

Harvard, Duke Official New Dean of Student Life

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Margaret R. Bates, an academic and financial planning officer at Harvard University and a former vice provost of Duke University, was named to the new position of dean for student life on Tuesday.

The appointment comes one year after former Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith announced his intention to step down.

Current Dean for UESA Rosalind H. Williams, who appointed Bates, was named in June to that position but will change titles to become dean for undergraduate education when Bates takes office on Dec. 1.

Until that time, Bates will take

time to meet the staff of the Dean's Office and prepare for the job.

Bates said she had no knowledge concerning the amount of student contact the job would allow versus the amount of administrative work, but she said she was looking forward to the opportunity to work with students, faculty members, and administrators.

Perspective of Teamwork

Williams said she was "looking for a very savvy administrator who understood organization across pre-existing [organizational] boundaries."

Williams was looking for a candidate with a very strong background in senior academic adminis-

tration and finance, strengths that would help in the ongoing re-engineering of student services, she said.

Williams was "hired to provide leadership on academic issues. It would be impossible for me to do this unless I had someone I could count on" in the dean of student life position, she said.

Both Williams and Bates expressed the importance of building a team that would govern the Dean's Office. The new position is not just "filling a hole," Bates said but a way of expanding the capability of the Dean's Office.

Bates' outsider status is not a liability, Williams said. "Bates understands that each university has a distinct culture."



THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

Margaret R. Bates

While not "having the level of detailed knowledge of the way

things work here, my knowledge [of MIT] makes me want to learn more," Bates said.

Bates said her knowledge of the Institute could be described as having MIT in her "peripheral vision for most of my life," and is looking forward to "joining the community that I admire." She has worked with MIT administrators in the past, and her husband received a doctorate degree from the Institute.

Selection process representative

The same dean search committee that recommended Williams last spring also recommended a list of candidates for dean of student life.

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Deficit Higher Due To Re-engineering

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The Institute finished fiscal year 1995 with a deficit of \$10.1 million — \$1.2 million more than projected last year. The fiscal year ended June 30.

The main reason for the larger-than-expected shortfall was extra costs associated with the ongoing campus-wide re-engineering effort, according to Treasurer and Vice President for Finance Glenn P. Strehle '58.

However, continuing cutbacks in government subsidies and research funding were also to blame for the gap, Strehle said.

The shortfall came despite a decrease in the two major categories of expenses — salaries and benefits and goods and services, Strehle said. While these are growing under the rate of inflation, the unexpected increased costs of the re-engineering project and the less-than-expected recovery of indirect costs of research from the federal government offset the balance, he said.

The Institute will balance the budget with money from an Institute

fund known as the Research Reserve, Strehle said. The \$31.5 million left in the reserve after compensating for the deficit will be used toward the endowment.

MIT has operated under a deficit for the past several years.

Re-engineering to pay off in future

The cost of the installation of a computer-based accounting system as part of the re-engineering project accounted for the one of the main factors of the increased deficit, Strehle said.

Total expenditure for the project — which aims to save the Institute money by streamlining administrative processes — was \$10.6 million, he said.

Re-engineering is expected to have an overall \$30 million non-recurring expense, but will pay back \$40 million each year in ongoing savings beginning in 1998, said Director of Finance John A. Currie '57.

"The benefits of re-engineering will be realized in the future," Strehle said. "It is an investment in

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Researcher Exposed to Above-Normal Radiation Levels

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An MIT laboratory researcher reported above-normal levels of radiation exposure after working with a radioactive phosphorus tracer in August, according to the News Office.

The man, known only to be a post-doctoral fellow, is believed to have ingested a small drop of the substance. The MIT Radiation Protection Office and the Campus Police are investigating the case.

The protection office suspects the incident occurred Aug. 14, although it was not discovered until five days later during a routine radiation self-examination. How the chemical was ingested is not yet known.

The researcher has been examined by the Medical Department and by Environmental Medical Services a number of times since the report was issued several days ago. No physical health effects were noted.

According to the protection office, the researcher's intake was no more than 579 microcuries of radioactive material. This figure is within the 600 microcurie acceptable limit for single-event and annual exposure to the phosphorus isotope.

In addition, the substance is gradually excreted from the body, so the researcher's exposure level has returned to normal.

The incident seems to be isolated as no other members of the lab appeared to have been exposed.

The Radiation Protection Office confiscated and took inventory of the lab's radioactive materials for a brief period in August, but the lab continues to operate as usual.

No other details regarding the case have been released, although it has attracted media attention in *The Boston Globe*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and other local papers and radio stations.

Forum Recaps Million Man March

By James M. Wahl
STAFF REPORTER

Building on the euphoria generated by Monday's rally of hundreds of thousands of black men in Washington for the "Million Man

March," over 60 people crowded into the third floor lounge of the predominately black living group Chocolate City for an open forum Wednesday night.

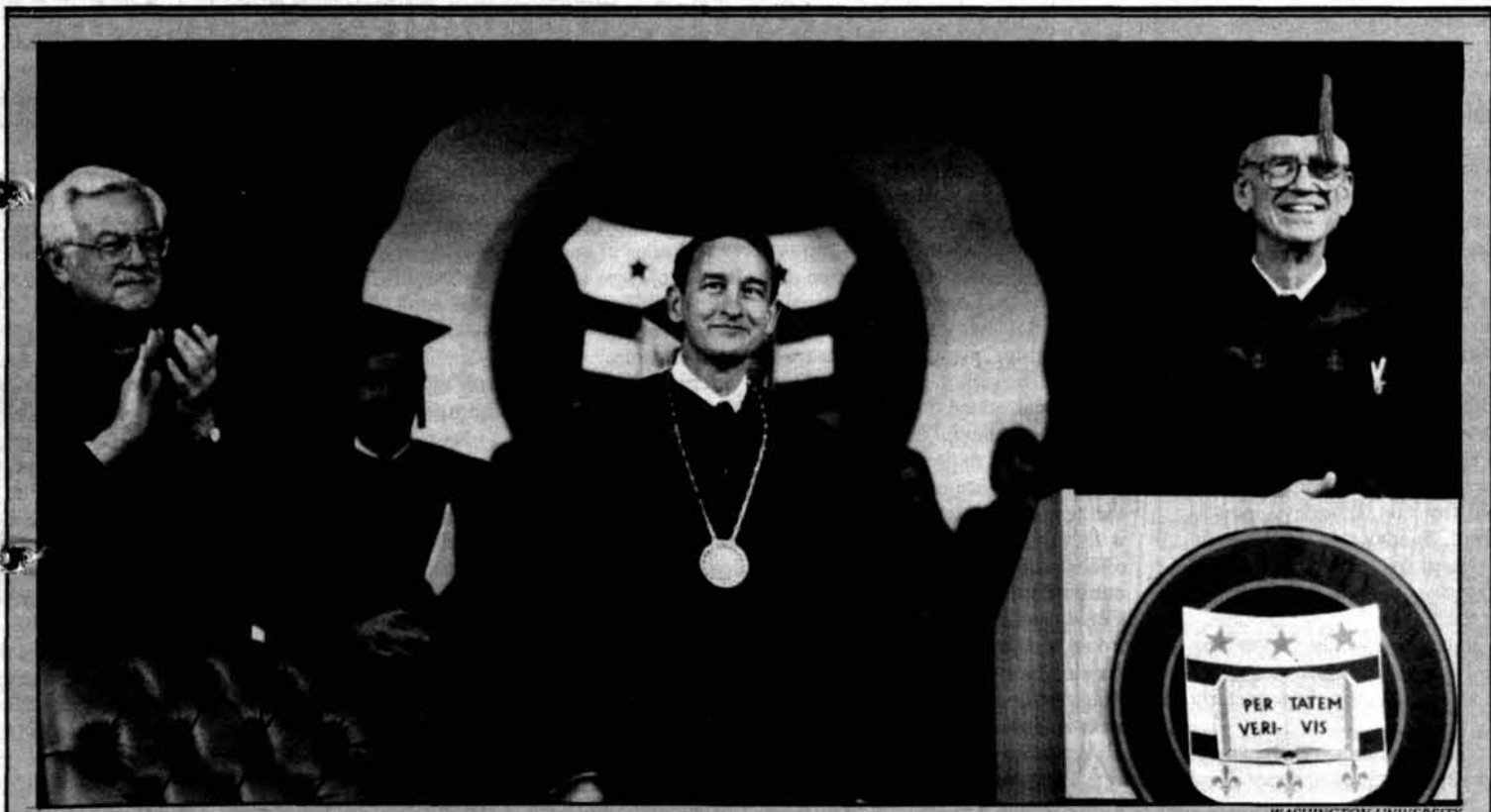
Organized by Louis Farrakhan,

the leader of the Nation of Islam, the march on the National Mall was billed as a "day of atonement" for black men across the nation, drawing 400,000 participants, according to National Park Service estimates. Organizers of the event say that the count was closer to 2 million.

With memories of the rally fresh in their minds, several students who attended the rally opened the discussion by describing their experience.

"We got to the march by 4:30 a.m. when it was still pitch dark and there were already 100,000 people there. By 8:30 a.m. we had made our way up to the front and kept lift-

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Former Provost Mark S. Wrighton (center) was formally installed as the 14th chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis on Oct. 6. After receiving the Chancellor's Medallion from his predecessor William H. Danforth (right), Wrighton gave his inaugural address, "Learning and Discovery: Gateways to the 21st Century." Wrighton took office on July 1.

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WORLD & NATION

Clinton Says He's Willing to Work With GOP on Budget Compromise

NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON

President Clinton offered congressional Republicans an olive branch Thursday, saying for the first time that he can meet their demand for a balanced budget in seven years if they'll make concessions toward his spending priorities. Surprised Republicans did not immediately accept the offer.

Clinton's gesture toward a budget deal came in a brief news conference where he assailed Republican legislation and confessed error in offending congressional Democrats. He referred to those who voted for his 1993 budget, from which he had distanced himself in a Tuesday night speech to wealthy contributors by lamenting that it had "raised your taxes too much."

In a partisan, uncompromising atmosphere, Republican leaders have gone as far as threatening a fiscal Armageddon of government debt default unless Clinton signs a new budget reaching balance in seven years through \$894 billion in spending cuts and \$245 billion in tax cuts.

President Rejects Time Limit For U.S. Troops in Bosnia

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton declined Thursday to embrace a proposal by his top advisers that he limit any U.S. troop deployment to Bosnia to a year, saying that he will not commit himself until a new peace accord is completed.

"Our commanders believe we can complete our mission in a year," he said, but "before I make that pledge to the American people, I want to know what the peace agreement is finally and ... have a very high level of confidence that I can make that commitment and keep it."

The president's remarks appeared designed to provide him with some political leeway on the issue after Congress' lukewarm reception this week to his plans to deploy U.S. ground forces.

Clinton also dismissed suggestions that Congress will follow the will of some Republicans and block him from sending troops to serve as peacekeepers. "I believe in the end the Congress will support this operation," he said at a news conference Thursday.

Nonaligned Nations Want Reforms To Increase U.N. Representations

LOS ANGELES TIMES

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA

When the United Nations opens its General Assembly this weekend, celebrating its 50th anniversary, an overwhelming majority of its members will be demanding "democratic" reforms in the world body.

The 113-member Nonaligned Movement, holding a summit meeting in this Caribbean coastal city, wants changes in U.N. structure that will give them more voting power and will safeguard the "sovereign equality of states."

Part of a declaration prepared for adoption Friday at the close of the Nonaligned summit says "it is essential to substantially increase" the movement's representation on the U.N. Security Council. The 15-member Security Council currently is dominated by the United States, Russia, France, China and Britain, which are its only permanent members and the only ones with veto power. Diplomats said here Thursday that the Nonaligned Movement will support proposals to add Japan and Germany as permanent members only if permanent seats are given to an African, an Asian and a Latin American country.

WEATHER

Fall Rains

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Following several weeks of tranquil conditions, there are strong indications of changes in flow pattern, with more active systems to affect our region over the next week. These changes are due to a high pressure ridge over the western Atlantic staying put (and perhaps even retrograding westward) and deep, slow-moving low pressure systems over the Great Lakes, which are poised to approach the eastern seaboard over the next few days.

A negative tilted (positioned on a southeast-to-northwest axis) trough will progress from the mid-sections of the country toward our area on Friday and set up a stormy weather scenario for the weekend. The resulting flow of moist, maritime air will cause widespread, possibly copious amounts of rain in the Berkshires and the Appalachian region, whilst a tightening pressure gradient will kick up the seas, causing higher than normal tides and some beach erosion in many coastal locations. The indications of a secondary low pressure system, developing along the surface cold front on Saturday, point to potentially heavy local rains here as well. Sunday, too, will remain unsettled, as the upper low pressure system over the eastern Great Lakes makes very gradual eastward progress.

Alas, raingear will be *de rigueur* for the regatta.

Today: Mostly cloudy and damp with onshore winds. Coastal fog and drizzle developing in the afternoon. High 58°F (14°C).

Tonight: Cloudy, with fog, drizzle and spotty rain. Raw easterly winds. Low near 52°F (11°C).

Saturday: Cloudy and rainy, with increasing southeasterly winds. High 58°F (14°C). Saturday night will be rainy, windy and raw. Low 52°F (11°C).

Sunday: Rain slowly tapering off to showers with some breaks possible. Highs in the mid-60s (17-19°C), lows in the mid-40s to around 50°F (7-10°C).

GOP Passes House Bill to Cut Spending on Medicare

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THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The GOP-dominated House voted 231 to 201 Thursday to approve a historic overhaul of Medicare health care program for the elderly, increasing the premiums for most beneficiaries and encouraging them to choose from private health care providers in an attempt to save \$270 billion over seven years.

Brushing aside Democratic charges that Republicans were bent on dismantling Great Society social welfare programs to pay for tax cuts and balance the budget, GOP leaders hailed their legislation as critical to preserving the 30-year-old Medicare program for the nation's 37 million retirees.

"We want a solution that preserves and protects Medicare for seniors and that sets the stage for the baby boomers," House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) said. "If we continue to go down the irresponsible, unorganized, inefficient, bureaucratic waste and fraud-filled system, our children will be crushed with taxes, they will be crushed with debt."

President Clinton charged that the plan would "eviscerate" the program and vowed to veto the bill unless it were substantially changed. "There is a right way to balance this budget, and a wrong way," Clinton said. "And I strongly believe the Republicans in Congress are taking the wrong way."

Rep. Thomas J. Bliley Jr. (R-Va.), chairman of the House Com-

merce Committee and a key GOP lawmaker, said a compromise might be possible before the final bill is sent to the White House. "I'd be willing to consider any reasonable proposal," he said.

The vote climaxed a frenetic 48 hours of behind-the-scenes wheeling and dealing, as Gingrich and other House leaders pressed to assemble the 218-vote majority required for passage. The outcome appeared in doubt late Wednesday until Gingrich substantially sweetened an offer to 20 rural GOP lawmakers who had complained hospitals and private health care providers in their regions would be shortchanged by the Medicare plan.

The day-long, sometimes raucous debate was marked with bitter partisan bickering and animosity. As he closed the debate, Gingrich noted acridly that "we are ending this debate with the same spirit of misinformation that has characterized the opposition."

Republicans hissed as House Minority Whip David E. Bonior, (D-Mich.) scored the measure as turning back "30 years of progress, 30 years of trust and 30 years of hope that our parents and our grandparents will always have the health care that they need." House Democrats hooted with derision as Gingrich named the members of his extended family to describe how the GOP bill would affect them.

The House plan, similar to one pending in the Senate, would encourage beneficiaries to shift from the traditional fee-for-service system to health maintenance organizations, medical savings accounts and

other private sector programs as a means of reducing costs.

The plan would not increase out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries such as a increased co-payments or deductibles. But it would make large cuts in payments to hospitals and doctors, increase the Part B premiums paid by all enrollees beyond projected increases and force wealthy seniors to pay considerably higher premiums than others. Even with these savings, overall spending for Medicare will continue to rise over the next seven years, from \$4,800 per beneficiary in 1996 to \$6,700 in 2002.

The Republicans approved their plan after brushing aside a Democratic alternative, 283 to 149, that would have cut only \$90 billion from the growth of spending over the next seven years. Rep. Sam Gibbons (Fla.), the ranking Democratic on the Ways and Means Committee, argued that his proposal would provide more than enough savings to avert the projected bankruptcy of the system by 2002, while buying time to devise a more sensible system.

The Democrats and the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) have charged that the plan was "too extreme" and that it was a thinly veiled attempt to find savings to finance a large \$245 billion tax cut for middle- and upper-income Americans.

"This bill takes health benefits from grandma, from grandpa, and hands them over to the richest Americans in the form of a nice, big, juicy, fat tax break," Rep. Joe Moakley (D-Mass.) said Thursday.

Freeh Says FBI Actions at Ruby Ridge Were 'Flawed'

By George Lardner Jr.
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

FBI Director Louis J. Freeh said Thursday that the bureau's performance during the standoff at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and in its aftermath was "terribly flawed," but he doggedly refused to denounce the shot that killed Vicki Weaver as unlawful or unconstitutional.

"I am not saying that I approve of it," Freeh said of the shot by FBI sniper Lon Horiuchi. "I am not trying to justify it. I am not saying I would have taken it. ... I am certainly not saying that in a future similar set of circumstances, FBI agents or law enforcement officers should take such a shot."

But "on careful balance," the FBI director said in testimony before the Senate subcommittee on terrorism that he believed Horiuchi's shot "was constitutional." And "under all of the circumstances" Horiuchi faced on Aug. 22, 1992, Freeh added, "I do not believe that it was unlawful in that time and place for him" to fire.

Freeh's stance on the last day of the hearings led to lengthy sparring with subcommittee members that overshadowed an extraordinary public confession of errors by an FBI director. He said his outlook would become even worse if allegations of a coverup concerning Ruby Ridge, now under Justice Department investigation, are sustained.

Vicki Weaver was killed, with her baby daughter in her arms, while holding a cabin door open for her white separatist husband, Randy Weaver, and two others fleeing for cover after Horiuchi's first shot. Horiuchi took the Fifth Amendment

before the subcommittee last month. He testified in 1993 that he was not aiming at Vicki Weaver, but at the last man running into the cabin, Kevin Harris.

The bullet struck Vicki Weaver, killing her, and then wounded Harris, landing near his heart. Horiuchi said he was trying to protect the occupants of an FBI helicopter that he heard-but did not see-moments before he fired his first shot, which wounded Randy Weaver.

Sen. Fred D. Thompson (R-Tenn.) said he was troubled because the problem involved not just the past but future uses of deadly force. He said it was clear to him "those people running into the house did not pose a threat to anybody" and that Horiuchi fired because controversial rules of engagement at Ruby Ridge told the snipers they "could and should" shoot any armed adult male seen in the vicinity of the Weaver cabin.

The rules, however, were "clearly wrong" and so, Thompson argued, Horiuchi "had to ... take the position" that he fired his shots "under the standard deadly force policy of the FBI," permitting its use to prevent "imminent threat" of death or bodily harm to oneself or another.

"Agent Horiuchi was in a bind," Thompson said, "and it's unfortunate ... but I think it's a little bit more of a problem when the director of the FBI says that he can't pass judgment on those circumstances."

Freeh disagreed, pointing out that he accepted Horiuchi's testimony while Thompson was challenging it. "My judgment clearly is that it was a constitutional shot," Freeh said. "That doesn't mean that it was

a good shot." Good or bad, it was apparent Thursday's hearing that new uniform rules on the use of deadly force promulgated this week for the FBI and all other Justice and Treasury department law enforcement agencies would not prevent such a shot from being made again.

Freeh said new training would emphasize use of lesser force wherever feasible. He said that "given everything we know now," such a shot would not be taken. But he emphasized that he was speaking with the benefit of hindsight, and not of the split-second decisions made by Horiuchi.

Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), the subcommittee chairman, said he doubted that even the new rules would pass constitutional muster because they permit the use of deadly force in the face of an "imminent" rather than an "immediate" threat.

Despite the disagreements, Freeh won high praise for the steps he has taken to change the FBI's crisis management structure and to adopt other policies that he said would address "the flaws and shortcomings" of the FBI's response at Ruby Ridge.

The FBI snipers at Ruby Ridge were members of the bureau's military-style Hostage Rescue Team. Freeh said he felt the HRT was needed, but he indicated he would not have sent it to Ruby Ridge had he been director at the time.

Freeh said the inquiry is expected to take eight months. He gave little detail about the allegations but said they would, if proven, "shake the very foundation of integrity upon which the FBI is built."

Justice Department Begins Probe of Los Angeles Police

By Pierre Thomas
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Sparked by charges of police misconduct that surfaced in the O.J. Simpson murder trial, the Justice Department has begun examining the Los Angeles Police Department to determine whether there is a "pattern" of civil rights abuses by officers in one of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies.

The department's civil rights division is in the early stages of an investigation that will seek to determine whether alleged abuses by Los Angeles police officers, including excessive force, is a systemic problem, sources said Thursday. The investigation began after racist comments by former LAPD detective Mark Fuhrman and allegations of fabricated evidence became a focal point of Simpson's successful defense.

Broad federal investigations of police misconduct in cities have been rare and controversial, since police internal affairs units and local

district attorneys claim primary jurisdiction over disciplinary matters in those agencies. But under last year's crime bill, the civil rights division gained new authority to develop "pattern of practice" cases against agencies with egregious records. Since then, officials say the department has worked on developing a "handful" of cases against city police departments across the country that have been criticized for widespread civil rights violations.

A pattern-of-practice investigation, in which Justice could bring civil charges against an entire department, and criminal probes of individual officers are among the tools the department could use in examining Los Angeles, which one official described as an "extremely sensitive" situation.

The Los Angeles Police Department, with about 8,000 officers, has been under intense public scrutiny since the 1992 riots that were triggered by the acquittal of four white police officers who were videotaped beating black motorist Rodney G.

King. The Justice Department later prosecuted the officers on civil rights violations.

In the Simpson case, legal analysts speculated after the verdict that concerns that police were capable of serious misconduct against a black defendant played a role in the decision by a mostly black jury to acquit Simpson.

Attorney General Janet Reno promised shortly after Simpson was acquitted that the department would look into suspected civil rights violations. Capt. Bob Ruchhoft, a spokesman for the LAPD, said he was aware that the Justice Department was contemplating an investigation but did not know specifics.

Department lawyers have reviewed at least one specific complaint of abusive practices that related to a case Fuhrman described in taped interviews with a screenwriter. The civil rights division has received a number of other complaints against the LAPD, primarily from African American and Hispanic residents.

Perot Supporters Try to Gain Voters to Place Party on Ballot

By William Claiborne
THE WASHINGTON POST

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

Four days before the deadline, Ross Perot's new Reform Party has registered only slightly more than a tenth of the voters needed to win a spot on California's 1996 presidential ballot. But Perot officials said they have more than enough registrations to qualify.

California Secretary of State Bill Jones said the Reform Party has registered 10,217 of the 87,007 voters it needs to get on the ballot — far more than the Rock and Roll Party, which has signed up only 70 people, but well behind the Natural Law Party, which advocates, among other things, Transcendental Meditation programs and has already registered 69,438 people.

Jones said that although Tuesday is the deadline for new parties to file in registrations, he still is unable to say whether any of them will qualify because of the lag time in processing the forms. He noted that the Reform Party had "picked up steam" from a week ago, when only 448 voters had been registered, and that the party had been given 1.2 million blank registration cards.

Russ Verney, national executive

director of Perot's United We Stand America political organization, said the group has submitted more than 50,000 completed registration forms and has mailed another "couple hundred thousand" to voters who requested them for mailing directly to Jones's office in Sacramento. In addition, Verney said, clip-out forms were published in newspapers in Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego.

"We're confident we'll be well over the minimum," said Verney, who estimated 1,000 volunteers were signing up registrants on weekdays and 2,500 on the weekend. Perot announced his plan to create a new national party on Sept. 28, but the registration drive did not get into high gear until last week. California was targeted first because it has the earliest deadline.

At a downtown shopping mall this week, the new party was attracting a broad cross section of Republicans, Democrats and independents who say they are dissatisfied with the choices offered by the major parties.

But just in case, the Reform Party volunteers were reminding voters that they could change back to their old registrations as soon as

the party was assured of its ballot placement.

"I like the idea of having additional choices and more candidates to listen to," said Douglas Wilson, 32, a video production company employee from Santa Monica who said he has been a supporter of the Green Party. "Right now, I'll withhold judgment on Perot until I see his platform. But we need more discussion on the really important issues than the Democrats and Republicans are offering."

Wilson filled out an official registration form that will be sent to Sacramento and then to his county election registrar. But he also took a blank form after being told by a Perot volunteer that if he wants to he can revert to his original party affiliation once the Reform Party qualifies for the ballot.

Ann Quebodeaux, a United We Stand America worker in charge of the canvassing effort at the Third Street promenade here, said that about 150 to 250 voters register daily and that her analysis of the completed forms indicated about 48 percent of the registrants have been Democrats, 38 to 40 percent Republicans, and the rest independents or supporters of other minor parties.

Belgian Parliament Allows Claes To Be Indicted on Fraud Charges

By Rick Atkinson
THE WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN

Belgium's parliament voted overwhelmingly Thursday night to strip NATO Secretary General Willy Claes of immunity and permit his indictment on forgery and fraud charges in a defense corruption scandal. The decision was widely expected to lead to Claes's resignation Friday.

The vote, 97 to 52 with one abstention, followed a last-ditch plea by Claes in Brussels before the Chamber of Deputies, the parliament's lower house. The secretary general emerged grim-faced following his three-hour presentation to proclaim again his innocence and to defer all questions about his future until Friday.

But NATO sources said Claes is expected to submit his resignation in the morning to ambassadors of the 16-nation alliance and to meet privately with his staff before making a public announcement. His departure barely a year after taking

office will leave NATO temporarily leaderless as the alliance is solidifying plans to send at least 50,000 combat troops to Bosnia to enforce a U.S.-brokered peace plan.

"This couldn't have come at a worse time," one NATO general said.

The parliamentary vote was needed to strip Claes of the immunity he gained as Belgian economics minister in the late 1980s. The corruption case will be referred to the Cour de Cassation, the country's highest court.

Claes has not been accused of personally enriching himself in the scandal, which involved kickbacks allegedly contributed to his Flemish Socialist Party by the Italian helicopter company Agusta and the French company Dassault. Rather, he stands accused of being privy to the funneling of kickbacks into party coffers in exchange for Socialist support in parceling out defense contracts. Claes's position gave him oversight responsibility for such transactions.

The 56-year-old secretary general has repeatedly declared his innocence, and both Agusta and Dassault have denied making improper payments. Claes survived intense pressure to step down last March after the forced resignation of his party colleague and successor as Belgian foreign minister, Frank Vandebroucke.

But the issue resurfaced with even greater virulence earlier this month when the Cour de Cassation accused the secretary general of corruption and recommended that parliament revoke Claes's immunity so that he can be indicted.

Alliance sources say that in recent days Claes had been consumed by the scandal and his last-ditch effort to save both his job and his reputation.

But the special commission's recommendation of indictment took much of the steam out of Claes's defense, the sources said, and he publicly mentioned possible resignation last Saturday for the first time.

Yeltsin Will Replace Minister; Discusses Foreign Relations

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

President Boris Yeltsin served notice Thursday that he intends to replace Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, whose pro-Western views have made him a target of criticism as Russia's political consensus has drifted toward nationalism and isolation.

In a news conference with American and Russian correspondents in advance of Monday's summit meeting with President Clinton in New York state, Yeltsin acknowledged "some coolness" in the relationship with Washington, "especially after the euphoria" that followed the end of the Cold War.

Although he took pains to emphasize his good relationship with Clinton, Yeltsin stood fast on recent conflicts between Russia and the United States, including Russia's refusal to put its troops under NATO command in a Bosnia peacekeeping force, opposition to enlargement of the Atlantic alliance and determination to go ahead with the sale of nuclear reactors to Iran.

But in a move that will be welcomed by Western military planners, Yeltsin announced that Russia is scaling back its original proposed contribution to the multinational peacekeeping force in Bosnia. He said Russia could not afford the \$3 billion price tag to send a division to the Balkans and instead was considering a much smaller force.

Yeltsin answered questions extemporaneously for 70 minutes in the gilded Catherine Hall in the Kremlin, seated at a large round table with journalists in an appearance that was broadcast on television. Yeltsin, who suffered a minor heart ailment last summer, was occasionally animated but sometimes spoke slowly and deliberately.

He described the war in the separatist region of Chechnya, and the massive toll in human lives, as the "biggest disappointment I have felt in my term in office." He added, "Perhaps something could have been done better, how to say — you could have acted in a finer manner." He said no more troops would be sent to the region. He expressed no remorse about fighting "real bandits" in Chechnya and insisted his decision to wage war there was constitutional.

Japanese Official Resigns For Criticism of U.S. Military

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TOKYO

Struggling to constrain rising sentiment against U.S. military bases on Okinawa, the Japanese government Thursday forced a high defense official to resign for characterizing as "stupid" Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's efforts to solve base problems through dialogue.

The incident heightened emotions in an uproar that started when three American servicemen were accused of raping a 12-year-old Japanese girl on Okinawa. Although U.S. officials — from Ambassador Walter F. Mondale in Tokyo to President Clinton himself — have apologized, calls have erupted in Japan for changes ranging from more stringent regulations on the 44,000 American troops in Japan to a reduction of U.S. bases on Okinawa.

Noboru Hoshuyama, a civilian in charge of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency, submitted his resignation after officials bombarded him with criticism.

"Coming at a crucial time when the entire administration is tackling the Okinawa issue, my careless remarks were a great imposition," Hoshuyama said in an evening news conference.

Lawmakers Condemn Disney For Gay Partner Benefit Plan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Fifteen Florida legislators have signed a letter condemning Walt Disney Co. for extending health benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees, calling the policy "anti-family" and unbefitting a company that provides "wholesome, family-oriented entertainment."

The letter, addressed to Disney Chairman Michael Eisner and the company board, represented the first backlash to Disney's new "domestic partner benefit."

The benefit — which has become commonplace in the entertainment industry — was quietly disclosed by Disney in an employee newsletter about two weeks ago, and it takes effect Jan. 1.

Disney spokesman John Dreyer on Wednesday declined to comment, saying neither Eisner nor other company officials have received a copy of the letter.

However, Dreyer said: "The decision was made and we intend to stick to it." Dreyer said he is unaware of any other organized protest against Disney's new policy.

In interviews, some of the 15 Florida legislators said they hope their letter will persuade Disney to reconsider its policy. But if Disney does not, the lawmakers said they have no plans to take further action.

Two Teenage Girls Accused In Series of Carjackings

THE WASHINGTON POST

Two Brentwood, Md. girls, ages 12 and 14, were in police custody yesterday in connection with four armed carjacking incidents over a recent two-week span.

In each case, county police said, the middle-school students asked an elderly woman to give them a ride and then threatened the victim — twice with a toy gun and twice with a knife — to force her to turn over her car. Three of the attempts were successful, and one failed. None of the victims was injured.

In the botched attempt, police said, the victim recognized the handgun was a toy and tried to wrestle it from one of the girls. During the struggle, the gun broke into two pieces, and the two girls fled from the car, police said.

A police spokesman said that he did not know which girl held the weapon in each incident but that both drove the stolen vehicles. The girls were taken into custody at their homes Wednesday and have been charged as juveniles with one count each of armed carjacking. Additional charges are pending.

OPINION

Bates Appointment Lacked Student Input

On Tuesday, Dean of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Rosalind H. Williams announced the appointment of Margaret R. Bates as the new dean of student life. We welcome Bates to MIT, having no doubt of her qualifications for filling the new office. We do not, however, approve of the method of her appointment. Considering that this position is focused on student life, MIT's students should have been widely consulted about the appointment. They were not.

The Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs is certainly concerned more with undergraduate life than any other administrative office or dean. Clearly, major changes in the organization of this office — the appointment of a new dean and the split of the UESA responsibilities — concern undergraduates. Student involvement should have been sought as a matter of course.

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ing the new position and making the appointment, certainly much more could and should have been done.

Such consultation could have taken several forms: more representative students on the dean search committee (appointed by student government bodies), a greater mandate for that committee (to include the structure of the Dean's Office and specific future appointments), and publicity about the intended structure of the Dean's Office before any appointments are made.

Judging from the fact that the decision and appointment were released this month, and the dean search committee did its work in the spring, it seems unlikely that students had any impact on either the reorganization of UESA or the appointment of Bates. The importance of the reorganization itself and the nature of the newly created office demanded student input. The fact that no systematic attempt to get that input was made is evidence that the Dean's Office has yet to commit itself to consensual decision-making processes.

As of today, the two most important figures in the Dean's Office are new to their jobs. Now is the time for Dean Williams and Dean Bates to establish a working relationship with student groups and student leaders. They should be anxious to build reputations as student advocates and seekers of community input. The next several months will test their commitment to values derived consensually, as opposed to goals derived from organizational routines.

The decision-making process in the appointment of Bates casts an unwelcome shadow on the start of a new office. The administration should act more responsibly if it wants students to believe it genuinely cares about their concerns. We hope that, in the future, the deans will make a strong commitment to consider student concerns from the beginning to the end of every such decision-making process.



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Letters To The Editor

"Jim's Journal" Frames Misordered

The top and bottom row of "Jim's Journal" on page 21 of the last issue of *The Tech* are flipped. Thus, the panels are in the order 3, 4, 1, 2. Was this a test to see whether anyone reads "Jim's Journal"? Nice try, but no cigar. There are readers who follow Jim's exploits. Jim is great, as are "Zork's Place" and "Off Course." Keep all three.

Henning Colmsan-Freyberger '96

Editor's Note: A new comic, "Rookies," by Willy S. Ziminsky G, debuts in this issue.

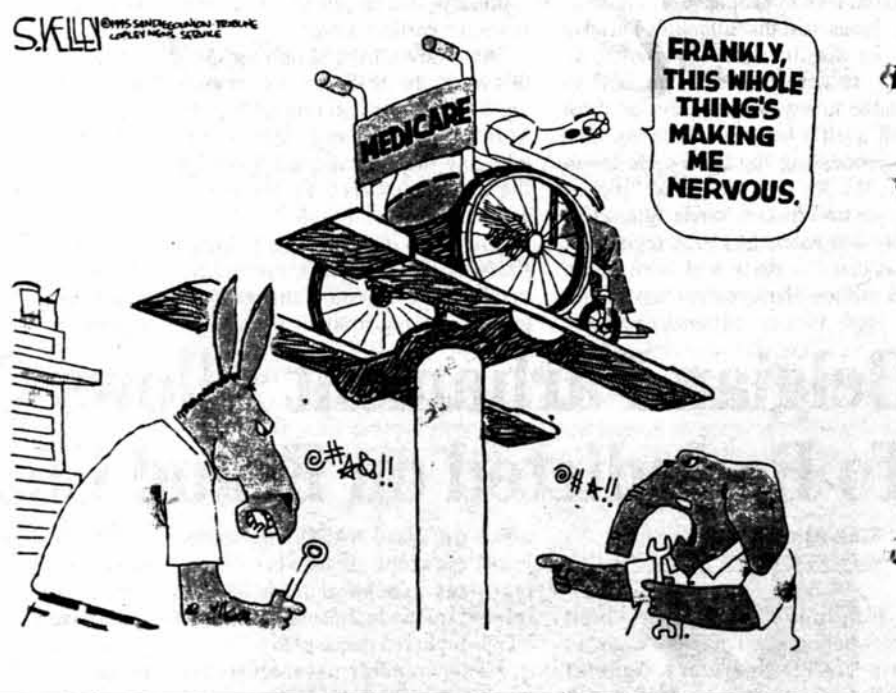
Sailfish Outpaces Bluefin Tuna

The article on Robotuna ["Robotuna Project to Model Real Fish," Oct. 17] needs one minor correction: The bluefin tuna is not the fastest fish in the sea. According to the latest National Marine Fisheries Service research, that title belongs to the sailfish, at over 60 mph (96 kph).

Marlin are a close second, with tuna topping out at an estimated 45 mph (72 kph). Marlin and sailfish need this speed since tuna form a large part of their diet.

I believe tuna are the most efficiently swimming fish, which is probably what you meant to say.

John H. Kim G



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Balkan Subversives' Lives Endangered by Conspiracy

Column by Anders Hove
OPINION EDITOR

A week had passed since my strange arrest by the International Fraternity Protection Force. I had gone about my daily business, and made no efforts to bring my case to a positive conclusion. Indeed, I really had no information about my case at all, other than that the charges related somehow to the vague attempts at satire I publish from time to time. It was high time I stopped by for another visit at the Balkan Subversive and Revolutionary Bookstore.

Usually the bookstore is deserted, save for the proprietor, Radovan Ilic. Today, however, I perceived three shadows through the store's hazy, soot-filled atmosphere. They were accompanied by creaky, severe voices. "Hove!" cried one, "Come, we were just discussing your case."

I stepped past the heaps of dusty books and stood next to the figures, adjusting my eyes to the dark. Slowly I began to make out their craggy, wrinkled physiognomies. One of the sottier ones I recognized as Radovan, but the others?

"Allow me to introduce my brothers, Milovan and Ratko," said Radovan, gesturing toward the two. Milovan appeared to be about 90 years old; his shock of white hair and greyish beard nearly covered his face. Ratko looked somewhat younger; his long, reddish whiskers and pink lips stood in sharp contrast to the figures of his pale siblings.

"Yes, Mister Hove," blurted Ratko, excitedly. "We're anxious to look into this further. I got a tip earlier today that the members of a

fraternity have some information that might redound to your benefit."

"What is this fraternity and how do they relate to my case?" I asked.

"They call themselves 'Xi Xi Xi,'" grunted Milovan. "They have close relations to the International Fraternity Protection Force, and its leader, Neal D____. You must talk with them immediately. Radovan will go with you; we'll remain here, in contact with the underground." Ratko tapped a manhole cover with his foot knowingly.

And so my friend Rado and I found ourselves in the entrance to the Xi Xi Xi chapter of Sigma Omicron Beta. I noticed a bulletin board by the door where some notices had been posted. Looking at the top-most one, I recognized my name, yet the rest was scrawled in some bizarre, runic script.

"Wait here while I case the joint," grunted Radovan. I watched his elderly, crooked form disappear into a nearby room.

I was now alone in the lobby. From somewhere I could here vague, shrieking sounds. They seemed to be coming from behind a closet door to my immediate left. What could anyone be doing in there? I stared dumbly at the doorknob — the shrieking seemed to be getting louder and more terrified. Were there

two voices or one? The presence of abject terror seemed to be poisoning the air around me; I felt faint and dizzy. My hand groped for the closet door, gripped it, and pulled.

Three men stood before me, two with their shirts off, the other wearing some sort of leather assembly and hood. The leather man held a bullwhip in the firm grip of his right hand, drawn back over his head, poised to strike again. One of the other two men spoke:

"Mister Hove, thank goodness you've come. He is whipping us; you can make him stop! Tell him we did nothing. Tell him!"

I recognized the man as Tuck, one of the two who had arrested me last week. Why was the man whipping him, and what did it have to do with me?

Tuck's partner, Nipp, now spoke, "Neal D____ read your column, and now he's punishing us for eating your food. Please tell this man we did nothing wrong — that we didn't eat your breakfast!"

"Don't be deceived," said the whipper. "This are just some new pledges. We do this every year." The whip cracked, and stripes of red appeared on Tuck's back.

My head was spinning; the gruesome scene made me even more nauseous. I staggered to the door, then closed it behind me.

Radovan emerged from a hall to my right; his face full of dejection. "No luck," said he.

"The place appears to be deserted."

"Can you make anything of this?" I said, handing him the notice I found on the wall earlier. "It's all Greek to me."

"Ancient Finnish, rather. It seems to say the entire group has headed over to your place to prevent you from writing any more of these 'conspiracy' columns. By force, if necessary. We should probably be out of here before they get back."

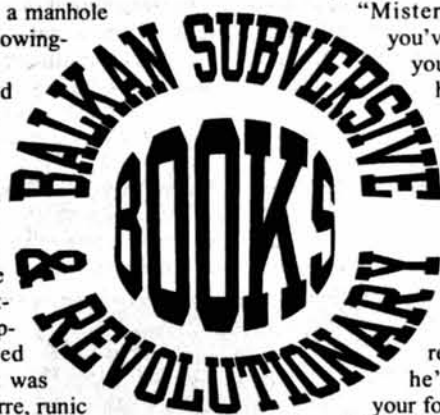
As he spoke, I saw the dim flicker of a thousand torches through a nearby window. "Out the back, quick!" Radovan and I slammed against the door, then tumbled into the street. Desperate, I ran blindly through the empty streets, yet somehow we ended up back at the bookstore entrance. Milovan and Ratko were there waiting for us.

"We heard about the mob. These people have gone mad," said Ratko, shaking his head.

"I don't understand. Don't they realize this is just satire?" I said, still puffing from the run.

"Hove, don't be naïve. Tonight we have only seen the wispy, outer festoons that shroud this vast conspiracy. We will be in touch."

With a twitch of his contorted facial features, he turned and disappeared into the bookstore, followed by his grimmer, older brothers. It was so dark now I could no longer even make out the door to the place, and had to feel my way back up to the street. I couldn't help reflecting on the day's events: MIT is apparently a lot stranger than any of us ever imagined.



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THE ARTS

Charismatic cast finds synergy in *Get Shorty*

GET SHORTY

Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld.

Written by Scott Frank.

Based on the novel by Elmore Leonard.

Starring John Travolta, Gene Hackman, Rene Russo, Dennis Farina, Delroy Lindo, and Danny DeVito.

Sony Copley Place.

By Scott Deskin

CHAIRMAN

Strange as it seems, John Travolta has dredged his career out of the slime of anonymity — a nameless, faceless morass of one-time Hollywood studs, now turned has-beens, purveying a career in crap (like *Perfect* or the *Look Who's Talking!* series) — to reclaim his throne as a full-fledged movie star. After years of toiling, it took Quentin Tarantino's inspired script for *Pulp Fiction* to recast the one-time star of *Welcome Back, Kotter* and *Saturday Night Fever* as a slick, pop-culture-spewing, heroin-shooting hit man and all-purpose icon for the 90s. Travolta still has the same charisma he carried in his late-70s features, but now he's older, wiser, and having more fun.

And his latest feature, *Get Shorty*, is fun. Some naysayers may dismiss it as a *Pulp Fiction* knockoff, but its film's story is based on a novel by Elmore Leonard, written at least two years prior to Tarantino's debut feature, *Reservoir Dogs*, in 1992. It involves a Miami loanshark, Chili Palmer (Travolta), who incurs the wrath of local mafia hood Ray "Bones" Barboni (Dennis Farina, reprising his hoodlum persona from *Midnight Run*) after Chili breaks his nose for taking Chili's jacket. Once Ray gets Chili under his thumb, he makes sure to send his nemesis on an assignment for him: to find a small-time operator who drew over a hundred grand from his own life insurance policy. Chili eventually works his way out to Los Angeles, as a favor to a friend in Las Vegas, in search of bigger quarry: a B-movie producer named Harry Zimm (Gene Hackman).

Harry ingratiates himself to Chili — partly because Chili breaks into his home to inquire about an unsettled debt and wakes him from slumber with Karen Flores (Rene Russo), the dishy star of Harry's horror films — but also because he shares a kinship with Chili, a love for film that is evident once they trade ideas for screenplays. In particular, Harry pitches a screenplay that he's trying to bring to the big screen, but is causing him grief: The deceased screenwriter's wife (Bette Midler) wants to squeeze half a million dollars out of her husband's story; drug-dealing investor Bo Catlett (Delroy Lindo) wants Harry to deliver the goods on an existing project, or else; and the main star Harry wants for the picture, Martin

Weir (Danny DeVito), has a reputation for "flipping out" when it comes to committing to a project. No problem, Chili insists. The rest of the film finds the characters all scrambling to get a piece of the action on this studio-bound venture. The way most characters see it, in this film, you're not anything in Hollywood if you don't want to be a producer.

The comedy lies therein, the metamorphosis of Chili from a steely-eyed loanshark to a shrewd investor, seeking to move around some of his reclaimed cash to make a deal. The main obstacle isn't gaining Harry, or even winning over

the heartless, manipulative Bo from invading Chili's territory. Naturally, there's a romantic subplot between Chili and Karen that occurs in response to the stress of the deal.

The multiple plots and characters may seem gratuitous at first, especially when compared to the slam-bang approach of *Pulp Fiction*. *Get Shorty* is more subtle than that, but if you stick with the story, you'll reap some satisfying comic rewards, mainly from the richness of the dialogue and the performances. It's not the tour de force for Travolta that *Pulp Fiction* was, but it helps to reaffirm his status near the top of Hollywood's A-list. The ensemble acting is also good, especially Farina's merciless, expletive-spewing hood and

Hackman's clueless producer.

The main gripe I have against the film is that it may seem a trifle inconsequential. Also, the love of film that is such an integral part of Travolta's character seems a little forced and untrue. But everything else in the film is a treat: It's rare to see such a production come together and run with such fluid, mechanical precision (due in part to Addams Family director Barry Sonnenfeld). Sure, it's a glitzy piece of product, but it's an enjoyable ride and it doesn't violate your sense of the world as (you think) it ought to be. Of course, if you're John Travolta, you can be a petty thug with grandiose ambitions and still come out on top.

Chili Palmer (John Travolta) and Karen Flores (Rene Russo) cut a movie deal in *Get Shorty*.ALEX. BROWN & SONS
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Hard-hitting *Die Hard* sequel fails to surpass original

DIE HARD WITH A VENGEANCE

Directed by John McTiernan.
Written by Jonathan Hensleigh.
Starring Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons, Samuel L. Jackson.
LSC Friday.
7 and 10 p.m., 26-100.

By David V. Rodriguez
STAFF REPORTER

Nobody would say that the two *Die Hard* sequels were original, but this was never a serious complaint. The sequels were not meant to be original, they were meant to be fun, and as long as

enough things were broken in the process, they were.

This is a problem for makers of *Die Hard with a Vengeance*: The only way the movie could have been better was to be bigger, and this was exactly what they tried. But, by focusing solely on the action they lost much of what made the original *Die Hard* a success. This is surprising because the director is John McTiernan, who also directed the original *Die Hard*. The villain in this story is Simon Gruber (Jeremy Irons), brother of Hans Gruber, the terrorist that John McClane (Bruce Willis) dropped from the 32nd floor window in the original *Die Hard*.

Simon's plan is to steal \$140 billion in gold from the Federal Reserve, and give McClane a really bad day. For the first part, he must distract the police — and distract them enough so they won't notice they have left only five rent-a-cops guarding billions. Simon gets their attention by blowing up a department store in downtown Manhattan, and threatens to blow up more buildings, including schools, if McClane doesn't agree to play a game of "Simon Says." McClane has no choice but to accept, and while he is running around the city trying to solve Simon's riddles, and while the police are spread out searching for bombs, Simon is quietly sneak-

ing away with the gold.

McClane soon learns that he is being had, and with the help of Zeus (Samuel L. Jackson), he tries to stop Simon. John McClane is the same likeable character from the first two, but the movie runs into a common problem for sequels: the character has been developed so thoroughly in the first two *Die Hard* films that there is little more to be done.

In order to retain the same wise-cracking style from the first two while not repeating the same gags, they give McClane a companion, Zeus. It is not a bad strategy, but it doesn't

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Astaire and Rogers animate joy of musicals in *Top Hat*

TOP HAT (1935)

Directed by Mark Sandrich.
Music by Irving Berlin.
Starring by Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Edward Everett Horton, Erik Rhodes, Eric Core, Helen Broderick, and Lucille Ball.
LSC Friday Classics.
7:30 p.m., 10-250.

By Gregory A. Dancer

LSC is treating us to a terrific musical comedy Friday. If you like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, you're going to love *Top Hat*. This film is the essential Fred and Ginger, from the initial verbal sparring and mistaken identities that keep them apart, to the wonderful tap and partner dances which reconcile their differ-

ences and establish their love and equality as a couple.

Rogers plays Dale Tremont, who catches the eye of Jerry Travers (Astaire), a U.S. star in a London musical. They meet after Jerry keeps Dale awake by tap dancing on the floor above her, and the romance is stalled only when Dale is led to believe that Jerry is her best friend's husband. A few excellent comic turns complement the dance and song, ably carried out by comedians Edward Everett Horton and Helen Broderick.

Top Hat demonstrates how fluid musicals had become by 1935. Dialogue blends seamlessly into song in Astaire's "No Strings" number, and the spontaneity and energy of "Isn't This a Lovely Day" is thrillingly contagious. This number deftly takes over where the pair's vocal exchange leaves off, showing

us on the dance how they prove themselves to each other and, of course, fall in love. Fred and Ginger are excellent performers when it comes to expressing character through dance and song. When you watch *Top Hat*, note the non-verbal moments (apart from the big musical numbers) which show us how the two are feeling.

Even audiences in the 30s didn't go to an Astaire-Rogers film for the depth of the story or characters, and there's no point in getting our hopes up in the 90s. Long before the film arrived at the theater, audiences knew exactly who these characters were and what the outcome of this version of their story would be. They wanted to watch Fred and Ginger (alias Jerry and Dale, John and Penny, Peter and Linda, etc.) dance together and fall in love again and again. It was this partnership and

its marvelous way of evolving through dance that kept people coming back to the theater. So when reviewers criticized the plot as "preposterous" or "one of the most flimsily prolonged romantic misunderstandings of the season" they weren't wrong, just off the mark.

Go see *Top Hat* not because it will keep you guessing, but because it will deliver exactly what it promises: an exciting evening of dance and song with a light sprinkling of comedy and romance. See it because it will reinvigorate an all too familiar movie genre with a lot more energy and enthusiasm than the lackluster genre offering LSC commonly shows down the hall. Go see *Top Hat* for fun, and you'll be dancing all night long.

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Likeable *Mallrats* recreates high school fun

MALLRATS

Directed by Kevin Smith.
Starring Shannen Doherty, Jeremy London,
Jason Lee, Clair Forlani, Michael Rooker.
Sony Fresh Pond.

By David V Rodriguez

STAFF REPORTER

After High School, friends go in different directions. Some go to college, some go to work. Others just go to the mall. *Mallrats* is the second movie from director Kevin Smith, who received a lot of attention for his first film, *Clerks*. Viewers may notice a similar style.

Mallrats' two main characters are Brodie (Jason Lee) and T.S. (Jeremy London). Brodie

has just been dumped by his girlfriend (Shannen Doherty) for his having no ambition, no prospects, and caring more for his Sega and comic books than for her. T.S. is in a similar situation: He planned to take girlfriend Brandi away for the weekend, but she canceled to help her father on his gameshow. Thus, T.S. blames her father for her break up.

So, having nothing better to do they head off for the mall, where they hope to come up with plans to win their girlfriends back, or failing that, kill some time. They find other friends who are even stranger than they are, including one friend who has spent most of the week staring into a Magic Eye poster, and two other friends who are too weird to explain, but it is enough to say that one of

them has been trying to learn how to use the Force.

The group soon learns that Brandi's father is filming his gameshow there that day (live), and they make plans to disrupt it. Unfortunately, the show is guarded by La Fours, a dreaded mall security guard with two kills to his name, and this turns a small plan into an all day affair.

This is a not-to-original setup but it is carried out well. It has a more modern style of humor that should be perfect for a college age audience. Being modern does not necessarily mean being sophisticated — most of the humor is quite low brow — but the jokes work. The college-age audience is more comfortable talking about sex in a casual

way, so that a vulgar joke is not automatically funny. *Mallrats* has a large number of these "dirty" jokes, but they rely more on the humor of the situation than on a vulgar punch line.

Mallrats succeeds because the characters are very likeable. They are simple and have a Beavis and Butthead quality to them, only not quite so thin. Brodie and T.S. are perfect: two guys who don't take themselves too seriously, but who aren't so stupid as to insult the audience. These characters are more than just another Bill and Ted; they are like your high school friends, but better — they have more heart, are more exciting — and if your friends were this funny, you would probably spend more time at the mall.

ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

★★★★: Excellent

★★★: Good

★★: Average

★: Poor

★★ Assassins

Richard Donner (*Lethal Weapon*) made this astonishingly mediocre exploration of intrigue and espionage. Even Latin superstar Antonio Banderas, who spices up the otherwise dull story, cannot rescue an explosion-laden production. Even more disappointing is Sylvester Stallone, who has yet to step out of a line of flops. As Robert Rath, Stallone is a player in a deadly game and a combatant on a battlefield most people never knew existed. It's a game played in the shadows — existence depends on isolation, on leaving no trace, on having no contact. While *Assassins* does have its share of bangs and booms, it offers little plot and depth as lover. Unlike Donner's other movies, which combine action with a good story, *Assassins* seems more like a kiddie ride. —Daniel Ramirez. *Sony Cheri*.

★★★ Dead Presidents

After the independent success of the hard-hitting debut film *Menace II Society*, Allen and Albert Hughes tackle larger social issues in *Dead Presidents*. The story of Anthony Curtis (Larenz Tate), a black high-school graduate who avoids the uncertainties of college only to confront the horrors of the outside world, unfolds against the tumult of the late 1960s and early '70s. He leaves his neighborhood mentor and father figure (Keith David) and his girlfriend to enlist in the Marine Corps with a couple of friends and plunges headlong into the Vietnam conflict. The graphic scenes of death and battle overseas, however, pales in comparison to the world that Anthony and his buddies face when they return to the old neighborhood just a few years later. His only key to salvation rides on a heist designed to steal the cash — "dead presidents" — that could be the ticket to a better life. From start to finish, the Hughes Brothers assemble a sympathetic portrait of the young man's life, due in large part to the superb performances.



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Linda Fiorentino and Chazz Palminteri play duelling spouses in the thriller *Jade*.



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Pointless action and bad characters mar *DH3*

Die Hard, from Page 7

work well. While completing the first part of "Simon Says," McClane meets Zeus, and they are somehow forced to spend the rest of the movie together even though they do not like each other. This does little to spice up the movie because Zeus is a remarkably boring character, and the only thing saving the two

from periods of awkward silence is that Zeus is a white-hater. But even this isn't enough to create any chemistry between them because McClane is not racist, which gives them nothing to fight about. Worse yet, the audience knows that McClane is not a racist, and therefore knows that these scenes are going nowhere.

Despite the bad characters and dialogue,

Die Hard with a Vengeance is an action movie. As long as the action is good, the other problems are easily forgiven — but, unfortunately, the action isn't very good either. It is obvious that they wanted this *Die Hard* to be the biggest and most exciting of the series, and this is where it went wrong. There is so much action that it begins to look like a caricature of a better action movie. In

the first *Die Hard*, action and violence was used very effectively. It was exciting because each action scene had a purpose; either it moved the story along or it raised the stakes. But in *Die Hard with a Vengeance*, it is obvious that action is its own end. And even though the filmmakers crash or blow up nearly everything in sight, they still do not satisfy.

ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

On the Screen, from Page 8

The film score (by veteran composer Danny Elfman) and early '70s R&B hits help enhance an otherwise standard period piece. —Daniel Ramirez. *Sony Nickelodeon*.

★★★ Devil in a Blue Dress

Denzel Washington plays Ezekiel "Easy" Rawlins, a man who endeavors into smoky streets of 1940s Los Angeles as a detective. After being set up by bad guys, he must track down a mysterious woman, played by Jennifer Beals. Good performances all around and direction by Carl Franklin (*One False Move*) highlight the involving, humorous story. Watch for some excellent set production. —John Dunagan. *Sony Copley Place*.

★★★ Jade

If life imitates art, then one might cringe at the society *Jade* portrays. The film leaves the audience to consider how justice sways with human emotions. David Caruso, ex-star of *NYPD Blue*, again plays the role of a detective — actually, this time he is David Corelli, the assistant district attorney who investigates the murder of Kyle Medford, a millionaire and collector of artifacts. His biggest lead is an engraving of the Chinese character of jade on a silver jewelry box. He wanders into San Francisco's Chinatown, where the engraver reveals that the box was purchased by a woman. Jade, of course, has a double meaning — a gem and a disreputable woman — as the story follows

David's search through city for the mystery.

At the same time, David needs to resolve feelings for his ex-lover, Dr. Trina Gavin (Linda Fiorentino), who also happens to be married to his best friend, Matt Garvin (Chazz Palminteri). The plot takes so many twists and turns (especially during the car chases) and ultimately goes back to the leading characters. Everyone is somehow involved in Kyle Medford's death (even the governor of California). The movie is exciting, and executive producer William McDonald does a wonderful job in mixing a little of everything (violence, sex, drugs, love, and humor). The ending is surprising and leaves the audience wanting more. —Charlene Chen. *Sony Cheri*.

★★ Seven

The latest entry in the genre of psychological thrillers, *Seven* offers viewers the gimmick of a serial killer who masterminds his murders based on the seven deadly sins. Morgan Freeman is the archetypal police detective on the verge of retiring, and Brad Pitt plays his young, idealistic counterpart. Together, they must join forces to outsmart the criminal. The film is filled with darkness, and it employs this effect to represent the moralistic undercurrents of the movie. However, this theme fades to a mere afterthought in the wake of a murky plot, incomprehensible dialogue, and a predictable conclusion. Director David Fincher (*Alien³*) does little to distinguish the film from being a clone of films like *The Silence of the Lambs*. —Benjamin Self. *Sony Cheri*.

1/2 Showgirls

Director Paul Verhoeven's latest exercise in cinematic exploitation turns out to be a real bore, and lacks the wit of Verhoeven's earlier films. Partner-in-crime Joe Eszterhas (who wrote Verhoeven's *Basic Instinct*) deserves blame for a weak script and laughably bad dialogue. But the acting isn't much better in this story of a young woman whose dream is to make it big as a dancer in a Las Vegas casino. There are plenty of naked bodies but the promise of sex and eroticism is weak, even in the mechanical dance numbers. If overacting and a propensity to prance around naked is all that newcomer Elizabeth Berkley has to offer, she ought to be exiled back to television for the rest of the decade. However, the phony moralism that accompanies the narrative makes the film truly repellent. —Scott Deskin. *Sony Fresh Pond*.

★★★★ To Die For

Nicole Kidman stars in the role of her life: a beautiful and ambitious woman who is willing to step over (or on) anyone to reach her dream of getting on television. This includes her husband, who she has killed by a high school student that she is romancing for just this reason. The story is incredibly well told, given in the form of interviews with each of the major characters. This allows us to get into the heads of each of characters, who are all very interesting. One of the year's best films. —DR. *Sony Harvard Square*

★★ To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar

This recent film expands the repertoire of Wesley Snipes and Patrick Swayze, who play dragsters stuck in middle America during a cross-country road trip. About the changes the drag queens bring to rural America, the film remains too haphazard to be believable — even among funny slapstick. The film also borrows too often from the better Australian production, *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*. —Teresa Esser. *Sony Nickelodeon*.

★★★ 1/2 Unstrung Heroes

In this sentimental, oddball coming-of-age tale, a boy (Nathan Watt) must face the growing complications he faces in junior high, the sudden illness of his mother (Andie MacDowell), and the increasing estrangement he feels from his scientist father (John Turturro). The boy doesn't find his bearings until he moves in with his eccentric uncles: Arthur (Maury Chaikin), a soft-spoken but unkempt soul who wraps gifts in toilet paper and scavenges trash dumps for valuable items; and Danny (Michael Richards, aka Kramer from the TV sitcom *Seinfeld*), a paranoid communist whose belief in fascist conspiracies is topped by his inclination for physical humor. As in most tearjerkers, we know there isn't a happy ending, but at least director Diane Keaton gives the characters enough wit to deal with the pain. —SD. *Sony Nickelodeon*.



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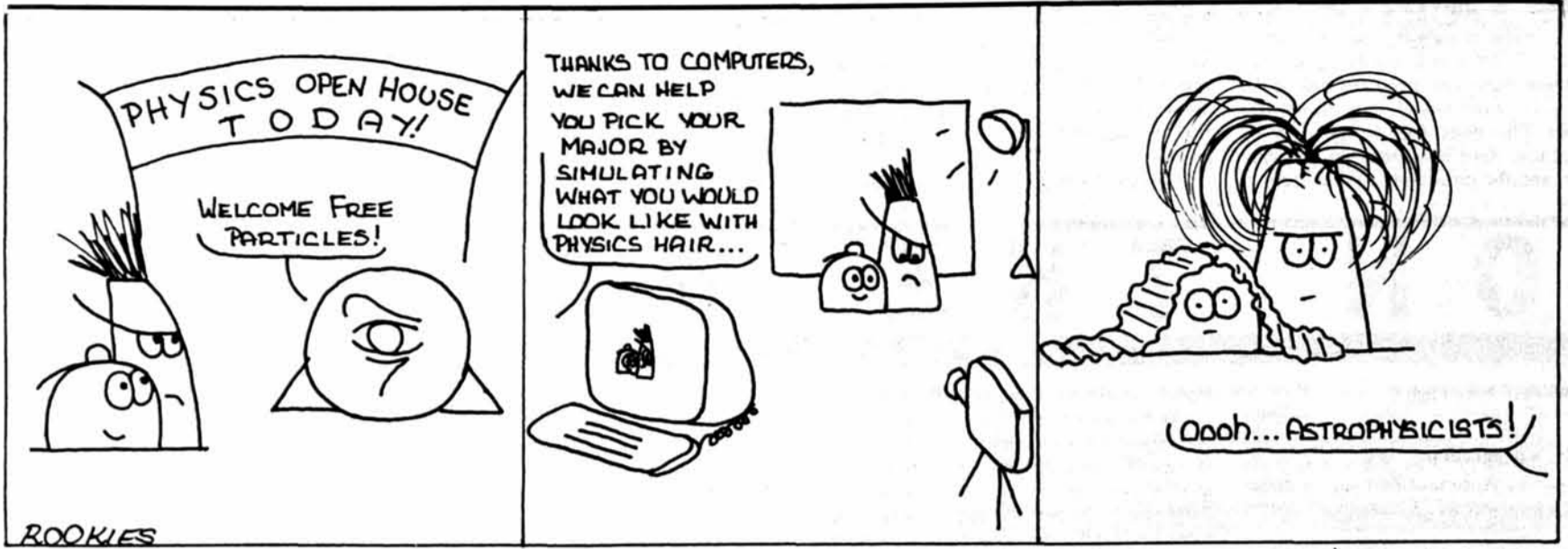
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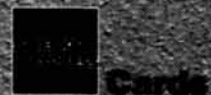


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Faculty Discuss ROTC, New Degree Program

By Sonali Rohatgi

The establishment of new master's degree program in engineering and management and the ROTC program were among the topics on the table at the term's first faculty meeting, held Wednesday afternoon.

Other items discussed at the meeting included an update on progress made in the search to fill senior academic positions left open by this summer's administrative shuffling.

New master's program possible

Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Edward F. Crawley '76 began the meeting by making a motion to establish a Master of Science program in System Design and Management.

The program is targeted toward engineers with at least three years of work experience.

A product of six years of planning, the program is to be a joint effort between the School of Engineering and the Sloan School of Management, Crawley said.

The purpose of the program is to train engineers to be senior managers with a strong technical grounding in "systems engineering and architecture and the conception and design of complex products and systems," according to its description.

The program is designed to last 13 months, beginning during one Independent Activities Period and ending the following IAP. In his presentation to the faculty, Crawley said that other, more flexible options will also be offered.

One of these is a program called "On-Campus/Distance Learning Hybrid," Crawley said. Students enrolled in the distance learning program would be able to take part in lectures and recitations from their work sites by using two-way real-time video, he said.

Library searches would be conducted using an on-line MIT database, while office hours and tutorials would be conducted via other distance media such as phone and fax, Crawley said.

These students would, however, be required to spend nine weeks — in addition to a full 15-week semester — on campus, Crawley said.

Faculty will vote on the new program at next month's meeting. If the motion is approved, a pilot program will be initiated this academic year.

The new master's program would be the fifth such program at the Institute created in the past three years, following Master of Engineering programs in the Departments of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Ocean Engineering, Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Civil and Environmental Engineering.

ROTC, searches discussed

President Charles M. Vest presented an update on a faculty resolution made in 1990 regarding the ROTC program and the conflict between its policy on homosexuals and the Institute's non-discrimination policy.

A committee is evaluating what

progress has been made on this issue in the past five years, said Vest ["As ROTC Group Ends Work, Difference on Gays Policy Looms," Sept. 19]. The committee will also recommend actions to be taken in the future. Vest also said that a discussion on the issue would soon be arranged.

Provost Joel Moses PhD '67, addressing the faculty for the first time since being appointed to his new position, reviewed searches to fill senior academic positions.

Ann J. Wolpert, executive director of library services at Harvard Business School, was appointed the director of Libraries; Margaret R. Bates from Harvard will be appointed dean of student life and will take office in December, as will Wolpert.

The new dean of the School of Engineering and the dean of the Graduate School will be appointed some time this semester.

A motion to elect one graduate student to the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid was set aside to the next meeting, which will be held on Nov. 15.

Finally, a moment of silence was held in honor of Professor Emeritus of Physics George Bekefi, who passed away in August.

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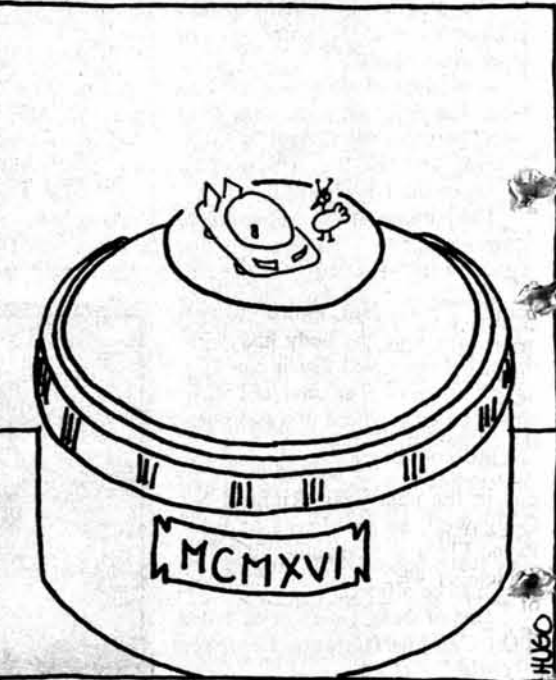
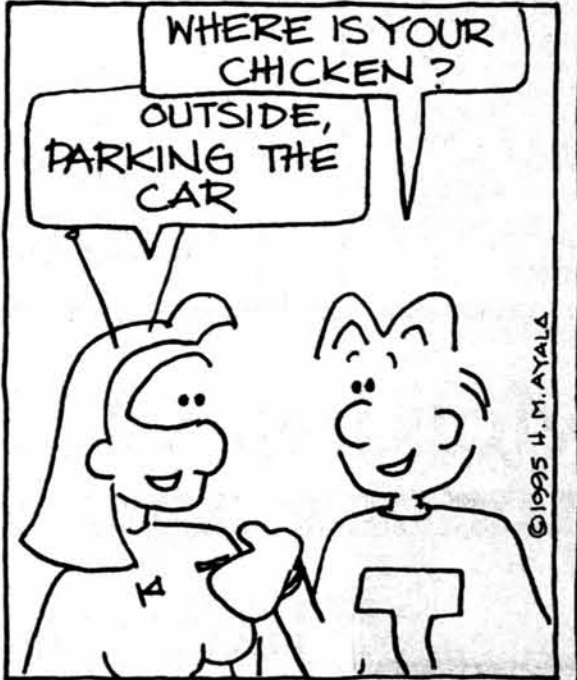
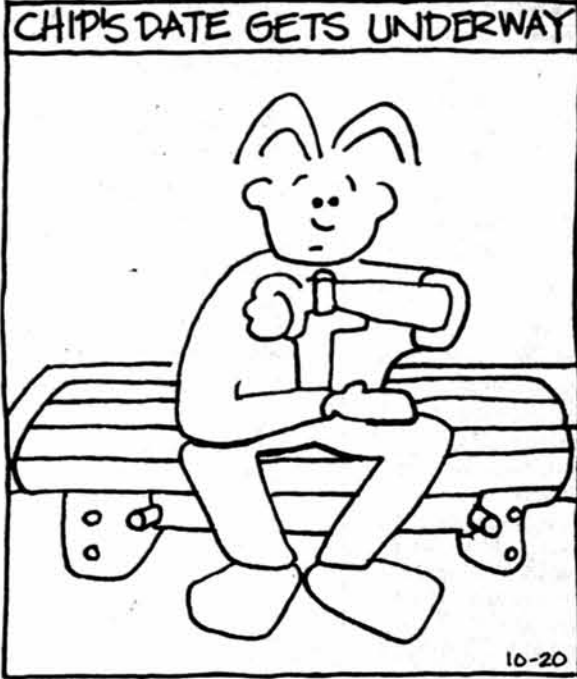
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CPs Find Body Behind Bldg. 13

By A. Arif Husain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The body of a black male in his 50s was found dead lying between Buildings 12 and 13 about 10 a.m. Sunday, according to Captain John E. Driscoll of the Campus Police.

The man was identified as James Boyer of Mattapan, an employee of the Blue Hills Country Club. He had no known affiliation with MIT, Driscoll said. "We're not sure what he was doing at MIT. He could have just been walking through, we don't know."

While there was no evidence of attack or foul play, an autopsy failed to determine the cause of death, said Mark Fairbank of the state medical examiner's office.

The Cambridge Police are investigating the matter, Driscoll said. The office is awaiting the results of a toxicological examination of the body.

Boyer's body was discovered by Campus Police officer on routine patrol, Driscoll said. Police did not know how long the body had been there, but suspected that it couldn't have been more than several hours, since the area where it was found lies on the patrol route.

The death is the second on campus in the past year. Richard N. Cogswell, an employee of F.S. Payne Elevator Company, died last September while painting the floor of an elevator machine room on the roof of Building E19.

Nightline Listens, Looks for Listeners

By Orli G. Bahcall
and Yaron Koren
STAFF REPORTERS

Nightline, MIT's confidential all-night student support service, recently completed the first of two rounds of interviews for volunteer listeners.

"We are not looking for people with past experience" but instead, individuals who "listen supportively and are non-judgmental" and show that they are "empathetic, caring and willing to learn about providing support to fellow students," said one of this year's Nightline coordinators, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The coordinator did not wish to be identified personally, even with a false name, in order to preserve the confidentiality associated with Nightline.

Four week training program

After interviews are completed, the accepted applicants participate in a four week training program, the coordinator said. Applicants spend the first day learning how Nightline operates.

After the introduction, the program continues with four weekly meetings during which trainees participate in role playing of situations they may encounter, the coordinator said.

Following the training period, new staffers begin working the phones immediately, the Nightline coordinator said. The average staff member works at Nightline for a year or two, she said.

There are currently 26 Nightline staff mem-

bers, including both undergraduate and graduate students, the Nightline coordinator said. Every night from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. two staff members work the Nightline phones. Each staff member works about two nights a month, she said.

Available for any need

Nightline aims to be available no matter what the need, whether to listen or to refer callers to other resources in the MIT and Boston communities, the Nightline coordinator said.

"Nightline is about students being there for other students — providing a supportive, friendly, and non-judgmental ear to which people can turn in times of need or stress," another staffer said, also under condition of anonymity.

All calls taken by Nightline are completely confidential, and most staff members do not reveal their identities, as well, said the Nightline coordinator.

In the near future, Nightline hopes to have an anonymous drop-off box in the Infinite Corridor, so that anyone can leave information or feedback for the service, the coordinator said.

Nightline gets variety of calls

Nightline mainly receives two types of calls, those that request information and those that require more interaction with a staff member.

Usually, Nightline receives approximately 40 to 60 information requests a night, the coordinator said. Most of these calls are for straightforward information, anything from when the next Safe Ride van arrives to "random trivia" to the value of a constant needed

for a problem set, she said.

To answer these information calls, the staff has a number of resources, including encyclopedias, maps, textbooks, almanacs, random trivia books, and bulletin boards containing random information with items like phone numbers, calendars, and MIT publications, the coordinator said.

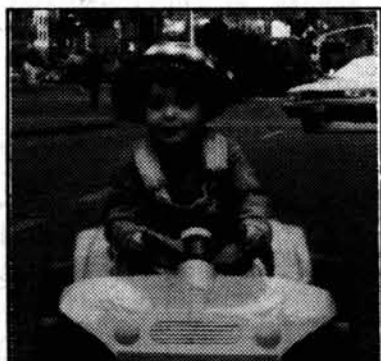
"Information about serious topics," such as where one can get HIV testing or whether parents will receive notice of a student going to the Medical Center for pregnancy testing, comprise the other half of the information questions, the Nightline coordinator said.

(HIV testing can be done at the Crittenton Hastings House, at 782-7600 ext. 50, among others. While parents do not receive notice of pregnancy tests from the Medical Center, anything paid for with parents' insurance may be reported to them.)

The main focus of Nightline, the coordinator said, is the listening calls. These calls involve "anything people want to talk about — relationships, classes, whatever happens to be on their mind." Nightline usually receives between one and five listening calls a night, she said.

Nightline also "receives calls on topics such as suicide and domestic violence" she said. "Really serious calls are not that common" but several are received each month, she said.

"The reason a lot of staffers staff Nightline is because it is a very tangible way to help," the coordinator said. "It is not always easy, but it is very rewarding. You are definitely doing something helpful for other people."



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Students Discuss Million Man March At Chocolate City

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ing each other up on our shoulders," said Greg A. Shell '97, one of 25 members of Chocolate City at the march.

Participants awestruck

Inspired and excited, participants described the solidarity and resolve demonstrated by black men from across the nation. "We showed America the unity and power of blacks on Clinton's doorstep," said Craig M. Robinson '97. "I think that it was especially important that black men from MIT were present since we represent the future."

But not everyone at the forum was impressed. "I can't separate the fact of who Farrakhan is and what he is trying to do. I can't be a part of anything that will further Farrakhan and his racist and bigoted doctrine," said Michael W. Tucker '98, referring to controversy over remarks made by Farrakhan about Jews and whites.

Such questions about the legitimacy of Farrakhan's leadership, however, were quickly rebutted with the idea that the event was so potentially beneficial to the black community that it transcended any single man.

"Farrakhan should not be part of the argument," said Peter Hardie, 39, executive director of Roxbury Youthworks. "There is a lot of positivity here. We need to stop debating the march and start talking about how we can make a difference in the community where it really means something."

His response was met with a chorus of support and applause.

What to do now?

But most people attending the forum were caught up short by the question: What can we do now?

For example, the issue of the importance of political action — particularly voting — was mentioned by several people at the forum. But when someone asked how many people in the room were currently registered to vote, only seven hands were raised.

Later in the evening, though, the group's mood became more determined and optimistic. "The media and other people talk about what they want to see for the black community," said Marlo V. Kemp '96.

"But they are not directly affected, we are," Kemp said. "And therefore, we have to do whatever we can to get involved in our communities — we need to help ourselves."



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New Dean Worked At Claremont, Duke

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Aided by the committee's recommendation, Williams worked with Provost Joel Moses PhD '67 and President Charles M. Vest to select the new dean.

With five students on the original search committee, the selection process had "strong student representation," Williams said.

"I felt that students' input was significant during the committee deliberations," Williams said. Hence it was not necessary to include student representatives during the final discussions to select the new dean this fall, she said.

Positions at Claremont, Duke

Bates' previous affiliation with the Institute includes serving on an inter-university committee with the late Vice President Constantine B. Simonides '57, who died in the spring of 1994.

In addition, her husband, Robert H. Bates Ph.D '69, earned a doctorate degree in the Department of Political Science.

Bates earned her bachelor's degree from Duke in 1963 and a doctorate in political science from Harvard in 1971. She then worked as a senior research fellow and research consultant at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Bates has served in a variety of positions, including associate dean of students, dean of freshman, and vice president for administration and planning, at the Claremont Colleges in California.

In 1985, Bates moved to Duke, where she served as vice provost for academic programs and facilities. In 1993, she took her current position at Harvard, where her husband also works.

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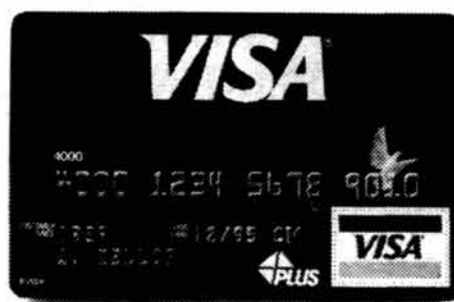
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Budget Hit by Drop In Federal Support

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the future."

Government support declines

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Research has been growing very slowly, Strehle said, meaning that MIT has had to pick up an increasing amount of the indirect costs.

The government pays for 61 percent of the indirect costs now, but the amount continues to decrease due to the changes made by the government in these cost-recovery ratios, Strehle said. He estimated the percentage might eventually bottom-out at 50 percent.

Additionally, "the U.S. government wants to reduce its share in the expenses," Strehle said. "These [cuts] have been and will continue to affect us.

More gifts needed

The Institute needs a stronger flow of gifts in order to help it out of its financial problems, Strehle said.

Tuition has traditionally accounted for half of the Institute's revenues. The other half is made up of gifts, fees, investments, and various other sources.

"There is a one-third less money contributed to the endowment and similar funds than it would have if there were no deficit.

"MIT needs to find new sources of revenue" to maintain its commitment to students and faculty, Strehle said.



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Field Hockey Edges Out Wellesley, 3-2, In Best Season Ever

By Patricia H. Hahn
TEAM MEMBER

In one of the most intense games of the season, the field hockey team edged out a tough Wellesley team 3-2 Tuesday night on the astroturf, in front of an enthusiastic crowd consisting of MIT and Wellesley fans and a portion of the MIT marching band.

With this win, MIT holds first place in their conference play, a rank they will defend tomorrow against Clark. At 11-1, MIT field hockey is currently having its best season ever.

The first goal of the game was scored within the first 3 minutes by Wellesley off a penalty corner, but MIT answered with two goals. Tracy M. Sadowski '99 carried the ball down the right side of the field and passed off to Ann L. Torres '96 who sent it across the goal, where co-captain Patricia H. Hahn '96 tipped it in.

Spurred by the momentum that both teams possessed, Wellesley took the pass-back. A block tackle by N. Katherine Merrilees '97 started MIT towards the Wellesley goal once again. A strong outside shot by Connie M. Sadowski '99 led to a rebound off the goalie's pads. The rebound, however, went straight to Torres, who promptly nailed it into the goal.

While the first half of the game was largely dominated by MIT, the Engineers relied on their defensive skills to hold off Wellesley in the second half.

Excellent saves by goalie Laura L. Walker '97, combined with solid defense play, prevented the Wellesley offense from scoring until the last few seconds of the game.

The third MIT goal came from a run up the left side of the field initiated by a perfectly-timed pass from Maifert to Hahn, who crossed the ball into Wellesley's circle. Waiting was T. Sadowski, who pulled around the Wellesley defenders to score MIT's third goal.

Wellesley scored their second and final goal with only 8 seconds left on the clock when they sent a ball down the field, initiating a breakaway, and setting up a goal for their offense.

Men's Soccer Shuts Out WNEC And Wentworth, Falls to Tufts

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to Danielian, who chipped it to Andres J. Villaquiran '97, who finished it off for MIT's first score. A few minutes later, Danielian chipped in another ball which Sarabia headed to Pearlman who scored, rounding out the half.

In the second half, Villaquiran squirted free after a pass from W. Lee Murfee '99 to score his second goal of the game. Pearlman added another goal late in the game off a pass from Andre B. Brandao '97 to make the final score 4-0. Ryan J. Bryla '96 played a solid game in goal for the shutout.

In the Engineers' next game,

against Western New England College, they were able to pull off another 4-0 win. Once again, Villaquiran started off the scoring, this time after receiving a pass from Sarabia. Early in the second half, Villaquiran put in an unassisted goal.

For the Engineer's third goal, Villaquiran got the assist on a pass to Sarabia who finished it off. Pearlman finished MIT's scoring on a pass from Brandao. Goalkeepers Bryla and Markus J. Hogberg '97 combined for the Engineers' second straight shutout.

MIT tried to keep its winning streak alive against Tufts at home on Tuesday, but it wasn't meant to be. Tufts came out and scored the

first three goals of the game. As the second half wore on, it looked like it was hopeless for the Engineers.

However, with 16 minutes left in the game, Villaquiran stole an outlet pass from the Tuft's keeper and put a shot in the back of the net. One minute later, Ryan S. Balter '99 took a pass from MacIvor, blew by a defender, and then fired a rifle shot that beat the keeper.

It looked as if MIT could pull off a comeback, but they were unable to score before time ran out, and lost the game, 3-2.

The team next plays Sunday against Clark University. This conference game is at home and begins at 1:30 p.m.

NFL Play Quality Suffers from Parity

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in the playoffs. They also finished their LCS two days earlier than the Indians, giving them the advantage. Believe it or not, Cleveland's offensive capabilities will probably play a very limited role in the World Series; this will be an epic battle between two pitching staffs.

Each game will be won by the team whose pitchers can last the longest. If the Cleveland pitchers crack first, Atlanta will win the game 2-1. If the Braves' staff breaks down, the Indians will win 6-0. Just don't expect any 8-7 ballgames.

And now, the Big Prediction. This is a tough series to call, but look for Orel Hersheiser to take his first career postseason loss tomorrow night. The fact that the first two games are in a National League park is a big disadvantage to the Indians; Hersheiser is a decent hitting pitcher, but his bat isn't nearly as big as that of the designated hitter he'll replace (likely Eddie Murray).

Cleveland should be able to take a game at home, but this is going to be a fast series either way, and it looks like Atlanta has the better

shot this year.

Prediction: Braves in five.

Gridiron Report

Unconfirmed rumors continue to circulate that the NFL Commissioner's office met with Pope John Paul II during his American visit to discuss having Jerry Jones denounced as a heretic. An unreliable source has informed me that Jones staved off this latest attack on himself by cutting an endorsement deal with the Pope, making Catholicism the official religion of the Dallas Cowboys. Look out, NFL; they're not just America's Team, they're God's Team.

Unfortunately, in the NFL, Pete Rozelle is god, and Pete liked parity, and so parity is what we have in the league this season. Fact: Tampa Bay is currently leading the NFC Central, and St. Louis is leading the NFC West. Fact: San Francisco has lost to Detroit and Indianapolis. Fact: the entire AFC Central is 3-4. Well, okay, that's not actually a fact, actually it's completely false, but the best record in that division is 3-3.

There is no superteam this year; everyone is beatable, and everyone

is playing badly. Parity isn't the worst thing in the world; after all, it does make the games closer, and it's more exciting to watch a last-second victory than a first-half blowout. However, the quality of play in the NFL has suffered greatly this year, and needs to improve rapidly if the league is to compete with basketball and hockey this winter.

Trivia Question

One last baseball question to end the season: what team has the highest winning percentage of all time? Send answers and comments to esports@the-tech.mit.edu.

Answer to last week's question: The 1984 San Diego Padres came back from a 2-0 deficit to beat the Chicago Cubs in the NLCS. The Padres went on to play the Detroit Tigers, who hit something like 60 home runs and won the World Series in five games.

Correct answers were sent in by Eric H. Allen G, Walter Sun G, Dennis A. Burianek '96, Brian L. Greenblatt '96, Marlo Kemp '96, Alejandro J. Tapia '96, Stan L. Liauw '97, Gloria W. Wang '97, and Burt Wendt '99.

Women's Crew Ready For Head of the Charles

By Shruti Sehra and Nicole L. Weymouth
TEAM MEMBERS

The varsity women's crew will race Sunday in the Head of the Charles Regatta, marking the high point of an already impressive season.

Over the past three weekends, the women have won six medals and two overall points trophies at the Textile River Regatta, the Head of the Ohio, the Head of the Connecticut, and the New Hampshire Championship Regatta.

Victories at the Textile race in Lowell, Mass. on Sept. 30 established the women as a strong presence this season. Most rowers competed twice that day, rowing over 15 miles each. The crew brought home three gold medals: the Lightweight Fours, the Club Eights A boat, and the Open Fours A boat.

The following weekend the women traveled to Pittsburgh for the Head of the Ohio Regatta, where once again everyone raced twice in the same day.

The Club Four clinched the silver medal, second only to the overall points trophy-winning crew. The Open Eight narrowly missed a bronze medal when Michigan got the inside part of the turn as both crews passed a third crew.

The Open Four, spurred by fierce competition in their first mile, increased their margin in the remaining two miles and brought home a gold medal.

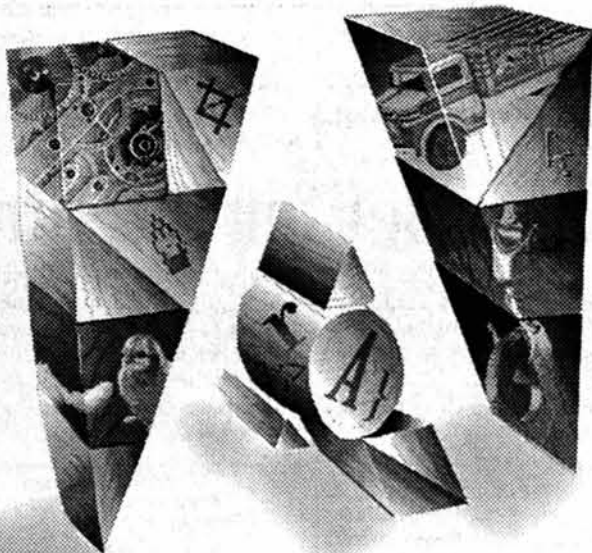
The next day, the remaining team members raced two eights in the Head of the Connecticut Regatta in Middlebury, Conn. Neither crew

medaled. The entire crew was together for the New Hampshire Championship last Saturday, joined by three novice

eights in their first ever race. The rain seemed to befuddle the starter, who completely forgot to time the races of both MIT eights.

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SPORTS

Tufts Stops Men's Soccer Win Streak

By Melissa N. Ronge
TEAM STATISTICIAN

The men's soccer team had an up and down past two weeks, with a three-game winning streak in the middle of some unfortunate losses.

The team's record is now 8-6.

In a Sept. 30 game against Springfield, MIT had several scoring opportunities but was unable to put any in. Springfield won the game with a goal midway through the second half. Although the Engineers fought back, they were unable to get anything, and dropped the game 1-0.

Against Brandeis on Oct. 5, MIT was without key players due to injuries. With leading scorers getting limited playing time and the starting goalkeeper out for the game, the game was going to be an uphill battle that MIT would not win. Brandeis won, 3-0, to drop MIT's record to 5-5.

After these two shut-outs, the Engineers came back with a vengeance against Trinity on Saturday, Oct. 7 at home, scoring four times in the game's first 20 minutes.

Christopher J. Danielian '97 started the scoring by taking a pass from Keith D. Szolusha '97 and hitting a looping shot just over the goalkeeper's hands. A couple of minutes later Danielian hit another looper after stealing the rebound from a Trinity defender.

Szolusha camped out on the far post to put in a header from Danielian and Samuel M. Pearlman '96 for MIT's third goal. The scoring for the half ended with Szolusha putting in another header from Pearlman.

In the second half, Douglas C. MacIvor '98 took a throw in and ended up getting an assist when Jamie E. Sarabia '98 headed in the ball for the final MIT goal. Trinity added a goal late to make the final score 5-1.

Shutouts against WIT, WNEC

The team had its first weekday win against Wentworth Institute of Technology last Thursday. In the first half, Pearlman threw in the ball

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JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

The field hockey team defeated Elms College 7-0 on Oct. 12. The team is currently first in conference play with an 11-1 record (see article, page 19).

Women's Tennis Ends Season With Win against Mt. Holyoke

By Carol Matsuzaki
TEAM MEMBER

The women's varsity tennis team capped their NEW 8 season off well by beating Mt. Holyoke after suffering tough losses to Smith and Wellesley.

The women travel to Amherst College this weekend to compete in the New England Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament, the culminating event of the fall season.

The 5-4 loss to Smith came on Oct. 2. In singles play, Carol Matsuzaki '96 and Angela M. Mislowsky '99, took defeats, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 and 6-1, 6-2, respectively. However, the rest of the line-up played well, and brought home 4 points for MIT.

Third singles player Lily J. Koo '97 played two intense sets, winning 7-5, 6-4. Nora A. Humphrey '98, at fourth singles, made a tough comeback to take a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 win. At fifth singles, Sarah V. Kringer '97 denied her opponent a third set as she won 6-4, 7-5. At sixth singles, Seetha R. Ramnath '96 also played

tougher than her opponent to bring home MIT's fourth point, 6-2, 7-5.

In the doubles portion of the dual match, however, MIT could not capitalize on their 4-2 lead, as they did not win a single match. At first doubles, Matsuzaki and Humphrey were outplayed for an 8-4 loss. The second doubles team of Mislowsky and Ramnath also took a tough loss, 8-3.

At third doubles, Koo and Kringer lost 8-4. In exhibition play, however, MIT dominated, as Colette A. Reiner '99, Mary T. DeSouza '99, and Pardis C. Sabeti '97 all won their matches.

Against Wellesley, the Engineers did not fare any better. In doubles, the first team of Matsuzaki and Humphrey were the only victorious team for MIT with a score of 8-6. The second doubles team of Kringer and Bharati Kommineni '97 and the third doubles team of Koo and Ramnath were both denied victories, 8-4 and 8-6, respectively.

In singles play, Wellesley dominated. Matsuzaki brought home the

lone MIT singles point with a 6-3, 6-2 win at first singles. Koo, Humphrey, Ramnath, Kringer, and Tiffany P. Cunningham '98 all gave a tough fight but fell to the Blue.

Against Mt. Holyoke, however, it was altogether a different story. MIT did not let a single opportunity slip, as they adamantly took control of point play. MIT began by sweeping the doubles, as Matsuzaki / Humphrey, Koo/Ramnath, and Kringer/Susan S. Lin '98 won 8-3, 8-5, and 8-2, respectively.

In singles play, MIT came out on fire with aggressive point play. At first singles Matsuzaki won 6-0, 6-4. Koo destroyed her second singles opponent in a matter of minutes in a 6-0, 6-0 victory. Humphrey, at the third singles position, was also too tough for her opponent as she won 6-1, 6-1.

Kringer came out on top with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 victory. Ramnath cruised through her fifth singles opponent, 6-1, 6-1, and Cunningham, playing sixth singles, crushed her opponent, 6-0, 6-2.

Crews Reap Medals In New Hampshire

By Toby Ayer
TEAM MEMBER

Men's heavyweight crews won medals of all colors last weekend at the New Hampshire Championship Regatta in Hooksett, New Hampshire. The Open Eights won gold and bronze medals, and the A Open Four won a silver.

Sunday, the heavies will have a Club Eight, a Championship Four, and two Club Fours racing in the 31st Head of the Charles Regatta.

As in previous regattas this fall, nearly everyone raced twice on Saturday. Four MIT Open Fours entered that event.

The A four went off the line first out of twenty-two boats, and thus had no one to work off during the three-mile race. They finished in exactly nineteen minutes, well under the previous course record. It was not fast enough to beat the Free Press crew, however, who started at the very end of the pack and won the event in 18:58.

Thirty-seven seconds behind the MIT A four was the B four in sixth

place, followed by the C and D boats in one-second increments. The D boat, made up of four freshmen, made a good showing on Sunday, beating other varsity crews.

After finishing the fours race, the oarsmen quickly hydrated themselves and went back on the water for the Open Eight race. Three boats competed in the Open Eight event. The first boat, made up of four first- varsity oarsmen and four from the second varsity, won the race in 17:13.

They beat the course record set in 1992 by the MIT varsity. That boat went on to win a gold medal in the Head of the Charles and the Division II National Championships the following spring. Coach Gordon Hamilton said he is hoping for a similar performance at this weekend's Head of the Charles.

The second eight finished third in 17:51 behind Community Rowing. They had a disappointing row, coming up quickly to a UMass Lowell crew and then failing to move through them.

Homecoming Game, Rally

The football team plays the Nichols College Bisons in Saturday's Homecoming game. Kick-off is at 1 p.m. in Steinbrenner Stadium.

MIT has recently done well at Homecoming: Two years ago, the Engineers trounced the Bisons 43-7, and last year, they beat Curry College in a 48-0 rout.

The Class of 1997, with the support of the Alumni Association, is sponsoring a Homecoming pep rally for all fall sports today at 3 p.m. on the Student Center steps (rain location Rockwell Cage).

Class of 1997 Vice President Charles I. Morton IV '97 and Crew Director Stu Schmill '86 will emcee the festivities, which include a DJ, a live Muses performance, a buffalo wings eating contest, and team presentations.

Braves and Indians Set for Pitching Showdown

Column by Bo Light
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

October is the most wonderful month of the year. The oppressive heat and humidity of the summer is gone, but the bitter cold of winter has not yet arrived. The leaves change color, painting the countryside a bright orange. Apple cider and pumpkin pie become easier to find. That damned interminable baseball season is almost over. And best of all, you can find all four major sports being played on television every weekend.

Truly, it is a magical time.

EVERYTHING ABOUT SPORTS

The Batter's Box
And speaking of that interminable baseball season, Atlanta and Cleveland will begin their battle tomorrow in the first all-Native American World Series. That's right, folks, get those protest placards out, the Braves and the Indians are in the Fall Classic. While the teams' demeaning nicknames have

been a non-issue throughout the playoffs, expect to see thousands of picketers outside each game now that these two teams are in the Big Show.

As far as the Series itself, there is no doubt that these are the two best teams in baseball. Cleveland has a prodigious offense, and the veteran pitching to back it up. Dennis Martinez, Orel Hersheiser, Charles Nagy, and Ken Hill were the best rotation in the American League, and have been extremely effective in the playoffs. If the Indians can take a lead into the ninth, Jose Mesa practically guarantees the win.

Meanwhile, the Cleveland hitters can pound opponents into submission. Albert Belle provides a constant home run threat, and Kenny Lofton has come up big in the post-season, hitting nearly .500 against Seattle.

However, if you think Cleveland has an unstoppable lineup, you haven't watched the Braves. Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, John Smoltz, and Steve Avery are the best

pitching rotation in any league. These guys don't need the big offense to back them up, because you never lose if the other team doesn't score. It's not that Atlanta isn't capable of scoring a lot of runs, it's that they rarely need to. The

pitching staff has virtually no weaknesses; they just keep going until the other team's pitching breaks down.

The Braves won their division by 21 games, and have just one loss

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 21

Football vs. Nichols College, 1 p.m. (Homecoming).

Sunday, Oct. 22

Women's Soccer vs. Clark University, 10:30 a.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Clark, 1 p.m.

Men's and Women's Crew in the Head of the Charles Regatta:

Club Four (heavyweight and lightweight men): 8:21 a.m.

Masters Four (Director of Crew Stu Schmill '86 racing with the

Borussia Club from Frankfurt, Germany): 8:21 a.m.

Club Eight (men and women): 9:08 a.m.

Lightweight Eight (men and women): 1:29 p.m.

Championship Two (graduate women's club): 2:21 p.m.

Championship Four (men): 2:53 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Women's Volleyball vs. Springfield College, 7 p.m.