



President Charles M. Vest answers audience queries at the town hall meeting in the Sala de Puerto Rico on Tuesday.

Meeting Centers On Budget Cuts

By Vipul Bhushan
NIGHT EDITOR

Tuesday's noontime town meeting, which focused on the MIT budget deficit and impending staff cuts, drew a crowd consisting mainly of faculty and staff to the Sala de Puerto Rico. The audience's biggest concern was how the administration would reduce the number of employees in the face of increasing budget deficits.

President Charles M. Vest, Provost Mark S. Wrighton, and Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56 addressed audience members' concerns.

At the two-hour forum, Vest said the budget deficit would be solved by reducing the operating budget by \$40 million over the next three years — actually \$25 million after

indirect costs have been charged.

Budget cuts will reduce the staff size by 400 over the next three to four years, Vest said. The staff currently numbers about 8,000.

Along with the staff cuts, the faculty will be trimmed through attrition by about five percent over the next decade, and the number of graduate students will most likely be trimmed, Vest said.

Few of those in attendance were students, though Wrighton said he remained "receptive to interaction with student groups" and student leaders to gather student input to the deficit reduction process.

'In a budgetary vice'

Vest opened the gathering by

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Memorial Services

A memorial service will be held in honor of Jina Kim '92, who died Nov. 3 after a 20-month struggle against leukemia. The service will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the MIT Chapel.

Memorial services for Jonas R. Klein '97 and Christina Park '96 will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday in the MIT chapel.

Klein and Park were killed in a plane crash on Nov. 21.

Kim, who majored in economics, lived at Baker House for almost four years.

Kim's family has asked anyone interested in supporting the fight against leukemia to send donations of any amount (in honor of Kim) to the Leukemia Society of America, National Capital Area, 2900 Eisenhower Ave. Suite 419, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Pritchett Snack Bar To Be Re-opened

By Ifung Lu
STAFF REPORTER

The Office of Housing and Food Services decided to re-open the Pritchett Snack Bar — probably by next fall — after doing some renovations, said President of East Campus Tariq M. Shaukat '94.

The East Campus house manager made the announcement at an East Campus house committee meeting Wednesday night, Shaukat said.

Until Pritchett is reopened, there will be a short term solution. Shaukat said he will not know the details until a meeting with housing and food services administrators next week.

The shortage of late night dining options on the east side of campus stems from cutbacks by housing and food services this semester. Because of financial reasons, dining hours at Morss Hall were shortened to 5 to 7 p.m. on weekdays. The Pritchett Snack Bar was closed completely.

In response to the closing of Pritchett, East Campus and Senior

House students submitted a proposal to food services Nov. 23.

This dining proposal recommended reopening Pritchett spring term and offering late night hours on weekdays and extended hours on weekends. The proposal, based on surveys as well as student input at meetings, also suggested that students staff the snack bar, and be provided with training to improve quality and efficiency.

Reopening Pritchett Snack Bar will require renovations of an aging dining area. "The overall facility is old and has not been fully renovated in years," said John T. McNeill, associate director of food services, before the decision to reopen Pritchett was made. Sanitation and health-related aspects of Pritchett need to be addressed, he said.

Security issues must also be resolved before Pritchett can be reopened. According to McNeill, the doors to Pritchett cannot simply

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Teamworks Shows Promise, Problems

By Rishi Shrivastava
STAFF REPORTER

Teamworks, a new chemistry group program which encourages collaboration, continues to show promise in its first semester despite student complaints.

This semester the chemistry and material science and engineering departments are offering the optional program to students enrolled in Principles of Chemical Science (5.11) and Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry (3.091).

Currently, 70 students in 3.091 and 290 of 400 students in 5.11 are participating in the program, said Amy R. Pritchett G, a Teamworks helper.

It is still too early to determine whether Teamworks has improved academic performance. "We really won't know how it will affect student grades until the end of the semester," said Melinda G. Cerny, an undergraduate program administrator in the chemistry department.

"In the second 3.091 quiz, one of

the Teamworks recitation sections scored higher than class average. We'll keep a close watch for any trends," said Professor Donald R. Sadoway, who is teaching the class this term.

It is difficult to gauge the effect of the program, though, because "many students work in groups outside the Teamworks framework," he said.

Students call program a success

Students involved in Teamworks generally agree that successful Teamworks groups promote cooperative learning for all group members. They do not believe the smartest group members are disadvantaged by other members.

"People have to realize that in a group, the smartest person isn't going to be the best at everything. We all go into the test knowing the same things," said Hank M. Lin '97.

"One person never does all the

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IAP '95 Could Include Required Classes

By Lawrence K. Chang
STAFF REPORTER

When the faculty approved the new calendar in May, it also approved a measure allowing departments to offer one requirement exclusively during Independent Activities Period, starting in 1995. But efforts to develop such course requirements are progressing slowly.

"An informal survey suggests that there will be less than half-a-dozen such courses ready for IAP '95," said Stephen A. Benton '63, chair of the IAP Policy Committee. He was unable to disclose which course requirements would be offered exclusively during IAP beginning in 1995, but said that they would appear in the next course bulletin.

"The number will probably rise slowly after that, as people gain

experience with the concept," Benton added.

The new calendar, which will take effect in the 1994-95 academic year, extends IAP by two days, making it a full four weeks minus one day for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Currently, IAP is 17 days long.

The academic content of IAP would be increased significantly because students could be required by their department to spend one of four IAP's on an academic requirement.

"The impact of this new opportunity may not be as large as we hoped, because it is very, very difficult, even with the longer IAP, to fit a full 12-unit course into IAP in a format that is appropriate — and we

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Cliffs of Dooneen rock at Strat's Rat in Lobdell last night. Lead singer Eric Sean Murphy and bassist Ira Multon gyrate and harmonize for a crowd of one hundred.

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WORLD & NATION

Mayor-Elect Giuliani Names Police Commissioner

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

Republican Mayor-elect Rudolph W. Giuliani, elected on a pledge to crack down on crime, Thursday named Boston police commissioner William Bratton as the city's new police commissioner.

Bratton, 46, a Boston native, began his career in the Boston police department and was acclaimed for his performance from 1990 to last year as head of New York's transit police before he took the top police job in Boston.

"We will take back the streets as we took back the subway," Bratton told reporters Thursday. "I did not come here to lose."

Bratton will head a 30,000-member force hit hard recently by allegations of corruption and brutality, about which an investigative commission's report is expected in January. Bratton takes over from Raymond Kelly, a highly regarded leader considered a strong candidate to stay on.

In announcing Bratton's appointment, Giuliani praised Kelly and called the decision a difficult one.

But, he said, "I felt that it was important for this new administration to have a new police commissioner, to take a new look at the police department and redefine in the same way that we will take a new look at all city agencies."

With Bratton as chief, the 5,000-member transit police force acquired new uniforms and patrol cruisers, computers, radios and weapons. Bratton traveled by subway himself.

He also brought in undercover units to crack down on small-time offenders such as fare-beaters and smokers in an attempt to highlight intolerance of even the slightest subway crime. During his tenure, the rate of subway crime began a steady decline and now is 37 percent below the 1990 level.

"I gave him rave reviews as transit police chief," said Tom Repetto, president of the Citizen's Crime Commission, a police watchdog group here. "People would ask me if it was true he walked on water, and I would say he does. ... New York has once again stolen Babe Ruth. We've gotten a very outstanding guy."

Aristide, Malval Meet As U.S. Tries to End Haitian Crisis

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide met with his fatigued and embattled prime minister in Washington Thursday as U.S. policymakers searched wearily for new ways to restore a democratic regime in Haiti.

But the closed sessions in Aristide's Georgetown apartment only underscored the pessimism in the Clinton administration over chances for a satisfactory denouement to the crisis in the small, impoverished Caribbean land.

There was no indication that Prime Minister Robert Malval had changed his mind about leaving office in two weeks. Fearful that the departure would sever Aristide's only institutional tie to Haiti, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, traveling in Europe, has called for Malval to remain in his post.

Acting Secretary of State Peter Tarnoff, who plans to meet with Malval Friday, also surely will press the prime minister to remain, arguing that U.N. sanctions eventually will weaken the resolve of the Haitian military commanders who overthrew Aristide in a 1991 coup and are blocking his return.

After the Haitian president and prime minister conferred in Georgetown, a top team of Clinton administration foreign policy advisers — Tarnoff, national security adviser Anthony Lake and Defense Secretary Les Aspin — conferred at the White House in a strategy session on both Haiti and Somalia policy. President Clinton did not attend the meeting.

Before leaving the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, Malval, a 50-year-old businessman regarded as a political independent, announced his intention to resign and said, without elaboration, that he would present "different proposals" to Aristide in hopes of resolving the crisis.

The proposals, he said, evolved in a series of meetings he had held with military officers, politicians, business leaders, church officials and union representatives.

The meetings included several sessions with Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, the commander of the armed forces, whose intransigence scuttled the July 3 Governors Island agreement, which called from him to resign and for Aristide to return at the end of October.

WEATHER

The Fast Movers

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

This afternoon's clearing due to a quick shot of dry air will, unfortunately, be short-lived, as a storm system is expected to approach our area by afternoon on Saturday. Impressive dynamics and plentiful available moisture will cause this storm to produce a significant rainfall, accompanied by southeasterly gales late Saturday into Sunday. It appears that a tranquil and relatively mild weather will return by midweek, after a passage of yet another in a series of fast-moving disturbances late on Monday.

Today: Morning showers giving way to a partly sunny afternoon. High of 54°F (12°C) with southwesterly winds shifting to northwest by sunset.

Tonight: Clear and chilly. Low of 38°F (3°C) by daybreak. Light northwesterly breezes.

Saturday: Clouding up with showery rains by late afternoon. High of 50°F (10°C) with increasing southeasterly winds.

Sunday: A wet morning followed by clearing later in the afternoon. High near 50°F (10°C).

Cocaine Trafficker Pablo Escobar Killed in Columbia

By Peter Eisner

NEWSDAY

MIAMI

Colombian security forces Thursday shot and killed Pablo Escobar, the billionaire godfather of international cocaine trafficking, as he attempted to flee his hideout in the drug dealing center of Medellin, Colombia.

Escobar, leader of the Medellin drug cartel, was killed as he and his bodyguards tried to elude police by climbing onto a rooftop of the safehouse where they were hiding, Colombian authorities said.

Authorities said Escobar opened fire and was met by volleys of return fire from some of the dozens of police and troops who had stalked the drug kingpin to a house on the west side of the city of 1.6 million people.

Authorities in Medellin told reporters that they had traced Escobar when he telephoned a radio station over the weekend to protest official treatment of his wife and children whose attempt to leave the country was rebuffed.

"This life was taken simply because he resisted being captured," Colombian prosecutor general Gustavo de Greiff said in a television interview from Bogota, monitored

in Miami. "Let this be a lesson to all criminals that sooner or later we will catch them."

U.S. Drug Enforcement officials praised Colombian authorities for tracking Escobar down. A leading DEA official said Escobar's death was a milestone, but it would do little to stop the flow of tons of cocaine to the United States.

"This is the end of an era — if you look at the violence produced by this man," said Tom Cash, special agent in charge of the DEA in Miami. "It will be a long time before anyone takes his place." But Cash said the leaders of the rival Cali Cartel, which has a firm grip on drug shipments to the New York metropolitan area, are likely celebrating a victory with Escobar's death.

"They will have a corner on the market, because no one person will replace Pablo Escobar," he said.

The death of the 44-year-old Colombian drug titan culminated a 16-month search that began when Escobar fled a luxurious prison built especially for him by Colombian authorities on a hillside near his hometown in a Medellin suburb. That began a search by a specially organized 3,000-member security team.

Escobar, reputed to shift frequently from one safehouse to another, was said to elude capture by paying weekly bribes to corrupt officials. The United States and Colombia had offered \$8.7 million for his capture.

"It's the triumph of law over crime," said Andres Pastrana, a prominent Colombian legislator. "Escobar ended up being a symbol of violence and narco-terrorism. Now the country can begin to live more peacefully."

Max Mermelstein, a one-time lieutenant in the Escobar's organization, said Thursday in a telephone interview that he thought drug trafficking to the United States could increase in the aftermath of Escobar's death.

"Pablo had a very tight rein on trafficking operations," said Mermelstein, a New York native who became a key informant for the DEA after striking a plea bargain with the U.S. government. Mermelstein smuggled tons of cocaine into southern Florida in the 1980s for Escobar and the Medellin Cartel.

"I think there will be an increase not a decrease," he said. "Now they don't have to worry about paying Pablo off. Everybody is going to establish their own routes."

Researchers Find Genetic Flaw Responsible For Colon Cancer

By Rick Weiss

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Researchers Thursday announced they have identified the genetic flaw that causes as many as one in six cases of colon cancer, as well as a number of other fatal cancers of the uterus, ovaries and other organs. The faulty gene, believed to be present in more than 1 million Americans, may be the single biggest cause of inherited cancer.

Scientists said the discovery is the most significant advance yet toward understanding the molecular underpinnings of hereditary cancers. It also offers the first opportunity to apply DNA tests to large numbers of people with family histories of cancer to determine with a high degree of certainty whether they will get the disease.

"It's a stunning achievement," said Francis S. Collins, director of the National Center for Human Genome Research in Bethesda, Md., which helped fund the research. "This is the advance that's going to push us into the era of genetic medicine. It's no longer in the future. Genetic studies are going to be an everyday part of medical practice."

Researchers involved in the work said a relatively simple blood test to detect the defective gene could be available within six months, although its use would be limited at first to people with a family history of colon cancer.

The newly identified gene causes hereditary non-polyposis colon cancer, a form that typically strikes by age 50 and has been known to occur in children as young as 8.

The gene's discovery marks the climax of a hotly contested race that had two competing laboratories working night and day for the past six months.

One team, led by Richard Kolodner of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and Richard Fishel of the University of Vermont report their discovery in Friday's issue of the journal *Cell*. Results from the second team, led by Bert Vogelstein and Kenneth W. Kinzler at the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center

will appear in that journal's Dec. 17 issue. The teams announced their findings at a joint news conference Thursday at the National Institutes of Health.

"This would be considered by many to be one of the most important medical discoveries of the decade," said Henry T. Lynch, president of the Hereditary Cancer Institute at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha and a pioneer in the field. "As far as hereditary-

they've inherited the defective gene. Those without it can relax. "The anxiety associated with this disease is immense," said Vogelstein.

But even a positive test has benefits, he said. Those who definitely have the problem gene are more likely to get regular colonoscopies. Moreover, a positive test can provide incentive to make healthful changes in lifestyle. Studies suggest a high-fiber, low-fat diet can reduce the risk of colon cancer. Daily doses

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—Francis S. Collins, Director of the National Center for Human Genome Research

cancer syndromes are concerned, this is probably the most common one of them all, so this discovery is absolutely exciting and mind boggling."

Researchers emphasized that most of the 152,000 cases of colon cancer that arise in the United States each year are not inherited but are caused by the accumulation of spontaneous genetic mutations throughout life. The latest discovery is not likely to have an immediate impact on these cases.

But it may have a profound effect on the approximately one in 200 Americans who unknowingly harbor the newly discovered defective gene, most of whom have watched helplessly as family members fell ill.

Until now, individuals in these colon cancer-prone families have had no way to know whether they had inherited the deadly gene. Members of such families typically submit to an annual colonoscopy — an expensive procedure that allows a physician to view the upper reaches of the large intestine to look for tumors in their earliest stages. When these tumors are caught early, survival rates can reach 90 percent.

But if an accurate blood test for the responsible gene is developed, family members will be able to know with near certainty whether

of aspirin may also help.

"What you're seeing here is a long-awaited shift toward early detection and prevention in colorectal cancer," said Nicholas Petrelli, chief of surgical oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y. "We're going to be able to select out the people who are going to get this disease, and intervene early. This is a tremendous advancement."

The usefulness of the new finding is not limited to colon cancer. Women harboring the altered gene have a 50- to 70-percent chance of developing uterine cancer and a 10- to 15-percent chance of ovarian cancer, which is difficult to detect early. Other cancers, including an unknown portion of non-inherited colon cancers, have also been linked to the newly detected defect.

With a little more research, scientists said, it should be possible to develop a blood test that is sufficiently accurate and cost-effective to be offered to the population at large.

Collins and others warned, however, that technical and ethical hurdles will have to be overcome before such a test is made available. Issues of privacy are foremost, since insurance companies and employers may be inclined to reject those with genetic predispositions to cancer.

U.S., E.C. Negotiators Report Breakthrough in Trade Talks

By William Drozdiak
THE WASHINGTON POST

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The chief U.S. and European Community trade negotiators said Thursday they were close to resolving key obstacles to a global trade agreement that could help revive economies around the world.

Ending two days of talks here, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and EC trade commissioner Leon Brittan said they had made enough progress to expect to unveil an accord Monday, after consultations in Washington and European capitals.

"I did not expect to make as much progress as we have made," Brittan said.

A agreement between the United States and the 12-nation EC would speed a conclusion of the seven-year negotiations aimed at expanding the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or GATT.

Kantor said he was "now confident we can get a GATT agreement by Dec. 15" — the deadline Congress set for the U.S. negotiators.

Chances are now better than ever for a U.S.-European agreement on reducing subsidies on farm exports, the chief reason for a stalemate in the GATT talks, Kantor said.

Kantor left for Washington but said he planned to return to Brussels by Monday morning. He said he was leaving behind key technical aides to try to iron out the final

details.

Negotiators declined to discuss details, but industry sources said the United States is likely to accept a longer period for reducing export subsidies in exchange for increased opportunities to sell corn and other farm products in Europe. Any agreement would apply to all GATT members, the sources said.

Kantor said the administration also is holding firm on another difficult issue, its insistence that any global trade agreement not weaken U.S. laws used to combat illegal dumping of imports at unfairly low prices — a top priority of many U.S. business groups.

In Washington, Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., and House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., joined in an unlikely alliance to say they would work against a trade agreement that permits "unfair, predatory trade practices."

Kantor said the United States and the EC were close to settling their differences on reductions in industrial tariffs, and had made real progress on audiovisual services — another key stumbling block.

The Europeans are demanding that television broadcasting and film productions remain exempt from GATT's restrictions on subsidies to help their film and TV industries survive overwhelming American competition.

Sources close to the talks say the

United States may be willing to accept continued protection for film and broadcasting if future services such as pay-per-view broadcasting are open to foreign participation.

Thursday's reports of progress came after Clinton administration officials delivered a series of blunt warnings that any failure to reach a global trade accord could have a profound impact on U.S. security commitments in Europe.

European governments have been upset by the administration's linkage of trade and security, a connection that was taboo in the Cold War era when Americans and Europeans kept commercial rivalries from disrupting a military alliance that prized absolute unity against the Soviet threat.

But there is a grudging recognition in Paris, Bonn and London that the two issues can no longer remain isolated at a time when the United States and its European allies are struggling to restructure their economies and prune military budgets now that the danger of a Soviet invasion has vanished.

The GATT negotiations have missed two previous deadlines but all parties now acknowledge that the Dec. 15 target is a make-or-break moment since at that time the administration's authority to negotiate a package deal, immune to revisions by Congress, expires.

Shuttle Begins Repair Mission

By Robert Lee Hotz
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

Under a waning moon, the space shuttle Endeavour arced into orbit early Thursday on a plume of superheated steam and fire to begin an 11-day effort to retrieve and repair the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.

As Endeavour's main engines were throttled into silence and its solid rocket boosters tumbled to Earth, shuttle commander Richard Covey peered over the edge of the atmosphere and radioed, "It's a beautiful sunrise."

At same time, from the seaside launch site at the Kennedy Space Center below, Hubble chief scientist Edward J. Weiler watched the 100-ton spacecraft diminish into a distant twinkle in a field of morning stars.

"I think my heart stopped," Weiler said.

It was not the first time Weiler's hopes for the Hubble have ridden into orbit aboard a space shuttle.

Along with hundreds of other scientists, Weiler, who has worked on the project since 1979, cheered the launch of the Hubble telescope three years ago as the dawn of a new age in astronomy, only to discover that, due to a manufacturing defect in its primary mirror, the

Hubble could deliver only a fraction of the performance its designers had intended.

As other system failures quickly mounted, the Hubble telescope — the most sophisticated space-based observatory ever built — became an orbiting parody of extreme old age.

With flawed optics, it stares at the heavens through blurred eyes. Its solar panels are palsied, quivering each time the satellite swings from darkness into light. With three failed gyroscopes and several broken magnetometers, it is losing its sense of balance. An on-board computer suffers memory lapses.

The seven astronauts aboard Endeavour, the most experienced crew ever assembled for a shuttle flight, will try to refurbish the orbiting observatory, a task NASA officials call the most extensive and most difficult servicing mission ever attempted.

"We are going to repair and bring back to youth, if I may say, an instrument that will allow us to see deep into the past of the universe," said Claude Nicollier, a Swiss astronaut who will operate Endeavour's robot arm. In the coming week his job will be to hold the telescope steady while other crew members carry out repairs.

Once in space Thursday, Endeavour pilot Ken Bowersox

wasted no time in starting the two-day orbital ballet that will bring the shuttle into grappling distance of the Hubble by Saturday. The two spacecraft were about 5,529 miles apart by evening Thursday, closing at a rate of 370 miles every orbit.

NASA officials, however, were concerned that the maneuvers could leave the shuttle's fuel supply dangerously low. Endeavour only carries enough fuel for one attempt at a rendezvous.

"We are very tight on fuel and we have to do it right the first time," said shuttle mission director Randy Brinkley. Nicollier is to take a firm hold on the Hubble Saturday. Early Sunday, Endeavour's four other astronauts will begin the first of a record five spacewalks to work on the telescope.

Astronauts Story Musgrave, Kathy Thornton, Jeff Hoffman and Tom Akers are to install \$50 million worth of corrective optical devices and an upgraded \$101 million wide-field planetary camera. In addition, they plan to attach new power-generating solar panels, backup gyroscopes, a new computer processor and other equipment.

If all goes according to schedule the astronauts will replace the telescope's faulty gyroscopes on Sunday and the quivering solar power arrays on Monday.

Probes Highlights NASA Misconduct

By Ralph Vartabedian
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LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The FBI is conducting a broad-ranging investigation into an alleged fraud and kickback scheme among private contractors and government officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Houston center, according to government and industry sources.

Some targets of the investigation were drawn into a sting operation, in which the FBI set up a phony company that allegedly paid off a NASA official to help get a kidney-stone smashing machine onto a space shuttle flight.

The sting also drew in employees of major aerospace contractors,

as well as consultants, who provide management and technical services for shuttle missions. In addition, a NASA astronaut, whose identity was unknown, has become a potential target in the investigation, according to an industry official with direct knowledge of the case and who asked not to be identified.

Martin Marietta, a major NASA contractor that is a suspect in the case, has fired two employees of the services group it acquired in April from General Electric, a company spokesman said Thursday. The two employees, left unidentified, were "not key executives," he said.

The names of other contractors suspected in the case could not be obtained, but high level industry sources said that some companies

have begun conducting internal investigations related to the matter. About a half dozen NASA employees may be implicated and an unknown number of contractor employees, sources close to the case said.

Code-named Operation Lightning Strike, the FBI probe is believed to involve multimillion-dollar damages against the government and has been described by officials familiar with the investigation as the biggest procurement fraud case since the Ill Wind probe, in which 50 defense industry and Pentagon officials have been convicted.

The sting operation was called off Thursday after it was disclosed by Houston news media.

Yeltsin Replaces Hammer and Sickle With 2-Headed Eagle

By Sonni Efron
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Liquidating one of the last symbols of the Soviet past, President Boris N. Yeltsin has officially replaced the hammer and sickle with the two-headed eagle as the seal of the new Russia.

The eagle, whose two heads face East and West, has been a symbol of the Russian czars since the 15th century. But in today's fractious, chaotic Russia, the bird's two heads may unwittingly represent a nation divided over whether a symbol of monarchy and empire is appropriate for a fledgling democracy.

"It's going to be controversial," historian Roy A. Medvedev said of the presidential decree published Wednesday. "We absolutely need a new symbol, because nobody is proud of the old one ... I understand the desire to return to old traditions, but this must be done carefully, since people don't want to return to the 19th century."

The Yeltsin government has been trying for some time to do away with the hammer and sickle, the Soviet symbol that glorified labor and the union of workers and peasants. But the conservative Parliament that Yeltsin has since forcibly disbanded repeatedly rejected the czarist eagle.

As a result, Yeltsin's decree making the two-headed eagle the symbol of the new Russian state is printed on presidential stationery that bears the hammer and sickle and Communism's most famous slogan: "Proletarians of the world, unite!"

"The complete set of Soviet communist ideology is present on this very document," said presidential spokesman Anatoly A. Krasikov.

Yeltsin's decree, signed Tuesday and published Wednesday, is a temporary measure until ratified by the new legislature, to be elected Dec. 12 and known by the pre-revolutionary name of Duma.

But some of the mammoth hammers and sickles that adorn Moscow are already headed for history's scrap heap. The big golden emblem on the damaged White House Parliament building was the first to go. The double-headed eagle is to be mounted on key government buildings by Jan. 1, according to the decree.

Man Testifies He Delivered Hydrogen to Bomb Suspect

By Peg Tyre
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK

A compressed-gas company driver testified Thursday that one day before the World Trade Center bombing he delivered three tanks of hydrogen gas to defendant Mohammad Salameh, who said "a van was coming to pick it up."

Dennis Walsh, a driver for AGL Welding, told jurors at the bombing trial that on Feb. 25 he delivered three cylinders of compressed hydrogen gas to Salameh and another man whom he could not identify at the Space Station storage facility in Jersey City, N.J.

Salameh identified himself as Kamal Ibrahim, Walsh said, and signed the receipts and money orders using that name. During the 15-minute transaction, one of the storage facility managers almost stopped him from making the delivery, he said.

"The manager said he couldn't store flammable gasses there," Walsh testified. But Salameh "said it would only be there for an hour, then a van was coming to pick it up."

Dave Robinson, assistant manager for the Space Station, took the stand next. "I said they couldn't bring the compressed gas in here and they became agitated," he testified.

Salameh and the other man went into the facility's office to make a phone call. Robinson testified, and when they returned, Robinson relented and told them they could leave the gas tanks there for 20 minutes.

Robinson said he returned to the office and shortly afterward saw a Ryder van, closely followed by a four-door sedan, drive into the Space Station. Several minutes later, Robinson told the jury, the Ryder van left the facility, again followed by the sedan.

Prosecutors contend the three hydrogen tanks were used in the homemade bomb to boost the explosion. Pieces of metal canisters with AGL's name stamped on them were found at the bomb site.

Also Thursday, the manager of the Space Station told the jury that shortly after Salameh was arrested, he obtained a key for the storage locker and, with a friend as a witness, opened it up.

NATO Approves Security 'Partnership' for Eastern Europe

By Norman Kempster
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

NATO foreign ministers on Thursday approved in principle a U.S. proposal to extend a security "partnership" to the formerly Communist nations of Eastern Europe, but they immediately began bickering about whether Ukraine and perhaps some other countries should be left out.

NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner said the ministers "very broadly welcomed" the U.S. plan, known as Partnership for Peace, which is intended to give a sort of associate membership to Eastern European nations, allowing them to cooperate with the Western alliance on military matters without giving them the sort of "attack on one is an attack on all" guarantees that NATO members extend to one another.

Action on the plan is expected Jan. 10 and 11, when heads of government of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization hold a summit meeting in Brussels.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher urged his fellow foreign ministers to offer the partnership to all former members of the Warsaw Pact — including Russia and the other 14 states created from the ruins of the former Soviet Union — along with "other nations on whom we agree."

Senior U.S. officials said the Clinton administration wanted to open the door to almost any European nation that might want to join, including countries such as Finland, Sweden and Switzerland, which sat out the Cold War. But other NATO sources said many European members of the alliance wanted to restrict membership.

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Rushdie's Death Threat Is Real

It is amazing to me that there are still people who do not understand the seriousness of the threat against Salman Rushdie's life. Vipul Bhushan ["Rushdie Lecture Should Have Been Publicized," Nov. 30] admits that Rushdie "does have exceptional worries about his safety," but then attributes those worries solely to "religious zealots." While these people certainly pose a threat to Rushdie, Bhushan has neglected to mention another, at least as significant danger. There is a \$2 million bounty on Rushdie's head. This widens the field from the "zealots" to include professional assassins and amateur bounty hunters. And I would contend, despite Bhushan's assurances, that it would be very nearly impossible to secure any room against professional assassins who knew where their target was.

MIT's actions in this case were not "underhanded" or "elitist." They were the measures necessary to ensure the safety of an honored guest. Rushdie could not, and would not, have come if the event had been publicized. As it was, 20 officers were needed to ensure his safety. And the official who wouldn't tell Bhushan who was visiting was serving the same purpose as those detaining the audience: making sure Rushdie left MIT safely.

No one in the MIT community was excluded from the lecture. It was open to all of us. It was, as advertised, a lecture to honor a great author. Hiding who that author was to be was not at all contrary to the "Institute's mission of promoting the free exchange of ideas." No one, inside MIT or out, would have the benefit of hearing Rushdie's ideas if these kinds of precautions were not taken. As it is, he is risking his life each time he makes a surprise appearance.

Catherine Preston '95

Freedom of Expression Needs to Thrive at MIT

The Tech received this letter addressed to *Salman Rushdie*.

The members of the Student Association for Freedom of Expression would like to express our warm welcome to you, our newest, albeit honorary, member of the MIT community. More than anyone on campus,

you know of the dangers of censorship. By having been forced to stake your life on what you believe, you have become a symbol of the fight for freedom of expression around the globe. In honoring you, MIT has expressed at least a desire to reward those who stand up in the face of censorship.

Sadly, those rewards are not afforded to the other members of this Institution. According to a new harassment policy, which each of your fellow members in the MIT community must now follow, the expression of offensive ideas is now discouraged, and may even be actionable under MIT's definition of harassment. The newly published guide tells us to avoid putting the right to free expression and the desire to not be offended to a balancing test. It advises that "people who learn they have offended others by their manner of expression should consider immediately stopping the offense and apologizing." The administration's incapacity to uniformly interpret advice from warning, or discouragement from punishment has been well documented, most recently in the Nov. 30 issue of *The Tech*. Coupled with such problems the dangers such a broad policy presents are too numerous to list here. We urge you to read the harassment guide for yourself and judge its attempt to deal with freedom of expression (particularly outlined on page 18).

Had you been forced to publish in such an atmosphere, one can only wonder if MIT would have encouraged you to remove the possibly offensive material from *The Satanic Verses*. Even *The Boston Globe* (Nov. 30) contained a letter from a Muslim graduate student of MIT who was offended by what he called "Combat Zone colloquialisms" and of "injuring the deepest love of others." The policy makes actionable comments both "on or off campus." According to their own publication, MIT would be forced to resolve their objections, should these detractors wish to make a claim of harassment against you.

It is not our mission to either condone or condemn your opinions or those of your detractors. It is only our fear that controversial opinions such as yours, will now be suppressed by the (often very real) objections of other campus members. As you are aware, many of the most provocative and noteworthy ideas are deeply offensive to a great many people. Attempting to remove these offenses cannot avoid being hostile to intellectual freedom.

Having lived a good portion of your life waging a personal battle for free expression,

you are closer to the front than most. You know what is at stake, and how precarious such freedoms are. As we offer our support for your struggle, we also ask for your solidarity with our own. Help us in urging MIT to renew its defense of freedom of expression. A public statement from one whom the MIT establishment has so honored would go a long way towards convincing them of their hypocrisy. Help us make MIT a place where free expression thrives, not a place that selectively encourages some forms of expression while discouraging others.

Vernon Imrich G
and 5 others
Student Association
for Freedom of Expression

MIT Award to Rushdie Hypocritical

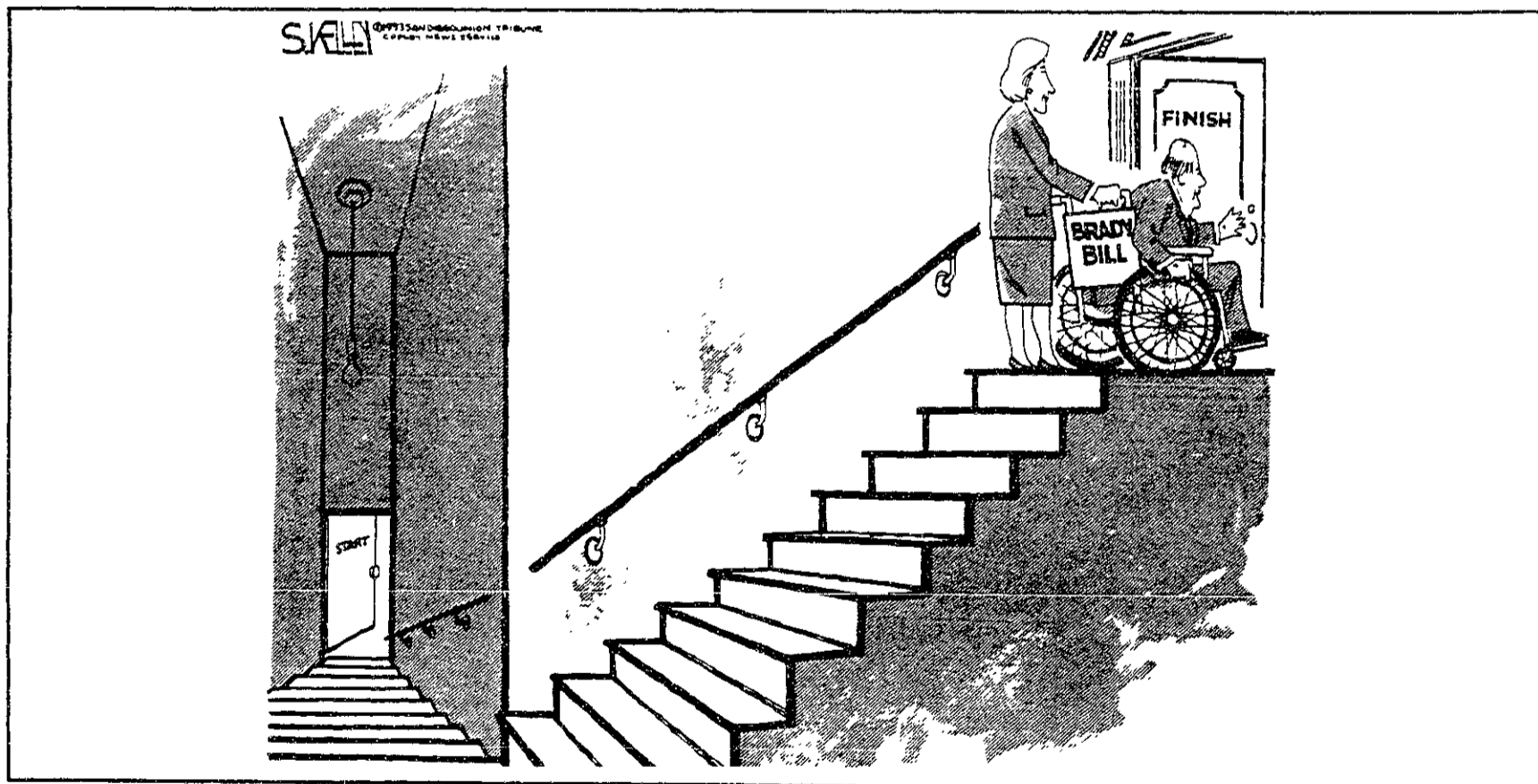
With the lauding of free speech that has surrounded the recent lecture given by Salman Rushdie at MIT, we would like to offer our perspective as Muslim students.

Rushdie wrote a book in which he used the names (or variants of the names) of several pious figures in Islam, but then he twisted their characters to portray them as lecherous and opportunistic. In doing so, he encourages disrespect for Islam itself and such disrespect, as any minority knows, has a dehumanizing effect.

Of course, this isn't the whole story. Rushdie lives under the threat of assassination. It is clear that much of the support for Rushdie comes from those who believe that he should be able to write whatever he wishes without facing threats. This is where we feel that MIT's award to Rushdie displays hypocrisy or confusion. We can see why a gay-basher or anti-Semite who receives death threats from aggrieved groups might be defended with regard to his right to speak. But would that person be honored with an award? If not, it appears that Muslims have been singled out as a group whose grievances are deemed unimportant, or who are judged to deserve the offense.

During the Nuremberg trials Julius Streicher was hung for "crimes against humanity." His crime was to print derogatory depictions of Jews in the 1930's which were judged to have dehumanized the Jews and contributed to their subsequent persecution. We view our-

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selves as being dehumanized by the current campaign against Islam. Consider the following examples from the U.S. media. *Time* magazine entitles a story, "The dark side of Islam." Mortimer Zuckerman, the editor in chief of *US News and World Report*, says, "We will need to nurture our own faith and resolution [against 'Islamic fundamentalism']." William F. Buckley Jr. says, "We need to organize our immigration laws with some reference to this problem [of the 'fundamentalists Muhammadan']." The common denominator is demonization of Muslims and misrepresentation of Islam.

The consequences for Muslims are not merely psychological. Comments by non-Muslim colleagues at the Institute confirm that the media and government presentation of our faith is having a pronounced effect on their perception of Muslims. In an extreme case, the casting of Islam as a danger to the civilized world has been used by Serbian authorities to motivate their soldiers to commit the most heinous atrocities against the Bosnian Muslims. At a different level, the campaign helps to explain the West's (governments and press) approval of the military's cancellation of democratic elections in Algeria when an Islamic party stood to control the government.

What is even worse, from our point of view, than the victimization or discrimination is that the original religion given to mankind from God through all the prophets (e.g., Adam, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad) is being actively distorted. Muslims bear some responsibility for this state of affairs due to their neglect of Islam as well as their laxity in educating others. Nevertheless, we do not feel that MIT should contribute to the distortion of our faith by honoring an author who has used the notion of free speech to vilify it.

Syed Arif Khalid G
and 15 others

Bhushan Disregards Safety of Audience

Vipul Bhushan's rambling column ["Rushdie Lecture Should Have Been Publi-

cized," Nov. 30] left me a bit stunned. While he speaks of the need to "jealously guard the right to keep and speak our opinions," he condemns what may very well have been the only practical way to have an author like Rushdie express his ideas in a public forum, in spite of being at risk of harm for doing so.

It is unfortunate that secrecy often is used to provide protection, but I am not sure what Bhushan thinks would have been gained had the talk been widely publicized. Aside from putting Rushdie at risk, announcing a lecture by Rushdie might have also put the audience attending the talk in danger. As Bhushan himself states in the column, "Rushdie does have exceptional worries about his safety." So what could have been gained from an announcement except anxiety for Rushdie and, and an opportunity for those who would harm him to plan?

I also fail to see how being discrete about the subject of a lecture is "contrary to promoting the free exchange of ideas." Informing the media was the best way to get the content (or one might say "the ideas") of Rushdie out to the widest audience with minimal risk to the speaker and the audience, and the key point that Bhushan seems to overlook is that the Sontag lecture as announced was open to the public, and was far from being a "private audience" for Institute personnel, unavailable to the community at large.

Bhushan's comments regarding tolerance for provocative ideas are valid, but his ire regarding the decision to keep the Rushdie visit low key are out of place.

Steve Berczuk '87

Vest Administration Failed to Handle PBE Incident Responsibly

First of all, I would like to make it clear that this letter is not directed towards the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community. However, I am totally displeased with the way that the Vest administration has handled two events — specifically the Phi Beta Epsilon incident and the Tau Epsilon Phi incident. An overview of both situations yields that there is a disparity

in the way in which the Vest administration handled these incidents.

On March 14, Tommie Henderson '95 met with President Vest regarding the PBE incident. One of his requests for resolving the incident was for Vest to write a letter to all students outlining the administration's policy on racial harassment. The administration declined to do that. However, less than two weeks after the TEP incident, President Vest sent out a letter to every MIT student giving his view of this incident.

But this is just the beginning of Vest's disparaging policies. Although Vest states in his letter that "disciplinary processes need to be private," any outsider can see that the administration is responding to the TEP incident more aggressively than it responded to the PBE incident. The Vest administration has continually been slothful in its response to the PBE incident.

I am sure that the MIT community wants to put the PBE incident behind it. I am not trying to rekindle this issue because I am totally unsatisfied with the way that the Vest administration handled this affair. The issue to be dealt with is respect. If the Institute is to move closer to its goal of diversity it must first be consistent in its policies towards all ethnic groups. It is disrespectful to have disparity in the policies that govern the MIT community. It is only a matter of time until the African-American community will no longer tolerate being disrespected at MIT.

Mark I. Randall '94

Harassment Code Too Embarrassment to MIT

The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to President Charles M. Vest and Associate Provost for Institute Life Samuel J. Keyser:

We of the Boston Coalition for Freedom of Expression have grave concerns about the comprehensive guide on harassment published recently at MIT. We don't doubt that this guide was well intended, and each of us in the BCFE deploras harassing behavior. Moreover, we do not believe that threats are protected speech nor do we believe that the right to

impose speech upon another is without limit.

But the MIT harassment code is far too broad. Your definition of harassment includes "any conduct, verbal or physical, on or off campus . . . which creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational, work, or living environment." The term "intimidating, hostile or offensive environment" is so vague and subjective that it is nearly devoid of meaning and therefore your code protects no speech whatsoever. Your code further confuses the issue by describing "ambiguous behavior" that "may be offensive whether or not it is harassment." No reasonable person can know with certainty precisely what speech is proscribed.

Intellectual freedom, which one might presume essential at a world-renowned university, is meaningless without freedom of expression. Therefore we are astounded that MIT would consider "freedom from unreasonable and disruptive offense" equally essential and would ask the MIT community to think of free expression and harassment "in terms of interests rather than rights." We beg to differ, President Vest. Freedom of expression is a right. Moreover, it is an inalienable right which cannot be abridged, without due process of law, by any individual or institution — not even the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

We are also appalled that Associate Provost for Institute Life Samuel J. Keyser was quoted in *The Boston Globe* as saying "What we're saying is everyone had the right to freedom of speech, but there are consequences to that right. We're just asking them to think about those consequences before they speak." According to the guide, those consequences include "termination of employment or student status." In other words, say what you like, but if we don't like it, your days are numbered. We have assumed that Keyser had been misquoted until he reaffirmed this alarming statement in a recent letter to the editor.

This guide is an embarrassment to MIT, but the mistake can be corrected. We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Bill Reeve
and Don Davies
Co-Chairs Boston Coalition
for Freedom of Expression

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Acuña, Prenner engage audience in Nebula

THE GREAT NEBULA IN ORION

Directed by Sameera Iyengar '93.
Starring Ivi Acuña '94 and Emily Prenner '93.
Written by Lanford Wilson.
Dec. 2-4, 8 p.m.
Student Center, Room 407.

By Adam Lindsay

A chance meeting in New York City brings two Bryn Mawr friends, Louise (Ivi Acuña '94) and Carrie (Emily Prenner '93), together for the first time in six years. Carrie is a Boston socialite, with a rich husband, beautiful children, and a house on three acres. Louise is a famous fashion designer living in New York, who leads a

successful independent life. The two go to Louise's apartment overlooking Central Park for coffee, which quickly turns to brandy.

We immediately see an inability for the two characters to communicate; it is a struggle to maintain real conversation. Each woman quickly reveals her jealousy of the other's perfect life. Both characters also break down the fourth wall, using an intimacy with the audience as a substitute for intimacy with each other. Instead of using unheard soliloquies to reveal inner thoughts, the audience is engaged as a third participant in the conversation. It is a theatrical device which works very well here, quickly drawing in the audience.

With each other, the women both attempt to reach out, but then retract for fear of real

contact. Carrie brings up an old acquaintance offhandedly and soon drops the subject. Louise, however, will not let it go and keeps pressing the point until we learn that he is an old flame for whom Carrie still longs, either in

the flesh or as a symbol of a freer, more passionate life.

When one is not questioning the other, the

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Ivi Acuña '94 and Emily Prenner '93 in Lanford Wilson's *The Great Nebula In Orion*.

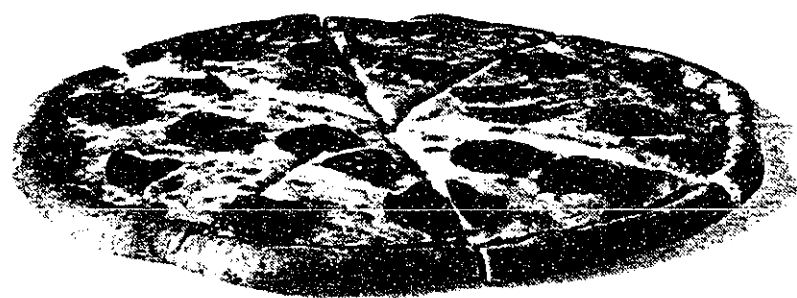


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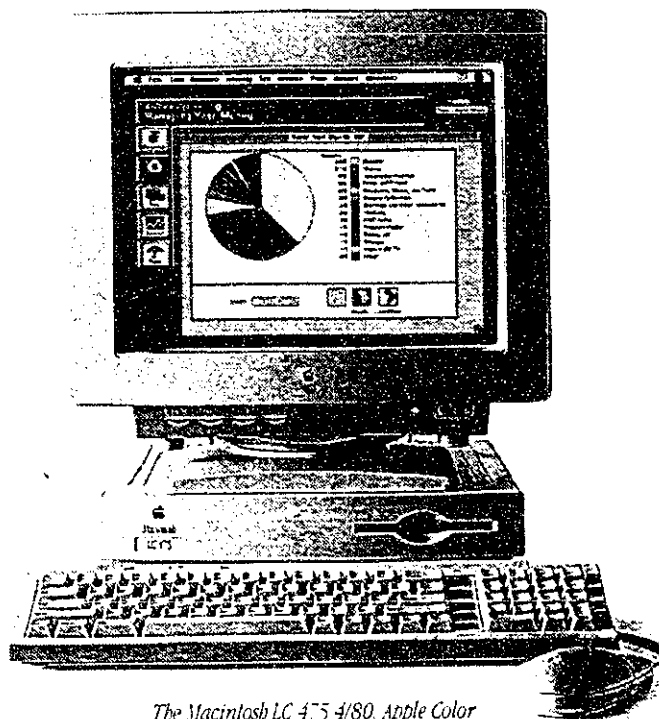
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Costner is perfect as criminal and protector

A PERFECT WORLD

Directed by Clint Eastwood.
Starring Kevin Costner, J. T. Lowler,
and Clint Eastwood.
Screenplay by John Lee Hancock.
Loews Cheri.

By Patrick Mahoney
STAFF REPORTER

Kids. Audiences always seem to love kids in the movies. It's true that anyone who has a soft spot for kids is given a lot of "nice guy" credibility, even if he is an escaped convict who just killed his partner. *A Perfect World*, the new movie directed by Clint Eastwood, plays on that sentiment. Kevin Costner plays Butch

Haynes, a convict who was in a Texas state prison for armed robbery. T. J. Lowler plays a 7-year-old Jehovah's Witness name Phillip whom Haynes takes hostage after escaping from prison.

On the whole I call this movie a winner. Costner is convincing as a cunning con who cares about kids. Throughout, we see him defend Phillip, up to the point where he kills his escape partner because he threatens Phillip. Costner does an excellent job of portraying the "vigilante" child protector who becomes enraged when little kids are hurt. Costner's portrayal of Haynes not as a hardened criminal, but as one who only steals when he needs something, is perfectly delivered, making him even more acceptable to the

audience.

Lowler too plays his role to near perfection. He acts just like a 7-year-old should. His role doesn't have him acting like a 20-year-old in a child's body. Writer John Lee Hancock captures perfectly an innocent and understated youth. Lowler's amiable attitude lends an air of lightness to the serious side of the film.

On the other hand, Eastwood — who plays the Texas police officer leading the manhunt for Costner — is a waste. He doesn't need to be in the movie. His plot is not developed, he isn't funny, and he doesn't add anything significant to the film. It is unclear what Hancock wanted Eastwood to provide to the movie, but if he was expecting a clever, enthusiastic state

trooper similar to the federal marshal played by Tommy Lee Jones in *The Fugitive*, he fails. Eastwood's role is simply uninspiring.

The Eastwood side plot adds very little to the movie, and serves only to make it longer. At 130 very long minutes that is exactly what the movie doesn't need. It is a slow-paced film which focuses more on character development and human interaction than on the thrill of the chase, and those 130 minutes make it really drag into the finish.

Another thing that bothered me about *A Perfect World* was the setting. November 1963, shortly before the fateful parade in Dallas where John F. Kennedy was shot. The rea-

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Musicians acknowledge roots on Hendrix tribute album

STONE FREE:

A TRIBUTE TO JIMI HENDRIX

Reprise Records.
Various Artists.

By Scott Deskin
STAFF REPORTER

Jimi Hendrix, without a doubt, has had a bigger influence on the evolution of modern guitar rock than any other artist in the past 25 years. He also remains one of the most enigmatic and tragic artists to emerge from the psychedelic era of his reign. The recent re-releases of his three revolutionary albums — *Are You Experienced?*, *Axis: Bold as Love*, and *Electric Ladyland* — on the MCA label reflect a resurgence in the popularity of this guitar legend.

Perhaps it is no surprise that a Hendrix tribute album, entitled *Stone Free*, was released at this time as well. It boasts 14 different rock/alternative artists performing fourteen Hendrix standards. The concept is a noble one: Each artist, or group, can put its own stamp on each Hendrix selection, with some "reworked arrangements, added samples and synthesizers — experimenting with technology Hendrix never had access to." Admittedly, samples and synthesizers in a Hendrix

song sounds a bit strange; can this succeed?

For the most part, the album is a success.

The performances that work best generally stay true to the original versions of the songs. Eric Clapton, fresh from his acoustic unplugged success at the Grammys, reasserts his rock presence with an impassioned, electric delivery of "Stone Free." Ice-T's band, Body Count, also does a masterful job with its performance of "Hey Joe," a biting version of the original wronged love/vengeance song. Also great are Living Colour's straight-ahead rock on "Crosstown Traffic," and a surprising shift from the Spin Doctors' pop world to the more sophisticated rhythm of "Spanish Castle Magic."

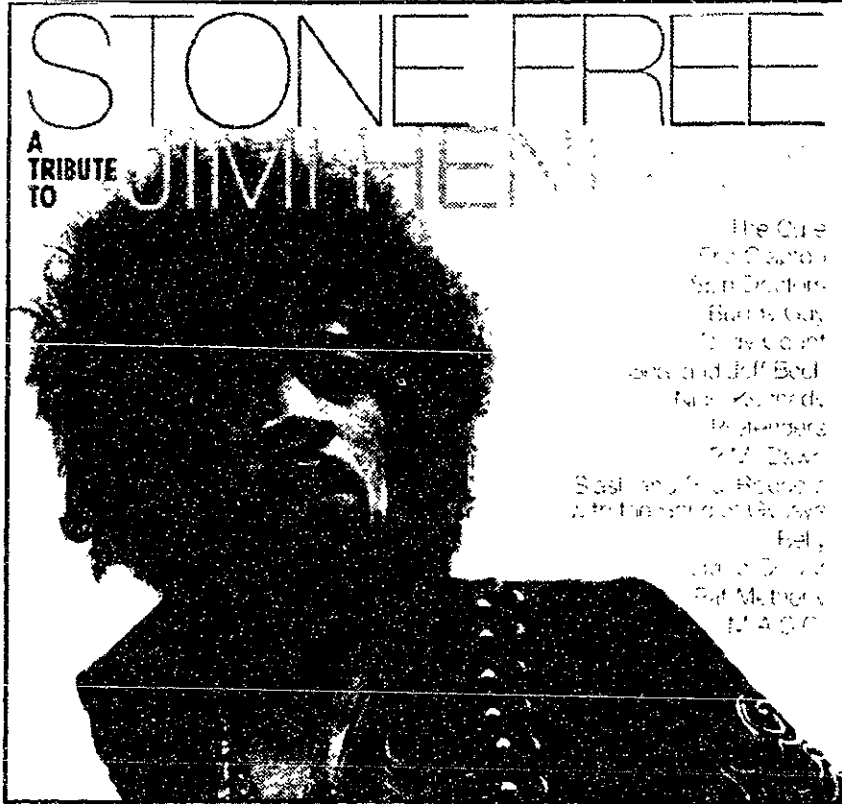
The experimental songs are more varied. The track that leads off the record, The Cure's version of "Purple Haze," is buried under so much voice-filtering and keyboard experimentation that the urgency of Hendrix's original tune and lyrics is all but lost. P. M. Dawn has better luck with "You Got Me Floatin'," which offers the listener a lively, smooth, and somewhat more hip-hop take on the song.

Most interesting is the complete reworking of Hendrix's "Fire" by violin auteur Nigel

catonotes of cello and violin that truly is original.

The two best songs on the album, however, are some of Hendrix's lesser known compositions. The Pretenders' version of "Bold as Love" merits a nod for one of the most tuneful, assured recordings on the album. And the group M.A.C.C. (better known as Mike McCready and Jeff Ament of Pearl Jam paired with Chris Cornell and Matt Cameron of Soundgarden) gives some great opportunities for guitar flair from the new breed of Seattle musicians, following in Hendrix's footsteps, to close out the album.

Stone Free is, on the whole, an effective tribute by a wide array of today's musicians who acknowledge modern rock's roots in the work of a man whose success continues long after his death in September 1970. The magic lies in the original albums, but *Stone Free* has of its own magic to demand repeated listenings.



Kennedy. What is lost by the exclusion of lyrics is offset by the strangeness of the stac-

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★★★★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*

★★½ **Carlito's Way**

Ostensibly, this is a comeback for director Brian De Palma that tries to recapture the successful formula of De Palma's hit *The Untouchables*. Somehow, though, it falls short of that mark. Al Pacino is the title character who, after getting released early from prison by his lawyer (Sean Penn), wants to go straight after years of dealing heroin. His dream of retiring to a car rental service in the Bahamas with his girlfriend (Penelope Ann Miller) is soon shattered by Penn's character, and in no time the sparks fly. Pacino is good (Puerto Rican accent notwithstanding), but is overshadowed by Penn's inspired performance as a dirty-dealing cokehead lawyer. De

Palma pulls off an enjoyable, action-filled finale, but overall the movie runs a bit long and rings a bit hollow. —Scott Deskin. *Loews Cheri*

★★★ **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 virually

guarantees him another Oscar nomination as Avery Tolar, 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. *LSC Saturday*

★ **Flesh and Bone**

A boy (Dennis Quaid) resents his criminal father (James Caan) forcing him to witness the massacre of an entire family. Forgotten remnants of this act catch up with both of them decades later, as they find themselves tangled in a web of irony linked to their past.

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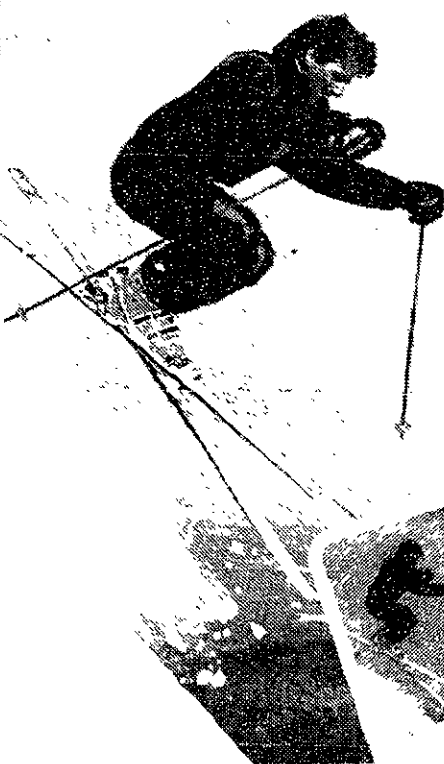
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Secret Garden captures warmth, innocence

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By Kai-Teh Tao
STAFF REPORTER

Take a children's classic, add entrancing music, and before you know it you have an award-winning musical that delights the entire family. Such is *The Secret Garden*, based upon the Frances Hodgson Burnett tale of the same name. Certainly, *The Secret Garden* has been busy since it left the Broadway stage, with both a recent movie

and touring production to its credit. The recent production at the cozy Colonial Theater captures the warmth and innocence of the story, giving the audience a clear glimpse of the power of faith.

Mary Lennox, played by the charming Cammie Maccardell-Fossel, is the heroine of the story. Orphaned by a cholera plague in India, she is brought to the care of her uncle, Archibald Craven, who is still mourning the death of his wife Lily. The house is quite luxurious with servants and enough rooms to house many guests, but something is missing. Instead of the warmth found in a happy household, this is a home marked by grief and death, where ghosts seem to dominate and

lurk in the deep dark night.

Mary feels out of place in this gloomy environment. Initially, she responds by being rude to the household staff, trying to comfort herself by remembering her previous life in India. She is befriended by a down-to-earth Yorkshire maid, played by Amanda Naughton, who urges her to explore the house and continue living her life. Mary is then introduced to the household gardener and his assistant, the young Dickon, who tell her about a secret garden that has been locked and hidden away since her Aunt Lily's death. It is this search for the secret garden that ties the story line together, symbolically drawing from the seasonal themes of spring and winter to

illustrate the continuous cycle of life and death.

Mary accidentally discovers the existence of Master Colin Craven, the son of her Uncle Archibald, who has been bedridden in a hidden room since his mother's death. Like Mary, Colin hides from his fears by being obnoxious to those around him, expecting everyone to do his bidding since, "I am going to die!" Mary comforts the young Colin and convinces him that the only thing stopping him from leading a normal life is himself. The two recognize that they need each other, providing the companionship necessary to sur-

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Eastwood, Kennedy mark lowpoints of Perfect World

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son for this setting is unclear: Nothing is ever done with it. I think the movie could just as easily have been set in the present, saving the audience the trouble of wondering what 1963 had to do with *this* movie.

Perhaps Hancock had some grand idea why it needed to be set in November 1963. It may be that Hancock wants to imply that this immense mobilization of Texas police was the reason for lax security at the parade in Dallas,

but that isn't certain. Even if this is the case, I'd have to say that it really has no place in this movie. The movie is about Costner and Lowler, not Eastwood, not Kennedy.

I would recommend seeing the film. It is not the type of movie you get to see everyday. It has a good balance of action, humor, and drama. It isn't too dark, and it isn't too happy. It is rare to see a movie put all these pieces together well, and with the exception of Eastwood, the actors are excellent. Besides, it's about kids, and everyone likes kids



Clint Eastwood stars as Texas Ranger Red Garnett in *Perfect World*.

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Labored, slow, and unrevealing, *Flesh and Bone* manages to introduce numerous high-brow themes without ever making us give a damn. Truly pitiful. —CKC. *Loews Cinema 57*

★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire

After a messy divorce, Daniel Hillard (Robin Williams) will do anything to see his kids again. His plot involves becoming a woman. As Mrs. Doubtfire, he manages to turn around his life and the lives of others. Williams' hilarious performance and a few touching scenes make up for a dismal beginning and much run-of-the-mill slapstick. —CKC. *Loews Cheri*

★ ★: *The Muppet Christmas Carol*

The latest film featuring the late Jim Henson's Muppets provides a few solid laughs and is a fair version of Charles Dickens' perennial classic, but it is easily the weakest of the four Muppet movies. Michael Caine does a commendable job at playing a straight Scrooge while his more lively artificial co-stars contrast nicely with the dark London setting. And the movie makes the most it can out of amusing scenes involving singing vegetables, Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and Beaker as charity collectors, and Fozzie Bear as Scrooge's former employer, Fozziewig, but most of the humor comes from the audience's prior knowledge of the Muppets rather than any genuine wit. *LSC Friday*

★★★½ Rudy

Rudy Ruedicker (Sean Austin) plays a poor boy whose only dream is to make it to Notre Dame and play football. Austin's performance is tremendous. From the outset, we see him as a man driven by a single desire in life. Ned Beatty plays the groundskeeper who befriends Rudy. Over time, the friendship between the two of them grows. What adds a lot of clout to this movie is the role of the coach who transfers in from the Green Bay Packers. He's a mean guy and doesn't really

care how hard Rudy plays because the fact remains that Rudy has no talent. The movie is inspirational, though; it shows that hard work can make dreams come true. It's an overly sentimental movie, but that's okay. It's a story with a happy ending, and sometimes happy endings are sappy. Much of the sentimentality can be explained because the movie is based on a true story. All of the characters are developed and there is plenty of substance to the film. The music score also succeeds in setting the moments well throughout the film. On the whole, this is an excellent film, right up there with *The Natural* and *Field of Dreams*. See it. It will make you happy. —Patrick Mahoney. *Capitol*

★★★½ Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn

The best of the Star Trek movies. It stars the regular cast from the series and Ricardo Montalban as Kahn, a superhuman who was exiled by Kirk years before, who has stolen a starship and is now determined to exact revenge on Kirk. The battle scenes are superb. Shatner and all the actors do a very good job, but Montalban is extremely convincing. This movie is must seen for anyone who likes Star Trek. If you have never seen this movie on the big screen, then you haven't really seen the movie. —PM. *LSC Sunday*

★★★½ The Three Musketeers

Wit and charm abound in *The Three Musketeers*. The star-studded cast, including Charlie Sheen, Kiefer Sutherland, Chris O'Donnell, Oliver Platt, Tim Curry, and Rebecca DeMornay, brings excitement, action, and humor to the screen. The story is set in France, and begins with D'Artagnan (O'Donnell) setting out for Paris to become a musketeer, as his father had been. Upon arrival he finds that the musketeers have been disbanded by Cardinal Richelieu (Curry) who seeks to steal the throne from the king. D'Artagnan stumbles upon the last three musketeers (Sheen, Sutherland, and Platt), the four of them uncover Richelieu's treasonous plot, and seek to stop him. The movie was filmed in



Arils Sweeney (Dennis Quaid) and Kay Davies (Meg Ryan) are a man and woman whose attempt at love is haunted by a mysterious figure, Roy Sweeney (James Caan), in *Flesh and Bone*.

Austria, which lends the film a sense of realism and history. The most enjoyable part of this movie was the balance between comedy, action, and plot. The film was funny, but most of the humor came from casual witty one-liners. I enjoyed the sword-fighting scenes throughout the film. They were well choreographed and exciting to watch. On the whole I found *The Three Musketeers* very entertaining, so much so that I plan to see it again. —PM. *Loews Copley Place*

★★★ Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

The animation of this film is incredible, as are the characters, though sadly this level of excellence is not matched in the writing or the music. Set in a land where each holiday has its own world, *Nightmare* gives the account of Jack Skellington, the leader of Halloween-

town. Tired of exporting Halloween each year to the "real" world, Jack decides instead to bring Christmas to everyone. His plan includes kidnapping "Sandy Claws" so that he himself may deliver all the toys made for him by the ghouls and goblins in Halloweentown. Unfortunately, his good intentions do not translate into a successful Christmas. The most striking feature of the film is the impeccable animation. The movements of the extremely lank Skellington are impossibly smooth as he dances across the screen. Tim Burton's characters are what make this film truly entertaining, from the ebullient Skellington to the nasty Oogie-Boogie (who wants to eat Santa Claus for dinner). Unfortunately, the plot lacks interesting twists, and the songs lack originality. Despite the flaws, this remains a fun film overall. —J. Michael Andresen. *Loews Copley Place*

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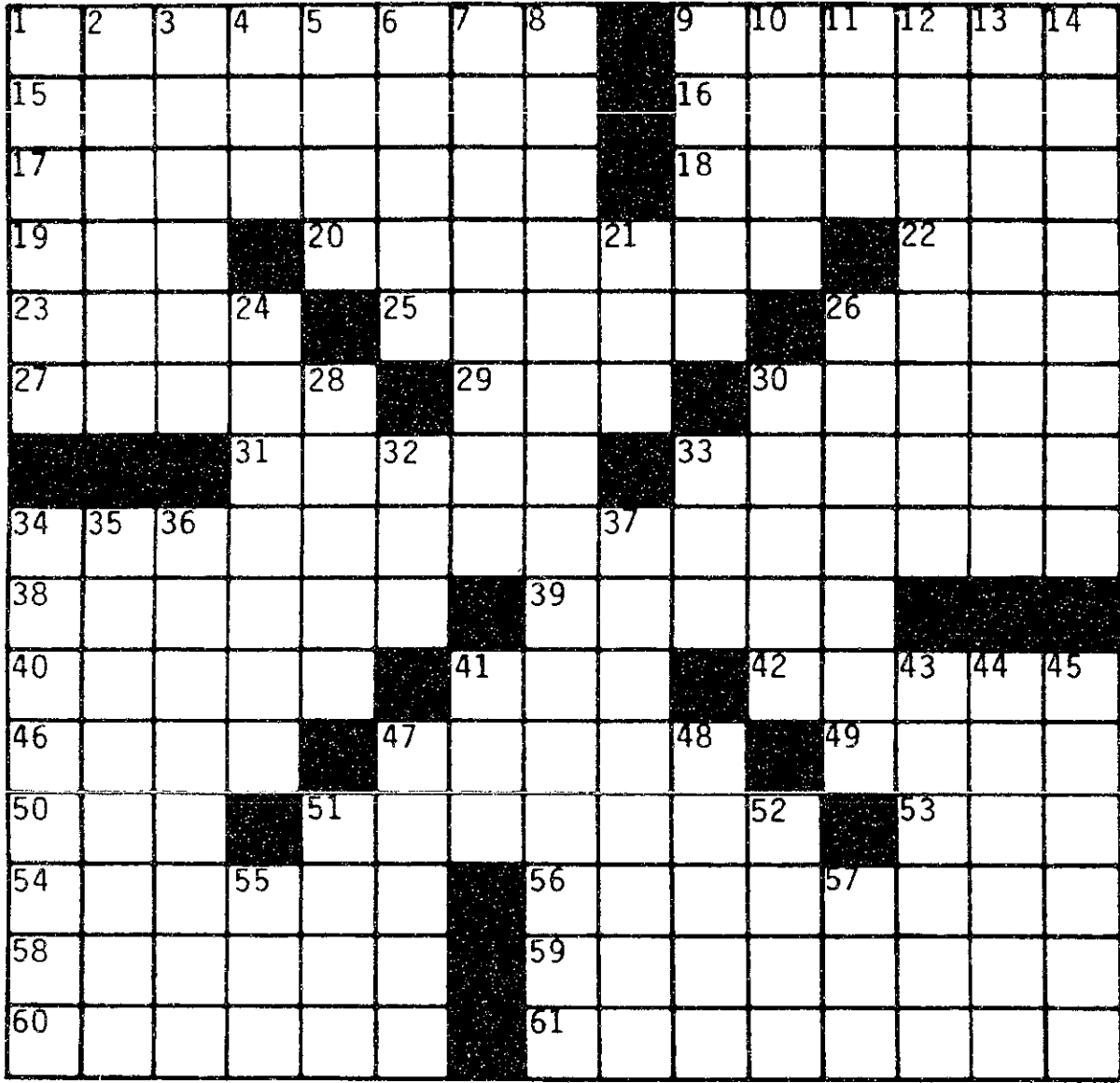
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 - 46 Give up
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 - 49 Senior: Fr.
 - 50 Ending for lemon
 - 51 — vobiscum (the Lord be with you)
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 - 3 Suave
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Secret Garden is reminder of the optimism of youth

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live in such a lonely environment.

The rebirth of Mary and Colin begins with the discovery of the secret garden. With the help of the gardener and Dickon, Mary magically nurtures the plants until the garden breathes the fresh air of life. When her Uncle Archibald finally returns to assume his responsibilities as head of the household, he is

quite surprised and delighted by the welcome changes. Making up for lost time, he embraces Mary and Colin warmly, and prepares to begin life anew.

Veteran Broadway star Kevin McGuire, gives a convincing performance as the grieving Archibald Craven. Jacquelyn Piro and Roxann Parker also complement the cast well as the ghosts of Lily and Mary's mother, floating in the background to remind the audience

of a previous life. Andy Bowser's demanding rantings as the spoiled Colin remind the audience of the brat inside all of us, while Cammie Maccardell-Fossel's compassionate Mary wins the audience with her good-natured optimism.

As always, Tony Award Winner Heidi Landesman's glorious sets contribute greatly to the contrasting themes of life and death. The centerpiece wheel, which spins around

constantly, brings together living creatures with ghosts that continually test the boundary between imagination and reality.

Children will appreciate this musical because of their heroic roles in saving the family and restoring the natural warmth. Adults are reminded that it is the optimism of youth that solves all problems, before it is corrupted by society's overwhelming pessimism.

Nebula moves between introspection and silence

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conversation ranges from attempts at small talk and reminiscences to moments of real introspection and communication which soon die, smothered by the pain of revelation. The ensuing conversational lulls are then dismissed with more anecdotes.

Gradually, the women stop relying upon the audience for intimacy and confidence and turn to each other. It really is an act of courage as they stare at the unhappiness in their lives.

The two actresses perform well in their roles. Acuña is very natural, expressing herself as the slightly-bohemian, nothing's-

shocking Louise. Similarly, Prenner is completely convincing as the priggish, uncomfortable Carrie. Both are fascinating to watch as the intoxication sets in, for though the tongues loosen, neither character loses her essence.

Although the dress rehearsal began with both actresses a bit edgy (Prenner tense, and Acuña speaking too quickly), they both eased into the performance more quickly than their characters eased into the conversation. Prenner used her contact with the audience well, and Acuña showed that she was in command of her home and the brandy. Both physicalized their characters very well; the final tableau of Carrie sitting stock-straight, knees together, and horrified on the couch, with

Louise squatting pensively on the cushion on the opposite side, was wonderfully illustrative. Their voices, as thoughts lose expression, trail off and make the audience long for more communication.

Sameera Iyengar's direction was unobtrusive, keeping the movements natural. The direction's strength is best evidenced in the chemistry between Prenner and Acuña, Iyengar having obviously created a comfortable rehearsal atmosphere within which the actresses and characters could freely act and interact. In one subtle moment, Louise passed a brandy to Carrie's welcoming hands while crossing behind the couch. It was effortless and inconsequential, but it was a genuine moment that

spoke highly of the ensemble's work.

The set in this workshop production was simple but effective in creating Louise's slightly disappointing apartment. The costumes perfectly contrasted the two characters on stage.

There were a few lapses, such as when Louise tries to sort out how she feels about her mother, words fail her, and it appears as if Acuña has lost her lines. Despite this, the actresses create engaging characters who involve the audience in a compelling story. The free show on the fourth floor of the student center is a thoughtful and entertaining hour well spent.

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work," said Pardis C. Sabeti '97. "We all learn from each other. I have no real complaints."

However, other students said that Teamworks suffers from some problems.

Several students said they wished they could choose their own Teamworks partners. "If you got to pick the people in your group, it would be better because you end up working with your roommates anyway," said Cristina Perez de la Cruz '97.

Others disagreed with this suggestion, saying students should not be allowed to pick their group members. It is good that freshmen do not pick their partners because it

encourages them to meet new people, Lin said.

Another problem is that personality conflicts discourage some groups from meeting.

"My team coordinator does not tell us when to meet," said one Teamworks student.

"It is disorganized, compared to other Teamworks groups, which are so awesome," the student said. These successful groups meet frequently because they work well together, she said.

In response to these complaints, Teamworks organizers say students must learn to work successfully in groups despite personality differences. "In the real world, the boss does not care if you like everyone you collaborate with. The boss only

cares that the project is successfully completed," Cerny said.

Teamworks organization

Students who chose the Teamworks option were organized into groups of four at the beginning of the semester, Pritchett said. Organizers attempted to match students in the same living groups, she said.

Teamworks participants are graded differently from other students. Between the individual grade and the "algorithm grade," students receive the higher of the two, Pritchett said. The algorithm grade is composed of two-thirds the individual score plus one-third the team average score, Sadoway said.

But students who fail to maintain passing individual grades cannot

pass regardless of their team average, Pritchett said.

Teamworks organizers expect student teams to meet regularly. Each group contains a team coordinator, whose duties include maintaining weekly logs indicating team progress, Pritchett said.

Teams also interact with each other in the classroom. "All members of a team report to the same recitation section. In recitation, some instructors have special activities," Sadoway said.

Encourages collaboration

Teamworks organizers created the program for several reasons. The program's purpose is to encourage homework collaboration, which frequently occurred before collabora-

tion became "legal," said Professor Alan Davison, who teaches 5.11. Since "collaboration study habits are good and the practice is going on anyway, homework cooperation should be encouraged," Davison said.

Cooperative learning is a concept many schools are investigating, Cerny said. "The theory is students will better understand concepts if they can ... explain them to others. Also, law schools have been doing it for a very long time," she said.

People also founded Teamworks to reduce academic pressure, said Eve O. Sullivan, a Teamworks organizer. By fostering an atmosphere of cooperation and interactive learning, Teamworks will benefit the MIT community, she said.



SHARON N. YOUNG PONG—THE TECH

Students collect registration material for next term from Lobby 10 on Wednesday.

Required Classes May Be Offered in IAP '95

IAP, from Page 1

intend to take "appropriateness" very seriously," Benton said.

"[An IAP course] could not be a compressed version of an ordinary lecture course," he said.

The intended benefits of offering certain requirements only during IAP are to increase flexibility and to reduce the pressure on the students throughout the rest of the academic year.

The opponents of this measure had argued that the requirement would actually intensify the MIT pace by eliminating one of the optional academic breaks of IAP.

The IAP Policy Committee, the Committee on the Curriculum, and the Committee on the Undergraduate Program Committee, who have been working on the IAP course requirements, have come across other curricular difficulties.

"Because it is not going to be possible to require that the course be taken in any particular year ... [the course] cannot be part of a sequence," said Benton. "The number of courses that are useful in a given curriculum will be limited."

Benton pointed out that the new policy may encourage the development of "modularized" six-unit courses that could be "mixed and matched" with others. However, he stressed that these are presently only ideas.

"The bottom line is that IAP is not going to change in any radical way anytime soon. But we do now have more opportunity to be creative about how we teach and learn at MIT, and to take what we do during IAP more seriously," Benton said.

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Staff Expresses Its Concerns at Town Meeting

Meeting, from Page 1

describing MIT's predicament. The Institute is caught "in a budgetary vice" because its expenses continue to outstrip its revenues, he said.

"We don't have all the detailed answers" to these problems, Vest said, though the Institute is "going too far into deficit spending," and cannot have its future hobbled by it. The Institute "cannot balance its

budget by increasing tuition at faster and faster rates," Vest said.

The research volume has been growing, as has the endowment, but these have not been sufficient to meet expenses, he said.

Vest invited audience members to identify areas of concern. The three panelists then took turns addressing the two dozen or so issues raised.

Mechanism for staff cuts

All three panelists discussed the mechanism for reducing the number of employees. The administration would "take out the work that we don't need to do" before removing employees, Wrighton said.

Wrighton does not expect that early retirement would be offered, nor does he anticipate a salary freeze, which would yield a savings of \$8 million, he said. He does expect "constrained but meaningful compensation in the years ahead."

Bargaining unit provisions, if applicable, would be used to determine who will get laid off, Dickson said. For others, length of service, skills, and retraining potential would be among the factors considered.

The already high employment turnover means that some of the staff reductions will not need to be made through layoffs, he said.

Dickson also said the Institute would "look carefully at opportunities for out-sourcing" some of its operations.

Since the biggest chunk of employees are part of the administrative, support, and service staff, the biggest staff cuts would be in this area, Vest said. He noted that changes in federal defense policy prompted layoffs at Lincoln Laboratory last year.

In addition, over the next 10

years, the size of the faculty will shrink through attrition from 950 to about 900. The policies concerning faculty promotion and tenure will be reviewed within the next year, Wrighton said.

MIT needs to maintain reputation

"Morale is up to you," said Vest, addressing the audience. MIT is not facing a crisis, but "we face difficult times ahead of us," he said. The administration will try to "minimize pain, but [it has] a responsibility to keep the Institute strong."

Vest identified criteria for measuring the success of this endeavor to reduce the budget deficit. The budget must be balanced, and MIT must be maintained as one of the preeminent institutions in the world, primarily focused on science and

engineering, he said.

Dickson foresaw little effect on employee benefits, though he cautioned that federal law may impose changes on areas like health care. He also said parking fees would be considered.

Vest observed that MIT's full service medical department takes "a big piece of the financial pie," and therefore "must be looked at very carefully."

Vest said that maintenance and improvements to MIT's physical appearance would continue. "Students pay heavy tuition. We owe them good living conditions and good learning conditions," he said.

The meeting was broadcast live to viewers in the mezzanine lounge in the Student Center, and was rebroadcast on MIT cable last night.



THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

Provost Mark S. Wrighton explains MIT's long term budget plans.

POLICE LOG

The following incidents occurred on or near the MIT campus during the period Nov. 12 to 22:

Nov. 12: Bldg. 66, fax machine \$1,035; Walker Memorial, suspicious activity; Student Center, wallet stolen, \$700 withdrawn from ATM account; Bldg. 2, mouse stolen, \$70.

Nov. 13: Bldg. W59, vandalism; West garage, suspicious activity; Ashdown, bicycle stolen, \$40.

Nov. 14: Baker House, annoying phone calls; Senior House, obscene phone calls; Bldg. 26, CD player and other items stolen, \$577; and CD Player, calculator stolen, \$290; Westgate lot, portable radio and various items stolen from a Honda, \$300.

Nov. 15: Bldg. E25, computer parts stolen \$700; Bldg. 7, annoying mail.

Nov. 16: DuPont locker room, locker broken into and wallet stolen, \$100.

Nov. 17: Bldg. 38, harassing phone calls; Bldg. E51, bicycle stolen from rack, \$350.

Nov. 19: Bldg. E39, various small items stolen, \$10; Bldg. 2, computer parts, \$70.

Nov. 20: Walker, hand truck stolen, \$200.

Nov. 21: Westgate lot, radio stolen from a Ford Taurus; Bldg. 1 bicycle rack, \$500 bicycle stolen.

NOTICES

LISTINGS

Student activities, administrative offices, academic departments and other groups — both on and off the MIT campus — can list meetings, activities, and other announcements in *The Tech's* "Notices" section. Send items of interest (typed and double spaced) via Institute mail to "News Notes, *The Tech*, room W20-483," via US mail to "News Notes, *The Tech*, PO Box 397029, Cambridge, MA 02139-7029," or via Internet e-mail to notices@the-tech.mit.edu. Notes run on a space-available basis only; priority is given to official Institute announcements and MIT student activities. *The Tech* reserves the right to edit or refuse any listing, and makes no endorsement of groups or activities listed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 8

Author Michael Dorris will read from his latest book, *Working Men: Stories*, in the concluding program of the Fall Harvard Book Store Cafe Author Series in the Rabb Lecture Hall of the Boston Public Library at 6 p.m. Call 536-5400 ext. 336 for information.

DECEMBER 9

The New England Aquarium presents "How Not to Kill the Goose that Lays the Golden Eggs," a lecture on getting the most from nature with the least environmental cost, at 7:45 p.m. Call 973-5211 for information.

DECEMBER 10

The Asian/Asian-American Video Project will hold a discussion on "Being Asian/Asian-American in a multi-cultural and multi-racial society" from 1 to 5 p.m. in room 50-222. Part of this discussion will be put in a video and will be shared with the larger MIT community. Food will be provided. Call 253-6777 or 225-6534 for information.

DECEMBER 11

The Folk Society of Greater Boston presents "Nowell Sing We Clear" at 8 p.m. at Harvard University's Paine Hall. Tickets are \$14/\$12 in advance. Call 648-4045 for information.

DECEMBER 12

The 17th Annual Bill Rodgers Jingle Bell Run to benefit Massachusetts Special Olympics will start at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Boston Hotel and Towers. Call (508) 774-1501 ext. 227 or ext. 231 for information.

DECEMBER 15

The Cambridge Forum presents *Old Friends*, with Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy

Kidder, at 8 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cambridge. Call 876-9644 for information.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information sessions on becoming a Graduate Resident Tutor will be held Dec. 7 in room 4-159. Applications will be available at the sessions and in room W20-549. Applications and three references are due Dec. 31. Call 253-6777 for information.

Registration forms for Introduction to Computer Methods (10.001) during IAP are due today, Dec. 3, in room 66-546. Call 258-7040 for information.

The deadline for reserving time at Talbot House in February is Friday, Dec. 17. Please note that regular scheduling is done by straight lottery with groups of mostly students given preference. Groups who have gone to Talbot House recently will not have it counted against them; groups who have not been to Talbot House in years will not have it in their favor as was in the past. Groups of 15 or more, only. Applications and information are available outside W20-549. Call 253-4158 for more information.

All EECS seniors and any MEng student who wishes to apply for regular admission in September, 1994 should pick up applications in Room 38-444. Completed applications, with all supporting documentation, must be submitted no later than Dec. 15. Decisions will be announced about Jan. 21, 1994.

Attorney seeks owner of black bicycle locked at Harvard's Carpenter Center bicycle rack Aug. 12. Please contact Attorney Mark Shea at 864-3943 or fax number 864-0322.

The American Red Cross Blood Services — Northeast Region has reopened its Clinical Testing Service at a new Boston address, offering confidential HIV (AIDS virus) antibody testing and premarital blood testing to area residents, employees, and students. Call 1-800-223-7849 for an appointment and more information.

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Student Activity Leaders

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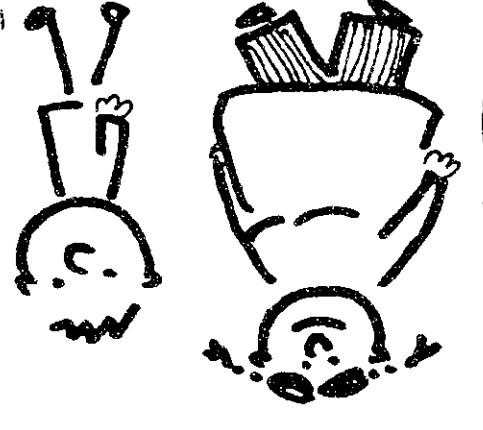
This IAP, the ExecBoard will derecognize all activities for which we do not have current information (Spring 1993 or more recent). To update your information, fill out a Recognition Form before you leave for break.

Copies of all policies and forms are available in the UA office w20-401. Questions? Call us at x3-7984 or email us at: asa-execboard@athena.mit.edu

Jim's Journal

by Jim

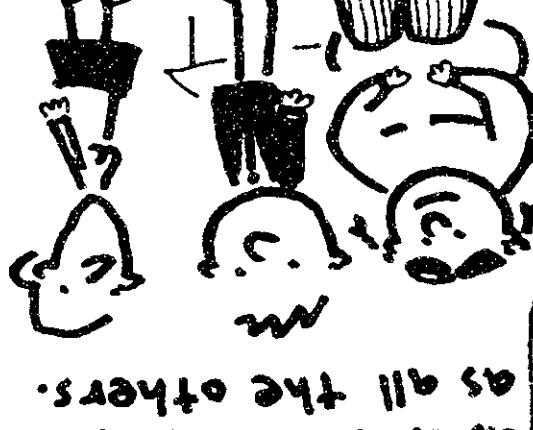
Today Ruth took me out to buy a suit for her brothers wedding.



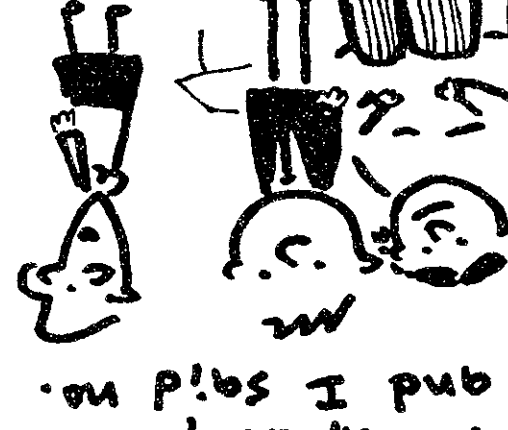
I tried on some suits and felt pretty awkward wearing them.




We eventually picked one, even though I felt just as awkward in it as all the others.




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I went to the bookstore today to buy Watership Down.



(Steve loaned me a copy, but it was so worn out it fell apart.)



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I picked it off the shelf and a guy standing there said, "Rabbit book. Cool book."



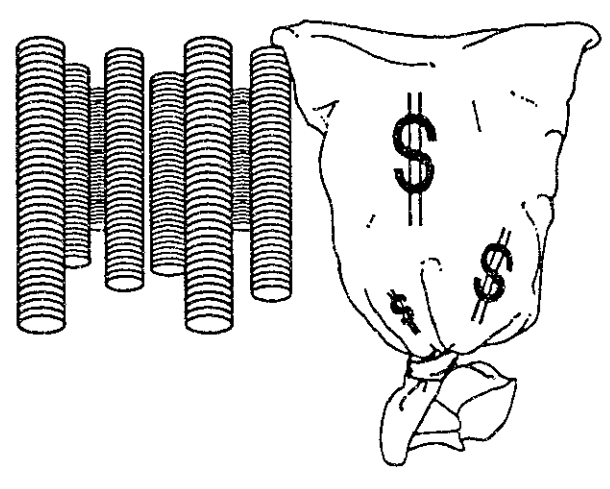
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DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10, 1993



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Above: Information about AIDS and HIV was available from a booth in Lobby 7 on Wednesday, as part of World AIDS Day. Right: An quilt made of names of AIDS victims was hung in Lobby 7 to commemorate World AIDS Day.



DAN GRUHL

Pritchett May Open Next Fall

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be closed after hours in order to secure supplies and equipment because it would be a fire hazard.

Other costly means would have to be employed, he said.

Until Pritchett is renovated, extending Morss Hall's hours could be a possible option for resolving

the east side's dining problems. McNeill discussed this as an option before deciding to reopen Pritchett.

Morss Hall was recently renovated, and these renovations include the added capability of Morss Hall to produce fast food comparable to the service Pritchett provided. In addition, students would have access to the Pizza Hut that is located in Morss Hall, McNeill said.

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KAPLAN RULES

Patriots Join Madden Division

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too much time out in LaLa land, as all the orange peel salads that he ate have finally clouded his memory. Magic claims that he could go back to playing in the NBA any time he wants and that he was driven out of basketball not for medical reasons, but because players didn't want LA to win the Pacific Division. Magic says that Phoenix would not have won the crown last season if he were still around strutting his stuff. As we remember it, though, Karl Malone (Utah) and Chris Dudley (Nets) were the first players to publicly express their fears of playing with Ervin, and neither of them were on teams fighting with the Lakers for the title. Cavalier players also cleared the floor when Magic got a cut in an L.A.-Cleveland exhibition game. These incidents were the real reasons behind Magic's second retirement. Magic should be more careful about what he says so that he does not come across as a bitter old ex-player. Then again, maybe he's just juicing up publicity for his Magic Johnson All-Star tour, which visits CBA cities to face such household-name teams as the Hartford Hellcats, Quad Cities Thunder, Tri-City Chinook, and Columbus Horizon.

For their first term report cards, this year's NBA rookie crop gets pretty good grades. Chris Webber (17ppg, 11.4 boards, 3.2 dunks, 1.2 duck walks), Monster Mash (19.5 ppg, 4.7 boards), "Craps" Hardaway (11.9ppg, 5.4 assists), Bobby Hurley (7.8ppg, 6.5 assists in 27 minutes), and Linsey Hunter (9.5ppg, 3.5 assists in 26 minutes) are all contributing heavily for their respective teams, with Mashburn leading Mighty Quinn's Mavs in scoring. Webber has proven that he is a great player, even though he gives away at least three inches in the pivot every night. Mashburn has teamed with Jimmy Jackson to give Dallas a solid, young nucleus. And, as soon as Penny gets moved to the point, the term "Showtime" will have

found a new home in O-town. Meanwhile, at the other end of the list, Shawn Bradley, the praying mantis from Utah, has shown signs of improvement, but just because there are pinstripes on a Yugo doesn't make it a Cadillac. At this point in his career, Bradley would still get schooled by the Doctor of Dunk — your own Mark Heffeman '95.

With the surprising announcement of Jacksonville as the newest member of the NFL, we'd like to express our sympathy to the fans of Baltimore, who definitely got the shaft. Unlike the two or three football "fans" in St. Louis, Colts fans were very loyal and supportive of their team, up to the night the Mayflower moving trucks showed up. In fact, Baltimore still has a Colts marching band and weekly gatherings to talk about the glory days. St. Louis did not deserve a team, even if Walter Payton were part of an ownership group.

With the addition of the Panthers and Jaguars, Paul Tagliabue enlisted the services of your humble scribes to produce a scheme for re-alignment. This scheme maintains traditional intradivisional rivalries, while also introducing new geographic ones, including Cleveland-Buffalo, Houston-New Orleans, and Atlanta-Carolina. Since, unlike baseball, all the teams in the league play by the same rules, swaps across conferences were possible. After many sleepless nights working out all the details, here is our final recommendation to Paul:

Roselle Conference

Madden Division: N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, Dallas, Washington, New England.

Norris Division: Lions, Packers, Vikings, Bears, Colts.

Pacific Division: L.A. Rams, San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle, Phoenix.

Criqui Conference

"Prime Time" Chapman Division: Miami, Tampa Bay, Atlanta,

Jacksonville, Carolina.

Trumpy Division: Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, N.Y. Jets.

Gifford Division: Kansas City, Houston, New Orleans, L.A. Raiders, Denver.

As a Christmas bonus, we also serve up our college football post-season awards:

Offensive Player of the Year

1. Charlie Ward, QB, FSU
2. LeShon Johnson, RB, N. Illinois
3. J.J. Stokes, WR, UCLA
4. Heath Shuler, QB, Tenn.
5. Jose DeLeon, RB, MIT

Defensive Player of the Year

1. Derrick Brooks, LB, FSU
2. Willie McGinest, DE, USC
3. Calvin Newman, DB, MIT
4. Rob Waldrop, DT, Arizona
5. Antonio Langham, DB, Alabama

Flops of the Year

1. Syracuse
2. Michigan
3. Stanford
4. Baylor
5. Harvard

Surprises of the Year

1. West Virginia
2. Auburn
3. Wisconsin
4. Louisville
5. Kansas State

Best Games

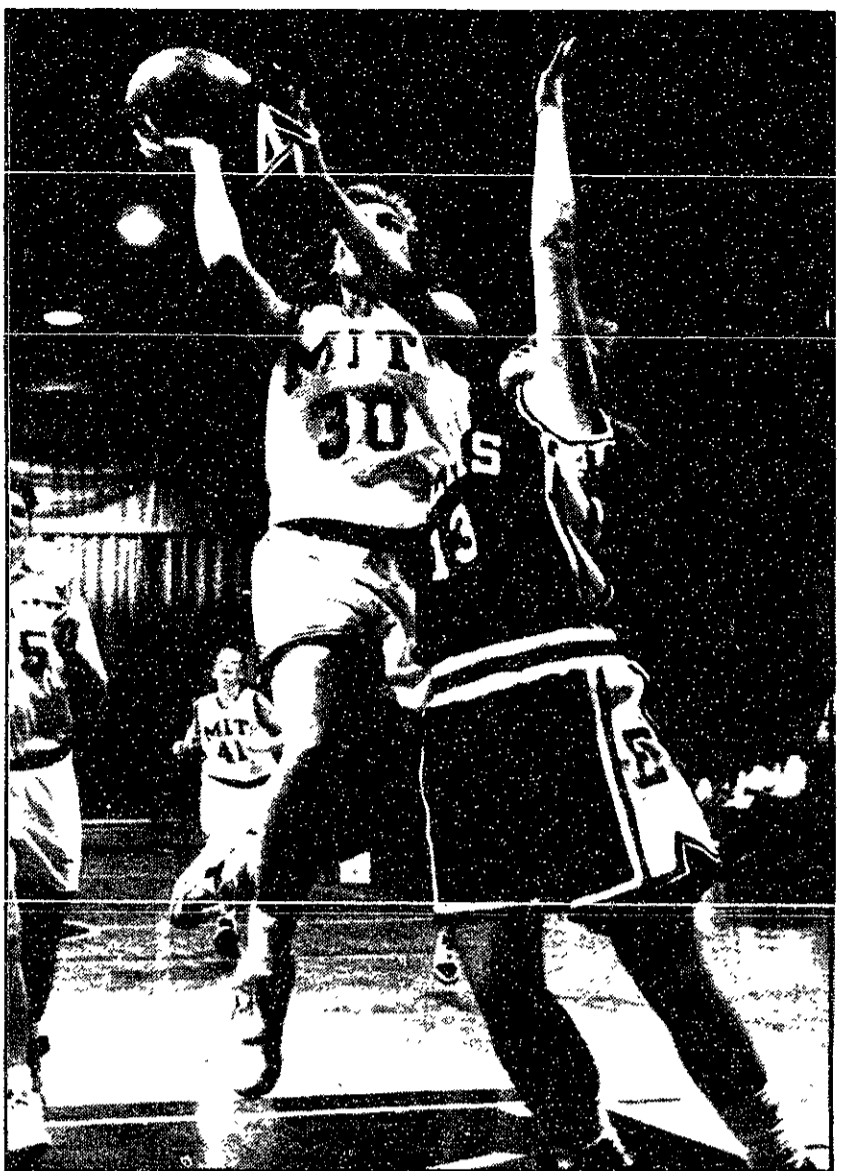
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3. Ohio State 14, Wisconsin 14
4. BYU 45, SDSU 44
5. Auburn 38, Florida 35

Menudo's Top 5

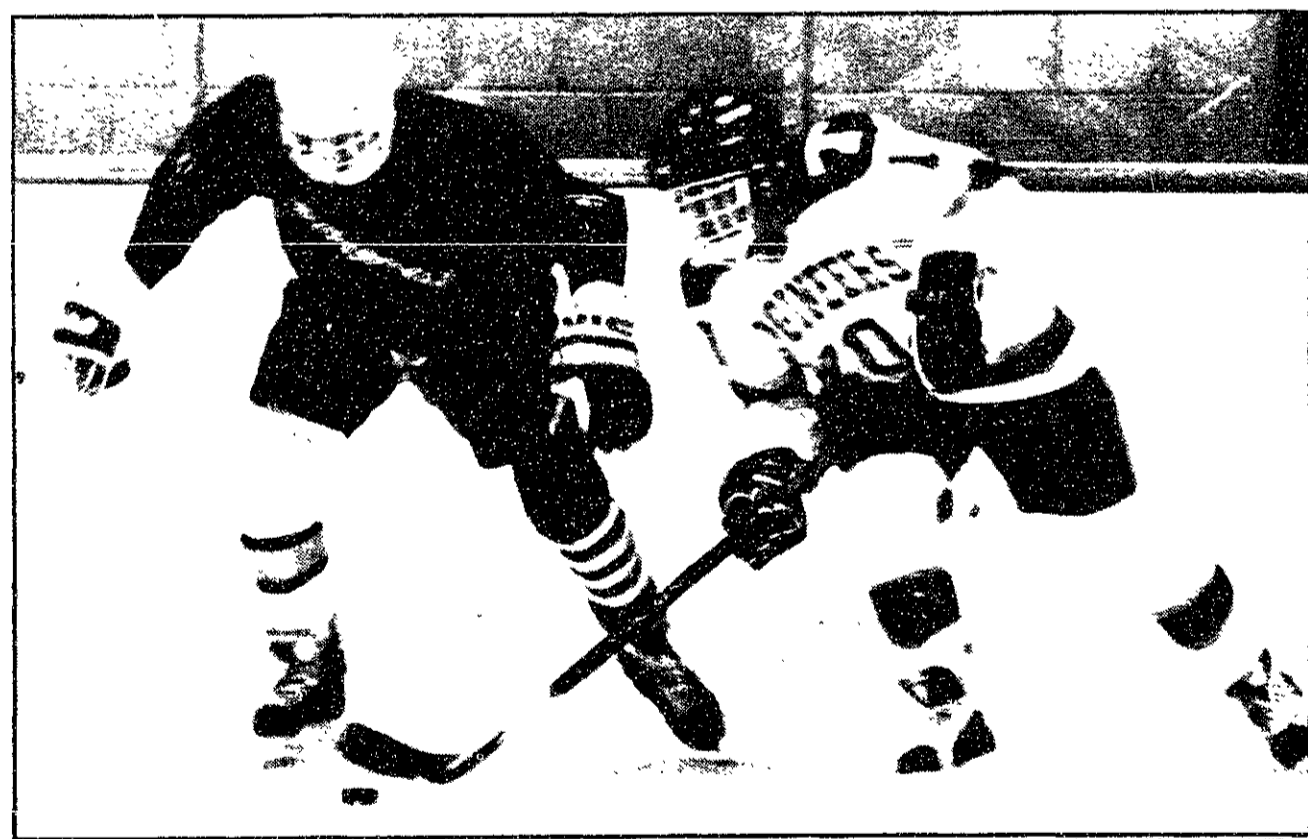
1. FSU
2. WVU
3. Notre Dame
4. Auburn
5. Tennessee

Some controversial selections.

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Top: Mari Casserberg '94 readily avoids an Elm's College player while Kristin Ratliff '95 watches. MIT lost the game 70-62. Bottom: Cynthia Doane '95 crusher her Elm's College guard during the game on Wednesday.



Steve Laramie '95 easily skates past an opponent in Wednesday's men's varsity hockey game.



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The Colombian Association of MIT regrets to inform that the panel discussion COLOMBIA'S SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: AN AGENDA FOR RESEARCH

originally planned for December 4 has been re-scheduled.

The discussion period of the Education and Social Security reforms in the Colombian Senate was extended. The Ministers and Legislators involved in these projects had to stay to insure the approval of these reforms. The event has been rescheduled for next February. We will inform the new date timely. We regret any inconvenience and hope you will join us for the panel.

More Information: Ede Ijjasz 783-4395, macondo@mit.edu
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Lett Becomes Two Time Winner of Hueso de la Semana

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perhaps, but this is the ballot we submitted to the AP polls.

Let's Argue Fan Top 5

This week's list is sent in by Alvin Ramsey G in the Lab for Manufacturing Productivity:

1. San Diego State U.
2. UC San Diego
3. U. of San Diego
4. U.S. Int'l University at San Diego
5. San Diego Chargers

Alvin also notes that the Chargers hold a slight edge in his poll over Southwestern Community College.

Race for Futility

Patsies: 1-10
 Pussy Cats: 1-10
 Temple: 527 points (47.9ppg)
 Virginia: 36 points
 Cincy and New England are competing for their showdown on Dec. 12. Both teams will be playing for the first pick in the draft, assuming they can both fend off a strong charge from the Redskins. Temple is 16 points shy of UTEP's record for most points per game given up in NCAA history. A special acknowledgment also goes to the Virginia Cavaliers, who scored only 20 points at home in Monday's loss at Conn.

Mondongo's Hueso de la Semana

Leon Lett becomes the first two-time winner of Mondongos infamous award, for kicking the ball after the Cowboys blocked Miami's first attempt at a game winning field goal in Dallas on Thanksgiving Day. Lett's boner allowed the Fish to recover the live ball and win the game on their second game-winning field goal attempt. Leon must have thought that Don Beebe was chasing him from behind.

Globe Gem of the Week

Normally reliable Ron Borges brings home the bacon this week for mistakenly stating that the Bungles are playing the Steelers Sunday in a tune up for their showdown with the

Patsies. Sir Vix correctly notes that it is actually the Patsies who travel to Pittsburgh this week, while Cincy is a 22 point 'dog at the Niners.

You Heard it Here First

Ken Hatfield, former Clemson coach, will go to South Carolina next season to replace Sparky Woods.

Where Are They Now

Former Baltimore Colts. Bert Jones, Johnny Unitas, Earl Morrall, Raymond Berry, Art Donovan, Bubba Smith, Lydell Mitchell, Alan Ameche, Jim O'Brien, and Big Daddy Lipscomb.

Trivia Question of the Week

Where were the now-defunct Bluebonnet Bowl, Cherry Bowl, and Tangerine Bowls played? Send answers, comments, and information regarding the whereabouts of Salman Rushdie (aka Sal Bass) to sports@the-tech.mit.edu. (Remember, because it is the end of the term, the Registrar's official deadline for trivia answers is Monday at noon, but, your humble scribes will accept answers up until Wednesday at 9 a.m.).

Answer to last week's question: Chicago Bulls and Portland Trailblazers. Kudos to Jerome Khohaying and John Springsteen '91 who got it right. They both win a free screening of the "Jim Tewhey Saga" made for TV movie, starring Bob Saggett and Molly Ringwald, when it comes out.

MIT TWIB Notes

Congrats to the men's basketball team, which registered its first win of the season last Saturday with a victory over Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The victory followed a road loss to Bentley and two narrow defeats two weeks ago in the Trinity University Invitational Tournament in San Antonio, Tex. The Beavers, led by Randy "Trigger" Hyun '95, lace 'em up again on Tuesday for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off versus the Eastern Nazzarine Biscuits in The Cage. Come out to support the junior varsity team tonight at 7:30 in The Cage.

Kudos to Javier Nazario '95 who was named first team Division III All-American in water polo.

Sir Vix Picks

Steelers 31, Patsies 13: New England players caught looking ahead to next week's "Fiasco in Foxboro." Niners 35, Pussy Cats 10: After 11 weeks listening to David Shula, Cincy players spend week trying to preregister for the IAP "How to Survive a Boring Lecture" seminar. Players will then be sharing tips with students planning to

take 8.02 next term. J-E-T-S 16, Horseshoes 7: Jets schedule maker must be a Nebraska alum, as New York has played Cincinnati, Pats, and Indy (twice) in last 4 weeks. Chiefs 21, Doves 14: Seattle fans too disappointed that "moshing" no longer permitted in Kingdome to notice whether Montana or Dove alum Dave Krieg is at the helm for the Chiefs this week. Oilers 26, Pigeons 17: Oilers and Rockets have combined to win more games in a row than Pats, Celtics, and Bruins combined have won all year.

Lions 13, Purple-Helmeted Warriors 10: Norwegian-Americans upset that there was no Beavis and Butthead Thanksgiving Special. Fish 21, Giants 17: Giants players show up late for game, as they were in line trying to buy handguns before Brady Bill goes into effect. Skins 20, Bucs 0: Craig Erickson lone Tampa player to show up, as LCA puts up sign, "TO GAME → 44 Skins + 1 Buccaneer" outside the Big Sombrero.

Last week: 4-5
 Season to date: 57-32



Tyrell Rivers '95 prepares to take a shot just inside the three point line against Brandeis during the Men's Varsity Basketball game.

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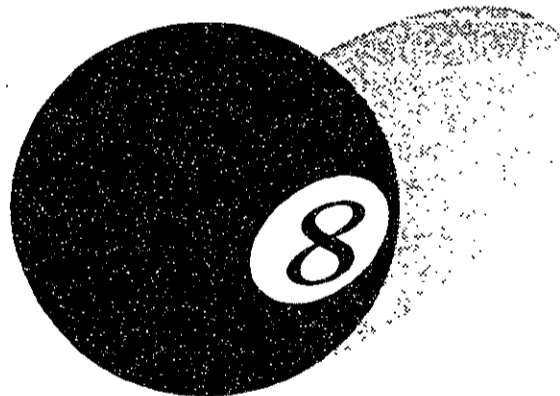
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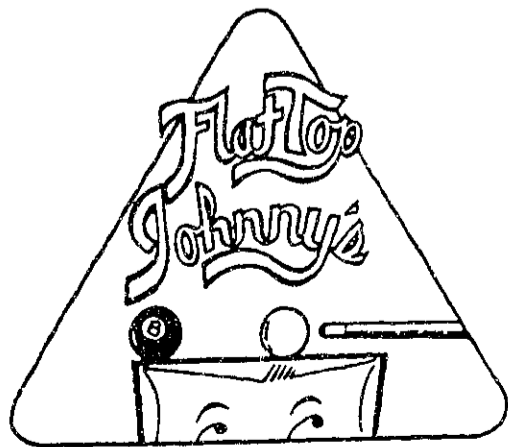
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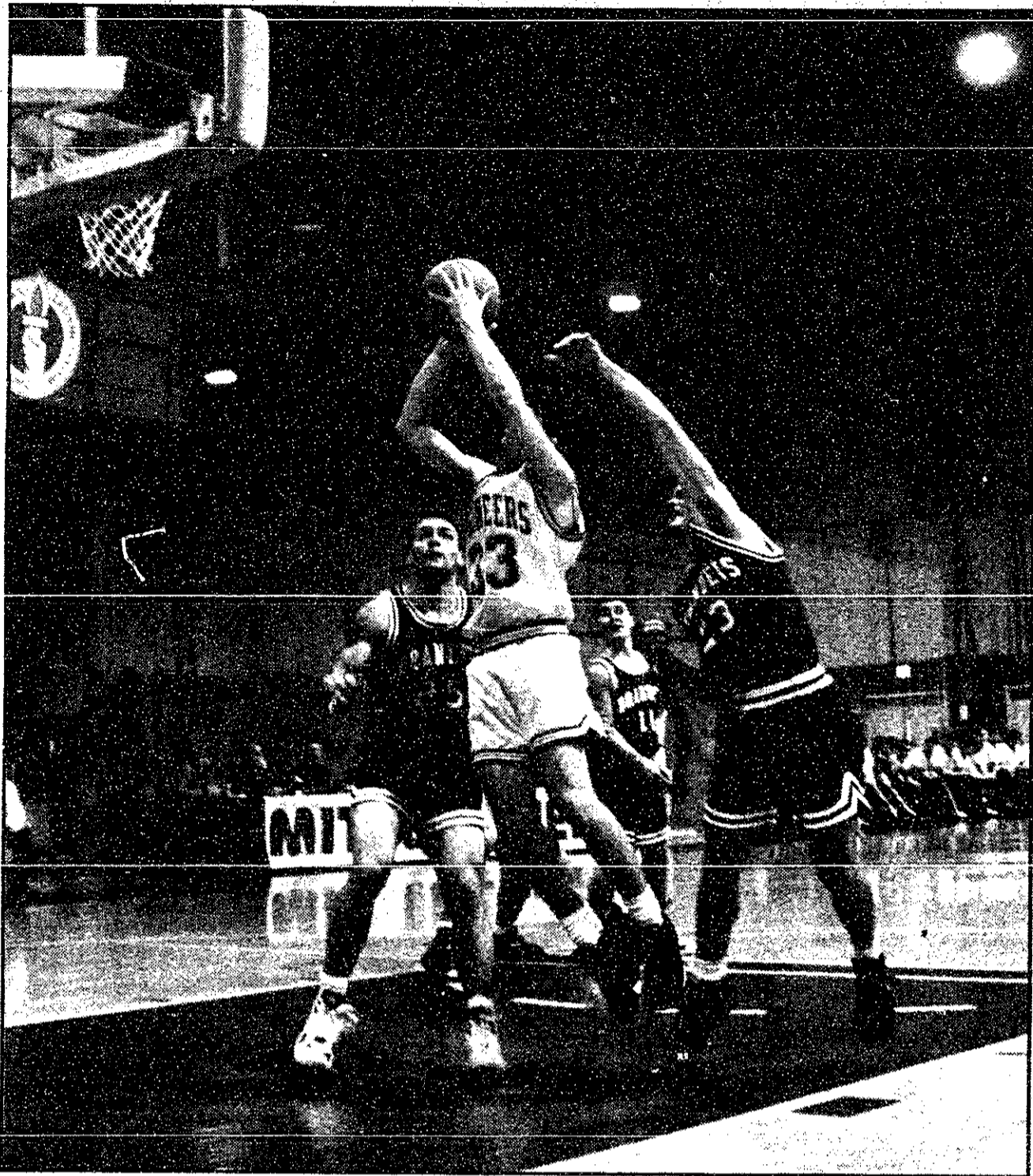


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SPORTS



Guard Randy Hyun '95 leaps for a shot against two Brandeis University. MIT lost the game 72-81 on Tuesday.

YUEH Z. LEE—THE TECH

Fencers Advance To Semis at PSU

By Mark Hurst
TEAM MEMBER

Four of the seven MIT fencers advanced past the initial seeding round at the Penn State Open in State College, Pa. on Nov. 19. Featuring competitors from the nation's top fencing teams, this prestigious tournament is on par with the NCAA Div. I national championships.

Jen Mosier '96, a newcomer to fencing, made it to the second round and captured a respectable 27th place out of 49 competitors in the women's epee competition.

In men's epee, Kris Giesing '94 advanced to the third seeding round and missed advancing to the semi-

nals by one touch; he took 20th place out of 78. Keith Lichten '95 lunged his way to an outstanding 15th place in the semifinals. Erik Debonte '96 and Dave Lewinnek '97 also competed in epee.

Winning his first bout in the semifinals, Mark Hurst '94 captured 10th place out of 68 sabremen. Aditya Matoo '97 also competed in men's sabre.

After the women's team travels to Brandeis University Saturday, the men's team will host a big home meet on Sunday. Held in Johnson all day, the meet will feature Brandeis, St. Johns College, City College of New York, and Tufts University.

MIT Wins Inaugural UNIHOC Contest

By Henrik Martin
TEAM MEMBER

On Nov. 21, the first ever intercollegiate UNIHOC tournament took place at MIT. After 10 teams competed for five hours, MIT emerged as the overall champion.

MIT fielded a total of four teams, reflecting the size of the most extensive UNIHOC program in the nation. The team included an "M" team, an "I" team, a "T" team, and Nu Delta, the current intramural champions. Boston and Northeastern universities, and Suffolk and Franklin Pierce colleges also fielded teams.

The teams were split into two divisions of five teams, and each team played a round-robin with the other teams in its division. From each division, the top two teams qualified for the play-offs.

The play-offs started with a semifinal round, where the Huskies from Northeastern defeated the spirited all-women's team from Franklin Pierce; the MIT I team dismissed the fighting MIT M team.

The final then stood between the

two undefeated teams of the day: the dominating Huskies (who had scored an unbelievable 11 goals per game in the qualifying round), and the defensively strong MIT I team, which consisted of Jeff Cole G, Henrik Martin G, Mats Stading, Matt Trevithick G, and Marc Wefers G.

The final was played at an outrageous pace between two very even teams. After full time, the score was even at 2-2, the lowest scoring game of the day. In order to decide who was to go home with the first prize trophy (a UNIHOC ball spray painted in gold), sudden death was invoked. The game was elevated to a frenzy with plenty of scoring chances both ways. Finally, Stading managed to find the Huskies net with a wicked wrist shot, propelling MIT to its first intercollegiate UNIHOC title.

MIT will probably be hosting a similar but expanded event next year. Teams from Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Connecticut have already expressed interest in participating.

Coalition Has Helped Bowl Selection Process

Column by Mike Duffy
and Andrew Heitner
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

A hearty *Let's Argue* welcome back to our faithful readers from their Thanksgiving stuffings. This will be the last column of the semester, but hopefully it will get our followers through until Independent Activities Period. A hearty welcome back also to Alex Medina '92, mastermind of Menudo's Top 5, who returns this morning to Beantown from the Bay City.

Despite all the griping about the bowl selection process, the Bowl Coalition has, in fact, been good for the average college football fan. In years past, bowl match-ups were highly political and decided during the first week of November. If that had been the case this year, Notre Dame would have locked up an Orange Bowl slot with their win over Florida State, while Boston College's win at South Bend (highlighted the day after by the collective moan heard coming from The

Heights), West Virginia's victory over Miami, and Florida State's win over Florida would have been meaningless.

Instead, the Bowl Coalition gives us match ups of FSU-Nebraska, Notre Dame-Texas A&M, and West Virginia-Florida/Alabama. Although these pairings are not ideal, it is not entirely the fault of the coalition, because they do not vote in the polls. Match-ups of FSU-Nebraska and West Virginia-Notre Dame would be preferable to the current West Virginia and Notre Dame scenarios. All of this will be moot in a couple of years, however, when Michael "Behind Blue" Eisner and Disney get their proposed "Final Four" playoff system passed. In Eisner's proposal, every 1-A school will receive \$1 million and the championship game would culminate two weeks of festivities out in Anaheim.

Magic Johnson must have spent

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Sunday, December 5

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