

Page, Sankaran Present Platform Candidates Debate Role of UA

By Aaron Belenky
STAFF REPORTER

The Undergraduate Association held a debate between the candidates for UA president and vice president on Sunday evening. The event, open to all students, gave the two teams an opportunity to present their platforms for the upcoming elections, which will be held Mar. 9.

About 20 students attended the debate.

Moderated by Umit E. Kumcuoglu '94, candidates Colin M. Page '95 and Michael R. Evans '95 debated against Vijay P. Sankaran '95 and Carrie R. Muh '96 for nearly two hours. They also fielded questions from campus press and students.

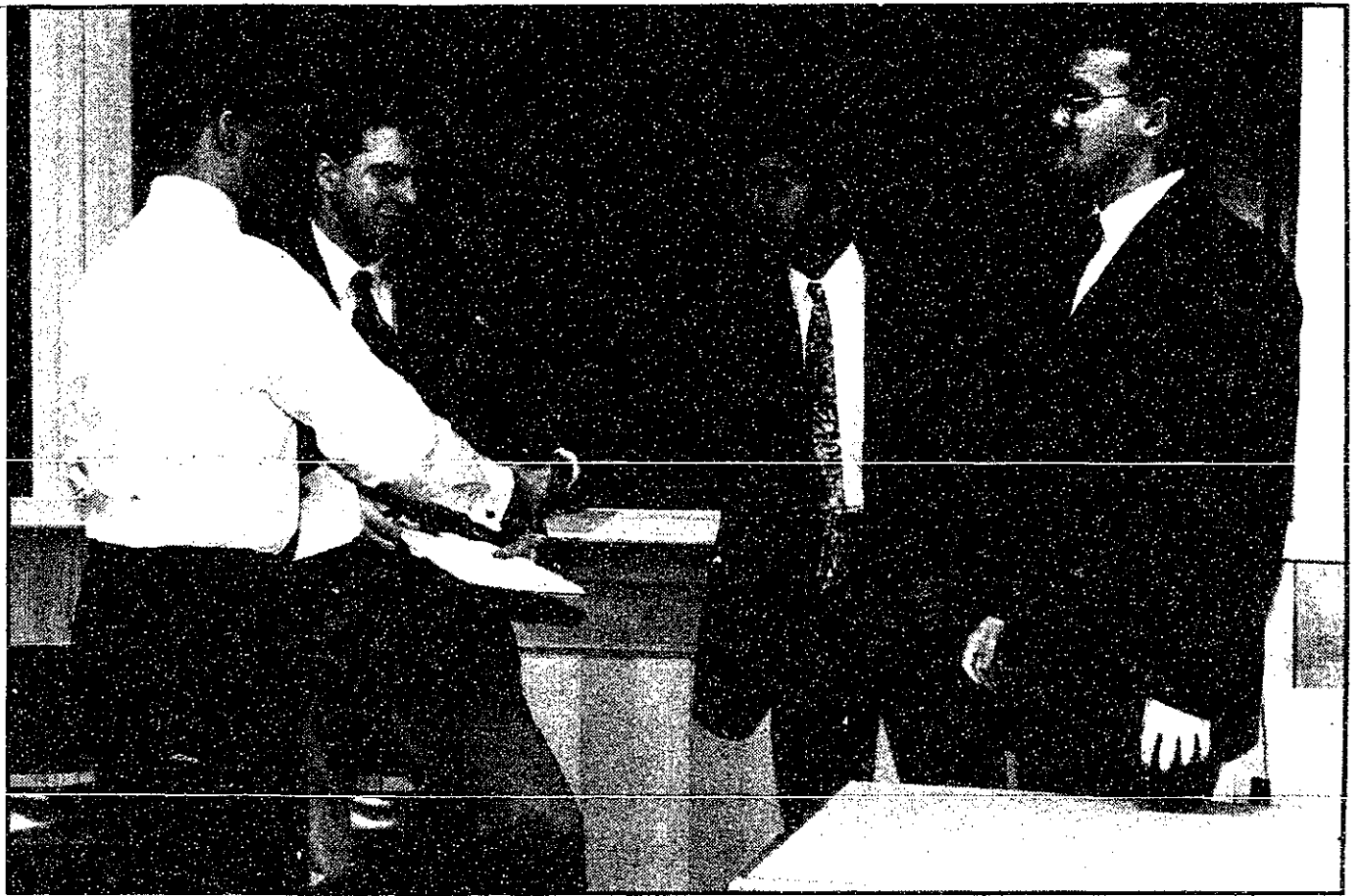
Both teams stressed a need for improved communication with

undergraduates and inclusion, rather than exclusion, of students and their ideas. However, the teams disagreed on the roles of the UAP and UAVP in facilitating improvements.

In his opening statement, Sankaran said that the UA should be a "forum for for the exchange of ideas; a place where ideas can come to life." He expressed his dissatisfaction with what he called "hobknobbing" with MIT administration and lack of real achievement. Most student governments on college campuses are more autonomous than the UA, and the UA should work to gain more freedom from the MIT administration, he said.

Muh stressed the need for the UA to increase its accessibility to

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THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

The Undergraduate Association held its annual election debate Sunday in Room 1-390. Presidential candidate Vijay P. Sankaran '95 shakes hands with Michael R. Evans '95, vice presidential candidate for the opposing ticket. UAP candidate Colin M. Page '95 and debate moderator Umit E. Kumcuoglu '94 look on.

Jablonski Focuses on Student Communication



THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

Margaret A. Jablonski, the new Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities.

By Daniel C. Stevenson
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

As the new associate dean for residence and campus activities, Margaret A. Jablonski wants to focus on opening communication with students and creating stability in her department.

In an interview last week, Jablonski said that she wants "to open channels of communication that have been blocked and to really look at how we can improve our department's effectiveness in delivering service to students."

Jablonski also said, "I think the immediate goal is to establish a sense of stability in this area given the past year," referring to problems associated with the departure of her predecessor, James R. Tewhey, amid allegations of misconduct.

Jablonski started her MIT position on Feb. 1. Before this, she was director of housing, then assistant dean at Worcester Poly-

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Campus Rideboard Rebuilt, Relocated

By Amy I. Hsu

Yesterday morning Alpha Phi Omega put up the newest version of the rideboard — a map of the United States where students can post notices soliciting or offering rides — outside the Lobdell exit in the Student Center.

The MIT chapter of APO, a national service fraternity, has been planning and designing the new board for nearly three years.

The former rideboard is in the hallway leading from Lobby 7 to Bldg. 9, and it will most likely be repainted to match its surroundings, said Campus Activities Complex Assistant Director for Programs Ted E. Johnson.

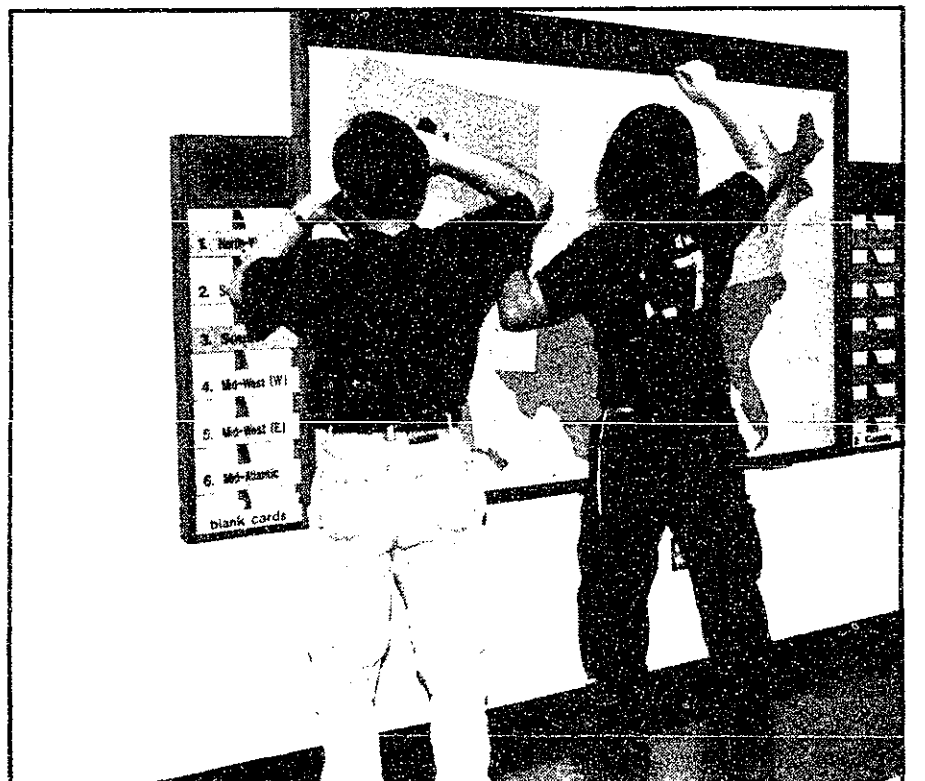
David C. Cho '94, the current

APO president, said that the old board "was not in a very well-traveled location. It wasn't getting used because it was so obscured."

The designers of the new rideboard have made some improvements. While the old board was painted directly on the wall, the new board is an actual map attached to a self-standing frame, which will make any future relocation much easier, Johnson said.

The former board had hooks for students to attach pieces of paper. The new board has boxes that are numbered and color-coded to correspond to colored regions on the U.S. map. Students write information on the provided index cards and place

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VIPUL BHUSHAN—THE TECH

Gilbert Leung '95 and David C. Cho '94, two Alpha Phi Omega brothers, put the finishing touches on the newly installed rideboard yesterday.

WORLD & NATION

PLO Envoys to Discuss Resuming Talks With Israel

THE WASHINGTON POST

TUNIS, TUNISIA

The Palestine Liberation Organization prepared Monday to send two envoys to Washington to "discuss what is needed for resuming" peace talks with Israel as its executive committee met under PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to decide whether to suspend the negotiations.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, the PLO's chief negotiator, said in a telephone interview that steps taken Sunday by Israel's cabinet in response to the attack on a Hebron mosque Friday by a Jewish settler that killed 39 people "did not meet the minimum requirements" for salvaging the faltering negotiations.

In Washington, meanwhile, U.S. officials began searching for a compromise formula that would rescue the talks.

Israel began arresting a small hard core of radical Jewish settlers Monday and clashes continued in the territories between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers. Two Palestinians were reported killed, bringing the Arab toll to 64 dead, including those shot by Baruch Goldstein, the militant Jewish settler who opened fire Friday on hundreds of Arab worshippers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron in the West Bank.

Administration Adds Restrictions For Buying Rapid-Fire Shotguns

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

On the same day that the Brady Bill took effect across the nation, the administration placed new restrictions on the purchase of three types of rapid-fire shotguns that Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen called "destructive devices, pure and simple."

Bentsen announced the reclassification of the "street sweeper," "striker," and USAS-12 during a press conference held at a District of Columbia police department. Buyers and current owners of the weapons will have to undergo extensive screenings and certification, and new taxes will be levied on manufacturers, dealers and purchasers.

"Effective tomorrow morning, these weapons will be classified just what they are: machine guns," Bentsen said.

President Clinton, speaking in Chicago, blamed the shotguns for an increase in deaths from multiple bullet wounds. Clinton said the guns, one of which can fire twelve rounds in less than three seconds, were developed in South Africa years ago for crowd control and are still being manufactured in the United States.

MCI to Invest \$1 Billion In Wireless Technology

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

MCI Communications Corp. said Monday it will invest \$1.3 billion to help construct a nationwide wireless communications system.

MCI said it has tentatively agreed to purchase 17 percent of the stock of Nextel Communications Inc., a Rutherford, N.J., company that is assembling a wireless system that by the end of 1996 is intended to serve regions that include roughly 95 percent of the country's population.

The move represents MCI's attempt to become a major player in wireless communications, the fastest-growing sector of the telecommunications industry. It plans to offer wireless services in the Washington area in a year.

MCI and Nextel will face formidable competitors, most notably AT&T, the nation's largest long distance carrier, and McCaw Cellular Communications Inc., the's largest cellular phone service provider. AT&T hopes to complete its \$12.6 billion acquisition of McCaw in the early summer.

Both long-distance companies are hoping to move quickly before the Federal Communications Commission auctions of new space on the airwaves, which are expected to unleash a whole new field of wireless competitors.

WEATHER

Significant Storm Possible By Thursday

By Michael Morgan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

For the last 5 days, medium range forecast models have been suggesting the development of a significant cyclone just east of the east coast of the United States. Late last week the models were in amazing agreement, suggesting that a cyclone would move northeast along the coast, threatening most major East Coast cities from Washington, D.C. northward to Boston with heavy snow. During the weekend, the models began to show differing solutions — two models moving the cyclone along or east of the east coast, and the other model forecasting the storm to move well out to sea. By last night the numerical models began to converge on a solution which would take the low on a more inland route. Such a solution would give southern New England a big snow then rain and wind storm. With 36 hours before the event really gets going, even this "solution" may not be "correct."

Today: Mostly sunny and cold. High 32°F (0°C). Winds northwest 10-15 mph (16-24 kph).

Tonight: Clear to partly cloudy and cold. Low 18°F (-8°C).

Wednesday: Increasing clouds, cold. High 32°F (0°C).

Wednesday night: Cloudy with light snow developing. Low 24°F (-4°C)

Thursday: Cloudy, windy, and cold with snow likely. Snow may mix with rain and sleet along the coast. High 28-35°F (-2 to 2°C). Low 28-30°F (-2 to -1°C).

NATO Downing of Serbian Planes Could Change War

By John Pomfret

THE WASHINGTON POST

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

NATO's downing Monday of four Serb warplanes over Bosnia, like the deadly mortar attack on Sarajevo's marketplace three weeks ago, is a military action that could alter the course of the war in this battle-scarred country.

The NATO attack in northwest Bosnia proved to the Bosnian Serbs and their mentors in Belgrade that "NATO has teeth," said British army Lt. Gen. Michael Rose, the commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia. With the U.N.-enforced cease-fire in Sarajevo and Monday's dogfight in the Bosnian skies, both the United Nations and NATO have now shown a willingness to go beyond mere words in their effort to end the worst conflict in Europe since World War II.

These new roles raise the questions of whether the United Nations has enough personnel in Bosnia to implement the changes, and how the warring parties will react to the new situation.

U.N. officials say that if the Bosnian Serbs, largely seen as the main aggressors in this three-sided conflict, accept the new involvement of U.N. forces and NATO, then Monday's strike against the Galeb ground attack aircraft could provide an impulse to the process aimed at stopping the 23-month-old battle to divide Bosnia.

But if Serb forces take issue with the United Nations' more robust interpretation of its mission here, then they will place themselves on a

collision course with the international community. The result of such a confrontation could be dire for both the Serbs and the thousands of lightly armed U.N. soldiers and aid workers stretched across the forbidding hillocks and valleys of this mountainous land.

Until recently, the U.N. operation in the shattered republics of what used to be Yugoslavia has essentially tiptoed around the combatants. Starting in 1992, the Bosnian operation's main task has been to deliver aid to the 2.7 million people estimated to depend on handouts to survive. Despite U.N. Security Council resolutions approving the use of "necessary force" to deliver aid here, U.N. troops have never shot their way through one of the myriad roadblocks erected by the warring sides.

Now, under the leadership of Rose, the fourth commander of the U.N. mission here since it began, the U.N. operation has adopted a more aggressive stance. It announced Sunday, for example, that it would no longer seek permission for its aid convoys to cross battlelines but would simply notify the warring sides and proceed. Rose has negotiated and implemented Sarajevo's most successful cease-fire to date — an 18-day truce that has brought some peace to this crumbling capital, where an estimated 10,000 people have died since the war began.

NATO, too, had long taken an ambiguous approach to involvement in the war. It began prosecuting a "no-fly zone" over Bosnia in April

1993, flexing its military muscles for the first time beyond the territory of its member states. But it proceeded to allow hundreds of violations by all sides, most of them by helicopters, to pass with impunity.

Gen. Ratko Mladic, commander of Bosnian Serb forces, for example, led the assault on the strategic peaks of mounts Bijelasnica and Igman near Sarajevo last summer from the passenger seat of a Gazelle attack helicopter. When Russian ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovskiy visited Bijeljina, Bosnia, on Jan. 31, a Serb warplane buzzed the town as Serbs cheered.

Monday's attack occurred after the Galeb aircraft had bombed the northwest Bosnian town of Banja Luka.

"This was a gross miscalculation on the part of the Serbs," said a senior Western military official involved in the NATO operation. "These changes have thrown the Serbs seriously off-balance."

Rose said in an interview that Monday's NATO action would help to further calm the situation in Sarajevo. "This shows that if there's a NATO ultimatum, it's not a hollow ultimatum," he said. "There's a clear read across to other NATO orders," such as the one concerning Sarajevo.

In the interview, Rose also said the NATO attack raises security concerns for U.N. troops. Those concerns, along with violations of Sarajevo's cease-fire, highlight how overstretched the U.N. force in Bosnia has become, he said.

Hebron Assassin Entered Mosque Without Challenge

By David Hoffman

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

When the militant Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein arrived at the Tomb of the Patriarchs last Friday morning, he was not challenged for carrying five clips of ammunition into the mosque.

He was not searched. Israeli army guards did not ask why he was wearing his army doctor's uniform, although he was widely known as one of the "cave meshuggenah," or "crazies" — the settlers who constantly harassed Arabs inside the tomb's mosque.

It was dawn, and the soldiers at the massive edifice were already short of the usual Friday complement of four paramilitary border guards, who were 20 minutes late arriving for their shift. When the border guards finally got there, Goldstein had already killed 39 Palestinians as they knelt in prayer inside.

The massacre has been blamed by Israeli leaders on the actions of a lone "lunatic," a doctor who had emotional problems and a deep hatred of Arabs. An Israeli general, Danny Yatom, said there is "no force in the world" able to stop a determined assassin or terrorist, given the close quarters shared by Israelis and Palestinians.

But when Goldstein decided to undertake his grisly murders, he walked through a door left open by Israel's political and military establishment, according to knowledgeable military and political analysts. They point to both small blunders and large blind spots that made it remarkably simple for Goldstein to enter a mosque crowded with Muslims at Friday prayers — a place that Israel had a responsibility to

protect — and open fire.

From the prime minister to the lowest soldier, Israelis have focused for nearly half a century on the threat from Arabs, not Jews. Although members of a Jewish underground were apprehended a decade ago and militant settlers have long been making vocal threats against Palestinians, Israeli society was passive when it came to the potential for Jewish violence on such a grand scale.

As a soldier wearing a uniform carrying a Galil automatic rifle, Goldstein blended in as easily on the streets of Hebron as a businessman would be in a three-piece suit on a Manhattan street corner.

"The majority of Israelis would like to believe that terrorism is something that the Arabs are doing, or the Iranians, or crazy people somewhere. We don't do that," said Ehud Sprinzak, a Hebrew University professor who has been warning for months that the militant Jewish activists should be apprehended.

Goldstein was a leading activist in Kach, the Jewish extremist group whose symbol is a clenched fist and whose members believe Arabs have to be expelled from Israel and the West Bank. Although it was a small, remote organization to most Israelis, Kach — founded by Rabbi Meir Kahane — thrived in the tense environment of Hebron and nearby Kiryat Arba, the Jewish settlement where Goldstein lived and worked as a doctor.

The Kach formula was no secret. In press releases, the nationalist group threatened violence and urged the expulsion of Arabs. Last year, it invited television reporters to a nighttime "training" exercise. Members went on rampages, especially

around Hebron, smashing Arab car and store windows and inflicting beatings. They listened to army communications with electronic scanners and were rarely caught.

"There were two legal enforcement systems in the territories," said historian and newspaper commentator Tom Segev, "the one which acted against the Palestinians, and the one which looked the other way when the settlers acted wildly."

Even this week, the night after Rabin's government approved the arrest of Kach leaders, two of the group's leaders eluded police and appeared on national television boasting about their freedom.

Right after the attack, Rabin still insisted that it was the work of one man, not connected to any organization. At a closed meeting with foreign diplomats, according to a participant, a shaken Rabin was asked why he had not moved sooner against Kach and other extremists, and he repeated dryly that the massacre was the work of one person.

The same mentality allowed Goldstein to walk into the mosque with almost no resistance, even though the ancient tombs of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their wives is one of the most intensely fought-over religious shrines in Israel and the West Bank.

The militant settlers are well-known to the soldiers at the site and are nicknamed "cave meshuggenah," or those who are crazy about the Cave of the Machpelah, as Jews call the site. According to Yatom, the Israeli commander, "It was not something extraordinary or unusual to see this doctor, who was well known by the soldiers, wearing his military reserve uniform and carrying his rifle."

Balanced Budget Amendment Appears Headed for Defeat

By Karen Hosler
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

This year's version of the balanced budget amendment appears headed for defeat in the Senate Tuesday night, with many senators likely to back a less-stringent alternative that is given an even smaller chance of winning the necessary two-thirds majority.

Concluding a week of debate on the topic, the Senate's rejection of a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget would doom action on the issue for the rest of the year. Although the House may vote later this month to endorse the amendment, Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat, said Monday that there would not be a second vote in the Senate.

Supporters of the amendment, led by Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., were not ready to concede defeat. But they acknowledged they were at least four votes short of the 67 required, without much hope of picking up all four of the senators still undecided.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, the West Virginia Democrat who has been passionately leading a crusade against the Simon amendment, said the vote would be "very close," but that the momentum is going his way.

"This amendment is very popular because a lot of people don't understand it, but it is very dangerous to the fabric of our country," Byrd said in an interview.

The balanced budget amendment failed by one vote in the Senate in 1986, the last time it was voted on.

When the Senate debate opened

last week, Simon had more than 50 co-sponsors and an additional dozen or so private commitments.

Neither the Simon amendment nor the Reid amendment could take effect until three-fifths of the state legislatures vote to ratify them. The chief distinction between the two approaches lies with the number of exceptions that would be allowed.

Under the Simon amendment, a three-fifths majority of each house of Congress would have to approve spending in excess of income, except in a national emergency. The Reid amendment would bar the diverting of Social Security tax revenue to balance the budget, would permit deficit spending in periods of slow economic growth and would allow Congress to borrow money for highways and other "capital" investments.

In Tit-for-Tat Move, Russia Expels Senior U.S. Diplomat

By Sonni Efron
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

In Russia's first diplomatic tiff with Washington since the Cold War's end, Moscow expelled a senior American diplomat Monday in retaliation for last week's ouster of a Russian envoy to the United States.

The Russian Foreign Ministry identified diplomat James L. Morris, listed as a counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, as the CIA station chief here.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Grigory Karasin expressed regret over the incident but said Moscow was "forced" to respond to the "unjust" expulsion Friday of Alexander I. Lysenko, the suspected Russian intelligence chief in Washington, in connection with the Ames espionage affair. CIA official Aldrich H. Ames and his wife have

been arrested on charges of spying for Moscow since 1985.

Morris is the first American to be declared persona non grata since Lt. Col. Daniel Francis Van Gundy III, an assistant military attache, was accused of espionage on March 15, 1989, and given 48 hours to leave the Soviet Union. The United States retaliated by expelling Sergei Malinin, a Soviet trade representative in New York.

In a similar tit-for-tat, Morris will be given seven days to leave the country, the same grace period the Clinton administration extended to Lysenko.

Although Lysenko arrived in Washington only last summer, the United States decided to expel him because "he was in a position to be responsible for the activities associated with the Ames case," State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said Friday.

The vague linkage irritated Russian officials, who suggested again that Washington has overreacted to the Ames case.

"To expel an officer who was officially recognized and not a covert agent goes beyond the boundaries and really calls for countermeasures," Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev said Sunday.

In a closed briefing for Russian reporters, Yevgeny M. Primakov, head of the Federal Intelligence Service, the agency that conducts foreign espionage, said he is baffled by the fuss Washington has made over the Ames case.

Primakov suggested that the administration was using the Ames arrest to score domestic political points, to punish Russia for its independent stance on the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina and to provide a convenient excuse for cutting American aid to Russia.

Ukraine's Nuclear Disarmament Faces New Obstacles

THE WASHINGTON POST

KIEV, UKRAINE

The repeatedly stalled nuclear disarmament of Ukraine appears to be facing new obstacles in Kiev's negotiations with Russia and the United States over security guarantees that Ukraine has demanded in exchange for surrendering its inherited strategic weapons.

Moreover, the Ukrainian parliament has failed to ratify the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, a condition of last month's Moscow accord. Ukraine pledged then to begin dismantling its 1,800 nuclear warheads in return for large-scale U.S. financial aid and inviolable international security guarantees.

Taking these factors together, analysts and diplomats here say, it appears unlikely that the final form of any U.S. security pledge to Ukraine will be ready by the time Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk meets with President Clinton in Washington on Friday.

Ukraine is trying to obtain from all five nuclear powers — the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China — as strong a set of guarantees against potential aggression as possible, but it is the assurance that U.S. prestige and power will support its sovereignty that the Kiev government covets most. U.S. diplomats have been trying to reach agreement with the Kiev government over the wording of a security pledge, but they have declared repeatedly that military aid to Ukraine in the event of an attack by Russia is out of the question.

Ukraine, which was dominated by Russian czars and Communist commissars for centuries before the collapse of the U.S.S.R. in 1991, shares an 800-mile border with Russia and is fearful that a resurgence of Russian imperial ambitions would leave it virtually defenseless.

Judge Orders Lorena Bobbitt Released from Mental Hospital

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Saying Lorena Bobbitt does not pose a threat to herself or the community, a Prince William County, Va. judge Monday ordered the 24-year-old manicurist released from a Virginia state mental hospital, provided she gets weekly outpatient therapy and does not leave the state without permission.

Bobbitt, who was in court for the brief proceeding, appeared a few minutes later outside the Manassas courthouse before dozens of reporters and cameras for a 10-minute news conference in English and Spanish, in which she thanked supporters and said she was eager to get on with her life out of the harsh public spotlight.

"I still have my American dream," said the buoyed, seemingly self-possessed Venezuelan immigrant, who smiled at reporters and gave no hint of the mousy, withdrawn demeanor she exhibited in January at her eight-day trial for cutting off her husband's penis.

Later, at her employer's home in Fairfax County, where her release was celebrated with a white chocolate cheesecake, Bobbitt expanded on her dream, adding that she still hopes to find "a family, children, a husband — a nice husband this time."

Ever since the morning of June 23, 1993 — when, Bobbitt said, she severed her husband's penis with a kitchen knife because he had raped her — the couple has been fodder for stand-up comics, feminists, columnists and armchair sociologists in the United States and abroad.

Graduate Student Council

Add yourself to the GSC mailing list. Simply log onto Athena and type `blanche gsc-students -a your login`. If you have any questions, email to `gsc-request@mit`.

Bowl! This Friday, March 4 from 1900 on at Lanes and Games; contact Roger Kermode (`woja@media`, 3-0312) for details. It's cheap and it's fun!

With failing hands, we pass the torch to thee... Yeah, right! GSC elections are coming up—would you like to be involved? You could be the *treasurer*, with control over an astonishingly large budget, or the *president* and wield Godlike power, or the *secretary*, and write silly ads for the Tech, or you could run the fall *orientation*—or just come to all the meetings and eat free pizza! Contact the GSC Office, 3-2195, for more information.

Become a *Department Representative*, and you can vote in the upcoming elections! Hours of fun for the whole family! (Not recommended for children under 17.)

Coming Soon: **HCA meeting**, Monday March 14 at 17:30 in 50-220
Housing and Community Affairs

All graduate students are welcome to attend any GSC meeting.
Activities Committee meeting
Today, March 1 in 50-220 at 17:30. Free food.

General Meeting
Tomorrow, Wed. March 2 in 50-220 at 17:30. Free food.

PAAH meeting Thursday March 3 in
Peer Advocates Against Harassment 50-220 at 17:30. Free food.

Ski! Saturday, March 12 on Haystack Mountain, VT. Sign up at the GSC office, 50-220. For more info, contact the GSC at x3-2195 or Stan Reiss, `sjreiss@mit`.

OPINION

Dean Selection Thorough, Successful

On Feb. 1, Margaret A. Jablonski began her position as associate dean for residence and campus activities. Jablonski was appointed to the office formerly held by James R. Tewhey, who stepped down last April amid charges and counter-charges

Editorial

of sexual harassment. In her short time at MIT, Jablonski has already established herself as a motivated figure who is ready to take up the responsibilities of an effective associate dean for the students.

Jablonski has demonstrated an interest in student affairs and shown concern for the general well-being of students. She has already visited two dormitories to speak with students and has opened necessary dialogue with the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council. Jablonski appears to be genuinely receptive to student suggestions and has many good ideas about a variety of student issues, including discipline,

harassment, and housing.

MIT's proceedings in the selection of Jablonski are to be commended for soliciting student involvement. Graduate and undergraduate students joined faculty and administrators to form last summer's committee that evaluated applicants for the position.

The role of RCA dean requires frequent contact with students and effective communication skills. Thus, including students in the selection process was an important and necessary step to ensure the appointment of the most promising candidate.

The Jablonski selection demonstrates that student involvement can have a beneficial result. This practice should be continued with other issues affecting student and campus life, including changes in food services, the academic curriculum, and the Institute calendar.

Letters To The Editor

Committee Should Not Target Living Groups

Now that the intrepid Undergraduate Association Committee on Housing and Residence and Orientation seems to have performed the difficult task of determining the only living groups on campus which have an unacceptable level of drug and alcohol abuse through the reliable method of voluntary surveys, I encourage them to continue their mission until they find exactly which students are responsible and print their names in *The Tech* as well.

Edward W. Kohler Jr. '95

Drug Problem Will Not End With Investigation

In response to the article regarding dormitory upgrades ["Draft Housing Proposal Calls for Dorm Upgrades," Feb. 25], no investigation into drug use at MIT will ever take away the reasons why MIT students use drugs.

Rebecca Leonardson '95

No Further Action Needed against Kessler

The Tech received a copy of the following statement, released by the Undergraduate Association Judicial Review Board:

In the matter of Raaj Chitale's complaint of November 7, 1993 against Douglas Wyatt, the Judicial Review Board does not find any evidence that Wyatt in any way abused his powers as a member of the Finance Board. Investigation has shown that the information for the story which he authored in *The Thistle* was obtained by entirely legitimate means.

Kessler stated that he knew that Student Activity Account information is private; however he believed that transactions of the Bush Fund, because of the unique character of the fund, are public information. Investigation has shown that this is not the case: the Bush Fund is not an exception. These findings are based primarily on meetings with Associate Dean Andrew M Eisenmann '75 and Director of Legal Affairs Thomas Henneberry. Henneberry gave Kessler general advice on the legality of releasing such information, but specifically

told him to ask Eisenmann about the character of the Bush Fund. Eisenmann described his conversation with Kessler as general in nature; he did not authorize the actions that Kessler took and did not feel that Kessler should believe that the distribution of the information was permitted.

In the matter of Chitale's complaint of November 7, 1993 against Kessler, the Judicial Review Board finds that Kessler did willfully and knowingly distribute private account transactions without authorization. In particular, he released photocopies of checks and transaction statements from the Bush Fund to various campus press organizations. The Board does not find that this was done with malicious intent. As Kessler is no longer Finance Board Chairman, the Judicial Review Board sees no further action to take. Agents of the Undergraduate Association who work within an office directly supervised by MIT must adhere to the rules and regulations of that office.

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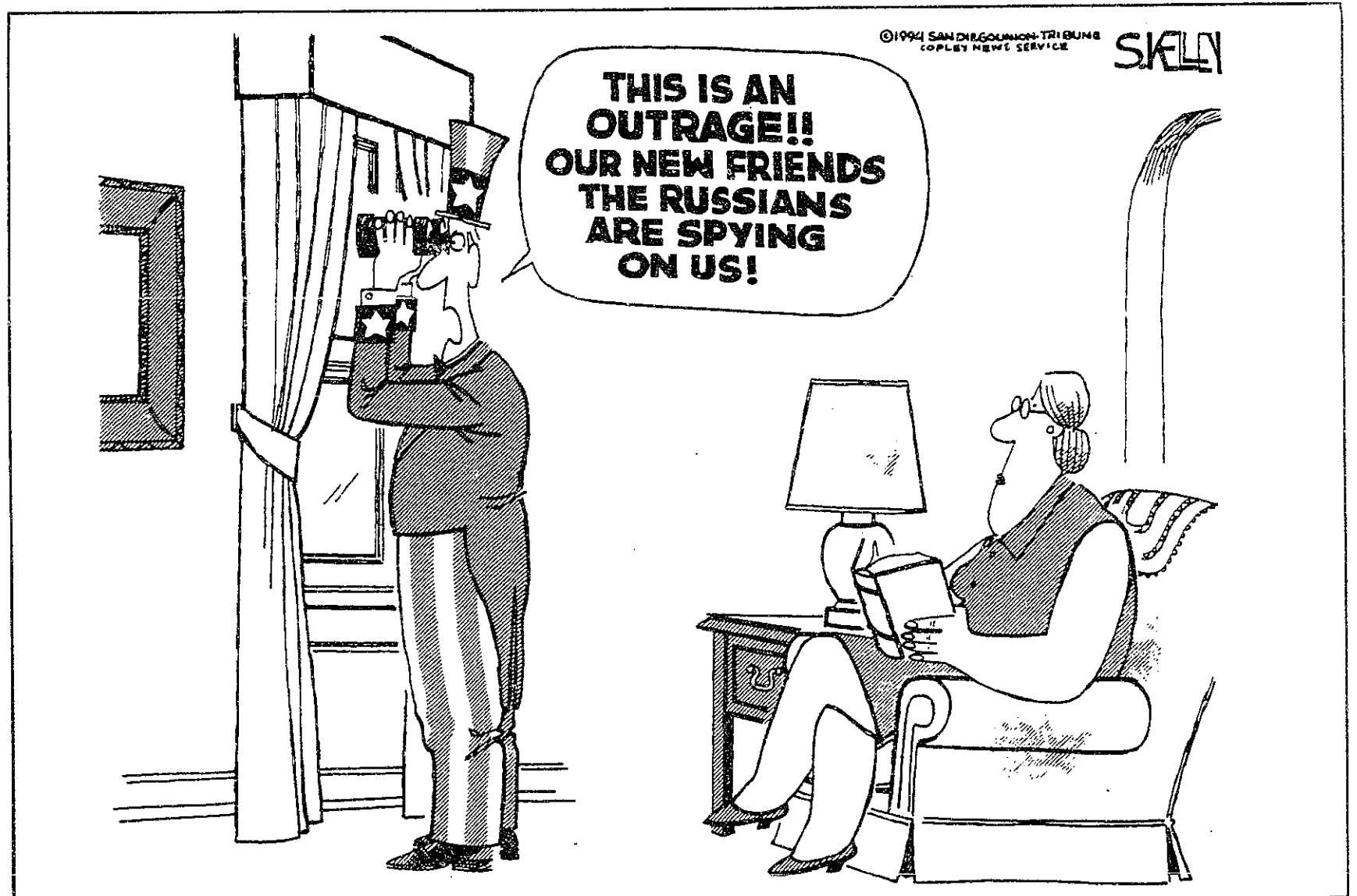
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Serbian Noncompliance Leaves NATO with Hands Tied

Column by Ramy A. Arnaut

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

President Bill Clinton announced on Feb. 21 that the parties warring outside Sarajevo were in "effective compliance" with a NATO ultimatum to end the fighting. However, despite the optimism voiced by Clinton and other NATO and U.N. leaders, evidence from the mountains around Sarajevo suggests that the airy phrase "effective compliance" has little meaning in view of blatant flouting of the ultimatum by the Bosnian Serbs.

More distressing, however, is the possibility that NATO will not be able to enforce the ultimatum for fear of killing newly-deployed Russian troops, thus causing a major confrontation between Russia and the United States.

The NATO ultimatum specifies that all warring parties withdraw all heavy weaponry within a 12.5-mile radius around Sarajevo and turn them over to U.N. forces. Noncompliance would result in NATO air strikes.

Despite the mollifying statements of many western leaders, the media is rife with evidence of Serb non-compliance. A Bosnian government report holds that there are still at least 40 pieces of Serb heavy weaponry in the mountains around the besieged Bosnian capital. Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic cited eight tanks and more than 20 heavy artillery pieces among those weapons on and around Mt. Igman and Mt. Trebevic, in the very heart of the NATO exclusion zone.

Reportedly, 250 weapons were withdrawn rather than put under international control, according to Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman John M. Shalikashvili. On-sight reports by both journalists and U.N. field commanders positioned in the fields corroborate this kind of Serbian intransigence.

It is not only natural, but essential, for NATO and U.N. leaders to put a positive spin on the results of the ultimatum in the eyes of the international community. Indeed, this long-awaited first demonstration of strong U.S. leadership is a notable success, if only because it has quieted the skies over the ravaged, once beautiful Sarajevo. Unfortunately, the besieged Bosnians can only wait and hope that the ultimatum is the end of the international community's simpering and the beginning of its

efforts to end the conflict with justice.

For all its promise the NATO-U.N. victory is a tempered and precarious one. In principle, the obvious move for NATO would be a show of the force that was supposed to be behind the declaration of the ultimatum. There is no reason to speculate that any show of force, even a warning run, would not have immediate results; indeed, the mere threat of NATO strikes was enough to clear the skies above Sarajevo of Serbian shells.

Ironically, NATO's own choice for a 10-day timetable for Serbian withdrawal has made this threat extremely difficult to carry out, if not a practical impossibility. While the West waited for 10 days, Russia sent 400 troops as peacekeepers specifically to key military and strategic positions around Sarajevo with the mission of aiding and overseeing the Serbian military pullout. The Russian presence at potential air strike targets serves as an overwhelming deterrent to US bombers. Russian deaths at American hands — combined with historical animosities, Russia's unstable political stage, the recent espionage controversy, and deep Serb-Russian camaraderie — would undoubtedly provoke an explosive Russian response.

In spite of the gradual warming of Cold War relations between Russia and the United States in recent years, the tremendous rise in popularity both of extreme conservatives and the fanatical liberal fringe makes for relations that could quickly turn unpleasant for the United States. The ascent of the opportunistic and very popular Vladimir Zhirinovsky has challenged the administration of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, forcing him partially to adopt the ideas of more radical platforms to retain approval in the eyes of the Russian people.

Given the political circumstances, Yeltsin cannot afford to condemn Serbia or the Bosnian Serbs. Russians have historically come to the Serbs' aid, united by religion and ethnicity, most notably in the sequence of events following the assassination of Austrian Archduke Ferdinand that led to World War I. In evidence of the firm bond between the two Slavic nations, the Russian peacekeepers were greeted by Serbian cheers and the three-fingered Orthodox salute. With popular Russian support for the Serbs, Yeltsin does not have

the luxury of being able to dump Serbia now that the Balkan war threatens relations with the West.

As a result, Yeltsin has repeatedly condemned the decision to threaten air strikes, warning the West not to make a decision that would make Russia deeply resentful and would leave the Russian people indignant, according to the *Times*. Zhirinovsky, in typical outrageous form, in addition to condemning the strikes, has threatened World War III if NATO forces bomb Serbian positions.

In addition, former Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev sees a more sober threat to Russian interests, for the decision to bomb Serbian positions establishes a precedent for NATO interference in regions outside their traditional sphere of influence.

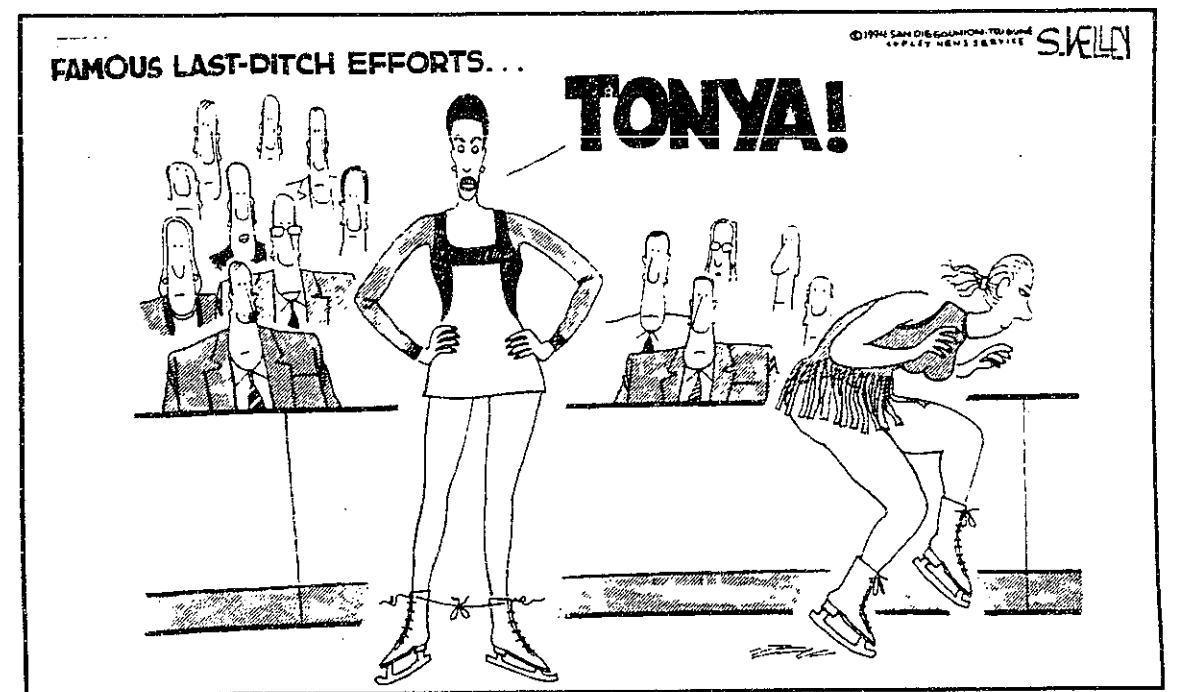
Unquestionably, sending Russians and Serbians side-by-side to their deaths through airstrikes would cause a dangerous, fatal confrontation. By sending the peacekeepers, Yeltsin has made a very clever move. Not only has he safeguarded the Bosnian Serbs from the threat of air strikes, he has appeased the demands of the Russian people that Russia somehow aided their Serbian brothers. Without the threat or use of force, Russia has gained a prestige unseen since the height of the Cold War.

The American plan promises extensive financial aid to postwar reconstruction in Bosnia if the Muslims and Croats enter into a confederation that would end the fighting Bosnia's south. Hopefully this would present a unified front to Serbian forces, who have seized over 70 percent of its territory, though comprising one-third of the population of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Unless the situation of Russian peacekeepers changes, the Serbs have little to fear from NATO bombing. Unfortunately, Yeltsin's decision may have left international relations in a stalemate. It is highly uncertain what the West can now do to ease the agony of the Bosnian Muslims, who must live under fear, deprivation, and sorrow.

At least some small solace can be gleaned from the current situation, however. It is unlikely that the Serbs will resume bombing Sarajevo, fearing that Russia will use another clever maneuver to remove Serbia's remaining human shields. Russia, after all, still has dominating interests in working with the West, and therefore with NATO and the United Nations.

Mehmed Husic, a columnist for the daily newspaper *Oslobodjenje*, said of the Muslim's condition, "Now we don't expect anything from anybody."



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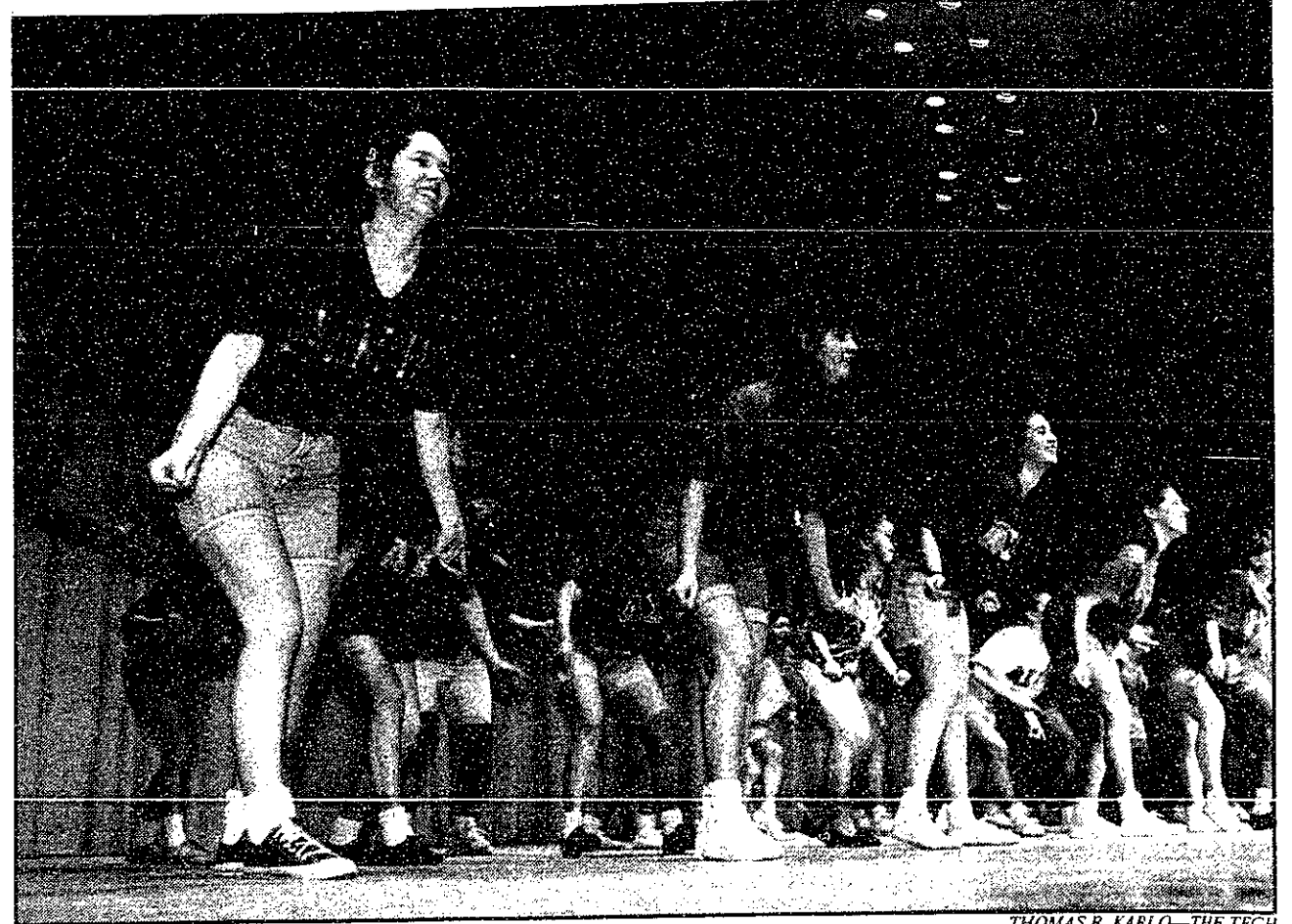
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Rideboard 3 Years in Planning

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Designing the rideboard

Scott Higdon '93, one of the project chairs for the new board,

planned its initial layout in fall 1991, and Ken Stone, a technical instructor at the MIT Hobby Shop, first drafted the structural design in spring 1992. The wood for the new board was cut during the summer of 1992. Actual construction began in the following fall.

Then the project "went dormant

for awhile" due to various delays, according to Gilbert Leung '94, the current project chair.

The new board was built in the Hobby Shop under Stone's supervision. He estimated that about 100 hours was spent on its construction. "The biggest problem was that it was hard for students to find time to work on it," Stone said. The Hobby Shop, which normally allows only members to use space and equipment, donated the necessary time to APO.

Johnson coordinated the efforts between APO and the Institute to relocate the rideboard. The Campus Activities Complex advisory board brought up the rideboard as an item that could be moved to the Student Center after the 1988 renovations, Johnson said. "Everybody agreed that it was just a matter of getting one built," he said.

There has been "a long history of people trying to get work done" on the rideboard, but the project chairs were often "snowed under by class-work," Cho said.

The last rideboard was built in spring 1974 and placed in Lobby 10, according to Yale M. Zussman '74, an adviser for MIT's APO chapter. It was moved to the Lobby 7-hallway when Lobby 10 was renovated.

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Candidates Address UA's Role in UROP, Harassment

Debate, from Page 1

students. She will "make it a top priority to solicit opinions from as many students as possible," she said.

Addressing the audience in his opening statement, Page said, "The Undergraduate Association has the potential to do a great deal of good for MIT. It is our position that this potential now is being wasted." He pointed to the UA's recent accomplishments; "The UA has spent the last several years focusing on itself," Page said.

One of Page's major goals would be to see that Finance Board allocations are directed away from the UA and more toward student groups, which he called "the life blood of the campus undergraduate body." He also said he would "set the precedent of using the Vannevar Bush ['16] fund for a project that will directly benefit the student body."

The existence of the UAP's \$4,000 discretionary fund provoked much discussion when it was revealed last semester.

Page also established a goal of increasing the UA's role in preventing and addressing harassment, saying that the UA has not taken a stand on the issue. If elected, he would add the UA's voice to that of the Graduate Student Council and other groups calling for the administration to adequately address harassment at MIT, he said.

Student media pose questions

During the debate, the two teams fielded questions from members of *Counterpoint*, *The Tech*, and *The Thistle*.

One questions addressed the effects of new federal laws on Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program overhead funding and asked what the UA could do to

lessen the blow.

Sankaran said the UA should organize letter writing campaigns to impress upon Congressional representatives the value of the UROP program. Muh went one step further and suggested that UA representatives could travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with Congressmen directly.

Page was less sure that the UA could change laws that already exist. "The administration is going to make the rules on how the UROPs are funded," he said. "The Undergraduate Association ... can't do that much." He was also critical of Muh's idea of having students lobby directly.

Page was questioned on his earlier statement that changing the way MIT deals with harassment would be a priority if he were elected. The current problem is a lack of accountability and centralization, he said. He proposed creating a position solely for handling harassment issues, though he emphasized that the UA could only advise the MIT administration and was incapable of affecting changes on its own.

Any position adopted by the UA "should be the views of the entire student body," Muh said.

When the floor was opened to the audience, the candidates faced questions about how they would try to gain more autonomy from MIT administration and how they would encourage student participation in UA activities.

Page said that the UA should take more independent action to gain the respect of the administration.

Current UAVP Anne S. Tsao '94, questioned the candidates' commitment to what she described as a "24-hour-a-day job." Both teams stated they were prepared to make personal sacrifices to assure their term would be as productive as

possible.

During the closing arguments, Muh emphasized her team's experience in the Class Council and other activities. Muh is currently Class of '96 vice president, and Sankaran is UA Council floor leader.

In response to some mud-sling-

ing, Sankaran said he does not think any accusations of past failings are relevant. The important issues are plans for the future, and ways to increase the UA's productivity, he said.

Evans, ending the debate, pointed out how much the teams agreed

on, though he felt his team was better equipped to face future challenges. His team has more concrete plans for addressing important issues, such as safety and harassment on campus, he said.

Presently, Evans is Class of '95 vice president.

MIT Hosts Science Bowl

By Vipul Bhushan

SENIOR EDITOR

"What's the world's deepest freshwater lake?" was one of the easier questions at the New England Regional Science Bowl held at MIT Saturday.

Twenty teams of high school students competed for the right to travel to the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. this April to face-off against 40 to 50 other teams from across the country.

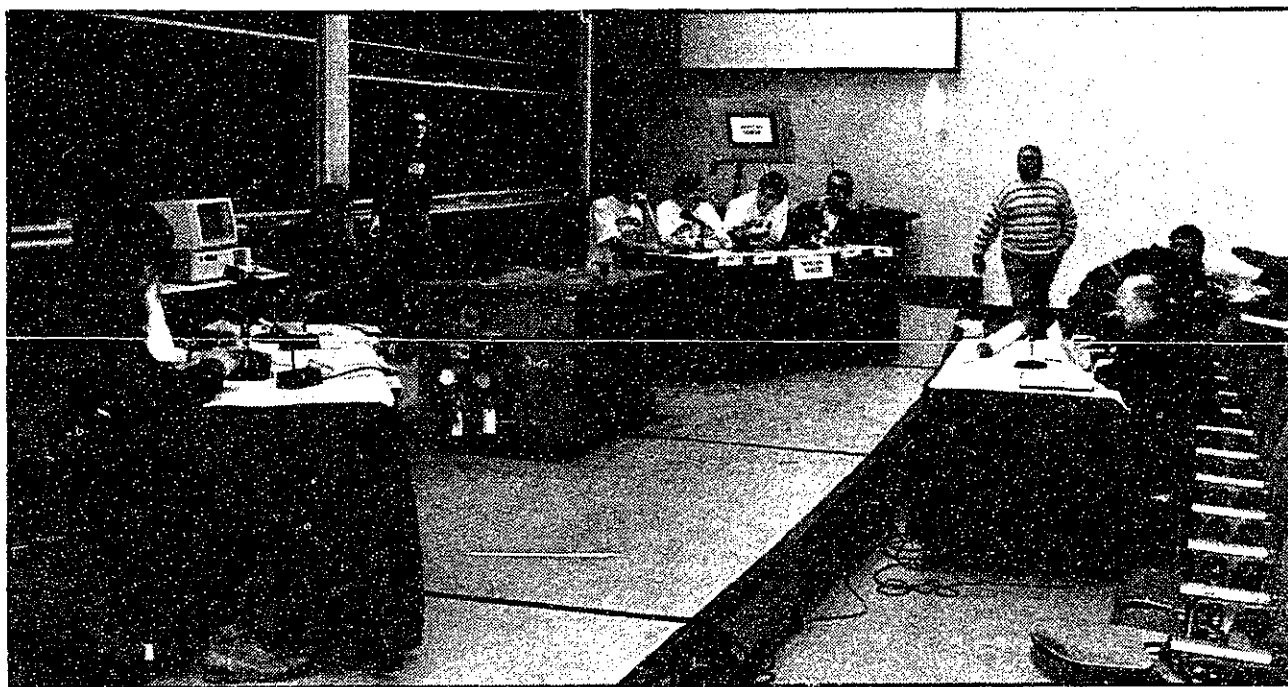
The contest used a double elimination format, where teams of four faced off against each other to answer questions in seven areas of science. It was

conducted with the help of almost one hundred MIT community volunteers, including students, staff, and a few professors.

The final contest pitted Newton North High School against Lexington High School in Room 26-100. Newton North prevailed, 80-44.

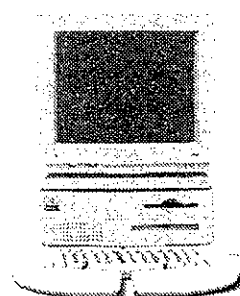
The Science Bowl was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Laboratory for Nuclear Science, the Bates Linear Accelerator Center, the School of Science, and the Plasma Fusion Center.

By the way, the world's deepest freshwater lake is Lake Baikal in Russia.

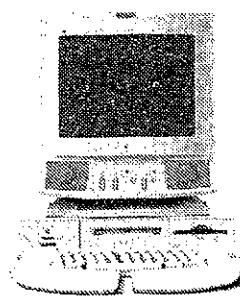


Professor Stanley B. Kowalski PhD'63 (right) fires off the final question at Saturday's Science Bowl. Newton North High School already has a winning lead over Lexington High School as time on the computer clock runs out.

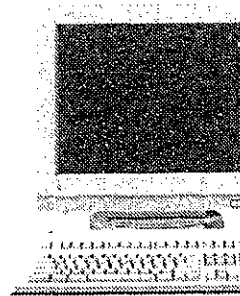
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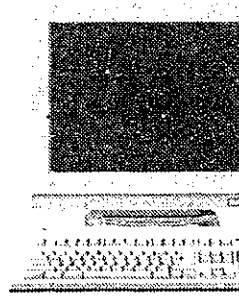
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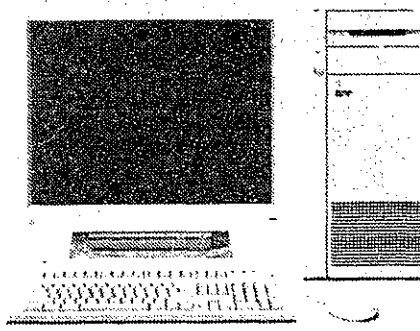
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Jablonski Hopes to Improve Student Communication

Jablonski, from Page 1

technic Institute. She has previously worked in student life jobs at Boston University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

RCA to communicate, guide

Jablonski also plans to introduce more of a "team process" in the RCA and work for more open communication between student services offices.

Jablonski said that "channels of communication need to be reestablished or strengthened. I think that includes those with the housemasters and the tutors and also with the Undergraduate Association."

Jablonski encouraged students to send any comments about what is life really like at MIT.

Students should also look to the RCA office for "assistance when they're having a problem negotiating outside of the classroom experience at MIT," Jablonski said. She is also interested in students' ideas about "student activities, clubs and organizations, or Greek life."

The RCA office can help students "make a situation better, or make the environment better," Jablonski said. "We are here to guide and assist, and not mandate policy whenever possible."

valuation of disciplinary system

Jablonski and other administrators are evaluating the entire disciplinary system to see if it can be more effective and helpful," she said. "I think we're going to get more involved, or would like to get more involved, in helping the students in the residence halls resolve their own conflicts in-house."

MIT students do not have one set of guidelines of policies and procedures, for harassment or for discipline, Jablonski said. Several publications outline mostly policies, she said, but do not adequately describe the procedures.

Jablonski plans to examine the disciplinary system to search for ways that we can basically empower students to take more responsibility for it" and then to "work with those students in training through actually putting together a good policy guidebook that makes sense."

Such a guidebook could be entirely new, or it could be a revision or combination of existing publications, including *Dealing with harassment at MIT*, *Policies and procedures*, and the statement on alcohol policy, Jablonski said.

Jablonski regards harassment as more than a discipline issue, and said that mediation is a "key way" to deal with the issues related to harassment. "By dealing with conflict, especially by mediating it, you can develop solutions that people agree on," she said.

hands-on, collaborative effort

Jablonski described her leadership style as hands-on and cooperative. "I think anybody in this position has to really be hands-on and wants to be around students a lot," she said.

Jablonski met with students at McGreggor House and East Campus last week. She plans to attend functions in other dormitories and the interfraternity Council.

The "lack of interaction between Greeks and non-Greeks" also concerns Jablonski. She suggested bridging that gap through student activities and discussion. Additionally, she is exploring ideas about work programs or activities for different minority student populations.

"We all need to be working together to accomplish that goal of creating a really positive living environment," Jablonski said. "I receive the system here to be one that is very much cooperative."

"In general I'd like to see us spend more time working together than working against each other," she said. Jablonski wants students to know her role as an advocate and an ally to them, and not as a hindrance or disciplinarian.

In addition, Jablonski is interested in expanding her office's services to graduate students. "I look at residence and campus activities as broader than just who lives in the residence halls," Jablonski said. "If we're supposed to be servicing students at MIT, that includes graduate students." To that end, she wants to "open the channels of communication with the Graduate Student Council."

Graduate students "need services and programs that are a little different than what undergraduates need," Jablonski said. She has started a "consistent dialogue" with graduate students to discuss issues important to them.

Dealing with overcrowding

In terms of dormitory overcrowding, "our goal is not to have a crowded [housing] situation," Jablonski said. However, projections for this fall's incoming students are similar to last year, and "it looks like we will again have some level of crowding," she said.

Finding new on and off-campus housing options and examining the number of admissions are ways to limit overcrowding, Jablonski said.

"There are still continuing discussions about purchase of buildings, etc. for the long term."

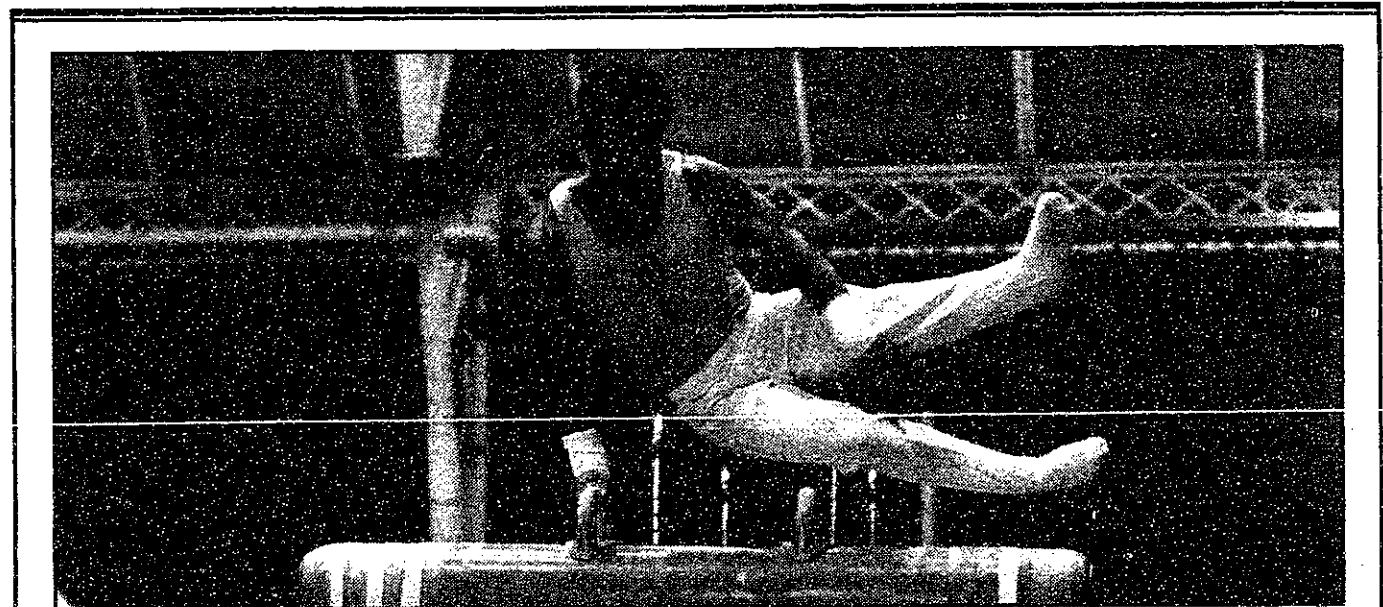
Moreover, the RCA is "looking to expand housing options for women for the fall," she said.

Last December, Jablonski accepted the MIT appointment. Jablonski was chosen from a short list of three candidates submitted to

Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith in November. The selection committee began with a field of 145 candidates.

Jablonski received a bachelor's degree cum laude from UMass-Amherst in 1981 and a master's degree in 1984. She received a doctorate in education from Boston Uni-

versity in 1992. Her doctoral work on women college presidents received three awards: the National Association for Women in Education Research of the Year Award, the BU Graduate Student Association Dissertation of the Year Award, and the Massachusetts College Personnel Association Research Award.



Robert Cooper '97 competes on the pommel horse in the gymnastics meet Saturday afternoon. MIT lost to the University of Vermont by a slim margin in this final meet of the season.

THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH



The Middle Eastern Music Study Group presents an evening of classical and traditional Arabic music at a concert sponsored by the Lebanese Club in Kresge Auditorium Saturday. Profits from the concert were donated to Save Lebanon, a humanitarian organization.

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THE ARTS

New editorial staff revamps and revitalizes *Rune*

RUNE

The MIT Journal of Arts and Letters.

By Ann Ames
ARTS EDITOR

The call has been made for submissions to *Rune*, The MIT Journal of Arts and Letters. Under a team of motivated editors, the new-and-improved journal promises an exciting exhibition of literary and visual arts.

MIT seems a difficult place to keep an artistic journal alive. Indeed, *Rune* has suffered a troubled past. Battling disorganization and the effects of periodically waning interest, students have struggled to stabilize *Rune* since the mid-1970s. Only 14 volumes have been published during that time.

Current editor Albert T. Kim '94 feels this is mostly because of poor publicity and distribution. Last year, for example, 650 copies of the journal were printed and sold for \$3 each in locations unlikely to draw much attention. Some were sold at a booth in Lobby 10, but

others were sent to places like the MIT Museum Shop — places that get plenty of student traffic but are not likely to attract hungry art hounds.

The behind-the-scenes organization was not much better. Publication of *14Rune* resulted almost entirely from the efforts of Leelila Strogov '93 and Tom Yu '95. The year before that, the journal was not published at all.

But even with these difficulties, *Rune* is impressive. Included genres vary depending on submissions, but always encompass the general areas of prose, poetry, and graphic arts. There is even a sestina, "Dark Stream," by David Duis '91, in *13Rune*. In lines like "That afternoon, we were deep in our fishing when the sky/blossomed bruised clouds, shadowing the deep/holes where the trout hid..." Duis brings full color to his page. With "I loved to pretend I was a fish, looking up through flowing stained glass at my father/as he cast, his flyline arcing across the sky," he forged the first crook of a link between his own loneliness and that of the fish trembling

in the deep.

This year's *Rune* will bring together some obvious choices for publication — those already honored publicly — and many that have never been seen before. The editors have publicized the journal through the grapevine since October, sending e-mail to student groups, approaching departments within the humanities for names of talented students, or just talking to people they know. In addition, posters requesting submissions have been displayed around campus for the last two weeks. Editor Gargi Patel '94 said the response so far has been very good.

Other changes are being made, as well. The "graphic art" department has become "visual art," and its definition extends beyond traditional boundaries to include such works as video stills and musical pieces. One-act plays are being accepted, and poetry in a foreign language is encouraged if the author provides an English translation. The intention is to open the journal up to as many artists in the community as possible, to create "a forum for

artists who are engineers," as editor David Zapol '95 said.

Their greatest challenges now are financial, especially since the new volume will be distributed free of charge on the black newsstands around campus. Fund-raising is going well, however, and the group hopes to receive a grant from the Council for the Arts.

Most importantly, the editors are excited about *Rune* and the direction they are giving it. They have dispensed with bureaucracy — everyone on staff bears the simple title, "editor" — in order to achieve their visionary goals: they intend both to encourage young people to get involved now and continue in the future, and to leave a legacy of professionalism. And they have truly focused on serving MIT's artistic community. "There are pockets of surprises at MIT," Kim said. "That's why this medium needs to exist." If subsequent editors continue to feed the life that *Rune's* current staff has breathed into it, this journal should be around for a long time.

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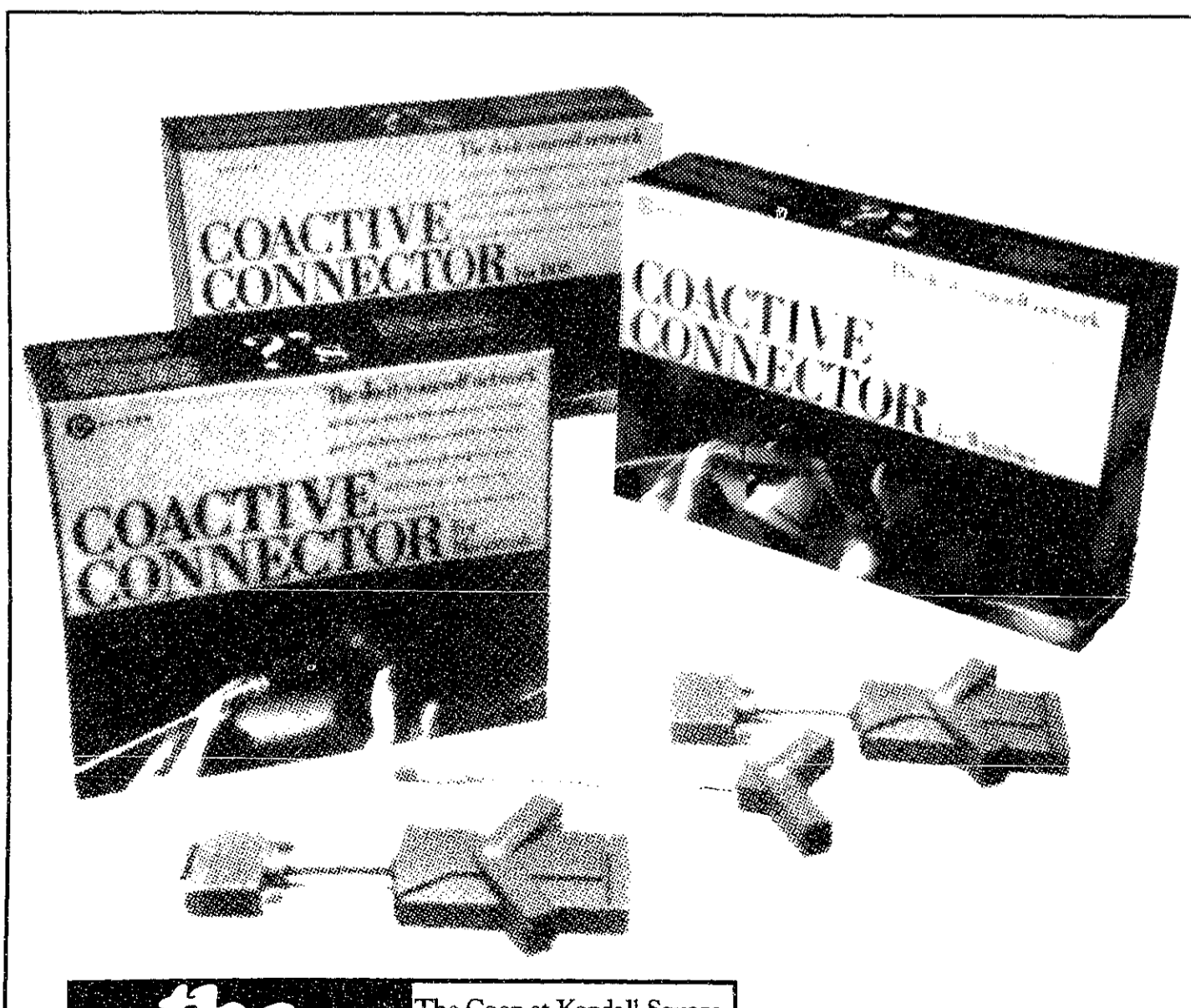
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Pianist Zebrowski goes on the road in North Africa

By Scott Deskin
ASSOCIATE ARTS EDITOR

It's not often that one hears about accomplishments outside the science and engineering departments here at MIT. Marek Zebrowski, a lecturer in the music and theater arts department, seems content to live in relative anonymity in spite of his achievements. As a trained classical pianist, he has recently conducted a tour of Northern Africa and is poised to perform on the road again this summer in Europe.

He has also recorded an album of compositions by Prokofiev, which has deepened his international following. (He also names Mozart, Bach, and Chopin as some of his favorites.) "How it got all the way to Morocco, I don't quite know," Zebrowski says. "But the next thing I know, I'm conducting 90-

minute interviews on Moroccan radio." Aside from having to contend with the minor perils of stardom such as long interviews, unclear hotel etiquette, and untuned pianos, he feels that his last tour was a success.

Now a grizzled veteran of concert performance, which he's done since 1985, Zebrowski takes the good with the bad. In one concert season, he had a manager who was booking four performances a week, some of them occurring five hundred miles apart. "After a couple of weeks of such tours, you're completely exhausted. ... I was close to passing out," he says. Since then, he has found a new manager who understands his interests better so that he can get more satisfaction out of touring. Zebrowski is also an avid photographer, and chooses to document his travels with pictures: his recent experiences in

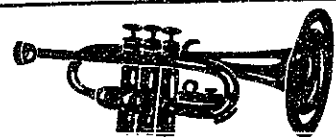
Casablanca, Marrakesh, Rome, and an exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls in New York have shown him artifacts "that tie this entire civilization together."

Zebrowski started playing piano at the age of five, living in Poland and then France during his early education in music. He graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1978, though he has been lecturing at MIT since 1975. He has taught several music courses, including Introduction to Western Music (21M 011), but presently he is concentrating on chamber music coaching and one-on-one teaching.

In addition to his musical pursuits, Zebrowski also studies meteorology. He cultivated this interest when he was growing up in Poland and he flew glider planes: this fascination with the sky still lasts today, as he con-

tributes some meteorological forecasts for *The Tech*. He speaks modestly of this hobby, respecting those professors in the meteorology department who "tolerate" him. However, a few years ago in an intercollegiate competition for weather forecasting, Zebrowski placed ninth overall out of nearly 500 professional meteorologists in the state, which shows that he's not completely whimsical about this hobby.

What does the future hold for Marek Zebrowski? More performances, to be sure. In anticipation of another compact disc release this summer (this time covering Schumann), he will hold a recital in early May at Kresge Auditorium. After that and his tour of Europe this summer, Zebrowski will no doubt continue to carry on a strong music program here at MIT.



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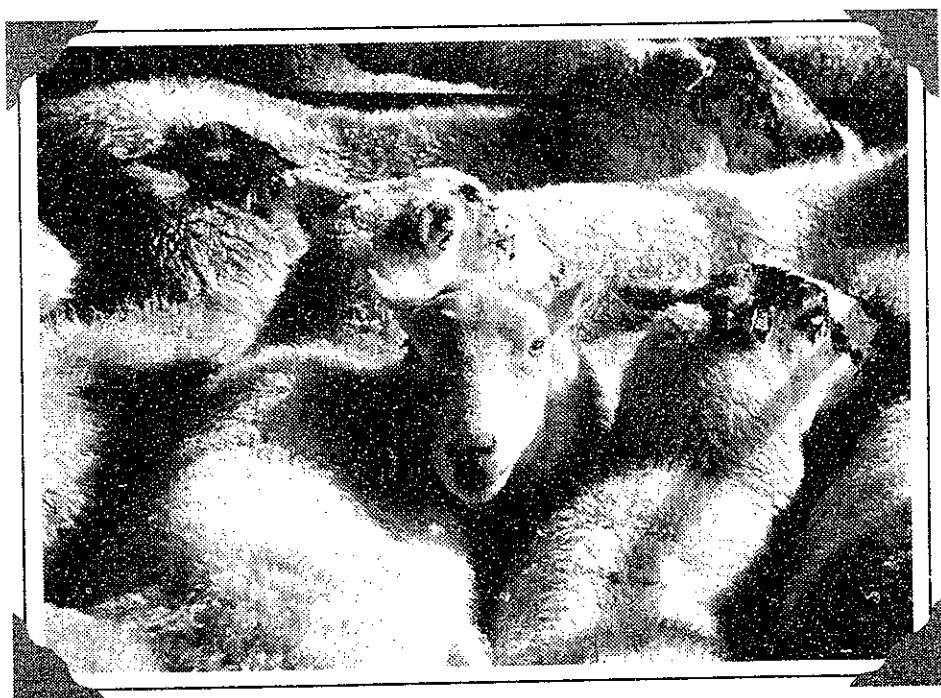
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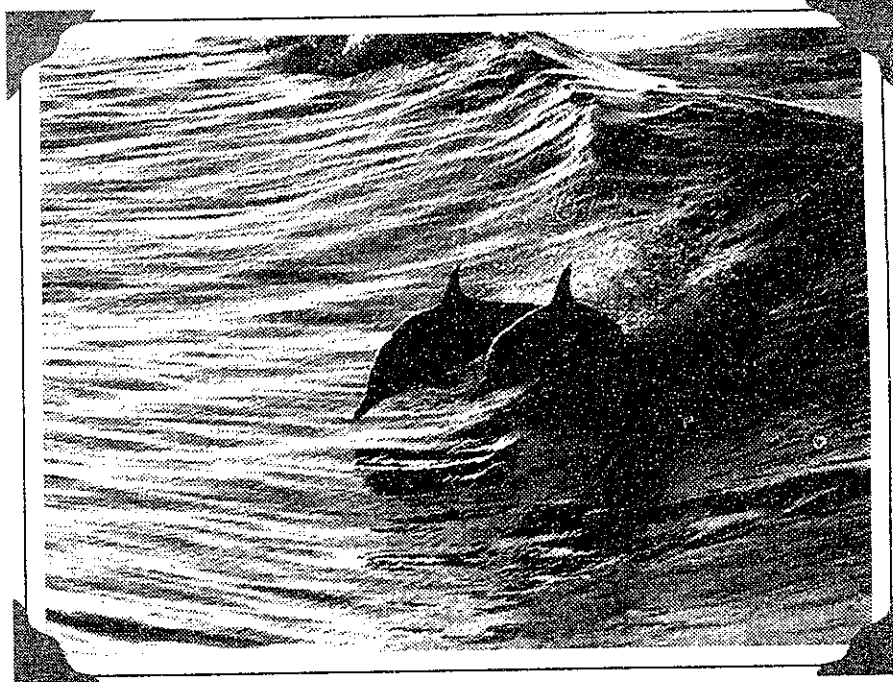
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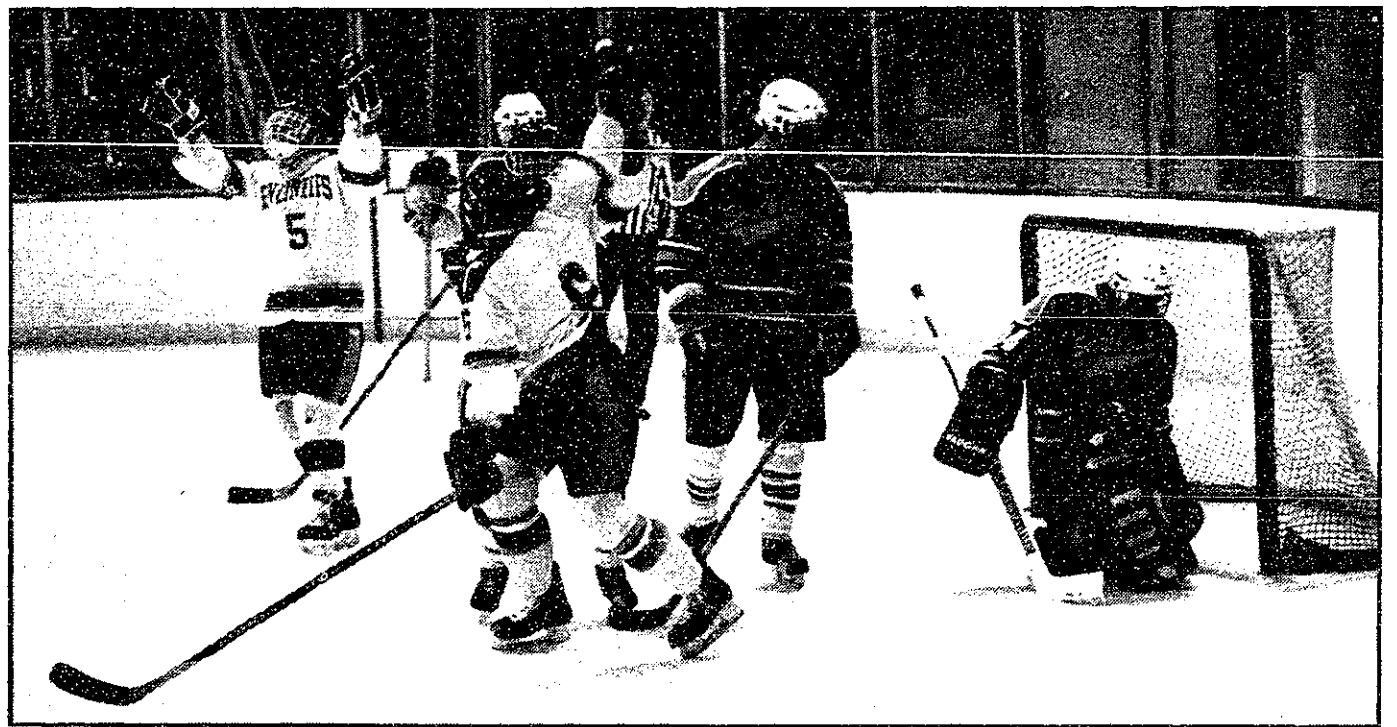
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MIT players celebrate after scoring during the 3rd period of the men's hockey game Friday night. MIT beat Southern Connecticut State University, 7-6.

Penalties Assist MIT Efforts

Hockey, from Page 16

neers were still fighting to participate in the New England Collegiate Club Hockey Association Championship Tournament.

The Engineers took on SCSU, the top-ranked team in the NECCHA, Friday night at Johnson Athletic Center. The game had been postponed from Feb. 12.

In their previous meeting in the season, also at Johnson, the Owls soundly defeated the Engineers, 7-3.

The Engineers had the luck of playing at home with an enthusiastic crowd. In the end, they were able to pull off the upset win, 7-6, in a hard-hitting thriller.

Throughout the first period, the action was fast and furious. Early on, MIT trailed, 1-0, when SCSU player Bill Bogenicki scored 4:35 into the game.

Less than 20 seconds later, defenseman Stephen Schluetter '95 responded with a goal of his own, with an assist by forward Josh Federly '94.

MIT then went ahead with a goal by right wing Daryl Hemingway '94 off of a rebound, assisted by center Tetsu Inada '97 and left wing Lloyd Johnston G. Schluetter's goal helped spark an explosion, as MIT added two more goals to go up, 4-1.

The third MIT goal came with 6:56 remaining in the period.

Schluetter made a slap shot that was blocked, but defenseman Nicholas Pearce '94 took the rebound and stuffed the puck in the goal.

After many crowd-pleasing hits, the next score came a little less than three minutes later, when forward Dan Lee G stole the puck from an SCSU player, broke away, and flicked it high into the corner, out of the reach of the goalie.

On the other end of the ice, the defense, led by goalie John Simmons '95, did an excellent job of keeping the puck away from their half. There were many close calls, but the defense kept the Owls from scoring any goals. The Engineers were given a standing ovation by the crowd, as they headed to the locker room.

Second period rough for Engineers

Fortunes seemed to turn around for MIT in the second period. In the early part of the period, the MIT defense continued to deliver, making many steals, and often clearing the puck out of the defensive end. However, the offense was unable to hold the puck long enough to generate an effective offense.

As a result, SCSU exploded, scoring three goals within two and a half minutes, to tie the score, 4-4.

The second goal was perhaps accidental, as it slipped out of the grasp of Simmons after he supposedly stopped it.

Offensive campaigns continued to be unsuccessful, while Simmons made many great saves, in addition to receiving some lucky near-misses.

Simmons was not invincible, though, and SCSU scored with 5:47 remaining. Pearce fell to the ice in a valiant attempt to stop the puck, but the driving player passed off to a teammate, who scored with a wrist shot.

With SCSU up, 5-4, both sides became even more aggressive than before. The referee spotted two SCSU players repeatedly shoving Schluetter into the SCSU bench with 4:18 left. Both of them were assessed penalties for roughing, giving the Engineers a 5-on-3 advantage.

Less than 40 seconds later, with MIT dominating the offense, Schluetter drove, stuttered for a short moment, then netted a wrist shot, to tie the game again. Johnston and Inada were credited with assists.

Scoring, penalties prevail in third

The intensity of the action did not drop at all in the third period, which turned out to be a down-to-the-buzzer battle. SCSU seemed to have become too aggressive, sending

many players to the penalty box. The game became dictated by penalties, as MIT ended up scoring its last two goals during power plays.

At 15:35, the referee did not fail to notice SCSU player Dave Hansen knocking Lee down. Hansen received a penalty for cross-checking, giving MIT a one-player advantage yet again. Seconds later, Pearce sneaked up from behind the SCSU goal, and stuffed the puck in the side of the goal.

For the next few minutes, MIT had many more opportunities to go ahead, but could not score.

SCSU responded to Pearce's goal by scoring one of their own, at 7:38, leaving the game in a 6-6 deadlock.

With 6:18 left in the game, Pat O'Neil tangled up with Lee, and went to the penalty box for holding. While still serving his time, Joe Maus joined O'Neil, for high-sticking. The Engineers then had another 5-on-3 advantage.

The Engineers were not able to score before O'Neil returned to the game, but did so soon afterwards. With less than four minutes left in the game, Pearce passed the puck to Hemingway, who passed it in the side of the net, for his second goal of the evening.

In the final minute of the game, SCSU pulled out its goalie to add an extra attacker, thus applying pressure throughout the closing moments. MIT was fortunately able to hold off the challenge.

After the final buzzer, the MIT bench cleared onto the ice to show jubilation. The audience gave similar praise, with another standing ovation.

The statistics clearly showed penalties to be the deciding factor. SCSU players went to the penalty box nine times, which converted to five goals for MIT. Meanwhile, on the other side, the penalty box was quiet, as only one MIT player was assessed a penalty in the entire game.

"It was a complete team effort. We knew that we could beat them," said Joe Quinn, coach of the Engineers. "Some individuals played up to their level of talent."

"They [SCSU] were a faster skating team, but our kids played in good position," Quinn said.

Quinn gave a lot of credit to the defensive players, most of whom provide outstanding efforts, yet often go unrecognized. Quinn considered the goalie to be a major contributor, saying, "Simmons made great saves. Whichever team scored that sixth goal [with the score tied 5-5] would have won the game."

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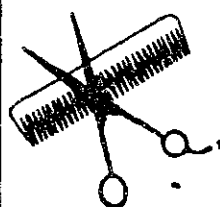
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Can Atlanta, Nagano Match the 1994 Games?

Olympics, from Page 14

Second, good luck to Sarajevo, the former Olympic host that now lies in shambles. Let's hope its beauty can be restored. Let's hope something like this never happens again.

Looking back, looking ahead

The organizers and the Norwegian supporters made this Olympics one to remember. Not a bad job for such a small country. The Norwegians did not fail at expressing their pride, culture, and interests. Where else would cross-country skiing and speed skating be the events whose tickets were in greatest demand? Where else would you see people camping out the night before, just to see a cross-country skiing race? Where else would nearly all the fans go crazy about the ski jumping competition?

The Norwegian spectators did an excellent job inspiring the athletes to bring out their best. While Norwegians have always been very good at winter sports, they performed even better this time, coming out as the country with the most medals — 26 in all, with 10 Gold Medals. Not bad for a country which won 20 in Albertville, and only 5 in Calgary. They accomplished the feat with awesome team and national unity.

The medal standings have gone through a great change with the dis-

solution of the Soviet Union, the traditional medal-winning juggernaut in both Winter and Summer Olympics. The Russians did well, but did not come out on top as they used to.

Some former Soviet athletes earned the first Olympic medals ever for their republics, now individual nations. Gold medalists, like Baiul, probably felt more pride in hearing the anthem of their own home country. Indeed, it is better for them, especially since many citizens of the former Soviet Union always felt more attached to their own republic, than to the hammer and sickle.

Most of the U.S. medals came either on the speed skating oval or on the slopes, but the overall performance in other events was not too bad. Indeed, the Americans won 13 medals, the most ever in one Winter Olympics.

The future for American teams in the Winter Olympics is a big mystery right now, as far as I know. The alpine skiers show a lot of potential, with top results by people who are almost certain to return.

The case is different with sports such as speed skating, especially with the women. For the past three Olympics, Bonnie Blair was virtually the entire team, and fortunately for the Red, White, and Blue, able to come away with gold medals each time. There was no one else,

and if that continues to be the case, the Americans might not see many results in the future.

There were many veterans who competed in Lillehammer, most of whom were competing in their last Olympics. With what I have seen, there will not be much after the veterans are removed. For the U.S. teams to do well in future competitions, more interest will have to be generated.

Americans can compete with the world's best in almost all winter sports, even in events such as the biathlon and cross-country skiing. The United States does have facilities and coaches that match the world's best, or at least come close. All that is needed is someone who has enough of "the love" (as Reebok puts it) to seek them out, take full advantage of them, and give his (or her) all, perhaps more.

During the second half of the Olympics, the media did a better job of hiding the outcomes until prime time. At least that's how I saw things, as I missed the morning shows. The radio station that woke me up with Olympic results, WBUR, either stopped broadcasting such news, or did so when I was not listening.

Things were still good with CBS and TNT, which did not give anything away too soon, for those who wanted to wait and see for themselves. I still got results before they

appeared on television, by looking at USENET newsgroups. Perhaps the only exception may have been CBS Radio airing the women's figure skating competition live. Most people I overheard already knew these results before CBS televised the action.

It is unfortunate that the Olympics have become so commercialized. Commercials seemed to be too important for CBS, which showed one performance, then three or four commercials, before returning to the action. There was too much skipping around, not good for people like me, who turn on the set to see sports.

I liked seeing the gold medal ceremonies for all the Americans who come out on top. I wonder if NBC (not CBS, fortunately) will do the same for the Summer Olympics, when the Star-Spangled Banner will be played many, many more times. In any case, let's see if the people and the organizers in both Atlanta, in summer 1996 and Nagano in winter 1998 can do better. The Norwegians have definitely put up quite a standard to follow.

In closing, just think of how much I could tell you about these Olympics if I were actually there. If you have believed that my columns have been pointless, you are fortunate that the Olympics are over, for you will hear no more from me (I

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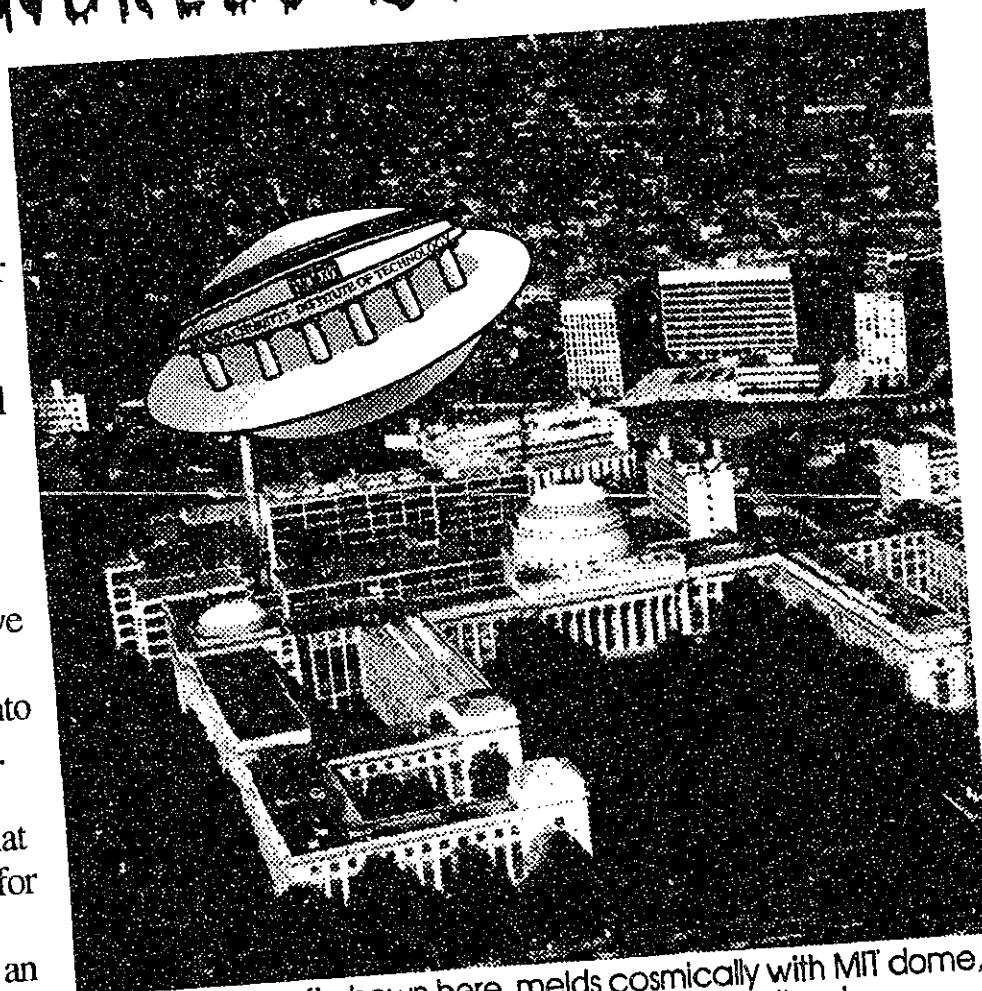
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Kerrigan Prevents U.S. Figure Skating Shutout

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be fixed right away.

To make things worse, the second U.S. sled suffered the embarrassment of finishing behind the Jamaicans, by one one-hundredth of a second. You can consider the result either good for the Jamaicans, who still hit the side walls sometimes, or bad for the Americans. I must honestly say that the finish is not good for athletes who have pursued a medal through countless amounts of money and hours of training.

Unusual events in figure skating

In the Northern Lights Hall, the first and foremost subject that came to mind was the fate of returning

figure skating gold medalists. It is great to see they loved competing so much, but things have changed. These athletes, who skipped one or two Olympics after their winning performances, were one for four in regaining gold medals, and two for four in regaining a medal.

Two of them, Katerina Witt and the British pair of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, deserved much more than what they received. In the ice dancing competition, Torvill and Dean gave a fine performance, but received low marks, thereby not repeating their gold of 1984. The British press slammed the judges for the scores — I agree with the British.

Witt, a gold medalist in 1984 and 1988, skated two flawless rou-

times, but received low 5s. She did not even fall! Perhaps the judges thought that while her performance was not bad, it was not good, either. If so, I disagree with them, and find this to be a problem with such a subjective sport.

Hats off to Nancy Kerrigan, who despite missing gold by the slimmest of margins, prevented an American shutout from figure skating medals. If she had not done so, the tale would not have been too good for what is usually the strength of U.S. Winter Olympic teams. Once the skating started, I was pleased to hear very little about the ongoing Kerrigan-Harding soap opera.

The women's figure skating competition in Lillehammer was the most unusual one I have ever seen. I don't need to go into too much detail about it, since you probably know more than I do.

After all the drama, Kerrigan missed the gold medal by one-tenth of a point, by one judge. So that's how the scoring system works, and that is how it has worked for a while. The same system allowed Paul Wylie, by the same margin, to go to Albertville in 1992, and take home a Silver Medal. Kerrigan skated her best, but not perfectly, as did Oksana Baiul. I'm sure the judges went through a great dilemma when deciding the winner.

Did you notice the age differential on the podium? Kerrigan, at 24, was the oldest by far, standing next to the 16-year-old Baiul and the 17-year-old bronze medalist, Chen Lu of China. It would have been quite scary if 13-year old American Michelle Kwan had qualified, and medaled with Baiul and Chen. That is probably what would have happened if the assailant had injured Kerrigan more severely. Too bad for those pursuing the unusual, but expect to see an older and better Kwan in 1998.

"I'm going to Disneyworld." Now it is quite ridiculous that Kerrigan, under the lure of money, decided to punt the Closing Ceremony, just to appear in a parade in Orlando. Does she have no team or Olympic spirit at all? She also skipped the Opening Ceremony. Did the pressure of the competition really get to her that badly?

Hockey full of surprises

Surprise was a big theme of the Olympic competition, and that certainly held true on the ice hockey rink. The biggest surprise turned out to be Finland, which went undefeated before bowing to Canada in the semifinals. In an effort that earned them a bronze medal, the Finns beat the Russians twice, and also beat the Americans. It was interesting that in Albertville, the same country — not necessarily the same team — lost to Team U.S.A. 4-1 in pool play. No one could touch this year's Finnish team.

In its two games against Russia, Finland had a combined score of 9-0. I didn't see the bronze medal game, but it proved that the 5-0 embarrassment handed to the Russians in pool play was not a fluke. Finland effectively proved that the Soviet dynasty is dead, not only handing the Russians (or their predecessors) their first ever shutout, but also making these Olympics the first where their hockey team did not medal at all. It is a big sign of change.

The U.S. hockey team certainly had reason to feel disappointed after its performance in Lillehammer. As always, they came in with high hopes, only to start out with three ties in pool play, even if one of them came against a strong Canadian team. They were certainly psyched about playing Finland, hoping to defy the odds, but were simply outplayed, and beaten badly, 6-1.

Team U.S.A. then proceeded to lose to the Czech Republic, another former power fallen, and then dropped a 4-3 decision to Germany for eighth place, its worst result ever. I am willing to bet that, for the players, the scene of the American player sliding and pushing the puck into his own goal will be extremely difficult to forget.

Look out in 1998 — National Hockey League players might be allowed to compete in the Olympics then. One fellow *Tech* sports staff member pointed out that if this happens, there could be three "Dream Teams": the best of Canada, the United States, and Russia, especially those who went from past Olympic glory to big bucks in the NHL.

Those who fly

In the individual ski jump events, there were two memorable performances. These Games included several veterans, and this certainly held true for the 120-meter large hill competition. In this event, Jens Weissflog of Germany won two gold

medals 10 years apart, despite opposition from younger flyers and a partisan Norwegian crowd. In Sarajevo in 1984, Weissflog won the event off the then-normal hill, 70-meter competition (which no longer exists). This is pretty impressive for someone who was affected by unification, and took a while to master the V-style that later generations picked up, lofting them farther. He had trouble getting it right, but persevered in doing so, as his gold medal performance demonstrates.

The big story of the 90-meter competition was the 1994 champion, Espen Bredeson of Norway. His feat wasn't too bad for someone who finished dead last the last time around. Bredeson is like this past season's Philadelphia Phillies, just one step better.

Now whatever happened to American Jim Holland, who according to VISA, made "the longest ski jump in history," and aimed to make "the second longest jump?" CBS did not show his performances, so I don't know how he jumped. According to the results, however, he seemed to have come up short. In large hill competition, he placed 46th, landing almost a total of 300 feet behind Weissflog. Off the 90-meter hill, Holland wasn't even the best American finisher, placing 48th.

All good things must end

Due to other commitments, I missed most of the Closing Ceremony, but managed to catch the tail end of the action. It was nice to see Dan Jansen carry the flag for the United States, as someone who triumphed over tragedy and frustration. I commend his teammates for electing him to the honor. Of what I did see, the only thing that IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch said, that the crowd did not cheer about, was his declaration of the official closing of the 1994 Olympic Winter Games. It was a sad moment indeed, after a fun two weeks.

After the Olympic flag came down, the Norwegians performers gave a superb show. It is incredible to see all the kids, who sang so well, coordinated and choreographed so well. The Japanese, as host to the next Winter Games, then came to show their stuff. There was a clear contrast of cultures, but the sights and sounds were no less impressive. They essentially gave a good preview of coming attractions. Both the Norwegians and the Japanese who performed, probably spent years preparing for those few minutes in front of the crowd. To spectators like me, all the time and work seemed worthwhile.

Finally, the occasion prompt me to make two more notes. First, good luck to the dogs and their drivers, who recently began their 10,000-mile "Environmental Expedition" from Lillehammer to Nagano, host of the Winter Olympics in 1998.

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Women's Hoops Ends with Loss

By Thomas Kettler
STAFF REPORTER

The MIT women's basketball team finished the season with a disappointing performance against the Babson Beavers in the New England Women's Eight conference tournament losing 88-50. The loss left the team 10-14 overall, and 1-6 in the conference.

The game was lost in the first half when the Engineers fell behind, ending the first half, 51-27. During the first half, Babson shot an incredible 56 percent from the floor while MIT only shot 32 percent.

In the second half, Babson shot 43 percent, but the Engineers did not take advantage of this slip, shooting a terrible 27 percent. This resulted in a horrendous 29 percent average for MIT this game.

For the game, starting forward Mari Casserberg '94 was the high scorer, finishing her career with 11 points. Her final game left her with 1197 total points, which puts her ninth on the career list, one place ahead of Maureen Fahey '90, whom Casserberg surpassed for the career lead in points among MIT women.

Casserberg also led the team in rebounds with nine, while the other starting forward C.J. Doane '95 and starting center Kristin Ratliff '95 tied for second with eight rebounds each.

Casserberg said, "We played a pretty good game. We had a really poor shooting percentage. That was the difference."

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Shuster Sweeps Table Tennis Singles, Heads for Nationals

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victorious in two close games. The double-elimination format allows someone to lose a match, but still win the entire tournament. Hence, Maung had another match to play, but to win the tournament, he would have to fight through the loser's bracket. Unfortunately, he was eliminated in his first match, against Chi-Ming Chui, brother of Jane Chui, also from UMass-Amherst. Chui, another penholder, overpowered and outplayed his opponent in the first game, winning, 21-17. In the second game, Maung came back from a 13-17 deficit to take a 18-17 lead, only to see Chui run off four points in a row to complete the match.

The format of the tournament also left Shuster waiting for the opponent of the last finals round. In the end, Shuster took to the table, with Mehta on the other side again.

Mehta came into the opening game full of energy, pumping himself up after each point he had won. He was able to return everything Shuster gave him, forcing numerous errors. Despite this, Shuster went up 16-10, only to see the lead disappear. Mehta won eight points in a row to go up 18-16. Shuster won some important rallies, in addition to some mistakes by his opponent, to win four straight points and have a game point, at 20-18. Mehta managed to come back and force a deuce at 20-20. Mehta had some chances to win the game, but could not finish it off on game point. Shuster's last few shots were too much for his adversary to handle, which allowed him to capture the first game, 24-22.

In the second game, Shuster took the early lead, returning Mehta's best shots with something better. Shuster took an 11-7, only to see an inspired Mehta close the gap, at 18-18. The two had a few drawn-out rallies, but Shuster managed to outlast Mehta on most of them. Shuster himself started yelling "Yes!" on points that he had won. When Mehta missed a shot on match point, Shuster had emerged victorious, 24-22, 21-19, and he won the singles tournament without dropping a single game.

Doubles Pair Reaches Final

Before the conclusion of the singles tournament, Maung and Shuster played together in the doubles tournament, and reached the finals, one win shy of heading to the national competition. After receiving a first-round bye, the pair faced the Brown team of Kumar and Wong. The MIT team committed many errors in the first game and lost. They came back, combining Maung's quickness with Shuster's heavy topspin, connecting on their shots and forcing errors. They captured the second and third games, winning the match 2-1, and 21-17 in the final game.

The pair then faced the brother

and sister combination of Chi-Ming and Jane Chui, of UMass-Amherst. The MIT pair outlasted their opponents in the first game, winning 21-15. In the second game, they fell behind but came back to tie the score, 13-13. After that point, however, the UMass pair exploded on an 8-2 run, winning the second game, 21-15.

In the deciding game, the Chui's employed a strategy of serving, then killing the return of serve. The strategy worked well enough, as Maung and Shuster made many mistakes, and fell behind, 10-2, and 11-18, before losing the game, 21-12. "I could have improved my service return," Maung said. "We picked up a mentality in the second game that just carried over into the third."

Shuster will head to the ACU-I National Table Tennis Championships in April at Anderson College, S.C. Shuster, however, is not the first person to represent MIT at the national tournament. Chi-Sun Chui '93, brother of Jane and Chi-Ming Chui, won the regional competition four years in a row. He played his best at the national tournament three years ago, when he reached the finals as one of the top junior players in the United States.

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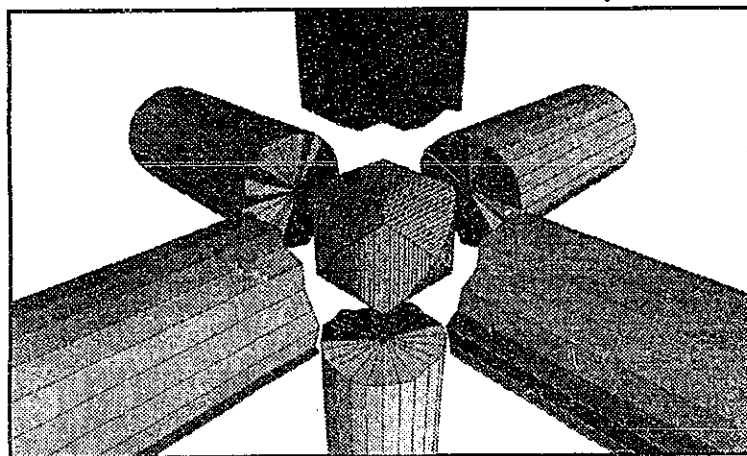
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Crowd Pulls Hockey Team to Playoffs

By Thomas Kettler
and Daniel Wang
STAFF REPORTERS

Only a day after having been defeated by the MIT men's hockey team, the Southern Connecticut State University Owls got their revenge Saturday night with a 3-2 victory behind a hat trick by Bill Bogenicki. The loss left the Engineers 6-11-3 overall for the season.

The Engineers had defeated SCSU, 7-6, the previous evening to make the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs.

Saturday's game started quickly with the first period leaving SCSU ahead, 2-1. The first score came on a breakaway by SCSU 7 minutes and 18 minutes into the game. MIT answered five minutes later on a goal by Chad Mikkleson '94 with assists by Josh Fedderly '94 and Daryl Hemingway '94. The Owls scored their second goal off a power play with four minutes left in the period.

In the second period, the Engi-

neers tied the game during a power play of their own. Tetsu Inada '97 scored the goal five minutes into the period with assists by Hemingway and Stephen Schlueter '95.

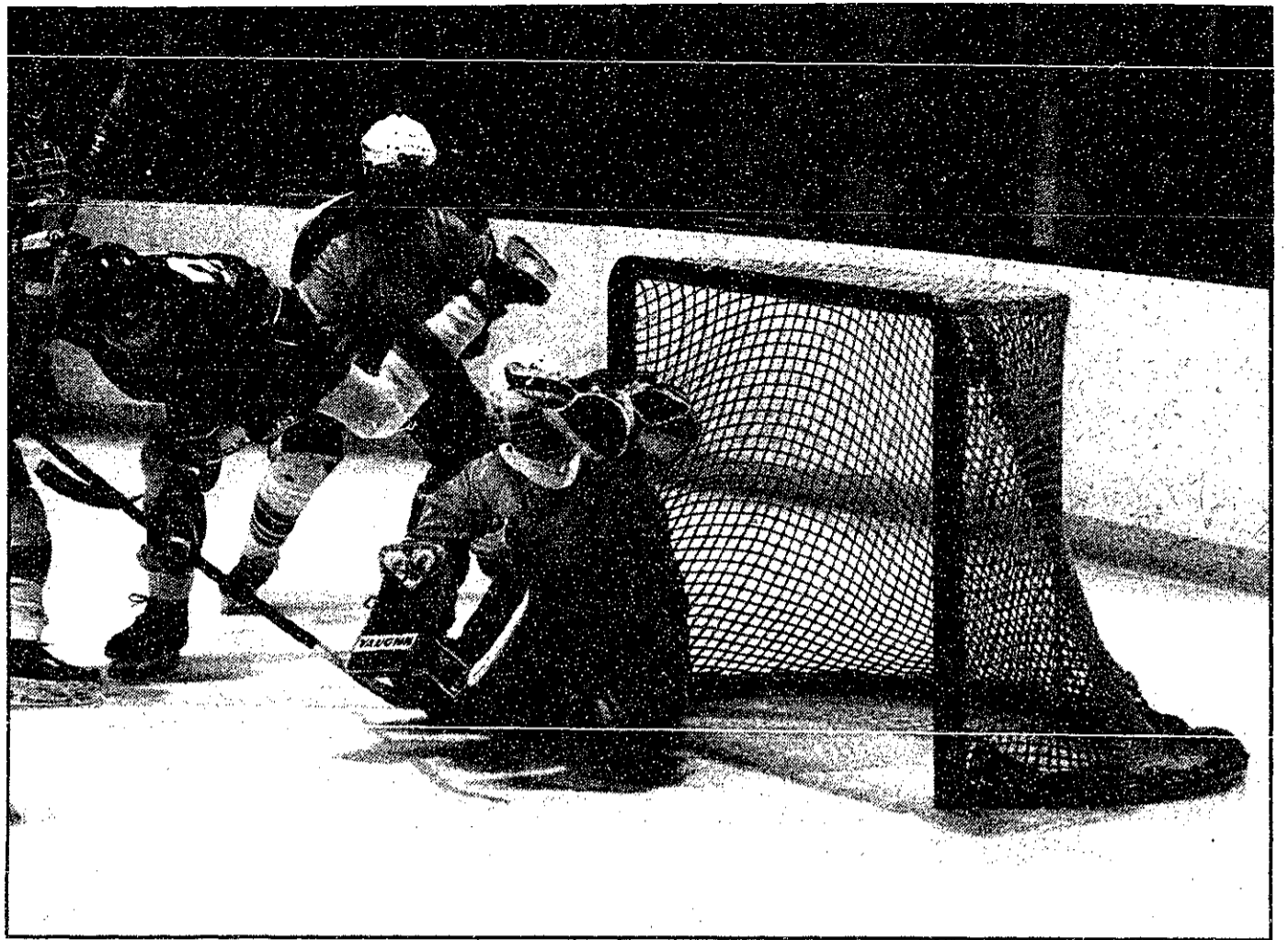
Both teams had other power play opportunities throughout the period but neither could convert. SCSU had problems, as they could not even get a shot on the goal during some of their power plays.

The Owls got the final and winning goal three minutes into the final period. MIT had chances to answer but the SCSU goalie made some excellent saves to seal the victory. Players from both teams fought at the end of the game.

"Bogenicki made the play in the 3rd when they needed it. He's a great player," Assistant coach Tom Keller said. "We had our shots. Couple point blank ones [shots on goal]. Their goalie played very well."

Only one day earlier, the Engi-

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THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

The MIT men's hockey team loses a close game Sunday to Southern Connecticut's Owls, 3-2, despite this second period goal.

In Case You Still Missed It: 16 Days in Lillehammer, Part II

Column by Daniel Wang
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The XVIIth Olympic Winter Games came to a close this Sunday. It was a well-hosted event, one that provided many memories, including both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Here are some of my observations of events that happened in the second week, as well as others that took place in the first week which didn't make last week's column.

Most of the action, especially for the Americans, happened in skating and skiing. In these Olympic Games, there were many people from around the Boston area, but none from MIT. The two local standouts, both of whom won medals, were speed-skater Eric Flaim of Pembroke and figure skater Nancy Kerrigan of Stoneham, who is currently a student at Emmanuel College, just across the Charles.

I followed much of the speed skating action, and two skaters stand out in my mind: Johann Olav Koss of Norway, who dominated the men's distance races, and Bonnie Blair of the United States, who dominated the women's sprints. The two had

similar achievements, but received different treatment.

It blows my mind that Koss has already become a living legend. After his super-human time in the 10,000-meter race, where he shattered his own world record, the Norwegian fans suggested erecting a bronze statue outside of the Viking Ship Hall where the races were held. At least Koss, in his modesty, said, "I suggest that we wait at least 50 years." I don't think Michael Jordan ever received this kind of recognition. Jordan's fans see him as an exceptionally good player, and not a national hero, as Koss seems to be to the Norwegians.

At these Olympics, Bonnie Blair proved to be the best female sprinter in the world, capturing an Olympic double-double by repeating her 500- and 1,000-meter victories of 1992. Moreover, despite being 30 years old, Blair has only lost one race this year. She is even the best American woman at the 1,500-meter, breaking the U.S.- and personal bests at Lillehammer. At that distance, anything but her best, she managed two fourth-place finishes in four Olympics.

Even so, she does not receive enough recognition. People who follow the news might recognize her name, but only consider

her to be a good performer. To everybody else, she is relatively unknown. So she may not be as marketable as Michael Jordan, but she is definitely as much of an athlete. All the excitement about Blair will very likely fade away with the excitement of these Olympics. I hope the nation remembers her when the speed skating World Championships come to Milwaukee next year.

Jamaican bobsledders disqualified

Some interesting things happened in the two-man bobsled competition early in the second half of the Games. The U.S. teams were in a race for futility, as the United States continued to be shut out of bobsledding medals. After thousands of hours and dollars, the Americans came to Lillehammer with American-made sleds for the first time in 40 years. When the two American pairs took on the course with their Bo-Dyn sleds, they broke the track record. The only problem was that 16 other sleds broke their record immediately afterwards. Coming in with high hopes, the two U.S. teams could manage only 13th and 14th places.

In their third Olympics, the Jamaican bobsledders were no longer a novelty, but serious competitors. After two runs, their

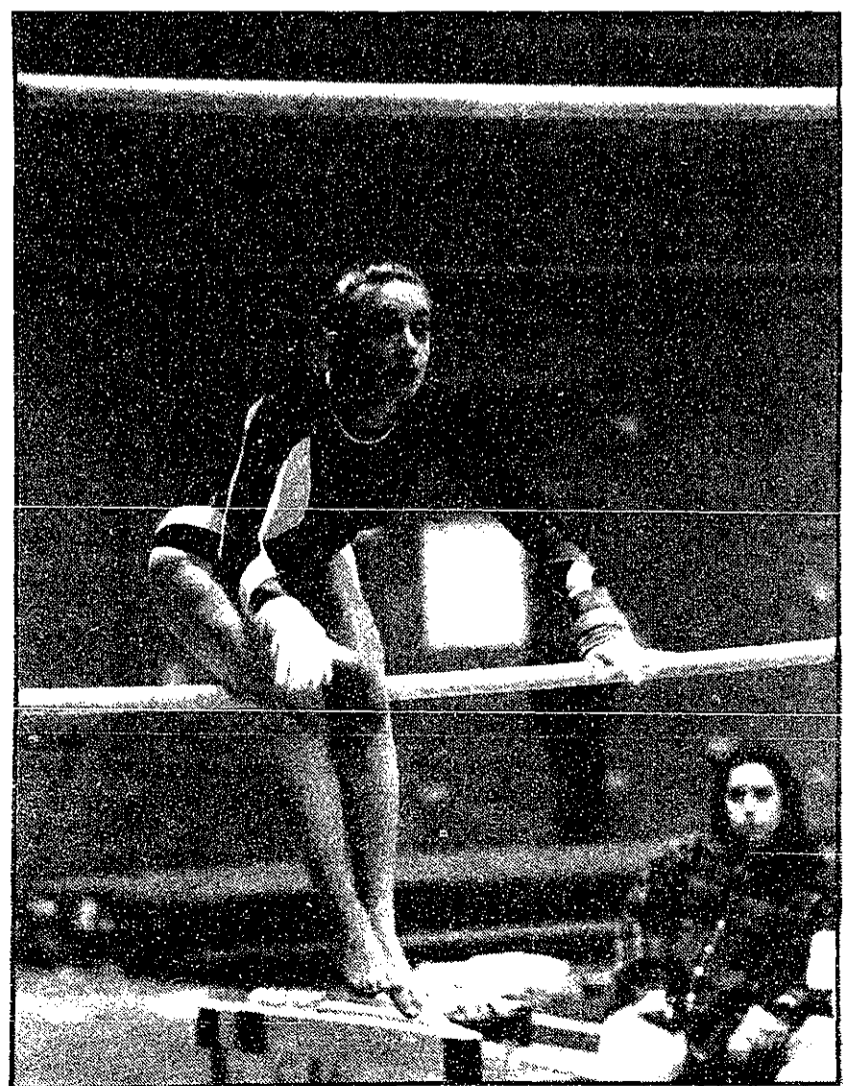
one sled was 25th out of the 43 sleds that finished, ahead of countries such as Russia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Unfortunately, the other Jamaican pair was disqualified when the weight of the crew combined with the sled was seven pounds over the weight limit.

Brakeman Wayne Thomas appeared to have gained all of the weight that pushed them over by seven pounds. Leo Campbell, head of the Jamaican Bobsled Federation, admitted, "Basically, we didn't manage our weight management." Not good for a team looking to touch the world's elite. Thomas' driver, three-time Olympian Dudley Stokes was angry, and had a good reason to be upset.

Things did not fare any better for the Americans in the four-man event. After standing a disappointing tenth place after two runs, the top U.S. team, led by Brian Shimer, was disqualified because the sled's runners were too warm.

The verdict is totally absurd. Three other measurements proved the sled to be legal. The officials could have at least measured it again. Even if the blades were too warm, the problem was not something that could not

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Janet Sollod '96 competes for MIT on the uneven bars during their meet Saturday with Northeastern.

Shuster Dominates Table Tennis Meet

By Daniel Wang
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Many people think of table tennis as a simple game of batting a small celluloid ball around on a table. However, for the field that gathered at Rockwell Cage on Saturday, it was a fast-paced sport which tested speed, spin, and skill.

The competitors came to participate in the Region I (New England area) Table Tennis Championships, as part of the Association of College Unions-International Games Tournament. Regional champions in the various contests would go on to the ACU-I National Championships. Entrants in the table tennis event came from as far away as Maine and Connecticut.

After six hours of competition, MIT's Eugene Shuster '96 plowed through the 15-player field to win the double-elimination men's singles tournament to advance to the national level of ACU-I competition. Both Shuster and Daniel Maung G qualified for both the men's singles and doubles tournaments at SCC Games Tournament at MIT in late January.

Although there was no one from MIT participating in the women's singles competition, the event was one of the early highlights. The final match of the 5-player round

robin pitted current U.S. national team member Jane Chui, of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, against former Vietnam national team member Ngoc Truong, playing for Northeastern University. Truong gave Chui some trouble for the first few points, but Chui prevailed in the entertaining match, 21-16, 21-10.

Men's Singles Action

In men's singles action, both Shuster and Maung won their first two rounds to reach the semifinals of the winner's bracket. The first round matches were quite easy for both of them. Shuster's spin serves and heavily topspinning strokes were too much for Joshua Lewit of Johnson and Wales University, and he won effortlessly, 21-2, 21-3. Maung had a closer contest with Keith Kutilek of the University of Maine, but still won quite easily, 21-8, 21-15.

Shuster had another easy two-game win, against Pete Cardillo of Fitchburg State College. Maung played against Jasper Wong, a good friend, from Brown University. Although there were many errors on both sides, Maung split two hard-fought games with his opponent, who used a different, penholder style, of holding his racquet. In the

third game, Maung figured his opponent out, started making his shots, and went on a roll to finish off the match, 21-18, 17-21, 21-11.

Both MIT players met true challenges in the semifinals of the winner's bracket, but both had different outcomes. Maung drew top seed Jignesh Mehta of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, formerly one of the top junior players in the United States. Mehta's shots, carrying extreme topspin, simply turned out to be too much for Maung, who was blown out in the first game, 21-6. Maung found Mehta's weakness in a much closer second game, but still lost, 21-17.

In his semifinal match, Shuster met up with Krishna Kumar, another Brown player. Kumar gave him some trouble in the first game, especially with returns of serve. Despite struggling, Shuster managed to pull out the win, 21-19. In the second game, Shuster strung many points together and had an easier time in gaining a 21-9 win to close out the match.

With two players left in the winner's bracket, Shuster faced Mehta, and delivered everything he had. The two styles matched up well, but Shuster managed to come out ahead,

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