

## Candidates Restate Positions In Final Debate Before Vote

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NEWS EDITOR

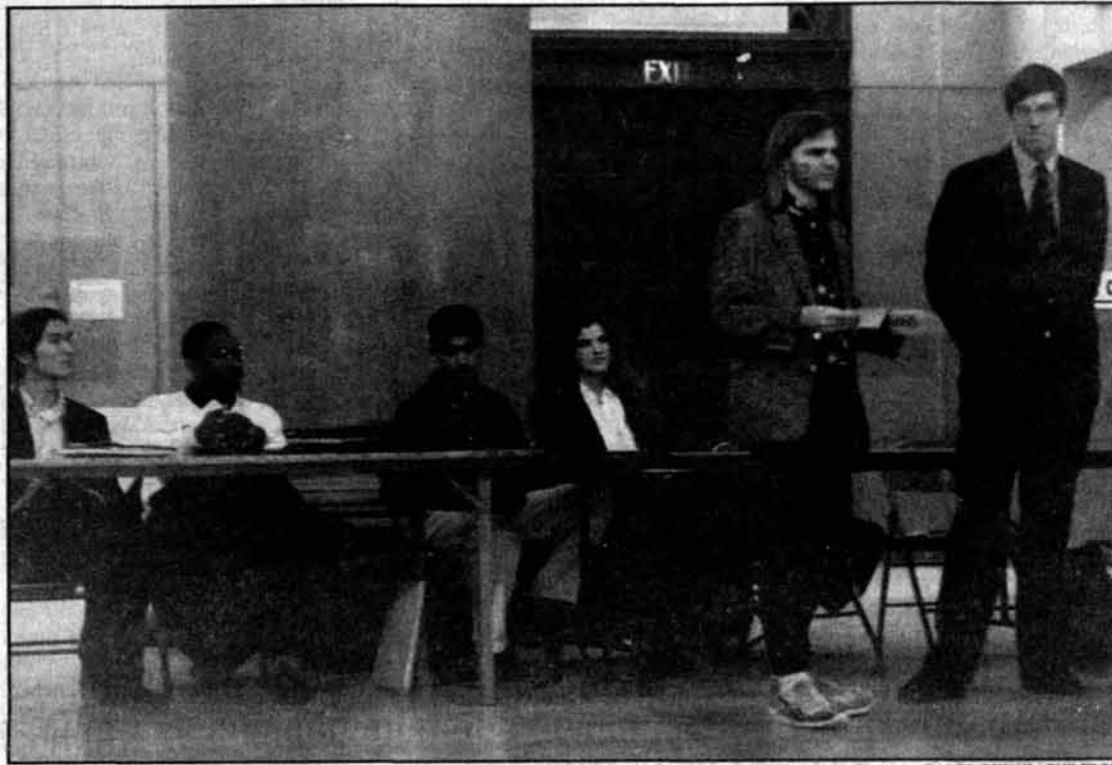
The three teams running for Undergraduate Association president and vice president reiterated their platforms and addressed specific issues in a debate held in

Lobby 7 last night.

The format of the debates allowed statements from the candidates and questions from the audience. Unlike the previous debate held on Wednesday, candidates were not allowed to question their opponents.

Steve E. Jens '97 and his running mate Andrew R. Menard '97 restated their view that the UA can work in spite of student apathy. The "UA shouldn't be counting on stu-

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Candidates for Undergraduate Association president and vice president debate in Lobby 7 last night.

## U.S. News Ranks MIT Engineering First for 7th Year

By Kwong H. Yung

The School of Engineering retains its seven-year hold as the top-ranked engineering graduate school in the *U.S. News and World Report's* annual survey.

The Institute also placed first in seven out of the twelve engineering specialties, first in four out of six science fields, and first in economics.

The Sloan School of Management fell to second place in the business category by a narrow margin to Stanford University, which placed third last year.

MIT achieved its success by attracting world-class faculty and outstanding students, said President Charles M. Vest.

"Once a number of departments obtain the reputation for excellence, they tend to attract equally excellent faculty and students to the other departments," said Provost Joel Moses PhD '67.

The ranking, announced yesterday, will be published in the March 18 issue of the magazine.

In the overall engineering ranking, Stanford stood second, followed by the University of Califor-

nia at Berkeley at third, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at fourth, and University of Michigan at Ann Arbor at fifth.

The University of Michigan rose from an eighth place ranking last year.

The *U.S. News* rankings were based on academic reputation, professional reputation, research revenue, and other factors.

Surveys were issued to the directors of major departments and institutions to collect the peer reputation ranking.

The total scores were scaled such that the top-ranked school had a perfect 100.0 points.

According to the engineering surveys, MIT was ranked number one by academics and number one by practicing engineers. The Institute also had the greatest amount of research revenue.

Because MIT's departments are relatively large, "they are more flexible and capable of doing outstanding teaching and research in a very broad set of subfields," Moses said.

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## HowToGAMIT Guide Revived for Next Year

By Venkatesh Satish  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

After a one-year hiatus, *How To Get Around MIT* will once again be available at no cost to incoming freshmen.

Funding and staff support troubles last year placed the guide's future in jeopardy. A successful recruiting effort by the Technology Community Association revived the guide this year, according to TCA president Kevin Amonlirdviman '97.

The 27th edition of *How-ToGAMIT* continues to serve as a reference to life at the Institute, which includes restaurant reviews, academic policies, and interesting Institute traditions.

"I think *HowToGAMIT* is a good guide to life at MIT in general ... it's a handy resource," Amonlirdviman said.

"I want to convey that... [the guide] is not something that went away" and is being brought back

now, Amonlirdviman said. But instead "there was a sort of one-year delay in its publication."

### New members help publish guide

The TCA was not able to publish *HowToGAMIT* last summer for the Class of 1999 because of a lack of members. This was resolved by an effort made last month to attract new members through posters in the Infinite Corridor and an e-mail campaign, said former TCA president Ameet Singh '96.

"The primary concerns were that we didn't have people to edit the book, and finances were short," Singh said.

Approximately 12 people joined the TCA, and each will be responsible for editing a chapter of the guide, Amonlirdviman said.

Currently, members of the TCA are updating the information in the guide, verifying such things as phone numbers, locations, and student group presidents, he said.

The TCA will bring *How-ToGAMIT* to press by the end of spring semester, so that it will be ready for distribution in the fall, Amonlirdviman said.

At the same time, the TCA will solicit local businesses for advertisement revenue to be able to provide the guide free to incoming freshmen, Singh said.

"Perhaps a few years down the road, when the [World-Wide] Web becomes more accessible," the guide may go online, said Singh said.

However, it will not be placed on the World-Wide Web for now

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## Flaw in Kerberos System Corrected

By Dan McGuire  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A flaw in version four of the Kerberos encryption system used and developed by the Institute to protect data on the campus-wide Athena Online Environment was discovered last month.

The problem has since been solved, and the new version of Kerberos is now available for download on the Internet.

The discovery was made and announced by students at the Laboratory of Computer Operations, Audit, and Security Technology at Purdue University.

Steve Lodin and Bryn Dole, two graduate students working with Professor Eugene Spafford at Purdue, discovered the flaw that would allow unauthorized users to gain access to the Kerberos' secret "tickets" in less than five minutes.

A person with the tickets of a user would be able to both send and receive e-mail and zephyrs as that person and would be able to access some of that person's files, Lodin said.

The Kerberos system, developed in the 1980s, is now being used by corporations, universities, and the government.

### Number generated predictably

"Around the end of last October I was in a class called Advanced Cryptography, and we were studying Kerberos," Lodin said.

The discovery of a flaw in the popular Netscape web browser's random number generator prompted Lodin to take a closer look at Kerberos, he said. The flaw would enable people on the network to intercept and decode information, such as credit card numbers, sent over the Internet.

"I thought that since Kerberos

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The MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble performed Saturday night in Kresge Auditorium.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Witnesses Say McVeigh, Nichols Disagreed over Decision to Bomb

LOS ANGELES TIMES

DENVER

In evidence that could lead to separate trials in the Oklahoma City bombing case, two key government witnesses maintain that Timothy J. McVeigh and Terry L. Nichols had a major falling out in the critical period between when the bomb ingredients were purchased and the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was destroyed.

According to legal documents filed here since the case was moved from Oklahoma City, lead prosecutor Joseph Hartzler said Michael and Lori Fortier were aware of a split between McVeigh and Nichols over whether to carry out the blast that ultimately claimed 168 lives last April.

"Lori Fortier testified (to a grand jury) that McVeigh was upset in early 1995 because Nichols wanted out and did not want to mix the bomb," Hartzler wrote in a letter last month to defense attorneys.

Furthermore, he added, "Michael Fortier testified that McVeigh solicited his assistance in the bombing in early 1995 because Nichols was expressing reluctance."

The Fortiers' testimony about a rift between McVeigh and Nichols indicates the defense may be able to make a strong case for separate trials for the two defendants. If reports of the disagreement are true, the defendants could be forced to attack each other during the trial.

## Syria Will Not Be Represented At Anti-terrorism Summit

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Syria will not be represented at the anti-terrorism summit in Egypt Wednesday because it has no desire to be the target of U.S. and Israeli complaints about known terrorist groups that operate out of Damascus, Middle Eastern diplomats and U.S. officials said Monday.

The government of President Hafez Assad has proposed instead that the United States and Russia reconvene the participants in the 1991 Madrid meeting that led to the diplomatic breakthroughs of the past two years. That would be a much smaller and more focused gathering where Syrian complaints about Israeli conduct could be aired along with Israeli complaints about Syria, Syrian officials said.

The Syrian counteroffer appears to be an adroit diplomatic maneuver that allows Syria to reaffirm its professed support for a Middle East peace agreement even as it boycotts the so-called Summit of Peacemakers.

Syria regards the summit to be held at the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh under U.S. and Egyptian sponsorship as a futile exercise that addresses only one side of the issue, according to Syrian officials and Syria's state-controlled media.

The only way to end the violence permanently, the Syrians said, is to achieve a "comprehensive agreement." That is a standard Syrian formulation meaning an agreement by which Israel would withdraw from the Golan Heights and South Lebanon in exchange for peace.

## Buchanan Will Not Endorse Dole Before GOP Convention

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Defying the Republican Party leadership, presidential hopeful Patrick J. Buchanan said Sunday that he will not endorse front-runner Bob Dole before the national convention in August.

With Dole now holding what many consider an unsurmountable lead in the race, much of the suspense in the GOP campaign has shifted to how the other contenders decide to give in, and how much damage they inflict on Dole before they do.

Asked whether he would declare his support for Dole if the Senate majority leader's nomination became certain, Buchanan stated flatly that "there will be no endorsements" before the convention.

Buchanan, speaking on the CBS-TV program "Face the Nation," said he would prefer Dole to Bill Clinton as president, if it came down to that choice, but that he did not share party leaders' concerns that his slashing attacks on Dole might weaken the Kansan in a general election campaign.

"My objective now is to not help Bob Dole at all," he said. "It is to defeat him for the Republican nomination."

## WEATHER Drizzle and fog

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Early last Friday morning, the accumulated snowfall at Logan Airport exceeded one hundred inches — the first time this has happened since records began, and besting the previous record (two years ago) by over four inches.

The fish in the western North Atlantic are suffering mightily as a powerful cyclone sweeps northward about 600 miles to our east. We will experience the western edge of the system and should escape with only cloudiness and light drizzle. Clouds will increase during the afternoon with the winds blowing out of the northeast.

Drizzle is a possibility Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning with coastal areas likely to see fog. The chance of rain recedes through Wednesday with Thursday set for mild weather.

**Tuesday:** Some sun early, then becoming cloudy by afternoon. A northeast wind at 15 to 20 mph (24 to 32 kph). High 43°F (6°C).

**Tuesday night:** Cloudy with fog drizzle in areas. Low 25°F (-4°C).

**Wednesday:** Drizzle early morning. Windy and cloudy. High 44°F (7°C). Low 34°F (1°C).

**Thursday:** Fair and mild. High 54°F (12°C). Low 37°F (3°C).

# U.S. Warships to Reduce China-Taiwan Tensions

By Michael Dobbs and R. Jeffrey Smith

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

By sending a second aircraft carrier task force to Taiwan, the Clinton administration is attempting to signal its alarm over recent Chinese saber-rattling against the island and simultaneously defuse pressure from Congress for a tougher approach to Beijing.

U.S. officials said that the decision to send the carrier USS Nimitz, a submarine, and six other ships to reinforce an existing flotilla of warships off Taiwan was designed to lessen growing political and military tensions between Beijing and Taipei.

At the same time, they made clear that Washington does not intend to abandon the doctrine of "strategic ambiguity" under which the United States refuses to say precisely how it will react to a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

"This is a signal that we want the situation to return to one of normalcy and stability," said State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns. "It is meant to show the very great interest we have in having China and Taiwan discuss their problems peacefully rather than by force or the threat of force."

The dispatch of the second carrier group followed an announcement by Beijing that it intended to use live ammunition in future missile firings across the Straits of Taiwan, which will continue until March 20, three days before the first free presidential election in Taiwanese history.

The Communist government in Beijing is concerned that the election could be a prelude to a formal

declaration of independence by what Beijing regards as a renegade Chinese province.

The U.S. naval buildup around Taiwan drew bipartisan support in Congress, where pressure has been growing for a get-tough policy with Beijing because of differences over Taiwan, nuclear non-proliferation, trade and human rights.

Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole, R-Kan, who was campaigning for Tuesday's presidential primary in Florida, said he supported the administration's decision to send a "strong signal to China," and expressed concern that the Chinese might be "testing the president."

"Considering the starting point, this is a move in the right direction," said Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., the sponsor of a House resolution that would formally commit the United States to coming to the aid of Taiwan in the event of an "invasion" or "missile attack" from the mainland. "We have moved the administration away from dangerous rhetoric that virtually invites aggression by Beijing."

Administration officials insist that the dispatch of one of the largest naval armadas to the region since the end of the Vietnam war did not mark any change in underlying U.S. policy to China and Taiwan.

The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 commits the United States to help Taiwan defend itself, but stops short of a pledge to send U.S. troops to the island if it comes under attack from mainland China.

"This is a skillful honing of the policy of constructive ambiguity," said Stanley Roth, a fellow at the U.S. Institute for Peace and a former presidential adviser on China. "The

administration has gotten China's attention that this is a matter we take very seriously, while at the same time avoiding the trap of committing the United States to coming to Taiwan's defense."

Over the past few days, senior administration officials both in Washington and Beijing have repeatedly warned their Chinese counterparts that military action against Taiwan could have "grave consequences." The message was underlined by National Security Adviser Anthony Lake during a daylong discussion with the foreign affairs director of China's State Council, Liu Huaqiu.

U.S. officials said that the decision to move the Nimitz and USS Independence battle groups closer to Taiwan was made on Saturday by President Clinton in California after Secretary of Defense William J. Perry sold the idea to Lake and Secretary of State Warren Christopher during a Pentagon briefing that day.

Perry told the group he was concerned that China's military exercise near Taiwan had grown significantly in size and scope, and that China's missile tests had appeared to bracket the island nation as a way of demonstrating it could be targeted next. He had also become concerned that the exercises posed a threat of disrupting commerce in and around Taiwanese ports.

Several officials said Perry and other policy-makers agreed that a show of U.S. military resolve was needed to calm anxieties elsewhere in the region and demonstrate that the United States would not be bullied. "It is a signal to our partners that we are there for the long haul, and not a transitory presence in the region," said one official.

# Apartheid-Era Rulers Plead 'Not Guilty' in Murder Trial

By Dele Olojede

NEWSDAY

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Some of this country's most powerful former white rulers were formally charged with murder Monday, beginning a process of accounting for the sins of apartheid that for the first time goes beyond mere foot soldiers to the very top of white power.

Former Defense Minister Magnus Malan and an array of retired army generals were charged with masterminding the January 1987 massacre of 13 blacks, including several preschool children, as they slept in their home in a township near this Indian Ocean coastal city. The murders, prosecutors contend, were part of a plan to prolong white minority rule.

Among the 20 people allegedly responsible for a "sorry sight of crumpled bodies" were former army chief Kat Liebenberg and Tiene Groenewald, the former head of military intelligence — graying men with wisps of carefully trimmed mustache who sat in silence as the first witnesses began recreating the night when the killers surrounded the little house in kwaMakhutha and shot everything to pieces.

Their not-guilty pleas served as the opening bell for a case that has become part of a process of baring state-sponsored criminal activity that served the ideology of white supremacy. Next month, a Truth Commission will begin taking confessions from those who, like Malan, allegedly committed apartheid-era atrocities. In exchange

for full disclosure of their crimes, those who come forward will be rewarded with a state pardon.

"This prosecution will cast a shaft of judicial light into a corner of our history which has hitherto been dark and secret," chief prosecutor Tim McNally said in his opening arguments Monday. "It is a process of truth and justice."

Among those in the dock was M.Z. Khumalo, one of the closest confidants of Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who allegedly served as clandestine liaison between the Zulu leader and South Africa's white rulers. Khumalo has also purportedly been involved in several secret collaborations that link Buthelezi, the most prominent black opponent of President Nelson Mandela, to apartheid authorities.

Buthelezi's name features prominently in the more than 300-page indictment. Though not formally indicted, the Zulu leader allegedly initiated secret meetings in 1986 with apartheid authorities to provide him with 200 paramilitary operatives to help neutralize the African National Congress.

The project, code-named "Operation Marion," was illegally authorized by Malan, defense minister in the cabinet of former President P.W. Botha, prosecutors said. Some of the trainees, allegedly selected by Buthelezi's aides, eventually showed up at House No. 1866 in kwaMakhutha township on the night of Jan. 21, 1987, and opened fire on 13 people.

The house belonged to the Ntuli family, a member of which was an

anti-apartheid activist. The Ntulisi were hosting a prayer meeting, and their home was full. Among those who died were five of the six children of Ernest and Faith Thusini, who lived in a little outbuilding in the back.

"The sorry sight of crumpled bodies and evidence of some 153 spent AK-47 cartridge cases at the scene project a scenario of indiscriminate firing at all of the occupants of the premises, irrespective of age or gender," McNally said.

Buthelezi's Inkatha party has condemned the trial as a sham, and about 100 of his supporters demonstrated at the courthouse Monday, before police dispersed them with water canons after the demonstration got a bit rowdy.

This is a political case," said Velaphi Ndlovu, an Inkatha member of South Africa's Parliament who has been observing the legal proceedings. "They have no evidence whatsoever and they can't indict the leader."

Prosecutors have denied local newspaper reports alleging that they decided not to indict Buthelezi for political, rather than legal, reasons. Buthelezi is seen as the leader of Zulu traditionalists, who fervently oppose the ruling African National Congress and in whose province more than 10,000 people have died in political violence in the past decade.

McNally said he did not plan to call Buthelezi as a state witness, although he left the door slightly open to that possibility. The trial is expected to last several months.

# Departure of Serb Police Ends Three Years' Control on Ilidza

By John Pomfret  
THE WASHINGTON POST

ILIDZA, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

With insults, shots in the air, widespread arson and an earthshaking explosion inside a courthouse, Serb police — many of them drunk — lurched out of the suburb of Ilidza Monday, bringing to an end three years of Serb rule in Sarajevo's biggest bedroom community.

The anarchic exodus of the angry gunmen in their midnight blue camouflage jumpsuits, watched by crack French NATO troops in firing positions, brought to four the number of Serb-controlled suburbs vacated by Serb politicians and police according to a timetable set out by Western negotiators under the terms of the Dayton peace pact.

Only one Sarajevo suburb, Grbavica, is left in Serb hands. It is scheduled to pass to the control of Muslim-Croat federation authorities

on March 19. The following day, Bosnian army troops will be allowed in all five suburbs, marking the formal reunification of Sarajevo after nearly four years of division.

The departure Monday of the Serb police had all the hallmarks of the brutal siege that they and other Serbs had prosecuted around Sarajevo since the Bosnian war began in April 1992. At least 15 of the 30 officers appeared inebriated as they elbowed each other for room in crowded vans. Several of the men pointed automatic weapons out of the car windows and unleashed fusillades of gunfire in the general direction of the blue sky as the vehicles pulled out of town. One man tossed a grenade off a bridge into the Miljacka River, sending a geyser of water and mud into the air.

As a column of Serb trucks, vans, buses and broken-down cars limped out of town, an explosion

rocked Ilidza's courthouse, sparking another of this suburb's many blazes Monday. A black plume of smoke curled from the four-story building, casting a pall over the town center as the Serbs, waving the flag of their self-declared republic, left the area for Serb-controlled turf in the hills above Sarajevo. U.N. police reported at least 40 cases of arson as Serbs sought to destroy property so the Muslim-Croat federation could not use it.

Almost as soon as the Serb police left Ilidza, the security situation improved dramatically. Maksim Stanic, one of the few Serb politicians who is remaining here, issued a statement saying that "things have calmed down considerably." Monday night, only eight fires were seen burning in an area several square miles wide — a marked change from Sunday night, when large swaths of the suburb were ablaze.

# Stock Market Rises after Sharp Decline; Growth May be Slowing

By Jay Mathews  
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

The stock market left investors dizzy with relief and motion sickness Monday as the Dow Jones industrial average soared 110.55 points, recovering two-thirds of its loss Friday.

"This is a bungee jumping market," said Robert H. Stovall, president of Stovall/Twenty-First Advisers Inc.

Analysts trying to explain the sharp turnaround said Friday's 171-point plunge by the Dow resulted from misplaced panic by bond traders and hedge fund managers when the government reported an unexpected increase in jobs nationwide in February. The report was taken as a sign the economy was overheating, and bond prices fell

sharply, with stocks following.

By Monday, the analysts said, most investors had concluded the report gave a distorted view of the economy, particularly the inflation outlook, and stock and bond prices rebounded. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 1-1/16 points, and its yield fell to 6.62 percent from 6.72 percent.

The Dow, which fell 3 percent Friday, was up 2 percent Monday, closing at 5581.00, just 61 points below the high it set last Tuesday. Other indicators also were higher.

"Friday was a traders' day. Today was an investors' day," said Alfred F. Kugel, senior investment strategist at Stein, Roe & Farnham Inc. investment management in Chicago. Kugel predicted Friday that mutual fund managers would realize that the economy was still

maintaining a safe, steady pace and buy more stock Monday, and that is what happened.

Analysts who shared the view that Friday's downturn would be temporary acknowledged, however, that such extreme swings suggest a market that is losing its upward momentum. After 15 months of one of the strongest stock markets ever, a change of pace seems likely.

"You get the idea that people are nervous and there are a lot of scared bulls out there," said Paul Isaac, a partner at MN Associates. "When bull markets get to the last stages, they tend to get choppy."

The Dow dipped slightly in the morning as traders filled sell orders placed overnight, but large fund managers bought more stock and by early afternoon a strong upward trend took over.

## Democrats Warn of Possible Government Shutdown

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Senate Democrats issued a warning Monday that the government could be headed for another partial shutdown at midnight Friday as Republicans and the White House continue to dicker over the terms of a spending measure to get through the remainder of the fiscal year.

The White House and congressional Democrats are demanding that GOP leaders restore as much as \$8 billion that was cut from spending this year for education, environmental protection, job training and scores of other domestic programs.

But Republicans are willing to go along only with roughly half that amount — and only after the White House agrees to offsetting reductions in major entitlement programs and other spending. Democrats have objected to this contingency requirement, and President Clinton has threatened to veto the legislation.

"The Republicans are giving new meaning to March madness," Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters. "We're five days from the third government shutdown ... and this situation is every bit as precarious as it was several months ago."

Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., and other Republicans said they have no interest in taking part in another politically risky government shutdown and that, at worst, Congress and the White House may have to adopt a two-week short-term spending resolution to buy more time to resolve their differences.

## Clinton Administration Protests Canadian Trade Policy

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration, eager to show its readiness to break down foreign barriers to U.S. products, filed a complaint Monday with the World Trade Organization alleging that Canada unfairly discriminates against U.S. magazines.

The case involves a steep tax imposed by Canada late last year that is designed to block publication of a Canadian edition of *Sports Illustrated*. Canada contends that in order to sustain its culture it must protect the nation's magazine industry from American media giants like Time-Warner, the publisher of *Sports Illustrated*. Washington counters that Ottawa has taken blatantly protectionist action that violates international free trade rules.

"Our action is justified not only on the merits of the case itself, but it is also important in setting a clear precedent that the United States is prepared to act on so-called cultural issues where there is discrimination against U.S. interests," U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said in a statement. "The Clinton administration is committed to combating the growing attack on our country's publishing and entertainment industries, whether from Canada, Europe or Asia."

Monday's case was the ninth the United States has brought to the Geneva-based WTO since it was established in January 1995.

Canadian officials maintain that they were within their rights to slap an 80 percent excise tax on advertising in "split-run" magazines such as *Sports Illustrated's* Canadian edition, which includes some articles especially for the Canadian audience as well as the magazine's regular U.S. content.

## Graduate Student Council

*Next meetings:*  
HCA - March 12  
APPC - March 14  
Formal Ball - March 20  
Activities - March 21  
General - April 2 (Tue.)

Student Forum with candidates for the position of **Assistant Dean of Student Activities**.  
Time: next week, date and location TBA  
Free pizza and soda!!!  
For more info., contact arhom@mit.edu

## Leadership Workshop

Learn the skills you desperately need but might not get at MIT  
April 6, 1996

Paid summer job in student services reengineering co-curricular redesign team. Frustrated by how student activities, athletics, music, and theater arts are currently supported?  
Want to be part of the team to improve all of these?  
Contact ajives@mit.edu for more info.

The GSC is presenting the **Graduate Student Council Teaching Awards** to professors and TAs for excellence in teaching graduate courses. The GSC is also presenting - for the first time - the **Perkins Award** to a professor who has served as an outstanding advisor and mentor for graduate students. Nomination forms will be sent to all graduate students with on-campus addresses - or you can pick them up in the GSC office (50-222) soon!

The GSC will vote on new funding board bylaws at our next general meeting. So be there to let your opinion be known!

GSC St. Patrick's Day Party!!!  
Sat., March 16th  
8pm til 11pm  
Thirsty Ear in Ashdown Basement  
Free food!

Elections for GSC officers will be on April 2nd at the General Meeting. You must be a representative before the meeting in order to vote, but not to run for office! Nominations (for pres., v.p., sec., and treas.) will continue through March 25th by email (gsc-vice-president@mit.edu) or in writing (50-222). Nominations can also take place at the meeting on April 2nd!

Remember: the **Muddy Charles Pub** is there for you! "A great escape from lab!" "More fun than qualifying exams!"  
\*\*\*in 50-110\*\*\*

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

Stay informed about all our events! Check out our web page <http://www.mit.edu:8001/activities/gsc/gsc.html>  
Add yourself to our mailing list by sending email to [gsc-request@mit](mailto:gsc-request@mit)  
Questions, comments, ideas? Give us a call at 3-2195 or send email to [gsc-admin@mit](mailto:gsc-admin@mit)

# OPINION

## Viswanathan Best Choice For UAP

Once a year, the Undergraduate Association presidential elections give students an excuse to discuss important issues and to elect someone to do something about them. Unfortunately, the candidates' apparent ignorance of those issues has made this year's affair disappointing. Ashwin Viswanathan '98 demonstrated a superior knowledge of the UA and of the issues at hand. Although he has evinced a certain lack of energy or new ideas, his experience and his balanced views make him the best choice for UAP.

The past week's debates have highlighted the candidates' uniform misunderstanding of current events. On Thursday, candidate Richard Y. Lee '97 promised he'd do what he could to bring back *How to Get Around MIT*. He's in luck: The Technology Community Association has said it will be printed with or without the UA. Viswanathan wants to give students a say in the Institute's verdict on ROTC. But he's too late: The time available for input has essentially passed. Lee, Viswanathan, and candidate Stephen E. Jens '97 have employed some vague statements and rhetoric to describe opportunities they see resulting from re-engineering, without discussing any details. All have failed to show understanding of food service, Institute finances, or much of anything else.

Given that ignorance, each candidate does convey a number of points in their favor. Jens has been impressive with his honesty, modesty, and selflessness. He speaks without pretense about the need for food service competition; his reasoned lack of concern over student apathy is heartfelt, as are his plans to reduce UA spending through internal reforms.

Two main factors tell against Jens' candidacy. First, Jens admitted lack of charm, charisma, and speaking skills would dull his rapport with students and administrators. A UA president needs to be able to both communicate well with students, and forcefully advocate their interests to administrative departments. Without those skills, Jens may not be able to adequately represent student interests. Second, Jens' plans for altering the funding situation seem ill-advised. Trying to put the UA budget at the mercy of the Finance Board would embroil the UA in another distracting feud, as well as reduce the authority of the

UA at the very moment in needs more respect. Jens' stands, combined with his lack of charisma, make him a poor choice.

Richard Lee's strongest asset is his ability to express his idealistic goals for the Institute — what he calls the "renaissance of passion" — clearly and vigorously. His self-confidence and poise make him forceful and credible. Furthermore, his ideas about increased funding and food service competition have contributed some positive energy to the campaign debate.

Lee's problems are threefold. First, the promise to quadruple MIT's spending on student groups seems wishful in the face of re-engineering's cost-cutting. Furthermore, other UAPs have made the same effort without success. Second, Lee has demonstrated a grave lack of knowledge about MIT's workings. His confusion about alumni e-mail, re-engineering, and a non-existent "Institute Committee on Student Life" is disturbing. Third, Lee's self-righteous manner may make him a poor choice to represent undergraduates. For example, Lee's constant, unfavorable comparisons of MIT to Ivy League schools reflect a self-important detachment from undergraduate life at the Institute. Without more experience and more grounding in undergraduate MIT life, Lee could not adequately represent the MIT student body.

The third candidate, Ashwin Viswanathan, is the unlikely best of the bunch. Viswanathan seems to know more than his competitors about both the UA and the administrators he would have to deal with. His easy manner and honest concern for communication make him the best choice for communicating with the student body, as well as honestly representing the needs of students to the MIT community. Most importantly, he projects an air of competence and modest self-confidence that would serve him well in dealing with the Institute's administration.

Viswanathan is not the ideal candidate. His ideas are old and bland: Many past UAPs have plugged increased communication with the Interfraternity Council and the Dormitory Council, for example, and a student life fee has also been tried without success. Viswanathan does not bring the same energy to the campaign as Lee. In spite of these problems, Viswanathan's experience, balance, and character make him the best choice for UA president.

## Letters To The Editor

### Fee Would Allow Students to Set Funding

MIT's student activities deserve more funding. Schools such as Northwestern University fund their student groups at over five times the level of MIT. Increased funding would empower students to make the most of their time spent outside of classes.

Activities enrich student life and unite the school by involving students in their community. Strengthened student groups will also encourage students to stay on campus and contribute to their school.

Students have historically lobbied the administration for more activities funding, but now that all of MIT is feeling the affects of budget cutbacks, this strategy must change. Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs, the office which allocates money to student groups, faces a declining budget of several percent a year. The administration just does not have more money to give without taking money from other key services, such as UROP and the Office of Minority Education.

This past year, initiatives included fundraising through the Parent's Fund. A new option on the form sent home to parents requesting donations allows parents to direct donations to student life. Given the positive response of this initiative, we believe that this effort should be continued.

In this coming year, we would like to put the issue of student activities funding into the hands of students. Itemizing student activities money out of tuition, much like a house tax, would ensure that students determine funding levels. Under the current level of funding,

tuition would be lowered by \$10, and a \$10 activities fee would be itemized per term. Through a referendum each spring, students will be able to set a level of funding they feel is appropriate.

Ultimately students, and not the administration, should decide how much of their tuition goes to activity funding. The student governments and activities need to work as a solid unit to ensure that their needs are represented.

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### Students Shouldn't Have To Care About the UA

The page 15 headline in the Friday issue of *The Tech* stated "UA Candidates Share Concern over Student Apathy" [March 8]. This is untrue. While we strongly agree that there is apathy, we aren't concerned about it.

As we stated several times in the Wednesday night debate, undergraduates have more important concerns than the Undergraduate Association. Undergraduates care about their classes, their social lives, and their student activities. What the Institute does is important to them, but how the UA is involved in this is not. That is fine.

Students shouldn't have to care about the UA for the UA to serve their interests. The UA should be active in finding out what their interests are. Then it should leave them alone,

and serve their interests without requiring their involvement.

Our opponents believe they can make students care, either by turning MIT into Harvard University or by holding big social events. We believe that they are wrong.

Those few students who do want to get involved should be made aware that they can. If anyone out there wants to get involved, we strongly encourage them to join a committee. If they'd like to get involved but are wary of the UA, they can join the Baker Foundation. The UA is open to all undergraduates who wish to be involved in it. Most don't, however, and this doesn't mean there is something wrong with them.

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### GSC Responsible For Advocating Ring Changes

As a previous member of the Graduate Student Council ring committee, I would like to clarify some inaccuracies in the article "Licensing Fee Would Increase Ring Prices" [March 5].

While it is true that the Licensing Office "has agreed to postpone the licensing fee," the article fails to mention that the GSC had to expend a lot of effort — including garnering the support of the administration — in

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order to fight this fee which we were told was "effective immediately" in November. Only after numerous meetings and letters was the fee on graduate rings finally postponed until June 1996.

The article also fails to mention that the discount on graduate student rings was active-

ly negotiated last year by the GSC ring committee. This discount, combined with a massive advertising campaign by the GSC, resulted in a 50 percent increase in sales during the trial period of February 1995 to June 1995. Because of the success of the program, it was extended through June of 1996. The article gives the impression that Jostens initiated this trial program recently, when in fact the GSC

negotiated the discounts over one year ago.

With respect to the reasons for the much higher cost of graduate rings compared to undergraduate rings, the article fails to mention that the number of graduate rings sold every year is not even an order of magnitude lower than the number of undergraduate rings sold each year. In fact, the numbers differ by a factor of only 2 or 3. These numbers do not

seem to justify the doubled price of graduate rings, especially given the fixed design of these rings and the limited number of styles available.

It is unfortunate that, although the GSC ring committee provided *The Tech* with all of the relevant information, the paper was unable to express it in an accurate and thorough way.

Ann Park G

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# Homosexuals Should Focus on Points of Commonality

Guest Column by John Michael Dykes

American-style gay activism seems to be founded on the premise that the division between homosexuals and heterosexuals is insurmountable. Indeed, the bridge of understanding between straights and gays remains an unfulfilled goal. This is surely due in part to heterosexual homophobia, but some share of the blame must lie with our own community.

Attempts to work with the heterosexual community are too often criticized as "pandering to heterosexual society" or "begging for a place at the straight table." It has become abundantly clear to me that we cannot hope to build a viable, successful lesbigay community without closer interaction with heterosexuals. Our most important task is to create the perception that sexuality — whether homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual, and so on — is completely normal.

Yet I find that we have systematically tried to create a community completely separate from the heterosexual community. Perhaps the most visible sign of this attitude is the adoption of a word that used to be a straight insult: queer. Many in the gay community — ranging from worldwide organizations like Act Up to local-level organizations like GaMIT, have embraced this word — implying an acceptance of straight assertions that we are totally different from "them."

Having originally used the word against us to define and denigrate the differences between our groups, straight society then ignorantly accepts the lesbigay community's unfortunate self-characterization, further rein-

forcing our differences and their prejudices. Both sides focus on these differences, instead of our commonalities.

I am not implying that some differences do not exist, nor am I encouraging homosexuals to narrow the beautiful spectrum, which is our community. Furthermore, I am not arguing that the display and celebration of variation in society is wrong. My point is that societies, communities, or any other human grouping are not built on our dissimilarities; rather, we forge understanding on trestles of commonality.

Rejecting queerness means acceptance of our own normality. Before we can even hope that heterosexuals will accept us without regard for our sexuality, we as a community must be able to accept and portray ourselves not as "queer," but as "normal."

The first step towards this goal is being truly out. When gays and lesbians finally have enough courage to come out of the closet, some tend to celebrate their newfound freedoms in the confines of the lesbigay community, yet remain semi-closeted in the straight world. For instance, many hesitate to use gender-specific pronouns, although among gay friends they have no such qualms. Their hesitation implicitly conveys shame and fear, giving permission to straight society to continue fearing and denigrating homosexuality.

Despite the fears and pressures involved in facing an often homophobic straight world, we must nevertheless persevere. Coming out means acceptance of our own sexuality completely, and I dare say that it takes far more courage and strength to stay in the closet, than it does to say, "He is my boyfriend," or "She is my lover," with the same nonchalance that

we expect of heterosexuals. It is wonderful to be able to express this in the safe environment of lesbigay spaces. However, this does nothing for heterosexual attitudes; we must interact with them naturally and honestly.

Normality also means fighting for the validation of our relationships as equivalent to heterosexual ones: We must fight for same-sex marriage. In *Virtually Normal*, Andrew Sullivan writes, "The center of the public contract is an emotional, financial, and psychological bond between two people; in this respect, heterosexuals and homosexuals are identical. The heterosexuality of marriage is intrinsic only if it is understood to be intrinsically procreative; but that definition has long been abandoned in Western society."

The homosexual's most odious form of oppression is the state's denial of marriage — the highest expression of the emotional and sexual bond between two people — to same-sex partners. Throughout history, the bonds of matrimony have been viewed as sacred, and it can be seen that only during the most cruel, inhumane periods of human history have they been violated: the splitting of husband from wife (and their children) in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany, on the plantations of the ante-bellum deep South, and the labor camps of the Cultural Revolution in China.

Yet gay and lesbian relationships are not even deemed worthy of the institution of marriage by states far more humane than the regimes of horror listed above. Interracial marriage was similarly banned under miscegenation laws in parts of this country until the sixties. I would guess that a majority of the population today would find such laws repug-

nant; the same disgust should be extended to laws preventing homosexual marriage.

The legalization of gay marriage would only serve to increase the number of parallels, which exist between a homosexual relationship versus a heterosexual one, thus leading to greater understanding between the communities. After all, one of the primary goals that I have listed is teaching heterosexuals to understand that we are attracted, physically and emotionally, to our own sex, exactly as they are for the opposite sex.

Marriage is an institution that heterosexuals understand implicitly. Indeed, if the gay movement is about the validation and celebration of the same-sex relationship, then marriage, surely, should be our end goal. Finally, gay marriage would only strengthen our community by providing closeted people, especially closeted gay youth, with a reflection of their own identities in society, as Sullivan explains:

"For [gay children], at last, there would be some kind of future; some older faces to apply to their unfolding lives, some language in which their identity could be properly discussed, some rubric by which it could be explained ... in terms of their future life stories, their potential loves.... They would be able to feel by the intimation of a myriad examples that in this respect their emotional orientation was not merely about pleasure, or sin, or shame, or otherness ... but about the ability to love and be loved as complete, imperfect human beings. Until gay marriage is legalized, this fundamental element of personal dignity will be denied a whole segment of humanity."



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# Administration Should Publicize Case for a Dry Rush

Column by Anders Hove  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Things look pretty bad on this side of campus. I'm looking out the window of the Student Center, imagining the fraternities across the river. According to Interfraternity Council President Jason D. Pride '97, fraternity life at MIT is "based on alcohol." That doesn't sit well with the view out the window.

Visions appear before my eyes: Entire houses swamped in home-brew; brothers float by, gargling foam; kegs bob in the frothy mist. Is this really the image of life the IFC wishes to paint for the MIT administration? Can it really be that bad? Or was it something I drank? I may be cynical, but it just can't be that bad.

I expected the actual statement to come out more like this: Fraternity life isn't based on alcohol any more than computer science is based on grease. The one may be frequently associated with the other, but the connection is not organic.

At least that's what the administration would like to think. Last semester, the office of Residence and Campus Activities privately announced its intention to nudge IFC toward a dry Residence and Orientation Week. Seemed like a good idea at the time. After all, dormitory R/O events are dry, why not fraternity events as well?

RCA's big plan had only one big hitch: IFC. Fraternities were bound to oppose any plan for a dry rush for several reasons. First, many alumni show up for rush events, and who wants to tell them they can't enjoy a beer while talking to a prospective pledge? They might feel unwelcome, and decide not to show up next time around. Second, while dormitory residents can hold parties that have nothing to do with rush (and have alcohol there), nearly everything that happens in a fraternity during R/O is a rush event. Third, if life in a given fraternity is "based on alcohol," then having that fraternity go dry for a week may give incoming students the wrong impression.

The final hitch involves self-governance: What if RCA decided to ram a dry rush down IFC's throat. That would violate the notion that the exercise of self-government is critical to MIT's educational mission. RCA understands this, and seems willing to essentially allow the IFC leadership to take charge of the process. Allowing the IFC to manage its own affairs would seem the best way of coming up with a plan that the students can work with. Yet an IFC-designed plan might not even include a dry rush.

Given the fact that their constituents probably opposed a dry rush, the IFC has acted

responsibly in exploring a wider variety of rush options and calling an all-out dry rush "idealistic." Maybe the administration thinks it can actually get a workable proposal from the IFC.

But let's be realistic. We've got the president here telling us life is "based on alcohol." The situation with fraternity life seems to be so dire that the IFC could never comply with the paternal wishes of their colleagues in RCA. In that case, maybe the administration will conclude that the problem (as they see it) transcends the ability of students to handle it. What then? Let the IFC settle on the status quo in the name of self-governance? Probably the administration will end up steamrolling the whole operation by unilaterally announcing a new policy.

What bothers me about the whole situation is that the administration hasn't stated publicly how far it needs to go. "We're moving towards a dry rush," is a generalization with no real substance. If push comes to shove, how much self-government is RCA willing to allow on this issue? How much can they really give?

Furthermore, the entire issue is a matter for public debate. If IFC gets to state how it feels about a dry rush, why not the administration? It seems duplicitous for the adminis-

tration to set a process in motion without at least revealing its interests. Is the issue fairness? Sororities and dormitories have dry rush, so maybe fraternities should too. Is the issue safety? Maybe drinking at rush events poses a risk to incoming students. Or is the issue underage drinking? Perhaps the answers to these questions are so compelling that MIT would be irresponsible in not enforcing a dry rush.

The administration ought to reveal its concerns, if only to inform the discussion. Otherwise the results of the discussion could be mooted by administrative action. If IFC's publicly-declared interest is to preserve alcohol-based life, whatever that is, maybe the administration would be right in forcing radical change above and beyond modifying R/O.

So the moral of the story is that the administration should tell us more. I for one suspect that the need for a dry rush may well outweigh the need for need for self-governance. One thing is certain: If there is a conflict between the goals of RCA and the goals of the IFC, we can all look forward to an amusing train of "alcohol-based" invective generated by our friends across the river. In that case, pour me another glass of Riesling and let the games begin.

# Dry R/O Week Would Lead to Downfall of Fraternity System

Column by A. Arif Husain  
NEWS EDITOR

At this very moment, the gears of the Interfraternity Council are spinning out of control in a direction that will change the fraternity system at MIT as we know it, if not eliminate it altogether. The office of Residence and Campus Activities is working with IFC to implement a proposal which will completely restrict the presence of alcohol at any fraternity activity during Residence and Orientation Week. This proposal advances the current restriction which forbids serving alcohol to freshman until mid-week, but permits alcohol consumption by upperclassmen at any time.

Disturbingly, the IFC seems to lack the introspective ability to understand itself, and the needs and rights of its own members. I find the fact that IFC is even considering implementing a dry rush both rash and morally wrong.

It is a clear and indisputable fact that booze is the lifeblood of our fraternity system. A well-stocked bar always leads to a well stocked party. Can we really depend on friendships and social skills alone to foster successful fraternity activities? It's a considerable risk. After all, the fraternity system was designed to promote unity, social interaction, and brotherhood among men. Where would our men be without alcohol to lubricate the finely-tuned Independent Living Group social machine? Not to mention the generous liaison role it plays in stimulating fraternity and sorority relations. Like the sun offering its life-giving energy to the flourishing earth, an

alcoholic eclipse will be a sight that could damage more than just the eyes. A frat without a keg is like an ocean without water, happy without sad, Seinfeld without Kramer. In short, it's just not the same.

Sororities and dormitories can do without alcohol during any rush activities because it's clear they are not dependent on alcohol during the year. Dormitories will be dull with our without alcohol use. On the contrary, alcohol is the *élan vital* of the fraternity organism. The dessication of fraternities, albeit limited to rush week, will ultimately result in an irreversibly arid and lifeless Back Bay wasteland.

Banning alcohol use during the most critical gestation period in fraternity life is a risky step. Once the precedent is set, who knows where it may end. Other activities will be next to fall. No alcohol during Undergraduate Association Council meetings? I shudder at the thought.

And then there are the political implications. Is it fair to deny the masses of legal 21-year-old frosh their constitutional right? First they ban alcohol, then they go after speech. The next thing you know, we'll have a warden on every floor. I won't stand for it.

A more important point is that rush is supposed to allow orientation. Freshmen visit houses and meet members to get a feel for what living at a fraternity house might be like. How can MIT surreptitiously pretend that alcohol is not present? Will freshman really believe that belly didn't come from beer? IFC President Jason D. Pride '97 argues that we shouldn't let alcohol affect a freshman's hous-

ing decision. Hypocrisy ain't just a river in Egypt.

For their part, both IFC and RCA should be worried about getting a better turnout for fraternity rush. It is critical to the success of both the dormitory and ILG systems. How can they honestly believe that things will get better between rushers and rushees if neither of the two parties is nursing a brewski?

When you've got a freshman stuffed to his collar with steak and lobster, thrown into temporary quarters, denied sleep, forced to fall on

people and play with rope, and harassed by eager bidders around the clock, you obviously haven't staked a big claim on the quality of his judgment. Freshmen need to be made aware of what the ILG system has to offer, and how the fraternity system is inevitably "based on alcohol," as Pride admits. How they actually decide should be left to them, and not dictated by the deans.

If anything, an ethanol-induced stupor might be just the thing our freshmen need to while away those rush week blues.



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# THE ARTS

## Birdcage a rollicking remake of *La Cage aux Folles*

### THE BIRDCAGE

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By Scott C. Deskin

CHAIRMAN

Few films come along nowadays that effectively skewer conservative "family values" without first succumbing to their own whimsy. Even fewer Hollywood films take an established, successful French film and create something entertaining and relevant to today's audiences. In *The Birdcage*, an American remake of the French film *La Cage aux Folles*, director Mike Nichols does just that. And although the source material is about 20 years old, it's still funny as hell.

The story hasn't changed much from the original *La Cage*. Armand Goldman (Robin Williams) is the owner and musical director of the film's eponymous nightclub, located in Miami's festive, skin-exposing South Beach. As the film opens, we get a glimpse of Armand, frantic backstage with his lover and star performer Albert (Nathan Lane). Middle-aged Albert has just fallen into one of his diva-like tantrums — he worries he may be

Armand's "meal ticket" and suspects that Armand may be seeing another man. (In a way, Albert has a point: We don't see any overt display of affection between these characters onscreen during the film.)

In fact, Armand sneaks off during the show only to greet his son Val (Dan Futterman). Val, a 20-year-old, well-adjusted college student, tells Armand how much he appreciates being raised in a stable home with a caring father and mother (Albert). Then Val drops the bombshell: He's engaged to be married to Barbara Keeley, a college sweetheart. Even worse, Barbara is the daughter of right-wing Senator Keeley (Gene Hackman), a politician up for reelection in a year of reemerging conservatism and "family values." Val asks for his father's blessing, and Armand reluctantly gives it to him.

Meanwhile, Senator Keeley's political career is sent reeling after his closest political ally — head of a coalition for moral reform — experiences his demise in the bed of a prostitute. While Keeley worries about evading the mob of reporters surrounding his house by climbing ladders and fences, his wife Louise (Dianne Wiest) feels that the newly-revealed engagement (and subsequent marriage) of their daughter Barbara is just the thing to "heal" the wounds of the family brought on by the media hounds. Of course, Barbara has to embellish on her fiancée's background: Val's father is a cultural attaché to Greece, and

South Beach is just a stone's throw from Fisher Island, "where Jeb Bush lives."

As the Keeleys discreetly hit the road for South Beach, Val throws Armand's household into chaos: With the senator is on his way, Val

wants everything vaguely risqué or sexual in the way of decor to be purged — only temporarily, of course. However, this means that

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Armand (Robin Williams) and Albert (Nathan Lane) have a hell of a time in *The Birdcage*.

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# Flower Show captures diversity and beauty of spring

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By Teresa Esser  
STAFF REPORTER

The 125th Anniversary New England Spring Flower Show provides an excellent way to forget about about the snow and slush for a few hours and to concentrate on the arrival of spring. The show, presented by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, includes a wide variety of landscaped gardens, flower arrangements, bonsai booths, spring-theme dance

exhibits, and sculptures comprised entirely of vegetable matter. If you are a connoisseur of plants and vegetable matter, you will love the gourmet feast of color, motion and perfumes that await you inside the Bayside Expo Center.

To look at the exhibits is to wonder at the incredible diversity of plants that exist in the world. There are orchids and pansies, roses and carnations, bromeliads, fungi, and firs; Japanese spruce trees, rhododendrons and baby's breath; eucalyptus and lilies; ferns, ficus and fruit trees. There are azaleas and gladiolas, daffodils and tulips, and just about every other kind of cultivated plant that you can think of.

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society estimates that the exhibits contain over 2 million blossoms, 8,000 pounds of boulders and rocks, and 1,500 varieties of plants, trees, and shrubs lit by an equal number of theatrical

spotlights. In addition, the exhibitors cover their pots with enough bark mulch to provide a one-inch cover for over 15 football fields.

In addition to featuring the flowers and plants, many of the exhibits include elaborate mechanical extras. One bonsai and lichen-based exhibit includes three separate model trains that wind and twist through an elaborate model village. Another features a dragon made of birch logs that opens its mouth and blows smoke. There are waterfalls, a disc-operated player piano, an elaborate reproduction of the Esplanade's hatch shell, and a variety of flower-enhanced representations of daily life in Chinese and Japanese villages.

Although held in the grandiose Bayside Expo Center and presented with all the fanfare of a world championship sporting event, the darkened walkways and piped-in birdsong combine to give the show a museum quality.

From the moss-covered chair with a bed of roses for a seat cushion to the herculean flower vases with arrangements worthy of display in the world's finest hotels, the overall effect produced in the mind of the viewer is one of wonder. How is it possible to have so much luxury condensed into so little space, and for so little time?

It is amazing to think that such ornate exhibits requiring so many hours to set up, maintain, and take down will only be presented for nine days. The show's ephemeral quality is entirely in keeping with the nature of the flowers themselves. Fortunately, visitors who wish to take home some of the brightness will appreciate the elaborate Market Section, which offers plants and supplies at discount prices. Visitors are advised that the best time to view the show and avoid the crowds is after 4 p.m. on weekdays.

# Birdcage explores gay family life with sense of humor

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only temporarily, of course. However, this means that effeminate Albert has to go too, which threatens Armand's and Albert's already tenuous relationship. With the flamboyant Guatemalan houseboy Agador (a wildly over-the-top Hank Azaria) demoted to straight-dressing house-servant status, and Val's biological mother Katharine (Christine Baranski) recruited for the evening, the scheme is nearly in place. When Keeley's

family arrives, a host of disasters — accidental and purposeful — conspire to ruin the whole evening (not to mention Armand's sanity).

The themes and gags all trespass into familiar territory, especially during the climactic meeting between the two families where's Keeley's old-fashioned conservative remarks naturally provoke a response from Albert (e.g., a discussion about gays in the military brings up Alexander the Great). And the gay stereotypes in the film don't really

rise above the baseline of common stereotypes. What makes the film work, however, is the brisk comic pacing of Nichol's direction and Elaine May's script (I guess I was wrong to write off May after seeing *Ishitar*), as well as the solid performances. Gene Hackman always had the knack of making crusty characters likable, and Robin Williams gives a wonderful, restrained performance, confidently walking the line between serious drama and his usual comic zaniness. I also appreciate the nightclub's main theme: "We Are

Family" gets across the film's message more effectively than, say, "It's Raining Men" would.

*The Birdcage* is highly enjoyable, bolstered by its stars as well as its production values; the bright pastel colors and art deco designs are a feast for the eyes. It's not bound to be a film of monumental social importance (if you want that, go rent *Philadelphia*). Instead, you identify with the characters as real people, not as social archetypes, so you can laugh with impunity.

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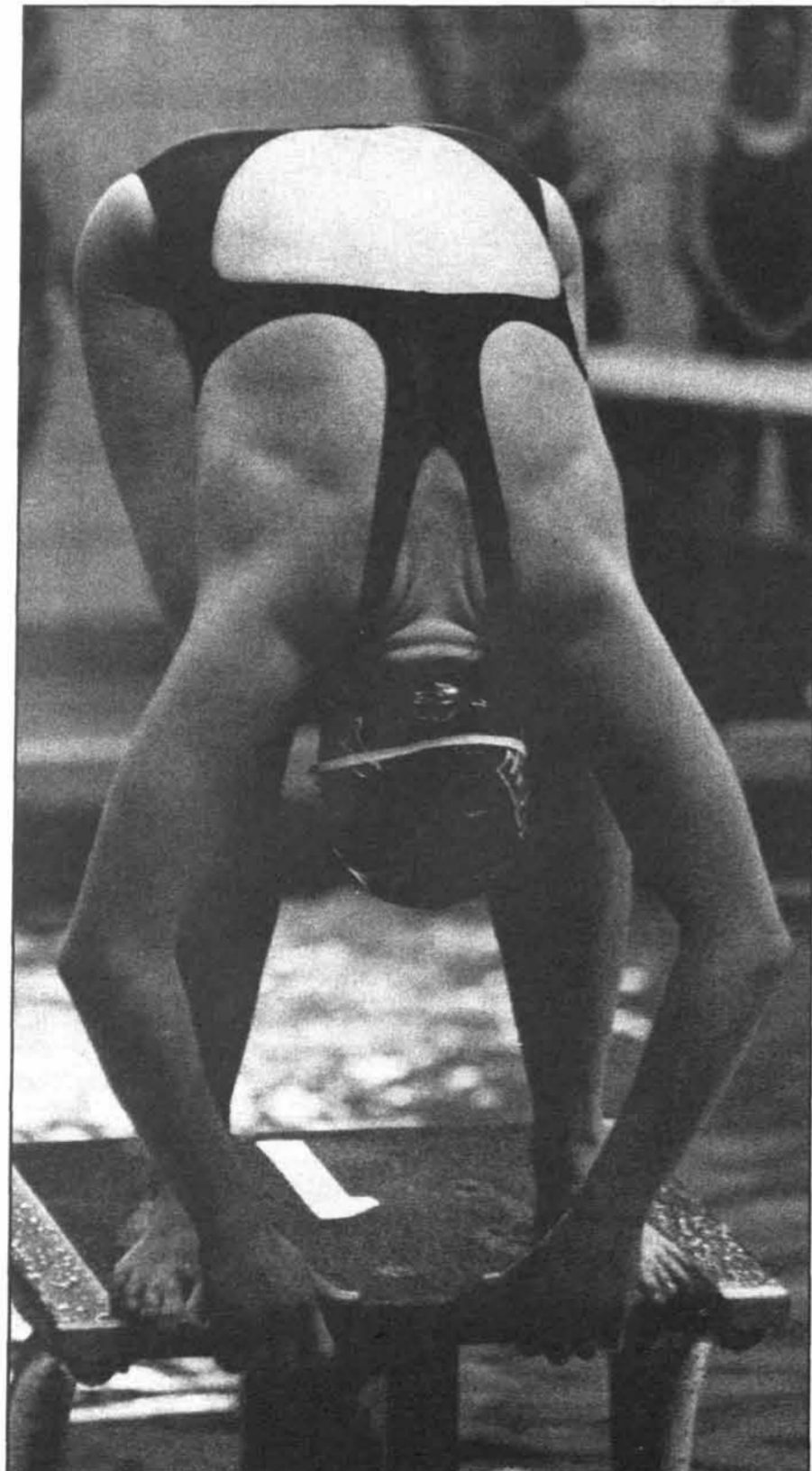
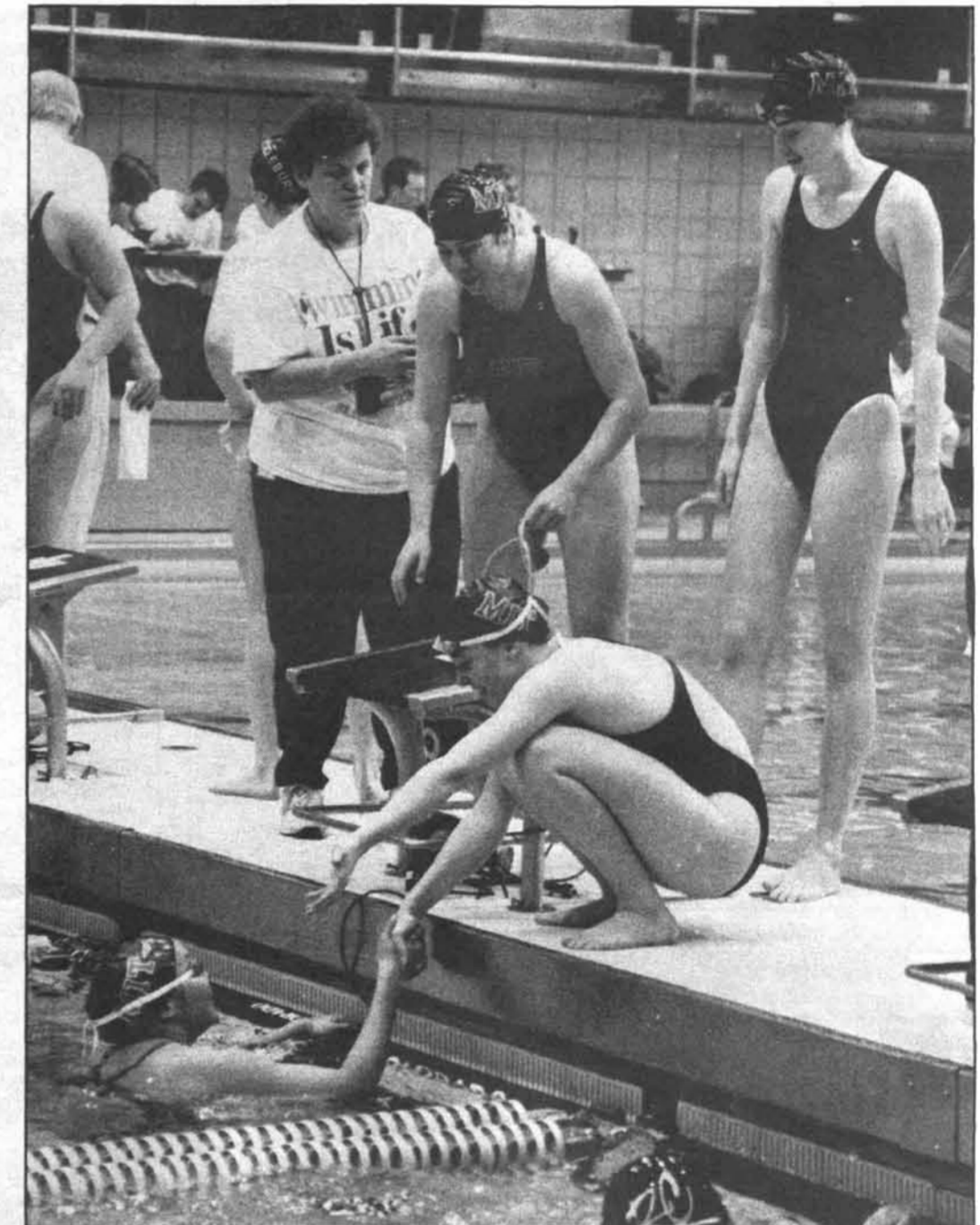
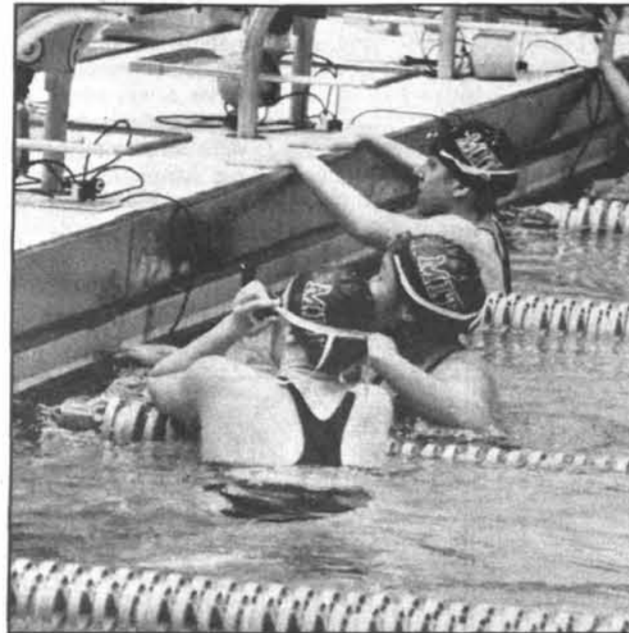
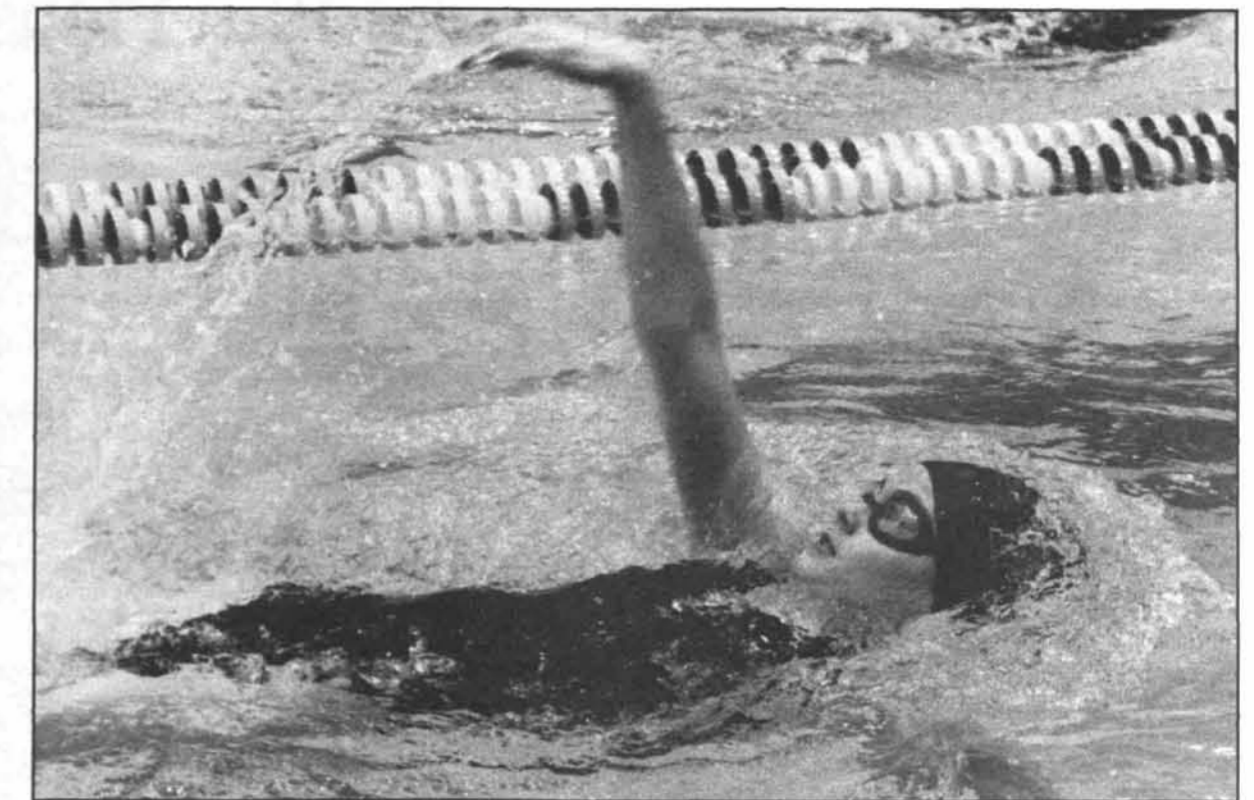
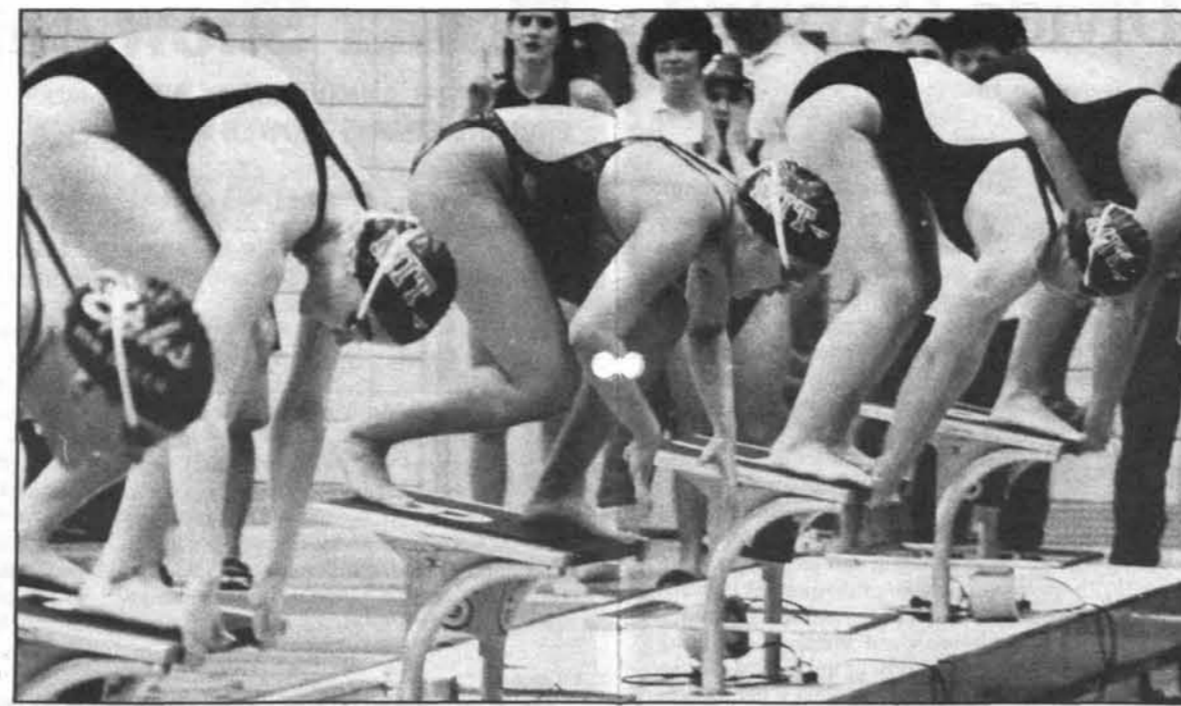
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# Women's Swimming New England Championships



*Clockwise from top center:*

*Deirdre Dunn '99, Tassanee Payakapan '99, and Hilary Price '97 in the 50-yd Free.*

*Jennifer Gruzca '98 breaks the school record in the 200-yd Back.*

*Jennifer Gruzca '98 (back), Erica Fuches '99 (breast), Deirdre Dunn '99 (fly), and Tassanee Payakapan '99 (free) break MIT's school record in the 200-yd Medley Relay.*

*Deirdre Dunn '99 takes second place in the 50-yd Butterfly.*

*MIT places 9th overall at the New England Championships.*

*Sola Grantham '97 gets her head shaved in preparation for her race.*

*MIT swimmers check their times to see if they qualified for the finals.*

*Center: Deirdre Dunn '99, Hilary Price '97, Sachiyo Minegishi '99, and Tassanee Payakapan '99 celebrate after breaking the MIT record in the 800-yd Free Relay.*

**Photos by Adriane Chapman**

# POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between March 1 and March 8:

**March 1:** East Campus, annoying phone calls; Bldg. 18, CD player stolen; Baker House, wallet and jewelry stolen, \$120; Bldg. W31, \$400 cash stolen; Bldg. 13, suspicious activity; Bldg. 2, computer stolen.

**March 3:** Bldg. 18, call of suspicious person, Chad Waller of 100 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, taken into custody for and outstanding warrant.

**March 4:** Bldg. 20, computer parts stolen, \$170; Bldg. 33, peeping tom.

**March 5:** Bldg. E38, Scott C. Murphy of 174 Webster St., Boston, arrested for shoplifting and receiving stolen property; Bldg. 14, \$40 cash stolen; Burton-Conner House, various items stolen, \$350; DuPont Gymnasium, wallet taken from jacket pocket, \$10.

**March 6:** Bldg. N51, graffiti; Bldg. 13, suspicious activity; Baker, two brass rat rings stolen, \$620.

**March 7:** Student Center, Richard Rosivach of 140 Park St., Dorchester, arrested for trespassing; Burton-Conner, harassment; Random Hall; laptop stolen \$1,000; Rockwell Cage, 1) wallet containing \$60 stolen, 2) wallet containing \$10 stolen.

**March 8:** Albany Street open lot, '88 Chevy Celebrity stolen; Bldg. 10, computer tampering; Lobdell Food Court, attempted larceny of food; Bldg. E18, door frame damaged.

# Great Hall Plans Divide Harvard

By Dan McGuire  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A meeting between Harvard University President Neil L. Rudenstine and outraged alumni took place last Tuesday to discuss the renovation of Harvard's Great Hall.

## Short Takes

Architectural plans call for the Hall, the traditional dining area for freshman, to be converted into a library and offices for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

"The people who are unhappy are very unhappy. All we can do is try to explain," Rudenstine said.

The faculty of the Department of Architecture at the Graduate School of Design earlier voted unanimously to lodge a formal complaint on the plans to divide the Great Hall.

"The review process did not allow adequate representation from people in the University whose expertise [lies] in renovations and

preservation," said Architectural Theory Professor K. Michael Haynes.

[The Harvard Crimson, March 2 and March 5]

### Brown students to unionize

Student food workers at Brown University met Thursday with representatives of the Service Employees International Union Local 134 to discuss the possibility of incorporating student workers in to the union.

"There was discussion about the formation of a Brown workers' student union which would help workers get better wages, better working conditions, a 15-minute break after a certain time spent working and a better grievance procedure," said Babu Kaza '97, a student who attended the meeting.

At a closed meeting, organizers decided to organize a massive petition effort. "They want to shock the management and get things done before they can take steps to stop them," said Tabitha Suarez

'98.

[The Brown Daily Herald, March 8]

### BU report claims limited freedom

The Boston University Faculty Council released a report alleging that the administration is restricting the academic freedom of professors.

The council cites the administration's refusal to release the results of peer reviews of professors and alleges that Provost Jon Westling has interfered with doctoral dissertation, an area that is traditionally handled by the individual departments.

The council completed a draft version of the report last year, but held off from releasing it pending the outcome of discussions between the Council's chairman Lawrence Schulman and Westling regarding the possibility of the faculty and the administration issuing a joint report on academic freedom. When the talks broke down, the council decided to release the report.

[The Daily Free Press, Feb. 22]

# U.S. News Ranks Sloan Second

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Management Glen L. Urban was very pleased that Sloan has again been rated one of the very best schools.

Sloan was rated first in last year's ranking and also has the highest cumulative total score over the last three years, Urban said.

Referring to the new Tang Center, the new \$3 million trading room, and the web-based student class bidding system, Urban said, "I believe we are a better school than last year."

Although "scores are important, equally critical is a strategy of persistent improvement in response to student feedback and changes in our academic and corporate markets," Urban said.

The ranking can be used place schools in groups, but the precise score are not accurate, especially scores among the top schools, Vest said.

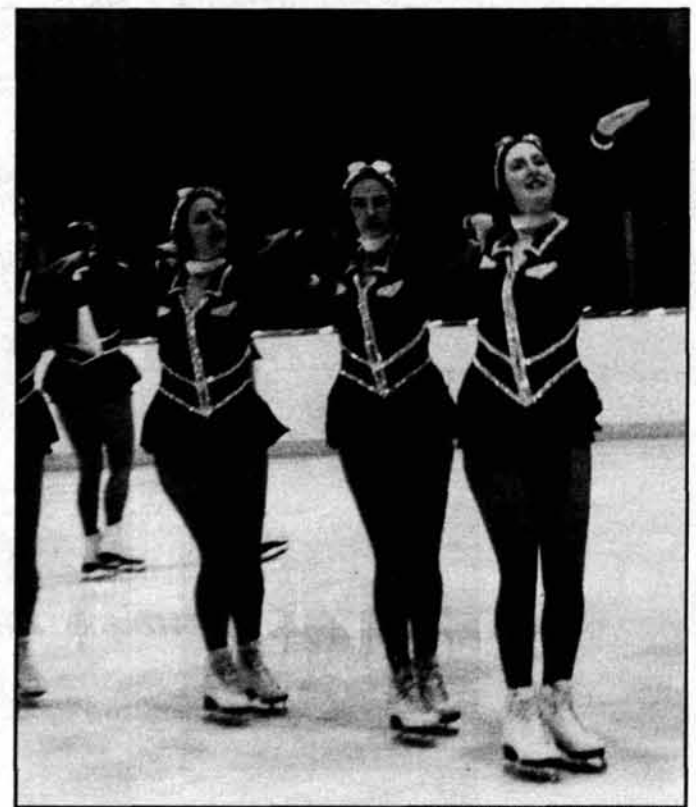
"Don't rest on our laurels or pay too much attention to our good press," Vest added.

### Overall Engineering Ranking

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- Mathematics .....1
- Mechanical engineering .....1
- Nuclear engineering .....1
- Physics .....1
- Political science .....8



SHARON YOUNG PONG—THE TECH

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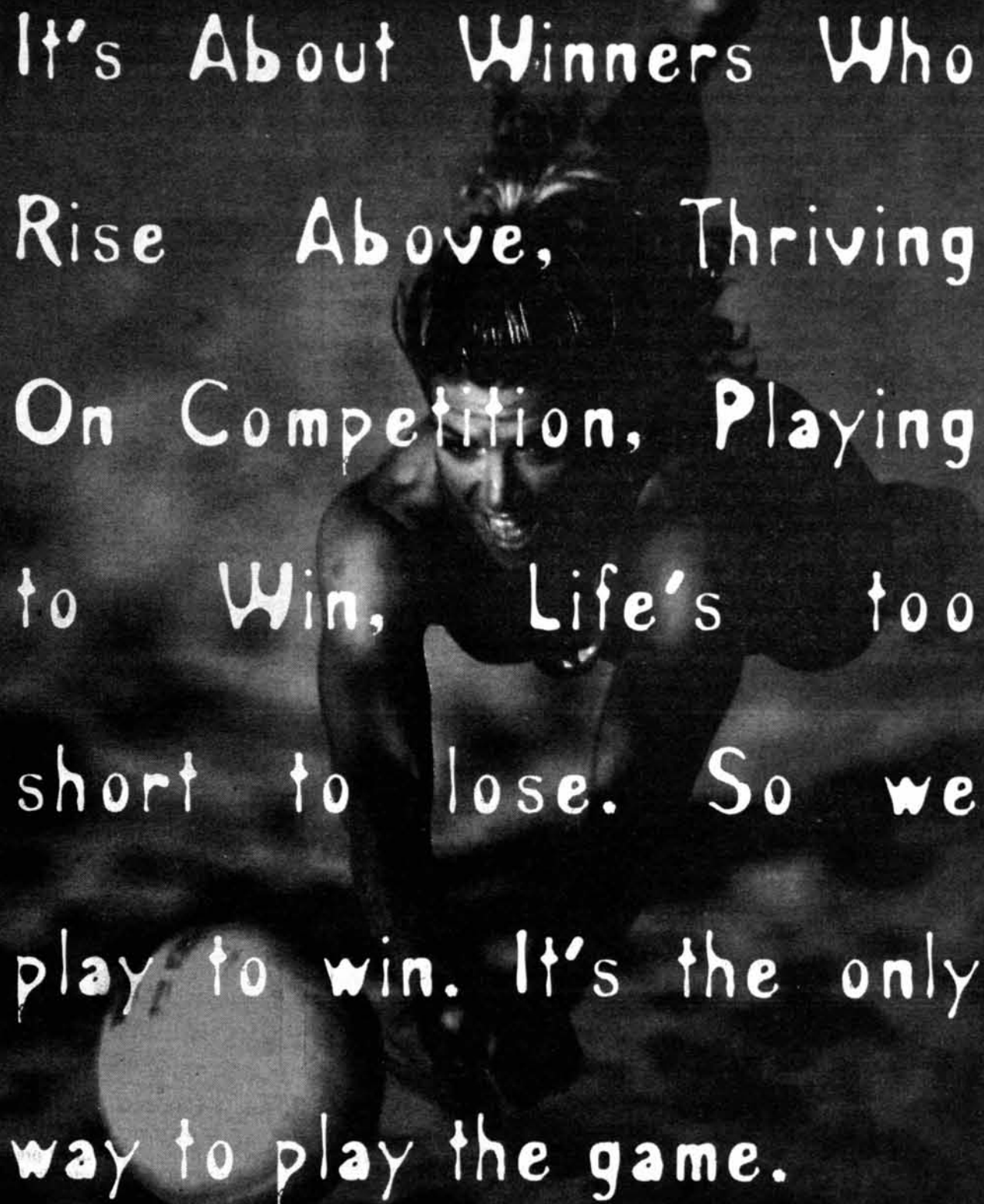


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# Version 5 Fixes Kerberos Flaw

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uses random numbers, I could check to see how the random numbers were generated," Lodin said.

"The random number generator ... was predictable. If you knew when someone logged in you could figure out the session key," said Manager of Network systems and Operations Jeffrey I. Schiller, who is one of the developers of Kerberos.

The Institute found out that there was a problem with the Kerberos system after one of the corporate sponsors of the Purdue Laboratory leaked news that the encryption system had been broken. Corporate sponsors of the lab receive reports before they are released to the general public.

"We heard that there was a prob-

lem in Kerberos" but nothing specific, so we began looking for possible problems, Schiller said.

After examining the Kerberos code, Institute researchers discovered a problem with the random number generator. The Kerberos team thought that this may be the problem and fixed it, Schiller said.

As it turned out, the problem "was what we thought it was," and MIT was able to release updated code at the time the problem was announced, Schiller said.

### Flaw repaired; no impact seen

The on-campus effect of the flaw was fairly limited. "If somebody was able to determine the session key ... for the lifetime of the tickets ... [they] could masquerade as you only on the workstation you were on," Schiller said.

Which means if someone broke the encryption code of a user's session, he would have to wait until the user was done and then run over to that workstation to take advantage of the security lapse, he said.

"I don't think this was exploited, at least on campus here," Schiller said. "It's not a particularly useful bug."

"There was a loophole sitting there, but there's no evidence that it was used by people over the time it was sitting there," said Vice President for Information Systems James D. Bruce ScD '60.

The problem was solved by inserting the correct random number generator code into the flawed version four, Bruce said. The new version five is now available for download on the Internet.

# Guide Will Likely Stay on Paper

HowToGamit, from Page 1

because the guide "is more useful in a book format that can be accessed more easily," Singh said.

While the revival of *HowToGAMIT* has recently received some attention from some Undergraduate Associate election candidates, "the UA never approached us and talked to us about what was going on with *HowToGAMIT*," Singh said.

"I don't really understand what [the UA candidates] want to do with it," Amonlirdviman said. "Unless they are willing to help us out by lending people to help with

the guide, I don't see how they are going to change anything."

### Class of '99 will not get free copies

While incoming freshmen will receive free copies of *HowToGAMIT*, the TCA will not be able to raise the funds necessary to provide free guides to members of the Class of 1999, who did not receive guides this year, Amonlirdviman said.

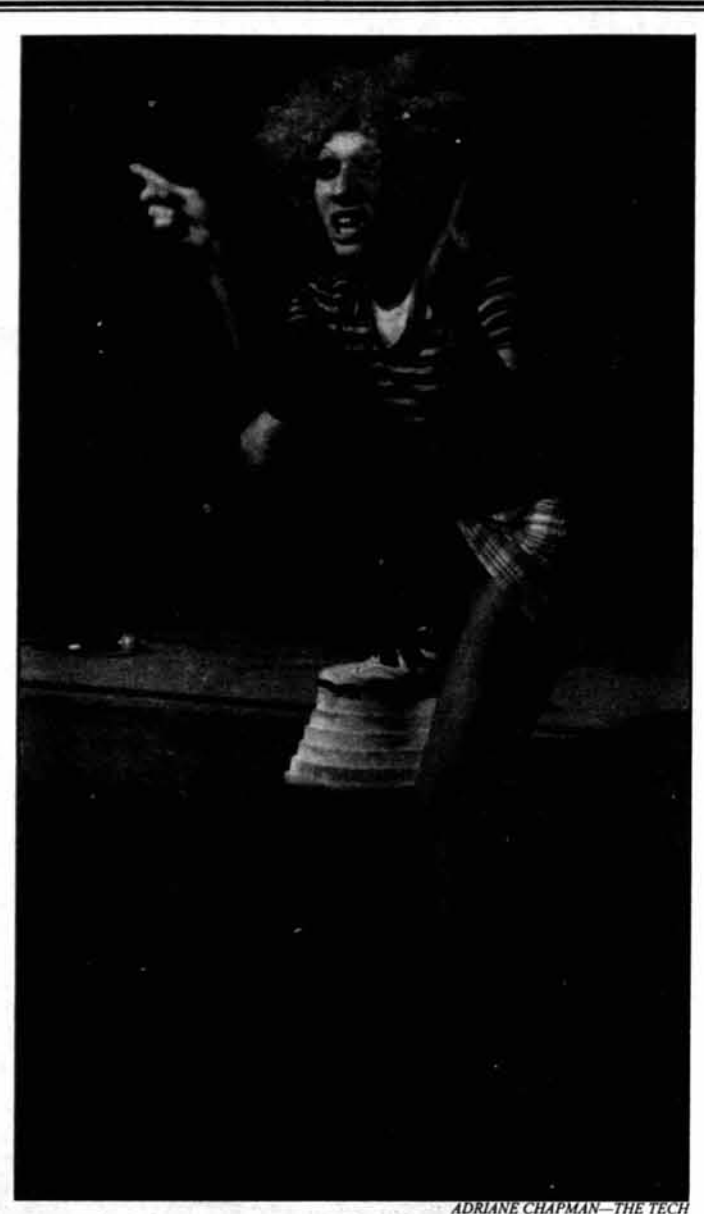
Since there are usually about 2,000 copies of the guide printed, providing the guide free to two classes would drastically reduce the number of purchased copies, Amonlirdviman said. Then TCA

would have to include more advertisements in the guide.

"If every other page had an ad, it would be very annoying to use *HowToGAMIT*," he said.

Still, if the UA or another organization were to contribute the necessary funds, "we will distribute the guide to [the Class of 1999] for free," Amonlirdviman said.

Future participation in editing *HowToGAMIT* should be strong, Amonlirdviman said. "I think that if the book is successful, that will build momentum into the next year."



ADRIANE CHAPMAN—THE TECH  
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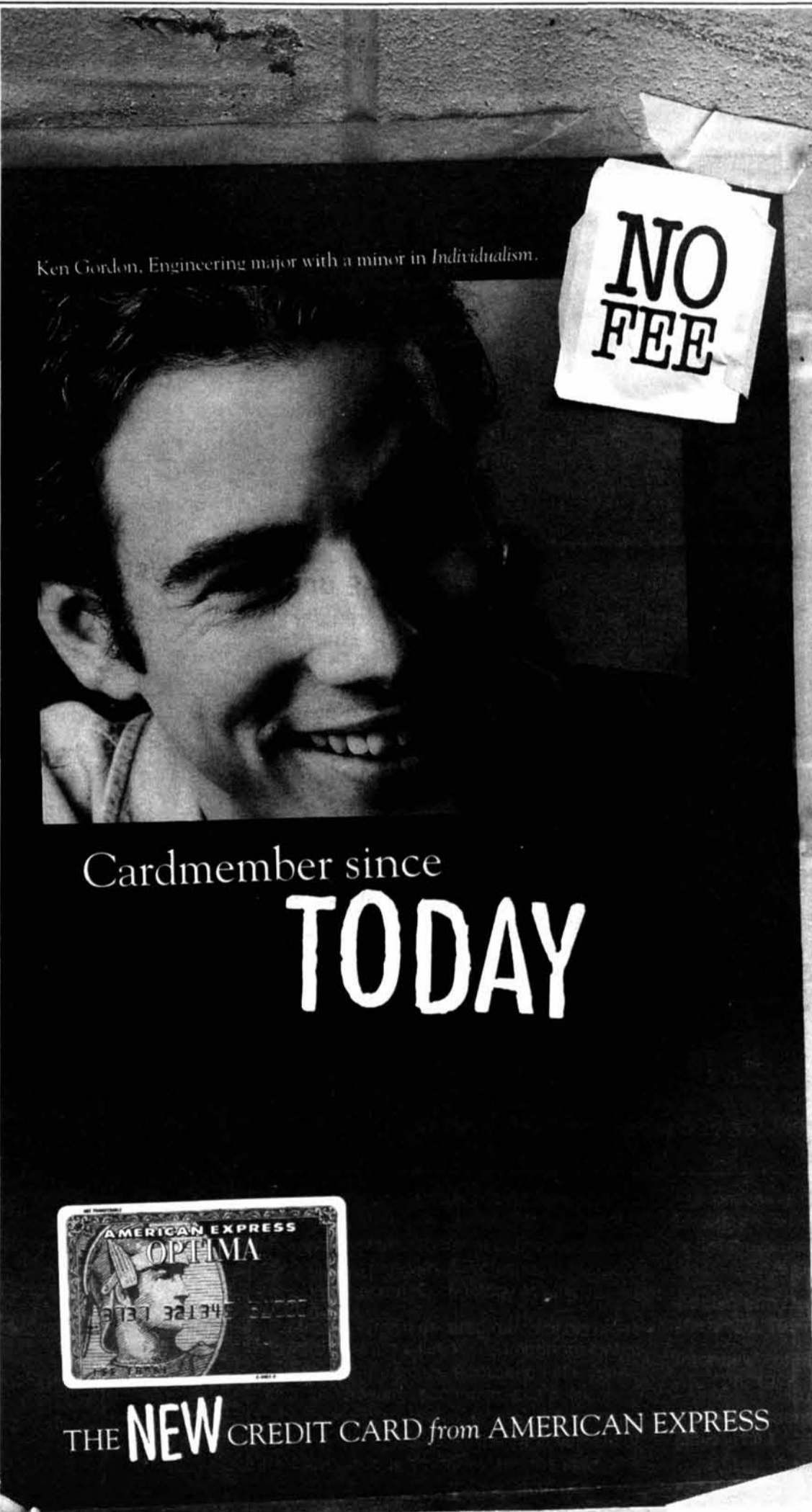
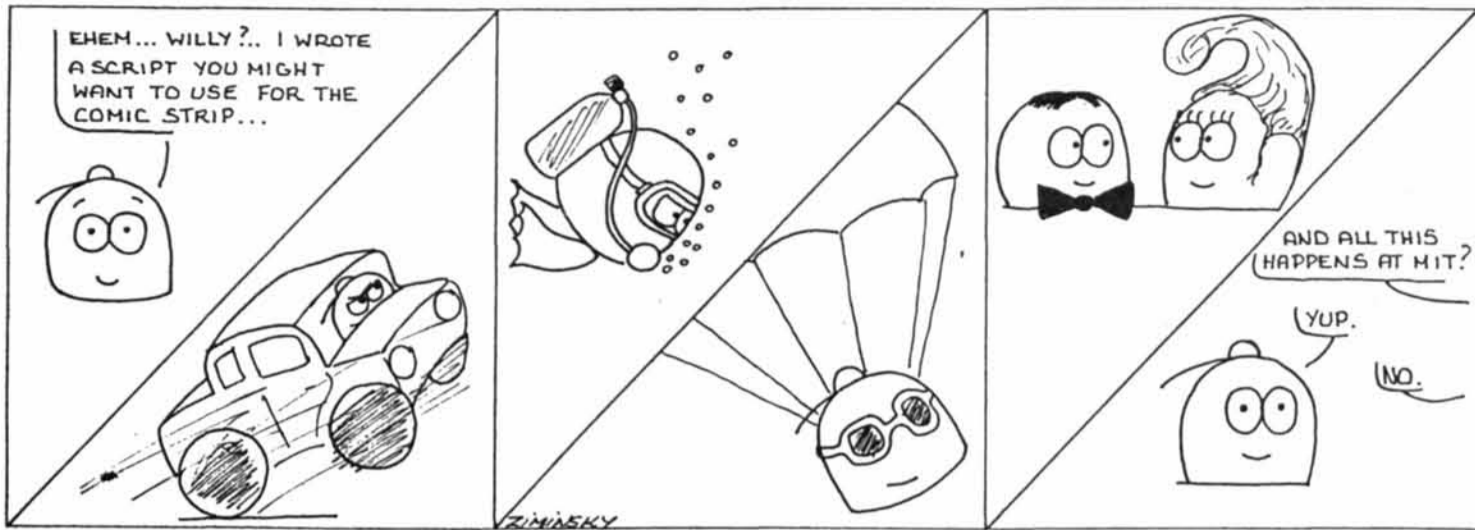
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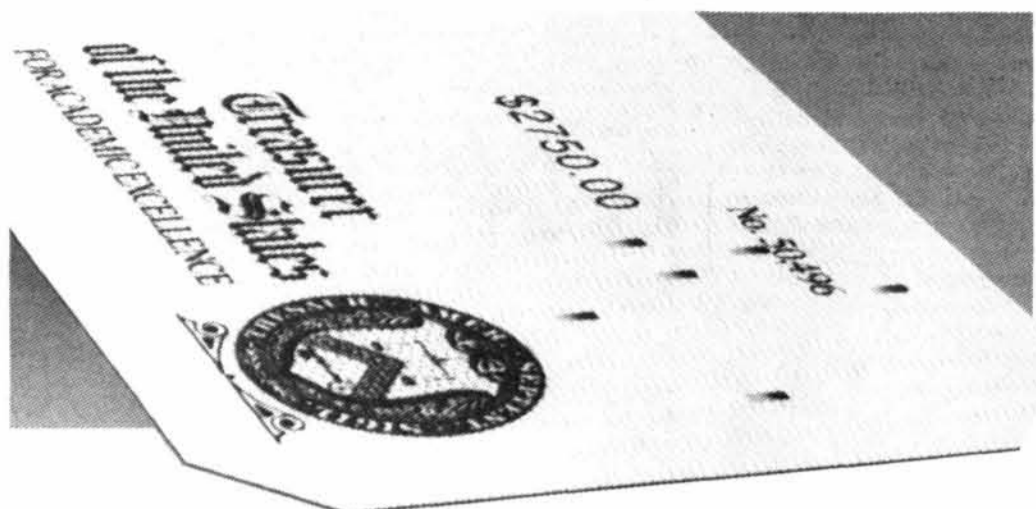
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# UA Debate Answers Questions

Debate, from Page 1

dent involvement," Jens said.

Donning a tie, T-shirt, sweatpants, and a sportcoat, Jens said that qualities of not being as eloquent and "as polished as other UA candidates" are not essential to being a UA president.

Richard Y. Lee '97 and running mate Dedric A. Carter '98 focused on bringing vision to student government.

"It's important to keep this idealism," Lee said. Issues like quadrupling student activity funds is a goal to strive for, he said.

Ashwin Viswanathan '98 and Orli G. Bahcall '99 emphasized the need to represent each and every student view.

Viswanathan opened by contrasting the views of a ROTC cadet and a homosexual. The student government must understand both ideas and then translate them into action.

Many of the questions asked by the audience targeted specific issues like dining and re-engineering.

## Views voiced on re-engineering

The candidates were asked about the lack of student service re-engineering effort in examining dining issues.

Lee responded that it was only important so long as one committee is looking at it.

Lee cited a Committee on Student Affairs report that recommended bringing managed dining competition.

Jens mentioned a specific department — the Department of Housing and Food Services — that would be good to work with.

Bringing up other student service re-engineering proposals, Viswanathan said that it was important that student views be factored into the decisions. The UA needs to seek student opinion on issues like merging HFS with Residence and Campus Activities or moving pre-registration into the middle of the semester.

Candidates were asked how they would increase funding in a time when re-engineering is downsizing budgets.

Both Lee and Jens explained that re-engineering was not just about reducing budgets.

Re-engineering is about repriori-

tizing funds, Lee said. The student service re-engineering team has stated that extra-curricular life needs to be increased, he said. Achieving more student activity funds is a "matter of prioritizing where to put the money."

Jens said it was not quite clear if more funding would be available. However, re-engineering allows for a better chance for more money than in the past.

Less optimistic than Lee, Viswanathan stressed the need for a plan in case student funds are not allocated.

Reprioritization is a wonderful ideal, Viswanathan said. Even so, MIT is running a deficit and there is a pressing need to save money.

"Student group funding cannot just increase," he said.

## Student input stressed

The candidates were asked how they would handle a situation when the administration bypasses student input and makes an arbitrary decision.

It is "clear that the administration must be responsive to student input," Viswanathan said. As UA president, he would talk to the administration and explain the importance of undergraduate opinion.

Then, he would tap into the student input by working with groups like the Interfraternity Council and Dormitory Council, as well as holding forums, surveys, and referenda, he said.

If a specific group were excluded, the UA would talk to them, get their views, and represent them, Bahcall said.

Jens would also look at why the committee did not include students. Further, he would make sure the administration remembers that input is important by sending "flamey e-mail," he said.

Along with representing student views, Lee would also ask why the administration failed to exclude student input and examine that issue.

## An ideal UA discussed

The teams were asked on what their vision of an ideal UA is.

Noting current efforts to involve students, Viswanathan said the UA is already heading in that direction. Forums have increased student input and campus-wide events will bring students out

of their living groups. The UA will continue these endeavors on a higher level, making sure students are informed about issues, he said.

Lee would like to see specific UA tasks enacted so that there will be a "fundamental change in the way people see the UA," he said. Realistically, the UA can bring back the *How To Get Around MIT* guide, increase activity funding, and obtain alumni e-mail accounts. These items will show that the UA can be effective.

Jens sees a two-fold role for the UA. First, the UA must collect student input and represent the students. By visiting living groups, holding office hours, and forming a publicity committee, the president and vice president can gather opinion, Jens said. Secondly, the UA can help groups like troubled publications and mediate between different student groups.



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- 15 "The \_\_\_ Nights"
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- 17 Arrest
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- 21 \_\_\_ the Tentmaker
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- 40 Mal de \_\_\_
- 41 A musketeer
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- 44 Thick
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- 48 Canoeist, e.g.
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- 10 More frightening
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- 12 \_\_\_ France
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- 14 Former footwear
- 19 Retaining wall
- 22 Cattle thief
- 24 Having feeling
- 26 Hindu attire
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- 30 Meadow
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- 33 Rower
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# Two Work as Officials at Olympic Games

Olympics, from Page 20

games and the press, verifying scores before they are released to the international media.

With the onset of electronic scorekeeping in the wrestling matches, it is increasingly important to make sure that the results are completely accurate, Dorow said. "It really does require a lot of knowledge and specialization."

Dorow is not a newcomer to the sport of wrestling. He was an avid wrestler himself in high school and later college, at the University of California-Berkeley. After that, he became involved in coaching and officiating events, until he received his International Coaching License in 1983.

He has been an active referee in international events since then. In fact, Dorow worked as an official at

the World Wrestling Championships last summer. "It was a great experience, a sort of prerequisite for the Olympics," said Dorow.

The Olympic Committee stipulates that each country is allowed to send only three referees to the Games. However, many more officials are needed to keep the matches running smoothly, as there are often three matches going on simultaneously. This is why international officials from all countries were invited to apply to volunteer at the Games. A training session will be held in Atlanta in May.

"I'm really looking forward to going to the Games," Dorow said. "There's nothing in the world like the Olympics."

Similar sentiments were expressed by Earle, who will be volunteering by escorting officials out on the lake for the rowing events.

"It's a one-time opportunity," Earle said. "How many chances in a lifetime will I get to be involved in the Olympics at any level!"

Earle, like Dorow, has made a lifelong commitment to the sport of rowing. In addition to her duties here at MIT, Earle coaches masters leagues and camps over the summer. After volunteering at Nationals last year, she and many other college crew coaches were invited to work at the Olympics as "high priority volunteers."

Earle's role, though very much behind-the-scenes, is also crucial to the outcome of the races. She will be driving a launch around on the race course, Lake Lanier, about an hour northwest of Atlanta. Her many responsibilities include making sure the course is safe, assisting the safety teams, and helping the crews get lined up for the events. "We might

even be following the races along the river," said Earle.

In return for her efforts, Earle will get a premiere seat for viewing her favorite sport. "I'm really excited about getting to see everything so close," she said.

As a coach herself, Earle said the Games will inevitably teach a few new things about rowing. "We're going to be there for the training as well as the races, so I'm bound to pick up some new drills, new information, new words," she said.

As both Dorow and Earle express, the Olympics represent one special moment in time, be it for an athlete, an official, or even a volunteer. "I changed my mind about going several times," said Earle. "But I knew I just couldn't pass up an opportunity like this. It's really going to be something!"

# Dancers Take Lead In Contest

Ballroom, from Page 20

In the Open category, postdoctoral associate Mark Sheldon with his partner Juliet McMains were second, and Wang and Kong were seventh in a combination event which included all five international style standard dances, Waltz, Tango, Quickstep, Foxtrot, and Viennese Waltz.

In the team matches, in the American style, the MIT teams A and B placed second and sixth, respectively. In the international style dances, team A was third while team B tied for the fifth place. Both team matches were dominated by the Harvard University A team, led by captain Jennifer Fung, U.S. National Amateur champion.

The collegiate competition was followed by a Gala dance and a professional show, including a showcase by Kari Hyytinen, one of the longtime coaches of the MIT Ballroom team from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Boston. Recently, the MIT team has also been practicing with Mark Nocera, New England Ten Dance champion.

The competition was sponsored by the Massachusetts chapter of the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association. The facility and service were donated by the Wonderland Ballroom and the proceeds will benefit the teams of the MASSABDA university network and other participating colleges.

# Nordic Skiers Compete at National Championships

Skilling, from Page 20

USAFA dominated again finishing first with the time of 33:45. The long uphill that depleted the strength of all races the previous day was shortened to about half the length. Doering finished 6th just one second behind Alfred's Tim Gorbald. Lund finished 16th, Breidenbach 38th, and Schindler wrapped up the field with 41st place.

The women's 7.5-km race did not include the climb, and the third lap was shortened to make the distance of 7.5 km. USAFA's Amy Nesbitt finished first with the time of 31:24 and the MIT skier Cornell finished fifth in her best race of the season with the time of 32:32,

just 5 seconds behind Sarah Alholm of USAFA. Slaughter finished 18th with a time of 39:56.

The week wrapped up with a classical-freestyle-freestyle 3x5 relay for women and 3x7.5 km for men. MIT women did not have an official team, they however raced in an unofficial squad with Cornell skier Jessica Seem.

The men's team started with Christian Lund who skied the classical leg. For two laps Lund stayed in third, 10 seconds behind the first skier. He came on strong in the third lap and finished first, four seconds before Cornell's Steve Halasz to tag Breidenbach, who skied the second leg.

"I put on a little bit warmer wax today to get a solid kick, because I thought the hills would make a difference," Lund said about his last collegiate race. "The Cornell skier was faster on the downhill, but coming out of the turn before the last hill I felt strong and got him in the final climb."

The final leg was skied by Doering who cut the 1:50 lead of Clarkson University to 40 seconds at the finish line. MIT finished 6th in the relay after Cornell, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Whitman, USAFA, and Clarkson.

The USCSA National Championship was MIT's last race of the season, but also for seniors Lund and Breidenbach, who represented MIT with dedication in the past four years.

# Underrated Boston College Will Reach Sweet Sixteen; Princeton to Upset UCLA

EA Sports, from Page 20

State, Kentucky retained the top seed in the Midwest, and this, boys and girls, is the wake-up call the Wildcats were looking for. Quite honestly, no one in the top half of this region could have stayed with Kentucky before Sunday, and now we're looking at some major blowouts for a few rounds. The bottom half holds few surprises, but Villanova should knock off ACC champ Wake Forest in the Sweet Sixteen, before being knocked off themselves by Kentucky.

**Teams to Watch:** The Runnin' Utes are a perennial wild-card. They could wind up in the Final Four, they could lose by 20 to Canisius in the first round. Beware of eighth-seeded Wisconsin-Green Bay, a giant-killer in recent years.

**Big Upset:** In a classic, Tulsa will take down sixth seed Louisville in the first round.

**Regional Finalists:** Villanova and Kentucky.

**Regional Champ:** Kentucky.

## Southeast Region

As usual, the Southeast is the toughest region. There are probably six teams in the Southeast with a good shot at the Final Four or better, including the champions of the Big East (Connecticut), SEC (Mississippi State), Conference USA (Cincinnati), and the Pac-10 (UCLA), as well as regular-season ACC Champ Georgia Tech.

And, of course, the Southeast has the most fearsome tournament team of all, Duke. As the eighth seed, the Blue Devils would very likely play Connecticut in the second round, a thought that has UConn fans trembling. Not to worry, folks. Duke is not the mighty powerhouse it once was. The team might not even make it past Eastern Michigan (now that's a scary thought).

**Teams to Watch:** What is Boston College doing with an eleventh seed? For that matter,

why is Indiana seeded as high as sixth? Georgia Tech is worth watching, if only because their awful nonconference performances make them prime candidates for an early upset.

**Big Upset:** You heard it here first: Princeton will beat UCLA. If they don't, forget you heard this.

**Regional Finalists:** Connecticut and Cincinnati.

**Regional Champ:** Connecticut.

## West Regional

Last and certainly least, we come to the West, the dumping ground for the teams the Selection Committee couldn't quite fit anywhere else. Usually, this at least makes the region fun; this year, the West is pretty good, too. No, Western Carolina won't upset Purdue, but don't look for the Boilermakers to be going too far, either. The Boilermakers should be the first number one to fall, as Memphis will take them down in the semifinals. In the lower half, Arizona-Iowa looks like a great second-round matchup. The game is in Tempe, so the Mildcats should be able to prevail, but keep in mind that Arizona only gets past the first round once every four years.

**Teams to watch:** George Washington dealt UMass its only loss of the season, so no one can accuse the Colonials of not being able to play with the big boys. The Tigers of Memphis also look good.

**Big Upset:** Umm, Santa Clara over Maryland? Clemson over Georgia? Sorry, Memphis over Purdue is about the best we can do.

**Regional Finalists:** Memphis and Kansas.

**Regional Champ:** Kansas.

## The Final Four

In game number one, we have the slow, physical play of Georgetown versus the up-tempo finesse game of Kentucky. Well, slowing the game down didn't get the Hoyas past Connecticut (in fact, it cost them the Big East title), but this time Allen Iverson hits the

layup at the buzzer, and Georgetown narrowly makes it in to the finals.

In the other game, the amazing Huskies of UConn go up against the amazing Jayhawks of Kansas. Both teams have the talent to make it to the championship game, but Kansas goes just a little deeper than Connecticut. The Jayhawks head to the finals for the first time since 1991, and the Huskies miss out on an all-Big East final.

In the Big Game, Kansas will have the athleticism, the shooters, and the experience to win the title. Georgetown will counter with big bodies, tough defense, and a lot of guys with really short last names like Aw and Dja. The game should be low-scoring, which will keep it close, but in the end, the Jayhawks simply won't be able to beat two Big East teams in two games at the Meadowlands (which is where all Big East games are played already). That's right, Georgetown will take the National championship, and most of the D.C. area will be destroyed in the ensuing celebration.

Well, that's it. There's no more space, so there's no trivia question or anything like that. Tune in Friday, when EA Sports resumes its regular schedule.

# UMass a Final Four Team; Princeton Will Upset UCLA

Predictions, from Page 20

However, that Wildcat team is dangerous. Likewise, Wake Forest, with center Tim Duncan, is a strong two seed.

**Sweet 16 Teams:** Kentucky, Utah, Villanova and Wake Forest.

**Upset Specials:** None.

**Final Four Team:** Wake Forest.

## The Southeast

The Southeast features Connecticut as the top seed. The Huskies should not have any difficulty in reaching the Sweet Sixteen. UCLA, the number four seed, won't be as lucky against a Princeton team which has consistently given tournament teams trouble. UCLA's early exit will give Mississippi State, which beat Kentucky in the SEC Tournament Final, a position in the Sweet Sixteen.

Georgia Tech is in the Southeast as the number three seed. However, the Yellowjackets are notorious for playing poorly in the tournament. This year could be another early exit if they must play Indiana, a solid if unspectacular tournament team. Temple as a seventh seed will give Cincinnati, the two seed, a tough game, but the Bearcats should make the Sweet Sixteen.

**Sweet 16 Teams:** Connecticut, Mississippi State, Indiana and Cincinnati.

**Upset Specials:** Princeton over UCLA (13 over 4).

**Final Four Team:** Cincinnati.

## West Region

The West features Purdue, an extremely surprising team, as the first seed. Most preseason predictions had Purdue lucky to make the NCAA tournament, with a top seed a practical impossibility. However, Gene Keady has worked wonders again, and deserves the number one seed. The Boilermakers should make it to the Sweet Sixteen as well. They will likely face Memphis, a solid team that's underrated as a fifth seed.

The lower half of the bracket features Kansas, the team many figured would get the top seed in the West. They will make the Sweet Sixteen. They will probably face Iowa since Arizona, the third seed, consistently finds a way to lose in the early rounds.

**Sweet 16 Teams:** Purdue, Memphis, Iowa and Kansas.

**Upset Specials:** None.

**Final Four Team:** Kansas.

## Championship

This year, the East champ faces the Midwest champ in the semifinals while the Southeast champ faces the West champ. Massachusetts will face Wake Forest in the first game, with the Demon Deacons avenging an early season loss to the Minutemen. Cincinnati will then beat Kansas in a very close game, and Wake will in turn defeat the Bearcats, with Tim Duncan winning Tournament MVP.

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# Doering, Cornell, and Lund Named All-American Skiers

By Jiri Schindler  
TEAM MEMBER

After qualifying at the regional championships in Lapland Lake, N.Y., two weeks ago, the nordic skiing team traveled this weekend to Mt. Snow, Vt., to participate in the United States Collegiate Skiing Association National championship.

Jeff Doering '99, team captain Christian Lund G, and Lynn Cornell '96 were named All-American skiers. Doering placed third in the men's 15-km classical race with a time of 1:03:09, and team captain Lund finished sixth with the time of 1:05:40 in the same race. Cornell finished fifth in the 7.5-km freestyle.

The races started on Wednesday with women's 10-km and men's 15-km classical races. The USCSA title went to Cornell University's Laurel Herendeen who finished with a time of 50:31, eight seconds before USAFA's Cheree Kocken and 13 seconds before Korin Bell from Whitman.

MIT's Lynn Cornell finished eighth with a time of 54:05, and

Adrienne Slaughter '98 finished 19th out of 21 racers, with a time of 1:04:29, despite a knee injury she suffered when she fell on the steep downhill section of the course.

Like the women's race, the men's 15-km race began with a mass-start, which proved to be challenging because the first hundred meters were followed by a technical downhill with a double S-turn, in which many racers fell. All MIT skiers luckily avoided the fall, enabling Doering and Lund to stay with the leading pack and eventually place well.

Apart from the technical downhill, the course included a long climb set on a green downhill slope that forced even the best skiers to herringbone for prolonged periods of time. After a 180-degree turn, the racers got a brief rest at the downhill going in the opposite direction.

"The big hill was hell. I was working hard up the hill, but not moving anywhere which was at times frustrating," Doering said. "The key to this race was not to fall.

If you fell in one of the downhills you would lose so much time and there would be no way to catch up."

The race was won by U.S. Air Force Academy's Jerome Sheldon with a time of 59:59. Cornell's Ben Young placed second with the time 1:02:09. Doering finished third, placing himself between Young and three other racers from Cornell. Lund finished sixth with a time of 1:05:40, 19 seconds before Erik Osborn from Cornell.

"I saw him [Osborn] behind me all the time and whenever I felt he was gaining on me, I pushed a bit harder so that he would not pass me," said Lund about his head-to-head race with Osborn. Jeff Breidenbach '96 finished 30th with the time of 1:22:10 and Jiri Schindler '96 finished 31st out of 41 skiers 40 seconds behind him.

The second day of racing started with men's 10-km freestyle, raced on the same course as the classical race, in which Jerome Sheldon of

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Rachel Dowell '96 and Vikas Bhushan G dance in the Latin section of the Fifth Anniversary University Network Fundraiser.

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# Dorow, Earle Heading to Atlanta As Volunteers at Summer Olympics

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MIT is a world renown institution for many things, but athletics, unfortunately, is not one of them. Nonetheless, we are sending our own contingency to this year's Olympics.

Yes indeed, Associate Dean of Residence and Campus Activities and Advisor to Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups Neal Dorow and Women's Varsity Crew Coach Mayrene Earle will be heading to Atlanta this summer to take part in the pageantry of the Centennial Olympic Games.

While neither Dorow nor Earle will be competing in these Games, their paths to the Olympics have involved just as much determination, desire and hard work. Dorow, a lifelong wrestling aficionado, will be an official in the wrestling com-

petition, while Earle will be assisting in the rowing events.

Dorow will be volunteering as a Results Control operator in Atlanta this summer. While not actually

officiating the wrestling matches, his position is a crucial one. Dorow will act as a liaison between the

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# March Madness: Staff 'Experts' Predict Outcome of Hoops Tourney

Georgetown to Take National Title; Kentucky Waits 'til Next Year ... Again

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Here it is, folks, the moment you've all been waiting for: the one, the only, EA Sports NCAA Tournament Preview Spectacular! Two years in a row, we've picked Kentucky as national champion. Two years in a row, the Wildcats have disappointed. Will we go for three? Stay tuned.

Sunday was obviously rough on the Tournament Selection Committee. The final weekend of the season saw several upsets in conference tournaments, not least of which was Mississippi State's stunning disposal of top-ranked Kentucky. As a result, the tournament has two teams with sub-.500 records, and four of the top eight seeds (Kentucky, Georgetown, Purdue, and Kansas) lost their last game.

As always, a few teams that should have gotten in didn't: Fresno

State, for example, had an excellent season, but lost in the finals of their conference tournament, and probably were not given a bid because of politics (Jerry Tarkanian isn't exactly a beloved figure). And, of course, there are some teams whose bids are questionable: Michigan and Indiana, two mediocre teams in a mediocre conference, could have easily been left out. However, the field on the whole is well-balanced, even if some teams had to be moved into strange regions to fill it out.

Here, without (much) further ado, is what is going to happen in college basketball over the next three weeks. The games start Thursday, so get your homework done early. And, as always, these picks should not be used as the basis for any cash wager (because I'm already using them).

## East Region

Thanks to Kentucky's loss, Massachusetts goes into the tournament as

the top-ranked team, which gives them the advantage of playing the likes of Central Florida and Bradley for two rounds. But months of fattening up on cream puffs will catch up to the Minutemen by the regional finals. On the other side of the bracket, North Carolina looms large, but not as large as Georgetown who came within a basket of the Big East title. The Hoyas will need some production from Othella Harrington, but should roll into the Final Four.

**Teams to watch:** Marquette, out of the made-for-TV Conference USA, will be a tough opponent for the Minutemen in the regional semifinals. North Carolina is very dangerous as a six seed. They have a tougher road, but Dean Smith knows how to get the most out of his team.

**Big Upset:** Twelfth seed Arkansas knocks off Big Ten pretender Penn State in the first round. Texas Tech, the third seed, narrowly escapes the same fate at the hands of Northern Illinois.

**Regional Finalists:** UMass and Georgetown.

**Regional Champ:** Georgetown.

## Midwest Region

Despite losing to Mississippi

Wake to Beat Cincinnati in Finals; Duncan MVP

By Thomas Kettler

Sunday night the 64-team field was announced for the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. The biggest surprise was that the Big Ten had five selections, while the new Conference USA (CUSA) only got four.

The breakdown of number of selections by conferences with more than three teams are as follows: ACC (six), Big East (five), Big Ten (five), Atlantic 10 (four), Big 8 (four), CUSA (four), Pac 10 (four), SEC (four).

## East Region

This year, no region can be readily considered easier than another. The NCAA has evened out the selections very well, although the Midwest appears to be the toughest.

Massachusetts received a number one seed here after finishing the season with only one loss. They get to face Central Florida, which should be a very easy first-round game. UMass should easily make the Sweet Sixteen. The other part of their bracket is intriguing. Penn State, a solid if surprising team, faces last year's finalist, Arkansas, a team which some would argue does not deserve to be in the tournament this year. Also, Marquette made the

field as a fourth seed after finishing strong in the solid CUSA.

The lower half seems made for Georgetown as a second seed. Texas Tech is the third seed and should make the Sweet 16. However, Georgetown should beat them easily.

**Sweet 16 Teams:** Massachusetts, Penn State, Texas Tech and Georgetown.

**Upset Specials:** None.

**Final Four Team:** Massachusetts.

## Midwest Region

The Midwest features formerly top-ranked Kentucky as the number one seed. If the regionals of the Southeast were not played in Rupp Arena, Kentucky would have been the top seed there. In recompense for that fact, they get a fairly easy trip to the Sweet Sixteen, although Wisconsin Green-Bay will give the Wildcats fits. They may not make the Final Four, however, as the Midwest is the strongest region.

Utah should also make it to the Sweet Sixteen, although they'll be tested by Iowa State.

Villanova only got a third seed due to a slide at the end of the year while Kerry Kittles was suspended.

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Men's volleyball against Roger Williams University.

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