

O'Dair Will Serve as Assistant Dean for RCA Starting in June

By Orli G. Bahcall
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Katherine G. O'Dair, assistant director of student activities at Tufts University, has been selected as the new assistant dean for residence and campus activities. O'Dair will assume her position on June 1.

The dean's role is to be as a "close adviser to the students in helping them develop their organizations, particularly the government organizations," as well as maintaining and improving the financial structures, O'Dair said.

She "struck me as someone who is very willing to take the initiative to go out and attend student events," said Andrew J. Rhomberg G, a student member of the selection committee. She "is very eager to see what is happening on campus, and not someone who just stays in her office."

O'Dair received a bachelor's degree in communication from Miami University in 1988 and a master's degree in education, student personnel and counseling from Northeastern University in 1991.

She brings her experience from Tufts University to her new job. "One thing I have done at Tufts is to have informal lunches, talking about a number of topics, where students can just come and talk about a topic," she said.

Formal student leadership training is also high on her priority list. Students always come away from these leadership programs so much more prepared to lead the groups, O'Dair said. She would also like to see forums at MIT where student

leaders can get together and discuss issues of mutual concern.

O'Dair will spend her first week on the job attending the Leader-Shape conference. She hopes to spend the summer getting oriented to MIT's systems and operations, preparing for the next academic year, and "meet[ing] as many people as I can," she said.

The position was vacated when former Assistant Dean for RCA Susan D. Allen left to become dean of students at Roxbury Community College earlier this year.

O'Dair receives first taste of MIT

The student forums at which the three dean candidates were introduced "were very valuable I learned about some of the problems and procedures that frustrated students," she said.

Students expressed the problems with how things run at MIT — not in a negative or confrontational manner — but by presenting what "was going on campus, and asked how can you help us."

When O'Dair questioned students as to what things at MIT work well, she did not receive a direct reply, "only a lot of pausing." Still, she is "sure that there are things that work well," and is interested in hearing what these issues are.

O'Dair also met with a variety of administrators in RCA and around campus that she will be working with next year. "I met a lot of interesting people, it was a very good experience and I really look forward to working with all of them."

"I am very excited about this

new position, and I think I can bring a lot of good ideas to MIT."

Forums help represent students

The final three candidates — Rebecca A. Chavez, Jeanne M. Maguire, and O'Dair — were selected from an initial pool of 200.

"Each has slightly different strengths, things that make them particularly suitable for the job," said Rhomberg. "I am very happy that [O'Dair] will come; I think she will make a good RCA dean."

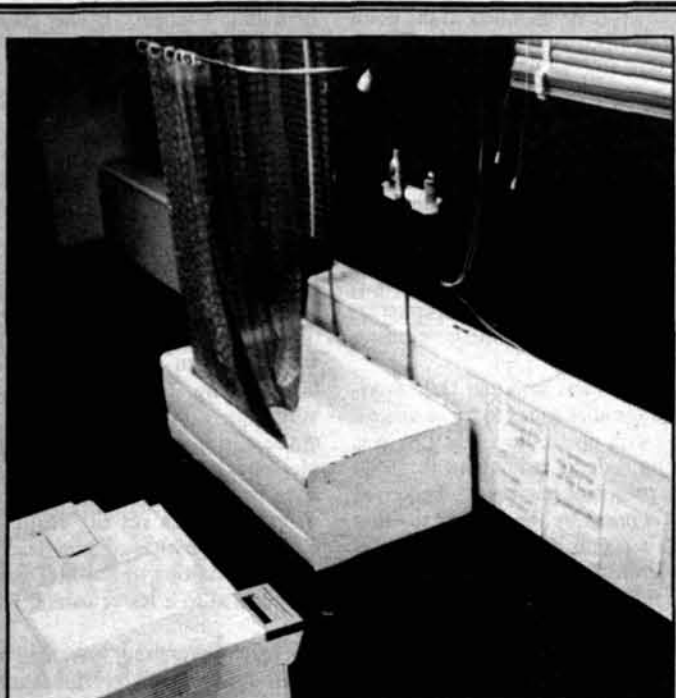
Rhomberg felt that the forums were successful both because most student opinions were represented and the candidates got an idea of what they will face at MIT, he said.

Associate Dean for RCA Margaret A. Jablonski, who made the final decision, "was very open in listening to what students were interested in and what they had to say," Rhomberg said.

Jablonski "sat down and talked to the students at meetings, [asked] what they expected of the position ... [and] ensured that whoever really wanted to give a comment had the opportunity to do so," he said.

"It would have been nice if more people had shown up," to the forums, but it was impossible to run the forums any other way, Rhomberg said.

RCA gave us a lot of liberty in organizing the event and inviting the candidates on the behalf of the students. The student forums "gave an important message to [the dean candidates] that we were given an active position in the whole process," Rhomberg said.



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MIT Team Places 3rd in Putnam Contest Behind Harvard, Cornell

By Orli G. Bahcall
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT placed third in the 56th annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. The results for the Dec. 2 competition were released March 22.

The competition included more than 400 universities and colleges from the United States and Canada.

Harvard and Cornell placed first and second in the competition, respectively.

Competing for MIT were Ruth A. Britto-Pacumio '96, Sergey M. Ioffe '96, and Thomas A. Weston '96. Members of the team were selected in advance by Professors of

Mathematics Hartley Rogers Jr. and Richard P. Stanley, who have been involved in the competition every year.

The top five teams receive cash prizes. Awards are also given to the teams' mathematics departments. Each MIT team member will receive \$300, and the MIT mathematics department will receive \$3,000.

The departmental award will be used to support and promote undergraduate mathematics at MIT.

"Professor Stanley and I are very happy about the achievement of MIT's 1995 team," Rogers said. "They did the uniformly solid and

consistent job that is key to earning a place in the top five."

The Putnam exam consists of two three-hour sections each of six questions. A background of elementary math, linear algebra, discrete math and number theory is recommended. Any undergraduate can take the exam.

A seminar offered in the fall, Mathematical Problem Solving (18S34) serves as a useful preparation and review, Rogers said.

Other MIT students who earned high scores were: Federico Ardila '98, David Y. Jao '98, Amit Khetan '99, Eric H. Kuo '99, Adam W.

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Conference Focuses On Computer Privacy

By Fenny Lin

The Sixth Conference on Computers, Freedom, and Privacy held March 27-30 brought together over 500 experts and advocates from fields such as computer science, public policy, and government to discuss how computer and information technologies are affecting freedom and privacy.

Hosted jointly by MIT and the World Wide Web Consortium, the conference addressed four major issues: intellectual property, personal privacy, encryption, and the determination to preserve cultural diversity in the online world.

The four-day conference began

with tutorials, and consisted of various workshops and panels. Harold Abelson, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, organized the conference.

The keynote speaker was George Metakides, director of research and development for the European Strategic Program for Research and Development in Information Technologies.

Metakides spoke about the four fundamental issues in his keynote address. Concerning intellectual property laws, he emphasized the need to build from countries' current intellectual property laws,

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Students Visit D.C. over Spring Break — To Teach

By M. F. Al-Salem

Twenty-five students spent their spring break in Washington, D.C. teaching underprivileged students. The trip, organized by Anthony J. Ives '96, ended up being a successful learning experience both for the young pupils and their temporary college-aged teachers.

The trip was almost exclusively planned by MIT students who were inspired to spend their break "sparking an interest in science" in the minds of young, inner city students, Ives said.

The project was also sponsored by the Pub-

lic Service Center, which funded the transportation; the MIT Alumni Association, which provided housing; and Teach for America, a non-profit national service organization that assists prospective teachers.

The students were paired up and assigned to various junior high schools in the District. The local teachers were eager to have the college students help out in the classroom and bring projects and experiments which would inspire and excite their students, Ives said.

Each pair of students planned their experiments and lessons beforehand, Ives said. For example, Guang-len Cheng '97 and Jacobo M. Orenstein-Cardona '97 used circuitry donated by the Edgerton Center to teach the children how to make electric quiz boards.

For the young pupils, the lessons were a success, since the junior high students were eager to learn from college students not too much older than themselves, Cheng said. The hands-on nature of the projects taught them the practical applications of science, Cheng said.

The junior high students looked up to their college-aged teachers, and many got their first glimpse at the benefits of a college education. "We were the role models," said Ives, and "the kids were willing to learn" from us.

"Many of the kids recognized us outside of the classroom ... and would come up to us and say 'Hi,'" said Cheng.

"It was the first time I thought of public

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WORLD & NATION

Aetna to Buy U.S. Healthcare For \$8.9 Billion

THE WASHINGTON POST

Aetna Life and Casualty Co. said Monday it would pay \$8.9 billion to acquire U.S. Healthcare Inc., one of the country's fastest-growing and most profitable health maintenance organizations.

The merger will create a new institution managing the health care of 15 million Americans, a symbol of the profound changes that have transformed the nation's health care in recent years. Aetna's willingness to pay a 24 percent premium over the stock market's valuation of U.S. Healthcare indicates the appetite that major actors in the industry have to strengthen their competitive positions.

Since President Clinton's effort to restructure the health care industry collapsed in Congress in 1994, major insurance companies have been moving to use managed care to hold down the rising cost of health insurance and to capture larger shares of the market. In 1995, about 71 percent of Americans with employer-sponsored health coverage were in managed care programs, compared with just 10 percent a decade earlier, according to health care researchers.

U.S. Healthcare has few physical assets to speak of, but its 2.8 million subscribers provide huge cash flow, and its marketing and management expertise are valuable to Aetna, industry analysts said. U.S. Healthcare is considered the most efficient major company in the managed care field.

Reception Mixed for German Newcomers from Russia

THE WASHINGTON POST

PAHLSDORF, GERMANY

While hostility to ethnic Germans resettling from Russia is not unknown — signs proclaiming "No Russians" have been spotted in shops and taverns near halfway houses for immigrants — the native farmers who live around Pahlisdorf have welcomed their cousins from the east, according to Monika Klaehr, director of the resettlement camp.

"They've been well accepted here," Klaehr said. "They aren't asylum-seekers, but rather ethnic Germans — real Germans — and so they're treated like that. They fit in well."

Hubert Schade, who teaches German here, said the immigrants tend to be more Russian than German in their language and culture, but they like to think of themselves in terms of traditional German virtues — hard-working, focused, reliable — distinguished from what they see as less attractive Russian virtues.

"Most of them arrive here knowing very little German; they might be able to say *guten Tag* or *danke* (hello or thank you) but not much more," Schade said. "Our goal is really to just give them a grounding in the German language, partly so they can take care of personal problems like filling out job application forms or searching for an apartment."

Dallas Cowboys Receiver Irvin Indicted on Drug Charges

THE WASHINGTON POST

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin was indicted by a Dallas County grand jury Monday on two charges of possession of cocaine and marijuana in connection with a drug bust at a motel last month, according to the Dallas prosecutor's office.

Irvin, 30, was charged with possession of at least four grams of cocaine, which is a felony, officials said.

If convicted on the cocaine charge, Irvin could face up to 20 years in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine. The marijuana charge is a misdemeanor and could result in 180 days in jail and/or a \$2,000 fine if he is convicted, officials said.

Along with quarterback Troy Aikman, running back Emmitt Smith and cornerback Deion Sanders, Irvin is one of the most recognized stars on a team that won its fifth Super Bowl nine weeks ago. Known for dramatic, leaping touchdown catches, Irvin was the fifth-leading receiver in the league last year. He is a celebrity off the field as well, a habitué of Dallas clubs and the star of a local Dallas television show.

WEATHER

April Angst

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

April begins her run in her usual capricious style with early morning rain being supplanted by brisker is clearer weather, and in particular, strong winds. A cyclone center moving almost directly over Boston and heading up into the Maritimes brings strong, early morning rain. Skies will clear up after the cold front sweeps through before mid-morning. The closely packed isobars behind the front means strong northwesterly winds putting an unseasonal edge on the temperatures. A high pressure building in from the west ensures clear skies through Wednesday, however the winds will remain strong. The viewing of the lunar eclipse Wednesday evening may be slighter marred by thin, high cirrus clouds as the warm air begins a march northward again in concert with another cyclone set to drift through the mid-Atlantic states Thursday night.

Today: Overnight rain giving way to clear skies by afternoon. Strong winds from the northwest at 20 to 25 mph (32 to 40 kph). High 46°F (8°C).

Tonight: Clear, windy and cold. Low 30°F (-1°C), colder out of the city.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. Winds diminishing toward evening. High 48°F (8°C). Low 34°F (1°C).

Thursday: Increasing clouds with rain maybe developing towards end of day. High about 50°F (10°C). Low mid 30s (2 to 3°C).

Hale Implicates Clinton, Others in Whitewater Trial

By Susan Schmidt

THE WASHINGTON POST

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

David Hale, a onetime Arkansas political insider who has spent the past two years in hiding, took the witness stand in federal court Monday and began describing a financial fraud scheme whose players including Bill Clinton's former business partners, his successor as governor of Arkansas — and, Hale has claimed, Clinton himself.

Hale, soft-spoken and matter-of-fact, told the jury how a conspiracy to milk federal lending institutions for some \$3 million was hatched at now-governor Jim Guy Tucker's kitchen table in the fall of 1985. The participants that night, he said, were himself, Tucker and one of the trial's other three defendants, James B. McDougal, the owner of a savings and loan and the Clintons' Whitewater business partner.

Hale's testimony in the federal court trial is central to Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's charges that Tucker, McDougal and McDougal's ex-wife Susan conspired to defraud Madison Guaranty S&L and Hale's federally financed company that was supposed to make loans to small business owners.

Hale, a confessed felon, is the only witness to have claimed firsthand knowledge of criminal activity by Clinton, and this is the first time he has testified in public.

On the stand Monday Hale testified that during the meeting at Tucker's home, McDougal said they needed to free up loan money from Hale's company, Capital Management Services. Hale said McDougal told him "We're going to need to

clean up some members of the political family."

Hale said he knew what McDougal meant, "... that it involved Bill Clinton and maybe some of his aides and political associates, and Jim Guy Tucker."

Hale has publicly alleged that Clinton subsequently pressured him during several encounters to complete the loan transactions. Hale is expected to testify about conversations with Clinton in the coming days.

Clinton has said that Hale fabricated his allegations to try to make a deal with prosecutors when he was facing federal indictment in 1993. The president has been subpoenaed as a witness by the defense to rebut Hale's claims and cast doubt on his credibility.

Hale, a former municipal judge, has pled guilty to defrauding the Small Business Administration, the federal agency that financed his company. He was sentenced last week to 28 months in prison and is testifying under a grant of immunity from further federal prosecution. Defense lawyers have vowed to put his shady past on trial when they cross-examine him.

Under questioning from the government's lead prosecutor, Ray Jahn, Hale described how Tucker and McDougal asked him to meet them one evening at a piece of property outside Little Rock that Tucker was going to buy from Madison. Hale said the trio rode out to the property in McDougal's Jaguar. When he saw the swampy land, he said he asked Tucker, "How did he let McDougal pawn that turkey off on him." Hale said Tucker replied that, "McDougal made him an offer

he couldn't refuse." It was clear to him, Hale said, that McDougal was giving Tucker a "sweet deal."

By the time they left Tucker's house later that night, said Hale, "We agreed on what our duties were and what we were going to do." Their plan, he said, was to sell off a piece of real estate controlled by Hale to a straw buyer at an inflated price. Madison would provide the loan, Hale would inject the profits into his company and the SBA would in turn match those funds three-to-one. They would use the money — some \$2 million — to make loans to Tucker, the McDougals and others in the "political family," said Hale.

Prosecutors set the stage for Hale's story by having him describe his long-standing ties to McDougal, Tucker and to a lesser extent, Clinton.

Hale described how he and McDougal have been friends since they met as fraternity brothers at the University of Arkansas about 35 years ago.

Both were active in Democratic politics even then. Hale's friendship with Tucker goes back almost as far, he said, recounting how he served as co-chairman of Tucker's unsuccessful 1978 campaign for the U.S. Senate.

Tucker later served as Capital Management's lawyer and began receiving loans in 1983. Describing how one CMS loan to Tucker violated SBA rules, Hale said, "He was not only my personal friend, but my corporate attorney." Describing how they hid those relationships from SBA officials, Hale said, "We had to put the loan in someone else's name."

Fighting in Chechnya Eases After Yeltsin Orders Ceasefire

By Lee Hockstader

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Fighting eased but the dying apparently did not stop in the break-away Russian region of Chechnya Monday after President Boris Yeltsin ordered a unilateral ceasefire and political steps to end the 15-month-old conflict there.

In Moscow, reaction to Yeltsin's peace plan was mixed but tended toward skepticism. Most of the president's adversaries, as well as neutral analysts, regarded his proposal more as a political gambit 11 weeks ahead of June's presidential elections than as a serious attempt to resolve the conflict — the bloodiest, in terms of Russians killed, since World War II.

Chechen fighters also were deeply wary of Yeltsin's latest proposal, which in many respects was a rehash of Moscow's previous positions. However, there was no direct word from the rebel leader, Dzhokhar Dudayev, with whom Yeltsin said he was prepared to negotiate through intermediaries.

The Interfax news agency reported that 28 Russian troops died and 69 were injured when Chechen fighters ambushed their convoy in the Caucasus Mountains of southern Chechnya shortly after Yeltsin's cease-fire order was to take effect at midnight Sunday. There was no word on Chechen losses.

The report was unconfirmed. If true, it would represent one of the Russian forces' heavier one-day casualty tolls in recent months of fighting.

More than 30,000 people, the large majority of them civilians, have died since Yeltsin ordered troops into Chechnya to crush a separatist rebellion in December 1994.

There were conflicting accounts — including some from Russian military officers — of the extent to which the Russian cease-fire was observed Monday. Yeltsin's previous pronouncements and decrees concerning the war, including cease-fires, often have not been translated into reality in the field.

In a sign of the tenuousness of the cease-fire, the Russian military commander in Chechnya, Lt. Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, made conflicting statements.

"The president has given an order to stop military operations from midnight and not one shot will be fired today," he said Monday morning. He added, however, "Special operations will continue against the banned formations and against terrorists, perhaps not on the same scale as before."

Quoting Russian forces in Chechnya, Interfax reported that aside from "insignificant incidents," most fighting had come to a halt Monday afternoon after nearly a month of an intensive Russian offensive against separatist rebels.

But Chechen rebel spokesman Mavladi Udugov said fighting was continuing in the afternoon, with heavy casualties to Russian forces.

Yeltsin's peace plan, unveiled after weeks of secrecy in a prime-time televised address Sunday evening, calls for a gradual withdrawal of Russian troops — but

only from the two-thirds of Chechen territory that authorities consider "peaceful."

Yeltsin said he is prepared to grant the region special autonomous status within the Russian Federation and to appoint Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to head a special commission to resolve the conflict. He also called for parliamentary elections within Chechnya and said he would call on the Russian parliament to grant an amnesty for most Chechen fighters.

But Yeltsin stopped short of meeting the rebels' two core demands: total independence for Chechnya and the complete withdrawal of all Russian forces from the Connecticut-sized area.

Sergei Kovalyov, a Russian human rights activist, faulted Yeltsin for ruling out independence before entering negotiations with the Chechens.

"If a conflict gets this far, negotiations must start from scratch," he told reporters. Nonetheless, he called the easing of Russian shelling of Chechen towns and villages "a step in the right direction."

Yeltsin's chief political rival, Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, said Yeltsin's proposal incorporated elements of the Communists' own plan for Chechnya but would not work anyway.

"Unfortunately, the Russian president's program was made public too late," he said. "Negotiations with ... Dudayev should have been started before the hostilities in Chechnya."

U.S. Import of British Cattle In 80s Show No Signs of BSE

By Daniel P. Puzo
LOS ANGELES TIMES

About 500 head of British beef cattle were imported to the United States for breeding during the 1980s, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which nevertheless reaffirms that mad cow disease is isolated in Britain.

There is no evidence that any of the 113 imported animals still alive carry bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, which has been linked to the onset of Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease in humans in Britain.

The cattle industry there has been under siege since a report linked 10 cases of the fatal brain disorder to individuals who may have consumed contaminated beef.

The British-born animals are scattered throughout the United States. The majority are located in Alabama, Texas, New York and

Vermont, and have been cross-bred with domestic cows. There is no way of knowing whether those animals carry the disease, since only post-slaughter laboratory examinations can identify it.

USDA veterinarians inspect the known remaining British cattle every six months and have found "no indication that they are infected with BSE," an agency spokeswoman said.

No quarantine is planned. Between 1981 and 1989, there were 499 head of cattle imported from Britain. Of that total, 343 are known to be dead; eight have been exported to Mexico and Canada and 113 are still alive. The status of the remaining 35 animals is unknown, according to the USDA.

The 343 known-dead cattle were slaughtered for their meat, which was most likely sold to the public in the form of ground beef.

Beef industry representatives and federal officials insist that there have been no cases of mad cow disease — believed to be caused by a protein disorder — in this country.

The disease is thought to remain dormant in infected animals for as long as eight years before manifesting itself in erratic behavior, such as seizures.

According to the USDA, 2,700 brain tissue samples from U.S. cows exhibiting possible neurological problems during the 10-year period ending March 1996 have been analyzed. All were negative for BSE or any other brain disease.

Further complicating the issue is that scientists do not know how the disease is transmitted from animal to animal. Nor is it known conclusively that consumption of BSE-diseased meat can cause Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease in humans.

Handful of Idaho 'Freemen' Stage Demonstration Against FBI Siege

By Louis Sahagun
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LEWISTOWN, MONT.

Shivering in below-freezing temperatures, 10 Idaho "Freemen" — packing Bibles instead of guns — pitched tents at a park near here on Monday to attract supporters to demonstrate peacefully against the week-long federal siege at a distant Montana farm.

Edward LeStage, spokesman for Idaho's Freemen Patriots, said that the group is prepared to pull up stakes and intervene, if necessary, in the standoff between FBI agents and fellow Freemen at the farm about 140 miles to the east in Jordan.

"If another Waco starts over there, we're only two hours away and we'll go and stop it with peaceful resistance," said LeStage, recalling the the 1993 standoff at Waco,

Texas, while pounding a picnic table.

LeStage would not elaborate except to say, "Remember Gandhi?"

In the meantime, his band of anti-government forces wants Garfield County Sheriff Charles Phipps, whom Freemen in Jordan have threatened to hang from a bridge, to resign because he let federal authorities take over the case that involves a variety of federal charges.

"If he [Phipps] calls on federal authorities to perform his duty, then he is derelict," LeStage said. "He needs to resign or repent and do his duty."

In an interview later, Phipps shook his head in amazement.

"I invited the FBI to assist me," he said. "It's up to the people of Garfield County to impeach me if they want to — not a group from

Idaho."

Garfield County Attorney Nick Murnion was more blunt.

"This isn't any of their business," he said.

"The Freemen are big on communities handling their own affairs, and that's exactly what we are doing," Murnion said. "This community has been asking for FBI help in this matter for more than a year."

At least 10 Freemen have been holed up on the farm dubbed "Justus Township" since March 25, when leaders LeRoy Schweitzer, 57, and Daniel Petersen Jr., 53, were arrested in an FBI undercover operation.

The FBI and Montana State Police are restricting entry to the 960-acre farm to a handful of relatives, provided they are not taking in food or firearms that might be destined for the Freemen.

Scientists Identify Genetic Markers For Manic Depression

NEWSDAY

Five genetic markers for manic depression have been identified, a finding that scientists hope will lead them to the first gene directly linked to a mental illness. Once isolated, the gene will be studied to see how it works and whether treatment is possible.

"We are very excited about the present search," said Steven Paul, a collaborator on one of three studies published independently in the journal Nature Genetics. "What this tells us is that there are many genes involved, that manic depression is a complex genetic trait."

Manic depression affects 2.5 million Americans. Symptoms for the puzzling disease — which scientists have long suspected was genetic — include expansive or irritable mood, racing thoughts, lack of judgment, and depression.

Paul, of Lilly Research Laboratories in Indianapolis, Janice Ege-land, professor of psychiatry and epidemiology at University of Miami, and their colleagues found positive markers on chromosomes 6, 13, and 15.

The research was carried out by studying Amish families in Lancaster County, Pa., with an inherited tendency toward manic depression. The researchers identified markers shared by those who are sick, compared with those who were not.

Peres Pledges Vote On Final Peace Accord

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

With national elections approaching next month, Prime Minister Shimon Peres pledged Monday that he would subject any final peace accord with Palestinians to a referendum.

Negotiating such an accord will be the task of the government to be elected May 29. Monday was the first time Peres suggested that he would give voters a direct say on the outcome, which is meant to settle the boundaries of Palestinian self-rule, the fate of Jewish settlements in the West Bank, the status of Jerusalem and the rights of millions of Palestinian refugees.

Peres previously promised a referendum on any treaty reached with Syria in his next term. Both pledges are aimed at easing the qualms of undecided voters who want Israel to bargain for peace but fear Peres will give away too much.

In both cases, Peres told reporters flying with him to the Persian Gulf state of Oman, he and his Labor Party will ask for "a mandate to conduct negotiations," and then ask voters to confirm the results. The pledge, he said, allows him to avoid "all sorts of spurious reports" about what price he is willing to pay for peace, and it forces "those who have to conduct the negotiations" to "come to a result that will win a majority."

The referendum pledge has a certain blurring effect on the central issues dividing Peres from his opponent, Likud Party leader Binyamin Netanyahu. Peres wants to press ahead with a return of captured Arab land in return for peace — much of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Palestinians, most or all of the Golan Heights to Syria. Netanyahu has attacked both ideas as abandonment of Israel's security.

Graduate Student Council

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<http://www.mit.edu:8001/activities/gsc/APPC/teaching.html>
<http://www.mit.edu:8001/activities/gsc/APPC/perkins.html>

Elections for GSC officers will be tonight at the General Meeting.

You must be a representative before the meeting in order to vote

The GSC will vote on new funding board bylaws tonight. So be there to let your opinion be known!

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

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ROTC Is Anything But Right for MIT

Thus far, the discussion concerning the retention of MIT's ROTC program has included issues of discrimination, of greater citizen access to service, of scholarships, and of MIT's ability to affect DoD policy, among others. Nothing in the discussion, strangely enough, has addressed ROTC and DoD themselves, leaving the debate tightly framed and in my view, fruitless. I wish to expand the debate.

The U.S. military, which ROTC represents, is the world's foremost terrorist organization and has caused more pain and suffering in this world than any other single organization. Militarism and its objectification and disregard for life and diplomacy is in clear conflict with anything MIT supposedly stands for and thus should not be considered to remain a part of this institution.

The history of the U.S. military is one of ill-founded politics and an unrelentless pur-

suit of 'stability' and control towards maintaining and increasing U.S. profits and markets. It has strangled the dreams of hundreds of millions of poor and marginalized through its use of force in maintaining or installing dictatorships, stamping out peasant movements, and driving down numerous national liberation and revolutionary movements, wasting U.S. citizens' lives in the process. An incomplete list of places haunted by U.S. military intervention includes: Haiti, Panama, Cuba, Honduras, Nicaragua, Chile, Guatemala, Iran, Iraq, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Zaire, El Salvador, and Angola.

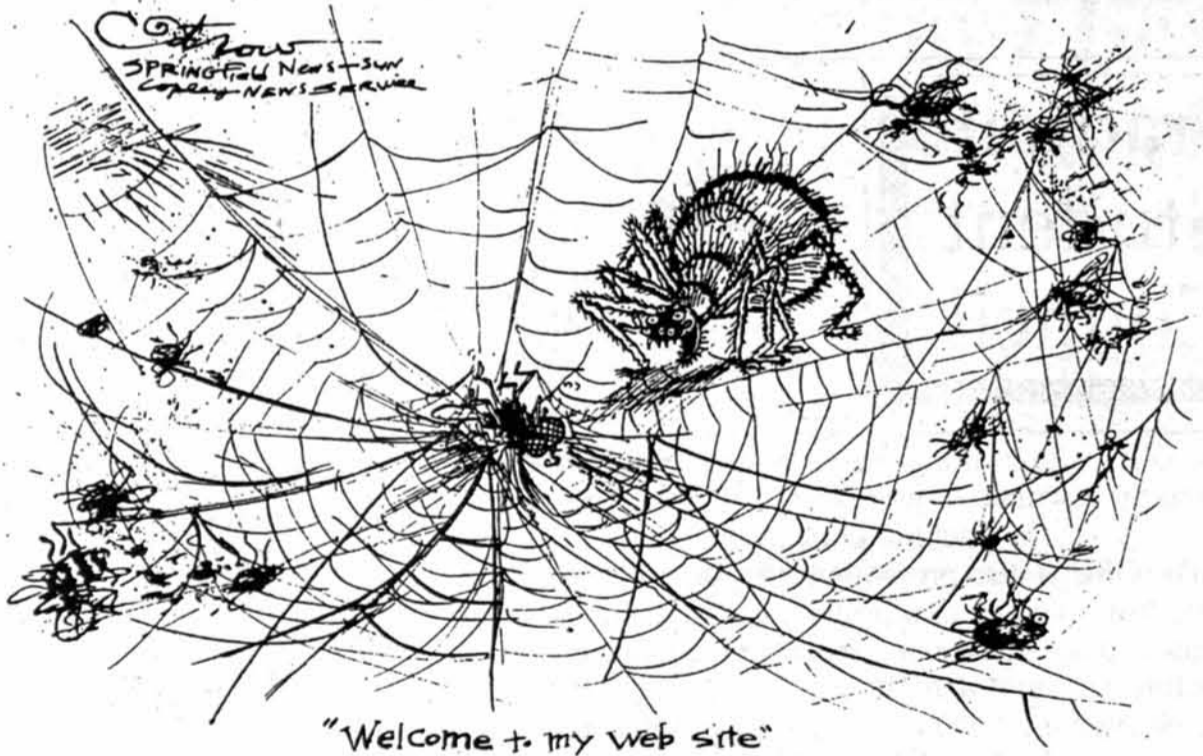
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a prostitute population of tens of thousands. In reviewing the arguments for and against ROTC, please keep in mind the larger picture of what ROTC and our DoD funds represent and the what that says to the world about MIT and its community. Taking this view, I feel a more useful debate can be had, one which clearly points out the fallacy of maintaining ties with an organization of terror at an institution supposedly working towards advancing society and promoting its freedom.

Aaron Golub G

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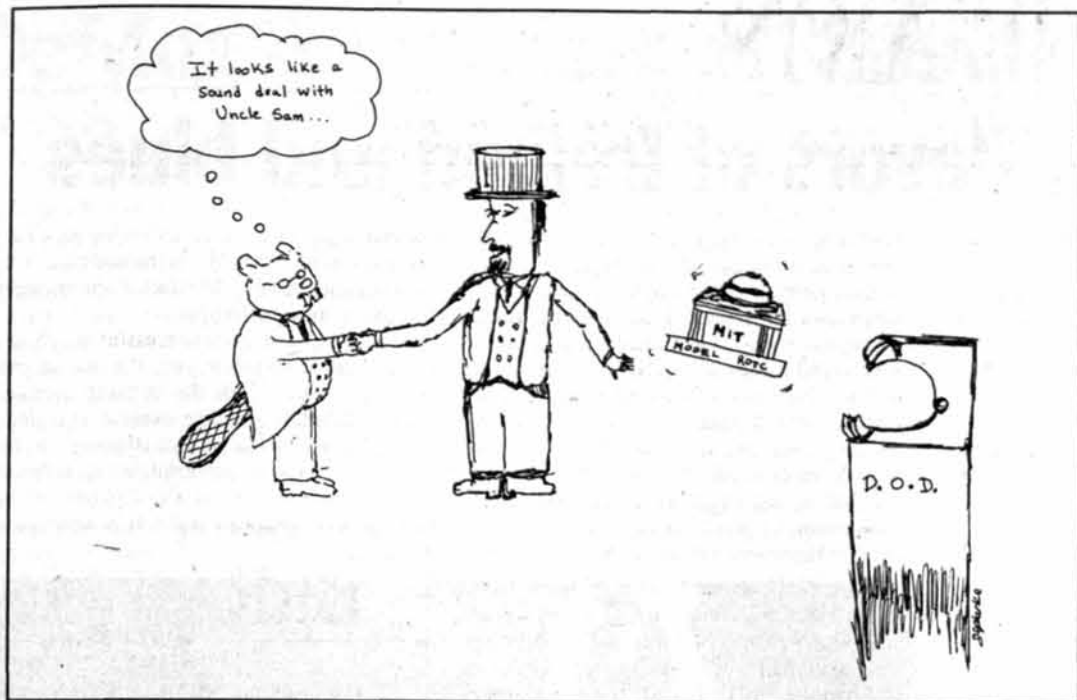
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THE ARTS

Hot & Cool lends Ballet flavors of Ireland and blues

HOT & COOL

Boston Ballet.
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Wang Center.
Until April 7.

By Hür Köser
STAFF REPORTER

It is that time of the year again. The local ballet company has decided to put something original and contemporary on stage. It is *Hot & Cool*, Boston Ballet's new production of three half-hour world premieres that kick off the season this year.

The idea is simple: a plain, almost empty stage (except for the backdrop) and no orchestra. Instead of the merry tunes of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* that we are so used to hearing, *By the Horns* echoes in the Wang Center with blues from such names as Joe Oliver, Jelly Roll Morton, and Jon Faddis. Created by the renowned jazz dance choreographer Danny Buraczeski, this first half-hour piece of the night is teeming with passion. Do not misunderstand. This is not a love story *per se* — if what you are looking for is a romantic love story, you have to wait until May 2, when Boston Ballet stages *Sleeping Beauty*.

In fact, there is not much of a story in *By the Horns* at all; instead, we get the usual playground: groups of men, groups of women, pairings off, then re-pairings and several short solos. Dancing does not even reach a finale when the black curtain falls. So, what is the deal? Well, this is exactly the point — it is the dancing alone that makes the half-hour drift away. Marjorite Grundvig and Laszlo Berdo certainly deserve praise for their natural, swirly moves that follow the outline of Faddis' energetic trumpet. Overall, the texture of dancing is an interesting hybrid between ballet choreography, *West Side Story*

, and Michael Jackson's "Thriller" clip. On certain occasions, however, everything seems to be scripted — something that does not seem to go well with the improvisational nature of the blues.

In the second half-hour, choreographer Daniel Pelzig is also deserves the most credit for his *Nine Lives: Songs of Lyle Lovett*. Pelzig was appointed the resident choreographer of Boston Ballet just last year. His first commissioned work for the company, *The Princess and the Pea*, was a definite success and promised more bright ideas. *Nine Lives* is certainly one of those bright ideas in action. It is also what you would expect from his background, which covers choreography for the opera (such as *Eugene Onegin*, *La Traviata*, and *Orfeo ed Eurydice*) and theater (such as *Privates on Parade*, *My Fair Lady*, and *West Side Story*), as well as ballet.

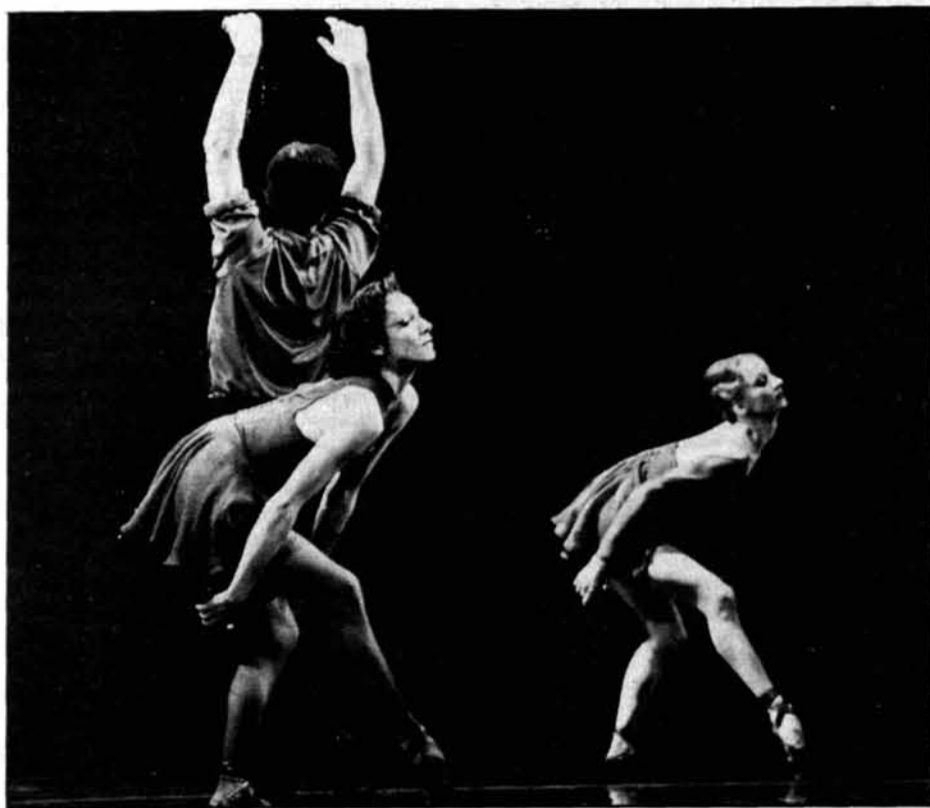
Nine Lives is where you begin to recall scenes from *Rebel Without a Cause*. Before the first performer ever steps down on the stage, we hear Lyle Lovett reciting, "Hello, I'm the guy who sits next to you and reads the newspaper over your shoulder. Wait, don't turn the page, I'm not finished." And then following are eight songs through Lovett's bitter, Meat Loaf style voice: "I've Been to Memphis," "Pontiac," "Hot to Go," "All My Love is Gone," "She's No Lady," "Nobody Knows Me," "Black and Blue," and "If You Were to Wake Up." Paul Thrussell's expressive solo in "Hot to Go" is especially reminiscent of James Dean's rebellious outcry for recognition. The costumes and the dancing represent a snapshot from the late 50s, while Lovett's music belongs to the 80s. Despite this anachronism, the piece manages to fit well into the "hot" aspect of *Hot & Cool*.

The "hottest" part of the night, however, came at the end. *Celts*, by choreographer Lila York, is an original masterpiece. It takes the rhythm of the night up to the peaks of the Irish

mountains, and transforms the Hall into a huge stage of celtic rituals. Olivier Wecxsteen and his earth goddess Marie-Christine Mouis mesmerize both the Irish and the audience alike, forming the magical and romantic link between the powerful scenes of stepdancing. The music (by The Chieftains — William J. Ruyle, Bill Whelan, Celtic Thunder and Dan Ar Braz) is extremely energetic as is the dancing. Half a dozen, bare-chested men fill the stage with head-shaking and stepdancing in an enchanted proclamation of power (accompanied by Bill Ruyle's extraordinary drum solo). Robert Wal-

lace makes his jumps and stepdancing look natural, and Laszlo Berdo blinds the audience with his speed and intensity. In effect, *Celts* brought the evening to its boiling point.

Hot & Cool is quite successful in achieving its goal: it surprises you. It came as no surprise, however, that the opening evening concluded with a standing ovation. It is definitely pleasant to realize that dancing can be so expressive and so powerful, yet so original and unexpected. *Hot & Cool* promises to warm up a chilly spring night. It is worth seeing for sure.



Boston Ballet dancers in *Nine Lives*, part of this season's *Hot & Cool*.

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Defying categorization, Grendel's satisfies everybody

GRENDL'S

89 Winthrop St., Harvard Square.

By Aaron R. Prazan

STAFF REPORTER

It is human nature to order the world. In fact, there is so much to be categorized, collated and correlated that many of us at MIT devote our lives to such a task. Just as golf balls, milk, and rednecks are white and Cheez-its, Nerds, and Twinkies are empty calories, restaurants fit into categories. Really, this is true everywhere — except at Grendel's at 89 Winthrop St., Harvard Square. Grendel's cannot be isolated into any category. The atmosphere, food, and even the prices refuse to be pinned down.

Start with the dual aesthetic of Grendel's. It's classy enough to allow shirts and ties. Polished mahogany, plush carpet, and fresh flowers all add up to an upscale dining room. Grendel's looks nice, but somehow T-shirt and jeans fit just as well. The tables for two are small and intimate, made for couples. A salad bar full of shiny stainless steel bowls adds a more informal touch. High brick walls

and a rough ceiling similar to warehouses' are dressed up with high windows and paintings of summer skies.

Another twist is a smaller dining room apart from the main floor. The auxiliary room is more casual. Almost reminiscent of a mid-western screened patio, the room has more plants, less space, and closer packed tables. The two rooms, combined with the varied decorating, make Grendel's a perfect place for any occasion, dressy or not.

Not surprisingly, Grendel's food blurs lines of distinction as well. It serves no one kind of meal. Not only isn't food from one country or region, it isn't even from a given hemisphere. Italian dishes like eggplant parmesan and lasagna share space with Indian curry, Greek spinach pie, and even Mexican favorites.

For a restaurant trying to be all things to all people, it does a decent job. The Mexican food is not very authentic, or at least doesn't have much bite to it. None of the appetizers really demand attention.

For vegetarians, there is an entire menu of meat-free dishes. Another great special for the veggie set is the grilled vegetable sandwich. It

is piled high with thick slices of peppers, mushrooms, various squash, and other vegetables. Grilled just enough to enhance the flavor, but to leave a satisfying crispness, even a meat lover like me can enjoy the sandwich.

Other great sandwiches include a Rueben and the Grendel, which is roast beef on dark rye. The best dishes are Mediterranean and French. Cassoulet, a popular special which is a rich blend of lamb, duck, and sausage with beans and spices, is worth a try. Even if some of the other dishes at Grendel's are forgettable, anyone can find something they like.

Surely, there are a couple of items that really do please everyone. Grendel's unlikely specialty, Cheese Fondue, is not available to my knowledge anywhere else in the city. Made with three melted cheeses and white wine, the fondue comes to the table over a small warming flame. Unlimited cubes of French bread come with it as well. The fondue is fantastic and could easily be a meal for two in itself. It starts out creamy as can be, but after long exposure to the heat, gets grainy as the cheese starts to cook.

Another must-try is the salad bar. Besides

the usual, there are great surprises. Ever see dried fruit at a salad bar? How about great marinated mushrooms? The salad bar is in a constant state of change and just gets better with time. For dessert, you can't pass up the Caramel Apple Pie. Instead of a runny butter glaze, the pie has a creamy base much like cheesecake. It might look different, but different is good in this case. Really, the specialties of the house are well done.

Grendel's defies definition as dressy or casual, chooses no regional cuisine, and can't be said to be cheap or expensive. In truth, almost everything except the fondue (\$15) costs about six dollars. There is so much more to try other than just dinner, however, that I usually end up spending around twelve dollars (with salad, drinks and dessert). It's certainly a bargain. With its own quirky charm, it has managed to build up legions of regulars; so make reservations. I encourage everyone to go try the food, see the "either-or" androgynous bathrooms, get a pitcher of purified water, and enjoy Grendel's quest to be different.

Coming soon: *Grill Fish*, *The Old Spaghetti Factory*.

Ben Folds Five led by pianist Folds' percussive energy

BEN FOLDS FIVE

Ben Folds Five

Caroline Records.

Concert at Mama Kin.

Saturday, March 23.

By Joel M. Rosenberg

Ever want to be one of those people who knew about a band before they became huge? Well now's your chance, although soon it'll be too late. Ben Folds Five is a trio (yes, a trio) out of Chapel Hill. They've adapted a rare configuration of piano, bass, and drums, leaving out guitar, and have produced a self-described sound that's "punk rock for sissies."

Led by pianist Ben Folds, with Robert Sledge on an awesome sounding bass and Darren Jessee banging away on his driving-yet-conservative drums, the group released their self-titled debut album, *Ben Folds Five*, in late 1995 on Caroline Records. Since then, they've been pseudo-punk rocking their way across the country.

Their influences can't be traced directly, although guesses have ranged from Freddy Mercury to Elton John to Billy Joel to George Gershwin, with some Beatles for good measure. Folds has only one year of formal piano training, but his earlier drumming years and great ear make that point trivial. The drumming experience is easily seen in Ben's percussive style. What's more, Sledge and Jessee manage to harmonize with Folds even while kicking on their own instruments. This is truly a rare combination of musicians.

Some of the songs on the album would be smash hits if the world was a better place and they got more radio time. Folds shows off his stuff on the album opener, "Jackson Cannery," pushing the song along by banging on his keys and singing in his slightly-imperfect-but-just-right voice; you've got to hear it to understand. "Philosophy" tries to convey the idea of sticking with what you like, even if nobody else does, and it does so to a well composed, catchy melody.

"Underground" pokes fun at the whole punk scene by putting lines like, "Hand me

my nose ring/Show me the mosh pit," to a theme Folds describes as similar to *Jesus Christ Superstar's*; this too needs to be heard. And "Boxing," the sentimental closer to the album, uses Mohammed Ali's indecision about boxing retirement to show someone wanting to quit something, but wanting even more to have someone stop him. These are smart lyrics to be sure. The rest of the songs are equally as good.

The stage show is great as well, as they showed at Mama Kin on Saturday, March 23. The band travels around the country in a Rider truck specifically so Ben can play his personal Baldwin baby grand piano. It's no wonder nobody in their right mind would give him their piano, since he proceeds to beat the hell out of it during the show. He repeatedly bangs on the keys with his entire forearm, occasionally kicks the keys down for musical effect, and on his way up to a better view of the crowd atop his instrument, he even steps on the keys to create what he calls "drama."

At the show, they played every song off

their album, plus a few new tunes. The more songs they come up with, the worse Ben's childhood seems. "One Angry Dwarf" and "Two Hundred Solemn Faces," for example, is basically about a guy who grows up to be successful just to rub it in the faces of people from his past. The phrase, "kiss my ass," comes up a lot. On a few of the songs Ben used that rare rock and roll instrument, the melodica, which was awesome.

The encore included an obscure choice for a cover, "Video Killed the Radio Star," which was quite nostalgic coming from a band raised on MTV. Most importantly, they proved that all this sound actually comes from a band which lacks a guitar. It's not an accident that most rock bands have one, and these guys have to pick up the slack as a result, and they do so remarkably well.

If you want to hear the band for yourself, check out <http://oeonline.com/~maynard/bff/> for some clips and other good stuff. The proof is in the music. Just don't miss this opportunity to get in on an incredible band near the ground floor.

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Unorthodox female comedy show avoids male bashing

OUT FOR LAUGHS '96

Kresge Auditorium, Last Saturday
Featuring Reno, Diane Amos, Sharon Utley

By David V Rodriguez
ASSOCIATE ARTS EDITOR

You could count on one hand the number of men at Out For Laughs '96 last Saturday night in Kresge Auditorium. The show, billed as "a wild night of women's comedy" was sponsored by Women's Studies and feminist magazine Sojourner, promised to be unusual for an Institute event. On the way in audience members were handed flyers for a poetry competi-

tion and the National Organization of Women. Inside was a mostly older, mostly non-MIT crowd.

The three performing stand-up comedians were Reno, Sharon Utley, and Diane Amos. Utley started off the show, talking about her about her experiences as a woman and lesbian: "A good femme doesn't cook... She orders Pizza Hut." She talked about coming out to her father and brother and being surprised that everyone already knew. Her single prop was a solo sexual aid which she used to give advice to the cast of *Waiting to Exhale*.

Next was Diane Amos, whose main claim to fame comes from being the Pine-Sol Lady.

Although she has been on Starsearch, Comedy Central, and A&E, it's the Pine Sol ads that get her recognition — part of her act recounted getting chased around by old ladies wanting to know if her son in the commercials is really her own. She joked about being raised in a family led by two lesbians, made more complex by one being black and the other being Jewish. Her best bit was an improvised poem on topics the audience suggested: sex and motorcycles.

The last performer, Reno, described her act as "a radical departure from the norm of syntax and sequential, linear thinking," which translates on stage to high-energy rambling.

Her style was similar to the old drug-induced bits of Robin Williams, but not as coherent. There were several stretches where nothing she said was intelligible. The audience didn't seem to mind, however, for the delivery was enjoyable. She moved fast in covering everything she could think of, occasionally stumbling into genuinely funny moments.

Overall, the night didn't have the extreme feminist bent that it could have had. As the material evolved naturally from their female perspective, it never became hostile. It probably was a good thing that the men in the audience never felt they were the target of the night's humor.

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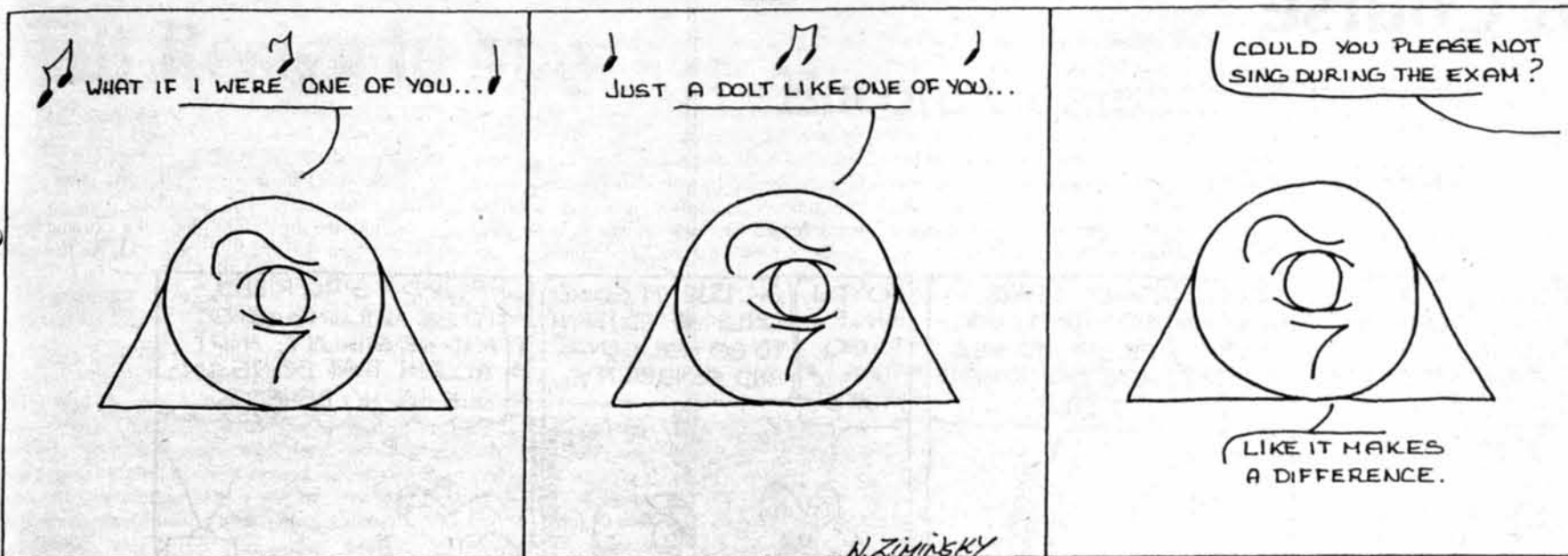
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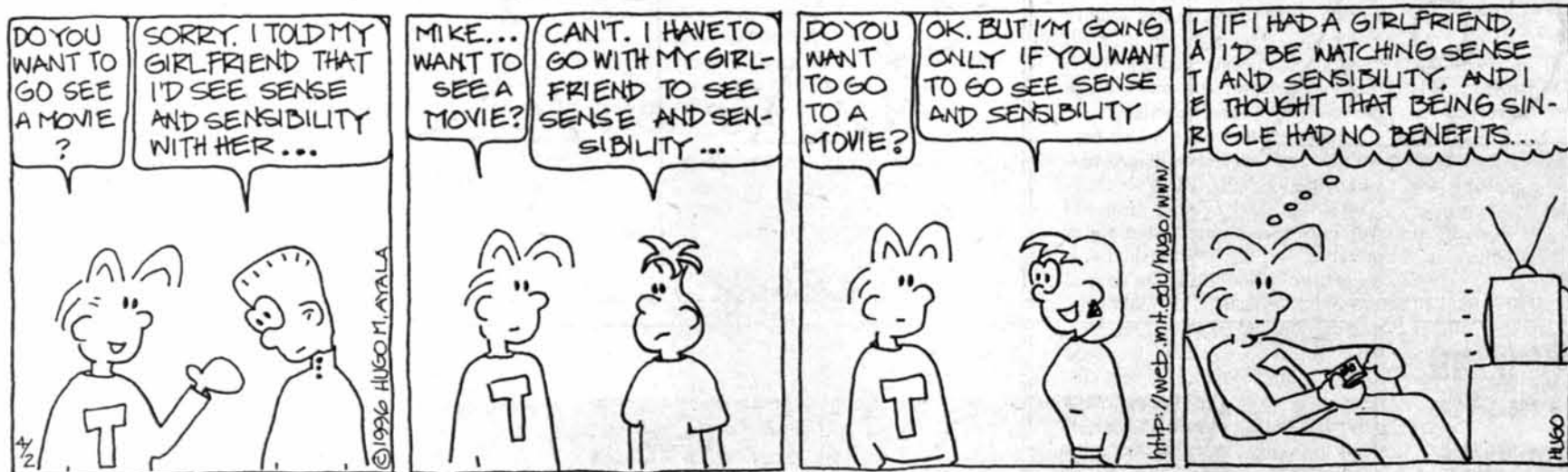


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BU President Silber Will Resign in May

By Dan McGuire
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Boston University President John R. Silber announced Friday that he would be stepping down from his position on May 31. Jon N. Westling, the current provost, will take over the presidency. Silber, who headed the university for more than 25 years, will take on the new post of Chancellor of the University. He will be responsible for long-range planning, fund raising, and will continue to have a part in the university's hiring and tenure processes.

Silber's presidency was marked by controversy and success. Silber was the most highly paid university president in the country with a salary of \$564,020. Silber's attempts to cut professors who he considered to be "dead wood" and his attempts to silence critics by freezing salaries brought significant protest from the university's faculty. During his time, however, Silber brought three Nobel laureates to the university and increased annual research grants from \$15 million to \$180 million.

[The New York Times, March 30 and the Daily Free Press, March 30]

Yale Service Strike Begins

Maintenance workers at the Local 35 union went on strike Thursday. Union leaders expect more than 95 percent of the food,

physical plant, and maintenance workers in Local 35 to leave their jobs. About 750 Local 35 members have signed up for picket shifts.

"We don't want to hurt [students], but this is the way they'll see how the university feels" about its workers said union pantry worker Nellie West. Union leaders said that they hoped students would pressure the Yale administration to make concessions and end the strike.

Students anticipating a long time without food services pillaged university dining halls. The Yale Daily News reported seeing students walking out with uncut apple pies under their arms. "We asked students to put [food] back, but as soon as we did someone else grabbed it," said one dining hall's manager. Yale students have been stockpiling food in anticipation of the strike, and grocery store owners in the area have said that the number of Yale students buying groceries has increased dramatically. [Yale Daily News, March 29]

Quake hits southern Massachusetts

An earthquake measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale jostled Southern Massachusetts and Rhode Island at 3:23 p.m. EST March 22, MIT researchers said. While no damage or injuries were reported, the minor quake lit up police switchboards as people called in to find out what had happened. The U.S. Geological Survey office in Providence said that aftershocks were unlikely. [Reuters Wire Service, March 31]

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between March 16-28:

March 16: Student Center, backpack stolen, \$75; Bldg. E19, suspicious activity.

March 17: Sloan lot, '95 Acura broken into, nothing taken; West Annex lot, van broken into, VCR stolen.

March 18: Baker House, annoying phone calls; Student Center, cash stolen from wallet when person fell asleep, \$20; Bldg. 57, refrigerator stolen, \$50; Westgate lot, BMW broken into, nothing taken; Bldg. 24, student was descending the stairs when grabbed by an unknown assailant. Student was not harmed and assailant fled; Lobdell Food Court, \$5 removed from wallet; Bldg. 68, assault between persons known to each other.

March 19: Bldg. E55, room broken into, nothing taken; Bldg. 14N, computer stolen, \$2,580; Bldg. E51, bicycle stolen, \$460; Student Center, 1) tilt truck stolen, unknown value; 2) backpack and \$2 cash stolen.

March 20: Bldg. E40, chairs stolen, \$200; Bldg. 33, laptop computer stolen, \$3,500; Bldg. E52, wallet stolen, \$100; Bldg. 4, tool box stolen, \$400; Bldg. 14, vending machine vandalized.

March 21: Bldg. W31, VCR stolen, \$400; Bldg. E25, laptop computer stolen, \$1,100; Burton-Connor House, bicycle stolen from lounge area, \$325; Bldg. 34, bicycle stolen.

March 22: Bldg. 50, suspicious activity; Lobby 10, Brass Rat ring stolen, \$375; Bldg. 9, keys stolen; Bldg. E19, workbench cabinet stolen, \$469.

March 23: Westgate, air conditioner stolen from storage area; Baker, raincoat stolen, \$150.

March 24: Bldg. E53, coat stolen, \$200.

March 25: Bldg. 31, computer memory stolen, \$500; McCormick Hall, cash stolen, \$30.

March 26: Bldg. E51, attempted larceny of computer chairs; Student Center, wallet stolen, \$35; Bldg. NW14, bicycle stolen, \$200.

March 27: Bldg. 3, suspicious activity; Bldg. 2, jacket stolen, \$100.

March 28: Westgate lot, attempted larceny of a Ford Mustang; Bldg. 8, laptop computer stolen, \$4,000.

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MIT Places Third in Putnam Behind Harvard and Cornell

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Team aims to improve next year

While MIT did do very well, the focus during the exam is more towards individual performance. "People are generally more interested in the individual prizes," and that the individuals do well, Britto-

Pacumio said. We "hope to do better in the future," Britto-Pacumio said.

The standards of competition among individuals and between teams has noticeably increased in recent years, Rogers said.

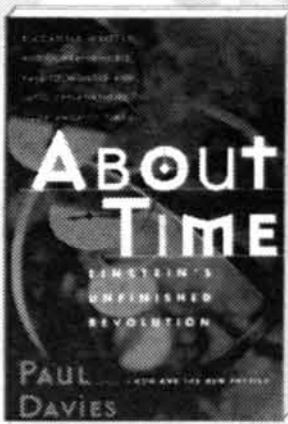
Correspondingly, the examinations have been made more difficult, Rogers added.

Some students had a different impression of the difficulty level.

The exam was challenging, but "pretty easy — easier than two years ago," Ioffe said, who has competed for the past three years. The exam can be easy one year but more difficult the next, he said.

This was a "wonderful performance this year, but we weren't number one," Ioffe said. However, all three of the MIT team members were in the honorable mention section, "which is very prestigious."

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Students On Break Teach In Inner-City

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education in terms of a possible career," said Cheng.

Ives' inspiration for the project came from a week-long leadership seminar, Leadershape, held last summer. "We came up with a vision to improve the community."

Ives described the week as "eye-opening." Working in poorly funded schools was a change from the conditions many of the MIT students remembered from their school years.

The daily commute gave students a realistic picture of the neighborhoods and the difficult conditions in which their pupils learn. "Our country needs to focus on inner cities, the willingness is there, but there aren't enough resources," said Ives. "There are some tough problems facing our urban areas."

The group left Washington satisfied and more aware of the importance of primary education, especially in the poorer areas of the country. Schools receive far too little funding to allow for routine demonstrations, Ives said.

But "it was fantastic to see the kids enjoying it — they have as much capacity to learn as anyone else," said Ives.

"We got around to as many kids as possible," said Ives. The MIT students learned much themselves. They had managed to touch their students, despite the difficult circumstances they live in. Ives recalls that when they were leaving, a student asked, "Will you come back on Monday?"

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Conference Discusses Merits Of Global Cryptography Scheme

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rather than starting from the drawing board.

The encryption debate is an important issue in which individuals and businesses' need for security and privacy is weighed against government's responsibility to fight crime and protect national interests, he said.

Currently, laws vary greatly from country to country. The consensus in Europe seems to be the use of "trusted third parties" for key escrow. Metakides urged governments to arrive at some international agreements on the use of cryptography.

If this doesn't happen, commercial crypto plug-ins, such as that of the Microsoft Corporation, could be sold in some countries and not others. "That would be a bad thing," said Metakides. "It would be bad for

the global information infrastructure."

In the final portion of his speech, Metakides spoke about the struggle to maintain cultural and national identities on the web.

One overriding issue at the conference was cryptography, which was the topic of the Thursday morning session. The session was introduced by Dorothy Denning, professor of computer science at Georgetown University, followed by the two panelists, Michael Nelson and Nick Mansfield.

Nelson is one of the White House's chief information technology experts. He gave his presentation on U.S. policy. Then, Mansfield, who oversees electronic communications issues for Shell Oil Companies, delivered his business point of view on the necessity of international cryptography standards.

Nelson, the most controversial

panelist at the conference, started by stressing that although the Clipper Chip was unsuccessful on the market, it brought national attention to cryptography control problems.

"Good encryption that you and I can use for our privacy can be used by criminals and terrorists," Nelson said.

Through various strategies, cryptography can protect these criminals, Nelson said. The most feasible strategy combines "cryptochaos" — having varying regulations in different countries — and adopting a government key escrow system.

During the conference, Senator Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) announced his bill that proposes to scrap almost all existing federal restrictions on the export of encryption software.

On Friday, a bipartisan group of Congressmen announced to the conference the formation of the Congressional Internet Caucus.

The Committee on Campus Race Relations



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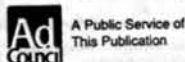
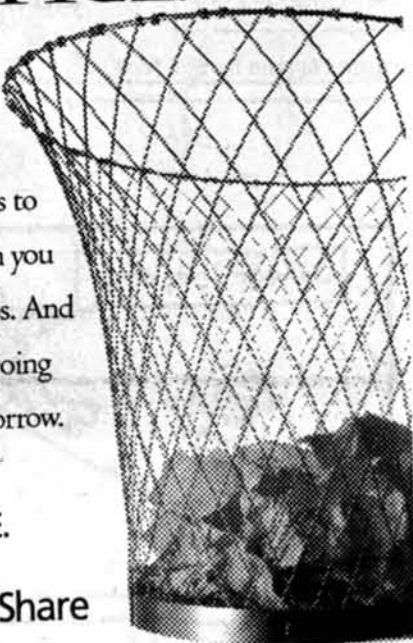
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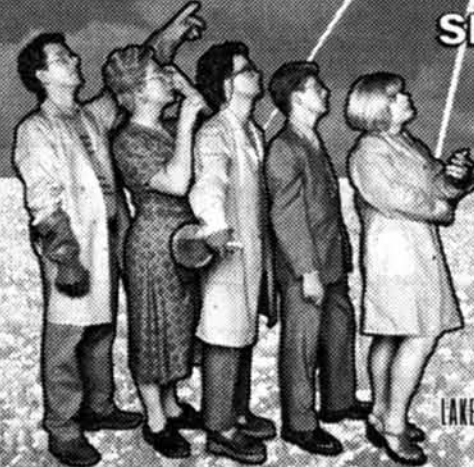
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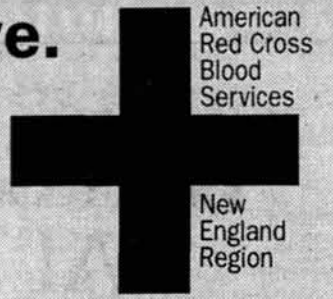
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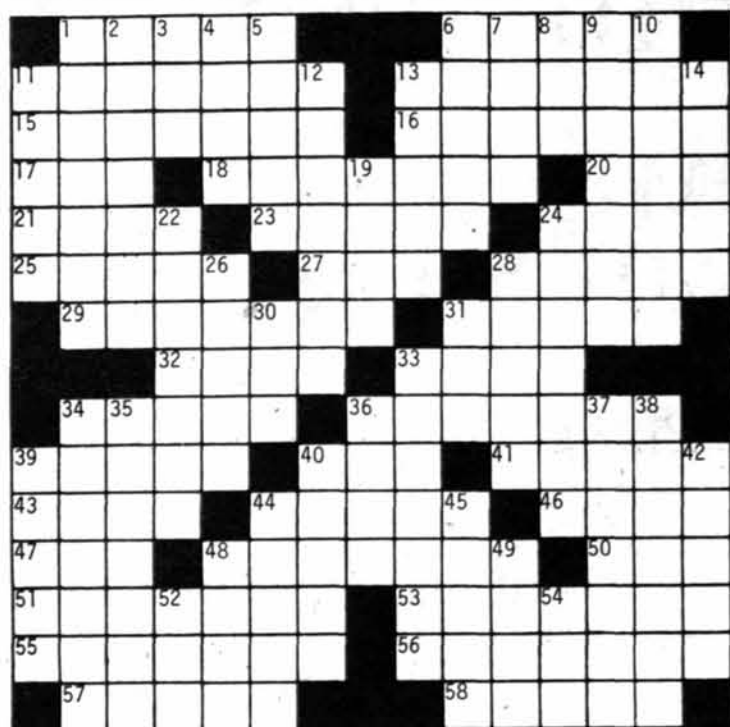
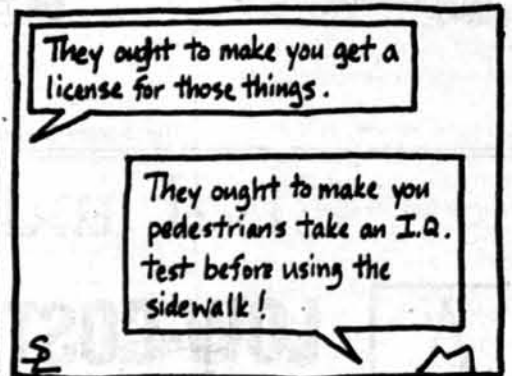
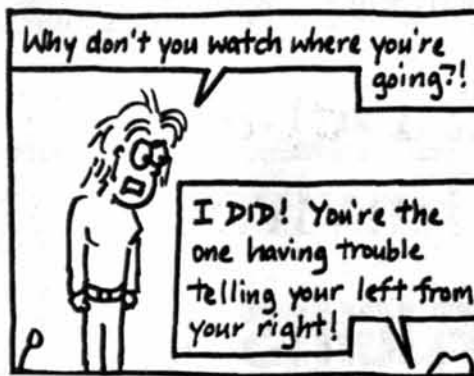


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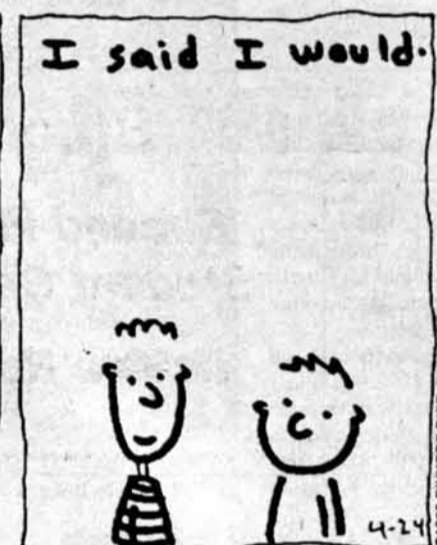
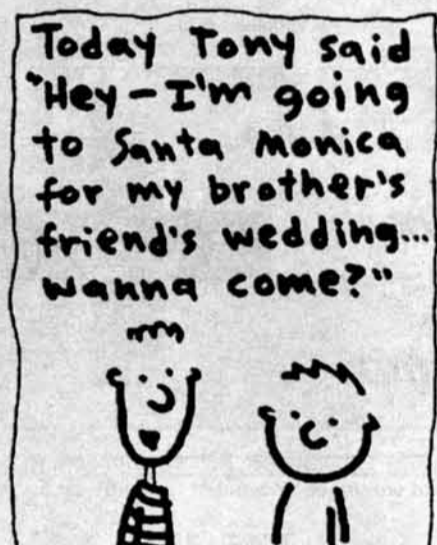
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Jim's Journal

by Jim



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SPORTS

Sailing Starts Strong
In Year's 1st RegattaBy Daniel Nestor
TEAM MEMBER

Although the varsity sailing team was a strong contender for second place in its first regatta of the spring season, misfortune late in the competition dropped MIT to seventh overall. The Owen trophy was a two-day, 14-team, 28-race event held March 23 and 24 on the Charles River. This intersectional regatta is held alternate years in New England and the Mid-Atlantic area.

Both Saturday and Sunday were very windy, with the breeze 15-18 knots with gusts over 20 knots, and dropping off to 10-12 knots late on Sunday. The air was frigid; yarn "tell-tales" froze to wire shrouds, and hands and feet went numb in the icy water of the Charles.

Although MIT had not finished in the top ten in an intersectional regatta in over two-and-a-half years, the Beavers jumped out to second place behind host Harvard after the first set of four races, two in each of the two divisions. Sailing in the A division for MIT was Douglas DeCouto '95 with crew Yoko Kusomoto '95, and in the B division was Daniel Nestor '96 with crew Mark Sapirie '96. On shore, Coach Franny Charles and Drew Mutch '94 directed the foursome through the event.

After the second set, BC had

overtaken MIT for second, but from then until the end of the first day, the Beavers held onto a solid second with a decent sized lead on Navy, Yale, Coast Guard, and URI. The Tech sailors, while pleased with their first day's performance, could not rest easily knowing that BC, Harvard, and Navy were ranked in the top ten teams in the country, and URI, Yale, and Coast Guard were in the top twenty.

The second day of competition saw Harvard and BC pull ahead and secure their top two spots, while MIT held onto a slowly narrowing lead over their closest competitors for third. Going into the final set of races, MIT's lead was only a few points. DeCouto had a mid-fleet finish in race thirteen in the A division, but sailed to a near-perfect second place finish in his final race.

Unfortunately, MIT's hopes of glory crumbled when Nestor was disqualified from his thirteenth race following a protest from Harvard, and also from his fourteenth race after a protest from Columbia. The disqualifications dropped MIT four overall spots, for a seventh-place finish. Although disappointed, the Beavers proved that they are a team to be reckoned with this season as they prepare for the New England Championships at the end of the spring.

Women's Crew Happy with Times
after First Race of Spring SeasonBy Shawdee Eshghi
TEAM MEMBER

After a long winter indoors, the MIT women's crew teams made a strong showing in their opening races. Both the varsity and novice teams were happy with their times, but disappointed with the results.

The first varsity boat with coxswain Shruti Sehra '96 came in third behind Boston College and Radcliffe College, respectively, posting a time of 6:57.1. "It was a good race in that it pointed out what we need to focus in in order to improve," said Amy C. Gieffers '97, who rowed seven seat.

The second varsity boat, coxed by Jennifer R. Bautista '98, also placed third.

"All winter we've had a sense that we were faster, but we didn't have anything to measure it against until now," said Varsity Coach Mayrene Earle. "We were surprised that BC was so fast ... but I expect to see MIT gain a lot through the season." Earle added that MIT traditionally gains more speed than other teams as the season progresses.

The MIT novice boats also did well in their first ever 2,000-meter race. Radcliffe easily took both races, followed by Northeastern University and MIT. The first novice boat, coxed by Rainuka

Gupta '99, was ahead of NU until the Harvard Bridge, where it fell behind. Despite gaining five seats on an impressive move past the MIT boathouse, the first novice boat lost to NU by a margin of just two seconds, finishing in 7:25.

"They rowed really well," said Novice Coach Susan Lindholm. "It was exciting to see that they were side by side with Northeastern."

The second novice boat also did well, executing its race plan and reaching its target time. Another bright point was that the second

novice boat, coxed by Jennifer L. Lykens '99, posted equal splits for the first and second 1,000-meters.

"Although we lost, we reached our goal time for the piece and there is lots of room for improvement," said Lykens. "The second boat will only pick up speed as the season goes on," added Lindholm.

"We were aiming for more, but that's the only way to make the boats go faster, by aiming high," said Lindholm.

Both crews will race on the Charles next Saturday.



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Arlene E. Frech '97, Shelley E. Sakiyama '96, and Muneera R. Kapilda '98 race in the second varsity boat against Radcliffe on Saturday.

Techet Leads Women's Water Polo's 15-8 Win over Wellesley

By Darren T. Castro
TEAM MEMBER

The MIT women's water polo team opened its season March 21 by soundly defeating Wellesley 15-8. Alex Techet G, with seven goals and three assists, was MIT's leading scorer for the game. In a well-balanced attack, Adriane Chapman '98, Yvonne Kim '98, and Melissa Poh '96 contributed two goals apiece, while Nicole Gotti G and Shan Lee '98 rounded out the scoring by adding a single goal each.

MIT established themselves quickly by scoring four unanswered goals in a three-minute span early in the first quarter. Lee started the scoring by finding Kim open at the two-meter mark just to the right of the goal for an easy score. Techet scored the next two goals for MIT. The first was off a free throw by Kim following a foul in the hole, and the second came during a six-on-five advantage when Techet tipped in a pass from Lee on the wing. Chapman started and finished the fourth goal by stealing the ball, passing it ahead to Techet, and finishing the two-on-one breakaway off the return pass.

Wellesley and MIT then traded goals, and MIT led 5-1 after the first quarter.

MIT went on a 5-0 run to start the second quarter and put the game out of reach. Two six-on-five goals upped the lead to 7-1. Poh and Karen Fu G both found Techet in the hole for two more goals. Techet finished the scoring binge by collecting the rebound of her own shot after it deflected off the crossbar, and burying it for her fifth goal of the game. Wellesley tallied two of the next three goals, but MIT held a commanding 11-3 lead at halftime.

Chapman scored off a pass from Kim at the start of the third quarter to reestablish a nine-goal lead. Wellesley then notched five of the next six goals to pull to 13-8, but the game was never really in question. Techet finished off her sparkling game by tallying on a great individual effort with 30 seconds remaining in the match. Kim put the final touch on the victory with two seconds left when she scored on a breakaway set up by a long pass from Techet. Jeannette Chian '98 and Deena Disraelly '96 shared goaltending duties and combined for 13 saves for MIT.



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#5 Alexandra H. Techet G scores against Wellesley on Thursday. MIT won 15-8.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, April 2

Baseball vs. Babson, p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Curry, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Colby Sawyer College, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Men's Tennis vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Women's Lacrosse vs. Colby, 5 p.m.



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The MIT first novice boat races against Radcliffe College on Saturday.