

Dean Allen Takes Roxbury Position

By Dan McGulre
STAFF REPORTER

Assistant Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Susan D. Allen is leaving the Institute to become Dean of Students at Roxbury Community College.

Allen came to the Institute in the fall of 1992 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She was promoted to assistant dean in the spring of 1994 from her previous position as adviser to student activities, residences, and campus activities.

"I think she was doing a great job," said Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams, "I can't tell you how proud I am of Susan... I'm very happy for her."

During her three years in the Dean's office, Allen helped form an

ad hoc group to examine the issue of race relations at the Institute. The group, which met every few weeks on an informal basis, grew into the current Committee on Race Relations relations in the spring of 1993.

Allen involved in controversies

Allen was involved in the controversy last year regarding the cover of the 1994 Freshman Picture book, which featured a monkey asking the question "What does 'intuitively obvious' mean?"

"The concern... was that the symbolism of a monkey type of creature has traditionally been used negatively in a racist manner in the United States to depict African Americans," said Allen in an inter-

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THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

Students gathered in the Infinite Corridor Sunday at 5 p.m. to witness the sunset directly in line with the hall, a twice-yearly event that was fortunately unobscured by clouds.

Faculty to Vote on New Degree

By David D. Hsu
NEWS EDITOR

Tomorrow the faculty will vote on a motion to establish a new Master of Science program in System Design and Management.

The new master's degree is a joint program between the School of Engineering and the Sloan School of Management.

If passed, the program would start during the next fall term and is aiming toward an enrollment of 40 students.

The program will entail the combination of technical knowledge with management in designing new systems, said Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Edward F. Crawley '76, who has helped oversee the development of the program.

"It's basically the design of large systems and products with the same sort of rigor and process that we solve smaller scale engineering problems," Crawley said.

The master's program would target processes in large scale problems like designing a highway, communication, or air traffic control system, Crawley said. In these kinds of endeavors, "you need to be a good engineer, a good manager, and

be sensitive to the needs of the community."

The program stemmed indirectly out of a need expressed from industry, Crawley said. "The leaders of industry have told us in one form or another that the principle value of MIT is as an educational resource." However, industry also seeks people with a combination of technical backgrounds and leadership skills.

In turn, the Sloan School of Management and the School of Engineering recognized this need and started planning the degree six years ago.

Some classes taught through video

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

Students would have two options in taking classes for the masters of science program.

One choice is to take a 13-month program on campus, starting from one Independent Activities Period to the following IAP, Crawley said.

The other choice is the "On-Campus / Distance Learning Hybrid." Students enrolled in this 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.

"The audience we want to attract is working engineers" who cannot afford to take a year off, said Professor of Management Thomas L. Magnanti, who also oversaw the last year of planning.

To ensure academic standards, the planners have "built in some mechanisms to control quality," Magnanti said.

Students would be required to spend a full 15-week semester with an additional nine weeks on campus, Magnanti said.

A committee will also evaluate the format of distance learning, Magnanti said. "We want to ensure that we are providing the best education."

A pilot program of 11 students is currently in place, Crawley said.

The Masters of Science degree in System Design and Management follows other Sloan and engineering school joint efforts like the Leaders of Manufacturing Program. "We'll probably see more [of these type of joint programs] in the future years," Magnanti said.

Cook Sues Aramark For Sex Harassment

By Daniel C. Stevenson
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A former cook at MIT is suing the Institute's food service provider, Aramark, for \$2 million for sexual harassment and infliction of emotional distress.

Last month, a U.S. District Court judge declined Aramark's request for dismissal, and agreed to hear the case.

The employee, Charles Messina, worked in the Student Center for Aramark from 1988 until November 1993, when he quit following several incidents of harassment from two other Aramark employees, D. David Dannells and John Fell.

Messina, who is gay, claims among other charges that Dannells made offensive physical and verbal references mocking Messina's sexual orientation, at times grabbing his crotch and directing Messina to "blow" him, referring to Messina as "Chucky sucky," and making limp-wrist gestures and talking to Messina with exaggerated lipps.

Dannells was an executive chef

at the time of the incidents and a supervisor, but not the direct supervisor, of Messina. Dannells has since been promoted to assistant

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JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

WMBR DJ and Alternative Music Director Bob Dubrow works the mike at the station's studio.

WMBR Raises \$50,000 in Fund Drive; Money to Fund Expansion, Upgrades

By Shang-Lin Chuang
NEWS EDITOR

WMBR 88.1 FM, Walker Memorial Basement Radio, collected over \$50,000 during its annual fundraising drive that ended last week.

WMBR has a staff that is comprised of MIT students, staff, alumni, and other community members. For the week of Nov. 1 to 7, donations were solicited over the air.

"The drive is a great success," said General Manager Craig A. Wisneski '97. The money will be used for planned studio expansion and equipment upgrades.

WMBR is licensed to, owned, and operated by the Technology Broadcasting Corporation, whose members are appointed by the president of MIT.

"However, the actual management is in the hands of the general manager and program director, both of whom are MIT students," said Todd Glickman '77, president of the corporation. "They assemble the management team that runs the station from day to day. The corporation acts as the board of directors and

oversees the station."

WMBR supported by audience

The basic operating funds, consisting of telephone costs, expendables, and the like, are provided by the Institute, Glickman said.

The capital funds which are used to pay for equipment such as the compact disc machine, microphone, and transmitter comes only from listeners in the fundraiser.

"Our goal was \$44,050, half of \$88,100," he said. "We were very pleased and appreciative for the listeners' show of support to the radio station."

The station provides 80 programs, "each designed to support a different kind of audience," he said. "The programs vary from rock shows, jazz, sixties, and techno music, to news and talk shows."

"We are definitely one of the most diverse radio stations in the entire area of Boston."

The station can be received as far away as Rhode

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WORLD & NATION

Six Croats Charged with War Crimes

THE WASHINGTON POST

PARIS

The U.N. criminal tribunal for the former Yugoslavia charged six leading Bosnian Croats Monday with war crimes for "the persecution on political, racial and religious grounds" of Muslims in central Bosnia in 1992 and 1993.

The latest indictments accused Dario Kordic, a political leader of the Croatian community in Bosnia, and Tihomir Blaskic, chief of staff of the Bosnian Croat militia, of crimes against humanity carried out on "such a large scale" that they "effectively destroyed or removed almost the entire Muslim civilian population in the Lasva valley."

Four other Bosnian Croats were accused of lesser charges involving breaches of the 1949 Geneva Conventions stipulating laws or customs of war. The Hague-based tribunal has now indicted 52 people for war crimes, most of them Bosnian Serbs. Only one suspect, Dusan Tadic, is now in custody and facing imminent trial.

The charges against Kordic and Blaskic — two of the Bosnian Croats' most important political and military figures — could present serious political problems for the Muslim-Croat federation that was established under U.S. auspices early last year as a bulwark against Serb expansionism.

Failure to arrest the Croats and send them to The Hague for trial could undermine a key aspect of the Bosnia peace accord being worked out in Dayton, Ohio, and offer the Serbs a pretext to continue refusing to cooperate with the tribunal. The leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, and their military commander, Ratko Mladic, stand indicted for war crimes. Their extradition for trial has emerged as an issue in the Ohio talks.

Japanese Cabinet Minister Resigns Under Pressure from Korea

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TOKYO

The resignation of a Japanese Cabinet minister Monday defused a diplomatic row between South Korea and Japan that had threatened to disrupt the two nations' ties just days before a Pacific Rim summit.

South Korea had furiously demanded that Takami Eto, head of the Management and Coordination Agency, be fired or resign for commenting last month that Japan did some "good things" during its 1910-1945 colonial rule of Korea.

Eto is the latest of several politicians to provoke Korean anger by seeming to whitewash Japan's harsh 35-year rule of their country.

Korean officials had insisted that unless Eto left his post, they would cancel a summit meeting between South Korean President Kim Young Sam and Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama set for Saturday.

Eto, 70, who initially retracted his remarks but refused to resign, yielded to pressure Monday evening. "As a politician, I cannot help but feel a heavy responsibility" for the repercussions of his comments, he told a news conference.

FDA Revises Biotechnology Rules

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Vice President Al Gore has announced regulatory reforms to help biotechnology firms speed their drugs through the Food and Drug Administration's bureaucracy.

In announcing the rule changes, part of the continuing "Reinventing Government" initiative, Gore said last week that the United States is "the world's leader" in biotechnology, biotechnology drugs and drug safety, and that "this administration intends to keep it this way on all three scores."

Although the administration introduced several complex FDA proposals on Thursday, they are all designed to let the agency treat biotechnology products like other drugs.

Because biotechnology drugs come from living things, they fall under the regulations governing other "biologics" such as vaccines and blood for transfusion. Those regulations, historically, have been much tougher than the ones for regular pharmaceuticals. Some of the rules date from the turn of the century, when the consistency and safety of medications drawn from horse blood or urine was harder to ensure.

Lauding "maturation of the science" that allows biotech drugs to be treated like other pharmaceuticals without affecting safety, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David A. Kessler said last week: "The concerns of several decades ago no longer hold."

WEATHER

November's Nor'easter

By Chris E. Forest

A strong low, indicative of the impinging winter, will be developing south of New England during the day and controlling the weather pattern for the next few days. While the low deepens, winds will bring air off the ocean, keeping the temperatures steady but increasing the possibility of showers today. Rain is likely to be heavy with high winds late tonight and early Wednesday while diminishing through the day. The low should move to the north on Thursday but the sky will remain cloudy as a second chance for precipitation arrives during the afternoon.

Today: Developing showers with increasing winds. High 45°F (7°C).

Tonight: Heavy rain with strong winds developing. Low 42°F (6°C).

Wednesday: Heavy rain early with decreasing winds. High 49°F (9°C). Low 40°F (4°C).

Thursday: Cloudy with possible showers in the afternoon. High 42°F (6°C). Low 32°F (0°C).

Clinton, Republicans Fail To Avert Partial Shutdown

By Paul Richter and Edwin Chen

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The federal government skidded toward partial shutdown late Monday as last-ditch efforts to broker a temporary budget deal between President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders sputtered and came to nothing.

With the government prepared to furlough more than a third of their 2.1 million civilian workers Tuesday morning, President Clinton vetoed a temporary borrowing bill and vowed to veto a stopgap spending measure that would have kept federal offices open.

Clinton declared that signing the bills would force him to swallow unacceptable portions of the GOP agenda that Republicans had tacked onto the short-term budget bills. The temporary spending bill was passed by the Senate Monday afternoon, and was expected to reach his desk Monday evening.

"This legislation is part of an overall back-door effort by the congressional Republicans to impose their priorities on our nation," he said. He charged that the GOP was violating the intent of the founding fathers by packing special provisions dealing with larger government policy questions into temporary measures meant to deal exclusively with government solvency.

And while White House and GOP leaders stayed at their posts late into the evening, they continued to trade denunciations, giving no sign that their professed eagerness

to find a way out would avert the first federal shutdown in five years.

Republicans taunted Clinton and accused him of trying to avoid their sincere efforts to find a compromise. House Speaker Gingrich (R-Ga.), said the leadership intended to draft a new compromise alternative to the temporary spending bill Monday evening after Clinton vetoed the original version.

Gingrich said the standoff "must seem like a spectacle to the average American," and he warned that the public will "blame all of us." He also attacked the White House for trying to negotiate through McCurry's statements.

Some Democrats as well acknowledged that the standoff cast a highly unflattering light on the adversaries.

"Everybody loses if we try to bring the government to a standstill," said Sen. John Breaux (D-La.) "We're so busy trying to score political points, I think some people in Louisiana believe even we in Congress are not 'essential' employees who should report to work tomorrow."

Some 800,000 federal workers in Washington and across the country are to be furloughed Tuesday for an indefinite period.

Those employees, who have been deemed non-essential, have been told to report to work Tuesday, and to be prepared for orders to close up their operations and head home unless a compromise is reached.

The battle over these two temporary measures has developed because the Congress has fallen

behind in its efforts to finish the work of passing 13 bills needed to fund the various government operations for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. So far, only three of the 13 bills have been finished by Congress.

The two temporary budget measures would keep the government operating as usual for several more weeks, providing Congress and the president time to complete work on the remaining measures.

The furloughs would not affect federal services deemed vital, such as air traffic control, law enforcement, the mails and the military.

But they would close national parks, museums, passport offices and the processing of new claims for Social Security, food stamps and other government benefits.

Monday, some Senate Republicans attempted a last-ditch compromise by seeking to defuse Clinton's opposition to a GOP provision to raise Medicare premiums for elderly beneficiaries.

The Republican measure to temporarily extend the government's spending authority would have raised those premiums, starting Jan. 1, from the current \$46.10 to \$53.50, rather than allowing them to fall to \$42.50, as provided in current law.

As a way around the White House objections, Sen. Peter V. Domenici (R-N.M.), chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, suggested that the spending bill keep the premiums level at \$46.10.

But White House officials did not promise that Clinton would accept that compromise.

Car Bomb Rips into Saudi Office; Kills Five Americans

By John Lancaster

THE WASHINGTON POST

CAIRO, EGYPT

A powerful car bomb ripped into a building occupied by American military trainers Monday in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killing five Americans and wounding 30 others, Saudi and U.S. officials said.

The bomb, which exploded shortly before midday in a busy commercial district of the Saudi capital, sheared off a wall of the three-story office building, shattered windows in nearby apartment blocks and created a pillar of smoke that could be seen for miles, witnesses said. In all, six people were killed and 60 wounded, according to the Saudi government.

Most of those killed were eating lunch in a snack bar when the bomb went off, U.S. Ambassador Ray Mabus said in a telephone interview from Riyadh. The targeted building is part of a complex belonging to the Saudi National Guard, part of the kingdom's internal security force, which receives training and technical support from U.S. military personnel and private contractors.

Devastating by any standard, the blast seemed especially shocking in Saudi Arabia, which traditionally has avoided the kind of extremist violence that has long plagued its poorer neighbors. Suspicion immediately fell on Islamic extremists, who have criticized the ruling Saud family for corruption and excessive coziness with the West, the United States in particular.

But analysts said it is too early to rule out the possibility of involvement by hostile foreign powers such as Iraq or Iran.

Within hours of the car-bomb

attack, international news agencies received claims of responsibility from two groups, the Islamic Movement for Change and the previously unheard-of Tigers of the Gulf. Neither claim could be authenticated. But in two statements last spring, the Islamic Movement for Change threatened to attack U.S. military personnel if they were not withdrawn from Saudi Arabia by June 28, Mabus said.

The United States has long maintained close ties to Saudi Arabia, which is the world's largest oil exporter and a major consumer of American arms as well as a discreet partner in the Middle East peace process. In particular, Saudi Arabia was the main base for U.S. and allied military operations in the 1991 Desert Storm campaign that drove Iraqi troops from neighboring Kuwait.

The last known time the U.S. military was attacked in Saudi Arabia came then, when an unknown assailant fired on a military bus, slightly wounding two Americans.

President Clinton vowed in Washington that the United States will track down those responsible for Monday's blast.

U.S. Embassy officials in Riyadh said the bomb exploded at about 11:30 a.m. (3:30 a.m. EST) in a parking lot alongside the office building, which serves as headquarters for the U.S. Army training mission to the 77,000-man National Guard. Mabus described the training mission as a long-standing program that covers many activities, from military maneuvers to maintenance and supply.

The mission includes military personnel, civilian employees of the

Army and private contractors, Mabus said.

Four of the Americans killed were civilian employees, while the fifth was a soldier, Mabus said. A Filipino employee also was killed.

The blast wounded about 30 Americans, 20 of whom were still in the hospital Monday night, Mabus said. Three of the hospitalized Americans were listed in critical condition.

Early reports indicated that the initial blast was followed minutes later by a second, smaller explosion, but a European diplomat said the second blast appeared to have been caused by a fuel tank in a burning vehicle.

The training mission, housed in a converted apartment complex, is situated near a compound of administrative offices for the Saudi National Guard in the well-to-do business and shopping district of al-Olaia. But unlike that office complex, the training mission is readily accessible from public streets, Mabus said.

"It's on a main thoroughfare," Mabus said. "It's not in a compound. It's not behind a wall." The bomber, he added, either parked the explosives-laden vehicle described in Washington as a van — on the street next to the building or in the parking lot.

The National Guard reports directly to the Saudi royal family and is headed by Crown Prince Abdullah, who is in line to take over as ruler upon the death of King Fahd.

It consists primarily of light-infantry units and, unlike the Saudi regular army, has responsibility for internal security, such as protecting oil installations.

Israelis, Palestinians Switch Control of West Bank Town

By Marjorie Miller
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JANIN, WEST BANK

Making good on slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's peace plan, Israeli troops pulled out of this northern West Bank town on schedule Monday and handed the city over to Palestinian authorities.

Thronges of Palestinians poured into the spruced-up streets of Janin before dawn to witness the end of a 27-year occupation and welcome their own people into power. Singing, dancing and wild gunfire — shots fired into the air in celebration — greeted the Palestinian police who arrived wearing crisp new uniforms.

After raising the Palestinian flag over the former Israeli military government compound, Palestinian leaders paid tribute to Rabin, who was gunned down Nov. 4 by a right-wing Jewish student opposed to

relinquishing West Bank land. "This is the crowning of the efforts for which Rabin gave his life," said Gen. Nasser Yusuf, chief of the Palestinian security forces.

The crowd erupted in glee when Tayyeb Abdel Rahim, the top Palestinian official at the ceremony, declared, "We hereby pronounce Janin a liberated city forever."

Janin is the first West Bank city given over to Palestinian control under the interim peace accord signed by Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Washington in September.

Under the agreement, Israeli troops are to pull out of five more Arab cities and most of the sixth — Hebron — by the end of the year. Palestinians are to hold their first elections for a governing council on Jan. 20.

Rahim emphasized the partnership between the Israeli government

and Arafat's Palestinian Authority — formerly armed enemies — adding that Palestinians must appreciate "the efforts of the peace camp in Israel, while demanding they be alert to all attempts on the Israeli side to undermine the peace process."

Arafat has ruled over the West Bank town of Jericho and the coastal Gaza Strip for the last 10 years under his 1993 peace accord with Rabin.

Many Palestinians had feared that the agreement to expand their control in the West Bank would never come about.

A few young men expressed regret that there had not been a military victory over the Israelis.

Others noted that Israeli troops would remain in control of 70 percent of the West bank, which they consider to be the budding state of Palestine.

Police Capture Alleged Serial Killer after Nationwide Manhunt

By Henry Chu
and Nicholas Riccardi
LOS ANGELES TIMES

RICHMOND, KY.

Alleged serial killer Glen Edward Rogers was captured about 120 miles from his hometown Monday after leading police on a high-speed chase in a car that belonged to a slain Florida woman believed to be the third victim in a cross-country killing spree that began in Los Angeles seven weeks ago.

Rogers — the subject of a nationwide manhunt — was spotted on State Highway 52 by State Police Detective Robert Stephens, who carried a photo of the fugitive in his car. Kentucky State Troopers had received an anonymous phone call from a woman saying the 33-year-old blond laborer had just left her house, authorities said.

"I pulled up beside him and was able to get a look at him," Stephens said later. "I knew it was him."

Rogers took a long sip of beer and threw the empty can at the police cruiser and sped off, Stephens said.

After a 15-mile chase, Rogers was run off the road and then quickly taken into custody. A single shot was fired during the pursuit, but no one was injured.

He denied to a TV reporter at the scene that he killed anyone. Rogers has been linked to four recent murders of women in California, Mississippi, Florida and Louisiana.

"One-on-one talk to me, in person, alone," Rogers told the reporter, as he was put into a patrol car. He is being held in Richmond, and "is cooperating to some degree," said state police Capt.

Charles Bowman.

Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department said they would send investigators as early as Tuesday to question Rogers in connection with a Sept. 29 killing there.

Authorities believe he may be responsible for still more deaths, since he once bragged that the Los Angeles slaying was his eighth, according to police.

In his hometown of Hamilton, Ohio, Rogers is wanted for questioning in the 1993 death of his 73-year-old roommate, Mark Peters, whose body was found last year in an abandoned cabin Rogers' family owns in nearby Beattyville, Ky. And in California, Rogers is now a suspect in four unsolved killings in Ontario and Port Hueneme, where the victims were either strangled or stabbed, set on fire or left in bathtubs.

Another Step against Huntington's Disease Reported

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN DIEGO

Following up on the discovery two years ago of the gene that causes Huntington's disease, researchers have identified a key protein involved in the progression of the disorder — a discovery that opens the possibility of the first effective treatment for the hitherto mystifying disease.

Shortly after the Huntington's gene was identified, researchers found the protein it produces, an unusually large molecule they called huntingtin that was unlike any protein previously identified.

But they did not, and still do not, know what either the healthy huntingtin protein or its aberrant form does in a cell.

Huntington's is one of the more common inherited brain disorders. About 25,000 Americans have it and another 60,000 or so carry the defective gene and will develop the disorder as they age. The slowly progressing disease, which killed folksinger Woody Guthrie, among others, usually comes on between the ages of 30 and 50 and causes the degeneration of brain cells.

It is characterized by jerky, involuntary movements called chorea and by dementia, a progressive deterioration of thought processes. Children of victims have a 50 percent chance of developing the disease.

A team from Johns Hopkins University reported here Monday at a meeting of the Society for Neuroscience that they have found a second protein, called HAP-1, that binds to the huntingtin molecule only in the brain. HAP binds much more tightly to defective huntingtin than to the healthy form, and it appears to be this tightly bound complex that causes damage to brain cells.

"Finding (HAP-1) is like finding a gun at a murder scene," said Dr. Christopher Ross of Johns Hopkins.

Ross and his colleagues hope to find simple drugs that can weaken this binding, thereby preventing progression of the disease.

PRI Winning Michoacan Governorship as PAN Builds Base

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY

Mexico's long-ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party ended its worst political year in six decades on a high note Monday — apparently holding on to the governorship in the key state of Michoacan and maintaining a narrow majority in five state legislatures.

But as official returns poured in from local elections in six states and Mexico City, millions of Mexican voters appeared to continue to turn against the state party, strengthen the nation's conservative opposition and reject its political left.

Official tallies will not be complete until later this week. But with more than 60 percent of the vote counted in most places, the National Action Party (PAN) — now the nation's second-largest — was headed for wins in more than a dozen mayoral races in major cities and was neck-and-neck for second place in the Michoacan gubernatorial poll.

That showing for the 56-year-old, center-right PAN appeared to bolster its long-term strategy to build a national power base that can unseat the PRI from the presidency for the first time in 66 years in the year 2000.

Graduate Student Council

Next meetings:

- HCA Nov. 14, 5:30
- Activities Nov. 16, 5:30
- General Dec. 6, 5:30
- APPC Dec. 7, 5:30

The Nutcracker

7:30pm, Friday, Dec. 1, 1995

Tickets only \$20 - available now in the GSC office (limited supply)

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Night on the Town
Nov. 17

Nutcracker
Dec. 1

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Dec. 10

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WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE? GET INVOLVED

The GSC will shortly be nominating 10 grad students to serve on the new **Committee on Discipline.**

The GSC will also be nominating grad students to a committee to find a new **Asst. Dean for Residence and Campus Activities** and to the **MIT Martin Luther King Committee.**

Details are being finalized. If you are interested or want more information, email gsc-vice-president@mit.edu.

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To get general info on GSC IM teams or to try and organize your own team, send email to gsc-im@mit.edu.

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

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

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When we picked up the latest *Tech Talk*, we noticed a photograph of Monday evening's memorial for the late Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, along with a quote from Professor Franklin Fisher — "For the last several months, calls for Rabin's assassination have come from rabbis, if they are still entitled to that name. They cursed Rabin and held it halachically justified [under Jewish law] to kill him because his policies would result in giving up some of the Biblical land."

We were disappointed to find that Professor Fisher used the prime minister's tragic

death as an opportunity to attack religious Judaism and generally spread divisiveness in the Jewish community. We are particularly distressed since we still find ourselves in the midst of the week of mourning. We believe students came to the memorial to share their grief, not listen to accusations.

Although we do not wish to engage in acerbic polemic, it must be made clear that Fisher's statement is incorrect in reference to those rabbis specifically, and misleading about religious Judaism in general. The only justification for assassination which was ever even considered in a Halakhic (Jewish legal) discussion, is that people's lives were being endangered. Never mind the overwhelming majority of rabbis and observant Jews who insist, and have always insisted, that Jews killing Jews is abhorrent and sad. Fisher's

indiscriminate use of the word "rabbis" was both misrepresentative and insensitive to the large number of Torah-observing Jews in his audience.

We are also disappointed in *Tech Talk's* editorial staff for selecting the most divisive quote of the talk to print on the front page. We understand their aspirations for professional, honest journalism, but we believe the *Tech Talk* is essentially a community publication; as such it should exercise discretion. We hope it does so in the future.

We also hope that Jews everywhere take this time to reflect on the causes of our disunity. To paraphrase Yehiel Leiter, rather than pointing accusing fingers, we must extend each other our open hands.

Ya'akov M. Mandelbaum G
Alan Mizrahi '97

Nerdy Conspiracy Endangers Cambridge

Column by Anders Hove
OPINION EDITOR

I don't know too many Cantabridgians with better taste in restaurants than my under-world Serbian friend, Radovan Ilic. When he recommended I take my friend Fly D___ to the Glasnost Cafe in Harvard Square, I jumped at the chance. After a brief search in the rain, we arrived at the small cafe, which is tucked incongruously in the basement of a blocky red brick building on Cambridge Street.

As I folded up my umbrella, Fly D___ glanced apprehensively around the restaurant. Two black-tied waiters were flitting gracefully among tables where suave, middle-aged men and elegant-looking women sat holding subdued conversations in Russian and English. One of the waiters glanced at us dismissively, muttering something under his breath.

"I'm sorry, but if you have no reservations, I'm afraid we have no —" he began to say.

I felt a sudden pang of embarrassment. "Oh," I said sadly, "Radovan didn't say anything about —"

Suddenly the waiter's face lit up. "Friends of Radovan! Please, right this way."

We followed the waiter to a small table at which two elderly gentlemen were seated. Looking closer, I recognized the men as Radovan's brothers, Milovan and Ratko. I introduced the brothers to Fly D___ . Unfazed, Milovan and Ratko seemed pleasantly surprised at our unexpected arrival.

Fly D___ is not the sort of woman to dwell on social pleasantries, particularly in the presence of food. After grabbing a plate from a nearby table, she began helping herself to a steaming mound of cabbage, and then ladled out a large serving of beetroot soup. As Ratko poured two fresh glasses of kvass, Milovan gestured toward a large loaf of bread at the center of the table, indicating that I should help myself as well. I did.

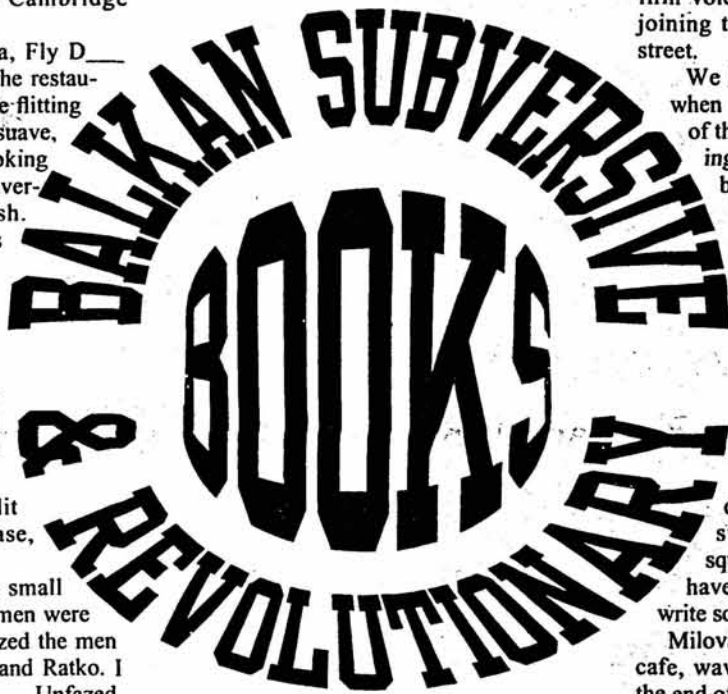
As usual, Milovan and Ratko were less interested in food than in subversive activities and conspiracy. While Fly D___ and I happily gorged ourselves, they discussed the latest news on a municipal election in Albania, and whether the Islamic Jihad would claim responsibility for the recent shootings in Charlestown. While I was entranced by the conversation, I felt strangely distracted. I heard a scratching noise from below me, and noticed that Fly D___ had stopped eating.

"Whoa! My chair just moved. This is

weird," she said nervously.

On the floor there was a small metal grate or vent of some kind. From below it, two bloodshot eyes stared at us with a look of horror. A thin finger tugged on a wire that ran up through the grate. Who could this be?

Ratko dropped his fork and let out a long sigh. "This place used to be so fashionable. Its recent infestation has become intolerable," said he with a look of indignation.



"What's the deal?" inquired Fly D___.

"I suppose you haven't heard about Glasnost Cafe's little problem with the members of the Student Information Processing Board," said Ratko. "The place is crawling with them. It's downright unsanitary."

"What are they doing here?" I asked.

Ratko gently fingered his blond mustache. "Somebody told me they are trying to control the restaurant by making all of its appliances operable over the Internet. They have only to lay down the cables, and then the Glasnost Cafe's functions can be performed remotely from a computer cluster."

At that moment, a chef stumbled out the swinging kitchen doors, grabbing a nearby waiter by the arm.

"I can't stand it anymore!" he shrieked. "There are two SIPB people making out in the crawl-space above the grease pit — I'm sure of it!"

"Oh," I said, withdrawing the hand I had unwittingly let rest on Fly D___'s thigh.

"I have had enough on this nonsense," blurted the elder Milovan, his habitually pale

face suddenly flush with pink. He stood abruptly, gesturing sternly to some tough looking men across the room. "Let us call in our old friends from the NKVD — they know how to handle exterminations. It is time we fought these wretched wreckers with blood and iron!"

Five of the muscle-bound men leapt to their feet, shoving their chairs aside. "Please clear the area," said one in a low, firm voice. Ratko, Fly D___ and I obeyed, joining the crowd of onlookers across the street.

We had barely stepped onto the curb when five black sedans pulled up in front of the cafe. Several men of military bearing bounded out of the cars and into the building, buckets of soap and water in their hands.

Ratko smiled. "The NKVD have lost none of their élan after all these years in exile. They knew exactly what it would take to wash those creatures away."

"Ugh!" exclaimed Fly D___, pointing to a low cluster of black forms near the back door of the cafe. "They're running away."

The creatures were crawling down the gutter and into a nearby storm drain. I could hear high, squeaky voices crying out in panic. "I have to fix my zwgc," said one. "Let's write some code," squealed another.

Milovan now stood in the entrance of the cafe, waving us back inside. "I think that's the end of them," he said as we drew near. He appeared ten years younger; the wrinkles were gone from his face, and his eyes glowed.

"In my day, fighting in the mountains with the Partisans, the enemy was real and human. I can't deal with these new people. How can you fight a nerd?" As Milovan spoke the color drained from his cheeks, and he resumed the appearance of a tired, elderly gentleman. From his pocket he produced a small book, and placed it in my hand.

"Chairman SIPB's Little Greasy Book," I read on the cover, then opened to the first page. "Rule number one: A good man dedicated to the cause and to his brothers will scorn all bathing." I broke off reading.

"Go on," said Fly D___.

"All the other pages are blank," I said. The night air was permeated with a fetid odor. Some of the huddled patrons were over come, fainting or retching in the gutters. Others had already disappeared into side-streets.

Fly D___ looked disgusted. "I'm going to go eat at a real restaurant." I watched forlornly as she walked away into the night.

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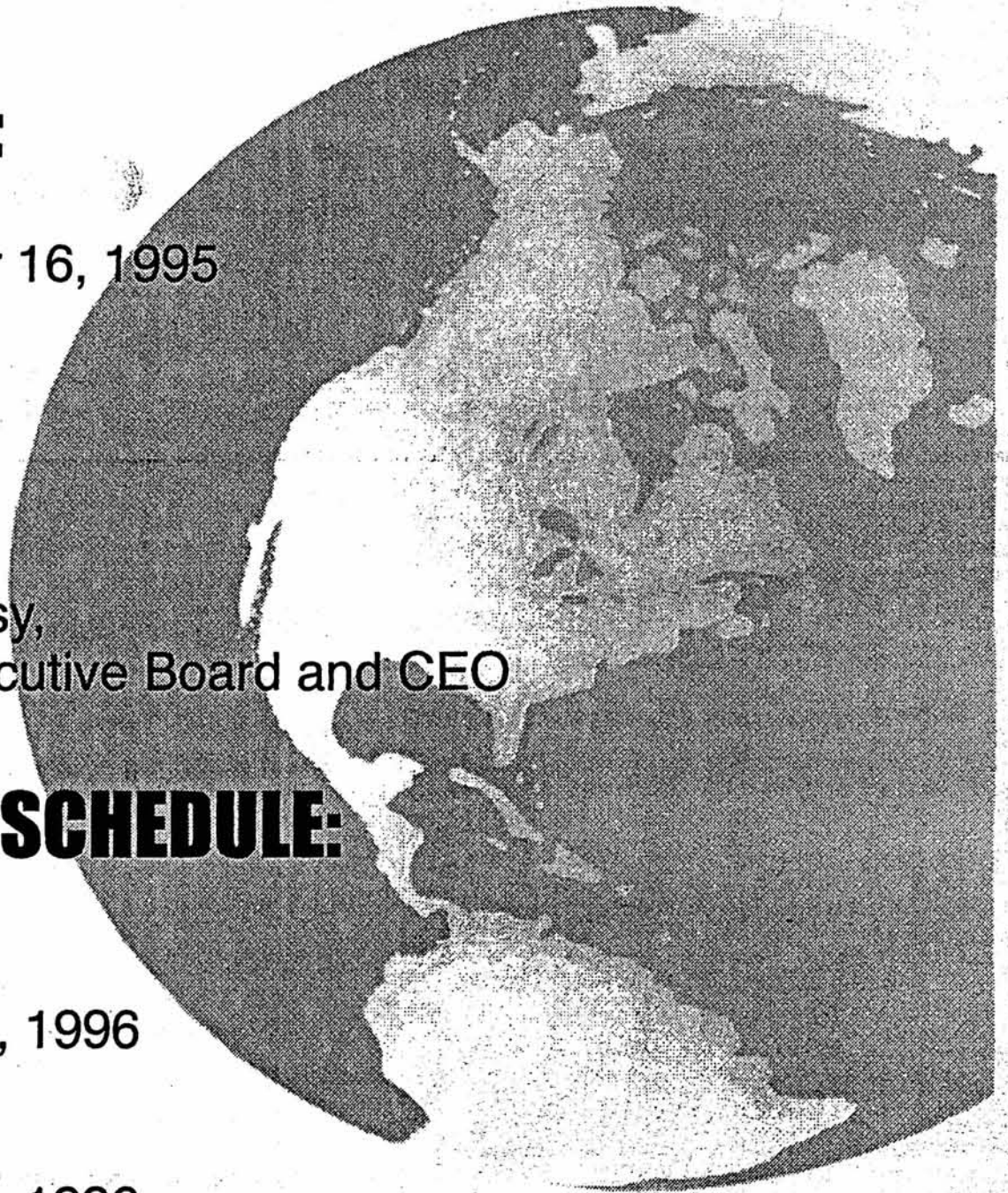
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Course Evaluation Guide Needs Everyone's Cooperation

Column by Eva Moy
STAFF REPORTER

The *Course Evaluation Guide* is undergoing several major changes in the evaluations process which have been in the planning since this summer, led by myself and another editor. Undoubtedly some people will be unhappy with these proposed changes, and we will try to promote discussion and accommodate any requests.

The *CEG* currently faces the following problems: The evaluations process is too labor intensive, the bubble forms do not provide enough information, the turnaround time is too slow, it is too expensive to print paper copies of the *Guide*.

The solutions, which will be implemented this semester, are to combine the numerical and text responses onto the same form, and to distribute the results exclusively online, with hard copies available in special circumstances.

Judging from the meager amount of participation from the MIT community over the past few years, I think it would be safe to say that most people do not know what is involved in producing the *CEG*. Let's look at the numbers: There are about 4,000 undergraduates, and each takes about four classes per semester. Theoretically, the *CEG* would have to process 32,000 forms each semester. In reality, only about 300 classes are evaluated. That totals about 9,000 of each type of form.

Before the evaluations period, a small group of students photocopy, count, and sort 9,000 pieces of paper. The writing process, the bulk of the data processing, involves over 20 writers over a period of several months.

It is obvious that a lot of manpower is required. In the past, the *CEG* relied on a few loyal volunteers to help with this Herculean task. Recently, however, we have had to pay student workers \$7 per hour.

This semester, however, we plan a more drastic solution: Eliminating the bubble forms. Traditionally, the *CEG* has used two types of forms. The question form requires written responses, while the bubble forms ask students to rate the classes in about 30 categories, ranging from the friendliness of the instructor to the difficulty of the exams.

Ideally, the instructor should allow 10 or 15 minutes for students to complete their questionnaires, but sometimes students only

get 5 or 10 minutes. In addition, some departments use their own form. Thus, one or more of the forms are not completed or all are completed very sparsely. Considering that the forms ask similar questions, this division of attention is not productive for any of the parties involved.

I also question the statistical relevance of the numbers given by the bubble forms. Let's say that in a class of 30 students, 20 are present on the day of the evaluation, and only 15 had time to answer most of the questions on the bubble form. If you were the instructor, would you trust those numbers?

The new form won't completely eliminate the use of numbers, but will place more emphasis on the word responses which have more information. We also hope to tailor the forms more to the needs of the departments and the instructors. Expanding to our current "science" and "humanities" versions we hope to add "laboratory" and "foreign languages" versions as well.

Our final change is to publish the results exclusively online. We will also photocopy several hundred copies, which will be distributed to departments and living groups. An online version offers advantages such as the ability to search for a specific instructor and to correlate responses over a period of several years. We will have more details about how to access this information at the end of November.

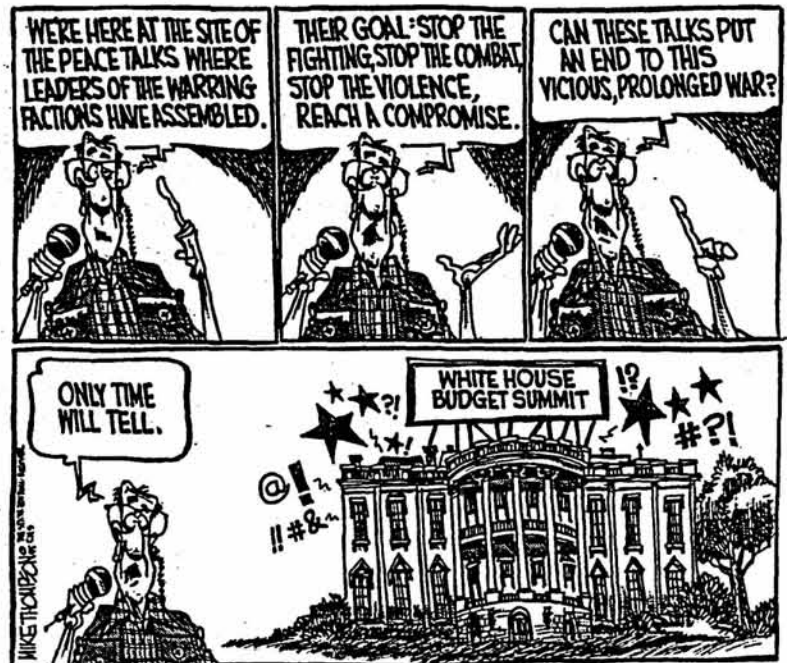
The underlying reason is the *CEG's* lack of money. It costs about \$8,000 per semester to print the *Guide*. This cost has risen with increased paper costs. In addition, when we switched from a volunteer-based to a pay-based work force, our expenses also increased. With the money and effort we save, we will be able to concentrate on producing a better *Guide* in less time. And we can plan for the future instead of always trying to "catch up" with the current guide.

We, the *Course Evaluation Guide* staff, need to play our strengths, and that is writing well. We need the cooperation everyone in the MIT community. Professors should allow a full 10 minutes for students to fill in the forms. Students should go to class in the last two weeks to fill in the evaluation, and try to portray an accurate picture of the semester's learning experience. If they have spare time,

they should come down to our office and give us a hand.

The scary thing about the *CEG* is that so many people do read it, and trust the comments of their fellow classmates. Every step

of the *CEG* process is crucial, and bad timing or bad judgement can seriously affect its success. We must change both the internal processes and the expectations of the *CEG*, or have none at all.



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By Craig Mahfood

The dance concert "Definitions," performed by the MIT Dance Troupe on Nov. 3 and 4, was an impressive display of talented dancers and choreographers, colorful costumes, and good humor. The concert was a medley of theme-

dances, performed to songs ranging from modern-day hits by artists such as Seal to well-known Broadway oldies. The programs for the concert were designed to look like dictionaries, with the definitions corresponding to the choreographers' interpretations of their particular dances.

One of the most attractive features of this concert was the diversity in styles displayed in the various pieces. The individual dances ranged from the colorful and exciting, to the heated and sexy, to the totally whimsical. This variety was reflected in three of the most popular dances with the audience. The first of

these was "Close," a very original martial-arts dance choreographed by Jimmy J. Lin '97, which combined power and grace into a unique piece that caught the audience's attention early on. "Kiss," a funk dance choreographed by Kaitlyn C. Liao '97, Janice C. Chen '97, and Mala Murthy '97, combined attitude, sexiness, and a sense of fun to create an exciting piece which had the audience whistling and cheering at full volume. The finale, "All That Jazz," a Broadway-styled dance choreographed by Vicharin "Pebbles" Vadakan '97, combined colorful costumes, humor, and charm to create a piece which was

fun to watch and filled the audience with laughter, ending the concert on an upbeat note.

This concert was definitely a crowd pleaser, and audience members who had attended Dance Troupe concerts in the past commented that the group manages to top themselves in each performance. This enthusiasm was attested to by the increased number of spectators who attended this concert compared with previous ones. As a result of this popularity, Dance Troupe will expand their next concert, which will be in the spring, to include three nights of performances instead of two.

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By Daniel Moriarty

Food is good. We should all eat lots of it and enjoy it as best we can. I'm going to try my best to make it easier for all of us to get a good meal at a decent price without any hassle. However, I should introduce myself first. Then we can build a relationship based on trust and love (of food).

Why do I feel qualified to provide information on local restaurants? Well, I'm what we at MIT call a lifer. This is my tenth year here, so I feel I have a bit of a familiarity with the area. I've spent way too much money eating out these past nine years and would like to pass on my experiences. I'm a decent cook, and my roommate was once a sauté chef at a French restaurant. (Since I mentioned him, one of the best bits of advice he's ever given me: when cooking rice, use Allegre Inn chicken stock instead of water. The difference is unbelievable.) I love ethnic food: Barbecue-style, French, Indian, Japan-

ese, Mexican, Chinese, Middle Eastern, Greek, and Brazilian are all fair game, and ethnic food seems to be so prevalent in greater Boston. Lastly, I hope to at least be somewhat entertaining.

Where do you go after a stressful day in the lab, chasing ground loops and debugging instrumentation? You've been meaning to eat lunch for over four hours now, and one more can of Coke (or Sprite for me) just won't do. You're way past hungry. In fact, you're what I'd call "mean-hungry." The thought of 100 grams of fat in Sam's Lunch makes you want to puke. What can you eat that's more soothing than toast and soup, and a whole lot tastier? Japanese food at Maluken. It's in Kenmore Square and shares the same building as Uno's except you enter from the Beacon Street side. I've had Japanese before eating here, but Maluken (sometimes spelled Mal'ken) made me a believer. The first thing you'll notice upon entering is how clean the place is. The wood is a happy fresh pine color and there are lots of Japanese drapes and details everywhere. Plus, there are plenty of windows to watch the passing traffic on Beacon and to let the sun shine in. The waitresses are dressed in pretty

kimonos with sashes tied to their backs as they shuffle back and forth in sandals: all very soothing.

First, you're handed a damp towel to clean off the dust from all those coaxial cables you've been tracing. Don't bother reading the menu because you already know what you want — order the following: miso soup, a salad, cucumber maki, and flying fish roe sushi. With a friend, you can also order grilled yellow tail rolls and salmon sushi. Don't forget the green tea.

After carefully picking out the scallions from the miso soup it's time for instant relief. (Forget Tums and all that other garbage. The only true antacid is food.) The soup takes some getting used to, but after one or two trips to Maluken I guarantee you'll be craving it. If you're too impatient for the spoon, drinking the bowl is accepted. The best part of the salad is the soy-sauce like dressing. Use the chop-sticks and, years from now, you will be able to show off to your boss and clients your prowess with the customs of the world. Don't feel bad if you leave a pile of radish. They're nothing but trouble anyway — and your date will thank you.

The maki and sushi come with little porce-

lain trays for the sauce. Toss in a couple ginger slices, a tad of the wasabi (beware, this stuff is hot), mix it up and use for soaking the maki. Beginners should try the cucumber first: It is not at all gooey. My personal favorite is the flying fish roe. These eggs are tiny, salty, and crunchy as opposed to the nasty salmon roe which is definitely gooey. Sauce is unnecessary. The salmon sushi, surely the flagship of Japanese food, is for veterans. And finally, if you're jonesing for greasy, fried food the grilled yellow tail will definitely give you a fix.

I strongly suggest a lunch box from Maluken during the weekdays. The selections change daily and usually comprise salad, soup, tempura, something raw, and a weird, orange-yellow cookie thing that I just never got used to. The meal is served in an exotic box, and when the check comes you can enjoy a little chuckle, for the lunch will be listed as r-box. (Think about it.)

Dinner for one, to go, is a little over ten bucks. For two, to stay, with tip is just short of thirty, which isn't bad, considering Japanese food is notoriously expensive. The lunch box is by far a bargain at roughly six dollars. So take the green line, take a date, enjoy the food and tell your friends.

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By H. Ayala



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- Tuesday, November 14 Presentation of "Lo que le paso a Santiago", an Oscar nominated Puerto Rican movie, directed by Jacobo Morales. The movie will be shown in Room 8-119 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.
- Wednesday, November 15 Seminar on Graduate School opportunities. Margaret Tyler will be the guest speaker. The seminar will take place on Twenty Chimneys from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.
- Thursday, November 16 Jorge Arce will give a presentation on the origins of Puerto Rican music at Twenty Chimneys from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
- Friday, November 17 Presentation of "Los Pleneros del Coco" on the first floor of the Student Center at 3:00 pm. This group will educate the MIT community about the origins of Puerto Rican music. A party featuring the music group Fantasia will be held in Walker Memorial starting at 9:00 pm.
- Saturday, November 18 Community Service Day. Activities will start at 12:00 pm.

**In addition, there will be an informational booth located on the first floor of the student center from Monday through Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. We will be showing a promotional video of Puerto Rico, handing out literature and souvenirs, playing "Salsa" music, and selling our own Puerto Rican candy.

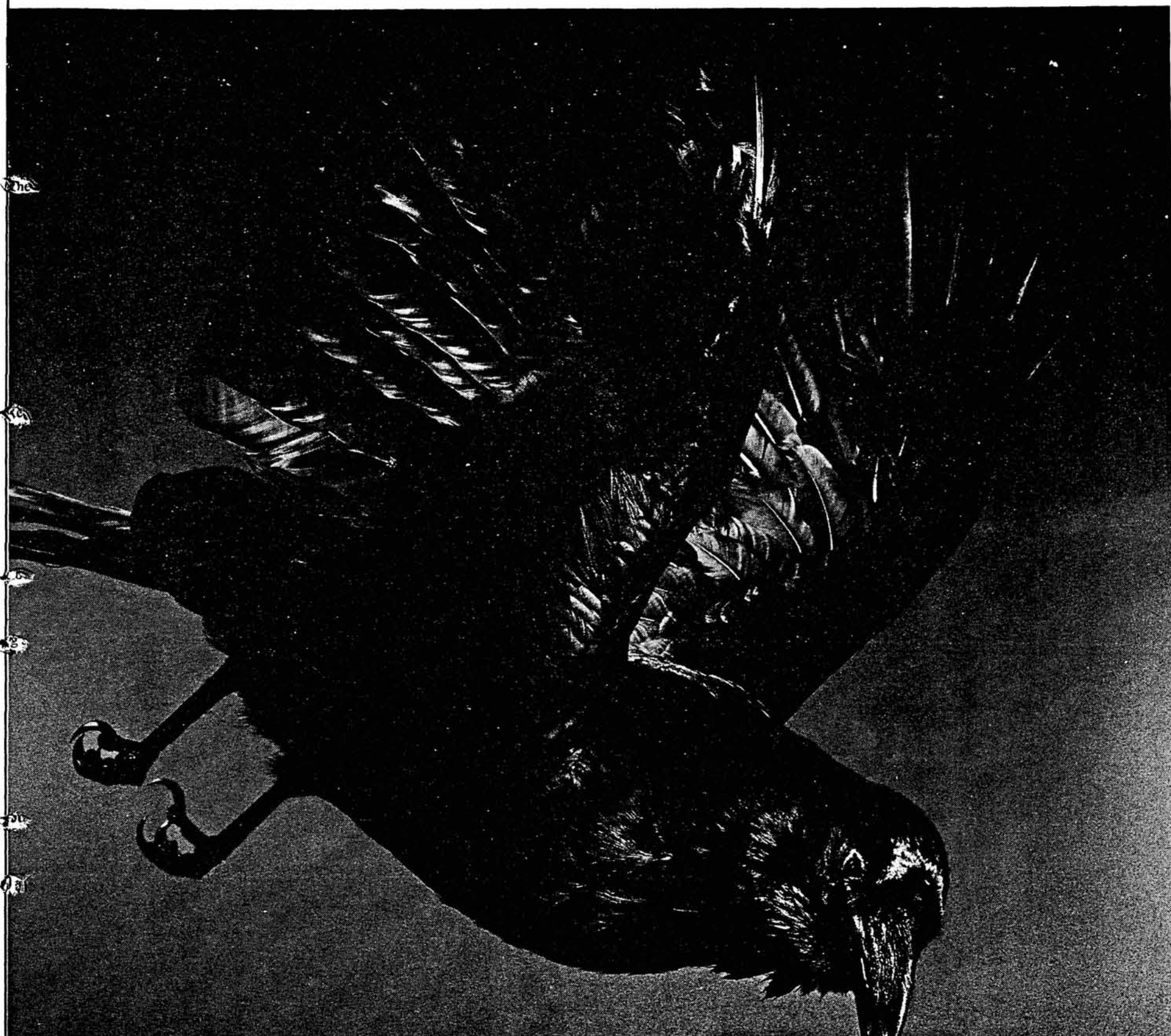
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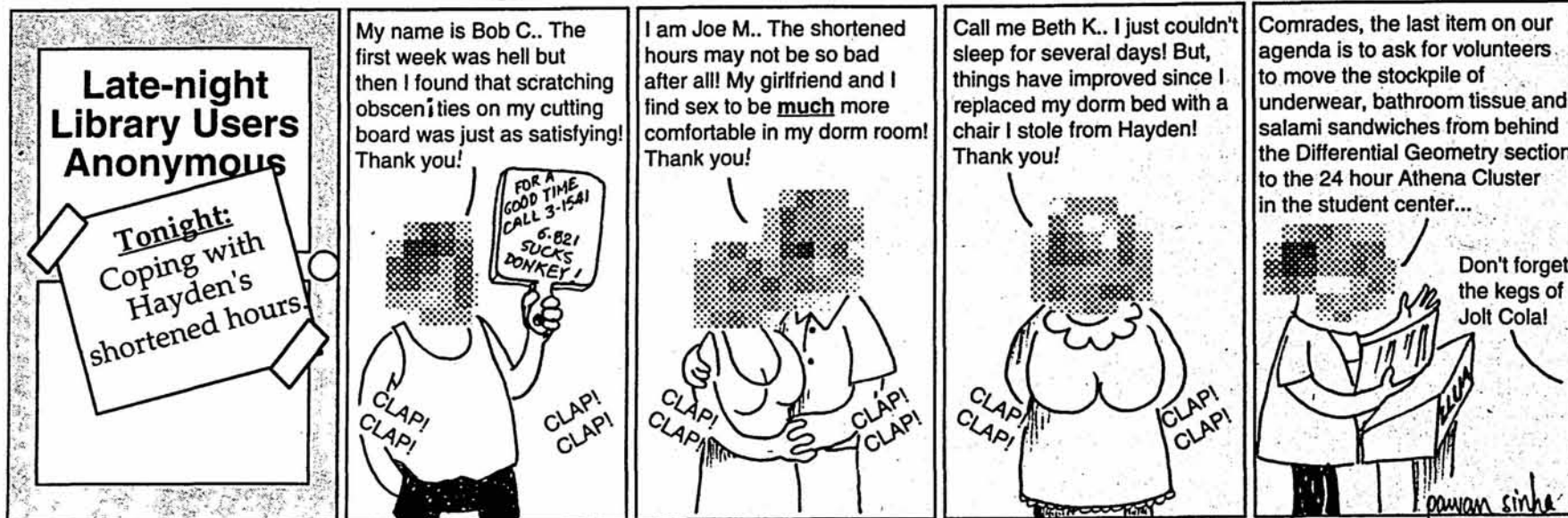
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Course Guide Moves To World-Wide Web, Changes Questions

By Venkatesh Satish
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The *Course Evaluation Guide* is undergoing a variety of changes, including a move to a World-Wide Web version of the guide that would greatly reduce the number of copies printed each term.

The *CEG*, a student-run publication which compiles statistics and students' comments on classes and professors every semester, is having financial trouble that forces it to scale down the number of published copies, said Editor in Chief Christopher E. Yang '95.

Recent guides have run deficits of several thousand dollars, exhausting the surplus generated in previous years, Yang said.

"People will be somewhat unhappy [about not having the guide in hard copy], but this is the best we can do at this point," Yang said.

While only a few hundred copies will be printed, the *CEG* will provide a copy to living groups and other major organizations to ensure students have access to the guide, Yang said.

While the online guide for Spring 1996 will contain only the basic and traditional information, Yang said, students may eventually be able to sort the information by course, a specific professor or teaching assistant, or as it relates to a certain degree, which is another benefit to the computerized version.

Questionnaires to change

The *CEG* is also eliminating the bubble forms that students used to rate various aspects of the courses they are taking on a scale from 1 to 7, said former *CEG* Editor in Chief Eva Moy G. The new forms will require a hand-written answer that will hopefully stress qualitative analyses.

The new forms will also incorporate questions on the standard comment sheets which accompanied the bubble form, with distinct, specialized evaluations for technical, laboratory, and foreign language classes.

Currently, students "concentrate on the teacher rather than the content of the course," and the new forms might evoke more thoughtful criticism, Moy said.

Additionally, eliminating and combining the bubble forms with the standard comment form into one will mean "less hassle and less work" for staff, reducing the amount of money spent on labor, she said.

While the modifications are partly for financial reasons, "a lot of changes were things we wanted to do anyway" to improve the guide and upgrade from an obsolete computer system, Moy said.

The *CEG* sought student on the changes input by placing comment sheets in Lobby 7. About two-thirds of the students who commented felt that many of the statistics on the bubble forms were not meaningful, said another former editor in chief, Federico Bernal '97.

The Spring 1996 guide will still use information gathered from the old forms, but subsequent guides would use the new system, Bernal said.

CEG experiences lack of staff

Staff shortages have been a "chronic problem," Moy said. Some of the work is "very repetitive.... it's hard to find a large group of people who will do it."

As an incentive, writers and staff are paid \$7 an hour, but it is still difficult to find people who "are committed to the entire process," Moy said.

"It's a problem in terms of logistics," Yang said. In many cases, editors are burdened with manually-

intensive tasks that are outside their normal responsibilities, he said.

Despite the situation, "we can still meet the deadlines... everyone is putting in a lot of effort and time," Yang said.

Future staffing of the *CEG* still remains a problem, Bernal said.

Former editors act in an advisory capacity, and some of these editors will graduate soon, Bernal said. "We need more student participation especially from sophomores and freshmen."

Putting the *CEG* online may allow future guides to be made available before the usual pre-registration day release, Bernal said.

"If we get efficient writers... potentially, we would be able to have the guide out two or three months sooner," Bernal said.

More Sophomore Choose VI-2; Other Departments Also Stressed

By Brett Altschul
STAFF REPORTER

The majors choices of the Class of 1998, released last month, showed only one significant change from the choices of last year's class: a more than doubling of the number of students in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science degree section Course VI-2.

The greatest number of sophomores continued to choose majors in Course VI, the largest department in the Institute.

Professor of EECS William T. Peake '51, an undergraduate officer for the department, attributed this to the fact that "MIT students seek tough academic programs. Course VI is regarded as tougher than most and has a reputation for expecting its students to take the material seriously, and MIT students are comfortable with that attitude."

EECS is also seen as an area with good prospects for secure employment, he said.

More students choose VI-2

Although the total EECS enrollment changed very little, rising from 300 to 317, the number of students who chose the VI-2 major option more than

doubled to 154, despite the fact that this program is not nationally accredited. The major covers both electrical engineering and computer science. Many students chose it because it's seen as less constrained than the other options, Peake said.

"It allows them to avoid choosing between EE and CS," he said. Many students in the department also feel that the combined program will soon become a standard college offering.

Biology still stressed

Although the recent growth in the Department of Biology leveled off this year, the department still contains nearly twice the number of students it had just four years ago.

"The biggest adjustment for the department was expanding the introductory lab course, but we seem to have enough space to do it," said Graham C. Walker, professor of biology and undergraduate officer for the department.

Introduction to Experimental Biology (7.02) is required of all biology majors, and its increased enrollment caused serious problems, Walker said.

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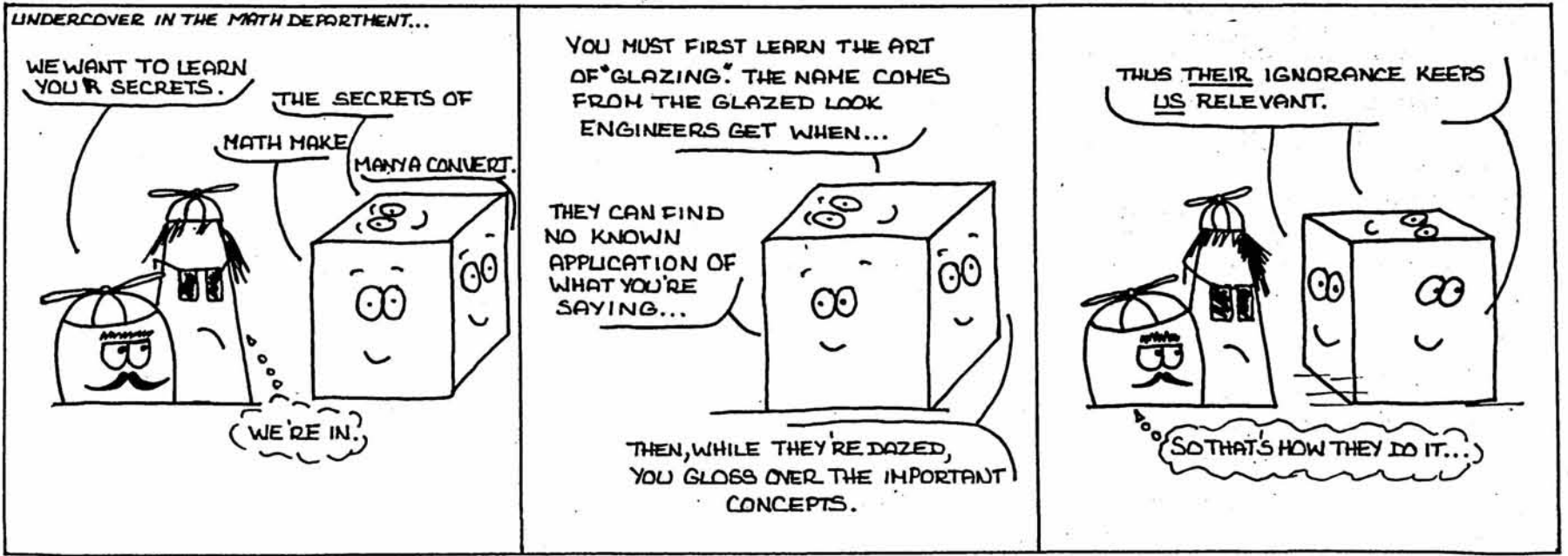
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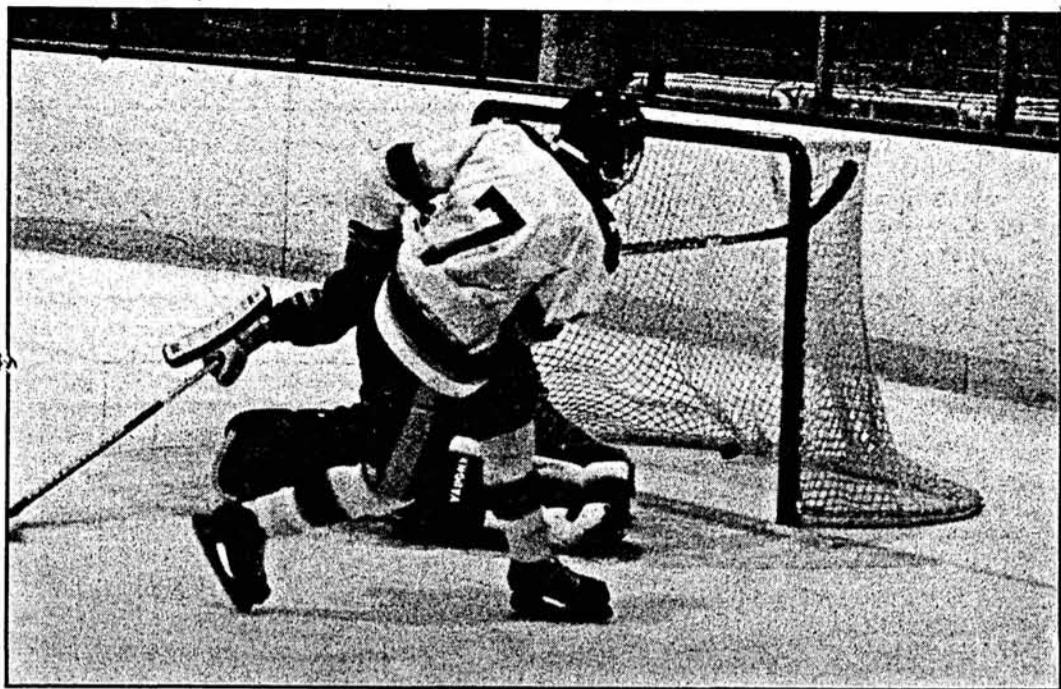
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Nov. 3: Bldg. 2, suspicious activity; 33 Massachusetts Ave. bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, \$300.

Nov. 4: Bldg. 16, three juveniles arrested for trespassing; Bldg 26, jacket stolen, \$40; Bldg. 6, backpack and contents stolen, \$395.

Nov. 5: Bldg. 13 compound, bicycle parts stolen; Phi Beta Epsilon, 1) cash and watch stolen, \$100, 2) cellular phones stolen, \$500, 3) cellular phone stolen, \$220; DuPont Gym, suspicious activity; Bldg. 26 bicycle rack, bicycle seat stolen \$100.

Nov. 6: Bldg. E56, suspicious activity; Bldg. 13 compound bicycle parts, \$230; DuPont Gym, cash stolen, \$75; Bldg. 2, suspicious activity; Bldg. 7, harassing phone calls; Bldg. 66 malicious destruction.

Nov. 7: Walker, 1) chefs pans stolen, \$500, 2) bicycle stolen, \$100, 3) assault and battery; Bldg. E53, suspicious person; Bldg. E52, laptop stolen \$2,000; MacGregor House, suspicious activity.

Nov. 8: La Verde's, John Murphy, of 28 Inman St., Cambridge, arrested for shoplifting; DuPont locker room, leather jacket stolen, \$200; Infinite corridor, illegal rollerblading; LaVerde's, malicious destruction.

Nov. 9: Student Center, larceny of a backpack, \$35; 33 Massachusetts Ave. bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, \$400; Bldg. 16, computer software stolen, \$129; Bldg. E40, suspicious person assaulted complainant.

Aramark Sued for \$2 Million

Lawsuit, from Page 1

manager of food services.

Aramark General Manager Robert McBurney declined to comment on the case while litigation is pending.

Judge dismisses part of case

On Oct. 12 District Court Judge Morris E. Lasker decided against dismissing the entire case, but did summarily dismiss the charges concerning Fell. The judge decided to dismiss those charges because Aramark made a "prompt and appropriate" response to Messina's complaints against Fell, who held the same position as Messina at the time. The original suit was filed April 1, 1994.

Messina is seeking compensatory damages for lost wages and emotional distress, attorney's fees, and punitive damages for a total of \$2 million.

Messina brought the suit against Aramark (a part of Araserve, Inc.

formerly known as ARA) because "he feels that he was treated horribly by ARA as well as by Mr. Dannels," said William J. McLeod, Messina's attorney. "He feels that ARA was not responsive to his complaint. He also wants to make sure that it doesn't happen again to other people, whether it be at ARA or elsewhere."

Attorneys for Aramark could not be reached for comment.

The case will probably come to trial in the spring, McLeod said.

"Based upon the evidence that was presented" a decision in favor of Messina seems likely, McLeod said. "I would find it incredibly difficult to believe that Mr. Messina

was not harassed and that the harassment was not offensive."

Dannels' harassment of Messina was all done in the presence of co-workers and sometimes management who did nothing to stop this conduct, according to the lawsuit.

In one instance, Dannels allegedly stated on a loud speaker, in a sexually suggestive manner, "Chuck — this is the Chef. I want you."

In mid-October 1993, Messina asked for a transfer to another work area, but was told he couldn't transfer out of Dannels' area and still work the same number of hours.

Messina quit on Nov. 5, 1993.

EAPS, OE Target Sophomores

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Walker said that the doubling of the department was unexpected. "We can't fully say what happened, but we can partially explain it," he said. "There has been an increase in the pre-med enrollment all across the country, and since biology became a requirement, it's become more visible here."

EAPS attracts undergraduates

Many of the smaller departments have made efforts in recent years to attract more undergraduates. For example, the Department of Earth,

Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, which was chosen by only nine sophomores, has been trying to build its undergraduate program, said Daniel R. Burns, PhD '87, undergraduate administrator for the department.

"We've been working hard to increase the visibility of EAPS among undergrads," he said. EAPS offers 16 freshman seminars, for over 10 percent of the freshman class, more than any other department, Burns said.

"EAPS also has a very vibrant UROP program, and there are great opportunities to do 'real' research:

last year one of our UROPs was deeply involved in the Jupiter comet impact," he said. "The job market for our grads is looking better too. A big percentage go on to grad school too."

The Department of Ocean Engineering, which five sophomores chose this year, has also "been developing a new undergraduate curriculum in ocean engineering and making an effort to encourage freshman to consider it," said Professor of Naval Architecture Justin E. Kerwin '53, the undergraduate adviser for the department.

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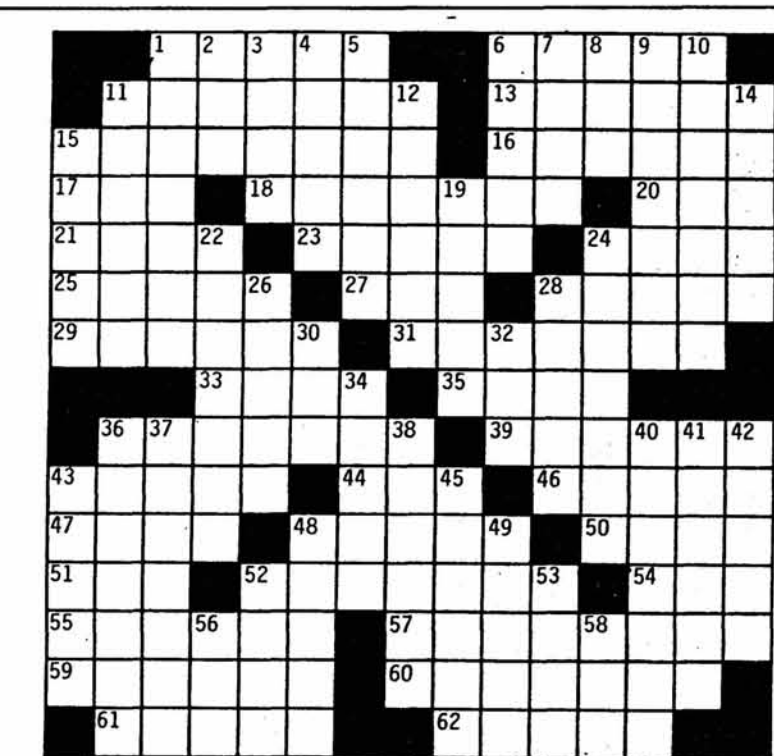
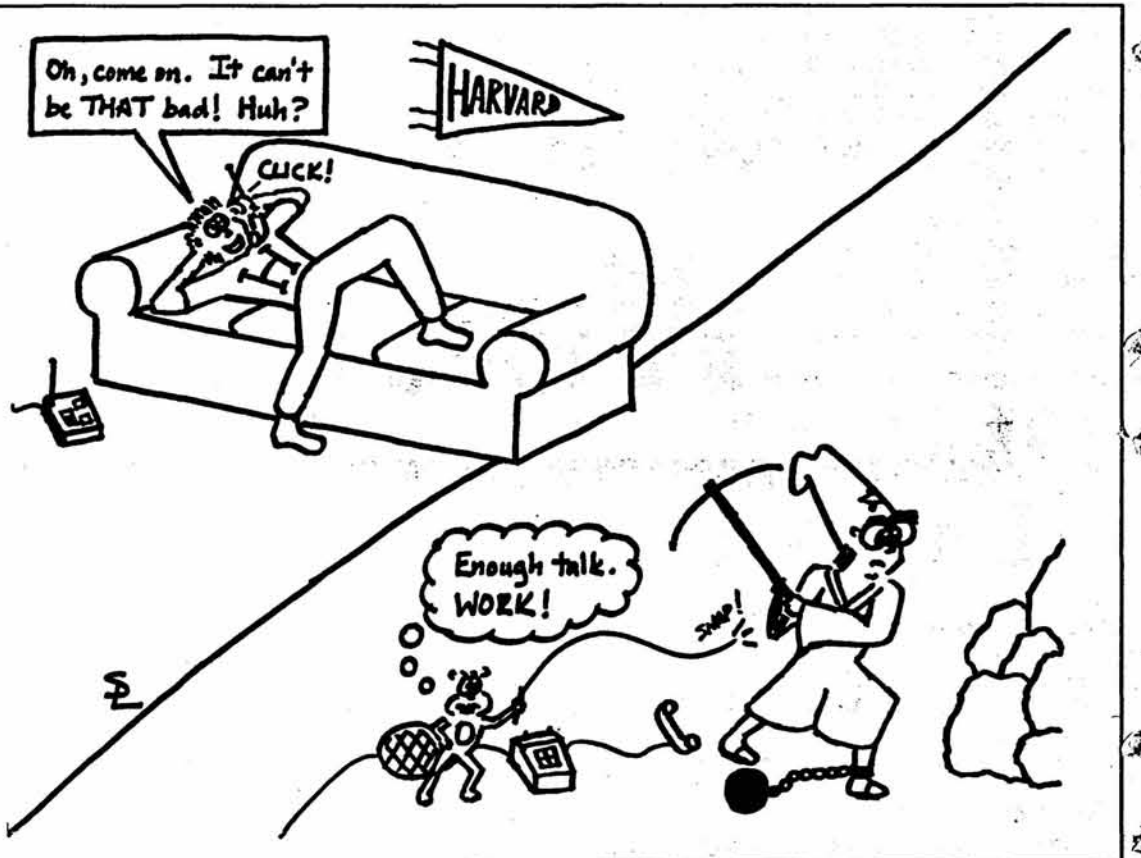
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Short and thick
 - 6 Half of a Washington city
 - 11 Rejected
 - 13 Flemish painter
 - 15 Cargo worker
 - 16 Pulver's rank
 - 17 Scottish digit
 - 18 Lax
 - 20 Espy
 - 21 A president and a reverend
 - 23 Oozes
 - 24 Luminous radiation
 - 25 Accounting paper column
 - 27 "Monopoly" property (abbr.)
 - 28 Miscalculated
 - 29 Concurrence
 - 31 Comforted
 - 33 Sell
 - 35 Movie or TV show
 - 36 Makes
 - 39 Ed Norton's workplace
 - 43 Cut of beef
 - 44 Greek letter
 - 46 Small crane
 - 47 Tennis replays
 - 48 Throng
 - 50 U. of Penn. rival
 - 51 Homonym for a conjunction
 - 52 Narrates again
 - 54 Moisture
 - 55 Rodin output
 - 57 Acts out of line
 - 59 — fiddle
 - 60 Hidden marksmen
 - 61 Result of an auto accident
 - 62 Tales of romance
- DOWN**
- 1 Body organs
 - 2 Status —
 - 3 River into the Caspian
 - 4 Major mountain chain
 - 5 Adolescent
 - 6 Songbirds
 - 7 "Charley's —"
 - 8 Weight abbreviation
 - 9 Spare time
 - 10 Irrate
 - 11 Desert denizens
 - 12 Household appliances
 - 14 Golf hall-of-famer
 - 15 City in New York
 - 19 — salts
 - 22 — Institute of Technology
 - 24 Kind of entrance
 - 26 — preview
 - 28 Let up
 - 30 Dynamite
 - 32 — Palmas
 - 34 Station
 - 36 Like track shoes
 - 37 Mad scramble (2 wds.)
 - 38 Pieces
 - 40 Dodgers
 - 41 James Whitcomb, and family
 - 42 Goulashes
 - 43 Dental —
 - 45 Standing still
 - 48 Takes notice of
 - 49 Famous cow
 - 52 Contemptible person
 - 53 Works like a paper towel
 - 56 Heavy weight
 - 58 Use OTB

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Allen Involved With Accounts Issue

Allen, from Page 1

view last fall.

"There are three videos produced at MIT that are titled 'Intuitively Obvious' done by Black, Hispanic, and Asian MIT students respectively on what it is like to be a Black, Hispanic, or an Asian at MIT," highlighting another possible problem with the cover, she said.

Earlier this year, Allen's office pushed for full implementation of a 1989 rule prohibiting student groups from maintaining bank accounts outside the Institute's accounting system.

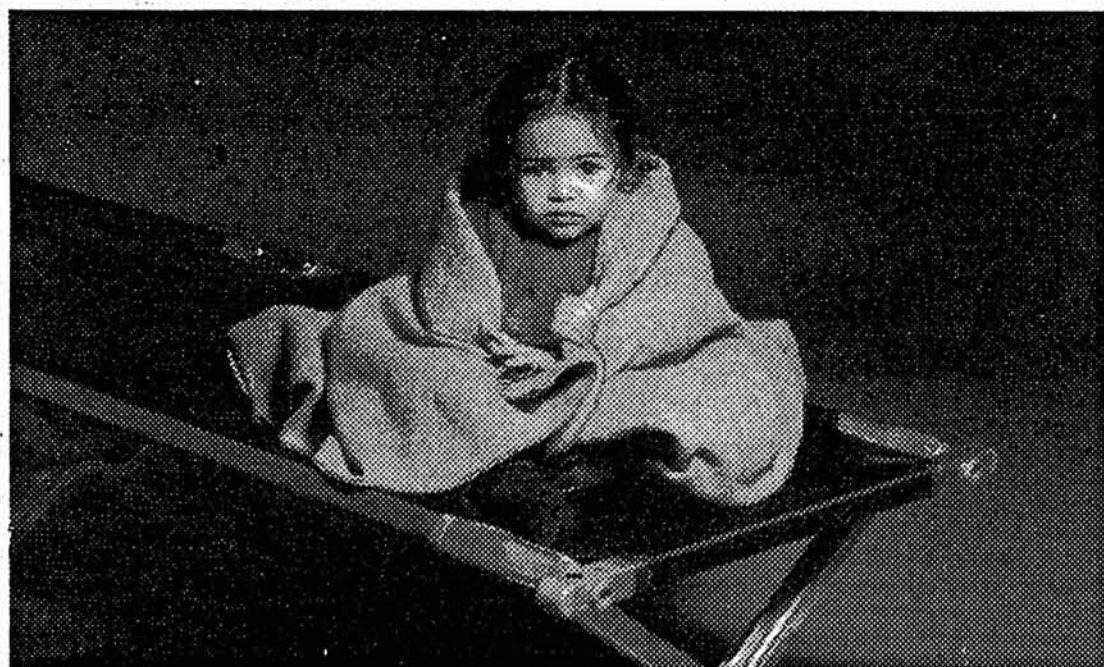
"Previously the accounting system that they were using did not function properly," said Undergraduate Associate Treasurer Russell S. Light '98. "Now that they've made major improvements in their system they're strongly encouraging student groups to move there."

The move was met with resistance by many student groups, particularly those who had managed their own finances for many years.

"When I've approached her with concerns, [Allen has] been very willing to sit down and discuss them," Light said. "She's [been a] great assistance."

"In the areas that I worked [with her]... I've always found her to be very helpful and knowledgeable," said John S. Hollywood '96, who has been involved with several UA committees.

Williams said that Richard Brewer, manager of administration for the Dean's Office, would head a search committee for Allen's replacement. "We will be running ads soon," said Williams. "The job description is being written now."



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SPORTS

Women's, Men's Fencing Post Conference Wins

By Jennifer N. Mosier
TEAM MEMBER

The men's and women's varsity fencing teams had an impressive performance Saturday in the Northeast Fencing Conference, comprised of Bates, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, Brown, Dartmouth, Tufts, UMass-Amherst, University of New Hampshire, Wellesley, and MIT. Both teams are well on their way to winning the conference this season; their next meets are on Dec. 3 at Brandeis.

The women's team began the day with a 19-13 win over Tufts (12-4 epee, 7-9 foil). This was followed by a hard-fought 17-15 (8-8, 9-7) win over the other NC^A team, Wellesley. The other victories were 24-8 (13-3, 11-5) over Dartmouth, 20-12 (9-7, 11-5) over UMass, and ending with a 27-5 blowout of Bates. During the Bates meet, the epee squad did not drop a single bout, finishing 16-0.

Individually, squad leader Merideth A. Rising '98 went 17-2 for the day, with her teammate, Jennifer N. Mosier '96 finishing 9-1 including a victory over 1995 NCAA Division I silver medalist Heidi Chang. The epee squad consisted of Rising, Mosier, Nicole D. Leifer '98, Kari A. Backes '96, Connie J. Chieng '99, and Christa A. Ansborgs '98. The foilists were captain Wanda A. Chin '97, Amy Hwang '97, Leejee H. Suh '97, Aimee L. Wiltz '99, Oriana C. Hunter '99, and Yuh-shioh Wong '99.

The men's team competed on Saturday at Brandeis. They started the day with a convincing 20-7 win (8-1 foil, 5-4 epee, 7-2 sabre) over UMass-Amherst. This was followed by a 18-9 (6-3, 7-2, 5-4) victory over Tufts. The men then lost a close, tough battle with UNH, 12-15 (5-4, 3-6, 4-5) and ended with a 15-12 victory (4-5, 6-3, 5-4) over Dartmouth.

Individually, captain David A. Nauman '97 went 6-1 in foil, and epee squad leader David W. Lewinck '97 finished 9-2. Brian P. Bower '99, who also took the bronze medal in the Big One individual competition on Oct. 29th, finished 9-1 in sabre. The foil squad consisted of Nauman, Tan T. Trinh '96, Jaeyong Park '98, Andrew K. Samnick '99, Roger R. Dingleline '99, and Adrian D. Perez '98. Epee was Lewinck, Jonathan R. Blandford '98, Hsienchang Chiu '96, and Dale M. Earnest '99. The sabre fencers were Joshua S. Trauner '97, James L. Hsieh '97, Bower, Chad K. Lewis '96, and Aidan N. Low '98.

MIT Hockey Whips Mass. Maritime Academy, 9-0

By Jason Weintraub
TEAM MEMBER

The varsity hockey team chalked up its second win of the season with a crushing 9-0 rout of Mass. Maritime Academy in its home opener last Wednesday night.

The Engineers will hope to maintain their winning ways this Wednesday night when they host Franklin Pierce.

It seemed that score early and score often was the theme for the evening as freshman wing John J. Rae '99 slipped one past the Maritime keeper in the opening minute of play. From their constant fighting for loose pucks and overall hard work on both offense and defense it was clear that the Engineers meant business.

With this aggressive, unrelenting attack MIT would proceed to "light the light" five more times before the end of the first period. This scoring spree, which featured two goals by Rae, one by captain Tetsu Inada '97, and a hat trick by center Matthew G. Yurkewych '98, was made possible not only by the aforementioned hard work but by crisp passing and solid teamwork, the cornerstones of MIT hockey throughout previous years.

In addition to the nine goals that the Engineers would pour in before the final buzzer would sound, the Engineer's dominance was also due largely in part to the goaltending of freshman sensation John C. Zehren '99. Zehren, who passed on several offers to play Division I hockey, so far has let up only one goal in his

first two games at MIT and obviously intends to provide the caliber of netminding that the Engineers will need in order to be successful this season. Not only did he turn aside all of the shots he faced Wednesday, but showed incredible poise in denying a Maritime forward swooping down on him all alone midway through the second period.

Another key to MIT success will be their well disciplined style of play. In the past, the MIT hockey team has been able to remain competitive with teams that may have more raw talent but are prone to taking bad penalties. These bad penalties have frequently led to Engineer scoring opportunities and in turn to victories over the years. In the

Mass. Maritime game, the Engineers not only found themselves often on the power play, but several two-man advantages as well. While the Engineers were banging in goals Mass. Maritime players were being thrown out.

"Composure is what sets our players apart from schools like Mass. Maritime. There are no goons on our squad, and retaliation is not tolerated either by the coaches or the captains and players themselves," said captain Jonathan L. Shingles '96. "There is a great pressure to conduct oneself with the team being foremost on the player's mind. Anything short of that is selfish and is appropriately dealt with amongst the players."



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