

Busch Wins 2.70 'Niagara' Contest

By Dan McGuire
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

After several hours of stiff competition, Sami S. Busch '98 emerged the winner of this year's 2.70 design competition, held Tuesday night. Busch narrowly defeated Harvard University senior Ethan D. Maniatisin in the event's final round.

The narrow win goes to show that "we can teach anyone to be almost as good as we are," said Professor Alexander H. Slocum '82, who teaches the class. But "in the end, MIT nuked glutes," he said.

This year's contest marks a name change from previous years. The course, previously and still popularly referred to as 2.70, was renamed 2.007 (Design and Manufacturing I) and its units increased

from nine units to 12. "This is the old 2.70 with three extra units of happiness," Slocum said. The contest, however, is still called 2.70.

With their performances, Busch, Maniatisin, Megan M. Owens '98, Mads C. Schmidt '98, and two others earned trips to Munich, Germany, where this year's international design competition will be held. There they will join Japanese, Brazilian, and other college students in a machine design project.

Busch wins with long-arm design

The contest this year, Niagara Balls, required students to design machines that could gather as many ping pong balls as possible. Balls were released from cartridges held

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ARIFUR RAHMAN—THE TECH

Students wave the flags of the nations they represent at the annual International Fair, which took place last Friday between Kresge Auditorium and the Student Center. See photo essay, page 8.

Student Center Committee Makes Plans to Restructure

By Stacey E. Blau
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Center Committee is currently planning changes that will involve restructuring and expanding the organization over the next several years, according to SCC Chair Jonathan A. Allen '96.

"We're looking at what other programs we can do," Allen said. The SCC wants "more than a focus on just pubs and concerts that we've been doing over the past years. The SCC does programming for the entire campus," something which makes its target audience much bigger than some more specialized groups, he said.

The changes are going to start out small, Allen said. It is going to take about five years before the entire process of restructuring is complete, he said.

The SCC runs the 24-Hour Coffee House and the SCC Gameroom. It also organizes the MIT College Bowl and runs poster services as well as events like the Strat's Rat, the Battle of the Bands, and comedy nights.

"We're still actually pretty much in the planning stages" of the restructuring, Allen said. The SCC has been busy recently with planning this weekend's spring concert and organizing other Spring Weekend '96 events, Allen said.

SCC plans Program Board with CAC

The major part of the restructuring for the SCC has involved the creation of the Program Board in conjunction with the Campus Activities Complex. "Program Board" will replace the SCC name.

The Program Board will involve creating an advising and working relationship between the SCC and CAC, said Director of the Campus Activities Complex Phillip J. Walsh.

The idea is to "create a mechanism whereby there can be increased activity for the SCC," Walsh said. "Some existing programs will continue, and some new ones can flourish."

The programming board concept grew out of a mutual desire to revitalize the SCC, Walsh said.

The SCC "is still going to be a student run organization," Allen said. With the changes, it will have the benefit of "more support from the administration — namely CAC," he said.

"It's a big process," said Sarah S. Sarvis '96, SCC concert chair. "There's going to be a lot more overseeing. We're doing a big merger, basically."

"It's the best thing for the SCC," Sarvis said. The SCC as a whole was in agreement that it wanted the to work with the CAC to improve its situation.

"A lot of us in SCC now are graduating," Sarvis said. Over the past few years, the SCC's membership

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Spring Weekend Will Raise Cash for Charity

By Jean K. Lee
STAFF REPORTER

Most of the events during MIT's annual Spring Weekend are geared toward entertainment and relaxation, but many of the events taking place this weekend — including the event that kicked off the weekend last night — will benefit charities.

Spring Weekend '96 started last night with Mr. Spring Weekend, a charity fund-raiser sponsored by the Women's Independent Living Group.

Seven pageant contestants from various living groups competed for the title of Mr. Spring Weekend in the categories of creative evening wear, talent, short question-and-answer, and persuasive abilities, as they solicited donations from the audience. All proceeds from the contest will go to the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center.

"I've been surprised at how willing businesses are to contribute to our event," said Susan M. Park '98, who coordinated the event. "It's heartwarming to know that people can still do nice things for others in need."

Today, Alpha Phi sorority is hosting its third annual Alpha Phlea Market from 2 to 5 p.m. on the Student Center steps. Participants will

perform short acts and auction various services ranging from serenades to barbeques to pool lessons. The group will donate proceeds to the American Heart Foundation.

Last year the event raised \$2,400 for the foundation, said Christine M. Hartmann '98, one of the market's organizers. "I expect this year's event to be just as — if not even

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Unified Takes Home This Year's Big Screw

By Fenny H. Lin
STAFF REPORTER

Students willingly gave up their money at Lobby 10 last week to vote for their favorite candidate for the annual Big Screw Award. In heavy last-minute voting, they chose to recognize Unified Engineering (16.010, 16.020, 16.030, 16.040), the four aeronautics and astronautics core classes, with the award.

Visiting Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Wesley L. Harris accepted the three-foot long left-handed aluminum screw on Unified's behalf. The screw left its current owner — the Student Center Athena Cluster — and was presented to Harris in Unified Wednesday.

Unified received \$242.84 out of the total \$714.03 that was raised.

Dorow held the lead early on
Massive last-day donations by

Unified students helped Unified come from behind to overtake second-place finisher Neal H. Dorow, adviser to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. Dorow brought in \$194.13.

Unified was a write-in candidate until the last day of the contest, when it received the bulk of its donations, said Henning Colman-Freyberger G, the project chairman.

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Stephen A. Ward PhD '66, EECS Teaching Assistant Kent H. Lundberg G, Professor of Chemistry Robert W. Field, and the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Leslie Perelman also received contributions for the award.

The national service fraternity

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Elaine Chew G gives a piano recital in Killian Hall on Wednesday, April 24.

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U.S., Taiwan Officials Met Secretly

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Senior Clinton administration officials met secretly in New York with Taiwan's national security adviser in March to discuss China's position on Taiwan and to counsel Taiwan against taking any provocative actions while China was conducting huge military exercises nearby, the State Department disclosed Thursday.

The March 11 discussion involving Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff, Deputy National Security Adviser Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger, and Taiwanese official Ting Mou-Shih was the highest-level such meeting held since the two countries severed formal diplomatic relations in 1979, according to several U.S. officials.

U.S. officials did not disclose the Taiwan meeting to the Chinese government, which has in the past protested any official U.S. government contact with any representative of Taiwan's leadership. China considers Taiwan a renegade province and reacted sharply after Taiwan's president was allowed to visit New York state and deliver a speech last year that celebrated warmer ties with the United States.

The March meeting came two days after President Clinton had authorized the Pentagon to move a second aircraft carrier battle group closer to Taiwan in a display of force aimed at dissuading China from taking any military actions against Taiwan. Washington had denounced China's military exercises in the strait between Taiwan and mainland China as "reckless" provocations that could lead to accidental war.

Clinton Vetoes Product-Liability Bill

NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON

President Clinton Thursday vetoed popular legislation limiting legal damage awards for defective products, defending himself on safety and states' rights grounds against Republican charges of repaying trial lawyers for campaign contributions.

In an extended Oval Office explanation of his presidency's 15th veto, Clinton was flanked by sympathetic plaintiffs and Mississippi's Democratic attorney general as he acknowledged a need for civil justice improvements but rejected the bill despite its bipartisan support in Congress.

"I do not believe that we have to have a legal system which shuts the door on the legitimate problems of ordinary people in order to get rid of frivolous lawsuits and excess legal expense," Clinton said. He said he would sign a bill with more "balance" between business and consumer rights.

Republicans promised to make a presidential campaign issue of the veto, which was denounced by business groups but welcomed by consumer advocate Ralph Nader and opponents of the tobacco and firearms industries.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors have been running TV ads in electorally crucial states slamming Clinton for his planned veto.

U.S. Fears Iran Is Hiding Missiles

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Pentagon said Thursday that it suspects a series of tunnels Iran was recently discovered digging along its Persian Gulf coast are intended for use as long-range missile sites. But Iran denied that it is up to anything.

While citing the tunnels, Navy Cmdr. Joe March, a Pentagon spokesman, stressed that no weapons had been spotted and insisted that the Clinton administration has only "limited information" about what is going on.

But, he said, "any action which Iran takes to enhance its military capability is a concern to the U.S. and its allies in the region and elsewhere."

In Iran, Tehran Radio said that Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Mahmoud Mohammadi had denounced the Pentagon report as "a simple-minded justification to sell advanced American arms to the Zionist regime (Israel)."

News of the discovery was first reported this week in Jane's Defense Weekly, a magazine that follows defense issues closely.

WEATHER

Mais Non!

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Alas... May showers will return, as the high pressure moves offshore, and a low pressure system approaches our region from the west later today. This installment of wet weather will end late Saturday afternoon with a passage of a cold front, accompanied by some more scattered showers. Thereafter, but not for long, a dry tongue of high pressure will nudge in from the northwest, assuring improving conditions for Sunday. However, there are indications that yet another storm will ripple along a stalled weather boundary just to the south of us, bringing more showers and cooler weather in its wake for Sunday night and into Monday.

Today: Clear start and cloudy finish, with showers likely by evening. Light westerlies will turn to onshore breezes near the coast. High 66°F (19°C)

Tonight: Cloudy and showery, with a scattered rumble of thunder possible. Low 52°F (11°C)

Saturday: Cloudy, with precipitation tapering off early. Some breaks in overcast by midday may be followed by yet another batch of showers in the afternoon. Highs in mid to upper 60s (18-20°C)

Saturday night: Clearing, turning colder late. Low 46°F (8°C)

Sunday outlook: Sunshine gradually fading throughout the afternoon, with rain approaching from the west. Highs 60°F (15°C) near the coast with southeast seabreezes developing, mid to upper 60s (17-19°C) inland.

Senate Approves Bill That Attacks Illegal Immigration

By William Branigin

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Senate overwhelmingly passed an immigration bill Thursday that would reinforce the U.S. Border Patrol, crack down on the smuggling and employment of illegal aliens and impose new restrictions on the ability of legal immigrants to obtain government benefits.

The bill, similar to one passed by the House in March, was approved 97-3 after eight days of debate marked by sharp differences among Republicans over several key issues and skirmishing between Republicans and Democrats over the minimum wage.

Although, in the end, only three Democrats voted against the bill, it immediately came under fire from private groups on both sides of the immigration debate. Advocates of lower immigration levels charged that it had been "diluted" to the point of meaninglessness, while immigration proponents assailed its restrictions on legal immigrants' access to public benefits as "mean-spirited."

Like its House counterpart, the Senate bill emerged from the legislative process without its original provisions aimed at reducing the number of legal immigrants. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., attempted on the Senate floor to insert what he described as modest cuts in the annual visa levels for legal immigration, but he was soundly rebuffed in a move led by freshman Republican Spencer Abraham (Mich.) to keep legal immigration visa numbers in a sepa-

rate bill, effectively shelving the issue for the time being.

President Clinton welcomed the bill as an endorsement of his administration's "comprehensive immigration strategy," which he said had already made "historic progress" in cracking down on illegal immigrants at the border and the workplace. But he said the bill "goes too far in denying legal immigrants access to vital safety net programs which would jeopardize public health and safety."

In a floor speech, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kans., his party's presumptive presidential candidate, hailed the bill as a "long overdue" effort to balance the U.S. heritage as a nation of immigrants with tougher enforcement of American "sovereignty" on the nation's borders.

"We cannot remain a great country and fail to control our borders," Dole said. He said the bill's provisions provide "for first time a realistic hope that our Border Patrol can cope with illegal immigration."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., forecast a tough fight in a congressional conference over an amendment in the House version that allows states to deny free public education to illegal immigrant children. Such a provision, which Kennedy said he strongly opposes, was never offered in the Senate and could trigger a veto if it reaches President Clinton.

Kennedy said the most important parts of the bill were those aimed at shutting off the "job magnet" for illegal immigrants by setting up pilot programs to verify the employ-

ment eligibility of job seekers and by cracking down on document fraud. "The job is the magnet, and document fraud is how the illegals circumvent the law," Kennedy said in a telephone interview.

The bill would nearly double the strength of the Border Patrol, an arm of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), by adding 4,700 new agents over the next five years. It would also add 600 INS investigators to crack down on alien smuggling, illegal employment and visa overstays.

Foreigners who enter the United States legally, but then overstay their visas, account for as many as half the country's roughly 4 million illegal immigrants, a population estimated to be increasing by about 300,000 a year, according to INS estimates.

The bill would increase detention space for illegal aliens to at least 9,000 beds by September 1997 and add 700 Labor Department investigators over the next two years to enforce labor standards in areas with large illegal immigrant populations.

In a close vote, the senators approved the creation of pilot projects aimed at developing a system to verify eligibility for employment and public assistance, and agreed to federal standards for birth certificates and state drivers' licenses to reduce document fraud. Conservative Republicans had charged that the verification system would lead to creation of a "national ID card," although this was expressly ruled out in the bill.

First Balkans War Crimes Trial Set to Begin Tuesday

By Tyler Marshall

LOS ANGELES TIMES

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

For almost five years, Europeans have been haunted by horrific tales of victims caught up in the brutality of war in the Balkans. Next Tuesday, they finally will get a glimpse of the other side: a man formally accused of such brutality, answering in court to war crimes charges.

The occasion will be the long-awaited opening of the first trial conducted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the panel established here 2½ years ago to investigate and prosecute Balkan war crimes.

The accused, Dusan Tadic, 41, a Bosnian Serb, is not a big catch. He was no grand planner, never had much authority and was virtually unknown outside his home village of Kozarac in northwestern Bosnia and the detention camps nearby where he allegedly terrorized people. Still, it is the accumulation of individual acts of raw brutality, such as those attributed to Tadic, that constituted the real horror of the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Those who knew Tadic describe him as a petty troublemaker, the lazy son of a prominent local functionary in Communist Yugoslavia, whose life seemed to flounder until the Bosnian war came his way. According to the nine-page indictment signed by Richard Goldstone, the tribunal's chief prosecutor, Tadic belonged to a special group of uniformed Bosnian Serbs that operated in the notorious Omarska and other detention camps during the second half of 1992.

"During this time, Serb forces, including (Dusan) Tadic, subjected

Muslim and Croats inside and outside the camps to a campaign of terror which included killings, torture, sexual assaults and other physical and psychological abuse," the indictment asserts.

In one incident, watched by several of 36 female detainees at Omarska, eight or nine Muslim intellectuals and medical doctors were marched to an area behind a red brick building, where they were killed and their bodies mutilated.

Tadic was said by the women to have been among the soldiers who carried out the murders and mutilation, specifically the carving of four Cyrillic letters "S" in the chest of one of the victims (for the Serbian nationalist slogan, "Only Unity will Save the Serbs.")

Hasiba Harnabasic, one of the witnesses and a doctor, said that she became ill later that night and was attended by a fellow Muslim doctor. "We felt so miserable, we both cried," Harnabasic said. "Considering we were both doctors, she told me, 'Today they took away all the male doctors, tomorrow is our turn.'"

The trial is expected to last at least a month and could go on for as long as six or seven months, tribunal officials said.

For those involved in the tribunal's work, the proceedings involve more than putting a human face to the evils carried out in the name of ethnic superiority.

For them, the trial constitutes nothing less than the beginning of a new era, one in which those responsible for committing wartime atrocities will know that they must one day answer to justice. The tribunal's prosecutors, many of them young Americans, believe their work will

make the world safer.

They also see their tribunal as an improvement on the International Military Tribunal, which judged leading Nazis at Nuremberg after World War II. The Hague is not a court where victors judge the vanquished, they say, but a body independent of the conflict.

Despite the boost gained by the start of its first trial, the tribunal here faces serious problems. The Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian governments, although obligated under last year's Dayton, Ohio, accord to deliver those accused of war crimes to The Hague for trial, have so far not done so. Of 57 individuals indicted, only three are in custody.

Tadic, arrested by German police in February 1994; Bosnian Croat Gen. Tihofil Blaskic, who gave himself up in late March; and Zdravko Mucic, the Muslim commander of a Bosnian Serb detention camp who was turned over to the tribunal by Austrian police last month.

The two most important figures so far indicted as war criminals — Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his chief military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic — not only remain free but continue to wield influence in the region.

In February, Karadzic turned up at a building in Banja Luka, Bosnia, at the same time as a group of international mediators. But the mediators' well-armed British army escort made no attempt to seize Karadzic.

The Atlantic Alliance-led peace Implementation Force in Bosnia has agreed to arrest any suspects it might run across but has steadfastly refused to search actively for them.

Yeltsin Plans Personal Mission To Chechnya to Stop Conflict

By Carol J. Williams
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin announced Thursday that he will venture into the war-racked republic of Chechnya later this month in a personal mission to end the conflict he instigated with secessionist rebels 16 months ago.

The 65-year-old leader's intention to travel to the scene of the worst bloodshed in this country since World War II followed hints Wednesday from the new Chechen rebel commander that he might be willing to negotiate a peace deal "on certain conditions."

Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev warned as he extended that tenuous olive branch from a guerrilla hide-out in southern Chechnya that one of the conditions would be "a true desire to achieve peace in Chechnya, rather than pre-election propaganda," the Itar-Tass news agency quoted him as saying.

Yandarbiyev was named last week to replace fugitive Chechen leader Dzhokhar M. Dudayev, who

was reported killed last week in an air strike by Russian government forces. Dudayev's removal from the rebel leadership apparently has broken a deadlock between the Kremlin and Chechen militants bent on winning full independence from Russia.

Yeltsin now can save face in offering to negotiate with the successor to a rebel leader he had branded a criminal and a terrorist. "A president cannot talk to such a person," Yeltsin said of Dudayev in a television interview Thursday. But with the change in rebel command, Yeltsin said he was now "ready to meet the opposition. ... to demonstrate our goodwill."

In the broadcast, aired in the region and excerpted by the Interfax news agency, Yeltsin said only that the visit will be in mid-May.

Yeltsin has not visited Chechnya since sending in tens of thousands of troops, tanks and helicopter gunships in December 1994 to put down an independence bid led by Dudayev, a former Soviet Air Force general. As many as 30,000 people,

mostly Chechen civilians, have been killed in the fierce fighting and hundreds of thousands have fled their homes.

"I must first of all thank the military, who have done a great deal of work there," Yeltsin said in the interview. "Secondly, I am going to meet with (Chechen) elders and thirdly, to give an impulse to negotiations."

The Kremlin leader announced March 31 that he was imposing a unilateral cease-fire on government troops in the region and that a phased withdrawal of federal forces was to be completed by the end of this year. He proposed mediated peace talks but refused to meet face-to-face with Dudayev.

Despite the trumpeted peace plan that many saw as an election-year tactic, combat has continued unabated as federal commanders have pressed their campaign to wipe out the last guerrilla strongholds and the rebels retaliate with ambushes against retreating government forces.

Economy Surprises Wall Street With a 2.8 Percent Growth Rate

By Jonathan Peterson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Despite a weighty assortment of baggage, the U.S. economy cruised forward at a 2.8 percent growth rate in the first three months of this year, startling Wall Street and challenging expert views on the strength of the expansion, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The gain, which follows anemic 0.5 percent growth in the last three months of 1995, came in the wake of government shutdowns, a major blizzard and the strike at General Motors. It reflected unexpectedly brisk spending by consumers and business, much of it on computers, analysts said.

The news that the gross domestic product — a measure of all the goods and services produced in the national economy — had grown more than expected came as welcome news to the White House as President Clinton maps his re-election strategy.

And it suggested to some analysts that the current economic recovery, now five years old, may be far more stable than had been recognized.

At the same time, the news frightened many investors, and stock and bond prices plunged. The Dow Jones industrial average fell nearly 77 points, and the interest rate on a 30-year Treasury bond edged over 7 percent for the first time in nearly a year.

While a 2.8 percent growth rate would normally be viewed as moderate, analysts said that the number understated the economy's actual strength, given the peculiar burdens the economy was working against earlier this year. Without the GM strike, for instance, growth would have reached a more ebullient 4 percent rate, the government reported.

Yet Thursday's report offered little evidence of an inflation problem. One price measure, known as

the GDP Price Index, rose at just a 2.5 percent annual rate.

The growth report is just the latest in a recent series of statistics that suggest the national economy is heartier than many had thought. The Commerce Department also reported Thursday that U.S. factory orders rose 1.5 percent in March, the first gain of the year. Separately, claims for jobless benefits slipped last week to the lowest level in more than three months, hinting of strength in the labor market.

The Clinton administration has argued that the nation's underlying economic health is more positive than the image created by corporate layoffs and the often-discussed anxieties of workers. Officials said Thursday's report highlighted the important role of business investment in the current expansion, a factor that could pay off for years, and also reflected a buoyant attitude on the part of consumers.

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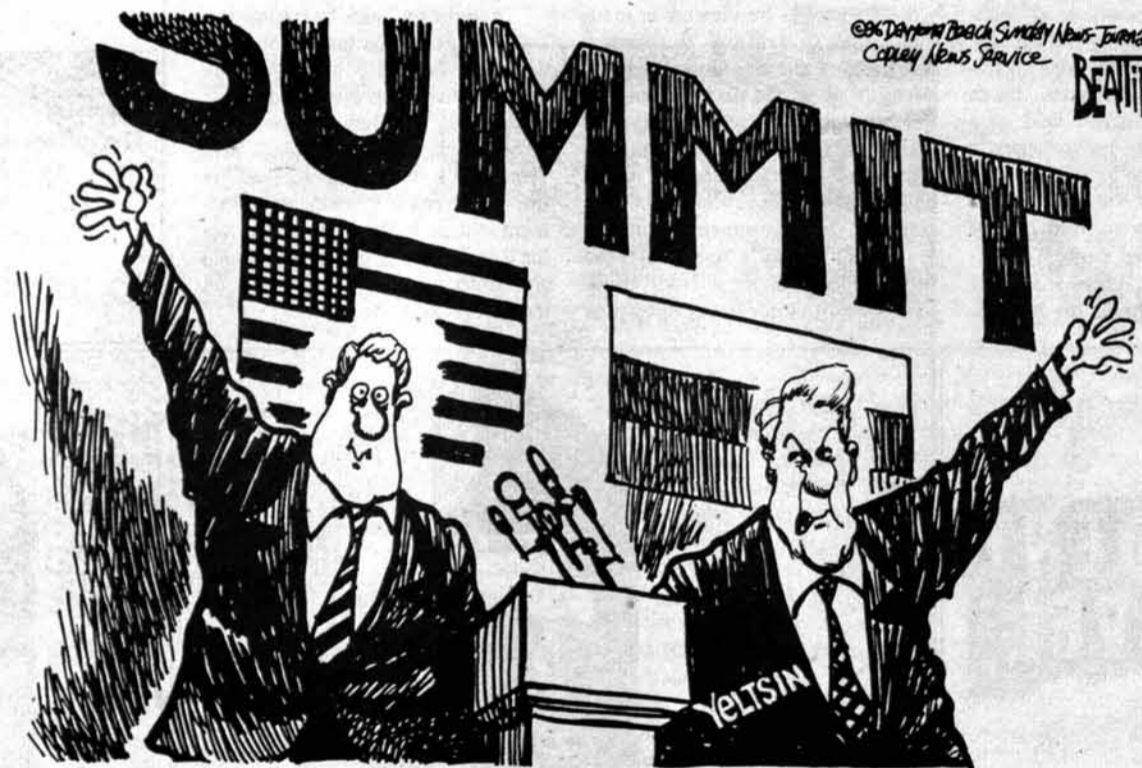
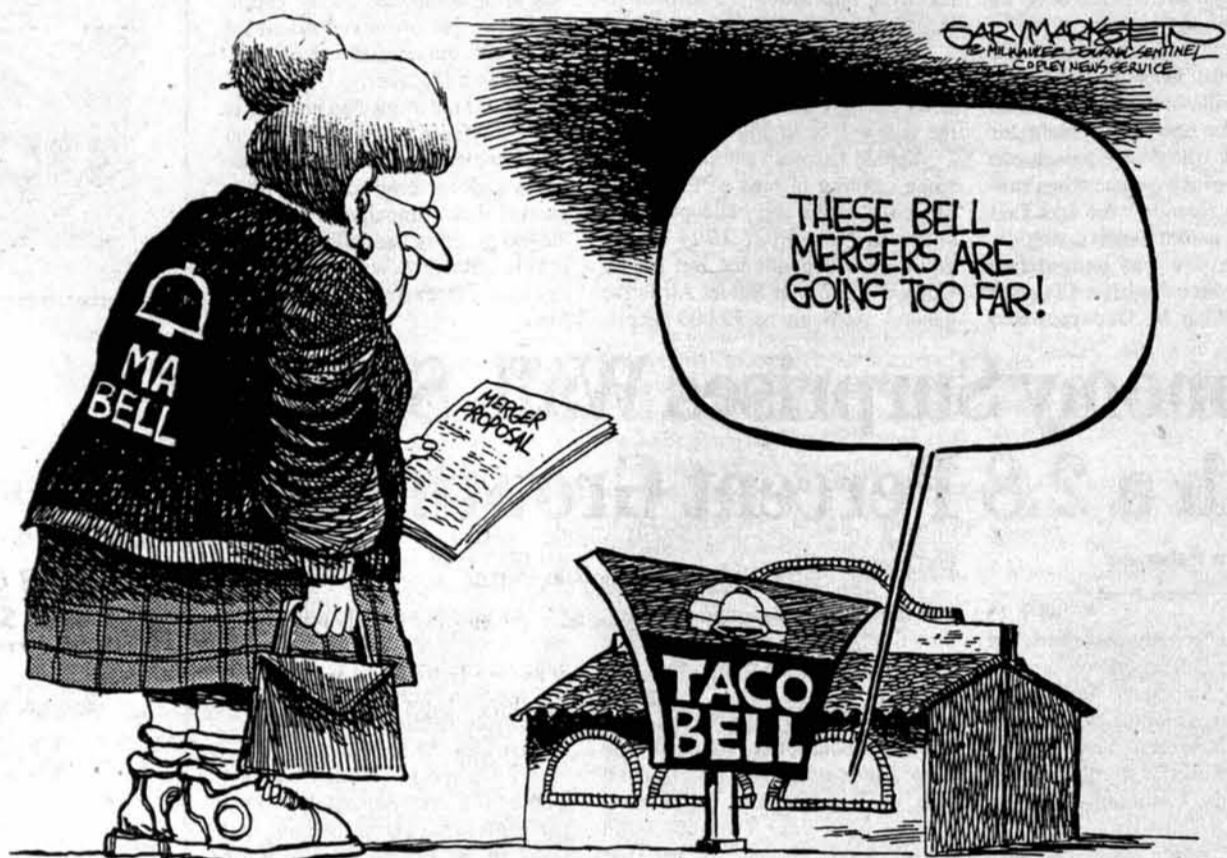
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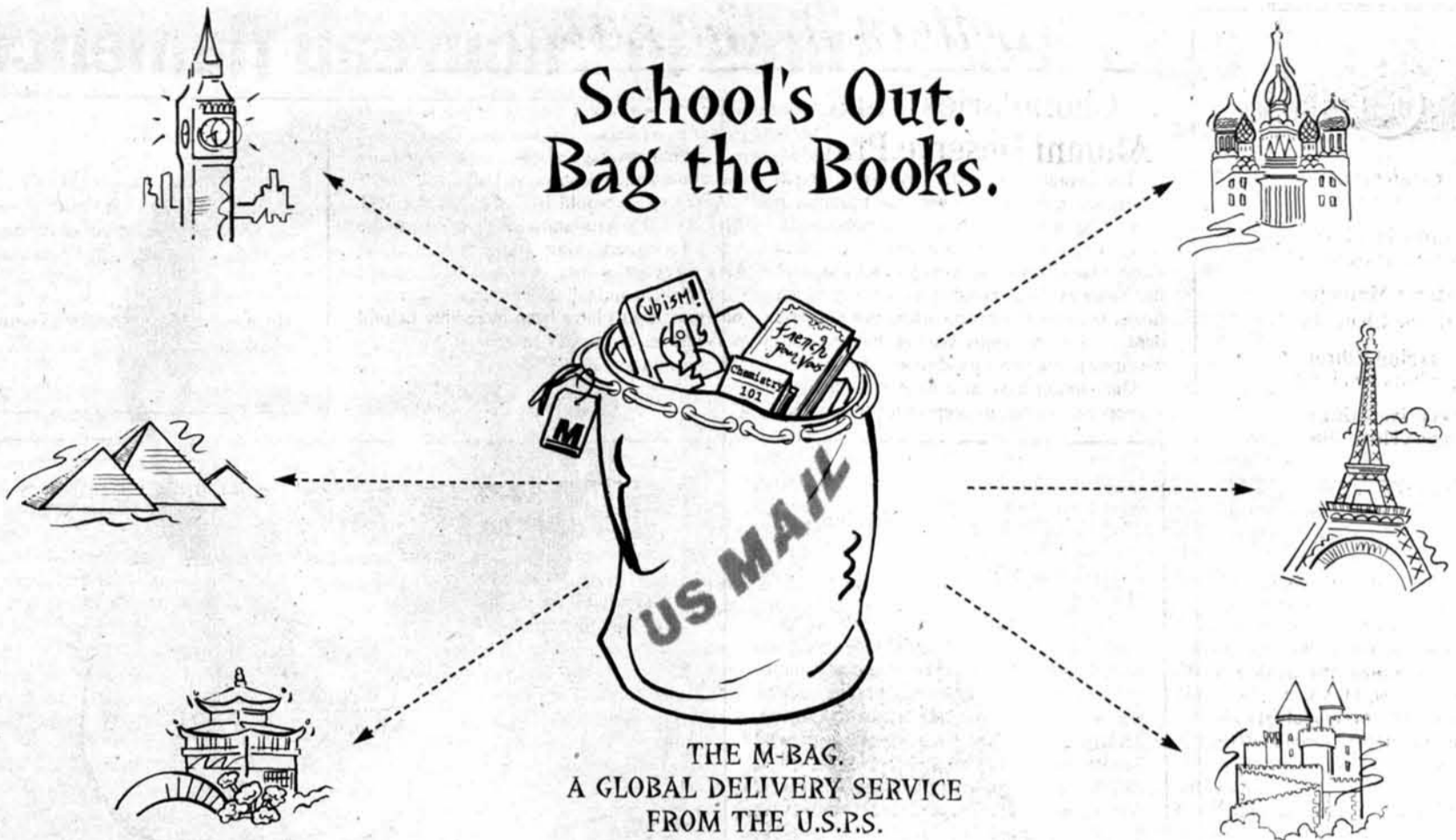
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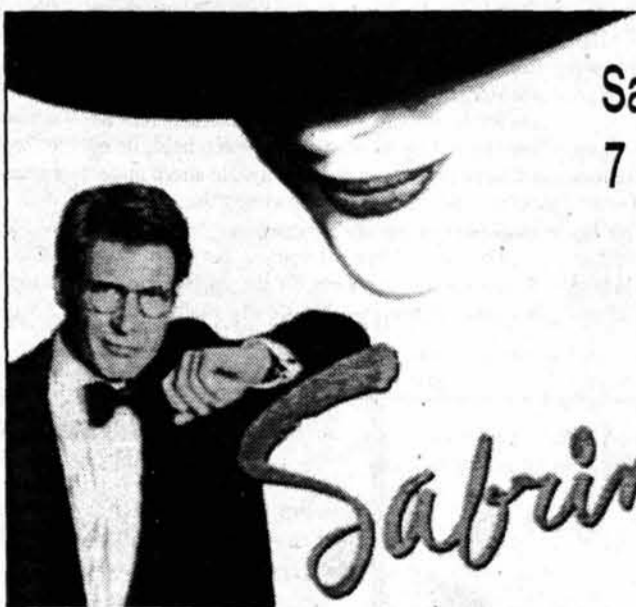


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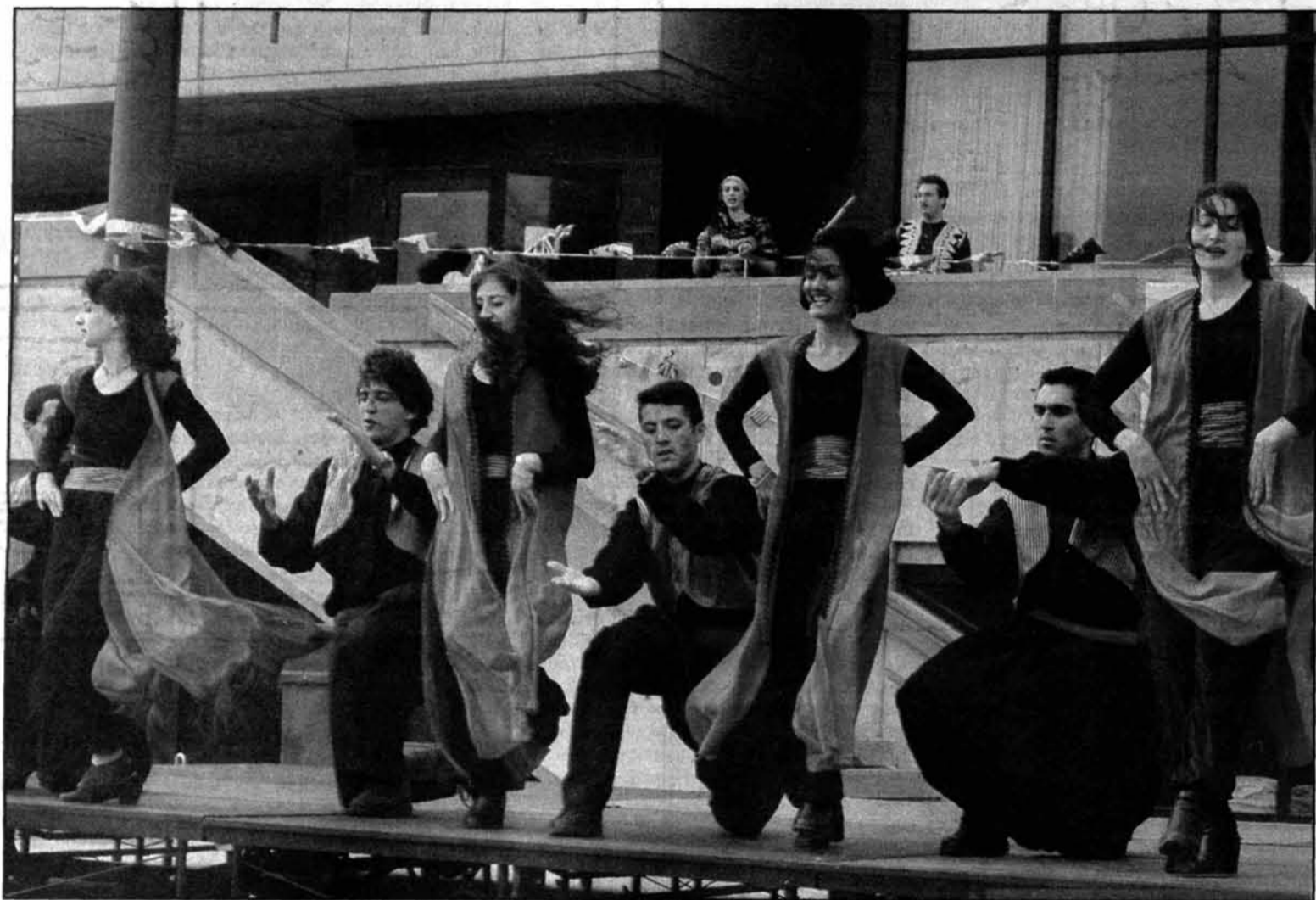


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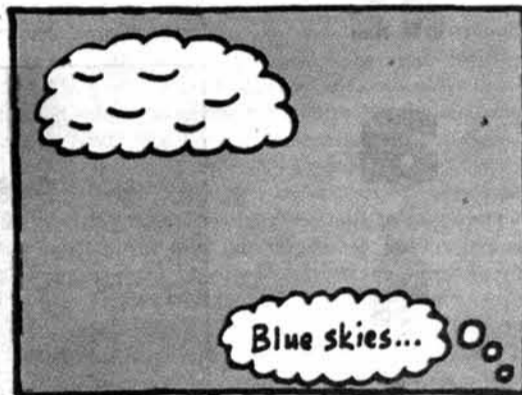
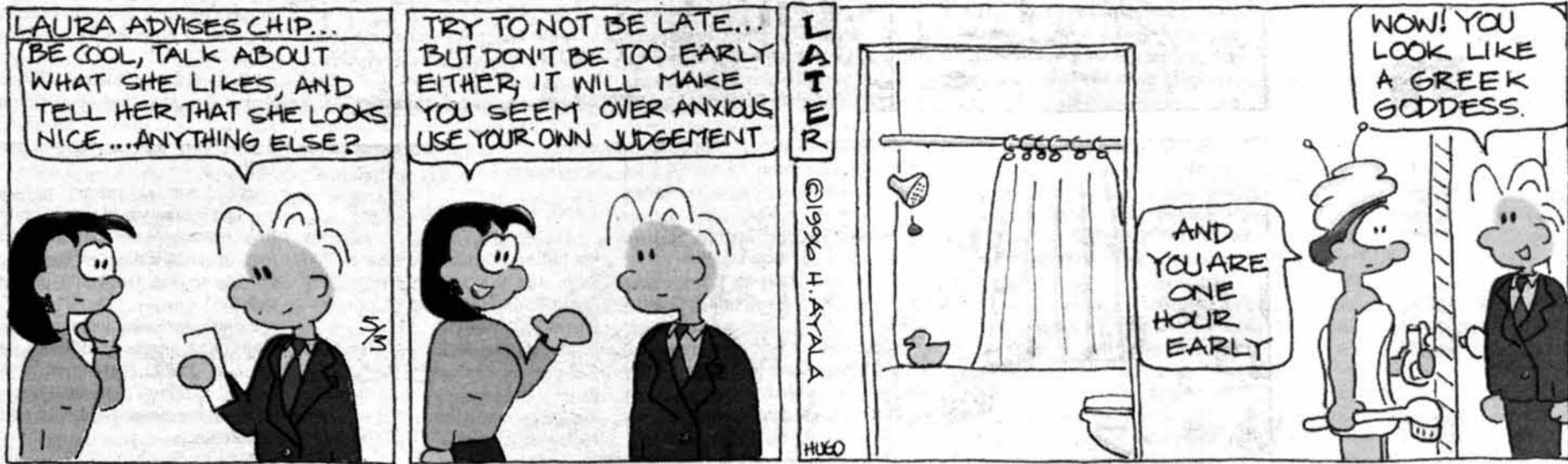
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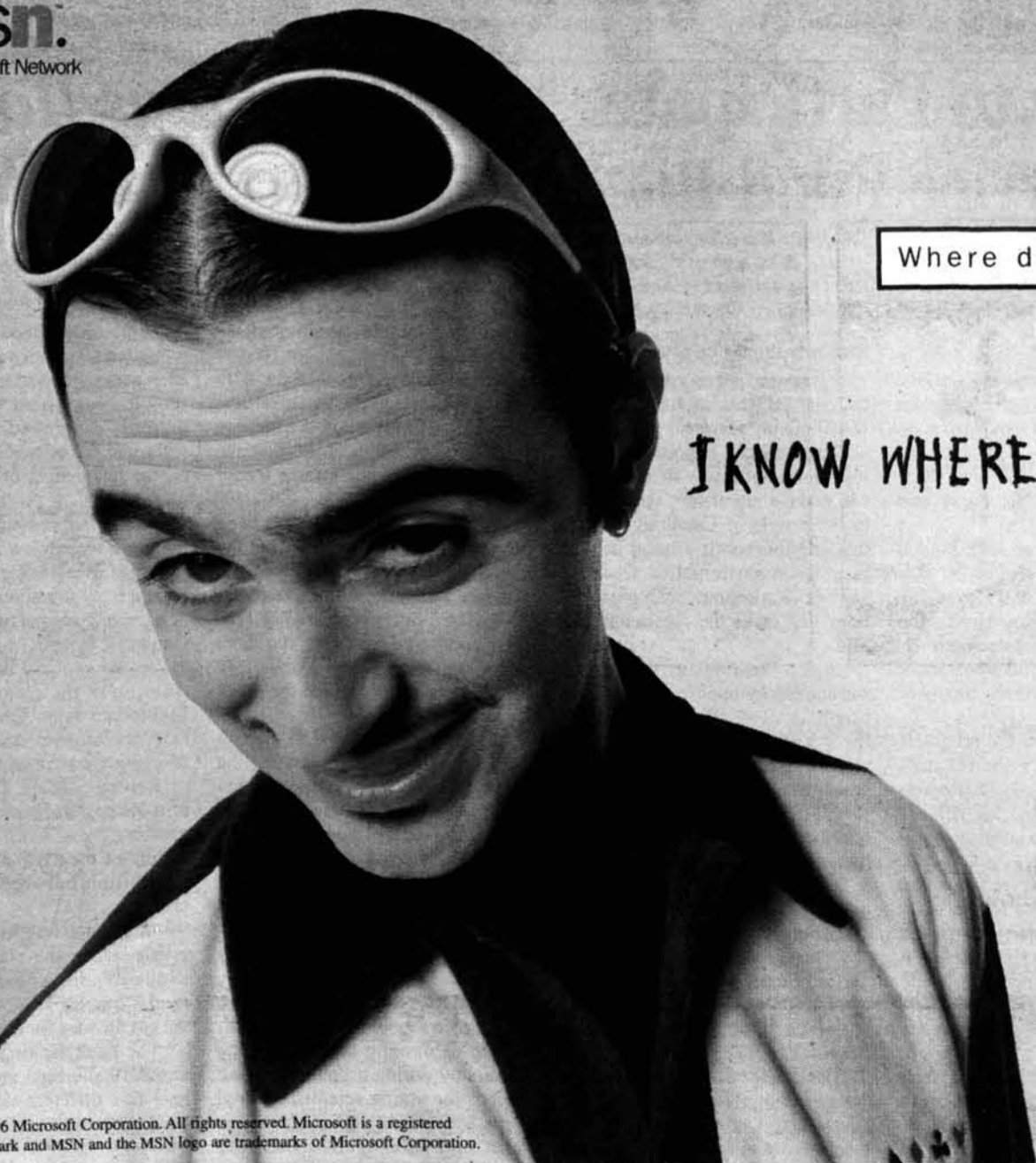


Off Course

By H. Ayala



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Campus Police Arrest Suspicious Trespasser at Baker

By Venkatesh Satish
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Following a student report, Campus Police arrested an intruder for trespassing at Baker House Tuesday evening.

The arrest of Somerville resident Sean Driscoll came after reports of trespassing by a suspicious persons at Burton-Conner House, Baker House, and East Campus ["Intruder Infiltrates Dorms, Steals Items," April 30, 1996].

Driscoll does not match the description of that intruder, but "is a known thief," said Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin.

Driscoll was arraigned at the third Cambridge Court Wednesday. His bail was set at \$300, and he may face a fine if found guilty. Trespassing does not result in imprisonment, and Driscoll may likely receive a

year of probation, according to a spokesperson from the District Attorney's Office.

Driscoll gained entrance to Baker by following a student who activated the card reader, Glavin said. "He is relatively young and possibly could pass for a student," she said.

In general, the campus has had "some difficulty with people going into the entrance to dorms by tagging along," Glavin said.

Part of the problem is that students need to have an awareness of who belongs in their dormitories, Glavin said.

In order to achieve increased awareness, the CPs released an electronic mail bulletin containing tips for preventing future incidents, Glavin said.

"The mechanism is there to keep doors locked, but unless we use it, it

creates a difficult situation," Glavin said.

Report reveals increase in crime

On Wednesday, the CPs released their annual report, which contains a compilation of statistics on crimes and police activity for 1995.

The report showed an increase in the number of serious crimes from 1994, a rise from 14 to 22. The serious crime category includes murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, although all the reported crimes were assaults.

"It was basically an average year for us on serious crime," Glavin said.

Criminal activity on campus was at a 10-year low in 1994, so the increase this year reflects a return to about the same level of crime seen in the past few years, Glavin said.

Over half of the serious crimes were committed by members of the MIT community or against police officers, Glavin said.

This fact "says something about the difficulty of human relations," Glavin said. "We are living at a time when people resort to violence rather than settling disputes through discussion, and that's some cause for concern."

Larcenies up sharply

Incidents of thefts on campus excluding dormitories rose to 706 from 466 the year before. In all, about \$550,000 worth of property was stolen in 1995.

Residential thefts experienced a 173 percent increase in 1995, rising to 183 total incidents. Wallets, cash, and bicycles topped the list of items stolen most often. Yearly bicycle

thefts increased from 170 in 1994 to 227.

Larceny "has always been our biggest problem, and that is usually the case at other colleges," Glavin said.

Part of the problem MIT has is that it is a so-called open campus, with corridors open to the general public until late at night, Glavin said.

The annual report grouped together a number of crimes ranging from obscene phone calls to peeping tom incidents. Crimes in this category rose to 256 from 203 the year before.

There were nine incidents classified as hate crimes in 1995, up from zero in 1994. Hate crimes are defined as crimes motivated by race, religion, handicap, gender, or sexual orientation.

Grad Student Wins MIT-Lemelson Prize for Inventiveness

By David D. Hsu
NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday, David H. Levy G, a graduate student studying mechanical engineering, won the second annual \$30,000 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for inventiveness.

Levy holds four patents, and has eight more pending. He is credited with several inventions, including Micro-Miniature Ergonomic Keypad, the world's smallest keypad, and Peelables, layered labels that peel off to uncover fresh ones. Peelables are now currently being test-marketed by BASF and 3M.

"We need to spread the word that inventing is fun. It's the best career I know," Levy said.

With coverage in national publications like *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal*, the award is "more than I thought it would be," Levy said. "Winning an MIT prize is turning out to be amazing."

Levy joins this year's other Lemelson-MIT Prize winners. Genetic engineers Herbert Boyer and Stanley Cohen were awarded the \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize on April 11. Wilson Greatbatch, the inventor of the cardiac pacemaker, won the lifetime achievement award.

The Lemelson-MIT prizes were established three years ago by Jerome H. Lemelson and his wife Dorothy to reward achievements in innovation and invention. The prize

and awards are part of a \$6.5-million innovation and invention program funded by Lemelson at MIT.

The student award is only open to MIT graduates and undergraduates.

Problems are harder to find than solutions

"For a decade or so, I've played inventor in some way," Levy said.

Levy does not have a single approach toward inventing something. "It seems to be different methods," Levy said. "Some are just because I had the problem myself and said, 'Damn it, there has to be a better way,'" he said.

Other inventions, like his miniature keypad, were started through analysis and theory. The keypad is actually two keyboards: An alphabet keypad is superimposed over the numeric keypad.

As another example, Levy once heard someone talk about a surgical technique that reattaches severed arteries together in 20 minutes. Levy improved the technique and created a method that would accomplish the same task in seconds. Sometime it's "just keeping eyes open," Levy said.

"Finding the problem is a lot harder than finding the solution," Levy said.

In 1989, Levy started TH, Inc. (pronounced "think"), a company involved in the creation and sales of intellectual property.

Even with his success in inventing, Levy

plans to stay at MIT to get a doctorate in mechanical engineering. "MIT is a place of opportunity," Levy said. He attended MIT as an undergraduate in the mechanical engineering II-A program, an interdisciplinary major between Course II and the Department of Architecture. "Directly and indirectly, [MIT] is where I came from."

The Lemelson-MIT Prizes help raise awareness that inventing is a possible career option, Levy said. "The Lemelson-MIT student prize not only lends credence to that endeavor but also inspires others to do the same, to pursue careers in invention."

Levy plans to invest the award money in applying for more patents and more product development.

Pioneers of biology win prize for cloning

Boyer and Cohen, the Lemelson-MIT Prize winners, invented a method of cloning genetically engineered molecules in foreign cells.

The awards were given out at an April 11 ceremony at the New York Academy of Sciences in New York City.

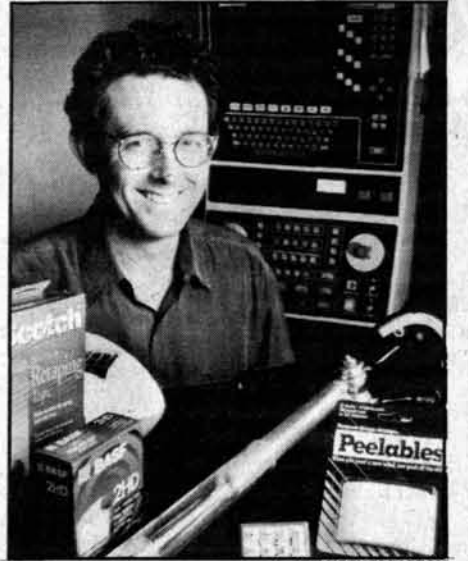
"Boyer and Cohen's ingenuity has revolutionized the way all of us live our lives," said President Charles M. Vest.

Boyer and Cohen discovered a method to introduce bacterial plasmids — circular DNA segments that confer antibiotic resistance and other properties to many bacterial species — into the laboratory workhorse *E.*

coli bacteria, where large amounts of the plasmid could be grown.

They were helped by Boyer's discovery of restriction enzymes, proteins that can cut DNA in specific spots.

Last year, William J. Bolander of General Motors won the Lemelson-MIT Prize for advances in automotive technology. William R. Hewlett SM '36 and David Packard, founders of the Hewlett-Packard Company, won the lifetime achievement award.



David H. Levy G with a keypad he made.

Students, Faculty to Participate In Community Service Fund Race

By Orli G. Bahcall
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT students, faculty, and corporation members will take part Saturday in the 16th annual MIT Community Service Fund road race, the CSF's biggest event of the year.

The four-mile road race will begin at the Walter C. Wood Sailing Pavilion and end at McDermott Court. Registration for the race will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday at McDermott Court; the race itself will start at 9:30 a.m.

Every year a member of the Cambridge City council is asked to attend and start the race. This year, council member Anthony Galluccio will have that honor.

Proceeds from the event go to the Community Service Fund, which is currently holding its annual fund-raising campaign. Drawing prizes were donated by New Balance, Toscanini's Ice Cream, La Verde's Market, and Newbury Comics.

CSF funds community service

"The road race is a highlight of the campaign, an attempt to rally people behind the idea of the fund, get together for a nice Saturday morning of recreation, and celebrating springtime," said Assistant for Community Relations in the President's Office Paul Parravano, the

CSF secretary.

The CSF directly supports both MIT agency and student community service projects based in Cambridge.

The CSF encourages students to participate in community service events. Undergraduates in particular should realize that if they have good ideas for community projects in Cambridge that the CSF is a potential source of funding, Parravano said.

Some programs at MIT funded by the CSF include the annual City Days event; Links, and Keys. The CSF also funds programs in the Cambridge area like homeless shelters and tutoring and homework centers where students perform community service.

In general, educational programs and some homeless shelter programs are supported, Parravano said. The CSF board of trustees meets twice a year to consider funding proposals.

"Our mission here is education, so the board seems to lean heavily toward projects based on support activities like Links, Keys, and others in which our students go into local schools and try to get them excited about science," Parravano said.

The CSF makes its funding decisions based on how much money it raises during its fund-raising period.

CSF raises annually raises about \$4,000 to \$5,000 dollars, although

that figure has gone down in recent years. "The goal this year is to increase awareness and get that number up," Parravano said.

Students should be proactive

Parravano stressed the importance of MIT students' participating in community service.

These service projects provide "a very meaningful way in which MIT can make a significant contribution to the people of Cambridge and to the neighborhoods around us," he said. Such participation fosters a "terrific relationship" with organizations that serve the community, he said.

It also "reminds us that we are surrounded by opportunities to help people in need, whether it be helping to enhance educational opportunity or to combat the problems of homelessness," he said. "Our role is to share some of our extraordinary resources that our student body brings to campus," Parravano said.

The MIT Science Expo for Cambridge elementary and middle school students held here Wednesday was sponsored by the Public Service Center, and it is an example of the type of project CSF encourages [see "Institute Plays Host to Science Expo, Fair," page 10].

The science fair provided an "exquisite opportunity for students to come to campus... and further their interest in science and technology," Parravano said.

Institute Plays Host To Science Expo, Fair

By Brett Altschul
STAFF REPORTER

Johnson Athletic Center played host to two science fairs for high school and middle school students this week.

On Saturday, it housed the 47th annual Massachusetts State Science Fair. It was followed on Wednesday by the fourth annual MIT Science Expo for local public middle school students.

The state science fair has been held at MIT for many years, but the Expo is a newer addition for younger students, and originated at MIT. The Educational Studies Program sponsored the first Expo three years ago, and the MIT Public Service Center has organized the event since.

The Expo is intended to prepare fifth through eighth graders for the State Science Fair. Although the event is non-competitive, each participant did receive a comment sheet from MIT student volunteers.

At the State Science Fair, about 300 high school students competed for \$150,000 in prizes and scholarships. Twenty-seven students received first-place honors.

The Science Expo featured about 100 middle school students. In addition to explaining their posters to passers-by during a public viewing period, the young scientists toured some MIT facilities, including the Artificial Intelligence Lab, the Plasm Fusion Center, and the Media

Laboratory, said Richard R. Sanford '96, the event's student coordinator.

Students present findings

Some of the booths at the Expo presented results of very sophisticated experiments. Kabir Mukaddam, a seventh-grader from the King Open School, displayed his findings regarding the effects of temperature on the functioning of ceramic magnets.

Mukaddam presented data on the magnets' repulsive and attractive strengths over a wide range of temperatures. "I found out that the temperature affects magnets a lot more than I had thought," he said.

"I was going to build a mag-lev train, but that was too hard," Mukaddam said. "I had a bunch of magnets left over, and I decided to do another experiment with them."

Kristen Staples, Darcie Toland, and Renel Holton, three eighth graders from King, showed the results of their experiments on the interaction between hearing and taste.

"My sister was listening to loud music while she was eating, and suddenly, she couldn't taste her food," Staples said. "That's where we got the idea for the experiment."

The three aspiring psychologists tested 10 subjects' ability to recognize five different tastes while listening to music at different intensi-

Harvard Student Gets to 2.70 Final, Falls Short Of Winning

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high above a playing table to begin the contest. The machine that put the most balls into a bin on its side of the table won.

Busch spent 80 hours designing and building his machine, which consisted of an arm that reached out into the flow of falling balls, caught them, and directed them into his bin. The design is an effective one, Busch said. "I think the arm design could have taken more [balls] than a car" that would try to gather balls by rolling after them around the field, he said.

Busch said he was surprised that he got so far in the contest. "I was happy I was in [the final] round," he said. The machine was "pretty marginal about a week ago."

Maniatisin, who is majoring in mechanical engineering at Harvard, cross-registered to take 2.007.

"I worked on it really hard," Maniatisin said. "I didn't think it was possible" to get so far, he said. "I was actually told that the contest would be sabotaged if went to the final round."

Slocum explained. "The Harvard folks have a very good science and math program" that stresses decision-making skills, he said. "It's just so much fun to make fun of them."

Harvard students returned the favor. Halfway through the competition, the lights in 26-100 were dimmed and the projection screen was lowered. Written on the screen was "And God said," followed by some mathematical formulae, and the words "and then there was Harvard." Students reacted with boos, except for the small Harvard crowd, which erupted

in cheers.

Whatever the plan, 2.70 students design to win

Students used two fundamental design approaches: an arm to redirect the balls into the bin and a car to scoop them up and put them there.

"The arm is definitely the way to go if you can manufacture it," said Amy Banzhaf '98, a student in the class. But "It's really hard to make it work," she said.

"You have the ultimate strategy" — an arm — "competing with the ultimate reliability, which is a stout vehicle driving around," Slocum said. "It's very difficult to make a reliable arm."

"Most people are spending all day in the lab," said Indran Ratnathicam '98, who spent 100 hours building his machine. "Pretty much whenever the lab was open we were there," he said.

"I'm going to lose, so I'm going to ram my enemy," said Dennis J. Evangelista '97, whose machine was one of the first to be run. "I went pretty early on [in the qualifying rounds] and the crowd clapped because my [machine] didn't turn over," he said. During Monday night's qualifying rounds, a machine that lost was allowed to advance to the formal contest if the audience cheered enough.

Slocum called this year's crop of machines "double extra fantastic," something which he attributed to this year's use of the well-equipped Pappalardo Laboratory in Building 3 and the practice in machining tools that most students got from participating in an engine competition held during Independent Activities Period.

Soul Coughing Will Play This Weekend

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more — successful."

Soul Coughing to play at concert

The Student Center Committee, which helped organize the weekend's events, will hold its annual spring concert tonight at La Sala de Puerto Rico, a change of venue from Walker Memorial ["Soul Coughing to Play on Spring Weekend," April 19].

The concert features funk band Soul Coughing. Tickets will be \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door for MIT students, and \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for other members of the MIT community.

Tomorrow, Sigma Chi will host a three-on-three basketball tournament from 1 to 5 p.m. on the second floor of the DuPont Gymnasium. The tournament will be open to only the MIT community; money raised will benefit the Genesis Fund, a charity that helps children with birth defects.

Among other activities is Alpha Tau Omega's Las Vegas Night, which will run Saturday from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The event, which is co-sponsored by the Wellesley Starlight Foundation and funded by loans from the Undergraduate Asso-

ciation, features over \$25,000 in prizes that will be distributed to people who attend.

Everyone who attends is guaranteed at least \$25 in prizes, according to Matthew T. Kixmoeller '98. "Last year the event raised \$3,500... and this year we are hoping for about the same turnout," he said. Some prizes include dinners, club tickets, and gift certificates.

In addition, Las Vegas night includes a bachelor auction where 20 bachelors from area colleges will be auctioned along with date packages to people in the audience. Proceeds will be donated to the Make-a-Wish Foundation and local children's charities in Cambridge. Tickets are \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door.

Spring Weekend '96 will end on Sunday with first-time events that include a vegetarian food-fest and a Black Theater Guild production of the play *Home*.

The UA does not have an event planned this weekend, said UA President Carrie R. Muh '96. The organization felt it would do better donating money to scheduled events instead of competing with them by holding a separate event, Muh said. Instead, the UA is planning its own all-day field day for the last day of classes, Muh said.

SCC to Restructure 24-Hour Coffeehouse

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has dwindled from about 30 core members to the seven to 10 that will be left next year. The extra involvement with the CAC may help the SCC with its recruitment efforts, she said.

SCC wants to 'improve social life'

The SCC provides a unique service to MIT, Sarvis said. "Sometimes MIT isn't the most social of places," she said.

"Basically, we just want to improve the social life at MIT — which could use some improving," Allen said. The SCC has plans for a number of events in the next year, including a drag show and an a cappella contest.

While the restructuring will involve new ideas, some plans will also involve dealing with long-standing problems like the SCC's financial troubles with the coffee house.

"The coffee house has been losing money over the years," Allen said. "That's been a drain financially for us." The SCC took out a loan during the 1980s to move the coffeehouse from the second floor of

the Student Center to its current location on the third floor. "We're still paying off that loan now," he said.

The gameroom earns about \$90,000 every year, the bulk of the SCC's income. That money goes to fund the SCC's other events, Allen said.

"We're financially okay," Allen said. "We wouldn't have been allowed to do the Spring Concert if we were in debt." The SCC pays each year for the band that comes to play for Spring Weekend.

This year, the SCC chose Soul Coughing, a band less well-known and less expensive than some bands in previous years. The concert "was scaled down because of budgetary restrictions," Allen said.

The coffee house will close down just for the summer, and two student project managers will do some customer research that may help the coffee house improve business, Allen said. There are no plans to close down the coffee house permanently, however.

"The coffee house has a core following," Allen said. "Someone would probably shoot us if we closed down."

Grade Schoolers Present Projects

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ties, ranging from silent to quite loud. They found a strong negative correlation between the accuracy of the taste recognition and the volume of the music.

"We had a hard time coming up with a conclusion," Staples said. "We thought that one part of the brain might have trouble processing two pieces of information at the same time, or that it's just because they're concentrating on the words."

Another advanced project was

produced by Michael Lawson, an eighth-grader from Agassiz Elementary School. He studied the construction of self-contained airtight environments, trying to find the optimal amount of water for plant growth.

He planted four seeds in each environment and added a different amount of water to each. He then measured the height of the plants inside every day. "The airtight seal ensures that all the water will be recycled," he said.

"Eventually, we're going to need

to build these on other planets," he said. "Unless we find another Earth, we'll have to find some method for terraforming."

The Expo concluded with some brief remarks by Cambridge officials, including the mayor, Sheila Russell, and a chemistry magic show put on by Jason Wong '96. Because of the unusually high ceiling in the Athletic Center, the performance featured something that's not a normal part of the Club Chem magic show: a hydrogen-filled exploding balloon.

Last Day Effort Puts Unified Ahead

Screw, from Page 1

Alpha Phi Omega sponsors the award. According to APO's official guidelines, any non-student member of the MIT staff or faculty may run. Students have used the screw to recognize professors and staff for a particularly memorable class like Unified, a notorious workload, or event. Candidates must sign a form to declare their status as official candidates.

The screw's recipient gets to donate all the money raised through the event to the charity of his choice. Harris decided to donate this year's money to the American Heart Association.

Unified is known as one of the Institute's most difficult classes: It spans two 24-unit semesters and meets daily for two hours. In addition, there are regular laboratories, recitations, and system study lectures, in which teams of five students use their skills to develop an aerospace system.

The class' five professors announced the class' candidacy for the screw during an aero/astro pizza party last Friday. The party alone brought in about \$70.

Unified student Adriane J. Faust '98 felt that the award was well deserved. "A lot of things about Unified this term have been pretty

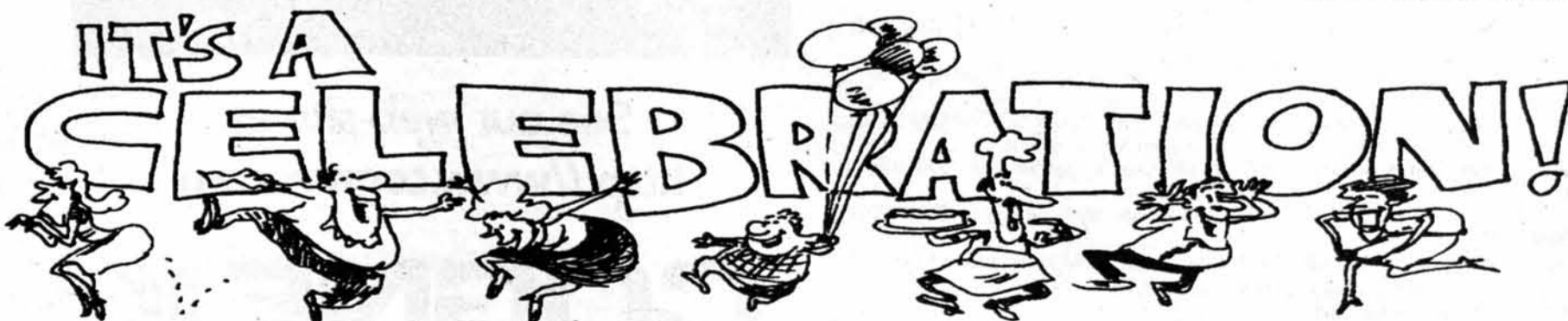
nasty," she said.

Kei Y. Tang G, the head teaching assistant for Unified, noted students' love/hate relationship with Unified. "I am sure that they are working very hard," he said, "but they are learning a lot about what they really like."

"I am sure Unified deserves the award," Tang said. "We are all very proud of accepting [it]."

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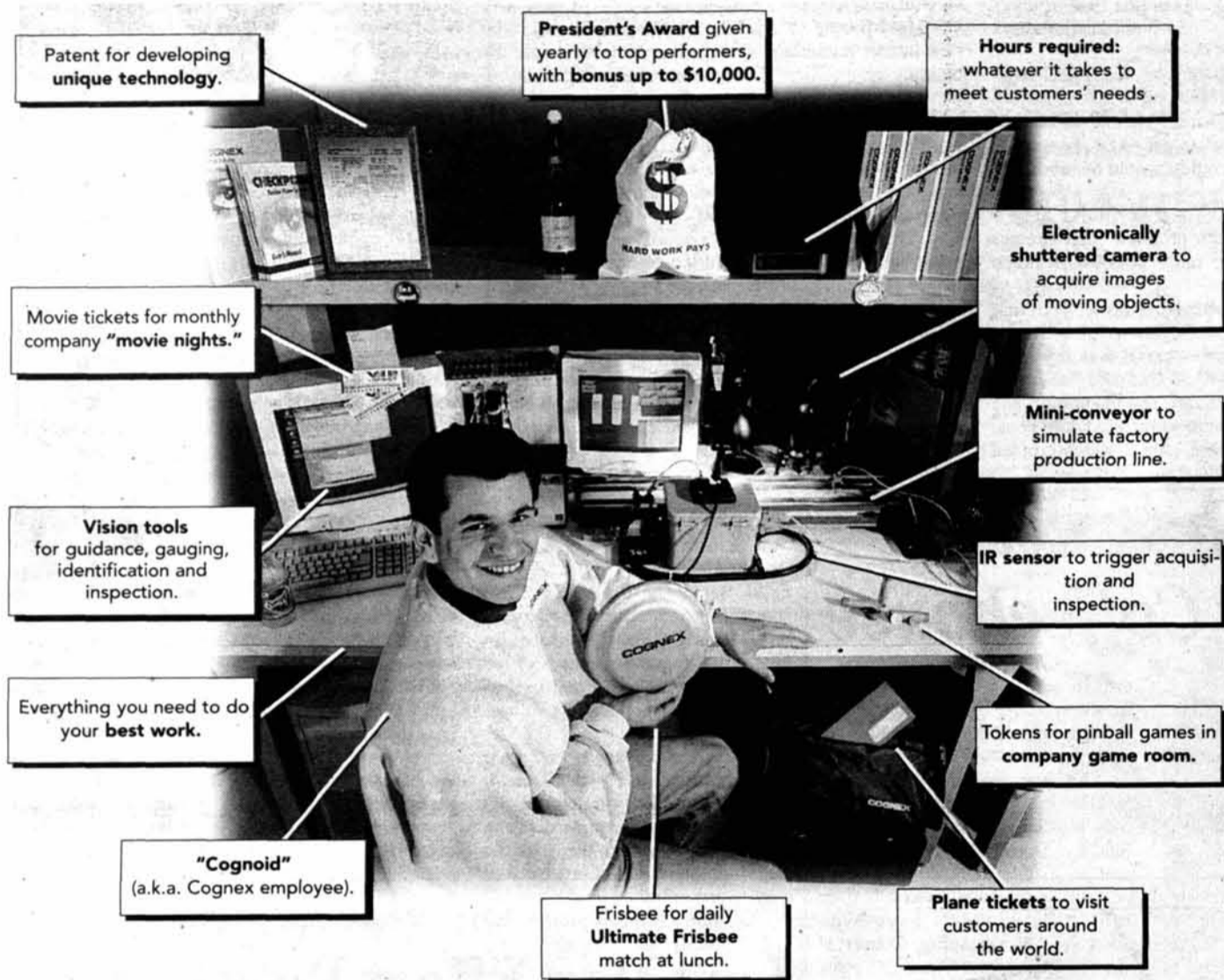
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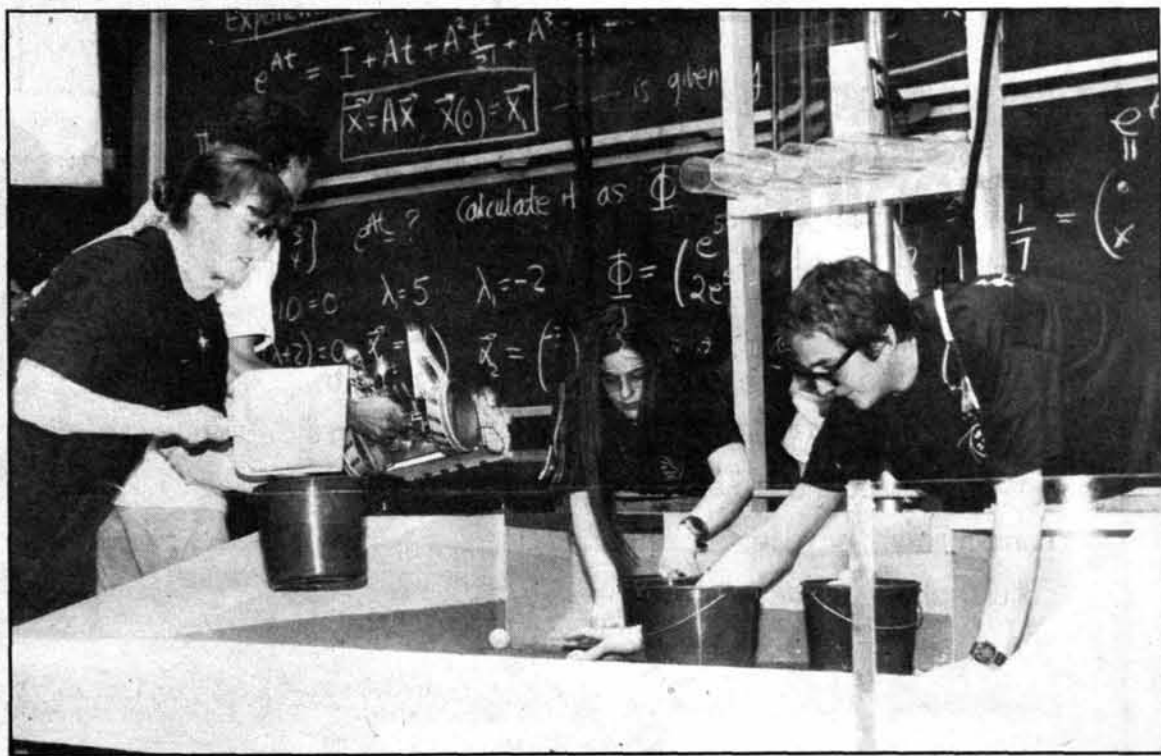
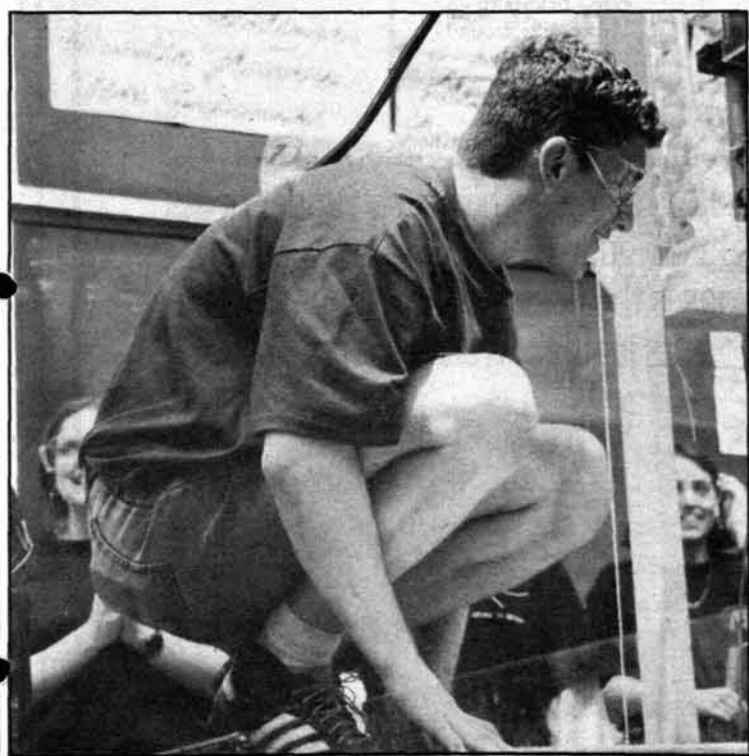
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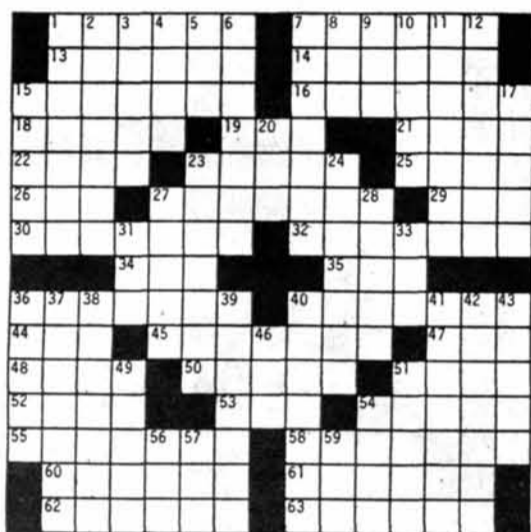
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EA Sports Looks at Underclassmen in the NBA Draft

By Bo Light
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

If you can't get enough of basketball, then this is the column for you, because this week, there's nothing but basketball! If you can't stand basketball, or are sick to death of it, then perhaps you should just put the paper down now.

Well, the first week of the NBA playoffs is over. Nothing terribly exciting has happened, actually. There haven't been any fights, there haven't been any major upsets, and most importantly, no one has pushed, hit, or head-butted any referees. In short, all we have seen is tough playoff basketball.

Of course, compared to the last month of the regular season, it has been pretty dull. Even if the Bulls are expected to wallop everyone in their path on their way to an NBA title, it is worth watching them, if only to hear interviews with Dennis Rodman. The collected wit and wisdom of the Worm this week included a discourse on Madonna ("she's no acrobat, but she's no dead fish"), and his lack of desire to sleep with his teammates. Thanks Dennis; now we can sleep at night.

It's getting close to lottery time, and as usual, a slew of college underclassmen have declared themselves eligible for the NBA draft. Are any of them ready to move on, or are they foolish for not finishing school? Just for a moment, let's forget the fact that college basketball has become nothing more than a minor league for the NBA; most of

Women's Crew Looks To Win N.E.

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the New Eights Championships April 20. The teams travelled to Worcester to race Wellesley College, Mount Holyoke College, Clark University, and Smith College on Lake Quinsigamond.

Wellesley held close to the first varsity eight for the first half of their race but fell to the MIT crew's powerful second-half execution and strong sprint. The junior varsity boat also had a successful race, topping second place Mount Holyoke by a full 10 seconds. The novice crews won handily as well, despite increasingly strong headwinds.

This Saturday the women's crew team will be traveling back to Worcester to compete in the New England's competition. The outlook for these races is good since the team has been picking up speed throughout the season and is confident they will be able to bring home gold medals.

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these kids aren't getting anything out of their "education" anyway. And let's ignore the fact that they can still decide within 30 days of the draft to re-enter college; no one is going to use that escape clause.

The bare fact is, a lot of these guys simply are not ready to play NBA basketball. The foolish part of their decision is not that they'll have nothing to fall back on at the end of a 12-year career; the foolish part is that they'll have nothing to fall back on three years from now, when they've been labeled "busts" and demoted to the CBA. Do these guys have nothing left to prove in col-

lege? How many championships has Allen Iverson won with Georgetown?

Sure, some of the players can probably make the transition. Marcus Camby was the Player of the Year; going to the NBA is probably his best choice. But the younger players, like Iverson and Stephon Marbury, could definitely use the extra time in school. Iverson has been described by NBA scouts as "Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf without a jump shot." Not exactly complimentary.

Considering that a rookie will have to spend most of his time

learning his new team's offense, rather than rounding out his game, wouldn't it make sense to spend the extra year in school? Underclassmen thinking of entering the draft should take a cue from John Wallace, a Syracuse senior who decided (against his better judgment, it was said) to stay for his senior year, and spent that year transforming himself from a probable first-round pick into a definite lottery pick.

Trivia Question time
Can you name all the high

school players who have entered the NBA draft? Send your answers to ea sports@the-tech.mit.edu. Winners get tickets to a Celtics playoff game!

Answer to last week's question: the Baltimore Orioles started the 1988 season with 21 straight losses, a major league record.

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Varsity, Freshmen Heavies Sink UNH

By Toby Ayer

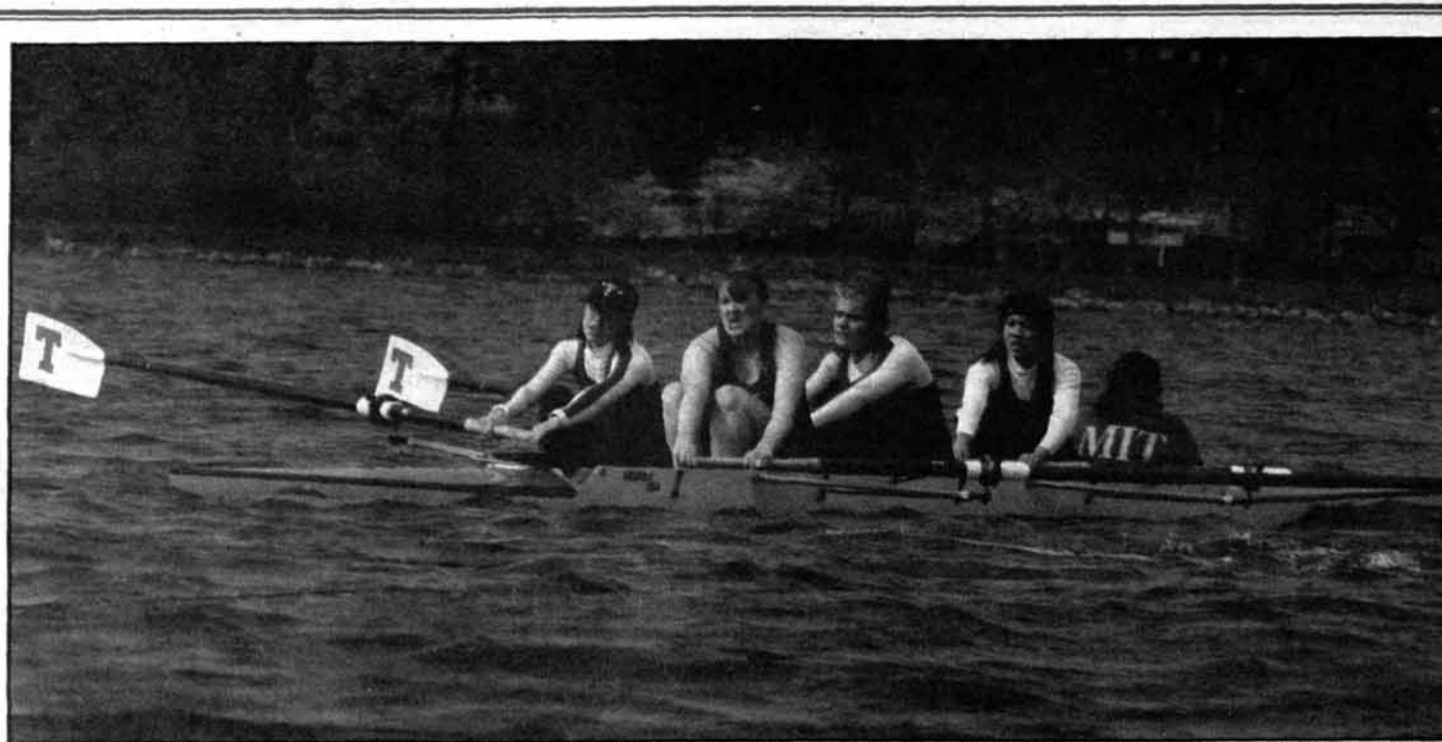
TEAM MEMBER

In a near-sweep of the races at Durham, New Hampshire, both men's varsity heavyweight eights and the first freshmen eight beat the University of New Hampshire on Saturday. The second freshmen fours both fell to UNH.

In fairly calm waters, the first freshmen began their race a few seats ahead of UNH. Moving up as planned at both the 500- and 1000-meter marks, they had nearly two lengths of open water approaching the finish line. UNH moved back a little, but MIT finished 10 seconds ahead of them in 5 minutes, 44 seconds.

The second freshmen fours had a harder time. The A four was down a few seats off the start, and despite a successful move back on UNH, were held back by their low stroke-rating. They lost another length and finished the race four seconds back.

With a dramatically divergent course, the other four was never in the race (UNH, 7:26; MIT A, 7:30; MIT B, 8:13).



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Shelly E. Sakiyama '96, Joanne M. Mikkelson '96, Heidi Y. Chang '98, and Jennifer R. Bautista '98 came in first in a race against the University of New Hampshire.

Novice Coach Stu Schmill '86 continues to see his oarsmen improve. "The freshmen field is pretty tight, and we are right in there," he said after surveying the freshmen field in the EARC, which is the highest level of collegiate rowing.

Varsity rows its best race to date

With a headwind picking up after the first frosh race, the first varsity race went off but was soon stopped when MIT steered into a marker post

off the side of the course. The race was restarted without mishap, and MIT won, 5:45.8 to 5:50.0.

It was the boat's best race to date. MIT was up on UNH at the start and held on through the fierce headwind. The halfway point brought less wind and calmer waters, and MIT attacked with more control, moving up steadily and finishing a full length ahead.

Coach Gordon Hamilton was jubilant about the win. "We were in

control the entire race," he said. UNH had previously beaten Williams College, who had then beaten MIT.

The second varsity boat also had an excellent race. "They did exactly what we wanted to do: They got to racing speed at about 250 meters and held it through to the finish," Hamilton said. The boat moved right through UNH, and had plenty of open water at the finish (MIT, 5:51.8; UNH, 5:59.5).

Both Schmill and Hamilton are

looking forward to this weekend's Cochrane Cup races against Dartmouth College and Wisconsin University. "If we have a good race, and continue our improvement, we will be right up there as one of the best crews in the country," Schmill said.

This weekend will be another test of the first boat's speed and racing ability. A good race could place the varsity relatively high in the rankings and closer to their goal of the country's top 10.

Women's Frisbee Plays In College Seasonals

By Rebecca Thomas

TEAM MEMBER

The women's ultimate frisbee team visited Tufts University Sunday to play in the team's first ever college sectionals. After a round robin, the top four teams would go on to regionals; MIT played tough defense, but lost a couple of close games at the end.

MIT's first opponent was Tufts. Expectations were high since the team had beaten Tufts in a scrimmage the weekend before. However, Tufts was more mentally prepared to play this time; it started with a scoring streak that left it ahead 7-0 at the half.

MIT got into the game in the second half and scored two goals to Tufts' three. The victory went to Tufts, 10-2.

By the end of the second game, which was against Wellesley College, both teams were trading downwind goals, but MIT won, 7-3.

The next two games would determine the team's seeding for regionals.

MIT lost the coin flip both times. Both opponents wisely chose to start going downwind. The wind was severe and in both games, neither team managed to score an upwind goal. After the games were capped, MIT had lost to McGill University, 5-4 and to Brown University, 8-7.

Overall, the team played stellar defense by forcing many turnovers throughout the day. Individual players succeeded in getting point blocks and intercepting passes. The experience the team gained from playing against other teams helped the offense come together towards the end of the tournament. Regionals will be held in Albany, New York and at Williams College next weekend.

Women's Crew Sweeps New Eights; Varsity Defeats UNH Soundly

By Susan Dey

TEAM MEMBER

On Sunday, the women's crew teams again came away with victories in their races against the University of New Hampshire here on the Charles River. That race followed strong wins against four teams in Worcester on April 20.

The first varsity boat (coxswain Shruti Sehra '96, stroke Amy Gieffers '97, Sarah Black '96, Samantha Lavery '98, Linda Rosenband '96, Susan Dey '98, Stacy Morris '96, Judy Ascano '96, and bowman Lara Ivey '96) soundly defeated the UNH crew Sunday.

Rough water and strong headwinds made for unsavory racing conditions. The UNH boat struggled against the weather, but the MIT crew handled it well, finishing with open water.

The junior varsity race was broken into fours: coxswain Margo Harbaugh '98, stroke Cindy Fein '97, Arlene Frech '97, and Sarah Folscroft '98, and bowman Jessica West '98 in the first; coxswain Jen Bautista '98, stroke Shelly Sakiyama '96, Joanne Mikkelson '96, Beth Sebern '97, and bowman Heidi Chang '98 in the second.

The rough conditions made for a slow race in the fours but the crews finished well. The second four finished ahead of UNH while the first four were slightly behind UNH in their race.

The novice crews were not quite as successful. The first novice boat (coxswain Rainuka Gupta '99, stroke Kristin Juggenheimer '99, Youjeong Kim '98, Tyra

Rivkin '99, Kari Bingen '99, Bethany Rogers '97, Shannon Mitchell '99, Shawdee Eshghi '99, and bowman Mariah Luff '99) rowed a hard but losing race.

The second novice boat (coxswain Jennifer Lykens '99, stroke Megan Reese '99, Kelly Druzisky '99, Sabina Ma '99, Alicia Hardy '99, Peggy Anderson '99, Meredith Otterson '99, Sarah Anderson '99, and bowman Jesse Cochrane '99) was victorious, edging past the UNH boat to cross the line a close tenth of a second ahead.

UNH had no third novice boat, so the novice four (coxswain Rainuka Gupta '99, stroke Christine Kornylak '99, Julie Devine '99, and Katie Spayde '99, and bowman Brenda Haendler '99) raced against a four from Radcliffe College. Although it held close to the Radcliffe four during the first 500 meters of the race, the boat was unable to come away with a win.

This Sunday also marked a special occasion for the women's crew team: A new boat was christened for the novice squad. Crew alumnae Anne McKinnon '75, for whom the boat is named, traveled to Boston with her family for the event. After the ceremony she rowed stroke in the new boat for a short voyage up the river.

All boats win in Worcester

Every boat on both the varsity and novice women's crew squads came away with a victory in

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Lightweight Crew Outpaces West Point

By Robin Greenwood

TEAM MEMBER

The lightweights had a busy weekend, traveling first to Ithaca, New York on Saturday to race Cornell and Columbia Universities for the Gieger Cup and then racing Army at West Point on Sunday.

On Saturday, the varsity had a decent start, but could not hold the other two crews and wound up four seconds behind Cornell and eight seconds behind Columbia. The junior varsity, second freshmen, and third varsity boats also ended up third. The first freshmen placed second in their race, beating out Columbia while finishing behind Cornell.

Assistant Coach Vito Provalò was not pleased with the results and

attempted to rev up the crews for Sunday's race.

The pep talk may have done some good, as the first freshmen boat had an easy victory Sunday.

Although the JV, close for 1000 meters, could not hold on and lost by open water, the varsity pulled away from Army, coming away

with a comfortable victory of about 10 seconds.

This weekend the lightweights head to New Brunswick, New Jersey for their last duel race of the season against Rutgers University. If the varsity wins, it will be their first winning season in over five years.

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