

## New Proposal Closes Dorm Dining Halls

### Baker Would Remain as Lone House Cafeteria

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In the face of strong student opposition, the Office of Housing and Food Services scrapped its recent dining hall proposal in favor of a new plan that will close the dining halls at McCormick Hall, MacGregor House, and Next House and eliminate mandatory meal plans for all students.

"I am recommending that MIT move to a completely voluntary food service system on campus starting next fall," said Lawrence E. Maguire, director of housing and food services, in a memo to dormitory presidents.

In a meeting last evening with representatives from McCormick, MacGregor, and Burton House, Maguire said, "We needed to go to a

new mind-set. We listened carefully to student input, and this is what we decided to do."

The previous proposal had sparked outrage among residents of Baker, McCormick, MacGregor, and Next. They would have had to purchase a \$1,150-a-year meal plan for five commons-style meals per week, at an approximate cost of \$8.21 per meal, according to John T. McNeill, associate director of food services.

"Given the choice between this plan and the old house dining plan, I'd prefer this one," said Yuna Huh '96, a MacGregor resident.

Maguire added, "Of all the ideas we had, no one has come up with a better idea than this and I hope [Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56] will back it." Dickson

will consider this plan and decide by Wednesday whether to recommend it to the Academic Council.

Maguire said the plan is still flexible and that he is open to input from students. In his memo, he said that the Department of Housing and Food Services would welcome other financially feasible plans to keep additional dining halls open.

He also said he would entertain proposals on how to use the space the dining halls once occupied. Proposals will be evaluated by the food services office, student representatives and house-masters of each house.

Details of new dining plan

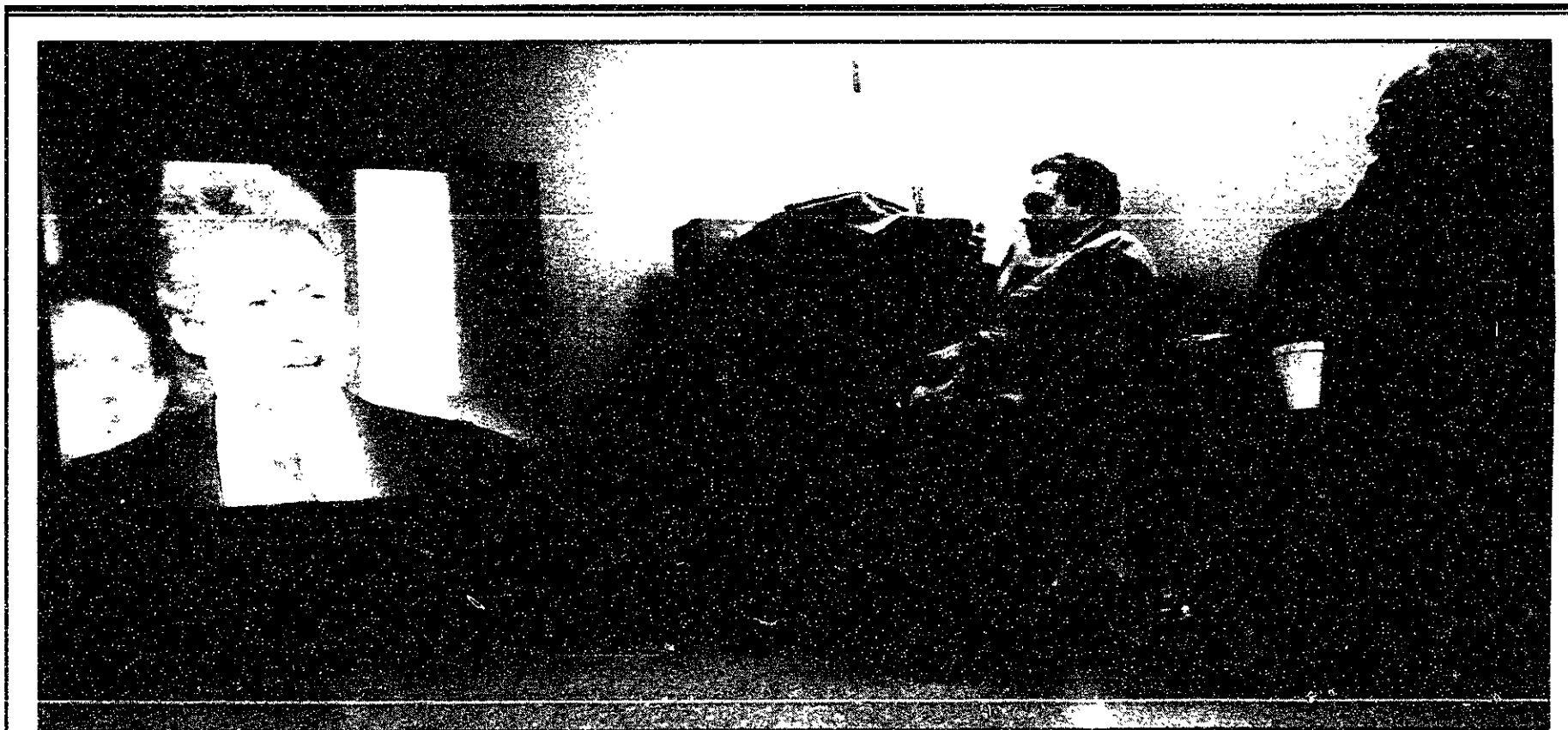
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Director of Housing and Food Services Lawrence E. Maguire



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Viewers gathered in the 24-Hour Coffee House's television lounge to watch President Clinton's economic address to a joint session of Congress Wednesday night. For coverage of the speech and its reception, see pages 2-3.

## Coop Offers Textbook Rebate

By Jackson Jung  
STAFF REPORTER

To compensate student members of the Harvard Cooperative Society for last year's low annual rebate, the store is offering a 10 percent refund on textbooks purchased there from January through Feb. 17.

Coop members who present their textbook purchase receipts are eligible for a 10 percent refund on those purchases, as well as a coupon for 15 percent off other store items, according to Dan DeLellis, book director for the Coop. Refunds will be issued next week from Monday through Saturday.

DeLellis said the textbook rebate was implemented because the Coop's directors realized that the "regular rebate was not very good last year," and they wanted to "give a little back to the students."

The textbook rebate is an experimental program which may or may not be continued next semester.

Refund eats into rebate

As a cooperative, the Coop distributes its profits each year among members of the society. Last year the rebate amounted to 1.1 percent of purchases; five years ago, Coop members were entitled to 9.5 percent rebates.

According to Arvind Malhan

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## UA Hiring Proposal Would Affect CEG

By Eric Richard  
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The Undergraduate Association is considering a proposal which would formalize the process by which the UA hires employees — possibly affecting the manner in which the Course Evaluation Guide hires its staff.

The proposal, known as the Operations Code, is a 15-page document which UA Floor Leader Raajnish A. Chitaley '95 described as a "holdover from the last administration" which is intended to act as "a document that is there in the future to codify our operations."

However, the section with the greatest possibility for generating controversy details the manner by which the UA hires people. Under the proposal, any division of the UA which wished to hire on paid employees would have to submit a form proposing the creation of a new position. All potential employees would have to be interviewed by the proposed UA interview committee. The interview committee would pass its recommendation on to the Executive Committee, which would then make the final hiring decision.

CEG editors and staff members are currently the only student employees of the UA, and they choose their own staff. CEG editors share a salary of approximately \$1000.

According to Chitaley, the changes are proposed because the UA "doesn't want paid officers popping up everywhere."

The proposed hiring system could pose great difficulties for the CEG, which hires several writers twice a year. According to Chitaley, the CEG staff has indicated to him that it would "be a pain to go through the rigamarole for such a short process." Chitaley said that although the changes have not been formally written into the propos-

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## Students Are Pleased With New 8.01L Class

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A survey of students enrolled in a new Physics I class (8.01L) indicates that the approach of the slower-paced class was beneficial for freshmen without a strong background in calculus.

A survey distributed to the class along with course evaluation forms showed that the vast majority of 8.01L students were extremely pleased with the class. "A lot of students said they would recommend this course to other students," said Margaret S. Enders, assistant dean for student affairs.

"Professor [Alan J.] Lazarus did an excellent job in preparing things," said Joel F. Huggins '96, who took the class.

In order to accommodate students with little calculus experience in high school, 8.01L moved at a slower pace and extended two weeks into Independent Activities Period in January.

During the first month, rather than diving into calculus-based physics immediately, "We did a lot of graphical analysis of pictures," said Lazarus, the principle lecturer.

"We didn't want to get ahead of 18.01."

Because the course finished during IAP, there was no 8.01L test during finals week. With one less exam to worry about, "The pressure was a little bit lower," Lazarus said.

Students accepted the fact that the class took up part of IAP. "It wasn't great, but it was worth it," said Carrie R. Muh '96.

One distinguishing feature of the class was the tutorials, in which an undergraduate physics major or a physics graduate student met for half an hour each week with a pair of 8.01L students.

"The TAs were really good," said Muh. "My TA lives in the same dorm as me, and the day before each test he would always make sure I was ready, and see if I needed any help."

During the tutorials, "The students were supposed to do one of the homework problems on the blackboard. I think that was really a big help. [The TAs] did an excellent job," said Lazarus.

"I think it was definitely an

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# WORLD & NATION

## Aerospace Giant Boeing Plans To Eliminate 28,000 Jobs by 1994

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Boeing Co., the aristocrat of world airplane builders, succumbed Thursday to a virulent downturn in the aerospace business by announcing that it will eliminate 28,000 jobs by mid-1994.

Hardest hit will be the Puget Sound area, a charmed region that has until now escaped the brutal cutbacks affecting Southern California, Texas and East Coast aerospace centers. About 15,000 jobs will be lost in Washington state this year and 4,000 more next year.

Although Boeing officials say they are confident that the reductions announced Thursday represent the bottom of the current downturn in the commercial aircraft business, other experts are more pessimistic.

Major airlines are in dire financial condition, having collectively lost about \$10 billion in the last three years as sluggish air travel and tough fare wars have cut profits. Orders for new jetliners may not bounce back until 1995 or even 1996. In the meantime, additional cancellations could continue to undermine even Boeing's reduced production schedules.

"There is consistent optimism about the way the industry sees these things," said Don Scales, director of aerospace and defense at the consulting firm Arthur D. Little. "I think the bottom is a little ways further out, probably another year. And then there would be lagged effect on employment."

The layoffs amount to about 20 percent of Boeing's current work force of 143,000. Of the jobs cuts over the next 18 months, 7,000 will occur in Wichita, Kan., and 2,000 in other areas of the nation. Southern California companies — Boeing's largest source of parts in the United States — will also feel a ripple effect. Northrop Corp., which builds Boeing 747 fuselages, will lay off 200 workers, for example.

With its cutbacks, Boeing joins McDonnell Douglas Corp. and most other aerospace companies in taking drastic steps to adjust to declining business. Massive worker reductions at such corporate giants as International Business Machines and General Motors may strike yet another blow to the nation's fragile economic recovery.

In the first wave of cuts, Boeing sent layoff notices to 3,500 workers Thursday. The full force of layoffs will hit this summer. The company is hoping that 6,000 of the 23,000 job cuts planned this year can be accomplished by voluntary departures, with the other 17,000 coming from layoffs. As the Seattle economy deteriorates, however, voluntary departures from the company may slow down, Boeing Chairman Frank Shrontz said.

## Senate Rebuffs Clinton On AIDS-Infected Immigrants

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

In a politically embarrassing rebuff to President Clinton, the Senate Thursday approved an amendment to maintain the controversial ban on AIDS-infected immigrants, thus preventing Clinton from carrying out his oft-stated intention to remove it.

The prohibition, which has been in effect since 1987, has been the focus of an intense international debate and has been almost universally condemned by the global public health community as medically unjustified and discriminatory. The rule resulted in a decision by Harvard University to move last summer's prestigious international AIDS conference out of Boston, where it was originally scheduled, to the Netherlands, where no such prohibition exists.

The amendment, attached by Republicans to the National Institutes of Health reauthorization bill, was approved 76-23 with the support of 34 Democrats. A similar amendment is expected to be considered in the House.

The full reauthorization bill was later approved by the Senate 93-4. The House must also vote on the reauthorization bill and it was unclear Thursday whether Clinton would sign it if the AIDS amendment is in the final version.

## WEATHER

### A Cold Setup

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A rapidly developing low pressure system well off the Cape will graze the eastern shores of Nova Scotia by late Friday, pulling very cold air into our region for the end of this week and the first part of the weekend. With a chilly airmass in place, watch the western horizon at sunset Saturday for telltale signs of the next weather event that might affect us late Sunday and into Monday as an airmass boundary will be established along an axis stretching due east from Central Plains to the mid-Atlantic coast. Light snow will initially break out when the warmer air south of the front overruns the cold dome of air entrenched over the northeast. Additionally, there are some signs of a wave developing on the mid-Atlantic coast and may spell yet another wintry storm for our region early next week.

**Friday afternoon:** Partly to mostly sunny and cold. Flurries may persist in some coastal locations and on the Cape as the ocean storm pulls away northward. High 26°F (-3°C). Northerly winds 10-15 mph (16-24 km/h) may be stronger in gusts along the coast.

**Friday night:** Clearing and cold. Low of 14°F (-10°C) in the city and in single digits (-13 to -17°C) well to the north and west. Northerly winds will diminish.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and cold, high around 30°F (-1°C). Light to moderate westerly winds may become onshore late in the day.

**Saturday night:** Increasing cloudiness, not so cold with lows in mid 20s (-2 to -5°C)

**Sunday outlook:** Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow developing, highs in low 30s (0°C).

# Democrats Warily Embrace Clinton Economic Package

By Karen Tumulty and William J. Eaton

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Democrats in Congress gave President Clinton's economic package a wary embrace Thursday, but many expressed concern that the president did not go far enough in cutting spending to reduce the deficit.

With initial public opinion running strongly in favor of the plan, Democratic leaders basked in the rosy afterglow of Clinton's speech Wednesday night, and expressed confidence that they would be able to shepherd his economic package relatively intact through the legislative gantlet.

"The thrust of this program will be enacted," predicted House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash. "I'm not saying every single line of the president's recommended program is going to be enacted, but then I hope we have alternatives that reach the same goal."

Yet some Democrats, facing a relentless chorus of Republican criticism, complained that Clinton had not cut spending enough.

Despite the characterization of Clinton as a new kind of Democrat, they worried that he had left their party vulnerable to the old tax-and-spend accusations that have drawn political blood in the past. Once the details of the package become clear, some said, early support may evaporate quickly.

"I think it's selling right now, but it's selling on the basis of the rhetoric," said Rep. Pete Geren, D-Texas, who complained that Clinton

had "gone to bat and chosen to hit a double, rather than a home run."

Geren said he and other conservatives were trying to put together a package of additional spending reductions, but added that it was unlikely that they could convince a majority of lawmakers to go beyond the "high water mark" set by the president.

Yet there was sentiment for further cuts among liberals as well. "I hope we don't stop here," Rep. Anthony C. Beilenson, D-Calif., said. "We're not asking an awful lot from most Americans."

Despite any such concerns, Democrats were buoyed by a pair of public opinion polls showing Americans overwhelmingly backed Clinton's package. An ABC News poll said 74 percent of Americans approved of his proposals and 18 percent disapproved. A similar survey by CNN and USA Today found 79 percent of Americans supporting the plan.

The polls were taken shortly after Clinton's speech, however, before most Americans were exposed to varying opinions and evaluations of the package.

The speech also set off an avalanche of phone calls to Washington. In the hour following Clinton's speech, roughly 400,000 calls were made in one hour into Washington over American Telephone & Telegraph Co. long distance lines, a spokesman said, about 14 times more than during the same hour on the previous night.

The Capitol switchboard registered 126,698 calls over a 12-hour period through noon Thursday.

# Clinton, Aides Begin Blitz To Sell His Plan to America

By James Gerstenzang and David Lauter

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton and his Cabinet fanned out across the nation Thursday in an ambitious campaign to build public support for one of the largest tax increases in American history, with the president challenging Republicans unhappy about his plan to come up with a better one.

The cross-country sales pitch, a two-day blitz through 28 states, was unleashed less than 12 hours after Clinton presented to the nation his plan to boost taxes by \$246 billion over four years and cut federal spending by \$325 billion.

The president, his Cabinet and White House aides turned out from Boston to Austin to Los Angeles in full campaign mode, imploring blue-collar workers and barons of Wall Street to send Congress an unwavering message that voters would stand behind the young administration in its politically risky attempt to reverse 12 years of Republican economics.

To an enthusiastic crowd that filled Union Station in downtown St. Louis, Clinton threw down a challenge:

"I've already heard some people on the other side of the aisle say, 'Well, he could have cut more,' " he said.

"Show me where, but be specific," he said, echoing the state's "Show Me" slogan. "No hot air. Show me."

"We need your help," the president said, acknowledging the program's potential vulnerability as a big tax-and-spend initiative. "We need you to tell your members of

Congress that we will support you if you make the honest, tough, hard decisions."

Throughout the day Thursday, administration officials turned up for appearances around the country and on television talk shows. Their goal: To counter Republicans' portrayal of the Clinton plan as a return to the "tax-and-spend" policies of former President Carter and other Democratic administrations.

As Republican Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas put it: "Cradle-to-grave government paid for by cradle-to-grave taxes."

Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and others hoppedscotched through their political home bases in the toughest test of the Clinton team's political magic since the roughest days of the presidential campaign.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown shook hands early in the morning with disabled veterans, and Robert Rubin, chairman of Clinton's new National Economic Council, returned to the canyons of Wall Street where he made his millions.

The administration team took heart from early overnight polls showing overwhelming support for the plan, though the sampling was done before the plan was subject to much public debate.

Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman got to the heart of the issue for the administration while touring a biotechnology plant under construction in Boston: "If the American public continues to like the plan, then Congress will support the plan."

Bentsen, who was a stalwart sup-

porter of the oil industry while a Texas senator, marveled at his role in the debate. "Whoever thought a Texan would be talking about an energy tax?" he said at high school in Austin.

Administration strategists say the vote in Congress will be close, but in a step that they consider key to Clinton's strategy, they say he may be able to neutralize the opposition by forcing Republicans to advocate specific spending cuts to replace any tax increases they might want to eliminate.

The challenge, however, also cuts another way if viewed as an indicator that Clinton is ready, as he often was as Arkansas governor, to consider and negotiate changes in his programs.

White House aides, meanwhile, eagerly relayed to reporters traveling with Clinton accounts of telephone calls swamping Democratic congressional offices in support of the president.

And even as Democrats reported success, Republican offices reported waves of opposition. Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas said at one point that his office was receiving 17 calls opposed to the president for every pro-Clinton call.

From St. Louis, Clinton flew to Chillicothe, Ohio. After a rally there Friday, he was to fly to Franklin D. Roosevelt's hometown of Hyde Park, N.Y., in an attempt to wrap his program in the mantle of the hero of the New Deal.

On Saturday, he plans to hold a televised town meeting with children in Washington and then fly west for stops in California and Washington state on Sunday and Monday.

# Nearly 2,000 Die as Ferry Sinks off Coast of Haiti

By Kenneth Freed  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

A heavily overloaded ferry sank in a storm off the coast of Haiti, drowning most of the 2,000 passengers believed aboard, Haitian rescue workers and U.S. Coast Guard officials said Thursday.

Jonel Charles, head of the Haitian Red Cross, said in a telephone interview that only 285 survivors had been found by late Thursday afternoon, almost two days after the 150-foot boat *Neptune* went down.

The accident occurred late Tuesday night as the *Neptune* made its regular 12-hour, 150-mile run from the western port of Jeremie to Port-au-Prince. In addition to passengers, the ferry ordinarily carries cargo, particularly tons of charcoal, and large numbers of animals for sale in the area of Port-au-Prince, Haiti's largest city.

When seen earlier this week, tied up at the docks of the Haitian capital, the vessel carried no visible lifeboats. Survivors told local reporters Thursday that there were no life jackets or other emergency gear, including radios, on board.

They added that the crew gave no help after the craft sank.

The captain, identified by radio reports as Benjamin St. Clair, survived and swam to shore. He was quoted as saying the passengers' panic contributed to the disaster.

Survivors told local radio stations that the passengers panicked when the *Neptune* began to pitch and roll in the wind and rain.

"Many of the people rushed to

one side," a woman survivor told Radio Metropole, "and others rushed to the top" deck.

Radio Metropole also reported that the crush of people caused that deck to collapse onto hundreds of people below. Officials speculated that the crash and the rush to one side caused the vessel to capsize, spilling people, cattle and cargo into the ocean.

Reporters on the scene said some of those on the ship had survived by holding on to the carcasses of dead cattle. Others spoke of holding on to crates of soda water.

A 33-year-old survivor said he frantically grabbed a bag of charcoal after being swept into the ocean and hugged it to his chest until a small fishing boat rescued him Wednesday afternoon.

"I was saved by this bucket," said one exhausted woman, pointing to a small white plastic bucket at her feet. "I swam for my life."

The sea around the vessel, officials and survivors said, was filled with people and debris.

Lt. Cmdr. Larry Mizell, the U.S. Coast Guard representative here, said that the triple-deck ship ran into a heavy rainstorm about halfway through the voyage and went down near the coastal town of Miragoane.

"This is one of the worst maritime disasters in recent history," Mizell said.

Reports of the disaster were delayed until Thursday morning because of the almost total lack of communications between the capital and the area where survivors managed to reach shore.

According to Mizell and local rescue workers, more than 200 bodies had been recovered. One Haitian Red Cross official said that, while some more survivors might turn up, he thought the death toll would reach 1,500 or even more.

Petty Officer Steve Sapp, another Coast Guard spokesman, said in a telephone interview from his Miami office, "One of our cutters picked up so many bodies they stopped counting because there were just too many to keep track of."

Mizell said two Coast Guard cutters and U.S. planes were searching the waters for bodies and survivors.

The Haitian navy is nearly inoperative and was able to put only two small motor boats into the search-and-rescue effort.

Because their impoverished country lacks usable roads and transport vehicles, thousands of Haitians use ferries to move about the island nation. Most of the vessels are small, aging and in bad condition. Passengers report constant engine failures; accidents and even deaths are frequent.

Officials said the *Neptune* should not have carried more than 650 or so passengers but almost always had more people aboard. The most conservative estimate of Tuesday night's passenger load was 850. But survivors and people familiar with the loading patterns of the ferries said that was undoubtedly low.

"We probably will never know exactly how many were on the vessel," said Petty Officer Joe Dye, a Coast Guard spokesman in Miami. "There are no passenger lists."

# Budget Plan Has \$223 Billion In Cuts — And Some Illusions

By John M. Broder  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton's economic blueprint contains a purported \$223 billion in federal budget cuts over the next four years, money that would be used to reduce the federal budget deficit and to help further his vision of an economically sound America.

But there is far less there than meets the eye.

While Clinton's \$169 billion in spending increases are real and likely to win relatively easy approval in Congress, many of his budget cuts are illusory at best.

Some of the changes that the administration counts as cuts, such as taxation of some Social Security benefits and the imposition of fees for a variety of government services, are actually feebly disguised tax increases.

And many of the proposed cuts are in politically sacred items such as the Tennessee Valley Authority and farm subsidies that are unlikely ever to be enacted.

Other large reductions come from projected savings from lower interest payments on the national debt — \$24 billion. But that figure is based on optimistic projections of the effect of the entire budget package and may never materialize.

The bulk of the savings come from two programs — defense and payments to doctors and hospitals under Medicaid and Medicare.

And those are represented by powerful entrenched interests who are unlikely to yield without a fight.

"Listen," said Office of Management and Budget Director Leon E. Panetta. "Every one of these provisions has some kind of powerful backer on Capitol Hill. Who are we kidding?"

Panetta, sensing the battle ahead and the likelihood that the president's package would be picked apart on the Hill, issued a challenge to his

former colleagues in Congress.

"If there are those that think it can be done differently, then let's hear the specifics. Don't give me balanced budget amendments. Don't give me some kind of gimmick. Talk to me about specifics and we'll listen," Panetta said. "But if you're just going to give me your regular speech that you give at the Rotary Club, forget it."

Of the \$223 billion in cuts, \$21.4 billion is actually an increase in taxes on moderate- and high-income Social Security recipients. Another \$11 billion in purported program cuts actually would be achieved through higher user fees on timber sales, agriculture programs, meat inspections, securities registration, harbors and waterways, grazing rights, irrigation water, parks and recreation sites, hard rock mining, private aircraft landing rights and trademarks and patents.

Defense cuts total \$88 billion over the four years, while reimbursements to doctors and hospitals under the Medicare and Medicaid programs will be trimmed by more than \$38 billion.

That leaves \$75 billion in cuts, for which Panetta and aides scoured the \$1.5 trillion budget looking for candidates. Clinton himself did the final carving, Panetta said.

Among the larger items is a one-year freeze on federal employee salaries and below-inflation pay increases for 1995-97, for a savings of \$8.3 billion. Included in the figure is elimination of "locality pay differentials" — meaning that FBI agents in high-cost cities such as Los Angeles would be paid the same as those in Casper, Wyo.

The administration hopes to save another \$8 billion by cutting the federal workforce by 100,000 employees and yet another \$8 billion by unspecified "administrative savings." Government "streamlining" would yield savings of \$8 billion.

Although it is a small item — \$200 million — a 14 percent cut in federal funding for campus-based financial aid programs in 1994 seems to run contrary to Clinton's other education goals. The aid programs provide supplemental grants, loan capital and money for work-study plans for college students.

The \$1.2 billion left in the program would be frozen, instead of increasing gradually, over the next few years. So, by 1997, the projected savings will be \$275 million, Department of Education officials said.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is cutting \$565 million in "special purpose grants." Those programs are described in internal government budget documents as "pork items" added by members of Congress.

At the Department of Transportation, \$1.3 billion in "lower priority programs and projects" (read: pork barrel projects) are being slashed.

At the Department of the Interior, \$163 million in "lower priority water projects" are being eliminated.

Clinton, knowing that such local projects are the coin of re-election, is girding for a hundred little battles on Capitol Hill, even as he fights one big one on tax increases. Democrats will demand fewer cuts, saying that they cause too much pain. Republicans will demand deeper cuts and smaller tax increases, saying that taxation strangles enterprise. And everyone will say cut somewhere else.

"This economic plan can't please everybody," Clinton said in his address to the nation Wednesday night. "So I ask you all to begin by resisting the temptation to focus only on a particular spending cut you don't like or some particular investment that wasn't made. And nobody likes the tax increases, but let's just face facts. ... We have got to play the hand we were dealt and play it as best we can."

## Christopher Kicks Off Mideast Talks With Promise, Warning

LOS ANGELES TIMES

CAIRO, EGYPT

Secretary of State Warren Christopher began his first mission to the Middle East Thursday with a promise and a warning to Israel and its Arab neighbors: The Clinton administration is willing to spend time and energy to help peace talks succeed, but not if the Arabs and Israelis play hard-to-get, senior officials aboard Christopher's airplane said.

"It's a big world, with lots of things to do," one senior official said, noting that the administration already has its hands full with problems in Bosnia, Russia and elsewhere.

The Middle East "seems to us to have a very high priority, but it can't continue to have that priority, if we're pushing against a closed door," the official warned.

Christopher plans to spend much of his week-long trip through the Middle East investigating the attitudes of the region's leaders, and deciding whether the peace talks are worth a major investment of time, officials said.

"He's going to be listening very, very carefully to what he hears from ... the Arabs, the Israelis, the Palestinians, as to how serious they are in promoting meaningful negotiations that can move this peace process forward," another senior official said.

"He will then come back with his own assessment that he will give to President Clinton. Based on that assessment of the seriousness of engagement ... the president will decide what I could call the quality of engagement by the United States in these negotiations," he said.

Officials refused to describe further what they meant by the "quality of engagement" by the United States. But it appeared to imply that Christopher has little interest in investing a large part of his time in negotiations that offer little hope of success.

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III launched the talks in 1991, but getting them under way required a large part of his time and a dozen grueling trips to the region. Baker, too, threatened several times to abandon his quest if the area's leaders did not show themselves ready to make compromises for peace. Even then, Baker was unable to bring the negotiations close to a conclusion before he left the State Department last August.

A round of talks between Israel and Syria last fall briefly raised the prospect of a possible peace between the area's two most implacable enemies, but little concrete progress followed.

In December, the Arab delegations at the talks said they would suspend negotiations to protest Israel's expulsion of more than 400 Palestinians, whom the Israelis suspect of being Muslim militants, across the Lebanese border.

In recent weeks Arab diplomats have said their governments want to return to the table, but they have also pressed for the early return of the deportees.

Israel has offered to allow 100 of the deportees to return immediately, with the rest to follow by the end of the year. But the deportees themselves have rejected that offer.

## Russia Revokes Law That Sent Prisoners to Exile

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Russian legislators, making a historic update to the Criminal Code, Thursday revoked the law that let czars and Communists alike sentence many of Russia's illustrious sons and daughters — from Fyodor Dostoevsky to Soviet-era dissidents — to Siberian exile or banishment.

"This is especially pleasant for me because if events had developed otherwise, I would still have been imprisoned in exile," said Lev Timofeyev, a Moscow human rights activist released in 1987. "Thank God, all my friends are free."

Humanizing the Criminal Code, the Supreme Soviet abolished four types of punishment often used in Russia for cruel ends: exile within the country, banishment from cities like Moscow, forced labor in lieu of incarceration and parole conditioned on fulfilling mandatory, often backbreaking or hazardous jobs.

Asked why, Interior Minister Viktor F. Yerin replied, "Because this is outdated practice."

"We must look real facts in the face," he told reporters. "If a person has served his sentence or part of his sentence and has demonstrated that he has repented and is going to reform, and has drawn conclusions, let us release him and let him go back home and take up a job without the intermediate stage of exile, of living in the backwoods. It is hard on his family, his wife and his children often to go to the place of exile to join him. Who needs all this?"

## McDonald's Considers Imposing Smoking Ban in Its Restaurants

THE WASHINGTON POST

Ronald McDonald may be about to kick the habit.

McDonald's Corp., the world's largest restaurant operator, is considering banning smoking in its nearly 9,000 U.S. outlets, a move that anti-tobacco activists see as a potential milestone in their efforts to eliminate smoking from public places.

McDonald's President Edward H. Rensi and the company's top communications executive, Richard Starmann, have met in recent weeks with McDonald's franchisees to discuss ways to implement a smoking ban, company sources said Thursday. "It's something we have on the front burner," said a key executive of the company, which is based in Oak Brook, Ill. "It's not something we're treating lightly."

McDonald's, which claims to serve one of every 16 Americans each week, has been a kind of corporate weather vane on social-policy issues. Because of its high profile on Main Street, its changes in policy have tended to clear the way for others.

After complaints from environmentalists, for example, the company banned the polystyrene "clamshell" packaging for its Big Mac, and other chains did the same. McDonald's also has introduced low-fat foods and packaged salads and posted the nutritional content of its menu items in response to diet concerns. In each case, the company captured favorable media attention.

# OPINION

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## Loan Defaulter Is Embarrassment to MIT

A successful MIT student who defaults on a loan is inexcusable. Turning around and suing the very institution that provided the loan — and the education, as well — is appalling. David A. Hoicka '77 is a disgrace to the MIT community. He is using his position as an attorney to rid himself of some \$35,000 of debt and line his pockets in the process.

What is the basis of his lawsuits? That MIT met with other schools to agree upon the levels of financial aid offered? Had MIT not done so, needy students like Hoicka himself might not have been able to afford MIT. Does he claim that MIT's meeting with other schools prevented him from receiving more loans? He seems to be having enough trouble paying off the loans that were initially issued to him.

Hoicka admits that the damages from the lawsuits could total some \$1 million to \$100 million. Where would that money go? I hardly think that it would be put to use in helping needy students afford an education. A large portion of it, in fact, would end up in the hands of a loan defaulter.

I was taught to make good on my responsibilities and to never bite the hand that feeds me. Hoicka was apparently never taught the honor in this. He is an embarrassment to MIT, the legal industry, and students in general. I urge the readers of *The Tech* to avoid becoming entangled in his malicious legal affairs. I also urge readers to ignore the related classified advertisement placed in *The Tech* by attorney William F. Swiggart

Jon Byron Davis '96

## Scientists Are Motivated by Truth

In the guest column ["Absolute Truth, Dogmatism Antithetical to Science," Feb. 16], Loren King claimed he was "pleased to find that MIT students shy away from the notion that Absolute Truths exist and can be found." I think King's article missed a very important character of scientific endeavor.

I agree that "science works because no fact or belief is ever taken as being final," since the discontent with the status quo of knowledge is the ultimate driving force for pursuing science. However, science works also because people harbor the belief that through effort we are getting closer to the truth. Thus, "all

knowledge is provisional," not in that we are just ready to discard a priori what we have found out or we are going to dig up in the future.

The history of science shows that some theories endure while others do not. We cannot judge the merit of a scientific practice, or how a particular idea or experiment speaks to "truth," without agreeing inter-subjectively upon some criteria of value. The notion that "all knowledge is provisional" is healthy only as far as it makes people more eager to find out what lies ahead.

The same line of thinking applies to the issue of morality. It is true that we need to talk about what is good for us or the society as a whole, but the conversation starts only if we believe there is something good to strive for.

Chiang-shan Li G

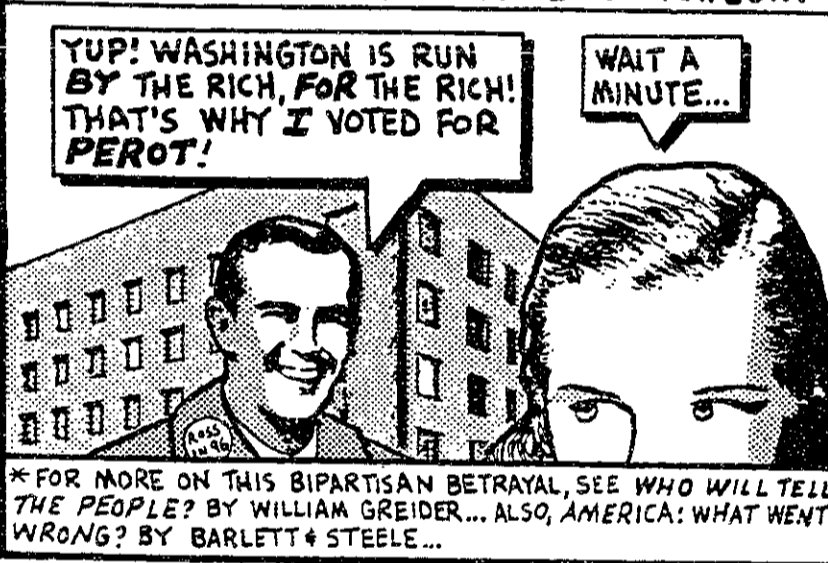
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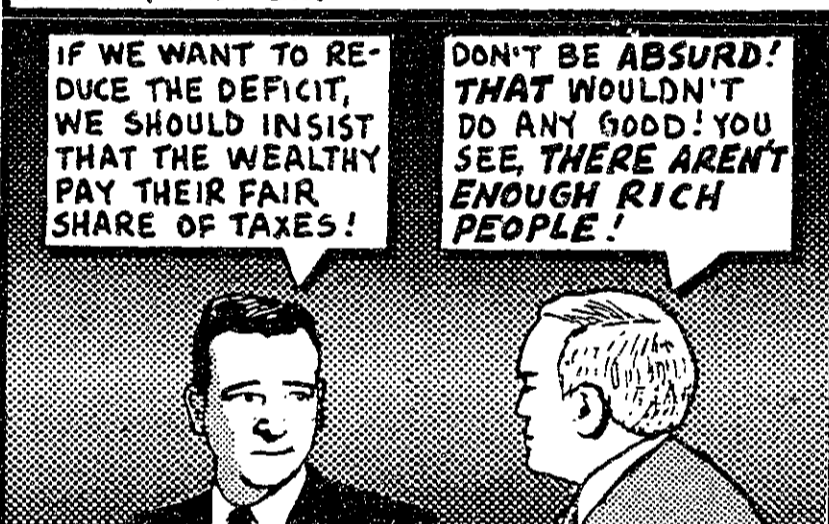
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# Jim's Journal

by Jim

I worked at the copy store till closing today.

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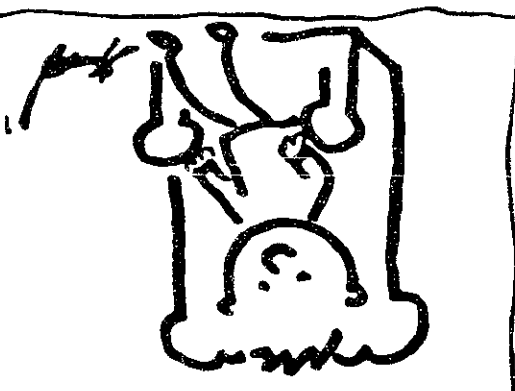
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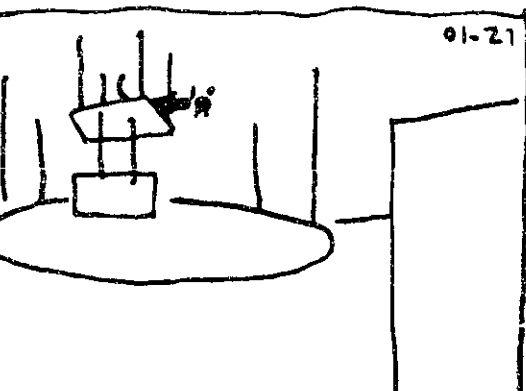
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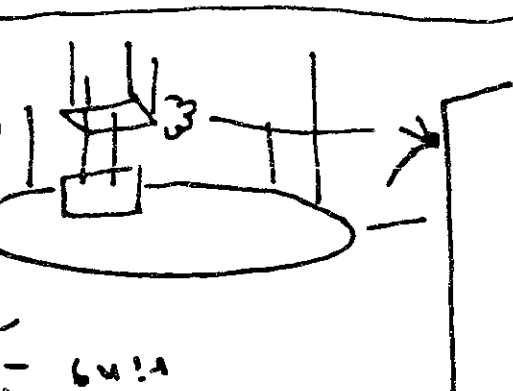
I was sitting in my chair today when Mr. Peterson started attacking my feet.



Then she looked at me, flipped over, then hid under the table.



The phone rang, and Mr. Peterson darted into the other room.



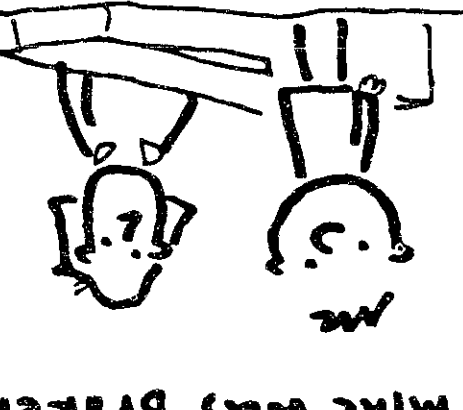
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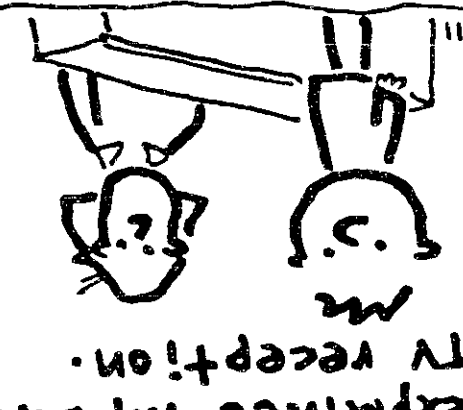
I went to the audio repair place today to pick up my radio.



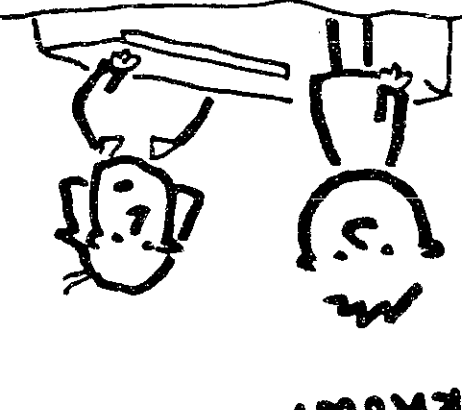
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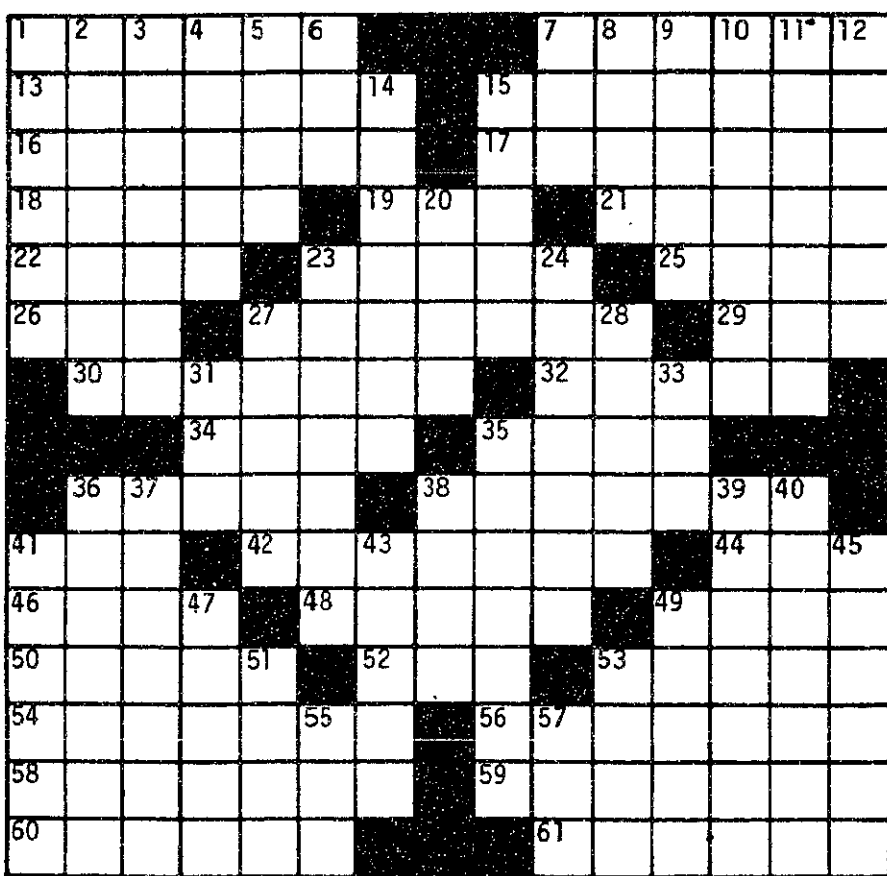
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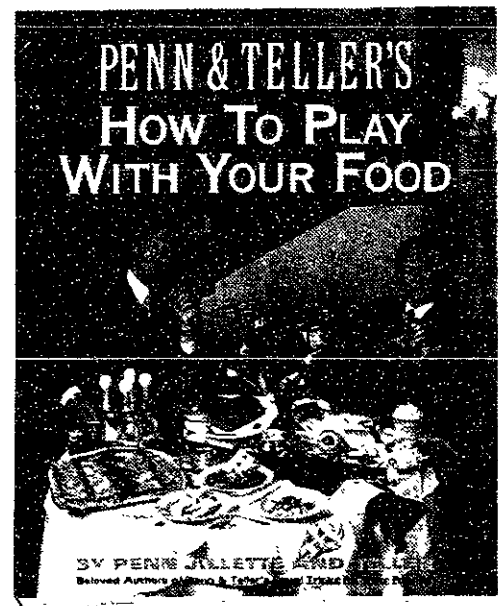
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By Joshua M. Andresen

STAFF REPORTER

Improvisational comedy is still somewhat newer to the comedy scene than the more established stand-up format. Still, there are a few noteworthy improvisational performers in the Boston area. In particular, the city's oldest improvisational comedy troupe, ImprovBoston, gives a hilarious performance that is well worth checking out.

In improvisational comedy the comedic material is not written beforehand. Rather, only its "structure" is set. The troupe will elicit a few apparently random pieces of information from the audience and weave them into the setting of a scene. The comic material is then composed on the spot, as it is being performed. While this leads to a less consistent and less tightly constructed line of gags than stand-up material, it is much more spontaneous, and very funny if the fact that the performers are making everything up as they go along is kept in mind.

For example, after prompting the audience to give a type of relationship (professor/graduate student was the response), a location (an archaeological dig), and a host of emotions, the performers set upon a skit of a professor and a graduate student at an archaeological dig. At regular intervals, another member of the troupe would yell "freeze" and then tell one of the two performers at that moment to feel one of the given emotions. The comedy comes from the performers trying to segue from feeling lust to hatred to elation to paranoia. The spontaneity of both the person speaking at any one time and of the other reacting is truly delightful.

ImprovBoston is very consistently funny, something that is not always true of improvi-



The talented members of ImprovBoston can even find comedy in a rutabaga farm.

sational comedy troupes. Often, performers of improv comedy get into ruts where they continue on a given piece of material without finding anything particularly funny for significant periods of time. While the humor of ImprovBoston is not polished, their performance is regularly enjoyable.

The background music provided by music director Stephen Gilbane is often the factor that makes a scene truly hilarious. The music, like the comedy, is entirely improvised, though Gilbane is well versed in all the musical clichés. He plays a keyboard/synthesizer, feeding off the performers just as the performers feed off each other, adding to the spontaneity as well as the humor.

The highlight of the performance is the improvised musical that ImprovBoston offers. The troupe does an amazing job with this. The audience was prompted for a time (Civil War Era), a location (Virginia), a setting (a rutabaga farm) and several genres of music. The rutabaga provided comedic material that was quite fertile, as a steel/rutabaga alloy became the key secret weapon of the South as it fought against the evil General Sherbert. The storyline that unfolded was quite entertaining.

The best parts of the musical, though, were the songs that were performed. Not only are the lyrics improvised (nearly always in rhyme), but the melody is as well. In addition, the cast joins in with the singing for choruses (sometimes adding harmony or counterpoint) just as would happen in a normal musical. The musical styles add the final touch. ImprovBoston performed a high school fight song, a rap, a heavy metal tune, and (the best of all) a disco cut. "The Rutabaga Disco" was only made funnier by the choreography added by the performers. The improv musical is a wonderful idea for improvisational comedy.

ImprovBoston performs on Fridays at 8 p.m. at Joe Tecce's and Saturdays at 10:30 p.m. at the Back Alley Theatre. Friday performances are \$6 and Saturdays are \$10 (\$8 for students). Call 484-9994 for information.

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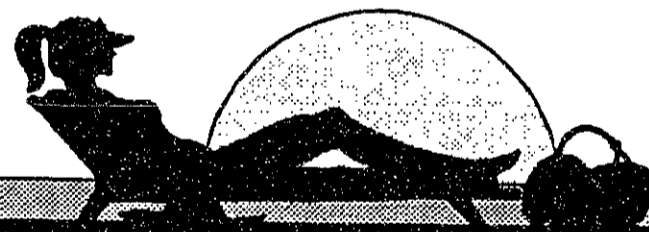
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## EUROPA

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By Lynn Albers  
SPORTS EDITOR

Lynn and Lisa's Excellent Adventure began with a trip to the newest dance club on the Boston party scene last Thursday when Lisa — my friend from San Dimas, Calif. — and I attended the grand opening press party at Europa. The club is located at 51 Stuart St. in the theater district of Boston just a few blocks from the Boylston T stop.

There are several things distinguish Europa from other popular dance clubs in Boston. First, it's located on the top two floors of a three story building, not a warehouse. Second, there was no wait to get in and the place was pleasantly packed. Third, there was a variety of music to appeal to all crowds. And fourth, the cover charge is \$6 compared to \$10 at Venus and drinks range in price from \$3 to \$6. Be aware though, if you intend to buy drinks with a credit card, there is a \$50 minimum.

Upon entering, we were greeted by a couple of 6-foot-4-inch thugs in dark overcoats who promptly checked our ID's. Unfortunately,

ly, to the disappointment of Ted Miguel, another *Tech* club reviewer who wanted to attend, you must be 21 or older to be admitted to Europa. In addition to the age restriction, there is a dress code that specifies jackets for men and no athletic footwear of any kind. The combination of the above restrictions is successful in capturing an older crowd. One will neither be plagued by teenyboppers like the ones at Narcissus nor be pressed like a sardine on the dance floor next to some slobbs like those at Venus de Milo. The club attracts a mature, sophisticated crowd that is more interested in having a good time than looking for the one-night stand; but then again, I'm not a mind reader.

After the initial shock of the huge bouncers, we ventured up the dimly lit stairs, wondering what was awaiting us. We entered the first floor and were greeted by the relaxed sounds of the Reggae band Hot, Like Fire, several conversations, and a champagne fountain. We also found ourselves in gridlock — held up by the coat check line. Whoever designed this layout did not anticipate the long lines. Don't get discouraged, there is a second coat check room on the second floor. All coats checked are \$1.25 each. You can share a hanger but it won't save you any money.

After wrestling our way through the line, we partook of the complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages, which were both delicious and plentiful. Tables were interspersed around the room to accommodate all those who wanted to relax and enjoy the mellow sounds of the Reggae band. One could also sit beside windows, which was a refreshing change from the dungeon atmosphere at Venus. On Wednesdays and Saturdays this room features Reggae and Latino music. Jazz fans will prefer Thursdays while Top 40 fans will definitely like Fridays.

Pleased with everything so far, Lisa and I ventured further and found a quiet room with two pool tables, a foosball table, several video games, and pinball machines, all available at a cost. Continuing our exploration toward the back of the first floor we entered the piano bar room with a live pianist/vocalist. This area was a welcome retreat for the non-dancer and the hard of hearing.

Feeling good from the complimentary beverages, Lisa and I were ready to dance so we followed the sound of the bass up the stairs, past the bathroom, and into a spacious room with decorations much like those in the lounge on Fourth West in East Campus. An entire wall was covered with florescent paint in such a haphazard pattern that it merely looked like pointillism with the Eiffel Tower in one spot and the Statue of Liberty in another spot. A 15-year-old could have done a better job. The entire mural came complete with a black light. Yes, this was as cheesy as it sounds. The art work in the Fourth West

lounge is far superior.

The dance floor was deceptively small with overflow room on the sides. I never had to apologize for elbowing someone in the back. The music was loud but not ear-crushing. The type of music depended on the DJ. Wednesdays and Saturdays feature European DJs, Thursdays will have house and progressive dance music, and Fridays are for Top 40 lovers. I don't recommend making any music requests because either you won't hear them or, if the DJ decides to play your request, he'll cut it short.

There were bars in every room capable of accommodating more people than the club could hold. All employees were very polite and helpful. There were even several utility employees whose sole jobs were to accommodate the customer. I was distressed, though, at the fact that the male employees were clothed in T-shirts and pants while the female employees were required to wear skintight black bell-bottom pants and blouses tied around their waists. If this was an attempt to attract more men, it wasn't working, for on opening night the next day, three-quarters of the clientele were women.

You don't need to club hop any more. Europa provides everything. If you get tired of dancing, you can retreat downstairs to the live band room or the piano bar. If you start falling asleep from the mellow music, you can go back upstairs and dance. Europa offers a wide variety of entertainment for even the pickiest club-goer. On the whole, Lisa and I had a most excellent journey.

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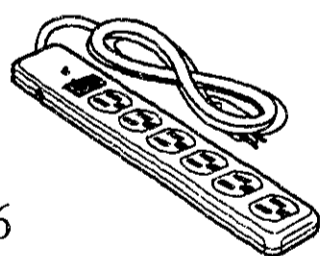
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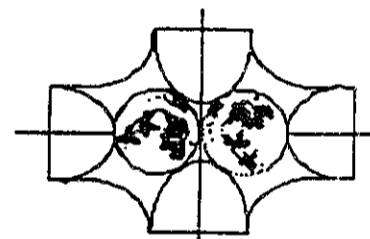
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**UA May Change Hiring at CEG**

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al, it is more than likely that "we'd make an exception for CEG writers."

Martha L. Bulyk '93, one of the two co-editors for the current CEG volume, said, "I assume that it is not

going to change the way we hire writers."

It is likely that the proposal would effect the hiring, and possibly pay, of the CEG editors. Chitaley said that his personal feeling is that "officers should not be paid," and the CEG editors "really draw the line [of what an officer is] ... It's in the gray area."

At this stage, the Operations Code, is "still very much a proposal" and hasn't been discussed by the full Undergraduate Association

Council, said Chitaley. "We have had other issues that needed to take precedence."

Chitaley also emphasized the fact that talks need to be held between the CEG and the UA to gauge their reaction. "We are not going to try to ramrod this thing through," Chitaley added, noting the delicate relationship between the CEG and the UA. "There has been a problem in the relationship between the UA and the CEG; it hasn't come up this year, but it did last year."

**8.01L Earns Praise  
From Its First Class**

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experimental class. They weren't really sure how to approach it, but they did a good job," Huggins said.

History of 8.01L

"There was a perception for many years that a number of incoming freshmen had weak math backgrounds," Lazarus said. This became eminently clear when the freshmen grading policy was changed.

Three years ago, freshmen passed a class unless they received an F. But beginning with the Class of 1994, freshmen could not pass a class unless they earned a C or better.

Typically, eight percent of 8.01 students receive Fs and another eight percent receive Ds. So when the grading policy changed, twice as many students failed 8.01.

Two years ago, the results from the first Pre-Calculus Math Diagnostic confirmed that about 10 percent of freshmen had weak mathematics backgrounds. Most of them were expected to have trouble with the mathematical aspects of 8.01.

Members of the physics department tried to think of ways to help students who did poorly on the math diagnostic. "It occurred to me that a way of doing this would be to make

the course slower and go into IAP," said Physics Professor Wit Busza. Last fall, they were encouraged to enroll in 8.01L.

But many students were apparently skeptical about the new class, Enders said.

"Some students may have perceived this course as perhaps something second-class compared to 8.01," said Saul A. Rappaport, a physics professor who taught one recitation for 8.01L. This may have induced some people with stronger math backgrounds to take 8.01L in anticipation of a lighter workload; in addition, some of the students who did poorly on the math diagnostic did not want to take physics during IAP, Enders said.

Consequently, instead of getting a relatively homogeneous group of students who had weak math backgrounds, "We got people with all kinds of abilities and experience," Lazarus said.

The physics department will offer 8.01L for at least one more year, and Enders hopes that students who do poorly on next year's math diagnostic will hear good things about 8.01L and be more willing to take the class.

"I think next year the student grapevine will say, 'This is a good course,'" she predicted.

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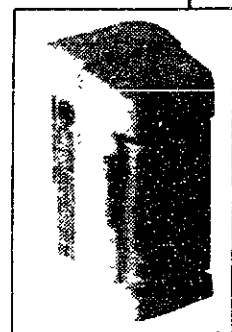
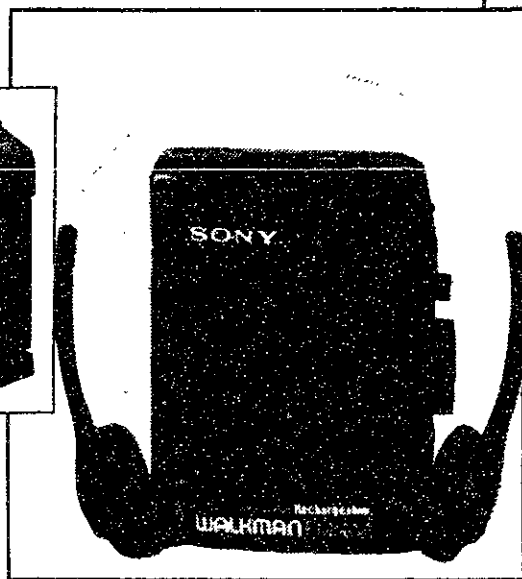


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# Maguire Proposes Closing Three Dining Halls

Dining, from Page 1

recommendations made by students at the Undergraduate Association Council meeting two weeks ago and from the surveys and petitions that were received, said Maguire.

"It's exactly what the students want — a voluntary plan, giving them freedom of choice," said Ken-

neth R. Wisentaner, associate director of housing and food services.

Meal plans will still be available to students who want to purchase them, Maguire said.

"We will change the meal plan to suit whatever anyone wants. It's obviously in our best interests to have what the customer wants," said Alan Leo, general manager of food

services.

"Baker House will probably be a la carte. We'll look at proposals that make it financially self-sustaining," Maguire said.

The Baker dining hall was selected to remain open because of its location and facilities. "It's the right place for the flow of students. Also, it has the most limited facili-

ties for students to cook. And it has the biggest kitchen in the back room. We'll try this, and if Baker is not necessary, we'll close it," Maguire said.

Next House also has limited kitchen facilities. Each floor of McCormick and MacGregor is equipped with kitchens.

The new proposal will cut the cost of running the four dining halls, which last year lost \$500,000. The Baker House dining hall will definitely not lose as much money under the plan, said McNeill.

"Running the [food service system] on a voluntary basis is a gamble we'll have to take," Maguire said.

"It's going to help the Institute if it saves money. To [ARA], it is neither a financial gain or loss," said Leo. Currently, MIT subsidizes ARA for losses incurred by the four operating house dining halls.

Leo does not foresee any major change in food quality. "Quality is subjective. We'll serve anything you want us to at Baker," he said. Hours of operation have not been decided yet.

#### Reactions from students

Students welcomed the proposed suspension of mandatory meal

plans. "I think that's good. If I can still eat wherever I want, it will be a good change," said Michelle M. Scheer '96, a Baker resident.

"I think it is a better idea. I know a few people who were going to leave McCormick because of the previous house dining plan," said Sandhya Raju '96, a McCormick resident. "I would go to Baker to eat, but probably make more use of the Student Center facilities."

"We have kitchen facilities so I have rarely used the dining hall, so I would like to have the meal plan taken away," said Christie S. Nelson '94, a MacGregor resident. "I only use Lobdell so I would get a declining balance because it is convenient."

Some students would like a different dining hall to remain open. "I think they should open Next House because it is far from campus," said Next House resident Wynne Kwan '95. "I personally wouldn't want to trek out to Baker. Most people would go to the student center rather than Baker because it is the same distance. The voluntary meal plan is fine, but I don't think they should close Next House. It's easier for MacGregor, New House, and Next House residents."



VIPUL BHUSHAN—THE TECH

David M. Critz '96 (front) singles out Barry R. Jaspan '92 for his turn in the Roadkill Buffet's skit "Story Story Die." Next to him are Daniel J. Housman '95 (left) and Igor D. Gonta '94. Christine Haughey lies "dead" to Critz's left. The Roadkill Buffet performed Tuesday evening in 6-120.

## Coop Offers Rebate on Textbooks

Coop, from Page 1

'94, a student member of the Coop's board of directors, the funds for the textbook rebate are not coming from textbook sales, but rather sales in other departments of the stores. Therefore, the size of the regular annual rebate to all Coop members this year will be hurt by the textbook rebate.

Coop membership is available to Harvard and MIT affiliates, including students, alumni, faculty, and employees.

#### Refund to benefit students

Malhan said the new textbook rebate program is designed to benefit student members of the Coop.

"Response is very good from students [who know about the textbook rebate]. Everyone is kind of excited that they're going to get the 10 percent back," DeLellis said.

#### Few students aware of refund

Apparently, not many students are aware of the new refund. Many were surprised to hear of the Coop's offer, and commented that it should help offset the Coop's already high prices. Students also wondered why they had to make a return trip to receive their textbook refunds.

"It's inconvenient," said Andrew Chung G.

"I think they're figuring that some people won't go back," said Irene Chow G.

Malhan explained that the Coop

could have discounted the textbooks at the time of purchase, but in that case the size of the discount would have been less than 10 percent. Not all students are expected to return for their textbook rebates, and the Coop wants to "concentrate [the benefits] on the people who actually go through the effort," he said.

DeLellis also admitted that the books are not discounted at the time of purchase so that the Coop can encourage its customers to return to the store, pick up their rebates, and perhaps spend the money in another Coop department.

Although students say they are often frustrated by the high cost of textbooks at the Coop, Malhan said

the prices are set by wholesalers, and the Coop does not make any money from textbook sales.

He admitted that for other items, the Coop could not compete with some retailers, like specialty electronics and stationery stores, because it does not have the sales volume. Apparently, the Coop sells these items for the convenience of its customers.

Malhan eagerly stressed the Coop's commitment to customer satisfaction. He said the Coop is continuing to work with students to implement improvements, and expects the Coop to be more profitable this year than last.

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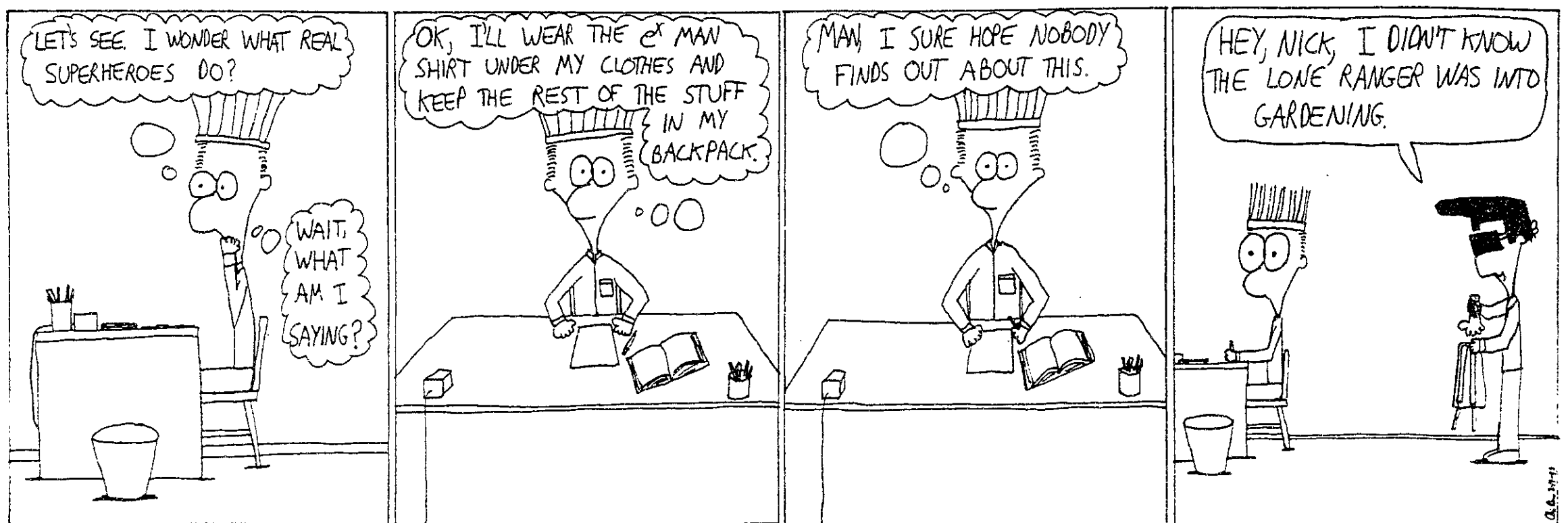
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# George Mitchell for Major League Baseball Commissioner

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## 5. Shaquille O'Neal

The turn-around of John Lucas is amazing. Lucas, an All-American basketball player who played in the U.S. Open tennis tourney at age 13, was banned from the NBA following repeated drug usage (he made Roy Tarpley look like an altar boy). He not only turned his life around (another born again Christian), but has also turned around the lives of many other people, such as Lloyd Daniels and Richard Dumas, through the drug rehabilitation clinic he runs in Miami. Currently, he has done a fantastic job in San Antonio by resurrecting the Spurs (23-3 since he took over) and lifted (no pun intended) them from fourth place to first. More astounding is that he took over for Jerry Tarkanian, who should have been able to do much better with Admiral Robinson and the boys since he was finally allowed to pay his players over the table...

For the betting public at MIT, a few quick predictions on Saturday's Grand Salami of Boxing: Julio Cesar Chavez, best pound-for-pound fighter in the world takes Greg Haugen, an admirable opponent, in 12 rounds; Azumah Nelson, second best fighter in the world, floors Gabriel Ruelas in 11; Michael Nunn will not miss the opportunity at a big payday with James Toney and makes easy work of Dan Morgan; the only upset of the night comes from Maurice Blocker who out points Terry Norris to take the title...

## You Heard It Here First

With major league baseball

badly in need of a Washington insider to thwart any attempts by Congress to make them into a trust, and politicians looking for a way to get a raise (now that Clinton's economic plan has been unveiled), look for Senator George Mitchell (D-Maine) to become the next comish of the league.

## Flub of the Week

To Louisville's Derwin Webb and Dwayne Morton, who each missed dunks in the last 39 seconds of the Cardinals upset loss (at home) to Western Kentucky, 78-77. Webb's stuff would have put Louisville up by four to ice the game, while Morton's buzzer miss would have won the game as well.

## Simson's Top 5

1. Indiana
2. Kentucky
3. Michigan
4. North Carolina
5. Cincinnati

## Where Are They Now?

Non starters of the 1984 men's Olympic basketball team (including alternates): Waymon Tisdale, Steve Alford, Johnny Dawkins, Gordon Lancaster, Joe Kleine, Jon Koncak, Tim McCormick, Chuck Person, Alvin Robertson, Leon Wood, and Jeff Turner.

## Race for Futility

Mavs: 4-45  
Sharks: 7-49-2

In ending their 17 game losing streak this week with their first points since a tie back on Jan. 2, Mudsharks threatened to drop out of the race until their public relations director noted that San Jose trails

the fifth place team in Smythe Division (Edmonton) by more points, 34, than the sixth place team, Philadelphia, trails first-place Pittsburgh in the Patrick Division, 30. Mavs win total is equal to the number of Hyundais vandalized this week; our sources tell us that Ben Johnson, still bitter that the South Korean judges were able to detect steroids in his body, has been attacking the Hyundais. With three losses this week, Mavs magic number to be "mathematically" eliminated from the playoffs is down to 13.

## Globe Gem of The Week

When Donut Dan and Meatball Mike take the week off and Bullet Bob lets his reading cult down, the three Mousketeers pass their torch to the younger scribes. Up and comer, Steve "French Fry" Fainaru, provides this week's gem with a quote regarding Suns' rookie Richard Dumas: "He has exploded off of the floor so quickly that the ensuing dunk seems random, as though it came out of nowhere." Someone from Course XVIII ought to tutor the Fry on the definition of random.

## MIT TWIB Notes

Despite the scrappy play of the greatest seventh man in all of NCAA volleyball, "San" Juanito Ramos '93, the men's team lost a three-set cliff hanger to the Harvard "Chap Stick" Crimson squad on Sunday. The men's junior varsity basketball team also lost this week, by the score of 69-32 to Navy Prep. The team was led by the Herculean efforts of Jim Clemons '95, 16 points, and Brain "Big Daddy" Davison '95...

We take time to applaud the efforts of David Steel G, who will be turning in his pen/keys and retiring this week as the greatest manager an MIT team has ever had, and to all of those students who donate their time and energy to the varsity programs here at MIT...

## Trivia Question of the Week

Who won the first NBA Slam Dunk contest? (Hint: It took place at McNichols Arena in Denver.) Send all answers to sports@the-tech, as well as any questions, comments, and Federal Express packages for Robert Parrish. Answer to last week's question: Bobby Knight (coach), Vern Fleming, Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing, Chris Mullin, and Sam Perkins. Congratulations to Chris Shutts '93 who provided the only correct answer. He wins the

right to be the first person interviewed to be the next Dean of the Sloan School...

## Rumblings From Around the 'Tute

Eugeno Torres '93 writes to us, concerning the 1984 Olympic team: "Their only loss as a team came to a scrappy team from Puerto Rico in the first round. PR was led by Mario "Quijote" Morales' 48 points, 15 boards, 12 assists, and 8 blocks. Final Score: 167-86, Puerto Rico."

Jeff Ma '94 and Mike Aponte send this observation: "We think that Tisdale was the last starter although Knight was known to point to one-square-foot spot on the floor and say, 'This is the spot where Waymon Tisdale hustles.'"

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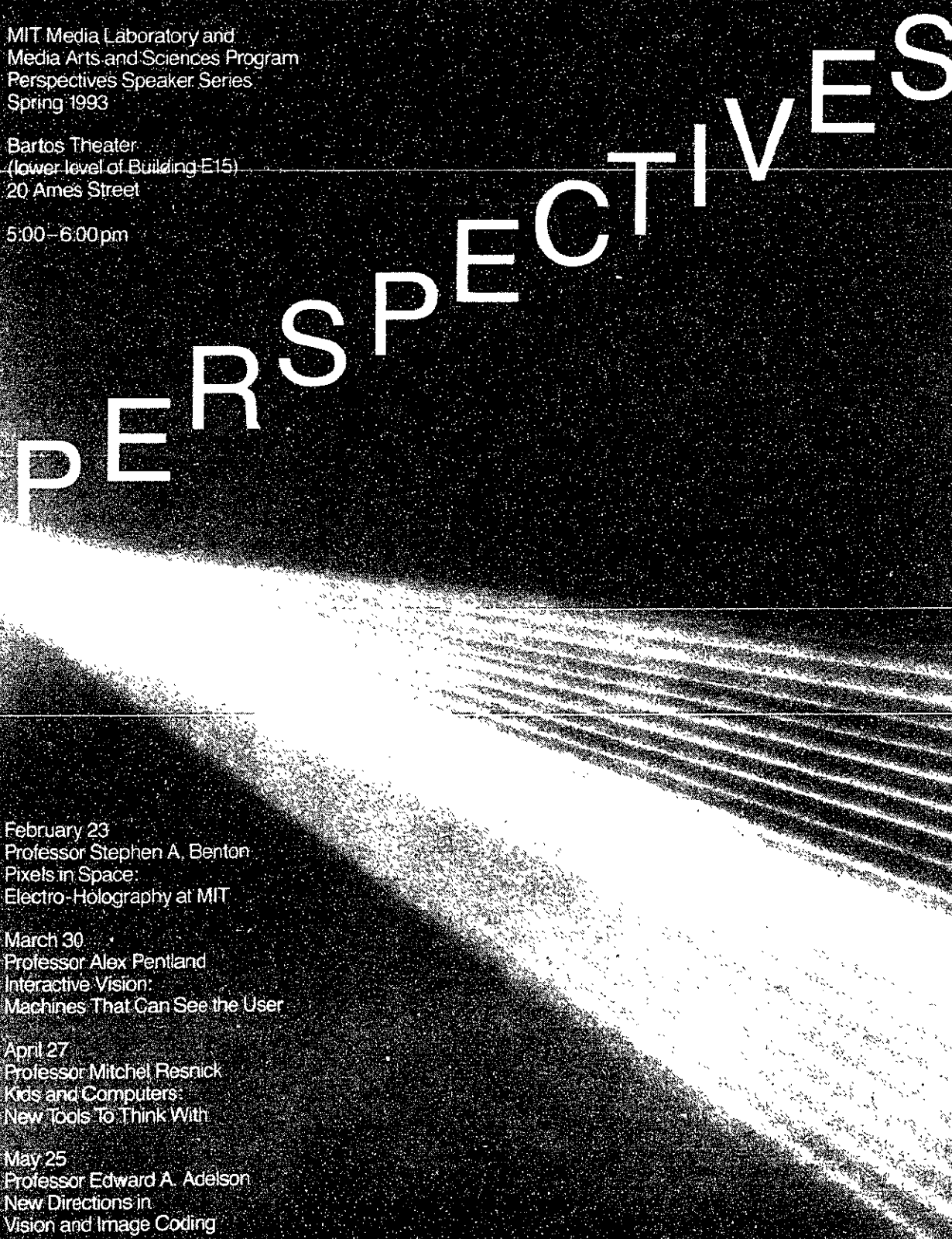
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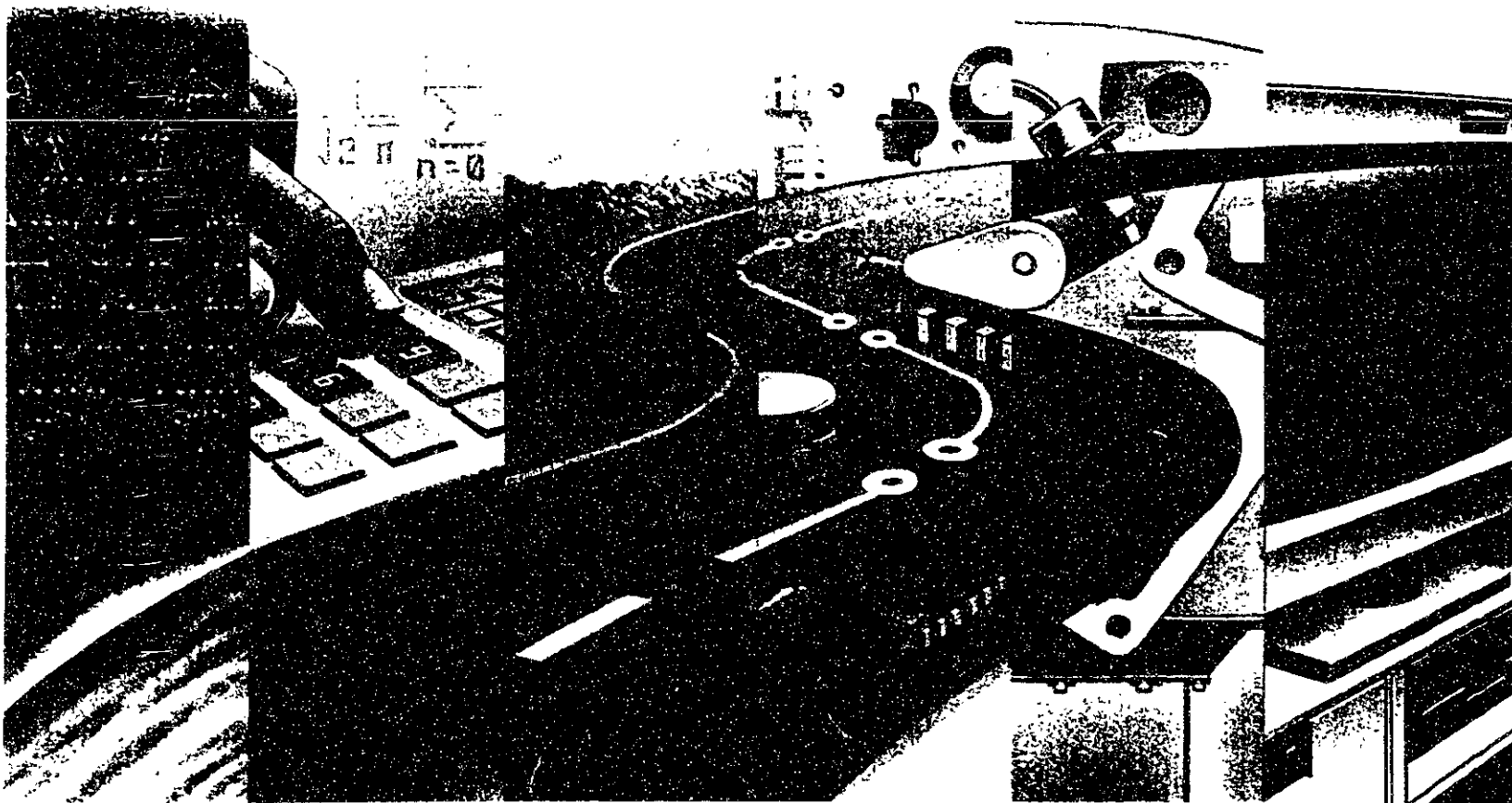
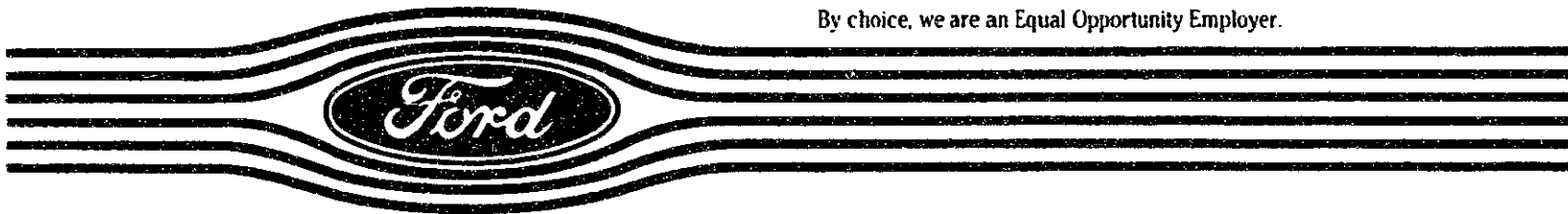
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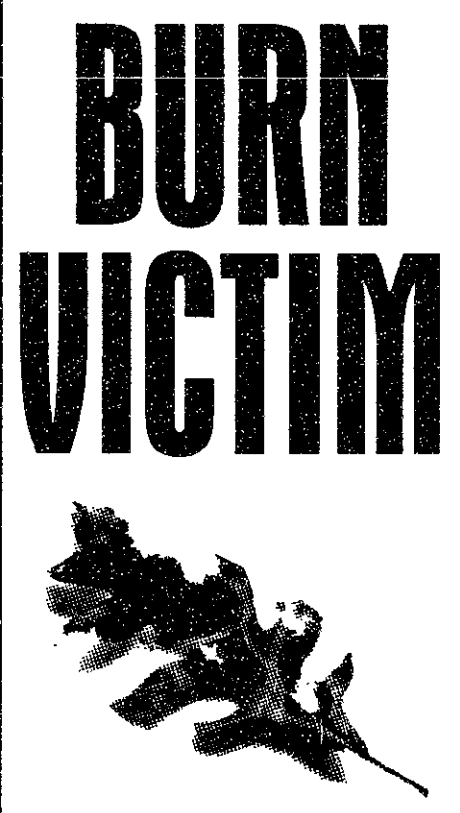
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Steve Schleuter '96 (#2) has an excellent night on defense during Wednesday night's 8-6 victory over Springfield.

## Schleuter Scores with Banked Shot

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goalie for the puck, controlled it, skated around the net, and scored giving MIT the lead. "Dan made the best play of the evening," said teammate Erik Norton '93.

The second amazing play of the evening was the icing on the cake for the engineers. With less than a minute left, Springfield pulled its

goalie. Schleuter in an attempt to clear the puck, banked it off the boards at the red line. The puck went through some defenders and straight toward the goal. Schleuter, who was on his way to the bench, looked back in time to see the puck roll into the net for his first goal of the season and the final goal of the evening.

Schleuter stated that ironically

his only goal during one of his high school seasons was scored on an empty net as well.

The evening was not without injury. Jason Biederman '94, who had played a good game the entire night, left momentarily with a hurt knee. Biederman said, "Some guy mistook my leg for the ice and stepped on me." He was up and skating a minute later.

## Women's Fencing Wins One, Loses One

By Sara Ontiveros

TEAM MEMBER

The women's fencing team finished out its dual meet season this past Saturday in Johnson with two meets, beating Boston University 7-2 and losing to Harvard University by two touches, 8-8.

The Lady Blades started out their day in a three on three match up against BU. Ronke Olabisi '93 led the way in the meet by winning all three of her bouts. Kristine McCaffrey '96 followed suit by winning all three of her bouts. In her first fencing meet, Susan Dusenbery '96 managed to win her final bout.

The Engineers went on to fence their long-time foes from Harvard. They finished the first round ahead of Harvard 3-1 with Captains Kathryn Fricks G and Sara Ontiveros '93, and Olabisi each contributing a bout.

At the end of the second round, MIT pulled ahead of Harvard with a score of 5-3 with wins from both Ontiveros and Fricks. The Lady Blades continued to hold on to their lead at the end of the third round with two more victories from Fricks and Ontiveros.

However, any hopes of MIT prevailing over Harvard fell through in the fourth round as Ontiveros took the only bout. After the meet the score was 8-8, and Harvard had won by two touches.

The team finished its season with a 14-12 national record. In the northeastern region, it was 9-7, and in New England the team was 3-5. It is in consideration for one of the six team spots at the northeastern regionals to be held at St. John's

University in three weeks.

The team will be defending its title in the New England Champi-

onships at Wellesley on Sunday. They have won the team competition for the past two years.

## Swimming Falls to Bowdoin

By Ognen J. Nastov  
STAFF REPORTER

In its final dual meet of the season last Saturday, the men's swimming and diving team was defeated by Bowdoin College by a score of 127-108.

Coach John Benedick chalked up the loss to missing swimmers. "We were missing some key people," he said.

"We were not mentally into it, and we were also tired from a week of intense workouts," team tri-captain Brian Meade '93 said.

While the Engineers were not at their best, there were still a number of memorable swims and individual victories. Chad Gunnlaugsson '93 carried a double victory by winning the 100-yard freestyle in 49.83 seconds and the 200-yard freestyle in 1:49.06. Tri-captain Bob Rockwell '93 triumphed in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:57.06, touching just 0.17 seconds ahead of the runner-up, Bowdoin's Stuntz. Rockwell also captured second place in the 200-yard freestyle behind Gunnlaugsson.

While Meade carried a routine

victory in the 50-yard freestyle in 22.22 seconds, Jon Pfautz '95 claimed the number one spot in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55.53 seconds.

The divers placed first and second in the two diving events. Richard DeCristofaro '93 won the 1-meter dive and Rajesh Anandan '95 won the 3-meter.

The 200-yard freestyle relay concluded the meet, with Bowdoin going 1-2 to round up the score at 127-108 for Bowdoin. "We didn't swim very well, and we also ran out of people at the end of the meet," Meade said.

The team completed its dual meet season with a 3-5 record, and has started three weeks of preparation for the New England Division III Championships in early March.

"The Bowdoin loss is out of our minds now as we prepare for New England's," said Meade. "First place at New England's will be anybody's fair game, since the perennial favorite, Williams College, doesn't have as strong a team."

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## SPORTS

## Men's Hockey Triumphs over Springfield

## Team Scores 5 Goals in 3rd Period

By Lynn Albers  
SPORTS EDITOR

Wednesday's night hockey game was one of the most exciting games in recent memory. Rob Silva '93 had a hat trick, MIT scored five goals in the third period, and Steve Schleuter '96 scored his first goal of the season on a bankshot. All this and more happened in Wednesday night's 8-6 victory over Springfield College.

Lloyd Johnston G, the goon of the team according to avid fans, proved his right to the title by earning two penalties. The first penalty was for elbowing, and the second occurred when he cross-checked a player, breaking his stick over the guy's back in the process. The referees only called him for interference.

Johnston also threw several punches throughout the game. In one instance, he took a swing at a guy in the Springfield end, missed the guy, was carried around by his momentum, saw the puck, put his stick on it and sent it into the goal between the goalie's legs for MIT's fourth goal of the game.

The second period started off poorly for the Engineers with the two penalties coming in the first two minutes. Johnston's was the first and the second was Schleuter's. Much controversy took place over Schleuter's penalty because while Johnston was in the penalty box, Springfield scored to move ahead 2-1, but Schleuter's penalty was delayed so the referees were confused as to which penalty to drop. After much arguing, Johnston came out of the box and Schleuter went in.

The penalties were painful for MIT because Springfield was able to score during both of them. Within 1 minute, 49 seconds, Springfield had taken the lead to 4-1. The Engineers played like they had done pot between periods. Fortunately they found a groove a few minutes later, but the damage was done.

MIT picked up the pace, putting the pressure on Springfield goalie Chris Sovie '95. The Engineers fired numerous shots on goal, but they were all stopped. Spirits in the stands were getting low as fans began to wonder if MIT could recover.

MIT finally had a break when a penalty was called on Springfield for covering the puck in the crease. While the Springfield coach was busy ventilating at the refs, Silva began his descent on Sovie. Silva fired once, it was blocked but not covered. Silva fired the rebound but couldn't find a gap. Sovie had reigned and he let Silva know it by yelling in his face: "Yeah!"

After that, MIT went out in full force and Springfield retaliated with muscle. Springfield's tactic of all muscle and no brain backfired. The Chiefs quickly put two men in the box. During the five on three advantage, Alain Curodeau G passed to Nick Pearce G, who sent the puck through Silva's legs to Jonathan Shingles '96. That confused Sovie and allowed Shingles to tap the puck into the goal. Less than a minute later, Johnston passed to Shingles who could have easily scored but instead drew the goalie and passed the puck in front of the net to Silva for another quick goal.

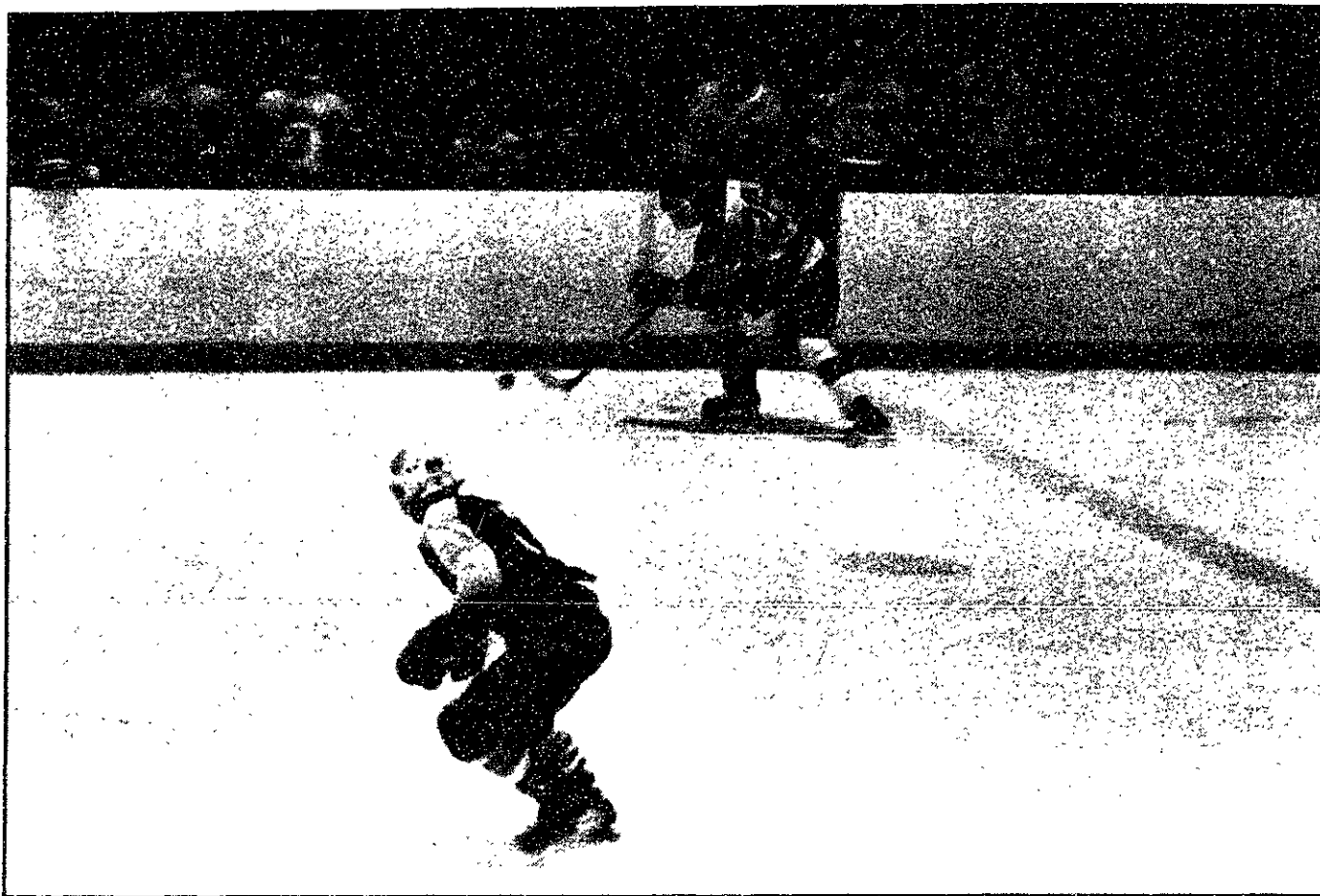
MIT played solidly for the next few minutes especially the third line of Bryan Sanderson '96, Joseph Wall G, and Michael Charney G, who kept the puck in the Springfield end for their entire shift. The Engineers, however, could not prevent the Chiefs from scoring two more goals.

Down 6-3 at the start of the third period, MIT kept calm and level-headed and used their skill and teamwork to tire the chiefs. After seven minutes of pressure on Sovie, Johnston scored and started the momentum for MIT. Shingles, Silva, and Rob Souza '95 then connected to bring the score to 6-5.

Goalie John Simmons '95 contributed by making several big saves to keep the Engineers within reach of a win. Curodeau, Souza, and Silva connected to tie the game and give Silva his hat trick.

The first of two amazing plays that evening came when Dan Lee G chased the puck into the Springfield end where Sovie, forced to come out of the net, was trapping it against the side boards. As Sovie tried to clear the puck, Lee blocked it with his body, wrestled with the

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Rob Silva '93 (#20) shepherds the puck into enemy territory in Saturday's contest against Springfield College. The Engineers surged ahead in the third period, clinching an 8-6 win.

## Barkley Top Mid-Season MVP Pick

By Mike Duffy  
and Andrew Heitner  
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

Although this is an NBA All-Star edition of "Let's Argue," we feel compelled to give a Charlie Hustle award to the *Globe's* own Bob Ryan for copying *The New York Times* article concerning the firing of Cal Berkeley's basketball coach. The *Times* broke the story Monday on how Campenelli was fired because of his verbal tirades directed towards his players. Up to this point, the *Globe* had only mentioned that Campenelli was fired and nothing more. After the *Times* piece, however, Ryan wrote a column on Tuesday explaining to us that the firing not only depicted a coach losing perspective of college athletics, but also showed how kids were getting too soft (Ryan, if you remember, is the one who said football should be outlawed because it is too violent). This "hustle of the week" winner deserves an Old Milwaukee non-alcoholic brew (as if Old Milwaukee beer was such a potent potion itself), for we would not want to impair Ryan's reading skills when searching rival newspapers for a good story...

With All-Star weekend upon us, it is time for your humble scribes to unveil our selections for this year's starting teams. First, in the Eastern

Conference: Shaquille O'Neal, Michael Jordan, Jeff Hornacek, Dominique Wilkins, and Larry Johnson. Jordan and Shaq are gimmies; Wilkins is having one of his best years despite playing for a mediocre (at best) team; Hornacek is a comfortable choice over teammate Hersey Hawkins and Drazen Petrovic. Hawkins puts up similar numbers, but Hornacek is a much better passer, defender, and clutch performer. Johnson gets the nod over Dennis Rodman and Dennis Coleman, mainly because he shoots at a higher percentage and plays more minutes. Toughest omission: Mark Price (you are in the wrong position, pal, now that His Airness plays so much point).

In the West: Hakeem Olajowan, Prince Charles Barkley, Karl Malone, Tim Hardaway, and Chris Mullin. Hardaway, having a career year, gets the nod over Stockton because he does not have a Malone to pad his assist totals; Olajowan over Robinson because of a better year for a worse team. Barkley and Malone should be duking it out in the West finals. Mullin deserves it more than Drexler or Porter, who are having down years in Portland, and Richmond, who is finally getting the respect he deserves despite playing in the Arco Arena out there in the never never land of Sacra-

mento...

Much talk has been centered around why Golden State (23-29, 16½ games back) is not playing as well as it should be. First, some lousy draft selections have left them without a true center (although Luc Longley and Felton Spencer, big men in the middle who command respect, can be had from the 'Wolves for the right price). Secondly, Tim Hardaway, Chris Mullin, Billy Owens, and Sarunas Marciulionis — the four stars of the team — have been on the court together for an entire 2 minutes and 37 seconds this season. This hurts the Warriors more than anything else. Combine those two reasons with the fact that they are in the same division as the Suns, Sonics, Balzers, and Clips and it is know wonder why Golden State is buried at the bottom of the standings...

Pound for pound, Dee Brown is the nastiest dunker in the league. Although Kemp, Nique, and His Airness are also awesome, Brown is 6-foot 1-inch and 160 pounds, while the abovementioned are all at least 6-foot, 6-inches. Besides having some serious ups, Brown has great instinct (see the follow-up jam in the game against Gloden State) and body control (see the off the shoulder dunk in the game against Phoenix). As soon as Dee gets his jump shot to start falling, he will be one of the premiere guards in the Conference...

Our mid-season MVP ballot has just come in and it reads like this:

1. Charles Barkley
2. (tie) Hakeem Olajowan
- David Robinson
4. Michael Jordan

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## Track Finishes Season Second behind Williams

By Halston Taylor  
TEAM COACH

The men's track team lost its first home meet to a Division III team since 1983 last Saturday. Williams College won the regular season quadrangular cup championship with a perfect 12-0 record by defeating MIT, Coast Guard, and Worcester Polytech. MIT finished the season with an 11-1 record.

The final score of the meet was Williams 228, MIT 171, Coast Guard 153, and WPI 24.

MIT had its best meet of the season, setting 28 personal records in the losing effort. One of the most remarkable performances was turned in by Matt Sandholm '96, who won the 55-meter dash in 6.77 seconds, missing the freshman record by only 0.03 seconds. Jay Chiang '94 also finished in 6.74 seconds as MIT took first and second in the event and Chiang ran a personal best.

Another exceptional effort was delivered by the leading duo in New England Division III middle distance running, Mike Piepergerdes '93 and Ethan Crain '95. Crain won the mile in 4 minutes, 17.10 seconds, narrowly missing qualifying for the national championships

## Track Season Standings

Williams	12-0
MIT	11-1
Tufts	10-2
Bates	9-3
Coast Guard	8-4
Brandeis	6-6
Fitchburg State	4-8
Bowdoin	4-8
Colby	3-9
UMass Dartmouth	3-9
WPI	1-11
Westfield State	1-11

while Piepergerdes was second with a time of 4:18.03. Crain came back to win the 1000-meter run and Piepergerdes returned to win the half mile in a personal best 1:58.80.

The other first place for MIT was by undefeated Matt Robinson '94, one of the leading pole vaulters in the country, who turned in a 15 foot, 1 inch effort in the pole vault. Other notable performances were given by Ed Patron '95 and Marcelo Tangino '96, who finished second and third in the 500-meter run, with personal best times of 1:07.69 and 1:07.88 respectively. Andy Ugarov '95 and James Kirtley '94 finished second and third, clearing 6-7 and 6-5 respectively in the high jump.

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, February 20

Women's Basketball vs. Smith College, 2 p.m.  
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Emerson College, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23

Squash vs. Dartmouth College, 4 p.m.

## UNIHOOC Becomes Intramural Sport

By Lynn Albers  
SPORTS EDITOR

Several deadlines are approaching in the next few weeks for intramural sports.

Last semester, UNIHOOC had such a large turnout by the MIT community that Jen Majernik '96 decided to make it an intramural sport. This will be the first IM UNIHOOC league in the United States. Rosters are due on March 3. For more information contact Majernik, sprocket@athena.mit.edu.

For people who want to stand out from the crowd, tri-weekly pickup games are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on either courts one

or two in DuPont Gymnasium.

Entry cards and roster for IM softball must be turned in at the captains meeting on March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 4-370. All rosters must contain at least 13 players for A and B leagues and at least 15 players for C and D leagues. The season will begin on March 30.

Rosters were due last Tuesday for the octathlon. However, there will be a captains' meeting on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 4-370.

Rosters were due last night for IM volleyball. There is a mandatory referees clinic on March 3 at 8:30 p.m. in Rockwell Cage.