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Lauren B. Klatsky '97 (left) and Naomi S. Korn '97 read the names of Holocaust victims on Thursday in Lobby 7 as part of Holocaust Remembrance Day activities.

Holocaust Remembrance Focuses on '50 Years Later'

By Ifung Lu
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Members of the MIT community observed Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, last Thursday, honoring the memories of the victims of the Holocaust with a memorial service, a remembrance exhibit, and a photographic montage.

The commemorative activities were organized by students of the Jewish religious group Hillel, said Hillel Director Miriam Rosenblum.

This year's theme, "50 Years Later — The Reality of the Holocaust," emphasized the importance today of the lessons learned in the Holocaust, according to a handout distributed by students at the Lobby 7 exhibit.

"Even though the events we're commemorating happened 50 years ago, it still is part of our lives and we must educate people to prevent such atrocities from happening ever again," Rosenblum said.

Over 60 people attended the memorial service held at the MIT Chapel. Karen V. Chenausky G, who organized the service, selected a program appropriate to this year's theme.

People need to remember the Holocaust now more than ever, Chenausky said. Holocaust survivors are getting older and passing away, taking their first-hand accounts with them. "Many [people] will never have a first person account," she said. As a result, most of the selections were not first person accounts, but rather well thought-out reflections on the Holocaust.

Dean of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith and Jason D. Hintersteiner '96 performed a short skit about a man describing the murders of a mother and child to a prosecutor. Rabbi Joshua Plaut led a service in memory of the 6 million Jews killed between 1933 and 1945.

The service was followed by a special lecture given by Raul Hilberg, professor emeritus at the University of Vermont, entitled "Auschwitz: The Reality and the Symbol."

Hilberg described the horrors of what happened at Auschwitz and what Allied Forces soldiers saw when they liberated the camp 50 years ago.

"We cannot simply remember, we must learn

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Town Meeting to Report Progress Of Re-engineering

By Christopher L. Falling
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A year-and-a-half after the first re-engineering town meeting, MIT will hold the second such forum on the wide-ranging effort tomorrow, from 12 to 2 p.m., in Kresge Auditorium.

The town meeting is a progress report, "to inform the community of what we are in the process of doing and to get more individuals involved in that work," said Vice President for Information Systems James D. Bruce ScD '60, project manager of the re-engineering initiative.

"Specifically, as we go forward, much of the work needs to be piloted in small areas to see if we got it right before deploying it fully across the Institute," Bruce said.

Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56 will speak about the need for — and effect of — changing the administrative processes, in terms of the people, jobs, and morale, Bruce said. Bruce will follow with the implementation details and what the MIT community can learn from the work done to date.

President Charles M. Vest will then talk about the budget, administrative re-engineering as an opportunity to maintain MIT's leadership, "the fear of losing what is perceived as 'good' about MIT as we re-engi-

neer," and the Corporation's strong support for moving forward, Bruce said.

A preview of the objectives, scope, and current status of the re-engineering projects was distributed yesterday in a special edition of *Tech Talk*.

"All of the people involved hope that there will be a lot of questions," Bruce said. He added that he expects questions about the financial and personnel impact on specific groups of people.

The re-engineering teams want to provide many venues for feedback. These include submitting questions in advance via electronic mail, through direct contact with the teams, or at the town meeting, according to *Tech Talk*.

"Not everyone is comfortable asking questions at a microphone in front of a large audience," said Associate Dean of the Graduate School Issac M. Colbert, captain of the community involvement re-engineering team.

The first re-engineering town meeting, in November 1993, was held in front of a standing-room-only crowd in La Sala de Puerto Rico in the Student Center, Bruce said. Because of the heavy attendance then, Wednesday's meeting will be held in Kresge.

Students 'Screw' AFS For a Change of Pace

By Eva Moy
STAFF REPORTER

Few students can forget the frustration of having an Athena workstation — and the Andrew File System it runs — crash or crawl to a halt, interrupting an important paper, zephyr conversation, or one last game of xcolumns.

In retaliation, the MIT community voted to give this year's Big Screw Award to Matthew H. Braun '93, a systems programmer for the distributed computing and network

services division of Information Systems.

"I am very honored to receive the Big Screw, however I most definitely see it as an award for AFS rather than for me personally," said Braun, who works as the AFS administrator at MIT.

Big Screw is named after the trophy presented to the winner — a 3-foot-long, left-handed aluminum screw. The contest, sponsored by

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MIT Wins District TBP Competition to Design Water System

By Venkatesh Satish
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

For the second year in a row, an MIT design team placed first in the Tau Beta Pi District Design Competition, held at Northeastern University in early April. Each team member was awarded \$100, and the group was given a plaque.

The all-sophomore team, consisting of Anthony Y. Ku '97, Howard Man '97, and Alexander Morcos '97, was sponsored by the MIT chapter of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society. Only freshmen and sophomores can compete in this contest, according to TBP Chapter Service Chair Michael Kim '96.

Teams from Yale University, Boston University, the University of Massachusetts-Boston, Northeastern University, and Norwich University were also represented.

Each team had to solve the same problem: to design a water distribu-

tion system for a town in a third-world country with a population of about 5,000, given information about the available technologies, water sources, and locations of storage, Man said. They also had to account for peak demand periods in times such as holidays and fires, Kim said.

Participants were given six hours to discuss the situation and prepare a 15-minute presentation for an audience of judges and participating students. This was followed by a five-minute question-and-answer session, Kim said.

One reason for the team's success was its diversity in areas of expertise. Ku, a chemical engineering major, said that the abilities of Man, a management major, and Morcos, a mathematics major, helped to develop a balanced approach to solving the problem.

"We were able to come up with the engineering and the specifica-

tions of the pipe [for distributing the water], as well as the economics and common sense," of the problem, Ku said.

"We worked primarily on figuring out what the needs of the city were," Kim said.

The team also had the advantage of competing in last year's MIT competition and placing as runners-up. "We knew what kind of answers [the judges] were looking for, and that a lot more of it depends on the presentation than we thought," Morcos said.

The most gratifying part of the competition was "seeing how things we learn in the classroom help us when we are solving real-world problems," Man said. "We used equations that we learned from classes and as much creativity as we could."

An internal MIT competition was held late March to choose the school's team, said TBP Chapter

Service Chair Michael Kim '96. Contestants had to face a scenario in which they had to keep a failing toy car manufacturer from going out of business.

The local competition, sponsored by McKinsey & Company, awarded

\$100 to each member of the winning team. Twelve teams, with a total of about 40 students competed in this first, internal competition, Kim said. The problem was designed by Kim, along with other TBP officers.

Ice Cream

The Office of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs is sponsoring an ice cream social Thursday in appreciation of departing UESA Dean Arthur C. Smith.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to make their own sundae from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Kresge Oval; the rain location will be Twenty Chimneys in the Student Center.

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WORLD & NATION

Infectious Diseases Leading Cause Of Mortality, Says WHO

THE WASHINGTON POST

Infectious and parasitic diseases are the leading cause of mortality on the planet, but heart disease, stroke and cancer disorders associated with longevity, smoking and an affluent lifestyle — now kill almost as many people worldwide, according to a new report by the World Health Organization.

Infections accounted for nearly one-third of the 51 million deaths in 1993. Pneumonia and other respiratory infections alone kill about 4.1 million children under the age of 5, and the many causes of diarrhea claim another 3 million. The most devastating individual infections, tuberculosis and malaria, each year kill 2.7 million and 2 million people respectively, according to the study.

Infection has probably always been the likeliest cause of death for human beings, although today more than 90 percent of the risk of dying from this cause falls on people in poor and developing nations. The WHO report, however, sketches a picture in which wealth, longevity and modernity bring their own toll of illness.

"Smoking is emerging as the world's largest single preventable cause of illness and death," the report's authors wrote. They estimated there are 1.1 billion smokers in the world, about 800 million in developing countries. The world's population is roughly 5.6 billion.

Political Maneuvering Over Medicare Continues

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Political maneuvering over the huge Medicare program continued Monday, with the White House rejecting a call by Republicans to offer solutions to the program's looming insolvency and Republicans scrambling to avoid blame if their efforts to balance the federal budget produce massive cuts in Medicare.

At the White House, Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta sent House Speaker Newt Gingrich [R-Ga.], a letter rejecting Gingrich's call for specific Medicare reforms from the Clinton administration as well as a GOP plan to fence off Medicare from the overall budget process.

The White House maintains that the GOP wants to pay for tax cuts with an equal amount of savings in Medicare, the health insurance program for the elderly and disabled, which faces insolvency by the year 2002 under current projections.

The Senate and House Budget Committees are scheduled to begin work next week on seven-year budget plans for eliminating the deficit and committee leaders have targeted Medicare for between \$250 billion and \$300 billion in savings, according to sources. If Gingrich's proposal for placing Medicare reform on a separate track were taken literally, Republicans would have no way of achieving their goal of a balanced budget by the turn of the century without gutting many other politically sensitive programs.

Online Gathering Billed as Step Toward Electronic Government

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Think of it as a town meeting without the town hall.

The Clinton administration will sponsor a two-week-long, nationwide public meeting, which started Monday, to find out what sorts of government information and services people are interested in receiving over computer networks.

But unlike at other public meetings, where interested individuals trudge into an auditorium to speak their mind, participants in the National Electronic Open Meeting will be at home, at work or in public libraries across the country typing on computer keyboards. The meeting, which organizers in the Office of Management and Budget expect will draw more than 50,000 participants, will take place online and could be one of the largest such electronic gatherings ever held.

Billed as a first step toward creating an electronic government, the gathering will open discussions with citizens on how to develop interactive government services, such as paying taxes and receiving Social Security benefits on-line. Organizers, which include OMB and the Commerce Department, plan to use the feedback to help shape the administration's computerization efforts.

WEATHER Mediocre May

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The low pressure trough that brought the rain Monday has moved off to the northeast, giving clearing skies which will persist through Tuesday morning. However, the next one is on its way. Kicked up by amid-level trough, a surface low is moving across the country. The maximum lifting, and hence the rain, ahead of it will, if we are lucky, stay to the south. Probably we will just catch the edge of it tonight or early tomorrow morning. Clouds will persist in the morning, but should clear by evening. On into Thursday, expect clearer skies, before the possibility of a repeat performance with showers back by Friday.

Today: Sunny in the morning. Moderate winds off the ocean. Clouding up towards evening. High 58°F (14°C).

Tonight: Cloudy with a likelihood of drizzle overnight. Low 44°F (7°C).

Tomorrow: Cloudy with a chance of lingering rain through morning. Clearing towards nightfall. High 56°F (13°C), Low 44°F (7°C).

Families of Missing Victims Begin to Accept Inevitable

By Tony Perry
LOS ANGELES TIMES

OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating had an emotional meeting Monday with several hundred family members of people still missing in the bombed-out Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building as rescue workers prepared to start using heavy equipment, including a giant set of mechanical jaws, on the remaining debris.

Keating said the use of the machinery, which increases the risk of bodies being damaged or buried — does not indicate that searchers are abandoning efforts to find the missing victims.

"These are our neighbors and friends," Keating said. "We want to retrieve their bodies intact."

Still, implicit in the switch to heavy equipment is an assumption that none of the missing, still numbering 40, is still alive and that more delicate removal methods are no longer needed.

Sharon Parker, whose husband is lost in the debris, said she understood that it no longer is reasonable to expect firefighters to risk their lives by going into an unstable building to find persons who are probably dead.

"The last thing we want is for more people to die in that building," she said. "I wish they didn't have to do it (with machinery), but I prayed on it and I know they have no choice."

This marked a grim stage in the unfolding story of the April 19 blast and clearly outlined the scope of its expected death toll: about 178.

"For the first time I have seen a look next to despair in the faces of

the family members who are still waiting," said John Long, whose mother, Rheta, a secretary, was killed in the blast. "Amid this despair, there is still understanding that there are limits to everything, including this search."

"The families have begun to realize that there's no hope," said Parker, whose husband, Jerry, was a

hood that bodies may be damaged or even buried beneath shifting concrete.

Until now, the sifting of debris has been done by hand, using jackhammers and saws. Firefighters formed bucket-brigades to remove the small chunks and pieces without causing shifting or sliding in the rubble.

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— John Long, Son of Bombing Victim

civil engineer with the federal highway agency.

Keating met with the family members at the First Christian Church, where they have been receiving counseling since the day after the blast. Several participants said many of those present wept but none showed anger at the change in the recovery process. Some had been taken aback by Keating announcement Sunday night about the heavy equipment, but Monday they expressed gratitude for the exhaustive rescue efforts.

Engineers have concluded that a large portion of the building where many of the bodies are thought to be trapped is too unstable for firefighters to approach, despite efforts at shoring it up.

One of the first pieces of heavy equipment to be used is a track-hoe outfitted with a long claw to grab massive hunks of concrete and hoist them clear of the site where they can be examined for remains.

In the process, there is the likeli-

Ray Blakeney, director of operations for the Oklahoma state medical examiner's office, said that the remaining victims were probably all killed instantly by the explosion. As of late Monday, the number of bodies recovered stood at 137, including 15 children.

The Rev. Mike Hays, among the local clergy counseling the families, said that Monday represented a turning point in getting them ready to accept that their loved ones are dead and that all their bodies may never be found.

Just a day earlier, Assistant Fire Chief Jon Hansen had held out hope that shoring-up efforts by structural engineers would succeed in stabilizing the building and allow rescue workers to re-enter the area known as "the pit" to search for bodies.

Monday, Hansen sought to put an upbeat interpretation on the change. "There's no way we're going to give up," he said. "We just can't get humans in there so we're going to use equipment."

Analysts Predict Little Impact From U.S. Sanctions on Iran

By Robin Wright
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

As the Clinton administration campaigned vigorously Monday against Iran, analysts from the United States, Europe and the Middle East predicted that new U.S. sanctions banning trade and investment with Iran will have little economic impact there — and might even backfire.

President Clinton's decision to eliminate the last visible ties with Iran sends "an unmistakable message to friend and foe alike" that the United States is "determined to stop them," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Monday.

He pledged to "redouble" U.S. efforts to prevent the sale of nuclear technology to Iran by Russia and China and to persuade European nations not to extend credits for trade with Iran, saying the issue amounts to a test of American leadership in the world.

"Certainly they should end all of their concessionary credits, which allow Iran to divert scarce resources in military programs into sponsoring terrorism," Christopher said of the Group of Seven industrial powers, which include Germany, Japan, Britain, France, Italy and Canada.

But even Iranian opponents of the Tehran regime warned that the effect of a new executive order, expected to be signed later this week, might turn out to be the opposite of what Washington wants.

"Economically Iran is not going to be hurt. And politically this will strengthen the regime at home, not weaken it," said Jahangir Amuzegar, minister of finance and com-

merce during the monarchy and now an oil industry consultant in Washington. "This will become a rallying cry for the government."

A White House spokesman said that some G-7 members are reviewing their economic ties to Iran. But envoys from several of the countries that do business with Iran said Monday that any major change in their policies is unlikely.

Diplomats said Britain already has as many restrictions as either its economy or public opinion would tolerate. French diplomats said a major decision might even have to be taken at the level of the European Union, since individual European countries would be reluctant to act alone. Sanctions have limited impact unless applied by all major parties, they noted.

And Germany, which does a larger volume of trade with Iran than any other country in Europe, traditionally has argued that continued trade is the most effective instrument to influence Iranian actions.

Japan did agree to postpone financing a major development project, the Karun Dam, as a result of American pressure. But the agreement with Iran is scheduled to resume this summer.

In recent years, Iran has imported between \$10 billion and \$12 billion annually, of which the \$326 million U.S. share was comparatively small. "There'll be plenty of interests eager to take the place of the Americans. And there'll still be third-party transactions of American goods, which will be extremely difficult to stop," Amuzegar said.

European reaction and the range

of alternatives available to Iran underscore the new embargo's vulnerability.

"For a policy to force the regime to think again — whether toward moderation or radicalism — it must first be effective," said Shaul Bakhsh, an Iran expert at George Mason University.

Politically, the cost to the United States of the new plan may be high. Rather than moderate the Tehran regime's positions on extremist groups, nuclear proliferation and the Middle East peace process, the new U.S. policy could bring harder line attitudes and leaders to the fore, several analysts said Monday.

"This step discredits the pragmatic position in Iran because the hard-liners can argue that the United States was never really interested in a dialogue. The moderates who've been losing out for the last year or so will be further weakened," Bakhsh said.

Administration officials discounted those concerns. "Frankly we don't think that (the Iranians) can be any more extreme than they are," Madeleine K. Albright, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in Jerusalem Monday. "That there can be some kind of relationship with them ... to soften them up, that approach has simply not worked and as the superpower here, it is our responsibility to make clear that this kind of behavior is unacceptable."

Iran on Monday dismissed the new embargo as meaningless to it but hurtful to U.S. interests. "Iran has various alternatives for its trade," an Iranian Foreign Ministry statement said.

Construction, Purchasing Mark Continued Slowing of Economy

By John M. Berry
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Manufacturing industries expanded only modestly last month for the second month in a row, the National Association of Purchasing Management reported Monday, indicating that the slowing of U.S. economic growth has continued into the spring.

The NAPM said that its index covering the manufacturing sector of the economy rose slightly to 52 percent last month from 51.4 percent in March, but both figures were well below last year's November peak of 59.9 percent. A reading of 50 percent or more indicates manufacturing activity is expanding.

"For the second consecutive month, the number of purchasing executives who commented that business activity was stronger in April was equal to those who indicated that business was weaker," said Ralph G. Kauffman, chairman of the NAPM's Business Survey

Committee.

Meanwhile, two government reports for March also pointed to slower growth, analysts said.

In one, the Commerce Department said that the value of new construction put in place in March was estimated at an annual rate of \$525.1 billion, down from \$527.2 billion in February.

Both private and public construction declined in March, with a drop in new home building responsible for the decline in private construction. With last year's rise in home mortgage rates reducing demand, spending on new home construction was at a \$146.2 billion rate last month, substantially below February's \$153.1 billion rate.

On the other hand, nonresidential private building continued to increase, but less than in other recent months. Spending in that area reached a \$111.5 billion rate in March, up one percent from February and 18 percent higher than in March 1994.

In the second report, Commerce said that personal income rose 0.6 percent in March compared with 0.5 percent in February. However, private industry wage and salary payments rose only 0.2 percent, the smallest gain in four months.

The department also said that consumer spending increased in March by 0.4 percent, after adjustment for inflation, after falling at that rate in February. With the gains in December and January only 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, U.S. households bought goods and services in March at only a slightly higher rate than they did back in November.

Since after-tax incomes have been rising recently more rapidly than spending, the nation's personal saving rate has increased. Saving in the first three months of this year was equal to 5.2 percent of disposable personal income, up from 4.6 percent in the October-December period and 4.1 percent for all of last year.

Russia Struggles Against Ruin In Triumph's Aftermath

LOS ANGELES TIMES

VOLGOGRAD, RUSSIA

In this city once called Stalingrad, where colossal feats of architecture celebrate Russia's triumph in World War II, monuments more befitting the vanquished now dominate the landscape.

Silent memorials to the slow death of craftsmanship during seven decades of Soviet power, Khrushchoby and dilapidated factories line potholed roads crowded with grime-caked trucks and buses, a vista of failure overriding the proud tributes to victory in this riverfront city.

The awesome "Motherland" statue towering 30 stories above the bleak horizon beckons survivors of the Battle of Stalingrad to remember the grit and determination that propelled them through one of modern history's most devastating sieges.

But for many in this city synonymous with ruin, recollections of bygone valor do little to blot out the pervasive reminders that today's Volgograd, like the rest of morose and impoverished Russia, is more a place of victims than of victors.

As Russians prepare to mark on May 9 the 50th anniversary of victory, some have come to regard it as Pyrrhic. When Russia and its Western allies defeated German fascism and Japanese militarism in 1945, their peoples emerged with a sense that not just their armies had won, but also their values, their ideology and their way of life.

FBI Director Takes Key Role In Bombing Case's Legal Matters

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

FBI Director Louis J. Freeh is playing a central role in legal decisions in the Oklahoma bombing case as Attorney General Janet Reno and Deputy Attorney General Jamie S. Gorelick turn to him for advice.

Gorelick, in an interview Monday, said that Reno and she "respect the full range of his views and want to hear what he has to say — not just on investigative questions." Freeh prevailed in the decision last week to seek criminal charges against both James and Terry Nichols in an explosives conspiracy.

The brothers were being held as material witnesses in the bombing case because of their ties to Timothy J. McVeigh, the only defendant charged in the worst terrorist act on U.S. soil, but the criminal charges against them are expected to increase pressure on them to cooperate, one official explained.

The problem was that Gorelick and Justice Department attorneys concluded the evidence was only strong enough to charge James Douglas Nichols. But in a dramatic late-day session in the Strategic Information Operations Center on the fifth floor of FBI headquarters, Freeh listed on a yellow legal pad the facts supporting charges against both brothers and what was still needed.

By the next day, the FBI had the information, and Gorelick was convinced. The decision was so 11th-hour that the criminal complaint initially distributed to reporters in Michigan listed James Douglas Nichols as the sole defendant in the conspiracy and destructive device charges. Justice Department officials quickly corrected that slip, issuing the correct complaint that listed both brothers as defendants and accused them of conspiring to make and possess destructive devices.

Mafia Handed 22 Indictments in LA

By Robert J. Lopez
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Federal authorities on Monday indicted 22 members and associates of the Mexican Mafia prison gang, which for the past two years allegedly has relied on murder and intimidation in a bold attempt to organize drug trafficking among hundreds of Latino street gangs in Southern California.

The 22 individuals — ranging from the organization's reputed Godfather to street-level enforcers — were charged under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act with crimes including murder, extortion and kidnapping. One of those arrested was accused of helping plot the death of a longtime anti-gang activist who had worked as a consultant on

Edward James Olmos' Mexican Mafia film, "American Me."

The indictment paints a chilling picture of the Los Angeles underworld, signaling an unprecedented degree of organization and ruthlessness in the long and bloody history of Latino street gangs. The indictment culminated an investigation of more than two years by a task force of local, state and federal officials that specifically targeted the Mexican Mafia.

Joining Manella at a news conference at the federal courthouse were Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block, Los Angeles Police Chief Willie L. Williams and Charlie Parsons, head of the FBI's Los Angeles office.

They declined to discuss the roles of the alleged Mexican Mafia members named in the 26-count

indictment. But law enforcement sources involved with the investigation say those named in the action include the prison gang's alleged Godfather, Benjamin "Topo" Peters, 54, and the man who is engaged in a generational power struggle with him for control of the organization: Ruben "Tupi" Hernandez, 35.

Founded in the late 1950s when inmates from several Eastside barrios joined behind bars to form a "gang of gangs," the Mexican Mafia has an estimated 400 to 600 members in the penal system and perhaps twice as many affiliates or sympathizers on the outside. For years, the gang has controlled narcotics distribution, gambling and prostitution at many state prisons. Realizing the money-making potential, the Mexican Mafia has spread its corrupting influence on the streets.

Graduate Student Council

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OPINION

Don't Spoil R/O Speaking Opportunity

On the afternoon of Friday, Aug 25th, the Class of 1999 will assemble in Killian Court for their class picture and the beginning of rush. But unlike past years when professional speakers addressed the students, the freshmen next year will hear from an upperclass student, chosen by a committee of students and staff from the Residence and Orientation Week Executive Committee. This is an excellent innovation, and we applaud the decision of the Residence and

Campus Activities and Undergraduate Academic Affairs offices to replace the outside speaker with a student. We hope that many students will apply for the chance to "motivate and inspire" the incoming freshmen.

Will Keim, who has spoken for the last several years, has always exercised his duty enthusiastically, and has been well-liked by freshmen. He speaks with an immense amount of energy, and with intensity of a religious preacher. But the content of his speeches is often neither entirely relevant nor appropriate for MIT, particularly since our unique rush process includes more options for freshman than any comparable university. And Keim often reverts to "bathroom" humor that would make a typical MIT faculty member cringe. On the other hand, a speech given by an MIT student will afford the singular opportunity to give the members of the incoming class a perspective on the importance of residence as part of the MIT experience.

The selection committee has a difficult task in finding an MIT student who can successfully motivate the class. First and foremost, the student must be a phenomenal speaker, an MIT

student with an extraordinary talent for public speaking. Working can be improved, delivery can be practiced, but the essential capacity to reach out and grab the audience requires years in the nurturing.

Some unofficial publicity for the contest suggests that a "speaker who tactfully lets it be known that part of his/her good experience at MIT is from being in an FSILG could do wonders [for] rush." This attitude is inappropriate; any constraint on the choice of speaker is unacceptable. The competition should be open and fair to all interested students, regardless of their current residence or FSILG affiliation.

More importantly for the freshman, the goal of the speech is not to encourage people to rush fraternities and sororities — R/O is not about living groups competing for freshman. Rather, the speech should motivate them to explore all their options, and make the best choices for themselves among the many diverse lifestyles offered by MIT, including fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, as well as dormitories. The Killian keynote speech should not be tainted by tacit favoritism of one residence style over another.

Public speaking is an important skill at which most MIT students hardly excel. The sort of competitive opportunity offered by the Killian Kick Off speech is a valuable way to encourage more students to take an interest in public speaking. Anyone with an interest in speaking should take the opportunity to apply — it's a rare privilege. We look forward to hearing a great speech in August.

Editorial

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Letters To The Editor

Bad Arguments Skew Good Column

The guest column by Kristen K. Nummerdor ["GOP Is Not Just Problem for Queers," Apr. 28] states that "The Republican Party has been in the business of protecting the concerns of the upper class and big business for years." The article goes on to say that this logically explains their "all-out attack" on welfare mothers and immigrants. It must be noted that the Democratic Party defends its big business in the same fashion as the Republicans. The Democratic Party must also foster and protect big business, for its own good.

The pull quote of the article — "What racial demons are they manipulating in their attacks on immigration, affirmative action, and welfare?" — is ambiguous. What does this mean? It is true that minorities have cause and reason to be frustrated in American society, and to use these emotions to anger others and lure them to your way of thinking is morally wrong. I was not aware, as were many others not aware, that the "so-called logic" is that "non-white immigrants are supposedly sapping the economy." This entire statement is based on opinion and not on fact.

There was another set of points which were just ridiculous. These ridiculous claims adulterated an otherwise decent column: "Without immigrant labor, how would big agribusiness function in California and other states? How would the garment industry giants survive without their sweat shops?" Are we trying to make an argument for illegal immigrants by maintaining sweat shops? Now, obviously a reference to Proposition 187 is being made here. Proposition 187 was passed in California by a majority vote, and hence, it is law. Ask yourselves: Is it America's duty to care for illegal immigrants who have illegally entered our country's borders, in front of many people in many countries who are trying to immigrate to America through legal channels?

"Whom do these proposed anti-immigrant laws benefit?" Well, this sentence can be deceiving, for no specific reference is made to any group of laws. Hence, I will assume Nummerdor is at least talking about Proposition 187. To answer her question, we could very well say that we are helping the immigrants themselves. Unchain them from their

machines in sweat shops; get them to enter America through legal channels so they can find a better job than slaving over a machine for \$1.50/hour!

My final point rests on one of Nummerdor's arguments about straights having more rights than gays. I will not argue for one second that gays are denied certain things that straights are not denied. Yet I have to take issue with two sentences: "They [straights] don't tend to be shot at or beaten to death because they are straight! And who has special rights?"

No, straights don't get beaten or shot to death because they are straight. Instead, we can get beaten or shot to death because we are white, black, Asian, or Indian. In that respect, gays don't have special rights.

I would like to say that Nummerdor brought up many good arguments. She mentioned at the end of her article that everyone wants queers to stand up and speak, and yet no one wants to take them seriously. I hope that the people who read her article took some of what she said away with them.

John A. Modzelewski '98

ERRATA

A story about the closing of the Lowell Institute School ["Mayor Convenes Committee to Save Lowell School," April 28] incorrectly gave the date of a presentation to Cambridge City Council by students and alumni of the school. The presentation was on March 20, not April 10 as was reported in the article.

The article about the 2.70 competition ["Yang Wins 2.70 'Pebble Beach'," April 28] mistakenly identified the trophy as a model of Building 10; it is a model of Building 7.



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Exhibit, Readings Mark Holocaust Remembrances

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what there is to remember. We must pick up the pieces, the hundreds of pieces, the tens of thousands of pieces," Hilberg said at the lecture.

Sam D. Starobin '54, president of MIT Hillel Foundation, Inc., said "Professor Hilberg's response to [a question asked in the lecture] was such an outpouring of pain. He had to learn to live with that, but he has driven to make the world see the truth, look itself in the mirror, maybe with the hope of having seen it, it will not repeat it."

Judy Ellis Glickman presented a

photography exhibit "Resistance and Rescue: Denmark and the Holocaust" at the opening reception at the Religious Activities Center. The photographs will be in the small dining room exhibit area in the Religious Activities Center until May 17.

Glickman, a freelance photographer, took the pictures on an organized trip to Germany. The 60-some photographs feature people, places, and modes of transportation in Denmark where Jews were saved during the Holocaust.

During World War II, "when the word came there was going to be a roundup of Jews, everyone

from the kings to farmers, every Jew was hidden and then taken to Sweden," Glickman said.

"Her pictures bring to life the story of the Danes and serves as an inspiration to us all," said Mark Z. Wilen G.

Last year, Institute Professor Emeritus Victor F. Weisskopf spoke at the remembrance day service about "The Rescue of the Danish Jews." In his talk, Weisskopf said that the Danish rescue of the Jews was a "unique example of collective action."

The two displays in Lobby 7 both reminded passersby of the details of the Holocaust and empha-

sized the importance of remembering that part of history. In addition, Hillel members lit 12 candles and read aloud the names and ages of victims of 50 years ago.

The exhibit was organized by Deena Disraelly '96 and Julia Khodor '96. The lighting of 12 candles represented the 12 million people who were killed in concentration camps and mass extermination efforts during the Holocaust because of their race, religion, politics, or sexual preference, according to Khodor.

About 30 people helped Hillel members read aloud the names and ages of victims.

The name reading was a very emotional event, Khodor said. "There were times you were reading the names of entire families off the list. A few years ago, we got a list of names who were mostly children — 17, 15, 10, 2 — it's very hard to read them," she said.

"It's important once a year to reflect upon what's happened in the past and not to let the memory die, even if it's 50 years later," said Hillel President Jonathan Katz '96. "Hopefully people today will be able to learn from the mistakes of the past."

Deena Disraelly contributed to the reporting of this story.

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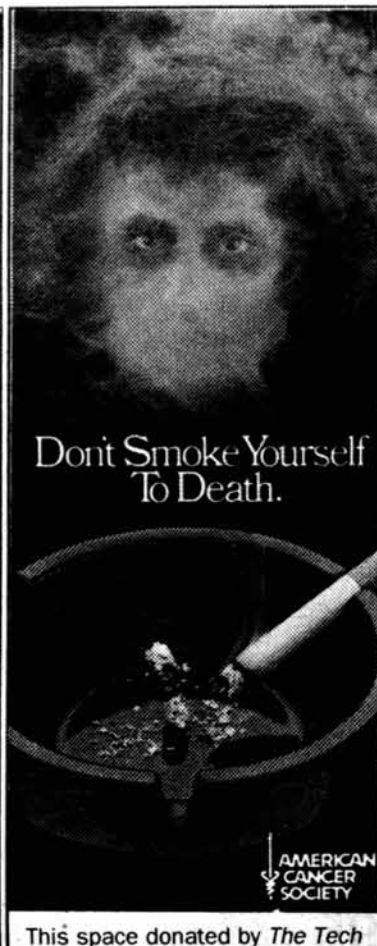
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POLICE LOG

Editor's note: Beginning with this issue, the Police Log will include the names and addresses of suspects arrested by the Campus Police.

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between April 20 and April 27:

April 20: Student Center, pocketbook stolen when left behind, \$15; Bldg. E25, stereo stolen, \$300; Bldg. 3, backpack and contents stolen, \$170.

April 21: Bldg. 24, male arrested for trespassing: Adam Gottlieb, of 81 Porter St., Cambridge; Bldg. 1, three stolen chairs recovered, \$300; Student Center, coat stolen, \$500.

April 22: East Garage, fog lamps stolen from a Nissan, \$150; Main lot, two non-affiliated persons were involved in an altercation, same resolved upon officers arrival; Bldg. 54, bike stolen, \$300.

April 23: Ashdown House, larceny of camera equipment, \$2,170; Massachusetts Avenue at Albany Street, non-affiliated bicyclist struck by a bus; West Garage, suspicious activity; Bldg. E52 bike rack, bike stolen, \$300.

April 24: Bldg. 11, wallet stolen, \$20; Bldg. E52, harassment; West Garage, 1) parts stolen from a Mazda, \$520; 2) attempted larceny of a motorcycle; Student Center, bike stolen, \$220.

April 25: DuPont men's locker room, 1) locker broken into and wallet stolen, \$200; 2) \$20 cash stolen; Bldg. 16, bicycle stolen, \$700.

April 26: Bldg. 13, briefcase stolen, \$50.

April 27: East Campus, female arrested for assault by means of a dangerous weapon: Karen K. Zee '96, of Burton Conner House, Room 554D; Bldg. 9, briefcase stolen from Bldg. 13 recovered intact.

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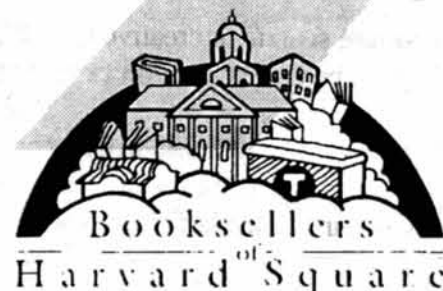
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Despite Late Start, Braun And AFS Steal Big Screw

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the MIT chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity, lets voters choose the recipient at the cost of one penny per vote.

Braun received \$335.05 out of the total donations of \$941.12. The money will be donated to the Boston Food Bank, his chosen charity. "Basically, I was looking for a reasonably small local charity for whom the Big Screw proceeds would make a difference," Braun said.

Second place went to Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Eduardo A. Kausel, the instructor for Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00), with \$191.78. Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Jacob K. White, who teaches Signals and Systems (6.003), received third place with \$73.20. Last year the two classes received first and second place, respectively.

Two months ago, APO started looking for candidates, both staff and faculty from all over MIT, according to Susan E. Born '98, treasurer for the Big Screw contest. "The contest had a fairly slow start this year," with only two official candidates on Monday, she said. By Friday, there were 10 candidates and several write-ins. "Voting

Results of APO Big Screw Contest

Name (Affiliation)	Total Raised
1. Matthew H. Braun '93 (AFS)	\$335.05
2. Eduardo A. Kausel ScD '74 (1.00)	\$191.78
3. Jacob K. White '80 (6.003)	\$73.20
4. Alvin W. Drake '57 and Babak Ayazifar G (6.041)	\$59.32
5. Leslie C. Perelman (writing requirement)	\$41.87
6. David Keneally (Aramark)	\$32.82
7. Unified	\$32.54
8. Graham C. Walker (7.014)	\$22.06
9. Gerald J. Sussman '68 (6.001)	\$21.80
10. John L. Tonry (8.02)	\$21.74
11. Ronald L. Rivest and Mauricio Karchmer (6.042J)	\$13.47

SOURCE: Alpha Phi Omega

picked up strongly on Friday with all candidates' totals rising, some by astonishing degrees," Born said.

Braun entered the race Thursday mid-afternoon, with only a day-and-a-half left. But "Thursday night when I found out I was winning by a significant margin, I stepped up my campaign, especially within Information Systems," Braun said.

AFS especially gained more votes "after someone put a little sign next to the AFS jar explaining it as the thing that keeps your files on Athena," Born said. "It has remarkably low name recognition."

"Publicizing on the [Student

Information Processing Board] white board outside the W20 cluster and having a collection jar there and in E40 turned out to be very advantageous," Braun said.

Students voted at a booth in Lobby 10 that was staffed by APO members every day last week.

The contest began in 1967, when APO replaced its Spring Carnival Queen Contest with one awarding a 4-foot-long, left-handed wood screw to the most deserving faculty member. In 1975, the wooden screw was replaced by the aluminum one that is used today.

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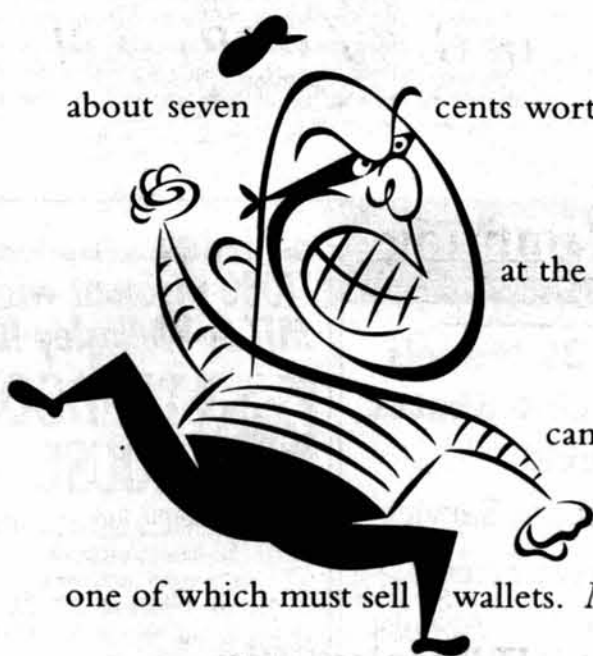
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By J. Michael Andresen

STAFF REPORTER

While the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble is presenting *A Night of Scenes*, the MIT Dramashop has taken on one of the bard's lesser known works and also transformed it into a night of scenes. Each movement is so carefully crafted, each line so poetically delivered, that each scene appears as an entity unto itself. Yet director Michael Ouellette's players weave together these microcosms to tell the play's story in a brilliantly cohesive narrative.

The Winter's Tale is Shakespeare's tribute to Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*. It tells the story of the royal family of Sicilia, headed by King Leontes (Mukund Venkatesh '95). His wife is the good Queen Hermione (Michelle Starz '94), whom the king accuses of bearing the bastard child of King Polixenes of Bohemia (Richard Davis G). His jealousy induces him to renounce his wife and abandon his newborn daughter in the wilderness of Bohemia. Even when the Oracle at Delphi tells him in no uncertain terms that his wife has been chaste, he refuses to believe it and curses his wife and Apollo's Oracle. This enrages Apollo to the point that he takes from Leontes both his wife

and his young son and heir, driving Leontes to grief at last. He does not, however, poke his eyes out, and a reasonable catharsis is achieved by the end of the play after a lengthened comedic interlude.

The acting in this production is superb, with each member of the cast displaying proficiency in a remarkably wide spectrum of emotions. Venkatesh is almost scary in his obtuse jealous rage, spitting bitter vitriol at everyone around him. The moment that his wife and son are struck down, however, and he finally realizes the enormity of his actions, the anger changes to a deep and painful sorrow. Venkatesh makes this transformation so profound that soft sniffing could be heard from one or two members of the audience.

However, Starz's Hermione truly stole the show. Her tender portrayal of the loving wife and doting mother made Leontes seem all the more cruel. Hermione's ability to forgive her underserving husband is

nearly as amazing as is Starz's ability to make us believe that it could happen. While most would be cloyingly obsequious and suppliant, Starz manages to make Hermione strong and independent, yet still patient and understanding, which makes her forgiveness all the more heartbreaking.

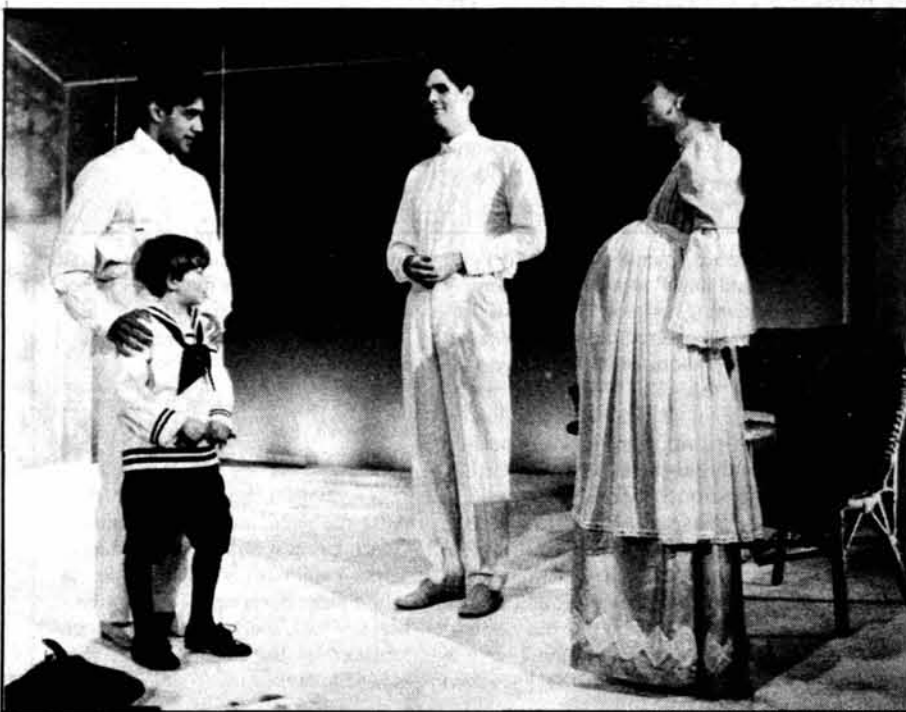
The supporting cast is just as strong. Davis convincingly shares the profound hurt of

Polixenes when accused of his supposed infidelity by Leontes. Eugene Schuster '94 is almost single-handedly responsible for the comic relief after intermission, and Katie Leo '95 is wonderfully affecting as the wise attendant lady. Ouellette had some impressive talent to mold, and has created a masterpiece.

The technical aspects of the production were also very well-conceived, though not

flawless. The set is very pretty to look at, but squeaks and echoes when trod upon, which is quite distracting at times. The costuming is internally consistent and impeccably detailed, but three-piece suits seem ill-fitted for kings who consult oracles. The original music by Adam Lindsay G is melodic and appropriate, but somewhat shakily performed.

Still, these do not detract from all the wonderful details that make this an amazing performance. From the eerie effect of falling snow on the guilty Leontes, to the bold lighting design of Herrick Goldman and the students of 21M735 (), to the sincere portrayals of the cast, the scenes are presented to the audience like courses in a sumptuous meal, pretty enough to paint.



An opening scene from MIT Dramashop's presentation of *A Winter's Tale*, playing this weekend in Kresge Little Theater.

Bittersweet *Later Life* has something for everyone

LATER LIFE

New Repertory Theatre.

54 Lincoln St., Newton Highlands.

Written by A. R. Gurney.

Directed by Michael Allosso.

Through May 28.

By Hur Koser

STAFF REPORTER

A terrace overlooking the Boston Harbor, two simple chairs next to a small table, and an even plainer chaise longue on the side and a blue sheet on the background that turns darker and reveals occasional stars as the night falls in — the scenery for *Later Life* is quite modest indeed, as is the play itself. Roughly a dozen characters appear in the play; ten are played by two actors only.

Austin (Cyrus Newitt), a prototypical stoic banker type in his late fifties, is reintroduced to Ruth (Etain O'Malley), a warm-hearted multiple divorcée. They first met some thirty years ago off the bay of Naples on the Isle of Capri, where they made their first try at romance. Ruth gradually reminds Austin how he — an attractive Navy sailor then — separated her from the "mob," talked for hours beside a magnificent moonlit view of the Mediterranean, and finally, kissed her deeply.

However, it seems that Austin refused

young Ruth's invitation to her room, saying that he feared a "terrible thing" would happen to him, and that he did not want Ruth to possibly share in his suffering. Confused, Ruth did not inquire further. Nevertheless, since then, she has wondered what that "terrible thing" could be, and whether it actually happened to Austin within the course of those thirty years.

To her surprise, Austin is pretty confident that nothing terrible has happened to him yet. Even his recent divorce appears to be a happy turning point for him. At least he wishes that were true, though Ruth's intimacy encourages him to confess some unpleasant details. The end that follows is somewhat obscure, yet anticipated, confirming that *Later Life* is indeed a bittersweet, rather than simply sweet, comedy.

In director Michael Allosso's own interpretation, this romantic comedy explores whether it is better to lead a life of summits and valleys, or one that is regular, safe and predictable. Allosso remarks that "Characters, vibrant in their resiliency and their commitment to change, circle around the play's protagonist, Austin, who is standing at his life's precipice." It seems that when Allosso first saw *Later Life* off-Broadway, he was quickly mesmerized by the simplicity, warmth and humanity of the play; it was a play he not only wanted, but also needed to direct. And in his

own direction of *Later Life* in New Repertory Theatre, he does a good job indeed.

The author of the play is a former MIT professor: Albert Ramsdell "Pete" Gurney taught literature at the Institute for more than 25 years. Gurney has written a large collection of plays — mostly during summer vacations and sabbaticals — and for most of them, his own life has been the greatest source of inspiration. "I wrote *The Dining Room* after we had given up our own dining room and turned it into a family room," Gurney said. "We all huddled together and ate in the kitchen. I realized what we'd lost, so I tried to write my way back into that world." His famous play *Love Letters* evolved in a similar manner; it is therefore quite logical to assume that *Later Life* bears many fingerprints of Gurney's own experiences in Boston over several decades.

His existence in the body of the play is apparent in at least two main elements: in Austin, as the native Bostonian, and in the thirteenth character, the city of Boston itself. The description of the "marvelous view" of the Boston Harbor, as interpreted by different individuals from the same terrace, as well as certain details about the city's landmarks, reveal Gurney's affinity toward this city. Indeed, Boston is praised, through the words of the numerous characters, as "the most civi-

lized city of America", and "the Athens of the modern world"; an old lady even wishes to take her last breath in Boston. Allosso is aware of this predominant affliction: "How fortunate it is to be able to direct this play about Boston in Boston, an old city laced with tradition, which has adapted gracefully to modern life and times."

It is apparent that Allosso is also fortunate to be working with a competent cast. The play is based entirely on a slow conversation between Austin and Ruth, with frequent interruptions by other men (all played by Charles Broderick) and women (all by M. Lynda Robinson). With a less skilled cast and a negligent director, it might have all boiled down to a soap opera. Broderick and Robinson deserve additional praise for their excellent job in their personality transformations throughout the play. Especially worth seeing is the former philosophy teacher (a reflection upon Gurney's own career of teaching?), characterized by Broderick, who desperately tries to give up smoking.

The 150-seat facility in the New Repertory Theatre is perfectly suited for this cozy, one-act play, which will be the concluding piece in their tenth season. *Later Life* promises something for everyone; do not miss it especially if you are one of those who seek the true meaning of love.

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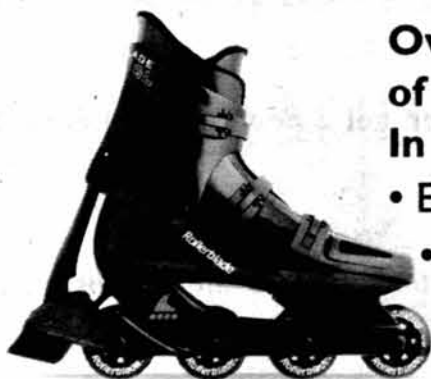
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Top Dog fails to entertain as both action, kids' movie

TOP DOG

Directed by Aaron Norris.
Written Ron Swanson, based on an original story by Aaron Norris and Tim Grayem.
Starring Chuck Norris, Erik Von Detten, Michele Lamar Richards, Clyde Kusatsu, Peter Savard Moore, and Reno the dog. Sony Copley Place.

By Rob Wagner
STAFF REPORTER

For better or for worse, Chuck Norris is back. Perhaps he would be better off sticking with his guest appearances on World Wrestling Federation events. Perhaps he should concentrate more on his TV show, *Walker: Texas Ranger*. In any case, he should not be doing movies like *Top Dog*. Director Aaron Norris proves the adage *not to mix family and business*.

The main problem is that *Top Dog* is unable to decide on an audience. Most of Chuck Norris' movies have played to a specific audience. For those seeking a good action flick with plenty of violence and superfluous kicking, Norris' films have been generally acceptable. To that end, *Top Dog* is but the latest vehicle for his kicking tough-man image.

Top Dog fails miserably as an action movie. Violence in this film is unrealistic even by Norris movie standards. For example, at least 30 bad guys surround police officer Jake Wilder (Norris), and what do they do? Of course, they attack one at a time. It also takes Norris an incredible number of kicks and punches, but mostly kicks, to put a guy down. Maybe he's getting old, or maybe the film is just bad.

The evil menace in this film seems to be a cross between the Foot Clan in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and the nonsensical cult in Stallone's *Cobra*. A white supremacist group seeks to unite all white supremacist groups in the United States by having a huge

bombing and massacre on Hitler's birthday in San Diego, Wilder's hometown. They meet in conveniently darkened factories expounding inane rhetoric and giving each other Nazi salutes. The idiocy of these villains is laughable.

On the other hand, it attempts to be a kid's movie. One main character is Reno, a police dog, who is amazingly intelligent and adept at police work. He loves jelly donuts, as do all other police officers in this film, and he is amazing at sniffing out explosives and fighting. But you'll be disappointed if you're expecting *Benji* or a *Lassie*.

Top Dog is too violent to be a real kid's movie, though a few scenes were included to appeal to a distinctly young audience. It seemed that all eight people in the theater laughed at a few scenes. Scenes at a dog show, where Reno gets into all sorts of trouble, and scenes of a boy doing tricks with his bicycle, definitely cater to an audience of 10-year olds. However, the amount of violence in this film gives it a PG-13 rating. Thus, what seems to be a target audience must be accompanied by a parent.

Looking at these features, how does one



Jack Wilder (Chuck Norris, right) battles Karl Koller (Peter Savard Moore), an international terrorist set out to destroy San Diego in Aaron Norris' *Top Dog*.

classify such drive? It fails as an action movie because it contains so much kid's stuff, and it fails as a kid's movie because it has so much violence. This mix of "cute" dog movie with Chuck Norris' fighting will not attract a distinct audience. Those 10-year olds enticed by recent advertisements are required to have their parents accompany them. But saying this movie lacks a distinct audience is

giving it a little too much credit: Instead, it is fair to say that this movie has no audience at all.

The mix between action movie and kid's movie is not even a *Suburban Commando*. Jeb the talking dog on *Saban's VR Troopers* is more entertaining. Perhaps it would be even more entertaining and less expensive to buy a gallon of paint, remove the lid, and wait.

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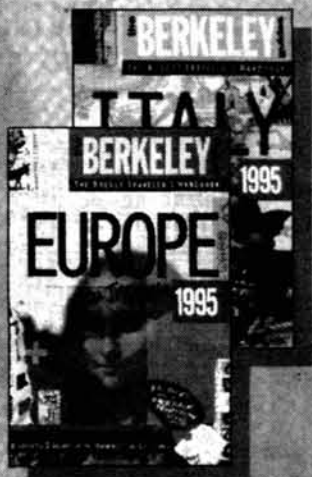
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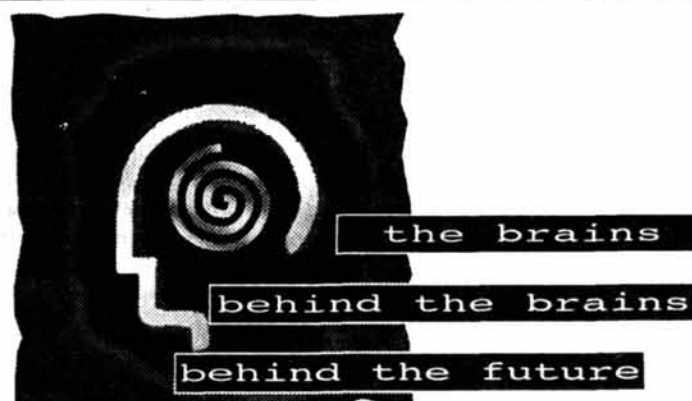
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Women's Crew will Begin Major Races

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Crossing the line after MIT were the Wellesley and Simmons crews in third and fourth place. Wellesley rowed a clean race (crab-free), dispelling any doubts over MIT's controversial victory last weekend.

MIT's third varsity split into two fours, bow four and stern four of their eight, and challenged themselves by participating in the second varsity event against Wellesley and Columbia crews.

Coming across the 1,500 meter mark, the "bow four" boat (Charla Lambert '96, Shelly Sakiyama '96, Nicole Weymouth '96, Cathy Conley '96, and coxswain Tom Lee '97) was racing even with Columbia, and the "stern four" boat (Kelly Novice '98, Emily Wallis '97, Sarah Vitek '95, Diane Hodges '95, and Coxswain Otway Louie '93) was leading Wellesley.

MIT is one of few teams to even have a third boat on the varsity squad, and their incredible depth was again demonstrated by second place and third place finishes in this JV event, with times of 8:07.2 and 8:10.4, only four seconds behind first place Columbia.

Due to an incredibly busy racing schedule on the Charles this weekend, and lack of competition from Columbia, Wellesley, and Simmons, the JV eight (Lara Ivey '96, Beth Sebern '97, Rebecca Fahrmeier '95, Cathy Conley '96

(her second incredible race of the weekend), Becky Berry '95, Cindy Fein '97, Louise Wells '96, Malee Lucas G, and coxswain Shruti Sehra '96) competed in a Sunday morning battle against BU, NU, and UNH.

For the first time in history of women's crew, MIT's JV beat BU's boat, making for an ecstatic coach and an elated crew. The JV started strong and held on to eventual winner NU for the first half of the race. At that point, NU charged ahead and finished seven seconds ahead of second place UNH. MIT continued to build up space between themselves and BU, finishing in 7:06 — seven seconds off of second place UNH, and with significant open water on BU.

These last races on the Charles signify the beginning of the major races of the season. New Englands will be held next weekend in Worcester, followed by Eastern Sprints in Connecticut, and the final race of the season, the IRA Regatta, will be held in Camden, NJ, the first weekend of June.

MIT's confidence is growing along with their strength and speed. The team would like to thank their early morning fans and spectators for their support throughout the season as they move on to the mental and physical challenges that lie ahead.

Pacers Look Primed for An NBA Championship

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paint by Rodman, Robinson, and the always intimidating Vinnie Del Negro. Without the former Kansas All-American the series may not last six games and Charles Barkley will be sent into his eighth straight premature retirement, and will soon be seen campaigning to be the worst Alabama governor since George "I couldn't hit a three, either" Wallace.

Eastern Region

In the East, Reggie Miller annually declares the Playoffs "Miller Time" and this year should be no different. His Pacers look primed for a championship run, with the most fluid teamwork in the NBA. Their outstanding coaching and stifling defense will carry them all the way to the NBA finals.

After disposing of the Atlanta Hawks in the first round the Pacers figure to cross paths with Spike Lee and the Knicks in a rematch of last year's brutal Conference finals.

The outcome will be different this year, as the improved Rik "Marist recruits in Holland" Smits will outplay the hobbled Patrick Ewing. Also the addition of former Knick playmaker Mark Jackson will bolster a Pacers offense down the stretch, leaving Spike Lee ready for the Heimlich maneuver yet again.

The Pacers opposition in the Eastern finals ought to be the rejuvenated Chicago Bulls. With Jordan, Scottie Pippen, and a hot Toni Kukoc, the Bulls playoff savvy will prove too formidable for the injury-stricken Charlotte Hornets in the first round and the inexperienced and slumping Orlando Magic in the second.

Although Chicago will certainly be overmatched on the interior by the likes of Alonzo Mourning "After" and Shaquille O'Neal and the aforementioned Rollins, the triple oaf combination of Luc Longley, Bill "The Big Leprechaun" Wennington and Will "Can't hope to stop him, just try to contain him" Perdue has been surprisingly productive and will have plenty of fouls

to give against the anemic foul-shooting O'Neal.

We are already trembling in anticipation of the longest awaited matchup of two superstars since King Kong Bundy squared off against Hulk Hogan in Wrestlemania, the battle of trash-talker and Mendoza line dweller, Reggie Miller and Michael Jordan.

Once again Miller's fine supporting cast, which includes strongman Dale Davis, shot blocker Antonio Davis and veteran shooter Byron Scott, will be the difference as Smits, and the Davises will display an inside dominance rivaling that of the Detroit Pistons, who incidentally knocked Jordan's Bulls out of the playoffs five years ago.

NBC surely will be disappointed with a finals matchup of two small market teams, but the San Antonio-Indiana series should be an exciting one. In the end, the Spurs will ride homefield advantage to victory, earning enough extra cash to finally get Dennis Rodman spayed. Most Valuable Player David Robinson and the underrated outside shooting of Del Negro and the Rifleman, Chuck Person, will make Indiana suffer through the extra possessions that the ferocious Rodman affords them.

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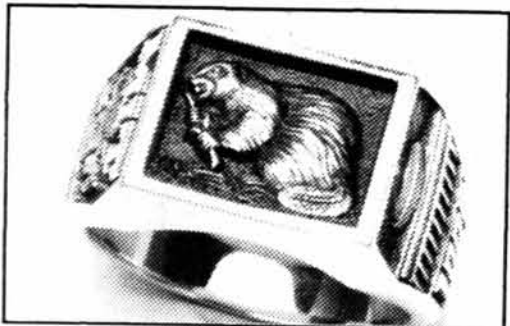
Disappointingly, none of our fine readers knew that quarterback Marc Hermann was dealt to the Baltimore Colts from the Denver Broncos before the 1983 NFL draft. In lieu of a legitimate winner, our heartfelt congratulations and warmth go out to sadly departing MIT Provost Mark S. Wrighton, who has truly touched both of our lives.

One can only imagine this week's question coming from the mouth of the new Washington University Chancellor, "The 1983 Philadelphia Seventy Sixers won the NBA championship. Their starting lineup included Julius Erving, Moses Malone, Andrew Toney, Maurice Cheeks and what forward?" Send answers to: bell@mit.edu.

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Men's Tennis Drops Match with Amherst

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was not as fortunate as his teammates, and faced a tough opponent, who handed Lupu a 6-3, 7-5 defeat.

Shutout against Amherst

On Wednesday, Amherst College came to MIT, and defeated its perennial rival for the third consecutive year, this time by a score of 7-0.

After losing two out of the three doubles matches, the Engineers fought hard in the singles, but all came up short. Only Wang was able to win a set, as he took the opener, 6-1. He remained very close with his opponent, but the difference was a loss of six straight games, occurring through both the end of the second set and the beginning of the third, for a 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 result.

At this point in the season, coach

Jeff Hamilton has usually remained busy, preparing either the team or individuals for the national championships. However, this year marked the first time in eight years that MIT did not qualify any players, either as a team or as individuals, to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships.

Just as much as the team went through changes from last year, with the graduation of the top four players, the team may change just as much next year, and in the years to follow. Hamilton is hoping for contributions from some incoming freshmen, as a handful of his top recruits have expressed intentions of attending MIT. Their talents, along with the experience gained by this young team throughout the season, should lead to improved results in the future.

Men's Crew Continues Tossing Its Coxswains

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Continuing to demonstrate its impressive strength this season, the second varsity dispensed easily with New Hampshire and Tufts. It passed MIT's Pierce Boathouse (three quarters of the way through the 2,000-meter course) with a couple lengths of open water on UNH, drawing ecstatic cheers from the crowd on the docks.

MIT finished in 6:04.4, almost 12 seconds ahead of UNH (6:16.1) and 25 seconds ahead of Tufts (6:29.1).

New Hampshire was too fast, however, for both freshman crews.

The first frosh boat was ahead of UNH by over half a length very early on, but 1,000 meters later they were down a few seats. Unable to push back through, the Beavers lost in 6:04.7 to UNH's 6:03.8.

The second frosh had a much harder time, losing badly in 6:40.6, 25 seconds behind UNH (6:20.7).

The third varsity eight, who may soon jettison the ever-fluctuating bow half and begin racing as a four, had a late race against BU. The Terriers overcame MIT early and won by 15 seconds in 6:07.7.

Back on the MIT docks, first varsity coxswain Peter Yao '95 offered no resistance to being tossed into the Charles River, and he even showed off his backstroke. The second varsity oarsmen also triumphantly threw in their coxswain, Jason Wertheim '96.

Possibly the most exciting race of the season is in store next Saturday when MIT meets Dartmouth College and the University of Wisconsin for the Cochrane Cup, again on the Charles.

Results at NCAAs is High Point in Lichten's Career

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the women's team and the continued improvement of the men gives us a real chance to become competitive at the Division I level."

Lichten emphasized that the support of the administration has been crucial to the teams' growth.

Gordon Kelly, director of physical education, has worked with Koniusz in developing the PE program to expose a greater number of students to the sport. Lichten said, "The PE program is an important source of fencers for the team. Many people don't begin until col-

lege, but still go on to be successful at all levels."

Under Athletic Director Richard Hill, the recent expansion of the team with the addition of the women's epee squad was possible, and, with support of team alumni, improvements to equipment in the fencing room have been made.

Lichten will graduate in June with the championship a high point in his nine years of fencing. "Going the last few rounds undefeated and making it to the winner's podium was the best I've ever felt fencing," Lichten said. "I'm glad I was able to leave collegiate fencing this way."



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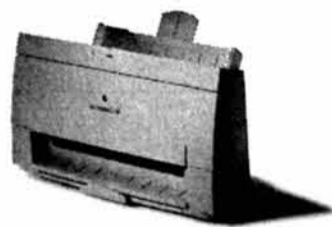
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SPORTS

Netmen Demolish Brandeis To Finish Season

By Dan Wang
TEAM MEMBER

The men's tennis team closed out its season on a high note Friday by defeating Brandeis University at home, 6-1. The result gave the team a final record of 4-9 for the spring, and 6-12 for the 1993-94 season.

MIT was off to a quick 1-0 lead after capturing two of the three doubles matches. Second doubles pair of Hank Lin '97 and Jordan Lupu '96, the first ones to finish, came back from a 6-3 deficit to win, 8-6. MIT then clinched the point soon afterwards when third doubles players John Love '97 and Dan Wang '97 came off the court with an 8-3 victory. At the top, Rob Marcato '97 and Jason Weintraub '97 almost pulled off a sweep for the doubles, but finished at the short end of a 12-10 tiebreak result.

For Marcato and Weintraub, their singles play was much more successful, as they quickly added two points to the team score, with easy straight set wins at the respective first and fourth positions. Love, playing sixth singles, also won easily, thus securing the team win for MIT. Of these three matches, none of the MIT players gave up a total of more than three games.

The other singles players had more difficult times with their opponents. At second singles, Wang's opponent kept the match close, but Wang managed to stay ahead, and finish with a 6-3, 6-4 win. At third singles, Lin's opponent forced a third set after dropping the first, but Lin regrouped and cruised through the final set. Fifth singles player Lupu

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JONATHAN LI

The men's heavyweight varsity crew boat rows to finish ahead of Tufts University last Saturday on the Charles.

Heavyweight Crew Gains Mixed Results In Races at Home

By Toby Ayer
TEAM MEMBER

Although the results were a mix of successes and failures, Saturday provided an exciting and enjoyable series of home races for most MIT crew squads. The heavyweight Engineers hosted the University of New Hampshire and Tufts University for all their races except the third varsity, which was against Boston University.

It was a beautiful morning with excellent conditions. The varsity, at least, were eager to race. They needed a good win, to counter last week's loss, and a good race. They got both.

The first varsity, in its second new line-up in two weeks and feeling confident after a good Friday practice, put together a solid race. Although down a seat to UNH just after the start, they steadily gained ground and countered each of UNH's attempts to move back.

MIT stayed a length ahead until the finish, which it reached in good form in 5 minutes, 56.3 seconds. UNH followed at 6:01.8, and Tufts trailed at 6:10.6.

Stroke Nate Crosswhite '95 said, "It was the best race of the season so far, and we showed a lot of improvement."

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Women's Crew Shows Its Strength Against Sprints Schools

By Andrea Jensen
TEAM MEMBER

In their last race on the Charles River for the 1994-95 season, the MIT women showed their strength against several Sprints schools.

The varsity eight and two junior varsity fours raced Saturday against Columbia University, Wellesley College, and Simmons College, and another eight raced in the JV event on Sunday against Northeastern University, Boston University, and University of New Hampshire. All of these crews, including MIT, have been members of the Eastern Sprints league, which provides the highest level of competition across the nation at their annual end-of-season regatta.

Saturday's races marked the first time MIT has raced against an Ivy League school outside of Sprints.

On paper, Columbia was favored over the MIT's varsity by 20 seconds, but MIT's boat, rowed by (from bow to stern) Stacy Morris '96, Judy Ascano '96, Linda Rosenband '96, Sarah Black '96, Lynn Yang '95, Jessica Oleson '96, Amy Gieffers '97, Andrea Jensen '95, and coxswain Sherry Hsiung '95, stayed in contact throughout the race and finished just 8 seconds behind.

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Lichten Achieves Best MIT Fencing Result Since WWII

By David Nauman
TEAM MEMBER

Not since World War II has an MIT fencer finished higher than third at the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships. This year Keith Lichten '95 achieved a second place finish at the Division I Fencing Championships and was selected as a First Team All-American.

Division I represents the highest level of collegiate competition. Lichten, the team captain, was one of 10 epeeists to qualify from the Northeast, considered the strongest region in the country, and was one

of the 30 fencers in his weapon to qualify nationally.

"The quality of the fencing [at the championships] was very high, attributed to the participation of many European fencers brought to this country on college scholarships," said Jarek Koniusz, who is finishing his first year as MIT's head coach.

"It is very difficult for Division III schools to qualify fencers to Division I nationals at all. Moreover, it is extremely challenging for a coach to work with the most academically talented students in the world and aim for the highest athletic goals as well," Koniusz said. He went on to express his hope that

Lichten's achievement would be an incentive for others to challenge themselves.

A four-year varsity team member, Lichten has fenced well in both collegiate and national events. He placed second at the 1993 Under 20 National Championships, and went on to become two-time New England college champion. He was also twice chosen as a member of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association's First Team.

Lichten attributed his success to the strength of the coaching and the support of the team. "To be coached by Jarek, a world class fencer, was an opportunity that I did not expect at MIT," Lichten said.

Lichten also praised Robb Hubb, the epee coach. "Rob's strength is his ability to see the intricacies of a bout and to help you work past the problems," Lichten noted that it was the combination of both coaches

that brought his fencing to a national level.

Lichten has great hope for the future of the team. "The strength of

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, May 2

Baseball vs. University of Massachusetts at Boston, 4 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Bridgewater State University, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 4

Baseball vs. Curry College, 4 p.m.

Mudville Pays Respects to the NBA for Avoiding a Labor Dispute

Column by David Berl and Jeremy Cohen
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

After a sad lull in the sports world, at last newspaper pages are packed with action from stadiums instead of negotiating tables.

The View from **MUDVILLE** As a tribute to the one major sport which has avoided a major labor dispute this season, we in Mudville will pay our respects to the David Stern marketing bonanza, the National Basketball Association, which completes its first round of playoffs later this week.

We begin in the wild, wild West where as many as five teams have a legitimate chance to have their ring fingers sized this June. However, we give the nod to San Antonio Spurs whose superior defensive intensity, rebounding excellence, and consistent offense spawned a league best 62 wins over the course of the regular season. Bob Hill's Alamodomers should easily dispose of the once-pesky Denver Nuggets, and will meet the talented Seattle SuperSonics in the second round.

The Sonics' guard play is superior, but the disappearance of Kendall "Fish" Gill has left coach George "Snarl" Karl with a shaky

perimeter. Meanwhile, the Admiral David Robinson and his first mate Dennis "Windex" Rodman should swab the decks with the undermanned Sonic frontcourt.

The Spurs conference final opponents will be Sir Chuckster's Phoenix Suns. The Suns will have a difficult second round battle with the defending champion Houston Rockets. While Phoenix bowed out to Houston in seven games last year, we in Mudville detect faults in the Rocket's guidance system.

Since the trade of Otis "Do I have anything to do with the football award, Mr. Tagliabue?" Thorpe to the Blazers, Houston has been thoroughly dominated on the

board. Hakeem Olajuwon is the best basketball player on earth, which obviously does not include Mars Blackman but does, of course, include Seventy-Sixer assistant coach World B. Free and "Save the world, save a" Tree Rollins, but not even the Nigerian Dream can take on all of Phoenix's weapons alone.

In the Western Conference finals, the Suns lack of size will again be their undoing. Even with a healthy Danny Manning, Paul "Kruschev predicted a" Westphal's Suns would have been outmuscled in the

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