

## Telecom Law Gets Institute Involved In Web Blackout

By Brett Altschul  
STAFF REPORTER

After President Clinton signed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 into law on Thursday, hundreds of organizations protested by giving their World-Wide Web pages black backgrounds for two full days.

The protesters felt the working of some of the law's provisions were too broad and thereby unconstitutional. The law prevents the distribution of any material described as "indecent" — which includes topics like abortion — over the Internet.

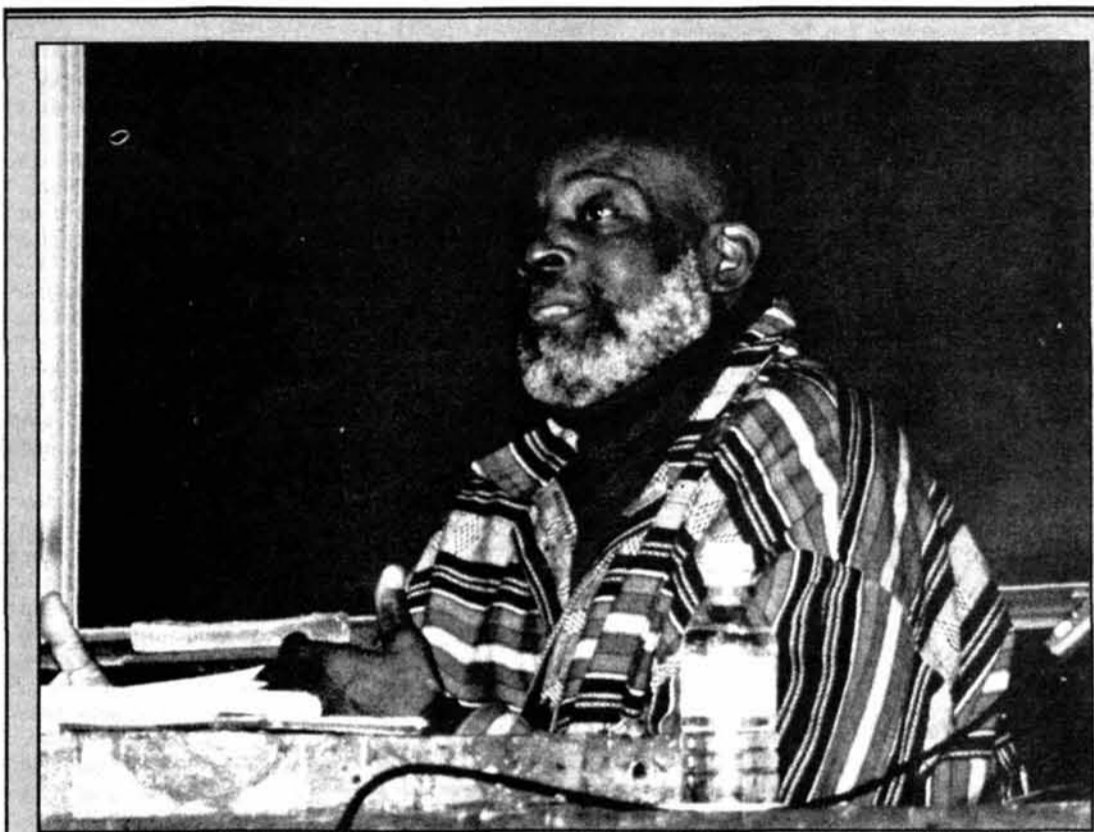
Intended to protect minors from electronic pornography, the controversial provisions of the new law, written by Sen. J. James Exon, D-Neb., imposes fines of up to \$250,000 and jail sentences of up to

two years for anyone who makes indecent material freely available online.

Many MIT students joined the so-called web blackout, as did a number of MIT-affiliated groups, including the Computer Music Journal and the Student Information Processing Board. SIPB joined the protest in spite of its usual disapproval of using non-standard Web browser functions, like implementing background colors on Web pages.

The blackout campaign has adopted the blue ribbon as an icon to represent the fight against electronic censorship. The blue ribbon was inspired by the yellow prisoner-of-war and red AIDS ribbons, according to the Electronic Frontier

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TIFFANY LIN—THE TECH  
Professor Mel King from the Department of Urban Studies at MIT spoke during "Here and Now," a public forum held in 26-100 last Thursday, sponsored by the Black Students Union and Committee on Campus Race Relations.

## ROTC Task Force Culls Input From Students at Open Forum

By Stacey E. Blau  
NEWS EDITOR

The ROTC task force met with about 35 people at an open forum for a presentation and discussion of MIT's ROTC program Thursday night in 10-250.

Controversy about the program centers around MIT's non-discrimination policy, which protects MIT students, faculty, and staff from discrimination based on sexual orientation. ROTC violates the policy by discriminating against homosexuals.

The five-month-old task force, which is chaired by Professor of

Management Stephen C. Graves, is working to evaluate the place the ROTC program should hold at the Institute.

Next month the task force will make recommendations about what MIT should do with ROTC; the faculty will likely vote on the issue at its April meeting. The final decision lies with the MIT Corporation.

### Task force looks for input

The task force is spending the month of February gathering community input for its decision.

Faculty Chair Lawrence S.

Bacow opened the forum with an overview of the task force's mission. He spoke of the faculty's 1990 resolution on ROTC, which created the impetus for the formation of the task force.

"The resolution essentially condemned the Department of Defense policy against homosexuals," Bacow said. In the resolution, the faculty said that if "inadequate progress is made in changing the policy, the faculty would move to end ROTC," he said.

But it remains to be seen if the

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## HASS-D Notification System Goes Awry, May Be Overhauled

By Jennifer Lane  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

An electronic mail notification system glitch handed some students incorrect class assignments following the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Distribution lottery on Registration Day, said HASS coordinator Bette K. Davis.

As a result, members of the HASS office and Information Systems will hold a meeting this morning to discuss possible future changes in the system. The main topic will likely be the ending of the e-mail notification system, said IS Analyst Programmer Regina L. Gogol. Gogol was responsible for sending the personalized e-mail notifications to students.

Now in its fourth semester of use by the HASS office, the lottery system itself ran without flaw, and the usual 90 percent of students received their first choices, Davis said.

### Questions started early

Davis started to get phone calls during the early evening on registration day from students with suspect results. "Things just seemed all wrong," she said. For example, one student had apparently entered six choices but received no assignment even though four of those classes showed up as not filled.

The office thought the lottery had run correctly, and were consequently unsure of why students were receiving these messages, Davis said.

Gogol said that she noticed program problems while she had the e-mail notification procedure running on her machine. "It looked suspicious that several students in a row got lotteried out, so I killed the procedure," she said.

It took awhile to realize that the source of the problem was the notification system and not the lottery itself. At that point, Gogol chose to send new messages to

everyone so that each student would be assured of receiving the correct message.

By 10 p.m. all students had received correct responses. There was some confusion for a few hours in the early evening, but "I think in fact it was not a problem for students," Davis said. "My only concern was that students receiving the first incorrect message would not read their mail in time to get the second, correct message," she said.

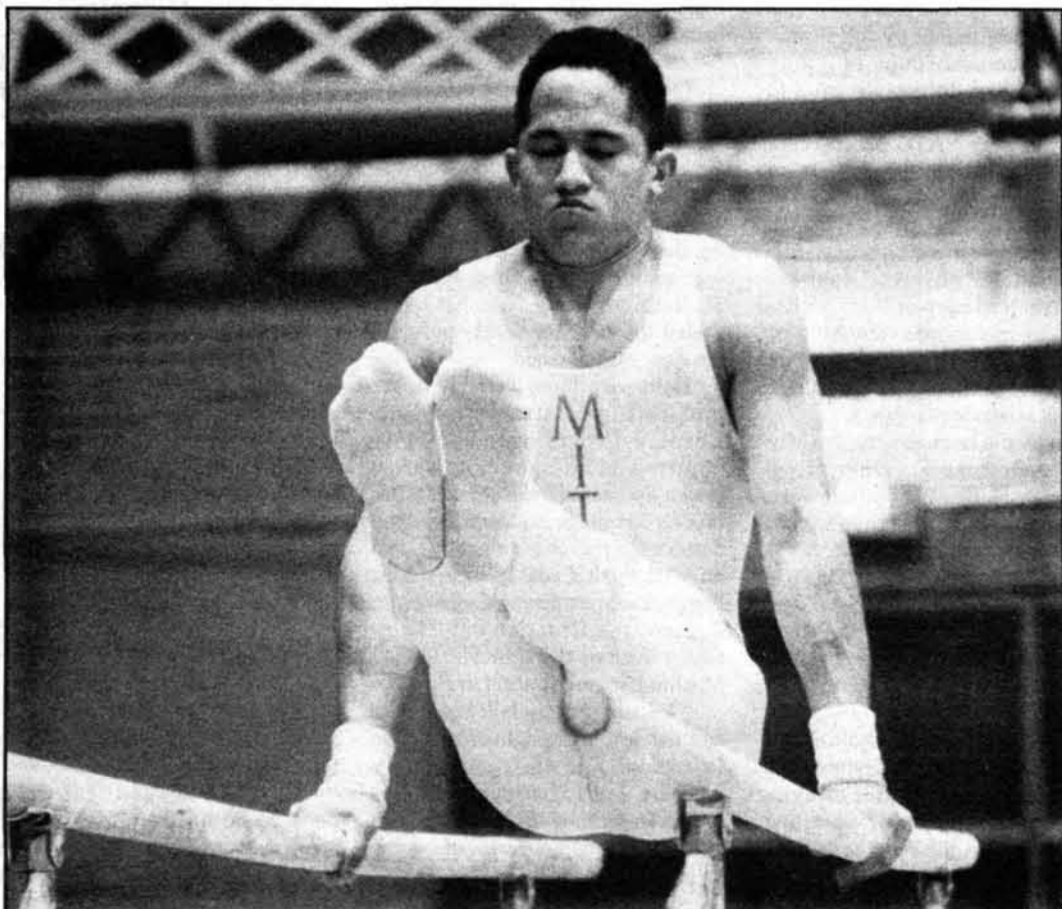
"I was hoping that the grapevine would be strong enough to get word out, and I think it was," she said. "I have yet to hear from a single student who didn't get the second message."

### E-mail notification may cease

There were several changes made to the HASS-D lottery system this semester. The program was updated, although the lottery ran on the same server as the physical education lottery. The two lotteries also ran on the same day.

"We were stretched a little thin, running both lotteries on one day," said Andy Oakland, the Distributed Computer Network Services analyst programmer who designed the

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RICH FLETCHER—THE TECH

Rob Cook '97 finished first in the all-around competition last Saturday. MIT also won the team competition.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Israel Steps Up Security In Advance of Elections

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

Fearful that a terrorist attack inside Israel might hand upcoming elections to the opposition, the Labor-led government stepped up security measures Monday in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel Television said that the intelligence services had reports of a plan by militants in Gaza to carry out a car bomb attack in central Israel, timed to coincide with the February 19 end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, and the end on Wednesday of 40 days of mourning for Yehyia Ayyash, the Islamic militant who was killed when a booby-trapped cellular phone exploded in his hands.

"We're investing a lot in order not to let the terrorists achieve their goals," said Interior Minister Chaim Ramon. "Their main goal is to kill people and to kill the peace process. They know the sensitivity of Israelis. They will double their efforts and we will triple our efforts not to let those terrible terrorists achieve their goals."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres announced Sunday that he is moving up elections from October to May. In this election, Israelis will, for the first time, elect their prime minister directly, and not merely as head of a party list.

Peres invoked Yitzhak Rabin's memory in his announcement Sunday, and Likud members accused him of trying to extend to himself the slain prime minister's reputation for toughness on security issues. Rabin was gunned down Nov. 4 by a right-wing Jewish law student who said he killed the prime minister to halt peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

Seeking to booster his own credentials on security issues, Peres is putting enormous pressure on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who was sworn in Monday in Gaza as president of the Palestinian self-governing authority, to crackdown on the militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups.

## Controversy Continues Regarding Forbes' Heavy Spending

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes Jr.'s extravagant spending in his bid for the presidency has reawakened controversy over a Supreme Court decision 20 years ago that allows a candidate to use as much of his own money as he chooses on his own campaign.

While the court in 1976 upheld certain contribution limits and reporting requirements, it ruled that spending limits violate the first Amendment and struck down a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 barring presidential candidates from using more than \$50,000 of their own money on a campaign.

"The candidate, no less than any other person, has a First Amendment right to engage in the discussion of public issues and vigorously and tirelessly to advocate his own election," the court said in a wide-ranging, unsigned opinion. "Indeed, it is of particular importance that candidates have the unfettered opportunity to make their views known so that the electorate may intelligently evaluate the candidates' personal qualities and their positions on vital public issues before choosing among them on election day."

But, the court said, limiting spending from personal funds does not discourage corruption: "Indeed, the use of personal funds reduces the candidate's dependence on outside contributions and thereby counteracts the coercive pressures and attendant risks of abuse."

## Gore Says GOP May Cripple Science

NEWSDAY

BALTIMORE

Vice President Al Gore Monday complained that congressional Republicans were playing politics with the country's scientific future, arguing that the budget cuts they have proposed will leave necessary research crippled beyond repair.

"They are approaching science with the wisdom of a potted plant," Gore told about 1,000 attendees at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a gathering that opened with GOP Rep. Robert Walker's call for a 33 percent cut in research spending by the year 2002.

He said that under current budget proposals, spending could go from the 1990 high of \$40 billion to \$26.8 billion by 2002. At the same time, Department of Defense allocations for military science could rise from an estimated \$40 billion to \$60 billion.

## WEATHER The Big Chill

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Numbingly cold weather has extended its grip on the region. Some slight moderation in temperature can be expected mid-week, along with a threat of light snow continuing on to week's end. A substantial chunk of the swirling polar vortex has split off and descended southward, and is now sitting squarely over the western North Atlantic.

In combination with brisk surface winds, the temperature today will feel like a spit-crackling -10°F (-23°C). The bitter weather will loosen its hold somewhat, with temperatures Wednesday pushing up toward freezing. There are some small cyclonic systems circulating the edge of the larger vortex, and while there is vertical motion associated with them, the polar air remains too cold for much snow. The best chance for anything other than a dusting looks to be Wednesday night/Thursday morning with up to a couple of inches possible.

**Today:** Bitterly cold. Gusting winds from the west 15-20 mph (24-32 kph). Mostly clear. High 19°F (-7°C).

**Tonight:** Clear and cold. Low 10°F (-12°C).

**Wednesday:** Clear in the morning. Becoming cloudier throughout the day. A dusting of 2 inches (5 cm) likely overnight. High 29°F (-2°C). Low 20°F (-7°C).

**Thursday:** Chance of snow. High 28°F (-2°C). Low 18°F (-7°C).

# Dole Wins in Iowa Caucus; Buchanan Places Second

By Robert Shogan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

DES MOINES, IOWA

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., appeared to be winning Iowa's precinct caucuses Monday — the first major test in the Republican drive to regain the White House — with conservative television commentator Patrick J. Buchanan closely following.

Based on partial returns and a survey of voters entering the state's 2,142 caucus sites, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander appeared set for third place, with millionaire magazine publisher Steve Forbes and Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, fighting for fourth.

The results were a sharp repudiation of Forbes, who spent more than \$4 million here, as well as Gramm, who was once considered the principal threat to Dole in this state but whose support plummeted following his surprising defeat last week at the hands of Buchanan in caucuses in Louisiana — a state that only those two contested.

Rounding out the field were former State Department official Alan Keyes, the first black to seek the Republican presidential nomination, Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, Rep. Robert Dornan, R-Calif., and businessman Morry Taylor.

Far more was at stake in this contest than Iowa's meager 25 delegates — little more than 1 percent of the total of the 1,990 delegates who will congregate at the party's nominating convention in San Diego in August. Indeed, the votes at Monday's caucuses are only the first step in the state's complicated

delegate-selection process, so that the eventual Iowa delegate lineup could depart notably from Monday's results.

The real prize here is that most precious of political commodities, momentum, the contagious aura generated by success, which the candidates who do well hope to use to fuel their efforts in the next critical test, the New Hampshire primary next Tuesday, and then on into the crowded weeks of March, in which 27 states will hold primaries and caucuses.

As he stumped in Des Moines Monday, Dole joked about the subjective interpretations put on election results. "I'd like to leave for the locker room at halftime with a lead — with a big lead, with a convincing lead," Dole said, then added, "or at least a win."

As behooves the front-runner, Dole sought to appear above the intra-party squabbling and to call attention instead to this fall's battle against President Clinton, who visited the state over the weekend and who has no serious opposition for the Democratic nomination.

"President Clinton said in his State of the Union speech, the era of big government was over," Dole told a group of office workers in Des Moines. "And tonight will be the beginning of the end of the era of President Clinton."

Dole emphasized his usual themes of experience and leadership, and poked fun at Forbes, blaming him for the negative tone of much of the campaign with his self-financed negative television and radio ads.

"We call him the Green candidate — he has a lot of it," Dole said. "I don't think Mother Teresa can withstand the assault I've had in Iowa and New Hampshire."

For his part, Forbes in a series of election morning radio broadcasts aimed at city commuters and farm workers driving long distances to jobs, mixed arguments for the flat tax with complaints that he had become the target of class-war attacks from his rivals.

"They've attacked me personally using the kind of language you expect from liberal Democrats," he said on a radio talk show.

Forbes' phone-bank operation made more than 20,000 calls Monday to prod supporters to attend their neighborhood caucus gatherings — 2,142 of which will be held in schools firehouses and public buildings across the state. And despite persistent doubts about Forbes' grass-roots support, campaign manager Bill Dal Col said Forbes' paid organization swelled Monday with the addition of more than 1,600 volunteers.

Buchanan cheered by polling evidence that his candidacy was on the upswing, spent the hours before the vote doing back-to-back radio interviews, 26 in all, urging Iowans to head to the caucuses and pushing his message of conservative values and economic nationalism.

Buchanan sought to rebut arguments that he is too divisive a figure to unite the party and defeat Clinton in the fall. He argued, he is more electable than his rivals because he, alone among the contenders, could get the votes of Ross Perot backers.

# U.S. Brokers a Compromise Over Balkan War Criminals

By Dean E. Murphy

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

U.S. officials said Monday they had brokered a compromise between the Bosnian government and Bosnian Serbs over the explosive issue of arresting war crimes suspects in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

They hope the deal will ease mounting tensions over the arrest of two top Bosnia Serb military commanders last month by the Bosnian government. Although in a move likely to draw further ire from the Bosnian Serb military, the officers were flown by NATO peacekeeping forces late Monday from Sarajevo to the Hague for investigation by the International War Crimes Tribunal.

"It ain't over until it's over, but I am guardedly positive," said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke in an interview Monday. "I think we made some progress today. We laid down some rules to prevent misunderstandings."

Under the arrangement, the Muslim-led Bosnian government will detain only those Bosnian Serbs classified by the war-crime tribunal as suspects. Other Bosnian Serbs, including military officials, who enter government territory will not be bothered or apprehended, thereby guaranteeing freedom of movement as required by the Dayton, Ohio, peace accord.

Bosnian Serb Gen. Djordje Djukic and Col. Aleksa Krsmanovic, who were arrested after straying from a Serb suburb of Sarajevo, have been identified by the tribunal as suspected war criminals, though the U.N. court determined that only after the men had been detained.

Holbrooke, the lead negotiator of

the peace accord, is scheduled to quit the Clinton administration this month. But he rushed to the Balkans over the weekend for an arm-twisting session after the detentions, coupled with deepening strains in the divided Muslim-Croat city of Mostar, threatened the calm that has prevailed here since the Dayton deal was signed two months ago.

The arrests of Djukic and Krsmanovic caused Bosnian Serb commander Gen. Ratko Mladic, himself indicted by the tribunal on genocide charges, to order a break in military ties with NATO forces and the Bosnian government.

It was unclear Monday whether the compromise would appease Mladic, who is banned from talks because of his status as an accused war criminal. But Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who has represented the Bosnian Serbs, endorsed the deal, officials said.

Holbrooke turns Tuesday to the problems in Mostar, where some Bosnian Croats have violently opposed municipal boundaries drawn by international arbiters. Holbrooke has made it clear the United States endorses the boundaries, and he will push Croatian President Franjo Tudjman during a meeting in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, to accept them or risk destabilizing the Muslim-Croat federation in Bosnia.

"We are going to talk about that, and the whole strengthening of the federation," said Assistant Secretary of State John Shattuck, who has joined Holbrooke in the talks. "It is going to be another series of bumps on the road."

Holbrooke said the need for U.S. involvement will probably continue long after his departure from the

State Department.

"There are going to be more of these kinds of things," he said. "It is just inevitable. These people were at war, they still hate each other, but agreed to a peace, not every detail of which could be pinned down in 21 days at Dayton."

Officials with the NATO peacekeeping force, known as IFOR, were conducting country-wide survey Monday to determine how widely Mladic's instructions have been followed by the rank-and-file, and whether Monday's agreement will restore broken contacts. Since Mladic issued his order last week, IFOR said ties have been patchy, but evidence has been only anecdotal.

Bosnian Serb political leaders, including Radovan Karadzic, also an indicted war crimes suspect, have repeatedly said they do not support Mladic's directive. But their influence over the military is limited, and Mladic has refused to voluntarily hand over power.

Bosnian Serb Television reported Monday night that 10,000 people rallied in the town of Sokolac east of Sarajevo against the war crimes tribunal and in support of Mladic and Karadzic.

In an interview, Shattuck said U.S. officials believe Mladic is losing influence among Bosnian Serbs, but the loyalty he commands among some soldiers presents a constant threat.

"The hatreds and fear run so deep based on the horrors of this conflict, that what you get is people still pretending to be leaders, irresponsibly playing on these fears," Shattuck said. "Their followers in the public are fewer and fewer."

# Major Readies for Possible IRA Violence, Breaks with Sinn Fein

By Fred Barbash  
THE WASHINGTON POST

LONDON

British Prime Minister John Major prepared the nation Monday for the possibility of more Irish Republican Army terrorism but vowed that it would not stand in the way of continuing efforts to negotiate peace in Northern Ireland. While offering no new proposals himself, he signaled some flexibility by expressing a willingness to consider others' options.

Addressing the House of Commons and then a national television audience, Major joined Irish Prime Minister John Bruton in ruling out contacts with Sinn Fein, the legal political wing of the IRA, until restoration of the 17 month cease-fire that ended with a powerful bomb blast here Friday. It killed two persons and injured dozens.

Sinn Fein and the IRA "have a

choice," Major said in his five-minute television statement. "Only when they commit themselves unequivocally to peace and reinstate the cease-fire can they have a voice and stake in Northern Ireland's future. If they reject that, they can expect no sympathy and no quarter. ... The IRA will never bomb their way to the negotiating table."

Officials said they had no reason to believe the IRA would soon reinstate that truce, and Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, blaming Major for the breakdown in the peace process, pleaded helplessness in furthering that goal. Nor did he condemn the IRA violence, publicly urge the paramilitaries to stop it or hint at any new flexibility of his own.

Police throughout Britain and especially in London reinstated security measures they had gradually relaxed over a year and a half. They evacuated several subway and

train stations during the day in response to apparent bomb threats and searched vehicles and bags near buildings deemed potential targets, such as government offices, prestigious hotels and the financial district.

Ominously, a politician close to the IRA's opposite numbers among the Protestant paramilitaries issued his own warning. While those groups do not want to resume their war with the IRA, said Gary McMichael, leader of the fringe Ulster Democratic Party, "it is also recognized" that they "can't leave their community undefended. It is very much up to how the IRA reacts now."

That raised the nightmare scenario of a return to the tit-for-tat sectarian terrorism that claimed more than 3,000 lives over 25 years before the 1994 cease-fire.

# South Korea and Japan Continue Standoff over Disputed Islands

By Mary Jordan  
and Kevin Sullivan  
THE WASHINGTON POST

TOKYO

South Korea's Defense Ministry announced Monday that it will conduct previously canceled military exercises this week near a disputed cluster of islands between South Korea and Japan, escalating a tense standoff between the countries.

Both Japan and South Korea claim sovereignty over the desolate islands, which are located in fishing grounds about halfway between the two countries. The dispute erupted on Friday when Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda demanded that Seoul cancel plans to build a wharf on the largest of the islands.

Ikeda's statement triggered demonstrations in Seoul that included the burning of a Japanese flag.

An angry South Korean President Kim Young Sam canceled a meeting with Japanese officials scheduled for Monday, threatened to scrap a summit between the two countries next month and said his government would "sternly deal with" Japan over the issue.

The tension between the United States' two strongest allies in Asia adds to the sense of turmoil in a region already nervous about China's menacing stance toward Taiwan and uncertainty over North Korea. China is indirectly involved in this dispute because fishermen in South Korea and Japan have complained that Chinese fishing boats are encroaching on their territorial waters. The islands dispute arises as Japan and South Korea are about to declare exclusive rights to fishing and minerals 200 miles from their

shores.

South Korean officials announced Monday that the previously canceled quarterly military exercises near the barren islands have been reinstated because of the dispute. It said destroyers, patrol boats, anti-submarine reconnaissance planes and jet fighter would be involved in attacks on "imaginary targets" during the exercises.

South Korean newspapers reported that the country's navy and air force would be on watch to force out or capture any Japanese fishing boats that cross into South Korean territorial waters.

"It is our territory; we want to show that this island is fully in our control," Hwang Hyon Tak, a spokesman for the South Korean Embassy, said about the military exercises.

# Chess Champion Goes Pawn To Pawn with Champion Computer

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Garry Kasparov, the world's greatest human chess player, has already lost one game to the world's most powerful chess-playing computer, in history's first regulation multi-game match between the human and machine champions.

Even if the machine wins — so far each has won a game — chess players and computer experts say, the outcome in the six-game match would still be a victory for Homo sapiens.

"The contest is not really man vs. machine," said Feng-hsiung Hsu, the IBM researcher who designed "Deep Blue," the cybernetic half of this clash of the titans. "It is actually man the tool maker versus man the chess player. Either way, the human wins."

Human primacy in the ancient game of chess has been gradually yielding to computers for years — largely because of the efforts of chess players themselves, who have long tried to program the deceptively simple rules of their game into a digital opponent.

Nowadays "a \$40 piece of software can kick the pants off of 98 percent of tournament player," said Marc Rotenberg, a chess enthusiast and head of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a Washington-based computer policy organization.

It's quite a machine. "Deep Blue," developed by computing giant IBM's research division, is a departure from some of the traditional models of "artificial intelligence," which were attempts to get computers to think the way people do, emulating value judgments and learning from mistakes. Instead, the program does what computers do best: it examines the many possibilities that branch from each potential move and evaluates the result, consulting a vast database of games throughout history.

# Drive to End Affirmative Action Moves Ahead

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BURLINGAME, CALIF.

With just more than a week to go before their Feb. 21 filing deadline, proponents of an initiative proposal to roll back affirmative action laws in California say they have far more than the 694,000 signatures needed to qualify the measure for this November's ballot.

Standing before hundreds of applauding delegates at the state Republican convention last weekend, Ward Connerly enjoyed a standing ovation — not because he is a victorious politician — but because of his apparently successful mission to rescue the once-struggling proposal.

"On a personal level, I thank you for allowing me to bask in the warm glow of your friendship and applause," Connerly, a University of California regent, told convention delegates. "We're going to do this in California ... so the people of this state can say once and for all, 'We favor equal opportunity for all and preferences for none.'"

Connerly, one of about a half dozen blacks in a largely white convention audience of about 800, appealed to the delegates for help in the final days of the petition drive.

He said the campaign is looking to make a strong statement about the issue's popularity as well as to provide a comfortable cushion in case some signatures are invalidated.

## Graduate Student Council

*Next meetings:*  
HCA - Feb 13  
Formal Ball - Feb 15  
Activities - Feb 22  
General - March 6  
APPC - March 7

## GSC IM Teams are now forming!

All grad students and post docs welcome

- Volleyball (2 teams: A and C)
- Softball (2 teams: A and C)
- Ultimate frisbee
- Squash
- Table Tennis

Please sign up now!

For more info., send email to [gsc-im@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-im@mit.edu).

## THE GSC Ski Trip to Stratton Mt. in Vermont

Sat., Feb. 24th

There are a limited number of spaces!  
Tickets will be on sale until Feb 16th, 4pm in the GSC office.



Lift Ticket: \$30  
Ski Rental: \$20

Snowboard Rental: \$31  
Learn to Ski Package: \$49  
Transportation: FREE

Housing and Community Affairs (HCA) meeting tonight at 5:30 we will discuss ACUS, SafeRide, and anything else you want to talk about.

Remember that reimbursement forms for the fall funding period must be turned in by February 14th!



Spring term funding allocation notifications will be mailed out, by Feb. 16th, to all groups who have applied for funding.

## Grad Ring Days are coming!

Feb. 26 and 27 in Lobby 10

Buy your Brass Rat at reduced rates and have it by graduation in June (or when ever you graduate - they will change the date on the ring for free).

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

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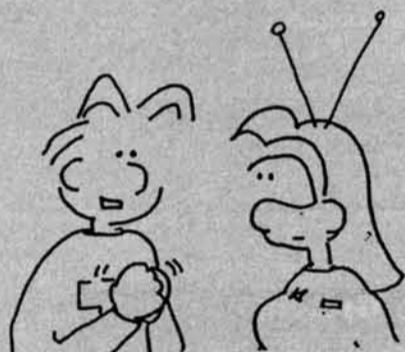
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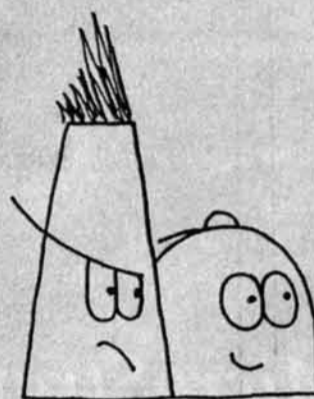
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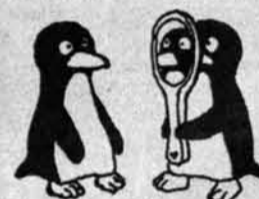
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# THE ARTS

## Dramashop captures humor and energy of *Escape*

### ESCAPE FROM HAPPINESS

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 Starring Marivi B. Acuna '96, Tara Perry '96,  
 Jennifer L. Tsuei '96, and Linda Tsang '96.  
 Feb. 8-10, this Thursday and Saturday at 8  
 p.m.  
 Kresge Little Theatre.

By Teresa Huang

The MIT Dramashop's production of George F. Walker's *Escape from Happiness* is an excellent display of strong characters and relationships.

The players in this contemporary comedy endure fist fights, throw things at each other, and yell at the tops of their lungs — all in their pursuit of (or is it escape from?) happiness. This energetic show is reinforced by a creative use of stage lighting as well as realistic scenery.

When the play opens, we see that Junior (Diego Penta A. '96) has just been mysteri-

ously beaten in his kitchen. He is found by his adoring wife Gail (Tara Perry '96) and her amusingly calm mother Nora (Marivi B. Acuna '96). Her other two daughters Elizabeth (Linda Tsang '96) and Mary Ann (Jennifer L. Tsuei '96) are each hysterically contrasting characters. Elizabeth is a "very busy woman" who feels the need to do something for her family by torturing those she thinks threaten their family unit. Mary Ann is a fantastically distressed young woman who is convinced she is at a crossroad in her life. The mother and her three daughters tolerate the presence of their sick father Tom (Bruce Applegate '96) who was once an abusive parent.

Nora's "light as a feather" outlook on life is very well played and acted. From the opening scene, the audience believes at first that Nora is slightly off her rocker. But ironically, in the end it seems she's the only sane character in the entire show other than Gail, whose dedication to all members of her family makes her an admirable figure.

The interaction between the three sisters is

great, and their conflicts are sharp and well done. There is an obvious hostility between them which seems sad at times and hysterical at others. Tsuei plays the confused youngest daughter Mary Ann with particular humor, especially in the potato-peeling scene. It is evident that the intricacies in her character are all acknowledged and accentuated. And the "can I ask you a question" dilemma was very authentic.

Tsang shines as the angry Elizabeth, whose rantings seemed a bit overdone at first, but were not completely unbelievable as we came to understand her character. Easily the most complex character in the show, Tsang screams at her family members in one scene and hugs them in the next, achieving both sympathy and laughs from the audience.

The male characters in the show were also excellent. Penta as Gail's ex-car thief husband was an effective mix of ridiculous emotion and foolishness. The father-son crime team Rolly and Stevie, played by Edward D. Kohler G and Ryan J. Kershner '98, are equal-

ly entertaining as the foolish crooks who mess with the wrong family.

Another highlight of the show is the realistic scenery and use of lighting. The detailed kitchen scenery could very well have been transported directly from a real house, complete with running water and a junk drawer. The actors feel at home with the set and make effective use of it, covering the entire stage floor in their scenes. The creative use of lighting is also impressively thorough, with several lamps and lights all over the scenery, including a light in the refrigerator. The change from daylight to evening light is incredibly subtle and flawless.

*Escape from Happiness* is packed with humor and energy that never lets down for a moment. If anything, it escalates exponentially as the show continues. With strong characterizations and poignant relationships, this show is an excellent display of emotion and conflict. If you've never seen a Dramashop production before, make this your first.

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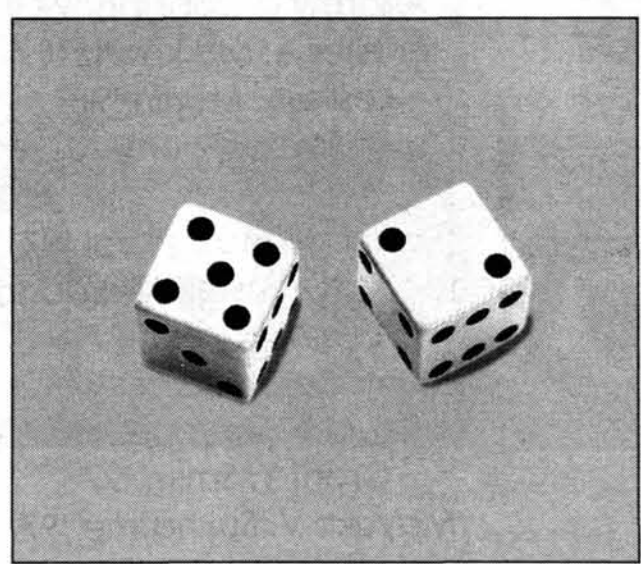
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# Vampire mayhem and acting make *Dusk* great fun

## FROM DUSK TILL DAWN

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Written by Quentin Tarantino.

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**S**eth and Richard Gecko (George Clooney and Quentin Tarantino) are on the run. After Richard springs Seth in a daylight jailbreak and they commit a daring bank robbery, the notorious Gecko Brothers are making a run for Mexico, where they can find sanctuary in El Rey for a cut of their money. Their only problem is slipping across the border without being caught.

Enter the Fuller family: Jacob (Harvey Keitel), a minister who has lost his wife and his children, the vulnerable teenage Kate (Juliette Lewis), and her younger brother Scott (Ernest Liu) are on a trip to Mexico in their new RV — a perfect ruse for the Gecko Brothers to use to slip past the border patrol. The brothers kidnap the Fullers and high-tail it to freedom with the promise to let the family go once they cross the border and make it to the rendezvous.

This rendezvous is a wild strip bar, open from dusk until dawn. The night is full of seductive promise as the group settles back to wait for their Mexican connections. But unbeknownst to the brothers or their hostage, the management and staff of this particular establishment have a taste for blood — in the vampire sense. What follows makes the Gecko Brothers look like choir boys — and now everyone will be counting on the baddest boys in America to step up to the plate and save the day.

*From Dusk Till Dawn* is the new film from director Robert Rodriguez and writer Quentin Tarantino. Rodriguez blends his extraordinary visual style with the cool heroes, smart dialogue, and hip sensibility of Academy Award-winning screenwriter Quentin Tarantino to transform a genre of which they are both lifelong fans. *From Dusk Till Dawn* is an exhilarating roller coaster ride that has the audience laughing at one moment and gasping for air

the next. It's fast paced, action filled, and is an all-around trip to watch. Following up *Desperado*, Rodriguez has done it again.

Bringing back the days of drive-in horror flicks, Rodriguez has put together a cast of A-list talent to aid him in his journey. Clooney is brilliant as Seth. Clooney is a strong character and doesn't need to prove it to anyone; his presence alone is good enough. Tarantino, as brother Richard, is another brilliant casting call. Tarantino creates a guy that is capable of doing the worst, but his unpredictability keeps

the audience guessing his next move. As Jacob, Harvey Keitel plays against expectation and looks like he might have been a criminal himself.

Salma Hayek, who starred opposite Antonio Banderas in *Desperado*, stars as Santanico Pandemonium, the Queen of the Vampires. Inspired by the image of an Aztec goddess, Hayek delivers a memorable dance with a six foot long albino Burmese python. On the comedic side of the movie, Cheech Marin portrays three characters and brings some of the

funniest moments of the movie along with him.

One note: This movie is not for the weak of heart. In the tradition of *Pulp Fiction* and *Reservoir Dogs*, *From Dusk Till Dawn* is a graphically violent film. It's is what a movie should be — a form of entertainment, something you go and see in order to have fun. If you need a break from the beginning of the term or just want to have some fun, this movie is definitely for you.



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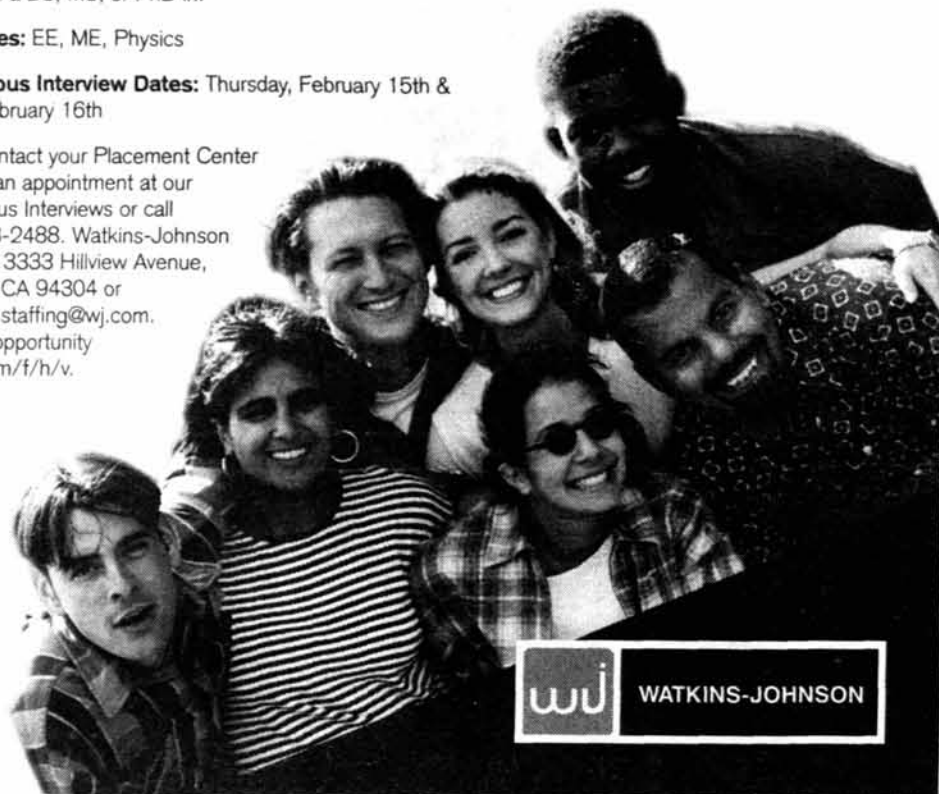
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**Feb. 6:** Baker House, cash stolen, \$50; Bldg. E53, suspicious activity; Westgate lot, 1993 Mercury stolen.

**Feb. 7:** Student Center, William Ducey, of 240 Albany Street, Cambridge, arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

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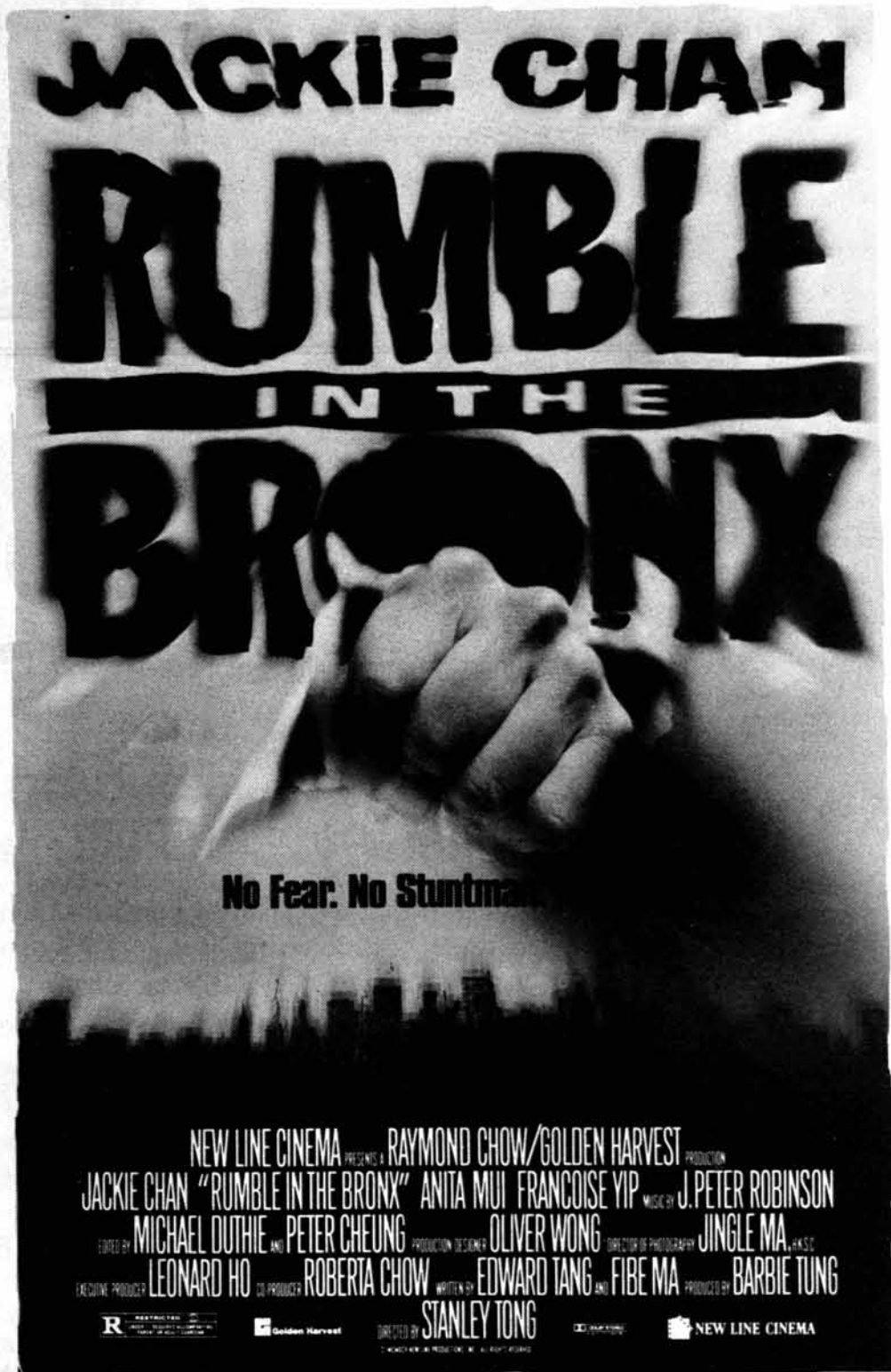
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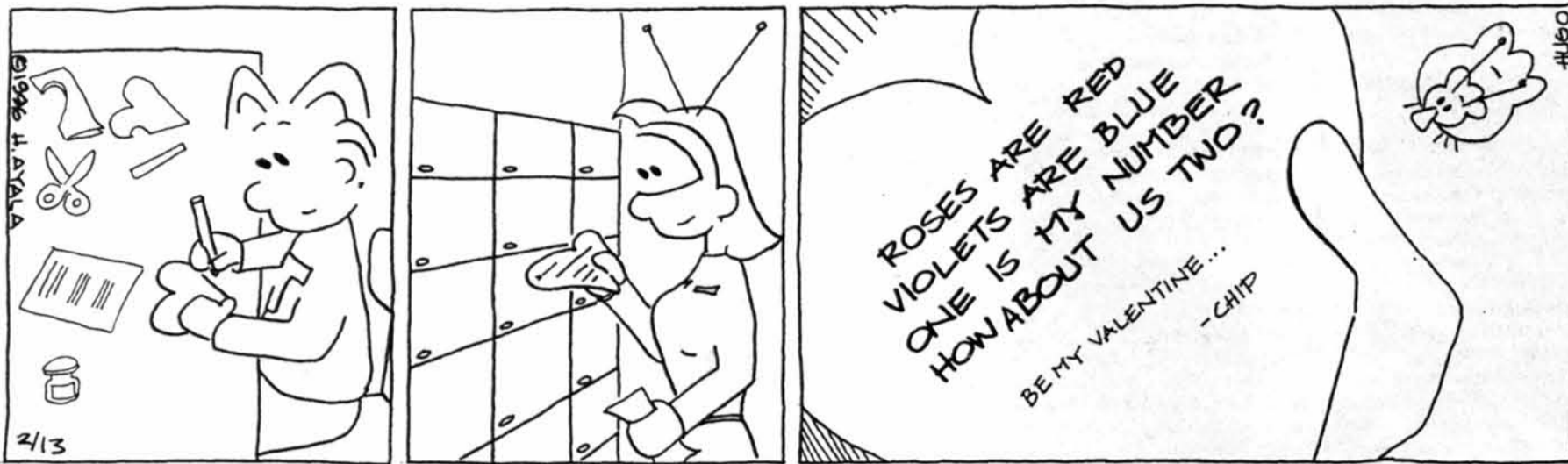
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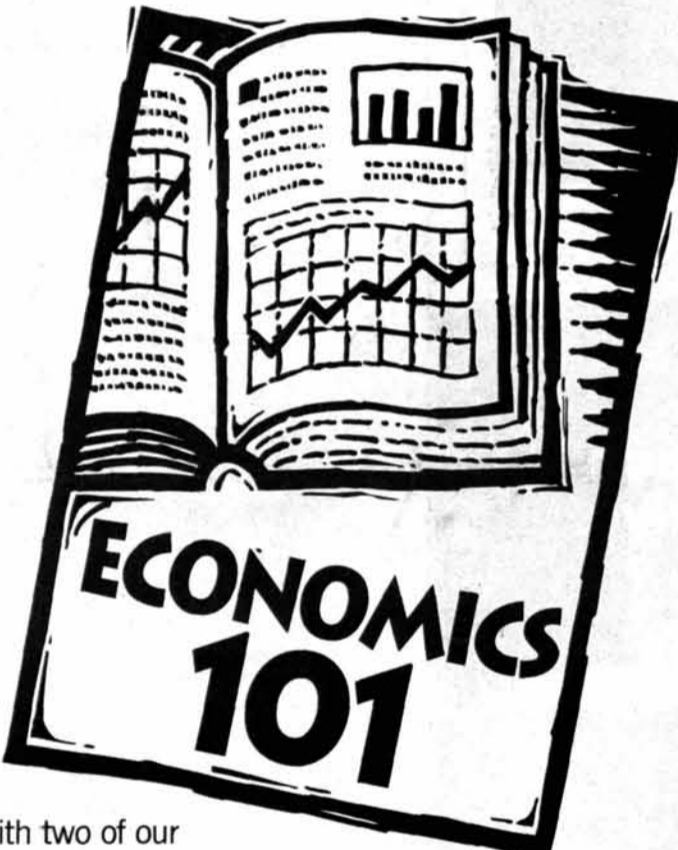
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# After Telecom Law Is Passed, MIT Gets Involved in Blackout

Blackout, from Page 1

Forum, an electronic civil liberties organization.

### Some say law takes wrong tack

Many people at MIT have reacted negatively to the signing. "It restricts speech, not access," said Marc H. Horowitz '96, a member of SIPB. "It's really the wrong answer to the problem. There's also a danger that it will be used to threaten small sites that can't afford a law suit," he said.

"It limits things at the lowest common denominator," Horowitz said. "A voluntary rating system, like the one used for movies, would be better."

Timothy J. Berners-Lee, principal research scientist at the Laboratory for Computer Science and director of World-Wide Web Consortium at MIT, said that he will offer a free screening program to people who want to keep objectionable material from entering their computers from the Internet.

Berners-Lee, who is the researcher credited with having

started the World-Wide Web, says he would rather see parents control what their children have access to instead of relying on government censorship, according to the Associated Press. Free content-filtering software that he is developing should be available in three months.

### Law now faces court challenge

Even before Clinton signed the bill, the American Civil Liberties Union announced its intention to challenge the bill in court. After the bill became law, the ACLU sought an injunction against the controversial provisions from a federal judge in Philadelphia.

In New York, abortion-rights

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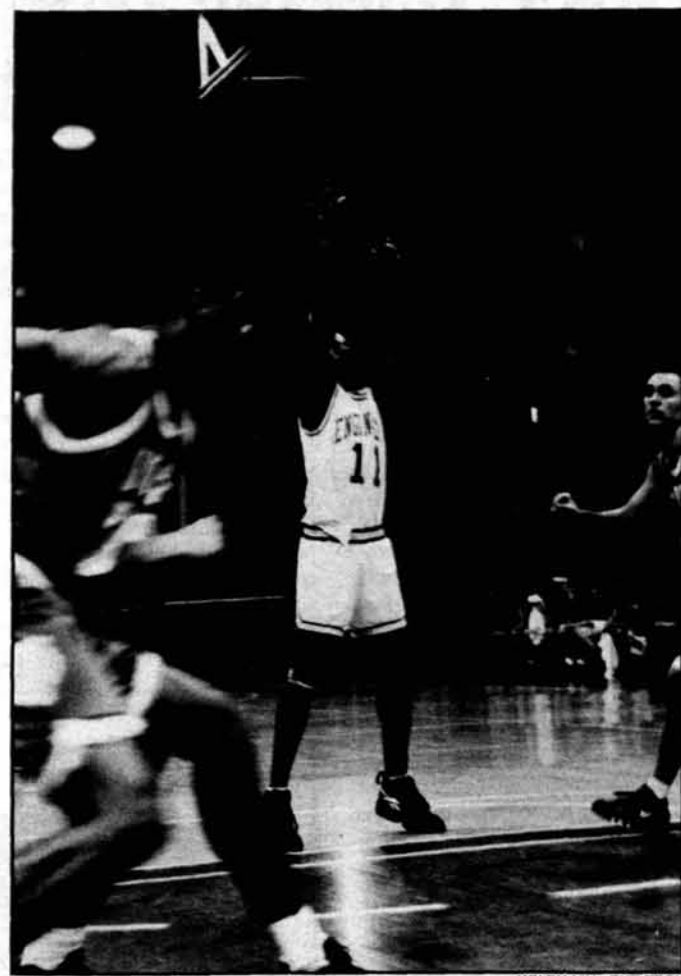
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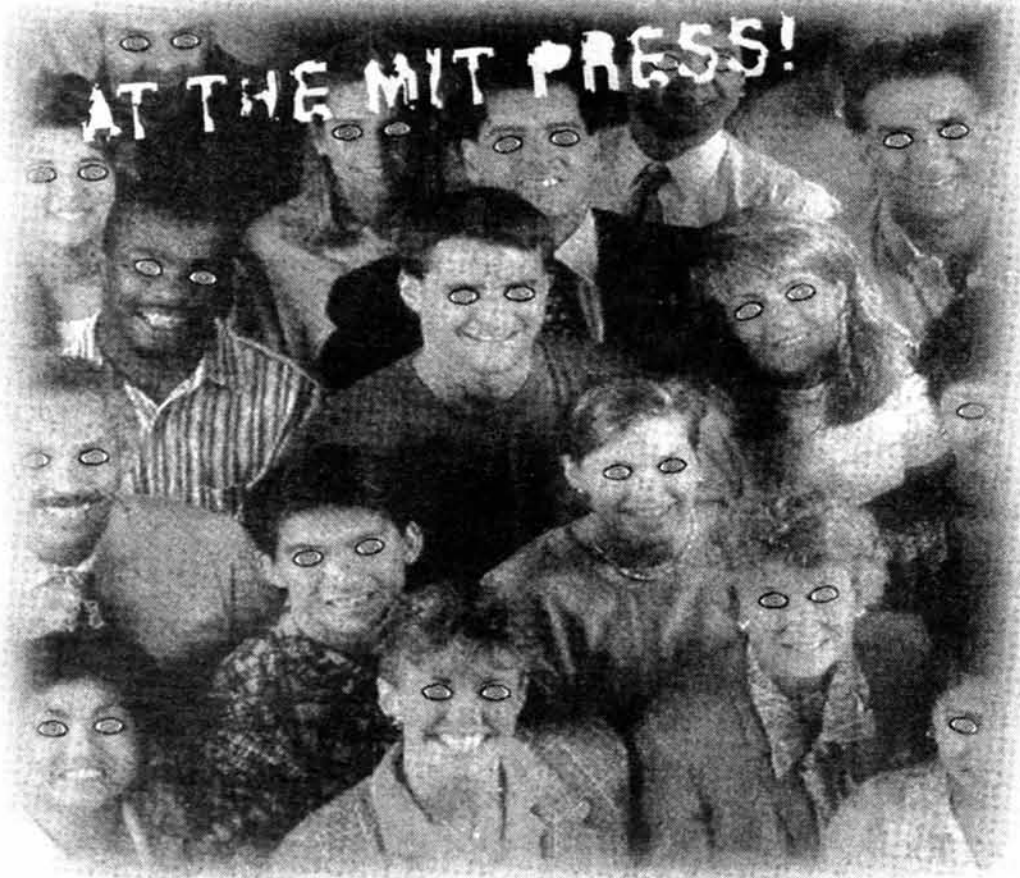
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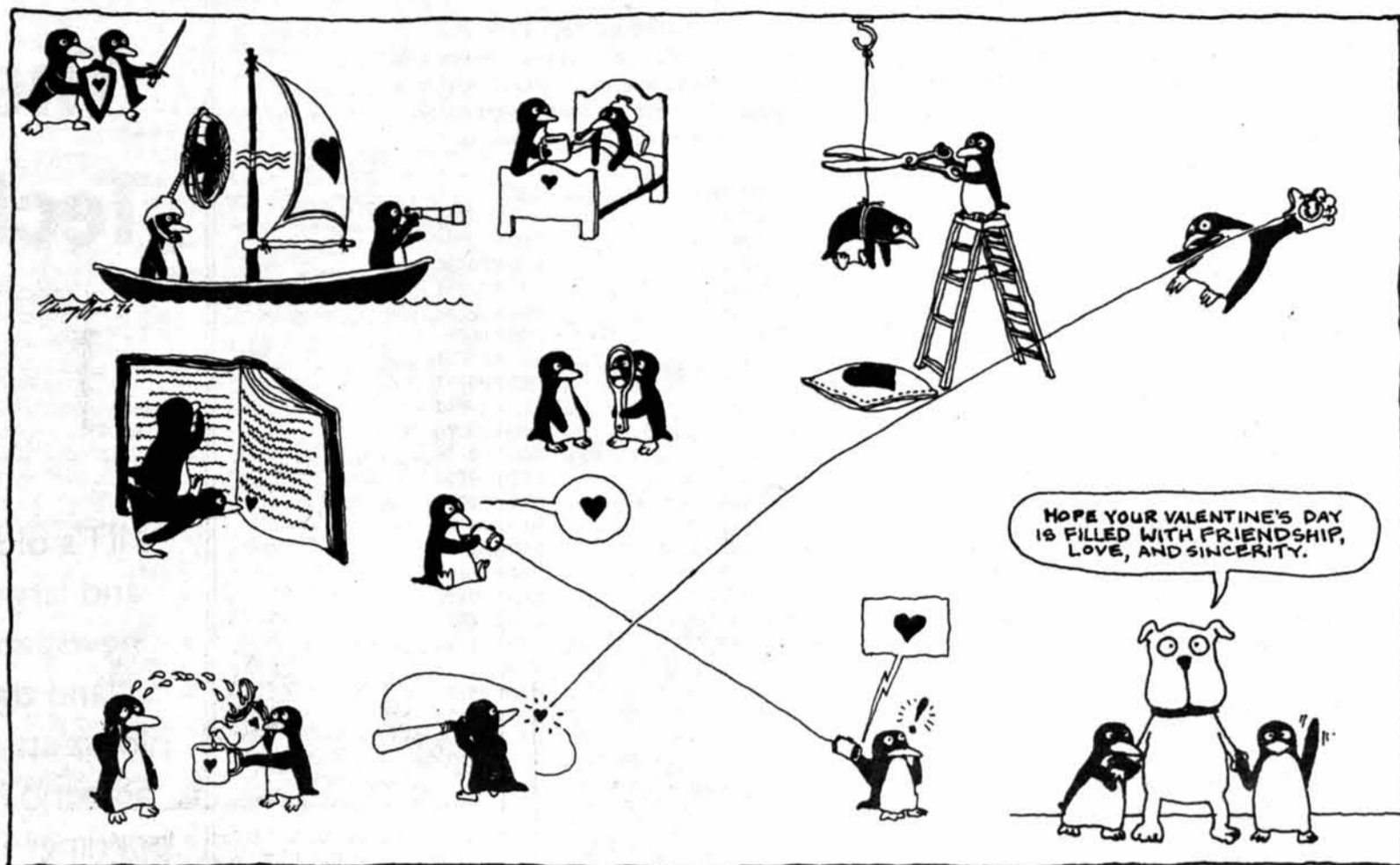
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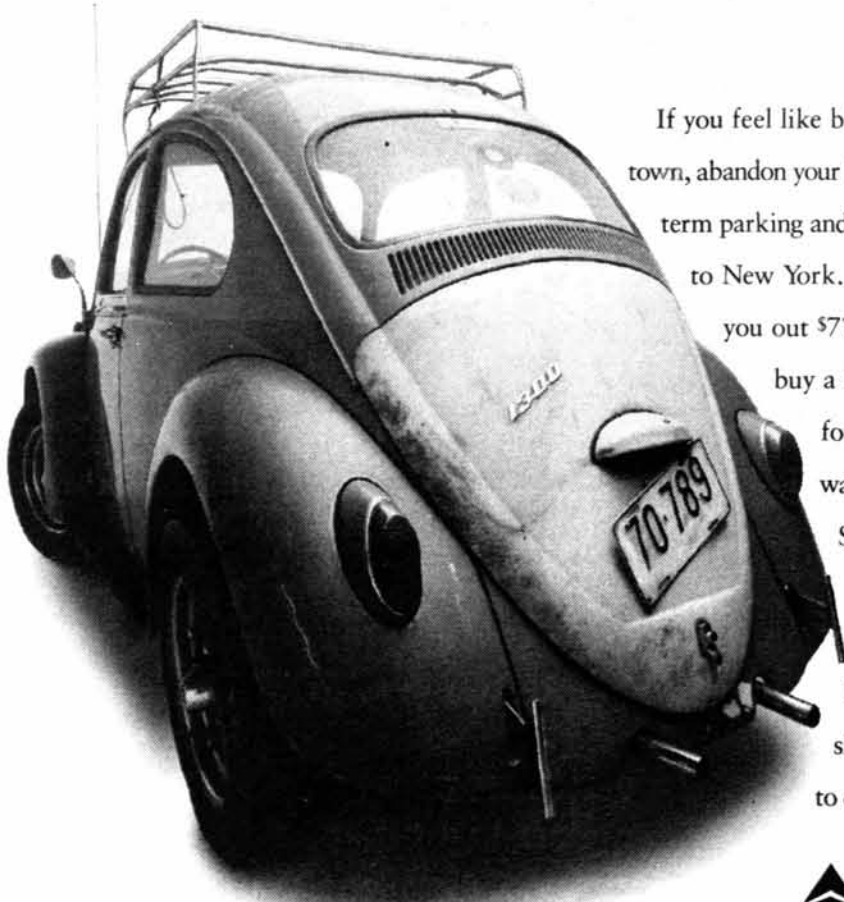
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# Forum Provides Student Input On ROTC Task Force Options

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government's 1993 changeover to the Department of Defense's current "don't ask, don't tell" policy qualifies as adequate progress, Bacow said.

The task force, which includes two students, will see how the new policy will hold up in some test cases in the courts. It also is looking at how other universities have dealt with ROTC.

Harvard University, for example, ended direct financial support last year for Harvard students involved in MIT's ROTC program. Harvard now uses alumni contributions to pay its fee to MIT to allow its students to participate in the program.

At Dartmouth College, the faculty voted to terminate ROTC, but the decision was overturned by the school's trustees. The Johns Hopkins faculty voted in 1990 to end ROTC in 1995 but later reversed its vote.

### Students comment on options

Graves presented a spectrum of options that the committee is using to formulate its discussion about ROTC. The task force also laid out the options in its interim report, which it drew up at the end of January and distributed at the forum.

The task force could recommend to maintain the status quo, to sever all ties to ROTC, to postpone any action, to create some type of arms-length relationship, or to remove ROTC from campus and make cross-town arrangements for students.

Composed mainly of students, the audience voiced strong and at times bitter views on the proposals.

"How can we assume that other schools are going to pick up our slack?" said Gregory Lopez.

Lopez questioned why MIT would want to end ROTC. "Why? To punish us? What have we done? We're not homophobes. We don't go out and gay bash and stuff," he said. "We're just in the military."

It will hurt the the military if students from first-rate schools like MIT are not entering the military. "The nation is the loser," Lopez said.

"I'm for the military. I'm for ROTC," said Christopher K. Merrill '96. "I'm against the discrimination it imposes on me."

"Would you rather have an institution on campus that makes it so that some people are denied the right to participate in it?" Daniel K. Skwarek G said. Homosexuals are "denied the same rights, the same access."

"Even if MIT were to keep ROTC on campus and maybe charge rent, it would still very strongly be sanctioning ROTC," Adrian Banard '97. "In my mind, that would still make MIT a culprit of discrimination."

Some attendees worried that if MIT cut ties with ROTC, it could lose some influence with the DoD. "The DoD is an organization that MIT is intimately involved in and wants to stay involved in," Daniel A. Freedman '98.

Some questioned concerns about funding for ROTC students. "A lot of students come to us and say, 'I don't want to be in ROTC, but my parents will not pay,'" said Assistant Director in the Student Financial Aid Office Robert E. Weirnerman '87. "They shouldn't feel that

way. The idea that we won't help those students is a criticism of our financial aid policy. MIT will compensate."

### Students vote, prepare to talk

Toward the close of the meeting, members of both sides of the debate talked about sitting down at a forum of their own to have a discussion.

"It's never been encouraged for the two sides to come talk to each other except in a forum through a task force," said Deena S. Disraelly '96. "We are all emotional about this topic."

"Nothing would make the faculty happier than to see both groups try to resolve this problem," Bacow said. "If students are inclined to do this, we encourage it, we embrace it."

At the end of the meeting, the task force polled audience members to see how they would vote on the options. Five voted to maintain the status quo, seven voted to sever all ties to ROTC, eight voted to postpone any action, eight voted to create some type of arms-length relationship, and two voted to remove ROTC from campus and make cross-town arrangements for students.

The task force will be having several meetings in the next few weeks to talk to various constituencies on campus. The group may also talk about having another open forum, Graves said.

This week the task force will begin to actually discuss individual members' views about possible recommendations for next month, something up until this point the group has "not done seriously," Graves said.

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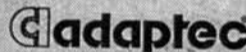
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# E-mail Notification System May Change

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HASS-D lottery system. However, none of these changes caused the e-mail notification breakdown, he said.

"I think that we can get something positive out of this fiasco. IS has mentioned to the HASS office that we want to get rid of the e-mail notification system," Gogol said.

"Actually running the lottery is real quick. Where things can go wrong is in the constructing of 2,000 individual e-mail messages," Oakland said.

"The e-mail procedure is not an automated procedure, and we should not use it at all. We should create more secure ways of notifying students of their assignments," Gogol said.

The alternative that Gogol and Oakland are presenting at today's meeting is simply to dump the results of the lottery back onto the server in personal, secure directories. Students would then be able to ask the server for their assignments, Oakland said.

The e-mail notification script takes three hours to run. Getting rid

of the system would allow all results to be available at the same time, Gogol said.

"The PE lottery system also currently uses e-mail notification, but only because the HASS-D system does," Gogol said.

Davis is concerned that students may forget to check for their assignments, especially those students who had entered the lottery back in December.

"We'd have to do a publicity blitz to make sure students realize the change," Davis said.

"The other, bigger thing is that the eventual goal — which is part of the student services re-engineering effort — is to combine everything that has to do with registration into one system, so the HASS-D system would be integrated into the whole system," Davis said.

"The details have not been worked out, but it's a goal that everyone agrees on, and that would mean a change in the system," Davis said.

These changes and goals will also be discussed at this morning's meeting, said Oakland, who previously served on a student services re-engineering committee.

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# JV Squash Team Handed Rare Road Loss by Tabor Academy

By Carol Matsuzaki  
TEAM MEMBER

Head Coach Mark Johnson and seven of the JV Squash Team members traveled to the cold, unlively courts of Tabor Academy Friday for their first away dual match of the season.

Don Hyun '97, Bryan Robinson '98, Jacob Marcus '99, and Torkel Engeness '97 started off the first round. Marcus drew a tough opponent and lost 15-13, 15-11, and 15-10 in three very close games.

Hyun had a good first game as he came away on top 15-12. How-

ever, his opponent came right back and took the next three games 15-9, 17-16, and 15-3.

Robinson quickly fell into a 2-0 gap as he lost the first two games 15-7 and 15-11. His hard hitting and court coverage helped him win the next two games to tie the score at two apiece, but his opponent edged him out 15-9 in the fifth.

Engeness barely lost his first game 17-16. But he never looked back from that point on, as he hit winner after winner, playing brilliant squash. He went on to win the next three games 15-10, 15-6, and 15-11 to give MIT its first

point.

The Engineers were in a 3-1 deficit going into the second round of matches. Alex Chu '98, Ahmed Ait-Ghezala '99 and Carol Matsuzaki '96 all had to be victorious for MIT to get the win. Both Ait-Ghezala and Matsuzaki had a rough day on the courts, as they each received a 3-0 beating.

However, Chu ended the day on a good note as he won 15-12 in the fifth to give the Engineers their second point. The next and final home match for the season will be on Tuesday, Feb. 20, against Tufts University at 4 p.m.

# Sharp Shooting Puts Men's B-Ball Over the Top against Golden Bears

By Andrew Maywah

In a Constitution Athletic Conference match Saturday, the men's basketball team defeated the Western New England College Golden Bears 67-51.

The Engineers improved their record to 4-17 in front of a moderately packed Rockwell Cage (189 in attendance). The Engineers only trailed once in the game, 5-3.

After a three-point field goal by Tim Porter '96, MIT was on the attack, hitting 14 of 29 shot attempts for 48.3 percent in the first half. In a matter of minutes the Engineers were ahead by double digits.

"We came out from the opening tip on the attack, because we were determined not to get behind early," said Captain Tim Porter '95.

The Golden Bears weren't so golden. They shot a dismal 21 percent from the floor and kept shooting threes with no success in the first half. The Bears were also plagued by sloppy play and poor ball handling, with 20 turnovers in the game.

The first half ended with MIT ahead, 34-19. MIT's high scorers were Porter with 13 and Jason Spann '96 with 9 points.

In the second half MIT picked up where they left off, shooting 50

percent from the three-point arc. The Bears began a full court press with about three minutes left in an attempt to force a turnover.

The Engineers, however, did not give up the ball or the lead. The Bears fouled repeatedly in a vain attempt to preserve clock time near the end. MIT played hard and pulled out a well-deserved win.

Godfrey Inniss '98 did well with 13 rebounds. "I'm glad we won. We've been practicing hard, and this win was long overdue," Inniss said.

"The whole team contributed," Porter said.

MIT's next game is against Norwich University today at 6 p.m..

# Ballroom Dancers Do Well at Harvard

By Gábor Csányi  
TEAM MEMBER

The Ballroom Dance Team opened its second semester with an early competition at Harvard University on Feb. 3.

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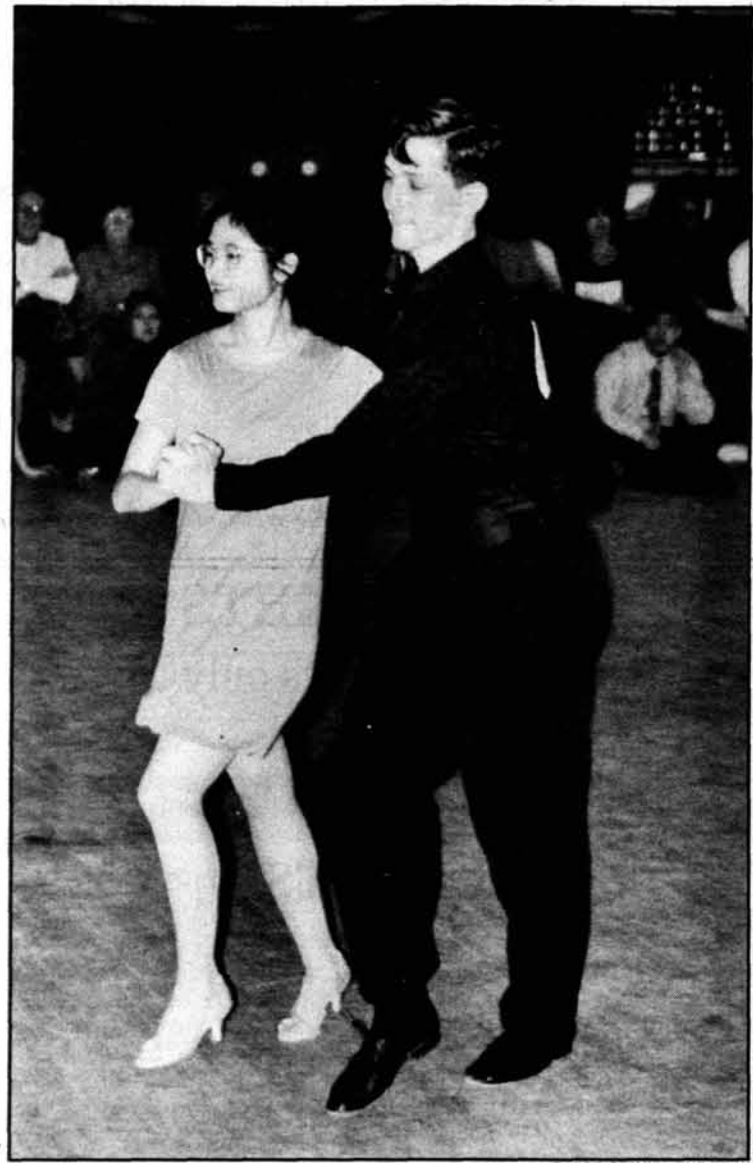
The advanced dancers were strengthened by the presence of Mark Sheldon and Juliet McMains, who were the only MIT dancers to compete at Open level; they finished second.

This was also the first contest this year that did not run late, courtesy of the organizers and the excellent emcee-ing. But rumor had it the show ended on time just because the hall (Veterans of Foreign Wars building) was booked for another event that evening.

In the team match, the first MIT team placed fifth in both American and International styles.

Alex Wang G and Linda Kim '97 were first in Newcomer International Cha-Cha and Quickstep, second in Waltz, and third in Jive. Gábor Csányi G and Marta Lipinski placed second in Newcomer American Waltz. Jorge Goncalves G and Rachel Dowell '96 placed third in Bronze American Swing, and Goncalves with Wendy Luo G placed second in Bronze American Tango, and third in Foxtrot and Silver/Gold Tango.

Vikas Bhushan G with Janice Cheung took third place in Bronze American Waltz and Tango. Lajos Molnár '97 and Yuying Chen placed first in Bronze International Jive, second in Rumba, and third in Cha-Cha. Raymond Kam and Stephanie Kong were first in Bronze American Waltz, Foxtrot and Tango, second in Silver/Gold Foxtrot and Tango, and third in Waltz.



Lajos Molnár '97 and Yuying Chen dance for MIT at the Harvard Annual Competition on Saturday Feb 3.

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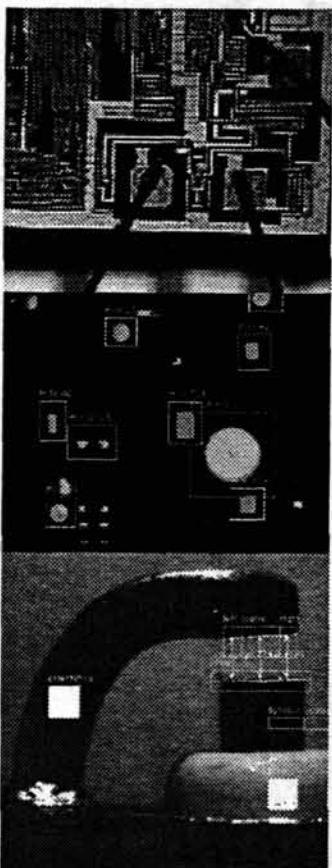
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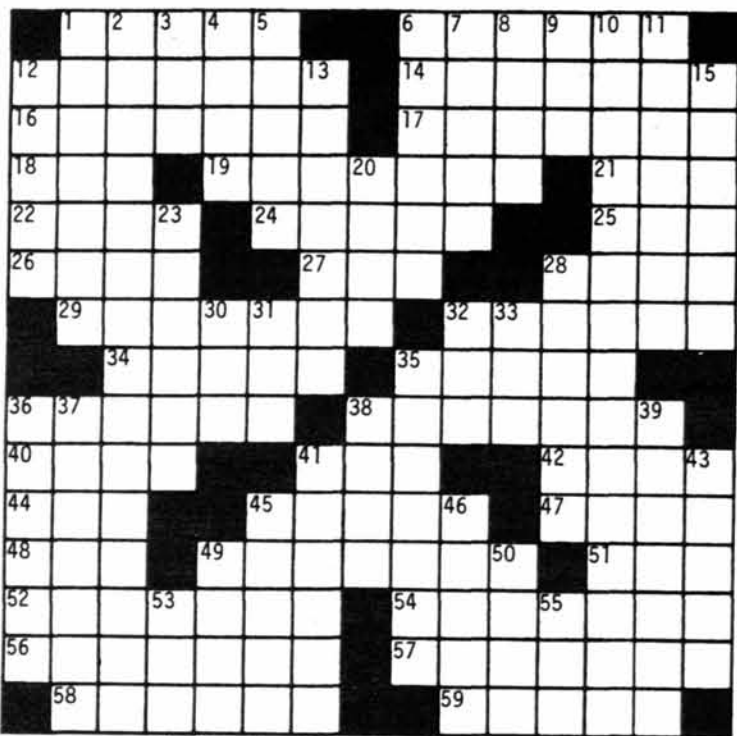
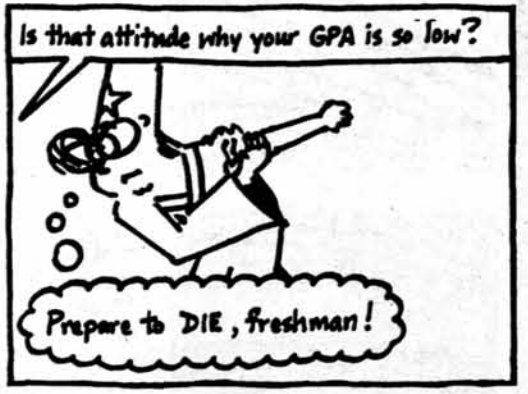
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# Men's Gym Wins at Home, on the Road

By Raymond Li

TEAM MEMBER

The Men's Gymnastics team brought home wins in tough meets at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst on Feb. 3 and at home on Feb. 10.

At Amherst, the Engineers competed against Dartmouth College, UMass, and University of Vermont. On Saturday, the team competed at home against Dartmouth and City College of New York.

At the away meet, the Engineers started out with a small lead over UVM but were behind UMass. After each of the six events, MIT scored slightly higher than UVM each time, slowly securing their position.

Despite a UVM comeback on the vault, after the final event, MIT beat UVM by more than four points, 181.95 to 177.45. MIT also beat Dartmouth at the meet, but lost to UMass.

### MIT wins at home

Although they had been doing very well in recent meets, the odds were against MIT at Saturday's meet because of injuries.

Things were looking good after the first event, with MIT at 32.05, CCNY 24.20, and Dartmouth 19.85. The event's top scorers were team co-captain Rob Cooper '97 (8.80), Rob Spina '99 (8.45), and Bernd Schoner '96 (8.05).

MIT's lead increased after each event, although both CCNY and Dartmouth came very close at certain points.

Some gymnasts gave outstanding performances. Cooper's 8.80 on the floor was the highest of the event. Schoner's 7.35 was the highest score on the pommel horse. Andy McCraith's beautiful vault scored him an 8.30, the highest score in that event. Spina's 8.55 made him the top scorer on the parallel bars.

Co-captain Andy Lobban's 7.95 on the high bar and 8.15 on the still rings helped the team hold their lead over Dartmouth and CCNY. Of the ten all-arounders (gymnasts who competed in all six Olympic events) who competed that day, MIT took first (Cooper 45.05), second (Schoner 43.55), and third place (Spina 43.35).

For the past three weeks, the Engineers have been consistently improving score-wise, and competing extremely well. Their record in that time has been 6-1, and they have beaten UVM two times in a row.

The team's next meet will be at home on Saturday, Feb. 24 against the University of Vermont.

# Hockey Ties Bryant, Receives Bid To Go to National Championships

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midway through the third period by Inada. With the Engineers short-handed, Inada carried the puck into the Bryant zone and perfectly placed the shot high over the goalie's left shoulder. The two Bryant defenders watching him must not have thought that highly of Tetsu's skills, as both defensemen let him skate in, obviously not expecting his shot on goal.

MIT clung desperately to their one goal lead until midway through the third period, when Bryant came up with the equalizer. With no last second Engineer heroics on this day, the game would end with a final score of 1-1.

Despite the disappointing home-stand, the team's impressive 14-1-1 record has earned them a bid to the National Championships in Tampa, Florida. However, due to funding problems, the team is still awaiting

word from the Institute as to whether or not they can go. Very few teams in MIT athletics history have ever been offered this opportunity and it would be a real tragedy if the hockey team was denied the trip.

Hopefully, the Engineers will be back to their normal healthy selves when they travel to Franklin Pierce College and then to CCSU next week for revenge.

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## SPORTS

## Hockey's Winning Streak Halted at 14 by CCSU

By Jason Weintraub  
SPORTS STAFF

It was a disappointing evening for the Varsity Hockey team last Wednesday night, as they lost to Central Connecticut State University, 8-2.

CCSU never trailed, as they picked up two goals early in the first period. MIT eventually cut the lead to one on a nice play created by defenseman Steve Schlueter '96 in the neutral zone. From the right side of the ice, Schlueter found John Bennett '98 on the opposite side of the rink, who carried the puck into the offensive zone and then dropped it off for the trailing Tetsu Inada '97. Inada then beat the CCSU goalie with a nice low shot.

But CCSU would add four more during the course of the game, creating a 6-1 lead midway through the third period. Freshman John Rae '97 would add one more Engineer tally with a big slapper from just below the right point, but it was too little too late, as CCSU would even-

tually put in two more goals, and take the 8-2 victory home with them.

The tough loss was not a great surprise to the Engineers, as they were forced to field an injury-ridden team for this game. Due to a groin injury, star goalie John Zehren '99 was forced to sit this game out; with Jon Shingles '96, Inada, and Matt Yurkewych '98 also seeing limited ice time due to personal ailments, the Engineers just could not generate the quality performance that they so often have over the course of the season.

#### Engineers tackle Bryant

On Saturday afternoon the Engineers hosted another tough team, Bryant College. Although the action was end to end, both the Bryant goalie and partially recovered MIT goalie Zehren came up big time and time again, leaving the first period entirely scoreless.

The deadlock would be broken

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Matthew G. Yurkewych '98 (#9) shoots wide in last Wednesday's game as MIT attempted to catch up with the Central Connecticut. MIT lost 2-8.

## Track Looks to Championships after Close Meet with Williams

By Todd Chamoy  
TEAM MEMBER

The track team turned in a solid performance last Saturday against perennial powerhouse Williams College. Finishing what Coach Halston Taylor referred to as a "year of recovery," the Engineers posted a respectable 13-2 record, losing only this week to Williams and last week to Tufts.

The final score of this week's meet was Williams, 260.5; MIT, 207.5; Bates, 100; Norwich, 22; and Worcester State, 1.

Overall, the athletes turned in good performances on Saturday, but the team didn't have the talent necessary to defeat Williams. The 1,500-meter run was a paradigm of the races that MIT did well in, but not well enough.

Joel Ford '98, Dan Helgesen '97, Arnold Seto '96, and Joshua Feldman '97 ran some of their best times of the season to finish fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh. Unfortunately, ahead of all four of them were three athletes from Williams.

Williams also swept the top three slots of the 55-meter dash, the 200-meter run, and the 400-meter run. MIT managed to place three athletes in each of these races, but the points Williams earned from the

top three slots were too much to overcome.

Finishing fourth through sixth in the 55 were Alim Needham '97, Akin Aina G, and Paul Ogagan '97. Aina finished fourth in the 200 meters, followed by Lincoln Bonner '97 and Neil Karchem '99 in seventh and eighth places. Karchem also placed in the 400 meters, this time in fourth, right behind the Williams runners. Marlon Osbourne '98 and Reginald Paulding '97 took sixth and eighth.

At first glance, this meet may seem like a blowout, but MIT did have several very successful athletes. Shot-putter Keith Bevans G met his season goal with a third place throw of 45' 1". Ravi Sastry '98 excelled in the long jump with a victory and a season-best 22' 0.5" jump on his first attempt, leaving him free to challenge Williams in other events, which he did rather well.

In the 55-meter high hurdles, Sastry ran a quick 8.19, which was second by only 0.04 seconds to a Bates runner. Sastry cleared six feet in the high jump for the second week in a row, but this time it was only good enough for fourth place. Sastry also placed high in the triple jump, where his 41' 3.5" jump left

him in third, behind a Norwich athlete and teammate Morio Alexander '96, who won the event with a 43' 8.75" jump.

Josh Feldman came back from a successful 1,500 to blow away the competition in his next event, the 3,000-meter run. He finished in 8:53, almost five seconds faster than the second place runner. MIT had two other athletes place in the 3,000. Michael Parkins '99 and Omar Saleh '97, who both ran the race in 9:10, finished seventh and eighth.

The pole vaulters continued their successful season, led by 13' 6" vaults from Andrew Jamieson '99 and Jason Melvin '97. Paul Ogagan vaulted 13', and Michael Demassa '97 cleared 12'. Once again, however, this wasn't enough to catch Williams, who had two vaulters over 14'.

Next week, the track team travels to Brandeis University for the New England Division III Championships. Last year, a slightly better team finished third behind Williams and Coast Guard. This year, with a fair number of qualifiers, MIT has a good chance of being in the top three again, but that will require standout performances like they have had during the past two weeks.

## Women's Gymnasts Fall in Connecticut

Catherine Rocchio  
ASSISTANT WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COACH

The Women's Gymnastics team travelled to Bridgeport, Connecticut, to face two formidable opponents, the four-time defending ECAC Division II Champion University of Bridgeport and the top-ranked Division III School, Springfield College. Bridgeport took top honors in the meet, scoring a 181.35 to Springfield's 178.85 and MIT's 167.15.

Despite MIT's loss in the team competition, the meet showcased the high-level routines and strong individual performances that continue to make the team a contender for a berth at the National Championships in March.

Alli Christensen '98 was the top scorer overall for the Engineers as she tallied up her career highest all-around score of 35.05, with Co-Captain Janet Sollod '96 close behind at 34.50. Both Sheila Rocchio '97 and Co-Captain Tasi Chiarenza '97 also turned in good National qualifying totals at 34.15 and 31.45, despite four falls apiece.

#### Vault opens meet

The meet began with the vault, where Erica Carmel '96 earned a personal best score of 7.7 for a handspring vault, and Chiarenza scored 8.0 on her stuck landing of the same vault. Valentina Sequi '97 and Christensen both executed full-twisting versions of their teammates' vaults and scored 8.25 and 8.6 respectively.

Sollod performed a front handspring one-and-a-half rotating front somersault vault for the first time — a skill she has been training for four years — and only slightly under-rotated the landing for an 8.1. Rocchio had a surer landing on the same vault and scored an 8.65.

#### Team does well on uneven bars

Uneven bars quickly became

exciting for the Engineers, as Sollod had her personal best bar score of 8.45 for landing a toe-on-front dismount while Christensen only slightly touched her hands down on a double back flyaway for a score of 8.6.

Rocchio and Chiarenza suffered falls on their routines and scored only 7.95 and 7.85, but Carmel and newcomer Sabra Kelin '98 both swung well on their routines and helped refocus the team's energy as they looked to the next event, the floor exercise.

Kelin and Sequi, displaying back somersaults and clean dance, set the stage for the rest of the team as they scored a 7.4 and a 7.65 while Marnie Bell '99 earned an 8.25 for a routine that included a back layout and a back somersault tumbling pass. Chiarenza had her season's top score of 8.4 as she phased in more difficult tumbling after knee surgery earlier this season while Sollod gracefully danced and tumbled her way to a score of 9.05 for an inspired routine. For the final act, Rocchio rocked the floor with her powerful double back somersault and season's best score of 9.45.

Ending a meet on the balance beam is always a difficult task, as proved to be the case during this meet. Chiarenza, Sequi, and Rocchio each failed to stick their routine as the pressures of the day took their toll. Despite this setback, the Engineers otherwise had their best beam set of the season as Carmel and Bell successfully nailed their routines on the beam for scores of 7.6 and 8.1.

Sollod had her season's top score in the event of 8.85 for a solid routine. Christensen was completely unwavering during her round-off back-handspring flight series, back extension roll, and round-off full-twist dismount as she earned a personal best score of 9.1.

## Squash Starts Year with Three Wins; Will Face Harvard Today

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TEAM MEMBERS

The varsity squash team began the year with a tough 6-3 loss to Fordham on Feb. 3, after coming off a tough November and December schedule where they had only managed to accumulate one victory.

The team was weakened by an absence of three members. Both Craig Mahfood '97 and Dexter Mootoo G lost in close 3-2 matches. Andrew Downer '96, Muk Venkatesh G, and Carol Matsuzaki '96 won their matches.

Later in the day the squad had a dramatic 5-4 victory over Army. Downer, Jonathan Goldman '98, Mike Chatwin '97, and Matsuzaki all won 3-0, but the team still sustained four losses. With a 4-4 overall score, Robbie Chhabra '99, down 2-0 in games, managed to rally from behind to win the next three games to give MIT its second victory of the season.

On Feb. 6, the team again narrowly edged out Tufts 5-4. Downer, Chhabra, Venkatesh, Goldman, and Saim Kashmiri '99 all won decisively. Other matches were quite close, and unfortunately Mahfood and Mootoo again lost their matches in the fifth game.

Later in the week, the team faced a rather weak Connecticut College team. Downer, James Habyrimana '96, Salvador Biguria, Andres Villaquiran '97, Mootoo, Venkatesh, Kashmiri, and Chatwin made the 8-1 victory possible.

Unfortunately, the team suffered a 9-0 loss to the nationally ranked Amherst College team on Feb. 9, bringing its overall record to 4-7. Downer had the closest match, losing 17-15 in the fifth game to one of the top-ranked players in the nation.

The next home match is scheduled for today against Harvard at 4:00pm.

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

### Tuesday, Feb. 13

Men's basketball vs. Norwich University, 6 p.m.  
Women's basketball vs. Wellesley College

### Wednesday, Feb. 14

Squash vs. Brown University, 4 p.m.