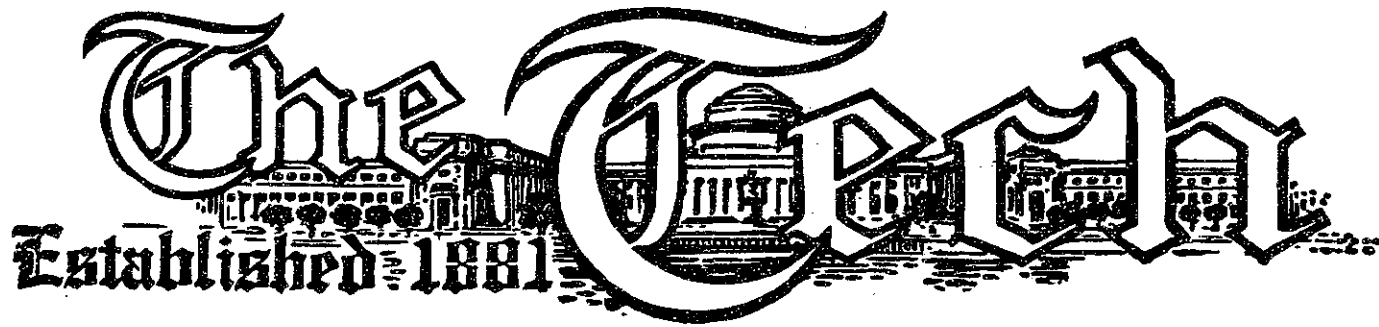


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## UA, Dorm Action Committee Address Housing Proposals

By Daniel C. Stevenson  
NEWS EDITOR

The Undergraduate Association Committee on Student Life met Sunday evening to organize a response to administration proposals to renovate East Campus and Senior House and move their residents to west campus dormitories.

Arthur C. Smith, dean for undergraduate education and student affairs, directed the high-level Strategic Housing Planning Committee in September to "look very seriously at the idea of having all undergraduates live on west campus," Smith said.

Renovating Senior House to eventually house graduate students is among the restructuring options being considered by the committee, said Senior Associate Dean for UESA Robert M. Randolph, chair of the committee. Displaced undergraduates from Senior House would possibly be housed at Ashdown House, currently a graduate dormitory on west campus, Randolph said.

Another student group, the Senior House/East Campus Action Committee, composed of representatives of both dormitories, also met Sunday night to approve a mission

statement and organize subcommittees, said co-chair Dhaya Lakshminarayanan '96, East Campus vice president.

Smith has tentatively agreed to meet with the Senior House government, the Action Committee, and concerned students Thursday evening to discuss the proposed renovations and the future of Senior House.

According to the mission statement of the joint committee, the group "has organized itself in order to allay student concerns regarding the future status of East Campus and Senior House."

The committee will be primarily concerned with exploring independent options, collecting and verifying information, allaying student concerns, and ensuring that students have been "substantially and sufficiently included in the process of planning and decision-making," according to the mission statement.

The subcommittees will work on organizing correspondence, contacting alumni, and arranging meetings with administrators in various Institute offices, Lakshminarayanan said.

### Representation important

The Committee on Student Life

discussed the idea of student representation on the administration planning committee. Several residents and former residents of East Campus and Senior House were also present at the CSL meeting.

John S. Hollywood '96, chair of the committee, said that students need to have input on the planning committee, both for the short-term issues concerning the dormitories and for longer-term planning projects.

In a meeting last week, Randolph indicated to UA President

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## Libraries Purchase New GEAC System

By Jennifer Lane  
STAFF REPORTER

The MIT library computer system will be replaced next summer by a new system designed by GEAC computers of Newtonville, Mass., according to Greg Anderson, associate director for systems and planning. The cost of the Advance System will likely be less than \$500,000, he said.

The complete client system will be fully functioning by the summer of 1996, Anderson said.

The GEAC system was chosen by Information Systems and the Libraries last month after NOTIS Systems Inc. discontinued production of the groups' first-choice system, Anderson said.

The new system will allow the Libraries to automate processes that were completed manually before, Anderson said. "The Libraries will be able to automate their serials management process, which will provide current and accurate information on journal holdings," he said.

MIT has entered into a co-development agreement with GEAC, Anderson said. According to the agreement, MIT will provide input into the system design and development in the following areas: architecture, network integration, security, administration, public access, Internet resources, World Wide Web availability, technical workstations, visual images, and archives, he said.

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The driver of a station wagon that collided with a truck in front of the Campus Police station yesterday is comforted by two of the passengers. All four in the car were MIT undergraduate students. No one was injured in the incident, which also involved a third car.

## Chomsky, Shahak Discuss Jewish Fundamentalism

By Stacey E. Blau  
STAFF REPORTER

Institute Professor Noam A. Chomsky and scholar Israel Shahak addressed the issues of Jewish fundamentalism in the domestic and foreign policy of Israel in a forum last Thursday.

The pair spoke to a full crowd in 26-100 and met with opposition from several members of the audience when individuals had the opportunity to voice comments and ask questions.

Shahak is the author of *Jewish History, Jewish Religion: The Weight of 3,000 Years*.

Chomsky began the event with a discussion of what he called the "overwhelming" degree of U.S. influence in the Middle East, which is used "as a lever for world control." The United States and England have financed Middle East dictators who function as "an array of

local managers" for American and British interests, Chomsky said.

With U.S. support that amounts to a yearly \$1,000 per capita, the highest amount received by any foreign country from the United States, Israel has essentially become "local cops on the beat" in control of the Middle East, Chomsky said.

But this support of Israel has been at the expense of Palestinians, Chomsky said. "If you don't perform any services to the powerful, your human rights are zero," Chomsky said. "Palestinians have negative rights."

Shahak described the situation of Palestinians as a "manifestation of apartheid in the territories" of Israel. Although Palestinians account for 70 percent of Israeli citizens, they are regularly dealt with unjustly and are denied resources such as land and water, Shahak said.

Palestinians are also subject to

unfair legal treatment, Shahak said. Israeli Jews who have killed or wounded Palestinians are freed, but Palestinians are punished — often tortured — for committing the same acts against Jews, he said.

"We are doing to Palestinians ... what Christians ... have done to [Jews]," Shahak continued, tracing the history of the oppression of Jews

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## WHERE TO VOTE

Dormitory residents who will be voting today should go to their specified polling locations, as listed below.

**Johnson Athletic Center:** Residents of Ashdown House, Baker House, Bexley Hall, Burton-Conner House, East Campus, Eastgate, Green Hall, McCormick Hall, Senior House, Westgate, and 100 Memorial Drive.

**Fire House at Massachusetts Avenue and Main Street:** Residents of Edgerton House, MacGregor House, New House, Next House, and Tang Hall.

**Salvation Army headquarters at 402 Massachusetts Ave.:** Residents of Random Hall.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

# WORLD & NATION

## Lawyer Confirms Smith's Confession in Sons' Deaths

THE WASHINGTON POST

With bits and pieces of his client's life story emerging, the attorney for 23-year-old Susan Smith confirmed Monday that she told authorities she was planning to kill herself as well as her children the evening she stepped out of her car and sent them, strapped in their safety seats, to die at the bottom of a remote fishing lake.

Lawyer David Bruck also said that one of the defenses he is considering is an insanity plea. But he said it is one of many options under consideration.

Bruck confirmed the accuracy of portions Smith's written confession, first reported Sunday by Cable News Network, in which she recounted her suicide plan.

"I wanted to end my life so bad and was in my car, ready to go down that ramp into the water and I did go part way, but I stopped," Smith said in her confession. "I went again and I stopped. Then I got out of the car a nervous wreck.

"I dropped to the lowest when I allowed my children to go down that ramp into the water without me. I took off running and screaming, 'Oh God, oh God no. What have I done?'"

## Microsoft Plan to Buy Intuit Raises Concern

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The reach of software giant Microsoft Corp. has so vexed some in the computer industry that a major trade association is convening two meetings to talk about it.

Monday, the Arlington, Va.-based Information Technology Association of America said that it was asking companies throughout the industry to voice their opinions on Microsoft's latest proposed conquest — Intuit Inc., the leading maker of personal finance software. Microsoft announced on October 13 that it planned to buy Intuit for stock worth \$1.5 billion.

"This is a dramatic acquisition by a very elite and powerful company," said Bernard Goldstein, who will chair a special ITAA committee to solicit industry comments on the deal. "We want to understand why many firms in the information technology industry are agitated by this proposed transaction."

The ITAA, which represents 325 software and hardware companies, plans to turn over relevant comments to the Justice Department, which is reviewing whether the proposed deal might squash competition. The agency must give approval before the deal can be consummated.

## Emergency Recommendation Issued On Plane Involved in Indiana Crash

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The National Transportation Safety Board Monday night issued an emergency recommendation that the type of plane that crashed in northern Indiana last week killing all 68 on board be grounded whenever there are icing conditions, pending a special government review.

The Safety Board, while not prejudging the cause of the crash of American Eagle Flight 4184, said there is enough concern about the plane's characteristics when operating in icing conditions that immediate action is needed.

The plane, a twin-turbo prop ATR72-210, flew for about 35 minutes in icing conditions while holding for a landing slot at O'Hare International Airport. The plane experienced a sudden deflection of the ailerons — flat pieces of wing that control turns — turned on its back and plunged into a soybean field.

The Federal Aviation Administration has already issued new flight standards for the ATR series of airplanes, made by a French-Italian consortium, most of which fly in the United States. Those standards recommend that the auto pilot not be used in icing conditions and that various other anti-icing procedures be strictly adhered to.

The Safety Board, an independent agency that investigates major airline crashes and makes recommendations, said it agreed with the FAA action but said the recommendation does not go far enough.

## WEATHER

### Showers Later

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The glorious weekend weather broke into the record books. Saturday's temperature touched 79°F (26°C), surpassing the 76°F (24°C) reached in 1961. The low pressure continued to develop as it passed over us into the Atlantic creating strong winds in its wake. Gusts of over 60 mph (96 kph) were recorded in places, enough to snap off some tree limbs. A high pressure area has moved in over us now. As its center passes over, the source of winds will shift from the north to the west bringing a welcome warming of temperatures. Satellite pictures show clear skies over much of the country and the next chance of rain comes on Thursday when a large region of moisture is predicted to move over the area. Elsewhere, probably the last hurricane of the season, Florence, with sustained winds over 80 mph (128 kph), is sitting almost stationary 400 miles (640 km) east of Bermuda. Although it is expected to begin to accelerate in a northeastward direction, it should begin to weaken as it moves out over colder waters.

**Today:** Mostly sunny. Winds calmer and from the west at around 10-15 mph (16-20 kph). The clouds will cap off temperature at 61°F (16°C).

**Tonight:** Broken clouds. Low 47°F (8°C).

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny. Slight chance of a shower later in the day. High 63°F (17°C). Low 48°F (9°C).

**Thursday:** Increased chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, and becoming chillier. High 58°F (14°C). Low 38°F (3°C).

# Clinton Makes Final Push For Critical Dem. Votes

By Ruth Marcus

THE WASHINGTON POST

WILMINGTON, DEL.

President Clinton Monday made a final push for the Democratic votes that are critical not only to maintaining his party's majority in Congress but also to shaping his political future.

With Democratic control of the Senate, and possibly the House, hanging in the balance, Clinton teamed up with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton for his eighth straight day of campaigning in what he described as "an amazing election."

All 435 House seats and 35 Senate seats are at stake Tuesday in what will be the voters' first assessment of the first two years of the Clinton presidency as well as the entire 103rd Congress. There are also 36 governors' races at stake.

Democrats have a 56 to 44 majority in the Senate, meaning Republicans need to pick up a net of seven seats to gain control for the first time since 1986. Republicans will need to win a net of 40 seats to capture control of the House for the first time since 1954.

A batch of weekend polls that measured the electorate's predilection to vote Republican or Democrat all held good news for Republicans — most finding for the first time since the 1950s, more Americans prefer Republicans to Democrats this election.

The Senate could turn on a handful of races that appeared too close to call, including contests in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, where Democratic incumbents are fighting for their lives, and in Michigan and Minnesota, where incumbents are retiring.

Republicans are favored to gain seats in Maine, Ohio, Arizona and a

second seat in Tennessee, where Democratic incumbents are retiring. They rate a small edge as well in the Democratic open seat in Oklahoma. Democrats hope to defeat perhaps one GOP incumbent in either Washington, Vermont or Delaware.

Democrats are braced for heavy losses in the House, but with so many close races and so many voters in those close races telling pollsters they have not made up their minds, predictions are more difficult to make.

In the governors' races, Republicans anticipate gains, but several Democratic incumbents, including Florida's Lawton Chiles, Georgia's Zell Miller and New York's Mario M. Cuomo, have fought back from earlier problems. Chiles is now rated a narrow favorite to defeat Jeb Bush, son of the former president, and Miller is a favorite to defeat businessman Guy Millner.

Clinton began his final day of campaigning in the state that appears to present Democrats with their best, and perhaps only, hope of winning one of the nine open Senate seats, stumping for the second time in four days for Minnesota Senate candidate Ann Wynn.

As the president and first lady campaigned, Vice President Al Gore directly took on House-Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., for making a campaign issue out of the South Carolina mother who confessed to killing her two sons.

While campaigning Saturday in his home state, Gingrich said, "I think the mother killing her two children in South Carolina vividly reminds every American how sick the society is getting and how much we have to have change. I think people want to change and the only way you get change is to vote Republican. That's the message for

the last three days."

Gore called Gingrich's comments "outrageous" and said though the nation is grieving over the children's deaths, "we should have a bipartisan agreement to stop stirring up hatefulness and bringing something like this into partisan politics."

Gingrich, responding to a question from two Georgia school teachers Monday, said his comments Saturday were no different from what he has been saying for the past two years about how violence sweeping the country illustrates the failure of the Democratic-controlled political system. "This is an example of the press taking out of context a very specific statement I've made for two years," he said. "The system is decaying and we need very deep change if we're going to turn this country around."

The intensity of the rhetoric on all sides reflects how high the stakes are for the president. With Democrats likely to lose — at the very least — their governing majorities in both houses, the election will largely determine Clinton's ability to achieve any of the many remaining unfinished pieces of his agenda, including health care and political reform.

If the GOP wins the Senate, the White House also fears the prospect of day-to-day governing with Republican Senate committee chairman in charge of confirming administration nominees or empowered to hold hearings on difficult issues such as the Whitewater real estate investment.

In addition, Democrats' ability to retain or seize control of some of the largest statehouses, including New York, California and Texas, will provide an important boost — or not — to Clinton's organizational efforts in the presidential election only two years away.

# 8 Months after Massacre, Fortified Tomb Reopens

By Barton Gellman

THE WASHINGTON POST

HEBRON, WEST BANK

Israeli authorities changed what they could, grafting electronic gates onto ancient stone walls and ringing the perimeter with cameras. When the Tomb of the Patriarchs reopened here Monday, eight months after a Jewish settler gunned down 29 Muslims at prayer, the army had built it into a fortress.

Yet if the structure stood transformed, the attitudes of its claimants had also hardened. In a cold, driving rain, Jews and Muslims came to vent their rage at sharing the site where Abraham and his progeny — regarded as patriarchs in both religions — were laid to rest.

For Monday, at least, the new arrangements held. Zealous Jews tried to disrupt Muslim prayers, but all they could do was shout and pound on the tall steel doors erected to divide the antagonists. Islamic militants threatened to stage an attack, but none took place.

Every entrant to the tomb passed through two metal detectors and a phalanx of police. Only 300 of each faith could go in at a time, and Jews and Muslims were prevented from mingling. Embarrassed at their ghetto connotations, the army hastily removed new signs reading "Passage for Jews" and "Passage for Muslims," but separate entrances and prayer halls remained.

Outside the tomb, Hebron remains a focal point for struggle between Jews and Palestinians — a

struggle that is violent and spiteful. No one speaks of a "peace process" here. Each side claims the same place, every inch of it, and there is not a voice of compromise to be heard.

"You can't command all the people to behave in a non-violent way," Mustafa Abdel-Nabi Natshe, the PLO-appointed mayor of Hebron, said in an interview. "Maybe one expresses his point of view in a political way. Others, they behave violently. We are afraid the Arabs or the Jews will commit a new massacre."

The talk of killing was not far beneath the surface.

Ephraim Rosenstein, a Jewish settler from Kiryat Arba, praised the man who committed last February's massacre. Baruch Goldstein, the American-born physician who brought his assault rifle to the tomb and fired into the mass of kneeling Muslim worshipers, was actually preventing a "massacre of the Jews," Rosenstein said.

"In 100 years they will say (Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin and (Foreign Minister Shimon) Peres were small players in the era of Goldstein," Rosenstein said. Leaving the tomb, he collected a .45 caliber pistol from soldiers who now require entering Jewish worshipers to check their guns.

Said Tamimi, 70, whose son Nidal died recently in a confrontation with soldiers, expressed the Palestinian view.

"This land we inherit, father

after father, father after father," he said. "The Jews, they are gathered from different countries, and they come here, and they are immoral. Sooner or later, one day, we will kill them."

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur expressed the hope that "after the first emotional reaction, logic will prevail."

Hebron, however, has been a magnet for extremists, a stronghold of both the banned Israeli nationalist group Kach and the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas. Their mutual rejection is sometimes expressed in strikingly similar language.

From his office at the Islamic Trust, Sallah Natschek pored over a blue-and-yellow schematic diagram of the tomb. Every part from which Muslims are excluded, he said, is anathema. "All parts of the mosque are important to Muslims," he said, "and we will never, ever forgive any of it."

The Jews, he said, "have no relation with Abraham. There is no relation of Abraham to Judaism."

Not far away, at the Jewish Hebron Settlers Gift Shop, settler Dani Hizme pulled out a similar schematic diagram, this one in orange and black. It showed all the places Jews cannot go in the new arrangement.

"The Arabs," he said, "they don't know exactly the connection between Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They don't have a real connection."

## U.S. Ready to Help N. Korea Develop Economic Ties

LOS ANGELES TIMES

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA

Extending a new olive branch to North Korea, the Clinton administration indicated Monday that it is prepared to support the development of economic ties between the Pyongyang regime and the rest of Asia.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher gave U.S. backing to a new initiative by South Korean President Kim Young Sam, who said in a speech Monday that he would lift the ban on South Korean business contacts with North Korea. The South Korean president also said he would give the green light for North Korea to develop economic ties with the rest of Asia.

"As a long-term goal, it is entirely appropriate," Christopher told reporters aboard his plane on the first leg of an 11-day trip to Asia. He said the United States hopes to bring North Korea "into the company of civilized nations and to show them the opportunities that go with better relations."

Suggesting that North Korea may eventually get membership in region-wide organizations marks a new step for the Clinton administration, which had agreed in the past only to exchange diplomatic liaison offices with the Pyongyang regime. North Korea is not now a member of any of the East Asian regional organizations.

Christopher acknowledged Monday that the United States has many outstanding problems with North Korea, including those related to terrorism and weapons proliferation.

## Court Lets Stand Illinois Decision Awarding Boy to Biological Father

THE WASHINGTON POST

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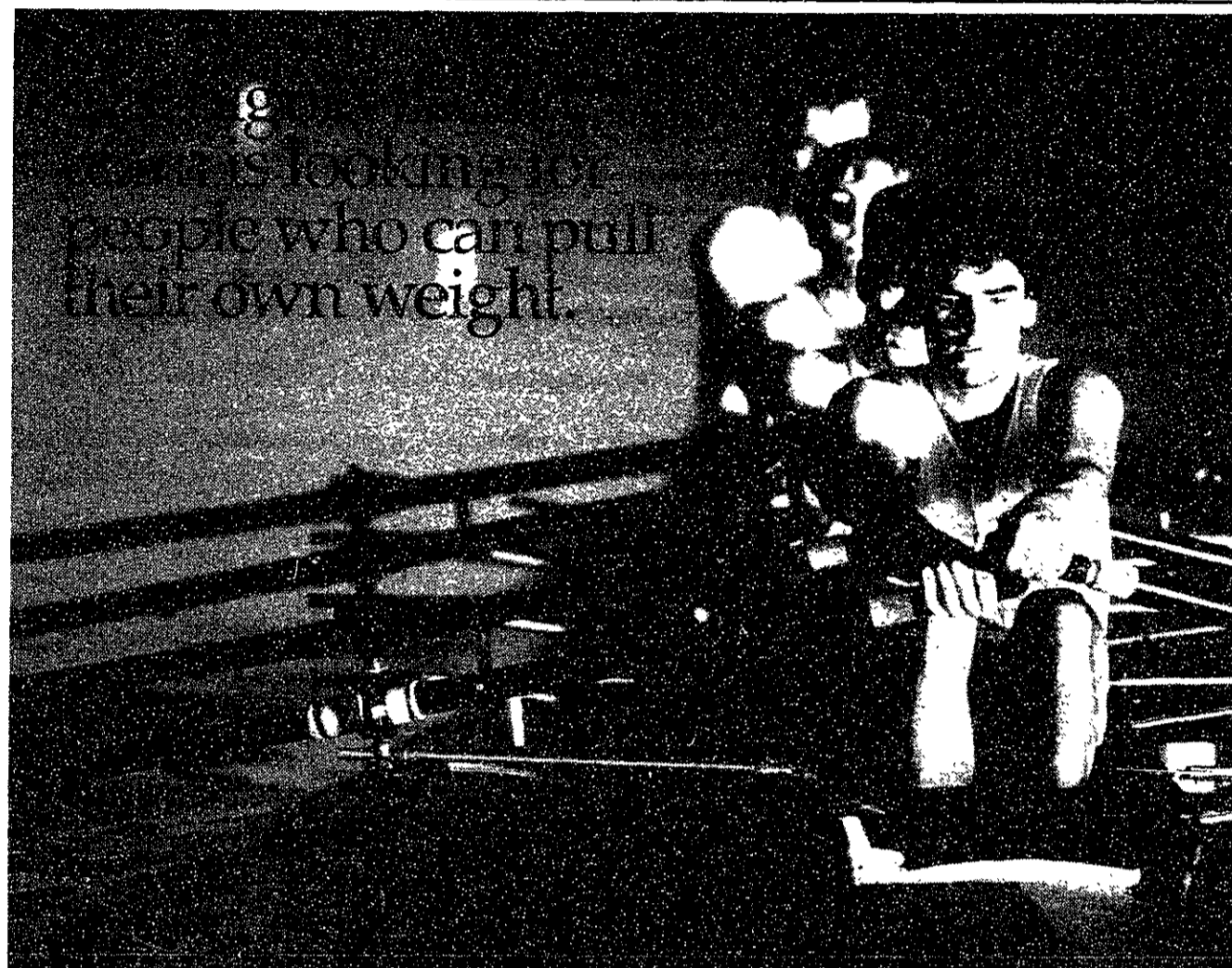
The U.S. Supreme Court let stand Monday an emotion-charged Illinois decision to remove a 3 1/2-year-old boy from the home of his adoptive parents and award custody to his biological father. The decision immediately set off a new round of legal battles over a state law that was enacted specifically to keep the child with the adoptive parents.

The high court ruling, made without comment, effectively affirmed a unanimous decision by the Illinois Supreme Court in June in what has become known as the "Baby Richard" case. The Illinois justices, overturning lower court findings, ruled that the biological father, Otakar Kirchner, had not surrendered his parental rights and nullified the 1991 adoption of the boy.

The case, one of several recent high profile disputes between biological and adoptive parents, caused an uproar here and attracted national attention. It also led to the hurried enactment by the Illinois General Assembly of a law requiring a court hearing on the child's "best interest" to determine if the child should be returned to the biological parents, which was the case under previous law, or remain in the custody of the couple who sought adoption. The law appeared Monday to represent the adoptive parents' last hope of retaining custody of the boy, who was turned over to them by the biological mother when he was four days old. But even if the adoptive parents, who have been identified only as "John and Jane Doe," are eventually awarded custody, Monday's Supreme Court decision means they could never legally adopt the child without the biological father's consent.

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- Entertainment
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# OPINION

## Kennedy Should Be Re-elected

This year marks Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's 32nd year in the U.S. Senate and his sixth bid for re-election. Kennedy's opponent, venture capitalist Mitt Romney, has challenged Kennedy for his seat on the grounds that, as a moderate Republican, he can better represent the interests of the Massachusetts electorate. However, given the stands the two candidates have taken on the defining issues of this year's campaign, we feel that voters should return Kennedy to the Senate.

### Editorial

On the issue of welfare reform, both Romney and Kennedy believe that current welfare recipients would be better off working than on welfare. Romney's plan calls for a tax credit that already exists and a time limit on welfare benefits. While Kennedy also supports "workfare," he emphasizes that time limits without job training and child care programs will doom current recipients to failure.

On the economy, Romney has argued that as a businessman he knows how to create jobs. Yet his idea of cutting taxes and balancing the budget has no specifics, and bears some similarity to the "voodoo economics" of Ronald Reagan 14 years ago. Kennedy has consistently supported President Clinton's budgets, which through their sharp spending cuts and tax hikes for the wealthy have cut the deficit even more than the President himself expected.

Other issues such as health care reform, crime, and foreign policy have surfaced briefly. On health care reform Kennedy has moved to the right, and now pushes the "managed competition" plan favored by Clinton. Romney has argued that little reform is needed. On crime Kennedy and Romney have competed to stake out a "tougher" stance, but Kennedy has also emphasized the need to improve education and support pro-

grams to get kids off the streets. To this Romney has only argued for more family values, something over which he would have little control as a senator.

The contrast between Kennedy and Romney is most clear on foreign policy issues. Kennedy supports the approach used by Bush and Clinton; in other words, a multilateral approach designed to foster global cooperation to bring stability and order to the world scene. Romney has announced that he would not support such a policy, and would scale back U.S. involvement in world affairs to the point where we would only act when U.S. lives, territory, or the economy were at stake.

On all of these issues — welfare, health care, the budget, and foreign policy — Sen. Kennedy has staked out the more realistic and reasonable turf. Job training, moderate health care reform, real deficit-cutting, and multilateral diplomacy are responsible positions. Romney's are not.

Massachusetts voters should also understand that no matter who they vote for, they will elect a candidate who does more than just state positions on issues. Most bills in the Senate are compromises that represent concessions on the part of many individuals. Many Republicans in Congress have rejected compromise measures and taken the road of filibuster and gridlock. Those senators so engaged feel that their constituents' interests are best served by their abstention from the process of legislation.

If re-elected senator, Ted Kennedy will continue to be at the heart of the legislative process, forming and shaping legislation to meet his constituent's concerns.

On this basis and on the issues, we feel that Massachusetts voters should cast their ballots for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy today.

## Weld's Successful Record Merits His Re-election

William Weld, a moderate Republican and one-term governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is currently seeking to retain his office. His challenger, Mark Roosevelt, is a representative in the General Court of the Commonwealth. While Roosevelt has an impressive legislative record for a man of his age, we feel that Weld's largely successful record as governor merits his re-election.

When Weld moved into Dukakis' old Statehouse office in 1990, he inherited a state government whose poor fiscal management had earned it one of the poorest bond ratings in the nation. In his first two years in office, Weld performed a second "Massachusetts miracle" in spite of hard economic times. In order to affect this change, Weld slashed state government and skinned off money from special state funds. While his unorthodox tactics may have ruffled feathers around the state, the results in terms of state solvency have been positive.

But more important than his fiscal reform efforts, Weld has worked to be bipartisan in his dealings with the legislature, which has been and will undoubtedly continue to be run by the Democrats. As governor, Weld has cooperated with Democratic legislators in crafting an economic reform bill in 1993 that allowed for an investment tax credit and a much-needed fund for businesses dealing in emerging technologies.

In 1992, Weld also supported the legislature's efforts to finally reform the state's out-dated judicial system and succeeded in passing a substantial court reform bill. Weld worked with legislators in crafting his own welfare reform proposal, which narrowly avoided passage this year, and may be passed later in a mildly altered form.

Ironically, Weld even worked with Rep. Mark Roosevelt when the latter was crafting and pushing his own education

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## Letters To The Editor

### Put Posters on Bulletin Boards, Not Trees

I am appalled at the blatant disregard for nature that posterers exhibit when they nonchalantly staple posters to the trees along Amherst Alley. While walking to the Institute one evening, I noticed posters stapled to trees that I passed. Apparently, the Intercollegiate Asian Students Council had posterred virtually every tree on the way to 77 Massachusetts Ave. from Next House. I also noticed that they preferentially posterred trees, as few of the lampposts or buildings near these trees were posterred. I am certain that other groups probably poster trees as well. Earlier this month, I saw that the MIT Chinese Student's Club had done so.

Trees are not conveniently placed at regular intervals simply so people can staple posters to them. We have quite enough bulletin boards at the Institute and in each dormi-

tory to serve that function. I personally enjoy walking down a street lined with trees and am convinced that other people do as well. So please, stick your advertisements on a lamppost with tape, but please if you must poster on Amherst Alley, leave the trees alone.

Raka Mustaphi '96

### New Telephone Directory Incorrect, Unnecessary

The printed MIT student telephone directory is almost completely wrong. This has resulted from lack of coordination between the Registrar's Office and the Housing Office. You should probably look yourself up and call the number you are listed as. Make a new friend. So far there are no less than four other students listed with my number.

There is probably no reason to have a

printed student directory. Students can use the on-line directory or call dormitory desks. In the case of students residing in independent living groups, the number listed in the directory would not help much anyway because it is usually the main HLG number and not the student's personal number.

Michael L Jacknis '97

### Ashdown's Culture Also Endangered by Housing Committee

I am writing regarding the articles ["Deans Consider Moving All Undergrads To West Dorms," Nov. 1, "EC, Senior House Residents Meet to Discuss Housing," Nov. 4] which have recently been published about the possibility of moving residents of East Campus to

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# Weld Works Well With the Legislature

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reform bill. While Roosevelt lost control of his bill and the legislature ended up with a pork-lined spending package, Weld did what he could to support the junior legislator's efforts. When the new legislature is sworn in next January, it will not have to deal with a fiery conservative governor bent on frustrating its every effort. Legislators can count on Weld to work with them to fashion reasonable compromises. Indeed, Weld is an example to other Republicans who should be tempted to follow his path-breaking, conciliatory approach.

For his part, candidate Roosevelt has promised that as governor he would do more than Weld on protecting the environment and providing for education. Given his advocacy of these thorny issues in the legislature, he might very well be expected to follow through on such promises. In his debates with Weld, Roosevelt has demonstrated a wonk's understanding of these and other social issues. On other points, however, the Roosevelt campaign has had difficulty staking out a position, especially regarding the economy and crime. One would think it would be hard for even Roosevelt to beat out Weld on these issues.

While we support Weld for re-election we feel that Roosevelt deserves a special commendation for the manner in which he has run his campaign. Roosevelt has operated as an underdog, always overshadowed by Weld's towering lead in the polls. Unlike other candidates in his position, however, Roosevelt has not attempted the cynical, negative smear tactics often used to bring down an opponent's lead. Indeed, it is Weld who has used negative advertisements on Roosevelt, sometimes misrepresenting Roosevelt's position on crime and social issues.

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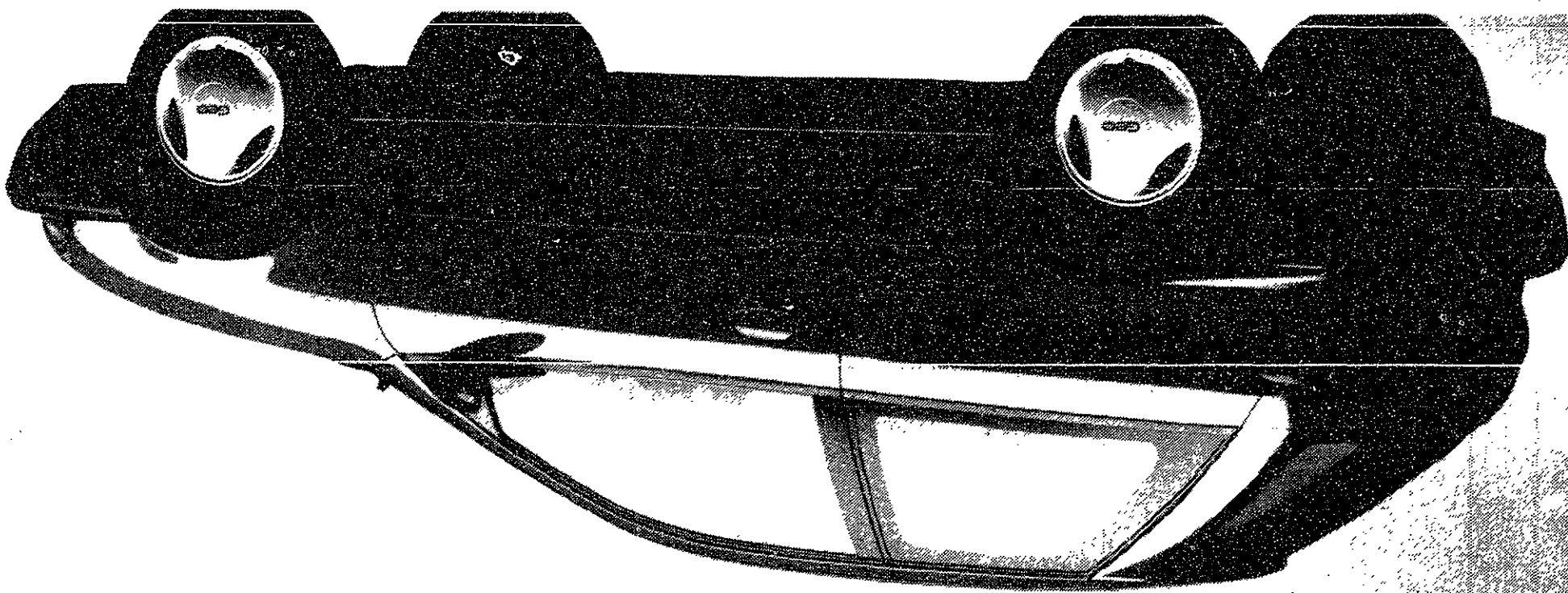
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# Letters To The Editor

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**Ashdown House.**

Much has been said about opposition to this possible plan on the part of undergraduate residents of East Campus, but one point of view which seems not to have yet been expressed is that of the graduate students affected by this plan.

As a resident of Ashdown House, I, like many others who live there, do not like the idea of Ashdown being converted to an undergraduate dormitory. It may seem that Ashdown is not suited for graduate housing, or that graduate students would prefer to live in a different kind of residence, but in fact there are many graduate students who choose to live in Ashdown because of the sense of community which can be found there, and which is unique to this one dormitory.

The Ashdown community exists partly because of the housing style. Because people share kitchens and common living areas, there are many opportunities to get to know fellow residents. There is also an active student leadership in the dormitory, which organizes many activities for residents. In addition, there are events organized by housemaster Vernon Ingram and his wife which add to the feeling of community. This vibrant community could be lost forever if the plan to move undergraduates into Ashdown goes through.

Not only does Ashdown have a strong community, it also has a feeling of history and tradition associated with it. Ashdown House, MIT's first graduate dormitory, has served that function since the building was purchased by MIT in 1938.

Moving undergraduate residents to Ashdown House would not only affect the lives of those undergraduates, it would also affect the many graduate students who currently live in Ashdown, as well as those who will hopefully live there in the future. This plan has the potential to destroy a community which has an important impact on the experiences of many MIT graduate students.

Jennifer A. Sullivan G

## GSC Feels Ashdown Plans Deserve Graduate Input

We were quite concerned to read the articles and editorial on the housing situation in *The Tech* ["Deans Consider Moving All Undergrads to West Dorms," and "Housing Plan Deserves Student Input," Nov. 1], as they reflect a larger problem in MIT's handling of the long-term housing situation. There appears to be a lack of concern for the impact of any housing changes on graduate student life at MIT.

As *The Tech* coverage mentioned, undergraduates are upset because of the tradition that would be lost if the residents of East Campus and Senior House were moved to west campus. Yet it was never mentioned that the building they would move into, Ashdown House, is the oldest graduate housing facility on campus. When the graduate students are relocated to points unknown, there too will be a loss of tradition.

Ashdown House has a culture which is

currently not replicated in any other place on campus. It is the only housing option that offers dormitory-style living to graduate students at MIT. In addition, it is the only graduate housing facility that is centrally located on campus. Although it is believed that any displaced graduate students will be relocated within 2 miles of campus, this does not guarantee that the new residence will be nearly as convenient as Ashdown. Both the dormitory-style living and location represent housing features which are very important to the current and alumni graduate students who have called Ashdown home.

As is so often the case, we acknowledge that any change involves some degree of pain and loss. However, we also recognize that sometimes change, albeit inconvenient, is necessary for the greater common good. After careful consideration, one might conclude that Ashdown House should be transformed into an undergraduate dormitory. Graduate students could potentially benefit from a new facility. If a change of location is deemed best, it is important that the attractive features of Ashdown are incorporated into whatever facilities are built or renovated.

Furthermore, we believe that it is important that the needs and views of graduate students be included in this decision-making process, and that they are not treated as second or third order effects.

In the very near future, the Graduate Student Council will be distributing a survey to all graduate students living on campus to determine the housing needs of graduate students. We strongly encourage students to respond to the survey, and also that the deci-

sion-makers in the administration incorporate the results into the process.

Roger G. Kermode G  
President, Graduate Student Council  
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Housing and Community Affairs Committee

## East Side Student Committee Should Work With Ashdown

One thing not discussed in the two articles in *The Tech* ["Deans Consider Moving All Undergrads To West Dorms," Nov. 1, "EC, Senior House Residents Meet to Discuss Housing," Nov. 4] was how the graduate students of Ashdown House feel about turning Ashdown into an undergraduate dormitory (either partially or completely).

Most residents of Ashdown that I have talked to are against the idea because it would begin the process of disrupting a graduate community that has existed for over 75 years. In comparison to Tang and Edgerton House, Ashdown is the most social graduate dorm. Many residents like living there because of this social atmosphere and would not like to see this aspect of the dorm destroyed. Ashdown residents urge the committee that is making these decisions to discuss their proposals with Ashdown residents before making any recommendations.

Thomas H. Burbine G  
Ashdown Chairperson

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By Pradeep Sreekanthan  
BUSINESS MANAGER

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## Reporter's Notebook

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Ford paid for all of our expenses, including hotel and airfare, for a total cost of about \$100,000.

Members of the Ford National Youth Council, a group of 11 college students who informally advise the company, also participated in the program.

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We traveled into the future at the Design Center Showroom where several concept cars were on display. Several designs caught my eye, including the Profile sports car, the Power Stroke truck, and the Ranger Sea Splash, a pickup specially made for the canoeing enthusiasts.

Several of these vehicles are on display at the New England International Auto Show at the Bayside Exposition Center this week.

We also had the opportunity to test drive several new cars, including the new Mercury Mystique, the new Mustang, and my personal favorite, the Taurus SHO.

At the track, amateur race driver and "Beverly Hills 90210" star Jason Priestley and professional driver Bob Bondurant guided us through an extensive course on safe driving techniques.

At the Dearborn Proving Grounds, we watched a Taurus crash into a fixed barrier at an impact speed of 30 miles per hour. Although the vehicle seemed to be moving very slowly, it was enough to completely destroy the car's front end. Ford uses these tests to evalu-

ate the survivability of their vehicles in emergency situations and improve safety in their products.

Another highlight was the alternative fuel vehicles being developed at Ford's Scientific Research Laboratory. Engineer Beth Ardisana introduced us to the Ecostar, which is a zero emission electric car. This small, front wheel drive delivery vehicle is not available to the average consumer. However, it is currently being tested internally by Ford and by fleet customers.

Ford's Flexible Fuel Vehicles, also under development at the laboratory, can run on different compositions of gasoline and ethanol or methanol. At the heart of these cars are sensors that detect the percentage of ethanol or methanol in the fuel and adjust the fuel flow and spark timing accordingly. The natural gas vehicles were also available for test drives, but I was dismayed by the lack of power.

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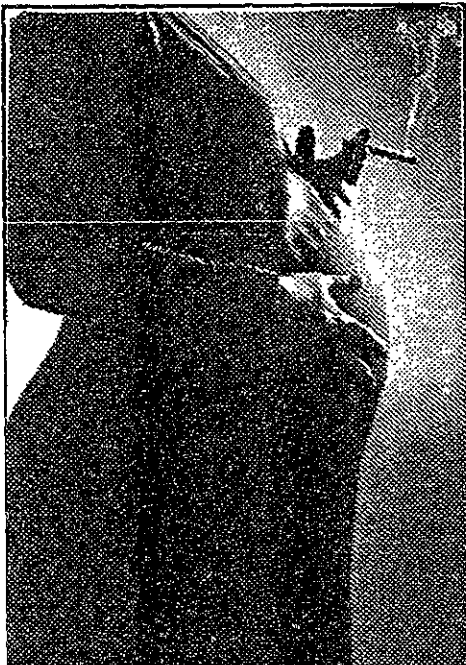
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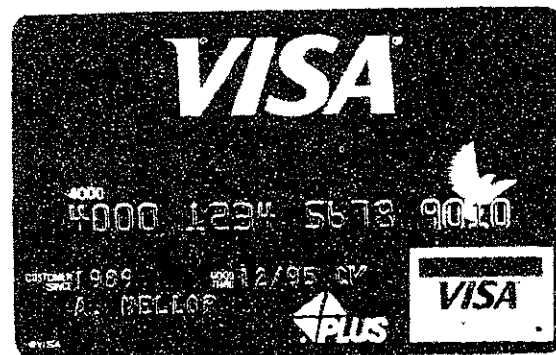


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**Oct. 28:** Bldg. 12, room broken into, foreign currency stolen and other items stolen, \$3,775; Bldg. 26, keys stolen; Green Hall, bicycle stolen, \$100; 77 Massachusetts Ave., male arrested for trespassing; East Campus, harassing phone calls.

**Oct. 30:** 77 Massachusetts Ave., male arrested for attempted larceny of a bicycle; Rockwell Cage, past assault while playing basketball; Bldg. 7, camera stolen, \$400; Bldg. E38, suspicious activity; Bldg. 4, Athena cluster chairs stolen, \$260.

**Nov. 1:** East Campus, harassing phone calls; MacGregor House, bicycle stolen, \$250; Walker, computer software stolen, \$125; Bldg. 6, couch stolen and chairs stolen, \$900.

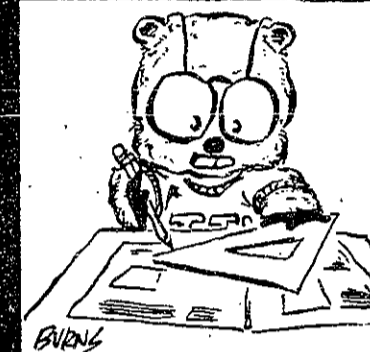
**Nov. 2:** Astro-turf, wallet left unattended was stolen and later recovered; Student Center bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, \$120.

**Nov. 3:** Burton-Conner House, bicycle stolen, \$300; Bldg. 66, (1) portable compact disc player stolen, \$150; (2) portable radio stolen, \$50; (3) suspicious activity; Astro-turf, backpack left unattended stolen, \$40; Bldg. 16, attempted theft of a bicycle; Bexley Hall, annoying phone calls.

**Nov. 4:** Bldg. 4, Athena cluster chair stolen, \$130; Bldg. W11, bicycle seat stolen, \$50; Bldg. 8, suspicious activity.

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# Campus Police Responds to Rash of Bicycle Thefts

By Stream S. Wang  
STAFF REPORTER

In response to the recent increase of on-campus bicycle thefts, the Campus Police Crime Prevention Unit released a bulletin of theft-prevention suggestions last week.

Thirty-nine bicycles were reported stolen in September, according to the bulletin written by Sergeant Cheryl Vossmer. From Oct. 1-26, there were another 18 reports of stolen bicycles and four reports of stolen parts, the bulletin said.

Most of the thefts occurred on Thursdays and Sundays, Vossmer said in the bulletin. The value of the stolen bicycles ranged from \$40 to \$1,200 and included various styles from three-speeds to mountain bicy-

cles, she said.

Ian S. Eslick G, a recent bicycle theft victim, described his situation: "There I was, taking a quick dip into LaVerdes and forgetting ... to lock my bicycle up ... Poof! I come back and it's gone." Eslick's bicycle, a Shogun Prairie Breaker II, was not registered with the Campus Police.

Esther Kim '96 had her bicycle stolen from the Student Center bicycle rack about three weeks ago. "I was only gone for two hours, and someone made off with my locked bicycle," she said.

Kim had an Iron Horse AT50 mountain bicycle which was registered with the Campus Police.

In order to prevent bicycle thefts and aid in recovery of stolen bicy-

cles, Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin recommended that students register their bicycles, use good locks, and report suspicious activity to the police.

### Registering Bikes Is Important

"The best thing students can do to deter theft is to register bicycles with the Campus Police," Glavin said. The police keep a record of bicycles and their serial numbers, which help locate the owner if the bicycle is found, she said.

People can register at Campus Police headquarters between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Glavin said.

"Another thing the students can do is to use good quality locks, not

cables or chains," Glavin said.

"We recommend the [outdoor] bicycle compound at Building 13, which is better than most areas on campus," Glavin said. The compound is accessible using a card key which can be purchased for \$5 from the Campus Police parking and traffic division.

Vossmer suggested using a high security U-lock fitted with a security collar or a plumber's T. Students with Kryptonite U-locks can get a free collar from the Campus Police, she said.

Vossmer advised securing both a wheel and the frame to a stationary object, with the lock placed as close to the ground as possible.

Since Oct. 28, Campus Police

have increased the number of uniformed and plain clothes patrols, Vossmer said. "We are also working with other college and local police departments to identify suspects," she said.

"We know from past arrests we have made, and from comparing notes with other university police departments in the area that most of the thieves are not students but career criminals," Glavin said. "Our officers have been informed to keep an eye out for [these] individuals."

Institute regulations prohibit the securing of a bicycle to a stair handrail or in a hallway, Vossmer said. There is a fine of \$25 to \$50 if the bicycle is left for more than 24 hours.

# GSC Calls for Input, Will Distribute Housing Survey

Committee, from Page 1

Vijay P. Sankaran '95 that he did not want student input until after the planning stages were through, Sankaran said.

However, the planning committee should involve students in both the planning and decision making processes, said Jennifer A. Pinson '98, a CSL member. "If we don't have a seat on the committee, it won't come to anything," she said.

Roger G. Kermode G, president of the Graduate Student Council, said that having students present at every meeting of the planning committee might be impractical for the students and the committee. Kermode suggested asking the committee for progress reports or minutes from each meeting as another way of keeping informed.

"The problem with that is we want to be involved in the decision making process, not be told the decision once it is made," said Theresa V. Iuzzolino G, a former East Campus resident.

Students deserve representation on the committee because the issues being considered by the committee have a serious impact on student life, said Jason W. Solinsky '95, Senior House representative to the UA Council.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Hollywood said he would ask the UA Executive Committee to approve a motion asking for two undergraduate representatives on the planning committee.

### Grad students also concerned

Kermode and two other GSC officers expressed concern over the housing proposal's impact on graduate students in a letter to *The Tech* ["GSC Feels Ashdown Plans

Deserve Graduate Input", page 5].

"There appears to be a lack of concern for the impact of any housing changes on graduate student life at MIT," wrote Kermode, GSC Secretary Susan L. Ipri G, and co-chair of the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Committee Joseph P. Bambenek G.

Ashdown is important to graduate students because "it is the only housing option that offers dormitory-style living to graduate students

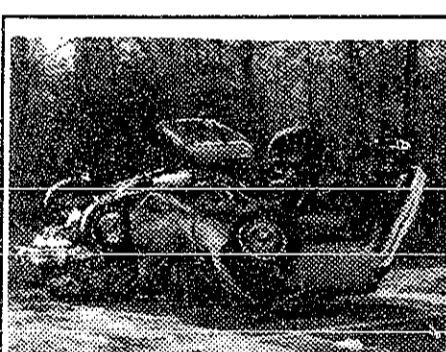
at MIT," the three wrote. "In addition, it is the only graduate housing facility that is centrally located on campus."

The GSC officers called for including "the needs and views of graduate students" in the decision-making process, and that graduate students not be treated "as second or third order effects."

The GSC will be distributing a housing survey to all graduate students living on-campus within the

next few weeks, Kermode said. The survey is designed to find out what graduate students like about housing, he said.

The survey will focus on housing in general, rather than the current proposals, Kermode said. The questions will be about the particular features studentsmode said. The survey will help the GSC get an idea of graduate students' opinions, which they will then bring to the administration, he said.



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# Forum Angers Some Audience Members

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throughout European history. "It is quite common that a persecuted group becomes a persecutor," he said.

Audience members had the opportunity to voice their questions and comments after Chomsky and Shahak spoke. Some accused Chomsky and Shahak of exaggerating and not speaking the truth. One audience member called Chomsky a liar.

Another accused Chomsky of promoting "a cesspool of misinformation." Echoing the words of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin about Baruch Goldstein, the Jew who last February murdered 29 Palestinians in a mosque in Israel, the audience member said to Chomsky, "We spit you out with every bit of power we have."

Chomsky responded, "The feeling is mutual."

# MIT, GEAC Will Work To Develop New System

Library, from Page 1

"We believe that this collaboration with a leader in the library automation industry will benefit all concerned," Anderson said.

The system will enable students to search for information at MIT libraries and remote locations using the Internet, Anderson said. "The new system will enable students to search, store, and manipulate library information in a personalized manner," he said.

"Our hope is that the system will be user-friendly for everyone," Anderson said. To achieve this goal, the Libraries reference staff sent comments and suggestions to GEAC, he said.

The current system is based on computer designs from the 1970s, Anderson said. A new system is necessary because the current system is vulnerable to failures, underpowered for modern information requirements, and unable to be networked easily, he said.

In reply to the audience's hostility, Shahak said that Jews who perpetuate a "denial of common humanity" are "Jewish Nazis."

Another audience member angrily responded to Shahak, "You were lucky you survived [the Holocaust], but 6 million Jews didn't."

Several others said that Shahak's use of the phrase "Jewish Nazis" was disrespectful to the memory of the Holocaust. Shahak maintained that "Jews can become Nazis."

In response to a call, Campus Police asked one heckler to leave because he "was disrupting the event," according to Campus Police Lieutenant David A. Carlson. The person ejected from the event was not affiliated with MIT, Carlson said.

The forum will be broadcast on radio station WMFO 91.5 FM on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 6 to 8 p.m.

The conversion to the new system must be conducted carefully since the information is of critical importance to the Institute, Anderson said.

The GEAC system will fit in well with the computing environment at MIT because it is built on industry standards such as Unix and TCP/IP, Anderson said.

The library database contains about 670,000 cataloging records that should be easy to convert since they follow a national pattern, Anderson said. Records such as library patron data, acquisition data, and fund accounting data will be more difficult to convert, Anderson said.

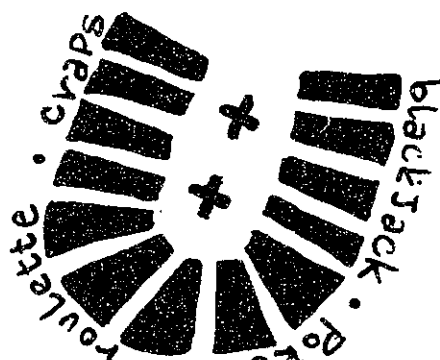
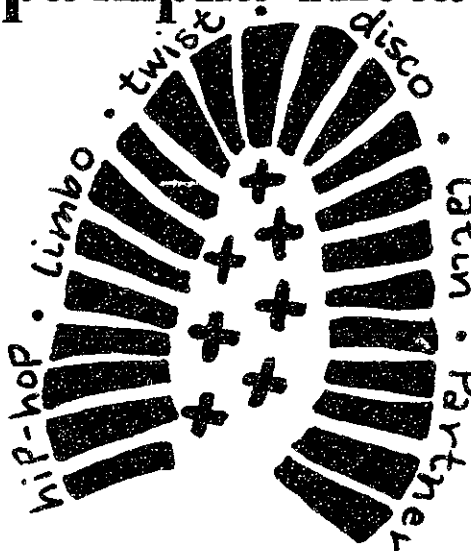
This project is a component of the Distributed Library Initiative sponsored by the Libraries and IS, Anderson said. "This program involves many projects which are focused on providing electronic information to the MIT community," Anderson said.



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In 1816 Mary Shelley and Percy Bysshe Shelley spent their summer in Geneva as the neighbors of Lord Byron. It was upon a suggestion from Lord Byron that each of them write a monster story that Mary Shelley was inspired to create the horrific character of Doctor Victor Frankenstein.

Kenneth Branagh has remained fairly close to the original story in the newest film version of this tale of science-gone-bad. Branagh has created a film which is visually chilling, but not as psychologically chilling as it should have been. With an opening scene set in the far northern reaches of the Arctic Circle, and

the Swiss Alps used as a backdrop for many other scenes, the cinematography is fantastic. The barely visible glaciers of the Arctic and the raw wintertime of the Alps send shivers down the spine. And the rest of the movie is hardly less excessive than the scenery. The acting is melodramatic and when a character dies everyone must be drenched in gory pools of blood.

While training to become a doctor, Frankenstein (Branagh) is obsessed by the possibilities of immortality due to the death of his mother during his childhood. Continuing the work of the eccentric Doctor Waldman (John Cleese), Frankenstein gathers his "raw materials" from the city morgue, stitches them together, and zaps the finished body with electricity until his creature comes to life. Branagh is convincing in the role of this lunatic who later lives to regret and to pay for what he has created.

Robert DeNiro is unrecognizable as the nameless creature, whose character has a lot of depth for a monster. The creature feels



Director Kenneth Branagh

betrayed by Frankenstein, who brought him to life and then abandoned him. He is reasonable in his plea for a companion, but when Frankenstein refuses him his choice, he is willing to take his revenge. Frankenstein has succeeded beyond his desires in the creation of a rational, emotional, and vengeful being.

Helena Bonham Carter, as Frankenstein's adopted sister Elizabeth, and Tom Hulce, as Henry, play the characters who keep Frankenstein in touch with reality. Hulce is enjoyable as Frankenstein's bumbling buddy from medical school. Carter, whose character is Frankenstein's love interest, is fine at the start but by the end becomes the weak link in the chain, making what is intended to be a climactic and dramatic scene rather silly.

In all, *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* deviates from the traditional Hollywood film versions of the story with a striking visual style and powerful lead performances, but is weakened by an eagerness to revel in melodrama and Victorian-era excess. The film is certainly not Branagh's best work, but the monster story remains a good one.

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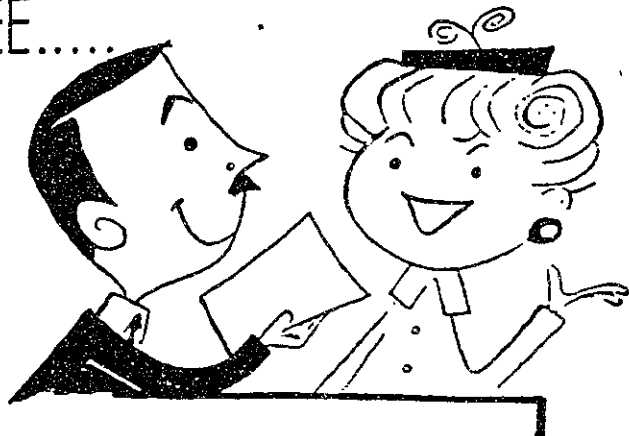
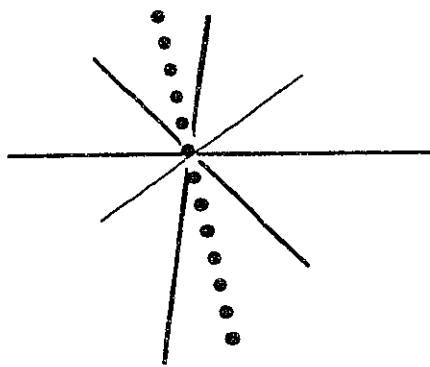
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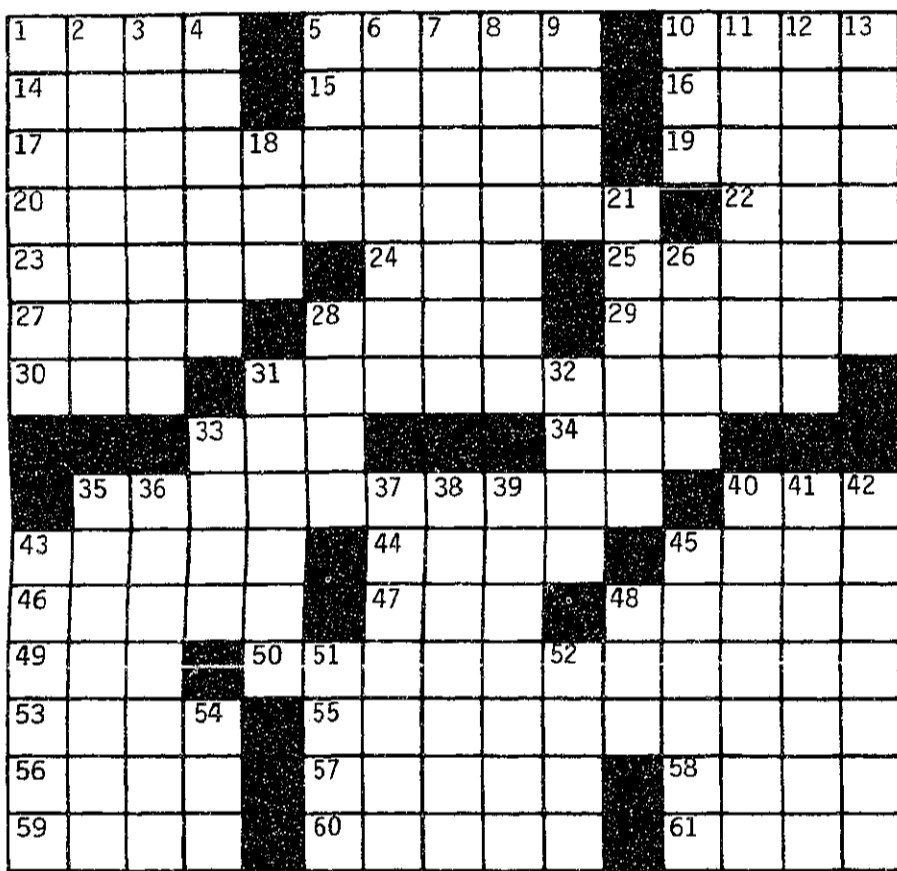
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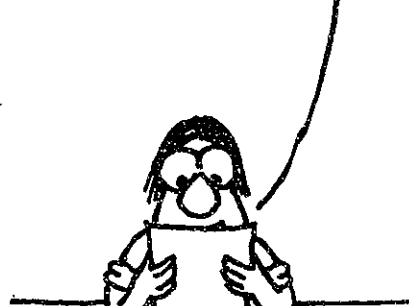
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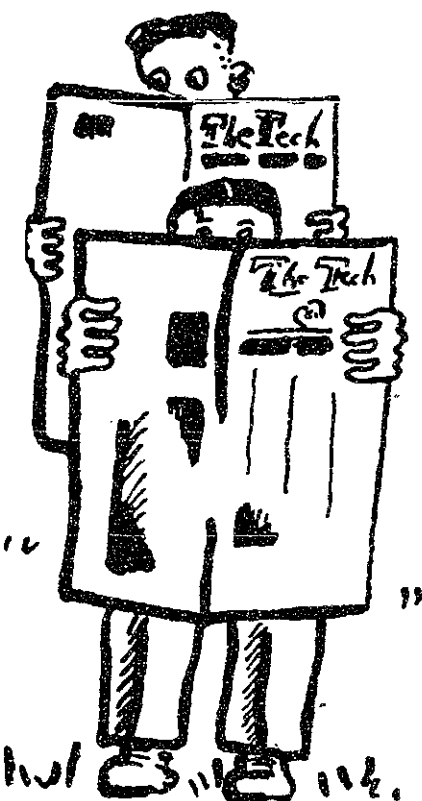
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## SPORTS

## Women's Volleyball Beats Babson, Bows to Smith

By Daniel Wang  
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's volleyball team concluded its first of two post-season tournaments Saturday at the New England Women's Eight Conference Tournament. The Engineers, as the top seed, had home court advantage for the first round, then advanced to play the latter rounds at Mount Holyoke College.

MIT defeated Babson College in the first round, 3-0, but then suffered an upset in the semifinals to Smith College. The results gave the team an overall record of 30-7. Despite the loss, the women have still qualified for further post-season play.

#### First round against Babson

The action commenced Thursday night at the home court of the

higher seeded team, the Engineers. MIT faced Babson, a team it defeated 3-1 in the regular season, at DuPont Gymnasium in front of a small but supportive crowd. The Engineers clearly proved to be a stronger team, winning once again, in three straight games.

In each of the three games, the Engineers took the early lead and never looked back. MIT scored the first five points, and ran up a 13-2 score largely due to good serving and many unreturnable kills by the entire lineup.

Control of the ball then went back and forth for a while, as neither team could win points while serving. After conceding a few points to Babson, MIT closed out the first game, 15-6, when Kamilah Alexander '96 sent an unreturnable spike down the middle of the Bab-

son half of the court.

Alexander was a large contributor to the early points in the second game, delivering two kills and then serving what the announcer called an "ace-o-rama" before Babson called time-out. Once again, the Engineers built a big lead, as they led 7-2 when time-out was called, and then proceeded to increase it.

Babson closed the gap slightly to make the score 8-4 before MIT won the seven points in a row, sparked by a successful block by Dione Sturd '96, followed by two consecutive service winners by Stacey Dozono '97.

The pressure by the MIT defense showed in the end of the game. After a block by Alexander brought the score to 14-4, a Babson player netted a kill attempt to end the second game, 15-4 to MIT.

In the third game, the Engineers built up a 10-0 lead, with the help of some offensive errors by Babson. With a comfortable lead, head coach Cindy Gregory called a number of substitutions to have bench players involved in the match.

The new combinations of players affected the team and its ability to work together, as it struggled a little to win the following points. As a result, Babson cut the deficit to come as close as 13-9.

Just as Babson threatened to catch up quickly, MIT regained control after a play where Dozono jumped up seeming ready to attempt a spike, but then pushed the ball barely out of reach of the defenders. MIT received a sideout, and took advantage of it to win two straight points, the game, and the match, 15-6, 15-4, 15-9.

Alexander led the offensive statistics with nine kills out of 21 attempts. The next best effort came from Preen Dhalla '95, who recorded five kills out of 28 attempts, followed by Whitney Pine '98 and Colleen Johnson G, who both had three. Dozono, the setter, provided 22 assists.

On the defensive side, Johnson led in digs with eight, followed by Dhalla, with seven, Chrissy Jones '95, with six. Alexander led the team in blocks, with five.

The team's serving and offense were the crucial factors behind the victory, said Robin Smith '95.

#### Upset in semifinals

Unfortunately, the title hopes for the Engineers were quickly derailed two days later, in the next round, when they fell to fifth-seeded Smith College, 3-2. Smith was a team the Engineers had beaten twice during

the regular season, but this day, it captured the win, 11-15, 15-6, 17-15, 7-15, 15-5.

In this game, Dhalla led the offense, with 19 kills, followed by Alexander, who had 11. Dozono assisted in 37 of the team's 44 kills.

MIT was busier on defense than in the first round. Johnson once again led in digs, with 21, ahead of Dhalla, who had 16. Alexander led the team in blocks, with two solo blocks and three assists, followed by Pine, Sturd, Arlene Chang '96, who all had one of each.

In the finals, Wheaton College defeated Smith for its third consecutive NEW-8 championship, 15-9, 15-11, 15-9. Wheaton has been a perennial rival of the Engineers. Last year, Wheaton defeated MIT in the finals of the NEW-8 Tournament, but MIT later avenged the loss in the title match of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Division III Championships.

The Engineers are ranked number one in both New England and in the National Collegiate Athletic Div. III Northeast Regional Poll.

Despite the loss in the NEW-8 Tournament, the team's consistently high performance throughout the season has given it an almost certain invitation to the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships, which it will compete in this weekend.

The first round match will take place Friday evening at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, against Eastern Connecticut State University. The eight regional champions will compete for the national title.

"Our goal is to be top eight in the country," which will be very likely if the Engineers capture the regional title, Gregory said.

## Women's Ice Hockey Suffers Loss to UPenn

By Gara Mendez  
STAFF REPORTER

The women's ice hockey team met the University of Pennsylvania team in the Johnson Athletic Center Saturday afternoon. The game ended 6-2 in favor of UPenn.

The starting offensive lineup consisted of Gina Ferrante '98, Cynara Wu G, and Aradhana Narula G. They worked hard offensively, scoring one goal within the first period. Wu scored the goal off a rebound, with an assist credited to Narula. Wu later scored the second goal in a similar fashion in the sec-

ond period.

Team captain Erica Hanley '95 led her offensive line with some amazing passes in the remaining periods. Kathleen Hayashibara G, who started playing goalie just this year, played strong from the beginning making some amazing saves. However, it was hard to stop a UPenn recruit who scored five of the team's six goals and assisted on the other.

The team's next game will also be at home, on Sunday afternoon against Boston University.

### UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Daniel Webster College, 7 p.m.  
Women's Swimming vs. Wheaton College, 7 p.m.

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