

The Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, 70°F (21°C)
Tonight: Chilly, clear, 50°F (10°C)
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Everyone Placed After 2nd Lottery

By Sarah Y. Keightley
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Results from the second round of the housing lottery were sent out yesterday evening via electronic mail to those students who did not receive assignments in Tuesday's first round. All students have now been assigned housing, and a third round will not have to be held as it did last year, according to Andrew M. Eisenmann '75, assistant dean for residence and campus activities.

After the first lottery, about 760 students were placed, and another 44 were pushed to the next lottery. Of these 44, 11 accepted bids from independent living groups.

The 33 remaining students were assigned to dormitories, Eisenmann said. Not all students received their top choice, but the distribution was similar to the first round of the lottery, he said.

More spaces were created when about 20 freshmen who had

received assignments decided to accept bids from independent living groups, six upperclassmen went through rush and pledged fraternities, and other upperclassmen decided to move off-campus, Eisenmann said.

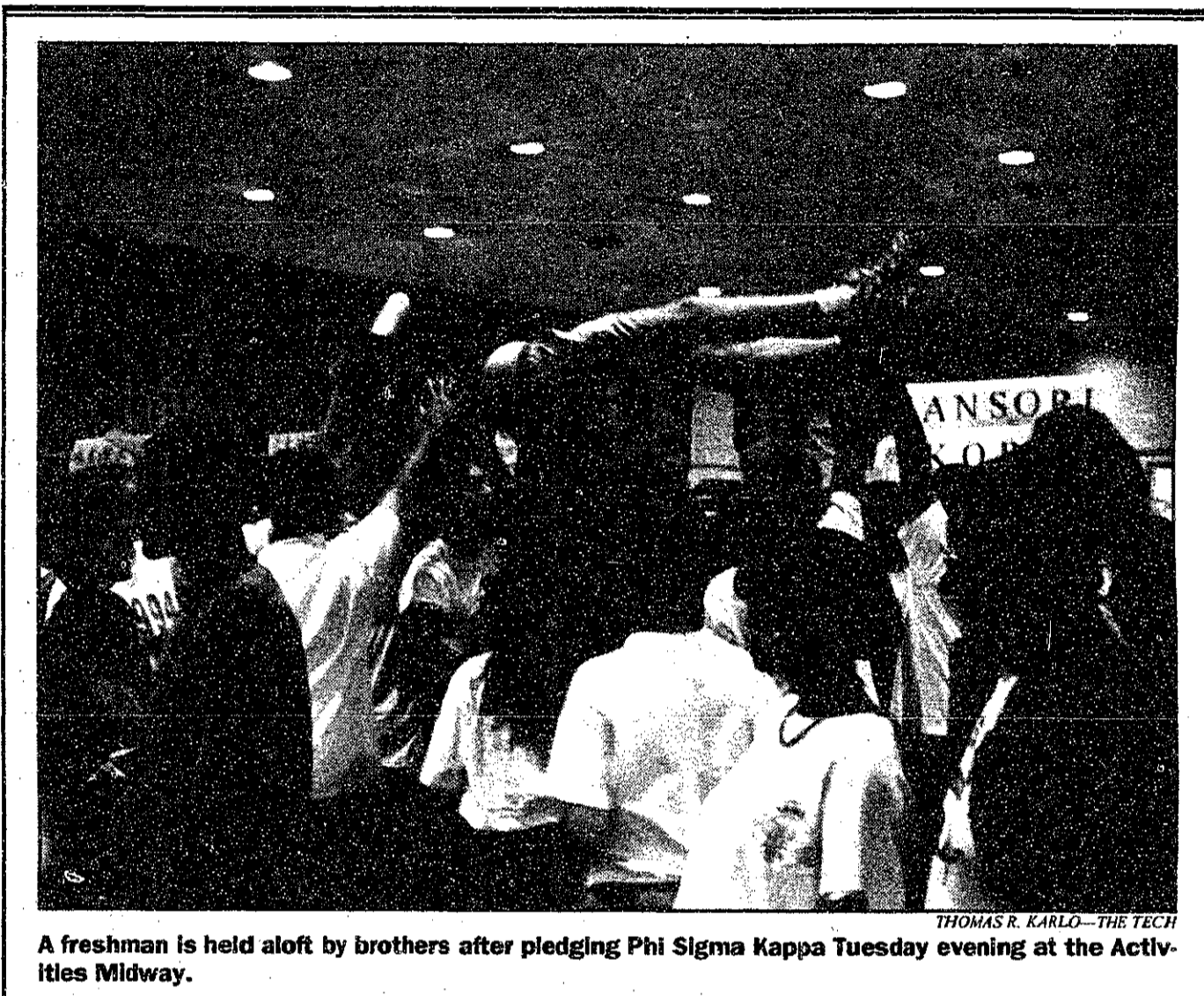
Fewer overcrowded this year

The level of crowding is currently at about 140 people beyond capacity, which is lower than the predicted 150, Eisenmann said. This means that the quads in Baker House will not be converted into quints, and the lounges in MacGregor House will not be converted into doubles as in the past, he said.

Last year at this time, the level of crowding was at 195 people beyond capacity, Eisenmann said.

Eisenmann did say that RCA has received some complaints from students unhappy with their assignments, and there may be more com-

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A freshman is held aloft by brothers after pledging Phi Sigma Kappa Tuesday evening at the Activities Midway.

IFC to Sponsor Williams Show

By Daniel C. Stevenson
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Stand-up comedian Karen Williams will give two shows tonight in Kresge Auditorium sponsored by the Interfraternity Council. The first show is mandatory for all new students and begins at 7:30 p.m. A second show begins at 10:00 p.m. and is open to the MIT community.

Williams' show, entitled "Dealing with Difference — Humor in the 90's," is this year's traditional Thursday-night program for new students, according to Neal H. Dorow, assistant dean and adviser to fraternities, sororities, and living groups. Previous years' programs included discussions on diversity and sexuality.

"The theme of her presentation is going to be about building on differences," said IFC President Prashant B. Doshi '95. "I hope

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Karen Williams

LSC Installs Sound System Upgrades

By Ifung Lu
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Patrons of Lecture Series Committee films will be treated to crisper, more realistic sound due to a major upgrade to the 26-100 sound system, according to Daniel J. Jablonski '96, chair for the LSC Booth Improvement Fund Committee.

The speaker upgrades and the new capability to process Dolby Stereo Surround and Spectral Recording will allow moviegoers to experience a wider range of frequencies than possible with the previous sound system.

"The major change will be that the sound will be much more balanced over the entire room," said Scott D. Centurino G, former chairman of LSC. "Pretty much anywhere in the room, you will hear the sound in stereo. This will help a lot of the 'fringe' seats as well as make the middle seats a lot better."

The old speakers in 26-100 were upgraded to Bose 502A speakers, and Bose Acoustic Wave Cannons replaced the old subwoofers, which are speakers designed to put out low frequencies. A new sound processor that supports Spectral Recording and stereo surround sound was also installed.

"Basically anything in 26-100 that had to do with sound was changed," Jablonski said.

"We replaced everything from the projectors to the speakers, except for four cables," Centurino said. "The entire system has been reworked. Every little piece of it will be improving the system a lot."

The new system relies on the concept that reflected sound is more realistic than direct sound, according to Jablonski. Reflected sound also has the benefit of being heard

more clearly in a larger area than with direct sound.

LSC will have a free showing of "Sneakers" at 8:00 p.m. tonight in 26-100 to test the system under normal operating conditions. They will open their 50th anniversary season on Registration Day with "Jurassic Park" presented in surround sound.

Digital sound in the works

Planning for the upgrade started before the beginning of spring term, according to Jablonski. Once the upgrade proposal was approved by administrative, safety, and Physical Plant offices, work was begun to replace the old equipment.

The new technology comes at a cost though. LSC obtained equipment donations to cut down on expenditures.

In addition, LSC members Kevin R. Lynch '96 and Phillip A. Lisiecki '96 designed and built their own electronics to control the new sound system. Lynch and Lisiecki are currently developing a new computer system that will centralize and automate system control.

"It's a step on the road to automation," Jablonski said.

By upgrading to the new sound system, LSC hopes to keep up with theater standards. Spectral Recording is currently one of the best analog standards available.

The new system will also allow for a future upgrade to digital sound, which Jablonski hopes will happen within the next decade.

"Once a digital standard has emerged, we will be able to plug right into it," Centurino said.

"[The old system] used to be state of the art, but movie technology has come a long way. We wanted to put in the best analog system," Jablonski said.

Heads of R/O Committee Meet Goals Despite Limited Budget

By Hyun Soo Kim
NEWS EDITOR

Since April, members of the Residence and Orientation Week Committee have worked many hours to organize R/O Week for this year's freshmen. Heading the committee are R/O Chair Jahnavi

Swamy '95, Personnel and Publicity Manager Ophira J. Segal '96, and Logistics Manager Jonathan A. Allen '96.

The R/O Committee consists of about 45 student volunteers who are part of 15 subcommittees, such as the one responsible for the "Daily Confusion."

In order to deal with budget cutbacks and the Institute's new calendar, the R/O Committee tried to streamline R/O and reduce waiting times, Swamy said.

"My objective was to keep [R/O] interesting, efficient, and cost-effective," said Allen, who was in charge of the budget and scheduling of R/O activities. "My biggest job is to keep track of the budget. Since our budget was cut, it was hard to keep track of how much money each

committee got."

In order to cut costs, many events did without the customary food to attract freshmen. "I think ... the committee had to be more resourceful to make it fun without food," Segal said.

Goals met in many events

"One of the big goals we worked on was to simplify R/O check-in," Swamy said. "Lines were almost nonexistent this year." In previous years, freshmen had to wait in hour-long lines to check in at the R/O Center.

In addition, Project Move Off Your Assumptions was a successful bonding experience for the new students and gave them some school

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Professor Samuel Jay Keyser stepped down as associate provost in June. Page 7

WORLD & NATION

IRA Announces Complete End to Violence in Ireland

By Tyler Marshall
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

In a major development that could signal an end to one of the world's oldest conflicts, the Irish Republican Army announced Wednesday a "complete cessation" of violence in its struggle to end British control over Northern Ireland.

"In order to enhance the democratic peace process and underline our definitive commitment to its success, the leadership of the IRA (has) decided that as of midnight tonight there will be a complete cessation of military operations," declared a statement issued by the IRA in Dublin. "All our units have been instructed accordingly."

The brief statement, issued just before lunchtime here, ended days of mounting speculation that a major breakthrough in the conflict was imminent.

It was immediately hailed by the Irish government and leaders of the Roman Catholic community in Northern Ireland as the end of the 25-year-long guerrilla campaign.

"There's a deep sense of history in this house today, and, indeed, throughout the country," Irish Premier Albert Reynolds told a special session of the Irish Parliament after the statement was issued. "It is a day that many had begun to fear they might never see."

President Clinton, who has quietly nudged the warring parties toward a peace formula since last February, also hailed Wednesday's developments as "a watershed announcement" and said the cease-fire could "mark the beginning of a new era that holds the promise of peace for all the people of Northern Ireland."

But the omission of specific wording in the IRA statement that the cease-fire would be permanent triggered immediate concern among senior British government officials here, who said more was needed before the peace process could

move forward as planned.

Under an accord worked out last December, if the IRA agreed first to give up violence, the British and Irish governments agreed to give Sinn Fein, the IRA political wing, a voice in round-table negotiations that would search for a lasting settlement to the Northern Ireland conflict.

In virtually all their references to the agreement, British officials have stressed the need for an IRA pledge for a permanent end to the violence.

It was also unclear if militant Protestants would carry out their threats to step up their own campaign of violence in the wake of the IRA announcement.

Despite this concern and the British reservations, the IRA announcement is the single biggest step, so far, toward ending a conflict that has claimed more than 3,000 lives and left another 30,000 wounded in a quarter-century of violence.

Indeed, just hours before the IRA declaration, the dispute claimed its most recent victim, as the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force kidnapped a 37-year-old Catholic, shot him in the head and dumped his body on a roadside.

While there were isolated celebrations in Northern Ireland, the prevailing mood among its 1.5 million residents was one of nervous optimism.

"There's a lot of suspicion," said John Derby, a political scientist at the University of Coleraine, a mainly Protestant town. "I think it will be hard for the Unionists (Protestants) to sit down with people who've been killing them for the last 25 years."

On Wednesday night, British Prime Minister John Major was seeking assurances about the IRA statement from Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams that could lead to just such a meeting at the peace table.

"If he were to say tonight, 'This statement is unambiguous, that the violence has ended for good,' then

within three months, we could start talking with Sinn Fein on how to go forward with the peace process," Major told the British Broadcasting Corp.

Northern Ireland Secretary Patrick Mayhew, when asked if the IRA statement met British demands, answered, "No, I don't think it's clear." But he added that "a very few informal words" of assurances would be enough to start the process.

In a television interview late Wednesday, Adams said he would attempt to get the needed clarifications.

In return for the cease-fire, Adams also called for a demilitarization of Northern Ireland — meaning a withdrawal of the 18,000 British soldiers stationed there — and a return of the IRA prisoners to Ulster from jails in Britain.

But the absence of any reference to a permanent cease-fire in Wednesday's announcement fueled existing anger and suspicion among hard-line Protestants in Northern Ireland, also known as Ulster.

With the kind of hate-fueled logic that has so often prevented progress toward peace among the warring factions in the past, Protestant militants are convinced that anything suggested or offered by the IRA, must, almost by definition, be bad for them. They believe the British and Irish governments must have made secret concessions to get the IRA to agree to a cease-fire.

And celebrations Wednesday by Roman Catholic residents in the Ulster capital of Belfast, who drove through their neighborhoods cheering and waving the Irish flag, only reinforced Protestant convictions that the IRA cease-fire is part of a deal against their interests.

Ian Paisley — the leader of the smaller, more radical of the two Protestant-based political parties in Northern Ireland and a member of Parliament — denounced the wording of the IRA statement as "a clever Jesuit expression."

Last Russian Soldiers Leave Barracks in Eastern Germany

By Dan Fesperman
THE BALTIMORE SUN

BERLIN

They came as brutal conquerors. Then they posed as liberators, only to betray the cause by overstaying their welcome and helping prop up an infamous wall.

And even as the last of 380,000 departing Russian soldiers said goodbye to eastern Germany Wednesday after 49 years of uneasy occupation, they left an odd, ambivalent legacy: barracks stripped of every item of value; fields polluted by jet fuel and kerosene; a black market in surplus hats, medals and weaponry; grandiose monuments to a bygone Soviet empire; a lingering east German taste for left-wing politics; and, oddest of all, hundreds of stray cats.

In the face of all this, the German government managed a graceful if subdued farewell Wednesday, ending the ceremonies with a somber march of soldiers from both countries across a quiet, green corner of east Berlin.

Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin sought to remind Germans, as well as the rest of the world, of just what a big favor the then-Soviet army did for everyone in World War II. At a loss of 20 million citizens and soldiers — the highest

casualties suffered by any nation — the Soviets barely held off a Nazi onslaught before slogging and pounding all the way to the center of Berlin, where a surrounded Adolf Hitler took his own life rather than submit to his hated enemies from the east.

"The poisonous roots of an unparalleled evil were ripped out here in Berlin, and the ashes of Hitler's monstrous plans were thrown into the wind," Yeltsin said.

Yeltsin spoke at the Soviet war memorial in Berlin's Treptower Park, standing at the foot of a towering statue of a Soviet soldier tenderly holding a German child rescued from battle. Spreading before Yeltsin was a long green lawn, the burial site of nearly 5,000 of the Soviet soldiers killed in the battle for Berlin.

On both sides of that lawn Wednesday Russian and German soldiers stood at attention, backed by a few thousand spectators beneath tall maples. Behind them along the perimeter of the site was a high fence of spiked iron, where hundreds of Russian emigres peeped between the railings, hoping to get a glimpse of Yeltsin.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl acknowledged the German debt for the Russian defeat of the

Nazis. But he added, "We must also not forget what Russians later inflicted on Germans."

As part of the 1990 agreement for German reunification, the former conquerors of World War II promised to pull their soldiers out of Berlin by this fall. The Russians further agreed to leave Germany altogether, getting a \$9 billion farewell gift to ease the pain of resettlement for the departing soldiers.

If the Germans have felt a bit awkward about saying goodbye, the Russian soldiers have found parting to be downright painful. They are leaving behind hard-currency salaries far more bountiful than what they will earn in rubles in the mother country, and that is assuming they will have a job. It is feared that some of the unemployed will end up as new recruits in the growing Russian mafia.

Partly to compensate themselves for their coming drop in income, the soldiers, in behavior well-reported by a disapproving German news media, have taken virtually every removable item from their barracks and bases — from plumbing fixtures to lampposts.

But they have been leaving behind their cats, which dart about the empty buildings and stray into neighboring streets.

New Heart Attack Test May Speed Treatment, Save Billions

LOS ANGELES TIMES

An inexpensive new blood test developed by Texas researchers could improve the treatment of heart attacks and save as much as \$4 billion in medical costs each year by quickly identifying which patients who show up at emergency rooms with symptoms are actually having an attack.

The test, which is already available to hospitals, could speed the treatment of heart attack patients and reduce the use of potentially hazardous clot-busting drugs on patients who have symptoms but turn out not to be in the midst of an attack.

Currently, only 10 percent of the 5 million patients who enter emergency rooms each year with symptoms are having a heart attack. Nonetheless, a majority of them are admitted to expensive intensive care units as a precautionary measure. Determining whether they are having an attack can require 12 to 24 hours, by which time the damage from the attack is complete.

In contrast, the new test, developed at Baylor College of Medicine, can identify victims in less than two hours, offering opportunity to minimize permanent damage to heart tissues, the team reports Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The new test developed by Robert Roberts and his colleagues at Baylor can detect an unusual form of CK-MB produced in heart attacks at the extremely low concentrations present shortly after a heart attack. The test is currently manufactured by Helena Laboratories Inc. of Beaumont, Texas, and has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for monitoring the progress of heart-attack victims.

U.S. Reasserts Determination To Restore Democracy to Haiti

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration, in its most strident rhetoric so far, said Wednesday that it will use the military unit it is assembling to restore exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power in Haiti, either to keep order after a peaceful transition or to defeat and depose the island's dictatorial government.

By declaring the U.S. government's determination to restore democracy to Haiti no matter what it takes, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott and Deputy Defense Secretary John M. Deutch '61 seemed to cut away much of the administration's room to maneuver, leaving it with no graceful way to avoid an invasion unless Haiti's military government, headed by Lt. Gen. Raul Cedras, steps down soon.

"The multinational force is going to Haiti," Deutch said in reference to a U.S.-dominated army that is training at the Roosevelt Rhodes naval base in Puerto Rico. "The (only) issue is the circumstance under which that force enters Haiti."

In any case, Deutch said, the Pentagon expects to resolve the matter soon. Although he did not set a deadline, he said that one or two weeks of training will be enough to prepare an invasion force after all the elements of that force are assembled.

Talbott said the United States continues to prefer a peaceful end to the crisis in which Cedras and his supporters agree to surrender control to Aristide, the winner of Haiti's only internationally certified free and fair presidential election. But he gave no indication that Washington expects such an outcome.

Vatican Attacks Planned U.N. Population Conference

LOS ANGELES TIMES

VATICAN CITY

Fighting from a script written by Pope John Paul II, the Vatican on Wednesday fired a new broadside against a planned U.N. population conference, attacking the United States in general and Vice President Al Gore in particular.

Members of a 17-member Vatican delegation leave Thursday for Cairo, Egypt, carrying papal instructions to unflinchingly oppose a draft resolution for the Sept. 5-13 conference that endorses abortion on demand and takes a liberal view of human sexuality.

Supported by the United States, other governments and feminist groups around the world, such proposals are, nevertheless, seen by Pope John Paul as a blatant assault on the sanctity of life, which he says begins at the instant of conception.

On Wednesday, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro, himself a member of the high-level delegation, took issue with Gore, who will head the U.S. delegation and has said that the United States does not seek to proclaim a universal right to abortion.

"The draft of the document, which has the U.S. administration as its principal sponsor, in reality contradicts Mr. Gore," Navarro told reporters at a Vatican briefing. The Clinton administration would allow U.S. funds to flow to international groups that support abortion, reversing the policy of Republican predecessors.

WEATHER

Cool and Cloudy

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

There is a chance of morning showers over eastern sections of New England. Otherwise it will become partly sunny on Thursday.

Today: Chance of early morning showers, otherwise mostly cloudy. High 65-70°F (18-21°C). Chance of rain 30 percent. Northwest wind 10-20 mph (16-32 kph).

Tonight: Becoming clear and chilly. Low 50-55°F (10-13°C).

Friday: Partly cloudy and cool. High 65-70°F (18-21°C).

Saturday: Dry and unseasonably cool. Lows 40-50°F (4-10°C), except upper 30s (4°C) in colder valleys. Highs in the 60s (18°C).

Trying to Keep Cubans Home, Negotiators Walk Fine Line

By Daniel Williams
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

U.S. negotiators go into talks with Cuban officials Thursday trying to walk a fine line: They want to persuade Cuba's Fidel Castro to stop Cuban rafters from taking to the sea, but nicely.

In the past, Castro arrested and fined potential boat people under laws prohibiting "illegal departures," a practice criticized by human-rights groups. He recently stopped enforcing the law, stimulating a wave of refugees.

To persuade Castro, Washington is willing to concede numerous points on immigration long sought by his regime. The concessions

would continue to give him a safety valve of exits for disgruntled citizens, without prolonging escapes by sea, a spectacle embarrassing to the Havana government.

Thursday's talks in New York begin as the number of Cuban refugees picked up in the Straits of Florida by U.S. ships remained high for a second day. The Coast Guard said 1,419 had been picked up Wednesday by 2 p.m., after a total of 1,582 were intercepted on Tuesday. That was up sharply from the preceding three days, when the number was depressed after storms swept the straits.

Officially, Cuba is looking to widen the talks to cover the long-standing U.S. trade embargo against

Cuba, but U.S. officials said the American negotiators will not take this up in New York.

Clinton is willing to expand greatly the number of Cubans who are able to immigrate legally through the American Interests Section in Havana. Castro has long wanted expansion of immigration as recognition that economics, not politics, is driving Cubans away.

One way to expand immigration is to widen the criteria for determining which Cubans have sufficiently close relatives in the United States to be eligible to move here. Looser rules for letting in refugees can also be used, but these will not be subject to negotiation, a U.S. official said.

Court Rules Sailor Cannot Be Discharged for Saying He Is Gay

By John F. Harris
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A federal appeals court Wednesday ruled that the military cannot discharge sailor Keith Meinhold solely for announcing he is a homosexual, a decision that gay rights advocates say spells legal trouble for the Clinton administration's new "don't-ask, don't-tell" policy.

Meinhold told a national news broadcast two years ago, "Yes, I am in fact gay," but the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that this statement alone does not prove he acts on his desires and struck down the Navy's decision to throw him out of the service.

The Navy tried to discharge Meinhold under the old ban on homosexuals, but his case has implications for the new one, which allows gays to serve as long as they keep their orientation private and do not act upon it.

"On the merits, we defer to the Navy's judgment that — people who engage in homosexual conduct or who demonstrate a propensity" to do so do not belong in uniform, the appeals court said. But the judges ruled the Navy was wrong to "discharge Meinhold solely because of a statement or orientation devoid of any concrete, expressed desire or intent to act on his homosexual propensity."

U.S. District Judge Terry J. Hatter in Los Angeles earlier had struck down not only Meinhold's dismissal but — in a decision that drew nationwide attention — issued an injunction prohibiting the military from discharging anybody simply for saying he or she is gay. The Pentagon quickly asked and received from the Supreme Court a temporary stay of Hatter's broader ruling until the appeals court could issue an opinion. Wednesday, the appeals court said Hatter went too far in applying the case to the entire military. The court noted that Meinhold had filed suit only on his own behalf and had not filed a class-action suit on behalf of all gay service members.

White House Staff Changes Expected

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

It's been nine weeks since White House Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta said he would move quickly to shake things up.

Then came allegations that he suffered a mild attack of "Clintonitis," which affected his ability to make tough decisions. Then came the distractions of the crime bill and health care reform fights of August. Then came vacation in California this week.

Word now is something may happen after Labor Day — maybe a while after Labor Day.

So far the only official announcement has been that Panetta's longtime aide, Jodie R. Torkelson, is in as head of the White House office of administration, the job vacated by the helicoptering David Watkins.

President Clinton wanted his pal, departing Education Department chief of staff Billy Webster, to take that job. Clinton had called Webster, who was going back home to South Carolina, to ask him to come to the White House.

Webster's coming, but to be head of scheduling and advance. (Peter Scher, now staff director of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said no thanks to that job.) Webster's never done scheduling before but has the reputation of a quick study.

Japan to Commit \$1 Billion To Peace Initiative

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TOKYO

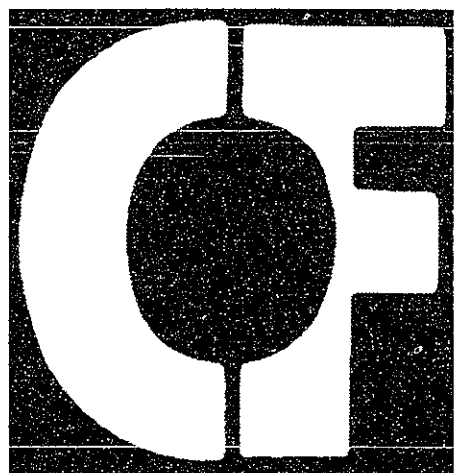
Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama formally announced Wednesday that Japan — to "face squarely" its "acts of aggression" and colonialism — will commit \$1 billion over the next 10 years to a "peace, friendship and exchange initiative."

The program will be launched in 1995, the 50th anniversary of Japan's defeat in World War II. It will seek to overcome the "pain" of the past and "clear up the future of the Asia-Pacific," he said in a statement read to reporters by Chief Cabinet Secretary Kozo Igarashi.

But the effort, at present, amounts to more of a compendium of hopes than a program of action.

Apart from the \$1 billion commitment, the announcement said only that historical research by Japanese and foreign scholars, exchanges and support of international pushes for the advancement of women — including vocational training centers — would be carried out. No specifics were offered.

Igarashi repeated the government's position that all claims against Japan from its former enemies have been settled by peace treaties. He also said no official payments would be made to individuals.



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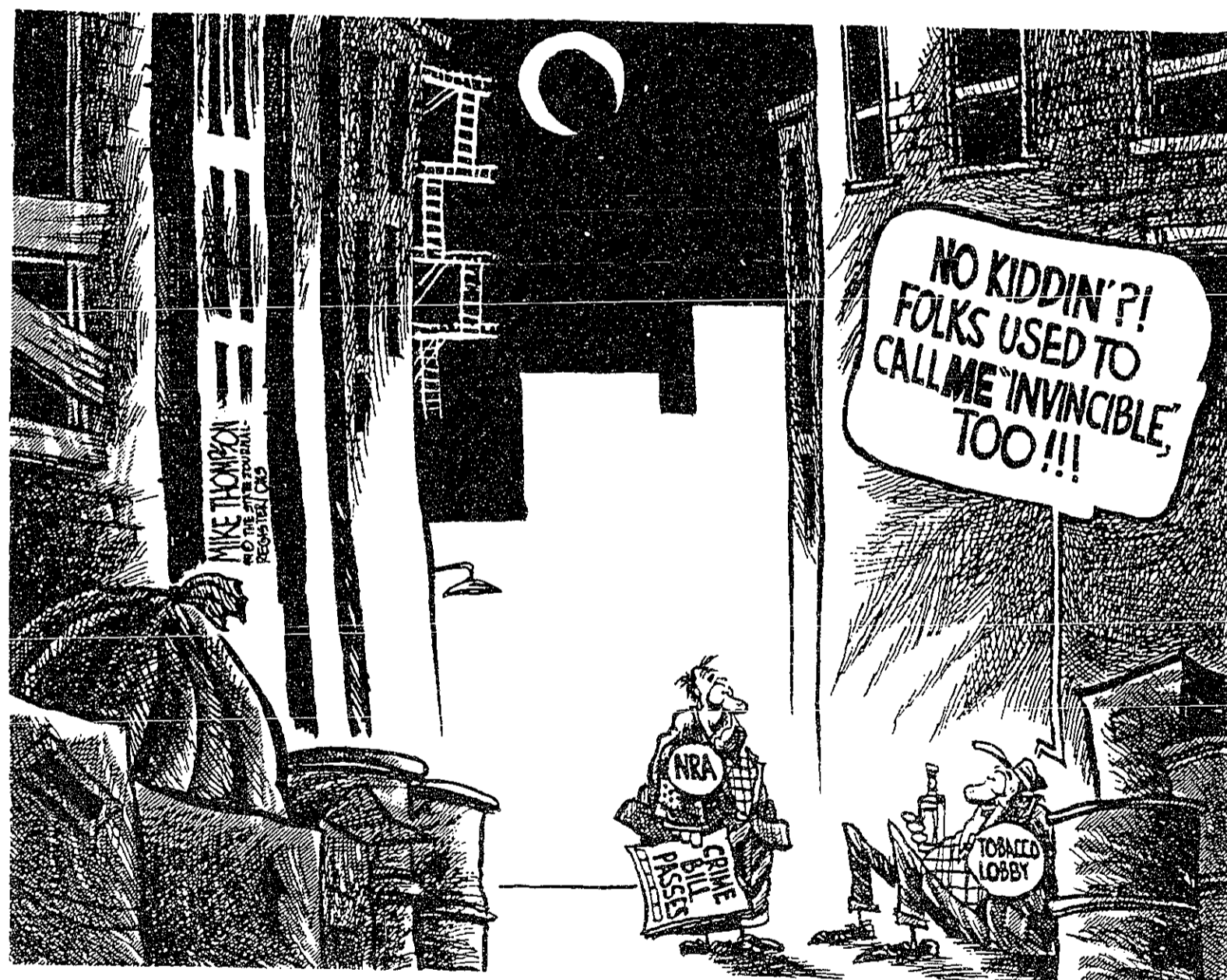
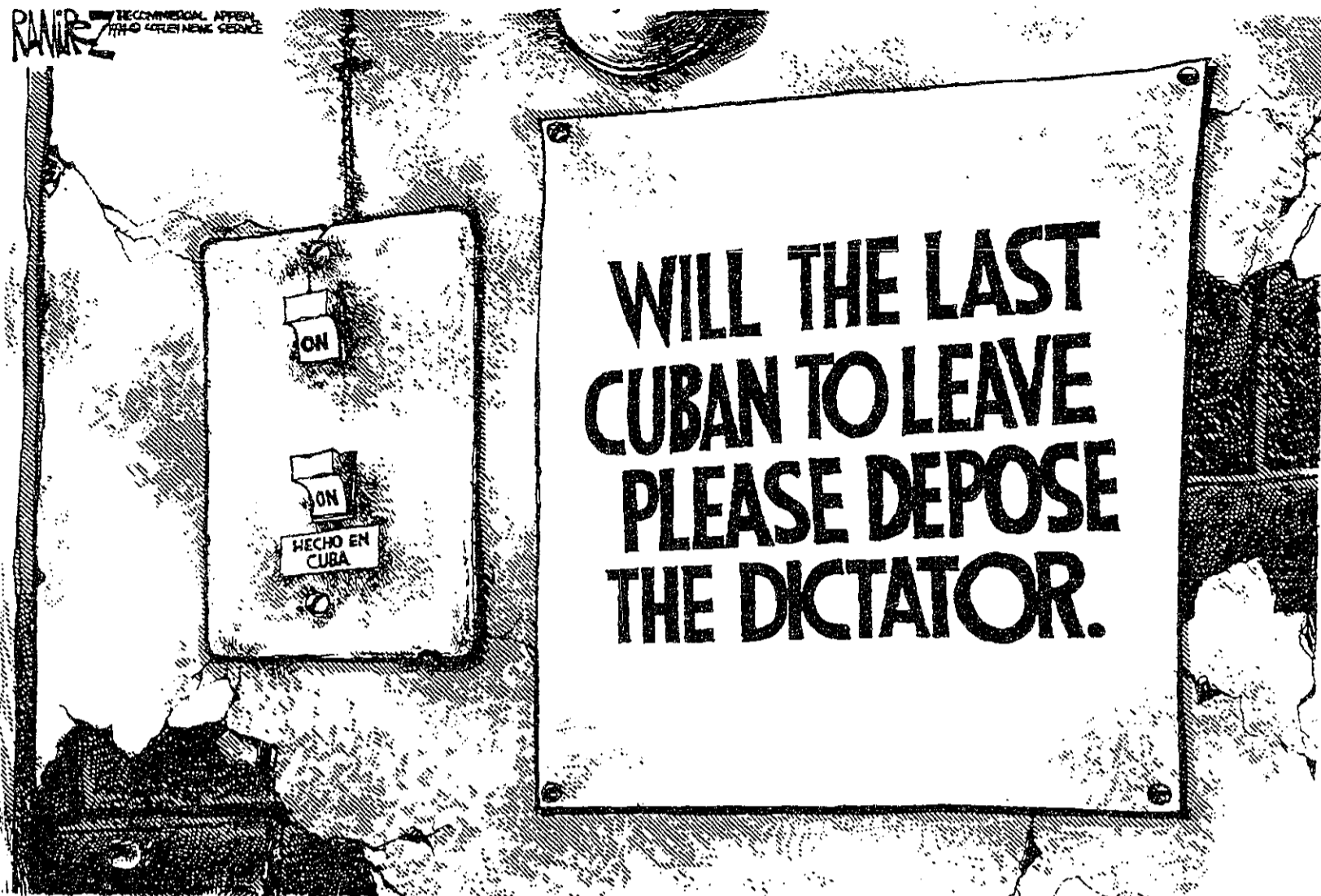
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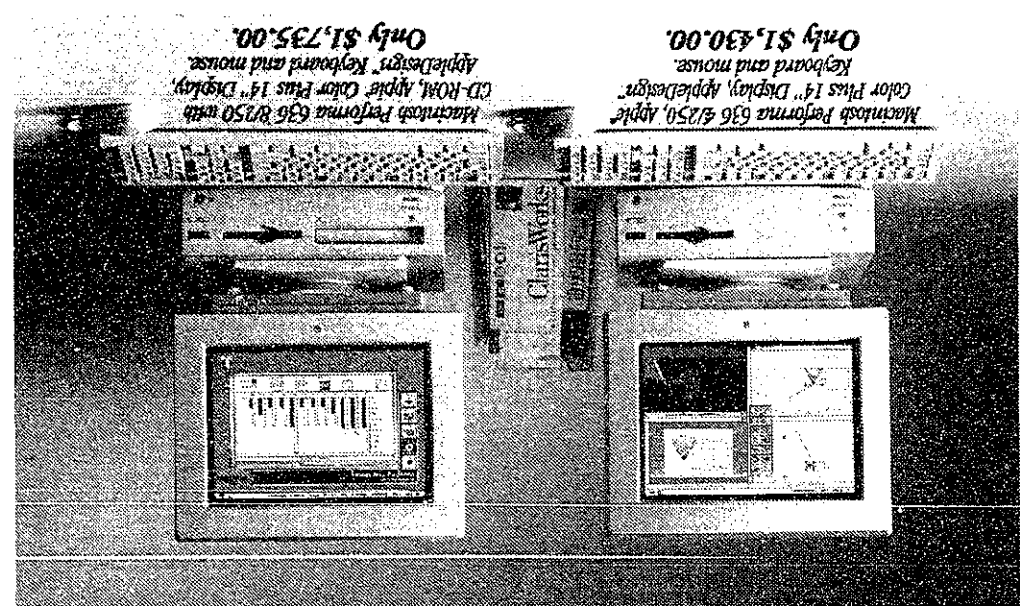
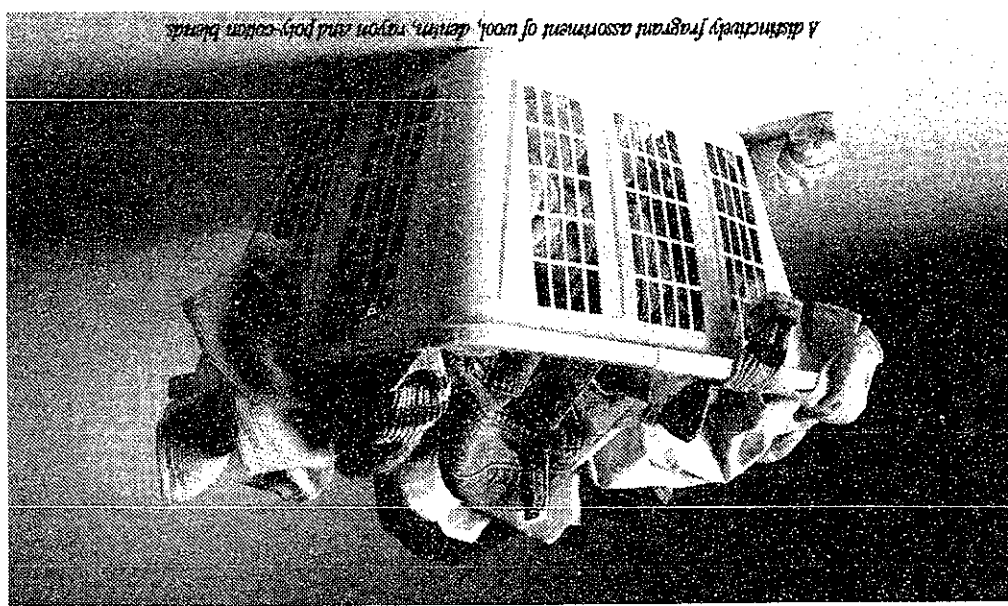
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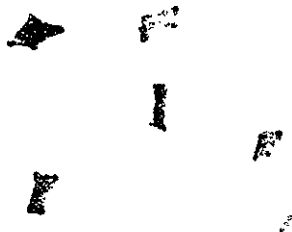
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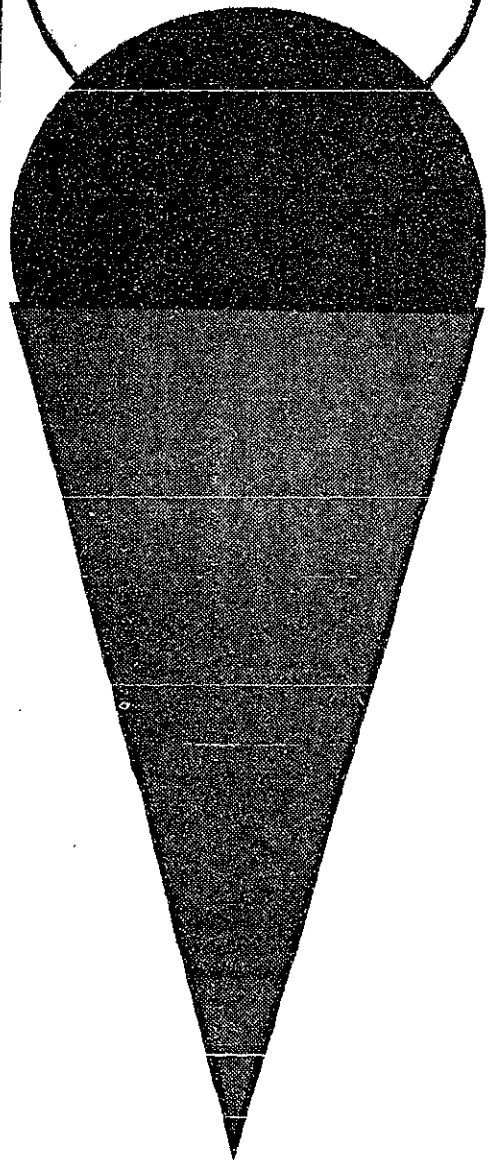
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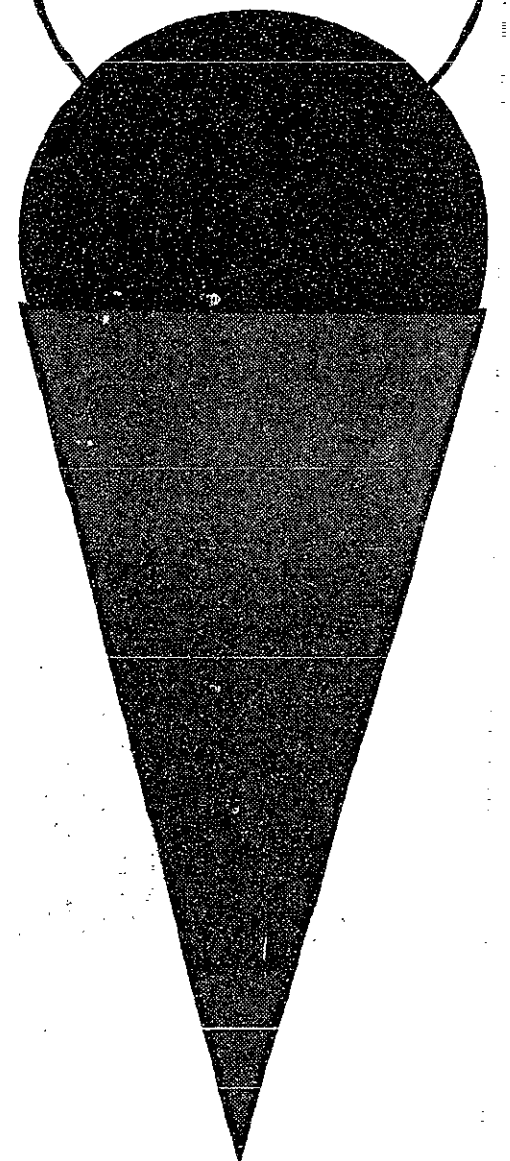
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Professor Keyser Steps Down as Associate Provost

By Daniel C. Stevenson
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Professor of Linguistics Samuel Jay Keyser stepped down as associate provost for institute life on June 30 after holding this position for nine years. Keyser worked extensively with harassment policies, conflict resolution, and faculty and student relations.

Keyser was initially appointed associate provost for educational policies and programs in 1985. His title changed following President Charles M. Vest's inauguration in 1992, "when I became more concerned with issues having to do with quality of life and conflict resolution," Keyser said.

Keyser will return to being a professor in the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, and will continue holding the Peter DeFlorez '38 Fund for Humor Professorship, which was created to encourage humor in the learning process. He will teach a graduate linguistics course in the spring.

"I worried about those parts of the Institute that came into conflict with one another," Keyser said of his job. To that end, he played a large part in the production of the "Dealing with Harassment at MIT"



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Former Associate Provost Samuel Jay Keyser guide and organized training sessions for harassment complaint handlers.

Keyser also instituted what he calls "random faculty dinners" eight years ago. Each month, he invites about 40 randomly chosen faculty members to a dinner in the Grier Room in Building 34.

The dinners provide a place for the faculty to "meet people they might otherwise never meet" and to "talk about what they are worried

about," Keyser said. Between 2,500 and 3,000 faculty have come to the dinners over the past eight years, he said.

Keyser also worked to reinstate the convocation given by the president to the freshman class during Residence and Orientation Week. While this and other achievements are not widely publicized, Keyser said that "there is no end to the good you can do provided you are willing not to take credit for it."

'Live a different life'

"The hardest thing in the world is to stop doing something," Keyser said of leaving the position of associate provost. "The secret is to start something new."

"I've decided that I want to retire early," Keyser said. "I want to live a different life." When he retires in a few years, Keyser said he is going to "try to make a new life writing poetry, playing jazz, and traveling."

Keyser has recently traveled to Indonesia and Bali, and wrote a piece about a visit to Jakarta that he hopes will appear in the *Boston Globe*. He began playing jazz trombone 13 years ago and currently plays in Mark Harvey's Aardvark Orchestra.

Keyser is also working on a series of "original myths." He has written 54 so far, and all are kept under 200 words in length. Keyser says he prefers using a computer (in his case, a Macintosh Powerbook 520) to do his writing — "it's like writing on water," he said. "A line comes in to my head and it's just like a mathematical problem" that he can manipulate and turn into a story, Keyser said.

He has also recently written a book — "The Poetry Gene" — which tries to explain what makes poetry poetry, he said.

Complaint handling seminars will continue to be organized by Keyser. "My goal over the next two years is to try to train 80 percent of the faculty," Keyser said. The faculty dinners will also continue, he said.

Additionally, Keyser will "help the provost in cases of conflict that can be mediated" and "continue to interact with people who have complaint handling responsibilities," he said.

Proud of hacking

During his tenure as associate provost, Keyser said he was proud of the upsurge of clever hacks. "I've

been extolling the value of hacks for years," he said, and hopefully his support has been "in a small way responsible" for the quality of recent hacks.

Hacks are useful for students because they provide "a way of cutting the Institute down to size," Keyser said. "I consider [hacking] to be one of MIT students' most endearing characteristics."

Keyser fondly remembers one particular hack — when the Kresge Auditorium was rigged to play "Pop Goes the Weasel" during a convocation by then-President Paul E. Gray '54. "One of my proudest moments was for a brief instant when Paul Gray thought I might have been responsible for it," Keyser said.

Keyser first worked at MIT in 1961-62 and 1965-66 as research staff member in theoretical and historical linguistics in the Research Laboratory of Electronics. After teaching at Brandeis University, Keyser headed the department of linguistics at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Keyser returned to MIT in 1977 to head the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy. He also served as a housemaster at Senior House for seven years.

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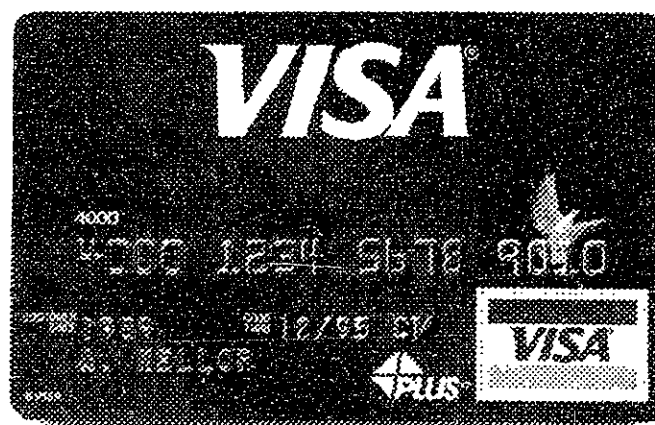
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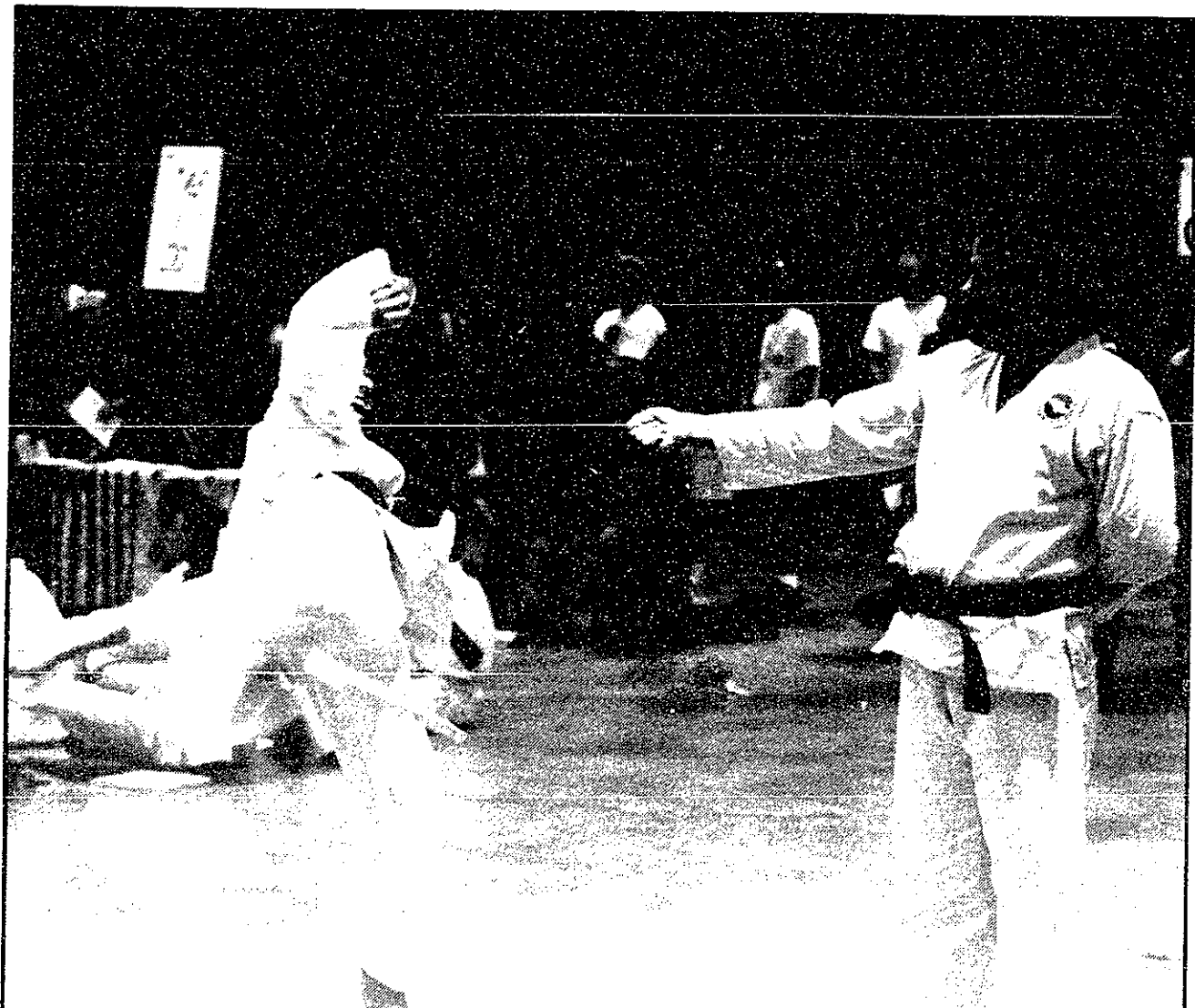
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THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

Members of the Tae Kwon Do club held demonstrations and practice during the Athletics Midway yesterday evening.

Comedian's Routine Focuses on Diversity

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that people can come out of it with an open mind about different living groups, clubs, and organizations."

The beauty of Williams' act is that "she can combine humor with a message, and very few people can do that effectively," Doshi said.

Speaking about her shows, Williams said "some days I feel like a messenger, compelled to deliver the raw truth of a situation, bright side or dark," according to a press release. At other times, "I'm aware that I am a saleswoman and laughter is what I have to offer. The world needs a few good laughs right now, with the economy, AIDS, parenting, and crime on everybody's mind," she said.

Williams feels that "laughter is a great cathartic release." A good laugh "releases tension and eases some of life's pain. A good clean laugh makes us all feel better," she said.

IFC to foot bill

Doshi decided to bring Williams

to MIT after hearing her speak during Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Awareness Days last year. Doshi "was impressed with her presentation," according to Dorow.

Doshi attended Williams' talk at the invitation of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders, and Friends at MIT (GAMIT), Dorow said. GAMIT extended the invitation after Lambda Chi Alpha, the IFC, and GAMIT sponsored a talk by gay author and activist Warren Blumenfeld, Dorow said.

Doshi initially thought about having the IFC sponsor a show by Williams sometime during the fall term, Dorow said. However, after discussion with the Residence and Orientation Week Committee, the decision was made to have Williams appear as the Thursday-night speaker.

IFC was willing to take on the expenses, in the neighborhood of \$5,000, for the speaking fee and overhead costs, Dorow said. "Prashant thought that it would be important for the IFC to do this," he said.

Heads of R/O Call Week a Success

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spirit, Segal said. "The feedback from most freshmen was that they really enjoyed it. The counselors mentioned that it was really well-organized," Segal said.

Due to greater publicity than in past years, women's events were more successful than usual, Segal said. In particular, at least 150 women attended the Women's Chocolate Feast on Monday.

"We had a very strong women's subcommittee this year," Segal said.

R/O hectic yet successful

"The hardest thing we had to deal with was the new Clearing-house system," Segal said. "Figuring out how to make it work was a big challenge."

"Even though we were hired early on, it was still hard to give structure to R/O because of previous decisions that couldn't be changed," Swamy said. "For example, we wanted to drop off freshmen at dorms" before having them check in at the R/O Center, "but we couldn't do it because the materials giving arrival directions to freshmen had been printed before June 1."

"I was really surprised that everything ran so smoothly," Allen said. "The only problem is staffing the R/O Center because it is open around 300 hours during rush."

"It's a lot more crazy and hectic than I thought it would be. Things are going on all around campus," Allen added.

"I really enjoyed the experience," Segal said. "Apparently, we have had fewer people comment about disorganization, and upper-classmen have commented about how things were going smoothly."

In order to help next year's planners, Allen said this year's organizers were trying to keep track of how many people attend each event.

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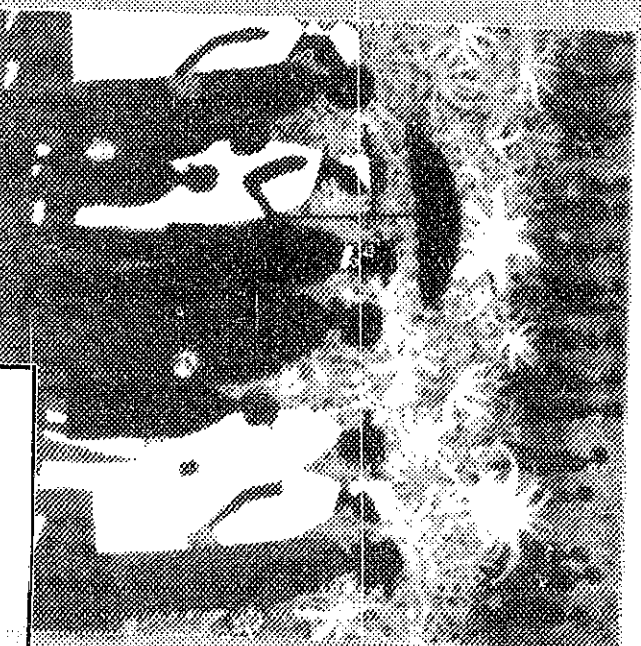
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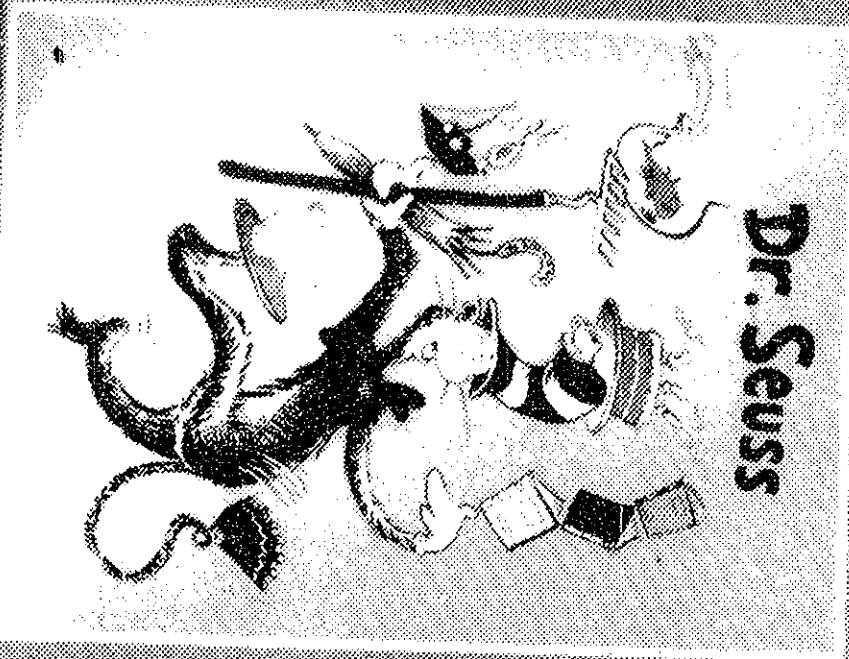
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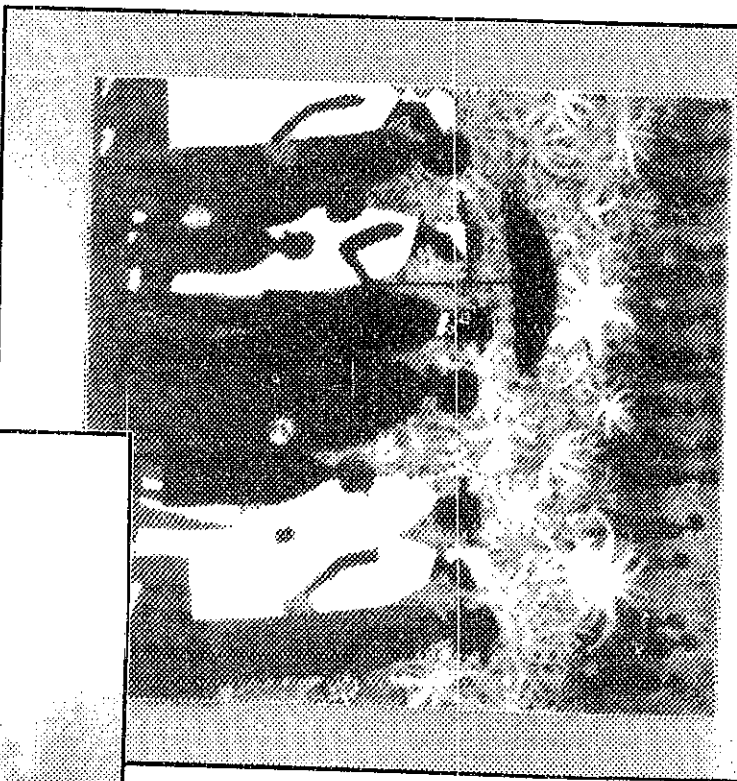
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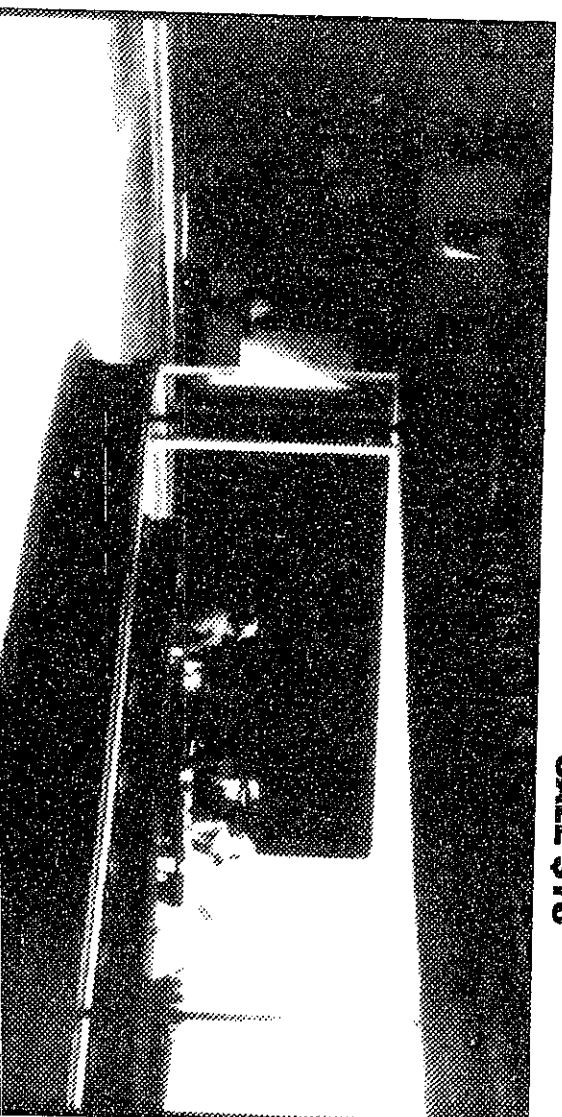


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Dorm Lottery Aims to 'Optimize Happiness'

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plaints than last year. The lottery "went a little bit lower in choices" than in previous years, Eisenmann said. The lowest choice any student received was their seventh ranked pick, he said.

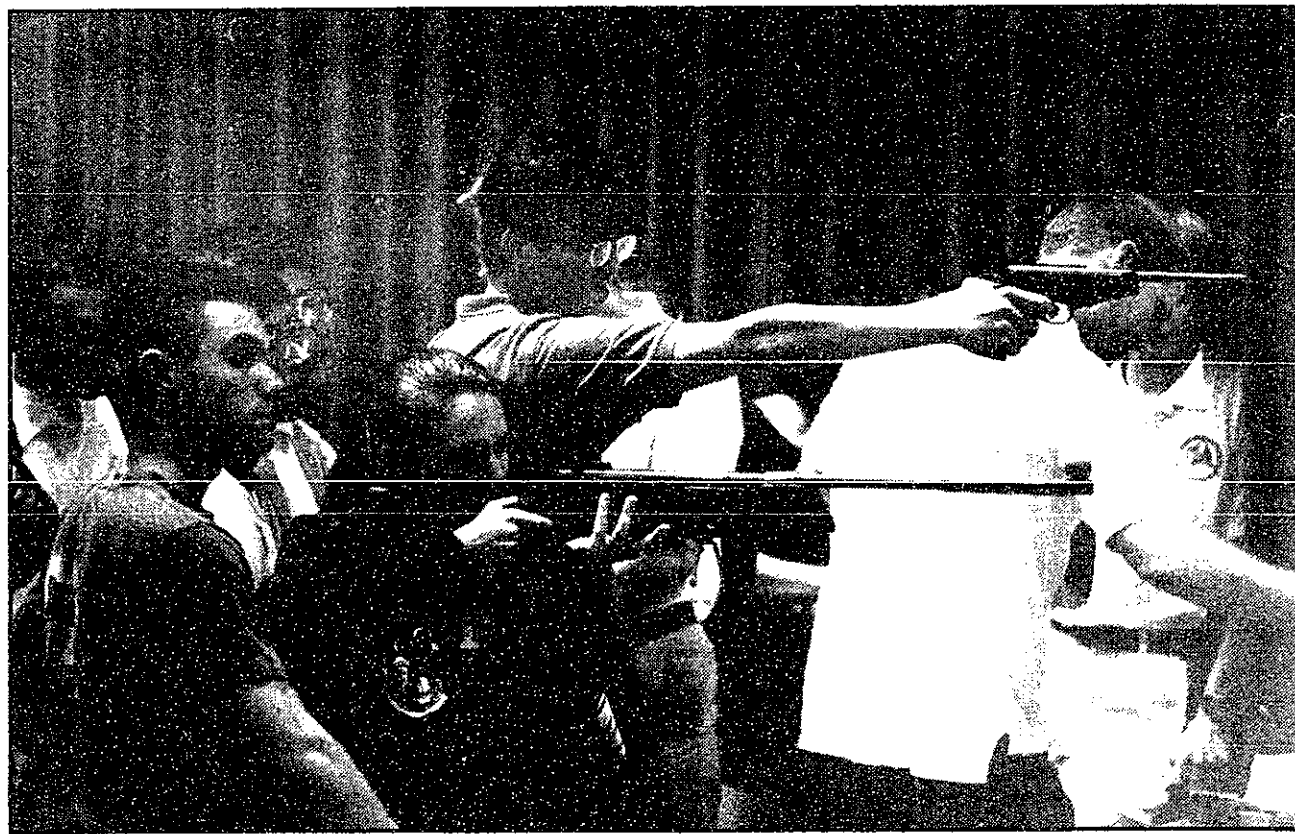
"Instead of maximizing first choices," the lottery works to "try to optimize happiness and minimize low choices," Eisenmann explained.

Though some students may be quite unhappy right now, Eisenmann said that by the end of the first term, the majority of the freshmen

formally requesting dormitory switches tend to be people who were assigned to their second or third choice, not to their sixth or seventh choice.

Over the summer, some of the dormitories, such as Senior House, underwent renovations. However, Eisenmann is not sure if these changes affected students' dormitory preferences.

The RCA office plans to solicit student feedback on the new computerized lottery to improve it for next year, Eisenmann said.



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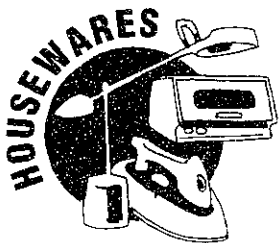


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by Jim

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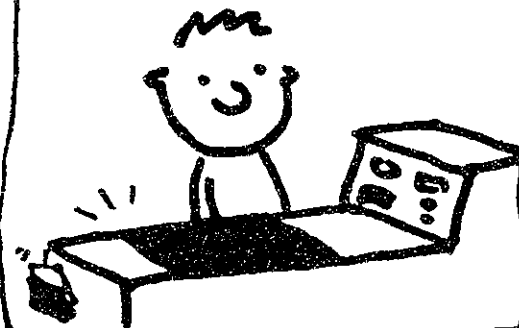


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- Aug. 16: Student Center, bicycle stolen, \$300; West Garage, Toyota hub cap stolen, \$70; Student Center, wallet stolen, \$70; Bldg. 3, bulletin board damaged.
- Aug. 17: Bldg. 35, suspicious activity.
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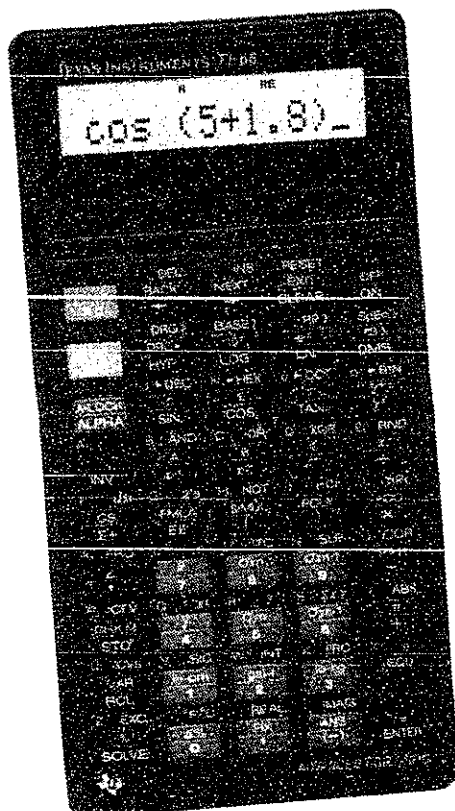
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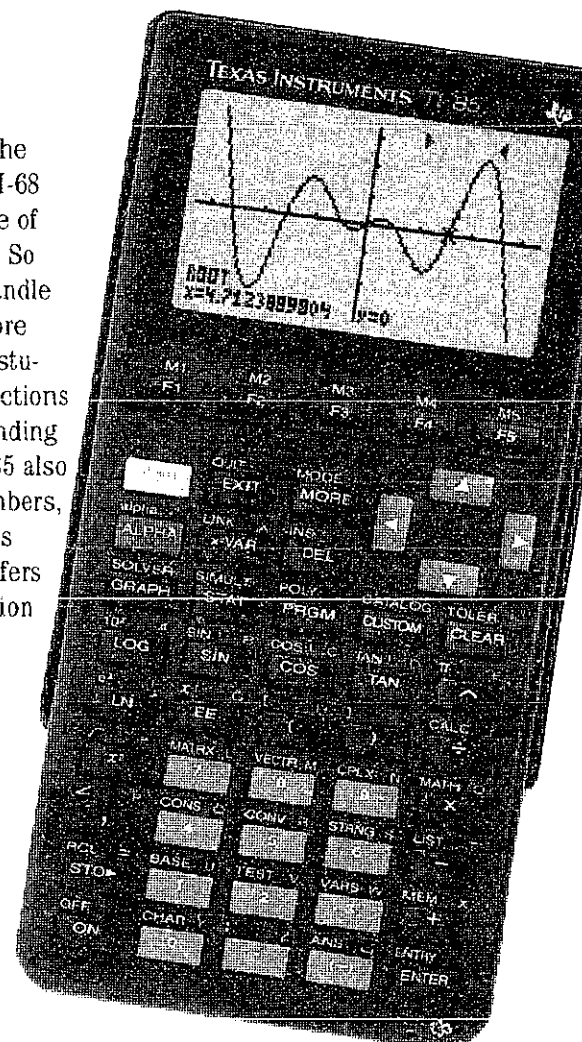
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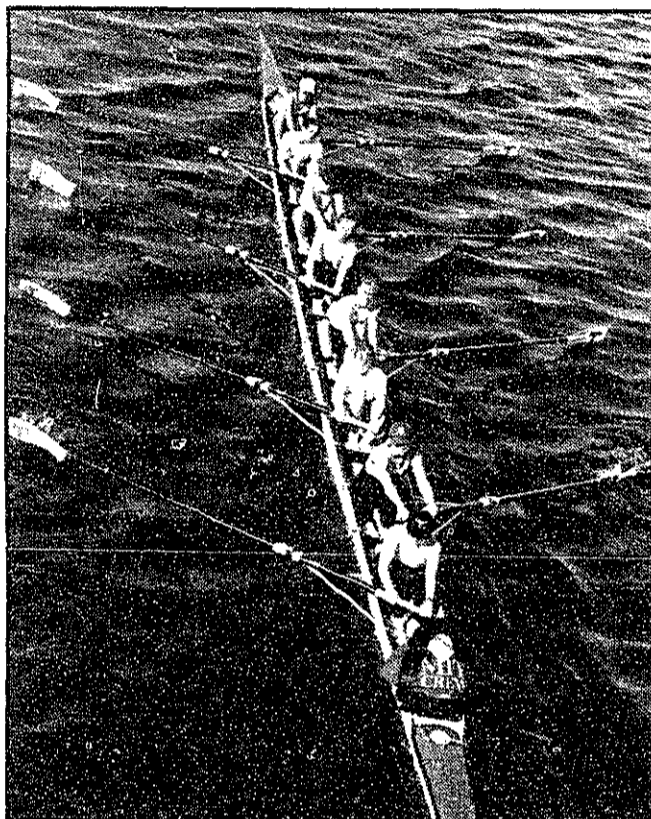


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The Daily Confusion

Thursday, September 1, 1994

Residence

- 6:23a: **Fenway House.** Grumpy sleeping bodies*
- 7:43a: **Fenway House.** Slumpy greeping bodies*
- 8:57a: **Fenway House.** Bumpy gleeping slodies*
- 12:02p: **Fenway House.** Come hang out with MIT's only graduating history major. He can tell you more lurid stories about Medieval popes than anyone you'd ever want to know. He's lonely. Call 437-1043 and ask for James.*
- 12:34p: **Fenway House.** Did we mention incest, sodomy and murder? Ask James. He's a history major. 437-1043*
- 3:36p: **Fenway House.** Tune in next year, same FerTime, same FenChannell*

Activities

- All day: **Science Fiction Society.** The MIT Science Fiction Society (MITSFS) is open most of the hours from noon to midnight today. We're the largest open-shelf science fiction library this side of Alpha Centauri, and we're conveniently located in w20-473 (4th floor of the Student Center). See our famous Gavel and the Titanium Block, but more importantly, relax and read a good book.*
- 6:00a: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** Wake Up Call. And a politically progressive one, at that!*
- 8:00a: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** Breakfast of Champions. Have one every day.*
- 10:00a: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** Late Risers Club. It's time for the concert report.*
- 12:00p: **Hillel.** Movie Lounge - Finish moving? Or want a break? Swing by and enjoy delicious bagels while we watch some great movies. (At Hillel!)*
- 12:00p: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** Lost and Found. Your daily lunchtime companion.*
- 1:00p: **KOREAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.** Join us for some bulkogi and kimchi, johnson bbq pits*

- 2:00p: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** Changes. A cross-section through jazz.*
- 4:00p: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** The Jazz Train. All Aboard!*
- 6:00p: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** WMBR nightly news. More progressive than National Public Radio.*
- 6:30p: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** Downeast Ceildh. Folk from Atlantic Canada.*
- 8:30p: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** Folktracks. Folk from everywhere else!*
- 9:00p: **Science Fiction Society.** We have air conditioning, an old computer, a nice view from our 4th floor window - oh, and we also have lots of science fiction books just waiting to be read! Come by the MITSFS, w20-473, 4th floor of the Student Center.*
- 10:30p: **WMBR 88.1 FM.** Club Scene Master Mix. Vocal and dub house mixed to perfection.*

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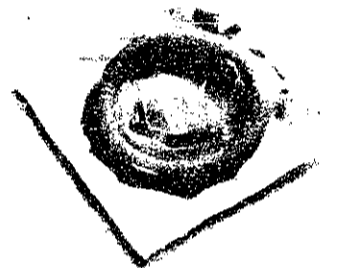
- 11:26a: **Elsewhere.** Do not pass GO, do not collect \$200. Go straight to Elsewhere, 5th floor, student center.*
- 8:00p: **Contact Line.** If you have questions dealing with sexuality, call Contact Line. We are a student-run, anonymous and confidential peer hotline dealing with issues of sexuality, 3p-12mid, x3-6460, every day thru Registration Day.

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NOTE: A single asterisk (*) following a listing indicates a coed or female living group. A double asterisk (**) indicates an activity to which women are cordially invited.

One of these will make you 1/1000th of an inch larger.

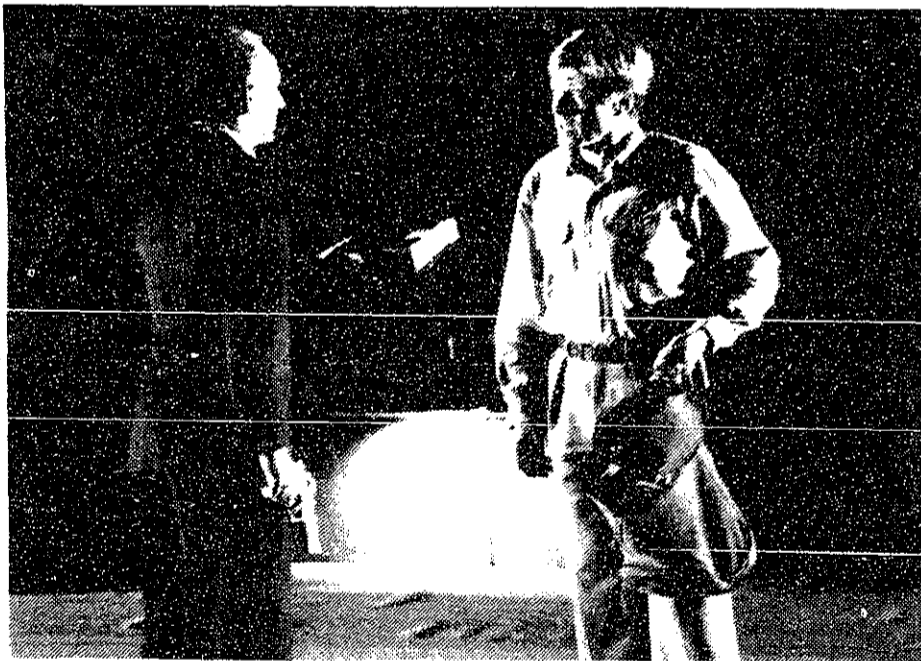
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