

## UROP Costs Could Double Next Year

By Jeremy Hylton

EDITOR IN CHIEF

*This story is the first in a series examining the effects on MIT of changes in the regulation of overhead research costs.*

The cost of hiring undergraduates to do research may more than double starting July 1, 1994, because of a change in federal regulations governing the reimbursement of universities for overhead costs of research.

"It could have a large effect on the [Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program] unless the

situation changes," explained Norma G. McGavern, director of UROP. "It would have a fairly dramatic effect."

Currently, the government allows MIT to waive employee benefit and overhead costs for students in UROP. Overhead is charged for services necessary to doing research, but not directly related to a project — administrative, physical plant, and library costs, for example.

Because students' salaries will now incur these added overhead costs, the cost of hiring a UROP student would increase by more than

125 percent, according to Philip J. Keohan, comptroller.

Provost Mark S. Wrighton hopes to negotiate a compromise with the Office of Naval Research, which audits MIT overhead expenses, that would allow the current overhead billing practices to continue.

"I am very concerned that this change will cause serious harm to the undergraduate experience, and I am exploring the possibility of continuing the current practice of excluding UROP student salaries from the employee benefit and overhead bases," Wrighton wrote in a

letter to faculty and administrators on Sept. 10.

Wrighton emphasized that the Institute remains committed to the UROP program in an interview yesterday. "I don't think this represents the demise of UROP. MIT has a very strong conviction regarding the importance of undergraduates having experience in research," he said.

### Effect on UROP considerable

A survey conducted last semester showed that two-thirds of the undergraduate population was participating in UROP. More than 80

percent of those students received a salary.

Last year overhead costs were waived on approximately \$4.5 million of these salaries, according to McGavern. The student salaries represented 15 percent of the student financial aid budget.

The overhead changes will affect departments and laboratories that receive research grants. "We charged the research projects about \$3.6 million worth of UROP salaries," Keohan said. UROPs in

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Rebecca J. Hill '95 goes after the ball in the first half of women's soccer's 5-1 win against Salve Regina College yesterday.

## Students Are Coping With Dining Changes

By Ifung Lu

Students have mixed feelings about recent changes in the food service. Opinions are divided largely between east and west campus residents.

Residents of the east side of campus protested the closing of Pritchett Snack Bar and the shortened hours at Walker Memorial's Morss Hall. West side residents generally approved of closing the McCormick Hall and MacGregor House dining halls.

East side residents said that the recent cutbacks have limited their dining options. The shorter hours at Walker make getting something to eat less convenient. "It would be better if they kept Walker open longer for lunch,"

said Jeffrey M. Roth '96.

"I have classes until late in the afternoon, and the fact that Walker is closed then makes getting lunch very inconvenient," said August W. Chang '97.

Many east side residents also criticized the Pritchett closure. Pritchett being open late nights "was a great resource," said Anna M. Tomassini '95. "We're not able to get food late at night now after Pritchett closed. You can't eat Dominos every night and it also gets expensive."

"They should consider everyone's needs. I know people that want Pritchett open. People at MIT are late night people, and food on the east side at night, and even in

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## MIT Ranked Fourth By U.S. News

By Hyun Soo Kim

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT is ranked fourth, edging out the fifth-ranked California Institute of Technology, in the annual *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of 204 colleges and universities, which will be released Monday.

Harvard University was ranked first for the fourth consecutive year, followed by Princeton and Yale universities. Among the liberal arts colleges, Amherst College beat Williams College for first place.

For the first time, the University of Notre Dame was included among the top universities in the "America's Best Colleges" feature. Brown University, which was ranked 18th last year, moved up six

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## Profemina Seeks More Awareness

By Judy Cheng  
and Brian M. Smith

Fluorescent orange and pink flyers appeared recently in the Infinite Corridor with messages such as "If a tree falls in the forest, would it do more to stop harassment than MIT?" The flyers were posted by Profemina as part of an effort to raise awareness about sexual harassment at MIT, according to the group's spokeswoman.

The posters serve a two-fold purpose, Rebecca Widom '94 explained. The first and most important is to get students to talk and think about the issue of harassment, she said. Secondly, "they provide a

vent for the frustration that many in the group feel for MIT's treatment of the problem."

Profemina will work with Office of Residence and Campus Activities this year to start an advocacy center. Staffed by people who understand MIT procedures, the center will provide guidance for harassment victims. The center is necessary, Widom said, because "MIT is not dealing with the issue of harassment well."

Widom said that MIT has a "complicated multi-access system" for reporting harassment. Victims report to an MIT administrator, who usually is not trained to deal with harassment issues. MIT has a coun-

seling system, but the power is vested in the wrong authorities, Widom said. Counselors can only comfort and sympathize with harassment victims, but have no ability to take action against the perpetrators.

### Students react to flyers

Students responded in various ways to the flyers posted in the halls. "What's Profemina? I don't know anything about it," said Catherine D. Conley '96.

Another female student said, "They [the flyers] do help in a way because they attract your sight,

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## Parking Remains Thorny Issue for Students

By Gabriel J. Riopel

Parking permits will be issued to students on Oct. 1, but parking remains inconvenient and insecure according to many students.

Parking is not very accessible for undergraduate students, according to Paul Church, supervisor of the parking and traffic division of the Campus Police. "Undergraduates are encouraged not to bring cars to MIT. If every undergraduate had a car, we would have a big problem," he said.

Most of the spaces in student parking lots are allotted to gradu-

ate students. According to a parking brochure produced by the Campus Police, the Hayward Garage, Westgate Lot, and 243-275 Vassar St., where reconstruction will be completed by Oct. 1, are the parking facilities available for graduate students.

Also, graduate residences provide one permit per apartment, according to Judith M. Brennan of the Graduate Student Housing Office. Unused spaces are not made available for undergraduates.

However, various parking

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JOSH HARTMANN—THE TECH

Cars line the West Garage annex late yesterday.

# WORLD & NATION

## FCC Clears Way For Communications Revolution

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Federal Communications Commission Thursday threw open the door to a new generation of communications services that technology experts say could transform the way people communicate much as the invention of the telephone did more than a century ago.

The commission in a 2-1 vote decided to divide each new "personal communications services" market into large and small blocks of radio frequencies, allowing the possibility that very large systems and small ones with less range could be created.

The FCC also began considering rules for auctioning the thousands of PCS licenses that will be available. It is expected that some \$10 billion will be raised for the government's coffers through the auction process.

If the promise of the new technology becomes a reality, Americans who have grown used to the freedom that cellular phones afford will be able to disconnect even more from phones wired to walls and desks. Instead, they will be able to talk, compute and send faxes on small portable phones and electronic devices that will work anywhere — in cars, homes and offices. Eventually, one phone and one phone number may do it all.

"It's a momentous moment," said FCC Chairman James H. Quello. "It's a new way for all of America to communicate."

The FCC decision, which tried to please many constituencies that want to be players in the new PCS industry, immediately sparked controversy over how the radio band was divided and what the auction process might be. Some wondered if allowing so many licenses would result in networks that don't "talk" to each other.

The commission defended itself against such criticism, saying that the rules will allow different visions of the new technology to prosper: large national and regional systems that serve many cities and towns, as well as small niche applications like an on-campus wireless phone system.

## Rabin Wins Vote on PLO Accord

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

Israel's parliament Thursday approved the landmark accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization that will begin to phase out the 26-year-old military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and transfer control to the Palestinians.

The vote was 61 to 50, with eight legislators abstaining and one absent. The margin in the 120-member parliament was a solid victory for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and wide enough that he can now resist demands for a national referendum or elections. Rabin said the vote demonstrated that mutual recognition of the PLO and the accord for self-government are "not so far from the national consensus."

But the parliamentary vote — which was not legally required but is traditional in Israel for major issues of state — was another setback for the main opposition party, Likud. Although its leader, Binyamin Netanyahu, had attempted to impose party discipline on its members, three defied him, and abstained rather than vote against the accord.

Likud member Meir Shetreet said many others in Likud would have liked to vote for the plan despite the party's opposition. He suggested the hawkish party should move more toward the center and "get in touch with the people," or it could see its role in Israeli politics diminished.

The other defectors were Roni Milo, Likud's candidate for mayor of Tel Aviv and a longtime advocate of an Israeli exit from strife-torn Gaza, and Assad Assad, a Druze member of the party.

The opposition claimed in three days of stormy debate that the accord would lead to a Palestinian state, threatening Israel's population centers. But supporters of the agreement said it could begin to resolve the hundred years of conflict between Arabs and Jews over the same land.

"The era of conflict is over," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in a closing speech that elicited howls of derision from the opposition. "What is the alternative, to close the door and say there is no peace? To return to the intifada and war?"

As the parliament debated, several thousand protesters demonstrated outside, many of them Jewish settlers from the West Bank and Gaza.

## WEATHER

### Fall Weekend

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

After several damp and dreary days, this morning's clearing skies are indeed welcome and well-timed! A high pressure system will bring sunshine and dry westerly breezes, keeping dewpoint temperatures in the 40s — a comfortable and fall-like range. As the high begins to move off the coast to the south of us, expect lighter, onshore winds for Saturday, with thickening high clouds towards dusk. A weak low from the southern Ohio valley will then push into our region late Saturday and on Sunday, causing mild but unsettled weather for the second part of the weekend and the first part of the week.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny with fresh northwesterly winds and a sparkling high of 70°F (21°C).

**Friday night:** Clear with slowly diminishing winds and a low of 54°F (12°C) by sunrise in the city; 40s (6-10°C) in the countryside well to our west and north.

**Saturday:** Clear start with increasing high clouds throughout the afternoon. Light northwesterly winds will drift into southeast. High of about 68°F (20°C)

**Saturday night:** Increasing cloudiness and mild with damp onshore winds. Chance of some light and scattered precipitation by daybreak. Low around 56°F (13°C)

**Sunday:** Mild with a chance of showers - highs in mid to high 60s (16-20°C) and lows in mid 50s (12-14°C).

# Towboat Captain May Have Hit Railroad Bridge in Fog

By Don Phillips

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOBILE, ALA.

The captain of a towboat pushing six barges was disoriented in dense fog and might not have realized that one of them apparently nudged a railroad bridge, perhaps causing derailment of Amtrak's Sunset Limited before dawn Wednesday, authorities reported Thursday.

A transcript of radio communications released by the Coast Guard Thursday indicated that captain Andrew Stabler of the MV Mauvilla radioed his position at Bayou Sara, south of the crash site and navigable by barges. But Stabler said he was lost and had to "go see what is going on," according to the transcript.

About that time, records showed, a CSX Transportation official phoned the Coast Guard to report the derailment at Bayou Canot, where the train bridge stands seven feet above water, too low for barge traffic.

The events disclosed Thursday left federal officials temporarily mystified about whether Stabler's report preceded or followed the crash, said John A. Hamerschmidt, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board in charge of the investigation. The time of impact has been reported variously between 2:47 a.m. and 2:58 a.m. CDT

Meanwhile, rescue teams continued to search in murky water for more victims of the worst accident in Amtrak history. Authorities said that at least 44 people were killed and that as many as nine remained missing. The train carried more than 206 passengers and crew.

Barge-mounted cranes began the delicate task of moving submerged double-decker Superliner coaches after divers reported that they could not maneuver in the tight confines of the coaches.

Thursday, a task force of federal, state and local law enforcement officials was formed to consider possible legal action in the crash, and Transportation Secretary Federico Peña ordered the Coast Guard to review rules of navigation and licensing of towboat captains in inland waterways.

The timing of events before the crash became less certain as Lt. James Hanzalik, assistant chief of port operations for the Coast Guard here, said telephone notification of the crash from CSX, which owns the Bayou Canot bridge, was logged at 3:05 a.m.

"Almost simultaneously," Hanzalik said, another Coast Guard unit received an urgent radio dispatch from the MV Mauvilla about the derailment.

CSX learned of the crash when the Sunset Limited's conductor radioed a "mayday" overheard at the CSX yard office in Mobile.

The main area of inquiry involves whether the vessel notified Coast Guard officials or other authorities of the accident promptly, as required by federal maritime law.

At 3:06 a.m., Stabler radioed the Coast Guard: "Mayday, mayday. I've lost my tow. There's too much fog. Don't know exact location. Just around 12-Mile Island, around the cut."

The Coast Guard answered: "Vessel hailing 'Mayday', how many people on board, and are you in any immediate danger?"

Stabler: "Negative. Don't quite know what has happened. Just saw the heel (the far end) of my tow disappear. We're right under the bridge at 14 mile in Sara Bayou. We have four people on board. There's a lot of fog. I don't have time to talk to you. Let me go see what is going on. I'll get right back with you. Out."

Almost immediately, he radioed: "Coast Guard, this is Mauvilla. It's real bad here. There's a train that ran off the track into the water, and there's lots of people that need help. And there's a fire. I'm going to try to help some of them, and I'll get back to you."

The MV Mauvilla, owned by Warrior & Gulf Navigation Co., of Mobile, was pushing six 1,500-ton barges aligned side by side in three rows. Each barge is 195 feet long and 35 feet wide, so Stabler, overseeing operations from his towboat at the rear, was about two football fields from the front of his tow.

Such heavy tows have tremendous momentum, even when traveling slowly. Joseph Farrell, president of American Waterway Operators, an industry group, said a tow must move at least 3 to 4 knots, less than 5 mph, to have steering capability. "You're talking about 9,000 tons and the weight of the towboat... Basically, it is considerable momentum," he said.

According to a railroad industry source, one or more barges apparently nudged out of alignment the center portion of the three-section bridge. That left the single railroad track out of line and a heavy girder directly in the path of the locomotive, the source said, leading to a tremendous impact.

# Storm Gathers over Debate On Clinton Health Care Plan

By Spencer Rich

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The health care debate took on hurricane force status Thursday, pounding the nation's capital with assertions and counter-assertions and offering a glimpse of what life will be like here in the coming months.

At an American Enterprise Institute conference, Martin Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Reagan administration, said the plan would cost the government \$120 billion more in 1997 than the White House has estimated. He was joined in his attack on the administration's numbers by Michael J. Boskin, chairman of the economic advisers during the Bush administration, who said that he had "heard nobody outside the administration" who accepts the White House's estimates of the cost of the health plan.

At the same time they were speaking, lobbyists were blitzing the city with faxes about their positions and held more than a dozen news conferences to express their views on the Clinton health plan.

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association suggested that parts of the president's plan would have a "devastating impact" on patients, mentioning his efforts to "blacklist" new drugs if they are excessively or inappropriately priced.

The Council for Responsible Nutrition contended that the U.S. health care system could save \$8.7 billion annually if Americans consumed "optimal levels of the antioxidant vitamins C and E and beta-carotene."

The Coalition to Preserve Health

Benefits, which described itself as a group of employers and insurers, said that President Clinton's plan would reduce American's flexibility to choose their benefits, "returning to the one size fits all health care policies of the 1950s and '60s, when male-dominated, single-earner households were the norm."

For its part, the White House staged a rally for 1,100 supporters with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declaring that this "is not a Democratic or Republican problem. It doesn't have a liberal or conservative solution. It is an American problem that we are going to solve before Congress goes home next year."

The president defended his financing numbers, arguing that "savings in the system" would enable the government to finance the expanded care his proposal would provide. "We must continue to hammer the points of opportunity to save funds so we can do the things we need to do," he said.

As Clinton spoke, more than a dozen of his Cabinet and senior staff were racing from one end of the country to the other to promote the plan. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen was in Pennsylvania touring businesses and hospitals; drug policy director Lee P. Brown was in Kansas City at the University Medical Center; Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown was touring a pediatric ward in Houston. Virtually everyone of senior status was part of the effort to get the news media across the country to spotlight the health care proposals.

At the White House, meanwhile, some 55 radio talk-show hosts were arrayed across the lawn, interviewing

administration aides on health care and other issues. Ira Magaziner, one of the architects of the plan, conducted a teleconference briefing with 50 locations around the country.

Clinton laid out the broad outlines of the plan in a passionate hour-long address to Congress on Wednesday, challenging them to act by the end of next year to approve a new health care system that would guarantee health insurance to every American. Under the proposal, employers would pay 80 percent of their workers' average health care premiums and workers would pay the rest. Small companies and poor Americans would get subsidies to pay for their shares.

The plan would guarantee a standard set of minimum benefits to every American, costing the federal government \$350 billion more over five years than current federal health care spending. Clinton hopes to get most of that cost from sharply holding down spending on the Medicare and Medicaid programs, boosting cigarette taxes about 80 cents a pack and imposing a surtax on large corporations that set up their own health plan.

Clinton acknowledged Thursday the complexity of his proposal in calling it "mind-boggling," but said its principles, not its detail, would make it understandable to Americans. Clinton aides, listening to the radio talk-show hosts field skeptical, sometimes critical questions, said the skepticism was because of that complexity. "This is a skeptical country," said political adviser James Carville. "We just announced this and now we are here to answer all the questions. There is going to be skepticism until the thing is explained a lot over a long time. It's big. Big."

# Yeltsin Takes Action to Quash Rebels in Dissolved Parliament

By Margaret Shapiro  
THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Russian President Boris Yeltsin moved aggressively Thursday to quash continued resistance to his decree disbanding parliament by closing its mass-circulation newspaper, taking over its property, voiding lawmakers' diplomatic passports and threatening to shut down any local councils that do not heed his order for new legislative elections.

At the same time the Russian leader put his presidency on the line by setting presidential elections for June, six months after the Dec. 11-12 parliamentary elections and two years ahead of schedule. He said he intends to run.

Lawmakers, hunkered down at the parliament, openly defied Yeltsin's ban, convening a late-night session of Russia's supreme legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, and ordered Yeltsin to either "surrender to appropriate authorities or leave the country." A mood of surly anger, directed not only at Yeltsin but also at Western governments supporting him, pervaded the building. Yeltsin aides said automatic weapons were being distributed among supporters gathered outside.

Russia plunged into a crisis Tuesday when Yeltsin announced he was

dismissing the parliament, which has been a focal point of opposition to his reform policies. The legislature struck back by voting to impeach Yeltsin and appointing his suspended vice president, Alexander Rutskoi, as acting president.

While Moscow remained outwardly calm Thursday, there seemed to be a ratcheting up in the tension level. Reflecting the political jitters, the ruble plunged nearly 20 percent in value Thursday, to a new low of 1,299 to the dollar.

Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, appeared to be laying the groundwork for a possible use of force when he warned that the situation around the parliament building, or White House, was getting out of control and that parliamentary leaders would be held accountable.

"Dangerous weapons are being appropriated by extremists, homeless and mentally unstable people and criminals, who are specially coming to the Supreme Soviet building to get hold of uncontrolled weapons," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakhrai said the government had issued orders against storming the White House. But he said a crackdown could not be ruled out "if anyone spills blood."

Defense Minister Pavel Grachev

also warned that if the confrontation worsened and people's lives were at risk, the armed forces would step in.

"There are units of Interior (Ministry) troops and police who are ready to use force against groups of bandits if provocations threaten peoples' lives," said Grachev, who has thrown his support to Yeltsin.

Defense Ministry officials accused Yeltsin's opponents of plotting to take over the ministry building and general staff headquarters, which are located just a few blocks from the Kremlin. Late Thursday night, Russian news agencies reported that armed men tried to break into the military headquarters of the Commonwealth of Independent States but were beaten back by police and armed guards. Two policemen were reported wounded.

Yeltsin's chief legislative rival, parliament Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, meanwhile, threw similar charges back at Yeltsin.

"If he turns to provocation," Khasbulatov said of Yeltsin, "and there is bloodshed on the streets, the president's camp will be responsible and will be punished."

Khasbulatov continued to sound a defiant note, saying that "the only compromise that can be made is about the punishment that should be chosen" for those who thought up and are supporting Yeltsin's coup d'état.

# Olympics 2000 Go to Sydney

By William Drozdak  
THE WASHINGTON POST

MONTE CARLO, MONACO

Sydney was awarded the Summer Olympics for the year 2000 Thursday by the International Olympic Committee, culminating the most highly publicized battle to host the Games ever seen in the history of the modern Olympic movement.

The compromise favorite after trailing Beijing in the early rounds of voting, Sydney prevailed in the fourth and final round to win by two votes, 45 to 43, over Beijing. The Chinese city had mobilized enormous political and economic resources in an effort to bring the Games to one-fifth of the world's humanity and mark the dawn of a new era.

The Sydney victory followed three years of bruising competition among five cities vying to play host to more than 10,000 athletes and to gain commercial rights worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Melbourne, Australia, hosted the 1956

Olympics but it and Brisbane lost subsequent recent bids to host the Games.

Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating, who spearheaded the final hour-long presentation to the IOC members Thursday, stressed his country's superb sports facilities, pro-environment policies and stable democracy as he staked out Sydney's merits over Beijing.

The 89 IOC members eliminated first Istanbul, then Berlin and then Manchester, England; the contender with the fewest votes was knocked out of each round until a majority was reached. One member abstained on the final two ballots. "The long series of ballots put us over the top," Keating said. "We got seven of Berlin's nine votes and eight of Manchester's 11 votes. So it's a European victory too."

The Chinese bid enjoyed strong support from the IOC's powerful chairman, Juan Antonio Samaranch, and its members from developing nations who believed the 2000 Games would hasten the moderniza-

tion of the Asian giant. Corporate sponsors were also enthusiastic about the commercial prospects in prying open a market of 1.2 billion people.

But Beijing ran into hostile opposition from many Western governments because of continuing abuses of human rights four years after the brutal massacre in Tiananmen Square. In the United States, Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., led a campaign urging the IOC to reject Beijing, and the House of Representatives passed a resolution opposing China's candidacy for the Olympics because of its human rights record. Some IOC members also were worried about the many record-breaking times posted recently by China's long-distance women runners at the National Games in Beijing earlier this month, which fueled speculation that they were taking drugs.

During Thursday's final presentations, the Australians promised to stage the first "Green Olympics," which would emphasize care for the global environment.

# Viacom Sues TCI for Trying To Monopolize Cable TV

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

In a move that could have sweeping consequences for the cable television industry, a bidder for Paramount Communications Inc. Thursday sued giant Tele-Communications Inc. for allegedly trying to monopolize the cable TV business through "bully-boy tactics and strong arming competitors."

The suit filed by Viacom Inc., which offered \$8.2 billion bid for Paramount, is a direct challenge to the cable supremacy of TCI chief executive John Malone, who is backing a rival bid by the QVC Network.

The immediate aim of the suit, filed in U.S. District Court in New York, is to block QVC's unfriendly offer for the entertainment giant. But it also focuses attention on the balance of power in the fast-growing cable TV industry, which is dominated by a handful of players.

QVC said in a statement that the lawsuit was "without merit" and "an attempt to deprive Paramount shareholders from considering the best proposal for the future of their company." QVC has offered \$9.5 billion to acquire Paramount.

Malone, as head of the largest cable company in the United States, is a lightning rod for criticism of the concentration of power in the industry.

TCI controls 20 percent of the cable subscribers nationwide and Malone, through his affiliate Liberty Media Corp., has stakes in 25 different cable networks, including 22 percent of the QVC Network. TCI also is a partner with giant Time Warner Inc. in Ted Turner's Turner Broadcasting System.

# Rostenkowski Indictment Decision Seen Likely Next Month

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A decision on whether to seek indictments against Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., is likely next month, now that the Senate has confirmed a new U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, sources familiar with the investigation said.

Superior Court Judge Eric H. Holder Jr., confirmed on a voice vote Tuesday to a four-year term, is scheduled to take his oath early next month and, according to the sources, review the House Post Office investigation as one of his first official acts.

A federal grand jury has conducted a lengthy investigation of allegations that Rostenkowski embezzled thousands of dollars in House Post Office funds in transactions disguised as official stamp purchases.

That grand jury's term expires at the end of October.

That deadline gives Holder a few weeks to decide whether to ask the grand jury to indict Rostenkowski. The new prosecutor could instead seek to extend the panel's term a second time.

A less likely option would be for Holder to present the politically charged case anew to another 23-member grand jury.

"We are very hopeful of getting a meaningful review by the U.S. attorney," said Robert Bennett, Rostenkowski's lawyer. "We believe there are very serious issues regarding the quality of evidence and the credibility of persons making the allegations."

The embezzlement allegations come mainly from former House postmaster Robert V. Rota, who resigned under pressure last year after two decades. In a July plea agreement entered in open court, Rota attested to having given Rostenkowski \$21,300 since 1985 in exchange for House vouchers for postage or for stamps that had been purchased previously at the House Post Office.

Rota pleaded guilty to misdemeanors and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors.

In his review, Holder must weigh potential challenges to Rota's credibility, sources said. Holder declined Thursday to comment on the case.

Rota admitted in court papers that on two previous occasions he denied to investigators any knowledge of stamps-for-cash exchanges. He made the denials to federal prosecutors in 1980 and to House Administration Committee investigators in early 1992.

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### LSC Poster Used Toy Guns

In her recent letter to *The Tech* regarding the Lecture Series Committee's recruitment poster ["Lecture Series Poster Is Off Target," Sept. 17], Deborah A. Fonda implies that three of the four women in the poster are carrying real guns. Although we feel that most people recognize the fact that they were not, we want to make sure that everyone realizes that they were just cheap plastic toys. These women dressed up to look like the title character of *La Femme Nikita* in previous MIT showings of the film. We realize that this was

not really the point of Fonda's letter, but since carrying a firearm on a college campus is a felony in Massachusetts, we felt that we should respond.

Scott D. Centurino  
LSC Chairman

### Looking for Good Samaritan

I am searching for "the good samaritan" who saved me from embarrassment on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. at the Building 4 food stop cash register. I was getting ready to pay for a cup of soup/chili and realized I was short

\$2.00. As the clerk was annoyingly counting my change, this gentleman who had just paid the clerk stepped back, said "here" and dropped \$2 on the counter. This samaritan must be a student because (I think) he carried a backpack and seemed to be in a rush to get to his next class. The annoying clerk unfortunately continued to count my change and I was unable to catch up with the student through the busy crowd in the infinite corridor.

I'd like to return the kindness by at least a Toscanini treat! Please e-mail mas@mit.edu or call Marie at 253-6256. Again, thank you and God bless.

Marie Stuppard

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## Quotas Exacerbate Prejudice Problems

Column by Michael K. Chung  
OPINION EDITOR

A recent study revealing that the African-American race was the only ethnic group to collectively lose jobs during the last recession has stirred controversy among black leaders, whom complain of "subtle racism," according to *The Boston Globe*. The recent *Globe* article gives statistics for black job losses in several large corporations after the recession. General Electric Co. experienced "a 12.55 percent decline in its black work force in 1990-1991." This was largely due to the closings of a Columbia, Md. plant, which was 39 percent black, and a Cicero, Ill. plant, which was 80 percent black. ITT, owner of "the Boston-based Sheraton hotel chain, had a 27 percent decline in its black work force." These decisions are said to be based on business decisions like contractual failures, and not on race. The *Globe* article mentions other companies like the Bank of Boston and Digital Equipment Corp. and compares their similar dismissals of large numbers of black.

However, the problem of perceived racism and discrimination perpetuates itself when minority leaders and groups complain of unfair treatment. The equal rights movement spawned good intentions: to ensure equal opportunities for all citizens, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, or sex. Ideally, the goal of non-existent discrimination would be achieved when people are thought of as mere-

ly themselves, with none of the above qualities attached to their evaluations. As it stands, however, quotas have been incorporated into many institutions where acceptance is required — for instance, the work industry and higher education.

Because quotas have been established into such structures, the obligation of hiring or accepting people partially on the basis of their sexual, religious, or ethnic background has undoubtedly entered the psychological approach of those responsible for candidate placement.

Due to these expectations of equal outcome in such walks of life by minority groups, two things have happened. First, so-called "under-represented" minorities have come to essentially expect results based largely on their background. This clearly has negative side-effects. One such effect is that a person becomes complacent, and may not strive to achieve all that he can, because he knows that he is more or less required by a quota to maintain his position. Secondly, more and more "minority groups" have made their voices heard. Pretty soon, if things continue down the "politically correct" avenue that they have been, complaints will be heard from such newly-formed groups as "The Coalition for Children of Single Parents," "Adults under Five Feet Tall," "People with Naturally Curly Hair," and "People who eat Peanut Butter Three Times a Day." Before long, every com-

pany, school, and government office will be required to field workforces and populations which are completely representative of the rest of the nation at any given moment, taking into consideration factors as ridiculous as those mentioned above.

This issue of equality of opportunity versus equality of outcome has fueled much discussion. On a recent Rush Limbaugh re-broadcast, the issue of the elimination of competition was discussed. In such a scenario, everything would be equalized, from education to job opportunities. With competition as the driving force, Limbaugh (and random interviewees on the streets of New York City) argued that society has advanced over the centuries, developing into the high-tech global network that it is today, and which continues to propel itself forward.

Limbaugh argued that the guarantee of the equality of income is essentially a microcosm of liberalism, in that it lowers the quality of everyone, reducing the potential of our society to its lowest common denominator. Society would have to set its pace according to its least able people. Obviously, this punishes anyone who is not at the depths of society, attempting to equalize things that are inherently not equal to begin with. Beyond the physical differences between people lay the intangible qualities — characteristics such as desire,

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# Health Care Reform Requires Passage of Clinton Plan

Column by Daniel Stevenson  
STAFF REPORTER

In the current health care system, 35 million Americans, mainly workers and their families, have no health insurance, and another 35 million have inadequate coverage. Millions of other Americans are fearful of increasing costs for decreasing service or of losing their coverage altogether. No adequate programs exist to provide care for the homeless. Drug prices are skyrocketing while American businesses are losing jobs because health care costs represent a 30 percent handicap in the world marketplace.

That the current national health care system needs to be changed is not the question. Almost everyone agrees that something needs to be done so that needed care is available at a reasonable price to all Americans. The debate rages on, however, about what exactly should be done to remedy the ailing situation. Doctors' groups and other lobbies have prescribed reforms that keep the majority of the current system intact. Some reformers have proposed a strong dose of direct price controls, while others support managed competition. And, Wednesday night, President Clinton announced his long awaited health care reform package.

The president's plan, comprising a synthesis of the better aspects of a slew of concepts into a comprehensive whole, represents the best chance our nation has for practical health reform. Clinton's proposal makes four sweeping changes in the current American health care system. First, it provides guaranteed universal coverage. As a Clinton position paper stated, "Every American will be guaranteed

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affordable, quality health care. . . No one will be cut off, canceled, denied, or forced to accept inferior care." This universal protection is a must in a society where so many are homeless or unemployed. New rules for insurance companies which include open enrollment and equitable pricing, as well as a comprehensive benefits package, will assist in providing health care for all Americans. In Hawaii, where a similar plan was implemented, 98 percent of the people are now covered by a system of health clinics and insurance reforms.

Second, the administration's plan will control the spiraling costs of care. Health care costs also affect other aspects of the American economy; over a million jobs have been lost since 1980 because of the rising price of care, and the amount that businesses spend on health care now exceeds their after-tax profits. Additionally, the cost of American health care alone has increased the price of cars \$1,230, according to the Chrysler Corporation. A health standards board will regulate the prices doctors and hospitals charge their clients. The exponential growth of drug prices will be stopped with reasonable price controls. The president has proposed to eliminate tax breaks for drug companies that raise prices faster than average income and to encourage a

change in emphasis in those companies from marketing to research and development. In administrative costs alone, the United States outspends Canada by a 5-to-1 ratio. An estimated \$100 billion dollars can be saved just from eliminating fraudulent billing practices and cutting administrative costs.

In a campaign speech, Clinton noted, "Already this year, the average elderly person is spending a higher percentage of their income on health care than they were back in 1965 before Medicare came in." In Germany and France, health spending caps and cost targets have greatly reduced the cost of national health coverage. According to a General Accounting Office report, "Targets and caps slowed the rate of spending increases compared with what would have happened without these policies." Price controls are already in effect in parts of the United States today: at the national level with Medicare fee schedules; at the state level, as in Maryland, which sets hospital rates; and at the local level — the city of Rochester, N.Y., uses global budgets for hospitals. Reduction in insurance fraud, malpractice costs, and administration costs because of centralization and standardization of forms and plans will also help to reduce spending on health care.

Thirdly, the new plan makes necessary

changes in the quality and type of health care. Important preventive and primary care will be provided in rural and inner-city areas; locations where the current situation is woefully inadequate. Additionally, Americans will have the chance to choose the type of care that best suits them. Senior citizens will be able make choices about nursing home health care, personal care, or visiting nurses, similar to a program which Clinton instituted in his home state of Arkansas.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the Clinton plan places strong emphasis on health care for children. It will improve on existing health education programs and found new ones. He has proposed to increase Early Periodic Screenings, Diagnosis and Treatment by more than 2,000 percent. In Arkansas alone, Clinton as governor helped reduce the infant mortality rate by 43 percent. Clinton also proposed and passed a program to provide primary and preventive care to all youth in Arkansas, regardless of family income.

With guaranteed universal coverage, effective cost controls, new and better care, and emphasized care for children, President Clinton's recently unveiled health care reform package represents the best cure for our nation's health care malady. Without any reforms, according to the GAO, health costs will continue to escalate while a substantial number of Americans lack access to health insurance. Health care is a right, not a privilege, according to a Clinton position paper; the best way to ensure that right for all Americans is for Congress to pass the President's reform package.

## Fundamental Equalities Must Be Emphasized

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attitude, potential for development. It is the combination of these factors and other traits (e.g. intelligence, experience) which distinguish between individuals and their abilities.

Taken to its recto-absurdum, establishment of total equality would lead to a general collapse of society because its failure to establish such measures. On paper, communism is the most idealistic and aesthetically pleasing of social organizations. However, if total equality is to be implemented, who is the governing body to do so? After it does, who is there to uphold the system? Even if individuals can be trusted at such levels, let us keep in mind that the human being's predilection for wealth, power, and personal satisfaction will always serve as fundamental stumbling blocks to success. A current example of failed ideology is the collapse and current turmoil of the former Soviet Republic.

Perhaps the most convincing example of how the most-qualified participants emerge successfully is illustrated in professional sports in the United States. How often have you heard of racial under-representation in professional athletics? (For instance, have you ever heard complaints of the lack of Asians in the National Basketball Association?) Athletes are based on their performances, not on personal characteristics that they have no control over such as their race and sex (well, almost no control over that). True, sports are much more objective to evaluate than a person's abilities to function maximally in a particular work environment, but it is relatively easy to know which competitors are among the top of their field, whether by watching them, or looking at their lucrative contract offers and accumulated earnings.

Without question, complete equality is an unachievable ideal, and although there are good intentions sought after by minority groups, discrimination will persist if such groups continue to seek after and demand equality on the level of job acceptances and college (and post-baccalaureate) acceptances. Rather, equality ought to be sought on the level which would be more impressionable to its recipients, namely, the youths. In order for there to be any chance of equality among the superficially different, equality of opportunity must first be given to society's future — the babies (and unborn, for that matter). More strenuous efforts need to be made in order for sufficient health care and education opportunities, as well as proper incentives to provide visions for these people. By pressuring society to yield to their demands, minority groups are effectively sustaining discrimination in the psyches of the majority, and often debilitating the progress of society in the process.

## MIT Food Service — The Choice Is Yours

Column by Joe Harrington

The Tech's editorial ["Food Services Must Be Improved," Sept. 21] certainly pointed out some poor situations, but didn't address the alternatives or solutions very well. Mostly for the benefit of the 2,000 or so new students who just stumbled onto campus, I'd like to point out some of the other places to get decent food, even late at night. Also, there are a few simple things MIT can do to cover the odd hours and distant locations without risking the loss of a lot of money, and several things community members can do to get the food service they want.

There are alternatives to MIT Food Service on and near campus which are cheaper, faster, friendlier, and provide more and better food. These include the food vendor trucks (temporarily relocated from behind Building 66 to the lot across Vassar Street from Building 20) and the Kendall Square Food Court merchants. From the trucks, you can get a large serving (easily two meals for light eaters) of Vietnamese food for \$3 that will compete with any of the local Oriental restaurant fare. Similar value is available from the half-dozen or so other vendors. They span the range from Oriental to Italian to American cuisine, are quick to serve you (the lines can be long if you go on the hour, but they move fast at many of the vendors), and are generally run by polite and friendly people.

The food court, located between the Coop and the Marriot, even provides a place to sit, indoors or out, and people to clean the tables. These vendors cover a range of cuisine just as large as that of the trucks. They are a little less personable and cost a little more, but they are indoors and have a wider range of meals and snacks, including good coffee, salad bars, and ice cream. Rebecca's, across the street, offers competitive discounts on their very fine food for students with MIT ID's. If you want to save food for later, almost all of the truck and Food Court vendors will serve your food into a reusable container that you bring (the Vietnamese truck gave out Tupperware containers for a while; they said it paid for itself in saved disposable containers in just 20 servings).

The major drawbacks to both of these groups of vendors are of course their hours and (for the Food Court) their location. Most of the trucks are only open for lunch, and the Food Court closes at 7 p.m. However, there are decent all-night snacks (burritos and such) at the 24-Hour Coffee House in the Student Center, and some trucks have occasionally made the dorm rounds at night. Here is where MIT has an untapped resource. According to Associate Director of Food Services John T. McNeill, MIT grants four truck vendor parking permits at any one time. MIT gets two or three permit requests a week from about twenty vendors, and their interest spans all times of the day. More permits are not granted because of constraints on parking space,

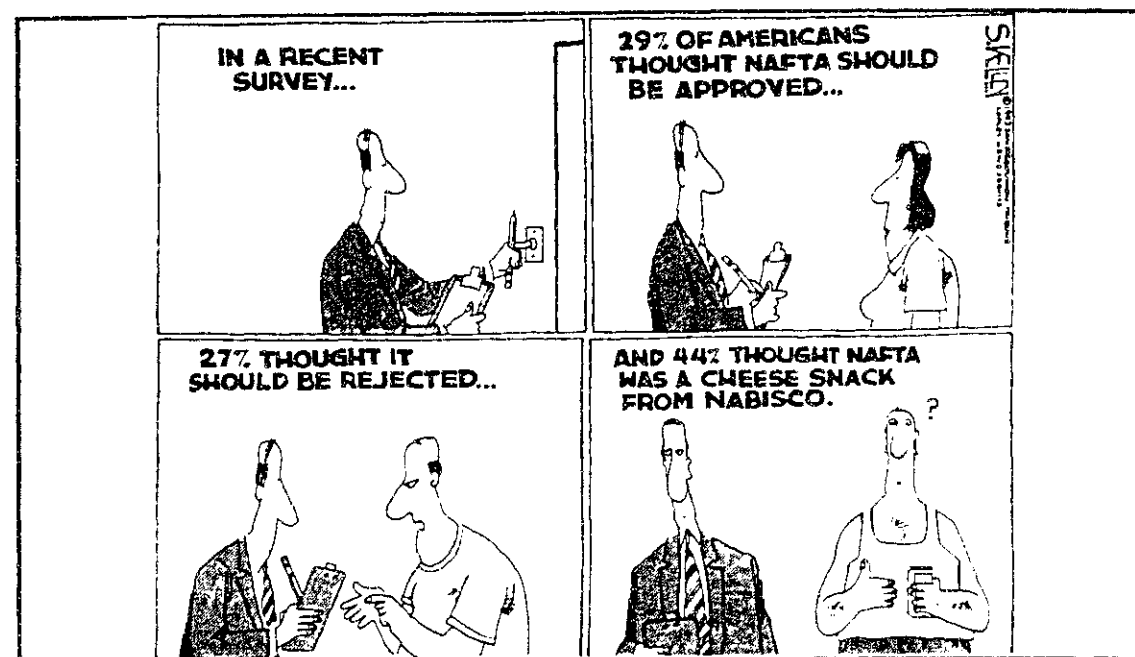
according to McNeill, and because of a lack of a perceived market, according to Larry Maguire, director of housing and food services. However, despite a city regulatory environment very unfriendly to truck sales, the market for food from the trucks is so profitable that the number of vendors parking on nearby streets has grown in recent years and competition for good locations is fierce (sometimes excessively so).

The food services office would do the MIT community a great service if it were to allow more food vendor trucks to park in a wider range of spaces, especially during the peak lunch and dinner hours. The benefit of two parking spaces behind building 20 or even (gasp!) in the high-brow central parking zone is far outweighed by the benefit of several hundred meals served to the community daily from one truck. Kresge lot is another likely location, as are the loading areas of the dorms at night. Putting additional vendors in different locations would serve a greater portion of the community, rather than cutting into the business of the four established trucks, and a look at the truck lines around lunch time will dispel the lack-of-interest argument. To extend the availability, perhaps the permits could be granted, on the condition that a vendor sell during less popular hours or at the more far-flung locations for part of each month. Such additional requirements should be undertaken only after meeting with community members (particularly dormitory residents) and the vendors to get their input, so that the quality and profitability remains high and the price low, and so that the right hours, locations, and amounts of service are chosen.

As for improving the existing dining service, a few lessons can be learned from the food court and truck operations: have many independent vendors in the space, so they compete with each other and keep prices down. For much of the year, the space used in Lobdell Court could be cut down in favor of some outdoor tables, perhaps located on the unused lawn adjacent to Massachusetts

Avenue. The workers in some of the trucks are amazingly fast (watch the Goosebeary lady sometime!); those at ARA are not. The truck-workers' livelihoods depend on the rate at which they serve meals. The food service workers' do not. If the workers were paid in part according to the number of meals they served (at least in peak hours when there is a flow of people), they would work faster and fewer would be needed, which would lower the overall cost.

The involvement of the community in the shaping of MIT's food service has varied over time, but recent changes show that they do respond to the voices of students. If you take the time to gripe to your friends or in the pages of *The Tech*, you should also take the time to talk to one of the several representative student bodies, or to the Office of Housing and Food Services directly. I found both McNeill and Maguire to be very receptive to my suggestions and ready to give me the information that I needed for this column — despite the fact that they were blasted in these pages on Tuesday. If you have a constructive suggestion, write it down and send it to Maguire or McNeill via e-mail. If many people support the same idea it indicates a community desire, so even if you think it's obvious or that someone has said it before, don't hesitate. Given that the MIT food service subsidy is gone this year (by student demand, and good riddance), the one thing we can't ask for is to run the existing services at a loss, and that may mean that all-night, full-service dining facilities are just not in the cards. However, the trucks potentially fill this niche, and could be located more conveniently near the dormitories. Let the truck vendors know if you'd buy evening and nighttime meals from them, and what locations you would find most convenient. Finally, the one thing that speaks loudest is money, or the loss thereof. If you prefer the offerings of the trucks and the Food Court over Morss Hall in Walker Memorial and Lobdell, eat there. After all, we vote with our mouths and wallets.



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## ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

- ★★★★: Excellent
- ★★★: Good
- ★★: Average
- ★: Poor

### ★★★½ The Age of Innocence

The film version of Edith Wharton's novel homes in on of the conflict felt by Newland Archer (Daniel Day-Lewis), who must balance the rigid social code of 1870s New York and his passion for Ellen Olenska (Michelle Pfeiffer), his fiancée's independent and intellectual sister. Despite the Victorian setting, this is obviously the work of director Martin Scorsese, who specializes in movies about people's struggles to make decisions. The directing is meticulous and the sense of authenticity is impressive. The chemistry between Day-Lewis and Pfeiffer is also powerful, but the camera focuses on the internal struggles of the two and thankfully avoids the torrid sex scene typical of Hollywood movies. —Craig K. Chang. *Loews Nickelodeon*

### ★★★ The Firm

Director Sydney Pollack has assembled a fine ensemble cast in this screen adaptation of John Grisham's *The Firm*. Mitch McDeere (Tom Cruise) graduates from Harvard Law School and accepts a huge salary from a small Memphis, Tenn. firm. He discovers the firm works for the mob and develops a risky plan to expose the firm without going to jail or getting killed (with a little prodding from the FBI). The plot is fast paced — a two-and-a-half hour movie feels like only two hours — and the cast is outstanding. Cruise acts relatively well, but his co-stars sparkle. Gene Hackman gives a performance that virtually guarantees him another Oscar nomination as Avery Toar, a lawyer who has been corrupted by years at the firm, but still recognizes the idealism he once had; Holly Hunter is devastatingly funny as the secretary who helps Mitch pull off his scheme. Ed Harris, as the FBI agent working to expose the firm, and Wilfred Brimley, as the sinister security chief for the firm, are also noteworthy. —Jeremy Hylton. *Loews Copley Plaza*

### ★★★½ The Fugitive

The ultimate chase movie begins with the

ultimate special effect — a train and bus wreck staged not with miniatures, but with the real thing. The wreck frees Dr. Richard Kimble (Harrison Ford), wrongfully convicted of murder, from the bus transporting him to prison, setting up a two-hour chase between Ford and his pursuer, the dedicated federal marshal Sam Gerard (Tommy Lee Jones). Ford is the big name star, and though he gives a great performance, Jones gets all the good lines. His single-minded devotion to upholding the law makes him, in a strange way, a more interesting character than intelligent nice guy Kimble. "I didn't kill my wife," insists Kimble, trapped in a drainage pipe; "I don't care," replies Gerard, and attempts to bring in his suspect. *The Fugitive* is an exciting movie, and a well-paced one, too, as Kimble's escapes grow ever more narrow and improbable, eventually leading up to a taut climax and a satisfying ending. For once, the hype was worth the wait. —Deborah A. Levinson. *Loews Cheri*

### ★★★½ Groundhog Day

Phil Connors (Bill Murray) is an arrogant, self-centered weatherman for a Pittsburgh television station who is sent to Punxsutawney, Pa. to cover the annual Groundhog Day festival. All is well until Phil wakes up the next morning to find that first, it is Groundhog Day all over again, and second, he is the only one who realizes it. Phil soon recognizes that no matter what he does there are no consequences for his actions, and he therefore aims to try anything he can think of. Credit is due to director Harold Ramis who manages to keep the premise fresh through hundreds of repeated Groundhog Days. This is one of the freshest comedies to come out in recent memory. *LSC Saturday*

### ★★★½ In the Line of Fire

Clint Eastwood follows up *Unforgiven* with this gripping thriller about a Secret Service agent tracking a psycho stalking the president. Eastwood, crusty as ever, plays Frank Horrigan, ostensibly the last active agent present at the Kennedy assassination. John Malkovich brings incredible creepiness to the character of Mitch Leary, an ex-CIA killer obsessed with



Michelle Pfeiffer and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Age of Innocence*.

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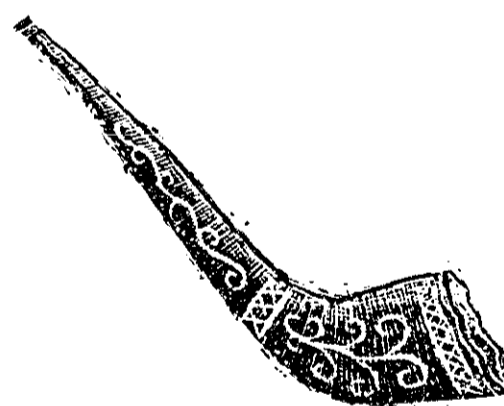
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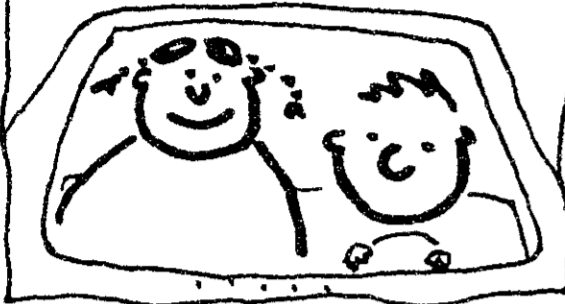
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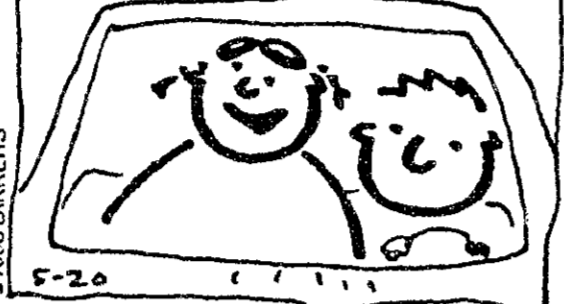
# Jim's Journal

by Jim

We drove up the east coast more today, through North Carolina and Virginia.



"I just can't believe how beautiful this is," Ruth said.



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presidential assassins. Leary torments Horrigan with phone calls mocking Horrigan's inability — or unwillingness — to sacrifice himself for Kennedy, and leads the Secret Service on a cross-country chase, always several steps ahead of the game. The script is impressively tight for one not based on a book, and Eastwood and Malkovich both give over-the-top performances. If only Rene Russo's Secret Service agent had more to do than be a foil for Horrigan's sexist remarks and later, be his love interest. —DAL. Loews Charles

Spielberg does a good job in metamorphizing the dinosaurs from harmless cutesies to malevolent predators. Despite fine acting from Sam Neill and Laura Dern as an archaeologist and his paleobotanist girlfriend, the dinosaurs, both animatronic and computer-generated, are clearly meant to be the stars of the film. Most realistic of the menagerie is the sick triceratops lolling on her side; least, the herd of grazers that stampede across a field as Neill and two children run for cover. It's good to see Neill, a talented actor and star of many British and Australian films (including *My Brilliant Career*) and Dern, who finally started to get plum roles after her success in *Rambling Rose*, get the exposure they so richly deserve. *Jurassic Park* isn't stellar filmmaking, but its individual elements add up to make it a whirlwind, entertaining ride. —DAL. Loews Charles

**★★★ Manhattan Murder Mystery**

Woody Allen's latest tale of angst-ridden New York intellectuals tells the story of a mild-mannered book editor (Allen) and his energetic but bored wife (Diane Keaton) as they become involved in solving an alleged murder case. As in any Allen film, sexual tensions complement the action, with old friend Ted (Alan Alda) coming on to Keaton's character, and sexpot author Marcia (Anjelica Huston) setting her sights on Allen. The result is \$6.75 worth of stakeouts, soulful stares, sexual stress, and silliness. *Manhattan Murder Mystery* may center upon a rather bland murder plot, but it also provides a tight script, savagely spastic Allen performances, and the excellent supporting cast audiences have come to expect from an Allen film. —Matthew H. Hersch. Loews Cheri

**★★★ Parenthood**

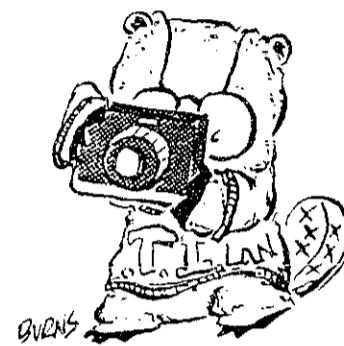
Director Ron Howard assembled a huge cast for this comedy about some not-so-traditional American families; the cast includes Steve Martin, Tom Hulce, Rick Moranis, Martha Plimpton, Jason Robards, Mary Steenburgen, and Dianne Wiest. The movie explores nine parents and their children, in a family spanning three generations. Although the movie is overly sentimental at times, this short coming is often made up for with a mix of humorous scenes. There are a number of memorable shitscks, including Steve Martin's clown act, the diarrhea song, and Rick Moranis's classroom serenade. *Parenthood* successfully mixes the serious side of parenthood with some unexpected and entertaining scenes. —Patrick Mahoney. LSC Sunday

**★★★ Jurassic Park**

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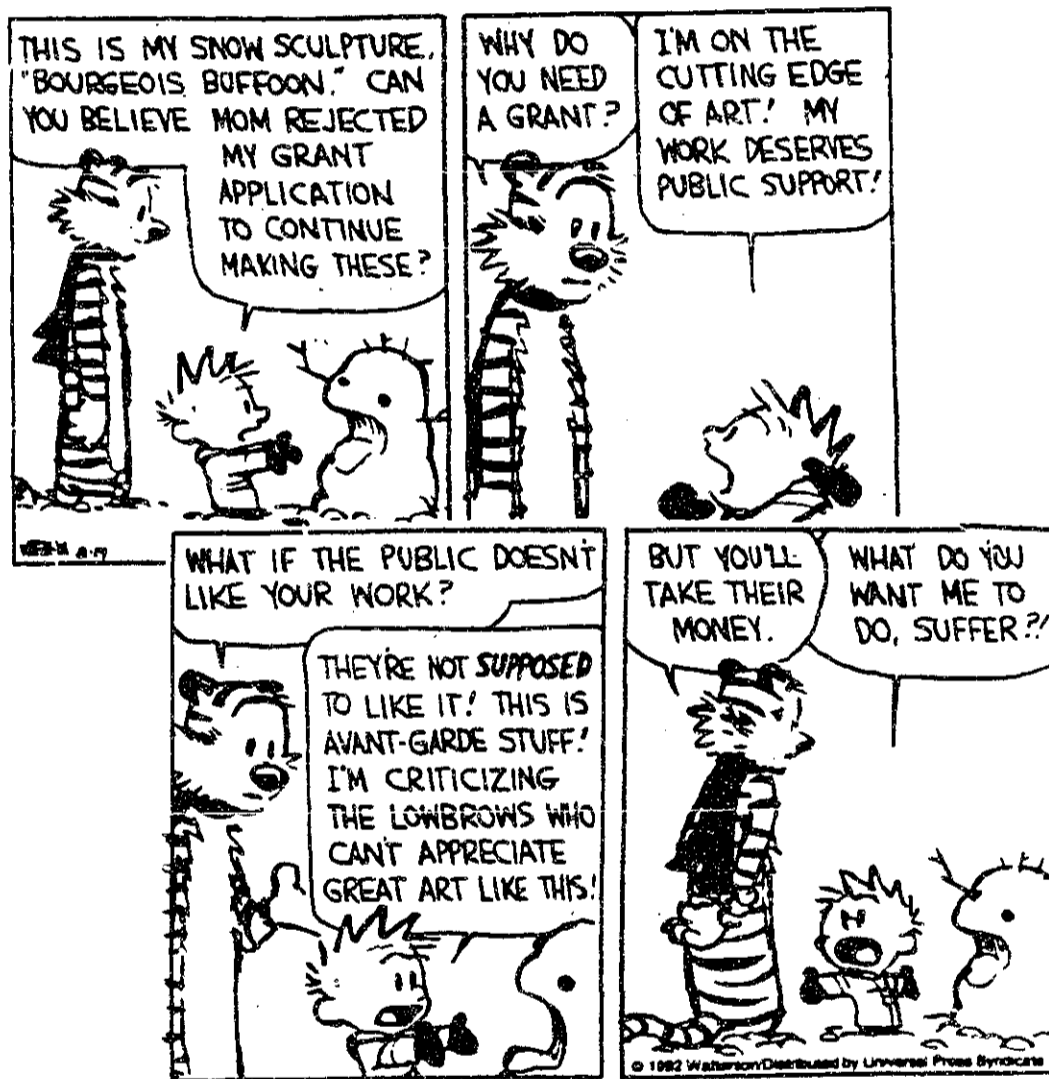
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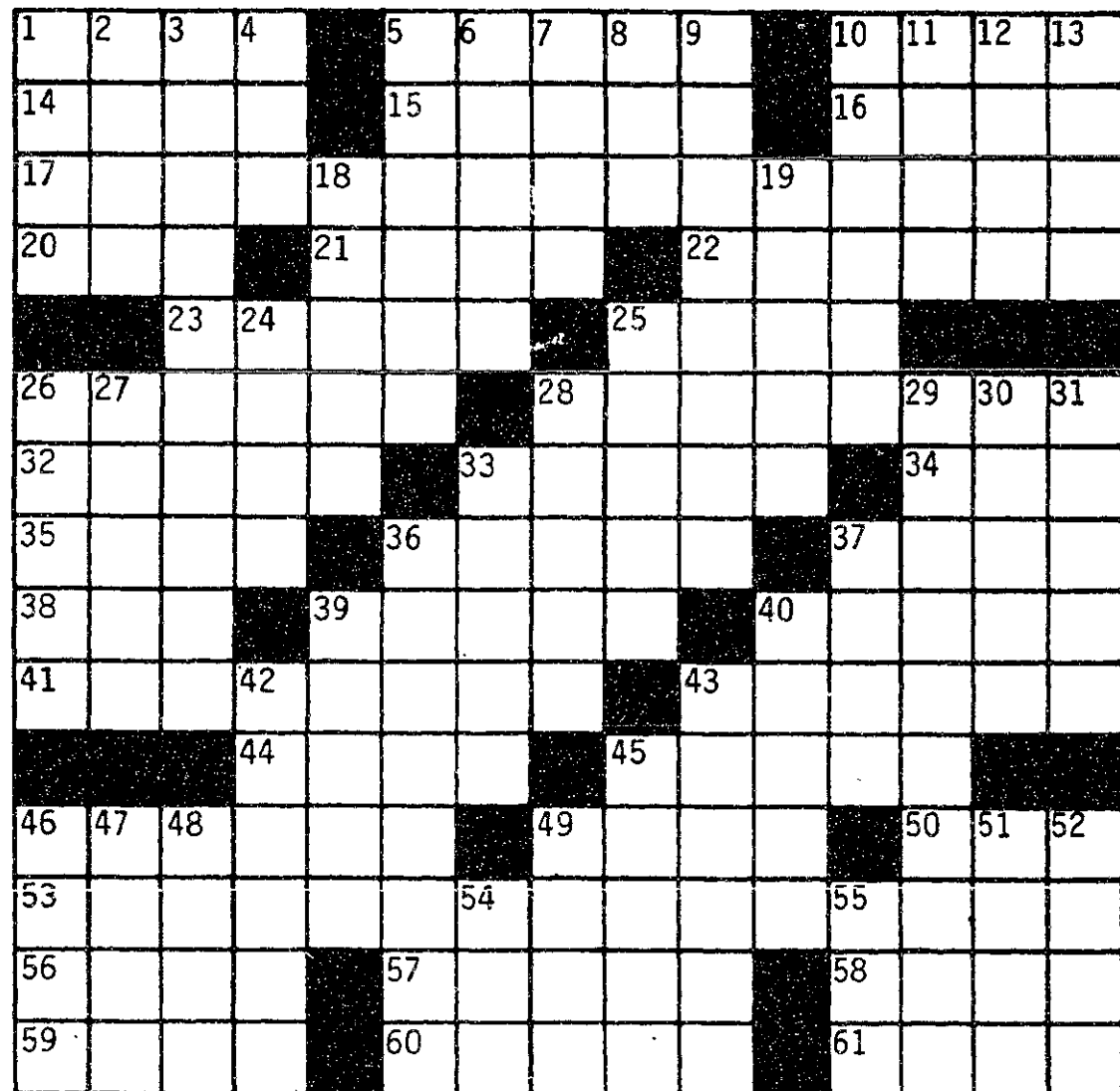
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# New Regulations May Limit UROP Funds

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the humanities, and other areas that tend not to perform sponsored research, will see no change.

In his Sept. 10 memo, Wrighton recommended faculty and administrators to build budgets around the new rates. "It would be prudent to plan for the change in the rules," he wrote.

Professors who hire undergraduates could respond in several ways to the new expenses. "The worry is that the students will become prohibitively expensive," Keohan said.

In some cases, the amount of money budgeted to hire students through UROP would stay the same, but the number of students hired would be cut by more than half because of the increased costs. The worst case scenario, Wrighton said, is that a professor will decide that undergraduates are too expensive to hire at all.

The Center for Materials Science and Engineering will take the first option. The center, which typically hires 22 to 25 students, will simply hire fewer students with the same amount of money, said Virginia Esau, the center's administrative officer.

"We're going in competition with other institutions and we want to ask for money [from the National Science Foundation]. The odds are that we will get the same amount ... and we would serve fewer students," Esau said.

"Part of our mission is educating students in the laboratory, and we would prefer to educate as many students as possible," Esau continued.

The Media Lab, one of the largest supporters of UROP on campus, intends to take a different approach. "We would not be pleased [with the new costs]," said



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Provost Mark S. Wrighton

Robert P. Greene '55, associate director for administration and finance at the lab. "We are fairly major users of UROPers and can't picture running a research lab without them."

The Media Lab spent more than \$300,000 last year to hire UROP students. Greene said laboratories can cut back on the number of students they hire or raise more money, "which has been that path the Media Lab has tended to follow because we are still on a growth ramp."

If the changes do limit the number of students working for pay, it will move UROP in exactly the opposite direction of Wrighton's wishes. "I'd like [student participation] to be 100 percent and I'd like it to be greater in depth than it is now," he said.

**Budget options limited**

One way to relieve the UROP funding crunch would be to use

unallocated funds in the budget to pay for the overhead costs that had been waived in the past. "Unfortunately, given the budget constraints

that we're under ... it would be a very, very difficult way of solving it from the MIT point of view," Keohan said.

"Doing that would mean not doing something else," Wrighton said. "Before we decide whether we need to recommit some priorities ... we should fully explore the implications of the changes."

Wrighton will discuss the possibility of an exemption for UROP with federal regulators. "We have really moved into a new era ... and we need to determine whether this situation is going to be viewed with any special character," Wrighton said.

Keohan thinks the Institute is not likely to succeed in negotiating an exemption. The government defines specific budget items that may be excluded from overhead billing, which includes tuition, some equipment, and large sub-contracts, but "it goes on to state that nothing else will be excluded unless it can be determined that by including the item a serious inequity results," he

said. The funding dilemma for UROP is "a laudable management goal, but it isn't one where you can demonstrate an inequity is caused in the cost vein," Keohan said. "It's very probable that we will have to convert."

"We did have one conversation and we got a sympathetic ear, from the point of view that it is a shame that these things happen and an appeal could be made," Keohan said, but maintained that it was unlikely the appeal would be approved.

If the no exception is made, professors will have to pay employee benefits and overhead costs for students on top of salaries. The current rate for employee benefits is 43.5 percent, Keohan said.

After the employee benefits costs are added, the overhead is calculated from the new total cost. The current overhead rate for MIT is 58 percent. The net effect of the two costs is a 126.7 percent increase.

## MIT Tops Caltech In US News Survey

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places to number 12.

The fourth place finish for MIT is a step up. Last year, the Institute was tied with Caltech at fifth place. MIT was also in a four-way tie for first place in the category of academic reputation.

The 1,371 schools included in the study were ranked according to a system that combined statistical data with survey results of academ-

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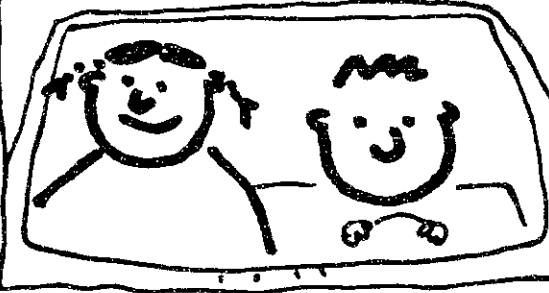
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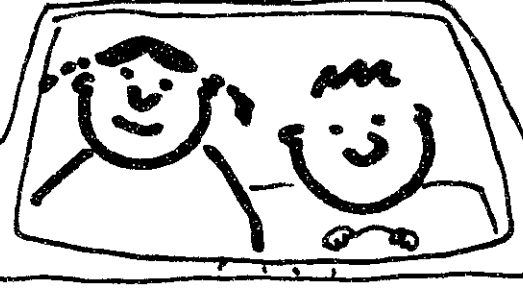
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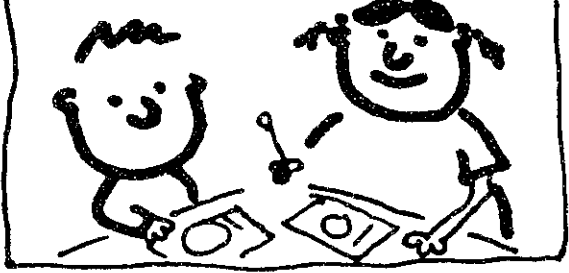
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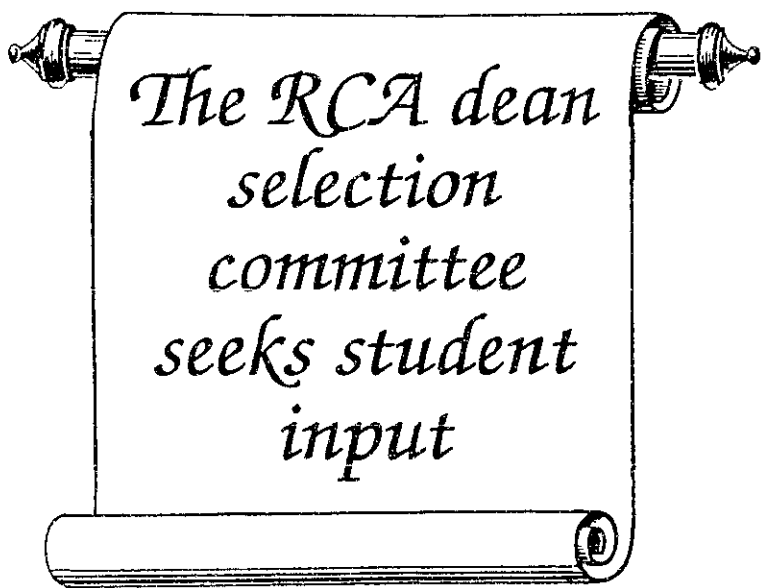
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# Profemina Strategy Too Radical for Some

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but on the other hand, it's not a substantial step against harassment."

Lucas M. Macri '95 commented, "The posters are too strong, radical. But I guess they're right. [Profemina] needs people to pay attention to the issues that they raise because they're important."

Others have made a jest of the organization; one mock poster attributed to "Profemyna" reads, "It takes a big man to cry, but it takes a bigger man to laugh at that man."

In response, Widom said that she mostly worries that people may confuse the two groups. Otherwise, she said, "I would rather [that opposition] be humorous than vicious. It's probably the least harmful."

Widom added that not everyone may want to put themselves behind

a group like Profemina. "I know a lot of people who don't like our strategies," she said. Profemina's current strategy is postering.

"It is difficult to gauge how much we have accomplished," said Widom, and she added that by no means is Profemina unique in its purpose. There are many groups, both around campus and outside of MIT, who are trying to halt harassment by informing the public, she said.

In Profemina's first meeting this year, members discussed their ideas and opinions on how to solve the problems of harassment. Although they gained no new members, Widom said the meeting went fine. Presently, the group is not highly structured and does not have an official leader, she said.

## SOLUTIONS

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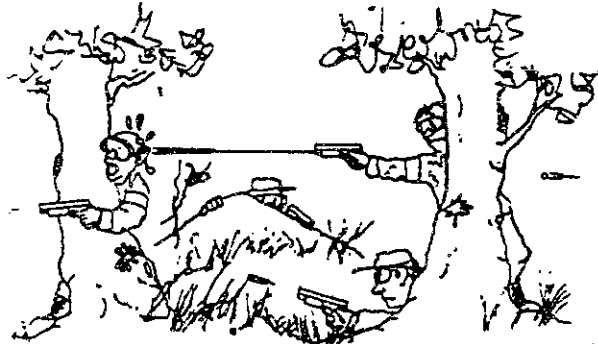
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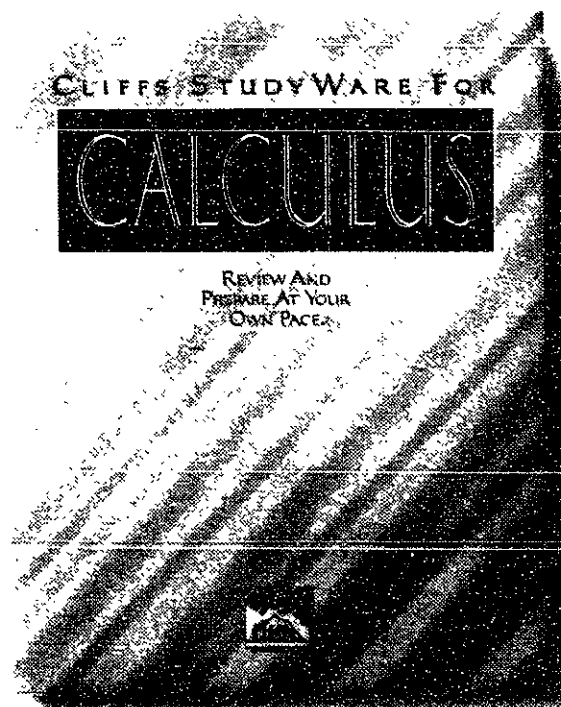
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# Changes Irk East Side Residents

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general, is just not very accessible," Tomassini continued.

"It's just not convenient to go eat on the west side of campus. It seems terribly unfair that dorms on the west side have all the dining halls and we only have Walker, and that closes early," said Jeffrey M. Levine '96, a resident of East Campus.

Elizabeth A. Stoehr '96 said, "Over ten percent of the student population lives here on the east side of campus. All the dining halls that ARA says are open are on the west side. And it takes us almost half an hour to go to Next to eat."

Claire M. Woodman '95, a Senior House resident, added, "When I didn't feel like cooking, I went over to Pritchett. I can go to the [24 Hour Coffee House], but that's not food. And I'm getting sick of Networks."

## Westerners like changes

Many students living on the west side of campus feel that the changes there are beneficial and long overdue.

"Closing the McCormick dining hall doesn't bother me because I hardly ever ate there. It was a great place to meet other people and socialize, but it was a financial burden," said Hea Kyung Chung '94, a McCormick resident.

"People go to the coffee house.

And I think freshmen go to the Next House Snack Bar to study," she explained.

La Shaun J. Berrien '95 agreed that the McCormick dining hall was unnecessary. "It was expensive. We wanted it gone. There may be some that wanted it, but I didn't," she said.

MacGregor House residents had the same attitude towards their dining hall, which was closed this year. Many at MacGregor agreed that their convenience store, which recently expanded, is a much better option than the dining hall.

Tarik A. Saleh '95 explained, "I never really ate there. I eat at LaVerde's or Lobdell Court. Also, I'm in sports and it was more convenient to eat at the Student Center. I think, given all the options, the majority of people wanted it shut down."

"The store is bigger than last year," Prasanna B. Tambe '96 said. "but it's harder to order dinner. I'm cooking a lot more now. It's not that bad a situation."

People at Next House, however, were less enthusiastic about moving the convenience store from Next House to MacGregor.

"The Next House convenience store was more expensive, but it was convenient. Now I just go to LaVerde's to shop," said Jeannie K. Whang '96.



RICH DOMONKOS—THE TECH

MIT lost Wednesday's men's soccer game against WPI, 4-2.

# Car Security Still Problem

Parking, from Page 1

options at MIT facilities exist for undergraduates. According to Church, a limited number of parking permits are available for commuting undergraduates who do not live in "local" zip codes.

Off-campus independent living groups receive a limited number of parking passes. Each living group can distribute and use the passes at its own discretion, in what Church called a "car pool situation."

Undergraduates living on campus can apply for a limited number of permits available to each dormitory through each individual house.

Many undergraduates have opted for parking on Memorial Drive and Amherst Street, which are closer to many dormitories than the parking lots. However, car theft is an increas-

ing concern to students who choose this option. Jung S. Yu '94, a Burton House resident, had his Toyota Camry towed away by professional car thieves while it was parked on Memorial Drive this summer.

Yu had moved his car closer to his dormitory from the Vassar Street lot to Memorial Drive, because of concerns about vandalism. "The Vassar Street lot is in a secluded area. I knew I would have a guaranteed spot, but thieves could have all day to steal it," Yu said. "On Memorial Drive I could see it outside my window, and others could walk by it."

Other students have resorted to leaving their cars at friends' houses for security. Amy J. Varney '96 parks her car 10 miles away at a friend's house. According to Varney, she takes the MBTA subway and then a bus to access her car. "It's safer and

it's the only place I can park without having to move the car," she said.

Personal safety, crime, and theft concern students even at MIT parking facilities. A few of the parking facilities at MIT are manned by parking attendants only from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campus Police make rounds that cover all or most facilities.

However, in the first six months of this year there were 16 car theft attempts and 16 cases of larceny from motor vehicles, according to the Campus Police mid-year crime report. Cases of vandalism, breaking and entering without theft, and other incidents were also reported.

The Campus Police and other administrators are working to improve parking policies. According to Church, automatic gates which can be opened by card keys are being installed.



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# NFL Needs Creative Bookkeepers

Let's Argue, from Page 16

If George can't control the crowd inside The Stadium (14 people ran onto the field during the series) to ensure the safety of the umpires and opposing players, how can he expect New York's finest to protect the fans outside The Stadium. In a classic New York understatement of criminal activity in the big city as compared to rural areas, Aaron's mom, Jeanne, explained, "He was just having fun."

For all those NFL owners worrying about next year's salary cap (see the Cowboys and Bengals), they should take a lesson in creative accounting from their brethren in the NBA and in the Seattle Seahawk organization. In the NBA, the Portland Trail Blazers must have taken Professor Uri Ronnen's Introductory Financial Accounting (15.501) class as they successfully landed free agent Chris "Free Throw" Dudley. With a contract that allows Dudley to become a restricted free agent after one year, he will be able to re-sign with the Blazers for an unlimited amount. This new salary would not be counted against the "cap" as the Blazers are merely trying to retain his services.

Up the coast in Seattle, the Doves were able to circumvent the swiss cheese rookie cap by signing Mirer to a low-salary-based contract loaded with lucrative incentive clauses for things like winning a game, wearing a Seahawk T-shirt in public, and dating Coach Tom Flores' daughter (a Los Angeles Raiderette). These situations are very similar to the fat contracts signed by your humble scribes last spring when *The Thistle* came knocking on our door.

### Where Are They Now?

Original Toronto Blue Jays Pete Vukovich, Alan Ashby, Doug Rader, Manager Roy Hartsfield, Doug Ault, Steve Staggs, Otto Velez, Hector Torres, and Dave Lemanczyk.

### Menudo's Top 5

1. Florida State
3. 'Bama
4. Miami
5. Notre Dame

To illustrate the dominance of the Seminoles so far this year we point out the fact that linebacker Derrick Brooks has scored 18 points (three touchdowns) while the four opponents of Florida State have combined for a total of 14.

### Let's Argue Fan Top 5

This week's list is sent to us from Berkeley, California, the home of Alex Virgilio '92:

1. California
2. Syracuse
3. Delaware
4. FSU
5. Notre Dame

### Race for Futility

Barry Bonds: 3 RBI's in September  
Tampa Bay: 5 ppg  
Bonds' once firm grip on the MVP award has loosened, while the Bucs score as often as an Harvard undergrad.

### You Heard it Here First

Salt Lake City will be awarded the 2002 Winter Olympics despite objections from monogamists and the protesting of the Osmonds television show by human rights advocates.

### Mondongo's Hueso de la Semana

To the Montreal Expos' Moises Alou for copying Bobby Bonilla. Last Thursday, Alou broke his lower leg while rounding first base. Although not quite the feat of Bonilla (who tripped over second base), Alou will be hurt a lot longer.

### Trivia Question of the Week

Who is the President of the American League? Send answers, comments, and votes for or against the participation of your humble scribes in the Miss America swimsuit contest to sports@the-tech.

Answer to last week's question: the Chicago White Sox. Kudos to Wes Williams '96 who wins a free tour of the Back Bay. Just show up at 77 Massachusetts Ave. between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. on the day of your choice. A white van sporting red letters and the number 2 will be there to whisk you and 11 of your friends away on a 20-minute ride known for its comfort and hospitality.

### MIT TWIB Notes

Come support the men's lacrosse team as they play host to Boston University in a scrimmage today at 4 p.m. on the turf. Likewise, the men's soccer team hosts Trinity tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Coach Taylor's cross country team is currently ranked third in New England behind Williams and Wesleyan Colleges.

The women's volleyball team is also ranked third in the latest New England polls, behind Bates and Eastern Connecticut Colleges.

The women's field hockey team improved to 3-1 with a 5-0 drubbing of Gordon College on Tuesday.

Led by Chantal Wright '95, the women's soccer team is in first place with a 2-0 record (4-0 overall), including a 5-3 win over the Simmons Tunas this week.

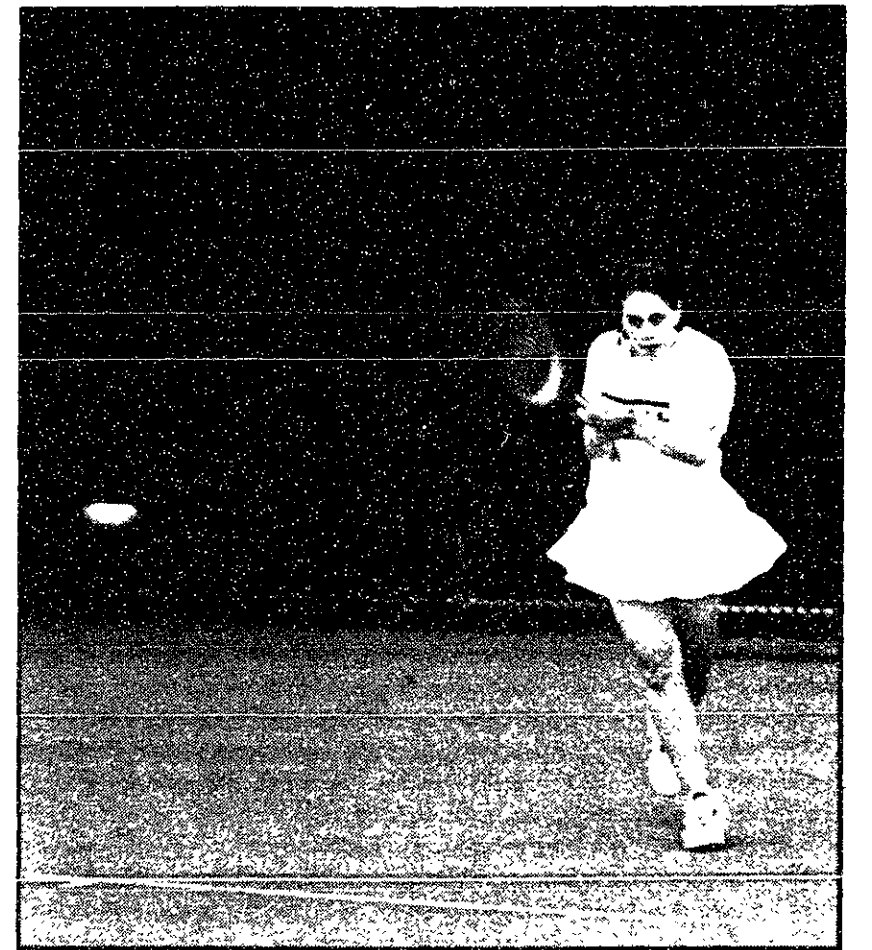
Lastly, the women's tennis team

is off to a scorching start, as their 2-0 record indicates.

### Sir Vix Picks

MIT 5 - Western New England College 4: Score is the same as the court ruling on MIT's appeal over the anti-trust suit. Boston College 34, Temple University 0: Instead of tailgating, Eagles' faithful hold a political rally for write-in mayoral candidate Doug "Skin" Flutie. Jets 22, Patriots 21: Tickets for this game are as hard to come by as a Mets-Padres series. Fan runs onto field to nullify apparent game-winning field goal by Sisson. Bills 34, Fish 28: Bills munch Fish as Miami players, unaccustomed to a serene downtown, have difficulty sleeping on Saturday night. 'Boys 132, Skins 105: Teams get together during bye week for friendly game of Parchesi. Lions 20, Bishops 10: Bishops up all night watching citymate Sir Charles on *Saturday Night Live*. Phoenix could use Charles' scoring ability (no, we don't mean with Madonna) and personality. Norwegian-Americans 13, Packers 12: While Minnesota spent bye week preparing for game, Green Bay players spent week trying to figure out where in the world Carmen San Diego is. Doves 14, Pussy Cats 10: Boris Yeltsin prepares for possible ouster by sending resume and game plan to Doves, who utilize the Russians' unorthodox tactics to register back-to-back victories for the first time since Beavis and Butthead went on the air.

Last week 6-3. Season to date 11-8.



Frederica Turner '95 won her tennis match against WPI easily yesterday.

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## SPORTS

## Sailing Team Has Busy Weekend

By Elaine Heal  
TEAM MEMBER

The second weekend of sailing regattas kept MIT sailors busy in regattas at the Institute and at Boston, Tufts, and Harvard universities.

MIT sailors sailed through varying conditions, from almost no wind to overpowering wind. On the Charles River and Tufts' Mystic Lake, they displayed their ability to do well in any conditions.

On Saturday Harvard hosted the Northern Series in larks and interclubs. Although MIT doesn't often get a chance to practice in interclubs, Al Svilan '95, Heather Campbell '95, Doug DeCouto '97, and Anna Chwang '95 finished in sixth place.

Up the river, Rich Downey '94, Iliana Fujimori '96, Adam London '95, and Mark Sapirie '96, showed off their talents at BU by finishing in fourth place.

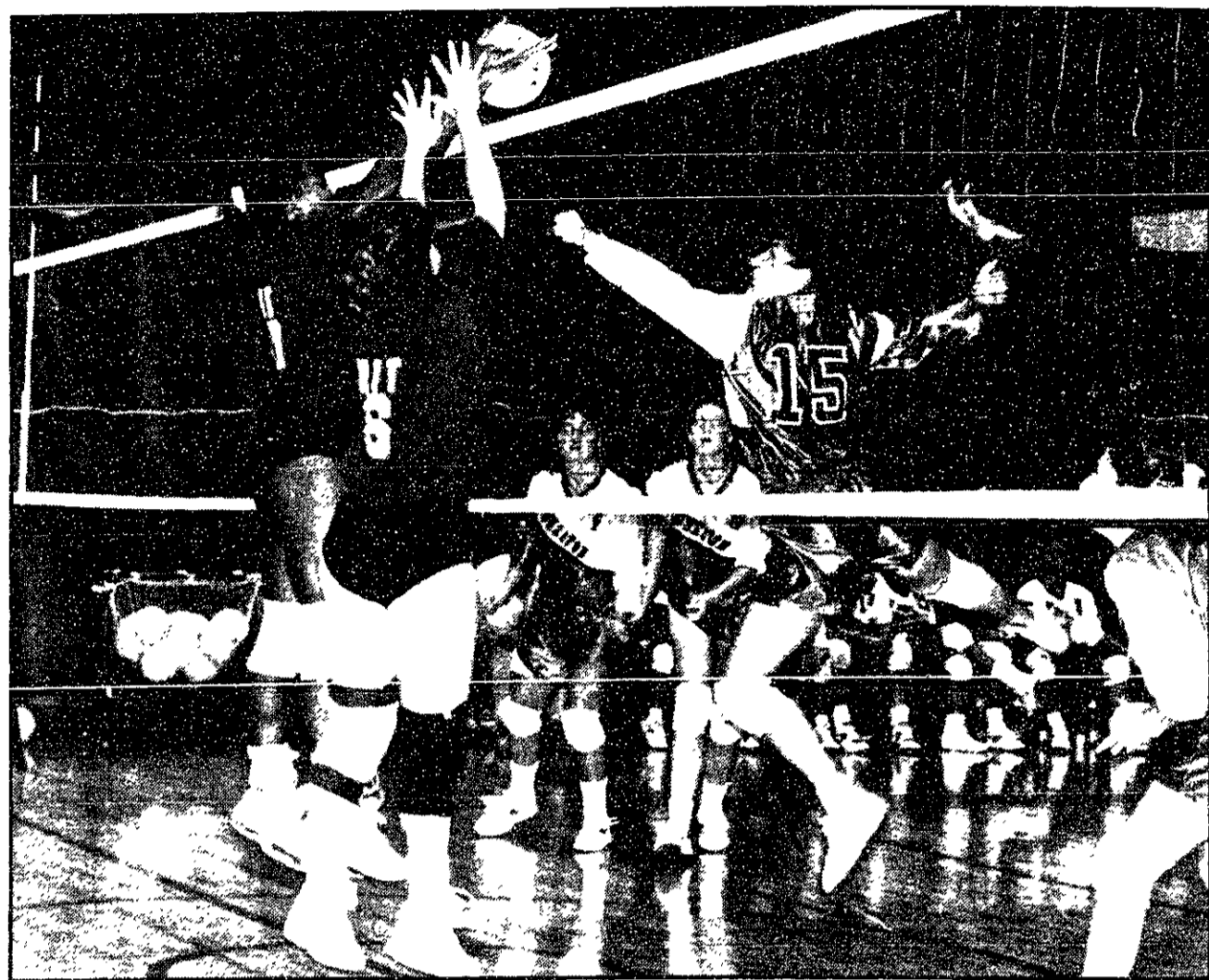
The sloop team sailed in its first regatta ever: the sloop eliminators at MIT. The wind was light and sporadic, but Freddy Santos '96, Victor

Preciado '96, and Charlie Pan '95 rose to the occasion. They worked their way up to second place in the last race before it was canceled because of lack of wind.

Also at MIT on Saturday was the woman's New England single-handed championships. Thirty-four women from New England sailed in the qualifying round on Saturday, but only the top sixteen went on to the finals on Sunday. The three skippers representing MIT, Patricia Schmidt '95, Elaine Heal '95, and Amanda Ames '95 all qualified for the final round. Sunday proved to be an exciting day with strong winds and huge wind shifts. After a long, tiring day Ames ended up fifth.

Meanwhile, at Tufts, Dan Nestor '95, Matt Van Eman '97, Frank Marcoline '94, and Carrie Morton '95 battled the wind in an invitational. It was so windy that something broke on almost every boat.

De Couto, Jonas Klein '97, Jeff Brock '97, and Alan Au '97 sailed well at Harvard in their first freshman regatta of the season.



Kamilah Alexander and Jill Keldel block the ball as MIT cruises past Wheaton College, 15-3, 15-9, Tuesday.

## Golf Takes Second Place In Bowdoin Invitational

By Tom Kawamoto

The varsity golf team captured second-place honors in the Bowdoin College Invitational golf tournament, played at Brunswick Golf Club in Maine. The tournament was played over two days, Sept. 10 and 11, and the field included nine other schools.

The best four scores from each team were added up on each day, and MIT was beaten by Merrimack College by a margin of only one stroke, 636 to 637. Nevertheless, it was a solid performance from the relatively young team, which lost a couple of fine players this year. Individual scores were: Tom Kawamoto '96 (77-79-156), Scott McDavid '97 (81-77-158), Brian Schuler '96 (79-81-160), Frank Popp '94 (81-82-163), and Mike Leabman '96

(84-86-170).

The Engineers bounced back after losing the heartbreaker in Maine by winning their first two matches. Matches were played with a slightly different format, counting the best five scores from each team. On Sept. 14, MIT beat Bentley College, 422 to 457, at Crystal Springs Country Club in Haverhill. Scoring was difficult because the players were not allowed on the back nine and had to play the treacherous front nine twice. Individual scores were: Kawamoto (78), Leabman (81), McDavid (87), Popp (88), and Schuler (88).

The next day, MIT returned to Crystal Springs and beat Boston University, 407 to 423. Kawamoto and Leabman led the team with a pair of 79's, followed by Popp (81), McDavid (83), and Schuler (85).

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, September 24

Women's Volleyball: Quad Match, 10 a.m.  
Baseball vs. UMass-Boston, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 25

Baseball vs. Merrimack College (DH), noon  
Varsity Sailing: New England Singlehanded Elimination C, 9:30 a.m.  
Women's Volleyball: Quad Match, 10 a.m.  
Men's Varsity Soccer vs. Trinity College, 11 a.m.  
Varsity Water Polo: MIT Tournament, TBA

Sunday, September 26

Varsity Sailing: New England Singlehanded Elim. D, 9:30 a.m.

## Laurels Continue for 1993 Baseball Team

By Roger Crosley  
DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The honors and awards continue to roll in for the 1993 baseball team. The squad, which captured the Eastern College Athletic Conference New England Division III championship last May, has been honored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association as the top fielding team in the country in Division III play. The Engineers finished the season with a school record 22 wins.

Former MIT football wide receiver Roddy Trantum '93 has been named a 1993 Tau Beta Pi Laureate by the National Engineering Honor Society. Trantum broke nearly every school pass receiving record at MIT and won the award for both his excellence in electrical engineering studies and on the football field. Trantum will be honored

on Oct. 30 at the 88th annual Tau Beta Pi convention to be held in West Lafayette, Ind.

Varsity sailing coach Fran Charles and his wife recently won the 210 Class national championship held in Gloucester. This is the second time in three years that Charles has won the title, for which he did not compete in 1992. Charles dominated the 25-foot fleet of 30-foot keelboats with three first place finishes, two seconds, a fifth, and a seventh. Charles's boat, "Fanfare" was the oldest boat in the regatta (36 years), and the win is the sixth national championship of his career (two each in the Olympic 470 and interclub Frostbite Dinghy classes).

Mark Hanak, most recently supervisor of occupational rehabilitation at Dow Chemical, has been named coordinator of sports medicine at MIT. Hanak has previously worked at Braintree Hospital, with the New England Patriots, and at the University of Notre Dame.

## Sports Shorts



MIT won Tuesday's soccer game against Simmons, 5-3.

JUSTIN STRITTMATTER

## Associated Press Poll Demonstrates Incompetence in Action

Column By Mike Duffy  
and Andrew Heitner

SPORTS COLUMNISTS

As a fan of professional and collegiate sports, don't you get fed up when the media blasts you for your all-star voting habits? Yet when any kind of voting is placed in their hands, the selections are worse than those of the electorate in Palm Springs (see Sonny Bono) and Minnesota (see Fred Grandy, a.k.a. "Gopher" from The Love Boat).

This week the Associated Press scribes have displayed their "exper-

tise" by putting Colorado 13th and Stanford 17th in the AP college football poll, even though the Cardinals beat the Buffs on Saturday. Not to be outdone, however, were the coaches, as they actually dropped Stanford from 19 to 20. Also, they have Fresno State ranked ahead of Baylor University and Boston College ahead of Northwestern University, even though the latter in each pair beat the former last weekend. These selections lend credibility to the argument that the Let's Argue Menu's Top 5 should serve as the

barometer for deciding the national championship.

To continue our lambasting of the Lords of the Diamond, your humble scribes note that the current playoff structure disregards the past 162 regular season games which led up to the playoffs. This year, the National League West champion (either the Braves or Giants) will most likely own the best record in the majors, yet will definitely not have home field advantage during either the NL playoffs or the World Series. Unlike the NFL and NBA,

the playoff structure is determined at the beginning of the season. The NL East and American League West host this year's league championship series, with the AL serving as host to the World Series. This format alternates every year, thereby eliminating the prospect of a race between division champions for home field advantage during an otherwise meaningless final 7 games of the season (see season finale games such as Knicks-Bulls '93 and Oilers-Steelers '90 for examples). Presumably, this ridiculous tradition

started when the owners alternated villas on the sands of Key Biscayne while colluding on free agents.

In other baseball news, 15-year-old Aaron "Chariots of Fire" Lemcke turned into a modern day Bill Buckner for the Sox last Saturday. Lemcke thought for a split second that he was Morganna the Kissing Bandit and darted onto the field, causing a do-over of Mike Stanley's apparent final out of the game. This led to 3 runs and a Yankee victory.