

Vest Projects Losses Of \$125M for MIT

By David D. Hsu
NEWS EDITOR

At the faculty meeting on Wednesday, President Charles M. Vest projected that MIT could lose \$125 million per year because of dwindling federal support.

In addition to Vest's address, Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams announced the plans for the Task Force on Undergraduate Life and the Task Force on Undergraduate Learning.

Other agenda items included voting on the Masters of Science program in System Design and Management and discussing the attitudes of faculty toward retirement.

Institute to solicit private funds

With federal budget cuts and re-engineering, MIT is facing challenging times, Vest said.

"Our goal is to maintain and enhance MIT's excellence in an era of fiscal constraint and societal change," Vest said.

Projected figures show that MIT could lose \$125 million per year. This figure includes \$35.7 million dollars in reasonably certain annual losses: a loss of \$3.5 million in National Science Foundation and National Institute of Health Fellowship subsidies, \$2.2 million in proposed NIH graduate student tuition caps, \$1 million in indirect charges on the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, and \$29 million in indirect recovery costs on research.

Indirect research costs are shared by MIT and the government or other sponsors, but changes in contracts in recent years have cost the

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FDA Approval of Obesity Drug Could Bring Institute Millions

By A. Arif Husain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In a decision last night that could bring five to eight million dollars in royalties to the Institute, a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee approved the national use of an MIT-patented drug for the treatment of obesity.

Sales of the drug, dexfenfluramine, are expected to reach \$600 million annually, said Professor of Neuroscience Richard J. Wurtman, who was involved in its early development.

"This is the first time any drug has been approved for the long term treatment of obesity," Wurtman said. The drug can be administered for a year or longer, and no side effects have been observed.

The drug acts by increasing levels of a brain chemical called serotonin, which is involved in appetite control. By raising serotonin levels, researchers found that people reduce their carbohydrate intake and subsequently lose weight.

Wurtman's wife Judith, a research scientist in the Department

of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, laid the scientific groundwork for the discovery in the late 1970s by observing that many obese people suffer from a condition known as carbohydrate craving, which is characterized by an abnormally high carbohydrate intake. Research showed that the consumption of carbohydrates raises serotonin levels, leading to the idea that dexfenfluramine, which produces a similar effect, could be used as a potential treatment.

The chemical compound of dexfenfluramine was discovered about 40 years ago, but the work that led to its use as a treatment for obesity "was all done at MIT," Wurtman said.

The FDA's approval of the drug yesterday is an acknowledgement that obesity is a serious disease which requires treatment, Wurtman said. "There are a lot of people who need a drug for it — the same way there are a lot of people with high blood pressure who need a drug for that," he said.

"This drug could have as much



Richard J. Wurtman

of an impact on obesity and the diseases obesity causes like diabetes, as the high blood pressure drugs have had on strokes," Wurtman said.

Dexfenfluramine has been in use in 65 other countries for many years. Over 12 million people having taken it for obesity treatment. The French company Sevier, which

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Alcohol Banned from Delts' House; Licensing Board Acts on Complaints

By Shang-Lin Chuang
NEWS EDITOR

As a result of sanctions from the Boston Licensing Board, Delta Tau Delta may not have any alcohol at their house for one year.

The conditions, handed down in a Nov. 2 ruling, stem from neighbors' complaints of excessive noise late at night, making it the third time the board has handled noise complaints against DTD.

The Licensing Board, which is in charge of issuing housing licenses to residents of the Back Bay, where the fraternity resides, decided not to revoke DTD's license and take the fraternity's house away, said DTD Community Relations Chairman Joshua L. Rosebrook '97.

"The board thought that taking the house away would be too severe of an action for such a simple complaint," Rosebrook said.

In the event that alcohol is found on the premises before Oct. 15, 1996, DTD would face a disciplinary hearing. DTD must also make sure to contain all noise within the premises of its house and must submit a list of names and contact numbers of its members to neighbors.

Parties kept neighbors awake

The latest incident began when Jessica Ranciato, a neighbor living across the street from DTD, wrote a letter to voice her concerns and complaints about the fraternity.

The letter was sent to two Institute officials: President Charles M. Vest and Assistant Dean for Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups Neal H. Dorow. Copies of the letter were also mailed to State Representative Paul C. Demakis (D-Mass.), the Neighbor-

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New Mail Center System Prompts Dissatisfaction

By Jennifer Lane
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Mail Services Re-engineering team will go back to the drawing board this week to address faculty and staff concerns about the new mail delivery system.

The re-engineering team had set up distributed mail centers where faculty and staff could pick up their mail rather than receiving their mail directly. Many have complained that the changes have resulted in mail delays and wasted departmental time traveling to local mail centers.

The redesign team will focus on the immediate issue of mail delays, and attempt to "implement positive changes to mail services," said David F. Lambert, chair of the redesign team. "One goal is to turn mail around within 48 hours and to clean it all out on Friday," he said.

The redesign team met Tuesday, and faculty and staff should have seen an improvement in mail delivery over the past few days, he said.

Faculty dissatisfied with changes

In the MIT Faculty Newsletter, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science James L. Kirtley Jr. '67 expressed a common concern of faculty and staff about the distributed mail centers.

"They replace those efficient people who hustled mail to all of the offices. Now what happens is everyone must go to the mail room to get his or her mail," he said.

Kirtley said that the new process of mail delivery, while it may save money on the books, actually requires more people hours to send staff to retrieve mail. He also claimed that having a public mail room may involve a potential security hazard.

But Lambert said that only one-

tenth of the Institute previously received personal mail delivery and often "entire buildings would receive bags of unsorted mail to be sorted by departmental people." While making more work for some, the distributed mail centers actually alleviated the workload on departments, Lambert said.

Re-engineering still in early stages

Mail services re-engineering is far from complete, and its most productive and positive aspects have not yet been implemented or are in pilot stages, Lambert said.

The redesign team is striving toward completing implementation of its changes "roughly five years from now. When all outgoing mail will be centrally processed, the Institute will make effective use of electronic communication, and the amount of junk mail will be cut in half," Lambert said.

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INDRANATH NEOGY—THE TECH

As a result of the charges made against Delta Tau Delta, the fraternity will no longer be able to serve alcohol on its premises for one entire year.

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WORLD & NATION

Rabin's Confessed Assassin Re-enacts Crime for Police

NEWSDAY

JERUSALEM

In an eerie predawn re-enactment of his crime, confessed assassin Yigal Amir Thursday went back to the square in Tel Aviv where he killed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin 12 days ago and retraced his steps before a crowd of angry onlookers.

Surrounded by police barricades, wearing a white bullet-proof vest and chained around his stomach to a security officer as he was led in, Amir looked glum and impassive but did as he was told.

Amir, clad in blue jeans and sweatshirt, with a black yarmulke on his head, took a toy pistol and snaked his way through an imaginary crowd in the parking lot. When he was within 1 foot of the police officer who was standing in for Rabin, Amir lifted the pistol, extended his arm and fired directly at the man's head.

Then he coolly put the gun back into his waistband and continued the re-enactment. A few seconds later, he handed the pistol back to the police.

"Die, you maniac," shouted a passer-by. "You piece of garbage," screamed another. "God will make you pay." One man tried to push past the barricade, but police held him back. "You should have protected the prime minister this way," he said.

Amir, 25, has said he killed Rabin because he disagreed with the government's policy of negotiating with Palestinians and returning occupied land in exchange for peace. Amir told police he acted alone, under orders only from God. Officials believe he was part of a conspiracy that plotted the murder for months. Seven people have been arrested in connection with the crime.

House and Senate Resolve Differences on Veterans, EPA Bill

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

House and Senate negotiators resolved their differences Thursday over an \$80.3 billion bill funding veterans, housing, space and environmental agencies employing some 300,000 government workers.

But even with Republicans dipping into a newfound \$1.1 billion trove of money to add back some of the funds cut earlier from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Housing and Urban Development Department, White House sources signaled that the spending bill was still unacceptable. "I see no indication that we've had a huge breakthrough," said one official.

If President Clinton were to sign the measure, which appropriates money through next September, furloughed workers at the agencies it covers could return to work.

On the Republican side, the desire to accommodate the administration was tempered by anger at resistance to GOP policies from some agencies. The conferees sent what they called a "strong message" of displeasure to Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown in the form of sharp cuts in his office's staff and travel budget. The cuts had not been included in versions of the bill passed earlier this year by the House and Senate.

California Board Backs Off From Electric Car Mandate

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Backing off from a controversial state mandate, the California Air Resources Board Thursday directed its staff to reduce the number of electric cars that auto manufacturers must produce in 1998.

Obliging some of the major concerns of the automobile industry after years of impasse, the order by the air board is the first step toward overhauling the mandate requiring mass production of zero-polluting cars, in effect meaning electric cars.

ARB chair John Dunlap said the suggested revisions would put some electric cars in California showrooms as soon as late next year — earlier than the mandate now requires — but scale back the total numbers that must be sold in the initial years of the program.

Under the landmark rule adopted in the waning days of the George Deukmejian administration, 2 percent of the automobiles that major manufacturers sell in California, or about 22,000 vehicles, must be exhaust-free beginning in 1998. The requirement increases in 2001 to 5 percent of annual sales, and to 10 percent in 2003.

"We believe a change is in order, particularly in 1998 to provide some relief from the 2 percent figure," Dunlap said. "But we are not going to sacrifice any emissions reductions."

WEATHER

Under the gun

By Marek Zebrowski
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Over the next few days, slowly, but inexorably, the ingredients for a major coastal storm will fall into place. By late Friday a weak low over the Midwest will provide energy for a cyclogenesis near the Carolina Capes early on Sunday. Although model predictions at this time vary widely, this storm has a considerable potential of bringing snow over the interior New England and mixed precipitation closer to the coast by later on Sunday and into Monday.

Today: Partly sunny, with some passing clouds early. High 44°F (6°C) with light westerly winds.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and chilly, lows near freezing in town, in the mid 20s (-4 to -1°C) inland. Light northwesterly winds.

Saturday: Some sun early, then becoming cloudy, cool and raw with winds turning onshore. A slight chance of light precipitation developing late in the day. High near 40°F (4°C)

Sunday outlook: Cloudy, becoming windy, with precipitation developing in the afternoon. High 38°F (3°C).

Balkan Leaders Approach Pact to End War in Bosnia

By Michael Dobbs

THE WASHINGTON POST

DAYTON, OHIO

Balkan leaders in peace talks here are close to reaching a comprehensive agreement on ending the 3½ year war in Bosnia, and on dividing territory and political power among the country's warring factions, participants said Thursday.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns, the only man officially authorized to issue statements about the negotiations, confirmed that significant progress had occurred since a visit here Tuesday by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. But he denied that a deal had been wrapped up.

"We are not there yet. Significant challenges remain. We cannot yet say that an agreement is within reach," Burns said.

Nevertheless, hopes for an early breakthrough were bolstered by news that senior Clinton administration officials were converging on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where leaders from the former Yugoslavia have been holed up with U.S. and European negotiators for the past two weeks.

President Clinton's National Security Adviser Anthony Lake flew here Thursday evening for separate meetings with the leaders of the Moslem, Serbian, and Croat delegations. Secretary of Defense William J. Perry plans to arrive Friday for talks that are likely to center on implementation of a peace agreement, which will involve the deployment of as many as 60,000 NATO troops, including some 20,000 Americans.

And the State Department confirmed that Christopher will be back in Dayton on Friday evening, after cutting short a visit to Japan.

"We are likely to wrap this thing up in a couple of days," said one participant in the talks, expressing confidence that an agreement can be initiated soon after Christopher's return.

The emerging agreement is a package deal that will preserve Bosnia as a unified state in theory, while effectively dividing the country almost equally into separate entities controlled by a Moslem-Croat federation and the Bosnian Serbs. Sources close to the talks said that the capital Sarajevo is likely to be given a special status, as a unified city divided into approximately ten districts, each with the power to control its own affairs.

The latest progress follows 16 days of tense negotiations, during which the rival delegations argued heatedly over constitutional and territorial issues. The Moslem-led Bosnian government fought for a solution that would emphasize the political links between the two halves of Bosnia, while the Bosnian Serbs insisted on almost complete separation of their mini-state, known as "Republika Srpska" or the Serb Republic.

The outline agreement now on the table for final approval is a carefully constructed compromise that contains elements that will dissatisfy constitutional purists on both sides. The leader of the three-man Bosnian Serb delegation, Nikola Koljevic, is said to be "depressed" by the latest develop-

ments. Some Moslem delegates are expressing concern that the Bosnian constitution is so riddled with qualifications and escape clauses that it may prove to be unworkable.

"It is an odd kind of marriage contract," said a source close to the Bosnian government delegation. "One side is saying that it wants to get married, but the other side says that it is not at all sure."

Sources close to the talks said that Christopher's 14-hour visit Tuesday had helped to break the deadlock between the delegation. The following day, the chief American negotiator, Richard C. Holbrooke, held lengthy meetings with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic, who have emerged as the two key players.

Following these meetings, the U.S. delegation circulated a compromise version of the draft constitution, in an attempt to bridge the gap. The draft appears to be broadly acceptable to both delegations, although the Bosnian government would like to introduce more specific language on the need for all parties to cooperate with the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

Sources close to the talks said that the future map of Bosnia is likely to follow the existing military demarcation line between the rival armies. Changes will be made, however, to reflect the special status of Sarajevo and the Bosnian Serbs' desire to have a secure corridor linking their territories in western and eastern Bosnia.

Attorney General Janet Reno Diagnosed With Parkinson's

By Pierre Thomas
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THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno revealed Thursday that she has Parkinson's disease, an incurable degenerative illness that causes muscular stiffness and involuntary trembling. She said she feels fine and plans to continue her duties.

Parkinson's disease primarily impairs movement, although it can alter mood and thinking, as well. It affects about 1 percent of people over age 50. The average age of a person at the time of diagnosis is 57 — Reno's age.

Reno, the nation's top law enforcement officer, made the disclosure in a low-key fashion at the beginning of her weekly news conference. "I first noticed my hand shaking ... over the summer and I thought it would go away," Reno told reporters, a number of whom had earlier inquired about her health after noticing her left hand sometimes trembled. "When it didn't, I went to see the doctor."

Three weeks ago, Reno learned of the diagnosis and, after researching the disease, last weekend began telling family members. Earlier this week, she informed key members of her staff, including Deputy Attorney General Jamie S. Gorelick, and Thursday morning telephoned White House Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta. She emphasized her health is good and that she has begun medication which has been effective, removing the trembling.

However, she recognized that over time the disease can become more debilitating. "As I grow old ... and become an old lady, I may find some limitations in mobility," said

Reno, who Thursday afternoon received a call of support from President Clinton. "But I feel fine now... I don't feel I have any impairment."

Reno's neurologist, Jonathan Pincus of Georgetown University Medical Center, said the attorney general's "prognosis is excellent," adding "nothing about... the disorder she has should impair her capacity to do her job."

Reno is taking carbidopa and levodopa, a two-drug combination that is the usual first treatment for the disease. The medicine has eliminated the hand tremor, which is classically the first symptom of the disease, and to date Reno's only one.

Besides tremor, muscle rigidity and difficulty initiating movements (such as getting out of a chair) are the other common symptoms of the ailment. Pincus said it is likely "these other symptoms will develop later," but he believes Reno could experience no change or worsening of the disease for 5 to 10 years.

Although the disease has little effect on life expectancy, it almost always worsens with time. In its advanced stages, sufferers are often severely disabled, with problems feeding themselves, talking and walking.

Between 15 percent and 20 percent of Parkinson's patients develop obvious dementia, or mental impairment, though this symptom is less common among people who develop the disease before age 60. About 40 percent to 50 percent of people also experience depression during the illness. Unlike dementia, which tends to occur late, mood changes can appear at any time. The mood

disorder seems to be a result of the disease process, and is not simply an emotional reaction to illness. It is as treatable with antidepressant drugs as non-Parkinsonian depression.

While the cause of Parkinson's disease is mysterious, the site of the brain damage has been known for decades: A region known as the substantia nigra, easily identified because it contains dark-pigmented cells, slowly degenerates. In particular, cells that employ a signaling chemical called dopamine are lost. The region is part of a complicated nerve circuit that helps create smooth, coordinated movement.

Reno's diagnosis comes after what has been a particularly acrimonious professional season. This summer she faced intense questioning and criticism from Republican congressional leaders about her leadership during the standoff with the Branch Davidian cult near Waco, Tex., a confrontation that left David Koresh and more than 80 followers dead.

Thursday, however, was one of some bipartisan support for Reno.

"Our prayers go out to her," said Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Her peers in the Justice Department expressed confidence in her health and praised her for being direct about a matter that had begun to worry some.

"I certainly noticed the shaking hand," one senior official said. "It worried me until I learned what was causing it. Now I know she's fine."

Gorelick agreed, noting "I'm with her every day, much of the day. She's as strong as can be."

Clinton Orders Thousands Back To Work Despite Budget Absence

By Paul Richter
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton Thursday ordered thousands of furloughed government employees back to work next week to limit the disruption caused by the partial federal shutdown, even as he vowed to veto GOP-sponsored legislation that would provide stopgap funds to resume all suspended government operations.

As the federal closure stretched through an unprecedented three work days, Clinton ordered back some 50,000 Social Security workers, 1,700 Department of Veteran's Affairs employees, and 100 Medicare employees to resume processing claims filed by older people

and veterans.

Noting on an average day that 28,000 Americans apply for Social Security benefits, 10,000 for Medicare and 7,500 for veteran's assistance, Clinton said in an Oval Office appearance that "without remedial action the backlog will be so great that service to these citizens would not return to normal for months to come. ... I am determined to do what I can to reduce the damage to our people."

A total of 800,000 employees, or 40 percent of the civilian federal workforce, were furloughed Tuesday after the White House and Congress failed to agree on measures to authorize further federal borrowing and spending. The furlough has been the longest ever, and officials

on both sides say it could continue for many more days.

The Senate sent to Clinton late Thursday night a stopgap spending measure that would provide funds to the government to resume normal operations while Congress and the White House thrash out the final acts of the 1996 budget battle.

But Clinton promised to immediately veto the continuing resolution, calling for a balanced budget in seven years, because it would compel him to swallow "highly unacceptable" cuts in government services.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., countered: "He's made it pretty clear he doesn't want a balanced budget. That's the issue."

New Vaccine to Block AIDS Virus Shows Promising Results in Monkeys

By Robert Cooke
NEWSDAY

The first animal tests of a new vaccine aimed at blocking the AIDS virus are showing surprisingly good results, perhaps offering a way to protect health workers and newborn infants from infection, researchers reported Thursday.

The drug, called PMPA, was given in large doses to 25 monkeys close to the time when they were infected with the simian AIDS virus, SIV. All 25 were protected; none has shown signs of infection since being inoculated about 18 months ago. In contrast, all 10 of the monkeys given the virus, but not the drug, became infected.

The drug injections were also

well-tolerated, the researchers said, with no indications of toxicity, even though PMPA was injected daily for four weeks.

"It was definitely a big surprise," said veterinarian/pathologist Che-Chung Tsai, whose research team at the University of Washington Primate Center, in Spokane, is running the experiment. At first, Tsai said, it seemed "too good to believe."

PMPA works by the same mechanism as AZT, the most widely used AIDS treatment. Both block the action of a critical enzyme, reverse transcriptase, that the virus needs to reproduce itself. Fortunately, PMPA seems to be far less toxic than AZT, and it tends to remain in the body much longer, finding its way into

infected cells and uninfected cells.

The researchers, who reported their results in the journal *Science*, also suspect that the virus is less likely to outmaneuver PMPA and develop resistance, since PMPA acts faster and stays in cells longer than AZT does.

"It's a very impressive result," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "It demonstrates that you can clearly block infection if this compound is given at the time of exposure to infection."

Fauci cautioned, however, that "what we don't know yet is how effective it would be in people who are chronically infected for a long time."

Panel Calls for Reducing Number of New Physicians

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A nonpartisan private commission predicted Thursday that price-driven changes in the way Americans receive health care will result in as many as 150,000 excess doctors by the year 2000 and recommended that the number of medical school graduates be cut by one-fourth over the next 10 years.

The commission, headed by former Colorado governor Richard A. Lamm and sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia, said the reduction in medical graduates should be achieved by closing some of the nation's 127 medical schools, not by cutting class size. The recommendation comes as medical schools are reporting record numbers of applicants.

The commission recommended far-reaching changes in the post-graduate training of doctors to meet the need for fewer specialists and more primary care physicians, as well as restricting the number of foreign medical graduates coming to this country for post-graduate training. It also forecast major surpluses of nurses and pharmacists that it said will require closing some schools of nursing and pharmacy.

Congress Debates New Bill That May Up Speed Limits

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Americans are only two votes and a presidential signature away from higher speed limits and a series of other rule changes that have raised hackles with safety groups but proven popular in Congress.

After months of wrangling, House and Senate negotiators have finally agreed on a new National Highway System bill with a number of side issues that have prompted more comment than its main purpose — to release \$6.5 billion in federal highway funds to states for the newly designated 160,955-mile highway system, which already handles a large share of the country's travel and commerce.

Battles over billboards and Amtrak held up the bill until this week. In the end, billboards won and Amtrak lost.

The legislation would allow states to decide whether to allow billboards on parts of scenic highways by removing the "scenic" designation on parts of the highway. But states would not be allowed greater flexibility to use highway money for Amtrak passenger train service.

The legislation also contains significant safety rule changes. All federal speed limits would be eliminated in favor of state laws, states would no longer be penalized for failure to pass motorcycle helmet laws, and federal safety regulation of smaller commercial trucks — those under 26,000 pounds — would be eased. "The bill will kill more people than it will save, and that's the first highway bill that will do so," said safety advocate Joan Claybrook.



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Letters To The Editor

MIT Has Neglected Random for Decades

It was with some personal interest that I read the recent editorial concerning Random Hall ["Random Hall Deserves Institute's Attention," Nov. 7]. After many days in limbo during rush week of 1977, I became part of the "temporary" history of Random as an undergraduate living group. It was run down and beat up, though in our years a new boiler was installed, along with replacement win-

dows and new steam valves. These were improperly installed because of the nature of the steam system — it was always too hot or too cold. Random suffered from inattention by Physical Plant because it was a temporary dorm. The phone service was terrible, and computer access was through an old TTY in the basement through a modem.

There are many stories to be told — like the time a drunken semi-truck driver (and truck) crashed through the next-door gas station, starting a fire along the party wall. There was the time that the fourth-floor refrigerators

were replaced and Physical Plant refused to remove the old refrigerators; the old ones made it down to the alley dumpsters once by falling out the airshaft, and over the edge of the roof another time. (No one saw it happen.)

There was a great sense of community in spite of the conditions — or perhaps because of them. But in retrospect, even then it must have been one of the worst buildings owned by the Institute.

David T. Williams '81

This Season, Show You Care by Dropping

Column by A. Arif Husain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

As we enter the holiday season, it's that time of year again during which even the most hardened characters start to express their goodwill. Houses are decorated, trees lighted, and the air permeated by the sound and aroma of feast and merriment. Walker Memorial starts offering turkey dinners and LaVerde's Market releases its new line of obnoxiously-colored cookies. Many people look forward to the holiday season. But for the impoverished and homeless, the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas must be a godsend, for this time of year offers a cornucopia of guilt-driven handouts from the well-to-do.

Then there are those who prefer to commiserate rather than assist — people determined to experience a taste of poverty, just to appreciate the suffering. Like Wednesday's Hunger Banquet, for example, which was advertised to offer famine-sized portions to students eager to become "aware." I for one strongly support these pioneers of sainthood. I am certain that victims of undernourishment all over the world will rest easier with the knowledge that a gang of college students skimped on dinner one night. Now that's giving.

And so the story goes on, extending beyond the holidays. From famine to cancer to child abuse, the causes are many, and the volunteers equally matched. All year round there are hordes of people who take to Memorial Drive to piddle around in the name of some worthy cause. Rather than spend time actually advancing a cause, they gather funding by getting sponsored to do something entirely unrelated — and typically unproductive. But don't misunderstand me; I don't mean to fault them.

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'Tis the Season to Show Goodwill by Dropping Classes

Husain, from Page 4

Don't we all feel more fulfilled donating to a personal charity when we know that we have a pledgee somewhere working up a sweat? If you want the dough, let's see the show, as they say.

Amid this air of altruism evoked by the falling leaves, I, too, would like to encourage every good person among us to take the time to consider the less fortunate. As MIT students, we are especially lucky to be at the receiving end of one of the world's finest educational facilities. Millions of young people our age lack the resources and opportunities necessary to engage in serious study beyond high school. Instead, they either merge into the work force or remain mired in the mindless bliss of state schools, whittling away their time on frivolities like successful sports teams and socialization.

How can we be complacent, wrapped up in our selfish world of knowledge and self-enrichment, while so many waste away their lives at our expense? Obviously we cannot. Thus it gives me great pleasure to propose the 1st annual Institute-wide Drop-a-thon.

On this glorious drop date of 1995, I encourage each of you to relieve yourself of spare units for the sake of the less fortunate. Be it 9 or 12 or 24, every unit counts. Make the drop form your manifesto of change.

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Once all forms have been submitted, each Committee on Academic Performance-fearing drop-a-thoner may then join a procession that will make rounds through all four revolving doors of the Green Building — symbolizing our passage through four years of undergraduate greed. We will then congregate in Killian Court where, in a candlelight vigil, we will commence our charitable program with the burning of textbooks — a luxury of education far too often taken for granted. Spectators are welcome, but please bring a donation. Any freshman text will do.

A. Arif Husain is a junior majoring in cognitive science. He wonders if his opinions will impress medical school admissions officers.



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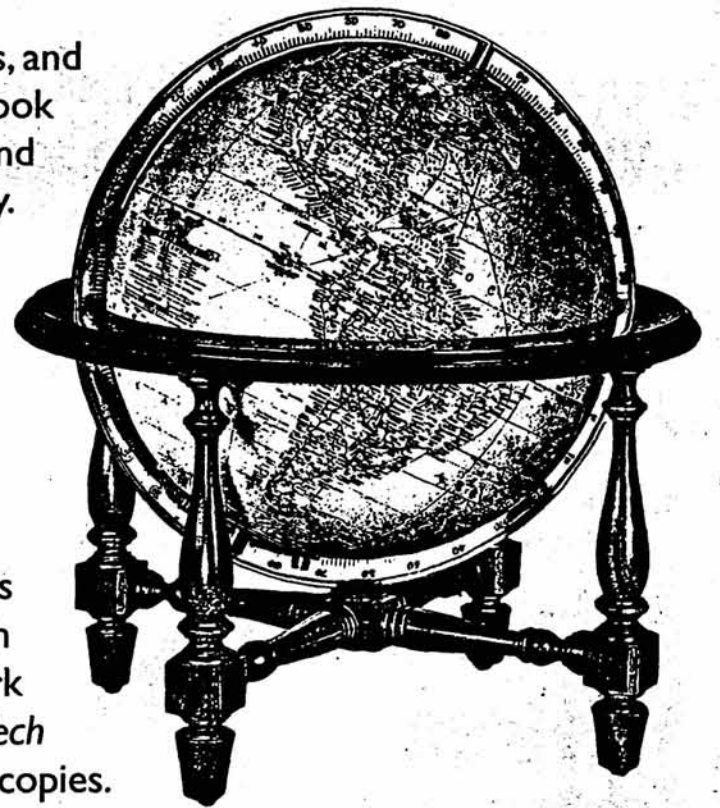
May 1993 marked a new era in the 115-year history of *The Tech*: We started operating a World-Wide Web server, one of the first 100 in the world. Since then, *The Tech* Archive Team has been breaking new ground in the way newspapers are presented on the Web. And we've made a difference — people around the world are using our tools and our designs.

We're looking for qualified individuals to help us continue to make a difference in three key areas.

Content developers are the reporters, editors, and designers of our Web server. They will look for better ways to present news and information to the MIT community.

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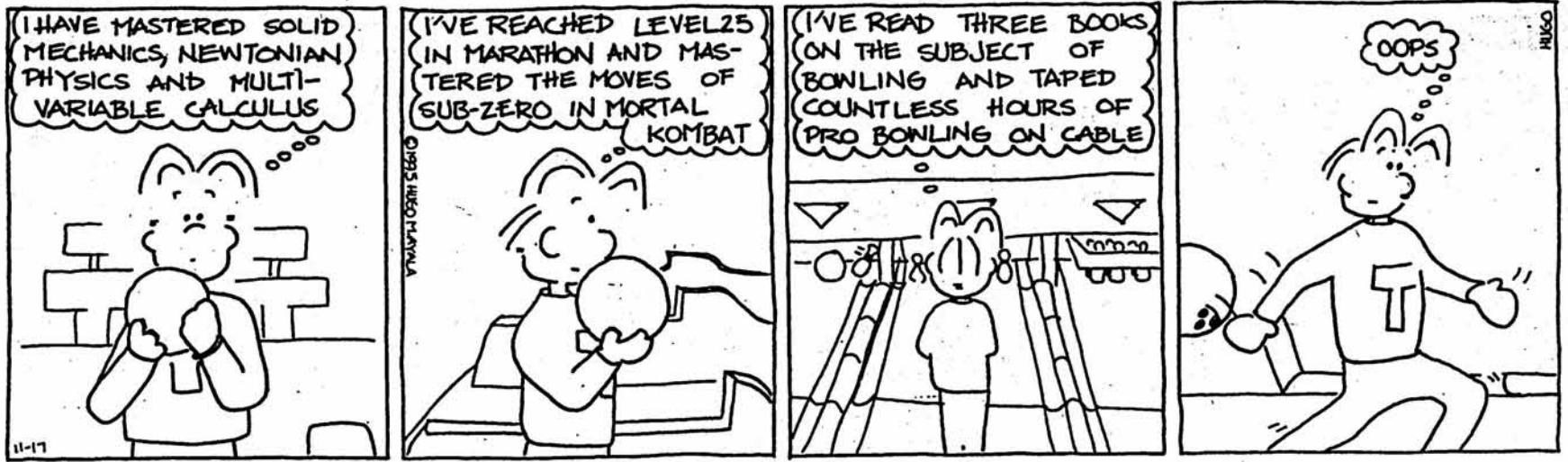


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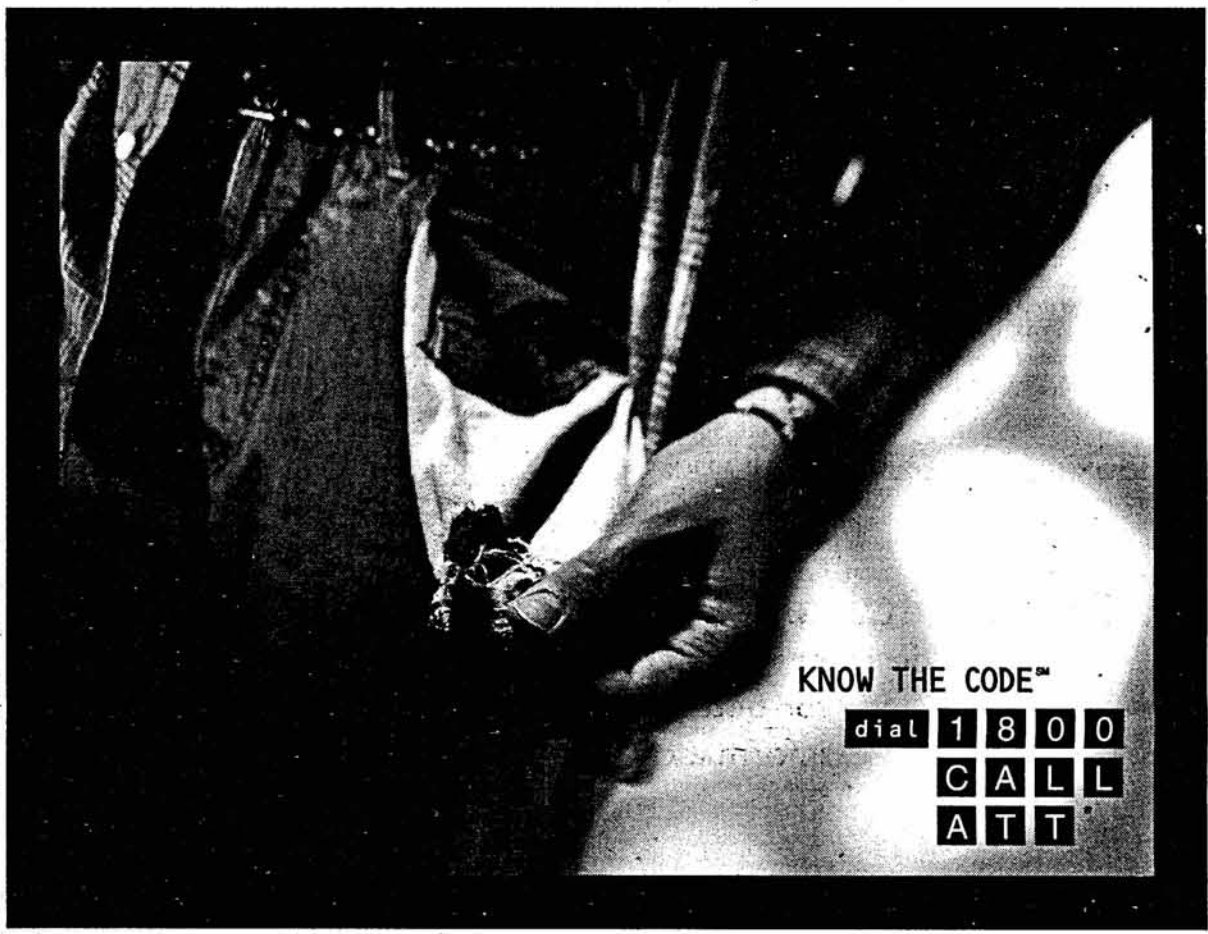
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THE ARTS

Campus Pick: Shakespeare group works toward *The Tempest*



THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM: A NIGHT OF SCENES

MIT Shakespeare Ensemble.
Directed by Kermit Dunkleberg.
Little Kresge.
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

By Craig K. Chang
ARTS EDITOR

Big productions evolve in careful steps. This weekend, the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble will give audiences a dynamic snapshot of their progress with the immense task of producing William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* for next spring. Titled *The Calm Before the Storm*, the program previews the focus of ensemble members preparing for next spring by exploring thematic ground about *The Tempest*. From Shakespeare are scenes from *Cymbeline* and *Pericles*. The performance also includes scenes from Tadeusz Rozewicz's *Marriage Blanc* and Charles Ludlam's *Bluebeard*.

Scenes directed and chosen by members of the theater arts section of the

Department of Humanities comprise the program of dramatic shorts, which is overseen by consulting director Kermit Dunkleberg. Watch for in the cast: Orin J. Percus G and Jennifer T. Nickel '96 in *Cymbeline*; Virginia J. Buhr '98 and Poria L. Vesco '96 in *Marriage Blanc*; Robert J. Pensalfini G, Fernando J. Paiz '98, and Brenda A. Pendleton '97 in *Pericles*; and Pensalfini, Young E. Kim '98, and Steven P. Yang '98 in *Bluebeard*.

All the preparation for this production strives toward successful execution of *The Tempest's* technical complexity. The completed production next spring looks to be like the daring experimental theater of previous years, like the ensemble's collaboration with music and theater arts dance classes two years ago. This year, the MIT Gamelan Galak Tika will provide music, while shadow puppets will provide effects for Prospero's magic. Already, Gamelan's dancer/choreographer I Nyoman Catra has worked with ensemble members. *The Calm Before the Storm* is the ensemble's final work towards *The Tempest*, whetting audiences' curiosity until the spring's storm.

ADRIANE CHAPMAN - THE TECH
Steven P. Yang '98 (left) and Young E. Kim '98 (right) perform in one of MIT Shakespeare Ensemble's sketches, part of preparation for a spring production of *The Tempest*.

James Bond returns for a thrilling ride in *Goldeneye*

GOLDENEYE

Directed by Martin Campbell.
Produced by Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli.
Written by Jeffrey Caine and Bruce Feirstein.
Starring Pierce Brosnan, Izabella Scorupco, and Famke Janssen.

By Daniel Ramirez
STAFF REPORTER

If ever a fictional character lived in the alter ego of every man, it is novelist Ian Fleming's potent, visceral, and hopelessly irresistible British secret agent James Bond. Bond now lives in actor Pierce Brosnan. Taking over the reins from ex-Bond Timothy Dalton, Brosnan makes his Bond debut in the new Bond film *Goldeneye*. Set firmly in the today's world, *Goldeneye* revolves around swiftly changing political patterns that turn old opponents into new best friends and old allies into deadly enemies.

While on leave in Monte Carlo, Bond intercepts Xenia Onatopp (Famke Janssen), an ex-Soviet pilot and guest of Canadian Admiral Farrel. Farrel is in Monte Carlo for the demonstration of the new French combat helicopter, Tiger. During the demonstration, Xenia and an unknown accomplice steal Tiger from on board a French war vessel. The Tiger

re-appears in Russia near the site of an unusual disturbance, a result of the discharge of the super-secret goldeneye device. It is up to Bond to travel to Russia to find Tiger and to relocate goldeneye and prevent the destruction of London.

For any Bond fan, *Goldeneye* is truly worth the long wait. The first Bond film of the 1990s portrays a truly modern Bond. Brosnan not only sparks a new interest in Bond films, but he rekindles a flame that for so long seemed lost in the shadows of previous Bonds. Bond is back and better than ever. Don't expect Brosnan to top the one and only Sean Connery. But Brosnan does hold his own and in fact adds a few modern twists.

Brosnan adds a sense of excitement and danger that previous Bonds lacked. But what would any Bond film be without its

leading ladies? *Goldeneye* doesn't lack in this department either. It features two very talented and beautiful actresses, Izabella Scorupco and Famke Janssen, the stunning Bond women of the '90s.

The outstanding international cast also includes Sean Bean as Alec Trevelyan, Bond's once trusted colleague and friend; Joe Don

Baker as Jack Wade, 007's cynical American CIA contact; Robbie Coltrane as Valentin Zukovsky, a former KGB controller turned ruthless arms dealer; and Alan Cumming as Boris Grishenko, a Russian computer wizard. Bond's irreplaceable colleagues are also along for the ride, beginning with Desmond Llewelyn, who once again reprises his role as the ingenious (albeit long-suffering) Q. The aptly named Shakespearean stage actress Samantha Bond appears as the beloved Miss Monypenny, and actress Judi Dench becomes the first woman to play the role of Bond's superior, known only as M.

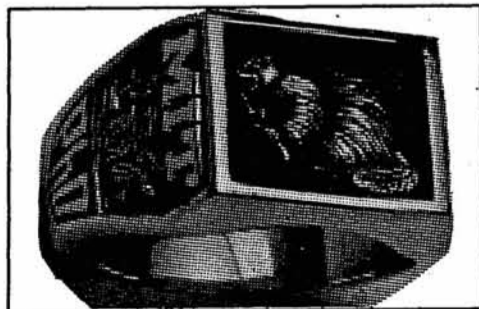
Goldeneye is an all-out fun ride. From the beginning to the end, it is a true Bond film, and it is just fun to watch. I was left wanting more. Bond fans should not despair; the film is definitely worth the long wait. The movie has action, suspense, and all the other aspects that make the Bond films so wonderful. There's a new Bond in town and his name is Brosnan. Remember it because it looks like he's going to be around for a while.



Pierce Brosnan plays a suave James Bond meeting adversary Xenia Onatopp (Famke Janssen) in a Monte Carlo casino in *Goldeneye*.

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Comic opera *Sorcerer* explores magic of love

THE SORCERER

The MIT Gilbert and Sullivan Players.
 Directed by Wayne Vargas.
 La Sala De Puerto Rico.
 Friday, 8:00 p.m. Saturday, 2:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

By Teresa Esser
 STAFF REPORTER

The *Sorcerer* is a delightful comic opera about the magic of love and the logistical problems associated with wanting to share romantic happiness with others. The story is set in the Victorian village of Ploverleigh. The play's first act opens with dancing and singing in celebration of the fact that two young people from the village aristocracy are about to be married. Alexis (Kris-han Oberoi), son of Sir Marmaduke Pointdex-

tre (Neal M. Addicott '97), an elderly Baronet, is about to be married to Aline (Suzy Glazer '98), daughter of Lady Sangazure (Mary A. Finn '81).

This union is heralded with great joy by all of the villagers except Constance Partlet (Susan E. Rushing '99), who is romantically depressed by her own crush on Doctor Daly (Ryan B. Caveney '96). Unfortunately for Constance, Dr. Daly remains politely unaware of her affections despite Mrs. Partlet's (Randi Kestin) every effort to alert him.

The strange thing about *The Sorcerer* is that although Alexis and Aline are being joined in holy matrimony, Alexis shows no desire to quit the village and begin his honeymoon. Instead of jumping on a coach and catching the first boat bound for the conti-

nent, Alexis takes his new bride on an excursion down one of London's side streets to visit the shop of Mr. Wells (Daniel P. Kamalic '99). There, Alexis hopes to purchase a potion that will cause the entire village to fall in love. It seems that young Alexis believes in love for love's sake, and he is rather obsessed with the notion that his idealized love can "transcend mere legal conventions" and create a utopian community of universal love and happiness, until now unknown to his fellow villagers.

Dr. Wells, of the firm of J.W. Wells & Co., Family Sorcerers, St. Mary Axe, is the character in this Victorian cast who most resembles an MIT student. Full of magical incantations and demonic audio-visual aids and possessed of an entire stockroom full of alchemical con-

coctions, Dr. Wells is happy to assist Alexis. Although some reservations are expressed about the wisdom of casting a spell on an entire town, Alexis pays them no heed and goes ahead with his romantic notions. He and Aline gladly serve out cups of the love potion to their unwary neighbors at the village tea-party.

The individual performances in *The Sorcerer* are generally strong, with kudos going to Caveney and Glazer. But the true star of the show is Kamalic, whose rapid-fire solos are both talented and amusing. The orchestra, directed by Bruce Miller, provides a high-quality musical performance and is an essential part of the comic opera. Watch for interesting musical diversions via the flute (Aranka Matolcsy) and flute/piccolo (Joy J. Nicholson '98).

As pet detective, Carrey entertains in *Ace Ventura*

ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS

Written and directed by Steve Oedekerk.
 Produced by James G. Robinson.
 Starring Jim Carrey, Ian McNeice, and Tommy Davidson.

By Daniel Ramirez
 STAFF REPORTER

Are problem sets getting you down? Are tests causing you unwanted stress? Do you need to just get out and have some fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then I have just the right medication to make you laugh. It comes in the form of the hyperkinetic come-

dian Jim Carrey. *Ace Ventura* is back as the zany animal sleuth with the gravity-defying hair style and the sanity-defying attitude in the highly-anticipated *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*.

Summoned from an ashram in Tibet, where he has retreated to seek spiritual guidance (after having failed to save the life of a stranded raccoon), Ace finds himself thrust into the most challenging case of his career. At the request of Vincent Cadby (Simon Callow), the English consul general of the Bonai Province, Ace embarks on a perilous journey into the jungles of Africa with his constant companion Spike the monkey and is also joined by the consul's portly emissary, the unflappable Fulton Greenwall (Ian McNeice).

Ace's mission: to find Shikaka, the missing sacred animal of the friendly Wachati tribe, before the wedding of the Chief's daughter (Sophie Okonedo) to the first son of the warrior Wachootoo tribe (Tommy Davidson). If Ace fails, the result will be tribal war.

Relying on his wits and uncanny powers of detection — as well as on the aid of some newfound human friends, like the wise and loyal Ouda (Maynard Eziashi) and animal allies like Boba the elephant — the ingenious Ace outmaneuvers a host of dangerous adversaries as he races against time to recover Shikaka, with the fate of the Bonai Province hanging in the balance.

The last two years have been extraordinary

ones for Carrey. Already known for his comic energy and the spectrum of outrageous characters he created in the comedy series *In Living Color*, Carrey acknowledges that it was his starring role in the original *Ace Ventura* that catapulted him to film stardom. After standout performances in *The Mask*, *Dumb and Dumber*, and *Batman Forever*, Carrey returns to the character closest to his heart and his funny bone: *Ace Ventura*.

Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls is a non-stop laugh riot. From the opening sequence to the end of the movie, the audience will find themselves trying to contain themselves from laughing so hard. While not as good as the

Ace Ventura, Page 10

Charm and fantastic adventure highlight *Mary Poppins*

MARY POPPINS

Directed by Robert Stephenson.
 Starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke.
 LSC Friday Classics.
 10-250, 6:30 p.m.

By Stephen Brophy
 STAFF REPORTER

Before she played a woman playing a man playing a woman on Broadway, Julie Andrews had many other faces. She starred in *My Fair Lady* in Lon-

don and New York in the early 1960s, but for some reason was not considered sufficiently starlike to carry the movie. *Mary Poppins* is her revenge.

Julie Andrews won the Academy Award for best actress for this movie while Audrey Hepburn, miscast in the role of Eliza Doolittle so brilliantly created by Andrews on stage, wasn't even nominated.

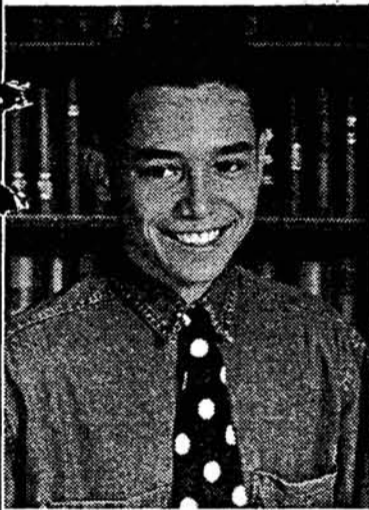
Mary Poppins has charm to spare as it winds through its two hours and 20 minutes. Andrews plays a magical nanny who helps to

bring a family together in turn-of-the-century London. The father is a banker, very precise, and a bit of a martinet. The mother dithers, and is supposedly a suffragette, of which she is a rather insulting representation. The two children wish for something better, and *Mary Poppins* is the answer to their wish. She leads them through a number of adventures and introduces them to many people before she magically changes their father's approach to family life.

Watch for Ed Wynn as a laughing uncle

and Jane Darwell as the Bird Lady. Dick Van Dyke is a chimney sweep who shares the adventures. His cockney accent is about as convincing as Audrey Hepburn's, but his acrobatic grace contributes to the general whimsy.

There are also some great songs — the Oscar winning "Chim Chim Cheree" as well as the classic "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious." Because of its length, *Mary Poppins* starts early at 6:30 p.m. tonight night in 10-250.



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By Daniel Moriarty

All of us know that the real reason for all the unrest in the Middle East stems from conflicting views on who makes the best falafel. It turns out that next year's Nobel Peace Prize will have to be shared by three separate coffeehouses: Angora Cafe, Algiers Coffee House, and the Middle East.

Moishe's Chicken truck offers and inexpensive and lunch. The truck is also conveniently located at MIT in the food truck lot. Grab a falafel and hummus combo. It's not much, but it does the trick, and it's relatively cheap as well.

Nearby in Central Square is the Middle East. Well known for its selection of live bands, this schizophrenic cafe is the only of the three to offer any alcohol. The dishes on the menu, including Sunday brunch and various middle eastern dishes, are served in the bakery as well as in a separate room two doors down the street. If you want to listen to some music, choose the bakery. But the other room offers cozier tables, two of which are set back in an alcove looking out upon Massachusetts Avenue. The falafel is cheap and is about three times the size of the one from the trucks. It's about as spicy but of course is better blended.

The chamomile tea is also pretty good.

Further down Massachusetts Avenue is Algiers Coffee House. The atmosphere goes well with the liberal arts aura of Harvard, which is only a block away. Upstairs is a pleasant setting of bare pine, criss-crossed in a familiar middle-eastern pattern. The original brick completes the appearance of a two-century-old building. There's a 10-foot wide opening in the floor, permitting a view of the patrons coming and going.

The menu offers breakfast all day and many other fine dishes, the most expensive of which is lamb kabob, served with couscous and tabbouleh. The falafel sandwich comes with a salad with a tad too much oil. The falafel itself is the smallest of the three prize winning cafes, even smaller than the inexpensive sandwich from the trucks. However, its flavor is much more concentrated, partly because there is no lettuce or carrots in the pita. The falafel balls are a much darker color and are cooked to a crunchiness requiring some care for the teeth. The chamomile teas is by far some of the best around. It comes in a nicely decorated pot and is brewed from real flowers.

From here it's necessary to hop on the red line to the green line to Kenmore Square's Angora Cafe. There you'll find a small outdoor patio and a smaller indoor area, each set with no-frills metal tables and chairs. Housed in what used to be a frozen yogurt shop, this friendly eatery specializes in healthy sandwiches. Displayed on the ice cream counter are several varieties of Branola bread. Make sure you have a serious appetite. For a relatively low price, you definitely get your money's worth. The falafel balls are surrounded by plenty of lettuce, carrots, and hummus. The flavor is almost lost within the fresh crispness of the vegetables. But even with a full stomach there's always room for ice cream. There's plenty to choose from, and the best of which is the vanilla frozen yogurt with bananas and granola.

Carrey returns with plenty of laughs in Ace Ventura

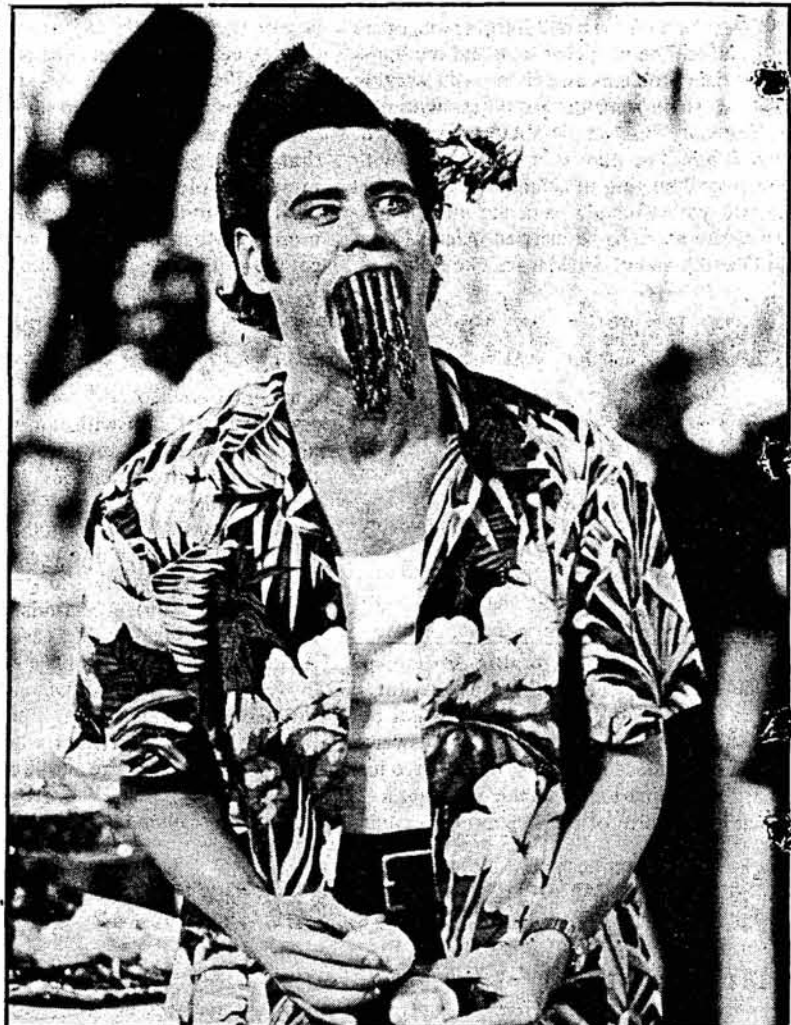
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first film, the new film will definitely prove to be Carrey's fifth hit at the box office. During its first weekend, it broke box-office records for the month of November by grossing \$40.3 million.

Carrey is simply hilarious in this film. However, as the film progresses, the hilarity at some points seems more like a negative than a plus. In some scenes, much of Carrey's stuff seems repetitive. With nobody else to hold down his elastic comedic talents, Carrey draws all the scenes to himself and causes some dull spots that should have been toned down.

Nevertheless, the Jim Carrey returns as a hyperkinetic pet detective in his new film *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*.

movie is very funny and worth seeing. *When Nature Calls* is different from the original, so don't expect a carbon copy of the first. Just expect to relieve some stress.



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ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

★★★★: Excellent
★★★: Good
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★★★ Apollo 13

Tom Hanks takes his Oscar-winning ways to the moon in *Apollo 13*. The film offers a first-hand account of the nearly disastrous real-life mission to the moon in the spring of 1970; when things go wrong on board *Apollo 13*, it's up to Hanks — I mean, Lovell — to hold the crew together so they all get home safely. The cast for *Apollo 13* works well together, having met up on several fronts in the past. Hanks gives another solid performance in this film, but Ed Harris, as the main supervisor at Mission Control, has the best, most understated role. One of the movie's problems is that the script is too formulaic and casts the performances too much to the caricatures that they are: dependable family man Lovell; slightly insecure family man Haise; and young, swinging bachelor Swigert. The main problem, though, is the film's pacing, which feels too calculated and methodical. If you're looking for grandeur, try *The Right Stuff*. But if you can't see that film on a big screen, *Apollo 13* may offer some instant, if only partial, gratification. —Scott Deskin. *Somerville Theater*.

★★★ Get Shorty

John Travolta continues his astonishing career comeback, proving that there is life after *Pulp Fiction*. In this tongue-in-cheek adaptation of an Elmore Leonard novel, Travolta plays Chili Palmer, a Miami loan shark on assignment in Hollywood to track down people who skipped payment of their debts: In particular, he meets Harry Zimm (Gene Hackman), an independent filmmaker who pitches an idea for a screenplay which Chili thinks has some promise — enough for Chili to consider producing Harry's film. In the process, Chili becomes involved with Harry's actress-girlfriend (Rene Russo), fends off the regulatory advances of Harry's drug-dealing brother (Delroy Lindo), and woos the elusive,

but diminutive, star for the film (Danny DeVito). The story may be slow compared to the slam-bang approach of *Pulp Fiction*, but the acting and dialogue are rich in dark, subtle comic undertones. The ending is too neat and the production values are a little too slick, but Travolta's cool on-screen demeanor is a treat to watch. —SD. *Sony Cheri*.

★½ Powder

Most likely created by some sort of mythic, the film *Powder* is indeed strange. *Powder* is the story of the wacky, wild adventures of an albino and completely hairless teenager who has the power to use an extraordinary amount of his brain capacity. Title character Powder (Sean Patrick Flanery) scores completely off the scale on a school IQ test and can recite any page of any book he's ever read. Due to his mother's having been struck by lightning during her pregnancy, Powder also has a mysterious biomagnetic ability that affects electronic instruments around him and enables him to manipulate things electrically and magnetically. Of course, he's also telepathic. It is on the whole a poorly constructed and clichéd film that ends up with an awkward message. With cliché after cliché and an abundance of predictable scenes, it's a wonder anyone could think this movie was worth making. —Rob Wagner. *Sony Copley Place*.

★★ 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 Free-

man 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

ca-mode mainly falls flat. Once again, the locale is New York City, and Murphy's character, Maximillian, searches for Rita Veder (Angela Bassett), an NYPD detective unaware



Eddie Murphy plays Maximillian, the world's last-surviving vampire, in the sometimes funny but disappointing *Vampire in Brooklyn*.

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 Cinema 57*.

★★ Vampire in Brooklyn

Eddie Murphy's latest vehicle as a ruthless member of the Nosferatu in *Coming to Ameri-*

of the couple's unique blood bond. As part of his quest, he takes on a sidekick (Kadeem Hardison) to be his loyal ghoul. Though the supporting performances are fine, both Murphy and director Wes Craven seem unsure how to deal with the material — as a humorous horror film or a violent comedy. In particular, Murphy's attempt to mimic former cohort Arsenio Hall (as a preacher from *Coming to America*) is woefully unsuccessful. If Murphy wants to break out of his box office slump, he's got to be more original than this. —Daniel Ramirez. *Sony Cinema 57*.

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Random Hall Looks to Address Long-Ignored Problems

By Ramy A. Amaout
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Two weeks after a blocked chimney forced a dormitory-wide evacuation, emergency repairs on Random Hall's sewage and heating systems are almost complete.

Repairs to the sewage lines were needed after two backups drove refuse into the dormitory's trunk room and into the room of Jason M. Strautman '97, who lives next door to a bathroom, on Oct. 27 and 28.

The flooding "took a shockingly long time to clean up," said Random Housemaster Nina J. Davis-Millis. Refuse water and toilet paper sat in Strautman's room until after the Sunday evacuation. "I don't want to say it was a bio-hazard," but "by Sunday night it was pretty moldy in there," she said.

The plumbing and heating troubles resulted primarily from bad communication, said Associate Dean of Residence and Campus Activities Margaret A. Jablonski. While administrators have long known that the century-old building required special upkeep, "I don't think we were aware things were as problematic for students as they were," she said.

"What MIT's planning to do now is really the issue," Davis-Millis said. While she credited Physical Plant for having done "a tremendous amount of work ... on some of the long-standing maintenance issues" in response to the crises, she said that Random must

now turn its attention to preventive planning.

Random residents and Housemaster Christopher Millis will meet today with RCA Associate Dean Andrew M. Eisenmann '75 and other housing administrators. The purpose of the meeting is not only to review what has been done but to develop "a vision of ... the appropriate level of maintenance for Random," Davis-Millis said.

Addressing future concerns

The Institute has made clear that Random Hall does not fit into the Institute's long-term housing plans. Jablonski predicted the building will stop being used as a dormitory sometime in the next 10 years.

That plan should not interfere with the day-to-day upkeep of the building, Davis-Millis said. "It seems to me that if 93 MIT residents live in that building, they should expect a certain level of maintenance," Davis-Millis said.

"The metaphor I use is that of a car," she said. If a car gets scratched, you still drive it, but "if the transmission goes, you're going to buy a new transmission," she said.

"If MIT commits itself to housing students in an old building, and if the repairs turn out costly, that's unfortunate, but they have to do them anyway," Davis-Millis said.

"We need to establish standards and procedures" for maintenance work, Davis-Millis said. "So whether it's an emergency or just

maintenance, what we expect and what [housing officials] expect are more in line. I think that's reasonable."

Police investigation continues

Campus Police are continuing to investigate the chimney blockage incident, which they suspect may have been caused by a disgruntled

Random Hall resident.

Police "did speak to a number of people at Random, and there was one student who had a number of discussions with police," Davis-Millis said. "However, they assured me they were nowhere near having a suspect. No one was charged with any kind of vandalism."

Random intends to see the police investigation through, if only to make sure similar incidents do not happen again, Davis-Millis said. "It's as much of a preventive measure as it is a punitive measure," she said.

Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin could not be reached for comment.



Repairs to Random Hall have largely undone the damage caused by blocked heating and sewage systems. Two weeks ago, a blocked chimney flooded the building with smoke, forcing a dormitory-wide evacuation.

Former Dean Tewhey Continues Suit against MIT

By Christopher L. Falling
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In the latest response to an ongoing sexual harassment suit, former Dean of Residence and Campus Activities James R. Tewhey on Monday presented his case against MIT in a routine hearing in Cambridge Superior Court.

Defendants named in the case include President Charles M. Vest, former Provost Mark S. Wrighton, former Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith, Vice President for Human Resources Joan F. Rice, and former financial aid administrator Katherine M. Nolan.

According to the 13-count complaint, Tewhey charges the defendants with creating a hostile work environment and unlawfully sexually harassing him. This charge is the latest response to a suit filed by Nolan against Tewhey claiming that he harassed her.

The hearing was held in response to the defendants' motion to dismiss the case based on the failure of the plaintiff to state a claim justified under law.

The judge must rule separately on the dismissal motions for each of the 13 counts of illegal action that Tewhey claims.

Tewhey suit dates to 1993 problems

The suit is part of the continuing saga that caused Tewhey to leave MIT in April 1993. At that time, a Newton court placed a restraining order on Tewhey and Cambridge Superior Court placed another on Nolan, with whom Tewhey had an 18-month-long affair. Each was barred from contact with the other.

According to the complaint, "on or about Oct. 2, 1992, Smith informed Tewhey that Nolan had seen Smith in July and had described Tewhey as unstable. Smith suggested that perhaps Tewhey should resign."

Tewhey refused to resign, saying that Nolan's actions constituted sexual harassment. On April 20, Wrighton asked for Tewhey's resignation, and Tewhey agreed to resign if MIT would act on his grievance.

According to the complaint, "on or about June 4, 1993, Rice wrote to Tewhey stating that MIT would not act on his grievance." On Oct. 19, Tewhey's employment with MIT was terminated after he refused to sign a letter of resignation.

Tewhey had filed a criminal complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, but it was dismissed on Feb. 3. The MCAD found that the complaint was without probable cause.

Tewhey confident about future

Tewhey said that he expects the judge to reach a decision in about two weeks to a month. He also said that he feels comfortable with the hearing and the

proceedings.

"My own view is that no matter what the decision is, I am confident that this is not the last step" of the case, Tewhey said. "I am confident that I will win."

Should the case be dismissed, Tewhey would have three basic options: to file an appeal, to amend his complaint in accordance to the judge's decision, or to accept the decision and "walk away."

"I cannot imagine any set of circumstances that would incline me to just walk away," Tewhey said.

The process of finding evidence to determine whether or not it is sufficient to warrant a trial has started. However, the process is currently on hold while the motion to dismiss is being evaluated.

Tewhey has submitted interrogatories — a set of written questions to be answered under oath — to the defendants.

Once the questions are answered and the defendants have responded to their interrogatories, the process of taking depositions will begin.

While the compensation that Tewhey could receive from a civil trial is monetary, he is "far more interested in getting the truth out about this matter," he said.

Tewhey said that there has been no discussion of settlement at this time. "I doubt there will be any [discussion] for some time — if there ever is," Tewhey said.

Tewhey has been attending law school since his dismissal from MIT and will be finishing at the end of this academic year.

MIT's lawyers declined to comment on the case.



James R. Tewhey

Issue of Marijuana Ignites Discussion

By Orli G. Bahcall
STAFF REPORTER

The debate over marijuana has recently re-emerged with a Boston rally in October in support of legalization. With the resurgence of a new national debate, students have taken another look at the issue of marijuana use on-campus.

The "traditional way of deterring people from smoking is by telling them that your grades will suffer, or that you will get lazy," said President of East Campus Dhaya Lakshminarayanan '96. "But everyone here is so smart. A lot of people I know who do smoke say it does not affect them."

"I had an image of MIT that it would be different than other campuses," said Hannah Meehan '99. "But I have seen pot at least once in most frats I go to and in many dorms. It just seems so easy to find," she said.

People use marijuana at MIT "just as much as at any other college," Andrew R. Bankert '99 said. "But here it is not abused, just used casually as a way to relieve stress."

"My constituency is pretty diverse," Lakshminarayanan said of East Campus. It includes "some people who advocate legalization and some who could care less."

But overall, people are "very strong in their opinions," a fact which is most visible during November, when "East Campus residents get together on some halls and discuss marijuana use and legalization."

"A lot of people try to bring this issue out because they want to stop

being stereotyped as potheads and as lazy," she said.

Awareness increases on campus

Some residents have "done a lot to raise awareness on this issue," Lakshminarayanan said.

Robert J. Pensalfini G, an East Campus graduate resident tutor, is one such resident who has voiced his opinions on marijuana use. Pensalfini wrote a four-part series on cannabis last year for *The Thistle*.

"It is about time for a public debate on this issue on-campus," Pensalfini said. "I think that many more people — particularly educated people — are willing to consider the pros and cons of re-legislation now, whereas not too long ago they would have rejected it outright."

"Last year I approached the Campus Police about their drugs pamphlet," Pensalfini said. The information about marijuana contained outdated information.

Based on new studies done on the effects of marijuana, the Campus Police removed the section on marijuana use from this year's "Straight Talk about Drugs on Campus" pamphlet, Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin said.

Pensalfini's objection was "the only complaint or comment we have had in the last four months about" the information we distribute on marijuana, Glavin said. "There is very little request for information on marijuana, probably because people already know about marijuana, whereas they know less about other drugs."

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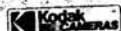


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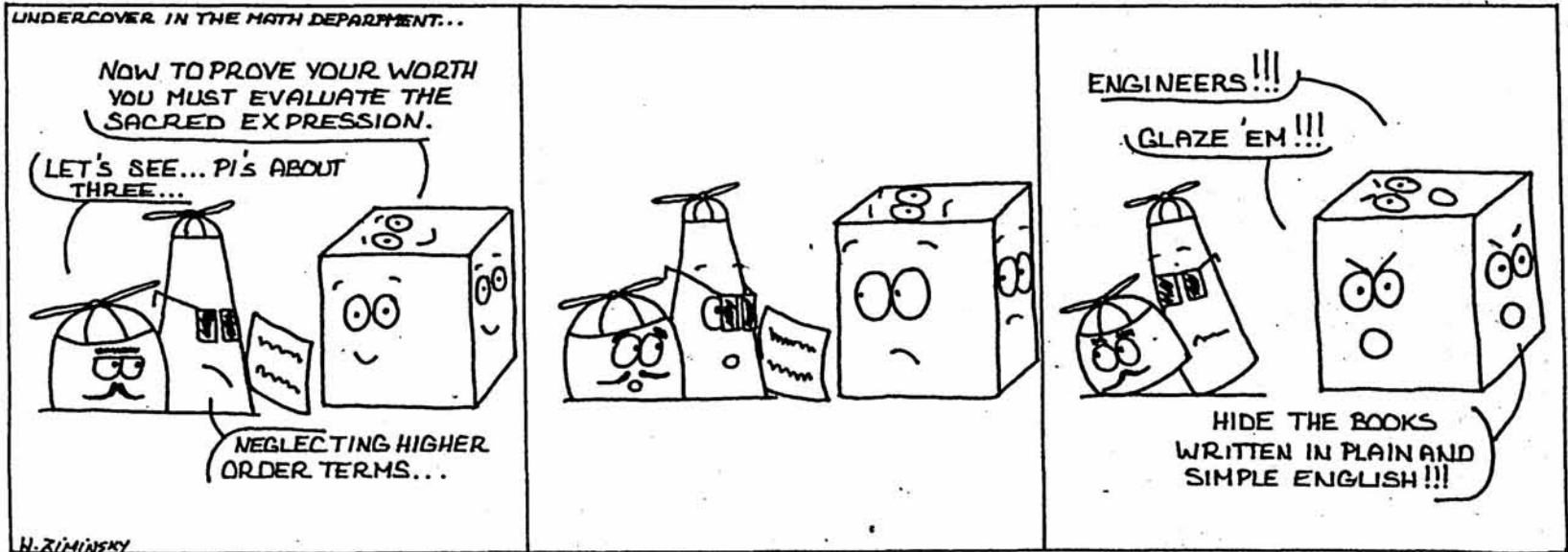
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More Workstations Purchased for Athena Clusters

By Carina Fung
STAFF REPORTER

In a yearly effort to keep computing facilities on the cutting edge, over 100 new Athena client workstations have replaced outdated models in public clusters.

The new computers, mostly consisting of Sun Sparcstation 5 workstations, are all "dramatically faster than the workstations they replace," said Director of Academic Computing Gregory A. Jackson '70.

The replacements also include 30 Silicon Graphics Indy workstations. The Indys are particularly useful for high-performance graphics applications since they offer 24-bit color, accelerated XZ graphics for three-dimensional imaging, and integrated video capabilities, Jackson said.

Martha H. Greenberg '96, a member of the Student Information Processing Board, said that the XZ graphic boards that have replaced the old XL boards are much faster and are intended for third-party software used by professors.

"The SGIs are intended especially for advanced visualization and other graphically-intensive academic applications," Jackson said.

The SGI machines were purchased in response to specific requests from faculty in several departments, Jackson said. In addition, one cluster of new workstations in 2-032 is configured to run Macintosh Application Environment, a package that simulates a Macintosh computer on a Sparc workstation, he said. The MAE-capable machines replaced old, general-use Macintoshes, he said.

New machines replace old ones

"We try to replace about a quarter of the Athena environment each

year," Jackson said. This means 250 new workstations are purchased each year, with about 100 in general-use clusters, another 75 in departments, and another 75 in other locations, he said.

Generally, the new machines are placed where the old computers were and not concentrated in any one area, Jackson said. Also, a trade-in allowance is received for old workstations and put toward the cost of new ones, he said.

"The machines being replaced are primarily Digital Decstation 3100 and IBM RS/6000-320 workstations, all of which are at least four years old," Jackson said. A few Decstation 5000 workstations have also been replaced, he said.

Jackson said that Athena did not actually expand, since the total number of workstations is about the same as it was last year, except for a small new cluster in Rotch Library and the new configuration of 2-032. The regular workstation renewal purchases are "to retire obsolete equipment, not to increase the number of Athena seats," he said.

The Athena cluster in 4-035 is now semi-private and is used by certain classes like Computer Graphics (6.837) and various chemical engineering classes, said Abbe J. Cohen '96, a member of SIPB.

Jackson said that the general-use machines and most of the departmental machines are intended for student use. There are also about 100 or more workstations not in general clusters, he said.

Demand is high for SGIs

Faculty and students generally seem to like the new workstations, Jackson said. "Everyone seems to

like them. The complaints we get are that we don't have more of them," he said.

Stuart H. Schaefer '96 and Theodore M. Yang '97, both stu-

dents in 6.837, said that while they like the graphics hardware that runs on the SGIs, there are too few machines. It is often difficult to find an available computer because

"more and more people log on, sometimes spending all day in the clusters," Schaefer said. More SGI workstations are needed to accommodate demand, he said.



The fishbowl cluster in 11-113 recently received two new Silicon Graphic Indy workstations. The SGIs are two of 100 new computers purchased this year.

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Delts Renege on Previous Pledge To Keep Down Noise at Parties

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hood Association of the Back Bay Representative Nancy Nottson, and Secretary of the Licensing Board Patricia Malone.

Ranciato and her sister Jennifer said they were disturbed by the noise level of the DTD party that took place on Sept. 29, according to the letter. Jennifer Ranciato expressed her concern to Keith E. Whalen '96, president of DTD, at 11 p.m. on the night of the party.

Mr. Whalen assured Jennifer that the request would be granted and stated that he would have a member of his fraternity posted outside of the house to monitor the noise level," according to the letter.

Unable to sleep because of the noise, Jessica Ranciato phoned the Boston Police Department on three occasions. The next morning, Jennifer and Jessica Ranciato stopped by the fraternity to speak with Whalen, who "exhibited a condescending and patronizing attitude," according to the letter.

"The complaint was over-dramatized," Rosebrook said. "The three police cruisers that came found no reason to be there, left immediately, and did not even file a police report."

As a result of the dispute, both DTD and the Ranciato's solicited neighbors' opinions through petitions that were presented before the Licensing Board.

"We had a good report from the neighbors," said Geoff B. Johnson '96, vice president of DTD. "Except for a few neighbors in particular, there were no problems with us."

"When we went around the neighborhood, we were told about the fraternity's petition," Jessica Ranciato said. "People told us that they weren't informed and they didn't know what they were signing."

"There has always been excessive noise late at night, especially on weekends," said Edith Blake, a neighbor next door to the fraternity.

"Noise up until four or five in the morning has almost been standard on weekend nights."

"Dorow had tried to contact us by calling," Ranciato said. "We thought it was better handle by the Licensing Board," she said.

"I take exception with Dorow's wheeling and dealing and backroom politics," Ranciato said. Many residents of the Back Bay "are deeply concerned about quality of life issues and certainly should not have to deal with MIT administration officials trying to pander to their elected officials. I find Mr. Dorow's behavior highly suspect and inappropriate," she said.

Bruce T. MacDonald, the fraternity's lawyer, could not be reached for a comment.

Dorow refused to comment.

DTD parties will not change much

In his letter, Whalen indicated that the fraternity, in order to show its concern over its neighbors complaints, will try new ways of keeping down the level of noise at parties.

"From now on, when our fraternity entertains guests, we will only have small invite parties where no more than 80 people will be in the residence at a given time," according to Whalen's letter. "These activities will end no later than midnight on any given weekend. This action is not a temporary plan. The chapter has made this a permanent [sic] commitment [sic]," the letter said.

But in an interview yesterday, Whalen said that the fraternity is not planning to change the way it conducts its parties and does not feel bound by the letter Whalen wrote.

"There is nothing that will be changed as we see right now," Whalen said. "That letter was written as an immediate response to the complaint to prevent the Licensing Board from taking any action against us. It has no meaning and may not be true. We can go back to what we used to do," he said.

"I am not surprised about their change of attitude," Jennifer Ranciato said in response to Whalen's comment. "It is humorous that they would think that they can get away with it now that a lot of the neighbors will be watching."

Noise a continuous problem

The first time the Licensing Board dealt with DTD was last year during Residence and Orientation Week. The second incident occurred over the summer and involved a graduation party with the fraternity's seniors, Rosebrook said. "A probation was issued in conjunction with MIT that said we couldn't have parties until Sept. 17, with some rush exceptions."

The Licensing Board also sent a letter stating that "any future complaints received will result in suspension of the license. Additionally, a condition requiring that there be an adult supervisor on the premises at all times will be imposed."

"Politically the Licensing Board did not want to take that step to kick out 40 MIT students whose parents will without a doubt be angry," she said.

"We are happy that they didn't suspend our license," Whalen said. "We are going to have a little better communication with our neighbors," he said. DTD plans to notify its neighbors "more extensively about events and schedules so they are more aware of what we are doing," he said.

"I honestly did not want to see members of Delta Tau Delta evicted from their house. I am satisfied with the Licensing Board's decision and hope that it will give members of Delta Tau Delta some time to reflect on what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior in a residential area," Ranciato said.

"I don't think it is the final end to the problem," Blake said. "The attitude of the housing board has been getting harder. But I find it hard to believe that they will have no alcohol at the parties," she said.

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Williams Announces Formation Of Undergraduate Task Forces

Losses, from Page 1

Institute money. Other losses include projected student aid cuts of \$8.2 million per year. A best-case scenario could have student aid funds dropping by over \$1 million.

Congressional cuts in civilian research accounts may amount to \$81 million per year. The figure assumes — with some uncertainty — that MIT will lose 30 percent in federal research sponsorship.

Although the figures are estimates, a good portion of the cuts have already been passed, Vest said. "The situation could possibly get worse and worse," he said.

In addition, the Bates Linear Accelerator Center and the Alcator C-2 tokamak of the Plasma Fusion Center are specific programs that legislation could target for cuts, Vest said.

In order to face these potentially drastic losses, MIT must respond in several ways, Vest said. The Institute must rely on enhancing private fundraising and developing industrial partnerships. The Institute will also need to make budget reductions and reallocations of 6 percent.

Re-engineering may also save money. "We hope that if these things are done right" that we will be able to "provide improved service and get costs down," Vest said.

The cuts will not really affect

this year, Vest said. "This may be a year where we might squeak through with moderate losses." However, the Institute will experience the loss of real dollars next year, he said.

New task forces formed

Williams announced the purposes of two new task forces for Undergraduate Living and for Undergraduate Learning.

The task forces were formed to help update the Institute's framework for the incoming Class of 2000, Williams said. MIT's now-dated framework was applicable for classes with lower diversity and need for practical education than today.

The Task Force on Undergraduate Living will explore ways to enhance student life and motivate students to participate in an intellectual environment, Williams said. The task force will also work together with the Student Services Re-engineering team and help design residence and dining options.

"The task force must work with a high degree of community involvement," Williams said.

The Task Force on Undergraduate Learning will seek to provide "practice-oriented" learning to the already strong core curriculum, Williams said.

The task force will first assess the current status and needs of students by looking at the number of

undergraduates as well as at teaching loads and career goals of students, Williams said.

Finally, the task force will work to expand educational options for students, particularly in the freshman and sophomore years, Williams said.

New masters degree approved

The faculty voted unanimously to approve the new Master of Science program in System Design and Management, a joint program between the Sloan School of Management and the School of Engineering.

Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics R. John Hansman Jr. PhD '82 presented the results of a survey aimed at gauging faculty attitudes toward retirement now that mandatory retirement has been eliminated.

A number of the faculty who responded saw part-time teaching as an attractive possibility during retirement.

Chair of the Faculty Lawrence S. Bacow '72 discussed possible changes in the professor emeritus title of retired faculty, since the title is often received negatively. Some professors emeritus have complained that it is more difficult to publish their work without the title professor. One alternative might be to allow faculty to retain the title of professor for the first five years of retirement.

Mail Re-engineering Changes Cause Problems and Concerns

Mail, from Page 1

Practically, this means that current mail-processing costs of \$6 million will be reduced by \$1 million. "There will be a shift of labor from the departmental level to a more centralized level," Lambert said.

Currently, mail services staff consists of about 40 people from across the Institute, Lambert said. That staff may be reduced by 10 people as mail services becomes centralized, he said.

The re-engineering of mail services is about one-tenth of the way completed, Lambert said. Roughly 14 of the planned 35 distributed mail centers have been set up.

The distributed mail centers utilize centralized labor to process outgoing mail, sort incoming mail, and perform other mail-related services for the entire Institute.

A pilot program for processing outgoing mail is underway, with five of the Institute's 150 depart-

ments and divisions participating.

The mail scales have been removed from the five participating departments, and centralized labor processes all of the outgoing mail. This saves departmental labor, and allows the Institute to take advantage of bulk postal discounts, Lambert said.

For MIT to qualify for a discount, a certain volume of outgoing mail addressed to the same ZIP code must be gathered together, and the mail must be presorted and barcoded. "This cannot be accomplished at the departmental level," Lambert said.

Centrally processing outgoing mail saves roughly five cents per piece of mail by consolidating all of the Institute's mail through a commercial mail service with other large-scale local mail users, like Boston University.

The Institute has roughly 25,000 pieces of outgoing mail each day, "so a savings of five cents per piece really adds up,"

Lambert said.

The more positive aspects of mail services re-engineering have not yet been implemented, including the large-scale campaign to reduce junk mail at the Institute, Lambert said.

Roughly 50 percent, or 9 million pieces, of Institute mail can be considered junk mail, Lambert said. The goal of the redesign team is to cut this number in half.

"Mail services doesn't believe in mail police. We cannot determine what the recipient does or does not want," Lambert said. One way to cut down on junk mail is to give faculty members Day-Glo stickers to mark the mail that they do not want and have them place that mail in a separate mailbox.

Centralized mail labor would then sort through the unwanted mail and contact companies with a list of names to have removed. "The companies are happy with this arrangement, too. They save on costs as well," Lambert said.

FDA OKs MIT Drug

FDA, from Page 1

has been marketing it, does not have a branch in the United States, so Wurtman founded the company Interneuron Pharmaceuticals in 1988.


The company operates without any of its own research or manufacturing facilities. Instead, it outsources contracts to other companies and laboratories.

With yesterday's FDA approval, production of the drug will be licensed to the pharmaceutical-giant






Wyeth Laboratories, which does 12 billion dollars in annual sales worldwide, Wurtman said. Negotiations must now begin to resolve labeling and marketing issues, but the drug could be available to consumers in as early as three to six months.

The advisory board's majority vote followed an unsettled decision at a first failed meeting several weeks ago.


"I am very, very happy about [the approval]. I think it will have a major impact on public health in America," Wurtman said.



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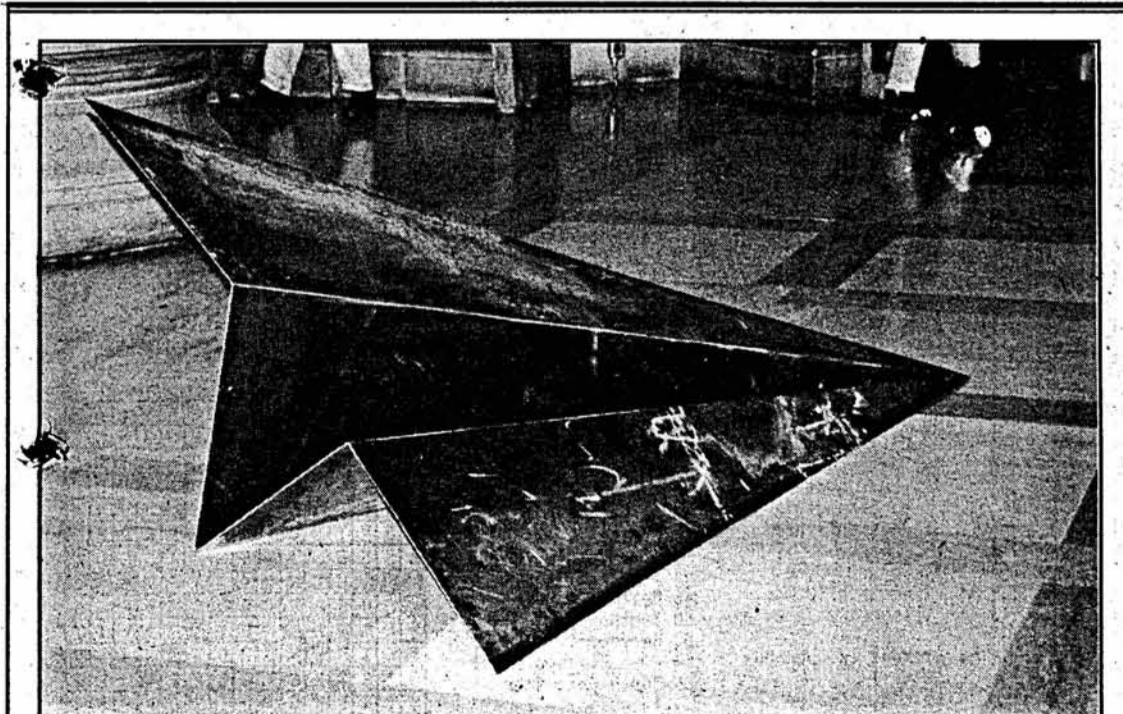
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SPORTS

Women's X-Country Finishes 11th In New England Regional Meet

By Lauren B. Klatsky
TEAM MEMBER

The women's cross-country team finished 11th in a strong field of 33 teams at the New England Division III Regional meet on Saturday at the University of Southern Maine.

At the awards ceremony, three MIT runners were named to the All New England Division III team, which consists of the top 35 out of 211 finishers. Janis H. Eisenberg '98 finished 20th place, Eve Phillips '99 finished 24th, and Lauren B. Klatsky '97 finished 34th place.

The top four teams and top seven individuals will represent the New England region at the Division III National Championship meet this coming weekend in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Coach Joseph A. Sousa said the team "ran well under hard conditions." He said that the next season looks promising, with five of his top seven runners returning.

The meet took place on a golf course which was muddy in some places and soggy in others. The Engineers had faced worse conditions at previous meets and therefore were confident going into the race that they could perform well. When the gun went off, MIT fought for position as the mass of runners were forced to merge into a narrower path. The grass on this portion of the course was quite wet and many runners lost their footing, including Phillips.

Despite the fact that there were no major hills, the course was rolling throughout its entire 3.1-mile expanse. But after a season of intelligent training, the Engineers responded well to this particular landscape.

Eisenberg crossed the finish line with a time of 19:12. She missed qualifying for the National Championship by just 13 seconds. After recovering from her spill, Phillips finished only five seconds behind in 19:17. Klatsky threw in a kick at the end, passing six runners in the last 100 meters and completing the course in 19:31.

Captain Ann M. McAninch '96 and freshman Amalia Londono '99 also finished as a duo, taking the 126th and 128th places in times of 21:42 and 21:49, respectively. MIT's last two runners finished well despite injuries. Robin C. Evans '99 took 142nd place after 22:09 with a sore ankle, and Lynn D. Cornell '96 fought knee pain to finish 164th in a time of 23:26.

Saturday's meet displayed "some of the fiercest competition that Division III has ever seen," Sousa said. The winning individual, a sophomore from Williams, broke the previous record for the course. She had won the honor of All New England champion out of all NCAA divisions earlier in the season.

Ice Hockey Keeps Undefeated Streak

By Jason I. Weintraub

The varsity hockey team improved its record to 3-0 with an 8-4 victory over Bates College Saturday afternoon.

The Engineers hope to continue their success tomorrow afternoon, when they host Daniel Webster College.

One can say that the key to the Engineers' three-game winning streak has been defense, if one believes that the best defense is a good offense. The Engineers have outscored their opponents 26-5 over the course of their first three games and show no signs of letting up in the near future.

Eight of the 26 goals, as well as nine assists, come courtesy of sophomore center Matthew G. Yurkewych '98, who has been praised as the best player on team by several of his teammates.

"I am never truly satisfied with my point totals," Yurkewych said. "The shots that I miss seem to weigh heavier on my mind than the shots I put in," he said. So far, however, missing shots has not been his

problem.

The scoring against Bates was led off by Captain Jonathan Shingles '96 when he managed to knock one in seven minutes into the first period. Shingles would later put in the game winner in the final minute of the second period. Yurkewych and defenseman Steve J. Schlueter '96 each got a pair of goals, with singletons added by John J. Rae '99 and Tetsu Inada '97.

Schlueter's first goal was the result of a dump in taken all the way from center of the ice early in the third period. The puck managed to find the opening between the Bates goalie's pads.

Goalie John C. Zehren '99 has been fairly impressive in his first three games at MIT. Zehren, who played two years of junior hockey after graduating from high school, is obviously no stranger to the intense competition that MIT's opponents provide.

Playing "is all instinct," Zehren said. "You practice all your moves so that your body memorizes them. Then in a game you just do them, and you don't have to think," he said.

Panthers Record Won't Keep the Lead in Atlantic Division

Column by Bo Light
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

All right, we have a lot to cover this week, so let's get right to it. We start our coverage this week with the wonderful world of the NHL.

On the Ice

As promised, this week's EA Sports reviews the Atlantic Division, and is that really the Florida

EVERYTHING ABOUT SPORTS

Panthers in first place? You'd better believe it. After a seven-game winning streak, the Panthers have the best record in the league.

Right behind Florida are the New York Rangers, the Philadelphia Flyers, and the New Jersey Devils, all of whom are already over 20 points. For those keeping score at home, this gives the Atlantic Division the last two Stanley Cup winners (New York and New Jersey), this year's Cup favorite (Philadelphia), and the league's hottest team (Florida). It may be early in the season, but the Atlantic has already proven itself to be the toughest division in the league.

Florida should be the first of the recent expansion teams to make the playoffs, but they won't be able to stay on top of the division. The Panthers will wind up fighting with the Washington Capitals for fifth in the division. But both teams should make it to the post-season, thanks to the weakness of the Northeast Division. After an impressive inaugural season three years ago, the Tampa Bay Lightning have yet to improve. Maybe a few more high draft picks will help. On the other hand, I don't know what will help the pathetic New York Islanders. Maybe another uniform change?

Next week: The Norris — er, Central Division.

Hoops Report

It's time for the second half of the long-awaited NBA preview. But first, a little commentary on hoop fashion. What is with these new uniforms? It seems like every team has come out with new jerseys (insert Nets joke here), and most of them are ugly. The Toronto Raptors, by the way, have taken the Triple Crown of Gaudy — silly name, ugly uniforms, and a blinding home-court paint job (hey guys, you're supposed to paint the inside of the lane). Is the NBA trying to bring back the 1970s, and if so, why?

The mass uniform changes have a simple explanation, of course — merchandising. The more often you change your uniform design, the more often fans have to buy it. But one would think the teams would have put more thought into their changes. NBA champs or not, the Rockets look goofy. That said, let's look at the Western Conference.

Midwest Conference

Who will win the Midwest? It's tough to say. This will be the toughest race in the league. Houston has won back-to-back NBA titles, but they were at their peak two years ago. Utah still has the talent to play with anyone, but their main weapon is still Stockton-to-Malone, and time is running out on John and the Mailman. David Robinson can take San Antonio to the playoffs by himself, but the Spurs just aren't the same team without Dennis Rodman (sad, but true).

Denver has a Rookie of the Year candidate in Antonio McDyess, but having the Rookie of the Year didn't do much for Detroit or Dallas last year. Which brings us to — speaking of Dallas — the Mavericks, a young, talented team that should go far in the regular season (the post-season is another matter).

However, the rest of the division shouldn't be too far behind. Look for five Midwest teams to make the

playoffs. Which five? I'll give you a hint: Vancouver and Minnesota won't be playing in June.

Pacific Division

The Pacific used to be such an easy division to predict. The Lakers always finished first, the Clippers were always last, and you could throw darts to pick the teams in the middle. Now, the Lakers are mediocre, the Clips are mediocre, and the worst team last year could easily run with the division this year. And speaking of perennially lousy teams, the Sacramento Kings should win the Pacific this year, behind Mitch Richmond and a load of young talent (in case you haven't noticed, young talent is a theme in the league this year). The Phoenix Suns, despite having mostly old talent, will still take second place, but the fighting will be fierce

for the third spot. With the strength of the Midwest, only three teams from this division are likely to make it to the post-season, and when the dust has settled, that third team will be everyone's favorite group of underachievers, the Seattle SuperSonics. The Lakers will just miss the playoffs. They have a way to go before they match up to the Showtime teams of the 1980s. Meanwhile, the Clippers will rue the day they traded Antonio McDyess for Brent Barry. Really, could you possibly make a worse deal? Brent Barry indeed. They deserve their spot, down in the basement with the rapidly declining Trail Blazers and the luckless Golden State Warriors.

Western Conference Playoff Teams: Dallas, Sacramento, Houston, Utah, Phoenix, San Antonio, Denver, Seattle.

Conference Finalists: Sacra-

mento and Phoenix.

Conference Champion: Sacramento.

NBA Champion: Chicago over Sacramento, 4-1.

Trivia Question

Mario Lemieux is on a pace to score more than 160 points for the Pittsburgh Penguins this season. What is the NHL record for most points in a season, and (this is the easy part) who holds it? Send your answers and comments to easports@the-tech.mit.edu

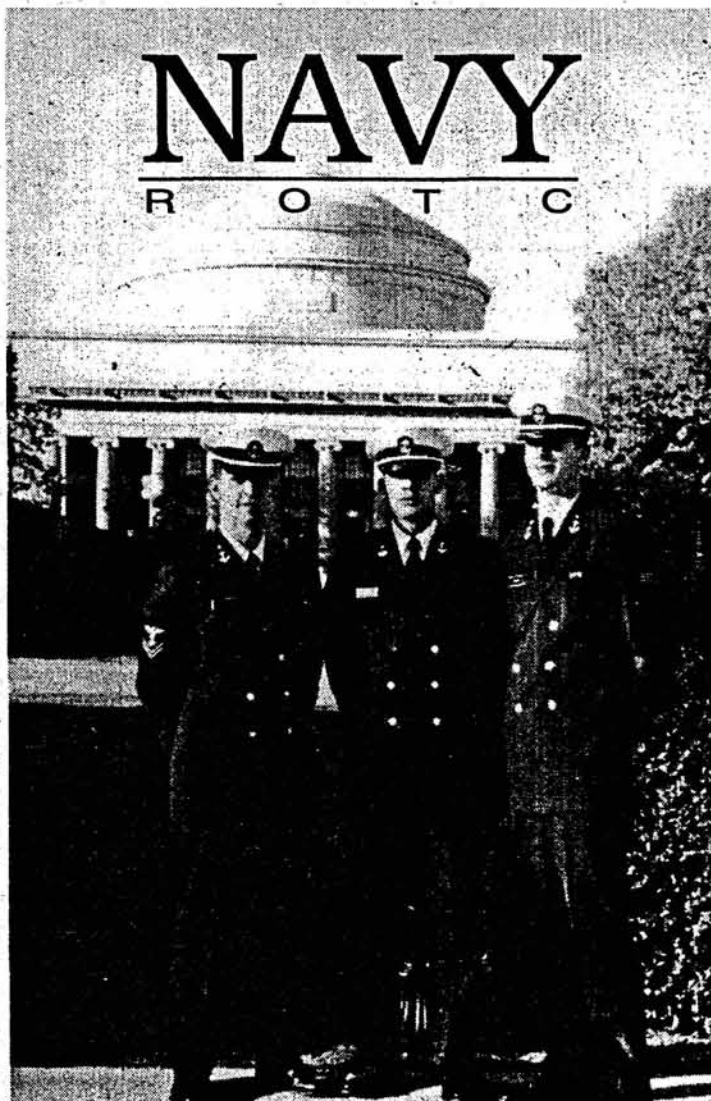
Answer to last week's question: Before the 1987 and '88 Lakers, the last team to repeat as NBA Champions were the 1968 and '69 Boston Celtics. The Celtics' 1969 Championship finished off an incredible run of nine titles in the 1960s. Correct answers were sent in by Eric H. Allen G and Jean Fitzmaurice.

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7. Pop quiz on Monday following major weekend.
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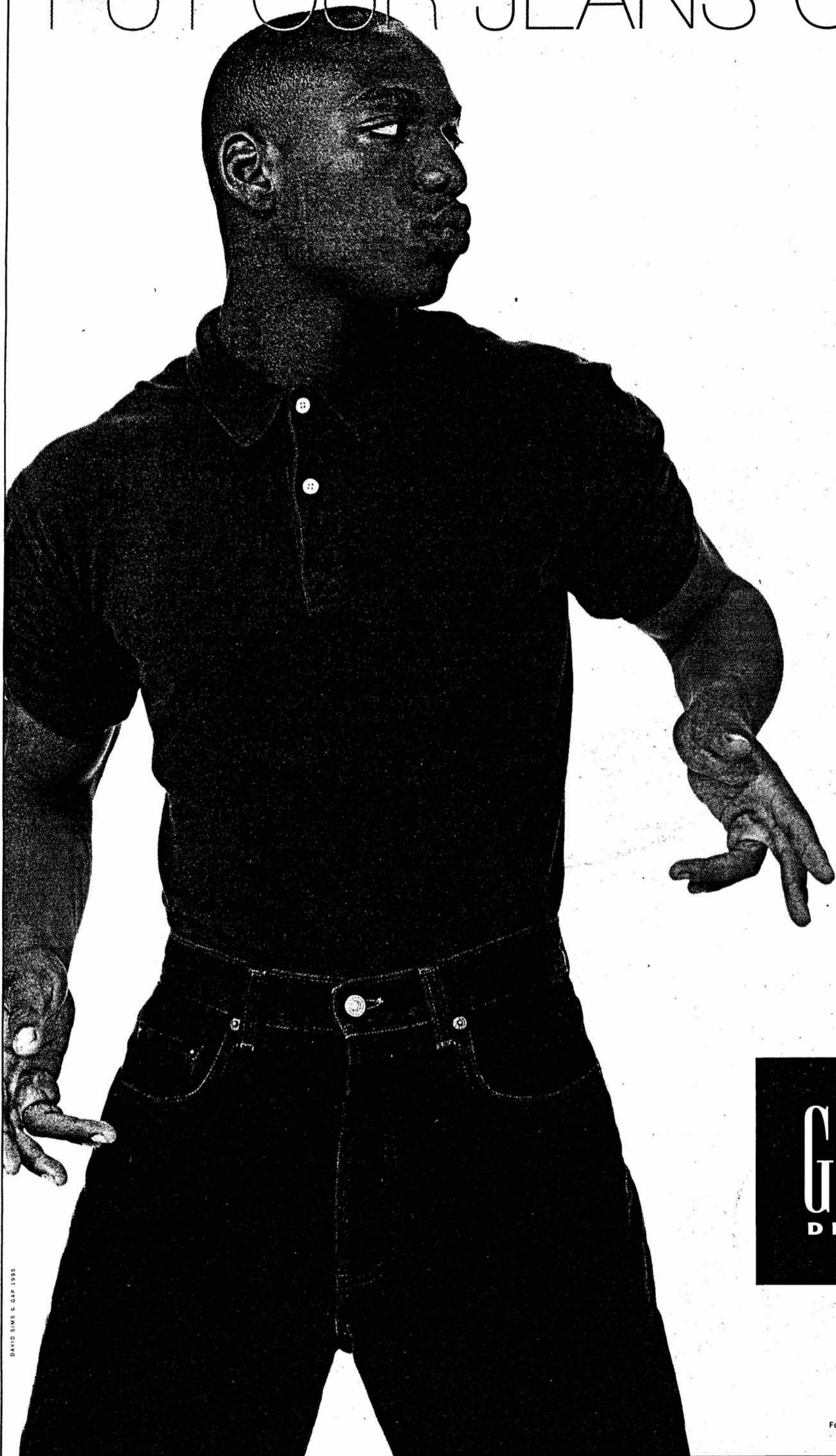
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