

## Institute, Cambridge Near Accord on CASPAR Shelter

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The Cambridge City Council reached a tentative agreement with MIT to build a shelter for homeless alcoholics and drug addicts at 240 Albany St. The agreement would provide a 20-year renewable lease for the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation.

The council voted unanimously to support an "agreement in principle" with a plan outlined in a letter from Ronald P. Suduiko, assistant to the president for government and community relations. Under the plan, MIT will build a shelter for CASPAR and the city would give MIT effective control over four city streets.

Negotiators from MIT and the city met this week and expect to have a final proposal ready for Monday night's city council meeting. "Our legal people from the city and

MIT's legal people are working on an agreement. It's mainly detail kinds of things," said Councilor Jonathan S. Myers, who heads the council's Special Committee on the Siting of CASPAR.

"It's really the language details," explained Suduiko. "We agree in concept about the lease."

The city must also consider "whether the proposed agreement can be done under existing disposition of land and state purchasing procedures," the resolution said.

The council asked City Manager Robert F. Healy to prepare a final agreement for presentation at next Monday's council meeting. The special committee also met yesterday to endorse the agreement in principle. MIT officials also met with the committee.

"We are all working together to get this done," Myers said.

Officials from both the city and

MIT expect a final agreement to be ready on Monday. "I think all parties are filled with the hope that we can bring a difficult problem to final solution," Suduiko said.

### Details of proposal

The plan agreed to by MIT and Cambridge is the latest in a series of proposals exchanged over the last few months. The last four weeks have been spent ironing out a compromise, which involved settling on a location and on compensation for MIT.

The location of the shelter has been the largest roadblock in CASPAR's 19-year effort to find a permanent home. Recently, residents had opposed the sites under consideration by the city. MIT resolved that difficulty by offering the 240 Albany St. site for a long-term

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RALUCA G. BARBULESCU—THE TECH

One of the two engines of Company Seven rests idle in the Kendall Square fire station that is scheduled to close July 1.

## Fire Station in Kendall Square to Close in July

By Eva Moy  
NEWS EDITOR

City officials say that the closing of the fire station at 350 Main St. on July 1 will not affect the amount and speed of service in that area. The station, known as Engine Company Seven, covers Kendall Square, MIT, Newtown Court, and Washington Elms.

A study of Cambridge fire stations was motivated by budget discussions last January as the city tried to "find ways for increased efficiency," said Lisa C. Peterson, assistant to the city manager. City administrators also acknowledged that public safety is a topic that needs to be addressed by experts in the field, not just administrators, she added.

The consultants had made more drastic recommendations, and closing Engine Seven was just the start, Cambridge Fire Chief Kevin Fitzgerald said. "They said we had a triple overlap down there," he added.

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## ROTC Ponders Future of Gays

### Lifting Ban on Homosexuals in Military Would Have Little Effect

By Karen Kaplan  
NEWS EDITOR

Little will change for the ROTC at MIT if President Clinton succeeds in lifting the ban which prohibits homosexuals from serving in the military, interviews with ROTC administrators, cadets, and midshipmen indicate.

In fact, the 244 students in ROTC units here would be most threatened if Clinton is unwilling or unable to lift the ban, sources say. If the military persists in refusing to allow homosexuals to serve, ROTC's future at MIT would be in jeopardy.

If the ban is lifted, there would be "no effect," said Capt. Michael E. Field, a visiting professor of naval science and director of Navy ROTC, in which over half of all ROTC students are enrolled. "There

would be an effect if the ban were not lifted."

In the fall of 1990, the Institute and determined that the military's ban on homosexuals is inconsistent with MIT's nondiscrimination policy. The faculty passed a resolution which said that "inadequate progress toward eliminating the [Defense Department's] policy on sexual orientation will result in ... making ROTC unavailable to students beginning with the class entering in 1998." The administration has not made any final decision on the fate of ROTC, however.

In April 1990 then-Provost John M. Deutch '61 wrote a letter to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney criticizing the ROTC policy on homosexuals. "The policy discriminates against students on the basis of sexual orientation, in contradic-

tion to the policy of MIT and many other universities," he wrote.

### Some changes already made

Changes have already been made in the Air Force ROTC units. "Following President Clinton's news conference on Jan. 29, we in Air Force ROTC are no longer asking questions about sexual orientation [in semesterly interviews with cadets]. That's a change from what we were doing previously," said Col. Ronald P. Craigie, a visiting professor of aerospace studies and director of Air Force ROTC.

But aside from that, "I can't even speculate what impact [lifting the ban] would have on the program at MIT or on ROTC in general," Craigie continued. "We have to let

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## Clinton Names Deutch To High Post at Defense

By Jeremy Hylton  
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Institute Professor John M. Deutch '61 has been appointed undersecretary of defense for acquisitions. President Clinton announced his intention to nominate the former provost on Monday.

Deutch, a professor of chemistry, is widely known for his work in science and technology policy. If confirmed, Deutch will head acquisition, education, training, and career development programs, a Department of Defense spokesman said.

The defense appointment would continue Deutch's public policy career, which began during the Kennedy administration. He has served in various advisory and consulting roles for every administration since then, except during the Nixon administration.

During the Carter administration, Deutch spent three years with the Department of Energy. He served first as director of the Office of Energy Research, then as assistant secretary for energy technology, and ultimately as undersecretary of the department.

Deutch was named Institute Professor in December 1990 in recognition of his accomplishments in scholarly, educational, service, and leadership pursuits. He served as provost from 1985 until October 1990, when he returned to research and teaching. Previously, Deutch was dean of the School of Science, from 1982 to 1985, and headed the Department of Chemistry in 1976 and 1977.



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John M. Deutch '61

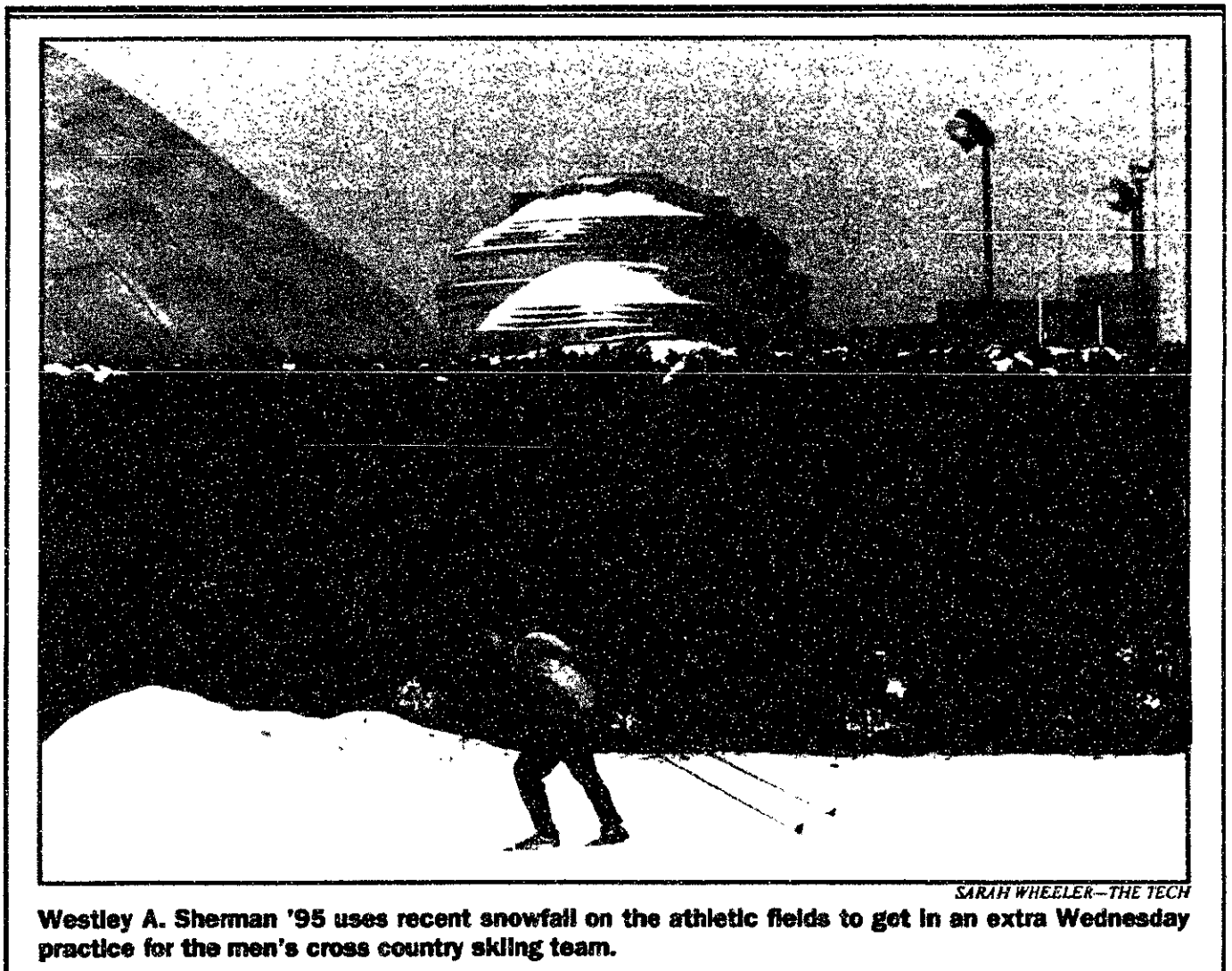
His research interests include non-equilibrium statistical mechanics, dielectric and magnetic relation, structure of fluids, light scattering, and polymer theory.

Deutch was a member of the Army Scientific Advisory Panel and the Defense Science Board in the late 1970s. He was reappointed to the Defense Science Board last year. He also served on President Bush's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

### Other alumni in administration

Deutch is one of a growing number of Clinton appointees who studied at MIT. In the Defense Department, Deutch joins Secretary Les Aspin PhD '66, a friend from gradu-

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SARAH WHEELER—THE TECH

Westley A. Sherman '95 uses recent snowfall on the athletic fields to get in an extra Wednesday practice for the men's cross country skiing team.

# WORLD & NATION

## Indian Police Halt Hindu Rally, Shut Down New Delhi

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW DELHI, INDIA

Riot police arrested thousands of anti-government Hindu demonstrators and fired tear gas and rubber bullets on others Thursday in one of the toughest security crackdowns imposed on this city in recent years.

As a Hindu fundamentalist party tried to hold a massive rally in defiance of a government ban, police virtually shut down the capital, blocking roads leading into the city, turning sports stadiums into giant holding cells for thousands of arrested protesters and ringing major government buildings with razor-wire fences. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which seeks to transform the constitutionally secular India into an officially Hindu state, vowed to gather as many as 2.5 million people to demonstrate for elections to replace the government.

With the tight police controls and preventive arrests of many BJP supporters, though, the BJP assembled only a few thousand protesters at five sites throughout the city, with 7,000 at the largest rally. Police lobbed tear gas canisters at the crowds, fired rubber bullets and water cannons and charged at them with the long, bamboo sticks traditionally used by police in South Asia.

India has been wracked by riots between Hindus and Muslims for two and a half months, since Hindu militants, with BJP support, destroyed an historic Muslim mosque in December in the northern Indian city of Ayodhya. The government of Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao ordered Thursday's heavy crackdown — with an estimated 75,000 police and paramilitary officers deployed in the capital — after having been accused of failing to act decisively enough to prevent the Ayodhya clash.

Police arrested senior BJP leaders as they encouraged followers to defy the ban on the rally. Party president Murli Manohar Joshi was hospitalized after being knocked to the ground by a police water cannon while leading about 300 marchers from the red stone Parliament building, and Lal Krishan Advani, leader of the BJP in Parliament, was arrested as he clambered onto the hood of a car to address a chanting crowd.

The demonstrations that eluded the police crackdown were largely peaceful, with only scattered instances of injuries despite the liberal use of tear gas and bamboo canes by police. Hundreds of protesters voluntarily piled into police buses, asking to be arrested when they learned their leaders had been arrested.

## U.S., Russia Aim to Jump Start Stalled Mideast Peace Talks

LOS ANGELES TIMES

GENEVA

The United States and Russia announced Thursday that they will invite Israel and its Arab neighbors to a new round of peace talks in April, a move that appeared aimed at pressing the reluctant Palestinians to return to the talks.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev made the surprise announcement after Christopher reported to the Russians on the results of his week-long negotiating trip through the Middle East. The United States and Russia are co-sponsors of the peace talks, which began in 1991.

During his trip, Israel, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon all told Christopher that they want to restart the talks, which have been suspended since December.

"This is an historic moment," Christopher said. "I've been surprised by that. They think this may be a one-time opportunity. They all want to grasp the moment. It's in that context that this statement was made, rather than trying to force anyone's hand."

But Palestinian negotiators, who represent the Arab population under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said they were not yet ready to return to the talks. The Palestinians have demanded a freeze on negotiations unless Israel allows the return of 396 Palestinian militants deported to Lebanon in December.

Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi expressed hope that "the remaining obstacles, really just the last few issues, can be removed" through further U.S. mediation. "But we are not there yet. We are still consulting, we still have ongoing discussions with the United States," she said.

Despite Christopher's denial that he was seeking to force anyone's hand by announcing a target for the resumption of the talks, he and Kozyrev were, in effect, giving the Palestinians an ultimatum: come back to the peace talks or watch them go ahead without you.

## WEATHER

### Small sprinkle of snow

By Yeh-Kai Tung

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The storm system currently over the midwest is going to come through our area Friday night into Saturday. However, the brunt of the storm will pass to the south of us, leaving us with just a few flurries.

Temperatures will warm up as the cold air mass recently over us moves on. Sunday looks to be partly sunny, with the disturbance moving out to sea.

**Friday.** Cloudy with snow flurries. Less windy than yesterday. East wind 5-10 mph (8-16 kph). High 29°F (-2°C).

**Friday night.** Continued snow flurries, with heaviest precipitation during the evening hours. Winds shifting to the north at 10-15 mph (16-24 kph). Low 20°F (-7°C).

**Saturday.** Flurries ending in the morning. Clearing by evening. High 30°F (-1°C). Low 20°F (-7°C).

**Sunday.** Partly sunny. High 30°F (-1°C).

## Continuing Somali Violence May Delay U.S. Withdrawal

By Daniel Williams and John Lancaster

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

An upsurge of violence in Somalia this week has prompted U.S. military planners to consider slowing the withdrawal of U.S. troops and leaving a larger number of combat troops in Somalia than originally planned, U.S. sources said Thursday.

The possibility of a greater U.S. combat presence to augment a planned international peacekeeping force under United Nations command raises the prospect that the United States may attempt to play a more significant role in maintaining order in Somalia than anticipated.

"I think recent events indicate that it is going to be a lot more difficult to get out of Somalia," a senior U.S. military officer said. "What you'll see is a residual force of some considerable size for an extended period of time."

For the second straight day, roving bands of Somali gunmen Thursday defied U.S. and allied troops in Mogadishu, firing on U.N. offices, the U.S. diplomatic mission, foreign relief offices and hotels housing foreigners. Three U.S. Marines and two Nigerian soldiers were wounded in Thursday's fighting.

Until this week's outbreak of fighting and rioting, the Pentagon expected to begin a full-scale withdrawal in a matter of weeks, leaving behind a residual contingent of as many as 5,000 U.S. troops, mainly in support of a larger U.N.-led force.

A senior Pentagon official cautioned Thursday that no decision

had been made about increasing this longer-term U.S. commitment to Somalia, but he said the option would be discussed with U.N. officials in talks over the timing of the U.S. withdrawal and the size of the follow-on force.

"We've had things we're prepared to throw on the table," the official said, adding that to leave more combat troops in the country is "within the realm of what we're prepared" to consider.

Among the administration's stated objectives in intervening in Somalia last December was creation of a "secure environment" for delivery of food to starving Somalis. Such security, it was hoped, would give peaceable political activists room to emerge from under the shadow of militia violence.

Thursday, U.S. officials, discussing the Somali situation privately, said they expect further serious outbreaks of violence. As a result, they also expect the transition to a U.N.-led peacekeeping operation will be delayed beyond its scheduled completion date in mid-April.

Nonetheless, some officials regarded the turmoil as a symptom of success, not failure.

Arms at the disposal of Somali militias have been reduced by U.S. raids on arms caches, the officials said, and access to new weapons is hindered by foreign control of major ports and roadways. Clan militias, while a threat to each other, are no match for troops from the United States and other countries now in place.

"The warlords are getting nervous," a State Department official

contended. "They are having their feathers plucked. They realize over time that their power is slipping away."

U.N. forces will have to "show their teeth" to keep the volatile Somali militias at bay, the official added.

When U.S. troops first arrived in Somalia, U.N. General Secretary Boutros Boutros-Ghali urged them to disarm the warring clans before withdrawing. American military commanders declined to guarantee full disarmament, although several raids on arms caches took place.

U.S. officials had been critical of the United Nations for slowness in recruiting other countries to send replacement troops and naming a military commander to head the U.N. force. A Turkish general has since been picked to take command.

About 17,000 U.S. soldiers are in Somalia along with about 14,500 troops from 21 other countries. The number of non-U.S. troops has been expected to grow to about 20,000.

A U.S. military official said Thursday that Somalia is currently too unstable for U.N. peacekeepers, who have a reputation for passivity under fire. "We have an unstable situation in Mogadishu and in just about all the other towns," said a senior officer with access to classified intelligence reports. "I think what we're seeing now is what we were afraid was going to happen."

"I can't see how it would facilitate" the transfer of operational control to the United Nations, he added. Each day of reduced U.S. troop strength, however, creates a problem for American forces left behind, he said.

## President Orders Air Supply of Besieged Bosnian Civilians

By Barton Gellman and Julia Preston

THE WASHINGTON POST

President Clinton Thursday ordered U.S. aircraft to begin parachuting food and medicine to besieged civilians in Bosnia "without regard to ethnic or religious affiliation." The U.N. Security Council, initially cautious about the plan, endorsed it.

The insistence on neutrality, in an airdrop conceived to stop Serb militias from starving Bosnian Muslims, continued a yearlong ambivalence of policy by the United States and the international community.

A senior Defense Department official, briefing a roomful of reporters but insisting on anonymity, said in almost the same breath that the airdrop would be "absolutely even-handed as between Bosnians, Croats and Serbs" and that it was intended to "show that the whole world is ganging up on the miscreants" who use "the denial of food and medicine for purposes of ethnic cleansing."

Only U.S. forces will be involved in the airdrop, at least initially. The Clinton administration sought allies in the endeavor, but diplomats said the United States fended off offers from Turkey, Pakistan and Germany for fear of tainting the operation's neutrality. All three have been aligned against the Serbs.

Following a U.N. Security Council meeting, the council president, Ahmed Snoussi of Morocco, read a statement saying the council "expresses its strong support for the use ... of humanitarian airdrops in

isolated areas" of Bosnia "that are in critical need of humanitarian supplies and cannot be reached by ground convoys."

In approving the operation, the Security Council brushed aside objections and warnings from the Serb-dominated rump state of Yugoslavia. Yugoslav Foreign Minister Ilija Djukic said in a letter to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali that the airdrop "does not have, in our judgment, the necessary legal authority under adopted Security Council resolutions" and denounced it as a "risky and unilateral operation."

Djukic also made what Western diplomats took to be a veiled threat to shoot at the U.S. planes, saying his government "cannot be held responsible for incidents which might take place over Bosnia." Yugoslavia's U.N. ambassador, Dragomir Djokic, said the risk to the relief aircraft from ground fire could come from "all three sides."

In keeping with Clinton's insistence that the airdrops have only "humanitarian purposes," U.S. officials said American cargo planes would be unarmed and unescorted by fighters. But military planners said Navy combat air patrols would fly offshore from the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, which arrived Thursday in the Adriatic Sea with the largest flotilla of warships yet to enter those confining waters. Administration officials said the United States had warned all parties to the Balkan conflict not to interfere with the flights.

The administration also took care Thursday to preserve what military planners call "operational

security," concealing details of the time and manner of the relief flights to make them more difficult to attack. That secrecy was in marked contrast to the ongoing international airlift to Sarajevo, where the routes, altitudes and schedules of every flight are announced in advance.

The security measures highlighted the fact that the airdrop, expected to begin within days, will be the first U.S. military operation conducted in Bosnia without the consent of the parties.

To protect U.S. aircrews and planes, some of the deliveries will be undertaken at night and many will be flown at high altitudes, which afford some protection from ground fire at the expense of accurate airdrops. In addition to C-130 cargo planes, officials said the operation may include MC-130 Combat Talons operated by Special Forces crews. The MC-130, typically used to insert Special Forces teams behind enemy lines, uses terrain-following radar to fly extremely low at speeds near 300 mph, actually climbing to drop its cargo at 250 feet.

In his letter to Boutros-Ghali, Djukic warned that the airdrops "could have some very negative and grave" consequences for peace negotiations, now set to resume next week under the mediation of Cyrus R. Vance and Briton David Owen.

The Clinton administration harbors contrary hopes. U.S. officials said they intend for the Serbs to see the operation as a sign of new commitment to Bosnia and a signal that Serbs should make concessions at the bargaining table.

# Report Attacks Drug Industry Research and Development

By Kathleen Day  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A major government study Thursday attacked the pharmaceutical industry's leading defense for the high cost of drugs, suggesting Americans might be better served if less money were spent on research and development, the expense that companies say justify their drug pricing.

Smaller R&D budgets could induce companies to invest more judiciously in new products and eliminate duplication of drugs already on the market, according to the three-year report by the Office of Technology Assessment, a research arm of Congress, and to Judith Wagner, director of the study.

And lower R&D costs should lead to less-costly prescription drugs, said Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House subcommittee on health and the environment and the representative who requested the report.

Most of new drugs introduced in the U.S. market between 1975 and 1989 "offered little therapeutic advantage over pre-existing competitors," the report says.

"Put another way," said Waxman, "58 percent of industry research was invested in so-called 'me too' drugs, drugs that are designed to make a profit but which add nothing in terms of therapeutic benefits to patients."

Zantac, an anti-ulcer drug introduced by Glaxo Pharmaceuticals, for example, competed with SmithKline Beecham PLC's successful Tagamet on the basis that it could be taken twice instead of four times a day.

R&D and marketing costs can be trimmed to cut prices, and there would still be plenty of profit left over to make the drug business an

enticing one for investors, Waxman said.

The report offers the most comprehensive analysis yet of the pricing practices and costs of an industry on which there is little public information. It supports previous claims by government and Wall Street analysts that drug prices, which from 1980 to 1992 increased 128 percent, or six times the overall rate of inflation, have outpaced most other goods and services largely because that's what the market would bear, not because of expensive R&D.

And it highlights the way health care is paid for in this country: Those who use pharmaceutical products and services often aren't the ones who pay for them, leaving most health-care consumers indifferent to cost.

The drug industry, which has been under siege to lower prices, was quick to defend itself Thursday, saying the report overestimated the industry's revenues while underestimating its costs.

A spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association said the report focused on drugs introduced in the early 1980s, and therefore "comes to some inaccurate conclusions that simply do not pertain to the marketplace today." He said the report fails to take into account more recent changes in the industry, including the promise by many leading manufacturers to hold price increases to the level of inflation.

The OTA report says a lack of price competition during the 1980s allowed drugmakers to earn profits that ran several percentage points higher every year from 1976 to 1987 than the profits of other industries with similar revenues and risks.

Those extra earnings — what critics of the industry Thursday called "excess profits" — were possible because, in today's market,

doctors who prescribe drugs and an increasing number of consumers who use them don't pay for them, an arrangement that provides little incentive to shop for lower prices.

The study says each new drug introduced between 1981 and 1983 returned after taxes "at least \$36 million more to its investors than was needed to pay off the R&D investment." And it says that in recent years more than 22 cents of each \$1 spent on prescription drugs went for advertising, marketing and promotion.

Based on that information and on data from the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, Waxman's staff estimated that while the industry spent \$10 billion on advertising in 1991, it spend \$8 billion on R&D, with only \$4 billion of that on drugs with a "therapeutic gain" over existing ones.

The study said that while it "is hard to judge" whether a "decrease in R&D spending would be good or bad for the public interest," it added that, contrary to the industry's claim, "It is impossible to know whether today's level of pharmaceutical R&D is unquestionably worth its costs to society."

One trend in the 1980s that allowed the run-up in prices was that insurance policies covered more and more people for prescription-drug costs, the report says. In 1977, for example, only 9 percent of those with insurance were covered for drugs. By 1989, more than 30 percent were. Often, such policies require consumers to make a co-payment, usually about \$5, whether the prescription costs \$10 or \$100.

Despite this trend, prescription-drug prices remain one of the largest out-of-pocket medical expenses for most people, particularly the elderly, and that's what has heated up the drug-price issue, health experts say.

## California Drought Proclaimed Over — Finally

LOS ANGELES TIMES

After six years of one of the most severe dry spells in California history, Gov. Pete Wilson declared an end to the drought Wednesday, officially closing the book on a natural disaster that may forever change the way Californians think about water.

"Thanks to God for ending the drought," Wilson said, "and thanks to the people of California for enduring it."

The announcement in Sacramento ended a month-long dance by state water officials, who had insisted it was too early to pronounce the drought dead despite a string of positive rainfall and snowpack reports and official projections of an abundant runoff this spring.

Several cities weeks ago proclaimed the dry spell had been broken, but Wilson's pronouncement — coming during a respite in a succession of tenacious winter storms that have pelted the state — provided the state's official acknowledgment of what has become obvious to soggy residents from San Diego to Eureka.

"It may not come as a surprise to most people," acknowledged an official in the state Drought Information Center.

The turning point for hesitant state water officials came last weekend, when big storms in the Sierra Nevada raised snowfall totals to their highest levels in a decade. Automated sensors recorded the water content of the Sierra snowpack, a key indicator of coming water supplies, at 175 percent of the historical average for February.

Reservoir levels also topped 80 percent of what is considered normal for this time of the year, a remarkable improvement considering that many of them had been drained dry over the past several years.

## North Korea Could Pose Major Nuclear Threat, CIA Chief Says

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The U. S. intelligence community now believes that North Korea may have already manufactured enough material to make at least one nuclear weapon and has become the greatest single problem for nations trying to curb the spread of dangerous weapons, CIA Director R. James Woolsey said Wednesday.

Testifying before Congress on worldwide problems of arms proliferation, the CIA director said North Korea ranks "almost in a class by itself." It is worse than other nations, he explained, not only because of its nuclear weapons program, but also because of its efforts to produce longer-range missiles and its willingness to export missiles to "any nation that is willing to pay."

It was the first time any senior U.S. official has testified publicly that North Korea may already have enough material to make a nuclear weapon.

## Clapton's 6 Grammys Highlighted by 'Tears In Heaven'

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Eric Clapton — whose grief over his son's death led to the critically acclaimed ballad, "Tears In Heaven" — garnered six Grammy awards Wednesday night at the Shrine Auditorium in a tender tribute to the rock legend's long career.

Tying for the second-biggest sweep in a Grammy ceremony, Clapton, 47, tried to keep things light as he stepped to the podium early in the three-hour program to accept the best song award for the tribute to his child.

"I think the other song ... the Vanessa Williams one ('Save the Best for Last') should have gotten (the award) because it kept us out of the No. 1 slot for about two months," the tuxedoed British singer-guitarist said, smiling. "But still, we're happy."

By the time he returned to the podium for the final time, however, Clapton was in a more emotional mood as he accepted the record of the year award for "Tears in Heaven."

The song — co-written by Will Jennings — is a touching expression of the loss of a loved one, all the more affecting in Clapton's case because the record followed the tragic accidental death in 1991 of Clapton's 4-year-old son, Conor. The child was killed when he fell through an open window in Clapton's 53rd-floor Manhattan apartment.

As the audience stood in ovation, Clapton said, "I'm very moved and very shaky and very emotional. I want to thank a lot of people, but the one person who I want to thank is my son for the love he gave me and the song he gave me."

By winning six awards, including best album for the acoustic "Unplugged" and best rock song for the 22-year-old "Layla," Clapton tied the mark set by Quincy Jones in 1990 and the late Roger Miller in 1965.

The only pop artist to have enjoyed a bigger, single night sweep was Michael Jackson, who won eight awards in 1983, the year of his "Thriller" album.

Continuing his recent high-profile media blitz, Jackson was on hand Wednesday to receive the recording academy's Legends Award — for outstanding artistic contributions — and his appearance added to the evening's tender edge.

After Clapton, the big winner Wednesday, as the Grammy ceremony returned here after two years in New York, was the "Beauty and the Beast" sound track album and related projects. The material was involved in five awards, including best children's album.

In addition, winning two awards each were the Georgia rap group Arrested Development, whose socially conscious "Tennessee" was one of the most acclaimed singles of 1992; Vince Gill, the country singer-songwriter, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, the late Texas blues-rock guitarist who was killed in a 1990 plane crash, and the Irish traditional folk group the Chieftains. Arrested Development was named best new artist and best rap group.

Vaughan's two posthumous victories pushed his Grammy total to six.

# Clinton Ponders New Tobacco Taxes to Finance Health Care

By John Fairhall  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

President Clinton strongly hinted for the first time Thursday that he might raise tobacco taxes to finance medical benefits for all Americans.

He said his task force on health care reform was examining "lots of options" for raising money "which wouldn't necessarily increase middle class tax burdens."

The idea of taxing employee health benefits, for which Clinton indicated some support in December, now is being viewed much less favorably by the administration. Sources familiar with the task force's discussions say it is increasingly considering the more politically appealing idea of applying stringent cost controls to health insurance companies, hospitals and doctors.

The administration is reluctant to propose new taxes on the middle class on top of those included in Clinton's economic program. But health insurance companies, hospitals and doctors are an easy target because, according to polls, many Americans believe they are greedy and responsible for rising costs.

One proposal being examined is limiting the amount by which insurers could raise premiums each year. Other possibilities include taxes on the revenues of insurance companies and health care providers such as hospitals.

"I think we are spending a ton of money in private insurance and government tax payments to deal with

the health care problems occasioned by health habits, and particularly smoking," Clinton said. "It's costing us a lot of money."

Asked whether his stated interest in avoiding undue burdens on the middle class would rule out a cigarette tax increase, Clinton said, "I think health-related taxes are different. I think cigarette taxes, for example, are different. You do have to find some way to recover some revenues to cover people who now don't have coverage."

But task force members do not think that increasing both tobacco and alcohol taxes will be sufficient. Federal taxes on those products brought in \$13 billion in 1992. Taxes on guns and ammunition — which the task force is also considering increasing — raised \$140 million in the same year.

Clinton's health advisers told him shortly after the November election that guaranteeing universal access to medical care might mean \$30 billion to \$90 billion in additional annual government expenditures by 1997.

Taxing employee benefits theoretically could generate large amounts of revenue. According to the private Employee Benefit Research Institute, the government could have raised \$43 billion this year by taxing the \$188 billion in health care benefits employers now are able to deduct from their taxes.

However, the task force has been considering taxing only benefits that exceed a standard benefit package that all Americans would be guaranteed under the reform goals set by

the president.

Sources familiar with the task force's discussions say cost controls on insurance companies and providers of health care would generate huge, immediate savings that would make it easier to provide benefits to the 35 million Americans who lack them.

Another reason the administration is interested in such controls is that they would rein in health care costs, now rising 11 percent a year, and boost the economic recovery, the sources said.

The cost controls would be short-term and would be phased out as long-term savings were realized. The task force members think that in the long run it is possible to save several hundred billion dollars a year by restructuring the financing and delivery of health care to eliminate waste, bureaucracy and excessive profits.

One problem the administration would face if it chose to cap annual increases in premiums and health service charges would be "capturing" those savings, health experts say. Most of the savings would accrue to private employers, who provide the bulk of insurance coverage, and that would require the government to tax companies or otherwise to require them to cover Americans who now lack health benefits.

Insurance companies are critical of such proposals. They would do nothing to address the underlying causes of runaway medical costs, the companies say.

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## Pagan Group Faces Bigotry, Intolerance

While some members of the MIT community debate the existence of absolute moral values, others struggle with the bigotry and intolerance that are the consequences of moral absolutism gone wrong. We do not argue with those who have found absolute, timeless truths; we vehemently object, however, to that small minority which believes its Truth to be so fragile that it can be protected only by silencing all debate and refusing all discussion.

Recently the Pagan Students Group received, anonymously, through interdepartmental mail, a photocopy of a magazine article about convicted murderer Sean Sellers, who claimed involvement with Satanism. We were hurt and puzzled; we are not Satanists, nor are we criminals. This article had nothing to do with us or our activities, and since the envelope was addressed to the "MIT Pagan Society," it seems that the sender had little information about us.

Through informational flyers and our annual Paganism 101 presentation, we have struggled to explain who we are and the life-affirming nature religion we practice. But our bulletin board has consistently been stripped. How can we tell people what we believe in if our bulletin board is bare? Posters for Paganism 101 were destroyed within an hour of their appearance in the Infinite Corridor. How can we participate fully in the religious community of MIT if vandals prevent us from announcing our events?

Other religious groups, and groups with controversial messages, report similar problems. Into the ongoing discussion of morality and truth we want to inject a comment, and a caution — that no search for Truth is served by the actions of those who use vandalism and anonymous accusations to silence any views different from their own.

Sherrian Lea '93  
and seven others

## Next House Dining Hall Should Stay Open

Why should Baker House be the only dormitory dining hall to stay open? The best way to answer this question is to figure out why the others shouldn't. Maybe then the current proposal will make more sense.

Though my knowledge of other dorms is minute, I believe that McCormick Hall and MacGregor House have ample cooking facilities. Residents of these dorms would still be able to eat in their own buildings if their dining halls are closed. They wouldn't be too inconvenienced. Besides, the Student Center is right across the street from McCormick. So I can understand the decision to close these two dining halls.

However, what is the reason behind closing Next House dining hall? I've lived at Next House for three-and-a-half years now and I can factually say that the current proposal greatly inconveniences Next House residents. We have a total of three stoves for our 380 residents. Also, if the current proposal passes, we will have to trek either to Baker or the Student Center — they're both the same distance for us — just to eat. Or we could live off Domino's Pizza and other fast food delivery services. Now compare this inconvenience to the one people face if the Baker dining hall were closed. Baker residents would have to cross Amherst Alley to get to the Student Center. Not that long a walk.

I've wondered why Baker was selected as the lone open dining hall. A friend of mine said she heard Baker was chosen because it

was the most central location. Most central to what? The Student Center? Sure, everyone on the west side of campus has to pass Baker, but not everyone does so during the dinner hours! Keeping Next House open instead gives students at MacGregor a more convenient place to eat after their dining hall is closed. We New House residents use our dining hall, too.

Lawrence E. Maguire, [director of housing and food services], I implore you to take a walk from Next House to Baker or the Student Center on a sub-zero temperature, rainy, or snowy night just to eat dinner. After taking this difficult journey, ask yourself how you can justify asking 380 Next House residents to make the same trip every night. I seriously doubt you'll be able to.

I don't want to give the impression that inconveniencing Next House residents outweighs inconveniencing Baker residents. I just feel that a new proposal should be considered. This proposal should be similar to the current one — no mandatory meal plan — but with Next House kept open instead. Such a proposal would still inconvenience some people, but far less than the current plan would.

Pete Tarsi '93

## Cost-Cutting Hurts Russian Program

MIT's first swing of the budget ax could not have been more misplaced. I can think of no other cost-cutting measure which would have such a large negative effect with so little money saved as the Foreign Languages and Literatures Section's decision not to renew the contract of Elena Semeka-Pankratova.

There are currently only three lecturers in MIT's Russian program, and Semeka-Pankratova's removal will mean the elimination of almost every advanced level Russian class here. And since some Russian I-IV (21.261-21.264) classes will now offer only one section instead of two, it will become impossible for students to find time to build even a basic knowledge of Russian.

Budget cuts may be necessary, but not in a program already so small that the loss of one

lecturer will mortally hobble it. For example, since the option of a minor or double major in Russian will be eliminated, many students will be stranded halfway through a program that will become impossible to complete.

With growing opportunities in Russia, Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union, it is unthinkable that MIT should slash its Russian program — especially when the monetary cost, one lecturer's salary, is so relatively insignificant.

By circulating a petition urging the Foreign Languages and Literatures Section to reconsider its decision, students are showing their foresight. In a decade of increasing globalization, this is a defining moment which will determine whether MIT's much-ballyhooed international perspective and commitment to "diversity" are viewed as truly important, or as "fluff" to be lightly discarded at the first stage of belt-tightening.

Michael T. Decerbo '95

## Tech "Blunder" Box Is Mean-Spirited

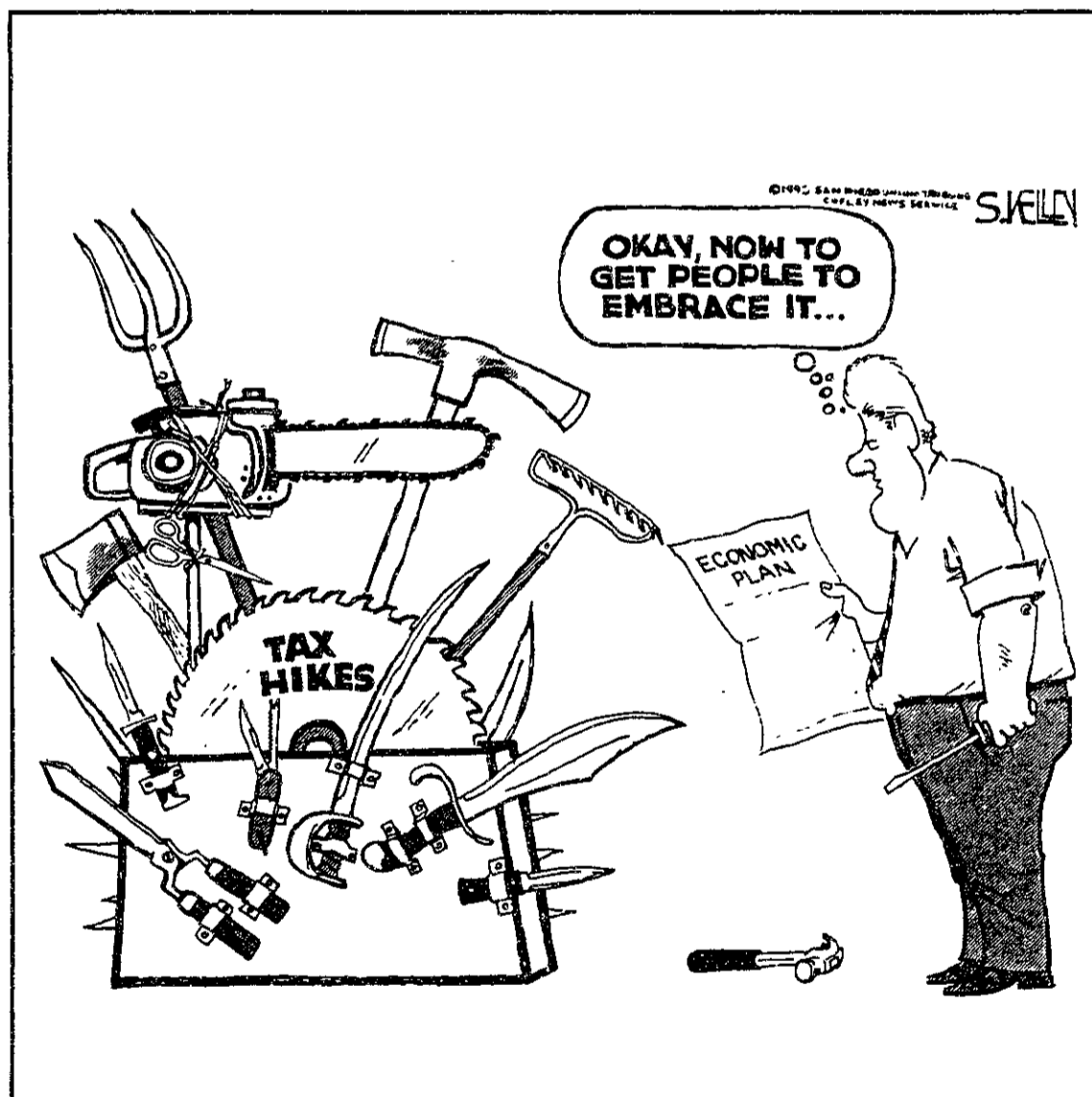
I don't know how long you've been running it, but I first noticed the "Blunder of the Week" box in your sports section a couple of weeks ago.

I've been reading it since then, trying to understand why it's there. It's a mean-spirited little item, clumsy, childish, and without even the touch of humor that might justify its appearance.

So what if someone's missed an easy lay-up during the week, or tripped on the ice in a hockey game? These athletes aren't megastars, with big-money contracts. They're your fellow students, playing these sports to have fun, learn, challenge themselves, and maybe even to entertain the few fans that turn out to watch. They certainly don't need any snotty blind-siding from *Globe*-hack wannabees.

The athletes don't correct *The Tech's* many typos during their pre-game warmups. I suggest that you return the favor, and cut them some slack.

Gary L. Dryfoos



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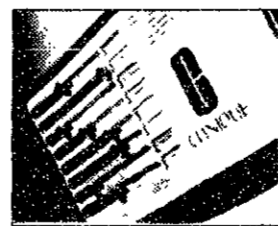
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## THE ARTS

## Yo-Yo Ma captivates Symphony Hall with sincerity

## BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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By Allison Marino  
STAFF REPORTER

The Boston Symphony Orchestra's performance last week spanned three distinct musical styles: classical, with Joseph Haydn's Symphony 101; neo-romanticism, with Stephen Albert's Cello Concerto; and late romantic Czech nationalism, with Antonin Dvorak's Serenade for Strings. Symphony 101, nicknamed "The Clock" within a decade of its first performance, is one of Haydn's well-loved "London" symphonies. The Cello Concerto was finished only two years ago and marks the first BSO performance of any of Albert's works. Light and spirited, Serenade for Strings was composed in a surprising one and a half weeks, during a compositional torrent of Dvorak's in 1875. BSO assistant conductor Robert

Spano led the orchestra for this blockbuster program because Seiji Ozawa was ill.

Composer Stephen Albert's recent and untimely death in December 1992 made Ma's performance of his Cello Concerto particularly poignant. Even though Ma's technical facility was undeniably awesome, the true life of the performance lay in his intensely sincere interpretation of Albert's Concerto. Whether the mood was harsh and rhythmic, lyrical and passionate, or frenetic with seemingly impossible tempo changes, the cello seemed an extension of Ma. He smoothly mastered neo-romanticist tonalities; the tonal focus was at times major, minor, chromatic, and even borrowed from the East. Albert composed the Cello Concerto specifically for Ma, often consulting with him to work out compositional blocks. Well-crafted and expressive, the concerto displayed Albert's unusual compositional talent and insight as Ma brought it to life. The loss of Stephen Albert's will definitely be felt in the musical community.

Preceded by the Haydn Symphony, Ma's performance was the highlight of the evening.

Conductor Robert Spano stood completely still. Entranced, audience and orchestra members alike stared as Ma alone poured out the dramatic, shifting emotions portrayed in the third movement of the Concerto. Pensively, sadly, artfully, Ma developed the very personal, minor theme, with interludes of whirlwind runs and double stopping. Eventually, Spano and the orchestra rejoined Ma, and the character of the concerto changed. The fourth and final movement was intense, but more removed. When the virtuosic concerto was over, Spano and Ma embraced as the audience began its long and hearty applause.

Ma certainly stole the show, but Spano's keen conducting made Haydn's Symphony 101 and Dvorak's Serenade for Strings excellent icing for the cake. Spano seemed nervous and stiff for the opening allegro-presto of "The Clock," but he loosened up by the namesake movement, an andante with a "tick tock" accompaniment pervading it. The subdued fun in the repetitiveness mixed with a pleasant violin melody must have warmed Spano up, for he bounced up and down with the "tick

tocking," leading the orchestra wittily and accurately through to the symphony's finale, a grand flourish in true late Haydn style.

Following "The Clock," Yo-Yo Ma's dramatic performance, and an intermission, the program concluded with Dvorak's Serenade for Strings. Spano handled the opening moderato with the perfect tempo, a bit slower than that of conductor Neville Marriner in his popular 1981 Philips recording of the piece, allowing the audience to relax and enjoy the sweetness of this movement. Spano's smooth transitions, his sensitive use of rubato (particularly in the vivace), and emotional but refined swells proved particularly rewarding.

This weekend, MIT's concert choir and chamber chorus director John Oliver will be conducting Beethoven's Missa Solemnis at Symphony Hall. The regular tickets were sold out long ago, but rush tickets can be had by those of you with free Fridays. They go on sale at 9:00 a.m. for the 2:00 p.m. concert. Don't miss this one!

Violence becomes a joke in the ludicrous *Falling Down*

## FALLING DOWN

Directed by Joel Schumacher.

Written by Ebbe Roe Smith.

Starring Michael Douglas, Robert Duvall, Barbara Hershey, and Rachel Ticotin.

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By Chris Roberge

ARTS EDITOR

Two men sit in their cars in the middle of a gridlocked freeway on the morning of a scorchingly hot day in Los Angeles. Both men are on their way to work at jobs intended to protect their society — one works in the defense industry and the other is an LAPD detective — but the stresses and strains that society has placed upon them are slowly wearing them away. The defense employee (Michael Douglas) looks around himself frantically, absorbing the images of laughing children, grotesque adults, flashing construction lights, and insulting bumper stickers, and as an annoying fly lands on his neck he decides to leave. Exiting his car and entering the foliage next to the freeway he tells the driver behind him that he is "going home." The police officer, Martin Prendergast (Robert Duvall), continues on to his office as the two men separate, like two halves of a brain tackling the same problem in drastically different ways. This is

an interesting premise for what unfortunately turns into a dismally disappointing movie. *Falling Down*, the story of these two men, their families, and their city, is an inane attempt to comment on the problems of America today, a thriller that is laughable at best, and a film that deserves to be deplored for the enjoyment it derives from the violence it claims to be critical of.

After leaving his car, Michael Douglas' character begins to walk across the city of Los Angeles to the home of his ex-wife and young daughter, who is celebrating her birthday that day. Along the way, he meets a Korean store owner, some Hispanic gang members, a neo-Nazi fanatic, a few anal fast-food workers (in a scene that won't play very well in all of the towns that experienced McDonalds massacres), a construction crew, and a pair of golfers. He doesn't like them very much. In his encounters with these people, Douglas uses a baseball bat, a butterfly knife, a few machine guns, and a missile launcher to express exactly how bad his day is.

Meanwhile, back in his office, Prendergast is in the middle of his last day on the job before retiring. (A cop who is just about to retire before being thrust into a tense situation — now there's a character we just don't see enough of in movies today.) He is harassed

not only by his captain (Raymond J. Barry) and his fellow officers, many of whom are fairly open about how little they will miss him, but by his neurotic wife (Tuesday Weld), whose extreme fear that something terrible will happen to him is the primary cause for his leaving the force. But later that day, amazingly, only he is able to recognize the pattern in the violent acts being committed by the disgruntled defense worker. Soon he and his former partner (Rachel Ticotin) are trying to determine Douglas' final destination so that

Douglas was a man who would get extremely upset if anything did not happen precisely as he wanted it to, who had been fired from his job a month ago, and who still left his mother every morning pretending to leave for a job which he no longer held. If Douglas had played a more normal person, than his acts of rage might have been more challenging for audience members. As the film is now, there isn't much of a shock when this deeply troubled man loses his patience.

And yet, even if someone tries to watch

## FALLING DOWN

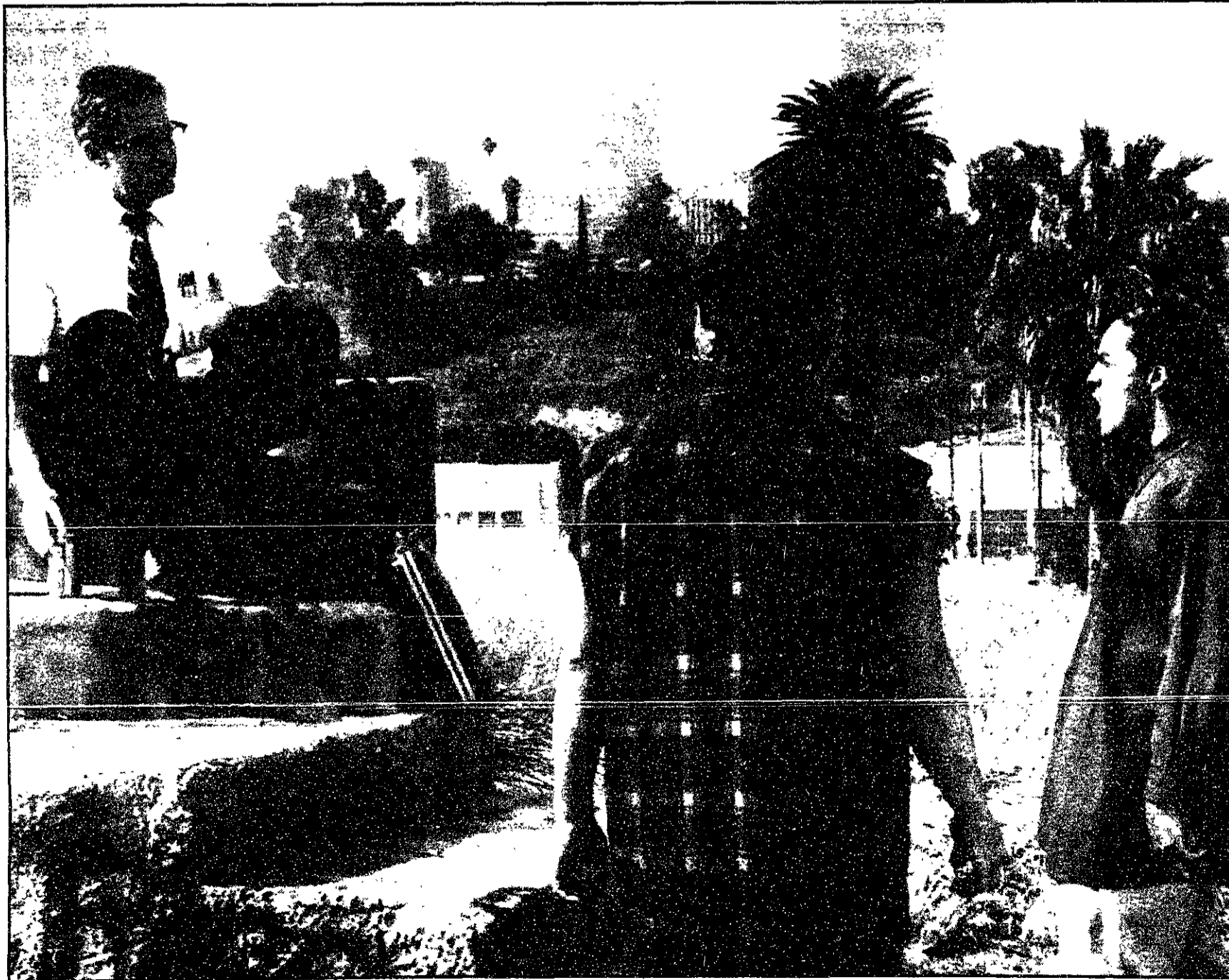
they can arrive there before he does.

All of this is clearly intended to be an eye-opening look at the way the state of today's society leads everyone to be hypercritical of their neighbors. The film means to vividly portray the rising sense of frustration in the minds of people, and how this frustration can be unleashed in fits of rage and brutality, both domestic and sociopathic. But the movie never displays any faith in this conviction. Its primary offense in this regard is making Douglas' character less of an Everyman than he is a psycho. It's not just the bad haircut and pocket protector; we eventually learn that

the film as a standard thriller instead of a morality play, he will still leave unsatisfied. The screenplay, by Ebbe Roe Smith, boasts so many logically ridiculous moments, that the movie prompts more unintentional laughs than sweaty palms. I defy anyone who has the misfortune to see this movie to come up with decent answers to these questions. Why is it that after almost every one of his acts, Douglas is able to leave at a walking pace and elude the police who are close enough so that we can hear sirens? Why are the police not intently searching for a man who matches Douglas' striking physical appearance? (At one point two cops arrest a protester not more than 100 feet away from Douglas, who is watching as the man is being taken into custody.) And finally, how can Barbara Hershey's character be so dumb that when Douglas shows up at her house, she flees to a pier, quite possibly the most dangerously isolated hiding place imaginable. The only conceivable explanation for this last point is that it affords a very convenient means of getting Hershey, Douglas, and Duvall together in an area from which none of them can escape from one another.

Even with all of these ineptitudes, the most pathetic aspect of *Falling Down* is the great length to which the movie goes to make Douglas a sympathetic, and even humorous, vigilante. Almost all of Douglas' victims are reduced to cruel and unnecessary caricatures, again taking away all of the challenge of the scenes in which Douglas strikes out against them. One of the movie's worst scenes begins with shots of homeless people near a playground. But before the audience begins to feel more for their plight than for Douglas', a clownish homeless man (John Fleck) is introduced who acts so idiotically that the audience can once again cheer as Douglas tells the man off.

The use of cartoonish victims is seen again and again, from gap toothed fast-food managers to stuffy golfers in pastel shirts, each time allowing Douglas to look more and more like a champion over the stupid and terrible people of the world. That *Falling Down* plays as much as a comedy as it does as a thriller or drama is more than a bit unsettling. I read a news story a month ago about two grade school girls who plotted to stab their teacher to death. They were caught before they could commit the murder, and one of the arresting officers remembered that what troubled him the most was that the two girls were giggling while being led into the police station. At times, the terrible and exploitive *Falling Down* seems to want to invite the audience in on the joke.



Michael Douglas (left) shows excellent product placement sense as he is confronted by gang members (Agustin Rodriguez and Eddie Frias) who are angry that he is walking through their territory in the dismally inane *Falling Down*.

# Falling Down director defends the tone of his film

**JOEL SCHUMACHER**

Interview.  
Feb. 9.

by Chris Roberge  
ARTS EDITOR

Joel Schumacher, director of *Falling Down*, has a history of making films which appeal most strongly to a high school or college age audience. *Flatliners*, *The Lost Boys*, and even *St. Elmo's Fire* all have swarms of teenage and twentysomething fans, including many here at MIT. Perhaps for this reason, after screening *Falling Down* for the local press, Schumacher made himself quite available to the college press to answer any questions they had about the movie. Joel Schumacher is an extremely pleasant and friendly man, and one who is quite aware of the strong association he has with "brat pack" films. When asked if he considered his latest film a departure of sorts, he replied, "Do you mean because I was working with adults?" But *Falling Down* deserves to be a harder sell for the director, despite his attempts to explain what he means the movie to communicate.

Schumacher has very strong feelings about the mood of America today and how this mood attracted him to the project. "I felt that there was a critical mass building in culture of anger and rage. In the last 12 years it was swept under the carpet while all of the problems kept getting worse and worse. Unlike in the 60s when most creative people were expressing their feelings, outside of African-American filmmakers and rappers and street art, I didn't see much going on. I wanted to be in people's faces about what was going on. In some ways I think that it's worse now than when we started making the film," he said.

"Local news seems to be filled with these types of crimes. This sort of crime is on the rise in the country. Just last week there were two in D.C. and one in Memphis. I tried to put a face and a soul to these six o'clock news stories. This is the guy whose neighbors you see saying, 'I don't understand. He was very nice.'" However, the two people who knew Michael Douglas' character the best — his mother and his ex-wife — say something quite different. Both of them thought that he was a somewhat frightening man with a

propensity towards violence even before he begins his tragic trek across Los Angeles. Still, Schumacher insists, "I thought that he has an Everyman quality. I didn't want him to be a lunatic."

Talking about his goals for the tone and mood of the film, Schumacher says, "First and foremost, I have to make some sort of entertainment. I don't like movies that are soapboxes. I felt that the movie was a good story with a western type formula." But isn't it dangerous to make the film too entertaining, inviting the audience to strongly identify with an obvious sociopath? "I feel that he acts out a

fantasy behavior. I think that audiences will be hard pressed not to identify with him. I think that people are conflicted. That's the purpose of the film. I think that it would be nice to do this, but we can't. We should be more like the Robert Duvall character."

As a final note, I asked Schumacher what criticisms he intended specifically for America, which he singles out often in the movie through shots of U.S. flags and characters who run army surplus stores, are Marine Corp veterans, or are defense workers. At first he replied that this was nothing more than a minor theme he introduced into the back-

ground, but then he added, "I think we are a violent culture and there's a thin line between what's considered acceptable violence and what's considered unacceptable violence. The Rodney King incident certainly shows all of that. I suppose that when you put on a uniform it's alright." This is a very interesting point, but one that is never dealt with to any large degree in the film. There is a substantial line between what's considered acceptable violence and what Douglas does in this movie. There is an equally great distinction between *Falling Down* and what should be considered a truly good movie.



Director Joel Schumacher says of his film, "I felt that there was a critical mass building in culture...I wanted to be in people's face about what was going on."

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# ROTC Considers Its Future Without Ban on Gays

ROTC, from Page 1

it play out. The policy is being studied by the DoD, and a report is expected in the June timeframe."

Army ROTC Director and Professor of Military Science Col. Gerald T. Wellman was attending a conference in Fort Devens this week and was not available for comment.

Administrators and students also agreed that there would be little effect if the ban were lifted. "We anticipate no changes at MIT if the DoD changes its policies regarding sexual orientation and serving in the military," said Provost Mark S. Wrighton.

He said MIT supports "President Clinton's stated intentions on changing the policy, and it is evident that progress is possible within the next several months."

"I know that gay students have joined ROTC in the past and I imagine that [if the ban were lifted] students who know they're gay when

they come to MIT could now join ROTC [without signing a statement]," said Margaret S. Enders, an administrator for the Committee on ROTC. "What that would do to enrollment is anybody's guess."

However, Enders emphasized that whatever the outcome of the ban, enrollment in ROTC would probably be dropping in the coming years because of factors like budget cuts, reduced scholarship opportunities, and a general downsizing of the military.

Most of the students interviewed for this story said they had no opinion about how ROTC would be affected if the ban on gays in the military were lifted, and many were reluctant to comment.

Chad M. Brooks '94, a midshipman in Navy ROTC, said he had "no perception of how it would effect ROTC," and said he had "no further comment."

Melinda A. Moss '95, also in Navy ROTC, said she had "no opin-

ion" either about the ban on gays in the military or how its demise would effect MIT.

Charles T. Curtis Jr. '95, another NROTC midshipman, said in his opinion, "I don't think [lifting the ban] would effect ROTC too much. I think the biggest effect would be that it would change what schools think of ROTC." For example, if the ban were lifted, people at Harvard would look more favorably upon ROTC, but the impact would be smaller at MIT, where "people tend to be more conservative and apathetic," he said.

"I try to deal with people on a professional level, so [whether the ban is lifted] shouldn't have an affect because it's people's performance and not other things that matter," Curtis said.

## Views on gays in the military

Despite the very real chance that ROTC could be shut down at MIT if the ban is not lifted, Capt. Field said

he does not have an opinion about the military's policy of excluding homosexuals, and would not say whether he supported or opposed the ban.

"The midshipmen don't get into that kind of thinking, and neither does the staff," he said. "We do our job under whatever guidelines the government gives us to do it. If people have strong feelings, they resign."

Col. Craigie also declined to give his personal opinion on the subject.

Wrighton, on the other hand, said MIT was working vigorously to try to reverse the policy, which the Institute views as unwarranted discrimination. "We will continue to make efforts to change the discriminatory policy of the DoD," he said. "ROTC remains a vital component of the DoD enterprise and MIT continues to support the aim of providing on-campus educational opportunities for individuals interested in

serving in the military."

Among students in ROTC, the opinions vary as well. "There are students who are in favor of the ban, there are others who feel strongly that it be lifted, and there are many who are in the middle," Field said. "There is not a characteristic feeling among the students."

Capt. Craigie said that although the cadets in Air Force ROTC were "interested" in the status of the ban, he had "no impression" of where they stood.

Curtis carefully worded his personal opinion on the matter. "I think there are some arguments for the ban that are valid, but it's not really clear whether those arguments are strong enough to support the ban." He said he knew of fellow midshipmen on all sides of the issue.

Students from MIT, Harvard, Tufts, and Wellesley are enrolled in ROTC units here.

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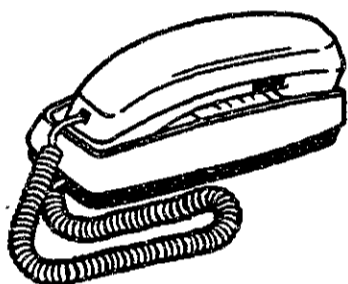
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# Engine Seven in Kendall Square Will Close Down to Save Money

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In addition to financial reasons, the station is being closed because of "a drastic change in the neighborhood," Fitzgerald said. There are fewer residential and industrial areas, and the newer buildings have better fire detection systems, he said.

The consultants conducted an extensive geographic mapping of the area, looking at the total response capabilities of Cambridge fire stations, said Peterson, one of five members of the steering committee in charge of the study. Other members include Fitzgerald, the Firefighters' Union president, personnel director, and finance director, according to a memorandum from City Manager Robert W. Healy.

The consultants considered several factors, including the average

speed of every street, railroad locations, and traffic conditions, when making the decision to close the station, Peterson said. A fire truck is required to arrive at the scene within four minutes in 90 percent of the calls, with a full complement arriving within eight minutes in 90 percent of the calls, she added.

"Public safety is one of our highest priorities, and it is imperative that Cambridge have reliable, comprehensive, and statistically sound information so that the fire department and city can determine appropriate policies and staffing," Healy wrote in the memo.

## Engine Seven was very old

Engine Seven was opened around 1893, according to Lieutenant Jeffrey W. Ashe, a firefighter at that station. The current jurisdiction of Engine Seven will be redistributed between Engine Two in East Cambridge, Engine Three in Central Square, and Engine Five in Inman Square, he said.

Engine Seven is a one-company station, with three men on duty each

shift, Ashe said. They respond to medical emergencies in addition to basic fire calls. "We do a little of everything," Ashe said.

However, the small size of the station was not a determining factor in the decision, Peterson said.

"The fact that it's on its last legs and needs to be rebuilt" was a large factor, she added.

"It was just something it was time to do," Fitzgerald said.

Ashe disagreed. "It shouldn't be closed," he said. He added that he does not feel the remaining service will be adequate.

The employees at the station will be redistributed to other sites as part of a plan to implement city-wide four-person crews instead of the current three-person crews, Fitzgerald said.

Both Peterson and Fitzgerald hinted that MIT might be interested in acquiring the land on which the fire station is located. But Assistant for Government Relations Sarah E. Gallop said, "We have no plans to own it, as far as I know."

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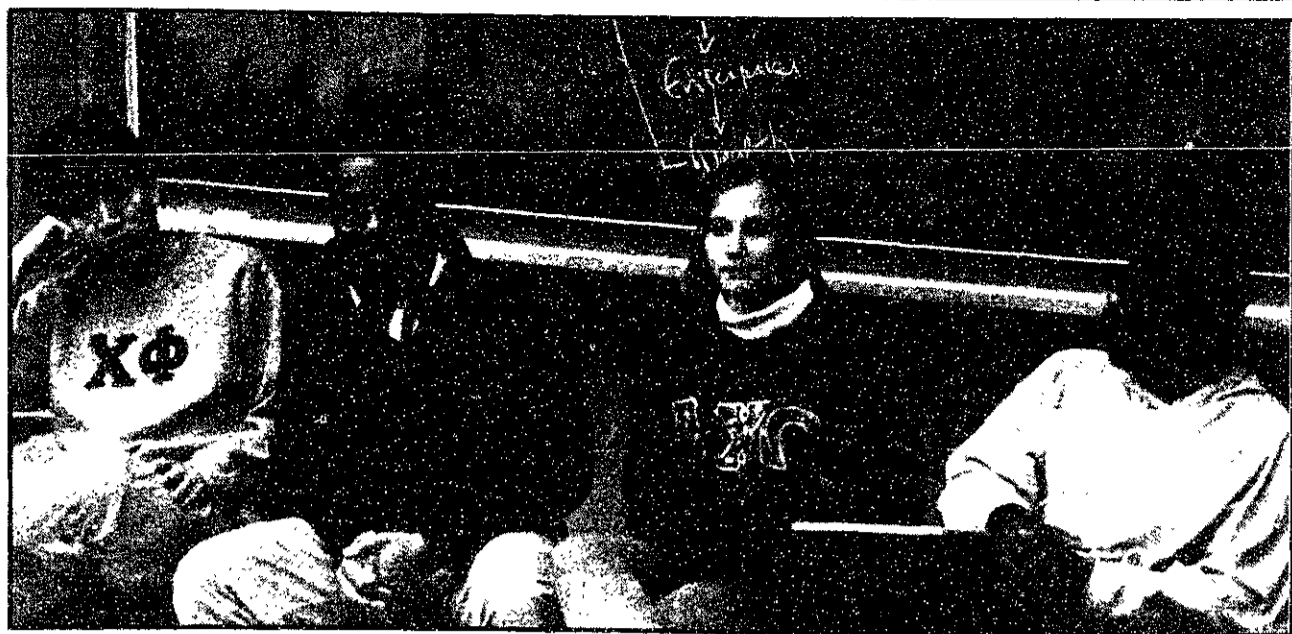
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Karl K. Cheng '94 of Chi Phi (left), Coleen M. Kaiser '94 of Alpha Chi Omega, and Kwasi A. D. Yrenkyi '93 of Alpha Phi Alpha listen as Rondell L. Milton '93 of the Black Student Union speaks at Wednesday's forum titled "Students of African Descent in Predominantly White MIT Fraternities and Sororities."

## MIT Will Build CASPAR Shelter

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lease. The city, however, disapproved of MIT's request that the city sell it four streets as compensation. Sudoiko's letter to the council effectively endorsed a counter-offer made by the city on Feb. 9.

In the letter, MIT asked that the city sell Amherst Street and lease Carleton and Hayward Streets and the sidewalks of Vassar Street. The institute also asked for easements that would allow it to build bridges or tunnel across Carleton and Hayward Streets to connect buildings on either side of the street, close Hayward Street to automobile traffic, and improve the sidewalks on Vassar Street.

The Albany Street shelter would be leased to CASPAR for 20 years, with an option to extend the lease another 20 years. The council's resolution specifies that if CASPAR

cannot fulfill the lease, "that the City have the option of ... continuing the lease for the duration of the 40-year time frame for continued use for health services..."

MIT would charge the city \$1 a year to rent the CASPAR site. The city would charge MIT \$1 a year to cover rental of the streets.

Some of the debate over MIT's acquisition of the four streets has focused on MIT's plans for them. A few councilors and Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves questioned MIT's long-term plans for the streets.

"It's taken us a period of time to get to a firmer understanding of what MIT is interested in doing. I think it has been helpful to know what some of their ultimate interests are," Myers said.

The Institute specifically requested two easements for bridges or tunnels between buildings across Carleton Street and another easement on Hayward Street for either a

bridge or a tunnel.

"People generally understand what our intentions are with the streets and the sidewalks and have essentially reached a position where they are not threatened by them," Sudoiko said.

## Deutch Chosen for Post As Undersecretary of Defense

Deutch, from Page 1

Associate Provost Sheila E. Widnall '60, a professor of aeronautics and astronautics, is a leading candidate for Secretary of the Air Force, according to reports published in *The Boston Globe*.

Widnall would be the first woman to head one of the armed

services. A Defense Department spokesman, however, declined to comment on future appointments.

Outside of defense, MIT-trained economists have been appointed to several top positions. Laura D'Andrea Tyson PhD '74 and Alan S. Blinder PhD '71, both members of the Council of Economic Advisers, head the list.



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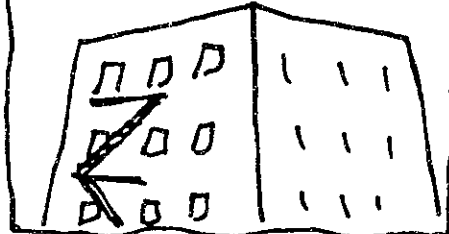
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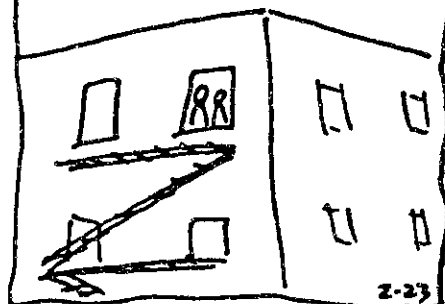
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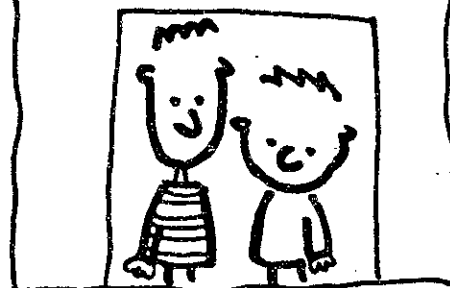
Today I was visiting Tony. (His apartment is on the top floor of the building.)



We looked out the emergency exit at the end of the hall.



Through the grate of the fire escape I could see the alley way, seven stories down.



Tony nudged me a little bit, yelling, "Watch out, Jim!" and it really startled me.



Today I was sitting around when I noticed Mr. Peterson giving herself a bath.



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# Engineering Reflections:



Mike Rosen in the OEM Development garage.

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# Hamoudi's Suggestions For More Attendance at Home Sports Events

Column by Halder A. Hamoudi  
SPORTS EDITOR

As all of you may well know, attendance at sports events at the Institute is less than ideal. While part of this may be because this school is heavily populated with geeks who are more interested in seeing Captain Jean-Luc Picard use

the anti-matter containment beam to rescue Commander Reiker from Omega-3 for the twentieth time than watch the Engineers play basketball, I think that there is a certain element of the MIT student body that just might enjoy cheering on the home team. Acting on this instinct, I have come up with a few ways I think

attendance at athletic events might be increased.

**The Athletic Department should do more to encourage participation.** When I went to attend the basketball game last Thursday, I was stopped at the door by a campus police officer, who told me that I could not bring the water I was

carrying into the gym. Upon inquiry, the officer explained that food and drinks were not allowed in the gymnasium, which was a good thing since the water would probably have turned into ice if I had brought it in.

Apparently, we do not heat our gymnasiums here at MIT, and the genius who designed Rockwell cage surrounded the entire thing with windows, which are curtained 24 hours a day to keep the heat in. What we have is a gymnasium which is about as cold as the great outdoors at which refreshments are not sold and are even prohibited from entering, yet we wonder exactly why nobody shows up to watch the games. Selling refreshments could be a great source of revenue for athletic teams, and some may show up just to get a bite to eat. It happens at LSC movies.

**Media coverage.** No, I do not think any of the major networks, *Sports Illustrated*, or even *The Boston Globe* much care about what happens to the athletic teams here. But perhaps MIT cable, which runs an hour long call-in show after every *Star Trek* episode, might want to cover a game or two. Perhaps if people saw some of the MIT teams play on television, they might want to come watch them. *The Tech* sports department will even provide commentators free of charge. Since nobody wants to watch some dweeb talk about 8.02 for the zillionth time, it cannot possibly hurt their ratings to try it.

**Mascot change.** The Engineers? Are these teams proud of their nerd image? Do they want their oppo-

nents to think they are wearing calculators instead of cups in their jock straps. Can't we come up with a better name than that? Because I think that women's sports as important as men's and thus the female athletes should not be subjected to tremendous amounts of ridicule, Beavers is also unsatisfactory. How about something which is fierce, intimidating, ruthless, and cruel, the MIT thesis advisors, perhaps?

**Gratuitous sex and violence.** There can be no doubt that cheerleading is a sexist activity which should receive contempt from all members of the MIT community. But then again, sex sells, and more people will come to the games. Could we maybe counterbalance the sexism by including men in tight shorts at women's events with pom-poms jumping up and down cheering on the women?

If sexism is really a problem, maybe we can replace it with some old-fashioned violence. Lloyd Johnston G, the goon of the hockey team, may have just started a trend. Why can't every team have a goon, preferably a person with no skill whose sole function is to enter the game at a boring point and just beat the hell out of his or her opponent? I will volunteer to be the goon for any team that will take me, and I know some other people who might want to give "gooning" a shot.

There you have it: my ideas for increasing attendance at athletic events. Maybe if just some of these ideas were implemented, more people would be seen at the games. Now stop reading and go watch the home team play.

## Hobson to Go; Alford Coaches Men's Hoops; Jackson Insults Donut Dan in Interview

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defeated them in January on a neutral floor."

You Heard it Here First

Red Sox manager, Butch Hobson, will get the ax sometime in June. Lou "Stormin'" Gorman will then hire cronie Bobby Valentine, currently scouting for the Reds, as his replacement.

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From Dan Moriarity G, "Although the San Jose Sharks are a terrible hockey team, they boast the largest selling sports memorabilia of any team. Their snazzy logo looks great on T-shirts, sweaters, hats, etc. In fact in some places its hard to get a hold of a Sharks shirt." Have they tried San Francisco? The Mavs' magic number is down to 11.

Globe Gem of the Week

What does an All-Star performer say to a dweeby sportswriter? How about this from Bo Jackson to The King of the Dweebe, Donut Dan: "Don't mess with me while I'm working...Don't even look at me while I'm working."

Where Are They Now?

Former sports flicks: *The Champ*, *Breaking Away*, *Vision Quest*, *Fast Break*, *American Anthem*, *Rollerball*, *Brain's Song*, *Over the Top*, *Days of Thunder*, *The Longest Yard*, and *Wildcats*.

From Bo Light '96, "While all of these people have disappeared from the ranks of the NBA [see last

week's "Where Are They Now?"] one has not faded out of existence altogether. Steve Alford, whose 1990-91 basketball card I have... is now the men's basketball coach at Manchester (Ill.) College.

MIT TWIB Notes

The men's volleyball team cruised past SUNY-New Paltz last weekend in 3 sets. The Beavers were led by Miguel "Death" Valle '93 and the spunky play of Michael "Marky Mark" Miller '94... The men's swimming team is currently ranked fifth in New England... Hats off to the women's basketball team who, despite only having seven or eight players at a time, managed to stay together and hung tough throughout the season.

Trivia Question of The Week

Who was the last junior to win the Naismith award as the NCAA men's basketball player of the year? Send in answers and comments to sports@the-tech. Answer to last week's question: Larry Nance, who edged out Dr. J. Kudos to Erik Abernathy '93, Eugenio Torres '93 (two-time winner), Keith Conger G, and Andy Gale G, who were the first four to answer it correctly. They win "Let's Argue" T-Shirts, once we make them up and get them paid for. Congrats also to Andy Scott '95, Paul Mashikian '95, and Raja Jindal '95, who also answered it correctly. Their prize is the distinction of beating Ma and Aponte...

Ramblings From the "Tute

From our England correspondent, Dave Steel G, "The big news from Limeyland is the soccer game

between England and San Marino which was played last week. No, that's not the name of a California winery, but a small country inside Italy. With a population of just 25,000 people, there were twice as many in the stadium in London to see the game than there are in the whole country of San Marino. The English tabloids were not impressed by the England performance who won the game 6-0."

Frank DiFilippo writes: "The winner of the first NBA slam dunk contest was Larry Nance (then of the Phoenix Suns)... He has to be one of the most underrated players in the league: every year, the Sporting News computer ranking system lists him as one of the top power forwards in the league. By the way, even at his age, he can still jump out of the building."

From Jay Youngclaus G: "First NBA Slam-Dunk Champ: Larry Nance, then with the Phoenix Suns, 1984. First Slam-Dunk Champ of all-time: ABA held contest sometime in the mid-1970's also in McNichols Arena. The Final was a dunk-a-thon between Dr. J and David "Skywalker" Thompson, with the good Doctor winning with his famous full-court run and dunk after taking off from the foul line. His foot was less over the line than Jordan's when he did it in Chicago Stadium in 1987. Correction, John Lucas's drug rehab center is in Houston, he bought a team in minor league basketball that was located in Miami (Miami Tropics). Also questionable is whether he revived Lloyd "Don't call me World B." Daniels, since Tarkanian is the one who gave him a shot in the NBA and College for that matter."

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## SPORTS

## Hockey Team Wins Against Holy Cross

By Halder A. Hamoudi  
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's hockey team triumphed against its Holy Cross competitors by a score of 2-1 last Wednesday night in the Johnson Athletic Center.

The game was controlled by the Engineers from the outset. Virtually the entire first period was played in the Holy Cross zone, and the Engineer defenders did an excellent job keeping the puck from crossing the blue line.

Unfortunately, MIT was unable to score any goals in the period, despite two power plays and plenty of opportunities. This was partly caused by the excellent play of the Holy Cross goalkeeper, but it also must be noted that the Engineers did not shoot very well throughout the period.

Until forward Tiina Hameenanta '94 nearly scored on a breakaway with 10 seconds left in the period, the Engineers never really threatened the Holy Cross goal, which is quite surprising considering how long the Engineers had controlled the puck.

The second period was a much better one for the Engineers. They opened the period immediately with a near score by Shari Schuchmann G after only 1 minute, 53 seconds had elapsed. Schuchmann nearly scored again minutes later after receiving a beautiful pass from Aradhana Narula G, but the goalkeeper of Holy Cross again made a nice save.

Nevertheless, the shots kept coming, and with 10:53 remain-

ing Jill Angle scored the first goal of the night. But the Engineers were not satisfied with only a one goal lead. With about five minutes remaining, signs of frustration were beginning to show in the Holy Cross defense. The Crusaders had sustained nearly a period's worth of punishment from the MIT offense, but they had managed to hold the Engineers to only one goal.

This suddenly changed, however, when Hameenanta scored with 2:53 remaining. The Engineers almost scored again less than half a minute later after a Helen Grainer breakaway, and then defender Esther Jesurum G was almost able to take the puck in and score herself, but both shots were successfully saved. The period ended with the score 2-0, but Holy Cross was lucky that the lead was not larger.

When the third period opened, it seemed unlikely that Holy Cross was going to mount a serious comeback. The Engineers maintained pressure on the Holy Cross goal early, and the puck almost never reached the Engineer zone.

Sloppy play, however, resulted in a Holy Cross goal with 4:51 left in the final period. Immediately afterwards it appeared as if the game might be tied when a number of shots were taken on the MIT goal, but with about three minutes left, the puck was brought down to the other end of the ice, and it never left until the game ended with MIT ahead 2-1.

## Ontiveros Is 1993 New England Women's Fencing Champion

By Sara Ontiveros  
TEAM MEMBER

The women's fencing team did very well in the New England Championships held this weekend at Wellesley College. The Lady Blades sliced through the competition, losing only to first-place Wellesley, to take second place honors for New England.

The team defeated the University of New Hampshire, University of Massachusetts, Tufts University, Hampshire College, Boston College, Boston University, and Brown University.

Two Engineers, Captain Sara Ontiveros '93 and Heather Klaubert '95, qualified for the individual championships. After a grueling 10 woman round-robin, Klaubert, in her first time in the individual finals, emerged in eighth place. Ontiveros dominated the individual competition, slaying eight of her nine opponents to capture first place.

"I'm very proud to be the coach of the New England Champion for the second year in a row," said Coach Ri Romano '83, referring to Ontiveros and Felice Swapp '92,

last year's champion. MIT fencers have taken first place in the individual competition for three of the last four years.

Meanwhile, Kristine "Irish" McCaffrey '96 soundly defeated 16 opponents to take first place in the junior varsity individual competition. McCaffrey's debut in an MIT uniform marked the first time a Lady Blade has taken first place in the JV event.

Finally, Tzu-Yi Chen '95 narrowly missed making the final round in the women's epee event.

## Hornet Has Best Mascot Dunk

Column by Mike Duffy  
and Andrew Heltner  
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

Julio Cesar Chavez was particularly merciless in his five-round destructive championship bout versus Greg Haugen last Saturday night in the Grand Slam of Boxing. Julio, Don King's only current pawn worth a dime, knocked down Haugen within 30 seconds of the first round and could have taken him out at any time but instead dragged the punishment on for five rounds before getting the TKO. This allowed the 130,000 fans to get a longer look at their Mexican hero and for Chavez to showcase his talents so that more of his fights can be high-grossing events. Furthermore, it showed that all the pre-fight talk about how Chavez didn't like Haugen's comments about Mexicans must have been more than hype, because Haugen was beaten worse than Billy Ray Cyrus at the Grammy's...

Despite being the best All-Star Game in recent memory, we think this mid-season classic needs some refinement. Because the game is supposed to provide excitement for both the fans and players, why not let the fans cast their ballots and choose their six favorite players in each conference. The coaches will then round out each roster with six picks of their own. Immediately before the start of the game, the leading vote-getter for each squad goes to half-court in order to choose up sides from the remaining 22 players. The winner of rock-paper-

scissors gets first pick, while the loser gets to decide if his team will be shirts or skins. Not only will this simulate playground ball more accurately, but it will also allow Eastern and Western Conference All-Stars to play together (outside of the Dream Team, of course), while exposing the physique of the Mailman, tan lines on Mullin, and the love handles of Brad Daugherty.

What business do Shaq and second-year man Larry Johnson have in complaining that Pat Riley did not play them enough. Do they think that they deserve it more than Ewing and Daugherty, players who have been around the block a few times and have put their respective teams in a position to dethrone the world champion Bulls?..

Although the All-Star game is a very worthwhile program, it is hypocritical to see Jordan, Shawn Kemp, Isiah, and the Shaq take part in activities associated with the "Stay in School" program as none of the above mentioned finished off their college careers...

The mascot dunk competition was far more exciting than the players, with the Charlotte Hornet winning for the third straight year, highlighted by a high flyin', gravity mystifyin', slam bam jam through his legs in your face, rim sittin' woof. By the way, can anyone tell us what the hell that was dressed up in a Indiana Pacer uniform?..

The smog down there in La La Land must be really bad these days because, to begin with, the Lakers traded Sam Perkins to Seattle for the

burden of carrying Benoit "Balls" Benjamin and the rights to Doug Christie. Now the Paper Clips are looking to move Gary Grant, Loy Vaught, and a first round pick to the Motor City for Dennis Rodman. If Larry Brown thinks Danny Manning is a problem child, his reaction to a trade bringing Rodman to Los Angeles would be similar to that of MIT students hearing about the LSC ticket price increase...

Meatball Mike's ignorance deserves much more than the Gem award this week. In the same column, Madden complained that ticket prices at the Garden were too high and griped about the Bruins not shelling out the bucks to bring in quality free agents. This is a common contradiction among sports-writers. As businessmen the owners deserve to make a profit, while the players are entitled to making the most money they can. As long as there are sellouts at the Garden, however, ticket prices will continue to be at least 45 clams. If fans in any sport are upset about ridiculous player salaries and high ticket prices, then they should boycott games, sending a stronger message to the owners than a "Be Like" Mike editorial...

It is time to give some respect to one of the most underrated sportscasters in the business, ESPN's Dan Patrick. Dan has developed a cult following in his 11:30 edition of Sportscenter. His subtle comments ("For those of you scoring at home, or for those of you alone..."), descriptive phrases ("Reggie with the kiss..."), and colorful nicknames (Brad "Vanilla Gorilla" Lohaus) make him the third best announcer on ESPN, behind Chris Berman and Dicky V...

### "Flub" of the week

To all of those Cowgirls who took part in the WFR World Championship bull riding competition in Tulsa last weekend. It is one thing for anyone to imitate John Travolta and the Urban Cowboy, but to get onto a 2,000-pound bull, secure your hand tightly between the bull's back and a rope, and then ride the thing is purely insane. These girls were getting thrown off of the bull in about a second, but they did not hit the ground because they couldn't free their left hand from the rope. Instead they were tossed around like a sack of potatoes until the clowns could free them. There must be some real proud papa's out there.

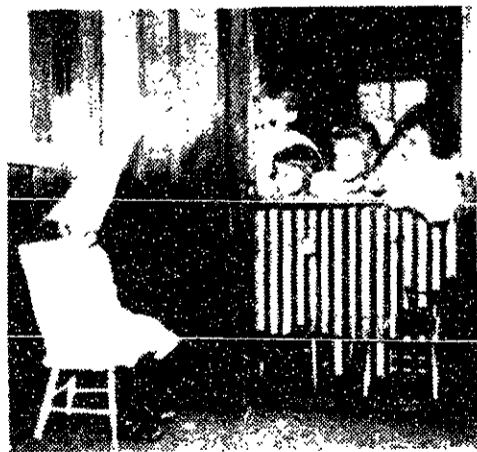
### Simson's top five

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

From Stephen Chan '95, "I agree that Indiana is having a great year in the Big Ten. But we can't forget that No. 2 (now No. 4) Kentucky

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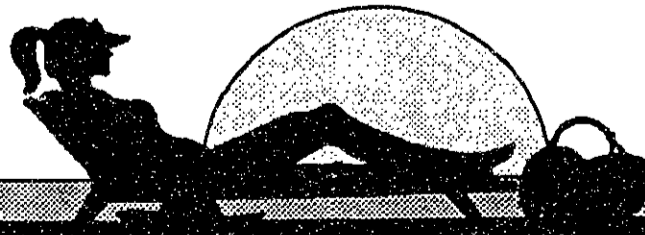
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