Perry N. Finley '92

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The Committee on Academic Performance has proposed a three-year intermediate grade experiment that would allow faculty members to assign intermediate grades and phrases, in contrast to the traditional grading system. The proposal aims to increase the flexibility and accuracy of student assessment.

Card Security Is Laughable

MIT Card Security Is 'Laughable'

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Dorm Dining Strikes Deal with Aramark, MIT

The proposing of the new grading system is in response to feedback from students and faculty. It is aimed at providing a more nuanced system that better reflects student performance.

By moving Baker closer into the dining system, the dining hall will not necessarily be required to break even. Rather, different parts of the system can make or lose money, as long as the entire system remains profitable.

By Jennifer Lane

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The committee's goal is to move a lot of the credit for this effort out of the office and into the hands of students and faculty. They believe that this will lead to a more engaged and informed student body.

The committee has also proposed changes to the card system, which is currently in use at MIT. The new system is intended to improve security and convenience for students and faculty.

The report also mentions the need for greater precision in the grading system. It suggests that a three-year experiment with +/- grading could provide a better understanding of how students perform.

The grading system is also facing criticism from students and faculty. Some are concerned about the potential for abuse and the impact on credit and graduation requirements.

The new grading system is expected to be implemented in the fall of 1996, and the committee plans to monitor its effectiveness and make adjustments as necessary.

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**World & Nation**

**Clinton Will Sign Tax-Break Bill toDemocrats’ Dismay**

By Ann Devevy

The Washington Post

President Clinton Thursday agreed to sign a Republican-sponsored tax-cut bill that he had criticized as a “timid” measure to spur the economy and stimulate job growth.

The president was under mounting pressure to sign the bill, which passed the House Wednesday night and has been awaiting his decision in the Senate since last week.

Clinton has said he would not sign the legislation if it failed to include additional tax cuts and benefits for business investment.

But Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and other Senate Republicans have been pushing for the president to sign the bill quickly.

Clinton’s decision to sign the bill came after he met with Republican leaders in the Senate and agreed to sign the legislation.

The president signed the bill into law Thursday afternoon.

**Bomb Trial Witness Says He Had No FBI Love Interest**

D’Amato Apologized on Senate Floor for Mockery of Ito

By Melissa Healy

Los Angeles Times


“Judge Ito loves the limelight,” D’Amato aid.

But Clinton; attendees said, the administration of stonewalling and a passive-aggressive approach to the trial has not improved the president’s image.

Clinton, who has relied on House Republican leaders to help him with his legislative agenda, will likely receive mixed messages from the House on the tax-cut bill.

**GoP Lawmakers to Celebrate First 100 Days in Congress**

By Melissa Healy

Los Angeles Times

In bold letters at the top of their “Contract With America,” House Republicans issued a pugnacious promise early in the month: “We will put them in charge of Congress. In the next 100 days, we will transform government. We will throw out, we mean it.”

Thursday, GOP lawmakers began celebrating the end of the first 100 days of the 104th Congress, exhausted but exuberant about their ability to keep the compact they made with voters last year.

As they prepared to wrap up a few loose ends Friday before beginning a three-week Easter recess, the Republicans expressed confidence that American voters would not take them up on their promise of a faster, flatter federal government.

**Weather**

Clipper Times

In spite of the calendar’s indications, spring weather will not be a big local appearance just yet as waning winter weather is making for a fast-moving clipper storm, the condition of which will be reflected in a fresh round of snow showers.

Tonight: Clear and chilly with diminishing winds. Low 34°F.

Friday: Cloudy with some light sprinkles active winds moving in from the west. Low in mid to upper 30s (2°-4°F).

Sunday outlook: Cloudy with some light sprinkles and showers moving in from the west. Highs in the mid to upper 50s (10°-15°F).
Gov. Wilson Poised to Cut Many State Affirmative Action Councils

By Virginia Ellis
LOS ANGELES TIMES

While the governor's office refused to say exactly what programs will be abandoned, several high-level department officials said they have been told to prepare to disband all the advisory boards and councils which monitor compliance with minority and women hiring and contracting policies.

Established informally in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the advisory groups are appointed by individual state departments and include representatives from nearly 100 minority- and women-owned business associations.

"The goal we want to achieve is a color-blind society," said Sean Walsh, Wilson's press secretary. "We are at a point in our society where we are giving special privileges and turning one group against another."

He said the governor had ordered the survey of the costs to state governments of affirmative action programs. "The public can have as many facts as possible when the governor calls for the removal of some of these programs."

The governor's latest move on affirmative action immediately prompted some Democrats and minority business people who serve on many of the councils to accuse him of using the highly volatile issue to promote his presidential ambitions.

Wilson has organized an exploratory committee to raise money and support for a possible 1998 run for the Republican presidential nomination.

Quebec Delays Break-Away Vote So Separatists Can Build More Support

By Craig Turner
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Quebec voters will decide in a fall referendum whether to break away from the rest of Canada, the province's separatist premier has announced.

Until recently, Premier Jacques Parizeau appeared to be planning his long-promised referendum for May or June. But with polls consistently showing at least 55 percent of Quebec voters in favor of continued union with Canada, Parizeau has been under mounting pressure from federal and state law and will disclose the results of his cost survey.

Keep on the lookout

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE UA?

Issues:
- GRADING - The UA held a referendum on the grading policy as part of the recent elections. The referendum found that 66% of students prefer the current grading system while only 34% prefer the proposed plus/minus system. The referendum also found that 62% of students find the new proposal unacceptable. There were approximately 1400 respondents.
- FOOD - The MIT Food Service contract with ARA is coming up for renewal. The UA is forming an advisory committee with undergraduates, graduates, faculty, and staff to evaluate food service at MIT. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email ua-food@mit.
- HOUSING - Ashdown will used temporarily to alleviate overcrowding. The Sigma Kappa sorority will be occupying approximately 40 spaces in the Ashdown dormitory. In the long term, Ashdown will remain fully graduate and more graduate housing will be built on Sidney street. Senior House will be in renovations starting this summer. The dorm will remain undergraduate.

Social:
- Pick up the SOCIAL SCENE, the weekend guide to social events around campus. You can pick them up in the bulletin boards on the infinite corridor, Lobdells, Networks, Walker, or in any major lecture hall. Don't be in the dark about what's going on this weekend. If you would like to have your event advertised in the Social Scene, please send the event information to ua-social@mit.
- THIS SUNDAY - come hang out with friends at the UA Barbeque. Get cheap burgers, hot dogs, etc. and have a good time. Hopefully, the weather will be nice. The BBQ will be at the DuPont BBQ pits.
- Battle of the Classes - come out and compete against fellow undergraduates and show your class spirit. Which class will be best? The event will have contests and prizes. It will occur the first weekend in May. Keep on the lookout.

Reminder: UA Council mtg, Monday, April 10 at 7pm in Room 400, Student Center. The new Constitution will be discussed at the meeting.

Amtrak Cuts More Trains

WASHINGTON

Amtrak President Thomas Downs on Thursday sliced away more national passenger trains by cutting daily service on many routes and eliminating the once-famed Broadway Limited between New York and Chicago.

The cuts - some to take effect June 11 and others Sept. 10 - amount about 12 percent of Amtrak's train miles and is expected to save $99 million. It is possible that individual states will provide enough money to restore some of the cuts.

The cuts are supposed to let Amtrak survive despite declining federal subsidies, fare competition from low-priced airlines and rising maintenance costs fed by old equipment and facilities.

This is not our best of days," said Downs at a news conference. The cuts should allow Amtrak to balance its budget if Congress approves the system's $260 million operating subsidy for fiscal 1996, he said. But there is no guarantee Congress will do so.

The cuts spare north-south service along both coasts. But the rest of the nation's passenger system will be only loosely connected by a spindly web of trains, many of them running only three times a week. Several routes were reduced in frequency or eliminated in a first round of cuts in December.

Amtrak carries about 22 million passengers annually over 24,500 route miles on 2,12 trains a day - 122 in the Washington-Boston corridor.

First Lady 'Overwhelmed' On South Asian Journey

WASHINGTON

In a Bangladeshi village of the lowest of low-caste Hindus - often called "untouchables" - dozens of children dashed their arms to touch the hands of a beaming Hillary Clinton, the woman they'd been told was Queen of the World.

On visits like Mohnabat, where government officials and high-caste Hindus - much less foreigners - seldom venture, it is believed that just touching someone of higher caste will bring more respect and honor to a person at the lower end of the social scale.

But in a reversal the villagers couldn't possibly comprehend, it was in poor habitations of the mud and straw huts of the rice-paddy community who won the respect of the first lady of the United States.

"I've come away overwhelmed," Clinton said of the Bangladeshi villagers and dozens of other women she encountered in a 12-day visit across the Indian subcontinent. In the first few jet-lagged days of her journey through India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, Clinton recited numerous parallels between programs and problems in the United States and those in South Asia, often sounding as though she were plugging her husband's policies on the campaign trail in Middle America, half a globe and worlds away.
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**The Arts**

**BAD BOYS**

Directed by Michael Bay. Written by Wendy Mayes, based on the novel by Robert Traver. Starring Martin Lawrence, Will Smith, Tia Leon, Tcheky Karyo, Theresa Randle, and Joe Pantoliano. Sony Cheri.

**ANATOMY OF A MURDER**


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**BAD BOYS** balances action and comedy on big screen

As you’d expect from a film with Smith and Lawrence, there are many funny scenes in Bad Boys. The two actors work well together to produce comedy not only in what they say, but also in what they do. In fact, I was a little frustrated because I was missing lines; the audience was laughing so much at one funny line that I kept missing the two or three that followed.

However, Bad Boys is essentially an action film. Smith and Lawrence take care of the comedy, but director Michael Bay gets most of the credit for the success of the action scenes. Sure, they wouldn’t have been as exciting without two good actors, but the direction adds an altogether new dimension to the roles of the several people involved in the trial.

The most remarkable feature of Anatomy of a Murder is Preminger’s use of the courtroom drama as a means to portray and satirize society. He achieves this critique by showing how the different people involved in the trial need each other in their various roles. The result was a great mix, so he can’t show how great an actor he is. His accent adds to his menacing image, though.

The one thing that takes away from this great mix is the lousy film editing. The scene transitions are sometimes annoyingly noticeable. It’s hard to tell how much time has passed from one scene to the next. I got the feeling that a lot of material that aided continuity was cut out.

Although the music isn’t as memorable as connected to the story as it is in other films, I was pleased to hear lots of songs that require beaucoup de base. A theater with a powerful sound system is essential to getting the full experience of this film.

This isn’t usually very evident in a movie, but in Bad Boys the choice of automobiles in great. Smith drives a black Porsche 911, which is in many of the scenes. The director makes excellent shot selections that show off the car right from the beginning. It’s cool how what a character drives can to some degree affect the nature of a film.

The interesting story, fast pace, and in-sync comedy make this a great action film which only increases my anticipation for the summer film season.

**ANATOMY OF A MURDER**


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By Ramal Swamidoss

Okay, there are the bad guys and the Bad Boys, two completely different parties in this film. The Bad Boys are Miami Narcotics Detectives Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence). They have to protect a beautiful material witness (Tia Leon) from the bad guys. This is a great film which strikes the right balance of action and comedy.

I have never been particularly interested in Otto Preminger’s films. However, I must admit that Anatomy of a Murder amused me with its satirical view of the justice system and the people who run it.

This film first presents us with a lawyer, played by James Stewart, who desperately needs money. Then, opportunity comes when he is charged with killing the man who raped his wife (Lee Remick).

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graces the beginning and end of the film, and not very substantial. — SD. Sony Cinema 37.

*** Marjue's Wedding

This funny but superficial look at life in the small town of Porpoise Spit, Australia nonetheless manages to teach on such heavy issues as grand larceny, paranoia, pedophilia, and parental suicide. Unfortunately, P.J. Hogan's first film lacks character development. Marjue's obsession with the rock band ABA and her wig-and-satin karoke act are all too reminiscent of the last big film from Down Under: The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert, but her antics provide insight into the Australian psyche. In all, Marjue's Wedding is a funny, touching look at one woman's struggle to overcome obesity, poverty, insecurity, and friendlessness to come into her own. Watch it. — TE. Sony Videocassette.

1996 Oscar® Nominees
The awards will be presented at this year's Academy Awards® ceremony, March 25, 1996, at the Shrine Auditorium. The nominees are:

** blender of Jack and Bennie are made for each other, but they are kept apart by the tyranny or jealousy of others, namely Sean (Alan Cumming), a venal con artist. The love of childhood friend (Robin Williams) does not at the best bargain prices available. For more information on summer programs, please contact the Office of Summer and Continuing Education at 314 Science Hall.
**Classical Music at MIT**

MIT holds a season of concerts which are held on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. Admission is free. For tickets and information, call (617) 253-2159.

**Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra**

Sponsored by the Department of Athletics and Recreation, Cambridge. April 13, 7:30 p.m. Admission: $7, $5, $3, $1, students. Information: 496-1161. The program includes Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5, Mozart’s Don Giovanni, and Mahler’s Symphony No. 1.

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**Schmitt’s Prelude**

Weill’s p.m. Music Director Seiji Ozawa announces the premiere performance of R. Schmitt’s Prelude at Longy School of Music. April 9, 8:30 a.m. Admission: $10. 

**Bach Dover**

Longy School of Music presents the Bach Arien and Duette Society at 8 p.m. April 13. Admission: $10. 

**Alban Berg’s String Quartet**

A program presented by the Boston University Chamber Ensemble. April 13, 8 p.m. Admission: $10, $7, $5, $3, $1, students. Information: 367-3369.

**The Boston Conservatory**

The Music Department presents a Spring Strings concert at 8 p.m. April 9. Admission: $7, $5, $3, $1, students. Information: 536-5470.

**New England Conservatory**

A program of contemporary music for strings played by Longy School of Music students. April 12, 1:30 p.m. Admission: $5.

**The Arts**

A weekly guide to arts in Boston April 13 to 7. Compiled by Scott Davis & Eskel Sveninsson.

**April 7, 1993**

**The Green Dragon Tavern**

11 Marshall St., Boston. Free admission. Performances begin at 9 p.m. with a college ID. Information: 536-3000.

**Bay's Bar**


**World Music**

**Museum of Fine Arts**


**Lecture Series Committee**

The Pinky in the World: Jazz Masters of the 1940s. April 7, 8 p.m. At the Longy School of Music.

**Boston Public Library**

Rabbi Aba Libetsky, Central Library, Dallas. Apr. 13, 8 p.m. Information: 536-5460. Apr. 10, 8 p.m. Information: 536-5460. Apr. 10, 8 p.m. Information: 536-5460. 

**Brattle Theatre**

44 Brattle St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. April 7, 8 p.m. Information: 495-0687. April 8, 8:30 p.m. Information: 495-0687. April 10, 8 p.m. Information: 495-0687.

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**Comedy**

**Comedy Project**

**Jane Austen's Inferno**
Orchard, 135 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Apr. 6-8, 9 p.m. Admission: $20. Information: 962-5400.

**The Incredible Body**

**The Reminiscent Theater**

**The World of the Animal Kingdom**
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Food, from Page 1

Dining hall keeps dorm together

Next House will also continue to provide dining service in the new system. "What we're trying to do is improve our dining hall in such a way that students here would want to use it,” said Next House President Nicole J. Digenis '96, who worked with Dormcon and HFS on the plan.

"People here are happy with the way it is now and it will probably much remain the same,” Digenis said.

While she was not sure if there was a real danger that Next dining would close in the fall, Digenis said that things generally were not working well with dormitory dining services.

"The dorm will appreciate the fact that we get to keep the dining hall,” Digenis said. "Our dining hall helps to keep our dorm together.”

The trickiest part of creating the plan was balancing the financial concerns with students' wishes, Conley said. "The importance of a dining hall in terms of dorm unity too often gets left out of a budget,” she said.

"It is the best we can do under the existing conditions” to keep the dining halls open, Lakshminarayanan said. The plan is "clearly a victory for both sides” — students who want to keep dining halls open, and administrators and Aramark who want to keep a large, profitable system, she said. "It's just a win-win situation.”

"It appears that they're making an effort to make more of a collaborative process,” Lakshminarayanan said. "I would hope to see that maybe more could open, depending on the success of this.”

Time Flies??
Well, you'll never guess what applications are ready...

R/O '95 Counselor, Committee, and Worker Applications!
Help welcome the class of 1999...
Pick up an application in 7-103
Safe Ride Driver Served with Navy in Somalia

By Venkatesh Satish
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

April 7, 1995, THE TECH Page II

Lt. Cmdr. James R. Brackett, of the U.S. Naval Reserve, who has been a Safe Ride driver for almost two years, surprised these unsuspecting students with his cultural diversity when he introduced himself to them in their language. Sometimes, they're a little shocked that, ... I could know what they are saying. I get kind of a kick out of that."

The person who occasionally surprises these unsuspecting students with his cultural diversity is Lt. Cmdr. James R. Brackett, of the U.S. Naval Reserve, who has been a Safe Ride driver for almost two years.

Brackett, who has been in the military since 1972, has traveled to 100 countries and speaks 10 languages to some degree. The list of conflicts and crises he has been involved with include Vietnam, Iraq, Panama, Grenada, Lebanon, Libya, the Persian Gulf, Haiti, and North Korea.

His career has taken him through hostile cities and territories, but he has managed to avoid harm. "Which takes Safe Ride a good job for me, because I can guide people out of areas that look like they might be dangerous. In a couple of instances, actually think I have helped a couple of students," he said.

Monitors reported that Brackett was in Somalia, where he was involved in the U.S. military's mission to protect the United Nations peacekeeping forces during their February withdrawal.

Brackett served as convoy commander, charged with bringing 11 ships to Somalia for the pullout. He was stationed in Somalia from Feb. 24 to March 1. He also helped to bring ships into Mogadishu harbor during Operation Restore Hope, the mission to establish the famine and establish security in the war-torn region.

The humanitarian mission quickly became dangerous as members of Somalia's warring factions attacked U.S. forces. "I really take it personally when people shoot bullets at me," Brackett said. "I spent as little time in Mogadishu as I could possibly get away with." Brackett said that, in some cases, the aid was used to manipulate the poor by the leaders of the factions, such as Gen. Mohamed Aidid. The assistance "can either be given or withheld. ... For some people, who are starving or sick, the not giving of either medicine or food is as much killing them as pointing a gun to their head and shooting," he said. "Is this aid actually going to the people if the United States government forces are involved? Yes, it is. If it's some of these world organizations, it gets to the country it's supposed to go to," but not necessarily to the people who need the assistance, Brackett said.

Despite the problems that were encountered in the mission and the political debate over the role of the United Nations in foreign operations, Brackett still has a positive outlook. "Ultimately wherever you go, the people that live there are going to decide how their area is governed."

Brackett is a member of the Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron Two (Comparison II), which is responsible for positioning ships in the Indian Ocean.

He also recently received the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for his military service in Operation Restore Hope. The award recognized the efforts of Unified Task Force Somalia, which deployed the two-year mission. The group award was presented to approximately 29 of the members of Comparison II that took part in the mission.

The military needed personnel who had merchant mariner's licens and were in the Navy in order to execute Operation Restore Hope, and Brackett was the naval liaison officer for his specific operation, which was getting supply ships into Mogadishu. He was periodically in Somalia from April to August 1993.

Brackett’s military accomplishments include obtaining the Navy Achievement medal, which is awarded for performing an exceptional task. He received the award for training people to perform naval control of merchant shipping under hostile conditions. He also is under consideration for promotion to commander.

He has taken advantage of MIT classes ranging from Charm School to CPR, and plans on eventually taking a graphic arts class.

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Report Concludes MIT Card Has Security Problems

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of attention it really deserves." McNeill said he would be happy to talk to students if they had concerns about the card. Maguire and Dickson could not be reached for comment.

Cards can be duplicated

The MIT Card serves several different purposes. Most dormitories are equipped with card readers that allow only residents to enter the building. Meal plans use the card, and students can get an auxiliary account for use at vending machines, Graphic Arts, and other services.

The magnetic strip on the card encodes information including the student's MIT ID number and six-character secret code that identifies the card as belonging to a particular student.

DeHon set out to debunk several myths about the MIT Card when he wrote his report. First on his list of myths was that the MIT Card is difficult to duplicate.

"Equipment to duplicate or synthesize MIT Cards can be readily obtained for less than $500 and requires no technical expertise to operate," he wrote.

The technically inclined can put together suitable equipment for a much lower cost," DeHon wrote.

To copy a card, the data on it must be read and stored until it can be written on a blank card—or an expired ATM card or a strip of magnetic tape on an index card. The data required to duplicate a card "can be captured accurately in seconds on a portable device that costs as little as $15," DeHon explained.

The data on the card could be stolen whenever a student surrenders possession of his card. It would be possible to attach a clandestine reader to one of the IRFs running between a reader on a door or vending machine and the controller. We know putting this together that the system is only as good as the people who have to use it," McNeill said. "We were aware that copying was a possibility, but really using the card as a key and for the people who have to use it, comments, you can't optimize them separately," DeHon said. "When things have different requirements, you can't optimize them separately," DeHon said.

DeHon concluded that the current level of security is not appropriate for financial transactions and recommended that MIT discontinue auxiliary accounts, or at least always give students the opportunity to pay cash.

A different kind of card technology, which uses cards with PIN numbers like ATM cards, may be needed for financial transactions, DeHon said. He noted that the cost of installing a different system could be a problem.

"MIT has put a lot of money into this, but they're probably going to continue spending money on this. Is this going to serve our needs in the long term?" DeHon asked.

Smith also observed that the Institute should reconsider the many uses of the card. "I think this is one of those areas that has grown up rather rapidly, and it has broadened rather quickly, and I don't think it has had the overall oversight it needs," Smith said.

McNeill said one of the primary goals for the MIT Card was to have it satisfy all students' needs. "I feel if we go back to two cards, we are going to have a problem of a different kind and we'll get a lot of flack for that also," he said.

"We're going to take a look at any recommendations and sort out which would be the less evil," McNeill said.

DeHon made several other recommendations, including:

- Change the way secret data is encoded on the cards so that a new secure card could be issued after a card has been compromised.
- Provide students with unmarked cards for use in card key systems.
- Allow students to use the card system to give their friends access to their dormitories.

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7. "Lest We Forget" 8. "The Mitigation"
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Faculty to Discuss Experimental Use Of Grading System

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The committee would examine issues such as how often faculty assign intermediate grades and what the impact on students' GPAs would be if the pluses and minuses counted. Also, the group would conduct student surveys in preparation for re-examining the grading situation at the end of the experiment, Wilson said.

At the end of the three-year trial period, which would begin in September, the experiment would be evaluated, Wilson said. After the evaluation, Wilson suggested some possible options:

1/3 drop the idea of intermediate grades completely.
1/3 change to a complete, public intermediate grading system, or
1/3 drop the idea of intermediate grades completely.

Students, faculty disagree

"Students brought forward concerns primarily on electronic mail," said Robert L. Jaffe, chair of the faculty. Students' concerns over intermediate grades were also voiced through the recent Undergraduate Association referendum, Wilson said.

"The CAP tried to find a middle ground which will enable us, the faculty and the students, to find out if any of these fears will actually materialize, and at the same time see the virtue of higher grade resolution," Jaffe said.

The CAP conducted a survey of faculty members in March, concluding that 75 percent of faculty members were in favor of an intermediate grading system. "There is no solution that will accommodate everyone's first choice," Jaffe said.

"The committee used its wisdom and creativity to find an attractive experiment, and we hope this will be greeted by the whole community with support," Jaffe said.

The proposal was approved by the Committee on Undergraduate Performance last Wednesday and will be discussed at the April 19 faculty meeting pending approval by the Committee on Graduate Special Policy on Tuesday.

"We don't expect a problem with the CGSP," Wilson said.

The List Visual Arts Center announces VERA LIST PRIZE COMPETITION $500 IN PRIZES!

The List Visual Arts Center announces the 3rd Annual VERA List Prize Competition. The competition awards $500 in prizes to three full-time MIT undergraduate or graduate students who demonstrate creative and engaging thinking on pertinent issues in contemporary art. This year the competition's theme is collaboration in the visual arts.

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Golf Beats Caltech; Swings into Spring

By Tom Kawamoto

The MIT golf team's spring trip ended with a much-anticipated match against the team from the California Institute of Technology. No MIT athletic team has ever lost to a Caltech team, and this group of golfers didn't want to be the first.

After a week of practice, trying to shake off the cobwebs and find their swings again, the MIT players had managed to return to form, more so than ever before.

The match was played at Suna Anfa's Golf Course. Neither team had played before. The players were told that Suna Anfa was patterned after the great Scottish links, with heavy contours in the fairways.

However, as one Caltech player pointed out, "This course has more trouble than any other team that might have had a chance in replacement ball," couldn't think of 10.

By Keith Lichten

Fencer Keith Lichten '95 emerged from the recently completed National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship with a second place finish in the epee competition and All-American status from the CAA Division II.

Lichten led the Engineers to a tie for third nationally at the competition held at the University of Notre Dame.

Men's Swimming

Ted Achtem '95 brought home All-American honors and All-American status from the NCAA Division III swimming championships held at Miami University of Ohio.

Achtem placed 12th in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:55.54. Achtem also finished fourth individually.

His time in the medley was 4:11.14.

Women's Track

Women's outdoor track team turned in strong performances in the Bridgewater State Invitational last week.

Jen Boyle '96 won the shot put with a throw of 34 feet, 11 inches. Janice Eisig '98 was the meet champion in the 3,000 meters with a time of 10.44.4, and MIT won the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:25.9.

This week's Track Break shattered the MIT spring sports teams to wash off the cobwebs and find their swings again, the MIT players

Column by Be Light and Brian Petersen

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