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Newspaper



The Weather
Today: Cloudy, breezy, 58°F (14°C)
Tonight: Clear, windy, 28°F (-2°C)
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MIT Names New ADA Coordinator

By **Stacey E. Blau**
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Barbara Roberts, a disabilities services coordinator at the University of Rhode Island, has been named the new MIT disabilities services coordinator, according to Vice President for Human Resources Joan F. Rice.

The decision comes after a six month search for someone to take on responsibilities presently split among several MIT administrators. Rice made the final decision on the position late last month.

The 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act mandates the designation of a Section 504 coordinator, a central administrator whose job is to aid disabled students and personnel and to educate the community about disabilities, Rice said.

Rice said she chose Roberts for having successfully brought to fruition a program for disabled persons in a university setting. "She is incredibly committed" to her work, Rice said. The University of Rhode Island even "offered her a sabbatical to get her to stay," she added.

Rice looked for a person who

"worked as an advocate for disabled persons" and who could also see things "from the point of view of management." Experience with disabilities issues in the greater Boston area and prior work with both students and employees were also important considerations, Rice said.

As disabilities coordinator, Roberts will be responsible for working with students, faculty, and administrators, providing information about options, resources, and contacts in the Boston area, and working towards greater access for disabled persons to MIT facilities, Rice said.

Roberts will also function as an educator of students, faculty, and employees to make sure that the MIT community is sensitive to the needs of disabled persons. Roberts seemed the best qualified to "juggle those different things," Rice said.

Roberts has worked at the University of Rhode Island since 1984. She has also worked as an ADA mediator for Rhode Island state agencies and as a consultant for the

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An MIT player deftly strips the ball from a Charles River Club player in the men's rugby game on Saturday. Despite the effort, MIT lost the game. JIMMY WONG—THE TECH

Faculty to Vote Next Week on Biomed Engineering Minor

By **Shang-Lin Chuang**
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A group of faculty from eight departments proposed the establishment of a minor program in biomedical engineering at last month's faculty meeting.

Faculty will vote on the interdisciplinary minor — the Institute's first — at next Wednesday's meeting.

The idea came in response to students' desire for "a coherent program, better advising, and recognition for biomedical engineering," said Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering Linda G. Cima, chair of the curriculum committee that drafted the minor program.

"The biomedical engineering minor is an ideal first attempt at an interdisciplinary minor," said Pro-

fessor Linn W. Hobbs, chair of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program. "We hope that this particular endeavor will end up enriching the Institute's overall academic program."

A new Center for Biomedical Engineering, announced last month, will provide a natural focus for the undergraduate program, Hobbs said. The minor program would be run through the School of Engineering.

The minor is meant to address the needs of the "large number of students [who] end up going to medical school and want to use their engineering background for medical research," Hobbs said.

Proponents preferred making a minor to establishing a full biomedical engineering department because the second option was simply "not

particularly appropriate," Hobbs said. A new department would only dilute the Institute's strong existing academic programs, he said.

"The minor is meant to give students an opportunity to apply engineering to something they really like," Cima said. "It is an applied field and not meant to be a major."

If approved, the minor will be available to students starting next fall. Between forty and fifty students are expected to participate in the program per year, according to a poll last fall of Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Chemical Engineering students, Cima said.

The first minor programs were

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No Commencement Speaker Named Yet

By **Daniel C. Stevenson**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With only 10 weeks left until Commencement, President Charles M. Vest has yet to announce a speaker for the June 9 graduation ceremony. The previous two Commencement speakers were announced 16 and 19 weeks before the ceremony.

The delay does not worry Director of Special Events Mary L. Morrissey, who said there is "no particular zero hour" by which a speaker has to be announced. "Sometimes we hear very early, sometimes we have to wait," she said.

Last year's Commencement took place May 27 and the choice of speaker, The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, was announced Feb. 14. The year before, Mexican President Carlos

Salinas de Gortari was announced as the speaker for the May 28 ceremony on Jan. 13.

The latest a Commencement speaker was announced in the past five years was when then-Secretary of Defense Les Aspin PhD '66 was named on March 31, 1992 to speak at the June 1 event.

A subgroup of the Commencement Committee submitted a short list of 10 to 15 names for the president to consider, Morrissey said. Vest can choose a speaker from that list, or pick someone else "if he decides he would like to have somebody particular," she said.

Harvard conflict not a problem

MIT's Commencement occurs the day after Harvard University's

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Wit Busza

JUSTIN GING

New 8.01 Meets with Success

By **Eva Moy**
STAFF REPORTER

As any good physicist knows, it takes several tries to get an experiment just right. The new Physics I (8.01) teaching style was an experiment in teaching freshmen study skills, self-confidence, and, of course, physics.

As a core requirement, 8.01 shares in the responsibility of helping freshmen adapt to MIT life, both academically and socially, according to Professor of Physics Wit Busza, who created the new course.

"We certainly have got to have a system that allows for a broad spectrum of abilities," Busza said. To suit every student, the revised class relied more on students teaching themselves, he said.

The new 8.01 featured 20 professors teaching sec-

tions of 18 students or less, one main demonstration lecture, Thursday night problem solving sessions, a text, and a study guide. Although there was no homework assigned, problems from the study guide were used in the weekly quizzes.

"It is up to you to decide how much work you need [to do] to understand" the material, Busza said. "You are responsible for your education."

"I think the 15-person class is a very good idea," said Alan J. Lazarus '53, a senior research scientist who taught one of the sections. It was "more fun to teach than the 30-person class," he said.

But "there were too many different things to do for anybody to keep up with anything," Lazarus said.

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WORLD & NATION

Hundreds Reported Slain As Violence Escalates in Burundi

THE WASHINGTON POST

BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI

Reports circulated Monday that as many as 400 Hutu civilians have been massacred in northeastern Burundi, dramatizing the mounting death toll in this small Central African country's increasingly bloody civil war.

The violence, which was reported to have occurred last week in northeastern Muyinga province near the Tanzanian border, raised new fears that Burundi's persistent tribal killing could explode into another genocidal conflict like the one that engulfed neighboring Rwanda one year ago.

Like similar slaughters in the last several months, the killings involved men, women and children of Burundi's Hutu majority, allegedly slain by members of the Tutsi-led army and their tribal allies. It differed, however, in the larger-than-usual numbers of victims, who aid workers and diplomats said, were concentrated in the Muyinga region.

Western diplomats here in the capital have estimated as many as 1,500 lives were lost country-wide in each of the last three weeks in fighting pitting the army and allied Tutsi militia against increasingly aggressive Hutu armed bands.

Aramony Convicted of Using Charity Money to Support Playboy Lifestyle

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

William Aramony, who built the United Way into the nation's most successful charity, was convicted Monday in federal court of recklessly using contributors' money to support a playboy lifestyle of luxury travel, fancy restaurants and young girlfriends.

Aramony, 67, who headed the United Way of America for 22 years before resigning in disgrace in 1992, stood impassively as jury verdicts were read convicting him of 25 felony counts, including charges of conspiracy, fraud, money laundering and filing false tax returns. He said nothing afterward, continuing a silence he maintained throughout his four-week trial.

Two former associates — Stephen J. Paulachak and Thomas J. Merlo — were convicted with Aramony of conspiring to cheat the United Way of America of hundreds of thousands of dollars in a long-running scheme.

"A charity is a special institution, and Mr. Aramony had a responsibility as chief executive officer of United Way of America to protect its assets," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy I. Bellows. "Instead of protecting those assets, he diverted some of them to his personal purposes. This verdict says that society won't tolerate that."

Judge Claude M. Hilton said he will sentence the three men June 14. Under federal sentencing guidelines, all three could face 10 or more years in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines.

Clinton, Gore Open Week of Attacks On GOP's 'Contract With America'

THE WASHINGTON POST

President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore joined forces Monday to open a week of attacks on the GOP "Contract With America," warning that Republican cuts in education programs would cripple the nation's ability to create jobs in the global economy of the next century.

Speaking to a sun-drenched crowd on the campus of Arkansas State University, Clinton said he supported efforts to reduce "unnecessary, wasteful, bloated government" in Washington, but asserted that cuts in education funding "will be just as dangerous as it would have been for us to disarm in the middle of the Cold War."

Gore, playing the attack role traditional for a vice president, was far more biting. In a speech to the National Press Club, he criticized the Republicans on a number of fronts and said the GOP Congress "spent most of their first 100 days establishing a reputation as the most anti-education Congress in the history of this country."

Clinton, who returns to Washington Tuesday from a weekend visit to his home state, recalled his years as governor in arguing that investments in education programs are as important to the nation's future economic health today as they were in lifting Arkansas from its chronically low economic standing among the states.

WEATHER

April Cool!

By Michael Morgan
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Following the passage of a cold front later this afternoon, strong northwest winds will usher in unseasonably cold weather into the Northeast over the next couple of days. Ahead of the front a few showers and thundershowers are possible. Once the front clears the coast this evening, temperatures will tumble and skies will begin to clear. Tomorrow skies will start off clear, but a few puffy fair weather cumulus clouds will form during the afternoon. Tomorrow night, with clear skies and diminishing winds, temperatures will drop quickly, with inland areas on Thursday morning having lows in the teens.

Today: Mostly cloudy with a few showers possible. Breezy and mild. Highs around 58°F (14°C). Winds south 10-20 mph (16-32 kph).

Tonight: Clearing, windy, and turning colder. Winds shifting to northwest early evening increasing to 15-25 mph (24-40 kph). Low 28°F (-2°C)

Wednesday: Sunny early. The few afternoon clouds that develop will dissipate rapidly around sunset. Breezy. Winds west-northwest 10-15 mph (16-24 kph). High 38°F (3°C). Low 23°F (-5°C).

Thursday: Mostly sunny and cool. High around 40°F (4°C). Low 23-26 °F (-5 to -3 °C).

House GOP Leaders Move Closer to Passing Tax Cut

By Eric Pianin

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

House Republican leaders moved close to locking up passage of a \$188 billion tax cut Monday after persuading rebellious GOP moderates to support the plan. In return the leadership agreed to a watered-down version of the moderates' demands for linking tax cuts to deficit reduction.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich [R-Ga.] voiced growing confidence that the tax package, the "crown jewel" of the "Contract With America," would pass when it is brought to the floor Wednesday or Thursday. However, Gingrich warned he would keep the House in session beyond the start of the Easter recess late this week unless the measure is approved. "If we don't pass this, we're not going home," he declared.

The tax plan, including a \$500-per-child tax credit, a 50 percent reduction in the capital gains tax and numerous tax breaks for businesses and corporations, has encountered stiff resistance from congressional Democrats, some moderate and fiscally conservative House Republicans and influential GOP moderates in the Senate.

The proposal appeared in serious trouble a week ago, after a bipartisan coalition led by Reps. Michael N. Castle [R-Del.], Fred Upton [R-Mich.], and Glen Browder [D-Ala.], vowed to block passage of the bill unless the leadership agreed the tax cuts would not take effect until Congress completed work on a seven-year plan for eliminating the deficit and unless the tax cuts could be revoked any

time Congress fell short of its annual targets for achieving a balanced budget.

Monday, Castle, Upton and freshman Rep. Bill Martini [R-N.J.] announced an agreement with the leadership to support the tax bill in return for legislative assurances the tax cuts could not take effect until the House and Senate completed work late this summer on a long-term budget to eliminate the deficit by 2002. In the event Congress misses a target for deficit reduction, the House and Senate Budget Committees would have to explain in detail the causes of the problem and suggest solutions for getting back on track.

But the moderates agreed to drop their demands that the tax cuts would be revoked in the event Congress missed a deficit reduction target, in the face of strong complaints from some House GOP leaders and business lobbyists that the proposal was unworkable and would make a sham of investment planning under the tax bill.

Castle, Upton and Martini Monday hailed the the compromise as a breakthrough that would provide what Upton described as "a solid insurance policy for deficit reduction" and tax relief. "Our amendment takes what otherwise would have been a tax bill and makes it part of a real plan to balance the budget," Castle said.

But Democrat Browder charged that the GOP moderates had bowed to pressure and intimidation from Republican leaders to return for a "fig leaf alternative."

"Their fig leaf will have fuzzy language about a deficit reduction

glidepath, will put Congress in charge of determining whether deficit reduction is being met, and will keep the special interest tax cuts even if the country sinks deeper in debt," he said.

Although the Republicans appear close to victory, they are still trying to assuage the concerns of more than 100 Republicans who favor limiting the \$500 per child tax credit to families earning up to \$95,000, instead of the \$200,000 limit in the legislation.

They are also trying to prevent the defections of Reps. Connie Morella [R-Md.], Frank R. Wolf [R-Va.], and Thomas M. Davis III [R-Va.]. The three oppose a provision that would require federal employees to make greater contributions to their pension plans as a way of offsetting the cost of the tax cuts.

Meanwhile, Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole [R-Kan.], announced the appointment of Jack Kemp to lead a Republican study group to recommend major revisions in the federal tax system by this fall.

Kemp, a former housing secretary and Republican House member who pioneered "supply-side economics" tax cuts, will lead an eight-member panel that will be charged with sorting through many of the competing Republican proposals for major tax reform, including a flat tax advocated by House Majority Leader Richard K. Arney [R-Texas].

Dole told reporters "We have asked Jack to re-examine the entire 9,000 page federal tax code — to start with a blank piece of paper and design a system that is flatter, fairer and simpler."

Member of Haitian Cabinet Now Suspect in Murder Plot

By Douglas Farah

THE WASHINGTON POST

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

U.S. and Haitian authorities say there is growing evidence that a member of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's Cabinet plotted to murder a political enemy.

The charges, and Aristide's refusal so far to deal with them, underscore the deep fissures that remain in Haiti's highly polarized society and the difficulty facing the United States and the United Nations in working to build functioning systems of law and justice in a country that has spent most of its nearly 200 years of independence under dictatorship.

The FBI-led investigation into the alleged participation of Interior Minister Mondesir Beaubrun in a plot to kill Mireille Durocher-Bertin — and Aristide's unwillingness to suspend the minister — have plunged U.S.-Haitian relations to their lowest level since U.S. troops occupied Haiti six months ago to restore Aristide to office.

New details of the investigation, obtained from U.S. and Haitian authorities familiar with the case, suggest Beaubrun not only knew of the plot, but supplied a vehicle to carry it out. The investigation also suggests that Leslie Delatour, the governor of the central bank, was also to be a target.

Beaubrun declined requests for an interview but has publicly denied any link to any plots. Aristide, in an interview last week, said there was no evidence of Beaubrun's involvement, and the minister has not formally been charged with any crime.

No one is suggesting Aristide knew of or sanctioned the killing.

But his unwillingness to take steps against Beaubrun, despite heavy U.S. pressure and the advice of some of his closest advisers, has revived old questions about the president's willingness to tolerate abuses among those who have shown loyalty to him.

"It has turned from a relatively straightforward case into a test of the rule of law," said one official familiar with the evidence against Beaubrun. "The question is now what did the minister know, when did he know it, and why is Aristide protecting him? The president is hurting himself badly, but he has always been a stubborn man who prized personal loyalty above all else."

Durocher-Bertin, an American-educated lawyer who was a senior adviser to the military that overthrew Aristide in 1991, was assassinated March 28. The killing came just three days before Clinton arrived to declare the U.S. invasion a success and turn over command of the operation to the United Nations.

Aristide requested FBI help in carrying out the investigation. His resort to outside help reflected the chaotic state of a Haitian justice system long contorted by autocratic government and the embryonic stage of U.S. and U.N. plans to train and equip a competent police force in place of the corrupt enforcers used by the Duvalier family and the military to sustain their dictatorships.

The issue of whether Beaubrun should be suspended pending results of the enquiry has also sharply divided Aristide's Cabinet. The president has come under pressure particularly from his traditional,

more hard-line followers, who want him to scuttle his free-market economic program and pursue a more radical political philosophy based more on retribution and less on the reconciliation advocated by the United States.

"I think we are seeing a fight for the president's soul," said one diplomat who works closely with Aristide. "Is he the old Aristide the people loved or the new Aristide people in Washington hoped he had become? How he handles Beaubrun will be an important signal about his intentions."

Beaubrun was part of the officer corps that overthrew Aristide. But he also was a good friend and military academy classmate of Pierre Cherubin, an officer who remained loyal to Aristide after the coup. The United States has long pressed Aristide to break his ties with Cherubin because Cherubin was implicated in human rights abuses, including the murder of five young men in 1991.

Although holding no official title, Cherubin is still a regular palace adviser. The tie to Cherubin, according to U.S. and Haitian sources, is the reason that Beaubrun was named first to the high command, then briefly as army commander late last year, before being appointed to the Cabinet in February.

U.S. and Haitian officials said U.S. Lt. Gen. George Fisher wrote a letter to Aristide and Justice Minister Jean-Joseph Exume about March 22, warning them of a plot to kill Durocher-Bertin about a week before the killing occurred. In the letter, Fisher outlined Beaubrun's alleged participation, according to three sources familiar with the contents of the letter.

NCAA Title Victory for UCLA Places Bruins Back at the Top

By Don Markus
THE BALTIMORE SUN

SEATTLE

The ghosts are gone. The decades of frustration are over. After a 20-year interruption, the tradition has continued. UCLA is back. Back where it was in the days of Alcindor and Warren, of Patterson and Wicks and Rowe. Of Walton and Wilkes. And of Wooden. Always Wooden. Back on top of the college basketball world.

With last night's 89-78 victory over defending champion Arkansas in the NCAA championship game at the Kingdome, the top-ranked Bruins reclaimed the spot that was once their private domain. Despite the absence of point guard Tyus Edney, who sat out all but the first few minutes with a badly sprained right wrist, UCLA managed to do the unexpected.

With senior All-American and tournament MVP Ed O'Bannon scoring a game-high 30 points and pulling down a game-high 17 rebounds and with freshman guard Toby Bailey tying his career high

with 26 points to go along with nine rebounds, the Bruins dominated the Razorbacks down the stretch.

Conversely, Arkansas stars Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman virtually disappeared. Williamson, the MVP of last year's Final Four, finished with only 12 points on three-for-16 shooting and only four rebounds. Thurman, who hit the key three-point shot to beat Duke last year, finished with five on two-for-nine from the field.

The victory was played out before a roaring crowd of around 39,000 that included 84-year-old John Wooden, who won UCLA's first 10 national championships. It was the 19th consecutive win for UCLA (31-2) and was the biggest of Jim Harrick's career, giving the often-beleaguered coach more than his share of redemption after seven years in Westwood.

The defeat was the first in two years of tournament play for Arkansas (32-7) and only the second in the past 17 games for the Razorbacks. It prevented Nolan

Richardson from joining a select group of coaches who have won back-to-back national titles.

Trailing by 12 with a little more than 11 minutes left, and by nine, 67-58, with just less than eight minutes to go, Arkansas stormed back. The Razorbacks went on a 6-0 run that could have been worse had they not missed three consecutive shots.

The Bruins went stone-cold and seemed to tire, missing the front end of two one-and-ones, committing a pair of turnovers and missing a couple of shots. O'Bannon ended a drought of nearly three minutes with a jump hook to put UCLA up 69-64.

The last two points came when O'Bannon rebounded a miss by Williamson, fired a three-quarter-court pass to Bailey, who went up for a reverse dunk. The Bruins celebrated on the court, their fans in the stands.

But it seemed as if the celebration was a bit premature as the Razorbacks pulled within four, 55-51. UCLA righted itself, with George Zidek, Charles O'Bannon and Bailey doing the righting.

Japan Vows Severe Action If Sect Found behind Gassing on Subway

By Sam Jameson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

TOKYO

The government promised Monday to deal severely with the Aum Supreme Truth religious sect if the group was behind the poison gas attack on Tokyo's subways that killed 11 commuters and injured 5,500 others.

Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama said that the government would uphold the freedom of religious beliefs but vowed to the Budget Committee of the upper house of Parliament that any group "borrowing the name of religion to commit impermissible acts will be dealt with sternly."

Education Minister Kaoru Yosano went a step further, declaring that his ministry will go to court to seek the dissolution of the Supreme Truth sect if it is found to have committed the March 20 attack.

Both Murayama and Yosano also said they will study revising the law that empowers the government to designate organizations as religious bodies eligible for tax-exempt status. Yosano suggested that a requirement for openness in conducting activities might be added to the law.

Until police raided facilities of the Supreme Truth sect after the subway attack and discovered that the group had accumulated large quanti-

ties of dangerous chemicals, little was known about the group. It is led by Shoko Asahara, a bearded "master" who claims to be seeking to ensure the survival of Buddhism through an Armageddon he foresees.

The statements in Parliament came as the 14,000-member sect dispatched Fumihiko Joyu, its chief spokesman, to the Foreign Correspondents Club to appeal for overseas journalists' support against "government suppression."

Joyu predicted that police will be unable to prove the sect had produced poison gas. He charged that continuing police investigations of Supreme Truth facilities are part of a government plot to quash the sect.

Simpson Trial Highlights

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Some of the key events Monday in the O.J. Simpson murder trial:
Summary: Prosecutors began the physical evidence phase of their case, starting with the testimony of LAPD criminalist Dennis Fung. Outside the jury's presence, Superior Court Judge Lance A. Ito heard argument over efforts to define the limits of the questioning of a deputy medical examiner. He also heard testimony relating to the defense team's contention that police and prosecutors failed to promptly turn over a videotape of Simpson's home made the day after the murders. Ito did not rule on either.

Witnesses: Fung, a senior criminalist for the LAPD, described each of the blood drops and other pieces of evidence that he collected on the day after the murders. He admitted missing a few drops on a fence near the fallen bodies, but said he returned several weeks later and collected those as well.

Coming up: Fung returns to the stand Tuesday. Ito also is expected to hear argument over the disputed videotape and may issue a pair of rulings relating to the questioning of DNA experts.

Quote: "There is simply nothing funny about a threat to kill nine or 10 attorneys." — Defense lawyers in a motion seeking to question deputy medical examiner Irwin Golden on a remark he allegedly made

CIA Still Paying Guatemalan Informers, Officials Say

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The CIA is still paying informers in the Guatemalan military and has a post at the U.S. Embassy there, contrary to a statement Sunday by Secretary of State Warren Christopher that no CIA money was being spent in the Central American country, U.S. officials said Monday.

Meanwhile, in the snowballing CIA-Guatemala controversy, House Speaker Newt Gingrich [R-Ga.] said a Democratic House member who recently revealed that a CIA informer was linked to two murders in Guatemala should resign from the House Select Committee on Intelligence.

Gingrich called the actions of Rep. Robert G. Torricelli [D-N.J.] "totally unacceptable" because intelligence panel members are sworn to keep classified information secret.

Torricelli said he received the information from government sources outside the committee, and made a point of not attending House panel meetings where discussion of Central America occurred. "An oath of confidentiality cannot be expanded to muzzle members of Congress from exposing criminal activity," Torricelli said.

Gingrich also said the CIA should be expanded, because of terrorists' activities and international uncertainty in the post-Cold War era. That put him sharply at odds with the agency's critics, including some prominent Democrats, who have called for shrinking or even abolishing the CIA.

The dispute came two weeks after Torricelli revealed that the CIA knew one of its paid informers, a Guatemalan army colonel, had had a hand in the murders of an American innkeeper and a Guatemalan guerrilla leader married to a U.S. lawyer. Torricelli also charged that the CIA had kept the information from other U.S. government officials who were attempting to provide accounts to the victims' relatives.

Graduate Student Council

Officer nominations close tomorrow!

Upcoming Meetings:
General Meeting - April 12

April 28, MCMXCIV
The Ball of the Roman Empire
The First Annual GSC/GAP Formal Ball
Fine dining and dancing to a live swing band
ONLY \$25 per person
Tickets on Sale NOW through April 20 -- Limited Seating!
Order forms available at the GSC Office, 50-222

Federal and Mass. tax forms are still available in the GSC office. Stop by and help yourself!

GSC Annual Teaching Awards!

Nominate a Professor or Teaching Assistant from a graduate level class who you feel did an excellent job and deserves recognition. Awards granted for each of the schools, humanities, engineering, architecture, science, management.

Nomination forms available at the GSC board in the infinite corridor or send email to gsc-awards@mit.

Nominations due April 12.

NEW DEAN of the GRADUATE SCHOOL

The advisory committee for the selection of the new Dean of the Graduate School invite you to an

Open Forum

Tuesday, April 11 5:30 - 7pm 50-222

Your opinions and comments are most welcome!
Come share your views on this important position within MIT!

All Graduate Students are invited to all our meetings. All are held at 5:30pm in 50-222 and dinner is served.

Stay informed about all our events! Check out our web page <http://www.mit.edu:8001/activities/gsc/gsc.html>
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OPINION

Letters To The Editor

Great American Meatout Lacked Coverage

The Great American Meatout is held every year on March 20 (the first day of Spring). People pledge to "kick the meat habit, and explore a healthier, less violent diet."

Consumption of meat and animal fat has been linked conclusively with an elevated incidence of heart failure, stroke, cancer, and other chronic diseases which kill 1.5 million Americans each year. Heart attacks are the number one cause of death in the United States. The amount you reduce your risk of heart attack if you cut your consumption of meat, dairy products and eggs by 10 percent, 50 percent, or 100 percent respectively, is 9 percent, 45 percent, and 90 percent. Not only is meat unhealthy, but it is very inefficient nutritionally. Ninety percent of the protein, 99 percent of the carbohydrates, and 100 percent of the fiber present in grain is wasted by feeding it to livestock. It takes 16 pounds of grain

and soybeans to produce one pound of beef. If Americans reduced their meat consumption by a mere 10 percent, 60 million people could be fed adequately on the grain that would be saved.

Raising animals for food also has a devastating impact on our environment. Animal agriculture is associated with 85 percent of topsoil loss in the United States, as well as rampant water pollution (there is no sewage treatment for the 1 billion tons of waste produced by animals each year), and is a driving force in the destruction of our rain forests. More water goes toward livestock production annually than for all other purposes combined. If the water used by the meat industry were not subsidized by U.S. taxpayers, common hamburger meat would cost \$35 per pound. Additionally, modern practices of factory farming adopted since the 1960s ignore the sensibilities of animals. For example, veal calves are never allowed to take a single step, as they are shoved into tiny crates soon after birth and then force-fed an anemia-producing diet in order to obtain a tender, whitish-pink meat. Moreover, it would cost one penny to

render an animal unconscious prior to slaughter, but this is not done, because the meat industry claims it is too expensive.

This year, MIT's Vegetarian Support Group sponsored several activities for the Great American Meatout. We had an all-day booth in Lobby 10, which several people remarked was the most impressive they'd ever seen, we held an Indian vegetarian dinner in Kresge Lobby at which over 400 people were served, and we co-sponsored a speaker, Alex Pacheco of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Despite several press releases to *The Tech* well in advance of the events, we received no press. I am aware that the staff of *The Tech* is small and probably very busy, as most of us are. However, in light of the relevance of these events to the MIT community, we feel that it was a huge oversight for us to not have received any publicity. We hope that The Great American Meatout at MIT will become an annual event, so there will be future chances for *The Tech* to cover our events adequately.

Laura Dilley '96

'Contract with America' Far from Fascist

Guest Column by Ricardo Egozcue

Almost two weeks ago, on the steps of the Student Center, a group of MIT students, professors, and union workers came together to protest what they called the "Contract on America." Even though I am a Republican, I decided to go and hear to what they had to say precisely because I believe that no single party or person has a monopoly on the truth or on the answers to the problems we face in this great country of ours.

Sadly, most of what was said in the protest consisted of half-truths, demagogic statements, and personal attacks against the current leaders of Congress. It seems incredible to me how persons who are in one of the best institutions of the world have so little regard for the truth and for having honest discussions of the key issues that affect our country. I went to every single event they held in the hopes of hearing well-balanced discussions

How dare they compare us with Hitler, or Mussolini? How dare they say we are racist ...

of the items in the contract. I tried hard to keep an open mind, yet all I saw, all I heard was just how bad all of the ten items in the Contract were. All I heard was just how the Republicans were racists, fascist angry white men who intended to take food out of every American child's mouth in order to favor the rich while caring nothing about what happens to poor.

I constantly kept asking myself if they truly believed that average persons like me, and probably like many of you, who agreed with some parts of the Contract, were the monsters whom they described. Wasn't there at least one item in the Contract that they agreed with? I asked myself, where did all the fairness, open-mindedness, and tolerance that liberals like to preach go to? It seems to me that they have forgotten to apply it to persons who do not think like them. Let me therefore point out some key facts that these persons forgot to say.

We are not fascist, we are not bigots, and in the Contract there is no hate like I heard many people suggest last week. If you read it (and I strongly suggest you do so you can decide for yourselves, not through me or through our friends on the left), you will find ten items that over 300 members or candidates

signed up for on September 27, 1994, more than a month before the elections. You will find that we told the country in a full-page ad in *TV Guide* where we were going and the direction we would take. President Clinton and the Democrats spent \$2 million dollars of ads attacking the Contract and the president personally attacked it everywhere he went. In the end, despite all the odds, there was the most one-sided Republican victory since 1946. If you compare the Contract with our first 100 days you will also find that since the Republicans took over in Congress they have done exactly what they said they would do, something that many politicians — including the president — forgot how to do.

If you also do a little research you will find out that on more than half of the items in the Contract have been passed with support of between 45 and 60 Democrats in the House of Representatives and had the key support of senators like Paul Simon. You will find items like the balanced

budget amendment, the line-item veto, a law applying to Congress all the laws that apply to you and me, an enforceable death penalty, common sense legal reforms, and tax cuts that are supported by a majority of Americans which are not racist, fascist or anything of the sort. You will find out that we include tax cuts like the \$500 dollar per child tax credit that benefits everyone who has a child regardless of income. Probably, you will read that there are also tax cuts for parents who want to adopt children but that so often cannot afford to do so under the present system. Finally, you may also come across tax cuts for married couples, making it easier for those who want to marry but may not be able to afford to do so now.

Why do our friends on the left keep insisting in punishing those who have achieved great things in life? They talk as if those who are rich somehow did something wrong in order to become rich. Did you know that most rich persons were average-income Americans like you and me and that they did not inherit or steal their fortunes? Just as the government provides patents to companies to encourage inventions, let us encourage personal achievement by not punishing successful citizens with an excessive tax burden. If all our ideas are so bad, why did President Clinton in his State of

the Union advocate almost all of the policies in the Contract? And while we are at it, let me point out that there is an increase in spending of 4.5 percent for the school lunch program. What Republicans are talking about is controlling the rate of growth of government and some real cuts too, while liberals just keep digging us in the mountain of debt that we are in right now.

What our friends on the left do not tell us is that the debt was not caused by Reagan's military spending like they say, but by the massive social spending made since President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society. What liberals do not get is that if we keep spending the way we are, we will have to monetize our debt, inflation will go through the roof and there will not be money for the Democratic or Republican programs. They had over 40 years and now it's our turn.

Remember, it is Congress's constitutional duty alone to authorize spending; it is not the President's duty.

Since the 1960's we have spent over \$3.5 trillion on anti-poverty programs, and have they reduced poverty, crime or illegitimate births? No, they have not. In fact all these ills have increased. Let us therefore try another approach. Let us like good engineers keep in mind that we have two constraints: To make these social programs work for people who need them and to spend less on them and that both of these conditions are nonnegotiable. Oh and by the way, I agree with those who say corporate welfare (subsidies and price supports), should be done away with. If we were really fascist, like an irresponsible liberal pointed out last week, why do we peacefully transfer power when we loose elections? How dare they compare us with Hitler, or Mussolini? How dare they say we are racist when we had over 30 minority candidates running in the election and persons like J.C. Watts, an African-American Republican from Oklahoma, who was elected and who thinks like many of us do? To be against quotas, like 75 percent of the American people are, is not equivalent to racism.

I can only hope that next time issues like these are begin discussed, the liberals in the campus and also the Republicans will make an honest good faith effort to present both sides. Please go out there, watch C-SPAN, read the papers and decide for yourself.

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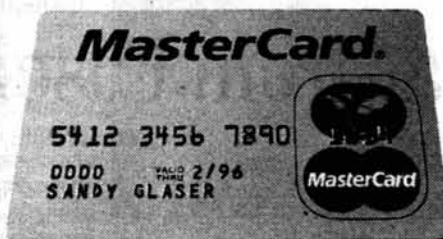
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THE ARTS

Agonizing *Guardsman* soars on acting, charm

THE GUARDSMAN

Directed by Jacques Cartier.
Written by Franc Molnar.
Starring Timothy Landfield and
Kandis Chappell.
The Huntington Theatre Company.
Through April 9.

By Hur Koser
STAFF REPORTER

Set in Budapest before World War I, *The Guardsman* is about Nandor (Timothy Landfield), a flamboyant, talented actor and Ilona (Kandis Chappell), his equally famous and strong-willed actress wife, who is known for becoming restless after a half-year's commitment to her lovers. It is mid-May, six months since their Christmas marriage, and a restless Ilona is already showing signs that she wants to move on to her next romantic enterprise. Overwhelmed with love and jealousy, Nandor decides to seduce his own wife, disguising himself as an imperial guardsman. This is supposedly a two-pronged test: Nandor strives to prove in real life the superiority of his acting skills while at the same time hoping to discover that his wife is faithful. What follows is a fascinating flip-flop between reality and illusion, a co-revelation of truth and fiction with a certain taste of humor.

The Guardsman premiered in Budapest in 1910 and arrived on Broadway in 1913 under the title *When Ignorance is Bliss*. It appears that at first the American version did not quite appeal to the Broadway audience. However, eleven years later, the play received widespread American critical acclaim with the New York production of a new adaptation by Philip Moeller under the original title. *The Guardsman* has since been extensively performed. It has also appeared in several festivals, including the Shaw Festival in Ontario (1969), the Stratford Festival (1977), and most recently in the Williamstown Theatre Festival (1993), although it has never appeared on a

Boston stage before.

"Molnar's theatre is unique in our time because it is an endless self-exploration," writes S. N. Behrman for the *New Yorker* in 1946. "Molnar's theme is himself, and he has taken his society right along with him over the footlights and confided to it expansively in stage whispers."

Franc Molnar's own regard of his works, however, differs slightly. In a book he finished in 1950, two years before his death, he complains about having sometimes been mistaken for a sarcastic playwright. "They laughed at things of mine that weren't made to be laughed at," protests Molnar. "I got money for it, and so I was a coward and kept quiet. The audience everywhere in the world laughed at a perfectly agonizing play of mine in which a lovelorn suffering actor in disguise seduces his loose-living wife." To one of his biographers, Molière, the deathless master of comedy writers, confessed that "his laughter is the laughter of a skeptic staggering under repeated blows of fate, who keeps putting on a comic show for others, and putting down his thoughts in comic plays," writes Molnar. "That's how people laughed at the plays of Molière's unworthy pupil, myself."

The Huntington Theatre Company calls *The Guardsman* a comedy. It is quite a dilemma for the audience, though, to decide whether it is best to laugh at Nandor's futile attempts to satisfy his doubts about his wife Ilona's faithfulness or to sympathy with his

Chappell excels in her role as Ilona: She is an experienced and well-known actress who has worked extensively on the West Coast, and she is the only actress who has won three Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Awards for Best Actress. It is no surprise either that Landfield identifies so easily with Nandor, an incredibly demanding role, when we note his successes in *Tartuffe* and *Rumours*. This is, of course, not to discredit Tammy Grimes as the mother of Ilona and the rest of the cast for letting the audience actually feel and breathe the air of early 20th century Hungary.

The remaining credit goes to Scene Designer James Leonard Joy for making the play communicate at a glance the romantic and exotic elements of the play's Hungarian setting. It is almost incredible to experience such an abundance of fine detail in both the drawing room of Act I and in the antechamber of a balcony at the Budapest Opera House of Act II. Joy actually went so far as to recreate the opera house interior on a 24 foot-tall, 576 square-foot, and highly detailed painted drop, even though it will be glimpsed only through a doorway off to stage left.

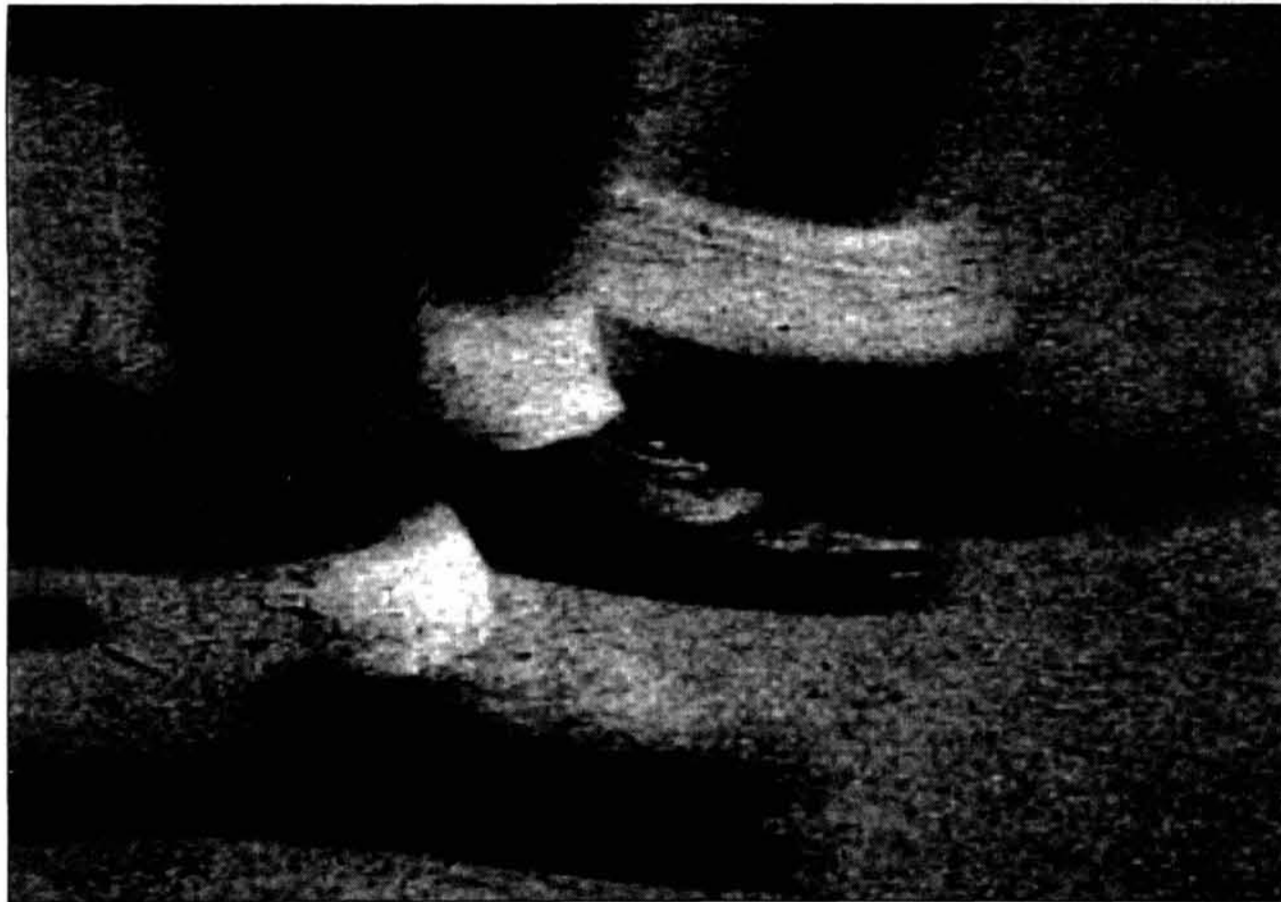
The Guardsman offers a delightful evening at the Huntington Theatre Company. It is definitely worth seeing before its last performance on April 9.



"The audience laughed at a perfectly agonizing play of mine:" A disguised Nandor (Timothy Landfield) and Ilona (Kandis Chappell) embrace in Molnar's compelling *Guardsman*.

agonizing panic of losing her. The fact that the play does not conclude with the commonplace comic ending — it is debatable whether it is a conclusive, happy ending or not — reinforces Molnar's personal interpretation of his play as "agonizing."

Nevertheless, whatever point of view we accept, it is indisputable that Kandis Chappell and Timothy Landfield both deserve the highest praises for their excellent reflections of both these views in the fictional personalities they assume. It is no surprise, of course, that

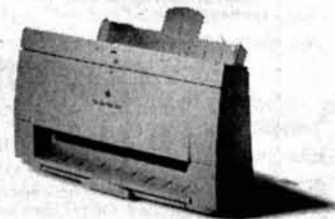


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Tommy packs intellectual punch of Cheez Whiz

TOMMY BOY

Directed by Peter Segal.
Written by Bonnie Turner, Terry Turner, and Ted Wolf.
Starring Chris Farley, David Spade, Rob Lowe, Bo Derek, and Brian Dennehy.
Sony Cheri.

By Teresa Esser

Tommy Boy is the latest of a string of "Saturday Night Live Goes Commercial" attempts to turn free entertainment into a seven-dollar movie. While changing a five-minute skit into a full-length feature film may be a good idea in theory, the entertainment contained in the new film Tommy Boy is insulting to the spirit of Saturday Night Live.

If Academy Award nominee *Before the Rain* can be symbolized by gourmet goat cheese, high-quality French films (*Blue*) can be seen as gourmet brie or bleu, and genuinely exciting domestic flicks (*Last of the Mohicans*) can be likened to Vermont sharp cheddar, then the mass-produced crowd pleaser know as *Wayne's World* would resemble Velveeta. Unfortunately, *Tommy Boy* is the intellectual equivalent of Cheez Whiz.

That's not to say that the film will fail to please its target audience. In fact, *Tommy Boy* is custom-made for those customers who line up to buy nachos in our public stadiums. Indeed, the majority of the people who attended the WAAF 107.3 FM advance screening seemed to truly enjoy watching the film. "I loved it," shouted a student from Emerson College. "I mean, hey, they gave me a free t-shirt!" He was referring to one of the ten or fifteen blue-collar grease-monkey-type work shirts that were emblazoned with the words "Tommy Boy" on the front right pocket and distributed prior to the screening of the film.

With that said, it is interesting to notice how many similarities there are between *Tommy Boy*, *Wayne's World*, and other films of this emerging genre (e.g., *Dumb and Dumber*). For starters, both *Wayne's World* and *Tommy Boy* employ actors from *Saturday Night Live* in roles resembling the ones they

had on the show. Both *Tommy Boy* and *Wayne's World* use Rob Lowe as a dark, brooding background character whose evil romantic exploits bode ill for the lead. Both films take place in the Great Lakes region of the Midwest, and both contain road trip scenes where the camera focuses on actual road signs.

The plots of both films are simple enough to be summarized by a third-grade reader: Greedy businessmen try to buy the main characters' favorite possession, and our heroes must hit the road and drive really fast in order to win it back. In *Wayne's World* the "possession" was Wayne's basement cable-access program; in *Tommy Boy* it is the Callahan family Brake Pads Factory. Both films appeal to a viewer's desire to see the underdog triumph and to reward those with a healthy sense of humor.

Both *Tommy Boy* and *Wayne's World* (like *Dumb and Dumber*) dwell on the adventures of two numbskulls. In *Tommy Boy* these are moronic business heir Tommy Callahan (Chris Farley) and company man Richard Hayden (David Spade). They end up driving around in an old beater of a car and lip-sync songs that come on the radio (though *Wayne's World* version of "Bohemian Rhapsody"

was far better than anything that *Tommy Boy* can belt out). Both films contain scenes where a character must struggle desperately to get out of said automobile before vomiting. Both films seem to advocate using the media to solve all problems, both personal and financial. Both films end up with a far-fetched, meta-theatrical happy ending.

But *Tommy Boy* insults intellectual theatergoers by attempting to sell a reprocessed, repackaged, formulaic version of an older film for the same price as an original work. This is unfair. In the supermarket, consumers know in advance that Easy Cheese is inferior to moz-

zarella. However, the squirt can does provide a cheap easy way to add flavor to a saltine cracker. Consumers know that they won't be getting much flavor for their 10 or 15 cents but it's a lot cheaper than buying a real product.

With movies, however, there is no advantage to spending money on a reprocessed idea. If you're going to spend seven dollars to see something on the big screen, make sure that the product is original. If you must see *Tommy Boy*, save it for an all-night VCR marathon — and don't forget to bring your own crackers.



While Tommy Callahan (Chris Farley, left) and Richard Hayden (David Spade) may not reflect kindly on SNL, their moronic attempt to save the family business from the bad guys may get a laugh out of Joe Average.



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Sea Grant Scientists Discuss Collapse of Mass. Fisheries

By Eva Moy
STAFF REPORTER

Two weeks ago, Governor William Weld asked President Bill Clinton to declare the suffering Massachusetts fisheries — Georges Bank, Massachusetts Bay, and the Gulf of Maine — a natural disaster area. That designation would bring millions of dollars in federal funding to Massachusetts to buy out fishing boats, retrain young fishermen, and provide basic social services and counseling.

As members of Congress discuss the situation of the nation's fisheries and fishermen continue the same methods of fishing, scientists try to figure out just why the fisheries are in so much trouble.

Tucked away in Buildings E38 and N20, researchers at the MIT Sea Grant College Program also study the fisheries, but on a different level. Clifford A. Goudey, a fisheries engineer, studies engineering issues such as the effects of fishing techniques and gear on the marine environment.

"The plight of the New England fishing industry has made headlines with the decline of the groundfish stocks," Goudey said. "To anyone familiar with the industry, this is not news at all, but simply the extrapolation of a disastrous trend."

"What is news [now] is the apparent willingness of the fisheries-management infrastruc-

ture to take significant steps towards the reversal of the trend," Goudey said.

In the late 1970s, when the domestic fishing industry was doing poorly, the federal government kicked out the foreigners and encouraged American fishermen to expand, explained Madeleine Hall-Arber, a Sea Grant anthropologist who studies the effect of management on the fishing communities.

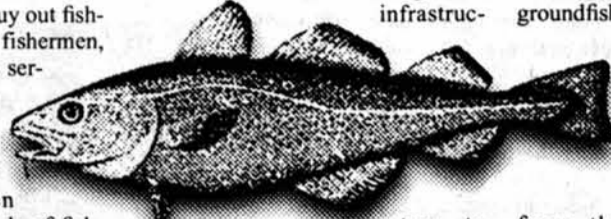
With the increase in fishermen and less labor intensive equipment, people realized that the U.S. fisheries were overdeveloped by the mid 1980s. The dominant method of fishing on Georges Bank is trawling, dragging fishing nets along the ocean bottom, Goudey said. This destroys habitats crucial for young groundfish hiding from predators in their early life. In addition, while undesirable fish and other marine life are thrown back into the ocean, many deep-ocean creatures die from the pressure difference between their deep-water habitats and the surface.

Mismanagement a larger problem

Overfishing and trawl fishing contribute to the problem, but they are only symptoms of larger mismanagement of the fisheries, Goudey said. The fishermen are competing for a common resource, and individually they are not willing to make the financial sacrifice for the greater good.

"If properly managed, there is probably opportunity for growth in the fisheries," he said. For example, there are non-destructive methods of fishing, such as hook fishing or gill fishing, although these are not as profitable as trawl fishing, Goudey said.

If there was absolutely no fishing, it would take five years for the cod and yellowtail stocks to recover, according to Hall-Arber. Haddock stocks would take as much as 10 years, she said. Although this would impact supporting industries ranging from ice suppliers to restaura-



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No Speaker Set Yet For Commencement

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ceremonies, but that should not cause any large problems, Morrissey said.

MIT and Harvard officials met to discuss the dilemma and logistical concerns earlier this year, but neither school changed its date, according to Grace Scheibner, Harvard's director of commencement. "Based on that meeting, which was very favorable and quite productive,

things are very much under control," Scheibner said.

Of the major area hotels, the Marriott, the Hyatt Regency, and the Inn at Harvard are sold out for the days surrounding Commencement, while the Royal Sonesta and the Charles Hotel still have some rooms open, according to hotel staff.

Vest could not be reached for comment yesterday.

ADA Director Chosen From 180 Applicants

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Center for Neurophysiology and Learning Disorders in Rhode Island.

Picked from 180 applicants

The search for a coordinator began last October, when a committee convened to sift through the 180 applications for the position. The pool was narrowed to 11 applicants, whom the committee interviewed.

Only three were recommended to Rice, who conducted a second round of interviews and made the final selection. Roberts accepted the position March 22 and will begin working June 1, Rice said.

The search committee included people from areas of MIT that are affected by the implementation of the ADA on campus: Roy E. Ward, Physical Plant staff architect and designer; Stephen D. Immerman, director of special services; Bonnie

J. Walters, associate dean for undergraduate academic affairs; M. Susan Jones, computer support services consultant; Nancy Collins, Personnel Office representative; Michael K. Owu, associate planning officer; Paul Parravano, assistant for community relations in the President's Office, and Sam Hartman '98.

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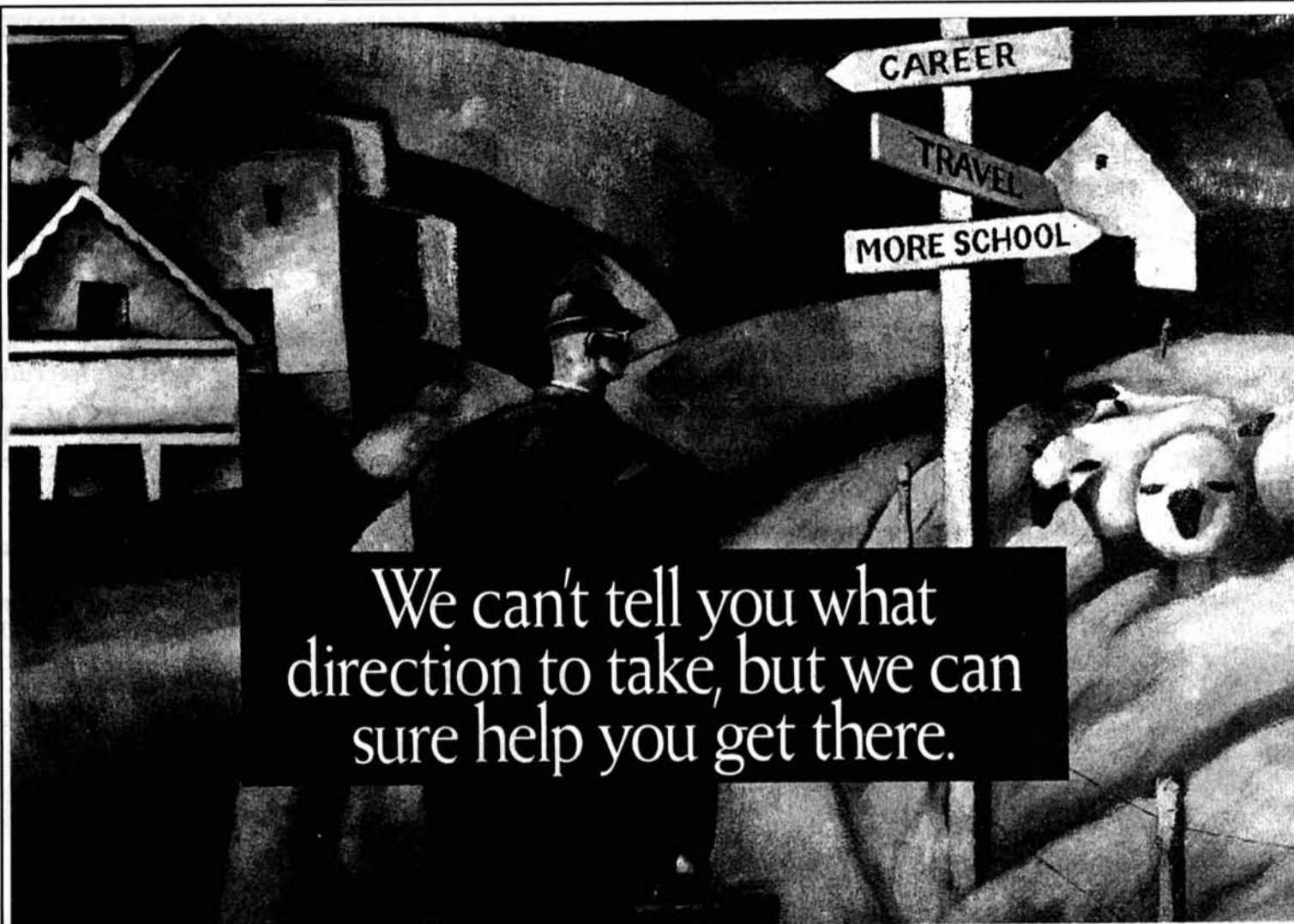
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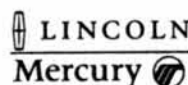
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Next Week Faculty Vote on Biomedical Engineering Minor

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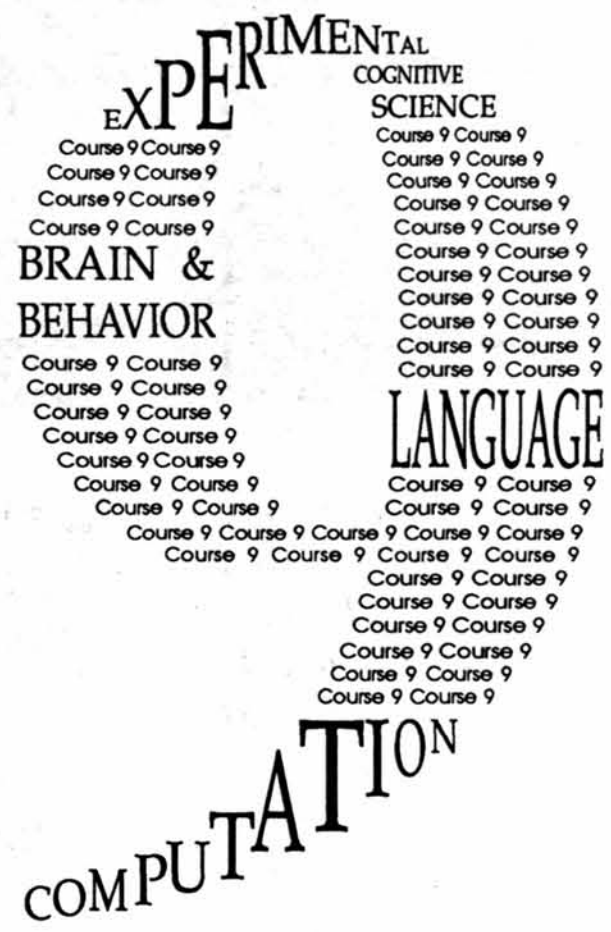
established in the humanities 1987; the Institute began offering other departmental minors in 1992. At the time, the CUP recommended against general authorization of interdisciplinary minors but advocated case-by-case evaluation of proposals for such programs where there were not existing majors, Hobbs said.

All minors must meet the guidelines of the CUP and the Commit-

tee on Curricula. The guidelines focus on the number of subjects required, program administration, advising, continuity of departmental subject offerings, and provisions for review of the program, Hobbs said.

The proposed new minor has met all these criteria satisfactorily, Hobbs said. Students would be able to fulfill the minor with six to nine subjects, depending on their course of study.

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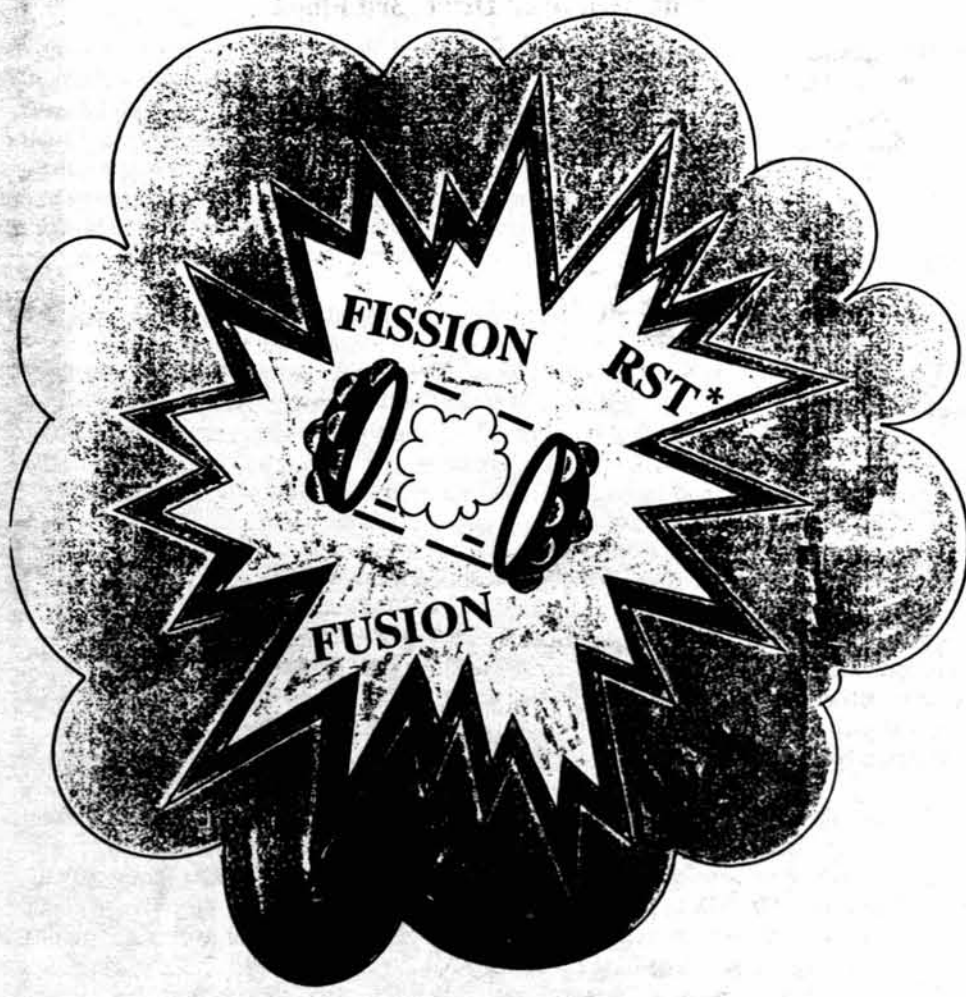
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To run, send a letter of nomination to the Graduate Student Council, 50-222, or send the letter by email to gsc-secretary@mit.

To vote, become a representative! Pick up a petition at the GSC office or contact gsc-secretary@mit for more information. Representative forms due Monday, April 10 at 5pm.

For more information please contact the GSC office, 50-222, x3-2195 or on the WWW: <http://www.mit.edu:8001/activities/gsc/gsc.html>

MIT Graduate Student Council Officer Job Descriptions

There are 4 officer positions within the GSC: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These four officers form the core team within the GSC and as such work together to coordinate the GSC's efforts throughout the year. The load of this responsibility is equally shared amongst the officers and thus allow them to cover for one another when the demands of their courses become too much. Communication occurs through regular officers meetings and regular meetings with the MIT Deans (about monthly), and each officer attending one of the GSC committee's monthly meetings. It should be noted that as the officers share the above tasks in a roughly equal manner, each has the opportunity to hone their leadership skills through interactions with other graduate students and the MIT administration. Feel free to contact the current officers with any questions.

President

The GSC President's job is a very challenging one that offers many rewards and opportunities for the development of managerial and inter-personal skills. In broad terms the President is responsible for leading the GSC, focusing the desires voiced by the graduate students into achievable goals, helping the GSC Officers, GSC Committee Chairs, and GSC Administrative Assistant achieve these goals and coordinating GSC contact with the administration and faculty. Election to the office of President of the GSC also entails automatic membership to several other MIT organizations specifically; ex officio membership of the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (meets 3 to 4 times per year), ex officio membership of the Alumni Funding Board (meets 3 times per year, ex officio membership of the Muddy Charles Pub Board of Governors (meets monthly), membership of the Commencement Committee (meets 3 times per year). In addition the President has speaking privileges at meetings of the Faculty Committee (meets monthly). Specific tasks of the President include but are not limited to running monthly general meetings of the full council, defining the direction of the GSC with the other GSC officers, approving and/or appointing chairs to the GSC committees (Orientation, Activities, HCA, and APPC), running regular meetings of the GSC Executive Committee, meeting regularly with MIT Deans, providing moral support and guidance to the other members of the GSC in the course of their own duties, addressing the incoming students during orientation, and saluting MIT at Commencement. As can be seen from the above description the office of GSC President encompasses many responsibilities that require a substantial time commitment in the order of five to fifteen hours per week. However, the office also offers the motivated individual an unique opportunity to not only make MIT a better place for graduate students but also to develop and hone leadership, motivational and general managerial skills that will serve him or her in the working world upon graduation. Current President: Roger Kermode, gsc-president@mit.

Vice President

The GSC Vice-President's primary official job duty is making sure that MIT graduate students are adequately represented on Institute Committees and various governing boards. This involves interviewing and screening student applicants for the various positions, staying in contact with the appropriate committee chairs, forwarding student applications, and making selection recommendations. In addition, the Vice-President is responsible for helping out the President in all types of tasks. The Vice-President is the acting President in the President's absence, and helps take some of the load off the President's shoulders throughout the term. The Vice-President also serves as the liaison with the departmental graduate administrators. Last, the Vice-President usually takes on many projects on his/her own accord, and carries them through to ensure the longevity and success of the GSC. It is a job that is extremely rewarding and frequently challenging, which enables the Vice-President to hone his/hers motivational, organizational, and leadership skills. The time commitment varies, though the Vice-President should expect a baseline commitment of five hours a week. Current Vice President: Stan Reiss, gsc-vice-president@mit.

Secretary

The role of the Graduate Student Council Secretary is one of communication. The secretary is responsible for presenting the GSC in a coherent and exciting framework, and ensuring that the graduate student population is well informed of all activities and issues. Weekly Tech Ads, monthly VooDoo and Thistle Ads, and well maintained email lists form the core of the GSC communication lines. The secretary is also responsible for the correspondence and communication within the executive committee, and aids the President in following up on the decisions of those meetings. The Secretary facilitates correspondence with the administration, as well as agendas and minutes from officer meetings with the administration. This position offers time flexibility in performing its functions and is heightened by the opportunity to interact with many people and express creativity in maintaining the advertising. This commitment varies from three to ten hours per week. Current Secretary: Susan Ipri, gsc-secretary@mit.

Treasurer

The position of treasurer provides a valuable opportunity to be responsible for a monitoring substantial budget including handling monthly statements. The treasurer is also responsible for seeing to it that the day to day expenses of the GSC are paid in a timely fashion in order to maintain professional relationships with the many vendors the GSC deals with regularly. Another important responsibility of the treasurer is to organize the Funding Board which allocates money to graduate student groups at the beginning of each term. This process includes soliciting requests for funding, organizing a meeting to allocate the funding, and handling the reimbursements. There is a lot of room for initiative in the treasurer's position. Often, the treasurer is in charge of major purchases including office equipment, furniture, and other expensive items. This can be exciting and fun! The time commitment of the treasurer beyond that of what is expected of any officer is minimal and amounts to an average of approximately 1-2 hours per week. The work load is heaviest at the beginning of each term. Current Treasurer: Katy Evanco, gsc-treasurer@mit.

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between March 18 and March 30:

March 18: Kappa Sigma, male arrested for malicious destruction of property and related charges; DuPont Gymnasium men's locker room, \$125 stolen from wallet; Kresge Auditorium, audio equipment and coat stolen, \$1,900.

March 19: Bldg. 10, vending machine broken into; Bldg. N10, attempted larceny of bicycle parts.

March 20: Bldg. E53, backpack containing credit cards and personal checks stolen; Student Center, backpack containing calculator, credit cards, and checks stolen, \$160; West Garage, Volkswagen broken into and radio stolen, \$300.

March 21: Bldg. 4, power supply stolen, \$7,000; Bldg. 54, compact disc player stolen, \$120; Bldg. 41A, tool box stolen, \$272; Bldg. 13, printer stolen, \$1,500; two juvenile males arrested for false reporting of serious crimes via emergency telephones.

March 22: Ashdown, suspicious activity; Bldg. 14, graffiti; Bldg. 33, briefcase stolen, later recovered minus \$20; Bldg. 54, suspicious person sighted; Bldg. 13, wallet containing \$1.50 stolen; Bldg. 4, backpack and contents stolen, \$270; Next House, bicycle stolen, \$170; Bldg. 68, wallet stolen, \$15; New House, suspicious activity; Bldg. 66, disruptive person.

March 23: Alpha Delta Phi, 351 Mass. Ave., \$180 bicycle stolen; Lobby 7, doughnut stand display case stolen; Bldg. 37, violation of a restraining order; West Garage, 1989 Mazda stolen.

March 24: Bldg. 33, suspicious activity; Bldg. 5, graffiti; Bldg. 68, wallet stolen, \$10; Bldg. E40, CD player stolen, \$89; Westgate, mail stolen from individual's mail box; Bldg. E25, wallet stolen, \$25.

March 25: Bldg. 24, suspicious person; Student Center, bicycle stolen, \$420; W91 Lot, car broken into and radar detector stolen, \$200; Student Center, graffiti; East Annex Lot, car stolen, recovered minus radio; Bldg. E23, suspicious person.

March 27: Bldg. E40, bicycle stolen from bicycle room, \$350; Bldg. 13, backpack stolen containing a calculator, \$350; Bldg. 37, graffiti; Rockwell Cage, wallet containing \$15 stolen.

March 28: Bldg. 8, suspicious activity; Westgate Lot, 1985 Oldsmobile broken into; Bldg. 7, illegal transaction on an ATM credit card, \$285; Hayden Library, backpack and calculator, \$275; Westgate low rise, bicycle stolen, \$50.

March 29: DuPont Gymnasium men's locker room, lockers broken into 1) cash stolen, \$20 2) clothing stolen, \$150 3) cash stolen, \$80; Bldg. 16, laboratory equipment stolen, \$29,000; Bldg. 13, laptop computer stolen, \$3,075.

March 30: DuPont Gymnasium men's locker room, cash stolen, \$55; Bldg. 38, computer memory stolen, \$2,580; Westgate Lot, 1989 Toyota broken into; East Campus, graffiti.

Cambridge Police along with Campus Police have observed an increase in bicycle larcenies as the warmer spring days approach. Cambridge Police reported a significant increase in the Central Square area. For crime prevention information, e-mail crimbite@mit.edu, call x3-9755, or refer to Techinfo.



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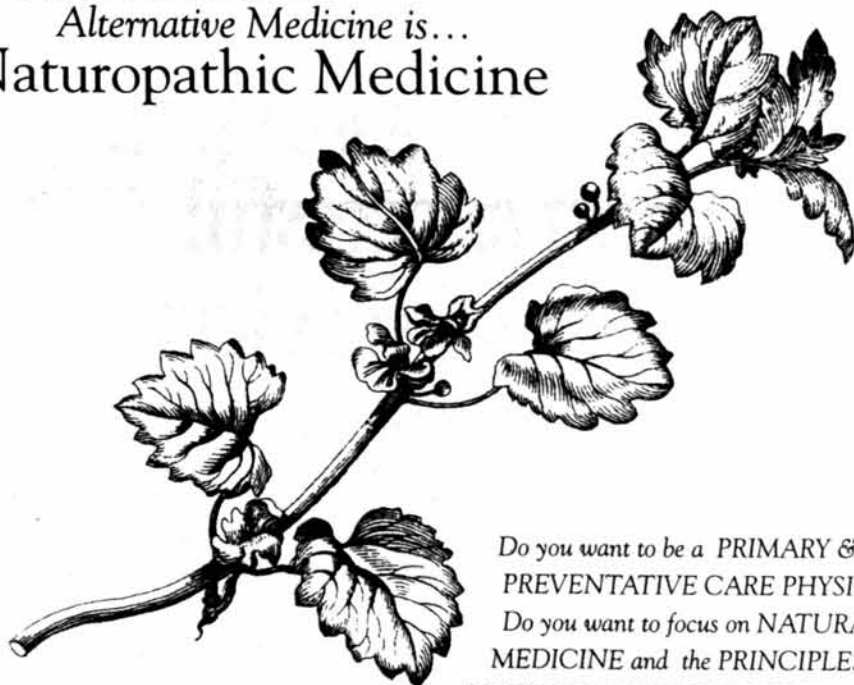
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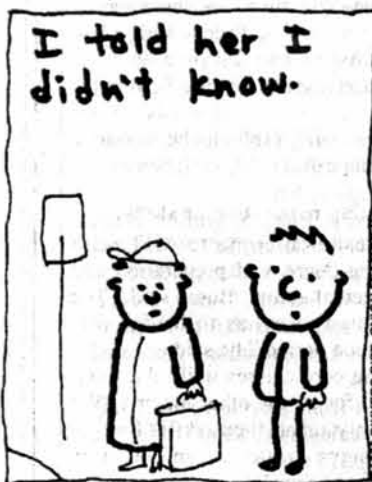
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Professors Approve Of Revamped 8.01

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Indeed, the comments in the upcoming *Course Evaluation Guide* reflect this split in attention to the concepts and the specific problems.

According to the *CEG*, "Overall, students think 8.01 is a demanding class, and at the same time interesting. Respondents feel that the class stresses independent study too much, favoring self-motivated people."

Busza received this as welcome news. "Nothing makes me happier," he said. "There we succeeded."

Overall, 13 percent of the class failed 8.01 last semester, which falls within the 10 to 20 percent failure rate every year, Busza said. But "I'd like to think that they learned from it," he added.

Since enrollment in 8.01 is much lower in the spring, it is being taught in the traditional manner this term. Busza will distribute a survey in Physics II (8.02) later this spring for students to compare the new 8.01 teaching methods to a traditional class.

Professors applaud change

Professors reacted positively to this unique teaching experience: All 20 professors wanted to teach the new 8.01 next fall and also volunteered to lead an extra hour of problem solving each week, Busza said.

"In part it was an enjoyable format from the professor's point of view," said Professor Bernard F. Burke PhD '50. "Attendance in class was better" than before, he said.

As the course examiner, Busza did not teach a section, but administered the course and made up the exam questions. The other profes-

sors, however, did not know the test questions ahead of time. It is "important that students felt that the faculty were on their side," Busza said.

Busza said the biggest problem of the new format was that students tended to concentrate on solving particular study guide problems rather than understanding the general concept.

"We were supposed to both discuss the material and talk about how to solve the problems," Burke said. "That combination was difficult to fit into the time we had."

Next fall, there will be an extra class per week just for solving problems that will be led by a teaching assistant, Busza said. Professor Walter Lewin will also solve problems on MIT cable, as he has done in terms past.

Teaching motivation or skills?

Freshmen come to MIT with varying degrees of preparation and intellectual ability, Busza said. "The freshman year has to bridge that transition period," he said.

The core classes build the foundation for all the other majors. "We not only teach them skills but get them more excited ... and build up self-confidence," Busza said.

The view of teaching at MIT historically undergoes 5-year cycles of teaching motivation versus skills, according to Busza. The physics department has been aware of this over the past few years, and the new 8.01 is an attempt at a compromise.

"I think there is a significant number of students at MIT who don't realize the importance of the Institute requirements," Busza said. "They don't appreciate that this is what makes MIT unique."

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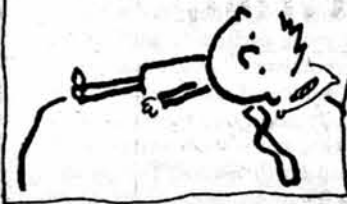
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Strike's End Brings Mudville Joy

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though a collective bargaining agreement is nowhere on the horizon, and the substantive issues of revenue sharing and arbitration remain unsettled, baseball fans will soon be treated to the likes of Don "Welcome" Mattingly instead of Don Fehr and Bud "Paint it" Black instead of Bud Selig. Thus, there is joy in Mudville, for the owners have struck out.

NBA update

The NBA playoffs, which are but one month away, are shaping up to be, as Ed McMahon would put it, "a wild and crazy affair." At this writing, four teams, San Antonio, Utah, Phoenix, and Seattle, were within two games of each other in the quest for home court advantage in the West. We in Mudville give the nod to the Sonics, who have

been sparked by the brilliant play of Detlef Schrempf and finally seem to be recovering from last season's disappointing loss to Denver. Though San Antonio is playing tremendous ball, the Alamo men's lack of consistent guard play will eventually be their undoing, while the Jazz will stop dancing for the opposite reason: The salt bagel has no center. Phoenix's sun is setting, as Danny Manning's absence is finally taking its toll, and the lack of inside force will continue to be Charles' friends' Achilles heel.

In the East, the landscape has changed since the return of his Royal Airness. Just a month ago, the Bulls were first round fodder; today, they are championship contenders. Whoever said one person could not change a sport has obviously missed the last month of media circus which surrounded the second coming of the basketball G-d. Along

with the Bulls, the Orlando Magic and resurgent Indiana Pacers are the favorites to make the finals. If the Bulls' ascent in the standings continue, then they should have a second round showdown with Tree Rollins and the Magic, while the Pacers will take on the Knicks. In the end, all bets are off: With Tree Rollins in the picture, anything can happen.

Trivia

As twelve readers knew, Rik Smits went to Marist college. The first correct answer was sent by Leo Chang '95. This week's question comes from the Final Four of years past. The last time the Final Four was held in Seattle, what two Michigan players clinched the team's semifinal and final wins with a put-back and two free throws, respectively? Send answers to bell@mit.edu.

Women's Tennis Wins First Spring Match

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back to win the next 2 sets, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

Nora Humphrey '98 breezed through her match with confidence, 6-2, 6-1 at the fifth singles position. Sixth singles player Susan Lin '98 played a good first set, winning it 6-2, but lost the second and the third, 6-4, 6-2. At the seventh singles spot, Sejal Shah '95 dug into her bag of tricks to whip her opponent, 6-1, 6-2.

MIT went into the doubles portion of the duel match on top with an overall score of 4-2. At the top doubles spot, the pair of Matsuzaki and Humphrey played with the utmost of confidence and also had a lot of fun out there as they out-served, out-volleyed, and out-smarted their opponents in a 6-2, 6-4 victory. MIT won its fifth point with the result, thus clinching the team victory.

At second doubles, the team of Koo and Ramnath competed extremely well, but came up just short in an exciting 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 loss. The third doubles combo of Kommineni/Shah used their craftiness to make an amazing come-back from being down 2-5 in the first set, to win the match, 7-5, 6-3.

Freshmen Prevail in Late Race

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us, we kind of fell apart. Next time we will hold our final 500 meters together," said Jared Cottrell '97, the stroke of the second varsity.

The Riverside boat was a lightweight squad composed of men in training for the national team.

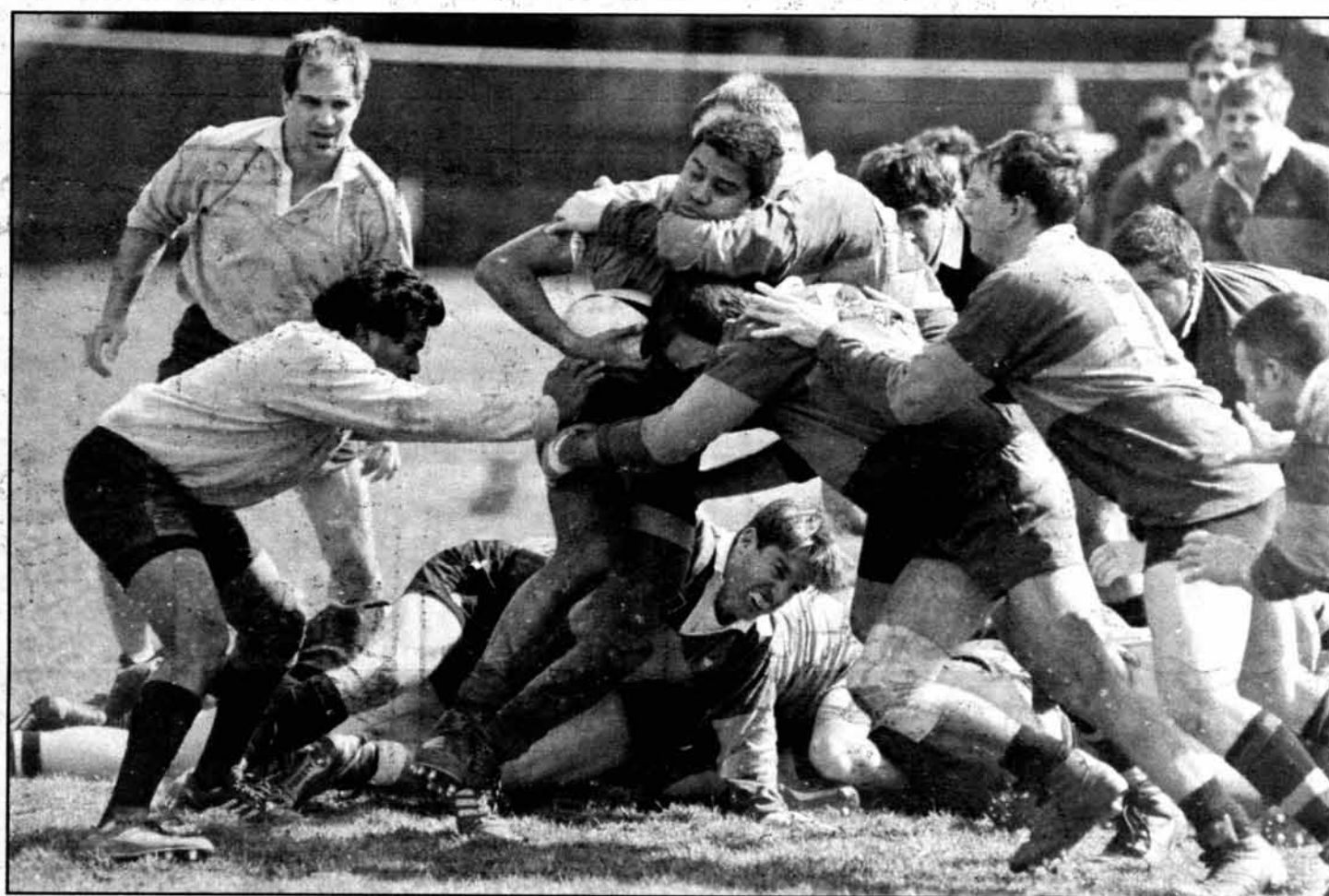
Freshmen race twice

Later that morning the first novice boat raced the second novice boat, the third varsity, and the first and second novice lightweight boats.

The first freshman boat fared better in their second race of the day, handily beating the other four boats.

The tightest contest of this race was between the third varsity and the first novice lightweights. The two boats ran close through the entire race, with the third varsity holding a slight advantage. The novice boat made several runs in the later stages of the race, but the third varsity held on to take second.

The races marked the last weekend before the season opener at Columbia next week.



Pushed by his teammate, an MIT Rugbyplayer struggles to advance the ball against a tide of opposing players during Saturday's game with the Charles River Club.

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SPORTS

Heavies Defeat Riverside; Season Opener Next Week

Dan Dunn
NIGHT EDITOR

The MIT Heavyweight Crew team finished out its pre-season in fine fashion, defeating Riverside Boat Club on the Charles Saturday morning.

Four boats went off at 8:15: The first and second varsity, the first novice boat, and the Riverside crew. The water was slightly choppy, with a stiff 15 mph wind coming off of the Cambridge shore.

All boats were more-or-less even after the start, but the Riverside boat and first varsity began to move away from the other two immediately. The first varsity took a small lead into the 800 meter mark, and then pressed their advantage with a strong move as they went through the Harvard Bridge and the 1000-meter mark.

At the MIT Boathouse, with 500 meters to go, the varsity had open water over the Riverside boat, which had a strong lead over the second varsity and the freshmen. Here the Riverside club started what proved to be a spectacular sprint.

"I called the start of the sprint early because we were so far behind. The stroke just looked at me in shock. But we had to do something," said Anand Raghunathan '96, the coxswain of the Riverside Boat.

As the onlookers cheered with excitement, the Riverside boat raced up, made contact, and began to

move up the MIT boat. But the varsity held off the charge, and finished the 2000-meter race in 6:24, two seconds ahead of the Riverside boat.

"I think that we had such a big lead that we just got a bit complacent," said oarsman and co-captain Jeffrey Tomasi '95. "But I also think we learned our lesson."

"It just goes to show that you can be down a length and a half, and still come back. Under different circum-

stances, we might not have gotten away with the win," said Gordon Hamilton, the heavyweight coach.

The second varsity finished at 6:37, edging the freshmen by five seconds. It had looked like the 2V would be able to mount a charge against Riverside, but Riverside's sprint removed any chance of that.

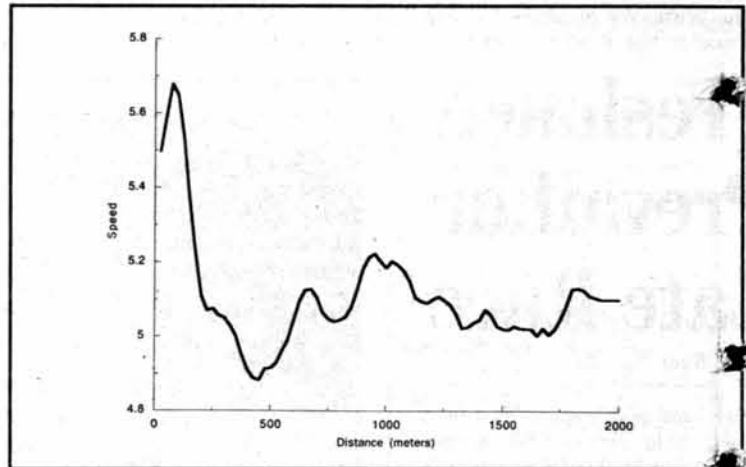
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THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

An MIT and a Charles River Club player jump for the ball during Saturday afternoon's Men's Rugby Game. MIT lost by a small margin.



INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MIT CREW

Above is a graph of the boat speed of the first varsity's race on Saturday, as obtained by an electromagnetic sensor in the fin on the underside of the boat. The racing start got the boat moving at its highest speed of the race. After the start, the boat settled down to a sustainable pace. The deep dive in speed just before the 500-meter mark was caused by a strong opposing gust of wind. The boat then regained a consistent speed with surges at the 1000-meter mark and the final sprint.

Back from Fla., Women's Tennis Chalks Up Win against Wellesley

By Carol Matsuzaki
TEAM MEMBER

After training hard and long during Spring Break in Orlando, Florida, the women's tennis team claimed its first spring match home win by defeating Wellesley College on Saturday.

The Engineers competed extremely well in each battle, and showed what tough tennis is all about. Inspired by words of wisdom from coach Candy Royer before the

match, each team member fought hard for each and every point and consequently the team took the match 7-3.

In singles play, first singles player Carol Matsuzaki '95 used her newly-acquired patience and poise to dominate over her opponent, 6-2, 6-1. At the second singles position, Lily Koo '97 put in a winning performance to be very proud of. After winning the first set 6-2, she dropped the second set

6-2. Koo regrouped in the third set to blast her opponent off the court 6-2.

At the third singles spot, Bobby Kommineni '97 ran into a highly energized opponent and was defeated 6-0, 6-1. Seetha Ramnath '96 at the fourth singles made an impressive comeback run. After struggling through the first set, losing it 6-4, she courageously fought

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Mudville Names Five Bold Performers in NCAA Tourney

Column by David Berl and Jeremy Cohen
STAFF COLUMNISTS

With the great tournament finally concluded, fans of college roundball doubtlessly feel a great void today, the day after. Instead of having more contests to which they can look forward, fans are left with nothing but memories, and this tournament was replete with them. As we in Mudville stroll down memory lane, we encounter five bold performers who symbolized both the talent and spirit of March Madness.

Bold Performer #1: UCLA guard Tyus "Splend" Edney. The top ranked Bruins, who had to play the tournament amidst the absurd comparisons to the Wooden teams of the 70s, looked as dead as Lawrence Moten's brain in its second round bout with "Stormin'" Norman Stewart and the Missouri Tigers. Down one point with less than five seconds remaining, Edney drove coast to coast against a Missouri defense which avoided the guard as if he carried a communicable disease. Edney's buzzer-beating banker gave the Bruins a second wind, and this poor man's Nate Archibald propelled his team to impressive wins over Mississippi

State, Connecticut, and Oklahoma State.

Bold Performer #2: North Carolina forward Jerry Stackhouse. Though the Tar Heels came into the tournament limping, they saw the Kingdom none the less, thanks to the inspired play of their sophomore power forward. With Rasheed Wallace unable to perform at 100 percent, Stackhouse carried the Tar Heels in hard-fought victories over lowly Murray State and powerful Kentucky. Every time the Dean of Discipline's crew needed a big hoop, Stackhouse came through, either with a powerful drive or a long-range bomb. While his offensive versatility has been legendary since his days in grade school, Stackhouse's improved rebounding technique and defensive tenacity have made him an all-around impact player whose unlimited ability will surely make him a star on the next level.

Bold Performer #3: Alabama Center Antonio "McRoll the" McDyess. Though McDyess did not even make it to the Sweet Sixteen, his teammates' ineptitude should not prevent this sophomore man-child from receiving the accolades he deserves. In the two games he played, McDyess scored sixty points and collected almost forty rebounds. While his overpowering

performance against undersized Penn was to be expected, McDyess' monster game against Bryant Reeves surprised even the most ardent fans of the unheralded sophomore. Though he fails to receive as much hype as Wallace, Maryland's Joe Smith, or UMass's Marcus Camby, McDyess is every bit the gifted center that these future lottery picks have proven to be. This crop of sophomore talent, of which McDyess is one small part, will surely revitalize the NBA, whose lack of big men is more glaring than ever.

Bold Performer #4: Arkansas Forward Corliss Williamson. Though Arkansas weaved its way through the bracket about as timidly as a 90-year-old driver, the Hogs personified the late Jim Valvano's March credo, "survive and advance." While the Hogs' slim victories over Texas Southern, Syracuse, Memphis, and North Carolina were certainly a by-product of fortune and the opposition's panic down the stretch (see Lawrence Moten, Donald Williams), Nolan Richardson's crew also survived due to the steady play of Williamson, the miniature Charles Barkley who was last year's tournament MVP. Playing with constant vigor, Williamson dominated Syracuse

inside before fouling out, decimated Memphis' interior defense, put on a clinic for Virginia's Junior Burroughs, and outplayed Carolina superstars Stackhouse and Wallace. To be sure, Williamson's performance was not as impressive as his display last March, but repeating perfection is an impossible task — Williamson should be applauded for coming close.

Last, and certainly not least, we have Bold Performer #5: Oklahoma State Center Bryant "Big Country" Reeves. The buzz-sawed cult hero from Ganz, Oklahoma was nothing but a slow, uncoordinated, oversized globule just one month ago. Yet, March makes legends in college basketball, and this tournament will be remembered for the rise of Big Country. Matched against the quick, athletic centers of the nineties, from McDyess to Tim Duncan of Wake Forest to Marcus Camby, Reeves kept his cool and outlasted all of them while leading the Cowboys to their first appearance in the Final Four in 40 years.

To be sure, Reeves has limitations, but his ability to understand the bounds of his talent and play within them make him such a sound performer. With his extraordinary work ethic, monstrous size, and uncanny touch, Big Country has arrived, and this March was just the

beginning of his coming out party

The inside pitch

Usually, the end of March Madness brings the beginning of the baseball season, but in this age of court battles and bickering, nothing is what it used to be. For once, however, we in Mudville are happy to report that there is a light at the end of the pastime's tunnel of despair. No, Donald Fehr has not changed his hairdo, and no, Jerry Reinsdorf has not taken a laxative. The two sides, who had reverted back to pre-pubescent behavior just a few days ago, are now about to reach an agreement which will end the strike and allow the season to begin with Roger Clemens on the hill instead of Pedro Borbon. What, one might ask, has finally brought the two sides together? Amazingly enough, it was the government, (yes, Newt, it can be useful), or more specifically, the federal courts, who nullified the owners' salary cap, thus giving the self-proclaimed poor and abused owners a weaker bargaining position than a democrat in Washington.

Forced between a rock — the status quo — and a hard place — a lockout, the owners will choose the former, thus ending the strike before it claims yet another season. Finally,

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