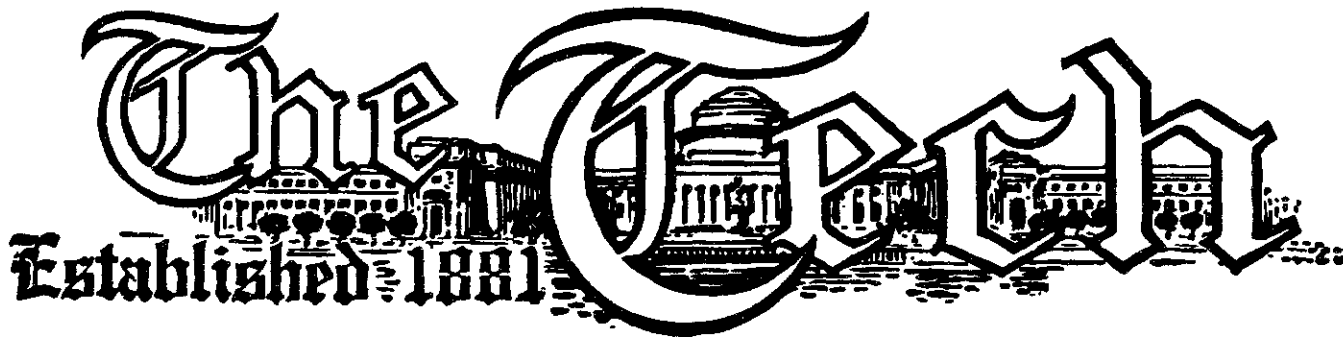


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## EECS Presents 5-Year Masters Program to Students Today

By Sarah Y. Keightley  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science will present the new EECS curricu-



MIT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE PHOTO  
Paul L. Penfield ScD '60

lum proposal to students and faculty in the department at a formal discussion today. The proposal includes a five-year Masters of Engineering program, which would eventually replace the bachelor's degree as the primary professional program offered by the department.

The M.Eng. degree would be the principal degree offered under the new plan. At the end of their junior year, all students in good academic standing would be automatically accepted into the M.Eng. program.

The department sent out invitations for the discussion to all of its students, faculty, and staff. Professor Paul L. Penfield Jr. ScD '60, head of the department and chairman of the Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee, will describe the pro-

posal and then open up the floor for discussion. There will also be a presentation of "details that the faculty have not heard about yet," Penfield said.

Today's colloquium will mark the first presentation of the curriculum proposal to students. Penfield said the committee wants to get students' reaction to the plan. The discussion will serve as the EECS follow-up to the recent "Teaching in a Research University" colloquium.

Penfield said the department may include a paragraph describing the proposed curriculum in next year's Bulletin. The paragraph "does not give details; it states we are planning these changes without a com-

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## Dorms May Pay Fee for Cafeterias

By Karen Kaplan  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The House Dining Committee yesterday distributed copies of their proposal for keeping dormitory dining halls open for another year without having them incur any more

debt. The committee will make recommendations very similar to those in the proposal to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson on Friday.

At the center of the proposal is a recommendation to have all resi-

dents of Baker House, MacGregor House, McCormick Hall, and Next House pay a flat fee of \$1,300 per year to become members of the House Dining System. In exchange for membership, which is mandatory, students will be able to buy food in the dining halls for 35 percent of the normal retail price. All other patrons of house dining halls will have to pay full retail prices, as will dining system members when they eat at Lobdell Court, Networks, or Mors Hall in Walker Memorial.

If adopted, the system will run for a trial period of one year, beginning this fall.

Professor of History William B. Watson, who chairs the dining committee, said the plan was the best solution available given the constraints faced by the committee. The majority of respondents to a survey distributed before spring break in Baker, MacGregor, McCormick, and Next preferred to keep the dining halls open. But that can only be done if the deficits run by these din-

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## Women, Minorities Visit For Preview Weekend

By Eva Moy  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Last weekend, MIT welcomed 258 new faces as prospective freshmen flocked to the campus from all over the country for the Campus Preview/Minority Spring Weekend. Admitted women and underrepresented minorities — African Americans, Native Americans, Mexican Americans, and Puerto Ricans — had a chance to "go around, be a student, and explore," said Luis M. Gonzalez '92, one of the student coordinators for the weekend.

"We tried to give people a variety of views of MIT ... not think that everybody carries around an HP," said Derek X. Walker '92, another student coordinator.

The weekend included many organized activities, including welcome receptions, tours of athletic facilities and UROP labs, and a discussion on financial aid.

On Friday, Professor of Archaeology and Ancient Technology Heather N. Lechtman lectured on "The First Scientific Americans." She spoke about the way ancient peoples in Latin America and other countries used complex metallurgical techniques. It was "a nice way to relate the humanities to the technology," said Natalya Eliashberg '93, also a student coordinator.

There were also several social

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## MIT Students March in Washington for Choice

By Deborah A. Levinson  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

WASHINGTON

How many giant public gatherings can a city host in one weekend? In the case of Washington this past weekend, there were five: the

### Reporter's Notebook

Hands Around the Capitol rally for D.C. statehood, the Cherry Blossom Festival and celebratory 10K run, exhibition baseball between the Red Sox and the Philadelphia Phillies at RFK Stadium, and, of course, the 1992 March for Women's Lives and accompanying pro-life protest.

Early estimates of attendance at

the March for Women's Lives ranged from 500,000 to 800,000, with the National Organization for Women claiming as many as 1 million. The U.S. Park Police estimate eventually settled at 500,000, qualifying the gathering one of the largest in D.C. history.

When I told *The Tech's* editor in chief that I would be attending the march, he made me promise not to write about the uplifting spirit of camaraderie one gets from marching in support of a common cause. Now, after having marched, I can say that yes, that spirit exists; but more than anything, marching with 499,999 other people is a surreal experience.

By the time my roommate and I arrived at the Ellipse at 10 on Sunday morning, there were already thousands of people milling around



PHOTO BY SIMSON L. GARFINKEL

Sgt. Stephen Daley displays several items up for sale at the Campus Police auction, held Friday.

## CP Auction Brings In Much Money, Humor

By Simson L. Garfinkel

Time for another Campus Police auction.

The second-ever Campus Police Auction had been advertised for weeks, mostly through posters and a notice or two in Tech Talk. Its purpose: to clean out four year's worth of property that had been steadily accumulating in the CP's lost-and-found pile since the last auction.

"It gives students and others a chance to get a hold of equipment and property at pretty low rates," explained Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin.

A small group of MIT students and staff gathered outside W31-255 last Friday just before noon, when the event was scheduled to begin. Although most didn't know what they were looking for, Noah Freedman, a staff member of the Free Software Foundation, knew exactly what he wanted. "I'm looking for a modem — 9600 baud — and possibly a Lisp Machine," Freedman said.

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on the grass, loosely clustered under banners like "Catholics for Choice" or "Nerds for Choice" (MIT's contingent). When we left the Ellipse to begin the march, there were so many people that it took us an hour to move the 50 yards to 17th Street, where the march began.

Marchers came in costume, like the Vikings holding spears with oversized, impaled papier-mâché sperm, or the woman dressed as a cow carrying the sign "My Womb is Udderly My Own." On the MIT front, Eva D. Regnier '92 held an uplifted coat hanger sporting "Nerds [square root of 16] Choice" and "Nerds 2<sup>2</sup> Choice." (Our neighbors, liberal arts majors from the University of Pennsylvania, were not amused.) Sherri A. Lee '93 lofted "MIT Witches for Choice," complete with pentagram symbol.

People chanted "Two, four, six, eight. What do you do when Barbara's late?" as we passed the White House. There were Grandmas for Choice, Former Fetuses for Choice, and Combinatorialists for Choice mingling with members of the more conventional Planned Parenthood, NOW, and the National Abortion Rights Action League. If all of that doesn't add up to something surreal, I don't know what does.

The pro-life forces had their share of strangeness, too. While only about 2,000 people showed up to protest abortion, those who did managed to incorporate bullhorns, life-size paintings of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus, and protesters dressed as Death, wearing white

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# WORLD & NATION

## Military Joins Fujimori to Rule Embattled Peru

THE WASHINGTON POST

LIMA, PERU

President Alberto Fujimori joined with the armed forces Sunday night to dissolve the Peruvian Congress, placing prominent legislators and opposition leaders under arrest, suspending civil liberties, and sending armored vehicles into the streets.

Elected president in 1990 with a populist mandate, Fujimori told the nation in a televised address that he and the military would rule "temporarily" by decree because legislative and judicial authorities were hampering his reform efforts.

"Our objective is to achieve ... a prosperous and democratic society," Fujimori said in the same steely, measured tones that on other occasions he had used to announce gasoline price hikes or cabinet nominations. "The current democratic system is deceptive, false; its institutions routinely serve the interests of the privileged groups."

Fujimori's action, which was widely described here as an auto-golpe — a self-administered coup d'etat — was the latest blow for a country already beset by numbing poverty, a growing leftist insurgency, and the dubious distinction of being the world's leading producer of coca, the plant from which cocaine is processed.

The apparently bloodless power grab was also a slap in the face for the Bush administration, which has staunchly defended Fujimori's record on such issues as human rights and drug trafficking in the face of sharp criticism from U.S. congressmen. Officials said Assistant Secretary of State Bernard W. Aronson, who was visiting Lima at the time of the takeover, would return to Washington without meeting with Fujimori.

The White House Monday called Fujimori's action a "regrettable step backwards." The State Department called for "the full and immediate restoration of constitutional democracy," and said current aid programs would be suspended and requests to Congress reviewed.

## Striking Caterpillar Workers Refuse to Return

THE WASHINGTON POST

PEORIA, ILL.

Defying a company ultimatum to return to work or risk losing their positions to replacement workers, thousands of striking employees at Caterpillar Inc. stayed off the job Monday in a dramatic struggle that could determine the future strength of organized labor.

Caterpillar officials said roughly 400 workers crossed picket lines and returned to their jobs at the start of the morning shift, only a fraction of the more than 12,000 United Auto Workers members who have been striking the heavy-equipment manufacturer, some of them since last fall.

But with no new negotiations scheduled between the two sides, the test of wills is only starting to build in what is shaping up as the most important U.S. labor-management confrontation since President Reagan fired striking air traffic controllers more than a decade ago.

## Supreme Court Limits Government 'Sting Operations'

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

In a surprise ruling that limits government "sting operations," the Supreme Court said Monday that investigators may not seek to trap an "unwary innocent" unless they first have clear evidence that the person is likely to commit a crime.

The 5-4 decision overturns the conviction of a Nebraska farmer who ordered illegal child pornography through the mails, but only after U.S. Postal Service inspectors sent him at least 10 solicitations over 26 months.

"In their zeal to enforce the law, government agents may not originate a criminal design, implant in an innocent person's mind the disposition to commit a criminal act, and then induce commission of the crime so that the government may prosecute," wrote Justice Byron R. White for the court.

"The prosecution must prove beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant was disposed to commit the criminal act prior to first being approached by government agents," he added.

Experts on the so-called "entrapment defense" said Monday's decision does not make new law so much it as strongly restates a position first taken in 1958 by the more liberal court led by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

## WEATHER

### April Showers

By Michael C. Morgan  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Mild, more spring-like weather is anticipated for most of the week as the coldest air over North America is locked up in northwestern Canada. A "piece" of that cold air might reach the area in time for the weekend. In the shorter range, a cold front approaching from the west tonight will spread rain and rain showers into the area.

**Tuesday:** Increasing clouds and mild. High 55°F (13°C)

**Tuesday night:** Cloudy with rain and rain showers. Low 43°F (6°C)

**Wednesday:** Morning rain showers ending followed by clearing. A late afternoon shower possible. High 55-60°F (13-16°C). Low 30-35°F (-1-2°C)

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny and continued mild. High around 53°F (12°C). Low 40°F (4°C).

## Clinton and Brown Trade Charges On the Eve of New York's Primary

By Dan Balz and E.J. Dionne Jr.  
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

After two weeks of high-voltage campaigning, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and former California governor Jerry Brown traded final charges Monday on the eve of a primary that could prove crucial to Clinton's candidacy.

The Democratic candidates battled through two final debates, with Clinton hammering Brown's proposed flat-tax proposal while seeking to ease doubts among New York voters about his own character, then took to the streets for last-minute appeals to an electorate that has shown displeasure with both of them.

Although there also are contests Tuesday in Wisconsin and Kansas, attention remained fixed on the big primary here in New York, where a Clinton victory would set the Democratic front-runner back on the path to the nomination and make it virtually impossible for Brown or anyone else to catch him.

An upset victory by Brown, who stormed into New York after his March 24 victory in Connecticut, could throw the Democratic contest into turmoil, possibly bringing former Massachusetts senator Paul E. Tsongas back into the race and encouraging new talk about finding an alternative to Clinton.

Clinton remains the favorite to win in New York, but voter dissatisfaction and the fact that Tsongas remains on the ballot here have added an element of uncertainty.

"If the people of New York think as much of me as I do of them, I'll win here tomorrow," Clinton said Monday afternoon before a rally on the campus of Syracuse University.

Lee M. Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute of Public Opinion, said both Clinton and Brown succeeded in making their attacks on each other stick, leading to high lev-



Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton



Former Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown

els of voter dissatisfaction with both of them.

Late last week, Clinton appeared to have bounced back from a stumbling and defensive start here, and he and aides were quietly confident about his prospects. But because so many voters seemed turned off by the choice they faced, Clinton still faced difficulties in getting lukewarm supporters to the polls.

Stanley Greenberg, Clinton's polltaker, said he expected Tsongas to get over the 15 percent he needed to win delegates, but did not see him endangering Clinton, whom Greenberg said was headed for a "solid" New York victory.

Tsongas said he would announce his plans tomorrow after the primary and that his decision would depend on both his performance and Clinton's. But he did not say how well he would have to do — or how

poorly Clinton would have to fare — for him to rejoin the race.

Clinton left New York in the afternoon, flying off to Wisconsin and Kansas for last-minute campaigning in a quest for a three-state sweep, before returning to Arkansas, where he planned to attend funeral services for retailing giant Sam Walton, who died Sunday.

Brown continued to work New York furiously with an afternoon rally upstate in Albany and then an evening rally in Brooklyn.

The two candidates began the day on a quiet note, spending nearly an hour in a serious conversation about domestic policy on a special edition of the "Donahue" show Monday morning. But during a half-hour joint appearance on NBC's "Today" show, they renewed the combat that had dominated their campaigning here.

Brown retreated on the flat tax issue, saying he "would never sign any bill that in any way jeopardized Social Security" and volunteered that he would adjust his 13 percent tax, if necessary, to assure that low- and moderate-income families pay lower taxes under his plan.

Clinton, whose campaign was jolted over the weekend by a disclosure that he had received a draft induction notice in the spring of 1969, defended himself when "Today" show host Bryant Gumbel suggested he had been less than candid with the press and public about his draft record and his use of marijuana.

"I told the truth about the marijuana issue when I was asked a direct question," Clinton said. "When I didn't, I wasn't running for president."

On the draft, he said, "I hated the Vietnam War. I didn't want to be drafted. I tried to get out of it. Then I put myself back in the draft. No one disputes those facts."

## Yeltsin Has Confidence of Russian Parliament — But Only Barely

By Carey Goldberg

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin defeated, but just barely, a proposal to hold a vote of no confidence in his government as a crucial session of Parliament opened Monday.

But he is still expected to face new barrages of wrath from lawmakers Tuesday when he reports on the foundering economy.

In a 447-412 vote, the Russian Congress of People's Deputies turned down a proposal to add to its nine-day agenda a vote of no confidence in the government.

But the nearly 1,000 deputies insisted that Yeltsin himself, rather than his economics chief, Yegor T. Gaidar, justify the government's agonizing economic reform program and subject himself to the political flogging sure to follow the report.

"They want to humiliate him," lawmaker Leonid Gurevich, a Yeltsin ally from Murmansk, said angrily during a break in the session. "It's pure political gamesmanship."

Yeltsin also faces a major parliamentary battle over the shape of the new Russian constitution. He has said he will fight for a powerful presidency to guide the country through these years of turmoil, but opponents are calling for a stronger Parliament.

"We can afford no unconstitutional methods," Ruslan Khasbul-

atov, the Parliament's chairman, said Monday. "We need dialogue rather than a monologue. We need compromise."

In contrast, Sergei M. Shakhrai, Yeltsin's top legal adviser, swore that by the Congress' end, Russia will have a clear hierarchy from the president on down.

"Dual power will cease at this Congress. Either a presidential republic will triumph, or chaos," Shakhrai said.

According to a survey of deputies released Monday, both Yeltsin's economic reform program and his push for more powers will run into strong resistance from the lawmakers.

A poll conducted by the Congress' sociological service found that 47.7 percent of the deputies thought that the reform program needed serious alterations, and 33.8 percent thought that the program would ruin the country and had to be immediately changed.

And 55.4 percent thought that greater powers should be given the Parliament, not the president.

In a surprise move, Russian Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi also addressed the Congress, calling on the government to use Russian soldiers to maintain the peace in Moldova, a republic in the southwestern region of the former Soviet Union that is caught up in ethnic warfare.

Rutskoi, a former military pilot, argued that, although Russia has announced that it will not intervene

in conflicts outside its borders, it has an obligation to defend the many ethnic Russians caught in the crossfire in the separatist splinter of Moldova known as the Dniester Republic.

"It's time to draw the line so that other countries know that they carry full responsibility for Russians, for citizens of Russia," he said. "Look at the United States, how they defend their citizens, while we, to date, haven't defended one citizen."

The 14th Army, former Soviet forces that Russia took under its jurisdiction last week, should be used as a buffer in Moldova, Rutskoi maintained.

He proposed that the Congress, as Russia's highest governmental body, adopt a resolution pledging that the 14th Army would halt the armed clashes and calling on the Commonwealth of Independent States, the loose-knit successor to the old Soviet Union, to quickly form its own peacekeeping forces.

However, Yeltsin's adviser on ethnic policy, Galina Starovoitova, said that Rutskoi's proposal, which was handed over to a newly created commission Monday, could not work.

"Moldova is a sovereign independent state which was recognized by the international community," Starovoitova said, "and we cannot introduce troops or even keep troops in each territory without the agreement of the Parliament and the legal power in Moldova."

# Duke Captures Second Consecutive NCAA Title

By Steve Berkowitz  
THE WASHINGTON POST

MINNEAPOLIS

Say it again because Duke has done it again. The Blue Devils last night became the first team to repeat as national college basketball champions in 19 years by defeating Michigan, 71-51, in the NCAA tournament final at the Metrodome.

Duke put the game away with a 17-4 run that consumed eight of the last nine minutes. It began after Michigan had cut a seven-point deficit to 48-45 with nine minutes to play. As they did from nearly beginning to end — they trailed at the half, 31-30 — the Blue Devils did much of their damage along the baseline.

Sophomore swingman Grant Hill, who totaled 18 points and 10 rebounds, clearly found something in Michigan's defense when he drove the left baseline for two layups in about 30 seconds late in the first half. Hill, of Reston, Va., was named player of the game for Duke.

Freshman forward Chris Webber (14 points) was player of the game for Michigan, which shot a meager 29 percent, 9 for 31, in the second

half and ended with its lowest point total in eight years.

Junior point guard Bobby Hurley (nine points, seven assists) was named the Final Four MVP. He tied his career high with 26 points in the semifinal win over Indiana on Saturday. Senior center Christian Laettner, after an atrocious first 10 minutes, ended up with a game-high 19 points and seven rebounds.

Duke (34-2) becomes the first team to repeat as national champions since UCLA won seven in a row from 1967 to 1973. It also becomes the first team to remain top-ranked from the preseason polls through the postseason tournament since Indiana in 1976.

"This is the greatest year I've ever had as a coach," said Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, "and to culminate it with this victory. ... It's been incredible coaching these guys. To be number one all season and do the things they did, they were the best."

"It keeps getting better each time," said Hurley. "It wasn't the prettiest game but we got the job done."

Michigan (25-9) and its five freshman stars can look to the future with thoughts of a tremendous, and

mostly unanticipated, run through the tournament. The school's athletic department was so pleased that it announced Sunday that it would host a pep rally honoring the team this afternoon at Crisler Arena, regardless of last night's outcome.

The second half began with Michigan guard Jalen Rose whispering in Hill's ear as the teams lined up to begin play. Hill just grinned, and the Blue Devils all could grin early on.

Laettner quickly converted a fast-break layup and a three-point goal, and Thomas Hill (16 points, seven rebounds) drove the baseline for another layup that gave Duke a 37-33 lead. Hill's play was a continuation of the first-half success the Blue Devils — Grant Hill, in particular (he didn't appear bothered by the bruised knee he suffered in Saturday's game) — had attacking Michigan along the baseline.

Said Grant Hill: "Coach told us about that before the game in the scouting report, that the drive was there."

Rose and Webber, Michigan's spearheads through the tournament, then committed their third fouls 33 seconds apart, the latter with about

17 minutes to play. They each departed, but only momentarily. Duke missed a couple of chances to increase its lead to six, but it continued to make some progress.

With the score 41-39 and 12:45 left, Rose committed his fourth foul trying to prevent a third-chance basket by Cherokee Parks. He was replaced by junior Michael Talley. Michigan recouped a bit a few seconds later, when Hurley committed his third foul, pursuing a loose ball.

However, after a TV timeout with a little more than 11 minutes left, Laettner made one of his trademark game-altering three-pointers for a 46-39 Duke lead, the game's largest margin to that point. It prompted Michigan Coach Steve Fisher to send Rose back into the game.

The Wolverines responded with two baskets while Duke missed three relatively easy shots. Hurley then made it four misses in a row, and committed his fourth foul trying to take the rebound from Webber, of all people, with nine minutes left. He initially stayed in, then departed.

Meanwhile, Duke's cold shooting continued, and when Rose cut the margin to 48-45 with seven

minutes left, Duke called time out. Laettner went baseline for a reverse layup and then stole an entry lob pass for Webber. Duke proceeded to work the shot clock below five seconds before Grant Hill again drove the baseline for another layup, making the score 52-45.

Michigan's problems continued to mount. Jimmy King missed a three-pointer, and Webber committed his fourth foul with 5:17 remaining — a foul that also put Duke into the one-and-one. He stayed in, but Michigan took a timeout to regroup.

Play resumed with Laettner converting the one-and-one for a 54-45 bulge. Michigan's James Voskuil made two free throws, but Thomas Hill made a third-chance layup and Grant Hill continued Duke's pounding of the Wolverines' baseline defense by driving to and under the goal against the foul-saddled Rose for a dunk that made it 58-47 with 3½ minutes left.

Webber scored to make it 58-49, but Grant Hill scored on a tip-in, made a steal, and after Duke spread the court, he passed to Antonio Lang for a dunk that made it 62-49 with 1:50 to play. Michigan called time and the celebration was on.

# Science Writer, 'Robotics' Creator Isaac Asimov Dies

By Sidney C. Schaer

NEWSDAY

NEW YORK

More than 40 years ago, a character in Isaac Asimov's most famous science fiction series, the "Foundation" trilogy, said, "My novels are going to be interesting and are going to sell and be famous. What's the use of writing books unless you sell them and become well-known? I don't want some old professors to know me. It's got to be everybody."

Even as he was writing those words, Asimov was establishing his reputation as one of the world's premier science fiction writers. Asimov, who died in New York Monday at 72, ultimately became

this century's most recognized one-man encyclopedist — with 477 published titles by his own count.

Long before the advent of the Information Age, Asimov was a singular information processor. "Isaac Asimov is the greatest explainer of the age," said Carl Sagan, the Cornell University astronomer.

Such a feat was accomplished by an extraordinary combination of imagination and intellect: an imagination that allowed him to soar into the future matched with an intellect that allowed him to roam in the past and present, searching for explanations of anything and everything.

"Isaac wrote seminal works of science fiction, and I suspect that long after his other contributions

sort of blend into history, his speculations about robotics and artificial intelligence will survive long into the future," said longtime collaborator Martin Greenberg, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay.

Asimov, along with the genre's two other acknowledged giants, the late Robert Heinlein and Arthur C. Clarke, influenced the generation that propelled us into space and landed us on the moon, Greenberg said. The coming generation, he said, will have been much more influenced by the technology of moviemaking, particularly the George Lucas epics.

"Before, the sense of wonder was strictly with the writers," said

Greenberg, who during the past 15 years collaborated with Asimov on more than 100 anthologies.

A man of little false humility, Asimov could be self-deprecating and self-congratulatory at the same time. Consider the citation in the most recent "Who's Who," which runs 128 lines — mostly devoted to listing his published works but including a recipe for living that says in part: "I have been fortunate to be born with a restless and efficient brain, with a capacity of clear thought and an ability to put that thought into words ... I am the lucky beneficiary of a lucky break in the genetic sweepstakes."

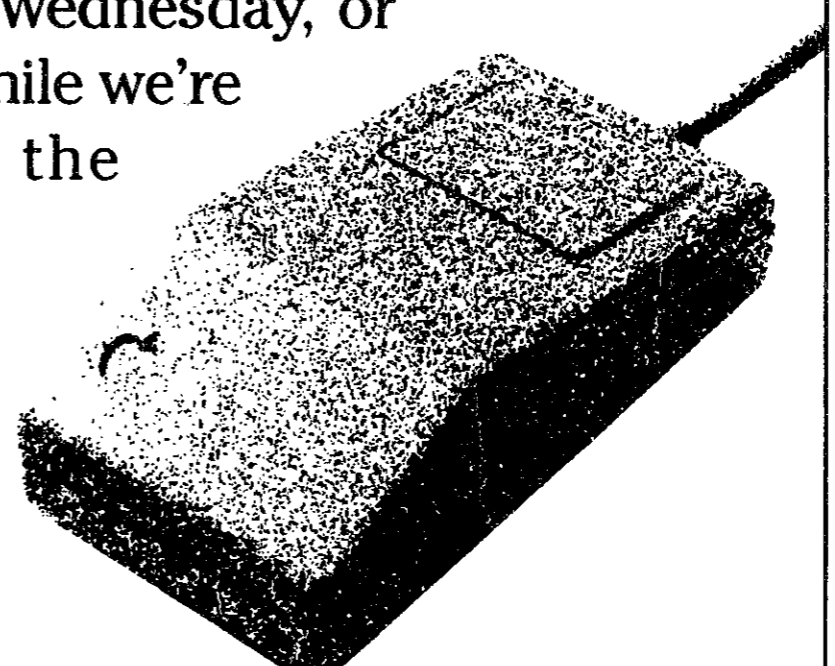
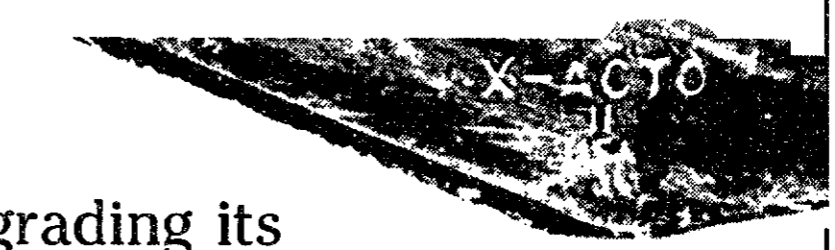
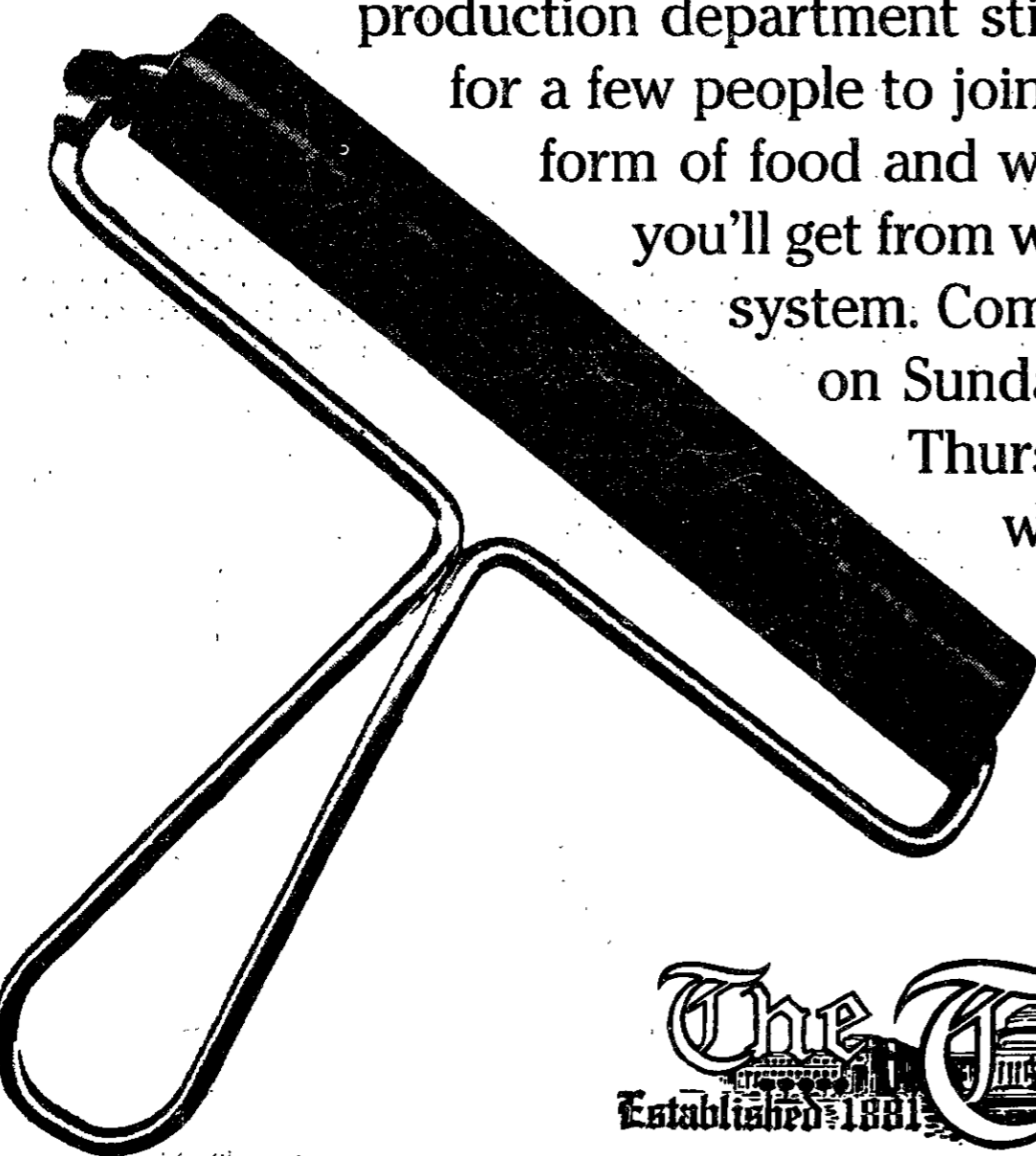
Although he could not lay claim to publishing the largest number of

books (the *Guinness Book of Records* identifies that champion as Josef Ignacy Kraszewski, a Polish writer of the 19th century who produced more than 600 volumes), Asimov did cover the largest range of subjects. He managed over his creative lifetime to have at least one book included in each of the Dewey Decimal System's 10 major library classifications.

Asimov explored what interested him: Shakespeare, the Bible, Gilbert and Sullivan, limericks, history, whether it be Roman, Greek or American. He annotated "Gulliver's Travels" and collected Sherlock Holmes limericks.

## Tools of the Trade ...

Over the last few months, *The Tech* has been upgrading its typesetting and composition facilities. But that doesn't mean that our production department still doesn't need your help. We are looking for a few people to join our production department. Pay is in the form of food and weekly pizza, and of course the experience you'll get from working with our state-of-the-art production system. Come by for pizza Sunday at 6 p.m., or stop by on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday night while we're working on the issue.



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# OPINION

## An Apology

The Tech recently produced an April Fool's Day issue, a satire both of itself and of the MIT community at large. Like most satire, *The Daily Reamer* generated a lot of interest and discussion. Many people liked it, others hated it. Both are normal, acceptable reactions.

Unfortunately, though, many readers were offended and disturbed by it — definitely not reactions a publication that is intended to be cynical, witty, and entertaining should provoke. Many potentially funny references to recent events were taken too far. An excessive focus on sexually graphic material and jokes spoiled both the issue's humor and its tastefulness. We

apologize for this breach of the trust you, our readers, place in us.

In one instance, these errors in judgment have had serious consequences. Through a long series of remarks and stories, *The Reamer* fabricated and authenticated lies about several people, particularly Anne S. Tsao '94. In the wake of *The Reamer's* baseless insinuations, Tsao has received dozens of comments and questions about her private life from friends, professors, even from total strangers. Her reputation has been damaged and her character assaulted, though she did nothing to provoke this. We apologize to Tsao and hope that this ordeal will soon be nothing more than an unpleasant memory.



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### Editorial

**Column by Matthew H. Hersch**  
*OPINION EDITOR*

With all the brilliance in the MIT community, you would think that even a handful of talented individuals could put together a pretty decent campus TV station. So why does TV36 programming look like it was produced by two morons who swiped a video camera and can think of nothing better to do with it than take pictures of their feet and play with the white balance?

Not that the station's participants are inept — quite the opposite. With its innovative, dizzying graphics and often capable, witty hosting, it is surprising that MIT Cable shows aren't better than they are. But maybe because these individuals subscribe to crude ideas of video, or maybe because they just don't care, shows like *The Jean and Pablo Show* and the now defunct *Pet or Meat* excuse cluelessness as spontaneity and crudity as humor.

I appreciate the effort MIT Cable people are investing in the community, and I realize that they receive little for their sacrifices. But given the capabilities of MIT students, why

hasn't the community taken greater advantage of the resources television could provide?

Televising classroom lectures, especially the boring early morning ones, would be a great idea. Many a cold winter morning I have lurched from my slumber, driven half-mad by the realization that I must walk to class. It's

these classes might even be in English.

Maybe *The Tech* could sponsor a short community news program. Or how about this: a Kresge channel that would televise all the random flamage in Kresge Auditorium, like the conventions and symposiums that happen under the collective noses of the students,

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not like I really would miss anything by watching 18.02 or 6.001 on TV — even when I attended these classes in person I was a mere spectator in the back of the room, often snoozing. It seems as though lectures are much like concerts and Wimbledon tennis — watching the TV coverage is more interesting than getting bad seats at the live performance. Unlike the French-Canadian music video feed that usually fills the TV36 signal track, some of

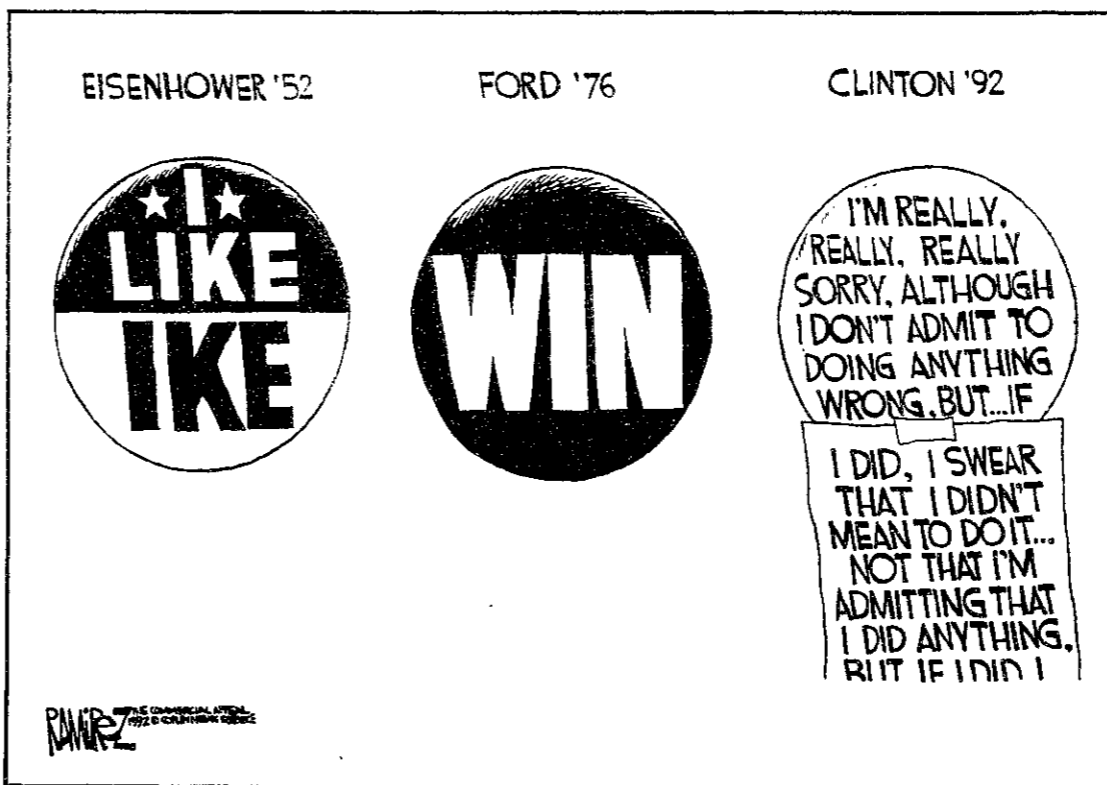
often with no more explanation than those plastic signs on sticks pointing everywhere? Or how about a public service program, that would expose in *60 Minutes* fashion the dangers lurking in the MIT community, like the Registrar's Office or the kitchen at Networks?

Departments could run "infomercials" to coax freshman into signing up for certain majors. Campus Activities could run entertaining announcements for upcoming activities. In the tradition of courtroom TV, how about televising Committee on Discipline proceedings? We could even be open-minded and let Chuck Vest and some of his administration buddies say something once in a while.

We could use Cable TV36 as a forum for independent filmmakers in the community, as well as give Media Lab hackers a chance to show their stuff. Students in film classes would certainly appreciate broadcasts of the films in the syllabi, something TV36 used to do. For those impoverished students (such as myself) who don't have VCR's, such a service would really ease the task of writing papers, and might even help (gasp!) our education.

MIT is badly in need of a TV station, and Cable TV36 seems desperately in need of a mission. The two were made for each other.

TV36 honestly needs some work, and not just in improving its signal-to-noise ratio. I like my *Musique Plus* as much as anyone, but the MIT community can easily come up with more than an hour of original programming each week.



## Her Viewpoint: A Forum for Women's Opinions

**Column by Joanna Stone**  
*ARTS EDITOR*

The Feminist: Tough, radical, outspoken dyke who hates all men, doesn't shave her legs or pits, and smells.

It's a blatant stereotype, yet one many women are willing to accept at face value. I am particularly appalled to find a large number of the female population at MIT determined to disassociate themselves from the term "feminist" and its commonly perceived connotations. I am also surprised to find these women so readily willing to subscribe to stereotyping — those who themselves have been subjected to similar broad pigeonholing.

The MIT Woman: Unattractive, wears thick glasses, doesn't bathe often, spends all her time studying, lacks all social skills, only got into MIT because it needed more women.

We all know there is no single type of MIT woman that can be defined by a list of attributes that all MIT women have. Likewise there is not one type of feminist. MIT women run the spectrum of race, religion, and geographical origin, as well as study, social, and bathing habits. Feminists cover the same spectra, including those of shaving and bathing habits. What all MIT women do have in common is that we are a minority and are vastly misconceived by others. What all feminists have in common is a concern for women's issues and an awareness that women are often treated differently than men

It would seem that at a school such as MIT, where women are a definite minority, such concern and awareness would be more a part of the reigning order. This column, the first in a series, is designed to serve this purpose by creating a forum for all feminist viewpoints — from the most radical to the most conservative. If you believe all men should be killed and the human race propagated by the

use of sperm reserves, you should write a column expressing your opinion. If you think women should stay home and raise the kids and always obey their husbands who are inherently superior because they are men, you too should write a column expressing your opinion.

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# Fraternity Sets Example of Tolerance All Should Follow

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The issues that face us as women in college are going to continue to be concerns long after we graduate. I think that as the up-and-coming generation of women, it is important that we be aware of all the previous generation worked to achieve and all that we can achieve for the next generation of bright, educated women.

I began this column because I believe it is important that women, especially women at MIT, be able to learn about and discuss the issues that personally affect them now and in their future careers. (The idea is not an entirely original one; last year, a couple of friends and I founded a "Woman's Awareness Newsletter" for our sorority, with similar goals, from which I learned a great deal about women's views of feminism, their misconceptions of "radical feminism" and their reactions to a variety of current issues.)

When I decided on the title "Her Viewpoint," one woman told me that it might be misconstrued, as if to say that all other viewpoints are male. The more one examines this statement, the more it seems to ring true. Much of today's ideals for women are internalizations of the male viewpoint. Whether

and how often women bathe is not really relevant to discussions of feminism, yet somehow comments such as these emerge frequently. My father told me such ideas date at least as far back as his days in a male college, when they'd label all bright and successful women "smelly" and talk about how they clearly don't bathe. So although one's bathing habits are not relevant, one's concerns about how far we've all come from those male college days

Do," is clearly an indication of the fraternity's openness to the gay community. It is an invitation to all people, regardless of their sexual preference, to enjoy the fraternity's parties. The fraternity should be commended for its support of gay rights.

Many people have greatly misjudged the fraternity for its slogan. These people have ignorantly mistaken the slogan as a symbol of

**The acronym for "Any Orifice Will Do" is an indication of the fraternity's openness to the gay community. It is an invitation to all people to enjoy the fraternity's parties.**

couldn't be more relevant. I am pleased to announce the initiation of "Her Viewpoint" with the following first column submission, written with not-so-subtle sarcasm.

**Stephanie Byrne**

As a tribute to the Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Appreciation Days recently celebrated, I would like to praise an MIT fraternity for showing its open-mindedness by using the acronym AOWD on several party posters. The acronym, which stands for "Any Orifice Will

the fraternity's desire to mistreat women who attend their parties. I, too, once made this terrible mistake. As a prefrish during women's weekend, I was warned about acronyms like AOWD. Naturally I was shocked at hearing that a fraternity would even think, never mind publicly advertise, something so offensive to women. I was quite relieved when I managed to avoid seeing any of the dreaded slogans that weekend.

It wasn't until last term, my third semester here, that I happened to catch sight of AOWD

on a party poster. I was stunned, of course, because I had begun to believe that the acronym didn't really exist. I was even more startled, as you can probably imagine, when a member of the fraternity finally confirmed that the acronym really does stand for "Any Orifice Will Do".

Several days after this traumatic incident, a very wise friend finally enlightened me as to the true implications of the slogan. The fraternity certainly doesn't mean that its members would like to use women in any sexually bizarre or twisted way they imagine. Rather, by allowing any orifice, the fraternity is simply suggesting that a male lover would be just as acceptable to them as a female one. Needless to say, I was severely disappointed at my own ignorance and my failure to realize the fraternity's honorable intention sooner.

I hope this column clears up any misconceptions *Tech* readers may have about the acronym and fraternity in question. It would be a shame to misconstrue such a noble endeavor. This fraternity would never support the mistreatment of women. On the contrary! This fraternity is a brave coalition determined to battle homophobia and support gay rights! Every fraternity should aspire to follow its example.

## Using a Condom Won't Always Prevent AIDS, Pregnancy

Guest Column by Robert Terwilliger

I am writing this column to challenge common notions about condoms and their utility in protecting against sexually transmitted diseases, particularly Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome.

Many seemingly caring folk will recommend that we use a condom if we intend to be sexually active. It is said that using a condom will protect us from the AIDS virus, and that is the end of the discussion. I wish to contrast this with some medical facts about condoms.

According to the most reliable and up-to-date sources, roughly one out of nine sexually active couples who consistently use condoms will experience a pregnancy after one year. The local Planned Parenthood office will say (as they said to me) that a condom is ineffective in preventing pregnancy. They urged me that if I were to become sexually active (and wanted to avoid pregnancy), I should use a spermicidal agent in addition to the condom in order to enjoy the compound protection that

the two methods provide in combination.

The down side of this is that spermicide is ineffective in protecting against the AIDS virus. While a woman can get pregnant only during a few days out of her 20-40 day menstrual cycle, the AIDS virus is ready to enter into the body at any time. There is no fertile or infertile time for the AIDS virus.

So if the condom is only 12 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, what is its efficacy in preventing the spread of AIDS? If a condom fails or the user fails to use it just once, he or she could get AIDS. Married HIV-positive individuals who used condoms transmitted the disease to 17 percent of their spouses. When pressed, condom advocates will admit that there are ways you can be even safer in your pursuit of sexual pleasure. They will recommend not only condoms, but dental dams, rubber gloves, mutual masturbation, and everything short of Saran Wrap to keep you "safe."

The administration, the media, and condom manufacturers have been trying to con-

vince us that using a condom will insure that we will not get AIDS. They assume that young people have neither the discipline nor intelligence to make rational decisions regarding their sexual behavior. However, each one of us can and should think for ourselves on this issue. After all, neither the administration, nor the dean's office, nor the MIT medical center, nor even our parents or friends will be able to do anything for us once we get AIDS.

Advocates of condoms can put them in the student center health office. They can pass them out in Lobby 7 and Lobby 10. They can put them in our dorms. But they cannot make sure our condoms don't break.

Why is it so hard to tell people the truth about the dangers of condoms and AIDS? Are people afraid of telling others that their lifestyle is dangerous? We go around saying "say no to drugs," but is it simply too unacceptable to say no to sleeping around?

Antiquated as this notion may be, the most innovative way to protect yourself from AIDS is either to abstain or get married. It is not too

early, as a college student, to get married. You do not have to be out of school. I've been married three years and have no complaints. Eastgate and Westgate alone house at least 300 married students, both graduate and undergraduate.

If you don't want to get AIDS, either abstain or find someone with whom you can trust and make a mutual commitment for the rest of your lives. Get tested to find that neither of you is carrying the AIDS virus or any other STD, and be brutally honest with each other about your past sexual history. This might be painful at first, but you will reap the benefits for the rest of your life. If you feel you're not ready to make this type of commitment, then you can wait — your day will come.

We ought to convince ourselves that we are more than uncontrollable animals, driven merely by hormones and gonads. You don't have to risk your life with a condom, you don't have to worry about getting AIDS, and you can still enjoy intimacy with someone you love and care about.

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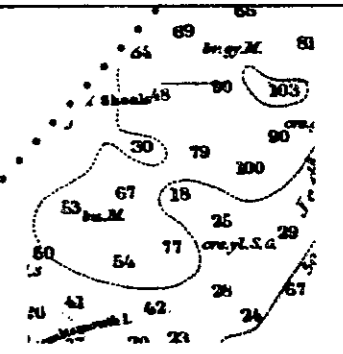
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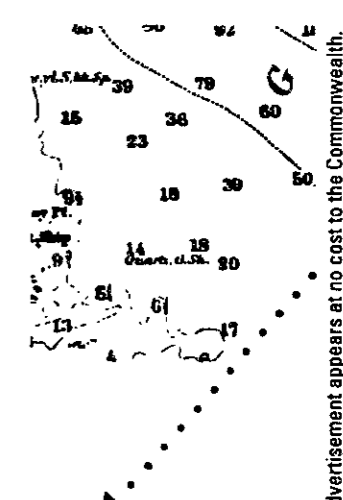
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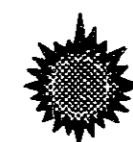
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# Students Will Respond to New 5-Year EECS Program

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mitment to follow through."

Acceptance of the proposal requires approval by the Committee on Curricula, the Committee on the Undergraduate Program, and the Committee on Graduate School Policy, according to Penfield. So far the COC and the CUP have looked at the proposal, but "We can't go on until we get approval from the central administration," Penfield said.

Currently, the ad hoc committee is preparing a financial projection of how much the proposal will cost students and the Institute. The pro-

posed program will create several new costs, including salaries for new staff.

The committee's "most hopeful" timetable would be for a faculty vote on the new M.Eng. degree next fall, Penfield said. Also, the committee wants to finalize the new curriculum so that it will be ready for "catalog copy" in January 1993 so that a description can be included in the course catalog for the following fall.

The plan is to phase students into the program gradually. If all goes according to the timetable, most members of the Class of 1997 who

major in Course VI would enter the new program.

The new curriculum will involve changes in graduate admissions and graduate qualification procedures as well.

Penfield said he has asked the department faculty for their opinions of the proposal. "Almost all are enthusiastic about going ahead" with the plan, Penfield said. The committee is now focusing its attention on the problems faculty have found with the proposal. "When we do it, we want to do it right," he added.

Some professors objected to the

fact that the M.Eng. degree requires less research experience than the current masters degree, Penfield said. "Some felt longer research experience is important," he said.

"There are a few bona fide reasons for research experience beyond the new master's," Penfield said. The M.Eng. can be completed in three semesters, which is considerably less time than it takes to earn a regular master's degree.

As part of the new program, the VI-A Internship Program will be expanded. "There are many similarities between the VI-A program and the new plan, which is somewhat modeled after VI-A. The purpose of the VI-A program is to give students industrial experience working as an engineer — that would not change," said Kevin J. O'Toole '87, director of the program.

"It would be accurate to say the VI-A program served as a model on which the whole M.Eng. was based. The success of VI-A showed it was possible," Penfield said.

"What we're really doing is offering VI-A on campus," said Campbell L. Searle, professor of electrical engineering and computer science.

Because the proposal is "sufficiently radical in some ways," the timetable for implementation should be gradual, said Professor John V. Guttag. He said the program would hopefully begin with a few juniors next spring, who would be awarded M.Eng. degrees in the spring of 1995. "I'm hoping the class of '96 will be the last class under the old rules," he said.

Sarah Y. Keightley contributed to the reporting of this story.

## Fee Proposed to Cover ARA Losses

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ing halls are brought under control.

"More than 50 percent of those surveyed said they wanted to eat in the dining halls," said Seth M. Cohen '92, a member of the committee. "We tried to produce a reasonable system for students and minimize what the students have to pay in terms of a requirement."

Watson said the proposed system, which covers the fixed costs of operating the dining halls outright, will allow for more flexibility. "Now we're pinching the dining hall program because we're worried about cost," he explained. "This will give us more flexibility to improve the quality of food services."

Committee member Emily R. Prenner '93 explained that changes in the current system had to be made because the dining halls lose approximately half a million dollars each year. "What would happen if we kept things the way they are now? The dining halls would progressively lose more and more money, and in the end we'd be forced to close them down," she said.

Watson said the committee felt a strong need to maintain the dining halls because they "contribute to community welfare and student welfare." "We think the dining halls perform a very essential function," he said. "If those houses didn't have dining halls, ... the culture there would be very much diminished."

According to survey results, when asked how much they thought dining halls contributed to the culture of the houses, 38.3 percent of the students responded "a fair amount," and another 38 percent responded "a great deal." The survey's response rate was 46 percent, which Watson called a "tremendously high rate of return."

The committee, consisting of six students, two faculty members, two representatives from the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Office, two members of the Housing and Food Services staff, and one representative from ARA, has been meeting since February. Watson predicted that Dickson would act on the committee's proposal within one month, and possibly within two weeks.

### Other proposals considered

The major alternatives to the plan presented to students were creating a more restrictive mandatory meal plan and shutting the dining halls down altogether.

"Some people were saying, 'Well, they live in dorms that have dining facilities, and they ought to pay for them, so we ought to charge them for 15 meals a week,'" Watson said. "We have a scheme with a two-tier pricing system. You pay something up front and get the benefits for the rest of the year. It's much better than any alternative."

Closing down the dining halls presented problems as well. "There are other impacts," Cohen said. "In Next House, there are no kitchen facilities, so people would have to eat elsewhere. Or you get people trying to cook in their rooms, violating fire codes," he explained. Cohen

also noted that it would be far more expensive to install more kitchen facilities in Next House than to keep the dining hall open.

### Student reaction

Baker resident Daniel E. Sabanosh '94 said he is not pleased with the plan. "That much money up front — it's a lot of money ... we figured it's about \$2000 to make you break even," he said. Sabanosh said the proposal is less flexible for lunches, and at this point he'd rather have Baker's dining facility close down than have to pay the \$1300.

"I pretty much oppose [the plan] because I'm probably going to end up spending \$1300 on food this year. Next year I would have spent this much without any food, so I'd end up losing money," said Michael S. Phillips '94, who also lives in Baker.


Next House resident Kerry C. Forbes '93 said, "I hate [the proposal]! They say you only need \$500 to feed you all semester [with the 35 percent discount] — that makes it \$1800, and they're taking away my selection. If I'm on the other side of campus, it's a pain to walk all the way back. And at lunch it's a given that Baker and McCormick will be crowded."

When asked if she knew anyone who liked the plan, she could only think of Next's two House Dining Committee members.

"Why don't we just pay \$1800, screw the overhead, and let us eat wherever we want without feeling like we're losing?" Forbes added. She said many students she talked to

were willing to pay a \$2000 cover charge so that they could eat anywhere on campus. "We don't want this limited selection," Forbes said. Also, because the overhead, which includes labor, will be paid beforehand, "no one has motivation to make good food," she said.

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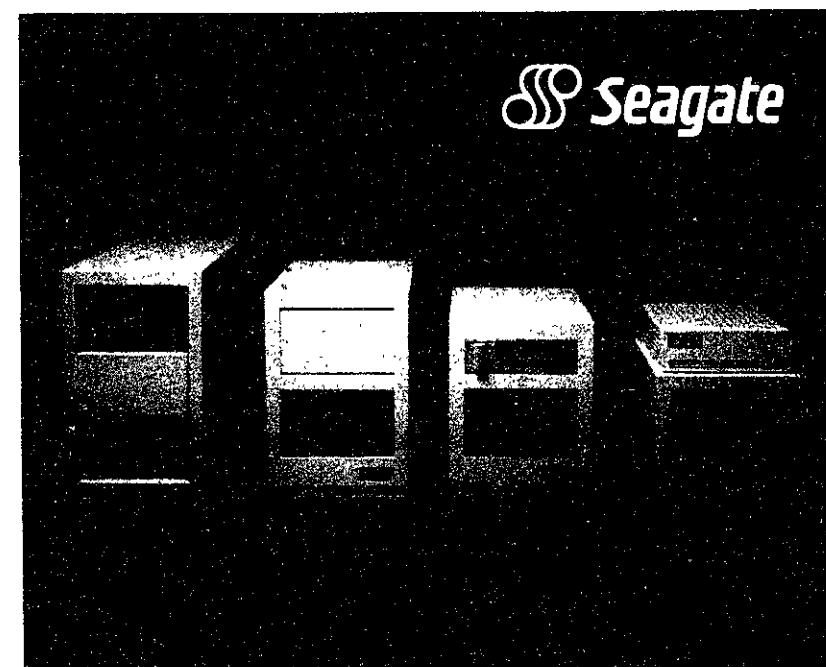
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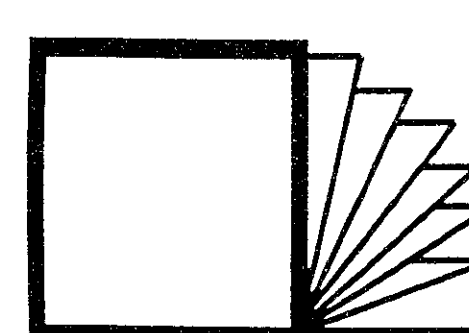
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Lou Gold came down from the mountain last night to speak to an audience at Boston University.

Gold, who sees himself as a "pied piper of ecological idealism," spreads a message about the long term damage being done to public forest lands for the sake of short term commercial convenience. Both the message and the messenger are very extraordinary.

Gold began his career as an urbanite, attending the Illinois Institute of Technology and completing PhD work in Political Science at Columbia University. He taught at Oberlin College and was on the tenure track at the University of Illinois.

Then he left. "I found I didn't feel right anymore. I needed to find myself ... so I chose a place to go that was as far from a metropolis as possible."

Gold chose to retreat to Bald Mountain in the Siskiyou range on the Oregon-California border. Two days after arriving, he was shown an immense track of ancient forest scheduled to be cut down by commercial loggers, and within a week he was "illegally sitting in front of bulldozers." His trip up to the crest of Bald Mountain was intended to last 5 days, but it grew to 56 days, as other hikers began to bring him food in exchange for his stories. Says Gold, "Six months after running away, I was in politics up to my neck, and married to a mountain to boot."

During the winter, Gold now spends his time traveling throughout the country speaking about the imbalances in the U.S. Forest Service's land management, giving a crash course in forest ecology, and calling his audiences to action. He uses a combination of slides, stories, and music to convey the feeling of walking among living trees 25 stories high and over 500 years old to those who spend their time among carefully trimmed trees not older than 50 years.

Throughout his talk, Gold mixes hard science with a sense of anger at the destruction that has occurred and a hope that the remaining ancient forests will be saved. He prefaces his comments on commercial logging with the statement, "This may surprise you, but I'm in favor of logging, in the right place and in the right way."

The facts he presents are often startling. "Many Americans are unaware that there is a difference between a U.S. National Park and a National Forest. ... Ancient trees [in the northeast] are coming down at a rate faster than the Brazilian rain forest — and it's happening with the assistance of taxpayer dollars."

To solve the problem, Gold advocated negotiations with the timber industry to address the issues of mechanization in logging and the division of forest into protected and commercial segments.

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# CPs Auction Lost and Found Items

**Auction**, from Page 1

The doors opened five minutes late, revealing five tables of loot. Each piece was carefully described, numbered, and placed within a zip-lock bag.

Along one side of the room, in the sporting goods section, were two dozen bicycles. None were mountain bikes, and only two were in anything that could be described as serviceable condition. In the back of the room, three tennis rackets, two tennis balls, two bicycle seats, five bicycle helmets, and a broken roof-mounted ski carrier were on display.

There were gold rings, diamond rings, bracelets, some luggage, and digital watches. There was a slide rule, but, suspiciously, no pocket protectors. It seems few get turned in to the lost-and-found: the finders prefer to keep them for personal use.

Marie Stuppard, an office assistant in the Mechanical Engineering department, eyed the best bicycle of the lot: a small blue women's ten-speed.

"Medalist? Nobody has heard of this brand," she said with disgust. Still, any observer could tell that the property had piqued her interest. Together with her companion, she carefully examined the bicycle's brakes, gears, and tires.

"I want to buy [the bike] for my 11-year-old daughter," she explained. "It may cost \$25 to get it fixed, but my friend, who is a PhD student, says to leave it with him for a night and he will fix it for free."

Most of the junk connoisseurs in attendance were disappointed with the pickings. "I was hoping at least for a good bicycle," said Steven Wadlow, who administers computers for the brain and cognitive sciences. Wadlow shook his head, then walked to the back of the room. There he found two computers: a Macintosh Plus (1 megabyte RAM, no hard disk) and an old 8080 Cromemco with two floppy drives.

"I wouldn't pay more than \$20 for the Mac," said Phil Servita, a computer programmer from Medford who heard about the auction in an electronic mail message and had driven down to the Institute just for the occasion.

Servita had come to look at the Hewlett-Packard calculators. "I'm interested in one of the 15Cs," he said. "At a ham-fest, it would go for \$10 or \$15. Here, I expect it will go for a lot more. We're in a room full of nerds."

There were perhaps a hundred people in the room, equally split between men and women, with dozens of people pressing up against the tabletops, elbowing each

other to get a better look at the items.

Few prospective buyers seemed to know anything about the value of the jewels, but the techies knew their calculators. In addition to the HPs, there were calculators from Casio, Texas Instruments, and Sharp. After a while, Vossmer relented and let the would-be bidders remove the calculators from the bags and try them out.

"What if you found something that you lost?" asked a person eyeing what appeared to be a ruby ring. People laughed knowingly.

"If you filed a report, you can have it," said Sgt. Vossmer. "Otherwise, you'd have to buy it back."

The bidding started with the bicycles at 1 p.m. sharp. At that point, nearly 200 people filled the crowded room.

The first bicycle on the block was a real junker, a green Huffly which sold for 25 cents at the end of the day. The blue Medalist, on the other hand, went for \$50. Stuppard was out of the room and missed her chance to bid on the item.

The bicycles were all gone by 1:30, and the auction turned to the jewelry, with Vossmer again taking charge. The first item was a ring with a clear stone in it.

"Do I have 50 cents for a diamond ring?" Sgt. Vossmer asked.

"Is it real diamond? Will it scratch glass?" somebody shouted.

"I wouldn't play a record with it," Vossmer shouted back. But, humoring the heckler, she put the ring on her finger and put her hand out for everybody to see.

"Don't check out the fingernails, just check out the ring," she shouted.

The ring went for less than \$20. Baratta held up another. "This one appears to be real diamonds and sapphires," he said in an official voice. The setting was determined to be 18-carat white gold, and the ring went for \$85.

It took an hour to get through the jewelry, and most of the women left soon after. Now the only people left appeared to be male graduate students and the junk crowd.

The watches came next. Everybody, it seemed, wanted a new watch. Most were black digital watches, and sold for between \$10 and \$30. But the hour was getting late. Soon Baratta began combining lots, putting five watches up for auction at the same time. "Five watches. Give me five bucks — there's one good one in there."

A big cheer erupted among the spectators when it was finally time for the calculators. At first Baratta

wanted to combine the calculators into a few big lots, but the crowd wouldn't let him. "One at a time!" they demanded.

The first calculator was a prized scientific model from Radio Shack. "Five dollars," said Baratta. Nobody said anything. "You wanted me to do them separately!" exclaimed the officer-turned-auctioneer.

"Group them all except for the HPs," somebody shouted back.

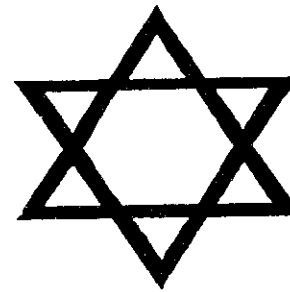
The Radio Shack calculators went for a dollar each. Three Casio calculators sold as a group for five. Soon people started noticing that one person was buying all of the calculators. "I'm going to give one to my professor, put some of them in the lab, and hand out others at exams," said Kenneth Zemach, a graduate student in mechanical engineering. Before long, Zemach had bought 8 calculators for \$30.

Perhaps mistakenly, the CPs held the HP calculators until all of the others were gone. Most of the HPs went for between \$20 and \$50. The students who were still without a new calculator then went to Zemach, who resold them for \$5 to \$10 apiece.

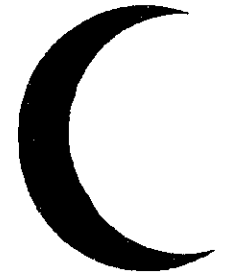
Another big surprise was a Mont Blanc fountain pen, still in its original case. Baratta started things at a dollar, but a bidding war ensued between two fountain pen aficionados in the crowd, and the pen went for \$92.

When the Macintosh came on the block, most of the spectators simply groaned. Who would possibly want a six-year-old Macintosh Plus? Two people did, it turned out, and the unit sold for \$125. The Cromemco went off to the dumpster.

In total, the auction brought in \$2864, which will go to crime prevention and charity, said Glavin. Freedman didn't find a Lisp Machine, but he did walk away with an HP 22S — for \$41.



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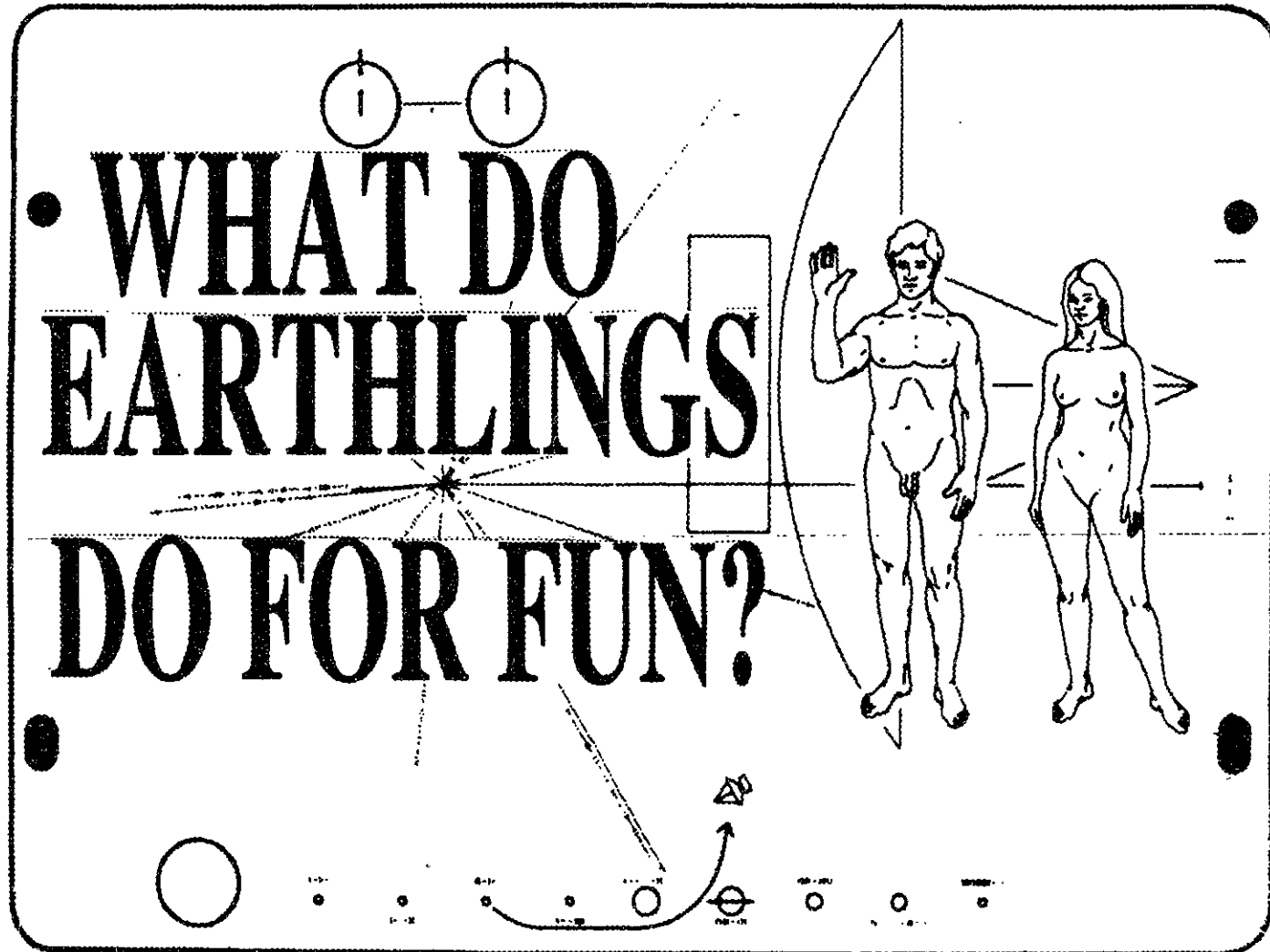
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# Students Join in March For Abortion Rights

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## Reporter's Notebook

seems to draw out the most zealous protesters from both sides. Pro-lifers delivered sermons on fornication and knelt along 14th Street to pray for the pro-choicers. On the pro-choice side, I heard a woman behind me screaming unprintable insults at the Death figures stationed in Lafayette Park, just across the street from the White House.

I can't say what went on at the pro-life demonstration near the Capitol, but I can attest to the fact that there were police stationed around the small pockets of pro-lifers along the march route, ostensibly to protect them from the pro-choicers.

I don't like thinking that any group with which I affiliate myself should force others to seek police protection. By the same token, I don't like the idea that if I were a pro-choice advocate attending a pro-life march, I would need those same police to guard me.

I can understand why the police were necessary, though. Tempers are running very high in pro-choice

camps. Fueled by the Mike Tyson, William Kennedy Smith, and Clarence Thomas controversies, women are angry. It's not that women haven't previously been aware of our second-class status; it's that the point has been driven home so forcefully in the past year. Women at the march were furious with a political administration that would condone a U.S. Senate composed almost exclusively of males to callously dismiss a woman who dared to charge a Supreme Court nominee with sexual harassment, and they were fed up with a society that would suggest that a young woman was partially responsible for her rape because she should have known that Mike Tyson was not a nice guy.

At the pre-march rally, Dianne Feinstein, Geraldine Ferraro, and other politicians spoke vehemently in favor of the pending Freedom of Choice Act, which would take the abortion decision out of the hands of states, and the need for women to take political action, especially in a election year.

Given that, according to a poll conducted by *The Washington Post*, 47 percent of the marchers were between the ages of 18-29 — many of whom probably will be first-time voters this election — this demonstration of political action at work is the most important element of the march. And in the end, political awareness is all that really counts.

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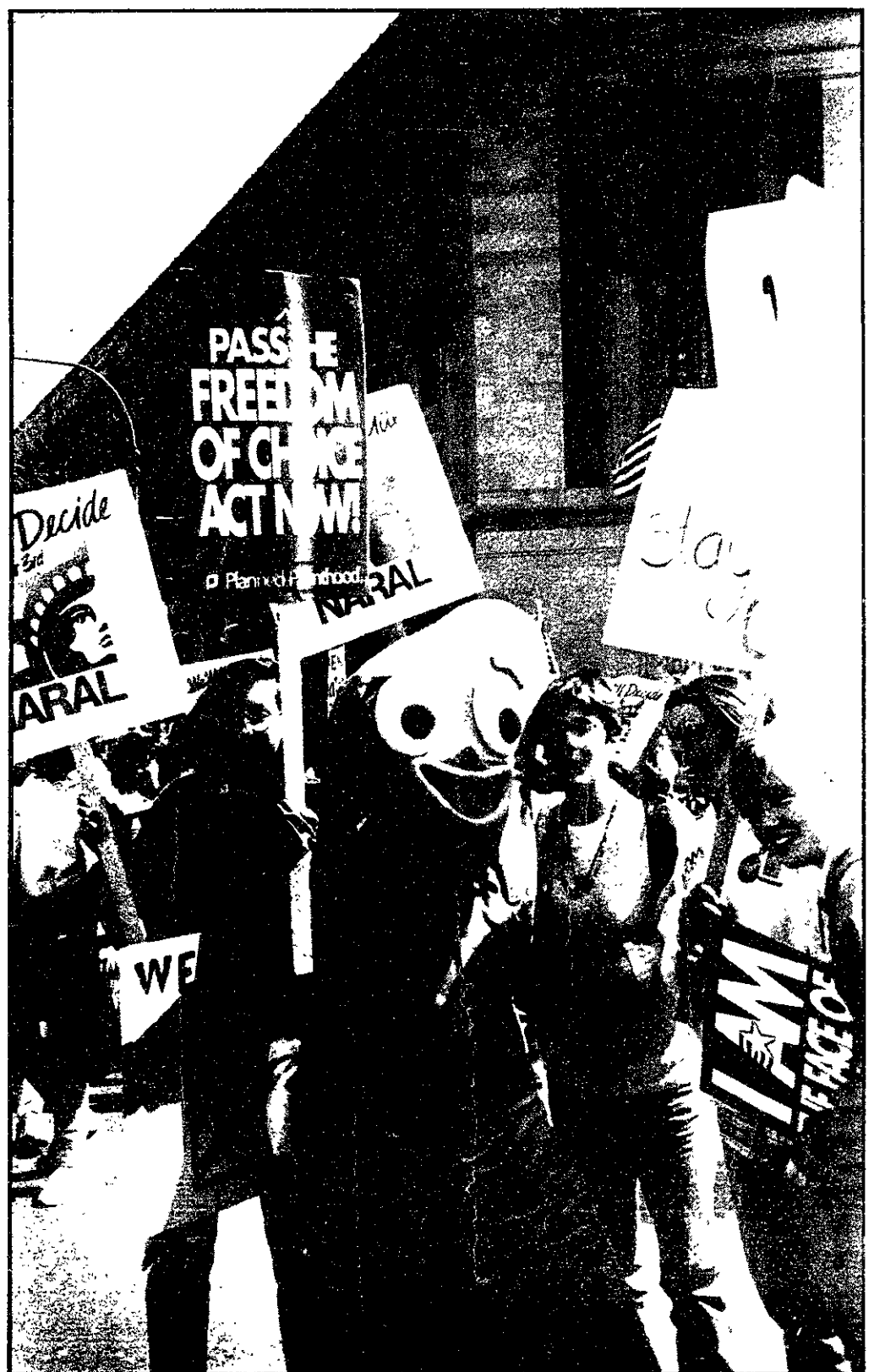
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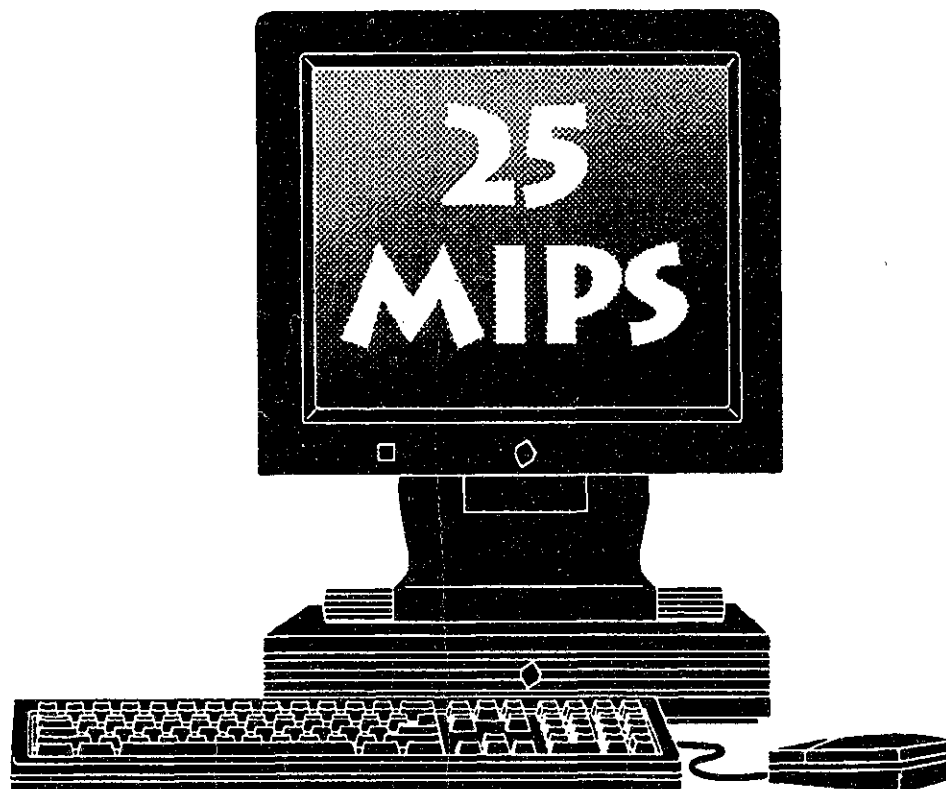
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# Prefrosh Enjoy Slice of MIT Life

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events, such as the African American/Native American and Mexican American/Puerto Rican extravaganzas, an ice cream orgy with Hard Rock Cafe volunteers serving the prospective freshmen, a performance by an MIT dance group, and the check-out barbecue on Saturday. "It went off successfully, but there weren't enough people who showed up," said Shawniqua T. Williams '94, a student coordinator.

In addition, many campus activities held special events, and some living groups also held parties during this weekend. Gonzalez expressed disappointment that these parties focused on the 224 women that were only a part of a weekend designed for minorities as well women.

Many prospective freshmen explored MIT by themselves or with their hosts. "If turnouts [to the activities] are low ... that's OK" because they can also learn by talking with MIT students, Gonzalez said. "In planning everything, we tried to center on answering their questions," he added.

"Talking to a lot of prefrosh ... they all were happy that they came up," Gonzalez said. "It's a good introduction [and it] erases a lot of questions and myths."

"Things went very well," Walker said. "It definitely was a good prefrosh weekend."

Many MIT students volunteered to help out with the weekend as airport greeters, hosts, and registration workers, Eliashberg said. "The turnout was really cool for students ... There was more interest than we could even accommodate." About 220 women and 40 men volunteered to host the visitors, and there were about 50 percent more volunteers than were needed.

Many prospective freshmen were satisfied with the weekend's events. Some felt that the visit helped them to decide if they wanted to attend MIT. But, as Laura F. Su of Concord, Calif., said, "The major decision is still financial aid."

Rebecca L. Smith, who visited from Beals Island, Maine, said, "I liked MIT a lot. It was a positive experience; I want to come here definitely now." She added, "I thought it would be more urban."

"It was fun, especially the Orange Tour," said Ellis Y. Chi of Saratoga, Calif.

"MIT is a big school; it has a big name. It's a school that you just hear about and don't see," Su said.

Curt T. Maughs of Brooklyn, N.Y., said, "It was a pretty strange experience," adding that the visit "helped a lot." He was also sur-

prised that students here do not study all the time. There is a "pretty good social life" here, he added.

"I guess I had a lot of preconceived notions" about MIT, mostly negative ones, said Stephanie K. Hannon of Reston, Va. "All I really wanted to do [was] to see if I fit in here. ... Now, I'm considering going here," she added, "You sleep at weird times here."

Christine N. Lin '95, who served as a host, said, "I think it's a really good idea [for the prospective freshmen to] see what MIT is like during the year." She added, "I wish they would include more people" in addition to women and minorities.

"I think it was a great opportunity for prefrosh to get a feel of what MIT is like, especially for those ... outside the New England area," said Annette Centorino, the mother of a visiting prefrosh and an MIT employee.

"They had the stuff planned pretty well. More schools should do things like this," said James D. McLurkin '94, who was Maughs' host.

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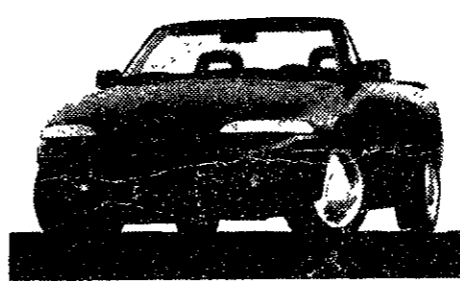
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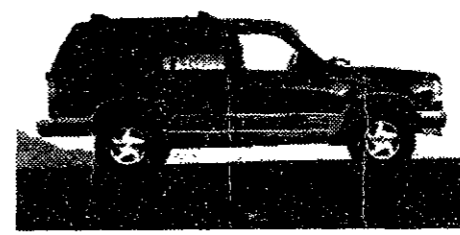
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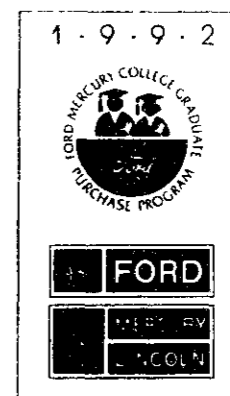
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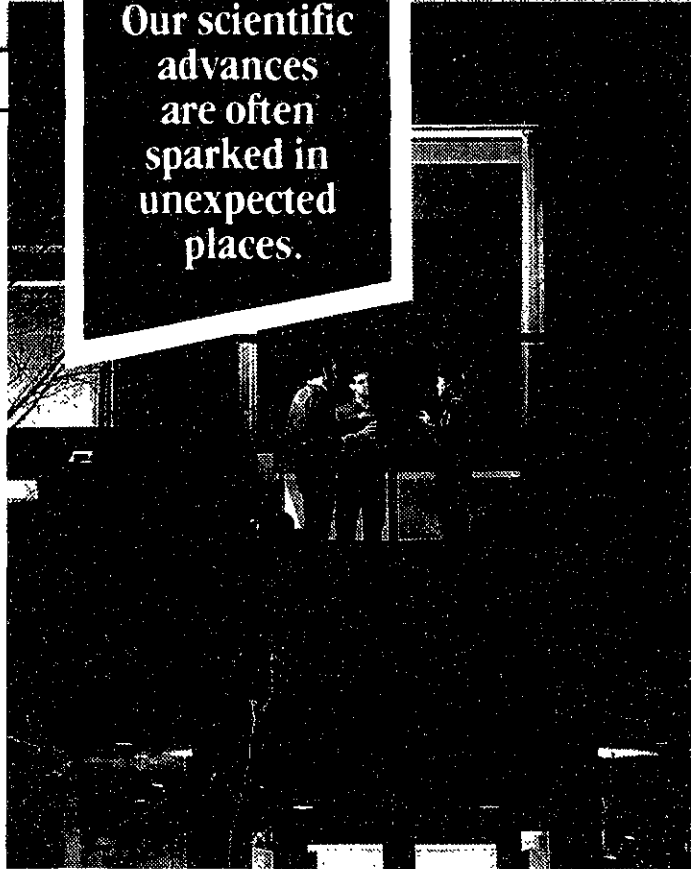
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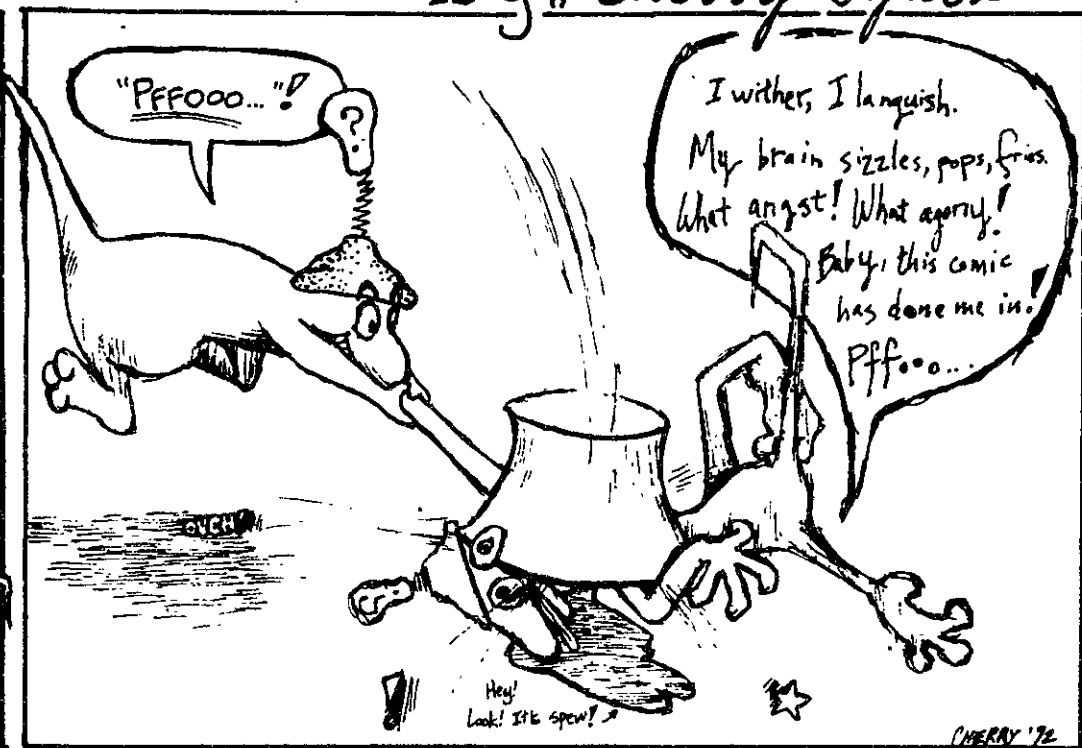
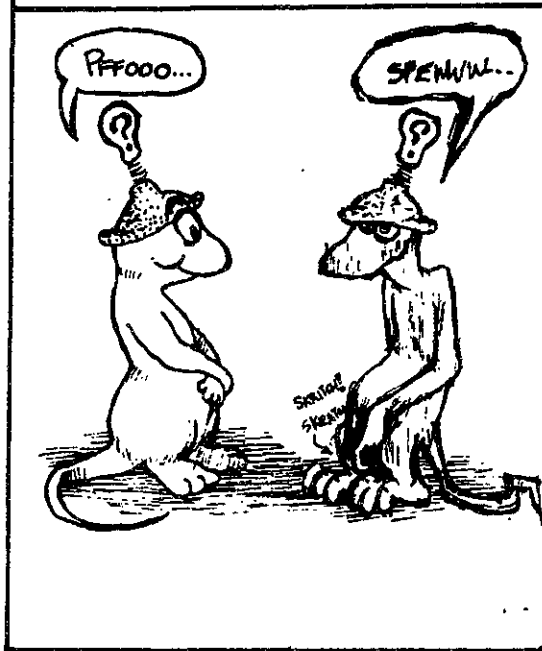
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## SPORTS

## Softball Team Has .500 Record in Florida Pre-Season

By Showna Chang  
and Lynn Albers  
TEAM TRI-CAPTAINS

The women of the varsity softball team tied their best-ever spring-break record two weeks ago at the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, Fla. They finished the week 4-4 and made history by defeating two teams under the seven-run slaughter rule.

The Engineers started off their week with a 3-0 shutout against Carthage College led by pitcher Lynn Albers '92, who struck out the first four batters. MIT displayed astonishing outfield communication as center fielder Jen McMurray '93 and left fielder Dionne Chapman

'94 collided, tumbled, and still came up with the out. C. J. Doane '95 bashed the season's first triple in the fifth inning to bring home Coleen Kaiser '94, who had previously singled.

In the second game, the Engineers were unable to contain the heavy hitters of the University of Illinois at Chicago, losing 11-6. Debuting at first base, Nanette Palmer '94 played solid defense in her debut at first base, and pulled her weight on offense, driving in three runs. The Illini out-nerded all the other teams by not only understanding our "e-to-the-u" cheer, but also singing a version of their own, which began: "x-squared, y-

squared, H-2-S-O-4..."

The next morning, MIT beat Mott College 9-2 to finish the game at the bottom of the fifth. Senior tri-captain Denise Nemchev '92 scored three runs after getting on base by doubling, singling, and getting beamed by the ball. The top of the batting order kept their bats warm as Nemchev, tri-captain Showna Chang '92, Kaiser, and Doane had two, three, four, and two hits, respectively. Kaiser and Doane also had three RBIs a piece. Newcomer Stephanie Gellor '94 singled her first time at bat to add to the already hot Engineer offense.

In the fourth game, MIT played solidly but couldn't generate the hits necessary to help pitcher Kaiser, and they lost to Henry Ford 5-2. Newcomer Christina Gibb '94 was successful in hitting singles on each of her two at-bats.

On Thursday, the morning after a downpour, the Engineers found themselves playing on a field attached to a left-field lake. With the burning afternoon sun, Doane and Carrie Miller '95 couldn't resist taking a dip in the muddy water after the game. Unfortunately, MIT lost to Manchester College, 8-4, but was able to come back in the second game to beat Moravian College 8-2. Chang made her third unassisted double play in three days to lead the MIT defense, as Colleen Johnson '93 had two singles and two RBIs to rally the offense.

Friday morning, MIT slaughtered Monroe College 8-1 to finish the game early. Albers heated up the mound with five strikeouts for the

game, while Kaiser tallied three RBIs, and Nemchev and McMurray each had three stolen bases. That afternoon, MIT played probably its toughest Florida competition, losing to Plymouth State College 10-0. Chapman led the team with two hits.

The experience gained in Florida helped prepare the team for its New England opponents and provided an opportunity for the players to work together in their new positions. On the whole, the team batted about .330, and the top of the order batted over .400.

Upon their return to MIT, the Engineers proceeded to roll over their opponents, winning all their games last week to start off the season with a bang. Since none of the games in Florida count toward the NCAA record, the team's record now stands at 4-0, with a NEW 8 Conference record of 2-0. Monday afternoon, MIT sent Mount Holyoke packing during their first NEW 8 Conference contest, winning 11-1 at the end of the fifth under the ten-run slaughter rule. Albers captured the win, and struck out nine batters.

Wednesday, MIT faced a tough-hitting Clark University, but the team played solid defense and emerged victorious, 7-1. Kaiser debuted as catcher and proceeded to throw out two runners attempting to steal second. The game was close until the Engineers opened it up in the sixth inning. With two runners on base from walks, Chang and Kaiser hit singles and had RBI's, and Doane brought in another run with a sacrifice fly.

On Saturday, the team played its second NEW 8 Conference game against Smith, who they had been looking forward to playing all week long. In the doubleheader, only the first game counted toward the conference record, and the Engineers worked hard to continue their winning streak. The game was scoreless until the top of the fourth inning, when Doane singled, moved to third on errors, then scored on a passed ball. The Engineers added a second run in the seventh inning and held Smith to win 2-0. The second run was scored by Chapman, who beat out a bunt and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Palmer. Chapman then exhibited her superb base-running skills by getting out of a run-down to score. Key defensive plays were made by the Engineers to keep Smith from scoring. McMurray picked up a grounder in center field and made a bull's eye throw to get the runner out at home.

MIT finished up its week by defeating Smith again in the second game, 6-2. Smith led 1-0 until the top of the fifth, when Nemachev reached first after being hit by a pitch. Kaiser then beat out a bunt, and Doane drove them both in with a blazing triple over the center fielder's head. Janeen Ault '95 made three important running catches in left field as the Engineers held on to give Kaiser her first pitching victory of the season.

The team plays all its weekday games at home this season. The next game is against WPI on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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## Rugby Team Returns from Scotland

By Paul Larson  
TEAM MEMBER

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ry against the far more experienced Scots, they managed to tie Strathclyde University, 9-9, and lost close matches to Stirling University, 10-12, and Glasgow University, 9-11, after the Scots made last minute scores. All three teams were impressed by MIT's highly physical style of play.

The second team was slightly more successful, winning against a combined Glasgow-Strathclyde second team, 12-9, and losing to Stirling University's second team, 8-12. When they weren't playing, the team managed to tour Stirling Castle, Edinburgh Castle, the

Highlands, and Rose Street without losing a player.

The team has also seen action before and after the tour. Before the tour, the first team stomped Boston College Law School, 24-0. Most recently, the second team played Harvard's second team and cruised to an impressive 34-3 victory over their crosstown rivals. Scorers in the match included Brian Meyer '95, Kofi Amankwah '93, and Darren Waugh. Future matches awaiting the ruggers include Harvard Business School, Boston College, Amherst, and the Graduate School Championships in Philadelphia.

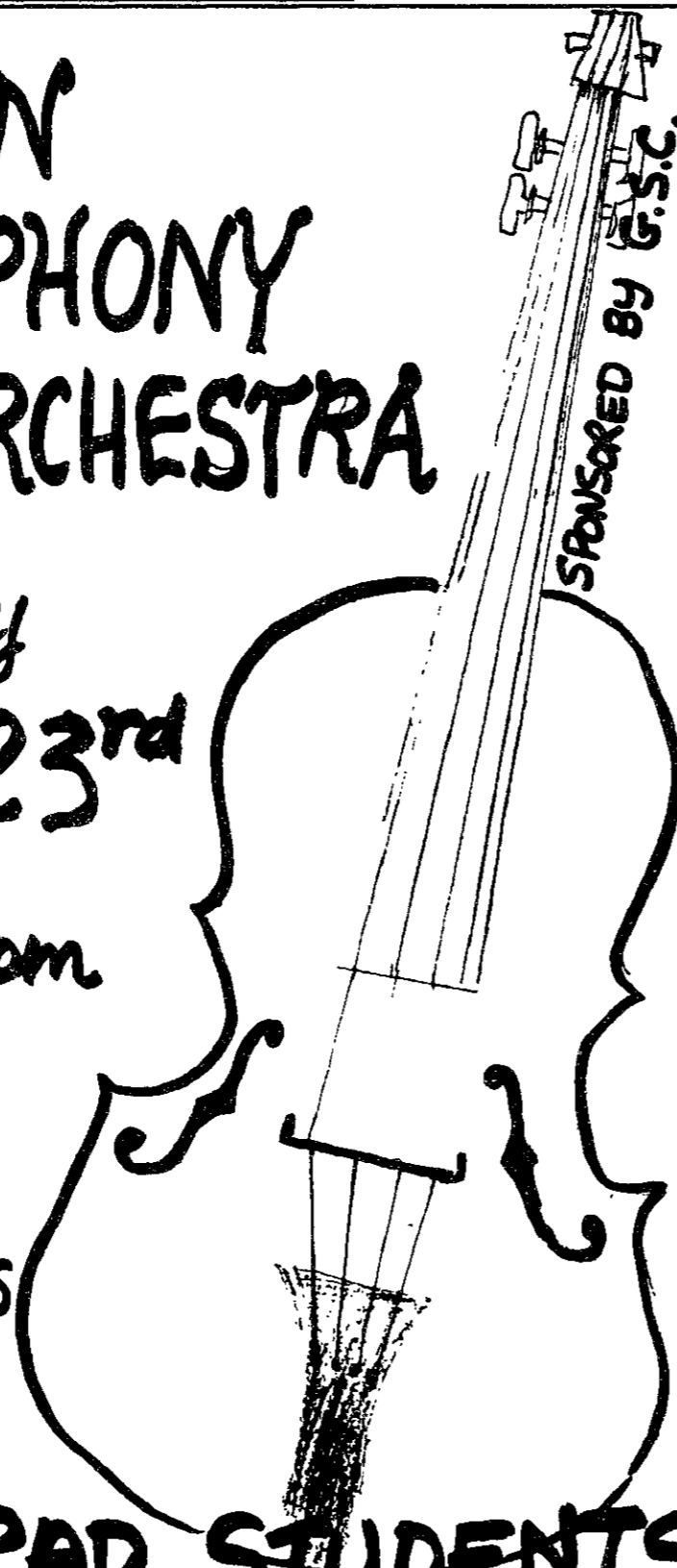
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