

Students Plan New Safe Ride Schedule

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A new route and timetable for the Safe Ride program will take effect on Monday. The new system is based on the work of seven undergraduates who studied the system in Transportation Laboratory (1.102).

According to Anne P. Glavin, chief of Campus Police, the new routes and schedules will be evaluated over the summer and revised by the fall.

The class project was described as excellent by class instructor Thomas F. Humphrey, principal research associate at the Center for Transportation Studies. It was also well received by the administration. Glavin commended the work, and credited the students and the Graduate Student Council with providing the catalyst for the Safe Ride changes.

Stephen D. Immerman, director of special services, added that the students' work has also saved MIT "thousands of dollars in consulting fees."

Concern about problems with Safe Ride surfaced in the GSC's Housing and Community Affairs Committee after the murder of Yngve K. Raustein '94 early last fall, according to committee co-

chairmen Jonathan D. Baker G and Chin Hwee Tan G. Safe Ride was "being poorly utilized," Baker said.

The GSC discovered that many students do not use Safe Ride because it does not have a regular schedule when it examined the results of a safety survey conducted last Registration Day. Almost half of the respondents had never used Safe Ride, and another quarter only used it a few times per year, according to survey results.

Cuthbert suggested project

David S. Cuthbert, GSC vice president, suggested the project to the class. He served as mentor to the student project and also worked with the administration to see the plan realized.

Baker and Tan spoke with Glavin and Immerman in November. Glavin and Immerman initially wanted to hire outside contractors to suggest improvements to Safe Ride, but "we thought we could do it faster and sooner and cheaper," Baker said. He also thought they would have "more influence over the project."

Cuthbert later suggested the idea to the class. Seven students adopted the project and proceeded to ride the

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COD Will Hear Trial Of PBE Racism Case

By Katherine Shim
NEWS EDITOR

Charges of racial harassment filed by four black students against two members of Phi Beta Epsilon fraternity will be heard by the Committee on Discipline, said COD Chair Nelson Y. S. Kiang.

In the past few weeks the Campus Police conducted an investigation of a March 13 incident in which racial slurs were allegedly shouted from a PBE window at four black students, one of whom was a resident of Chocolate City. Former Associate Dean of Residence and Campus Activities James R. Tewhey was to decide if the case was to be heard by the COD or by his office.

"The case has come to the COD, and we will handle it from here," said Nelson Y. S. Kiang.

"I've known that it was going to the COD for a while now, and hopefully the COD will handle the situation fairly," said Dale L. LeFebvre '93, a former president of Chocolate City and leader of a group that deals with racial harassment.

"I think that the truth will come out at the COD hearing, and I think that it will exonerate us," PBE President Andrew T. J. Luan '93 said.

"I also want to stress that PBE is not on trial here," Luan said. "Some individuals who are members of PBE are charged, and I think that they will be cleared."

The decision to send the case to the COD was made in the past two weeks, Kiang said. At that time, all students involved were notified by the COD that they would be given 10 working days to be prepared for a hearing, Kiang said.

"Right now we are in the process of scheduling a hearing. We'll do it as quickly as possible, but it is

going to be difficult. There is the problem of a large number of people trying to fit a meeting into their schedules," Kiang said.

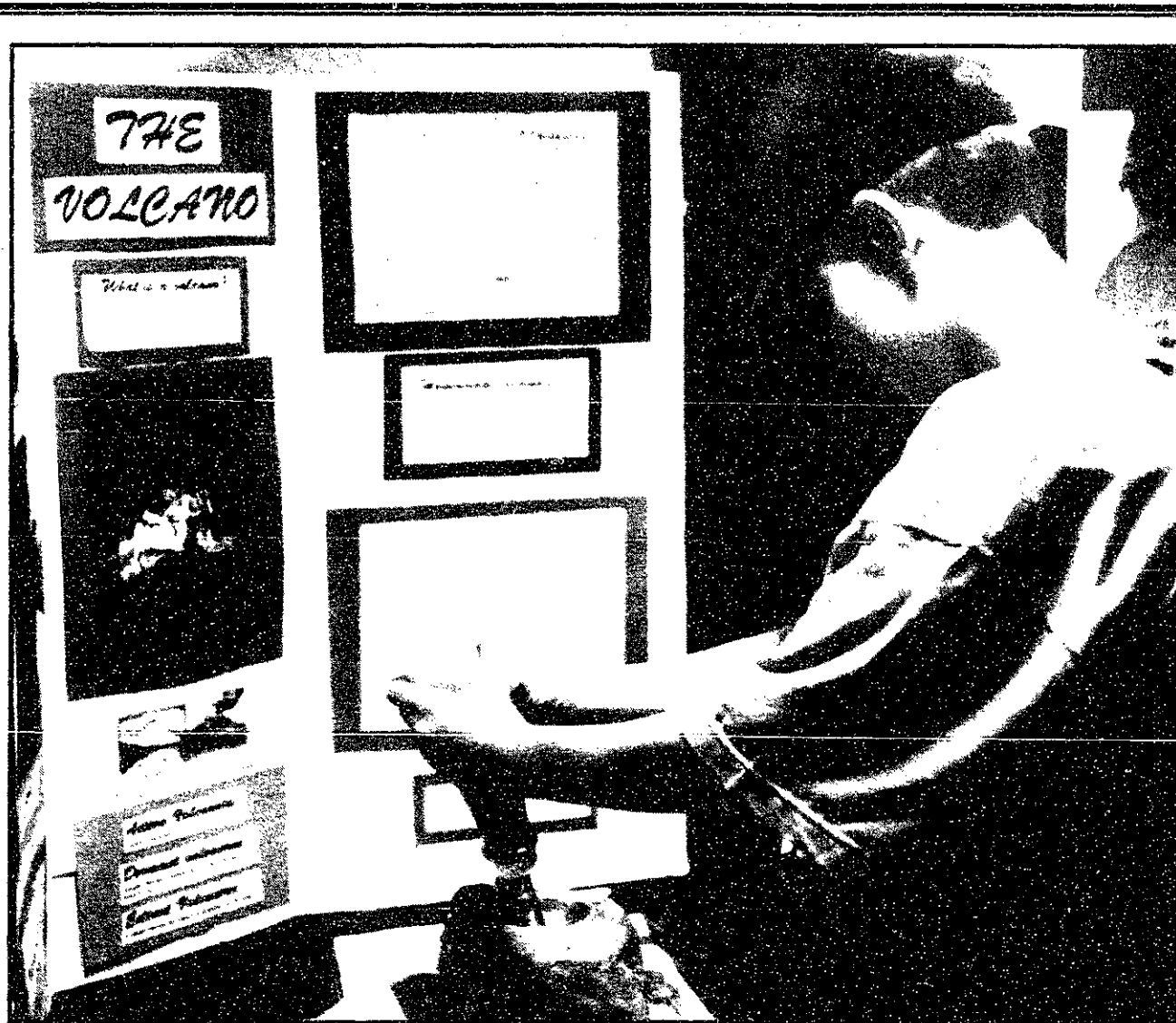
Since the hearings of the COD are confidential, it will not provide the campus-wide forum on race issues that some students have called for. Arthur C. Smith, dean for undergraduate education and student affairs, issued a statement stressed the importance of confidentiality.

"It seems very important to me that the disposition of an accusation against an individual student should not be seen as the forum for discussing racism," Smith said. "Maintaining confidentiality about such a case does not prevent the community from entering into a serious attempt to reduce racism on our campus," he said.

"I'm more interested in the end result rather than the forum in which this is discussed," LeFebvre said. "By the fact that it is going to the COD, I hope it will set a precedent for how these issues will be handled."

"The Dean's Office tends to be touchy-feely about these types of issues," LeFebvre added. He noted that the Dean's Office is fairly autonomous and that the COD could handle the case in a more formal way. "But whatever the COD decides, the enforcement will come from the Dean's Office," he continued.

"The job of the COD is to hear what the charges are and to hear what everybody has to say," Kiang said. "This case will be handled as an issue of two students who are being accused of something. ... We are not concerned with the larger issue on campus. We are not mak-



RICH DOMONKOS-THE TECH

A elementary school student prepares his project at yesterday's science fair in Twenty Chimneys.

Cambridge Students Come to MIT for First-Ever Science Day

By Sarah Y. Kelghtley
NEWS EDITOR

With projects ranging from glowing dill pickles to growing crystals, fifth to eighth graders had a good time presenting their work and touring MIT laboratories at the first-ever MIT/Cambridge Science Day yesterday afternoon.

Over 100 Cambridge elementary school students came to MIT to participate in the Science Day, a joint effort begun by the Educational Studies Program and the City Days LINKS Science Outreach Program. Representing ten Cambridge elementary schools, the fifth to eighth graders were winners from their own school's science fairs.

"Science Day is intended to encourage youth at a critical age to continue pursuing science," according to a David L. Harris '94, who started the project. This marks the first year that Cambridge has had a city-wide elementary school science fair.

The young students set up their projects in the Student Center and individually explained their projects to judges, who were MIT student volunteers. Along with their project presentations, the students saw a chemistry magic show and went on tours of laboratories, including the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, the Plasma Fusion Center, the National Magnet Lab, and the Space Grant Program.

Teacher praises Science Day

Mike Young, the science resource teacher from Kennedy Elementary School, said, "I don't care about the final project, they've learned the process here." Along with helping with classroom tutoring, some student volunteers from Chi Phi helped the students with their projects, he said.

The Chi Phi volunteers are part of a larger group of about 200 undergraduates who are helping out in science classrooms,

doing individual tutoring, or working with science clubs at eight of the Cambridge elementary schools this semester. This program is called LINKS, and it is a continuation of the City Days program launched last year during Residence/Orientation Week.

"These kids come from the [housing] projects; they don't have self-motivation or self-esteem," Young said. However, these science projects have given them "self motivation with direction from MIT students."

He added that the Science Day is beneficial because "MIT becomes real to these kids."

"There's a linkage here," Young said.

Day is a success

Harris came up with the idea for the Science Day in January. He felt that the day went smoothly and was thankful for the volunteers.

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Sirianni Will Head Physical Plant

By Jackson Jung
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A Harvard alumna will soon be heading Physical Plant. Victoria Sirianni will succeed Harmon E. Brammer as director of Physical Plant on July 1, William R. Dickson, senior vice president, announced this week.

Sirianni, 45, is currently an assistant director of Physical Plant. She began her MIT career 20 years ago in the Purchasing Office and has worked for Physical Plant for the last 17 years.

As director of Physical Plant, Sirianni said she will be responsible for "managing the design, construction, maintenance, operation, and repair of all buildings, grounds, utilities, and distribution systems."

Sirianni will be coordinating the

activities of nearly 600 Physical Plant employees. The future director does expect managing such a "large and diverse organization" as Physical Plant to be a challenge.

"We need to focus our service organization to take it into the next century," she said. She also anticipated that this diversity would be the most enjoyable aspect of her new promotion. "Let's see how many complaints we don't get," she joked.

According to Sirianni, her goal as director will be to "make customer service the number one priority." She noted that her focus would not be only on Institute faculty and students, but also on other members of the community. She said this was basically a statement of the "total quality management" philosophy.

Though she declined to discuss the size of the Physical Plant budget, she said it has not yet been affected by the Institute's financial cutbacks. Nevertheless, in recognition of leaner times, she added, "We still need to learn to do things differently."

Sirianni has an extensive background. She has held various positions in design and construction, interior design, and space planning in Physical Plant. She was an undergraduate at Carnegie Mellon University, where she earned an AB in history. She also attended graduate school at Harvard University, where she received an EdM for work in education with "emphasis on administration, planning, and social policy," she said.

WORLD & NATION

Other Nations Accept but Punish Military Gays, Experts Say

NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON

America's shaky temporary compromise on allowing homosexuals to serve in uniform — in effect, "we won't ask, you don't flaunt" — has become the pattern in several foreign forces that officially welcome but actually punish avowed gays, the Senate Armed Services Committee was told Thursday.

As hearings resumed on whether Congress should accept President Clinton's plan to lift the Pentagon's longtime ban on gays in July, two military manpower experts testified that few gays and lesbians "come out" in some allies' ostensibly permissive armed services because of discrimination against them in practice.

Another witness, retired Army Lt. Gen. Calvin A.H. Waller, who was No. 2 commander of Operation Desert Storm, argued that lifting the ban would result in "second-rate armed forces." But he said he could "live with" perpetuating the interim agreement reached in January between Clinton, committee chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and the restive Joint Chiefs of Staff. Under this compact, which is unpalatable to gay and lesbian activists, recruits no longer are asked their sexual orientation. But gays who don't stay "in the closet" can be separated from active duty.

Except in the armed forces of Holland, Norway, Denmark and Sweden, which offer full equality to gays, that's largely the way Europe and Israel balance gays' rights with worries about small-unit morale, the sociologists Charles Moskos of Northwestern University and David Segal of the University of Maryland testified.

Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va., said his own findings on a recent study trip to Britain, France, Germany, Holland and Canada do not "provide a basis for lifting the ban" that the United States now has in common with just 12 countries, including Iran, Libya and South Africa.

In lone contrast, Florida International University political scientist Judith Stiehm said the ban must go. She reported that Canada and Australia have suffered no military gay-bashings or mass resignations since changing their policies.

ATF Director Considers Resigning

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Director Stephen E. Higgins said Thursday he accepts full responsibility for his agency's aborted Feb. 28 raid on the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas, and will consider resigning following the completion of an internal Treasury Department investigation.

After weeks of criticism over a series of confusing and apparently conflicting statements by ATF officials about the Waco matter, Higgins also acknowledged that an ATF public-affairs officer had "at some point" alerted news reporters in Dallas to an impending agency operation shortly before the raid was launched.

Higgins said the notification provided no specific details about the time and location of the raid. But members of Congress said Thursday they believed the agency's own attempts to attract media publicity may have inadvertently compromised the operation, leading to the deaths of four federal agents and the wounding of 16 others.

"I think it's absolutely clear I'm responsible in this case," said Higgins, who has previously acknowledged approving the Waco operation and informing senior Treasury officials about it two days before it was launched. "My actions should be examined, like everybody else's and if I did something wrong then I should answer for it."

WEATHER

A Squeeze Play

By Marek Zebrowski

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Thanks to a blocking pattern, we shall have a very enjoyable weather for several days to come. (Please note that this is a rare treat: slow-moving patterns during spring usually cause raw and unsettled days in our region!) A high pressure ridge will generally keep on holding over the eastern seaboard, whilst an ocean storm off the Atlantic coast will slowly drift northeastward — its cloudy fringes just nipping outer portions of the Cape. To our west, a low pressure over the eastern Great Lakes will move to our west and north; the cold front associated with it, currently stretched over the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys, will have only limited moisture when it passes through our area on Saturday afternoon. Another surface ridge from Hudson Bay area will follow the front and get established over the Northeast. As winds will tend to be more northwesterly, the biting seabreezes of the last few days are less likely, and a gradual warming trend is expected. There are even some indications that by mid-week this high will be positioned offshore just to our southeast and, if such is the case, a truly warm weather will follow for the second part of next week.

As we part with April, some statistics: last Tuesday morning's 2.2 in. (5.6 cm) of snow pushed our seasonal total to 83.9 in. (213.1 cm), making it one of the snowiest winters on record! April temperatures were very close to normal (about 0.4°F warmer per day), the precipitation totalled 4.86 in. (12.3 cm) for the month, well over an inch above the average.

Today: Mostly sunny with high clouds increasing from the west throughout the day. Temperatures around 60°F (16°C) near the shore (even cooler on the Cape) to around 70°F (21°C) well inland. Winds north to northeast 10–15 mph (16–24 km/h).

Tonight: Partly cloudy, lows around 50°F (10°C), light onshore winds will continue.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of a sprinkle associated with the passage of a cold front, then clearing later in the day. Highs in mid 60s (17–19°C) locally to low 70s (21–23°C) away from the coast.

Sunday: Fair and warmer with highs touching the 70s (21–23°C) in the metropolitan area and mid to upper 70s (23–26°C) well inland.

Serbs Promise to Reconsider Rejection of U.N. Peace Plan

By Stanley Melsler

LOS ANGELES TIMES

UNITED NATIONS

The all but moribund Bosnian peace plan suddenly revived Thursday as the Bosnian Serbs promised to reconsider their rejection of the plan and agreed to meet with their antagonists in weekend peace talks in Greece.

Fred Eckhard, spokesman for peace mediators Cyrus R. Vance of the United Nations and Lord Owen of the European community, announced the resumption of talks Saturday in Athens, and hinted that he believed the Serbian change of mood came out of fear of some form of American military intervention.

He said it was "impossible to separate these things" and that Vance and Owen had continually drawn the attention of the Bosnian Serbs to "the rising level of frustration in Washington" over the failure of U.N. Security Council condemnations and sanctions to stop Serbian aggression against the Muslims in Bosnia.

Pressured by leaders in Serbia, about to feel the brunt of toughened U.N. sanctions, the Bosnian Serbs announced that their self-styled Parliament would reassemble Wednesday to reconsider its rejection of the Vance-Owen peace plan. The plan, which would divide Bosnia into nine autonomous provinces — three

each dominated by the Serbs, Croats and Muslims plus an integrated capital in Sarajevo — has been accepted by the other parties in the war, Bosnia's Muslims and Croats.

At the United Nations a few hours later, Eckhard announced that all the prominent players in the Bosnian civil war had agreed to attend the Athens meeting. The purpose of the session is clearly to ease the doubts of the Bosnian Serbs before they vote inside Bosnia a few days later.

But Mohammed Sacirbey, Bosnia's ambassador to the United Nations, derided what he called the sudden "180-degree turn" by the Bosnian Serbs "to avoid military action." He said his government would distrust Serbian intentions even if they finally succumbed to all the pressure and signed the Vance-Owens plan.

"Concrete steps need to be taken beyond signatures," he said.

Eckhard said Vance and Owens hope to persuade the Serbs that their security would be served by a proposed demilitarized corridor connecting Serbia with the Serb-dominated provinces of Bosnia. The corridor would evidently function much like the road that once cut across East Germany to connect Berlin with West Germany.

The spokesman also told a news conference that Vance, a former U.S. secretary of state, and Owen, a

former British foreign secretary, also planned to outline a system of internationally guaranteed roadways and railways throughout Bosnia that would be open to all traffic. Local police along these routes would not even have the right to issue traffic tickets.

The leaders of all factions of the civil war plus the leaders of the most concerned other governments in the former Yugoslavia would come to Athens, Eckhard said. They include Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, Bosnian Croat leader Mate Boban, Serbian President Slobodan Milosovic, and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman.

Eckhard, while refusing to characterize it as a last chance, described the meeting in Athens as "the next logical step forward in a long, arduous negotiation." He also said it was "the first concrete development" since the Bosnian Serbs were urged by the leaders of Serbia and Montenegro to accept the Vance-Owens plans. That plea was rejected by the Bosnian Serbs at their parliamentary meeting Monday.

The Vance-Owens plan would require the Bosnian Serbs to give up almost half the territory they have conquered in a civil war that has lasted a year and with more than 100,000 people killed or missing.

Clinton Meets With Advisers to Decide on a New Bosnia Policy

By John M. Broder and Doyle McManus

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton, torn between painful choices on what to do about the slaughter in Bosnia, summoned senior foreign and military advisers to the White House on Thursday for continuing consultations on the possible use of U.S. military force against Serbia.

A decision on a new Bosnia policy is expected Saturday, after a final White House meeting with advisers. Secretary of State Warren Christopher will then fly to European capitals to explain the policy to allied leaders and seek their support.

Clinton is determined to take a more aggressive role in seeking to end the civil war in the former Yugoslavia, but the European allies as well as a majority of the top brass in the Pentagon are warning him that the Balkans present an inescapable political and military morass.

Clinton is agonizing over the decision, aides say, knowing that a wrong move could engulf his young administration in a deadly and distracting quagmire.

"Everybody agrees that there is no clear, good course of action," said White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers. "There are costs and risks with every decision."

However, she added, "The one thing that's clear is the president firmly believes we must take more action to stop ethnic cleansing and to stop Serbian aggression in Bosnia."

Clinton met late Thursday with Christopher, Defense Secretary Les Aspin, Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Colin L. Powell and other military leaders. An enlarged decision-making body known as the Principals Group, which includes those officials plus Vice President Al Gore, national security adviser Anthony Lake and U.N. envoy Madeleine Albright, is to meet Saturday morning.

Powell emerged from Thursday's meeting to say that Clinton and the military leaders had discussed a range of options and that the only possibility excluded from consideration was the use of American ground forces.

"I would just characterize it as a full discussion of a wide range of military options as well as consideration of the current diplomatic situation," Powell told reporters.

He said "we haven't ruled anything off the table" other than the deployment of ground troops.

Clinton insists the new policy will include multilateral participation, but there is no assurance he can secure allied acquiescence in a controversial policy that may include arming the Bosnian Muslims or mounting air strikes against Serbian artillery emplacements.

The other principal option under consideration in Washington is the use of military force to establish "safe havens" for Bosnians fleeing the factional bloodshed.

Clinton is involved in intensive consultations with Congress and U.N. allies over his future course because virtually any action would require congressional or U.N. approval. He has also spoken with former President Nixon and former Secretary of State George P. Shultz, aides said.

Clinton would need the United Nations' assent to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia. In 1991, the United Nations imposed an embargo on weapons sales to all parties in the Yugoslav civil war, crippling the Bosnian fighters but having little effect on the Serbs because they control the weapons stores of the former Yugoslav army.

And if Clinton were to send U.S. warplanes to strike Serbian forces, he likely would be compelled to seek congressional approval under the War Powers Act, which requires a vote in Congress on any large or protracted deployment of U.S. forces overseas. Ninety-one House

members sent Clinton a letter Thursday urging him to comply with the law if he decides to dispatch U.S. troops or aircraft for combat in the Balkans.

Former Presidents Reagan and Bush ignored the War Powers resolution in numerous military operations, saying it was an unconstitutional infringement on executive authority.

But White House communications director George Stephanopoulos said that Clinton was committed — at least in theory — to observing the letter and spirit of the War Powers Act.

After a decision is reached, Stephanopoulos said, Clinton would "go before the American people and explain what he wants to do and why he wants to do it. ... One of the lessons obviously of Vietnam and other conflicts is that you need the sustained support of the American people in order to have a successful venture."

Securing European support may prove even more difficult than persuading the American public that military action is justified.

Britain, France and Canada all repeated their opposition to lifting the arms embargo, but said that they were willing to discuss other measures with the United States.

Some foreign officials said that their governments were reluctant to back allied air strikes in Bosnia or Serbia — but were willing to discuss the option.

A major concern of all three governments was that any tougher action would endanger the British, French, Canadian and Spanish troops carrying out U.N. peacekeeping and relief missions on the ground.

"We are prepared to support stronger action to bring the Serbs to the table," a senior Canadian official said. "But our government is still opposed to lifting the arms embargo."

Economic Growth Slows; Clinton Says Stimulus Needed

By John M. Berry
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Hit by everything from a big winter storm to an enormous drop in defense spending, U.S. economic growth declined sharply to a 1.8 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

President Clinton used the slowdown from the 4.7 percent rate in the closing three months of last year to defend his efforts to boost the economy.

The report "plainly proves, I think, that the administration was right in trying to hedge against this economic slow growth by passing the jobs bill that the House of Representatives passed and that the Senate wanted to pass," Clinton told reporters. "It proves that we were right in both reducing the deficit and in trying to create some jobs right now in this economy."

But Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., who led the Republican filibuster that blocked passage of most of Clinton's \$16.3

billion economic stimulus spending bill, saw a different lesson in the numbers.

Calling the growth rate a "disappointing statistic," Dole said it is an indication that Clinton's "economic plan is scaring a lot of Americans: businessmen and women, consumers and investors. After 100 days of 'tax and spend, it looks like the American people are grading the president with their pocketbooks. ... And they are not buying."

Whatever the message in the numbers, administration officials said Thursday that they have not decided how to try to salvage portions of the spending bill.

Economic analysts attributed the economy's weak performance in the first three months of the year to a range of factors, some of them inter-related.

After rising at a 3.7 percent rate in the third quarter of last year and a 5.1 percent rate in the fourth, spending for personal consumption went up only 1.2 percent in the first quarter. Spending for nondurable goods such as gasoline, clothing and food

declined slightly while that for durable goods, relatively expensive items such as automobiles and home appliances, rose at a 0.7 percent rate. Some of that may have been due to last month's severe weather, which kept many consumers out of stores for several days, analysts said. Analysts estimated the storm and earlier heavy rains and flooding in the West may have clipped one-half to three-quarters of a percentage point off the growth rate. Consumer purchases account for two-thirds of gross domestic product, which measures total production of goods and services in the United States.

After a post-election bounce, consumer confidence declined in the first three months of the year before rebounding slightly in April. Laura D'Andrea Tyson, head of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, said she does not believe the drop in confidence was a result of Clinton's proposed tax increases because polls show that the public supports the president's goal of deficit reduction.

Yeltsin Challenges Russian Parliamentary Conservatives

By Margaret Shapiro
THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

President Boris Yeltsin, bolstered by his solid victory in last Sunday's vote of confidence, threw a direct challenge at Russia's conservative parliament Thursday by asking regional leaders to bypass the legislature and help formulate a new, Western-style constitution.

Yeltsin, declaring that Russia has "neither the time nor the strength" for more political battles, presented leaders of Russia's 88 semi-autonomous republics and regions with a draft of his proposed constitution, which would replace the Soviet-era document now governing the country and create a new parliament. He also asked them to select delegates for a constitutional convention in late May or early June.

Yeltsin's announcement that he will forge ahead unilaterally with his own constitution provided the first sign of the leader's post-referendum strategy for dealing with the country's debilitating power struggle. With this move, likely to cause a storm of protest in parliament, Yeltsin made clear that his attempts to compromise with legislators are over, at least for now.

"It must be brought home to

everyone that the president and the policy of reform are all under the protection of the people from now on," he said at a Kremlin meeting with the regional leaders. "Decisions that run counter to the popular will, whoever makes them, will not be implemented and are to be abolished."

The legislature, Yeltsin said, now must choose to support him and his reforms or to "confront the will of the people." In a strongly worded speech later to government ministers, he also warned that anyone opposing his reforms would be fired.

Conservative lawmakers recently have clipped Yeltsin's powers, tried to impeach him and put the brakes on his reforms. But a clear majority of Russians voting in Sunday's referendum backed Yeltsin and his painful program of economic reform, while signaling their extreme dissatisfaction with parliament.

Nonetheless, the parliament announced Thursday that it would push ahead with its own constitution, though few details were provided. The legislators have kept up their attack on Yeltsin and his programs this week. They criticized the government's privatization drive as "unsatisfactory," attacked Yeltsin's

policy on Yugoslavia, disbanded a reformist, pro-Yeltsin parliamentary committee and set up an investigation into alleged corruption by Yeltsin appointees.

The legislature, elected in 1990 when the Communist Party still ruled, is dominated by ex-Communists, hard-line nationalists and centrists opposed to Yeltsin's free-market reforms and pro-Western foreign policy.

Russia's constitution, a much-amended remnant of the Soviet era, is at the heart of the country's political crisis. Adopted in 1978, it never envisioned a democratically elected president, giving power instead to a two-tiered legislative branch in which the Congress of People's Deputies, which now has 1,033 members, had supreme authority. In practice, however, the Congress merely rubber-stamped decisions made by top Communist Party leaders.

In the current democratic era, the Congress has discovered its unintended power and used it against Yeltsin, Russia's first popularly elected president. Over the last six months, its members have amended the constitution dozens of times to reduce Yeltsin's powers and hamper his reforms, creating an atmosphere of chaos and economic uncertainty.

Clintons Thank Health Task Force; Prepare to Finalize Reform Plan

By Marilyn Milloy
NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON

On the South Lawn of the White House Thursday evening, Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton offered a farewell thanks to more than 500 "worker bees" who for more than two months have labored — in secret — to produce the stuff of which a national health-care reform plan will be formed.

Among them, these federal employees and volunteers have pumped out enough proposals to fill up more than three dozen oversized notebooks. All have been about turning the Clintons' vision for reform into reality.

At the farewell, Mrs. Clinton thanked all those who "pulled these all-nighters and did not leave the Old Executive Office Building for days and days on end."

If it was grueling work for the task force, the current mission before President Clinton — decid-

ing which proposals to put into a final plan, which to change and which to just leave out — promises to be downright sticky.

This is the critical homestretch for the White House, and with a self-imposed deadline of May 17 to release a near-final version of the plan, at least, the pace is quickening.

Already the touchy process of getting lawmakers on board has begun, even before the plan officially is sent to Congress. Friday, the entire Senate has been invited to meet with Hillary Clinton, and officials say talks about "real details" will begin there in earnest — including some of the bigger questions, such as financing a health-care plan, that the administration maintains are far from resolved.

On another front, the White House is charging several groups of outside reviewers — they call them "contrarians" — to pore critically over the plan, even as the president

mulls options.

The president has pledged a system in which every American, including the 37 million uninsured, would be entitled to a minimum level of coverage, provided through their employers. To get it, most people would join huge regional "health alliances" in which networks of doctors, insurance companies and hospitals would compete for the lowest-cost health plans. All this would happen under a national health budget.

But numerous decisions have yet to be made — such as what will be in the benefits package; how the budget will be set and what the enforcement mechanism will be; whether there will be price controls, and if so, what kind; whether to assess a flat insurance premium or a percentage of an employee's salary to finance the coverage; and how big a subsidy the federal government will give small businesses to help them pay for insurance.

35,000 Bring Cesar Chavez To His Final Resting Place

LOS ANGELES TIMES

DELANO, CALIF.

This was the working people's state funeral.

In a white pine coffin planed and sanded by his brother, Cesar Chavez, the impassioned campesino who had swept across this sere, hot valley like another force of nature, was carried down the roads he had once marched, past the fields where he had toiled, on the shoulders of those who had marched and toiled with him.

The numbers grew with the day Thursday: 35,000 people followed the body of the leader of the United Farm Workers — so many that the advance marchers were beginning to arrive at the UFW's 40 Acres compound just as the last ones began walking, three miles back into town.

Almost everyone who followed the red and black banners, who waved the squares of bedsheets with the UFW eagle stenciled them, had some story about Chavez, some epiphany that had compelled them to skip work or ditch school and fly or drive through the night, in buses or car caravans, from Florida, from Toronto, from Mexico, to be here.

At the end of the procession through the fields, marchers sat and stood for a funeral Mass under brightly striped tents.

Chavez's body was taken to an undisclosed place for a private burial. The family said it would announce the grave site afterward.

Administration Considers Continued Underground Nuclear Testing

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration is considering an arms control proposal that would allow continued underground nuclear tests but sharply limit the explosive force of such experiments, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The plan, which is scheduled to be discussed Friday at a White House meeting, has been endorsed by senior officials at the Defense Department, Energy Department, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the directors of the three U.S. nuclear weapons laboratories, officials said.

The plan would allow continued testing of nuclear weapons with an explosive force equivalent to 1 kiloton, or 1,000 tons of TNT. That level is a 100-fold reduction from the maximum blast allowed under a treaty signed by the United States and the Soviet Union in 1974.

But the plan has angered some Democratic legislators and anti-nuclear testing activists, who said it falls short of the comprehensive ban on nuclear tests endorsed by President Clinton during last year's election campaign and would conflict with recent legislation that calls for such a ban.

Congressional opponents of the plan, which has not yet been reviewed by Clinton, have argued that only a total nuclear test ban would forestall the development of new nuclear arms by the United States and discourage other nations from becoming nuclear powers.

Advocates of the plan have said that more nuclear tests are needed to ensure that U.S. weapons will function properly in wartime, and to conduct experiments aimed at improving the weapons' safety and reliability. The United States has roughly 10,500 nuclear warheads in its stockpile, plus roughly 6,000 awaiting disassembly under recent arms reduction treaties.

Traces of Nerve Gas Found In Soil of Town Hit by Hussein

NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON

A British defense laboratory has found traces of a nerve gas and its byproducts in soil from an Iraqi village allegedly attacked with chemical warfare agents in August 1988 by Saddam Hussein's military, human-rights groups said Thursday.

"This is the first example, to our knowledge, that a suspected use of a nerve agent has been corroborated by the analysis of environmental residues," the laboratory report said.

The lab found a few billionths of a gram of Sarin, a potent nerve agent, and its less toxic breakdown products in soil taken last year from old bomb craters in the village of Birjinni in northern Iraq.

Alastair Hay, a chemical pathologist at the University of Leeds in Britain, said it has been generally assumed that Sarin and other nerve gases degrade so quickly under the influence of water and heat that no traces would be found. But Hay, a consultant to Physicians for Human Rights, told a news briefing that the findings suggest it may be possible to verify the use of nerve agents many months or even years after the fact.

Magnitude 5.5 Quake Rattles Parts of Southwest

LOS ANGELES TIMES

A magnitude 5.5 earthquake shook a large area of Northern Arizona and Southern Utah early Thursday, causing a brief power outage at Grand Canyon Village on the south rim of the Grand Canyon and waking residents of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Douglas Bausch, interim director of the Arizona Earthquake Information Center, said the quake occurred seven miles beneath the Earth's surface on the occasionally active Cataract Creek fault system, with the epicenter 25 miles south of the Grand Canyon.

The tremor took place in the same locale as an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.8 that did scattered damage Sunday. Besides some breakage in stores and spills from shelves in homes, the only damage reported in Thursday's quake was a blown power transformer at the town of Tusayan, six miles from Grand Canyon Village. No injuries were reported in either quake.

Although geologists at Northern Arizona University have sent monitoring instruments to the area, Bausch said a larger earthquake is not expected. He called the aftershock sequence Thursday normal, with the strongest aftershock put at magnitude 3.5.

The earthquake was felt as far north as Kanab and St. George, Utah, and through most of Grand Canyon National Park.

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Racism Remains A Problem

Many of us pass our years here without dwelling too much on race. Open racism and forms of institutionalized discrimination are no longer part of our reality, and they meet with the overwhelming condemnation of nearly all students at the Institute. Our classes, sports, and activities are racially diverse, and a casual walk around campus reveals, people of all racial and ethnic groups. It would be easy to say that, at first glance racial problems at MIT are a thing of the past. As a prestigious institute of higher learning attended by intelligent and educated people, one would hope that if any Americans could put race behind them, it would be students at MIT.

This superficial view of the situation is one that many at the Institute, especially non-minorities, hold. True, they might admit that minority representation in the faculty and administration is too low, and that there is little mingling between different ethnic groups. These facts are clear to anyone who observes the composition of student groups, or has ever seen the inside of an administrative office. Despite these problems, though, most MIT students and most Americans in surveys say that race relations are good — and hopefully getting better.

Then came the Rodney King case in Los Angeles. Then came the PBE incident at MIT. Clearly, racism remains a serious problem at college campuses and the entire United States, 30 years after the greatest successes of the civil rights movement. But what can we do against racism when there are no more laws to fight?

You have to make people realize that racism is still a problem. The first step in combating the problem is to admit it. Because of ignorance, racially offensive behavior continues to be widespread in American society. Non-minorities in particular must realize that a large percentage of the population of the United States still faces racism on a daily basis — by being followed around by a shopkeeper in stores, by being stopped by cops on the street or in their cars, by hearing harassing comments or insulting jokes made offhand. Racism is everywhere and racism is real, at MIT and in America.

As a real social problem, it must be treated seriously. Racial incidents cannot be swept under the rug. Both the first verdict in the Rodney King case and the lack of punishment or apology in the recent PBE incident send signals about acceptable and unacceptable behavior that are at odds with the principles that most Americans claim to hold dear: equality under the law and social justice.

On-campus interracial and multicultural dialogues have to be increased. They are an easy way to get different groups together, begin to bridge the cultural and social walls that divide us and lessen misunderstandings. In addition to treating the pressing problem of sexual harassment during Residence and Orientation Week here at MIT, the administration should hold a similar presentation and discussion session for in-coming freshmen about race relations on campus. The Association of Asian, Hispanic, African, and Native Americans should also continue to sponsor discourses dealing with relevant racial matters, such as the recent discussion about the issue of African-American students in predominantly white fraternities.

There are not any fast remedies. The legal battle against racism may be over, but the war goes on. Keep your eyes open and you'll see it.

Edward A. Miguel '96

Action Necessary On PBE Incident

I am no longer willing to be patient. Everything I have done, I have done in the interest of justice. However, my pleas to the administration to tell students on this campus how the PBE incident is being handled have gone unheeded. I did not understand why this was the case until now.

At this very moment, as I sit in my room at 2:25 a.m. on April 20, I now understand why nothing has been said or done, as it appears, in relation to allegations of racial slurs that were made to the Vest administration more than a month ago. The reason is right outside my window, where I can hear very loud music coming from East Campus' Talbot Lounge. There is a party going on and a vast majority of the patrons are Caucasian. To me, at this late hour, this seems unreasonable. I figure if I go to an Alpha party, a Delta party, or a party at Chocolate City where the majority of people are usually African-American, the chances are that a couple of Campus Police patrol cars are there waiting with personnel to enforce the 1 a.m. party closing curfew this administration has established. The drastic difference between the way these two types of parties are handled indicates the problem that needs to be dealt with.

This problem is that those political, social, and cultural bodies that lie within MIT, and are non-African-American and non-Latino go unpunished and unprosecuted for infringing upon those rules and regulations that were set up for the safety and well-being of every student. After the PBE incident the Vest administration talked to the student body about the issue, but with the ongoing discriminatory enforcement of various policies, I can only repeat what I find to be a very truthful statement that I learned in my neighborhood: "Talk ain't nothing but a word." It seems to be a word that Vest's administration has underestimated to the nth degree. It also seems to be a word that Vest's administration seems to equate with fools or bumbling idiots.

How dare this administration believe itself to be unaccountable to the student body? Why, I ask, does the administration send this problem to the Committee on Discipline so soon? Do they not know, as I do, that the COD's practices and prosecution concerning a particular act are confidential? I do not in any way believe that the administration is untrustworthy. However, I am an intelligent man, and I do not believe in the virtue of other people, especially not when my rights are at stake. I honestly feel that the Vest administration sees me, a student who desires to know how it is handling this issue, as an idiot. Maybe I am. But if I am, every person on this campus "shares the same bed I slept in." Every sexually-diverse, racially-diverse, or politically-diverse organization on this campus, by allowing this incident to nicely go away, has opened itself up to the same sorts of attacks.

I believe one of two things must happen. Either the mutually helpful rules that have been created by this administration must be enforced or the inactive administration must be thrown out.

Finally to you, President Vest, I was the student you personally told a month ago that you would not disappoint. I am sorry to inform you that you have already done this. The only thing you can do now is explain to the whole student body what is going, apologize for the molasses-like manner with which you have handled the problem, and take this

issue seriously. Then maybe you will re-institute my faith in your administration. However, if you continue to feel unaccountable, then maybe you should consider resigning and allowing this campus the chance to obtain a president who won't.

Tommie A. Henderson '95

Cesar Chavez Will Be Missed

Cesar Estrada Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers, who for decades led battles for the rights of millions of migrant workers, was found dead on April 23 at the home of a former union official. He apparently died of natural causes. He is survived by his wife and eight children.

Chavez spent his childhood as a migrant worker. He founded the UFW, the nation's first viable agricultural union, in 1966, becoming a figurehead fighting the battles of migrant crop workers in California's San Joaquin Valley and elsewhere. The life of Chavez, a tough-minded pacifist, was dominated by struggle and faith.

Chavez gave the Chicano civil rights movement a national leader, although he did not consider himself to be a Chicano leader, but rather the organizer of a union representing a multi-racial constituency of rank-and-file workers. It is nevertheless true that many Mexican-Americans were inspired by Chavez and that Chavez was certainly the first Mexican-American leader to receive national recognition and support for his cause.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said to Chavez, "I commend you for your bravery, salute you for your indefatigable work against poverty and injustice, and pray for your health and continuing service as one of the outstanding men of America." AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland called Chavez "an inspiration to generations of activists, unionists, and countless others." Former California Governor Jerry Brown called Chavez's death the passage of a "great union leader. He was one of the most important labor leaders since World War II."

The accomplishments of Cesar Chavez stand as an example to not only the Mexican-American community, but to all people who struggle for social justice and non-violent change. He will be greatly missed, but his struggles live on through those whose lives he has touched.

Alejandro Padilla '94

Kyle Shinseki '95

New Benefits Policy Recognizes Diversity

The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to Joan F. Rice, director of the Personnel Office:

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I must say however, that I was disappointed that the Institute chose to only offer benefits to "same sex" married couples. Those who choose not to marry, whether they are heterosexuals or bisexual opposite sex couples, are now the ones left out.

Jeremy Grainger

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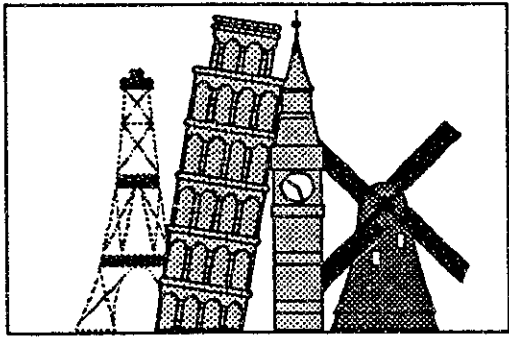
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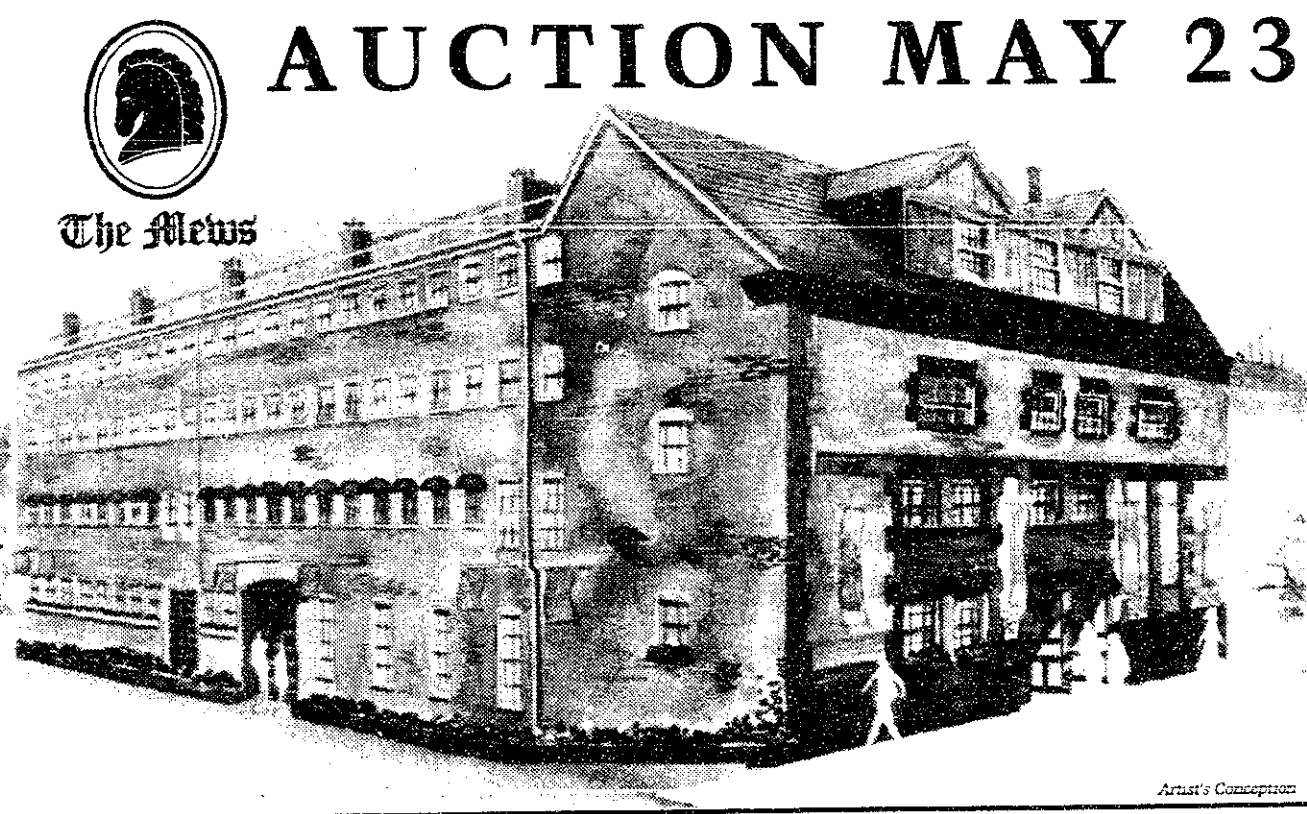
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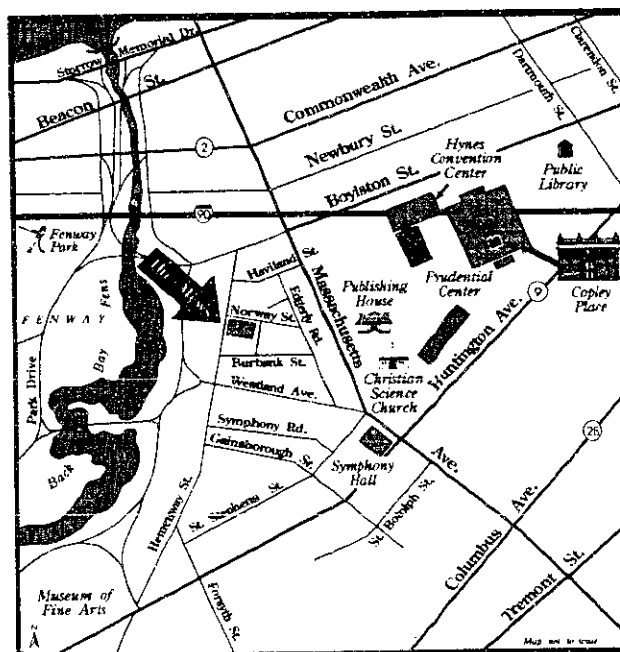


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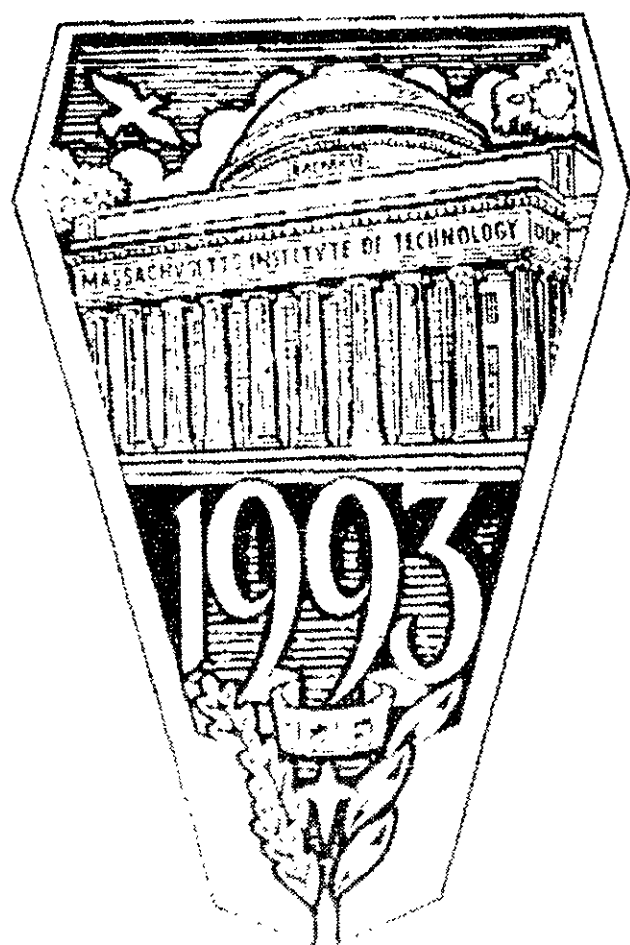


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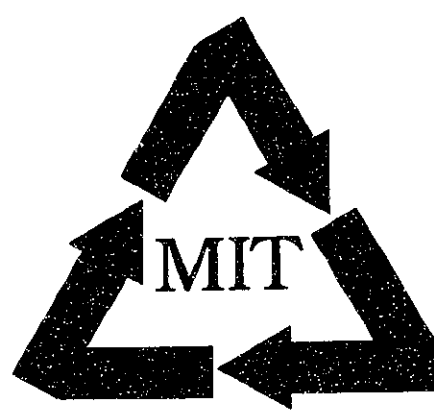
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THREE OF HEARTS

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 Starring William Baldwin, Kelly Lynch,
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 Reviews by Cheri

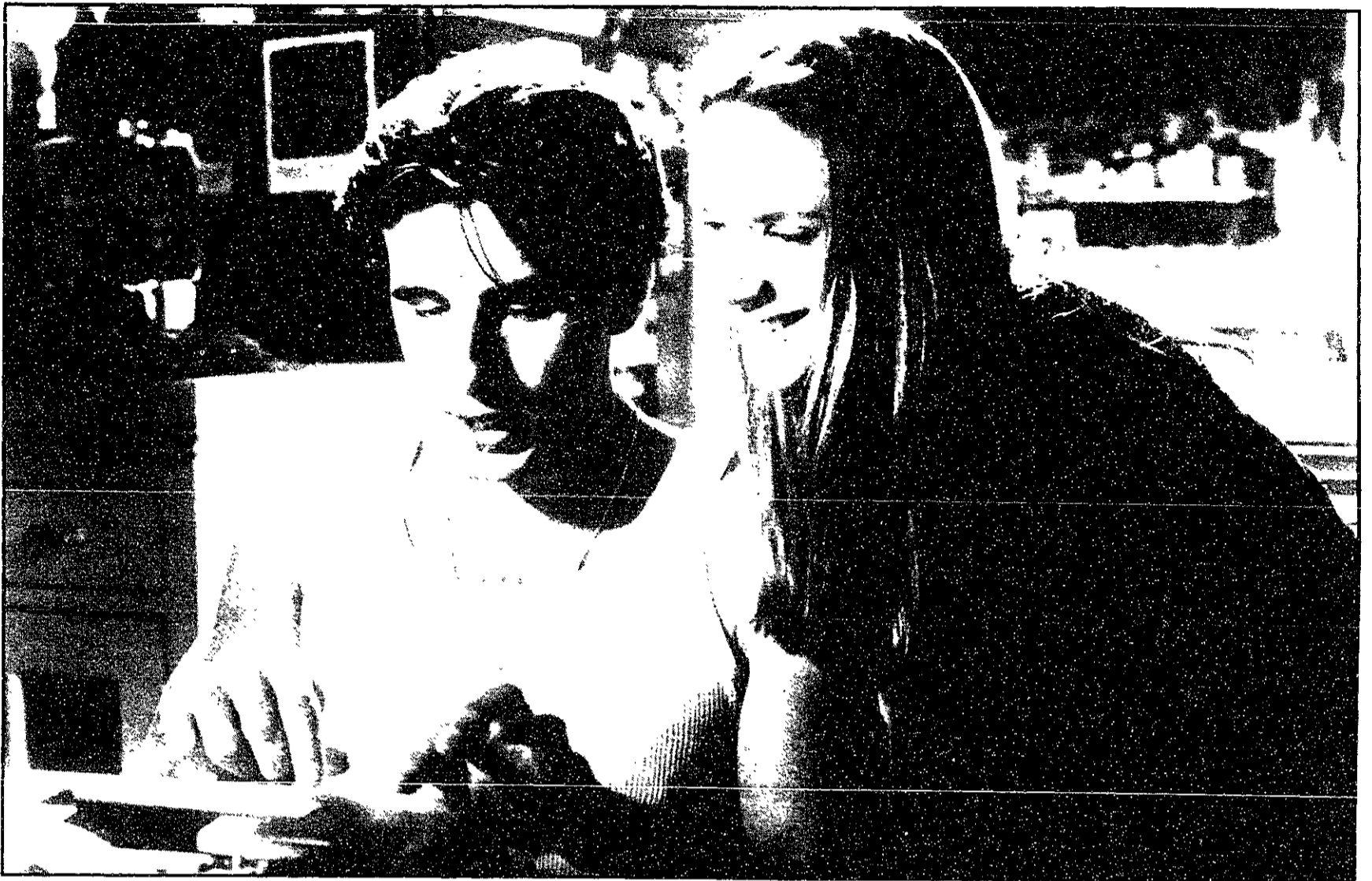
by Douglas D. Keller

If you've been listening to the radio on your walkman while sitting in the Athena cluster working on your term project or thesis then you probably know that *Three of Hearts* is your typical "Girl meets girl. Girl meets girl. Girl hires guy to get girl back for her. But boy falls in love with her instead" movie. Yes, a quasi-lesbian romance for the '90s without any lesbian sex and without any in-depth examination of a lesbian relationship in the '90s.

Joe (William Baldwin) is an escort/gigolo by night and a phone sex operator during the day who is hired by Connie (Kelly Lynch) to be her date at her little sister's wedding because her lover, Ellen (Sherilyn Fenn), has just broken up with her. When Joe professes his ability to have any woman at any time, Connie decides to hire him to break Ellen's heart so that she will come back to Connie.

"That's ridiculous," responds Ellen upon being informed, towards the end of the movie, of Connie's plot. Ellen's assertion brought several guffaws of encouragement from the audience because director Yurek Bogayevicz has done a poor job in setting up a credible romance between Ellen and Joe. In fact, more time is spent on building up the friendship between Connie and Joe than is spent with Joe and Ellen. This is not however a fatal flaw for the film because I really didn't want Joe and Ellen to get together in the first place.

What I was hoping to see in *Three of Hearts* was Hollywood tackling the task of portraying a credible "outed" lesbian romance in a mainstream film. It didn't happen. Lynch does a fine job in



Joe (William Baldwin) works on a writing assignment that may help him win Connie's heart (Kelly Lynch) in *Three of Hearts*.

playing the broken-hearted lover who just can't let go of her significant other. Fenn is less convincing as the bisexual who never seems to come to terms with her own sexuality. Baldwin is convincing, though, as the gigolo who begins to rethink his profession once he has tasted the spir-

its of love. What *Three of Hearts* becomes in the end is an interesting look at a friendship (Lynch and Baldwin) that begins in one of the bizarre ways that friendships sometimes do. Bogayevicz's film occasionally rambles from its probable course, but is satisfying in the end in its resistance of the classic Hollywood ending.

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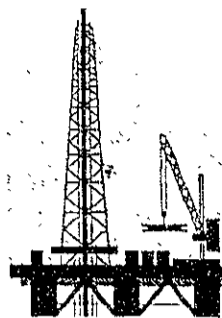
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Participants Praise Science Day, LINKS

Science, from Page 1

Alan J. Lazarus, a senior research scientist and lecturer from the physics department, was looking at the science projects. "It's great for kids to get a chance to explore something," he said.

The general sentiment among the young students and the volunteers is that the day was a success, and it should be continued in the future.

Aaron N. Chang '96, one of the volunteer judges, said that most of the students were very enthusiastic and excited to present their projects.

Michelle Cunha and Sandra Lima, both seventh graders from Kennedy, received much spectator attention with their demonstration: a dill pickle on a wire. When they ran current through the wire, the pickle glowed because the sodium and chloride ions reacted with the electricity, they explained.

"MIT tutors told us about it, and we wanted to try it," Cunha said.

Lima added, "We had fun finding out if it does glow."

Kristen Scott, a seventh grader from Longfellow Elementary School, grew crystals for her science project which she did "for fun."

Samaria Mendez, a seventh grader from Fletcher Elementary School, said she liked working on her project because when studying science, she prefers hands-on experiments to book-work.

Nadeene Riddick and Samantha Zammuto, two seventh graders from Fitzgerald Elementary School, tested how well plants grew under lamps with different colored light bulbs. They said they enjoyed working on their project and hope to do another one next year.

Volunteers seemed to have a good time, too. "I enjoy seeing this kind of stuff again. It reminds me of grade school," said Jane M. Hammer '93.

Students volunteer in classes

The science resource teachers and the Public Service Center administrators also praised the LINKS program.

Ned Rice, the science resource teacher from Fletcher, has had 25 volunteers from Alpha Phi and Zeta Psi volunteering in his science classes this term. He said that the MIT students had the option to choose what grades they wanted to work with, and what they wanted to do, ranging from helping out in the

classroom, to tutoring, to teaching a science unit.

He explained that as role models, the MIT students have "made a big difference." Because elementary school children tend "not to see teachers as real people," the MIT students can reach out to the kids. "Just talking to the kids, just their presence as positive role models," is good for these young students, Rice said.

The goal of the LINKS program is to get MIT students interested in public service and to reach out to the Cambridge community. Currently, 17 groups — including fraternities, all of the sororities, and two dormitories — are involved.

Safe Ride Expansion Limited by Budget

Safe Ride, from Page 1

vans to collect data and formulate suggestions for schedule and route improvement.

"The administration is taking this seriously," said Cuthbert. He and the class group made an interim schedule, which they presented to Immerman in March. The interim schedule was implemented in April, along with some minor route modifications, such as the addition of a stop at the Kendall Square T station on the Cambridge route and one at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Beacon Street on the Boston route, said Cuthbert.

The Safe Ride service is expand-

ing and evolving, Immerman said. Seven thousand people used the Campus Police on-call escort service annually before the advent of Safe Ride, but last year's total van ridership was over 55,000, Glavin said. Both Glavin and Immerman described the service as a "victim of its own success."

The students made suggestions to expand the service, including the addition of airport service before holidays and daytime service during the winter. Immerman cited cost as the major factor limiting Safe Ride service expansion, saying that current operating expenses exceeded \$250 thousand annually.

All those involved with Safe

Ride stressed the importance of maintaining Safe Ride as a safety service and not a convenience shuttle. Speed will be sacrificed in favor of dependability, Cuthbert said. He also hopes that drivers would be more diligent in following the schedule.

Suggestions to expand Safe Ride to daytime or extensive off-campus service "are above and beyond what the campus police should be worried about," Glavin said.

These expansions will probably not be made in the near future, Immerman said. However, "sooner or later, we will have a full-blown [shuttle] system," he said.

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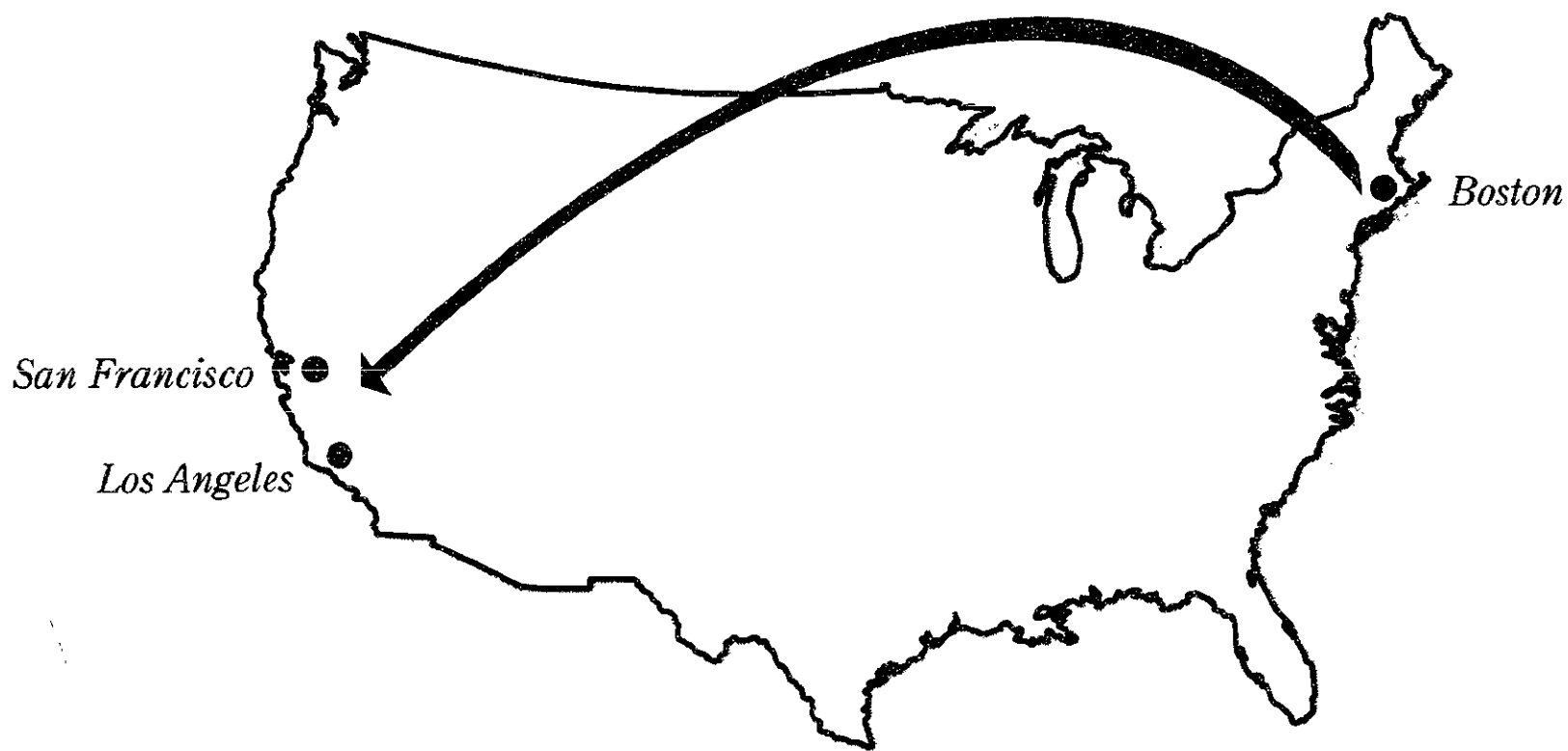
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Tomjanovich Is Coach of the Year

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ing he played the early part of the season with injuries. He has also finished second in scoring for the seventh time in the last eight years.

Coach of the Year

1. Rudy Tomjanovich, Houston
2. Pat Riley, New York
3. Lenny Wilkins, Cleveland
4. John Lucas, San Antonio
5. George Karl, Seattle

Pat Riley is again passed up for the award, because Tomjanovich has done nearly as well with less talent. This is always the knock on Riley, although this is his sixth 60-win season in 11 years coaching, and many coaches have squandered talent better than the Knicks. Riley made some masterful changes to the starting line-up throughout the season and is a great motivator. Still, no one gave the Rockets a prayer at the start, and Rudy has guided them there.

Rookie of the Year

1. Shaquille O'Neal, Orlando (23.4 ppg, 13.9 rebs., 56.2% fg)
2. Alonzo Mourning, Charlotte (21.0, 10.3, 271 blocks)
3. Tom Gugliotta, Washington (14.7, 9.6, 3.8 assists)
4. Walt Williams, Sacramento (17.0, 4.5, 3 assists)
5. Clarence Weatherspoon, Philly (15.6, 7.2)

The Shaq was a run-away winner from the start, though he tired towards the end of what would have been his senior year. Mourning was impressive, putting up big numbers and leading the Hornets to the play-off promised land, despite holding out with a guaranteed \$1 million from Nike for the first three weeks

of the season. Gugliotta proved that he is not the next Larry Bird, but he deserves a much better team than the Bullets. Spoon proved he can jam with the best of them.

For honorable mention in a strong rookie crop: Harold Miner, Anthony Peeler, Robert Horry, Jimmy Jackson, and Christian Laetner. Jimmy Jackson gets a mention for leading the Mavs to six wins in 20 games, when they could muster only four out of the previous 62. No one, including your humble scribes, likes Laetner (who bulked up over the summer by carrying bags for the Dream Team), but gets mentioned because of his big numbers (18.2 ppg, 8.7 rpg).

Bonehead play of the week

This week we turn to the New York Mets clubhouse for this feature's fodder. Met outfielder Vince Coleman, practicing for the upcoming Memorial Tournament, tagged Dwight Gooden in the shoulder while swinging his nine iron in the Met locker room a couple of hours before Gooden was scheduled to pitch to the Dodgers last Monday night. Gooden was scratched from the lineup with a bruised shoulder, acquired by "bumping into something," the Mets said.

Race for futility

Dave Justice (0-5), with five whiffs versus Pittsburgh Monday night and six consecutive whiffs over two games, was still six short of the major league baseball record (see Trivia). Bruins and Blackhawks played as if they were auditioning for Disney On Ice, as they were swept by fourth places times. Final-

ly Eric Davis and Don Mattingly had a batting average lower than the blood alcohol level of your humble scribes as we wrote this article — .087 and .077 respectively...

Chris Sonne '91 sends us his favorites from Houston, Texas (see Rumbblings for more): Henry "Avo" Cotto, George "Taco" Bell, Eddie "Eat, Drink, and be" Murray, Barry "U.S." Bonds, and Steve "Rainbow" Trout.

Trivia question

Who holds the Major League record for striking out the most times in a row. Send answers, comments, and predictions for how long Conan O'Brien will last as Letterman's replacement to sports@the-tech.

Answer to last week's question: Seattle Pilots (Brewers), Milwaukee Braves (Atlanta), Washington Senators (both the Twins and Rangers), and the St. Louis Browns (Orioles). Kudos to Rob Juba G, Jonathan Sigman '95, Aaron Cohen '96, and Frank DiFilippo G for getting the right answers. They all win the following: a Colorado Rockies barbecue apron and Minnesota Twins barbecue spatula. All they need to do is show up on June 20th in Denver and July 2nd in Minneapolis and purchase a game ticket. They will be personally handed their gifts from one of our many secretaries.

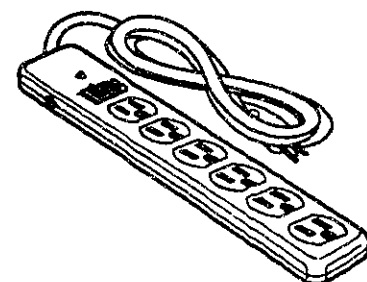
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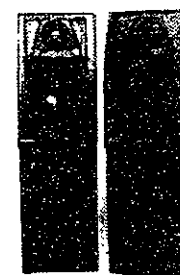


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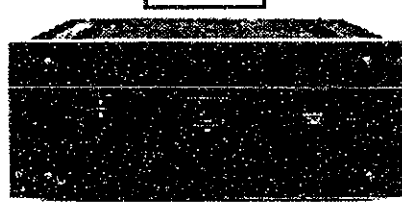
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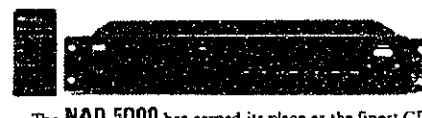


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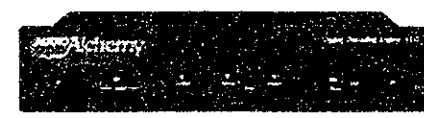


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New York, Utah to Meet in Final; Jets Trade for Johnson

By Mike Duffy
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SPORTS COLUMNISTS

We begin with a recap of the important events of the NFL draft. The first surprise on Sunday came when the Jets, with literally five seconds on the clock, traded their number three pick to Phoenix for their four pick and running back Johnny Johnson, letting the Cards take running back Garrison Hearst and then picking linebacker Marvin Jones.

The Jets needed both running and linebacking, so their masterful trade brought them great benefits, praying on the Cardinals' known desire for Hearst. But the trade also worked out well for Phoenix, who assured themselves the right to select the best back in the country in exchange for a player they probably would have had to trade or cut sometime in the future if Hearst pans out. The Cards could make trouble in the NFC East with an offense featuring Hearst, Steve Buerlein, and Gary Clark.

Jimmy Johnson rebuilt the Cowboys into a Super Bowl champion primarily through shrewd dealings and signings on draft day. The Boys were seemingly inconspicuous this year drafting in the last spot, but managed to pull off some great moves that will keep Dallas on top this season. Because all the starters are returning from last year, the Cowboys didn't need an impact player, and wisely traded down, giving Green Bay a first and a fourth rounder for two second, fourth, and eighth round picks, including speedster Kevin Williams from Johnson's alma mater, Miami. With the its draft additions, Dallas should be more stacked than the room that hosts Cowboy Cheerleader tryouts.

For those of you with scorecards wondering where some of the big-name college stars went to: "Papa" Gino Toretta, last year's Heisman trophy winner, wasn't selected until Minnesota had enough pity to draft him in the eighth round (192 overall). So much for those members of the Downtown Athletic Club, who forgot to read *Let's Argue*, and voted Gino in ahead of Garrison Hearst (our selection for the award).

The last Heisman trophy winner

who was picked that late, though, was Roger Staubach in the 10th round of the 1963 draft. At least Roger had the excuse of having to serve time in the Navy before entering the NFL. Elvis Grbac from Michigan, who made a career out of throwing to Desmond Howard went in the 8th round (fifth last player chosen) to San Francisco, and linebacker Travis Hill, from Nebraska, went in the seventh round to Cleveland...

NBA playoffs underway

With the NBA playoffs underway, we offer our humble opinions and post season awards. We will not stray from our pre-season selections, unlike every other fickle scribe in America, and will pick a New York-Utah final. Although we would not want you to run to Vegas and bet the farm on it (as these are not Vix Picks), here's how it will happen:

Eastern Conference. First round: Knicks over Pacers in four. Smits, Schrempf, and the rest of Hogan's Heroes will exit early. Celts in five over the Hornets. Although LJ and Alonzo will have their fun, the weak backcourt of Charlotte will be their undoing. Bulls over the Hawks in four. Hawks have had a great run over the last two months of the season, but the Air Jordans will prevail. Cavs to sweep the Exit 16 W's. With Kenny "Franchise" Anderson and Chris Dudley sidelined for the playoffs, the Nets will quickly be ushered out.

In the second round, we predict the Knicks in six over the Celts. Even His Regginess and the antics of "Fat Boy," the Celts unofficial mascot, cannot slow down Ewing and company. Cavs in six over Chicago. Much to the dismay of the NBA and NBC front offices, the Cavs will prove that they are not hairdressers and finally beat the Bulls in a playoff series (for the record, they have won three of the last four games versus Chicago, thereby proving they can win in the second city). The acquisition of Gerald Wilkins will allow the Cavs to use him, Ehlo, and Sanders continuously in order to keep constant

pressure on both Jordan and Pippen. Besides it's too easy to pick Da Bulls all the time.

In the eastern conference finals, the Knicks will prevail in seven. Homecourt advantage for the Knicks will be the difference in this series. Avent, Mason, and Starks look forward to making a rap video once the finals are over.

Western Conference. The entire conference is on a slide, especially compared to the stretch run in the East. Still, someone has to win The West.

In the first round, the Suns in three over Lakers. KJ will likely miss this entire series because of nagging injuries. It shouldn't pose a big problem here, though, as Lakers sub-.500 home record says it all. Spurs in five over Blazers. In what should be the most exciting series in the first round, Drexler's health is the reason for Portland's early exit.

The Paper Clips in five over Houston. Although the Rockets have been the best team since the all star break, they have struggled since Vernon Maxwell went down with an injury. The Clips will play aggressively, as they have nothing to lose, and will surprisingly emerge from this series as the victors. Utah over Seattle in four. The unpredictable ways of the Sonics and Coach Karl will lead to a Jazz upset.

Suns in six over the Spurs in the second round. Lucas' magic will wear out, as Sir Charles will run rampant in San Antonio and the Alamo with the Suns moving on. Utah to spank the Clips in five. Slumbering Mark Eaton will awaken to lead the Jazz to easy victories.

The Jazz will win the championship in six. The size of the Mailman will pose a major matchup problem for the Suns, as will a healthy Stockton matched up with a hurting KJ. Phoenix has relied on its offense all year, but their relatively weak half court defense will be exposed in this rugged series.

We picked the Knicks in six back in November, and there is no reason to change now. The tough, albeit not pretty, brand of ball utilized by New York will pay the same kind of dividends it did for the Nasty Boys a few years back. The

Western Conference, on the whole, is not as strong as the East, thereby allowing your humble scribes to confidently say that the East will again bring home the trophy...

With the firing of Detroit's Coach Rothstein, look for the Dominos effect to start as Wes Unseld of the sorry Washington Bullets and Randy Pfund of the LA LA Lakers will be fired next week (the Lakes will be bounced out of the playoffs by Wednesday)...

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Most Valuable Player

1. Sir Charles Barkley, Phoenix (25.6 ppg, 12.2 boards)
2. Hakeem Olajuwon, Houston (26.1 ppg, 13.0 boards)
3. Patrick Ewing, New York (24.2 ppg, 12.1 boards)

4. Michael Jordan, Chicago (32.6 ppg, 221 steals)
5. Dominique Wilkins, Atlanta (29.9 ppg, 6.8 boards)

The perennial debate in MVP balloting in any sport — the definitions of "valuable," to give the award to the player with better statistics or the one on the better team — hold true in the NBA this season. While a good argument can be made for Olajuwon (slightly better numbers on a worse team), Barkley has shown the whole package this year. Of course the Rockets are not a 55-win team without The Dream, but Phoenix is not close to being the best team in the NBA without Sir Charles. Ewing's vindication for not being the MVP is an NBA title. Wilkins had a great year, consider-

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MIT Rugby Team Wins Regional Championship

By Darren Waughn
TEAM MEMBER

The men's rugby club travelled to Philadelphia on April 24 for the Eastern Regional Championships. MIT won the championship with resounding victories over Columbia Medical School and Uniformed Services University, capping off a fall and spring season record of 14-1.

In the semifinal match against Columbia, the MIT team completely dominated its opponents. The forwards, playing as a tight unit, won the majority of both the first and second phase possessions. The backs made several crashing runs and kept control of the ball, which kept Columbia pinned back in its own territory.

This combination enabled MIT to outscore Columbia five tries to one, with Darryn Waugh G, Alec Jessiman G, Ben Paul G, and Warren Brown G scoring. Chris Perry G completed the scoring with a penalty goal and a conversion kick, and MIT won

the match 30-8.

The final game pitted a fired up MIT squad against USU. The forwards dominated the first 25 minutes and denied USU any lengthy possession of the ball. Dan McCarthy G opened the scoring when he completed a good forward movement and scored a try in the corner. MIT continued to score uninterrupted, starting with a penalty goal by Perry and scoring runs by William Buckland G and Jessiman. USU tried to respond with a score of its own but with the backs playing solid defense, it could only score a penalty goal. MIT led 22-3 at half-time.

USU opened the second half with a try, cutting the Engineer lead to 22-8. But an excellent backline passing play led to a Guy Debelle G score and Perry kicked another penalty goal. Minutes before the end USU scored for the last time, and the championship belonged to MIT by the score 30-13.

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