

## ROTC Task Force Proposal Calls for 'Model Program'

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NEWS EDITOR

The ROTC task force has released its final report in which it recommends that MIT keep its ROTC program but reshape it into a "model program" that would incorporate gays into all facets of the program.

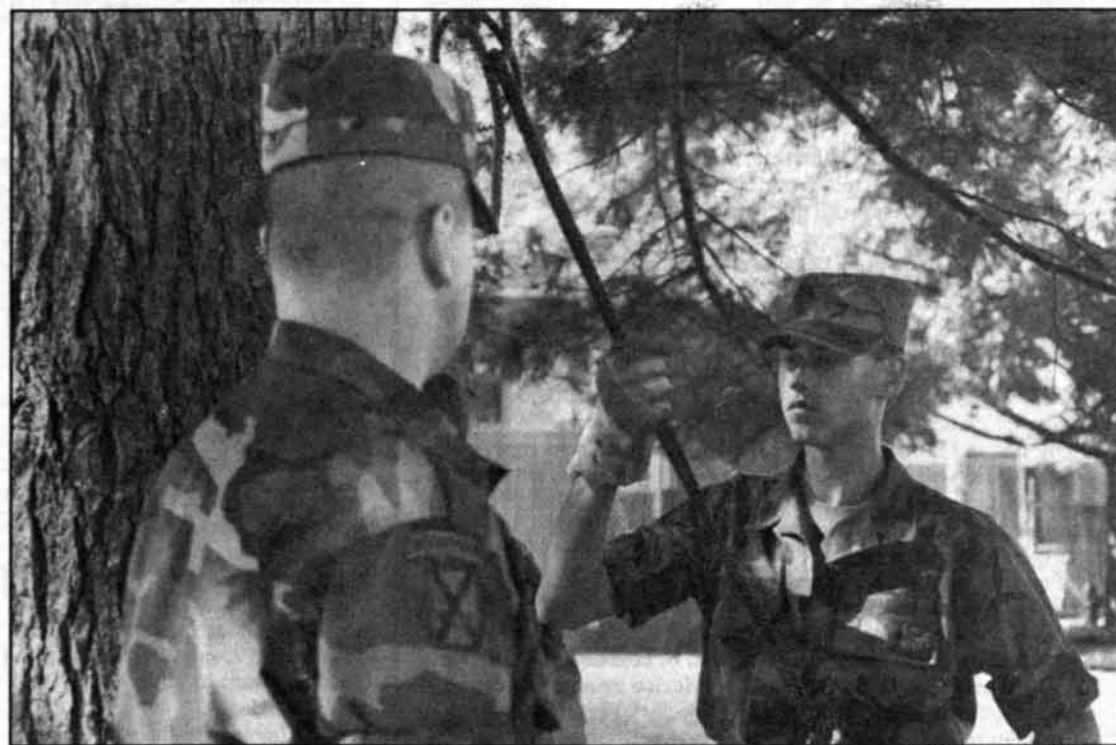
"We're cautiously excited about what we're proposing," said Professor of Management Stephen C. Graves, who chairs the task force. "It's obviously a very difficult issue. But we're very anxious to see what the faculty will make of it."

"This is a proposal which will engage the faculty," said Chair of

the Faculty Lawrence S. Bacow. The proposal is "a very creative solution, and I think the faculty will recognize that."

The task force's proposal will be presented for discussion at tomorrow's faculty meeting, but the measure will not be voted on until the April faculty meeting. The MIT Corporation will have the final say on what will be done with ROTC.

Under the Department of Defense's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy, ROTC discriminates against homosexuals,



ARIFUR RAHMAN—THE TECH

ROTC, Page 11 A ROTC cadet practices rope work last fall.

## Whitehead Researchers Make Complete Mouse Genome Map

By Orli G. Bahcall  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Whitehead Institute has finished the world's first complete map of the mouse genome, a major goal of the Human Genome Project. The Human Genome Project is an effort to sequence and understand the entire human genetic code.

The mouse mapping project was made a part of the international genome project because "there are so many striking similarities between the mouse and the human," said Dr. Joyce Miller, project leader of the Whitehead Genome Center.

Comprehensive maps of the human genome were completed by Whitehead and the National Insti-

tutes of Health in December. The mouse map appears in the March 14 issue of *Nature*.

The Whitehead Genome Center "signed on to complete the mapping of the mouse genome from start to finish," said Miller.

The work was supported by the National Center for Human Genome Research at NIH.

It is crucial to map both the mouse and the human genomes because research on human disease often focuses on laboratory mouse models, according to Professor of Biology Eric S. Lander, also director of the Whitehead/MIT Center for Genome Research.

"Mice have diseases that are analogous to human diseases," Miller said. For example, mice have

several versions of epilepsy and high blood pressure, she said.

Many insights about genetic diseases have already been derived from this map, including high blood pressure, colon cancer, and obesity, Miller said.

The mouse genome contains complements of some 100,000 genes found in humans, representing a 75 percent match with those of their human counterparts.

The mouse "serves as an excellent model, [in that] most mammals are related in their DNA anywhere from 40 to 60 percent," Miller said.

Use of a mouse model allows researchers "to do a lot of experi-

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## Trial Plan Replaces Events Moratorium

By M. F. Al-Salem

A pilot program setting new guidelines and precautionary measures for large on-campus parties has been initiated by the Office of Residence and Campus Activities and other administrative officials.

These measures in effect reverse the party ban, which was implemented in December as a response to a shooting outside Walker Memorial after a large party.

The efficiency of the new measures will be appraised by how smoothly the parties go, said Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin. "There may be some things we have to rework."

In the effort to reinstate parties while maintaining safety, old mea-

asures such as Campus Police presence were re-emphasized, and new preventive measures were included.

Large events can be held on-campus, but Walker Memorial is "off line" until security improvements such as locks on windows are added, said Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Margaret A. Jablonski.

Some of the new measures include reducing the number of events that require metal detectors to two events on any night. This comes as an extension of an established rule to "address the problem of weapons being brought onto the MIT campus during student social events," Glavin said.

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## Dorm Renovation Is on Schedule

By May K. Tse

Renovations to Senior House — in the new central elevator pit shaft and near the back entrance of the building — will continue next week during Spring Break.

But because most residents will stay for at least part of Spring Break, no other major work will be completed, said Senior House President Christopher H. Barron '97.

The workers have been "good about working with us," Barron said. "I don't think residents have felt very inconvenienced, privacy-wise."

"As far as we know, we're on schedule," Barron said.

Senior House renovations were initiated last summer as a result of the Strategic Housing Planning Committee over a year ago. "But the lion's share of the work will be done this summer," said Phillip M. Bernard, staff associate for Residence and Campus Activities.

These are the first significant changes to Senior House since it was built in 1914. The \$11 million renovations were funded through the Office of the Senior Vice President.

Director of Special Services Stephen D. Immerman explained, "The cost of servicing the debt will become a factor in the overall hous-

ing budget, not unlike how we built 500 Memorial Drive [Next House]."

### Interior to be completely changed

"The outside appearance will be the same, but we're knocking out everything inside the building and leaving only the outside walls, floors, and windows intact," explained House Manager Daniel P. Conceison.

He continued, "We're complying with the American Disabilities Act to make the building accessible to someone with a wheelchair." Thus wider halls, bigger bathrooms, and the addition of an interconnecting, central elevator are features of the renovation plans.

In addition, the basement will be greatly changed as well. The basement was the only walkway that connected the six separate units of Senior House, but it will now be a student lounging area which will have a "more open concept," according to Conceison.

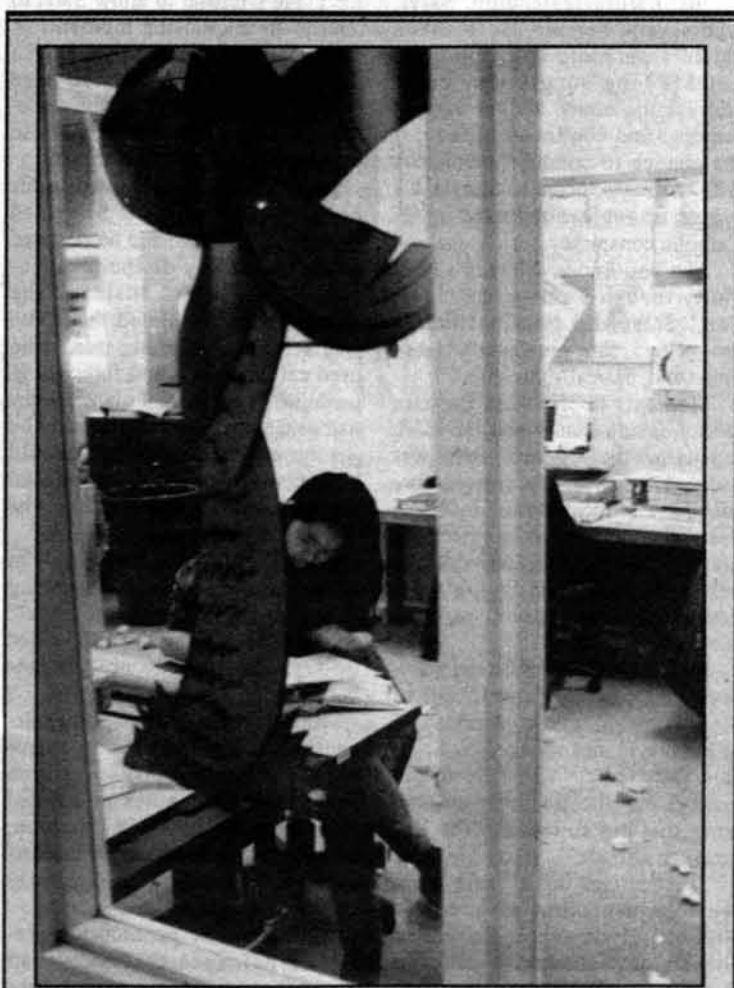
Other renovation plans were the direct result of student feedback. "Students meet with Shawmut Construction and Ondras Associates [the architects] every two weeks to get updates and get feedback. ... I think we've made a great impact. We've told them what we want and to a great extent they've listened," said Senior House Desk Captain Jagruti

S. Patel '97.

When the renovations are complete, Senior House will be composed of ten doubles and 126 singles, some in suite settings. The occupancy rate will drop from 169 to 146 residents, since the interior will be entirely redone to accommodate building codes.

The renovations hold high expectations. "In the past, we've had a lot of sixth or seventh place choices in the housing lottery, but after the renovations, I think we'll have more first and second place choices because it'll be a brand-new building," Conceison said. "I don't

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ADRIANE CHAPMAN—THE TECH

Spring Break came a week early to the Fishbowl, which was appropriately decorated with leis, sharks, ducks, and beach balls Sunday.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Mexico Refuses Joint U.S. Military Exercises

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY

A U.S. plan to hold joint military exercises with Mexico has caused an uproar south of the border, with the Mexican government declaring firmly Monday that it will not permit such an unprecedented step.

"Bilateral cooperation in no way includes joint exercises between the armed forces of the two nations," the Foreign Ministry said in a communique.

In comments that grabbed headlines here, U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry told reporters Saturday that Washington had proposed joint exercises with the Mexican armed forces.

"And they have that under consideration now, and I believe that there will be certainly joint naval exercises conducted in the next year or so," Perry said as he visited an aircraft carrier about 60 miles northwest of San Diego.

In a nation still smarting from three U.S. invasions over the past 150 years, the comments struck a raw nerve.

Swiftly, Mexican officials assured the public that U.S. soldiers would not be arriving on Mexican soil for maneuvers. "We remain firmly tied to the fundamental argument of Mexico's foreign policy, which is strict respect for the sovereignty of nations, and the principle that only our armed forces can operate on our national territory," declared Javier Trevino, a senior Foreign Ministry official, in a radio interview on Monday.

Perry, in fact, had not suggested dispatching U.S. troops to Mexico. In the last few years, as the United States has strengthened its ties to Mexico with a free-trade agreement, the Mexican military has gingerly started to cooperate more with its U.S. counterpart. Last October, Perry made the first official visit to Mexico by an American secretary of defense.

Juan Rebolledo, a senior Mexican Foreign Ministry official, said in a radio interview that Perry had first suggested the joint exercises during his October visit. The two sides agreed to form a working group to discuss the U.S. proposals.

## Mandela Speaks Harshly About His Marriage

THE BALTIMORE SUN

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Describing himself as "the loneliest man" during the years he spent with his wife Winnie after leaving prison, Nelson Mandela told a court Monday, "I'm determined to get rid of this marriage. It exists only on paper."

They were the harshest words he has spoken about the woman with whom he shared what seemed like a vibrant romance steeped in a cause.

Testifying on the opening day of his divorce suit, the 77-year-old South African president spent an hour presenting a devastating portrait of the last years of his 38-year marriage to a woman who was often heroically portrayed as standing loyally by her husband during his 27 years in prison.

"Ever since I came back from jail not once has the defendant ever entered the bedroom while I was awake," Mandela said. "I said to her that a man and his wife usually discuss the most intimate and personal problems in the bedroom."

During Mandela's years in prison, Mrs. Mandela became one of the prime public leaders of the anti-apartheid movement despite constant attempts by South African authorities to silence her. She consistently championed the cause of the man who would become the most famous prisoner in the world and later the symbol of hope when he became the first black president of this country.

When Mandela left prison in 1990, he walked hand in hand with Winnie through the waiting crowds. He stood by her during her subsequent trial for the murder of a Soweto teen-ager by a gang of her bodyguards.

Even when he announced their separation in 1992, Mandela was often portrayed as still in love with his wife, forced to leave her for political reasons as Mrs. Mandela was gaining a reputation as a disciplined leader of the radicals of the African National Congress.

## WEATHER

### Spring unsprung

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Although Wednesday technically marks the official beginning of spring, it is not going to be a particularly auspicious start. The next few days will bring clouds, rain, and potentially colder air later in the week.

A large late-winter storm, brewing over Arkansas, will push northeast today. Clear skies in the morning will give way to high over-running clouds heralding the surface warm front. An east wind blowing off the ocean will keep temperatures down but it will become gusty during the afternoon as the isobars tighten. There is a fair chance of rain commencing during the evening, turning to steady rain over night. This powerful cyclone is not going anywhere in a hurry, with Wednesday looking set for drizzle too. Depending on the exact track, northwestern parts may see a change to snow.

**Today:** Clear in the morning, high clouds developing. Winds from the southeast, becoming strong, around 25 mph (40 kph). Rain possible by evening. High 44°F (7°C).

**Tonight:** Cloudy with rain totalling around an inch. Warm front passage during the night. Low 40°F (4°C).

**Wednesday:** Cloudy with maybe some breaks later. Rain and drizzle tapering off during the day. Moderate to strong west wind. High 46°F (8°C). Low 36°F (2°C).

**Thursday:** Some wrap-around cloudiness expected. High mid-40s (6 to 7°C). Low 30s (1 to 2°C).

# China May Increase Military Pressure Against Taiwan

By Jim Mann

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

The military exercises China is conducting this week may not be the last step in Beijing's pressure campaign against Taiwan, according to top officials and scholars here.

Experts sketch out two scenarios in which China could ratchet up the military pressure still further.

One would be to seize one of the many small islands now held by Taiwan just off China's coastline. The other would be to conduct a series of new exercises over the coming months in an effort to bring Taiwan to the negotiating table.

"They (Chinese leaders) need to come up with something to satisfy their objectives," says a worried Andrew Yang, secretary general of the Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies, a Taiwan think-tank that specializes in defense issues. "(Chinese President) Jiang Zemin does not want to come out of this empty-handed."

The immediate focus in Taiwan is on the island scenario. In the exercises this week, Chinese troops are supposed to practice amphibious landings on the Chinese island of Pingtan, just off China's coast in Fujian Province.

A tiny island called Wuchiu, held by Taiwan, is only about 10 miles away, and officials and analysts in Taiwan concede that it would be a relatively simple affair, in military terms, for Chinese troops to seize the island.

One of Taiwan's main newspapers, the China Times, reported Monday that troops had taken up positions on Wuchiu to defend

against a possible beach assault by mainland forces. Military officials refused to comment on the report.

"If they want to release their anger against us (Taiwan) just to humiliate us, they may take an island or islet," asserted Yu-ming Shaw, director of Taiwan's Institute of International Relations.

The islands held by Taiwan off China's coastline include Quemoy and Matsu, which were the centerpieces of hostilities in the Taiwan Strait in the 1950s.

Taiwan's offshore islands are not covered by the Taiwan Relations Act, the U.S. law that requires the United States to take unspecified action in response to any Chinese military actions against Taiwan.

In fact, throughout the 1950s, the United States tried to persuade Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to abandon the offshore islands, on grounds that they were virtually impossible to defend against Chinese attack. Chiang refused to do so, because he saw the islands as a stepping-stone toward regaining control of the Chinese mainland.

One defense official in Taiwan said in an interview Monday that it is conceivable China will attack a small island such as Wuchiu, seize it, and then move back away from it, just to send a signal to Taiwan of its military capabilities.

He pointed out that this scenario would be similar to the one China followed in early 1979, when it attacked Vietnam and then, after suffering significant casualties, retreated from the territory it had taken.

But some officials here believe China will not try to take an island,

because of the high political cost for doing so. If it used force, he said, China would suffer significant damage to its relations with the United States, Japan and Southeast Asia.

The other way China could increase the pressure on Taiwan would be to schedule still more exercises after the current round is supposed to end on March 25.

Taiwan's elections will be held Saturday. The inauguration of the first popularly elected president will take place May 20. From March to May, China could conduct at least a few more rounds of exercises.

That would not only put the island under psychological strain, but also cause further impact to the economy, which is already suffering because of the tensions in the Taiwan Strait.

"This crisis is really brutal to our trade, to investment and to economic growth," said a senior policy advisor to President Lee Teng-hui, who asked not to be identified.

Taiwan has already had to spend billions of dollars in foreign-exchange reserves to stabilize prices on its stock exchange and to preserve the value of its currency, the new Taiwan dollar. A prolonged series of exercises would raise questions about how long the government can keep intervening in these markets.

And it would bring other economic problems as well — with a labor shortage, for example. Taiwan depends to some extent on workers from Southeast Asian countries such as the Philippines and Thailand. These workers might stop coming to Taiwan, or begin leaving the island for home, if the tensions continue.

# Salvi Gets Life Without Parole In Two Abortion Clinic Murders

By Christopher B. Daly

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

BOSTON

John C. Salvi III, the troubled young man who went on a shooting rampage at two suburban abortion clinics, was found guilty of murder Monday and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Despite his lawyers' attempts to prove him insane, Salvi, 24, was convicted of all charges against him: two counts of first-degree murder and five counts of armed assault with intent to murder, all arising from his Dec. 20, 1994, attack on the two clinics. He was quickly taken to state prison.

The attack was the worst violence against an abortion clinic in U.S. history and capped a decade of assaults on the clinics and their staff across the country. A federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., probing the violence concluded in January that there was no nationwide conspiracy to commit violence against abortion clinics or personnel.

The verdicts against Salvi brought an emotional climax to a lengthy trial spanning more than 100 witnesses over six weeks in Norfolk County Superior Court. Salvi, 24, remained characteristically aloof, staring ahead and rarely blinking.

Cries of anguish were heard in court from the families of the victims — Shannon Lowney, 25, and Lee Ann Nichols, 38. Their parents, brothers, sisters, fiancés and friends wept, as they have many times during trial.

Salvi shot the two women and wounded five other people during his attack on the two clinics in the Boston suburb of Brookline. Witnesses testified during the trial that

he had shouted, "This is what you get! You should pray the rosary," as he fired 10 bullets into Nichols. Salvi was arrested the next day in Norfolk, Va., after he began shooting at an abortion clinic there.

Just before sentencing, Salvi, who several defense psychiatrists called a paranoid schizophrenic, got his long-sought chance to address the court. He showed no remorse and continued to request the chance to conduct interviews with the news media to discuss his views about a purported anti-Catholic conspiracy.

"As you know, I haven't pled guilty though I am against abortion," Salvi said. "My position is pro-welfare state, pro-Catholic labor union and, basically, pro-life."

Moments later, Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara authorized the clerk to read out the sentences. Salvi was ordered to serve two consecutive life prison terms, followed by 18-20 years for the assault convictions. Massachusetts does not have a death penalty. Under state law, a first-degree murder conviction sparks an automatic appeal.

Nikki Nichols Gamble, the president of Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts, which operates one of the two clinics attacked by Salvi, said the verdict "will help to de-escalate the climate of fear and violence that has surrounded the services we provide."

"Justice was done," said Mark Nichols, a brother of Lee Ann Nichols. His mother, Ruth Ann Nichols, was allowed to deliver a victim impact statement to the court. "Without hesitation, I hope you have sheer misery every day of your life, as you have brought all the families," she said, addressing

Salvi. "I request and hope that every Dec. 30 they put you in solitary confinement."

Salvi's lead defense attorney, J.W. Carney Jr., indicated he will appeal the verdict, based in part on the judge's refusal to allow Salvi to testify. In the closing moments of the trial, Carney had asserted Salvi's right to testify, but the lawyer tried to limit the areas in which the prosecution could cross-examine him, so the judge turned him down.

At trial, Carney admitted in his opening statement that Salvi had fired the fatal shots, and he declined to challenge any of the prosecution's witnesses. Instead, the defense lawyer claimed that Salvi was a "sick, sick young man" who used careful tactics and foresight in pursuit of a delusional plan. Carney had sought a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity, which would have placed Salvi in a state mental hospital until a judge ruled that he was no longer a threat.

Assistant District Attorney John Kivlan portrayed Salvi as a cunning anti-abortion zealot, a "terrorist" who plotted the murders, then fled through an elaborate police manhunt.

Kivlan showed that Salvi purchased a .22-caliber Sturm Ruger semiautomatic rifle and customized it with a folding stock and pistol grip. Near his home in Hampton, N.H., Salvi purchased 1,000 hollow-tip bullets, designed to maximize injuries to human victims.

Although the prosecution presented evidence that Salvi had attended meetings of pro-life groups and had many anti-abortion pamphlets, the trail never showed that Salvi had any links to the organized anti-abortion movement.

# Croatia, Serbia Promise Three Will Stand Trial for Alleged War Crimes

By William Drozdiak  
THE WASHINGTON POST

GENEVA  
The leaders of Croatia and Serbia promised Monday to send three senior military officers to The Hague by the end of this month to stand trial for alleged war crimes, marking a significant boost in their cooperation on what is deemed one of the most sensitive issues of the Bosnia peace accords.

The joint agreement, which calls for Zagreb to dispatch a Croatian general suspected of mass murder and Belgrade to deliver two Bosnian Serb officers accused of ordering the killing of Muslim civilians in Srebrenica last summer, was hailed by U.S. officials as an encouraging breakthrough at a time when efforts to carry out the American-brokered peace agreement have reached a critical threshold.

After nearly eight hours of talks here with Balkan leaders, Secretary

of State Warren Christopher announced the extradition deal along with a package of other measures, including stepped-up NATO patrols in the troubled Sarajevo suburbs, designed to sustain the ceasefire, accelerate recovery from four years of war and prepare free elections in Bosnia by the end of this summer.

The meeting, which brought together Presidents Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia and acting President Ejup Ganic of Bosnia, was arranged to mark the separation of belligerents achieved during the three months since NATO's 60,000-strong peacekeeping force began arriving in Bosnia to implement the agreement reached last fall in Dayton, Ohio.

"The killing has ended, the armies have withdrawn," Christopher said at a news conference. "This is an extraordinary accomplishment, one that many thought

would never be possible." There were strong fears that the next phase of fortifying the peace and laying the groundwork for a lasting reconciliation between the Muslim-Croat federation and the Serb republic within Bosnia will prove far more daunting.

The fragile alliance between the Muslims and Croats shows signs of collapsing over rival claims to the southern city of Mostar and a reluctance to create a joint government. Meanwhile, the chaotic departure of tens of thousands of Bosnian Serbs from Sarajevo suburbs has strengthened the belief of many Bosnians that any hopes of reviving their multiethnic state are rapidly fading.

"My main worry is that the forces of ethnic separation still are far stronger than the forces of ethnic reintegration," said Carl Bildt, the former Swedish prime minister who oversees the civilian side of the peace process.

# Congress, Clinton to Evaluate Impact Of Federal Job Cuts on the Workforce

By Mike Causey  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON  
The sex, race and age of federal workers who depart because of downsizing will depend on political factors and estimates of whether it is cheaper to fire or buy out workers. That's why an about-to-be released General Accounting Office report will give policy-makers much to chew on and workers something to stew about.

Congress and the White House are committed to large cuts that can't be done through normal turnover.

If politicians offer buyouts again, most of the payments will again go to middle- and upper-grade, longtime service workers.

The alternative, reductions in force (RIFs), could wipe out the

administration's "diversity gains" of the last three years.

During that time, the percentage of women and minorities in government increased as nearly 200,000 jobs were cut.

A second, critical factor in the buyout vs. layoff debate is how well federal agencies — which want to protect the jobs of short-service workers who lack veterans preference job protection — present their cases to Congress.

So far, according to the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee (the launching pad for civil service legislation) none of those requesting buyout authority have made the case.

Here's the situation:

The last round of federal buyouts was justified on grounds that it was cheaper to pay employees to leave

voluntarily than to fire them. The maximum buyout was \$25,000 before deductions. The Office of Personnel Management estimated that it typically costs an agency about \$37,000 to fire someone. The OPM's estimate was based on considerations such as the costs associated with layoffs, plus severance pay and unemployment benefits for fired workers. Buyouts also let agencies get rid of middle-management workers while protecting the jobs of recent hires.

The House committee, however, said the OPM's cost-of-firing estimate is too high. It noted that most of the buyouts went to retirement-eligible workers who wouldn't have been eligible for severance. The committee asked the watchdog GAO to take another look at the costs of firing vs. buyouts.

# Rap Star Will Not be Retried For Voluntary Manslaughter

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Rap star Snoop Doggy Dogg and his former bodyguard, who were acquitted of murder charges last month, will not be retried on lesser charges of voluntary manslaughter, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced Monday.

Prosecutors Ed Nison and Bobby Grace said they felt that, because of the jury's 9-3 deadlock in favor of acquittal on manslaughter charges, it would be difficult to obtain a conviction against the rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, and ex-bodyguard McKinley Lee.

"We have no new evidence to present," Grace said. "A new prosecution on a manslaughter charge would, in all likelihood, not be successful."

Broadus and Lee were found not guilty of murder and conspiracy charges stemming from the Aug. 25, 1993 shooting death of Philip Woldemariam, 20. After a week of tense deliberations, however, the seven-man, five-woman panel deadlocked on the lesser charges of voluntary manslaughter, prompting the judge to declare a mistrial on Feb. 20. While the defense claimed Lee shot Woldemariam in self defense after he reached for a gun tucked in his waistband, the prosecution alleged that Woldemariam was shot in the back while trying to run for his life.

Broadus was at the wheel of his Jeep Cherokee at the time Lee fired the shots from the passenger seat. The shooting apparently erupted after a gang-related dispute.

Nison said it would have been difficult to retool the theory of the case to prove manslaughter instead murder.

At the request of the prosecution, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Paul G. Flynn dismissed the charges on Monday after a brief status hearing. Broadus still faces unrelated 1993 felony gun charges, but he will remain free on his own recognizance.

# Refugees at Drug-Addiction Treating Monastery Cause Stir

THE WASHINGTON POST

SARABURI, THAILAND

While the monastery Wat Thamkrabok has gained its reputation for its unusual methods of treating drug addiction, controversy has arisen recently around its new role as a sanctuary for Hmong refugees from Laos who have settled on the monastery's grounds.

Wat Thamkrabok is now home to some 11,000 Hmong, who live in four villages on the grounds, which were donated by a Sino-Thai woman whose son was cured here of his opium habit 40 years ago.

Many of the older Hmong men were U.S.-backed guerrillas who fought against the current Communist government in Laos. Almost all of the Hmong were addicted to opium when they came here, including, Brother Gordon Baltimore said, 2,000 children addicted since birth, since opium was used as medicine for many types of ailments.

The presence of these refugees has created a diplomatic sticking point between Thailand and Laos, with the Thai government trying to assure the Communist authorities in Vientiane that exiles living here will not engage in subversive activities inside Laos.

## Graduate Student Council

*Next meetings:*  
**Formal Ball - March 20**  
**Activities - March 21**  
**General - April 2 (Tue.)**  
**APPC - April 8**  
**HCA - April 9**

Ever wondered what leadership is all about? Come and practice your leadership skills at the **GSC Leadership Workshop**.  
 April 6th, 9:30am, Rm 10-250  
 If you plan to attend, please email [eprasman@uzi.mit.edu](mailto:eprasman@uzi.mit.edu)

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/Star Market **Grocery Shuttle** will run on normal schedule over spring break!

**Open Student Forum** with the final two candidates for the position of **Assistant Dean of Student Activities** will be on March 19th and 21st from 5:30-7:30 in Ashdown's Hulsizer Room. All students invited. Free pizza and soda. Questions - contact Andrew (x3-7233, [arhom@mit.edu](mailto:arhom@mit.edu)).

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](mailto:gsc-vice-president@mit.edu)) or in writing (50-222).

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

Come visit your **Muddy Charles Pub**. Enjoy a cozy fire and a frosty beverage. Locate in Walker Memorial facing the river. Open during lunch and nights Mon.-Fri.

The GSC is already planning our first trip to Fenway. Keep April 27th open!!!!

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

## Model ROTC Program Right for MIT

The ROTC task force's final report released this week represents the culmination of several months' work on the part of the task force, months that have been filled with forums, debate, and concern for community input. This final report was expected to endorse one of the options laid out in last January's interim report. Instead the task force has

### Editorial

defied conventional wisdom and recommended a truly inventive program. Its report recommends ROTC remain on campus, but that MIT create a "model ROTC program" open to all students without discrimination. We endorse this strategy.

For the past several years, *The Tech* has consistently editorialized in favor of severing all ties with ROTC. Because the Department of Defense continues to discriminate against homosexuals, it was our belief that MIT could not in good faith maintain its ties with ROTC in the face of our strong commitment to non-discrimination.

None of the solutions offered thus far in the debate had seemed even remotely appealing. While severing ties with ROTC would preserve MIT's commitment to non-discrimination, it would cause a number of problems. Severing ties would jeopardize current and future students' ROTC scholarships as well as deny them the opportunity to participate in a worthwhile educational program. Severing ties would also put MIT in danger of losing federal research dollars. Other options, however, all involved maintaining some ties with ROTC, and thus preserving the conflict between the DoD's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy and MIT's policy of non-discrimination.

The task force's plan, however, holds out the possibility of both making ROTC non-discriminatory and working to influence the DoD in a positive direction. Maintaining ties with ROTC has the distinct advantage in that it allows MIT to continue to work with the federal government to create an acceptable policy. Severing ties would be a powerful message, but it could only be done once. With the proposed plan, MIT will be able to create advocacy groups (as the report recommends) and

support activities that continuously influence the federal government. The task force also notes that the military has become increasingly conservative as other universities have pulled out of ROTC programs. MIT's advocacy may reverse this trend, possibly even overturning of the current offensive DoD regulations.

The most important point in favor of the task force's model program is of course that it opens the door for an inclusive ROTC program at MIT and possibly at other colleges. Current ROTC cadets will not lose their scholarships or be forced to attend classes elsewhere. Future cadets will not be denied the chance to participate in the program. Most importantly, the model program stands a good chance of finally opening MIT ROTC to all undergraduates, whatever their sexual orientation. While the task force acknowledges that working around the "don't ask, don't tell" policy will be difficult, it believes that MIT and DoD can work together to create fundamentally tolerant and inclusive units on campus.

In writing this report, the task force has taken admirable time in involving the community and seeking the input of all groups. It appears that the report's recommendations are a direct result of this inclusivity — a further demonstration of the merits of inclusive planning processes. The report does not seem to be based on an overly optimistic view of the current DoD regulations. Rather it states firmly that "there has not been adequate progress toward the elimination of the DoD policy on sexual orientation." The task force takes issue with the DoD philosophy, declaring that "the Institute must foster an open, honest environment that respects the rights ... to explore myriad aspects of human experience."

Not only does the task force's report present a way to make MIT ROTC more inclusive, but it puts MIT firmly on record on the right side of the national debate. We heartily endorse the strategy of creating a model ROTC program at MIT. Furthermore, we congratulate the ROTC Task Force for a job well done.

## Letters To The Editor

### Life in Fraternities Not Based on Alcohol

I was very upset when I glanced at *The Tech* and there were two columns concerning dry Residence and Orientation Week. It was the second of these two columns ["Dry R/O Week Would Lead to Downfall of Fraternity System," March 12] by A. Arif Husain '97 that really concerned me. At first glance, Husain seems opposed to a dry rush; however, after perusing the column, I realized it is very cynical and general, and the author never gives the fraternity system a fair word.

I must first say that when I read that Interfraternity Council President Jason D. Pride '97 said that fraternity life at MIT is "based on alcohol" I was upset to say the least. I live in a fraternity, and although many brothers in my house drink a lot, I could never say that my fraternity is based on alcohol. Living in a fraternity means much more than just swimming in beer and being obnoxious. It is about the friendships made and the people living together. I agree that while alcohol and fraternities are often linked together, the entire fraternity system can not be stereotyped and condemned for the actions of some. I know for a fact that there are several fraternities on campus where alcohol seldom has a place within the walls.

Secondly I would like to address the arguments in Husain's column. This column makes the entire fraternity system at MIT sound like a bunch of alcoholics with delirium tremens who couldn't rush a freshman without a 1.75 liter of Jack Daniels in their liver. I resent this. Having experienced rush from the fraternity point of view I can honestly say that drinking excessively during rush is not only a bad idea, but prohibited in most houses. What kind of freshman wants to see upperclassmen

vomiting in garbage cans and urinating off rooftops during rush? The fact of the matter is, a dry rush will make little difference to most fraternities. The only purpose for having alcohol present during rush is so freshmen don't get the wrong idea. Imagine the surprise of an incoming freshman who thinks a house doesn't drink, only to have kegs and kegs and more kegs brought out after rush is over.

Jesse Geraci '98

### Rush Issues Larger Than Alcohol Debate

The debate over a dry Residence and Orientation Week is not about succumbing to administration pressures, criticizing Greek social life, or about the general use of alcohol. Rather, it is about focusing on real issues facing the MIT Greek community today. The Interfraternity Council has the responsibility to facilitate a discussion on these issues so that the IFC community as a whole can come to an informed decision. The subject matter is twofold: The first part is dry rush and the second is the social policy during dead week.

Current rush policy states that as of Saturday night, visitors and members of age may consume alcohol. A completely dry rush would entail that no alcohol could be served during any rush event. All nationals are on record endorsing rush events to be completely free of alcohol. Most have adopted this as an official policy. The National Interfraternity Conference unanimously supports a completely dry rush. One disturbing fact is that many nationals are looking out to catch chapters breaking national rush rules so that they can be sanctioned — and MIT Independent Living Groups are not excluded from the national's scrutiny.

An overwhelming number of other Greek systems host a completely dry rush. Some groups may claim that since these national organizations already supply a guideline to their individual chapters, there is no reason to make this an MIT policy, giving leeway to those ILGs whose nationals do not have such policies. However, many houses already hold a completely dry rush on their own, so what would be the consequence of making this an IFC rush policy and taking a stride towards creating a model IFC on this campus?

The administration and ILGs are concerned that rushing freshmen will give the wrong impression as to what a "fraternity" is all about — referring to the different roles that alcohol plays in each ILG. In our ILGs' constitutions, alcohol is not mentioned. Instead, they stress terms like brotherhood, sisterhood, friendship, honor, scholarship, and service. Some of these constitutions were written more than a century ago, and while today's times may be different and our society has changed, the foundations on which our organizations have not changed. Perhaps it is time to discuss and reevaluate what being a member of a fraternity or sorority is all about and what its current foundations depend upon.

The second issue deals with the IFC dead week party policy. The main concerns to IFC and the welfare of the ILGs rise from existing community relations problem. The mid-week parties of dead week violate the IFC "Community Relations Guidelines" and spirit by having large and frequent social events which disturb other Boston residents. The "IFC Community Relations Bylaws for Sunday-Thursday" state that no noise and disturbances should be heard outside of the house after 10 p.m. However, at MIT, parties do not seem to start until after 10 p.m. And would it be possible to contain an

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# Letters To The Editor

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open party in late summer? Unlike the "Wednesday night clubs" or "Thursday night clubs," these parties are impossible to contain. An overflow of party-going crowd tends to overload the neighborhood with people and noise at hours viewed unreasonable by permanent Boston residents. The increased frequencies of these parties tends to create an increased number of incidents.

We have already seen the consequence of breaking our community relations guidelines. Three years ago, an entire Beacon Street block was put on a one month social probation because of overwhelming numbers of noise complaints during rush and dead week. Some

local residents complain that they have to leave their houses for that week because of these circumstances. The Boston Licensing Board banned alcohol from a Beacon Street ILG as a means of quieting them down.

Complaints are being logged directly to the licensing board and city council members which have put houses at risk of losing their lodging licenses. Public perception and the Greek community's image to the Back Bay and to MIT are damaged by these incidents. When one house is pointed out for misconduct, the community can not differentiate between a good and bad ILG. Our conduct as a Greek community, not as individual living groups, ultimately decides how we reflect to the community.

Administrative officials such as Dean of Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams and Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs Travis R. Merritt note that significant proportions of freshmen who pledge do not participate in academic R/O including academic program open houses such as Concourse, Experimental Studies Group, Integrated Studies Program, and other academic and faculty events. Many may think these activities should be optional and not impact our R/O experience.

Some MIT administrators are campaigning for freshmen to live on campus their freshman year. This is where their concerns become our concerns. We know the ILGs do not want MIT to switch to a spring rush system. On the other hand, we don't know if there is anything

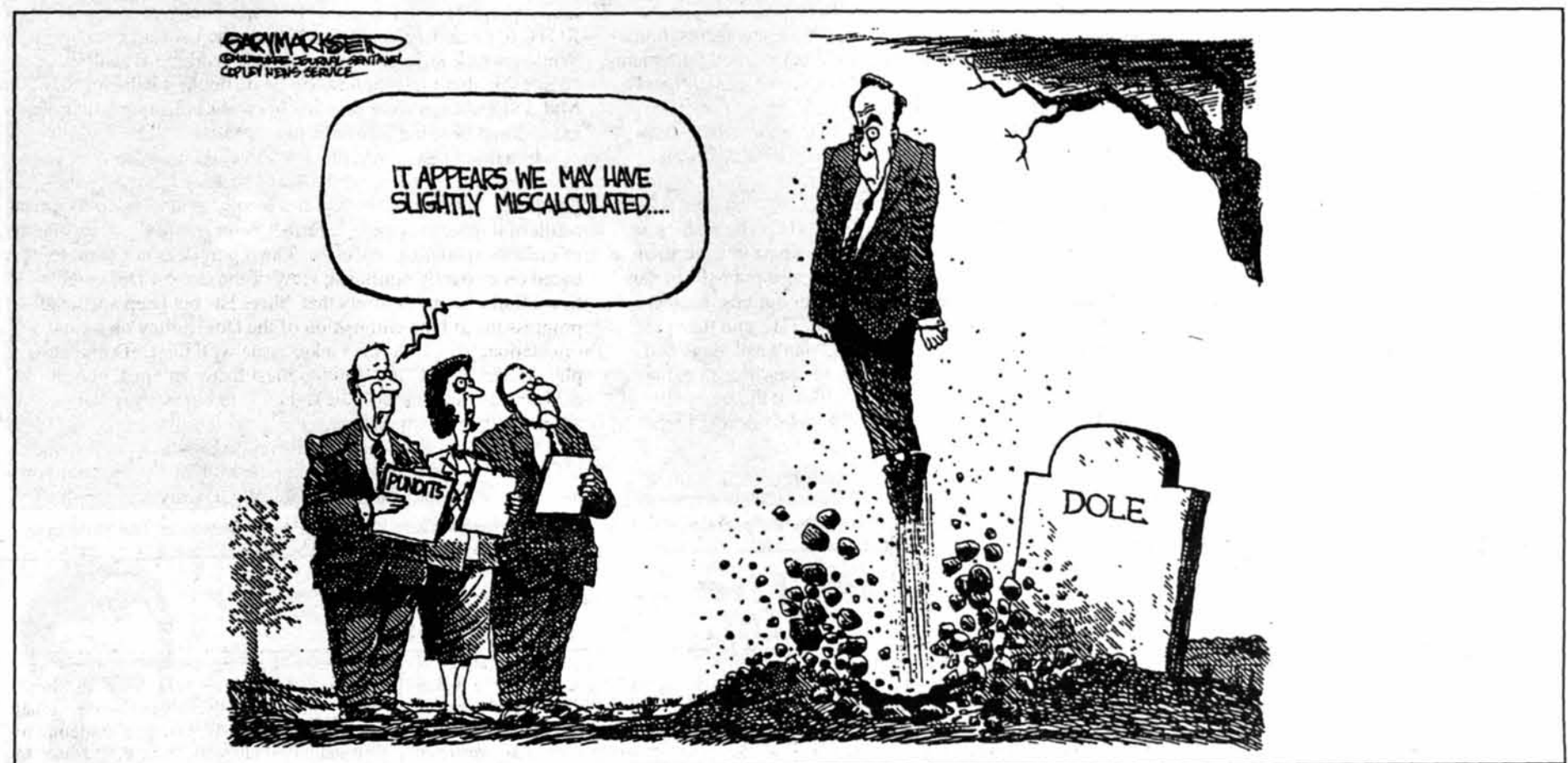
we can do to improve our attendance, or if we care enough. Again, this is a topic which should be discussed in some sort of forum.

We encourage members of IFC and of the general undergraduate community who are interested in these proceedings to come to President's Council, sit in on committee discussions, and play an active participatory role in solving these problems. It is up to us as responsible members of the MIT Greek community to discuss these issues and choose a method of action so that we know that we that we care about Greek life and the Greek community at MIT.

Iddo Gilon '98

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## Ensemble's Gamelan-style *Tempest* not to be missed

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By Teresa Huang  
STAFF REPORTER

The Shakespeare Ensemble's production of *The Tempest*, easily the most elaborate show I've encountered at MIT, is a fantastic mix of lavish costumes, rhythmic sounds, and skilled acting. This production has been over a year in the making, and the extensive preparation pays off in this fine performance.

The most striking feature of *The Tempest* is the interpretation of the sights and sounds of the mysterious island on which Prospero (Rob Pensalfini G), the exiled Duke of Milan, lives with his daughter Miranda (Jennifer T. Nickel '96). Shakespeare does not specify exactly where on the globe this island is located, and the Shakespeare Ensemble uses this freedom to incorporate aspects of several different cultures and theater traditions in creating the island, giving it an extremely diverse and mystical feel.

The set is ingeniously equipped with a large circular screen, which looks like it was shipped directly from Disney World, onto which slides and character silhouettes are projected. Shadow puppetry and character masks add to the uniqueness of the production. The talented musicians of the Gamelan Galak Tika ensemble expertly provide the

sounds of the island's "thousand twangling instruments" with its metal xylophones, drums, and gongs.

Monica Gomi '96 gives a stellar performance as the island spirit Ariel, who serves the sorcerer Prospero. Gomi's use of Balinese dance — coupled with an intricate costume worthy of an Academy Award in itself — gives her a tremendous stage presence, clearly showing she has studied her character thoroughly. I was particularly impressed by the choreography of her movements, which were Balinese right down to the shifting eyes and strong fingers.

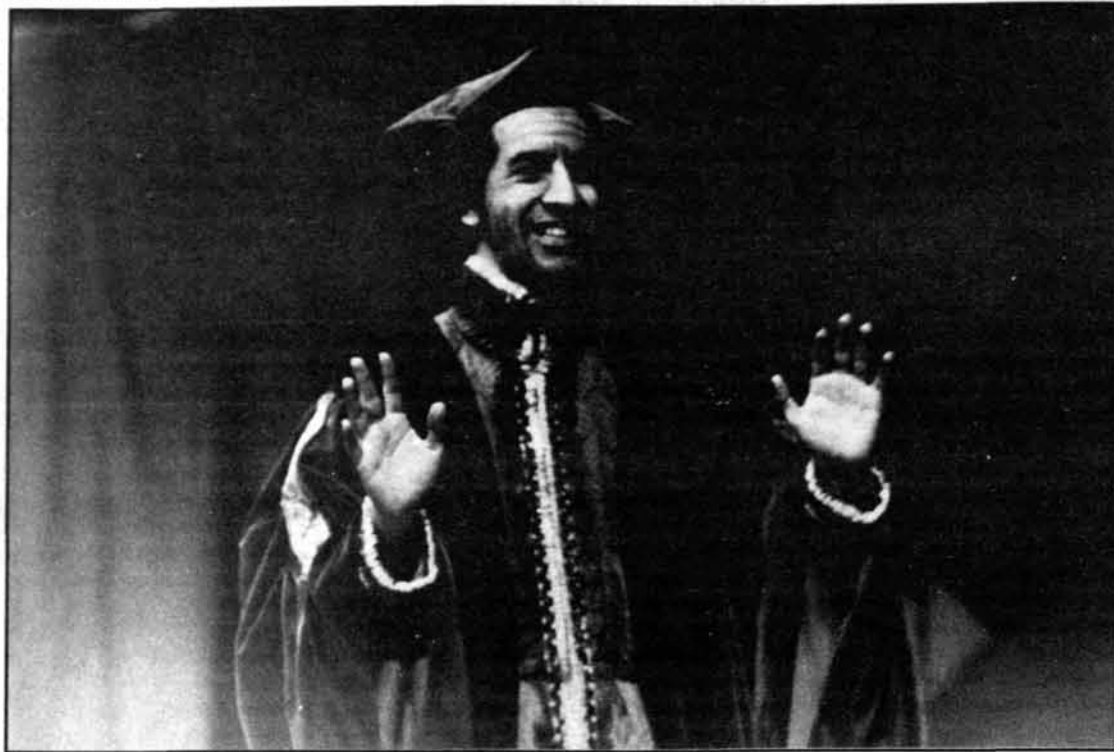
Exceptional performances were also turned out by Pensalfini as Prospero and Young E. Kim '98 as the lowly, dirty slave Caliban. Try walking around while squatting for two hours and you'll appreciate Kim's performance too. His movements were very animated and energetic while all in tune with his character.

Despite its greatness, however, I can't say that I enjoyed *The Tempest* as much as I appreciated it. At times, the Gamelan Galak Tika drums overpowered

the words of the actors as well as dampened the mood of many of Shakespeare's humorous lines. Relatively flat performances by Nickel as Miranda and Stephen P. Yang '98 as Ferdinand also left me cold. The entire production was elaborate and extensive, though I couldn't tell if it was aimed at

shocking and stunning the audience rather than pleasing it.

Nevertheless, this production can be coined the "must see" show of the year at MIT. Buy your tickets now. *The Tempest* is an expert production which is extremely well done and just too big to be missed.



Marcus Sarofim '96 portrays Gonzalo in the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble's production of *The Tempest*.



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Works by Strauss, Ibert, Bartok, and Beethoven.

By Thomas Chen

STAFF REPORTER

Five days before the official first day of spring, one of the last stops on our MIT "Winterreise" in music is a Kresge concert by the MIT Symphony Orchestra under the direction of David Epstein. Joining the orchestra were student soloists Elaine Chew G in Richard Strauss' *Burleske in D minor for Piano and Orchestra* and Euree Y. Kim '96 in Jacques Ibert's *Concerto for Flute and Orchestra*. The rest of the program consisted of Ludwig van Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* and Béla Bartók's *Dance Suite*. And the prominent timpani part in the *Burleske* was performed by percussionist extraordinaire Alan Pierson.

The program opened with a dutiful account

of the *Egmont Overture*. The articulation was aptly crisp and uniformly executed throughout the orchestra's ranks. The incisiveness of the playing was delightful to hear and gave the music an extra edge without going out of tune. This incisiveness was carried over into the last item on the program, the *Dance Suite* (more familiar to me for its piano version). Perhaps here in Bartók, a degree of fierceness is acceptable. What I found particularly inspiring was the feeling for the folk music that Bartók so deftly incorporated into his music. The players conveyed a convincing inflection for these ethnic melodies and rhythms. As often is the case with this orchestra, the angular contours of Bartók and the urgency of Beethoven's music seem well suited to their sound world.

The orchestra was least successful when they accompanied Kim in the Ibert *Flute Concerto*. Here, the strings were found to waddle their way from one bar to the next. Poor ensemble was especially evident in the last movement. Despite the smoochy playing from various sections of the orchestra, Kim

maintained an articulate solo line that was stylistically impeccable. Aside from another one written by Nielsen, modern flute concertos seem hard to come by and, personally speaking, generate little excitement. If anything is to broaden my musical tastes to flute music, then Kim's playing would surely be one of them. She is both secure and musical in every way. I am further amazed at the maturity of her playing and the confidence with which she presents it.

The Strauss *Burleske* was definitely the biggest reason I wanted to attend this concert. I would be surprised if most readers had previously heard of the "Strauss piano concerto." The is a piano showpiece in every way — almost monstrously so. One of the most beguiling parts to hear is the chromatic bravura passage that traverses nearly the entire keyboard of a modern grand piano. From this pianist's point of view, playing the *Burleske* is a feat that pushes the limits of human ability, even though examples of technically or intellectually more challenging music exist. (For a truly superhuman account of this piece, check

out the 1992 New Year's Eve Concert in Berlin.)

The *Burleske* seems to hold little terror for Chew's pianism. Though the phrasing was somewhat boxy, Chew exhibited an appropriate musical flair that never boiled over into mannerism. She was effective in Strauss' most finger-breaking bravura passages, as well as his best (or worst) made-for-the-movies schmaltz. A slightly harrowing moment occurred at the second clarinet/piano exchange in the middle of the piece, where the orchestra sounded one bar behind its soloist. But conductor Epstein and Chew were able to get things back in order before the cadenza, which incidentally seemed to hint at a *Tristan* reference.

The audience applauded politely after each piece but curiously did not exude much enthusiasm for either of the excellent soloists. My understanding is that the next concert will feature another student soloist, and by then the spring weather will have awakened dormant sensibilities in more concertgoers and thus guarantee a warmer ovation.

# Brooke and The Story sounds even better in concert

## JONATHA BROOKE AND THE STORY

WBOS Luncheon Concert Series.

South Station, Thursday noon.

By Joel M. Rosenberg

The story of The Story is a story in itself. After meeting as freshmen at Amherst in 1981, Jonatha Brooke and Jennifer Kimball began writing songs together and giving concerts. After college, they went their separate ways, until Green Linnet records finally recorded their female duo, folk-rock, Indigo Girls-esque (though cooler) sound on a CD called *Grace in Gravity*.

Electra records signed the group and re-released in 1992 this album, as well as their 1993 album, *The Angel in the House*. It was after the extensive summer tour for this album that Kimball decided to take a break from the group, and with her departure Electra decided

to dump Brooke. Not discouraged, Brooke kept writing, and Blue Thumb records came to the rescue in 1995 to produce *Plumb* under a new name: Jonatha Brooke and The Story.

Each of the three albums has a unique sound to it. *Grace* is acoustic and deftly harmonizes to some awesome lyrics. Song content ranges from racism in South Africa to the Little Mermaid to an e.e. cummings poem. With a very mellow feel, it makes a great album to study and sleep to. And one of their *capella* songs shows off the talent in the pair's voices.

The second album, *Angel in the House*, has a more prominent band, making it slightly more hard core, if that term is even applicable to this type of music. The songs explore just beyond where the first album left off, with funkier rhythms and odd percussion sounds. There's even a CD bonus track where the girls are replaced by several Spanish men. It's a response to an earlier song about society's

perfectionist view of how women should be called "fatso." It's called "Fatso, Part 2: Yo Estoy Bien Asi (I Feel Fine the Way I Am)." This kind of social commentary embedded in really good tunes defines Story's intelligent, engaging, and enjoyable music.

For her solo album, *Plumb*, Jonatha backs herself up with an even bigger, more rocking band. She employs Ingrid Gaudins, a new vocalist who basically sounds a lot like Jennifer though ridiculously underbilled compared to her predecessor. This time around, the music has a relaxed, partially depressing theme, as in the first album, but with the fuller sound of the band from the second. Again, there are interesting new twists that weren't attempted earlier. Brooke does a witty duet with a guy for a change, contemplating "war" with Bruce Cockburn. And there's a song (albeit a short one) involving no singing at all. It's an Irish jig, in fact, and is definitely a strange choice for a solo female singer with

which to end her debut album.

These three discs are excellent, but the live show is even better. Brooke breaks down the wall of the stage, and practically engages in conversations with audience members. The "story" behind each song, which she occasionally shares on stage, makes the music that much better, especially because some of the songs are nearly impossible to figure out by just guessing. By the end of the show, you're already looking forward to the next time you're going to be able to see them, and they haven't even finished the set yet.

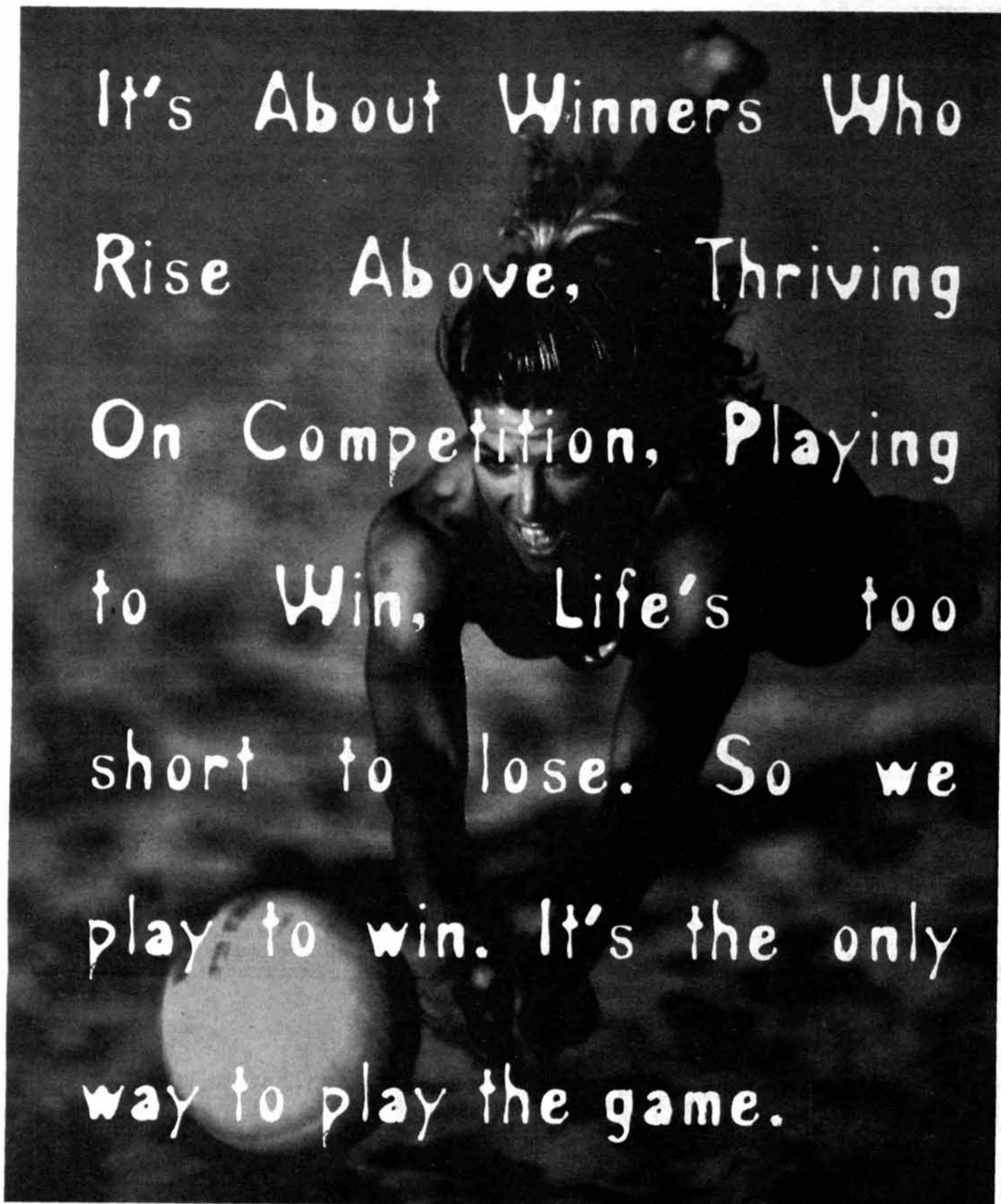
The sound, the show, and the intelligence make Jonatha Brooke and The Story a group worth listening to, a show worth seeing, and definitely a story worth telling. Jonatha Brooke and The Story will appear at a free concert held at South Station on Thursday, March 21 at 12 p.m. as part of the WBOS Luncheon Concert series. For more information call the WBOS Events Line at 787-0929.

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**March 10:** Bldg. 4, cash stolen, \$80; Bldg. 26, mountain bicycle stolen, \$420; Burton-Conner House, suspicious activity; Bldg. 20, room broken into and VCR stolen, \$251.

**March 11:** Bldg. E19, 1) desk broken into, 2) attempted break into a room; Rockwell Cage, watch stolen while person was playing volleyball; Hermann Garage, '94 Isuzu stolen; Pacific Street lot, suspicious activity; Bldg. E53, wallet stolen, \$230; Hermann lot, '92 Honda stolen in Boston recovered.

**March 12:** Albany Street, two females attempted to convince a female employee that they had found a wallet with several hundred dollars. When employee suggested contacting the police the suspects fled; Bldg. W43, touring bicycle stolen, \$250; Bldg. E51, 21-speed bicycle stolen, \$735; Bldg. 9, mountain bicycle stolen, \$250; West 275 Lot, 1) '85 Audi stolen, 2) '93 Plymouth Voyager stolen in Boston recovered.

**March 13:** Bldg. 31, attempted break into a room; Bldg. 6, five compact discs stolen, \$60; Bldg. E38, LCD display stolen, \$2,300; Bldg. 3, computer monitor damaged, \$400; Bldg. 4, mountain bicycle stolen, \$750; Bldg. E32, computer stolen, \$6,000; Burton-Conner, cable box stolen, \$70.

**March 14:** Bldg. E18, wallet removed from bottom drawer of a desk, \$2 cash; Bldg. 9, ten compact discs stolen, \$150; Bldg 7, backpack stolen, \$135.



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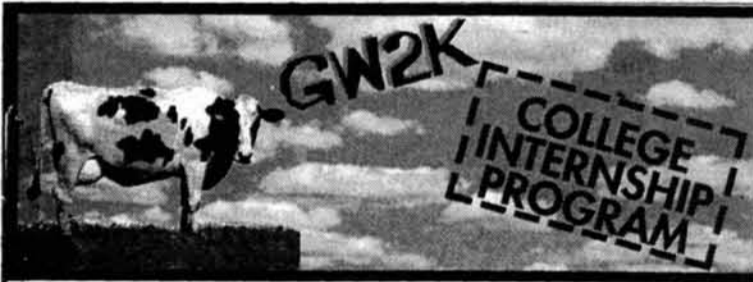
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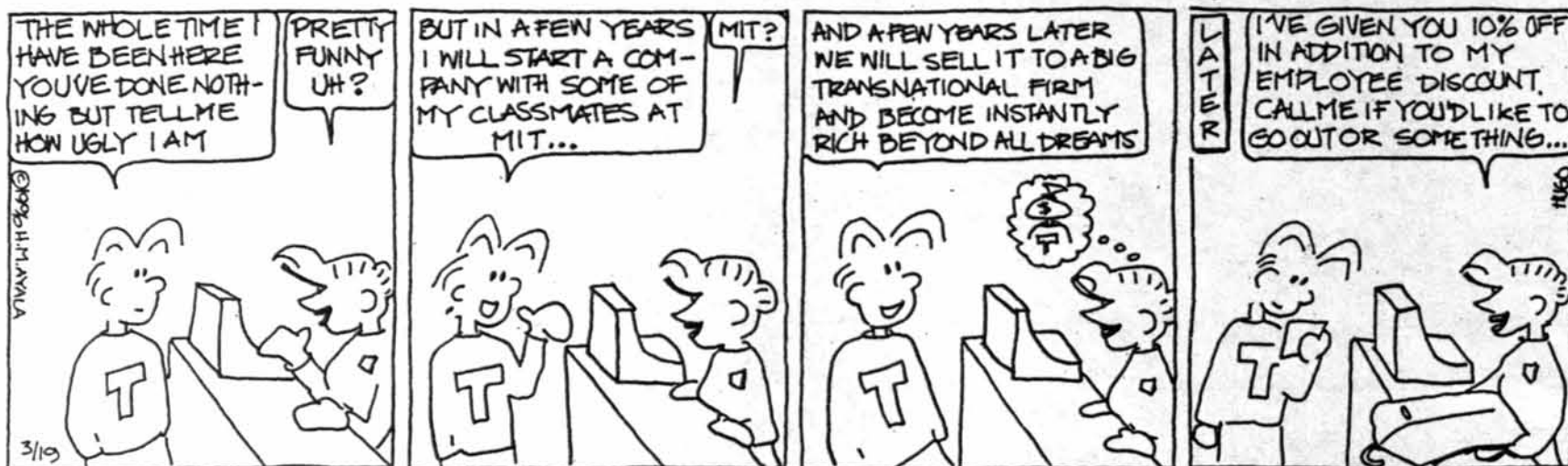
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## Mouse Genome Similar to Man's

Genome, from Page 1

ments in mice that can't be done in humans, but mice are similar enough to humans that their diseases are similar," Miller said.

"Many genes were identified in humans because they were found first in mice and [researchers were subsequently] able to find the analogous chromosome in humans," Miller said.

The mouse "serves as an excellent stepping stone, it is small, easy to use and easy to study," Miller said.

Specific traits can be studied

"With the completion of dense maps of mouse and man," Lander said, "it is now possible to dissect virtually any genetic trait."

It is possible to extend these maps further, they are more than adequate for genetic studies, Lander said. Instead, efforts should be focused on determining the complete three billion-letter DNA sequence of these two mammals, he added.

"Understanding how different genes work together to affect the timing, severity, and outcome of

diseases such as cancer and diabetes will lead to important new strategies for disease prevention and therapy," Lander said.

Once scientists know the chromosomal location of a particular gene, they can get the corresponding large piece of DNA, sequence it, and clone out the specific gene, Miller said.

"The combination of using the genetic and physical map greatly speeds the search for a particular gene," Miller said.

## Sr. House Upgrades Follow Schedule

Senior House, from Page 1

know if it will change the types of people who live here, though."

All-female suites, floors suggested

With the renovations, new housing policies are being suggested. One of them is the possibility of making a wing of Senior House all-female to accommodate the large number of freshmen requesting all-female housing this year.

At the moment, though, the idea is just a suggestion, Bernard said. "No decision has been made yet regarding all-female floors, suites, wings, etc. We're tossing ideas around and trying to look and see if the population of women who come to MIT increases or remains the same," he said.

"It's purely speculative. If there ever is a decision, it probably won't be until the next few years. There's no plans for an immediate decision this year," Bernard said.

But Barron felt that arrangements could be made on the level of the room assignment chair.



Senior House. TECH FILE PHOTO

## Gays Could Fully Participate in ROTC

ROTC, from Page 1

violating MIT's non-discrimination policy which protects MIT students, faculty, and staff from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Institute's policy on ROTC has been under review because of this conflict. The task force was formed in October as part of a 1990 faculty resolution to continue examining the Institute's policy on ROTC.

Program will include gays

The report outlines a plan to make MIT's ROTC program into a model program that will lead the way in including gays in all aspects of the program, Graves said.

In contrast to current DoD restrictions, all students would be able to wear ROTC uniforms, participate in summer programs that take place on military bases or aboard naval vessels, and take any ROTC classes, including ones open only to ROTC cadets presently eligible to be commissioned as officers of the U.S. armed forces. Openly gay persons cannot currently be commissioned as officers.

In the event that gay students are unenrolled from a ROTC program, MIT should reinsure the DoD scholarships of those students, the report said. The report also recommended that future prospective commanding officers be evaluated for their commitment to an inclusive and non-discriminatory ROTC policy and that MIT continue working toward ending the DoD's policy of discrimination.

Since these proposals contradict current DoD policies, they will have to be negotiated with the DoD, Graves said. "Not everything we propose will be easy to do," he said. The proposals "require some of the senior officials at MIT to work with their counterparts at the DoD."

DoD's progress was not adequate

In the report, the task force concluded that the federal government has not made adequate progress toward eliminating its policy of discrimination during the past few years.

"The 'don't tell' part of the current policy is particularly problematic in a campus environment that relies extensively on honesty and openness," the report said.

"The campus has strived to cre-

ate an honest, open environment for all students on campus," Graves said. "That is a fundamental principle by which we've tried to operate on campus" and ones which the proposal tries to address, he said.

But MIT has played an equally important role in keeping with the "citizen soldier" principle that asserts that the country is safer when military officers are selected from a broad group of citizens and not exclusively those trained at military academies, according to Graves.

"Obviously it's not just MIT that can produce such officers," Graves said. But "MIT can play a role ... in fulfilling the principle and can also serve as an example."

Students favor keeping ROTC

In an Undergraduate Association referendum attached to the voting ballot last week, over 39 percent of students supported maintaining ROTC as it stands now, said UA Vice President Erik S. Balsley '96. About 14 percent of students favored severing ties completely with ROTC. The remaining 47 percent favored one of three varying levels of middle ground policy toward ROTC.

The task force's current proposal was not among those options. The choices in the referendum were based on the task force's interim report, which was issued before the proposal was formulated.

The proposal grew out of the input the task force received during the series meetings and forums it held during February to cull input on its ideas, Bacow said.

The task force is planning to have another forum to gauge community reaction to the proposal within the next month before the faculty votes in April, he said.

In addition to Graves, the task force includes Assistant for Government Relations in the Office of the President Sarah E. Gallop, Professor of the History of Science Kenneth R. Manning, Professor of Biology Lisa A. Steiner, Professor of Ocean Engineering J. Kim Vandiver PhD '75, Professor of History and Baker House Housemaster William B. Watson, Frank P. Tipton G, and Alan E. Pierson '96.

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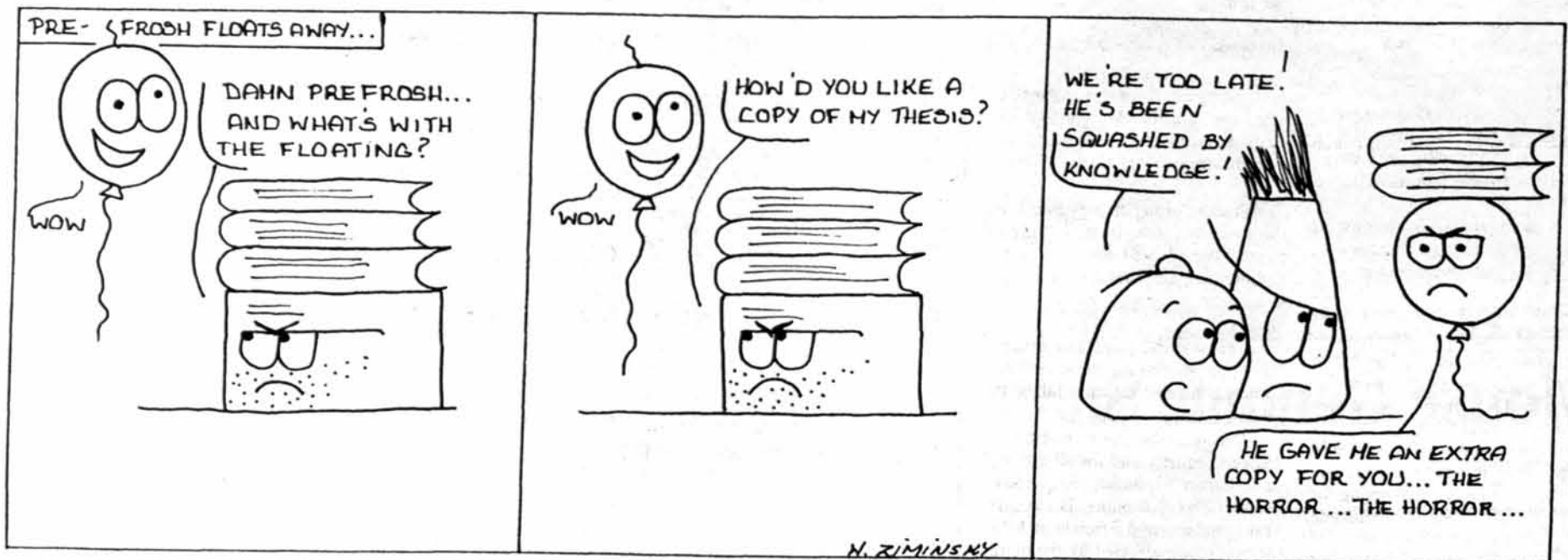
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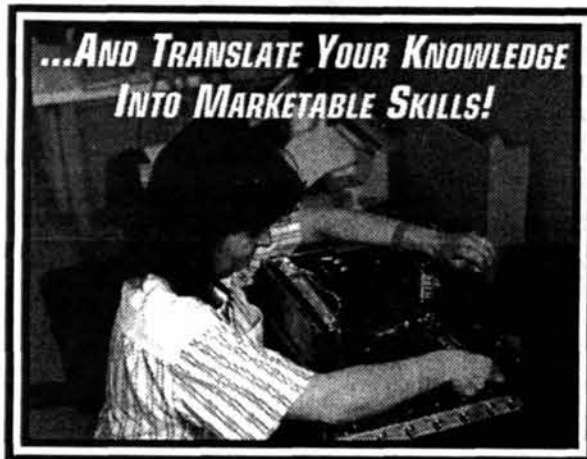
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# Proposals Suggest New Ticket Policies

Parties, from Page 1

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"It is important to get a handle on outsiders that came to MIT events," Glavin said. Thus, rules for publicity and advertising will be more stringent.

The proposal specified that the use of metal detectors at the party must be noted on advertising posters, as well as the time when admission to the event will be closed.

The program also suggested changes in ticketing procedures as a means of restricting entry to parties. Two options were presented: to sell tickets at a location separate from the point of entry, and to charge different prices for tickets purchased in advance and at the door. Some student groups had objected to the idea of advanced ticket sales.

The total number of tickets sold for the event is not to exceed the capacity of the location, allowing for predictable variations in attendance flow, according to the proposal.

Wristbands are to replace hand stamping as a means of identifying guests who have been admitted to the event. "Stamping has been a problem — wristbands have just worked much better," Glavin said.

After each large party, the procedures for that event will be evaluated, according to the proposal.

In addition to these new requirements, the program advises measures to increase the organizer's role in maintaining security. Party organizers should be easily recognized throughout the event and should check identification from partygoers diligently and systematically.

The plan outlines dispersion techniques that encourage organiz-

ers to provide enough transportation such as taxis and to end the party in a more organized fashion. The incident at Walker occurred "after the function was over," Glavin said. Often the trouble is not the party but what happens after a party is over, she said.

### Students find policy reasonable

Many of the more original ideas were suggested by students at an open meeting that brought the student groups together with the administrative members, Glavin said.

"Student groups have never been the problem," Glavin said. "In particular the idea of the organizers calling the transportation before the end of the party was offered by the students."

"The students were a significant influence" in limiting the severity of some of the restrictions, Jablonski said.

"I hope the new policy is enforced equally and for all groups" said Damon W. Suden '99, a member of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders, and Friends at MIT, the first group affected by the moratorium on large events.

Groups affected by the policy were content that an agreement was reached but a little wary of whether the policies could be carried out, Suden said.

"It is a reasonable policy, the main thing that bothers me is that Walker is out," said Association of Student Activities President Douglas K. Wyatt '96. "I would rather they never had the moratorium. A lot of groups got hurt because their parties were cancelled."

When asked when the next events were to be held, "We just have to get the paperwork flowing," Jablonski said.



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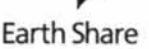
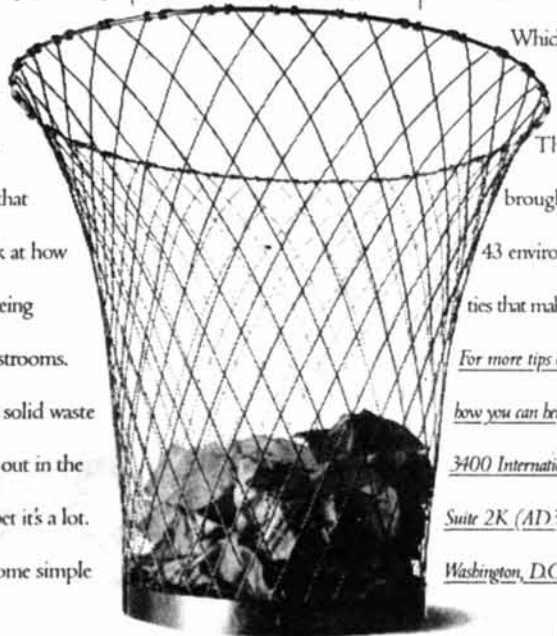
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- 27 Founder of psychoanalysis
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- 31 Deviser of famous IQ test
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- 34 Expert at sleight of hand
- 38 Hebrew tribesman
- 39 Nabisco cookies
- 40 Chemical prefix
- 41 Chemical suffix

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- 46 Give up
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- 49 Senior: Fr.
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- 59 Using one's imagination
- 60 Made of inferior materials
- 61 Combined with water

- 9 High plateaus
- 10 "\_\_\_ a far, far better thing..."
- 11 "Ain't \_\_\_ Sweet"
- 12 Ancient language
- 13 Derogatory remark
- 14 Certain union member
- 21 Sister
- 24 Abate
- 26 Large global region
- 28 As said above
- 30 "Don't \_\_\_ it"
- 32 Never: Ger.
- 33 \_\_\_ casting
- 34 Posters
- 35 \_\_\_ reading
- 36 That which builds a case

- 37 Foliage
- 41 "I think, therefore \_\_\_"
- 43 Poor stroke in many sports
- 44 Salad green
- 45 Sewn together
- 47 Boy's nickname
- 48 Enticed
- 51 Past president of Mexico
- 52 German state
- 55 Spanish aunt
- 57 Organization for Mr. Chips

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# Jim's Journal

by Jim

Today I was just sitting at my table, feeling kind of tired and bored.



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I rested my head on my arms and started to doze.



Then Mr. Peterson jumped on the table. I could hear her purring.



Then she walked up onto my back and just sat there.



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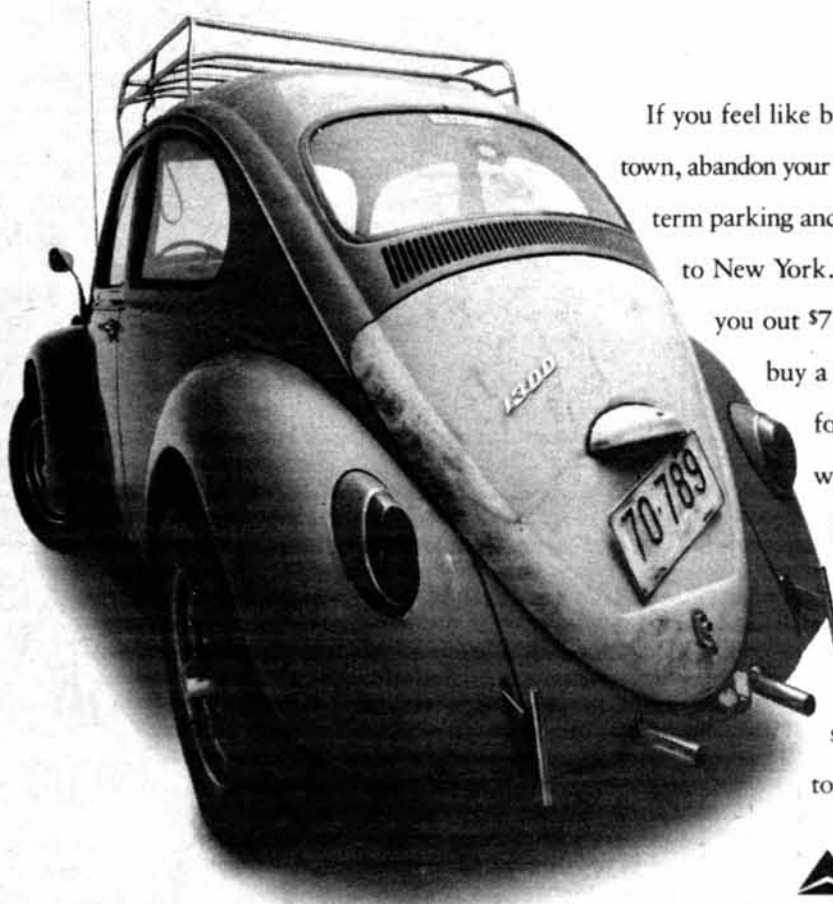
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## SPORTS

## Men's Gymnastics Third in Region, Eighth in ECAC

By Raymond Li  
TEAM MEMBER

The men's gymnastics team ended one of their best seasons ever last week. Like most sports, they wrapped up their season with their toughest meets. On March 2, the team competed in the New England championships. On March 6, they

took on the Naval Academy. The gymnasts ended their season March 9 at the East Coast Athletic Conference championships. Despite three tough meets on the same week, the Engineers pulled out very well.

At the New England championships, held at UMass-Amherst, MIT placed third in New England,

with a score of 182.60. The athletes all gave stunning performances, but what pleased Coach Fran Molesso the most was not their gymnastic performances but their sportsmanship and teamwork.

"We had a total team there. They performed above and beyond anything expected of them. When one

guy fell, the others picked up for him. I am very pleased with their performance," said Coach Molesso.

Last Wednesday, the team went up against the U.S. Naval Academy, a Division I school, in their final home meet of the season. The Engineers tried their best and did beautifully with solid 30's in all events. Still, the Midshipmen were able to surpass the Engineers' score and win the meet. Despite the loss, the team's performances were strong throughout the meet. The final score was Navy 217.75, MIT 181.

In their final meet of the season, MIT competed in the ECAC championships, held at Springfield College. After a year of intensive training, and a very long and exhausting week, this was the moment to perform at their very best. Some team members performed very difficult tricks that they had never used in their routines, and many set new personal bests. But they were under no pressure from the coach, who only wanted the athletes to do their best, be safe, and most importantly, enjoy themselves.

With great excitement and enthusiasm, the athletes began their first event, the floor exercises. The team gave one of their best floor performances of the year. Everyone's tumbling was clean, and they all stuck their landings. Some new tricks in the performances increased the overall difficulty of the routines, thus increasing scores. Jason Miller '99, Rob Spina '99, and Rob Cooper '97 all scored high 8s, and Van Van '97 scored a 6.9 to give MIT a team score of 32.6 for the floor. Dave Golombek '98 and Brian Young '96 also contributed significantly to MIT's score. Golombek and Miller set personal

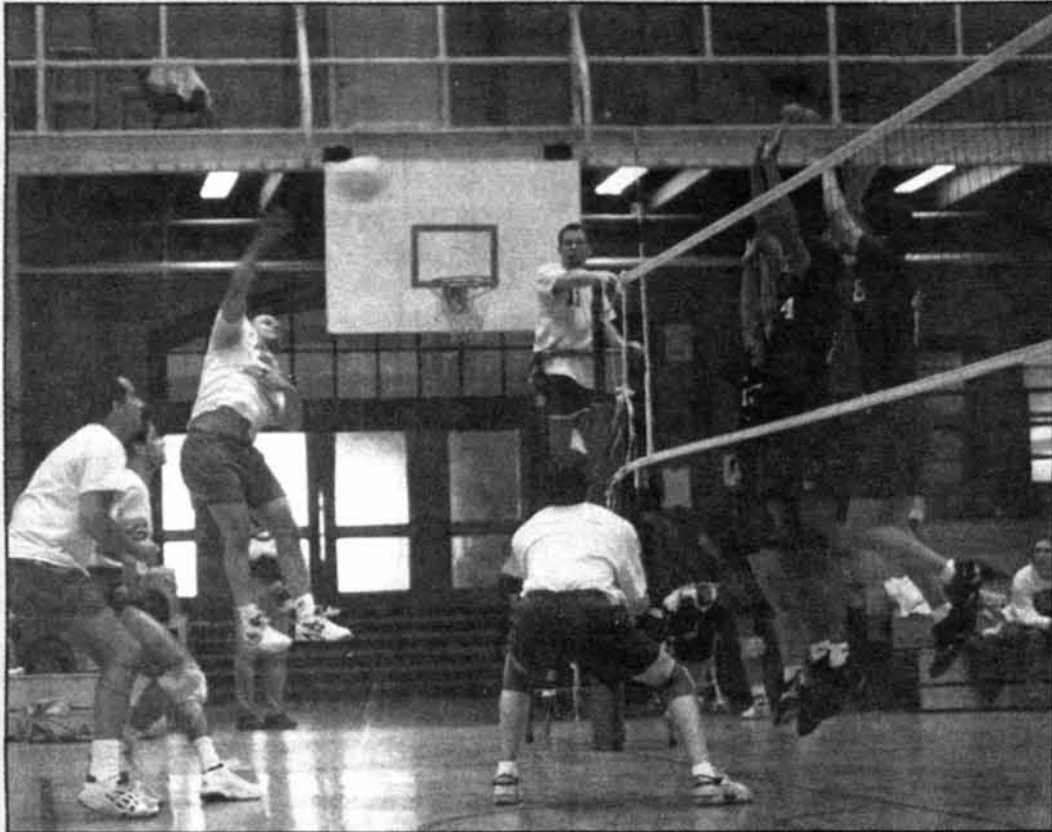
best records; Miller's score was fourth among MIT's all-time top scores on floor.

MIT moved on to one of the most difficult events, the pommel horse. Andy McCraith '98 started the team off with a personal best. Van performed next and also set a personal record. Co-captain Andy Lobban '97 gave a clean performance. Lobban's routines, along with 8s from Miller, Cooper, and Spina, brought MIT a 29.25 on the pommel horse. Miller and Spina also set personal bests, with two of MIT's top ten all-time scores in the event.

On the still rings, the team did beautiful swings, crosses, and numerous other tricks. With Eric Cosman '99, Spina, Miller, Cooper, and Lobban performing in the event, the team scored a high 29.65. The team moved on to one of their stronger events, the vault. Cooper and Miller each scored an 8.4, Spina and McCraith both scored 8.2, and Young had a 7.75, giving the team a score of 33.2 for the event.

The fifth event was the parallel bars. Despite being hungry and tired at the end of a long day, the athletes were still focused, and were able to pull off three more personal bests by Cosman, Van, and Lobban. The team scored high 7s and 8s for a team total of 30.9. MIT's final score was 185.35, placing them eighth in the conference.

The men's gymnastics team is losing two very strong gymnasts and important team members — Bernd Schoner G and Brian Young — to graduation. The team would like to take this opportunity to wish them the best.



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Varsity teammates Min Pont Chien '98, Charles I. Morton '97, and James C. Hsiao '99 jump to triple block Edwin Marin '89 while Roland Rocafort '90, Armando Hernandez '86, and Rick Ryan '87 provide coverage. The first annual varsity-alumni volleyball tournament featured two varsity and three alumni teams Saturday.

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