



Madeline G. Burke '99 shoots to make the score 4-3 against Wheaton College. MIT won 11-10.

JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

Following Debate, ROTC Task Force Revising Proposal

By Daniel C. Stevenson
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STAFF REPORTERS

A sparsely-attended meeting last night provided a focal point for discussion of proposed changes to the ROTC program.

In a report issued at the March faculty meeting three weeks ago, the ROTC task force recommended that MIT create a model ROTC program that incorporates gays into all of its aspects.

The task force has been working to revise its recommendations in response to the flurry of criticism and questions voiced since the pro-

posal's release.

The proposal intends to address the conflict between MIT's non-discrimination policy and the Department of Defense's discriminatory "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays. MIT's relationship with ROTC has been under review for the past several years because of this conflict.

At the two-hour open meeting in Room 34-101 last night, about 15 ROTC task force members and concerned students and faculty members debated the merits of the model plan.

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Dormcon Looks at Year Full of Change

By Orli G. Bahcall
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Dormitory Council elected Christopher H. Barron '97 as president and Jen Peltz '98 as vice president in its annual elections, held last week.

Dormcon — the group that represents dormitories and their concerns on campus — has been involved in a number of wide-ranging decisions over the past year, and will face more challenges in the coming one, including patching relationships with the Interfraternity Council and the Office of Residence and Campus Activities and working to develop plans for rush.

Barron hopes to ensure that the coming year's plans follow the plans of the previous officers, though he is not yet sure what those plans will be.

Dormcon — which "has grown to be the most dynamic and active student government organization on campus," according to outgoing President Dhaya Lakshminarayanan '96 — has reached several goals this year. They include working with the Department of Housing and Food Services to reopen Baker and Next House dining halls, discussing the future of food service on campus, and reinstating a house tax, Lakshminarayanan said.

Last year Dormcon also eliminated Clearinghouse — the computerized system used to keep track of freshmen during Residence and Orientation Week — from dormitory use during rush and withdrew from the Mediations Committee.

Rush rules will be clearer

As rush chair of Senior House last year, Barron realized that rush was very difficult from a rules and policy standpoint in that "people in the dorms never really understood why they had to provide the service of Clearinghouse," he said.

The main problems with rush are that there is no one group in charge and that the rules haven't been clear Barron said. Medcomm, RCA, and the Campus Police were all announcing rush rules, and all three groups had the power to shut down an event, he said.

Next year R/O will benefit from the absence of Clearinghouse in that freshmen will "not be constantly badgered to check in," Lakshminarayanan said. R/O workers will be freer to devote time to help plan dorm events, she said.

Earlier this year Dormcon pulled out of Medcomm, a mediating com-

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Campus Preview Weekend Starts

By May K. Tse
STAFF REPORTER

Campus Preview Weekend began yesterday with the arrival of about 425 prospective freshmen who will be staying in dormitories and some independent living groups this weekend.

More than 420 prefrish are visiting this year, up from last year's 362. Among this year's group, 115 are male and 310 are female, and about 155 are minority students.

Those numbers reflect the fact that women and minorities are the two groups with the lowest acceptance yield, according to Assistant Director of Admissions Lisa J. Oliveira '90.

"With limited resources and space, those are the groups we target to attend" the event, Oliveira said. "But we encourage others to call and set up an overnight visit."

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Stacey L. Davenport '91 and Stacey Betz '96 match prospective freshmen up with upperclassmen at the start of Campus Preview Weekend yesterday.

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IFC, Administration Consider New Rush Rules

By Rochelle Tung

As rush for the Class of 2000 draws closer, administrators and students involved with Residence and Orientation Week are considering several substantial revisions to some activities during R/O.

Currently, there are plans to change Thursday Night Dinners, institute a new policy on alcohol use during rush, and relax rules for sorority rush.

Each year, the R/O Committee takes a look at some of the changes that they might want to make to R/O, said Margaret A. Jablonski, associate dean for residence and campus activities. This year, the committee is focusing on changing the dinners — a night traditionally

set aside for upperclassmen to take freshmen out to dinner — in response to problems last R/O.

In the fall event, upperclassmen rushed uncontrollably from Kresge Oval to collect freshmen before the end of Project Move Off Your Assumptions, their traditional cue. Campus Police had to be called in to contain the crowd.

"I thought there was going to be a riot," said Mark A. Herschberg G, a member of the R/O Judicial Committee.

Several proposals are now under consideration to allow all houses an equal chance to get freshmen at the same time.

The two main problems are the "mob scene and flagrant rushing," said Joseph M. Lee '97, Interfrater-

nity Council rush chair. One suggestion is that a definitive ending time of MOYA be set prior to the actual event, Lee said.

But the confusion that surrounds MOYA — which involves a total of over 1300 hundred freshmen and MOYA leaders arrayed across Briggs Field — makes it almost impossible to abide by a declared time, Herschberg said.

Another suggestion is to let MOYA leaders take freshmen to pre-arranged groups of dinner hosts. These groups, each with a list of specific freshmen, would take the newcomers out to eat and return them to campus, according to Jablonski.

The emphasis then is on "changing the nature of Thursday Night

Dinners and changing the nature of how upperclass students get assigned to take freshmen out to dinner," Jablonski said.

Hopefully, it will "be a better experience for freshmen," she said. "It will be a welcome to MIT, not to rush," said Jablonski said.

IFC discussing plans for dry rush

One major change the IFC is presently considering is making rush completely alcohol-free. Both sororities and dormitories already have dry rush.

As the rules regarding dry rush stand right now, all fraternity members excluding freshmen are allowed to drink during R/O, Her-

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WORLD & NATION

South Korea's Ruling Party Loses Control of Parliament

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

President Kim Young Sam's ruling party lost control of South Korea's parliament in legislative elections Thursday as the key opposition party gained seats — but not as many as expected.

The results dealt a serious blow to the presidential ambitions of long-time democracy advocate Kim Dae Jung, 72, leader of the National Congress for New Politics, and it was not immediately clear whether he would still run for president next year.

By taking 139 seats in the 299-seat National Assembly, down from 150 in the old parliament, Kim Young Sam's New Korea Party did well enough that it may be able to cobble together a working majority by attracting independents and some opposition legislators in a de-facto coalition.

Kim Dae Jung's National Congress for New Politics took 79 seats, up from 55 in the old parliament, but it had expected to win at least 90 and hoped for 100.

FBI Finds Items Linking Suspect To Sketch of Unabomber

LOS ANGELES TIMES

HELENA, MONT.

Federal investigators searching the mountainside shack of Theodore J. Kaczynski have discovered a hooded sweatshirt and aviator sunglasses that closely resemble those reportedly worn by the elusive Unabomber the one time he is believed to have been sighted while placing a bomb.

The glasses and sweatshirt were a prominent feature of a sketch of the suspected Unabomber that has been circulated since February 1987, when a worker at a Salt Lake City computer store reported that she saw a man with a mustache, dark glasses and a sweatshirt put something under the wheel of her car in the store's parking lot.

The parcel exploded when another worker moved the item. The woman is believed by authorities to be the only person to see the Unabomber planting a bomb.

Officials also disclosed that lists found in Kaczynski's cabin included names of at least three prominent timber association executives from the Northwest. Government officials have told the executives to "keep their eyes open and be careful" on the off chance that a bomb might already have been planted, industry officials said.

HIV-Like Viruses Might Be Tool For Gene Therapy, Research Shows

THE WASHINGTON POST

The same characteristics that make the AIDS virus such a cunning and effective killer may make it ideal as a medical tool for gene therapy, new research indicates.

In Friday's issue of the journal *Science*, a team from the Salk Institute in La Jolla, Calif., and the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass., shows that certain slow-acting viruses such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS can be exploited to change the genetic content of cells that are difficult or impossible to target by conventional gene therapy.

To replace defective genes or supply missing ones in their patients, gene therapists often employ viruses as the vehicle (or "vector") because they are notoriously talented at hijacking healthy cells and inserting viral genes in place of the cells' normal genetic material.

Scientists splice the desired human genes into a modified form of the virus, infect the human subject and wait for the virus to rearrange the cells' genetic code.

WEATHER

Spring tease

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A brief warmup following the storm... and we are going right back to more miserable spring weather later today! A cold front will drift from north to south through our area this afternoon, bringing with it a threat of widely scattered sprinkles and light showers. Becoming stationary on the mid-Atlantic coast, this front will be a catalyst for a great deal of overrunning precipitation, when, during the next few days, several low pressure systems will hobble along it from the Midwest towards New England.

Coastal areas will once again see a tiresome abundance of gray skies and damp, salty seabreezes. By late Saturday and into Sunday, more widespread rain is expected. (Meanwhile the Berkshires and northern New England will see more snow, as Mother Nature seems to be most obliging to skiers this year). The outlook for Marathon Monday has yet another low scheduled to pester us, with cloudy skies early on and a threat of chilly raindrops by later in the day, testing the stamina of the runners and spectators alike. Colder than normal temperatures will persist at least until the middle of next week. Alas!

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of light, scattered showers in the afternoon. High approaching 60°F (15°C) will slip into low 50s (11°C) as westerly winds will shift to north before dark.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and cooler, with raw, onshore winds in coastal locations. Low near 36°F (2°C) in the city, with light frost to the north and west, where skies may be partially clear.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and chilly, with onshore winds continuing. Becoming damp later in the day, with onset of drizzle and light rain from west to east. High 46°F (8°C)

Sunday outlook: Cloudy cold and unsettled early, with partial clearing late in the day. Lows in mid 30s (2-3°C), highs near 50°F (10°C)

Israeli Retaliatory Strike Hits Beirut for First Time Since '82

By John Daniszewski and Marjorie Miller

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIRUT, LEBANON

In a reprisal attack that heightened fears about the search for peace in the Middle East, Israeli warplanes and helicopter gunships Thursday struck at Hezbollah guerrillas across Lebanon, hitting Beirut for the first time in 14 years.

At least five people were killed and more than a dozen wounded by rockets from the attacking Israeli aircraft, according to Lebanese government and hospital officials. The raids began before dawn and continued until midday with Israeli forces using precision weapons to attack suspected Hezbollah sites in Beirut, the Bekaa Valley and southern Lebanon.

A Lebanese army outpost near Tyre was also hit, reportedly killing a Lebanese soldier. Israel said it fired on the regular troops after they had shot at the Israeli attackers.

Israel said the attacks were in response to the increased Hezbollah rocketing of its northern communities and farms. Tuesday, 36 people were wounded by a barrage of katyusha rockets fired by Hezbollah from southern Lebanon into the Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona.

"I hope they learned their lesson," Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres declared after the day of raids. In Tel Aviv, Israeli military officials warned that operations could continue for several more days.

Israeli Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said the raids delivered a message: "Our policy is that no place in Lebanon will be an immune shelter for Hezbollah. We're going

to hit wherever we find them."

The most dramatic Israeli strike Thursday was directed at a 10-story building in a densely populated southern suburb of Beirut. Israel said the first floor of the building was the headquarters and nerve center of Hezbollah, the Iranian-supported Shiite Muslim militia that opposes all peace negotiations with Israel and has vowed to battle Israel's occupation of what it calls a "security zone" in southern Lebanon.

In a dense warren of streets decorated with murals of black-robed mullahs and anti-Israeli "martyrs," Hezbollah fighters carrying automatic rifles and anti-tank weapons closed off roads leading to the damaged building in the Bir el-Abed neighborhood where many of the Hezbollah leaders live. Even Lebanese government officials were barred from seeing the effects of the strike.

Israeli officials were certain the attacks had hit their mark. "Nothing was missed, and the damage to neighboring facilities was minimal, if any. This is a great achievement," Maj. Gen. Herzl Bodinger, chief of the Israeli air force, said in Tel Aviv.

Hundreds of residents rushed for cover in basements after the attack on Beirut began. Others fled the predominantly Shiite Muslim slums by car or on foot, heading toward the city center. Ambulances, sirens wailing, raced to the area near Beirut International Airport, which was shut down for about an hour.

The sound of explosions brought back fearful memories to the people of Beirut, who suffered the ravages

of a 15-year civil war that ended in 1990. Since then, they have enjoyed a relative peace brought about by the deployment of 35,000 Syrian troops in the country and the creation of a government under Syrian auspices.

"They are angry and they are shocked," said Lebanese-American Fadi Alame. "Everything is completely in a standstill."

An administrator at Sahel General Hospital, Alame said the first crashing of bombs set off a panic, with passers-by racing for shelter. "We just heard an explosion and thought it was a car bomb or something."

The hospital's parking lot was rocked by an explosion. Windows in private houses along the road to the airport were broken and wrought-iron bars bent by the blast.

"I thought the building was going to fall down," said Haidar Mahaidan, 55, a fish merchant, who sheltered with his wife and eight children in a bedroom after hearing the blasts. All the windows on the ground floor were shattered.

Using aerial photographs and videotapes of the hits, Israeli officials made the case in Tel Aviv that they had executed successful strikes and had tried to limit civilian casualties. They accused Hezbollah of hiding behind civilians in Lebanon in its conflict with Israel.

Peres, who faces a close contest for re-election in May, denied political pressure played a role in the decision to act against Hezbollah. Israel's commitment to peace in the Middle East is unshaken but cannot "come at the expense of security," Peres said.

Civil War in Liberia Spreads to U.S. Embassy; Troops Deployed

By Jonathan C. Randal

THE WASHINGTON POST

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE

As unbridled looting spread through Monrovia, armed Liberian marauders broke into the grounds of the U.S. Embassy residence there today but were driven back in a brief exchange of gunfire with U.S. special forces.

The clash, reported by a European diplomat who witnessed it and confirmed by U.S. officials in Washington, marked the first direct involvement by American soldiers in the street violence and anarchy that have overwhelmed the Liberian capital in the last six days. At the same time, U.S. troops began escorting American civilians to safety from the homes and other buildings around the city where they have sought refuge from the shooting and banditry.

The gun battle around the residence caused no casualties among the American defenders, and Ambassador William Milam was not inside at the time, U.S. officials said. But it dramatized the accelerating descent into chaos on Monrovia's streets, where armed youths from a hodgepodge of tribal militias have engaged in a wave of pillage and robbery without apparent opposition from their chiefs — or even from the primarily Nigerian West African peace force assigned to keep order.

The Clinton administration ordered the amphibious assault ship USS Guam and the destroyer USS Connolly, accompanied by three support ships, to leave the Adriatic Sea and steam toward the coast of West Africa. The ships, which will take about 10 days to arrive off Liberia, carry about 1,500 Marines,

a Pentagon spokesman said.

"We're planning for a contingency in a worst case," a senior U.S. officer said in Washington.

The European diplomat, who spoke in a telephone interview from Monrovia, said the shooting incident at the embassy residence took place about 3 p.m., climaxing hours of looting at many U.N. and international aid offices in the Mamba Point neighborhood facing the Atlantic Ocean. U.N. spokeswoman Sylvana Foa told the Associated Press that buildings used by UNICEF and the U.N. Development Program were looted, along with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees motor pool.

Mobs broke down the gates at U.N. headquarters in Monrovia and communications went dead, she added, but staff members were reported safe at the U.S. Embassy compound.

The embassy residence sits in a walled compound near, but separate from, the walled compound of the main embassy buildings. The American soldiers involved in the incident were among a contingent of more than 100 flown in by U.S. Air Force MH-53J Pave Low helicopters from neighboring Sierra Leone to bolster the small Marine Corps embassy guard since an operation began Tuesday to evacuate the estimated 470 U.S. nationals and other foreigners from the Liberian capital.

The armed helicopters briefly resumed daylight evacuations from Monrovia, meanwhile, using sites outside the embassy compound for the first time. Daylight flights had been suspended Wednesday after four rocket-propelled grenades were fired at rescue craft.

So far Americans have accounted for about 200 of the 728 foreign nationals flown to safety here in Freetown, about 235 miles to the north. Many Americans have been unable or unwilling to risk traveling the Monrovia streets to reach the U.S. Embassy helipad. As a result, a heavily armed team headed by the embassy security chief escorted a group of Americans to the port area Thursday, getting them in place for a pickup there instead of at the embassy.

Across the sprawling Liberian capital, American missionaries, professionals and businessmen were reported cut off in often widely separated compounds. One group of up to 100 missionaries and their dependents was said to holed up at ELWA, a Christian radio station with powerful transmitters in Liberia.

The daylight flight by two helicopters first stopped at the compound of a retired American general in another part of the capital. He had faxed the Monrovia embassy suggesting that landing at his property would be less dangerous than flying in and out of the embassy itself, according to Maj. Lewis Boone, a military spokesman in Freetown.

Thirty-eight Americans were picked up at his compound and at another compound that once housed now-abandoned Voice of America radio transmitters, Boone said. The helicopters subsequently loaded 44 additional passengers at the embassy before flying back to Freetown without incident.

Looking worn and in some cases shocked by their experience, the evacuees were quickly transported by Air Force C-130 Hercules cargo planes to Dakar, capital of Senegal.

7-Year-Old Pilot Crashes, Killing 3 And Ending Cross-Country Quest

By Tom Kenworthy
THE WASHINGTON POST

CHEYENNE, WYOMING

A little girl and her big dream died here Thursday morning.

Jessica Dubroff, a 7-year-old student pilot from Pescadero, Calif., taking off on the second leg of an audacious quest to become the youngest person ever to complete a round-trip flight across the country, was killed early Thursday when her single-engine plane crashed shortly after takeoff from Cheyenne Airport.

Her father, Lloyd Dubroff, 57, and her flight instructor, Joe Reid, also died when the plane nosedived into the driveway of a single-story brick home in a residential area about one mile north of the airport.

Witnesses said the four-seat Cessna Cardinal 177 appeared in trouble almost from the moment it lifted off from Runway 30 in heavy rain and gusty winds, and was attempting to return to the airport when it stalled and fell nearly vertically to the ground.

"It was trying to gain altitude but was never in control. It was in trouble as soon as it was in the air," said Tom Johnson, an insurance company claims representative and veteran pilot who saw the crash. "I observed it to be overloaded. It was a slow, mushy type of takeoff," he said.

The crash immediately revived a debate over the propriety of allowing very young pilots to fly, even under the watchful eye of a flight instructor, who under Federal Aviation Administration rules must be in a position to take control of the aircraft and is legally considered to be the pilot.

The FAA said it will reassess its policy allowing very young children to take the controls.

Airport officials here said they did not know who was at the controls of the dual-control Cessna when it departed at 8:24 a.m. (10:24 a.m. EDT).

Flying at such a young age was only one part of an unconventional upbringing that Jessica's parents have described as centered around

real-life experiences rather than schooling. Her mother, Lisa Hathaway, told the San Francisco Examiner last month that she had decided not to send Jessica or her two siblings — brother Joshua, 9, and sister Jasmine, 3 — to school and not to home-school them either. "They're getting a tremendous education from having their lives be in the real world," Hathaway told the Examiner.

On Tuesday, Lloyd Dubroff said he was inspired by another young girl's cross-country flight several years ago, and when Jessica expressed an interest in flying, he asked her if she would like to try such a flight.

She agreed. "I'm the culprit," the Associated Press quoted him as saying.

But he also said his daughter was the impetus. She "dragged her mother and me into this" rather than being pushed by her parents, AP quoted him as saying. Her interest in flying began after her parents gave her an airplane ride for her sixth birthday.

U. Wash. Scientists Identify Gene That Leads to Many of Aging's Symptoms

By Thomas H. Maugh II
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Scientists have identified a human gene that causes many of the symptoms of aging, providing researchers with their first peek into the complex and mysterious biochemical processes that produce the frailties of our twilight years.

Ironically, they found the gene in young people who suffer from a rare disorder called Werner's syndrome that produces premature aging. Victims not only turn gray and wrinkled while they are still young adults, but also suffer a vast array of age-related diseases, including arteriosclerosis, diabetes, cancer and osteoporosis.

The newly discovered gene is the blueprint for a protein called a helicase. Molecular biologist Gerard D. Schellenberg of the Seattle VA Medical Center and his colleagues at the University of Washington and Darwin Molecular Corp. report in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

Helicases unwind the well-known double helix of DNA so that individual strands can be repaired or replicated. DNA is constantly damaged by chemicals, radiation and viruses, and such repairs are an ongoing process to prevent the

buildup of hazardous mutations.

A defect in the helicase, they speculate, causes Werner's disease by allowing the introduction of biochemical mutations during replication of cells.

"This is really exciting because it is the first time that any gene associated with aging has been identified," said molecular biologist David Finkelstein of the National Institute on Aging. "Werner's is not a perfect copy of the aging process," added Anna McCormick, chief of the institute's biology of aging branch, "but it's the best we have. ... This is important for what it can tell us about the involvement of DNA metabolism in normal aging."

Finding the gene has been "a kind of Holy Grail of aging research," Schellenberg said. In understanding how the gene works, he added, their goal is "not necessarily to arrest the aging process, but to help people age in a healthier way."

Because the defective gene appears to be so closely involved in triggering heart disease, cancer and osteoporosis, understanding how it works could lead to new treatments for those conditions, according to David J. Galas, chief scientific officer of Darwin. "We've got a full

plate (of research) ahead of us, but it has really opened the door," he said.

Werner's strikes about three in every 1 million people worldwide, although it is slightly more common in the nation of Japan, the source of subjects for this study. "It's an extremely rare syndrome, so we are not going after the gene to cure Werner's," Galas said. We're really interested in what it will tell us about these other pathways" to cancer and heart disease.

The genetic disease is recessive, meaning that a child must inherit a defective copy from each parent to develop Werner's. As many as one in every 200 people may carry a single copy of the defective gene, Galas said, and this may predispose them to cancer and other diseases, even though they do not develop Werner's.

Victims of Werner's appear normal during their teens, but they begin to show dramatic differences from their contemporaries in their 20s. Their hair turns gray, and frequently they develop cataracts. As they continue to age prematurely, they develop other ailments of the aged — although they are remarkably free from high blood pressure and Alzheimer's — and usually die before the age of 50.

Johns Hopkins Student Dies at Friend's Hands over Republican Club Election

By Charles Babington
THE WASHINGTON POST

BALTIMORE

Robert J. Harwood Jr. appeared so determined to prevent his former friend from becoming chairman of their College Republicans chapter, Baltimore police said Thursday, that he drove from Rhode Island and arrived at Johns Hopkins University with two things in his jacket: a flier attacking the candidate, and a .357-caliber handgun.

Moments after Rex T. Chao, 19, was elected chairman Wednesday night, Harwood followed him outside the library building, fatally shot him in the head and then fired another bullet into his chest as Chao's female friend watched helplessly, police said. Harwood, 22, a chemistry major who dreamed of law school and a political career, is in jail, charged with first-degree murder.

Hopkins students and employees, meanwhile, are reeling from the shooting that has left numerous unanswered questions and a bloody smudge on a walkway of their normally placid campus.

While much of the Hopkins community closed ranks Thursday, offering little information about what happened before and during the Republican club meeting, one thing is clear: Something went horribly wrong in the friendship between Chao and Harwood, both of whom had promising futures and cadres of friends who described them as bright, gentle, and kind.

Harwood, a former chairman of the College Republicans, had earned enough credits for graduation by December and was living in Rhode Island while he waited to graduate with the rest of his class in May.

Hopkins spokesmen said Chao apparently had tried to break off his friendship with Harwood late last year, and both Chao and Harwood had complained to university officials of problems involving "personal communications." A university spokesman told the Associated Press that Harwood had agreed to notify officials when he entered the campus and had done so before the election. At a news conference Thursday

Larry Benedict, the university's dean of student affairs for the Homewood campus, would not comment on whether campus officers had brokered an agreement for Harwood to stay away unless they were notified, but he said he knew of no threats of physical harm involving Harwood or Chao. Officials of Hopkins, a prestigious private university, said they knew of no previous incident involving a student-on-student slaying on the campus. "This is one of the most terrible occurrences in the history of this university," interim President Daniel Nathans said. "There is much we do not know yet."

Chao's father, Robert Chao, told the AP that Harwood began making harassing phone calls and sending his son obscene e-mail after Chao tried to end the friendship because of Harwood's possessiveness.

The quarrel that preceded the shooting seemed almost as ironic as it was tragic. According to students, Benedict said, Chao was unopposed for the chairmanship that Harwood wanted so badly to deny him.

Dozens Arrested in Crime Bust

LOS ANGELES TIMES

A major international crime ring that traded heroin, stolen cars and computer chips was broken Thursday with the arrest of 24 alleged group members in the Los Angeles, Sacramento, Calif., San Francisco, New York and Washington areas, according to Justice Department and FBI officials.

An 18-month federal probe linked those arrested to armed robberies of high-tech firms across the country, heroin trafficking and the shipment of stolen cars from the United States to China.

"What we're dealing with is a sophisticated, mobile organization that had the capacity to go interstate" to commit crimes, said Michael J. Yamaguchi, U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California.

FBI, Sheriff's and Justice Department agents found firearms and computer chips, believed to be stolen, at the various houses.

The alleged leaders of the cross-country network are three Sacramento, Calif., area residents, John That Luong, Huy Chi Luong and Mady Chen; and Bing Yi Chen of New York.

In total, 24 men and women were charged in the federal indictment, and three have been charged by federal complaint.

Scientists Say Artificial Flooding of Grand Canyon a Big Success

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Like a giant mixmaster, the artificial flood unleashed in the Grand Canyon last month did what it was designed to do, according to experts, churning up tons of sediment, restoring estuaries and enlarging beaches and wildlife habitat.

"The success exceeds the most optimistic hopes of the scientists," said U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, who triggered the week-long gusher that totaled 360,000 acre feet of rushing water — about the amount that the city of Los Angeles consumes in seven months.

Joined by environmental scientists from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation who were in charge of the flood, Babbitt made his remarks during a Washington, D.C., news conference Thursday.

Canyon beaches and sand bars grew by about 30 percent, say scientists who observed the flood from different vantage points along the 290 mile stretch of the Colorado River that flows through the Grand Canyon from Glen Canyon Dam to Lake Mead.

While the river rose by more than 13 feet, capsizing some of the rafters who rode the flood tide, scientists said they found little damage to any of the endangered birds, fish or snails that dwell in the canyon.

Initially opposed by hydropower interests, which saw it as a waste of water, the huge release represented the first time the federal government has opened the floodgates of one of its own dams in order to repair some of the damage done to river canyons denied their natural flows for many years.

IRS Reports Bigger, Faster Refunds

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Going into the final week of the tax filing season, American taxpayers have been filing their returns a bit more slowly than last year but getting faster and larger refunds.

The Internal Revenue Service had received slightly more than 67 million of the 118 million returns it expects this year, down 1.1 percent from last year, as of a week ago, the latest numbers available.

The number of refunds approved stood at 46.5 million, up 6.6 percent, and the average refund so far has been \$1,245, up 14.5 percent from last year's \$1,087.

Many laggards, of course, face a taxing weekend and a check to Uncle Sam, but for the IRS, all has been quiet this spring, and the agency is holding its breath that it stays that way.

"By any standard, this has been an excellent filing season," IRS Commissioner Margaret Milner Richardson said in a statement.

A controversy-free April 15 would be most welcome at the IRS, which spent much of last spring dealing with taxpayer complaints and trying to explain to Congress why millions of refunds were being delayed.

Those delays were the result of an agency crackdown on refund fraud, which officials said saved the government a half-billion dollars and caused 1.5 million "dependents" to disappear from tax returns.

Rockwell Pleads Guilty, Pays Fine

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Rockwell International pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to three felony counts of hazardous waste mishandling and cut a record \$6.5 million check to the U.S. government to pay fines for the 1994 chemical explosion that killed two scientists at the company's open-air field lab in southeastern Ventura County.

John Stocker, Rockwell's legal vice president, stood before Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer and admitted that the company's Canoga Park-based Rocketdyne division had illegally stored and burned an exotic chemical called triaminoguanidine nitrate, or TAGN, at the Santa Susana Field Lab.

And he agreed that the company would pay the U.S. Treasury a \$6.5 million fine, the largest sum ever won in a hazardous waste case in California and the maximum penalty for two counts of illegal disposal and one count of illegal storage of hazardous wastes.

In exchange, Rockwell receives immunity from federal criminal charges in any case of illegal handling, disposal, generation, storage or transportation of hazardous wastes that may have occurred since 1991. After hearing full details of the far-reaching plea agreement, Pfaelzer approved it.

Moments later, Stocker handed over to Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathan Hochman a \$6.5 million check drawn on Rockwell International's corporate account, for deposit in the U.S. Treasury's general fund. He also turned over the first of three thick reports on the company's internal investigations of the July 26, 1994, explosion that killed physicists Otto K. Heiney, 53, and Larry A. Pugh, 51 as they were burning TAGN to get rid of it.

As prosecutors focused their investigation more heavily on past and present Rocketdyne employees who may have ordered the illegal burning, U.S. Attorney Nora Manella declared Rockwell's plea "a very successful resolution to this case."

OPINION

ROTC Task Force Proposal Merits Praise

Guest Column by Christopher J. Sarton

I have seen many, lengthy arguments against the ROTC task force's recommendation, but I have not seen much support for the job that the task force has done. I would like to take this chance to give my personal views on the issue. I am in favor of their decision and applaud the lengths to which they have gone to see both sides of the issue and gather facts.

I think the task force has come up with a good solution to a very difficult problem. Compromise must be sought, and this is a step in the right direction; admitting open gays into the military cannot be done overnight or even in a few years. The women's suffrage movement took many years to earn results, and they are only now being allowed in to the combat arms of the various services. The same has occurred with African-Americans and other ethnic and racial groups. I hope that gays and lesbians get the rights they deserve and soon, but neither throwing ROTC off campus nor keeping it unchanged will do anything to solve this problem.

The resolution, if it passed, would not eliminate all discrimination or allow open gays into the military immediately, but it would send a strong message to the Department of Defense that a compromise can be attained. The Institute takes the initial step of allowing gays into the ROTC program while maintaining its influence with the government and working toward the ultimate objective of full inclusion.

In my opinion, removing ROTC would do more harm than good in MIT's attempt to influence the DoD. I think that action would sever any chance at all to influence further policy making involving gays and the military. What kind of bargaining power does MIT have with no ROTC on campus? Zero. Bargaining power is what the Institute needs. In a difficult decision, you cannot expect someone to comply by simply punishing them

after they refuse to do something. You have to get both parties to sit down and talk it out — explain the pros and cons of the issue, collect facts (as the task force has done), and negotiate in a rational manner.

What if MIT throws ROTC off campus and several years down the line, the DoD allows openly gay people into the military? If the DoD decides to return ROTC to campus, it would have to rebuild the entire student-run organization from scratch. There would be no experienced upperclassmen to assume the leadership roles that are part of the ROTC program. But what if the DoD decides not to return ROTC to campus? MIT will have completely eliminated one method for students to afford MIT. One of the reasons young men and women choose to enter the ROTC program is to be able to afford a college they want to attend. Gay scholars who cannot afford MIT would have one less method for attending this prestigious institute.

Several articles and the task force's recommendation have mentioned the "citizen soldier" principle, and I would like to touch on this as well. It is my opinion that a military that draws its officers from the civilian population is much more stable than one that draws them from a military elite like an exclusive class of society. One has only to check history to see examples of this. If all campuses were to end their ROTC programs, where would officers come from? They would all be graduates of the academies, which impart little of the diversity that all college campuses provide.

There is a darker aspect to the elimination of ROTC on this campus: What about the colleges without a strong anti-discrimination policy? They are not going to throw ROTC off campus, and what kind of people would their atmosphere harbor? If these campuses were the only ones to maintain ROTC, many officers in the military would be biased and prejudiced against any sort of inclusion of gays into the military — exactly the situation many are

trying to change. It is therefore necessary to maintain ROTC on campus.

I believe that this campus engenders a very tolerant view on life and its diversity, and that is the kind of outlook I want U.S. military officers and government officials to have. Officials and officers who have been exposed to different lifestyles are more likely to carry on the fight to admit gays and lesbians into the military once they attain higher rank in the military and government.

I have tried to show some of the problems I see in completely removing ROTC from campus and why the task force's resolution is intelligent, forward-moving, and fair. ROTC's removal would completely eliminate any further influence MIT has in the debate on allowing gays into the military. If MIT did throw ROTC off campus, it might never come back even if the policy changed — and this would hinder gay students who are not able to afford MIT but would like to join the military to pay their way through college. The termination of ROTC would also weaken the "citizen soldier" basis for our military and increase the number of people in the military who do discriminate against homosexuals. It should be understood that the resolution is not the solution, but rather an opening move in the negotiations to allow homosexuals into the military.

I would like to close with a plug aimed at the faculty. The vote on the resolution is rapidly approaching, and I would like to encourage them to participate. I do not want to tell them how to vote — I just want them to vote. I would much rather have a decision that affects a large portion of campus made by ninety percent of the faculty than by a mere ten or twenty percent. For those who think they do not know enough to make an informed decision, the task force has published several reports on ROTC and MIT, and these reports are available on the World-Wide Web. So I hope they go out and vote for what they believe in.



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Protect Your Thumbs or Lose Your Heritage

Column by A. Arif Husain

NEWS EDITOR

A respectable goal of any upstanding citizen is to speak out, if not take action, against injustice. Whether because of oppression, suppression, or downright ignorance, it is often the silent minority that bears the most abuse. Invariably, the ramifications of injustice resound to the detriment of those who perpetrate the offense, as well as to that of the victims. So for my part, I've recognized an instance of such malignancy, and I hope that my illustration of this pressing situation may give us a better grip on the road to resolve.

The group I represent, while fewer in number than others, stands strong at nearly 500 million in this country alone, and close to 14 billion worldwide. Every active person on the planet interacts with my group many times a day, though people rarely waste a microsecond to recognize its contributions. From infancy, when members of this group are called upon as built-in pacifiers, to old age when they are just fun to have around, we owe these guys an immense debt of gratitude.

But now, I'm afraid, the group I represent is headed straight for extinction. And as usual, we are responsible. That's right, the human thumb, whose opposability defines our species and sets us apart in the ability to grasp and use tools, now lies dormant in our technologically elite society.

Let me explain. The thumb has come a long way in the past ten thousand years or so. Our early ancestors used their thumbs to pick

fruit, hunt, build shelters, and carve tools. Try skinning a buffalo with just eight fingers, and things should become clear. Our advancement through the metal ages, the industrial revolution, and finally to the computer age was made possible by our primitive ability to use thumbs where the use of fingers alone left our ape cousins scrounging.

Throughout history, the thumb has been given the respect it deserves. Kingdoms based measurements like the inch on the length of the royal thumb. Various languages evolved relying on thumb gestures. Spend a few hours on a stretch of interstate highway and you will agree that a single outstretched thumb can convey quite a story.

Common verbal expressions, some still used today, use the thumb as a formula. How would one describe a lazy person's idleness without citing the symbolic thumb lodged in congruent posterior anatomy? Would it be the same to describe one's own clumsiness by saying: "Gosh, I'm all pinkies?" And what about the avid horticulturist left with the uncertainty of which digit to call green?

One of my better-remembered childhood stories was "Tom Thumb." I don't know how my early development would have been different had a "Tom Finger" stood in as a major literary figure.

Would Siskel and Ebert approve of two index fingers up? I should think not.

At this stage, however, we've lost touch with our thumb-founded roots, and seem to have set its distinctive abilities behind. Nearly

every modern invention relies on the maneuverability of the fingers, relegating to the thumb such mindless chores as clicking the space bar or maybe honking the horn. While at first this may seem inconsequential, the truth is far more serious.

When people began to walk upright, science tells us, our tails were no longer necessary and were therefore lost. Who can say the same fate is not in store for our hapless thumbs? A few hundred million years from now, when my x-great-grandchildren are walking around with four-fingered flaps at the end of each arm, I'd rather not be held accountable.

Perhaps the only ubiquitous technology which is thumb-friendly these days is the remote control, a symbol of the chronic laziness our culture suffers. Ironically, this fluke may be our escape. Hence it seems clear that the recent rise in television viewing by our young people is merely nature's way of steering natural selection away from a course that may well leave our future generations thumbless. Start clicking those channels and there just might be a chance. Thank God for Darwin.

And so it comes down to a matter of appreciation. As we drift away into environments of silicon and molded plastic, it's easy to forget the thumbs that made it all possible. As students of fields which deal directly with issues of technology and design, we should stand at the forefront of the thumb revolution. For the sake of the human race, please give thumbs a chance.

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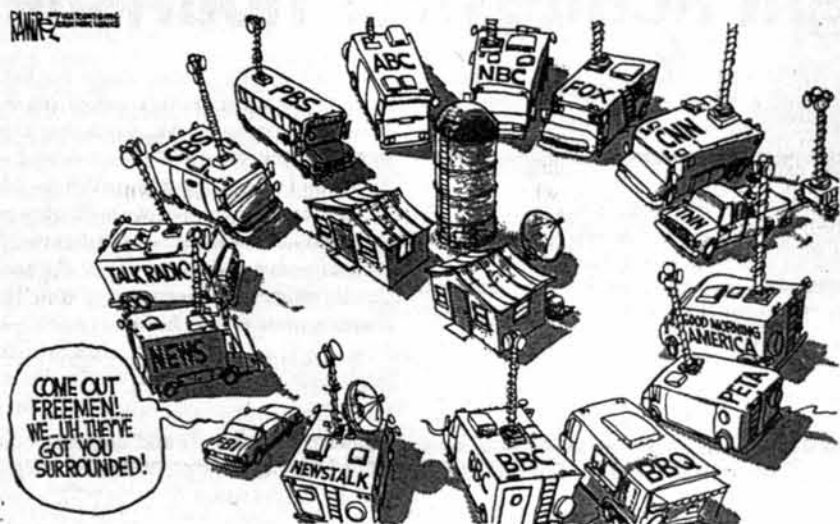
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Filing State and Federal Taxes Shouldn't Be a Pain

Column by Eva Moy
STAFF REPORTER

What's the easiest way to file your taxes? Ask your parents to do it!

Seriously, Monday is the deadline — the dreaded April 15 — for federal income tax returns. Maybe you have already filed your return, or intend to do it this weekend. Or maybe you don't even know where to pick up the forms.

Disclaimer: If you invest in stocks or own a house or are a small farmer, then you probably already know how to do your complicated taxes. Flip back to World & Nation.

When I filed my first tax return freshman year I was worried about all sorts of little details. Should I use the 1040 or 1040A or 1040EZ form? What are all these "schedules?" Should I file on paper or electronically? How do I find a copy of the Virginia tax forms?

Or an even more basic question: Am I a resident of Massachusetts because I'm here for most of the year, or am I a Virginia resident because I'm still a student?

I went to the post office and the library looking for all the right forms. Sometimes the smaller branches run out of forms early. I read every page of the instructions and double checked all of my numbers. I compared the results for the different 1040 forms. They were the same.

I made sure when I stapled the W-2 and 1099 forms in the right places that the main 1040 form would still tri-fold correctly. Then I xeroxed everything, made sure the whole thing still weighed under 1 ounce — I wouldn't want it to be sent back because of insufficient postage — and sent it off.

In the next few years, I must admit that I've become more lax about the whole process and have even made a few mistakes in the calculations (in my favor). Once I'd assembled all the various pieces of paper, it would only take me an hour or two to finish. Maybe I was just lucky. Or maybe students' taxes are incredibly simple after all.

This year, however, is one of my last in the world of the 1040EZ form. I forced myself to keep all of my receipts (although they're still in a huge pile somewhere in my room) and started keeping track of my expenses on my computer. Maybe I'll learn some good habits for when I enter the real world and hopefully make more than \$10,000-15,000 per year.

So, anyway, if you haven't done your return yet, invite a few friends over on Monday, watch the marathon for a while, and then finally sort out all those little pieces of paper. As for me, I've already gotten back all of my tax refunds.

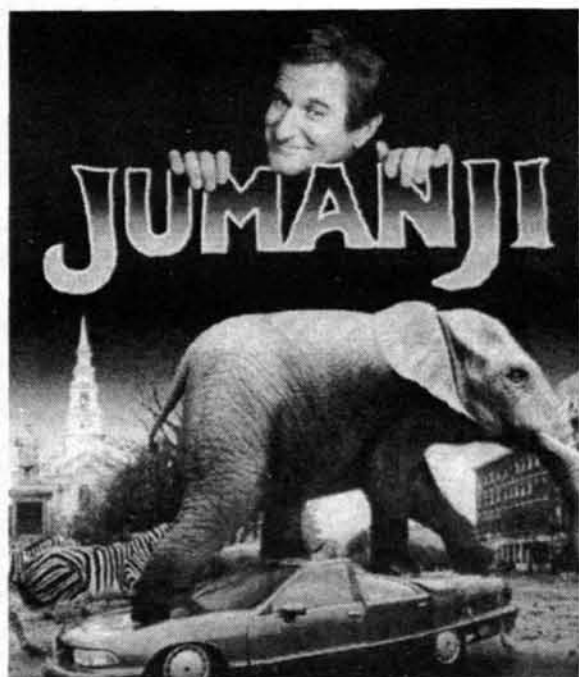
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THE ARTS

Low price doesn't guarantee good spaghetti at OSF

THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY

44 Pittsburgh St.

By Aaron R. Prazan

STAFF REPORTER

A frugal friend of mine asked me to call her if I ever wanted good, inexpensive pasta. With the marathon fast approaching, some MIT readers will invariably have such a need. She being a reliable person, I took my friend's word and came to know The Old Spaghetti Factory. Located at 44 Pittsburgh Street, three blocks off Congress Street, the OSF is a ten-minute walk from South Station. It is true that the OSF is cheap, but for a reason. For those completely strapped for cash, I suggest Prego or Kraft over a trip to the wharf for OSF pasta.

Ironically, the OSF has been suggested to

me more than once, and it deserves some credit. First of all, it is cheap. All meals come with bread, salad, beverage, and dessert for about six dollars. The menu is simple: spaghetti with a variety of sauces. There are also a few other pastas and meat combinations like Ravioli Chicken Parmesan.

Portions are enough to satisfy, but not overfilling. A huge dining room means little or no wait, even for large numbers of people. Also, the place has a certain railroad station charm to it. There is a high ceiling of thick timbers reminiscent of a 19th century junction. There is even a trolley car inside.

In truth, the building is a great place for a restaurant, but architecture and low prices are not the only factor that makes a place great: Food is the real life and livelihood of a good restaurant. With a menu consisting of mostly

spaghetti, it seems like the chefs at the Factory can't go wrong. All they need is a spicy marinara sauce with a touch of wine, lots of garlic, and some good cuts of meat for fantastic spaghetti.

Instead, there was a watery, bland sauce with no character. It even arrived at the table cold. As mentioned, better sauce sits in the jars on Laverde's shelves. In addition, the included beverage I got turned out to be soured milk. It was replaced promptly with slightly warm skim milk that tasted only slightly fresher.

As for the other extras, I can only really compliment the bread. Crusty, yeasty, and served warm, the bread was uncharacteristically satisfying. Every meal comes with a salad, and the OSF has room for improvement there, too. Salads are extremely simple; iceberg lettuce swimming in dressing. Extra

greens, more vegetables, or any sign of creative preparation would have been nice. Dessert was ice cream. I had Spumoni, a traditional Italian flavor, and it was decent. In fact, I could have enjoyed a whole bowl except the the dessert dishes at the OSF are shot-glass sized.

For a marathoner, the OSF delivers carbohydrates, but the food lover is sadly forgotten. In summary, The OSF is not recommended. I went with high hopes and was disappointed. It is possible that I caught a bad day, but the fact that such a simple meal as spaghetti went so badly is not a testament to quality. The OSF, therefore, continues the tradition of an eternal truth: "You get what you pay for." For better pasta go anywhere in the North End and leave the wharf to seafood.

Coming soon: *Grillfish*, *Taki's*, and the search for the best pizza in Boston.

Jane Eyre holds soul and bright acting over flourishes

THIS WEEK AT THE KENDALL

Jane Eyre.

Directed by Franco Zeffirelli.

Starring William Hurt, Anna Paquin, and

Charlotte Gainsborough.

One Kendall Square, Cambridge.

By Stephen Brophy

STAFF REPORTER

We know what to expect whenever Franco Zeffirelli makes a movie. It will be a literary adaptation, an example of art — produced within an inch of life, magnificent to look at. But mostly it will be impervious to its audience. It will resemble his stagings of operas, trying to make up with lavish display what it lacks in soul. The good news is that *Jane Eyre* has a strong enough soul at least to partially survive the smothering Zeffirelli touch.

Charlotte Brontë published her most popular novel in 1847, and it hasn't been out of print since. Its early chapters, which detail young Jane's orphanhood, ill treatment at the hands of rich relatives, and eventual consignment to a strict girl's school, find partial foundation in some of the details of Brontë's own life. But the rest — the job as governess to an illegitimate child, the hesitant slide into romance with Mr. Rochester, the child's tempestuous father, and the Gothic extravagance of the secret in the attic — are purely Brontë's imagination.

Like most people who have adapted this story to film, Zeffirelli slights the earlier part of the tale to magnify the excesses of the later, which is too bad, because it means we only get to watch the delightful Anna Paquin as the young Jane for about twenty minutes. Paquin's graceful performance is as much ballet as acting; perhaps it is a touch

too stylized, but it is lovely nonetheless. Fortunately, when Jane grows up and Charlotte Gainsborough takes over the role, she does not disappoint the expectations planted by Paquin.

Charlotte Brontë imagined her heroine to be a plain young woman who unconsciously beguiles Rochester with her independence, strong will, and ready wit. Gainsborough plays her quietly, but with considerable force. She would not be called conventionally attractive, but manages to project her own unique beauty as she gives in to her love and discovers she is loved in return. She is also completely believable whenever called on to take a stand, whether about the treatment of her young charge or about the seeming duplicity of her lover.

Rochester is portrayed by William Hurt with less devices from his bag of irritating theatrics than usual. Hurt is the only American

actor in a mostly British ensemble, but manages not to seem entirely out of place. Joan Plowright appears as Mr. Rochester's sympathetic housekeeper and Jane's friend — her presence is always a plus, even in films of lesser merit. The rest of the well chosen cast, especially Amanda Root and Samuel West, who appeared in last year's *Persuasion*, recalls to us the pleasures of other recent adaptations of British fiction.

It is ultimately the actors who save *Jane Eyre* from the excesses of its director. The cinematography and production design emphasize brightness and details — and too much of both. The treacly soundtrack was created by a committee of three composers, and is piled on predictably whenever any emotion is expressed. But Brontë's characters, as interpreted by this company, manage to rise above it all.



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ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

- ★★★★: Excellent
- ★★★: Good
- ★★: Average
- ★: Poor

★★★½ **Antonia's Line**

A magnificently open-hearted feminist vision of a way the world could be if men were not always struggling to dominate it. This epic magical-realist story begins just after World War II and culminates the day after tomorrow. It's not some matriarchal never-never land, however — the roses in this paradise still hold thorns. As the seasons turn over, friends and lovers grow older and die, and those who are left behind have to mix some sadness with their satisfaction. But its vision is inspired, and it plants hope in our hearts that what has had to be separated in the past can be brought together again. —Stephen Brophy. *Kendall Square.*

★★★½ **The Birdcage**

The American version of the French farce *La Cage aux Folles* succeeds on many levels, thanks in part to the ebullient performances of Robin Williams and Nathan Lane. Armand (Williams) is the owner and musical director of a nightclub in Miami's South Beach section, while his lover Albert (Lane) is the diva-in-drag who's the star performer at the club. The trouble starts when Armand's son (Dan Futterman) starts courting the daughter of a conservative U.S. Senator (Gene Hackman) whose election platform is steeped in "moral order" and "family values." By the time the film reaches its climactic, comic showdown between the two families, the message of "family" and the characters' foibles are so skillfully exploited that one overlooks the expected degrees of slapstick, even when resorting to gay stereotypes. Director Mike Nichols and screenwriter Elaine May have struck the appropriate comic and social chords for this film to be a witty, beguiling, and relevant film. —Scott C. Deskin. *Sony Cheri.*

★★★★ **The Celluloid Closet**

The Celluloid Closet unclosets queers in the American cinema, starting with an eerily provocative little clip filmed 100 years ago in the studios of Thomas Edison. To the sound of a silent violin we see two men dancing, very obviously at affectionate ease with each other. Until recently, it's been mostly downhill in film depictions of lesbians and gays. Based on the groundbreaking book of the same name by the late Vito Russo, this documentary features clips from various represen-

tative movies, talking head shots with famous actors and directors, and a voice-over narration by Lily Tomlin. The movie relentlessly aims to ingratiate itself, and is firmly situated in the assimilationist mainstream of gay politics ("we're just the same as everybody else, except for what we do in bed..."). Still, there are many pleasures to be had from watching

plane en route to Washington and demand money and the release of their spiritual leader. But the pentagon soon learns the real plan: to crash the plane, loaded with a deadly nerve toxin, into the capitol, instantly killing himself and the rest of the passengers and sending a deadly plume of gas over much of the eastern seaboard. Enter Kurt

wintry Minnesota landscape from which the two brothers escaped a few years ago, this story of a kidnapping plot gone bad retraces the success of the Coen's first movie, *Blood Simple*. This revisiting is underlined by the casting of Frances McDormand, *Blood Simple*'s femme fatale, but in a very different role — a pregnant police chief with more brains, determination, and grit, not to mention moral sense, than anyone else in the movie. —SB. *Sony Nickelodeon.*



Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare are hired for a kidnapping in *Fargo*.

the clips under discussion, and it's great to hear Harvey Fierstein speak up in defense of "sissies." —SB. *Kendall Square.*

★★★★ **Dead Man Walking**

Dead Man Walking, directed by Tim Robbins and starring Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon, addresses the death penalty issue unflinchingly and comprehensively. It follows convicted killer Matthew Poncelet (Penn) from the murders, through his several appeals, and finally to his execution in excruciating detail, escorted by his spiritual adviser, Sister Helen Prejean (Sarandon). Don't look to this movie for much action, adventure, or excitement. This emotionally brutal film challenges you to think about the issues surrounding the death penalty. You'll walk away from the theater with a profound sense of the tragedy that any murder is, whether it is committed by a person or by the government. And you will leave with a bitter sense of pity both for the original victims and the convicts on death row. —Audrey Wu. *Sony Nickelodeon.*

★★½ **Executive Decision**

Muslim terrorists hijack a passenger

Russell and Steven Segal, who must sneak aboard the plane to defuse the bomb. Although the ending is never in question, *Executive Decision* keeps us hooked from one climax to the next with surprising efficiency. —Yaron Koren. *Sony Cheri.*

★★½ **Faithful**

It's Margaret's (Cher) 20th wedding anniversary and her husband has hired a hitman to kill her. Tony (Chazz Palminteri) is to break into the couple's home, tie her up, and wait for a phone call from the husband telling Tony he is far enough away to have an alibi. This leaves Tony and Margaret an hour to sit around and talk about their lives, which they both easily do. Overall, *Faithful* is mildly funny but unoriginal. There are several twists at the end that try to keep it from being predictable, but it feels as if the writers were trying too hard to give us a surprise ending. —DVR. *Sony Copley.*

★★ **Fargo**

Joel and Ethan Coen revisit familiar territory, both personal and professional, in this tale of crime in the heartland. Set in the

★★★★ **Leaving Las Vegas**

This sometimes-harrowing, often-redemptive look at a relationship between a destructive alcoholic (Nicholas Cage) and a prostitute (Elisabeth Shue) could be a spiritual antidote to the excesses of *Showgirls*. Cage is a newly-fired screenwriter whose vices have torn apart his family and led him to Las Vegas, where he resolves to drink himself to death. Shue falls in love with him for his lack of pretense, and both embark on a journey of love and self-revelation. Director Mike Figgis completely redeems himself for the pathetic *Mr. Jones*; here, he paints the characters with warm, natural emotions and uses the garish backdrop of the Vegas Strip (where even the golden arches of McDonald's are adorned with a multitude of flashing lights). The soundtrack of soulful contemporary songs by Sting, Don Henley, and other performers is hypnotic and artfully used. It's definitely worthwhile and uplifting for those who can take it. —SCD. *Sony Copley.*

★★½ **Sense and Sensibility**

Director Ang Lee (*The Wedding Banquet*) and screenwriter-actress Emma Thompson present one of the newest Jane Austen adaptations this year. Despite the similarities to BBC television's *Pride and Prejudice*, the film is a treat to watch. Thompson plays Elinor, the older, more sensible sister of the family, while Kate Winslet plays Marianne, her younger, more passionate sister. When struck by the loss of their father, the family must look to its daughters to seek out prospective husbands; through their trials and misfortunes (including liaisons with prospective suitors Hugh Grant and Alan Rickman), the family stands together and never forsakes its honor. The dialogue and ruminations on sexual impropriety may seem quaint by today's standards, but Thompson's screenplay does justice to 18th-century romance and chivalry. —SCD. *Sony Harvard Square.*

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Without Tenure, Wolfe Leaves

Six years after decision, questions about tenure process continue

By Yaron Koren
STAFF REPORTER

Few parts of the MIT administrative system are as mysterious to students as the tenure process. Like every aspect of MIT life, it has faced its share of controversies, as very year some associate professors get tenure while others are rejected. There is rarely a year in which the decisions do not meet with some disagreement.

The tenure process goes through several stages, said J. David Litster PhD '65, vice president and dean for research and dean for graduate education. Litster regularly chairs the tenure committee for MIT's Whitaker College of Health Sciences and Technology.

The department first forms an ad-hoc committee; on the basis of what that committee says, all those involved in the department meet together to decide what to do, Litster said.

If the candidate gets the approval of the department committee, the issue "goes on to the school council" — that is, a council formed by the MIT school to which the department belongs, Litster said. If the candidate passes this stage, his or her case finally goes before the entire academic council, which alone has the power to approve tenure, Litster said. It's an "extremely rigorous process," he said.

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While tenure rejections occur frequently, the circumstances surrounding the decision on Wolfe were anything but normal. Wolfe

was known as a distinguished researcher and had an Institute-wide reputation as an excellent



Jeremy Wolfe

teacher. In 1989, Wolfe received the coveted Baker Teaching Award — the only Institute award whose recipients are nominated by undergraduates.

The award has since acquired a reputation as the kiss of death for professors seeking tenure. Conventional wisdom is that professors strong in teaching are perceived as weak on research — the more important of the two as far as tenure is concerned — and are therefore denied.

Wolfe's main class — Introduction to Psychology (9.00) — had attendance of roughly 300 and "was regularly oversubscribed by 100 to 150 students," Wolfe said. The students in the fall 1994 9.00 class gave Wolfe an overall rating of 6.5 out of a possible 7.0 in the *Course Evaluation Guide*.

Wolfe was clearly admired by his colleagues in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences; he was unanimously nominated for tenure by his department's committee.

The department, which is now part of the School of Science, at the time fell under the jurisdiction of the Whitaker College. It was this college whose council made the final, unexpected decision to deny Wolfe tenure.

Wolfe leaves for Harvard

In 1991, Wolfe left MIT to accept a post at Harvard as an associate professor of ophthalmology; he is currently a researcher at Harvard Medical School's Center for Clinical Cataract Research. Although he left for Harvard, Wolfe continued to teach 9.00 at MIT as a visiting associate professor.

Wolfe said he is fairly content in his new role at Harvard. "It's a little odd to be a psychologist in the ophthalmology department, but I have the resources and the computers to do my own particular research," he said. "Being in Boston in my particular field is very good because I can get together with other people [in my field], and we chat regularly."

The one aspect of his former life that Wolfe misses most is the lecturing and interaction with students. "I'm perfectly happy to be doing research, but it's a little like leaving out one of five courses out of a five-course meal," Wolfe said.

He calls it a "cheap irony" that "there are lots of people who would love to have a post and excellent research facilities and not have to talk to undergraduates at all. Which is exactly what I'm doing, except that I'm actually interested in teaching."

Still no explanation for decision

The central unanswered question is why Wolfe was denied tenure.

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Nightline Phony Harasses Students

By Fenny Lin
STAFF REPORTER

A number of students filed complaints with Campus Police last week concerning harassing phone calls from a male identifying himself as a staff member of Nightline, MIT's confidential peer listening group.

Campus Police got the earliest report of such calls last Wednesday, said Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin. In all, ten such incidents have been reported.

While police do not have evidence pinpointing the caller's identity, they believe that a single individual is responsible for impersonating Nightline. No particular group is being targeted for these calls, Glavin said.

The complaints are still under investigation, Glavin said. "We encourage people who get called to let us know. It's hard when people don't come forward with their information."

"We were definitely very concerned about it and wanted to respond to it directly," said one of this year's Nightline coordinators, who requested not to be identified so as to preserve the anonymity associated with the group.

Prank caller disturbs students

Jessica A. Walko '97 received one of these anonymous calls at 4 o'clock in the morning last week. The call lasted about two minutes, during which the caller said that he was concerned that she was having academic problems.

"I didn't feel really threatened, it was just strange," Walko said.

According to student reports, the caller had attempted to acquire information about the students' personal relationships, academic problems, and emotional and mental states.

Nightline is a volunteer peer listening group run entirely by students, the coordinator said. It maintains strict confidentiality of all calls made by students to discuss their problems, and its staffers never call students, the coordinator said.

Any student receiving a call from someone claiming to be from Nightline should file a report with the Campus Police, Glavin said. They are suggesting that people not tell the caller any personal information.

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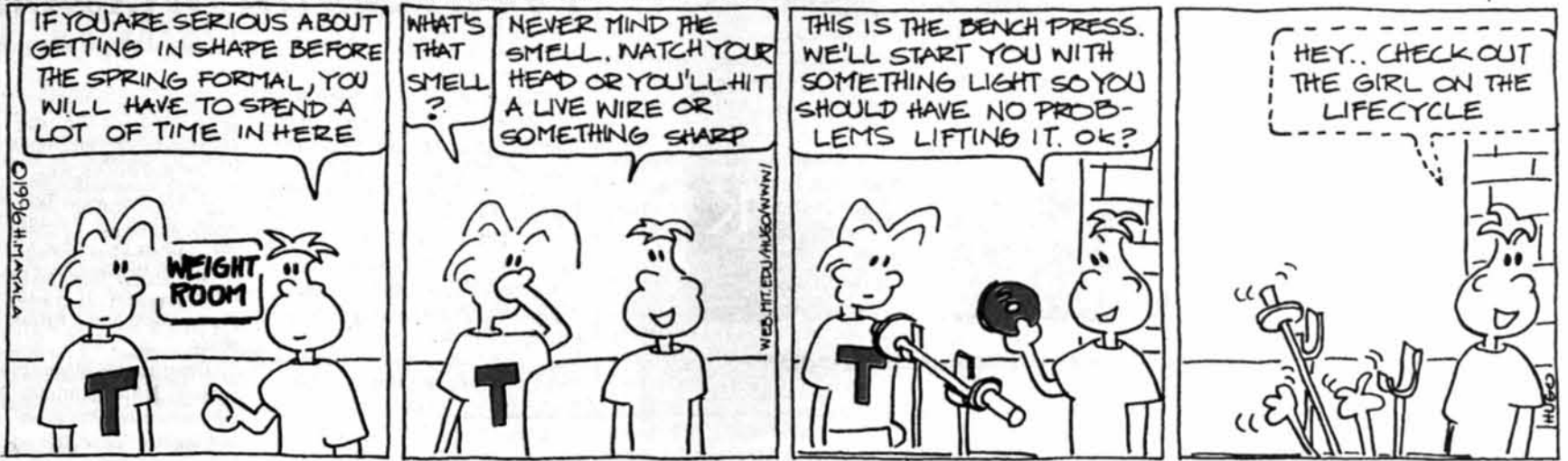
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BU Freshman Commits Suicide

By Dan McGuire
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Boston University freshman Brooke Pointkes died March 21 after jumping in front of a commuter train near the Carlton Street overpass.

Short Takes

Friends were stunned by the apparent suicide, saying that Pointkes had seemed fine just hours before the act.

Friends described Pointkes as easy-going, extremely unselfish, and loving. "She had the best laugh — it was contagious," a close friend said. "I think that's what constitutes a real tragedy — when no one knows why and no one ever will," said another friend. Pointkes, who was a student at the University's College of Arts and Sciences, did not leave a suicide note.

[The Daily Free Press, March 27]

BU, Boston to merge hospitals

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced a plan Wednesday that would merge the Boston University Medical Center and the Boston City Hospital by July 1.

Both the city and the university agreed to fund the new Boston Medical Center, with the city contributing \$56 million over the next five years and BU spending \$7.8 million over the next year. Both will contribute to improvements in the hospitals' facilities.

City officials said that the new hospital will have 30 to 40 percent less staff and about half as many beds as the number of in-patients drops and out-patient therapy becomes more common.

[The Boston Globe, April 11]

Yale students sue university

As the strike by the Local 35

Service union stretched on, members of Yale University's Student Labor Action Committee announced last Monday that they would launch a class-action suit against the university for services not rendered because of the lack of service staff.

As the strike continued into yesterday, union workers maintained their demand that union work should not be subcontracted to lower-wage workers.

Students on the committee also said that they would try to disrupt the school's fund-raising programs. Participants said that they would withhold their tuition and place it in a trust fund for the duration of the strike. Committee members also said that they were calling alumni and asking them to withhold donations to the Yale's quarter-century fund. Administrators are calling the actions "regrettable."

[Yale Daily News, April 1, 11]

Harvard, Princeton return funds

Princeton and Harvard Universities agreed Wednesday to return investment profits to the Foundation for New Era Philanthropy. New Era attracted donations from colleges, universities, and other non-profit groups by promising to double their investments with gifts from anonymous donors; the gifts were in fact donations by other organizations.

A federal investigation into the collapse of the Foundation resulted in a lawsuit against those companies that had managed to profit from the scheme. Princeton, which made \$2.1 million, and Harvard, which made \$467,000, both agreed to return their profits to creditors in return for not being named in the suit.

[The New York Times, April 11]

Harvard finance VP departs

Harvard University Vice President for Finance Allen J. Proctor surprised the community when he announced he would resign on last month after only 17 months at his post.

"The number of people involved in a decision here is large and varied," Proctor said, "I'm not comfortable working in that kind of environment."

"This job requires someone who likes developing consensus... to me, it's usually pretty apparent what the solution should be. I feel like we should implement it and move on," Proctor said.

Proctor leaves during Harvard's unprecedented \$2.1 billion fund raising drive and a major overhaul of its financial system. Proctor is the third person to occupy the post in the last five years.

[The Harvard Crimson, March 21, 22]

Harvard randomizes dormitories

Harvard University released statistics last Tuesday on the results of its attempt to randomize housing assignments. House masters hoped that the plan would increase the diversity of interests in the houses and help them break out of their traditional images.

The data released, however, indicated that the new system was not flawless. Although the sophomore class is 55 percent female, one dorm, Pforzheimer, was given a population that was only 30 percent female. Other dormitories showed similar gaps. The Committee on House Life is looking into re-implementing gender-balancing in next year's lottery.

[Harvard Crimson, April 3]

FSILGs Can Now Host Prefrosh for Weekend

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Variety of events scheduled

Women make up 43 percent of this year's admitted class, down from last year's record 45 percent. Meanwhile, minorities make up 18 percent, a four percent increase over last year.

The admissions office hopes to have a class of about 1080 students out of the total 1900 admitted. Admitted students have until May 1 to make their decisions.

Some prefrosh can stay in ILGs

In previous years, prefrosh attending Campus Preview Weekend have not been allowed to stay in independent living groups. This year, most prefrosh will again be staying in dormitories, but because of a policy change, some will be staying in certain fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

FSILGs located on or near the main part of campus as well as the Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Phi sorority houses across the river will be hosting prefrosh.

"We made the decision because Sigma Kappa had moved into Ashdown, and we couldn't lose that many hosts," said Sheetal B. Shah '96, an admissions intern who helped to organize Campus Preview Weekend.

About 50 spaces in the basement and first floor of Ashdown were set aside as living space for members of Sigma Kappa starting this year, meaning there would be 50 fewer potential Campus Preview hosts without the policy change. "If we let Ashdown residents host, then we had to let the others host, too," Shah said.

The previous policy of not allowing FSILGs to host prefrosh came from a concern that freshmen would be able to visit MIT without the pressures of rush, according to Shah.

There are a number of events scheduled for the weekend that range from official events and tours to informal discussions.

There will be a special lecture today given by Amanda S. Bosh '87, who in 1988 flew with NASA's Kuiper Airborne Observatory. During the course of the mission, the team discovered Pluto's atmosphere.

Other events planned include the various Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program tours and last night's "Diversity on Display," a show presenting various multicultural organizations on campus.

Such events "will show that we don't just work and study here," Shah said.

The visiting prefrosh will be staying with approximately 230 hosts. "We encourage the hosts to take them to their classes and do events on the schedule like the UROP tours" to ensure that prefrosh get a good chance to see what MIT is like, Shah said.

In addition to the prefrosh, about 160 of their parents are visiting and staying at hotels in the area. There are number of events scheduled for parents, including a discussion on financial aid and an open house reception at the Edgerton Center.

Alan Most, whose daughter Jennifer is a prefrosh this weekend, took time off from work to come visit the campus. "I think that it's important for parents to see the university environment that the child will be learning and relaxing in for the next four years," he said. "In addition, you need to see the entire picture — the city of Boston as well as the university."

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Questions Remain On Tenure Decision

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Professor of Chemical Engineering Kenneth A. Smith '58, who chaired the Whitaker committee that gave Wolfe the final thumbs-down, refused to give an explanation, saying only that "in retrospect... I'd say there are cases where we've gone on to regret our decision."

"Overall, the tenure process works pretty well," Smith said. "I think it's probably a mistake to speak about individual cases," he added.

Over the years, and especially in light of Wolfe's denial, people have charged that the tenure decision process tends to reward world-class researchers and not great teachers.

Litster conceded there is some truth to this. "In general, research is more important" in the decision process, he said. "But if you look back 20 years ago, research was a lot more important than it is now" in comparison to teaching ability.

"It's gotten tougher because I think the teaching standards have been raised while research standards have remained the same," Litster said.

Smith agreed. "There's a little truth in that. It's certainly fair to say that it's easier to measure research experience than teaching experience," he said. But "over the last 15 years, the weight given to teaching has been steadily increasing," he said.

Even Wolfe waxed philosophical about the tenure process. "Tenure processes are always going to be a bit strange," he said. "I'm not thrilled with the way mine worked out, but it's not clear that the whole system is crying out for revision."

Wolfe won't teach regular 9.00

Last semester was Wolfe's last as the professor for the mainstream 9.00 lecture — but not by his own choice. "All else being equal, I like to teach, and I like to teach 9.00, so

I'm sorry to be leaving," Wolfe said.

Wolfe will be replaced by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Steven Pinker. Emilio Bizzi, who chairs the department, explained that it was inappropriate for someone not in the faculty to be teaching such a large course. He said the change came only now because "it took a while for Pinker to get ready" for the switch.

Wolfe will now teach 9.00 for the Concourse program. He said that his new class will have an enrollment of 30-40 students.

"I'm a very slow learner. It's not clear how many times the folks from MIT will have to tell me to leave before I get the hint," he joked.



SHARON YOUNG PONG—THE TECH

Jeffrey Moss (played by Michael A. Uowski '97) parties instead of writing in the Next Act production of "Bells are Ringing." Others from right to left: Chia L. Shafiroff '97, Sarah B. Tegen '97, and Sabrina D. Almeida '99.



R/O Week Proposals Focus on Dry Rush

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schberg said. "Freshmen should be making a decision on their living arrangements without alcohol present," Jablonski said. "A major rush event with alcohol that's open to non-MIT students is probably not the best environment for freshmen to be making a decision about where they're going to live."

But Lee said the IFC is looking at making sure rush events just don't "revolve around" alcohol, he said. "Most places already don't," he added.

The idea of the changes is to move "the emphasis... away from alcohol," Lee said. "In the long term, that's a positive change for all of the IFC and MIT in general."

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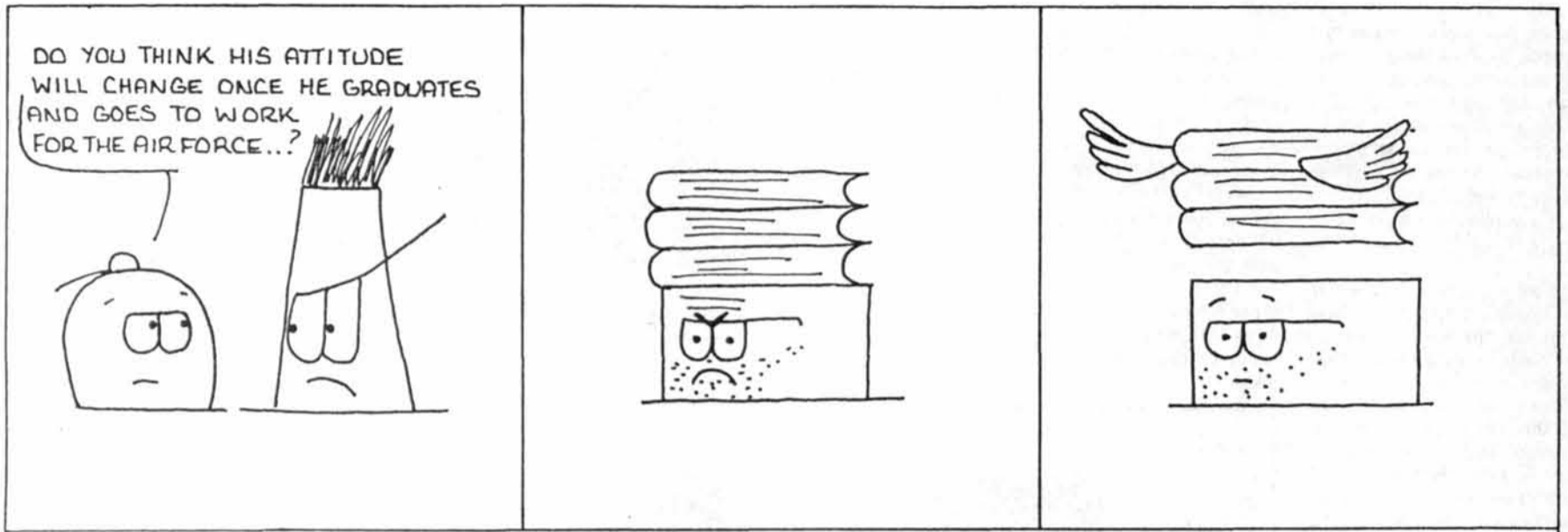
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IFC New Member Retreat: The New Tradition

On the weekend of October 20th, sixty members of the Greek community came together on a weekend retreat to discuss their fraternal experiences and problems. The IFC New Member Retreat provided an opportunity for these new members to foster new relationships and build positive commitment with other FSILG's. The retreat was held at a camp in Rhode Island where the New Members were treated to a weekend of games, leadership activities, community service to the campsite, a professional ropes course, and intense discussions.

One of the main issues discussed was that many members were concerned about interfraternal relations and felt as if their houses were too isolated from others. Some felt as if this was a result of stereotypes that have been created by ignorant rumors as well as rivalries during rush. Other issues discussed were hazing, homophobia, racism, alcohol abuse, giving back to the community, and apathy. Through the retreat the New Members gained a sense of the Greek Community and the IFC.

Most of the New Members that participated in the retreat are currently working in Jr. IFC, Jr. Panhel, IFC, Panhel. Most astounding is the fact that a good amount of the retreat participants are currently IFC and Panhel Cabinet Committees Chairs.

Currently the IFC New Member Committee is working on the organization of next year's retreat. As in last year IFC is counting on the support of the New Member Trainers and the IFC Community as a whole to make this event an outstanding success. If you're interested in taking part in the new IFC tradition feel free to email Michael Greene (magreen@mit.edu) or Norris Vivatrat (nvivatrat@mit.edu) for more information.

IFC 1996: Building Image and Unity

To the IFC Community:

The IFC Executive Committee welcomes you to an exciting year in IFC. Already we have incorporated some new programs to help us realize our goals: Building a better image for the IFC and strive towards unity among the Living Groups. During the following term the Executive Committee plans to make communication between living groups an integral part of IFC.

The 1996 is proof of the strides IFC is taking towards promoting unity. The Cabinet is over 40 members strong. The division of the office of the Vice President has made it possible for the IFC to expand the involvement of the IFC Cabinet Committees. The members of the Cabinet will be dealing with Greek Week, New Member Leadership Retreat, and campus related activities among other. The Cabinet is as psyched as it has ever been before and ready to take on their tasks.

The IFC Executive Committee also took part in the NEIFC/NEPC Leadership Conference. It is our pleasure to announce that Jennifer Yang was elected NEPC Vice President. Congratulations!

As part of our image building program, we hope the InFoCUS will become a useful mean of communicating what is going on in IFC. In this issue you will find an interesting account of the New Member Retreat. The New Member Retreat, brainchild of Joseph Lee, has become the focus point of IFC's New Member Standards program.

We hope you will find the changes IFC is going through worthwhile and exciting and that your living group will become more interested in contributing to the growth of IFC.

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Dormcon Cites Own Interest in Decisions

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mittee charged with resolving conflicts and violations of mutual dorm and fraternity rules, sparking a debate with the IFC and RCA.

The point of rush is to put freshmen in the best position to choose their housing and to protect their rights, Barron said. "Medcomm wasn't doing this. It was more of a fight between two sides, each side trying to get the most power that they could. It was not about helping the frosh," he said.

But there is now no mechanism to resolve conflicts between independent living groups and residence halls except for filing a complaint with the deans office, said Margaret A. Jablonski, associate dean for residence and campus activities.

"Dormcon has gone on their own and decided to do something that really needs to be decided in conjunction with RCA and IFC. Now we are backing up and trying to get them back to the table to negotiate some of this," Jablonski said.

IFC President Jason D. Pride '97 has a third solution. "IFC supports a mediation committee. It is a more personal and direct route to settling disputes than going through a third party," he said. "There is no reason to be pulling RCA in."

"Medcomm would help if there were two groups of like mind who wanted to meet and make consensus agreements between each other," Barron said. However, we face a different situation, with the set up "almost adversarial, and Medcomm becomes a little battle ground," Barron said.

"I think we gave much more than we took in the Medcomm process," former IFC President

Brian D. Dye '96 said. "I don't know what was the start of [Dormcon's] hostility, but we can work together and have a functional and respected Medcomm for next year."

Dormcon realized that while Medcomm was important, "it wasn't of concern to IFC or RCA, so it wasn't meeting our goals to be part of Medcomm," Lakshminarayanan said.

"IFC cared about working with Medcomm, but every time we had a Medcomm meeting, Dormcon was not willing to compromise on anything. You can't get anywhere in a mediation unless both groups have a give and take," Pride said.

But Barron sees the situation differently. "In our past experience, if IFC isn't even going to care about the rules we set in Medcomm, why bother with it?" he said.

Earlier this fall, Dormcon brought a charge at a Medcomm hearing against a fraternity member that walked into East Campus during rush, a violation of rush rules.

"The assumptions that Dormcon has made about Medcomm began during this trial," Pride said. "Dormcon simply walked out of the room after refusing to compromise."

Jablonski agrees. "The event wasn't resolved to Dormcon's liking. I think this is where a lot of this stems from," she said. "And IFC is frustrated with Dormcon's decision to unilaterally sever any relationship with them."

Dormcon officers disagree, however. "Dormcon's decision to pull out of Medcomm is not related to any event," Lakshminarayanan said. Dormcon had been looking into re-engineering itself earlier, she said.

None of these actions were "to

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Task Force Modifies 'Model' ROTC Plan

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Professor of Management Stephen C. Graves, chair of the ROTC Task Force, opened the meeting with a list of concerns raised about the plan, principal among them the labeling of the plan as "model." Graves said a new, "modified" plan would be presented to the faculty for approval next Wednesday.

The task force was represented by Professor of History William Watson, Frank Tipton G, and Alan C. Pierson '96. Several ROTC students and openly gay students and faculty attended the meeting, as did Professor and Faculty Chair Lawrence S. Bacow and Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates.

"Model" now a "modified" plan

Addressing concerns raised at last month's faculty meeting that the model plan is not desirable or favorable, Graves cast it as a modified plan that is not an ideal solution.

"We don't want to promote this or describe this as a model program," Graves said.

"We now recognize that the ROTC program should be described as 'modified' rather than 'model,'" Watson said. "As long as the discrimination practice is mandated by law, the ROTC program, no matter how it is reconfigured at MIT, cannot rightfully be called a 'model' program."

It became clear at last month's faculty meeting that "it was absurd to try to contend that everything was going to by hunky dory," Watson said.

Common goal, different methods

Advocates and opponents of the task force's plan alike agreed that the discrimination in ROTC at MIT is deplorable and must end. They disagreed, however, as to "what really represents a reasonable way of doing that," Bacow said.

Adrian Banard '97, publicity coordinator of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders, and Friends, said that it was obvious that ROTC should be ended immediately at MIT. The Institute should "take a strong stand and do something strong: The only way to end discrimination on campus permanently is by removing ROTC."

"It's hard to make a moral argument if you're participating in that immorality," Banard said. "It means that we don't really mean it when we say" that ROTC is bad.

Arguing on the side of the task force's plan, Bacow said that expelling ROTC from MIT would make very little long-term difference. "The issue ceases to be a real issue on campus anymore" once the program is gone; the Institute would lose the credibility to push for national change in the discrimination policy.

"We are going to live with something on this campus which we don't like, which is offensive. What we hope we don't do is to make purely a cosmetic change, such as Harvard" did, by simply removing the program but not pushing for national change, Bacow said.

Assistant Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Kristina E. Hill said that, as a lesbian, every time she sees a group of ROTC cadets walk by, she is reminded that "someone in Washington thinks I should be ashamed." At Harvard, where Hill did her graduate work, "I don't feel that way because they don't show up. To me that matters; it is not cosmetic."

"We have conflicting interests" of upholding the Institute's anti-discrimination policy and aiding the national interest, Watson said. To abandon the latter and ignore the former would be a "cowardly" solution, Bacow said.

Daniel Skwarek G disagreed that

MIT could significantly affect the national debate on ROTC. "It takes a purposeful ignorance of history to suppose that MIT" can influence the government. After all, the 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" policy was crafted even as an MIT graduate was secretary of defense (the late Les Aspin PhD '66) and former Provost John M. Deutch '61 involved in the DoD and the CIA, Skwarek said.

"It is ridiculous to suppose we could at all influence that national policy by our principled stand," Skwarek said. "It seems that the more principled thing to do is to realize that we cannot ourselves affect change" and eliminate ROTC.

Plan meant to keep debate open

Graves refuted some misperceptions of the ultimate goal of the task force's plan. The proposed changes do not attempt to eliminate discrimination in ROTC; "by no means do the changes that we're recommending address the core discrimination," he said.

Instead, the plan's aspiration is that "ROTC on campus would try to adapt the program so it would be more beneficial to all students," Graves said.

As to clear signs of progress, Graves said he hoped there would be "some tangible progress" reported within a two-year time frame. The extended time frame is driven by election-year uncertainty on the part of the DoD. There is also hope that by the close of the time frame, it would be clear whether or not the DoD would be willing to cooperate with the spirit of MIT's plan, Graves said.

If DoD won't cooperate with the Institute or cannot report acceptable progress towards ending discrimination in the entire ROTC program, the ROTC oversight committee would bring the issue back to the faculty, Graves said.

Graves said the task force will make no specific recommendations as to possible future action. "It was the most difficult issue for the task force to agree upon," he said. Members had different views as to what could and should happen, he said. All task force members, including students, will be able to speak at next Wednesday's faculty meeting.

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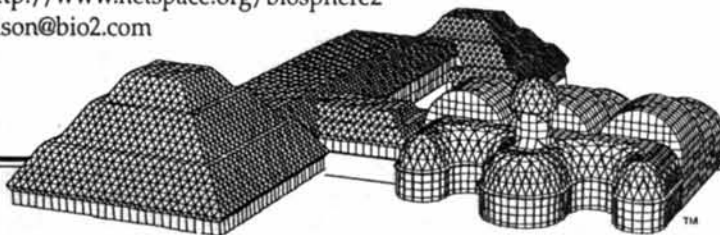
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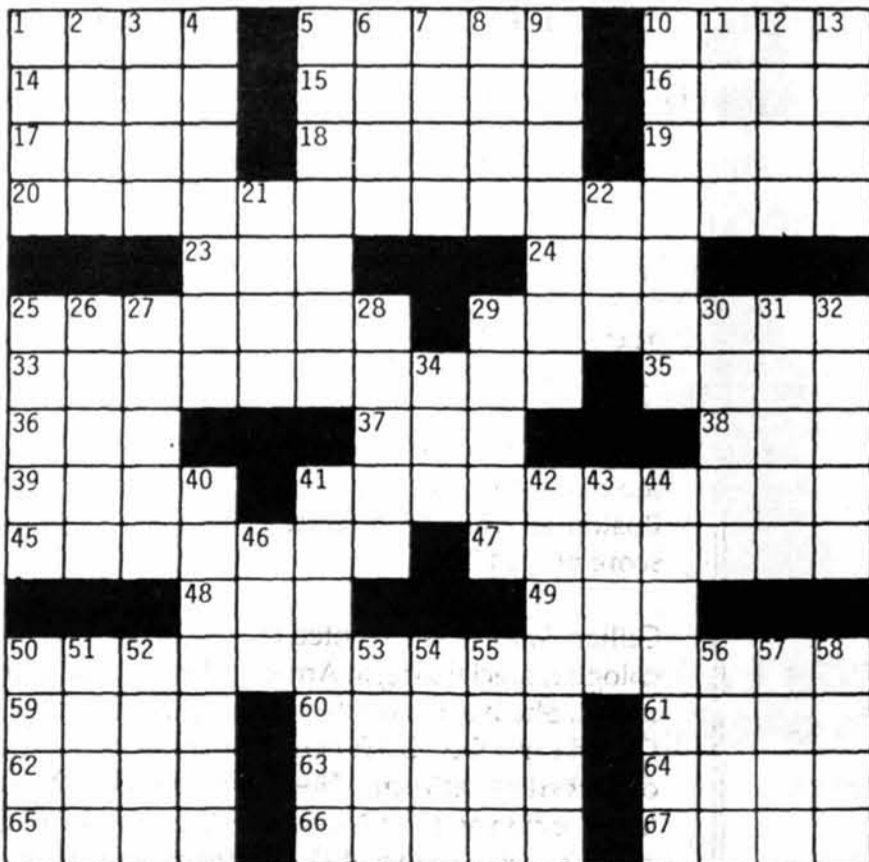
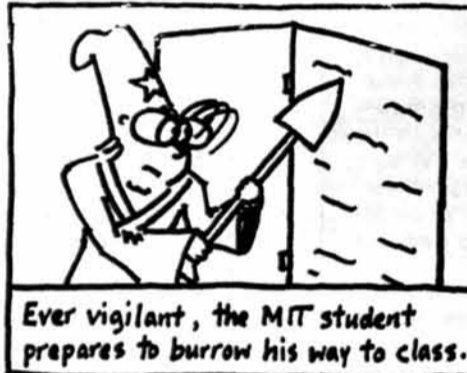
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Dormcon, IFC, RCA Face Common Issues

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spite anyone, or to make rush difficult for other groups," Lakshminarayanan said. "We don't perceive any conflict. We are just doing what is good for our organization," she said.

However, part of "having students govern themselves is that sometimes it is not going to work out the way everyone wants it to, but they participate in resolving conflicts democratically, and hope that the majority of the time people are satisfied," Jablonski said.

Dormcon continues involvement

Decisions that affect students should "not be made by administrators only but should heavily involve student input," Lakshminarayanan said.

While it is a positive step that the leadership of Dormcon wants the residence halls to have a more active voice in determining policy, "at the same time this means participating and collaborating with IFC

and RCA and not making unilateral decisions," Jablonski said.

"What we are left with right now is the two groups developing separate rules and RCA left to enforce them. This doesn't make sense to us when we have to try to empower students to enforce their own rules," Jablonski said.

Dormcon representatives said it has "really thought about these new [Judicial Committee] rules for a long time, and will not be having a Medcomm next year or the year after. We will not change our mind," Lakshminarayanan said.

This gives Dormcon's Judcomm the authority to undertake judicial proceedings for any individual on campus by itself, Lakshminarayanan said.

This new code has not yet been officially revised, Jablonski said. Dormcon has presented a draft of the code, and "while we are open to considering revising that document, the way it currently reads is in direct conflict to our judicial system," she said.



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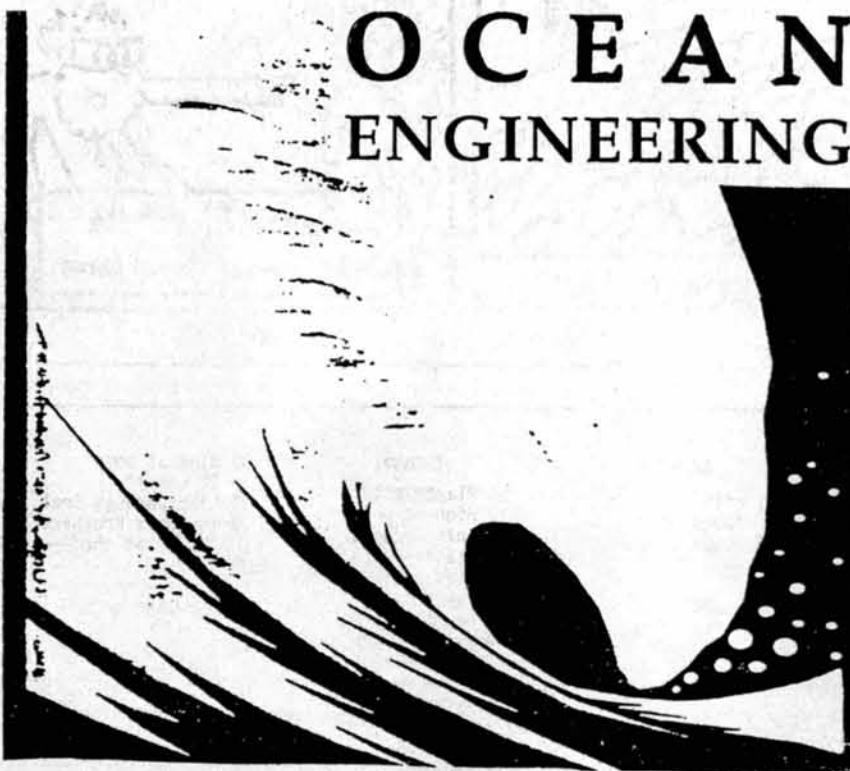
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Returning Saturday morning, the team faced Dartmouth. While the team's scoring improved, the game again ended in a tie, this time at 3-3.

With a record of 0-0-2, the team earned a third seed in the tournament, and faced Yale in a 7 a.m. game Sunday. At the end of regulation play, MIT had tied a third time, 2-2.

Instead of playing a sudden-death overtime, the game went to a best-of-three shootout. With overtime goals scored by Kalpana Mani '99 and Aradhana Narula G, MIT finally won the game, 4-2.

MIT faced Harvard in the finals only three hours later. After regula-

tion play, the game was yet again tied, with a score of 1-1. In overtime, goals were scored by Cynara Wu G and Tory Herman G, giving MIT a 3-1 win and the championship.

Goalie Adriane Faust '98, allowed no overtime goals in the tournament. Tournament most valuable player recognition went to left wing Elicia Maine G, who scored four goals in the tournament.

Overall, the team played an excellent four games. All of the offensive lines played remarkable passing games, controlled the puck in the offensive zone, and rebounded consistently. The defense kept its opponents' goals to a minimum.

Men's Lacrosse Downs Babson in Dramatic Style; Record Now 3-1

By Farrant Sakaguchi
TEAM MEMBER

Judging by its first few games, the men's lacrosse team is off to a good start. It won its most recent game in style Saturday in sudden-death against Babson College, 7-6.

The team started the game slowly giving up three quick goals in the first quarter. Though it battled back to within one to 4-5 with five seconds left in the third, Babson was able to put one in to end the third quarter to make the score 4-6.

Behind, the team came out hard in the fourth quarter. Jason Prest '96 won the faceoff and scored a goal within the first 25 seconds. Ken Myers '98 then took the rock coast to coast to score the first defensive goal in the regular season to tie the score at 6-6. The rest of the period went scoreless, despite several opportunities.

MIT won the sudden-death overtime faceoff, but failed to score.

After shutting down an attempt by Babson to start some offense, MIT got the ball to co-captain Ken Mills '97, who scored to end the game with a 7-6 victory.

Curry, Assumption fall early

This victory brought the season record to 3-1, putting the team in contention for the Pilgrim's League title.

The team came out strong in its first game against Assumption College March 20, finishing with an 8-5 win.

Co-captain John Hocter '98 had an impressive five goals, assisted by Mills and Eric Boyd '96. The other three goals were scored by Mike Butville '98, Sonny Donchek '96, and Gene Pyo '99.

In its second game, the team pounded Curry College, 19-6. The team's hustle for ground balls was instrumental in the win. Goals came from everywhere, but Hocter once

again led with five. Not far behind were Philip Donchek '96 and Joe Bishop '97 with four and three goals, respectively. Tom Barber '97 led the team in penalty time, spending three minutes in the box.

The only loss of the new season was to Wheaton College. The team gave up six goals in the first quarter. That deficit sunk them too deep to launch a comeback, and they lost, 7-12. Although Hocter and Mills each had three goals and Donchek had one, overall play was poor.

The team's next game is at home Saturday against Western New England College.

Women's Track Wins Vs. WPI, Falls to RPI

By Robin Evans
TEAM MEMBER

The women's track and field team traveled to Rochester Polytechnic Institute last Saturday to face the host team and Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the annual Engineer's Cup meet. The women outran WPI and in fact doubled its team score, but unfortunately lost to RPI.

The meet was nevertheless highlighted with several new MIT records. In the high jump, Elaine Chen '99 leapt 4'10" to set a new freshman and varsity record. Rachel VanBuren '99 recorded another freshman and varsity record in the triple jump with a flight of 32'4.5" and Jennifer Boyle '96 set a new varsity record of 104'4" in the hammer throw.

On the track, Robin Evans '99 clocked 2:30.66 in the 800m run for yet another freshman and varsity record. Chen sprinted past the field to win the 100m dash in 13.81s and also placed in the long jump. Boyle placed in a total of four field events throughout the day.

Janis Eisenberg '98 took the win in the 3000m with a time of 11:14 and second place in the 1500m in 5:13.42.

Two already set for New England

The team also competed well in its first meet on March 30 at Bridgewater State College.

The atmosphere was especially relaxed in this unscored meet and the athletes were free to compete in the events of their choosing. Some enthusiastic women competed in as many as six events. The squad was not out in full because of spring break here, but the athletes who competed performed strongly.

In an impressive showing for the first meet, two women have already qualified to the New England Championships, which will be held at Colby College early next month. Chen clocked 13.70 to qualify in the 100-meter dash and Eisenberg finished second in the 3000 with a qualifying time of 11:14.02.

Other highlights included a victory by VanBuren in the triple jump and second places earned by Lauren Klatsky '97 in the 1500 and Chen in the long jump.

The coaches were pleased with the team's performance. "We used this meet to help evaluate where we have the potential to go," said assistant coach June Parks. "Despite it being spring break, the kids that turned out performed extremely well in the events they wanted to try."

The team's next meet is Saturday at Colby College.



Sureka Vajjhala '96 scores against Wheaton College Tuesday. MIT won, 11-10.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, April 13

Men's Lacrosse vs. Western New England College, 11:00 a.m.
Baseball vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 12:00 p.m.
Men's Lightweight Crew vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 10:45 a.m.
Varsity Sailing for Geiger Trophy, 11:30 a.m.
Women's Softball vs. Smith College, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

Golf vs. Springfield College and Brandeis University, 1:00 p.m.
Varsity Sailing at Tech Invitational, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 15

Men's Lacrosse vs. Clark University, 4:00 p.m.

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