

UA Election Process Begins in Confusion

By Sarah Y. Keightley
NEWS EDITOR

In a flurry of activity that will affect this spring's Undergraduate Association elections, Chairman of the UA Judicial Review Board Albert L. Hsu '96 made a preliminary decision last night to overturn an Election Code amendment passed at last Monday's UA Council meeting.

At the meeting, council members voted to reduce the number of signatures candidates need to get to run for office. The change was made to encourage more people to run for office, but at the same time not to make it too easy, said UA President Vijay P. Sankaran '95.

"There's been a drought of candidates in previous years," said UAC Floor Leader Russell S. Light '98.

However, these changes were invalid because having "the UAC change signature requirements in

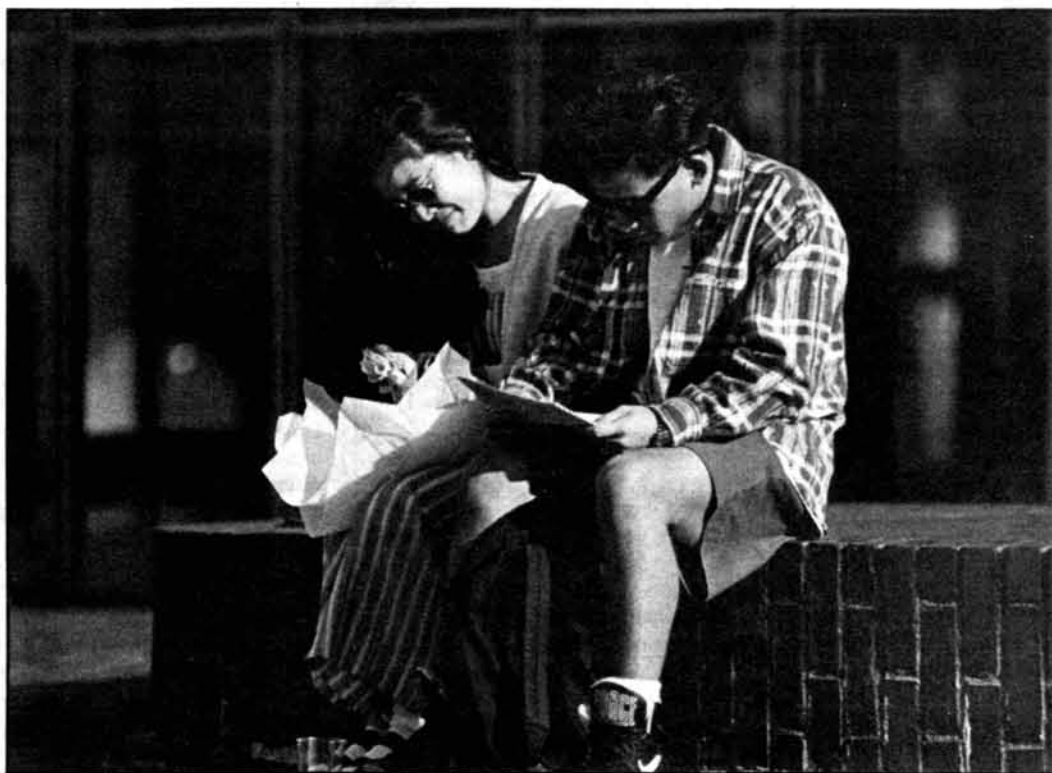
the middle of the election process creates a conflict of interest," Hsu said.

As chairman of the UA Judicial Review Board, Hsu has jurisdiction over any UA disputes, and has the power to reverse legislation or policies that seem to violate the intent of the UA Constitution.

The dispute was "throwing the elections into chaos," Hsu said. The Election Commission, which manages the elections, announced the signature requirements during Independent Activities Period, and released the packets for interested candidates on the first day of the term, Feb. 7.

After last Monday's UAC decision, the Election Commission "refused to modify election packets to incorporate the new changes or to recognize the changes as valid,

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Warm weather brought students outside this weekend, with shorts and sunglasses replacing boots and gloves. These two students chose to eat lunch on the steps of Kresge Auditorium Sunday.

THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

New Interfraternity Council Officers Assume Posts

By Jennifer Lane
STAFF REPORTER

The new president of the Interfraternity Council, Bryan D. Dye '96, hopes to implement minimum standards for pledge programs and community service. Dye, who was elected in December, took office with the other new officers last Wednesday.

Dye said he is excited and "looking to make productive changes" in the IFC. As president, Dye's duties are to represent the IFC to the public, run meetings, and make general policy decisions, he said.

The other new officers include: Vice President Jason D. Pride '96, Treasurer David B. Newell '97, Secretary Craig A. Zimmerman '96, Rush Chair Alison L. Walters '96, and Panhellenic President Shruti Serah '96.

IFC officers are elected every year by the IFC President's Council, comprised of all independent living group presidents. Candi-

dates must prepare a brief speech outlining their platforms and demonstrating that they have been active in their own house and are familiar with the responsibilities of the office, Dye said.

The council then makes a decision based on the candidate's platform, Dye said. "With this system, the election is "not a popularity contest," and the IFC can ensure a diverse mixture of classes and houses among the officers, he said.

Minimum standards important

Dye wants to implement minimum standards in several areas for fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. "Fraternities all claim to be the biggest and the best," he said. "They need to have some way to back that up."

Minimum standards for new member programs are necessary, Dye said. Right now there is no standard for how people join

living groups, he said. There are also no standards for programs relating to sexual harassment or rape awareness, he said.

Dye said he would also like to impose minimum standards for community service. He hopes to encourage houses to participate in community service by establishing a new recognition system, he said. By completing certain projects or a certain number of hours of service, an ILG could attain a higher level of recognition, he said.

To improve neighbor relations, Dye plans to rotate a "community relations beeper" among different IFC officers. Currently, neighbors of living groups that have a complaint are calling the police, Dye said. "Neighbors are calling 911 with noise complaints, and we want to alleviate that," he said.

Dye's plan is to give neighbors of ILGs

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Bryan D. Dye '96

RAYMOND LOUIE—THE TECH

UA Survey Reports on Quality of Student Life

By Shang-Lin Chuang
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

More than 90 percent of students surveyed by the Undergraduate Association Committee on Student Life consider dormitory overcrowding a problem, according to preliminary results from the Registration Day survey.

The four-page, 125-question "MIT Student Life Survey" was sponsored by the UA committee, chaired by John S. Hollywood '96, and the faculty Committee on Student Affairs. Issues addressed included housing, food services, student resources, medical care, and general student life issues, Hollywood said.

"The basic purpose of the survey is to find out what undergraduates feel about these MIT services, and to use what the students tell us to go to the administration and represent the student body," Hollywood said.

"I think the fact that we passed out 2000 surveys and got back [720] was very impressive," he said. Considering the length of the survey and the fact that students were

willing to fill it out argues against the apathy that some believe the students have."

Students support new dormitory

Of 331 randomly selected surveys tabulated for the preliminary results, 42 percent of respondents rated overcrowding as a serious or very serious problem, Hollywood said. Over two thirds said overcrowding adversely affects academic performance to some extent, he said.

Only 7.9 percent said overcrowding was not a problem and 4.2 percent said it had affected academic performance positively, according to the survey results.

To eliminate what the survey described as "painful" overcrowding, more than 80 percent of the sampled responses indicated support for building a new undergraduate dormitory.

However, 27 percent were against the idea of making Ashdown House undergraduate, 67 percent

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Undergraduate Association in Need Of Major Overhaul, Sankaran Says

By Daniel C. Stevenson
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Undergraduate Association Council meetings are chronically under-attended and "basically boring," said UA President Vijay P. Sankaran '95. "I am confident that something is most definitely wrong with the structure and purpose of the UA Council," he said.

To address these problems, Sankaran will hold an informal meeting of the UAC tomorrow night "to redefine the structure and purpose" of the council, he said.

Sankaran and the councilors will "look at the general ideas of how the council has been functioning" and "see what people think are the major flaws with it," he said.

The councilors will consider general ideas of how well the council has been functioning and "see what people think are the major flaws with it," Sankaran said. The group will also "re-examine the structure and purpose of the UA as a whole," he said.

"The number of people who have been attending council meet-

ings has been declining steadily" over the past three years "and the issues that we have been debating are very boring," Sankaran said.

Details bog meetings down

Meetings would get bogged down in exhaustive debates over the allocation of insignificant amounts of money, he said. "People got turned off by that type of thing."

In addition, because of the low attendance that resulted from this apathy, the council became unrepresentative, Sankaran said. Right now, there are 51 members on the council, but at most only 20 regularly attend the meetings, he said.

Many class officers, who are officially also council members, "weren't really interested in the council" and a majority did not attend meetings, Sankaran said.

"Hopefully we'll see the council become smaller than it is right now," with fewer but more dedicated people, Sankaran said. Reducing the number of representatives for each dormitory, the number of Interfraternity Council representatives,

and others could bring the council's size down to around 20 members, he said.

"We want to look at the whole structure and try to figure out what's best for the undergraduate community," Sankaran said.

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WORLD & NATION

Scientists Study Long-term Risk of Radium Treatments

THE BALTIMORE SUN

BALTIMORE

A radium treatment given to thousands of people from the 1940s to the 1960s and presumed harmless is being restudied to determine the cancer risk that might be associated with it.

Pioneered at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health 70 years ago, nasopharyngeal irradiation was prescribed to correct hearing, sinus and adenoid problems in children. The treatment involved inserting radium-tipped rods into the nose to shrink excess adenoid tissue that had caused the ailments.

The treatment also was given to about 5,000 submariners and more than twice as many airmen who suffered from ear conditions caused by water or air pressure.

But today former patients are questioning the possible long-term effects of the radium. Several brought their concerns to a federal panel reviewing human radiation testing during the Cold War. A former submariner who says he has nasopharyngeal cancer wants Congress to order a study of affected veterans.

Clinton Promises to Ban Using Replacement Workers in Strikes

THE WASHINGTON POST

BAL HARBOUR, FLA.

Vice President Al Gore told leaders of the AFL-CIO Monday that the president would sign an executive order banning the use of replacement workers by federal contractors in labor strikes.

Gore announced the action at a closed-door meeting here with members of the federation's executive council. Both AFL-CIO and administration officials said after the meeting that details of the order were still being worked out by the administration.

If issued, the executive order would apply to all Fortune 500 companies as well as many other corporations, administration officials said Monday.

Organized labor has failed to win passage of legislation banning the use of permanent replacement workers during strikes, and victory in a Republican Congress seems unlikely.

Gore also told the labor leaders Monday that President Clinton would veto any Republican-passed legislation to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act and the Service Contract Act, which set prevailing wages for federal contracts in the construction and service industries, respectively.

He also said the president would veto pending legislation to repeal the current labor law ban on shop-floor committees unilaterally set up by employers. Labor law bans such cooperative groups unless employees are allowed to pick their own members.

Denver's Automated Baggage System Will Be Divided

THE WASHINGTON POST

DENVER

The airport feature that has been responsible for repeated delays in Denver International Airport's opening is the automated baggage system that winds underneath the airport like a 20-mile roller coaster.

Planned originally for United and then expanded for the entire airport, the automated baggage system crash-landed a year ago. Its 4,000 computer-guided carts, each carrying one piece of luggage, didn't have the capacity to keep up with the peak requirements of loading and unloading 94 jets.

Even today, the system is so massive and complex that visitors can feel it shaking the buildings as they head for their planes.

Faced with a baggage mess, United took the offensive last fall and spent \$55 million of its own money to correct its section of the baggage system. The city allowed United to take over parts of the automated track designated for other airlines.

As a result, DIA will have two systems: United will have a nifty automated one; the other airlines will sort bags in a parking garage next to the terminal and tow them on carts through a mile-long maintenance tunnel.

United also has an edge in the all-important ski department at DIA, because it controls some key elevators equipped to move the oversized baggage.

WEATHER

Unsettled Sailing ahead

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

We are in for an extended period of unsettled weather. Tuesday will be cloudy with a good chance of light rain or snow in the early morning. We shall be pretty much straddling the polar jet stream all week, and as a succession of low pressure troughs move along it, they will bring clouds and the possibility of rain or snow. After each trough passes, the skies will clear a little, affording a glimpse of some sun. The high pressure ridge building to the south and west of us will pull colder air over us as the week progresses, increasing the probability of snow. However, we will be spared heavy snow by the fact that air masses from Canada tend to be too dry for significant accumulation by the time they reach us. The end of the week should see a gradual warming as the flow changes back to southerly.

Today: Light rain probable overnight possibly continuing through the morning. Cloudy and cool. High 38°F (3°C).

Tonight: Some clearing of the clouds, keeping temperatures down. Low 26°F (-3°C).

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. High 34°F (1°C). Low 22°F (-5°C). Winds picking up to around 15 mph (25 kph).

Thursday: Again cloudy with a chance of precipitation. High 41°F (5°C). Low 30°F (-1°C).

Relaxed, Determined Dole Begins Primary Campaign

By Dan Balz

THE WASHINGTON POST

MANCHESTER, N.H.

The last time Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., trudged through New Hampshire as a presidential candidate, he was on the road to defeat and angry with his fate. It was a different Dole who campaigned here Monday: more relaxed, less acerbic and determined this time to do it right.

He starts the 1996 presidential race as the clear front-runner for the Republican nomination, and was treated that way all weekend, with big crowds and friendly faces. "Mr. Dole, you're my hero," a man told him this morning at a Manchester restaurant. Dole looked at the man's cap, which read "Korean Veteran," and replied, "You're my hero."

His campaign evokes a proud and distant history of American power and leadership, for he is the last hurrah of the World War II generation that proved so politically durable until Bill Clinton captured the presidency from George Bush in 1992 and ushered in what many thought would be the Baby Boomer era of American politics.

Now Dole is back for what he describes as "one more mission, one more call to serve," and he will formally announce his candidacy in April in the week that will mark the 50th anniversary of the battle in which Dole was wounded in Italy and left with a crippled right arm.

He is the oldest man in the field at 71 and his 1996 campaign comes after three failed attempts at national office, including his bitter loss to Bush here in 1988, when he left the state snarling on national television, "Tell him to stop lying about my record."

"I was elected president of Iowa in 1988," Dole joked to the crowds Monday, recalling his victory in the Iowa caucuses that year. "I got dethroned eight days later in New Hampshire."

AIDS Researchers Optimistic Over New Drug Development

By Marlene Cimons and Thomas H. Maugh II

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

After a long, cold winter of disappointment, disillusion and discontent, a warmer, more optimistic wind is wafting through the AIDS research community.

Despite a drumbeat of recent reports indicating that AIDS is a more dangerous and aggressive foe than most had believed, many researchers are now increasingly optimistic about the chances of fighting the disease than at any time since the discovery of AZT, the mainstay drug of current AIDS treatment programs.

That optimism — clearly present in Washington earlier this month at a national AIDS meeting — arises, in part, from the discovery that the virus is surprisingly vulnerable to combinations of antiviral agents and to a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors.

But perhaps even more important is a fundamental and dramatic change in researchers' ideas about how the HIV infection should be attacked — what scientists call a paradigm shift.

Clinicians are abandoning the standard model of HIV as a simple infection that can be treated with a single drug in the same way that a bacterial infection is cleared up with an antibiotic.

It was a terrible moment for Dole in what proved to be a disastrous campaign. He was beset by organizational problems, staff infighting and a strategy that left him with nowhere to go after Iowa and New Hampshire. His exit stamped him as a political slasher.

But by his own account, Dole begins this campaign more mellow. "I'm a little more realistic, a little more relaxed," he said Monday morning between stops.

"He's at peace with himself," said Barbara Russell, Dole's New Hampshire coordinator. "He said to me he learned that the guy with the best slicing machine doesn't win."

The cutting wit has been replaced for now with more mocking humor, and he recently appeared on "Late Show with David Letterman" to show his softer and funnier side, even bringing along a "Top Ten" list pared to seven items to illustrate how Republicans are shrinking everything. Today he peppered his appearances with jokes and one-liners.

"I never cared for Dole, but today he came across as so warm," said Mary Prouty, who was among more than 450 people who turned out to hear Dole speak in Nashua. "I was sort of iffy, but I have a much better response to him this time."

Dole's determination to run a better campaign — and his front-runner's stature — already are paying dividends here. Three newspaper polls published in the past few days show him with more than 40 percent of the vote against the current crop of rivals.

David Carney, a senior Dole adviser and a veteran of national and New Hampshire politics, said Dole has more than 20,000 volunteers in the state, compared with 6,400 on primary day in 1988.

Dole told his audiences Monday that two events over the past year persuaded him to run again for the presidency. The first came last sum-

mer when he went to Europe for ceremonies commemorating the D-Day invasion and a reunion of his old 10th Mountain Division in Italy.

"You get to thinking about your youth and your country and what's been happening for 50 years," he said. "You think about who did the fighting, who did the dying and who made the sacrifices, who crossed the beaches, who were flying the airplanes, who were on the ships. It was our generation."

Until then, Dole said he had accepted conclusions that Bush's defeat marked the end of the World War II generation in presidential politics.

The second event was the political earthquake of 1994, bringing in a Republican Congress. Dole decided, as he put it Monday, "One more time, and that's why I'm here today."

His appeal to his own generation was palpable. The crowds included many senior citizens, a few with military ribbons on their lapels, and they gave him the respect that a war hero and national leader might expect.

Not everyone found the evocation of World War II convincing. "He sounds like he's living in the past," said Mark Rufo, a lawyer from Concord. "World War II is about as relevant to us as the Trojan War. He doesn't give you a reason to vote for him, which is sad. I think he's a lot better and a lot smarter than he shows off."

Dole talked Monday about reining in the federal government, about "dusting off the 10th Amendment" and giving states more power. But he was short on specifics of what a Dole presidency would bring to America, other than the promise of strong leadership and a strong presence around the world.

"I'm not perfect," he said, "but I do believe I've been tested in a many ways and I do believe I've been able to provide leadership."

Instead, they are seeking inspiration in the field of cancer therapy, where a single tumor is aggressively attacked with a "cocktail" of different drugs that each exploit a unique vulnerability of the cancer cells.

Clinicians couldn't adopt this shotgun approach to AIDS before now because they had only rifle bullets — AZT and two other drugs, all targeting the same viral weakness. But the new discoveries reported at the Second National Conference on Human Retroviruses and Related Infections have suddenly stocked their armory.

The Washington meeting was "clearly a much more upbeat meeting than the last several international meetings have been," said Dr. David Ho, director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City. "Now we have more tools, better drugs, better assay development — the field has matured a lot. A lot of hard work that before didn't translate into anything meaningful is now (paying off)."

"I think there is genuinely more optimism," added Dr. Jack Killen, director of the division of AIDS at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "There were a lot of loose ends coming together (at the meeting). It's beginning to make some sense, and to provide a rational framework for (therapy)."

"I think the investigators are more encouraged than ever before," said Dr. David Feigal, director of the division of antiviral drug products at the Food and Drug Administration. "Some are so excited... that they would just as soon skip clinical trials and start using these new drugs immediately" — something, he added, that is prohibited by federal law.

Critics cautioned, however, that the promising studies have not been in progress long enough to determine if the new drugs actually prolong life, and they warned that most of the new drugs are very expensive. Others said that researchers may be overly optimistic simply because there was so little good news in the past.

"I don't think that things are any different than they were six months or a year ago," said Dr. Irvin S. Y. Chen, director of the AIDS Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles. "There has been steady progress on a number of fronts, (but) if there has been change, it is psychological."

Dr. Robert T. Schooley, an AIDS specialist at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center — who organized the Washington meeting — agrees that "psychologically we definitely have turned a corner," but believes a substantive corner may have been turned well.

Mexico Raises Interest Rates; Stocks Fall, Recession Feared

By Mark Fineman
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY

The Central Bank on Monday unexpectedly boosted interest rates to almost 50 percent, driving down the Mexican stock market and confirming fears that a \$20-billion bailout the government is about to sign with the United States is tied to restrictions that will fuel a recession in Mexico this year and compound President Ernesto Zedillo's political problems.

The bank's official interest rates were almost 10 percent higher than those set last week at the weekly treasury-bill auction.

But officials defended this drastic measure as one in a series of steps to strengthen Mexico's currency, which gained in value against the dollar after the government applied the bitter medicine.

The peso, which has lost about

40 percent of its value in two months, closed Monday at 5.59 to the dollar, after trading at more than 6.0 at the peak of last week's slide.

But the Mexican stock market, in turn, took a nose dive. Amid fears that soaring credit costs will push more Mexican companies into default and bankruptcy and further reduce lagging consumer demand, Mexico's stock market, the Bolsa, fell 64 points, or 3.51 percent, closing at 1,766, a 19-month low.

Zedillo's economic advisers said they expected sharply higher interest rates to help lure back billions of dollars in foreign investment that fled Mexico's political uncertainty and a looming guerrilla war in the southern state of Chiapas in the past two months. The massive capital-flight has triggered the nation's worst economic crisis in more than a decade.

Monday's drastic interest-rate increase — the central bank offered

three-day treasury bills yielding 49.75 percent interest, up from 39 percent to 40 percent last week — appeared to be aimed as much at helping finalize negotiations on the U.S.-Mexico credit package as it was meant to help stabilize the battered peso, most independent analysts concluded.

In Washington, negotiations continued through a fifth day Monday between Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and Mexican Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz on a proposal for the United States to provide Mexico with \$20 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

U.S. Treasury officials refused to discuss the status of the talks. But White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry said officials "have been making progress toward finalizing the economic support package." A final agreement could be announced Tuesday.

Arrest, Resignation Foreshadow Struggle for Chinese Succession

By Rone Tempest
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING

The resignation of a senior state industrial chief and the arrest of his son — both with close connections to senior Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's family — have prompted speculation here and in Hong Kong financial markets that the 90-year-old Deng's power is waning and a succession struggle is under way.

The resignation of longtime Deng ally Zhou Guanwu, 77, chairman of the giant Shougang Group (Capital Iron and Steel Corp.), and the arrest on corruption charges last week of his son Zhou Beifang, 42, chairman of a Hong Kong-based Shougang subsidiary, represent the highest profile case yet to surface since a government anti-corruption

drive began in 1993.

But because of the close connections to Deng family business interests — including a Hong Kong company tied to Deng's youngest son — some contend it might also be the first shot in the succession battle that is expected to follow Deng's death.

"The fact that Deng could no longer protect these people is a clear sign that his power is diminishing," commented a European diplomat in Beijing.

In the past, military connections have played the biggest role in determining who would rule China. Deng was helped into power in 1978 with support from the senior leadership of the People's Liberation Army.

The Shougang case illustrates that in today's China, economic

interests and power bases may also be a factor in the succession struggle to come. Deng was the first Chinese leader in the Communist era to build an extensive financial, as well as a political base, for his family.

These latest moves also support the theory that, in the post-Deng period, the businesses of "princelings" — sons and daughters of Deng and other senior leaders — will become fair game under the new order.

The Shougang corruption case has not been mentioned in the official mainland Chinese language press. But it has sparked considerable interest in Taiwan and Hong Kong, where the reports prompted sharp drops in share prices affiliated with Shougang and other mainland companies.

U.S. Marine Lost, Presumed Dead In Crash off Somalia

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NAIROBI, KENYA

A U.S. Marine sergeant was lost and presumed dead Monday after the helicopter he was aboard crashed into the Indian Ocean, as American forces prepared for the dangerous mission of evacuating the last of U.N. forces in Somalia.

The U.S. Naval Forces Central Command said the Marine Corps UH-1N Huey was lifting off from the Essex, a multipurpose amphibious assault ship, about 25 miles southeast of the Somali capital of Mogadishu and crashed into the sea 100 yards from the ship.

Four others on board were rescued and treated for minor injuries. "Search and rescue operations were unable to locate the missing person," the Navy said. It called off the search after several hours and identified the lost Marine as Sgt. Justin Harris.

A Navy spokesman said the copter was on a routine flight in daylight with fair weather. The crash was unexplained, but a spokesman said Harris apparently was trapped inside when the craft sank.

This was the first loss since a multinational Naval Task Force began converging off Somalia to protect the withdrawal of the last U.N. peacekeepers still on the ground in Somalia.

The United States deployed troops in Somalia in late 1992 as part of a humanitarian mission that eventually turned into open warfare with local clan leaders, leading to the deaths of 18 U.S. Army rangers in a single engagement in October 1993.

But the United Nations has stayed on in Somalia and now has called on the U.S.-led task force to help it exit with minimum casualties.

Indian Rebels Wage Propaganda War against Government

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY

The rebel response came not with bullets, land mines or grenades but as it always has in the 13-month uprising by the Zapatista National Liberation Army in Chiapas: Delivered, by hand, in two neatly typed pages and a brief, impassioned videotape.

"I am ill. Perhaps I will die soon," a wan Commander Ramona stated from a Zapatista hide-out in the highlands of Mexico's southernmost state, just minutes after the tape arrived in San Cristobal de las Casas late Sunday night.

Clad in a traditional Indian "huipil," the well-known Zapatista leader, who appeared on the verge of collapse, sat at a simple wooden table. Before her was a Mexico City newspaper dated the previous day. Chickens clucked in the background.

"Many children, women and men, also are ill," said the Zapatista ideologue, who identifies herself only as Ramona. "We have many illnesses. But the doctors, the medicines, the hospitals are not in our hands. We are hungry. Our food is tortillas and salt. We eat beans when we have them. We hardly know milk or meat.

"Our movement is indigenous," she added in the rebel's latest salvo. "It began now many years ago to tell the world the peasants of Chiapas are suffering from hunger and illness. ... We ask once again the people of Mexico not to forget us — not to leave us alone — that they help us to construct the peace that we all desire."

Graduate Student Council

Graduate Ring Sale!!

Thought MIT rings were just for undergrads?
Well, they're made for graduate students also!
The GSC has arranged with Jostens and the Coop
for a 25% discount off all graduate rings sold this semester
through a group buy arrangement!

Order your rings in Looby 10 on February 23 and 24th,
or anytime at the Kendall Square Coop

A great opportunity to obtain this symbol of academic excellence!

Meetings This Week...

Housing and Community Affairs
Academic Projects and Policy
GSC/GAP Formal Planning

Tuesday, Feb. 21
Wednesday, Feb. 22
Thursday, Feb. 23

All meetings 5:30 pm in 50-222

Only two months away...

Curious yet? Then stop by our
planning meeting this week for the
April
GSC/GAP Spring Formal!

SOCIAL HOUR!

Friday, February 24

5 pm, 50-222
Food and Drinks served
Alcohol sold by the Muddy

TAXES!?!?

Graduate Tax Workshop
For International Students
and Scholars
Friday, February 24, 1995
3pm - 5pm 10-250

A brief program will outline the
basics, and tax forms will be
available. A question and answer
session to follow!

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! Add yourself to our mailing list by typing **blanche gsc-official -a username**, or send email to **gsc-request@mit**. Questions, comments, ideas? Give us a call at 3-2195 or send email to **gsc-admin@mit**.

OPINION

Institutional Wisdom Watch

by The Tech editorial board



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Letters To The Editor

Current Grading System Fair and Adequate; Changes Would Have Adverse Effect

The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to Professor Nigel H. M. Wilson PhD '70 of the Committee on Academic Performance:

I am disappointed with any proposals to amend the current grading system. I believe the current system provides enough of a distinction between different levels of performance, and is quite fair and adequate. The current system is unfavorable only to the students who are just below the A/B, B/C, C/D borders, and who would rather receive a B+ than a B, for example.

The implementation of any of the different grading policies would have an adverse effect on the student body.

Most students here exert painstaking efforts to achieve high grades, and are continuously subjected to excessive levels of emotional stress resulting from both trying to keep up with the amount of material in classes and worrying about grades. The proposed changes to the grading system would undoubtedly exacerbate the amount of pressure undergraduates face.

A new system would also adversely affect students planning on continuing to graduate or professional schools. Adding the intermediate grades between existing letter grades would intensify the competition in classes and augment the torment over getting a higher grade.

To some it might appear that I am exaggerating the effect of this change on the students. However, I believe that many undergraduates and faculty, closely familiar with affairs, concerns, and anxieties of undergraduates, will support my view.

Oleg E. Drozhinin '97

Current Grading System Already Provides Enough Distinction

The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to the intermediate grades electronic mailing list:

As a freshman who would be greatly

affected by the implementation of a new grading system, I have a completely negative reaction to the intermediate grades proposal.

A grade of A is intended to mean that the student has mastery of the material. Therefore, there should not be a distinction between those who receive high A's and those with low ones. If there exists a difference in the mastery level of between the two levels, then, obviously, the lower A should have been a B.

A B is supposed to denote a good understanding of the material. A C is supposed to mean satisfactory understanding.

The grades are distinct from one another and require no distinction within themselves.

Most often, the difference between a high A and a low A (when there is no grade inflation) is either an illness or a few careless errors on an exam or problem set. Implementation of intermediate grades is unnecessary and will only hurt students. We are here to learn, not compete. Many of us are already trying very hard to earn good grades so that we may enter graduate school or medical school.

In truth, an A- is not any different from an A in a school without grade inflation, which I know MIT is not. Thus, any new intermediate grading policy has absolutely no place here.

Pavan K. Auluck '98

ROTC Proponent Ignores Moral Implications, Other Universities

Thomas J. Barber G recently argued ["Elimination of ROTC Would Unjustly Hurt Students in Program," Feb. 17] that ROTC's elimination would be ineffective in affecting Department of Defense policy on homosexuals and would discriminate against ROTC cadets. I am certain that he is incorrect on both counts.

He says it is pointless to eliminate ROTC because MIT's actions would have no effect in Washington. Considered alone, this is probably true. But he ignores both the moral implications of such reasoning and the combined effect of similar action by several schools. If the DoD policy of excluding "people who engage in homosexual conduct" is unjust, then it behooves MIT to disassociate itself from enabling (via facility provision, financial sup-

port, or whatever) that policy's continuance, regardless of its ability to effectuate change. Otherwise we admit to the moral dissolution of tacitly permitting — and in this case, abetting — injustice because it is convenient: Being helpless to change events, why resist?

He also ignores the plans of other institutions. Harvard University, the University of Connecticut, and others are moving to limit or eliminate ROTC. Far from being ineffective, MIT's action would strengthen the call to change DoD policy and pave the way for other like-minded institutions to express their dissent.

MIT alone may be ignored — but the collective voice of many institutions is potent and demands response. It hardly needs to be said that history demonstrates both the ill effects of cowardice (for an extreme example, consider Germany before World War II) and the benefits of collective action (the end of segregation).

Next, Barber suggests that ROTC elimination would "discriminate" against MIT students who have chosen to "serve their country." But discrimination is defined as "a showing of partiality or prejudice in treatment."

In excluding ROTC, MIT would simply assure consistency with its nondiscrimination statement (which imposes on all "administered programs and activities" freedom from discrimination due to sexual orientation). ROTC (and thus its cadets) would be granted no special exemption, and so would be treated impartially — no differently than any other group seeking Institute sanction and support.

In confusing discrimination and the effects of its removal, he forgets the dual impact of this invidious practice: By excluding those with undesirable characteristics, it favors those without. ROTC cadets undoubtedly lose if MIT's complicity in discrimination is ended, for they are denied sanctioned and supported access to an agency which favors their sexual orientation.

Is this "discrimination"? Hardly. It is the removal of ROTC preferences in their favor which occasions the loss; no institution of preferences against them has occurred. Carrying out Barber's logic, policies denying admission to blacks at certain southern universities would have remained for fear of the "discriminatory" impact on those marginal

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white students whose race no longer covered the sins of inadequate grades.

I found his glowing comments on ROTC cadets frustrating, but not because I doubt that cadets possess these laudable characteristics. I am most saddened and angered because it is precisely for these honorable reasons that gay men and men also aspire to military service. There can be no equality of opportunity so long as DoD imposes the extra condition on homosexuals to pretend they're not.

Finally, it must be emphasized that the motivation for this agitation to eliminate ROTC is not some visceral hatred of the military. It is instead the hope that DoD will change its policy and recognize the fact that patriotism and love of country don't vary by sexual orientation — that gay Americans (like myself) are no less the latter for the former.

Daniel K Skwarek G

MIT Cannot Afford To End Support For ROTC

I read with interest your editorial ["Institute Must Plan to End ROTC," Feb. 14] advocating ending MIT participation in ROTC. Your argument was very clear: ROTC programs discriminate against homosexuals, and since this is both wrong and in violation of MIT policy, MIT participation in ROTC should be ended with some due course consideration given to MIT ROTC cadets. This argument fails entirely to consider the consequences of such an action on the Institute itself.

Congress recently asked the Department of Defense to submit a list of U.S. universities that prohibited military recruiting and ROTC activities on its campus so that it could enforce a recently enacted appropriation provision that seeks to end federal funding to uni-

versities who impede the execution of a national defense. To the surprise of many members of Congress, this list was very short. It seems most universities do not prohibit military and ROTC recruiting even though some of their subordinate schools do so. Clearly, universities like MIT cannot afford to even consider actions that would restrict or deny access to federal appropriations, nor could student bodies. MIT has been adversely affected by the current defense draw down, but would be devastated by an elimination of all federal support. Now of course this won't happen — neither MIT nor the nation could afford the consequences. In the meantime, MIT has no choice but to keep its ROTC program. There may be some "work around" arrangements made to seemingly separate the Institute from the ROTC program, but student access will not be impeded.

Furthermore, relief of this thorny issue for MIT executives is not likely soon. The president and commander-in-chief, Congress, the

Department of Defense, and the component military services have participated in a process that has resulted in a policy that states that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." Furthermore, homosexual acts committed by service members on and off duty are illegal under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (passed by Congress) and can result in incarceration, and that overt homosexual tendencies are grounds for administrative separation.

The bottom line is that MIT's anti-discrimination policy in regards to homosexuals will probably not take precedence to the law of the land. Ultimately, this contentious issue may be resolved by the Supreme Court. Unfortunately for homosexual rights advocates, the Court has usually allowed the Congress and the commander-in-chief to raise and administer armies and to fight wars without much interference from the judicial branch. I suspect that this trend will continue.

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MIT CONCERT BAND

John Corley, director.
With the Dartmouth Wind Symphony; Max Culpepper, director.
Friday, February 17, 8:00 p.m.
Kresge Auditorium.

By J. Michael Andresen
STAFF REPORTER

The MIT Concert Band concluded its tour (which took the band to Lake Placid, New York this year) with a concert last Friday on Kresge Auditorium's main stage. Friday's concert also featured the Dartmouth Wind Symphony, playing here in the first half of a musical exchange; MIT will complete the exchange by playing at Dartmouth this Friday evening.

The first of the concerts provided a study in contrasts between the two wind ensembles: The Dartmouth Wind Symphony's playing was perfect in nearly all technical aspects, though the group was often rather unmusical. The MIT Concert Band, on the other hand,

was much more relaxed and imprecise, yet they played with quite a bit more feeling than their Ivy League counterparts.

An air of informality permeates the MIT Concert Band's stage presence. They seem to be impervious to the audience: One of the percussionists stored a spare snare drum stick in her hair when she wasn't using it, and two trombone mutes were allowed to fall to the stage during MIT's half of the concert. This carelessness was also reflected in the band's playing, as the band struggled with the technically challenging sections of the pieces they played. It turned the extended eighth note runs of Bovicchi's *Concerto for Tuba and Band* into gelatinous mush, choosing its own tempo throughout. The band was often very slow to pick up on director John Corley's tempo changes. This was a notable problem in San Miguel's *Fantasy of the Elements*, when the band only grudgingly changed tempo several bars after Corley's baton.

In sharp contrast, the Dartmouth Wind Symphony played with impeccable precision. They started with Donald Hunsberger's tran-

scription of Shostakovich's *Festive Overture*. The upper woodwinds were spectacular in the fast opening section, playing with amazing clarity. The symphony remained this tight throughout their half of the concert.

Despite this technical brilliance, the Dartmouth Wind Symphony failed in the musical interpretation of their repertoire. Though the soloists played their parts perfectly, their phrasing imparted no feeling or understanding of the music. This was most noticeable in William Schaefer's arrangement of Stravinsky's *Suite from Petroushka*, which includes prominent solos by trumpet, flute, and bassoon, and other smaller solos. Neither did the symphony as a whole impart much emotion into its playing. The opening bars of Matthew Lake's transcription of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* were more efficient than romantic under director Max Culpepper's lead.

Musicality was actually the strong point of the MIT Concert Band's performance. Many of the band's section leaders are very impressive musicians and they made themselves heard. Despite the band's roughness

around the edges, they were much more exciting to listen to than the Dartmouth Wind Symphony. The percussion section was often a driving force, and excelled in *Fantasy of the Elements*, which highlighted the percussion.

Still, the lackadaisical attitude of the MIT Concert Band presented serious problems to the band's credibility. Ten members of the MIT brass section joined the Dartmouth Wind Symphony from the balcony for the ending of the *1812 Overture* to add volume and an antiphonal effect. During the first half of the piece, half of the MIT group stood, half were seated, and several fidgeted throughout. When they started playing, they appeared unrehearsed, coming in late, playing loudly at times, and dropping to near silence during the several passages that they were lost. Some of this could be attributed to the trumpets being the weakest section of the band, but it was a global problem as well. The MIT Concert Band would have been impressive indeed if its musicians were just more proficient in the technical aspects of playing their parts.

The Brady Bunch Bunch Movie plays on nostalgia

THE BRADY BUNCH MOVIE

Directed by Betty Thomas.
Written by Laurice Blehway, Rick Copp, Bonnie Turner, and Terry Turner; based on the television characters created by Sherwood Schwartz.
Starring Shelley Long, Gary Cole, Michael McKean, and Henriette Mantel.
Sony Cheri.

By Rob Wagner

On the surface, this movie seems as loathable as *A Very Brady Christmas*, the TV-movie that brought back all of the old actors (except the one who played Cindy) and attempted to adapt them

for the '90s. *The Brady Bunch Movie*, however, avoids this mistake by using an entirely new cast. Set in modern times, the Brady family, either timeless or anachronistically transported, remain the same lovable group, complete with characteristically garish wardrobes. The care for details from the original series, from Katie Carry-All (Cindy's doll), to Tiger the dog, to Peter's voice changing, was impressive and nostalgic.

Christopher Knight, Barry Williams, Ann B. Davis, and Florence Henderson, all from the original series, make well-placed cameos in the film. As do Monkees Mickey Dolenz, Peter Tork, and Davy Jones.

Shelley Long is surprisingly convincing as Carol Brady, with her expressive eyes and

inane worries beginning with "Oh, Mike." Gary Cole emulates Robert Reed well as Michael Brady, often giving confusing lectures the children accept as gospel.

The supporting cast was not exactly star-studded, but almost all were recognizable. Michael McKean played a neighbor scheming with other neighbors to turn the block into a residential mini-mall. Jean Smart plays his alcoholic, seductive wife, who is after the Brady men. RuPaul plays Jan's high school counselor, who advises her to distinguish herself from her siblings, hence the huge wig. David Graf, perhaps better known as Tackleberry from the *Police Academy* movies, plays Sam the Butcher, Alice's long-time love.

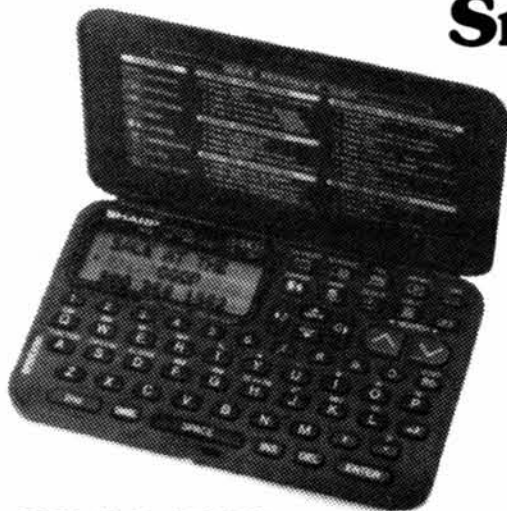
The plot is nostalgically inane: the family

will lose their house if they do not pay the \$20,000 they owe in back taxes. Will they succeed in raising the money? Who cares? That isn't the real point.

The real point of this film is to contrast the Bradys to the '90s and play on the nostalgia of those of us who watched, and sometimes even liked, the original series. Situations such as Mike's quest to sell his antiquated architectural designs, Marcia's confusing relationship with her lesbian best friend, the ubiquitous big brown station wagon, or the family singing parade around a Sears store, will leave the audience rolling in the aisles.

The film crumbles under any critical analysis, but when considered in the realm of *Beverly Hillsbillies* and *Coneheads*, the film is a success.

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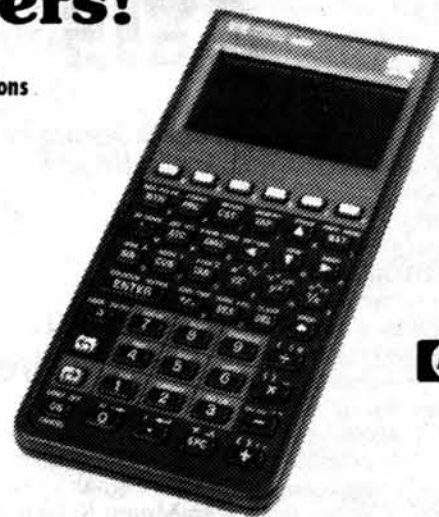
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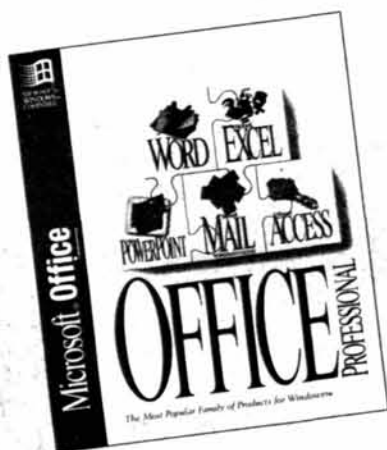
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Hogwood leads mesmerizing H&H Society performance

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By Hur Koser
STAFF REPORTER

One of the puzzling questions raised in the 1970s by innovative musical minds goes as follows: "If the piano was not available to Bach in his time, why use it now when performing his works?" It was apparently the right question to ask, though rather belated, after more than a hundred years of using the traditional nineteenth century-style orchestras for every composer from Bach to Brahms.

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What does all this come to? Well, it seems that when conductor Christopher Hogwood,

one of the founders of Historically Informed Performance and currently the artistic director of the Handel and Haydn Society, founded the Academy of Ancient Music in 1973, he was specifically aiming for virtuoso players of eighteenth century original instruments. Since then, Hogwood has gained international recognition as the director of the first British orchestra formed to play exclusively baroque and classical music on instruments appropriate to the period. And under his direction since 1986, the Handel and Haydn Society has become a distinguished period orchestra and chorus.

It was, therefore, by no means a surprise to hear recorders instead of flutes in last Sunday's performance of J. S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G major*. The incredibly soft and soothing sound that the recorder is prominent for is apparently one of the main reasons why Bach chose to give this instrument a lead in this concerto. It seems that the musicians of his time were fascinated by the sound of the recorder — even the Italian term for this instrument is *flauto dolce*, or "sweet flute" — and Bach's use of the instruments here certainly exploits this sweetness, in a bright and vigorous way. In the *Allegro*, the recorders act as an intermediate between the main orchestral body and the violin, with

much of the musical material passing through their delightful tunes, rather than the other two elements in this concerto. The leisurely *Andante* unites the violin and the two recorders as one instrument in dialogue with the strings. The final *Allegro* appears as a lively, free-style fugue. Stephen Hammer and Christopher Krueger definitely deserve the credit here as the recorder players. There is no denying that violinist Daniel Stepner is a quite experienced member of the H&H; nevertheless, in this concerto, he seemed somewhat reluctant to make his instrument be heard. This is probably because Stepner simply did not wish to dominate over the fragile tunes of the recorders. However, as Mr. Stepner is also aware, playing the lead does not mean that the audience can distinguish the timbre of the second viola in the ensemble much easier than his own instrument.

George Frideric Handel's *Sonata in G minor* was actually discovered about twenty years ago, by Handel scholar Anthony Hicks. A little concerto for oboe and strings, the sonata was probably composed sometime between 1718 and 1720. It is interesting to note here that the theme in the opening movement first appeared in 1708 or 1709 as an aria, and was then recycled twice again in operas he composed in London. The concluding

movement's theme is also the basis for the *Fugue in F minor*, from the eighth suite in Handel's *First Collection of Pieces for Harpsichord*. Therefore, it is quite logical to conclude that this sonata was actually intended to be a small collection of his most favorite pieces.

The other two works performed by H&H last Sunday night were Bach's *Mass in G minor* and Handel's *Dixit Dominus*. Both of these choral works were primarily composed for use in Christian worship, and in the case of the *Mass in G minor*, particularly for Protestant churches. Once you hear these sung by the H&H chorus, there remains no doubt that they have good reason to boast about being a premier chorus and one of the most renowned period orchestras in the United States.

The next performance of Handel and Haydn Society, which includes Mozart's *Thamos, King of Egypt* and Benda's *Medea*, will be performed at Symphony Hall on March 3 and 5. On March 24 at Jordan Hall, and on March 26 at the Sanders Theatre, the Society will perform Purcell's *Anthems for the Chapel Royal*. H&H is definitely a group of fine musicians and singers worth seeing, and hearing, more than once.

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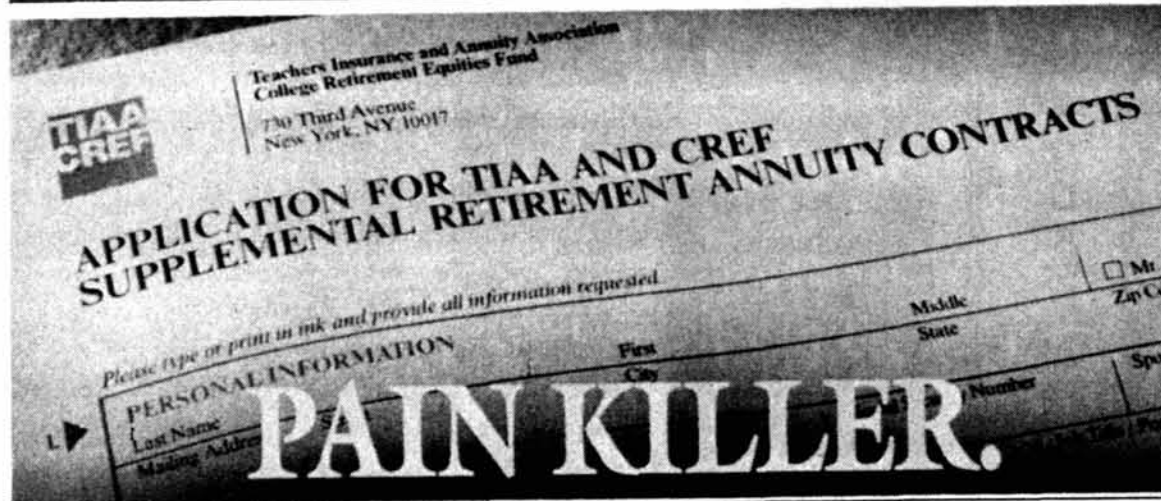
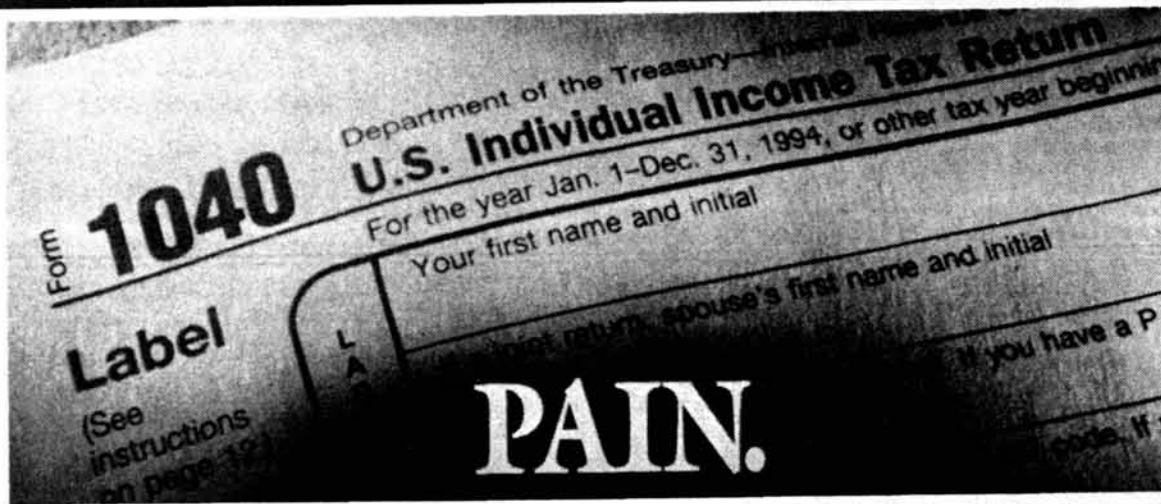
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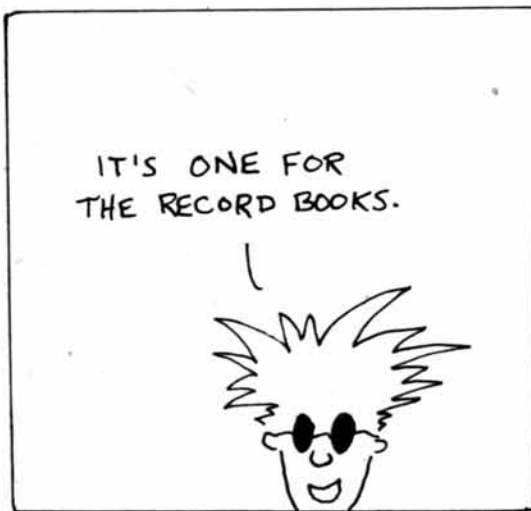
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UA Judboard Chair Retracts Election Changes

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pending review by the UA Judicial Review Board," Hsu said. Light came to Hsu on Saturday with a complaint that the Election Commission was not incorporating the new signature requirements, Hsu said.

The motion to reduce the number of signatures was made so that



Ioannis Kymissis '98

the numbers "were a little bit more representative of what the position entailed," Sankaran said. The largest change was the reduction in signatures required for UA Finance

Board candidates — from 220 to 50.

The number of signatures required for UAP and UAVP candidates was changed by the UAC from 440 to 400. The number of signatures for class president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary was reduced from 110 to 100 and to 50 for class social chair and publicity chair.

Change in deadlines

Because of the various delays and confusion about changes, the Election Commission altered the candidate application process by moving everything up one week, according to Election Commissioner Ioannis Kymissis '98.

Elections will be held on Wednesday, March 22, and students can turn in petitions to get on the ballot up until March 17. The commission will start certifying candidates at a meeting on March 4, Kymissis said.

Candidates cannot campaign until three days after turning in their packets to the Election Commission, so those who turn their packets in later will be at a disadvantage, Kymissis said.

"They will miss things like study breaks and debates" that candidates traditionally take part in, Light said. There will be two study breaks and two or three debates, he said.

"We expect plenty of people to run. We seem to have a high interest," Kymissis said. Currently 68 candidate packets have been distributed, he said.

Current candidates

A few students have already declared their candidacies for UA offices. Current UAVP Carrie R. Muh '96 is running for UAP with Erik S. Balsley '96 as her running mate.

Muh feels that her experience with the UA and the administration,

along with Balsley's new ideas, will make a good combination.

The team's goal will be to try to improve UA relations with students, "which is what I tried to do last year," Muh said.

John S. Hollywood '96 said he is probably going to run for UAP although he does not yet have a running mate.

"I have an idea of what I think the UA should do which is a little bit different that the normal visions of the UA," he said.

Hollywood said that the two

parts of his campaign platform would be to facilitate communication between the student body and the rest of MIT, and to make the UA's attitude more like that of a service club, such as Circle K or Alpha Phi Omega.

One of Hollywood's ideas is to have a "world tour" to meet with students in the different living groups. Hollywood wants to "start talking to students rather than throwing paper at them," as with surveys.

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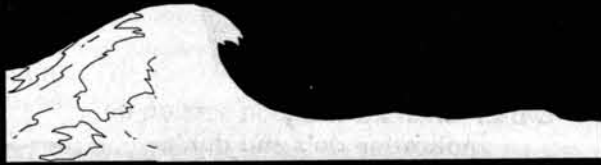
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Students Fault Aramark, Medical Department

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were opposed to moving all undergraduates to west campus, and 85 percent were against establishing an all-freshman dormitory.

About two-thirds said that MIT involves students in its decision-making processes poorly or very poorly, and about the same number also disapproved of how well MIT informs students about pending decisions. Almost half of those surveyed were not familiar with the Institute's interpersonal problem-solving resources.

Results sent to administration

These preliminary results have been distributed to President Charles M. Vest, Provost Mark S. Wrighton, and Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith. The Department of Housing and Food Services, the Medical Department, and other

involved offices and departments have also received the results, Hollywood said.

"The first thing we need to do is finish compiling all 720 surveys that were collected and write a report with the exact numbers and demographic groups, which will take about another month" Hollywood said. "Then we will publicize the results and make recommendations for student life based on those results."

Hollywood said he is optimistic that the administration will take the results seriously. "We will work as hard as we can to make sure good things come out of the survey," he said.

"We need the data collected from the big numerical surveys, but it is time for us to move on," he said. "We are going to be visiting and talking to students in various living groups individually instead of throwing papers at their

faces."

Few support Aramark

The contract of Aramark, MIT's food service provider, is currently up for review. Because of concerns over cost and food quality, only four percent of those surveyed favored renewing the contract. Alternatives included replacing Aramark with another food service contractor, having more delivery services that can be paid for by the MIT card, and greater student management of dining services.

Sixty-three percent favored giving franchises such as Burger King direct control over their on-campus sites and 80 percent opposed

mandatory meal plans in order to keep the dining halls open.

Half of those surveyed favored the current implementation of the MIT Card. But 45 percent were either opposed or strongly opposed to the idea of putting electronic entry devices on Institute buildings.

Fifteen percent of those surveyed had a negative view of the the Medical Department. Twelve percent have been informed that they have been misdiagnosed or mistreated. In addition, 14 percent of the students said that they would avoid the department's services whenever possible.



RAYMOND LOUIE—THE TECH
John S. Hollywood '96

New IFC President Calls for Higher Standards for ILGs

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refrigerator magnets with the beeper number. Neighbors with complaints could page the IFC at any time and get an immediate response, Dye said. This way, complaints from neighbors could be handled internally and more effectively, he said.

Dye will continue communication, pledge efforts

Setting high standards will help to improve the attitudes of entire houses, Dye said. Last year's talks with Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders and Friends opened important lines of communication, he said. "I'd like to keep that going," he said. "It's hard to change the seniors, but we can start with the freshmen through [higher] standards."

ILGs received a record number of pledges last rush. "I'd really like to keep that up," Dye said. Despite the record numbers, overcrowding of the fraternities is not a problem, he said.

As vice president, Pride said he plans to reorganize the IFC cabinet to be more efficient and to encourage interfraternity relations.

Pride will also work to "improve Greek Week and run rush in a more fair and fluid manner," he said. Pride said would like to encourage better relations between fraternities and sororities by encouraging more large-scale mixers.

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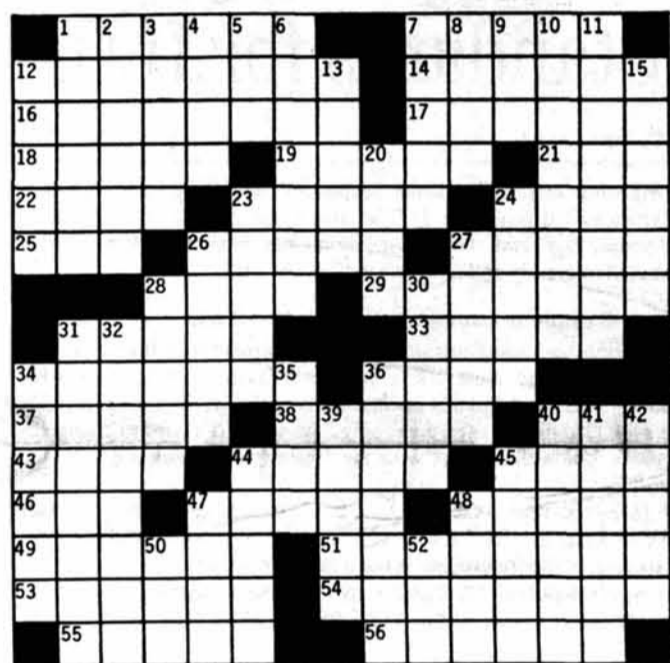
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SOLUTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TECH

Trades Make Early 2nd Half of NBA Season Eventful

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The Devils' fall from grace has been equally dramatic, as the team couldn't turn on the bulb with Thomas Edison's help. Despite the immense talent of goalie Martin

Brodeur, the team is hopeless. After all, how many 1-0 and 2-1 games can a team win in the playoffs, especially going up against the heroics of Stephan Mattau.

Bold Surprise #4: Vancouver's vacuum of victories. After coming within a game of glory last June, the

mighty Canucks have fallen. Captain Kirk McLain "Deluxe" has had a disappointing season, and the Russian Rocket, Pavel Bure, has been about as accurate as a Scud missile. As a result, Vancouver is languishing in the basement of the Pacific division, behind such cannon

fodder as the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and San Jose Sharks.

Finally, Bold Surprise #5: The rise of the hometown heroes. With a rookie goaltender and a thin front line, no one expected the Bruins to contend. However, Steve "Foot" Locher has been impressive, and Cam Neely's health has translated into a potent, even if inconsistent offense.

If the team stays healthy through the next month (read: rest of the season), then the Bruins could make waves come playoff time. Still, between now and then, many talented teams, from Buffalo to New York to Toronto should hit their respective strides, making this year's race for Lord Stanley's Cup as wide open as ever.

ent, in the form of Kendall "Fish" Gill or Latrell Sprewell. However, in the Blazers' infinite wisdom, they traded their leading scorer to Houston for the always dominant Otis Thorpe. At least the Blazers could have salvaged veteran leadership by swapping Drexler for Tree Rollins in a less lopsided deal.

However, the imbecility on the west coast reached even more ridiculous proportions when the Warriors unloaded forward Tom Gugliotta, a proven NBA rebounder and scorer, for Donyell "Clutch free-throws" Marshall, the biggest rookie bust west of Yinka Darc. It would be understandable if the Warriors were not high on Gugs; each team evaluates talent differently, according to their own needs.

However, the Warriors' recent activity begs the question of why they traded their franchise player, Chris Webber, for Gugliotta, and then turn around and trade him for a sorry excuse for an NBA player. The league's general managers are purportedly paid to pick talent, but some couldn't pick their own sister out of a police lineup.

Inside pitch

Usually, after the all-star break, contenders in the NBA jockey for position while the doormats play out the string. However, the beginning of the second half of the season has been incredibly eventful, due to two unbelievable trades. Although we here in Mudville can not confirm this rumor, our deductive thinking leads us to believe that every general manager on the west coast has been visiting either the pharmacy or the liquor store a bit too often.

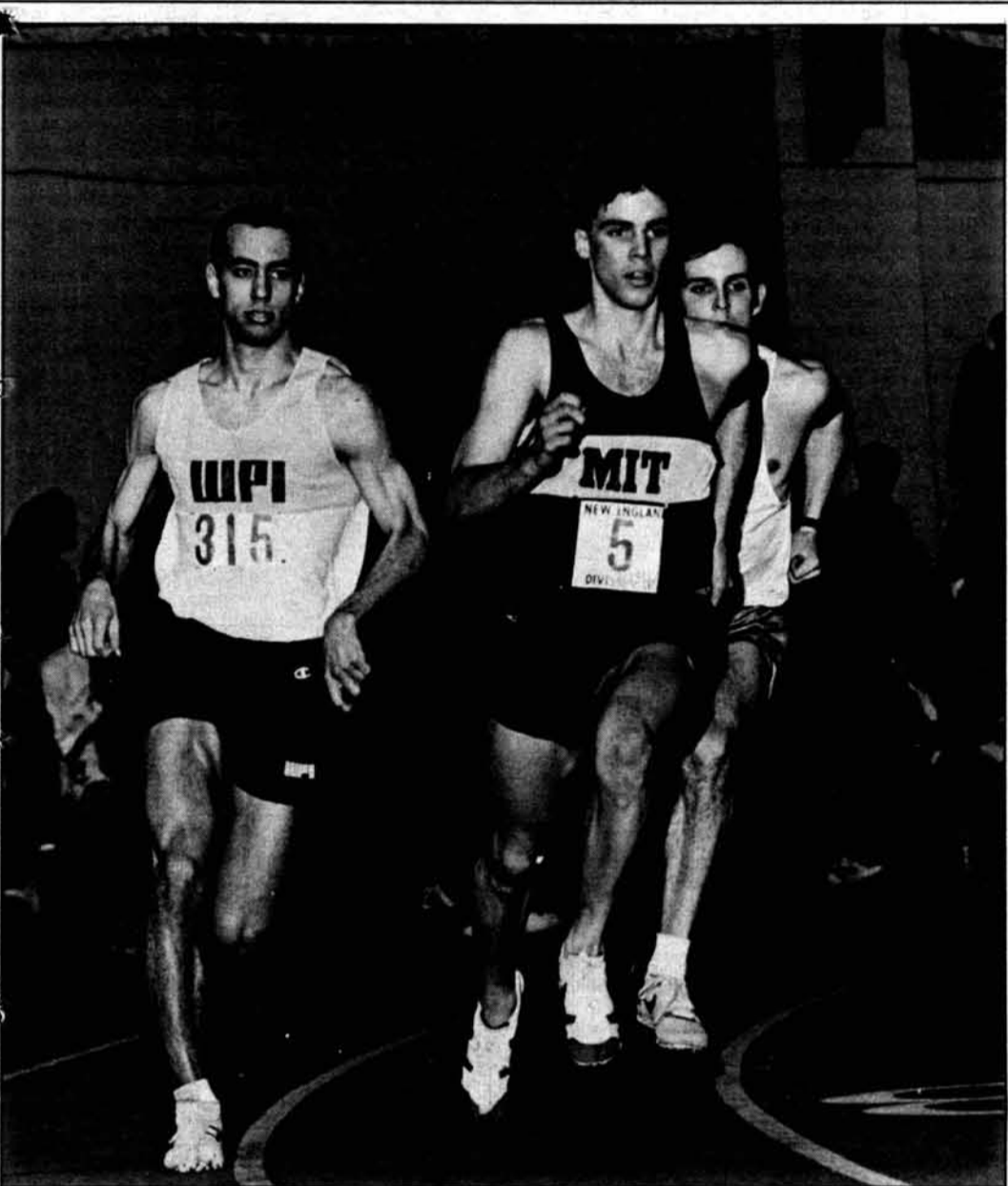
Specifically, the Portland Trail Blazers, the team famous for picking Sam "you can't hope to stop him, just try to contain him" Bowie over Sir Jordan, has made another colossal blunder. Portland had no choice but to trade the aging Clyde Drexler, who was demanding a trade, but to unload him for an average power forward borders on the insane.

Rumors around the league had Drexler being traded for young tal-

Trivia

Although there were several attempts to answer last week's challenging question, no one knew that Indiana's Rick Calloway passed to Keith Smart for the winning shot in the 1987 championship game.

This week's question also comes from the Marches of ages past: When UNLV won the National Championship in 1990, what was the Rebels' narrowest margin of victory, and against whom did they play the game? Please send your answer by electronic mail to bell@mit.edu.



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SPORTS

Women's Basketball Falls to Smith, 72-62

By Thomas Kettler
STAFF REPORTER

In a game either team could have won, the women's basketball team lost their final home match of the season to the Smith College Pioneers 72-62 Saturday afternoon at Rockwell Cage. The conference loss made the team 10-10 overall and 1-6 in the New England Women's Eight Conference.

Despite a "great effort" by the Engineers, "we lost to a team with more numbers, more players," said head coach Suzan Rowe.

Before the game started, graduating seniors C. J. Doane '95 and Kristin Ratliff '95 were thanked for their contributions to the team with bouquets.

Offensive rebounds won the game for Smith, which had 24 (with 15 in the second half alone) to MIT's 15. Those rebounds helped the Pioneers overcome a dismal 31 percent shooting from the floor. MIT did somewhat better from the field at 40 percent.

Smith also fared better at the line, shooting 66 percent to MIT's 56 percent.

MIT leads at half

Sarah Davis '97 opened the game with a quick four points. The Pioneers recovered, and took the lead at 8-6 four minutes into the game.

MIT countered with a 15-4 run in the next nine minutes to give the Engineers their largest lead at 21-12. The lead did not last for very long as the Pioneers countered with a 12-3 run to tie the game with 3:23 left. MIT retook the lead with 30 seconds left to end the half at 29-25.

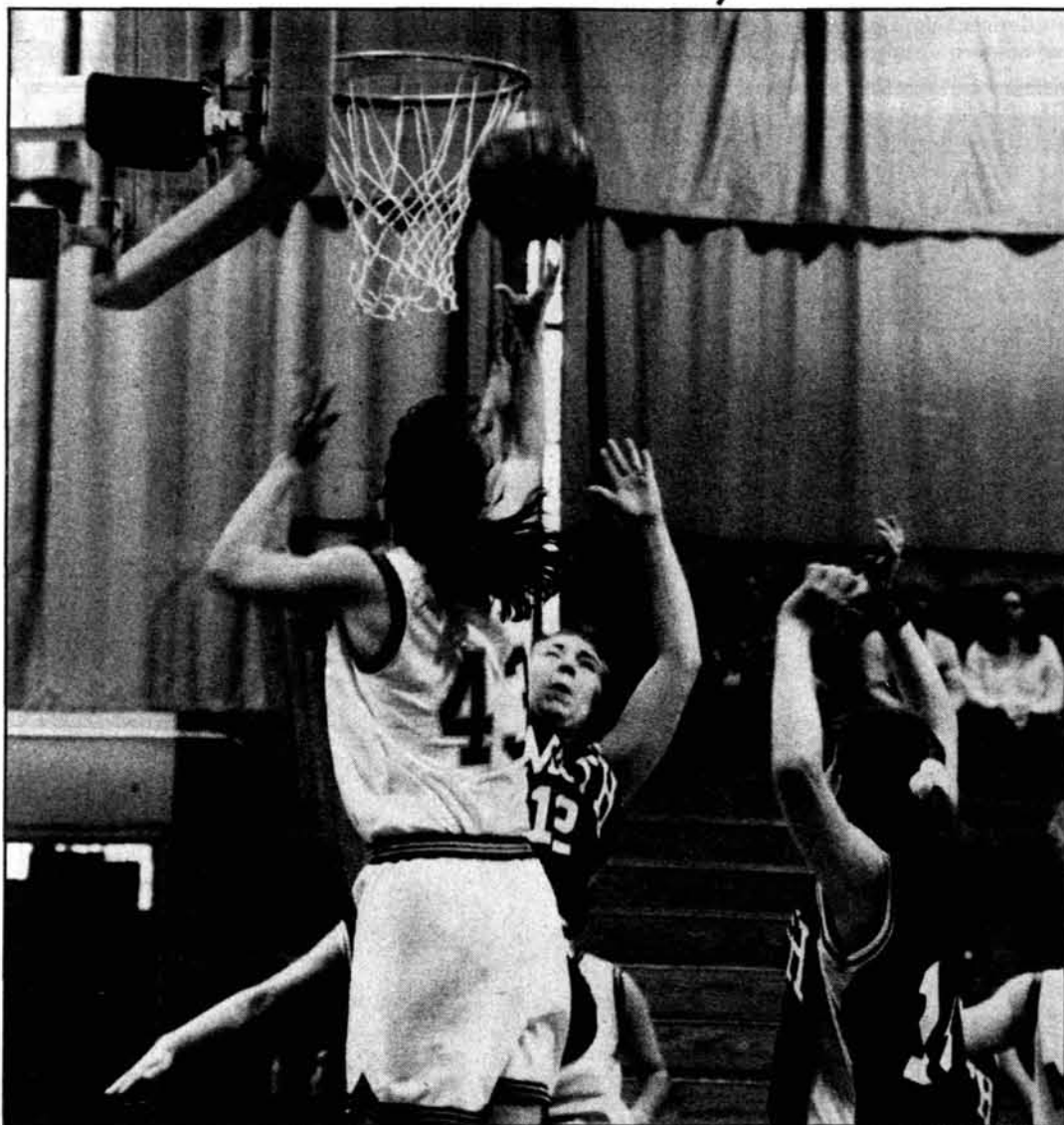
The Engineers continued to build their lead in the second half, culminating at 35-26 just two minutes into the half.

The teams traded baskets for several minutes before the Pioneers tied the game at 43-43 with 9:32 left. A Smith field goal gave the Pioneers a momentary 45-43 lead before Amy MacKay '97 made a 3-point field goal to give the Engineers a final lead of 46-45 with 8:47 left.

Twenty seconds later, Ann Miller put Smith in the lead for good with a field goal to make the score 47-46. The Pioneers got the lead up to eight before two field goals by MacKay made the score 63-59 with just under three minutes left.

Smith scored the next eight points, bringing the Pioneers to their largest lead of the game at 71-59 with only 12 seconds remaining. An Engineer 3-point field goal and a Pioneer free throw resulted in the final score of 72-62.

While the Engineers had four players in double figures to the Pioneers' two, Miller's game-high 34 overshadowed Doane's team-leading 18 points. MacKay contributed 13 while Nicole Gerrish '98 and Ratliff added 12 and 10, respectively. Doane also led the team in rebounds with 13 while Ratliff added 12.



An MIT women's basketball player shoots during their game against Smith College on Saturday. MIT lost 72-62.

Men's Basketball Drops Last Home Contest to WPI, 73-54

By Thomas Kettler
STAFF REPORTER

In a game MIT never led, the men's basketball team lost to the WPI Engineers 73-54 Thursday night at Rockwell Cage. The conference defeat in their final home game of the season made the team 10-12 overall and 4-7 in the Constitution Athletic Conference.

WPI dominated the floor game, shooting 54 percent, exactly double MIT's figure. That difference more than compensated for MIT's advantage at the line, where the Engineer's shot 79 percent to WPI's 46 percent.

Head coach Leo Osgood thanked the five graduating seniors by having them all start. Reserve players Terry Rivers '95 and Jim Clemens '95 joined veteran starters Nikki Caruthers '95, Randy Hyun '95 and

Joe Levesque '95 in the opening lineup.

WPI had five points on the board in the first minute before Hyun scored MIT's first points with a 3-point field goal. Melvin Pullen '97 tied the game at 5-5 before WPI again took the lead. The final tie of the game, 9-9, occurred on a Levesque field goal four minutes into the game.

Scott Ennis scored the next five points to give WPI the lead for good at 14-9. After that, MIT would get no closer than two on a Pullen field goal seven minutes into the game, at 16-14.

Following Pullen's field goal, WPI enjoyed a 10-2 run to make the score 26-16. A late run by MIT resulted in a halftime score of 36-32.

In the second half WPI opened with the five points to take a 41-32 lead. For the rest of the game, MIT could approach only within eight points of WPI, at 43-35.

WPI opened their largest lead of the game, 67-43, with just under five minutes left in the game. A small MIT run at the last minute lowered the spread to 73-54.

"It's hard to stay in the game with a team like that," Osgood said about the first half. "In the second, I think we ran out of gas."

Individually, WPI had four players score in double figures while MIT only had two. Ennis led both teams with 21 while only Keith Whalen '96 (17 points) Pullen (11 points) broke into double digits. Whalen also contributed 11 rebounds.

Nordiques Lead Mudville's List Of Surprises in the NHL Season

By David Berl and Jeremy Cohen
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

After about a month, the abridged season in the NHL (No H u r r y League) is almost halfway over. In

case you blinked, or thought that Dennis Potvin was making a return to the sport and decided not to pay attention, we here in Mudville offer a recap of the season's many surprises.

Bold Surprise #1: Break up the Nords. A perennial loser whose teams have underachieved more than Bart Simpson, les Nordiques have finally turned it around under

the brilliant guidance of General Manager Pierre "I am a rock" Paget.

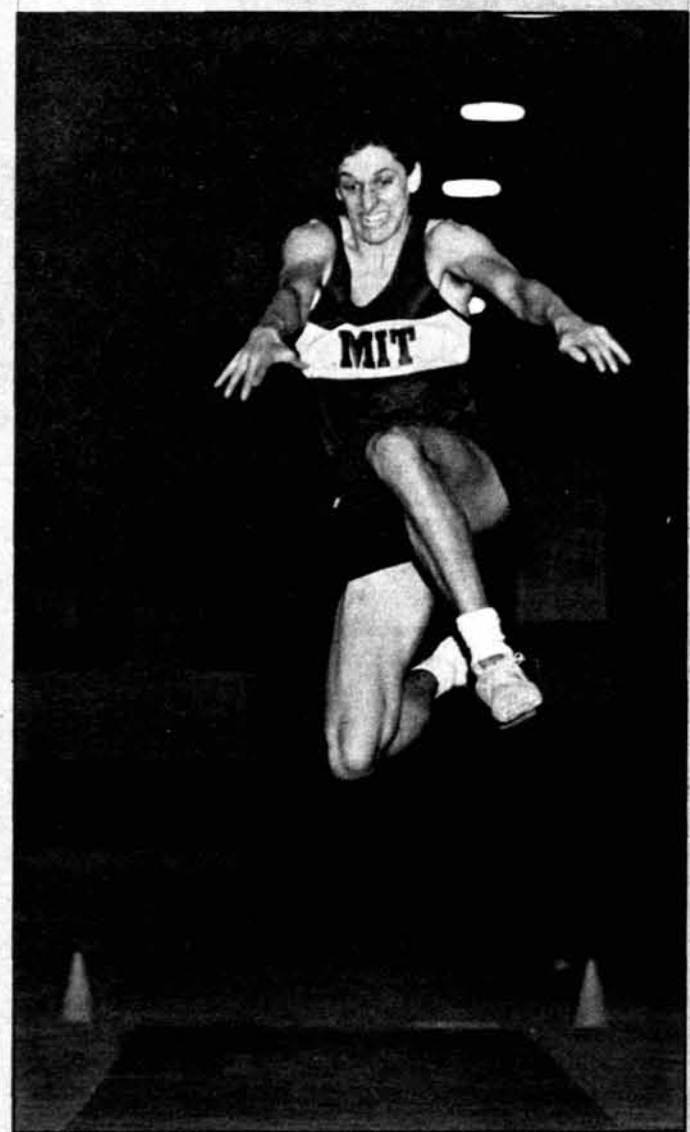
Stephane Fiset has been phenomenal in goal, and with Joe "Potato" Sakic lighting the lamp, Quebec has the league's second best record, to go along with the league's worst uniforms — the only creation in sports more aesthetically displeasing than Dennis Rodman's hair.

Bold Surprise #2: Mario's Brothers explode. After losing one of the best players of this hockey generation to retirement, the Penguins have taken flight, a zoological anomaly which has both scientists and sportscasters puzzled. However, the success in the Steel City should be no mystery, since up-and-coming superstar Joamir "Two Silent J's"

Jagr has dominated, while netminder Ken Wregget is having his best season ever.

Bold Surprise #3: The sinking in the Atlantic. No, that is not the Titanic going down off the eastern seaboard; instead, it is every team in the Atlantic division. The once powerful division, with talented clubs like the Rangers and Devils, does not have a single team over the .500 mark.

On the ice, the Rangers are essentially the same squad, but the stabilizing force of Mike "Benedict Arnold" Keenan is missing. By the way, Rangers fans, Keenan's St. Louis Blues are jazzing up the Mississippi with an impressive cam-



THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

An MIT triple jumper competes in the finals of Saturday's New England Division III indoor track and field championship, held in the Rockwell Cage.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Squash vs. Dartmouth College, 4 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics vs. Northeastern University, 7 p.m.

Intercollegiate Volleyball vs. Boston College, 8 p.m.