterday, when a U.S. Attorney told a grand jury he had begun a preliminary investigation into the check-cashing practices of members of Congress, House officials acknowledged, to determine whether any of Washington's high-ranking lawmakers were involved.

In 1988, then-Gov. Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts failed to show any awareness of a situation when he asked in a nationally televised debate with Bush what he would do if his wife Kitty were raped and murdered. His island reply resonated for many voters an impression that he was a mechanical politician.

The special Senate counsel investigating leaks of Anita P. Hill's charges of improper behavior against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas Monday subpoenaed all telephone records of the two journalists who reported the allegations a week ago. Taber, a witness for the Defense Ministry, said he was a House member from 1969 to 1971.

"It's just common sense that we ought to know," Fitzwater told reporters.

In a preliminary political damage assessment, outside specialists and party officials said the scandal over the bank would be a factor in some, but not all, of the districts where the incumbent anchored a sizable number of bad checks.

The growing House bank scandal, which has involved members of Congress, House officials acknowledged, is likely to result in a shakeup of the House leadership and other top House officials, according to witnesses Monday as proof that the debris substantiates it.

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Japanese Stock Index Plunges to a Five-Year Low

By Paul Blustein

Tokyo

Japan's major stock index plunged 3 percent yesterday to its lowest point in five years, adding to fears that the nation is headed into a severe slowdown that could pull a drag on world economies.

Since it began to slide in December 1989, the closely watched Nikkei stock index now has lost almost half of its value, dropping through the symbolic 20,000-point level to close yesterday at 19,837.16. Its dramatic decline is continuing at the same time that Japan's political and financial elites are threatened by scandals.

"The crisis is continuing to come terms with reality," said Kenneth Courts, an economist with Dreman's World Bank office, referring to the once-common belief that Japan would undergo little more than a brief pause in its supercharged economic growth.

Many experts are now predicting that the Japanese economy is slowing to around 2 percent annual growth this year, compared with more than 5 percent during the 1980-90 period. Although a labor shortage has kept unemployment from growing, economists say any less than 3 percent is considered a recession here.

Japanese companies, many of which are facing sharply lower profits, are already adjusting to the new economic realities, curtailing spending on plant and equipment and research and development. One of the companies showing sudden weakness is the electronics giant Sony Corp. "Suddenly, starting around last November, everything was declining," said Suneo Sano, a Sony director, following the recent disclosure of Sony's expected loss for the current fiscal year, which ends March 31.

As the demand for imports by Japanese consumers and companies has fallen off, the nation's politically sensitive trade surplus is rising to record levels. That is a disappoint- ment for the Bush administration, which has looked to Japan to stimu- late the sluggish world economy.

The market's decline also adds to concerns about the health of Japan's giant banks and insurance companies, which have been major suppliers of international capital over the past decade. As the value of their stock holdings shrivel, the companies become less willing and able to lend and invest overseas. Coupled with these financial set- backs is a financial market scandal in which several brokerage firms were found to have been shuffling stocks from one client to another in an effort to keep them from reporting losses.

Last week, the president of Daiwa Securities Co., Japan's sec- ond-largest firm, resigned when the company was forced to absorb hun- dreds of millions of dollars in losses as a result of the practice, and many medium-sized firms are believed to be facing even more serious losses that may threaten their survival.

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Hussein, Arafat Consider Jordan-West Bank Confederation

By Carlye Murphy

King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat are considering declaring a confederation between Jordan and the Israeli-occupied West Bank as a way to give impetus to the stalled Middle East peace talks, according to Palestinian, Jordanian and Egyptian sources.

Hussein discussed the idea with Secretary of State James A. Baker III during his visit to Washington last week, a senior administration official told Washington Post staff writer David Hoffman. The U.S. official said Hussein did not refer to the idea of a confederation in his talks with Baker.

The Jordanian king told Baker that a confederation might make it easier for the Palestinians to negoti- ate toward interim arrangements for autonomy, according to the official. But, the official added, Hussein did not provide details.

The U.S. official told the Bush administration's sources that the decision about a confederation was not up to the United States, but that Baker would welcome any effort to spur the negotiations toward interim arrangements. Recently the administration has been critical of the Palestinian leadership for not focusing enough on near-term economic realities, curbing spend- ing on plant and equipment and research and development. One of the companies showing sudden weakness is the electronics giant Sony Corp. "Suddenly, starting around last November, everything was declining," said Suneo Sano, a Sony director, following the recent disclosure of Sony's expected loss for the current fiscal year, which ends March 31.

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This year's Undergraduate Association elections are already the most controversial in many years. Tomorrow night, the UA Council will decide whether to accept the ballots as they stand — including those cast in a special election on Friday — or to call for a complete re-voting process. The council should let stand the votes already cast.

Editorial

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She continued. Ireland told an estimated 400 listeners from around the Boston area that the march in Washington will have an impact on the future of women's rights in general. "I'll give you an idea of what a difference we can make when we fight back. Over the years, we've strengthened the equal opportunity laws [and] passed the Equal Credit Opportunity Acts. We've got a law passed requiring pregnancy to be treated as a temporary disability for work purposes. In 1973 we gained the right to control our bodies when the Supreme Court recognized the right to abortion, and they had earlier recognized the right to birth control," Ireland said.

However, Ireland was not optimistic about the present Supreme Court's commitment to women's rights. "While we have been fighting as hard as we can to hold on to the rights we have gained, right now we have a very, very serious threat to abortion and our reproductive rights. I am afraid that people think that the threat to abortion is only now materializing. But the reality is that 44 million women in this country have already lost their abortion rights — any woman who depends on federal government funds for help with health insurance has basically lost her rights," she said.

In an effort to encourage students to become more active, Ireland said, "On April 5, we need you for the most massive march Washington has ever seen. We're going to say 'No!' to this administration's 'No!' to the loss of abortion rights, 'No!' to the loss of Medicaid funding, and we're going to say 'No!' to the bullies at the clinic, and 'No!' to the back alley butchers.

"In addition to the march on April 5, we are engaging in a major campaign of non-violent civil disobedience. So the next time the Supreme Court tries to limit abortion rights further, they will be met by a very serious response by a grassroots campaign," Ireland said.

Ireland ended her speech with a quotation from Sojourner Truth: "If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, then these women together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right side up again.

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Demand for pool high

Director of Planning O. Robert Simha MCB '57 said the number of people needing athletic facilities on the west side of campus will greatly increase in the coming years, as more students will be housed there. Plans for the eventual addition of new housing for 1,200 undergraduates around Vassar Street and 1,000 graduate students on "the other side of the railroad tracks" mean that the new swimming pool "plays a central role in all of our planning," Simha said.

About 20 students attended the visiting committee's meeting to express their support for the second pool.

Gregory V. Shank '94, a member of the water polo team and an MIT Athletic Association representative, expressed his desire for centralized, first-rate athletic facilities. "We [the water polo team] lose our competitive edge by practicing in the small Alumni Pool, he said, and likened it to forcing a basketball team to always practice half-court games.

The Alumni Pool, opened in 1940, has a large and varied clientele, including varsity and club teams, researchers conducting experiments in the water, children in various programs, students in aquatic classes, and the increasingly competitive edge - practicing in "the water polo team]," Shank said. Mit has traditionally focused primarily on "maximum participation" by members of the MIT community rather than the promotion of intercollegiate and other organized sports teams.

John A. Benedick, head swimming and water polo coach, said that although the Alumni Pool is open to the MIT community for at least 13 hours a day, many people are deterred from swimming there by the crowds and because the time set aside for recreational swimming does not fit into their schedules.

"People need a place [where] they can exercise when they have a free moment," he said. The new pool could be available to the MIT public all day nine months of the year and still be able to accommodate all the competitive-aquatic teams.

Money remains a hurdle

The consensus among speakers at the visiting committee meeting was to proceed with the first stage of the plan and build the pool and housing locker rooms at a cost of $15.4 million.

Flippin said there "has been a stated intention to secure a neighborhood gift to make the project a reality." Shank reported that an alumnum has pledged $5 million toward construction of the facility and said that $12 million will be needed altogether by the end of June in order for the plan to proceed on schedule.

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By Danny Su

Coming off a disappointing 11-16 season, the MIT baseball team hopes it can reverse its record this year. The team is young and talented, with only three seniors. Fran Brooks Mendell ‘93. Paulsen, the starting catcher last year, is taking a year off, and Mendell, who had a record of 2-2 with an ERA of 4.05, is out for the season because of a back injury. But the team plans to repeat as the Constitution Athletic Conference champions, a division that includes Woonsocket Polytechnic Institute, the Coast Guard Academy, and Norwich, Western New England, and Babson Colleges. O'Brien expects tough competition from the Coast Guard Academy, which finished second last year and has the strongest lineup coming back this year.

The pitching staff is anchored by Peter Hinteregger ‘93 and Eric Hopkins ‘94. Hinteregger compiled a record of 6-1 with an ERA of 2.69 last year and led in almost every pitching category, including complete games, innings pitched, victories, and strikeouts. He was also the team MVP and was selected to the All New England team. Hopkins had a record of 2-6 with an ERA of 7.57 and one save. When he is not pitching, Hopkins, along with two other players, will fill the catching void left by Paulsen. Coach O'Brien also plans to use him occasionally as a closer, and said he wouldn’t be surprised to see Hopkins play all three positions in one game.

Behind the one-two punch of Hinteregger and Hopkins, Nate Ritter ‘93 (0-1, 12.22) and Rob Lepard ‘95 will be the number three and four starters. Although Ritter had a rough season last year, he has the “best stuff” among the team’s pitchers, according to O’Brien, who expects Ritter to have a better season and more consistency. When Lepard is not starting, he will fulfill the long relief role in the bullpen. He is joined by Matt Gimre ‘92, who is coming back from arm problems, and Mike Purucker ‘92. With only seven pitchers on the staff and one southpaw (Gimre), the team will have to juggle its pitching staff to avoid problems when it has four games in four days.

Infield is the strength of the team. At shortstop is Dan Sabonish ‘94, who batted .258 last year, led the team in RBIs with 16, and was second in slugging percentage. He will also play third base this year. Hinteregger is playing shortstop. O’Brien is very impressed with the development of Sabonish and expects him to play a bigger role this year.

The starting second baseman is John Mueller ‘94. Mueller batted .372 last year and led the team in walks, runs scored, and doubles. He will help behind the plate when Hopkins is pitching. Ian Somerville ‘93 is the starting third baseman. He led the team in walks last year and batted .288. He is also one of the three catchers. Gimre will play first base when he is not pitching. Brian Christiansen ‘94 is the utility man of the team. He is the most versatile player and plays all the infield positions. O’Brien expects Christiansen to fill any void around the infield on any given day.

In contrast to the infield, holes need to be filled in the outfield. After the entire starting outfield graduated, O’Brien has asked Mike Purucker ‘93 to move from the infield to the base of the outfield. Purucker was the starting third baseman in 1989 and missed last season due to back injury. According to O’Brien, Purucker is the quickest guy on the team. O’Brien also expects great contributions from Jon Gass ‘94 (359) and John Olson ‘94. Olson had an excellent pre-season and will play a bigger role this year. Olson and Gass will be joined by Lepard in the outfield when they are not pitching.

With only seven home runs last year and no additional power hitter, O’Brien does not expect many home runs this season. Instead, the team will try to score one run at a time. Purucker is the leadoff hitter, and he has the best ability to steal bases on the team. Although O’Brien describes the pitching staff as average, they will try to move the runners whenever possible by using plenty of hit-and-run and stolen base strategies. Christiansen is the best hit-and-run hitter, and Mueller has the best bat control. But in general, the team will use the hit and run anywhere in the lineup. Also, the team will use bunts, squeezes, and safety squeezes to move the runners.

O’Brien said this is a team without any superstars, and he expects no one to carry the whole offensive load. He expects great leadership from team captains Hopkins and Purucker. On any given day, he believes this team can beat anybody, even Division I powerhouse like Harvard, Boston University, and Boston College. It’s hard not to believe him.

This year leaves Wednesday for six games in Florida. Their first home game is on March 31 at 3 p.m. against Harvard. If you enjoy the little things in baseball, like bunting, squeeze play, and other, more fundamental aspects of the game, I strongly encourage you to go out and watch them play. It’s sure to be an exciting season.
Arel Wins Highest Division III Gymnastics Award

By Catherine Rocchio

Three MIT women gymnasts participated in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Division III championships March 6-7 at Cortland State University in Cortland, N.Y. All won awards. Kortney Leabourne ’92 and Julie Lyren ’93 were voted Academic All-Americans, while Lisa Arel ’92, topping an amazing career in MIT gymnastics, was voted Outstanding Senior Gymnast of the Year, the highest honor Division III gymnastics offers.

Eight teams qualified for the championships, as did the top eight individuals from colleges that did not qualify as a team. The teams that qualified were from Gustavus Adolphus College and Hamline College in Minnesota; Ottershow, LeCrosse, and River Falls Universities from Wisconsin; and Ithaca College and the State Universities of New York at Brockport and Cortland. Individual qualifiers represented MIT, Linus College, and the Universities of Wisconsin at La Crosse, Stout, and Superior. The three women MIT sent represented the best showing MIT has ever made at the national championships.

Leabourne, competing in her second national championship, had an excellent meet. She gave her best performance of the year in the floor exercise, performing a full-twisting layout somersault in her second tumbling pass for the first time in her college career. The difficulty of her routine and her energetic dance style were rewarded with a score of 8.6. Leabourne finished up the meet and her last competitive moment on her favorite event, vaulting, and stood up a beautiful handspring full-twist for a score of 8.3.

Competing in her first national championship, Julie Lyren had the best overall score among MIT women, finishing in eighth place. Lyren’s hard work over the past year paid off, as every event looked polished and smooth. Floor exercise was Lyren’s first event, where difficult tumbling combined with dynamic leaps and jumps earned an 8.9. Lyren qualified for the finals on the balance beam, where two back handsprings, straddle jumps, and a roundoff-back somersault dismount earned a score of 9.05. Lyren received a medal for her total score of 34.8.

Arel qualified for the finals in both floor exercise and balance beam, but a bad break on the uneven parallel bars cost her a shot at an overall medal. She performed her difficult floor exercise with grace, beautiful style, and flexibility. Her marvelous routine earned a score of 9.1, assuring her of a spot in the finals the next day.

But Arel’s luck turned in the next two events. Her powerful and well-linked full-twist handspring in the vault received a lower than expected score of 8.3. And on the bars she lost her grip on the lower bar in the middle of a move she’d done thousands of times in competition and practice. The fall cost her her spot in the all-around standings as her routine received only an 8.1.

Despite her bad luck, Arel shook off her disappointment and competed superbly on the balance beam, where her routine earned an 8.85 and qualified her for the finals. The finals were held on Saturday, where the top twelve gymnasts on each event from the previous day’s competition competed again for the six All-American titles and medals on each event. Arel had perhaps the best beam routine of her life and earned an 8.8, a score that moved her from twelfth place on the event to fifth for an All-American title. Her floor exercise was again outstanding and received a score of 9.05, landing her in seventh place overall for that event.

Lyren, the last competitor on the balance beam, suffered a few wobbles after the tension of the long wait but fought and succeeded in staying on the apparatus, earning an 8.35 and placing eighth overall.

Left: Julie Lyren ’93 reaches for the stars while practicing one of her award-winning routines. Below Right: Kortney Leabourne ’92 demonstrates her grace on the balance beam. Bottom: Which way is up? Julie Lyren ’93 and Kortney Leabourne ’92 confuse the issue with a show of strength on the balance beam.