

Provost Outlines Budget Aims

By Jackson Jung
STAFF REPORTER

Operating gap reduction, slower growth in tuition, and a cap on the self-help level are among the Institute's budget plans for the future, according to Provost Mark S. Wrighton. At a regular meeting of the faculty Wednesday, Wrighton outlined the Institute's goals and the current state of the fiscal year 1994 budget, which will be completed in May.

For fiscal 1994, MIT has cut its operating gap estimate by \$5 million. The projected operating gap for fiscal 1994 now stands at \$15 million, \$1 million less than in fiscal 1993.

The operating gap is the sum of the deficit and the shortfall made up by unrestricted gifts. The reduced estimate is the result of \$3.5 million in budget cuts, the elimination of 14 new faculty openings, and a reallocation of investment income.

The \$1,000 tuition and \$500 self-help increases announced last week are expected to generate an additional \$8 million in revenues. Wrighton admitted that the self-help level for fiscal 1994 is high in comparison to other universities.

In the future, MIT hopes to hold the self-help level to \$6,600, he said. MIT remains committed to its policy of "merit-based, need-blind admissions," and also plans to

"temper the growth in tuition."

Gap caused by "external forces"

Wrighton blamed the growth of the operating gap from under \$2 million in 1986 to its current level on a variety of "external forces." These include level or declining research volume, changes in federal regulations on the recovery of indirect costs, MIT's antitrust litigation with the federal government, the weak economy, and a withdrawal of federal support for undergraduate student financial aid.

Fortunately, the Institute expects increased revenues for fiscal 1994, not only from the tuition increase, but also from research funds and the endowment. Research volume is expected to grow by 6 percent, and endowment income is expected to grow by 5 percent.

Competitive salaries and new programs supported

Citing the recently released *U.S. News and World Report* rankings of academic programs across the nation, Wrighton emphasized the Institute's commitment to maintaining its leadership position in science and technology. "We need to preserve and enhance the things we do well," he said.

The Institute will work to pro-

vide competitive salaries for personnel and harden more faculty salaries. Hardened faculty salaries are charged to Institute funds rather than to research grants and contracts.

The hiring and development of new faculty, especially women and underrepresented minorities, will be supported as well.

The maintenance of flexibility for new programs is also a goal, according to Wrighton. Currently, the Institute allocates \$1.5 million annually for new programs. In fiscal 1994, these funds will support the new core biology requirement, the Leaders for Manufacturing program, the five-year master's program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and the maintenance of Athena hardware.

Despite the current budget woes, Wrighton also reported the support of several "experiments" using funds from the provost's reserves. These include new programs in the media arts and sciences which may eventually lead to departmental status. A protein chemistry laboratory and the Experimental Studies Group are also receiving some of these funds. In addition, the Aeronautics and Astronautics Department will receive support to study environmental issues related to the new hypersonic transport plane.

Two Dorm Dining Halls to Stay Open

By Hyun Soo Kim
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT will close the dining halls at McCormick Hall and MacGregor House and move to a voluntary meal plan system in the final plan approved by Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56 last Friday.

Starting next fall, the remaining two dormitory dining halls at Baker House and Next House will be open for dinner Monday through Friday. Meals will be a la carte. Currently, Baker House has commons-style meals that cost approximately \$7.50.

Closing two of the dining halls will help reduce losses, according to Lawrence E. Maguire, Director of Housing and Food Services. The four dining halls currently lose up to \$500,000 per year.

"With two dining halls open, I expect to lose money. We will have a totally voluntary plan, and we lost money with a mandatory plan. With one dining hall open, we might have broken even," Maguire said. "It's risky with one [dining hall open], and doubly risky with two. We'll see how the year goes."

Early in the term, the Office of Housing and Food Services offered a financially feasible plan which would have required residents in dormitories with dining halls to purchase a \$1,150-per-year meal plan good for five commons-style meals a week.

This plan was rejected after intense protest by students, who said

they would prefer closing the dining halls to such a plan. In response, the housing office decided to rescind mandatory meal plans and close all the dining halls except Baker.

The final plan incorporates requests to keep both the Baker and Next dining halls open. These two dormitories were chosen to retain their dining halls because they have inadequate kitchen facilities for students and because of their locations, Maguire said. The Next House convenience store and snack bar will remain open seven days a week.

In a memorandum to the Student Customer Council, Maguire welcomed further input from students. "Services, hours and concepts will be designed to best meet student customer needs. Student customer input, using the Student Customer Council, surveys, house government, house food committees and the help of faculty residents will insure that this gets done," he wrote.

Students pleased with decision

Residents of all four dormitories generally approve of the final plan.

"I think it's great that the administration listened to the students. It works out well for MacGregor students because they can go to Next House," said Wayne R. Dempsey '94, a MacGregor resident.

"If the plan pulls more people into the dining hall, it would be a good thing. There's a reasonable

number of Bakerites who don't want to pay \$7.50 for a meal, so they don't eat at Baker, but now they will," said Ezra G. Erb '94, a Baker resident.

"I'm really happy about [the final plan] because I work at the [Next House] snack bar. It's really convenient to work there. As far as the food itself being available at Next House, it doesn't matter to me because I am an athlete and I have practice from 5 to 7 [p.m.], but it just means I could keep my job and other people will be happy," said Maryann Smela '96, a resident of Next House.

McCormick and MacGregor residents also approve of the plan. Kristine Yoder '93 said, "I think they picked good dorms to keep open. In McCormick, there are kitchens in every floor. ... It's been very convenient for us, but I don't think it will be a problem for us to go to the Student Center or use the kitchen facilities. I don't think we are being jilted because our dining hall is closing."

Future dining hall changes

Proposals on what to do with the dining hall space in McCormick and MacGregor are being discussed.

"Some proposals have been to turn the area into a snack bar, a recreational area, and a limited din-

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Theodore J. Ko '95 and Keolan K. Yang '94 peruse the list of people admitted to the Class of 1997 in the admissions office.

Class of 1997 Called Statistically Normal

By Kevin Subramanya
STAFF REPORTER

The statistical profile of the newly admitted Class of 1997 is similar to that of previous years, with academic scores and racial and gender distributions falling within normal fluctuations, according to Associate Director of Admissions Elizabeth S. Johnson.

About the normal number of students were admitted this year — 2,058 of 6,408 applicants, compared to 2,090 of 6,671 last year.

Valedictorians make up 38 percent of the admitted students with high school class rankings. Ninety-seven percent of those admitted rank within the top 10 percent of their class, Johnson said.

The average Scholastic Aptitude Test math score of admitted students is 747 out of 800, compared to 742 last year. The average SAT verbal score is 638 out of 800, compared to last year's score of 641.

Underrepresented minorities total 14 percent of the admitted class, up from 13 percent last year. The Institute admitted 122 African Americans (6 percent), 16 Native Americans (1 percent), 104 Mexican Americans (5 percent), and 32 Puerto Ricans (2 percent).

In addition, 599 Asian Americans (29 percent), 41 students of Hispanic origin (2 percent), and 132 international students (6 percent) were admitted.

According to John B. Hammond III '84, associate director and coordinator of minority admissions, steps are being taken to increase minority applicants through the MIT Alumni/Ambassador Program. "The mission of MITAAP is to help increase the number of minority students applying and enrolling at MIT. Currently, there are 150 MIT alumni willing to help, even as far back as the class of 1948."

"Last year's 45 percent yield [number enrolled out of those admitted] for black students was the lowest in 10 years," Hammond said. "And, if issues of financial aid and racial tensions do not improve, this figure may decline even further."

The newly admitted class includes 781 females (38 percent), which ties last year's figure for the highest percentage within the past five years. The percentage has fluctuated between 35 and 38 percent in recent years, Johnson said.

There is no affirmative action program for women, but MIT encourages admitted women to attend by holding events like the Campus Preview weekend for women and minorities and a special telethon. Although a smaller proportion of admitted women than men

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Course XI Expands Its Programs to Attract More Undergrads

By Charu Chaudhry
STAFF REPORTER

The Department of Urban Studies and Planning has made many changes and additions in an attempt to tailor itself to changing student interests to attract more undergraduates.

The department is now offering a six-subject minor in Public Policy. In the introductory courses, students learn the governmental, economic, and urban design contexts for public policy decision-making. Then they focus on one area, which can range

from the study of urban problems and institutions to the study of environmental policy issues. Finally, all students take the newly-created Big Plans (11.123), a reflective synthesis of past and present efforts to implement large projects and policies.

"This minor is especially good for people in technical areas who want to understand the implications of what they are doing and how that works into public policy and planning," said Professor Phillip L. Clay, the head of the department.

He expects the minor to be popular with students in the Department of Civil Engineering.

Course XI is also offering many HASS concentrations to attract more students and expose them to the world of urban studies. Professor Lawrence Vale, director of the undergraduate portion of the department, said, "It is important for students to realize how their technical knowledge applies to the real world." As part of its course expansion and improvement, the depart-

ment is encouraging the best teachers in the senior faculty to regain interest in the undergraduate arena.

Some of the other new courses being offered are Economics of Transition (11.102J), Solving the Infrastructure Crisis (11.018), American Living Standards and Income Inequality (11.022J), Boston: The Evolving City (11.012), and Planned Communities (11.021J). Some of these courses are already being offered this year under different course numbers.

Clay said the department also plans to add courses in international environmental planning and urban studies and development.

Faculty members are putting in extra effort to help students find research jobs through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program and are encouraging undergraduate majors to take graduate courses. They are also pushing their five-year program, which in addition to a bachelor's degree offers a Master in City Planning Degree.

WORLD & NATION

Scientists Find Huge Bacterium In Tropical Fish Belly

NEWSDAY

Now topping the list of odd characters found in strange places is a bacterium — the biggest ever — that hides deep in the intestines of a tropical fish, scientists said Wednesday.

In the world of microbes, *Epulopiscium fishelsoni* is a whopper, about a million times bigger than the average-sized bacterium *E. coli* found in human intestines. The fish bacterium lives exclusively in the innards of surgeonfish in tropical regions such as Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

The bacterium is about 600 micrometers long, 80 micrometers wide, and is visible to the naked eye, said the team of Australian and American scientists. The next closest bacterium in size is about one-third as long, and skinnier yet. An inch equals 30,000 micrometers.

The creature is extraordinarily interesting, the scientists said, because no one guessed bacteria could be that big.

The find was reported in the journal *Nature* Wednesday by biologists Esther Angert and Norman Pace at Indiana University, and marine biologist Kendall Clements at the James Cook University in Australia.

The discovery of the huge microbe means that "bacterial cells are more complicated than we thought they were," Angert said in a telephone interview. "There is a general belief that bacterial cells are very simple — just a sack of enzymes — with no subcellular organization."

Marine biologist Mitchell Sogin, at the Woods Hole Marine Biology Laboratory in Massachusetts, said the find "underscores the point that micro-organisms that can't be cultured in the laboratory are probably stranger and more diverse than we think — or maybe stranger even than we can think."

FBI Castigates Koresh as Sole Cause of Continuing Siege

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WACO, TEXAS

Federal agents castigated cult leader David Koresh Thursday as the sole cause of the continuing siege of his fortified compound, describing him as irrational and incapable of intelligent conversation.

Koresh has caused every opportunity of ending the standoff to "vaporize in front of us," said FBI agent Bob Ricks.

The federal authorities said three buses had been driven to the Branch Davidian compound Wednesday, when they believed that as many as 30 people were about to come out. But the buses returned empty after another futile phone conversation with Koresh.

"As we pressed for a firm commitment, he gave a thinly veiled excuse and said he had to go to the restroom," said Ricks. "He never came back to the phone."

During a raid Feb. 28, four Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents were killed and 16 others were injured trying to execute a search warrant for possible illegal weapons in the compound. Ricks said he had come to believe that Koresh not only wants to die, but also take a number of his followers with him.

"We believe Koresh would like to see a lot of people die, which would be justification of his (scriptural) pronouncements," Ricks said. Koresh has in the past preached that he and a number of his followers would be killed in a major conflagration.

Ricks also said neither Koresh nor any of his followers expressed any fear about another major gunbattle. Rather, Koresh's followers had fallen so much under his spell that religion was the only thing that mattered.

"Those inside do not express fear of being in a firefight," said Ricks. "Any fear they express is about losing their eternal souls."

Ricks said the negotiations were like a "dueling contest between various Bible scholars. The challenge is to prove that David is wrong, which of course is an impossible task."

WEATHER

Signs of Spring?

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Although a quick look out the window into the frozen landscape may indicate a typical January morning, astronomically speaking at least, Spring will arrive on Saturday at 9:41 a.m. An arctic high, responsible for abnormally frigid weather will slowly move northeastward and, with strong solar heating will allow the air mass to warm up to more seasonable temperatures during the day on Saturday. Is warm weather on the way then? Alas, not quite — as a disturbance from the Great Lakes will approach late on Saturday spreading some high clouds before the sunset and then bringing light (and possibly mixed) precipitation for Sunday. The early part of next week looks tranquil and perhaps even more temperate, yet the warm weather gear can still be safely stowed away, as no unusual warm-up is in sight.

Friday: Clear and very cold early, temperatures in mid-teens (-10°C) at sunrise will steadily climb, reaching a high of 36°F (2°C) under brilliantly blue and sunny skies. Light northerly winds will begin drifting to the northeast.

Friday night: clear and still very cold with temperatures bottoming out in low 20s (-5°C) in Boston and teens in the suburbs to the north and west. Winds will remain light.

Saturday: Clear early, then increasing high clouds late in the day. Highs in mid 40s (7°C). Winds light and variable, gradually turning through southeast to southwest.

Sunday outlook: Cloudy with some light sprinkles or flurries with highs around 40°F (4°C).

House Approves Clinton Plan To Raise Taxes, Slash Deficit

By Eric Pianin

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The House Thursday night approved 243-183 the broad outlines of President Clinton's five-year economic plan, a new Democratic vision for reinvigorating the economy and reducing the deficit by \$510 billion that would require a huge tax increase, bruising cuts in defense and major "investment" spending.

Under the plan, adopted as part of a multi-year budget resolution, Pentagon spending over the next five years will be slashed by \$115.7 billion more than was recommended by President George Bush — a move that will cause widespread layoffs in the defense industry and fuel additional base closings.

To help finance Clinton's domestic spending initiatives and to reduce the deficit, the budget resolution also would net about \$249 billion in new revenue, one of the largest tax increases in U.S. history.

The Democrat-controlled House also moved toward approval of a \$16.2 billion economic stimulus package, after opposition from Rep. Charles W. Stenholm, D-Tex., and other conservative Democrats melted in the face of vigorous last-minute lobbying by Clinton and congressional leaders.

Clinton was up until midnight Wednesday telephoning House members to solicit support.

"The president is a very powerful lobbyist," said Stenholm, who was blocked by the leadership from offering an amendment that could have eliminated more than half the stimulus. "We struck out."

The Senate, which is debating its version of the budget resolution, is likely to vote next week on the resolution and the stimulus package. Sen. Herbert H. Kohl, D-Wis., notified the Senate leadership Thursday that he intended to offer a variation of Stenholm's amendment.

China Threatens to Dissolve Hong Kong Legislature

THE BALTIMORE SUN

BEIJING

China vowed Wednesday to begin preparations soon for dissolving the Hong Kong legislature in 1997 if the colony's British governor proceeds with his proposed political reforms.

Lu Ping, China's top official for Hong Kong affairs, said China would replace the legislature with a new one if Hong Kong's 1995 elections are held under Gov. Chris Pat-

ten's proposals to expand the crown colony's voting franchise and its number of elected legislators.

Under previous Sino-British plans for a smooth transition of power, the colonial legislature elected in 1995 is supposed to hold office until 1999, after the turnover.

Lu said elections for a new legislature would be held soon after the July 1997 shift and would conform to the Basic Law, the special constitution already developed by China

to create the tax revenues needed to reduce the deficit.

The negotiations in recent weeks between the administration and conservative House Democrats who demanded more in spending cuts has largely eclipsed concerns about Clinton's fat tax package and the fact that overall federal spending will continue to mount.

Thursday, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen had to ask Congress to raise the federal government's debt ceiling to \$4.37 trillion from the current limit of \$4.145 trillion. He said that the Treasury would reach the current limit on April 7 and he asked lawmakers to act by March 26 to "avoid unnecessary uncertainty in financial markets."

Bentsen said the increase in the debt ceiling should last until Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year. A longer-term increase in the new debt ceiling would be included in the budget reconciliation bill for the next fiscal year.

The House budget resolution calls for overall spending to grow from \$1.5 trillion in fiscal 1994 to \$1.78 trillion in 1998, largely as the result of the mounting costs of Medicare and Medicaid and other entitlement programs.

Clinton has proposed new "investment" spending for education, job training, social services, health, science and technology and community and regional development totaling \$231 billion over five years. The budget resolution contains about \$4.6 billion in new spending for those purposes in fiscal 1994.

The House budget resolution calls for a total of \$510 billion of deficit reduction over five years to be achieved by freezing all discretionary spending below 1993 levels, by raising taxes and by saving \$8 billion by cutting civil service and military retirement cost-of-living increases.

for the region.

Lu warned the United States not to "meddle" in the Sino-British dispute by linking greater democracy in Hong Kong and renewal of China's most-favored-nation trade status with the United States.

Noting that the United States has a significant financial interest in Hong Kong's long-term stability, he added: "I am confident the U.S. government will adopt a wise attitude."

Spring Break Travel Forecast

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

If you are looking for Spring you will have to travel outside the New England for your well-deserved vacation. As the skies remain clear and the weather continues fair until late Saturday, getting out of Boston should not require a sled and a pack of huskies, as appropriate as it might be to celebrate (in an astronomical sense!) an end to our winter season that gave us a total of over 6 feet (1.8 m) of snow!

The Southeast and Florida will have daytime highs in the 60-70°F (15-21°C) range, under partly cloudy skies and (this weekend) rather stiff northeasterly winds, causing some impressive surf on the Atlantic coast. A disturbance from the Gulf will approach by mid-week and threaten the sun-worshippers with cloudy skies and potentially a significant rainfall as well.

The Central States will initially have a cool and clear weather with temperatures not quite Spring-like yet — in the 40s (4-9°C), with some low 50s (10-12°C) as you move south of St. Louis. Rain will develop there along mid-week as well, as a broad frontal area extending from a low around Chicago southward to another low just south of New Orleans will slowly advance eastward, along with moderat-

ing temperatures in the lower Ohio Valley and occasionally heavy convective precipitation.

The Northern Plains will remain cold and blustery as the spell of wintry high pressure regimes will keep thoughts of Spring at bay. Daytime temperatures in the 30s (1-4°C) will be the rule, with crisp, moonlit prairie nights in store.

The high pressure dome centered over the Rockies will maintain splendidly fair weather for the skiers in Colorado and Utah and keep the sun-seekers of Arizona quite pleased as well. The Southwestern desert will become quite warm with the abundant sunshine, and the east-to-southeast winds (known as Santa Ana winds) will bring very warm weather to the southern and central California.

For those who will be left in the local area — rejoice in the hope of warmer weather that, after all, might arrive some time before the end of the term! Meanwhile, take an opportunity to do some spring skiing in the mountains of New Hampshire and Vermont as the conditions are excellent and the afternoon sun begins to give a hint of warmth on your cheeks as you blaze downhill, trailing a cloud of powder that's sparkling in the clean mountain air!

Best wishes for a fun-filled Spring Vacation from the MIT Meteorology!

Salvadoran Establishment Strikes Back at U.N.

By Tracy Wilkinson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

Under mounting pressure from El Salvador's right-wing, President Alfredo Cristiani on Thursday criticized a U.N. report that blamed civil war crimes on state security forces, saying the findings will not contribute to healing this country's wounds.

In his first public comments on the report by the U.N.-appointed Truth Commission, Cristiani said the investigation painted an incomplete picture that dredges up ugly memories and prevents reconciliation.

"We believe the Truth Commission report did not respond to the desire of the majority of the Salvadoran people, which is to forgive and forget ... a very painful past that brought so much suffering to the Salvadoran family," the president said in a prepared statement he read to reporters.

Cristiani said his government would comply with the commission's recommendations, but only within constitutional limits. His

remarks appeared to suggest he would not follow some of the commission's key reform proposals, including an overhaul of El Salvador's inept and corrupt judicial system, seen as the crucial centerpiece to rebuilding a post-war society here.

Cristiani reiterated his call for a blanket amnesty for human rights violators named in the report, which was released at the United Nations on Monday after a seven-month investigation.

The ruling party was scheduled to introduce the amnesty law in the National Assembly this weekend, despite protest from the left and some opposition parties who maintain that the cited abusers should be held accountable before they are pardoned.

Release of the report, a mammoth document that blamed most of the civil war's political murder on government forces and allied death squads, has handed Cristiani an increasingly angry army and spread discontent within his own political party, the right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance.

The Truth Commission called for about 50 senior army officers, including the defense minister and his two deputies, to be fired. It also called for the dismissal of all 14 members of the Supreme Court as a key step to the overhaul of the entire judicial system.

Cristiani said he would comply with the recommendations that were within his power to execute. He is constitutionally barred from touching the Supreme Court, and he has repeatedly argued that purging the military must be done gradually, to preserve stability.

"It is important to analyze the path we should take when the report only speaks of certain cases and mentions certain people," he said. "We do not think it is just to apply certain measures, be they judicial or administrative, to some people, (and not to) others."

Under terms of U.N.-brokered peace accords that formally ended El Salvador's 12-year-long civil war last year and set up the Truth Commission, Cristiani had agreed to abide by the commission's findings.

But increasingly, his party and

military officers, active and retired, are speaking out against the report, calling it biased, without foundation and unconstitutional.

Defense Minister Gen. Rene Emilio Ponce, while questioning the commission's authority and credibility, offered his resignation 72 hours before the report was officially released. The report says he ordered the 1989 murder of six Jesuit priests, their cook and her daughter. He denies the accusation.

It remains unclear whether Cristiani would accept Ponce's resignation.

Supreme Court President Mauricio Gutierrez Castro, meanwhile, took the opposite approach.

"Only God can remove me from my position — by taking my life," he said in refusing to step down.

Gutierrez Castro, who said the commission was an illegitimate body, was one of those most severely criticized in the report. The commission hit him repeatedly for his "scarcely professional conduct" and numerous efforts to obstruct justice.

The justice is a prominent member of Cristiani's party, known by

its initials in Spanish ARENA. Politicians from ARENA, including Salvadoran Vice President Francisco Merino and San Salvador Mayor Armando Calderon Sol, were quick to criticize the report and to rush to the defense of the party's founder, the late Roberto D'Aubuisson.

D'Aubuisson was named in the report as a principal leader of right-wing death squads. It said he ordered the 1980 assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

In full-page newspaper advertisements running throughout the week, ARENA blasted the "reckless accusations ... based on slander" that the report leveled against "our beloved immortal leader, Roberto D'Aubuisson" whose "biggest crime was to awaken the Salvadoran people and prevent the triumph of international communism" in El Salvador.

The U.N. Security Council praised its work Thursday and called on Salvadorans to follow its recommendations to reform the military and judiciary. The council also urged further investigation of the death squads and their operations.

U.S. Aid to Russia to Shift Toward Immediate Benefits

By Doyle McManus
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration, scrambling to help Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin keep his job, has decided to shift the focus of U.S. aid to Moscow toward short-term projects that will yield immediate, tangible benefits to ordinary Russians, senior officials said Wednesday.

The goal of the new approach is as much political as economic: to convince the Russians that capitalist economic reform is a good thing — and that Yeltsin is still preferable to his conservative opponents.

"For most Russians, up until

now, economic reform has meant nothing but hardship," said a senior official. "If they ask the question, 'Are we better off than we were four years ago?' the answer is 'No.' We want to change that."

"We're looking up the Russian equivalent for 'It's the economy, stupid,'" the official added, echoing President Clinton's unofficial campaign motto.

Clinton aides have been working on a new aid package reflecting the change in goals, to be unveiled at the president's summit meeting with Yeltsin in Vancouver, British Columbia, on April 3 and 4.

Among the measures under consideration are emergency shipments

of pharmaceuticals for depleted hospitals and pharmacies; a program to provide new housing for Russian army officers returning home from Germany and Poland; new ways to finance grain shipments, especially of livestock feed to ease a meat shortage; and financing for equipment to restart idled oil and gas wells.

The new package may also include proposals to help Russian defense industries convert to civilian use — an idea aimed partly at wooing some of the powerful leaders of those industries into the reformist camp, officials said.

Officials refuse to say how much money Clinton will propose to

spend, because he has not decided himself, beyond an already-proposed increase in direct aid from \$417 million to \$700 million.

But they say the amounts will be substantial.

"I think the Russians will be very pleased, because there will be real money and it will move quickly," one official said.

"Some of it is just freeing up money that's already in the pipeline," the official added.

As part of a drive to sell the idea of increased aid, Secretary of State Warren Christopher plans to give a speech in Chicago next Monday explaining the administration's

commitment to Russia. Clinton himself may also schedule a speech on the issue soon.

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev is expected to visit Washington on Tuesday to brief Clinton on Yeltsin's political situation and prepare for the summit.

The focus on a short-term, political target for the aid is unusual — and could prove controversial.

Aides acknowledged that they do not know whether short-term actions from Washington can have much effect on the political climate in Moscow, but said they felt there was little choice but to try.

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Entire Community Should Handle Racism

I must admit, first and foremost, that I have definite opinions about the recent charges that racial epithets were yelled from a Phi Beta Epsilon window at 3:30 in the morning on March 13. But, I know that my opinions are only a small percentage of those within the MIT community. The fact that my feelings are not wholly representative of those on this campus is the point of my letter. I was appalled recently when I read a suggestion from Joshua Powlesson '92 ["PBE Proud of Its Diverse Membership," Mar. 15] that Chocolate City should have attempted to resolve this issue with PBE. While CC is a very vital part of the African-American population as well as a very vital segment of the whole MIT community, it is not totally representative of the entire MIT student body. As soon as allegations were brought forth about this racial incident, the situation ceased to be an exclusive black-white or CC-PBE issue. It became an issue for all of MIT to deal with.

The student body has a right to know about and to deal with this problem. It is widely known, however, that President Vest's administration is the only universally acknowledged authority on this campus, and therefore has exclusive power in clearing up this matter. While President Vest has quickly indicated his desire to deal with this problem, I appeal to him to not allow this to be an issue that his administration deals with alone, because it does not affect only his administration. He as well as every part of his administration should involve all of MIT's student body and affiliates. That is why I encourage President Vest today to begin sending daily correspondences to every member of the student body stating how this issue is being dealt with. We need him as well as his administration to show us how we should deal with such serious allegations both today as well as tomorrow. I ask this because he alone stands in the "bully-pulpit" and can dictate MIT's policy. And to the student body I say: "Today we are faced with a terrible problem on this campus. Surely, as the problem solvers we so proudly praise ourselves as being, we can deal with this ordeal as carefully, expeditiously, forcefully, and sincerely as possible."

Tommie Henderson '95

Diversity Is Better Than Segregation

In light of the racial tensions that have afflicted MIT this week, I feel compelled to respond to a rather hypocritical attitude toward easing racial problems voiced by Dale LeFebvre in Tuesday's *Tech* ["PBE Incident Raises Questions About Racism," Mar. 16]. LeFebvre implied that racism cannot be overcome by simply placing people of different cultural backgrounds together. He argued that even at ethnically diverse living groups such as PBE, racism still exists. I do not disagree with him in this respect.

However, is it not orders of magnitude more destructive to keep ethnic groups segregated? Racism only flourishes where cultural groups have no opportunity to learn about and to share with each other. I believe LeFebvre has taken the fight against racism a giant step backwards by belittling PBE's efforts to bring about cultural sharing and understanding amongst its members.

When a particular group remains insular and segregated, there is no way that an "outsider" will ever come to understand its culture, and it is this lack of understanding that causes racism. David Duke, Martin Luther King, and Gandhi would learn a lot more by sitting together in a room and talking than they would if they remained separated and were informed only through rumors, hearsay, and stereotypes.

If the alleged incidents at PBE did occur, then I am truly appalled and disgusted. There should be no tolerance at MIT, or anywhere else in the world, for such immature and narrow-minded behavior. I believe, however, that racism could be alleviated if we all made more of an effort to interact and communicate with members of other ethnic groups, so that we would all share in the cultural diversity of the people we live with. Sticking to your own kind serves only to worsen racial tensions. And as implausible as it may seem to some, living in harmony with others and maintaining one's cultural identity are not mutually exclusive.

Ruth Lim '95

Violence Against Clinics Should Stop

The Tech received a copy of this statement

released by MIT Students for Choice their rally on Monday.

We are gathered here today to memorialize David Gunn, who was shot and killed last Wednesday in Pensacola, Fla. by an anti-abortion protester. We are here to say that we are deeply saddened and disturbed by this tragedy; and we cannot express in words our sorrow and sympathy for the victim's family.

But we are also here to denounce the senseless loss of life, the unjustified violence, and to call upon those on both sides of the issue, those who call themselves both "pro-life" and "pro-choice" to condemn the increasing threat of violence which is spreading rapidly throughout the country against abortion-providers.

Since 1977 there have been 36 reported bombings, 76 arsons, 53 attempted bombings or arsons, 322 instances of clinic invasions, and 441 episodes of vandalism against abortion clinics. Eighty-two cases of assault and battery, 92 death threats, two kidnappings, and 28 burglaries have been reported.

We want to fully recognize and emphasize that the majority who call themselves "pro-life" do not condone such acts; that most recognize the tactics of harassment and fear as the antithesis of "life." We do not wish to over-generalize; rather we would like to all come together not only in our remorse, but also in expressing condemnation for the trend in increasing violence that has led to this occasion.

Emily Yeh '93
for MIT Students for Choice

Pro-Life Condemns Gunn Murder

MIT Pro-Life joins all other pro-life groups in condemning last week's murder of Dr. David Gunn, a Pensacola, Florida doctor who performed abortions. This murder was an unjustifiable and barbarous action.

The pro-life movement does not support the murder of innocent human life. Furthermore, true pro-lifers do not support any acts of violence against those who perform abortions or the places in which they are performed. Clearly, Michael Griffin's disregard for the sanctity of human life indicates that he is not pro-life, and he acted alone in this regard.

Steven G. Conahan '93
and six others for MIT Pro-Life

Class of 1993 Senior Project Will Bring Recycling to Institute's Main Buildings

Column by Douglas D. Keller and Arun Patel

Donning the hat of recycling insiders, we would like to shed a little light on the twisted history of recycling at MIT. For several years various (mostly student) groups and individuals have been trying to convince MIT to have a complete recycling program. Most of these efforts have been met with the usual amount of administrative and bureaucratic resistance. However, the Institute has been recycling white paper for two years now. MIT does this because it is profitable to recycle white paper, while recycling the other items costs money. Finally, beginning this year, MIT will begin a full recycling program for the main Institute buildings. The program that the Class of '93 is working to implement will include the collection of newspaper, plastics, and glass.

For over a year now there has been a full recycling program in the dormitories that handles newspaper, plastics, and glass in addition to white paper. This program exists through cooperation between a few students and the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs and has gone through many changes to get to its present incarnation. The dormitory recycling program began in East Campus through the work of Suniti Kumar '91. Kumar asked volunteers from each floor to collect and sort their floor's recyclables. Initially, the recyclables were taken to a Cambridge recycling facility, either by one of the night watchmen or by any other suckers (including one of the authors) who could be persuaded to fill their cars with garbage at 7 a.m. every other Saturday.

Eventually, the Dean's Office agreed to fund the program so that a van could be rented to drive the recyclables to Cambridge. After

several months of driving an overloaded van, the housing office, with the help of House Managers Jack Corcoran and Bailey Hewitt, signed a contract with Jet-A-Way Inc. to pick up the recyclables from several locations on campus. Even today, three years later, students still collect and sort all of the recyclables collected within the dormitories. This activity is best described as standing knee-deep in garbage each Friday night. (It's a thankless job, so you should thank the recycling person from your house.)

Last year Cambridge voted to ban the disposal of most recyclable items by 1995. Spurred by this resolution, members of Share A Vital Earth approached Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56, who oversees the physical plant and housing departments. Dickson explained that the implementation of a full recycling program at MIT was not likely because it was not financially advantageous. When the city's intention to ban the disposal of recyclables and the possibility that MIT would be required to produce a proposal for recycling and waste management by the end of 1993 were mentioned, his response was simply, "We'll see about that."

When word of the resolution reached Dickson (probably via interdepartmental mail), he instructed physical plant to assign someone to design a plan. Physical plant has assigned the job of implementing a recycling program to Jennifer Combs, coordinator for building and grounds services. We find it disturbing that Combs has been saddled with the recycling proposal, yet has been given no extra money to implement a full recycling plan for the campus. This is where the senior class project comes in. The senior class project will fill the immediate gap in MIT's recycling program by providing bins for collecting

recyclables throughout the Institute. Because recycling begins with education, some of the project's funds will be earmarked for educational posters and pamphlets to be distributed around the Institute. The project will also include instructions on how to use the bins. (Sure, this is an easy concept, but some people just don't seem to understand the difference between paper and glass.) The goals of the project include collecting 330 tons of newspaper and 25 tons of commingled trash — glass, plastic, and aluminum — annually by 1998. If weight doesn't mean much to you, think about it in these terms: recycling this stuff would save 5,040 trees and the energy equivalent of 640,700 gallons of gasoline.

Thinking about numbers like that should give you an sense for why this is such a good project. In our modern world, recycling is increasingly necessary. By the year 2000, most of the landfills in the country will be closed, and we won't have any place to put our trash. Recycling cuts down on the amount of garbage that is buried in landfills, conserving land resources around the country. Recycling also cuts down on the consumption of dwindling natural resources. Plastics, for instance, are produced from petroleum products, which are in finite supply. Finally, recycling trash into new products usually takes less energy and produces less pollution than starting from scratch.

As you can see, this year's senior class project is much different than many previous projects in that its benefits will extend beyond MIT itself. We urge the members of Class of 1993 to get behind this project with their time and financial support. We also urge the community to take advantage of the senior class project and Recycle MIT.

In Florida, the Electric Chair Rivals Disney's Rides

Column by Jonathan Richmond
ADVISORY BOARD

Sun continues to reign as my Northworst Airlines flight heads north through crisp-clear skies, reluctant to leave this summerlike fantasyland to return to the witch's-snarl-weather awaiting our arrival in Boston with wicked outstretched arms. Lunch has just been served: some fatty pieces of ham floating above rubber-textured macaroni laced with congealed cheap cheese and a few unnatural looking peas. As I don't eat pork anyway, I lamely nibble on the bread roll, which is quite thoroughly stale. The coffee, decanted from an open-topped and heat-dispersing plastic container, is almost cold. But the sun continues to shine in through the window.

I'd originally intended to stay in Florida only for the weekend, on a trip to visit friends in Miami inspired by a free ticket sent courtesy of Northworst management to compensate me for some previous less-than-delightful service. But the advantage of free tickets is that — unlike excursion ones — they can be changed on the slightest whim, so here I am leaving Tampa, with a whole six days gone by, sitting in a nerd-like crouch over my laptop to give those of you headed south for Spring Break some tips on what to do.

You can skip the whole Disney complex to start with, unless you're enamored of long sticky queues and monotonous rides which all seem the same after a short while. "Every Person Comes Out Tired," said the tram conductor as we headed for the EPCOT parking lot at closing time, and from the looks on peoples' faces they weren't just tired: they were bored. EPCOT is supposed to display a community of the future and pretends to have educational value. It's in fact just another way for Disney to make money, and they certainly succeed at that. A pass to see all three parks (Disney World and MGM Studios are the others) will set you back a minimum of \$125 for four days, unless you buy a ticket of dubious authenticity or legality from one of the many evil-eyed scalpers lurking nearby: these go for about \$40 a day. Disney could solve the problem, of course, by being mildly less greedy and making an all-park one-day pass available for a reasonable price (Disney's official one-day passes are only good for one park). But remember: the only thing Mickey likes about

you is your money.

The techno-wonderland EPCOT presents is quite sterile. "Journey Into Imagination" is entirely lacking in... imagination. At first the mechanical creatures — used in rides in all three parks — seem quite ingenious, but their lack of human scale and relentless computer-controlled repetition renders them sterile. Visitors are continuously told to use their "imagination" so that any dream can come true, but there is nothing subtle or intriguing about the displays of artifice relentlessly unfolding as the automatic transport system carries one through.

In "Horizons," a picture of the ideal city of tomorrow, earthdwellers clad in Star Trek-style polyester look out at a series of buildings of monstrous high-tech ugliness and a spaceport which is a shattering eyesore. It is a landscape as cold as my Northworst coffee, with no place for humor or anything else human. The image is in fact a metaphor for EPCOT as a whole: a computerized machine which works with precision, but without providing sustenance for the human spirit.

The whole complex revolves around the "ooh-ah" reflex, continually pounding in the message that technology is wonderful, but without inviting the visitor to ask any questions. A clever idea — of putting the audience into a craft which miniaturizes itself for an exploration of the human body in an attraction called "Body Wars" in the "Wonders of Life" pavilion — thus turns into a wasted opportunity. This could have been a great chance to show all sorts of body organs close up and provide explanations of what they do in a vivid and educational way. Instead it's another boring action-adventure, complete with a less-than spontaneous emergency and eventual rescue. A movie on reproduction is nothing short of embarrassing, getting all coy and squeamish — rather than being direct and honest — over the subject of sex. It instills exactly the wrong attitude towards the subject in any children watching. Exhibit after exhibit hauls the visitor through dark passageways to myriad artificial landscapes populated with mechanical dolls which move their lips, but have no animus. It all gets very tiresome.

Disney World, of course, is supposed to be purely for fun, rather than educational, but here, too, the fun wears thin. Some of the

rides are very good — I particularly liked the Tiki House with its singing parrots and flowers — but a feeling of sameness can quickly set in. The 3 p.m. parade is supposed to be the highlight of the day, and the massive Mickeys and Goofys are a sight to be seen. Yet the same tape plays over and over again as the parade precedes, and the choreography has an atmosphere of the artificial which after a few minutes becomes quite chilling: everything works splendidly, everything is exactly in place, but there is absolutely no room for imagination or originality.

I didn't have much time for MGM Studios, but after the dullard "Great Movie Ride," I found relief at a wonderful exhibit on Disney animation. Here at last was a good dose of humor: Walter Cronkite teams up with a cartoon character to tell the audience how it's all done, with the tools of animation on show all around.

The Kennedy Space Center provides a far better — and cheaper — alternative to Disney. Most notable is the human element flowing through all of its exhibits and tours. It is refreshing to be constantly reminded that the things on view are "only machines; people bring them alive." Of course, the machinery on view is much more exciting than anything at EPCOT. A tour lasting over two hours costs only \$7. A walk along an Apollo rocket laid on its side gives an impression of its incredible size. We were also taken for a view of the Shuttle Columbia, then on the launch pad. A second tour is available to provide a glimpse at the historic development of rocketry: perhaps most amusing was the display of prehistoric computing equipment. There is a full day's worth of activities in the central area itself — where the tours start — including a "Gallery of Spaceflight" packed with interesting objects and well-written explanations, a walk-through exhibit on satellites, and a choice of two IMAX films (\$4 apiece; the other activities are free). The astronauts' memorial represents the human cost of space exploration; it revolves to always catch the sun.

Another nerd activity of potential interest to MIT people is the Edison Winter Home in Fort Myers, which includes a large exhibit hall full of paraphernalia ranging from electrical equipment to colorful phonographs. Edi-

son's laboratory — in which he conducted experiments on rubber — is also open to view, as is the adjoining house which Henry Ford occupied.

But Florida's most unusual tourist attraction can be found in Miami. Presenting the execution experience in the style of a Disney ride, the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum provides a tasteless tour of the equipment of death. "Please feel free to sit in the gas chamber seat and have your photo taken. Enjoy yourselves," says a fruity voice as the visitor approaches this grisly display. *Enjoy yourself?*

There's a recording to warn people approaching the guillotine to not put their heads under the blade — or tamper with the release ropes. But perhaps the electric chair is the most sickening exhibit of all. It's true that it is sturdily built, and much more comfortable than my Northworst seat, but that's its only redeeming feature. Visitors are not only invited to be strapped into the chair, but to have the electrical connections attached and to press a button. Pressing the button puts the prison warden on air to read your sentence of death and count down from five. There is then the sound of a loud electrical discharge. There is no warning in advance that this will happen, although it would be terrifying to children — and many adults too. Next to the chair is a picture of Ted Bundy after execution — with the electrical burns on his body in full view. There are nauseating commentaries about bodies turning "beet red" in the chair and discoursing on how the voltage is regulated to cut down on burning. This chamber of horrors gloats over those sentenced to death and is a disgrace to the police organizations which promote it. It's interesting to note that while right-wing politicians complain about provocative but inoffensive sexually explicit art such as we recently saw at the List Gallery at MIT, the very real and harmful obscenities in this police exhibit slip by without criticism.

The aircraft heads into the north and the cold, a reminder that Florida's number one attraction is the sun. When Mickey no longer seems like your best friend, just go and stretch out on a quiet stretch of beach. Enjoy!

Jonathan Richmond is a visiting scientist at the Center for Transportation Studies.

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Baker, Next Dining Halls to Stay Open

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ing hall that opens later. My own hope is that we could come up with an option that serves the purpose that the dining hall currently serves. I will just wait and see what the residents want," said McCormick

Housemaster Charles Stewart III. "I think it's a real tragedy" that the dining hall will close, Stewart added. "My wife and I eat there, and one of the things that hit us was how many people eat there and sit around and socialize. It's a social center of McCormick on a daily

basis. One of the reasons why the Institute should have subsidized the dining halls is because it serves a function aside from shoveling food to students. McCormick will be a less pleasant place to live next year."

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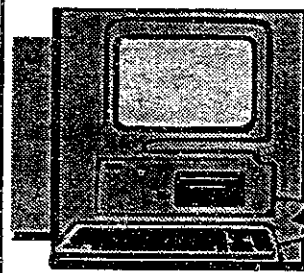
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THE ARTS

MIT sophomore's *Quest* doesn't quite reach its goal

QUEST FOR THE CUBE

By R. A. Fredrick '95.
Illustrated by Sean Wang '93.
Vantage Press.
133 pp., \$8.95.

By John Jacobs
STAFF REPORTER

In matters of taste, there are no absolutes. So when I say that I don't like fantasy, you can't argue with me. Don't even try. The fact that I didn't like the book isn't as interesting, though, as the fact that it's written by an MIT sophomore, Robert Frederick. Yes, we're at that age now where our peers are actually making something out of themselves. They are professional athletes, porn centerfolds, musicians, authors, millionaires, etc., and the rest of us put our pants on one leg at a time.

The book is about two warriors, Qwayne and Garth. They do a skit on *Saturday Night Live* in which they slay each other. No, seriously — when the war ends, they get bored. The two unemployed warriors are accosted by a legendary wizard named Menthar. He is the "boogie man" of their day, the antagonist in scary stories told to children. He's a few hundred years old, of course, but of late he's been reclusive so few of the living have actually



seen him. The stories, then, seem unfair. Menthar is like the old man next door to Kevin in *Home Alone* — he's misunderstood.

Anyway, he turns out to be a good wizard with much knowledge. For example, he knows that it is Qwayne and Garth's destiny to seek the two halves of the "Parcelona" cube. When I read that, I expected at least one half to be in Spain. Qwayne and Garth are frightened by Menthar at first, then they think

the quest is stupid, and then they don't. This is the kind of inconsistency that the book is plagued with. They finally accept their destiny and split up, one for each half of the cube. There's an entire story behind the cube, of course, and it begins like this: the cube, when made whole, will change their world from one of magic to a more predictable one in which there are scientific laws. Why Menthar split up the cube in the first place is another story, one that Frederick deals with in another book.

Anyway, of course they each find their half of the cube and heroically cause the dawn of a new age. And all that. If you read the book, more than once will you have to suspend your own disbelief. The book has many technical flaws. Bad diction runs rampant. Anachronistic diction makes a guest appearance. Unrealistic scenes are regulars. For example, there's a scene in which Qwayne returns to his hometown and is jumped by two men. It's a standard mugging—they might have said, "Your money or your life." Qwayne wants both, so he fights, killing one, and is about to kill the other when he discovers that it's his own brother. The two are suddenly joyful and go off together to the nearest tavern. Frederick doesn't explain why Qwayne didn't recognize his own brother's voice. He doesn't explain the absence of sadness for the dead guy, or

why neither of the brothers are fazed by the fact that the little brother was almost killed. There was no contextual explanation either, so I made up my own: death was so common that everyone had become inured to it. But that explanation was immediately invalidated by the next scene, in which Qwayne agonizes over the deaths of his parents.

The book, I found out when I interviewed Frederick, was primarily targeted at teenagers. It's a short, unimposing book, and a safe way to escape the horrors of adolescence. The bad guys get axed, and the good guys save the planet. Most people I know outgrew fantasy fiction by the time they were eighteen years old, but, according to Frederick, fantasy is popular at MIT. When I think about that, though, it makes sense.

So the short, bullet-like sentences and the exaggerated attention to detail are partially justified. In fact, *Quest* is very good for a first book (especially since I know the author), and we must remember that fantasy is an unforgiving genre. In any event, this book replaced *Beowulf* on the summer reading list in Frederick's hometown's county. It's been favorably reviewed by *The New York Times*, the *Atlanta Journal*, and a few science-fiction/fantasy magazines.

Neil Young shows what *Unplugged* was meant to be

NEIL YOUNG UNPLUGGED

MTV.
March 10.

By Eric Oliver

In 1979, Neil Young and Crazy Horse released the album *Rust Never Sleeps*, which answered the question "Has your band begun to rust?" The album's two sides were like two brothers, obviously related but each with a personality of their own. Side one was a one-man acoustic guitar/harmonica jam in the style of early Dylan that inspired such albums as Bruce Springsteen's *Nebraska* and John Mellencamp's *The Lonesome Jubilee*. Side two was a kicking, fighting child who screamed, "I don't care if you like the way I dress or the way I look because my music is going to knock you on your butt." This brother became known as "grunge" and has resurfaced in Pearl Jam, Alice in Chains, and Nirvana.

Billed as the "Godfather of Grunge," Neil Young performed on the March 10 MTV *Unplugged*. As in the "Live Rust" concert tour, the show began with just Neil, a guitar, and a harmonica. Opening with "Old Laughing Lady," the bearded, graying Young, sporting an oversized black leather jacket, rolled into the classic "Mr. Soul." Finishing his solo guitar set with "World on a String" and "Pocahontas," his only song in the show from the *Rust* album, he donned a pair of black Terri-

nator glasses and stepped up to the piano for "Stringman" and "Like a Hurricane." Hearing the latter with just piano and harmonica accompaniment was similar to hearing Eric Clapton's *Unplugged* "Layla" for the first time. For many old Young fans who have probably heard "Hurricane" dozens of times, this version was different, yet familiar, and was one of the highlights of the show. He finished the first set with the popular "Needle and the Damage Done," a biting ballad of a junkie's life eroding before him.

Soon afterwards, he was joined on-stage by Nils Lofgren and backup singers Nicolette Larson and his sister Astrid Young for an emotional version of "Helpless." After a break, the band grew as the musicians from the latest album, *Harvest Moon*, joined him for the title song. For the first time in the show the performance nearly mimicked the studio version of the song, which was effective only because of its relatively recent release. "Transformer Man" was a better indication of the style of performance we could expect. Born on Neil's 1981 *Trans* album, his unfortunate attempt at techno-rock, the song showed much more class and style as an acoustic, harmonic story of love in the early 1980's.

The surprise of the show was Lofgren, who accompanied Young with an accordion throughout the concert. He seemed as natural with the accordion as he did playing guitar alongside Bruce Springsteen as Steve Van

Zandt's replacement. His playing stayed in the background, was never overpowering, and made an exciting combination with Neil's acoustic guitar and harmonica.

In a style most Young fans could appreciate, the remainder of the concert was filled with less familiar, emotionally packed songs, including "Unknown Legend," "Look Out for My Love," "Long May You Run," and finishing with "From Hank to Hendrix."

Although the *Unplugged* series is one of the best ideas MTV has ever come up with, some of the bands featured were just not meant to shine in this format (I won't mention any names, Bret Michaels). Throughout this concert, it seemed *Unplugged* was created for Young, with respect to his *Harvest* and *Rust Never Sleeps* days. If you missed it, find someone who has taped it, slip it into the VCR, and enjoy the ride.

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SPORTS

Final Four for Pitino, but Fisher And Fabulous Five Finish First

Indoor Track Finishes Sixth

By Halston Taylor
TEAM COACH

The indoor track team finished sixth in the NCAA Division III Championships hosted by Bowdoin College this past weekend. The meet marks the end of a long and successful season for the Engineers.

The team had only two athletes qualify for the nationals, and both came away with All-American honors. Matt Robinson '94 completed an exceptional season in the pole vault with a second place finish in the four-and-a-half-hour competition. Robinson cleared all the heights up to 15 feet, 8 inches, but he needed all three attempts to reach 16 feet. By clearing the next height, 16 feet, 3.5 inches, he broke the Institute record and moved up from fourth place to second.

Mike Piepergerdas '93 demonstrated that his two-and-a-half-year hiatus from track and field did not affect his performance this season. Piepergerdas dominated the 1500-meter run all year and earned third place in the nationals with a season best of 3:55.48. He very nearly won the competition, holding a small lead in the home stretch, but he was unable to hold it, and contact with the eventual winner threw him off stride and brought him down to third place.

Player of the Week

Congratulations to the men's volleyball team for its outstanding effort in last Thursday's 11-15, 15-5, 13-15, 15-10, 12-15 match against Harvard University. Extra recognition goes to captain and setter Satoshi Asari '93 for his 57 assists and to Tom Klemas '93 who had 33 kills in the game. Prior to the Harvard game, Klemas was elected to the alternate team at the Springfield College Invitational.

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Column by Bo Light

Hello, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to this week's column. Our regular writers, Mike Duffy and Andrew Heitner, couldn't make it this week (something about having to leave the country), so I've been asked to fill in. Obviously I won't be nearly as entertaining as our usual humble scribes, but I'll certainly try. This week is our NCAA Basketball Spectacular.

Upset Fever — NOT!

Well, Selection Sunday has come and gone, the pairings are set, the pools are circulating, fans and "experts" are analyzing the matchups, and everyone is picking the winner of this year's NCAA Basketball Tournament. Yes, March Madness is finally upon us, and for once we might get to hear Shaughnessy, Madden, and Ryan talk about something other than the Sox or high school hockey tournaments.

The college talent pool was endless this year; there were easily a dozen teams which could have made the tournament but now have to console themselves with the NIT. And, unlike the recent years of Duke/UNLV infamy, there is no clear favorite to win the title this year. This is why the Tournament Selection Committee has laid a particularly large egg in posting the seedings for the 1993 playoffs. The suits at the top have spoiled what could have been the most exciting tourney in recent memory by leaving several deserving teams behind in favor of lesser lights (and I'm not talking about the automatic bids here), and making the proceedings all but predictable within the divisions through poor seeding choices.

Perhaps the most glaring failure of the committee this season was the failure to recognize the power conferences. True, it's hard to argue with any of the six ACC selections (well, maybe Virginia), but it seems odd that the Big Eight, which is suffering through a weak year, sent six teams, while the Big Ten, arguably the best conference in the nation this year, sent only five, and the SEC sent only four.

The Big Eight's selections seem all the worse when one considers that the finalists for the conference tournament were Kansas State and Missouri, neither one of which was any better than a bubble team before the tournament (Missouri finished the regular season in seventh place, and would have been lucky to make any tournament this year). Shouldn't this have hurt the conference? Meanwhile, teams like Ohio State, which had beaten two ranked teams in three weeks, and UNLV, a top-25 team itself, were left behind in favor of — George Washington?

The divisional seedings also seem to be way off-base this year. While it is customary for the number one seed to be given a few cream puffs in their half of the draw, the road to the Final Four seems to be unusually smooth for them. Also, there is a definite lack of good "sleeper" teams this year, unlike years past, where Richmond, Cleveland State, and Seton Hall (before the Big East went South) struck fear into the hearts of the favored teams. The lower seeds just don't match up this year, probably due to several upsets in conference tournament play and the passing over of good teams for second-rate ones with padded records. Although the Southeast looks to be the toughest top-to-bottom, the Midwest is really the only division where a lot of great upsets are likely. And now, my predictions:

EAST: North Carolina and Cincinnati have basically been given tickets to the Regional Finals.

I look for the only early upset to be the 8-9 game, where Purdue will beat Rhode Island. However, Dean Smith's Tar Heels will slide in the finals, and Cincy will pull the upset to go back to the Final Four. TEAMS TO WATCH: UMass and Purdue could make things interesting for the top seeds.

WEST: Someone on the Committee likes Jalen Rose and company. Could Michigan have been given an easier road to New Orleans? Again, only first-round upset is in the 8-9 game (UCLA over Iowa State), but look for Temple to beat Lute Olson and the Mildcats in the second round. A tight final between Michigan and Vanderbilt, but the Wolverines return to the Final Four too. TEAMS TO WATCH: Georgia Tech is a giant killer (see Mich. State 1990 and USC last year), and Long Beach State is one of the few teams better than their ranking (eleventh).

SOUTHEAST: A tougher draw here, but still not much in the way of upsets. Tulane (11) will beat Kansas State in the first round, and 10th seed Memphis State will take down Western Kentucky, Seton Hall, and Florida State to reach Charlotte, but Christian Laettner isn't around to beat Kentucky this year as the Wildcats go to the Superdome. TEAMS TO WATCH: Iowa will most likely dedicate this tournament to Chris Street, and could ride a wave of emotion into the finals. Also watch out for Memphis State and Anfernee Hardaway. If they're on, they could be trouble.

MIDWEST: At last, a division with some games in it. Another 8-9 switch as Xavier beats New Orleans, but they won't last playing Indiana in the state capitol; they might as well be in the Hoosierdome. Big upsets, however, are coming up: 12th-seeded Marquette beats Oklahoma State before falling to Louisville, Cal will send Coach Bobby "I think I'm gonna" Hurley and the rest of the Duke squad packing in the second, and (you heard it here first) Ball State becomes only the second 15th seed ever to win a game, as they knock off Kansas, BYU, AND the Golden Bears to reach the finals, where the Cinderella story comes to an end as Bob Knight teaches them who the best team in Indiana is. TEAMS TO WATCH: Everyone in this division except Wright State and maybe Delaware could win this shootout.

So, Cincinnati, Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan. Except for one last-second, extremely lucky shot, this is last year's Final Four all over again. This year, though, either Indiana or Cincinnati will get to move on, since they play each other. Look for the Bearcats to be bridesmaids again, though, as Alan Henderson returns to pace the Hoosiers into the Championship game. In the other bracket, Ray Jackson will shut down Jamal Mashburn and Webber and Rose will combine for fifty points, fifteen assists, twenty-two rebounds, six dunks, seven fouls, and way too much talk as Steve Fisher reaches the Finals three times in four tries. This leaves us with an all-Big Ten final, thus avenging their poor showing in selections. (Meanwhile, Ohio State beats Minnesota to win the NIT...) Indiana swept the Wolverines during the regular season, winning by a point each time. This time, however, Henderson re-injures his knee in the first half, and no one blocks Chris Webber's shot at the buzzer, as Michigan walks away with an 85-84 victory. I predicted at the beginning of the season that Indiana would win the Big Ten and Michigan would win the national title. I'm half right so far; I've got two weeks to see how good a psychic I really am. Also: You proba-

bly didn't hear this here first, but in the event of a U of M championship, Chris Webber and Jalen Rose will both declare themselves eligible for the NBA draft.

This Week in MIT Sports

Most of the winter sports are winding down, and already one can see the track, lacrosse, baseball, and softball teams warming up for spring competition. Congratulations to the men's swimming and diving teams and to all the swimmers who set MIT and N.E. Div. III records. Kudos also to Matt Robinson '94 and Mike Piepergerdes '93, who were All-Americans at the NCAA Div. III indoor track and field championships. Piepergerdes placed third in the 1500 meters in just over 3:55, and Robinson finished second in the pole vault with a personal best and MIT record of 16 feet 3 1/4 inches.

Trivia Question

The 1993 NCAA Tournament has 64 teams representing 31 states and the District of Columbia. Which state has the most teams? (Hint: They have five.) Send answers, comments, and applications for the Tournament Selection Committee to sports@the-tech. Duffy and Heitner wouldn't tell me the answer to last week's trivia question, which asked, "Which is the only team with a losing record to win a game in the NCAA Tournament?" I thought I could get it by reading their mail, but apparently no one else knows for sure, as everyone seemed to have a different answer. Go ahead and keep sending in answers to that one as well, the answer will come after spring break.

Sportswriter of the Week

If you thought the *Globe's* Big Three were bad, you haven't been to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Kalamazoo Gazette Sports Editor Jack "A Rolling Stone Gathers No" Moss used approximately a page worth of newsprint to wish all of his "pals of Irish descent" a happy St. Paddy's day, and then (as he does every year) listed seemingly every person in Kalamazoo with at least 1/64th Irish blood in them, complete with a cute one-liner about each person which was about as funny as tapeworm. Jack also does this for Thanksgiving and Christmas. And you thought Donut Dan didn't have anything to say...

Random Thoughts

This is something that has struck me as odd since I arrived in Boston. Can anyone tell me why candlepin bowling is the highest rated sporting event locally every week? It just doesn't seem to be an exciting, edge-of-your-seat type of game, but then again, I've never seen professionals play. "Let's Argue" T-shirts will soon be available for loyal fans of the almost-weekly column you were expecting to find in this space. Watch for these quality garments wherever you think they are likely to be sold.

I played some UNIHOC a few nights ago. It sounded like a dippy game, but it was actually a lot of fun. Everyone should try it except for tall people with bad backs; 20 minutes spent stooping has already forced me into early retirement.

Did You Know?

The last time Indiana was a number one seed was 1987, when they won the national championship in New Orleans. David Spielvogel '95, a backup on the varsity hockey team, hails from Honolulu, Hawaii, and learned to skate last year.

The regular Let's Argue column will return after spring break, and I will be covering the track team. Enjoy your week off.