

## Contract Extension Likely for Aramark

### Dining Group Not Ready to Offer Options

By Douglas E. Helmburger  
STAFF REPORTER

Aramark's contract to operate MIT's dining facilities will probably be extended through the 1997-98 school year.

MIT will have to extend the contract with Aramark because the dining review working group, which has been examining outside dining options available, is not ready to accept bids from other food service providers, said Associate Director of Food Services John T. McNeill.

Aramark is currently operating under a one-year contract extension issued in Oct. 1995 for the 1996-97 school year.

"The Institute has to have time to make a decision" on dining options, McNeill said. In order to select a new dining group by the end of Aramark's current contract this coming June, MIT would have to send requests for proposals to potential contractors by October. That process has not even been started at this point, he said.

"Everybody wanted the dining group to finish in a year, but there just isn't time," McNeill said. The Aramark contract just should have been extended for two years in the first place, he said.

The dining review working group was formed last spring to

evaluate campus dining and to develop a food services plan.

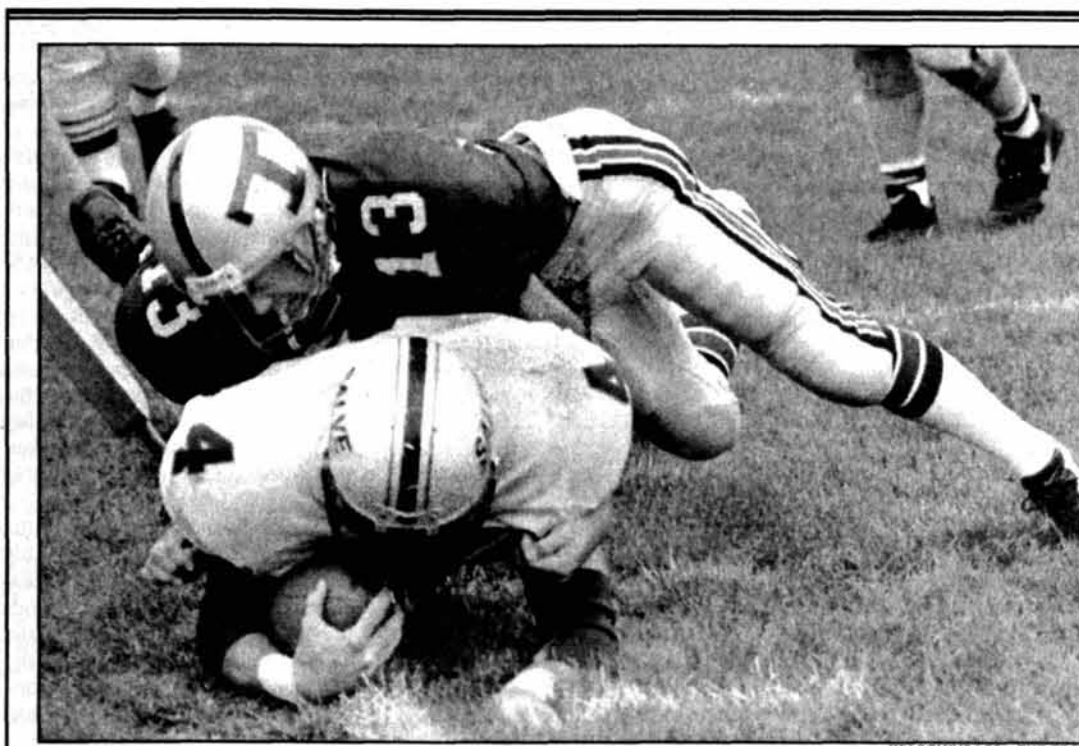
While it met and worked over the summer, it still has yet to meet with students. "We didn't want to engage the community over the summer, when many people aren't here," said Director of the Campus Activities Complex Phillip J. Walsh, who heads the review group.

Walsh said that the dining group plans to finish its report on dining by the beginning of the spring semester. Still, there are "no external obligations" to meet that deadline, he said. "If we need to extend the deadline... to do it right, we will."

#### Aramark reshapes image

While the dining group used the summer to gear up for a fall survey

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Angus Huang '00 attempts to stop Salve Regina College's halfback Pat Eldridge from getting past the 10-yard mark for the first down. MIT lost 26-13 to Salve Regina in last Saturday's game in Steinbrenner Stadium.

JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

## Sun Brings Java Day Symposium to MIT

By May K. Tse  
STAFF REPORTER

The MIT Java Day Symposium will take place this Friday at the Marriott Hotel in Kendall Square. The event, organized jointly by Sun Microsystems and MIT, is intended to introduce members of the MIT

community to the Java programming language.

"There is a revolution going on now in the computing and communications industry. It is about network computing, Java computing, and [the] Internet," said Norman Koo, a Sun representative. "There is

a need for Java on premier campuses" like MIT, he said.

The event is free to all members of the MIT community. It will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., although "there's no commitment to attending the whole day — just whatever interests you," said Vijay Kumar, the director of academic computing in Information Systems.

The symposium "will provide a spectrum of information — more in-depth than what you'd read about in a magazine," Kumar said.

The Java language, which was invented by Sun, can be used for designing applications for the Internet and other distributed networks. Java is currently supported

by Netscape and Microsoft Internet Explorer — two World Wide Web browsers — and is considered by many to represent a substantial part of future programming on the Web.

#### MIT is the right place for Java

Sun decided in late June that it would hold the symposium at MIT.

"MIT is a world-renowned institute of higher learning and incubator of technology changes," Koo said. "Accordingly, Sun chose to come to MIT to bring this message of Java computing."

Sun provided financial support

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## LaVerde's Sees Price Increases As Market Costs for Food Go Up

By Liz Krams

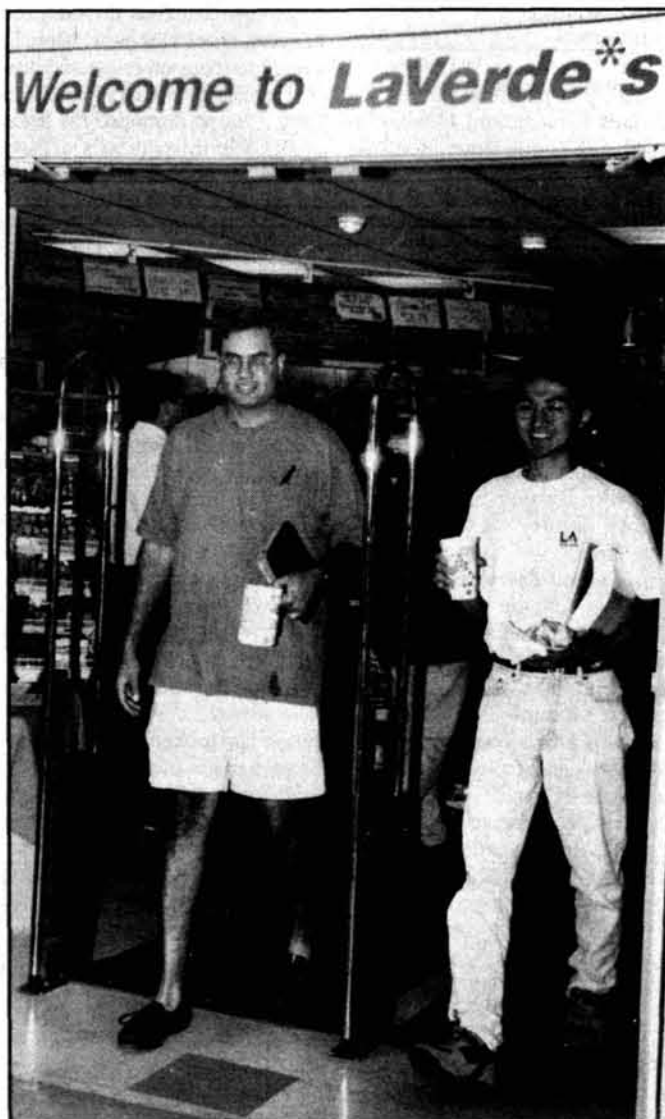
LaVerde's Market has sometimes come under fire for taking advantage of its status as the only full-service on-campus grocery store. While a recent set of price increases has intensified the dissatisfaction among some, owner Frank LaVerde says that market influences are to blame for the hike.

LaVerde freely admitted that the prices in his store have gone up. The cost of several different foods have increased dramatically in recent months, he said. "Turkey and chicken have skyrocketed... cold cuts have gone up 15 to 20 percent... grains and grain breads have gone up," he said. The price of bagels has increased for the first time in eight years, and milk and creams have gone up as well as a result of the high price of cow feed, LaVerde said.

For many, even with the price increases, LaVerde's primary asset of convenience remains. Roberto M. Leon G said that LaVerde's is "the place to go" for groceries on campus. Despite the relatively high prices, other shoppers said that the time saved by shopping on-campus was more important than the prices they paid.

Some students, however, said that LaVerde's prices caused them to seek out other alternatives, like off-campus grocery stores, food trucks, and Aramark, MIT's official food services provider. Ioanid Rosu G said that he shops in LaVerde's "only if forced to." Many others called LaVerde's a last resort

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TIFFANY LIN—THE TECH

Despite the recent price increases at LaVerde's Market, many customers like Rajiv Suri G and Wayne Hsiao G still find it convenient to shop there.

## Course IX Restructures Undergraduate Program

By Ian Chan  
STAFF REPORTER

The Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences is revamping its undergraduate program this fall, reorganizing its concentrations, and adding a new undergraduate program in neuroscience.

The addition of the neuroscience systems concentration "simplifies and expands the undergraduate program" to accommodate the "accumulating body of knowledge and increasing research interests in neuroscience," said Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Mriganka Sur, also a co-chair of the department.

The new neuroscience concentration introduces seven new courses which will target specialty subjects like learning and memory, vision and audition, and movement.

#### Course IX restructures programs

The department's addition of the systems neuroscience concentration is part of a larger restructuring of the undergraduate program. The department has moved from five concentrations down to four, the new one of which is neuroscience.

Two of the remaining concentrations fall under the cognitive science core. Both the language program and the experimental cognitive science program are older undergraduate programs and contain most

of the same courses as before.

The final concentration, computation, fits into both core areas and focuses on computer modeling of both cognitive science and neuroscience.

Current undergraduates will have the option of choosing between the old and new concentration programs to fulfill their requirements.

Sur said that future additions might include a molecular neurobiology concentration. He noted that one of the new offerings, Cellular Neurobiology (9.09J/7.29J), is a course offered jointly with the Department of Biology.

The restructuring of the programs was accomplished without any cancellations of old classes, Sur said.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Argentina Avoids Embarrassing Trial, Compensates Victim of Terror

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

Through torture and humiliation, exile and intimidation, through 20 years of nightmares spanning three continents, Jose Siderman never lost faith in the possibility of vindication. Even when Argentina tried to extend its "dirty war" across oceans and snatch this aging refugee back into its clutches, Siderman held out faith that he and his shattered family would somehow prevail.

Now Siderman, 85 and frail but with energy to spare for the good fight, is savoring a triumph won not in the homeland that imprisoned and rejected him, but in the confines of federal court in Los Angeles.

Last week, the government of Argentina agreed to settle damage claims by Siderman and his family stemming from the harrowing period of military rule that began in 1976, when Siderman was kidnapped and tortured and his entire family was forced to flee the country. In his absence, Siderman alleged, military cronies looted his family's once-substantial possessions of more than \$25 million in property and other assets.

## In Surprise, Ford-UAW Bargaining Continues Past Contract Deadline

LOS ANGELES TIMES

DEARBORN, MICH.

Bargainers for the United Auto Workers and Ford Motor Co. failed Saturday night to reach an agreement on a new contract but continued negotiating past the midnight deadline.

Both sides remained confident that a deal could be worked out without a work stoppage.

"Talks are continuing actively between the negotiating teams," Ford spokesman Jon Harmon said late Saturday. "Important issues remain unresolved, but the tone of the discussion remains constructive."

Negotiations bogged down over economic and job security issues, a source close to the talks said. Particularly nettlesome is the union's demand that the automakers curtail shipping work out to nonunion suppliers.

It had been expected that the two sides would reach an agreement before the expiration of the current contract, as the tone of this year's talks were unusually civil.

## Study Predicts Smoking to Become Leading Cause of Death Worldwide

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The first comprehensive, worldwide study of how people die has produced a number of startling findings, including the prediction that within the next 25 years, smoking will become the single largest cause of death and disability in the world.

A five-year study by an international team headquartered at the Harvard University School of Public Health also found that noncommunicable diseases such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes already cause more deaths in the developing world than infectious diseases. This contradicts the prevailing belief that the noncommunicable diseases primarily strike the affluent.

The study, to be released Monday, found that depression, also thought to be largely associated with affluence, accounts for a full 10 percent of productive years lost throughout the world.

Slightly more than 50 million people died in 1990, the base year for the report. Worldwide, one out of every three died from either communicable diseases, childbirth or malnutrition. Virtually all of those deaths were in developing regions. One out of every 10 deaths resulted from injuries caused by accidents, wars, suicides and homicides. About 55.8 percent of all deaths were from noncommunicable diseases, a proportion that is expected to jump to 73 percent by 2020.

## WEATHER

### Rain Fall

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Over the last few weeks, the Atlantic has experienced rather exciting weather. Ironically, it is now the remnants of a Pacific hurricane Fausto which will have a significant impact on our weather. As it pushes west through the mid-Atlantic region, it brings with it plenty of moisture and will merge with a growing mid-latitude system to land us with an early nor'easter.

While the strongest vertical velocities will be just to the south, we will nonetheless see heavy rainfalls with totals pushing up over an inch (2.5 cm). The tightening pressure gradients associated with the development implies strong winds, especially along the coast. Wednesday should see diminution of the rain to scattered showers by the afternoon.

**Today:** Grim, cloudy from morning onward. Showers likely in the morning. Blustery winds of up to 30 mph (48 kmh) from the east and northeast. Heavier rain toward evening as storm intensifies. Daytime temperature an unseasonably cool 60°F (16°C). Temperatures actually falling throughout the day.

**Tonight:** Rain likely. Expect around an inch (2.5 cm) overnight. Low 53°F (13°C).

**Wednesday:** Rain in the morning, becoming lighter in the afternoon. Remaining cloudy. High 60°F (16°C). Low 48°F (9°C). Continued windy.

**Thursday:** Finally a chance to see some sun, if only toward day's end. Cool winds from the north. High 67°F (20°C). Low 50°F (10°C).

**Outlook:** A bit more cheerful. The tail end of the week will see the sun's return, with temperatures nudging up towards 70°F (22°C).

## Report on Saudi Bomb Blast Singles Out Defense Officials

By Bradley Graham

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A government report on the June bombing of a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia released Monday faulted the Defense Department's entire command structure for paying insufficient attention to terrorist threats and failing to do enough to protect U.S. forces in the Middle East.

The on-scene commander, Brig. Gen. Terry Schwalier, was singled out for being so focused on preventing a car bomb from penetrating the Khobar Towers housing complex that he did not guard against a giant blast just outside the perimeter fence, which is what occurred.

But Schwalier's superiors at the U.S. Central Command, responsible for operations in the Middle East, also were excoriated for not providing him with adequate guidance and support. No senior member of the command ever inspected the security measures at Dhahran, the report observed.

The report, commissioned by President Clinton, made clear that the structure of the U.S. military operation that has evolved in Saudi Arabia since the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War — involving a frequent rotation of U.S. military personnel and lack of clear command authority among military services — confounded attempts to safeguard the troops there.

Although U.S. intelligence had been unable to forecast the time and place of the attack, investigators asserted that "a considerable body of evidence was available" indicating "terrorists had the capability and

intention to target U.S. interests in Saudi Arabia" and "Khobar Towers was a potential target." The report noted a series of security warnings as well as 10 suspicious incidents in weeks before the attack that, "while individually insignificant, indicated possible reconnaissance and surveillance of Khobar Towers."

The report stopped short of recommending criminal charges. Wayne Downing, the retired four-star Army general who headed the investigation, told reporters Monday his charter had been simply to make an assessment, not assign culpability. The Air Force is conducting a separate judicial inquiry to determine whether courts-martial or other action is warranted.

Nor did the report shed any light on who may have been behind the bombing that tore the face off an eight-story building in the housing complex, residence of the several thousand airmen and support personnel involved in enforcing a ban on flights by Iraqi military aircraft over southern Iraq. Defense officials said the hunt for the perpetrators is being handled by the Saudis and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Monday, faced with a report bluntly taking his department to task for being inattentive, Defense Secretary William J. Perry asserted he had gotten the message.

"The Khobar Towers attack should be seen as a watershed event pointing the way to a radically new mind-set and dramatic changes in the way we protect our forces deployed overseas from this growing threat," Perry said in an introduction to the report, sent to Clinton over the weekend.

The extent of Perry's earlier attention to the threat had been called into question immediately after the Dhahran bombing, with Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., urging a Pentagon "shake-up" and suggesting he might push for Perry's resignation. But the investigation report did not cite Perry or any other top Pentagon leader by name in castigating the Defense Department for failing to issue orders on protecting forces housed in fixed facilities and for inadequately funding security measures.

Clearly hoping to cushion the report's criticism, Perry packaged it with an announcement of several major initiatives intended, he said, to "ensure that responsibility (for protecting U.S. forces) is assigned clearly and receives the highest level of attention." He said a new office dedicated to this mission had been established on the Joint Staff, and the Defense Department would issue new standards for combating terrorism.

Deputy Defense Secretary John White told reporters the Pentagon also is taking steps to raise funding levels for anti-terrorism programs, give local commanders operational control over force protection, strengthen cooperation with host nations and improve the collection and use of intelligence.

But Downing, a combat veteran who headed the Special Operations Command before retiring in April, interjected a note of skepticism about the Pentagon's initiatives. He told reporters that some of the same issues raised by his task force were cited by investigators following the 1983 Marine barracks bombing in Beirut that killed 241.

## Candidates Plan Debates as Duel On Crime Prevention Continues

By Maria L. La Ganga and Paul Richter

LOS ANGELES TIMES

VILLANOVA, PA.

Standing at podiums 500 miles apart, Bill Clinton and Bob Dole took aim at the same target Monday, as the president picked up the endorsement of the biggest law enforcement union in the country and Dole vowed to cut teen drug use in half while doubling current spending on state prison construction.

Scouring the Clinton administration's record on violent crime and drug abuse, Dole told students at Villanova University, a predominantly Catholic school here, that the president "talks like Dirty Harry but he acts like Barney Fife" — the bumbling deputy on the "Andy Griffith Show."

But in a half-day tour of southeastern Ohio, Clinton stole some of Dole's crime-fighting thunder, as he accepted the endorsement of the National Fraternal Order of Police — the first time the 270,000-member organization has backed a Democrat — and called himself a proven crime fighter.

The president received a government report early Monday morning before heading off to Cincinnati showing that gang prosecutions had more than doubled during his administration and that violence has dropped in America since he took office.

"For four years I've worked hard to stand with the police officers of America, and I am profoundly honored that they have decided to stand with me for four more years," Clinton said at his Cincinnati stop, before a human backdrop of uniformed officers.

As each candidate sought to turn

the crime issue to his advantage, Clinton focused on the connection between crime and guns, while Dole sought to focus on crime and drugs.

Flanked by police officers in uniform, Clinton reminded his listeners of his administration's efforts to limit sales of assault-style weapons and to ban armor-piercing bullets — both opposed by the National Rifle Association, but supported by most police groups.

"We don't believe that police should be easily outgunned by gangs on the street," Clinton said. "That's why we took the assault weapons off the street and passed the Brady Bill and why we're against the cop killer bullets."

For his part, Dole cited statistics that show increased drug use among 12- to 17-year-olds. Dole asked: "Why, after so many years of progress, have we seen such backsliding? The fact is that the country is reaping the bitter harvest of what this administration's liberal policies have sowed ... While the administration has looked the other way on drugs, a tragic number of America's youth have gone the wrong way on crime."

The two campaigns remain divided on the number and timing of face-to-face debates. Originally, a bipartisan commission on debates recommended that a first debate be held in St. Louis Sept. 25. But the Clinton camp rejected that schedule because the president is set to address the opening of the United Nations on Sept. 24.

Dole's negotiators have proposed delaying the first debate one day, but a highly placed source in the Clinton camp said flatly in an interview Monday that while the president favors debates early next

month, "there will be no debate" next week.

Meanwhile, both campaigns were awaiting a recommendation, expected from the bipartisan commission Tuesday, on whether to include Ross Perot in the debates. Though the commission's recommendation is not binding, it is expected to be influential.

Dole has been seeking to expand his campaign message beyond the single drumbeat of a 15 percent tax cut. In Monday's speech, he linked economic poverty with the nation's "moral poverty" and pledged to "restore the sense of security and personal safety that once allowed communities in all parts of our nation to thrive. We want this country moving."

His five-point "action plan to combat drugs and violent crime," was relatively explicit: In a Dole administration, federal spending on state prison construction would jump from \$405 million to \$810 million. Violent criminals would spend more time behind bars and prisoners would work to pay restitution to their victims.

The presidency would again become a "bully pulpit" to combat drug use, Dole said, and violent juveniles charged with serious crimes would be tried as adults.

How Dole would fund this criminal crackdown — while cutting taxes and balancing the budget all at the same time — was far less clear.

Dole's plan had scarcely been outlined when Clinton aides were claiming that major elements of the crime-fighting message — longer sentences, more prison construction, tougher treatment of juvenile offenders — had been part of Clinton's agenda.

# Former White House Aide Defies Congressional Subpoena in Probe

By George Lardner Jr.  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Former White House personnel security director Craig Livingstone snubbed a House committee's subpoena Monday, saying through his lawyer that he was tired of being "vilified and ridiculed."

Livingstone, who presided over the White House's improper acquisition of hundreds of confidential FBI reports, had been ordered to show up for a deposition by lawyers for the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. Instead his attorney, Randall J. Turk, delivered a letter dismissing the subpoena as "legally invalid."

A committee spokesman, Edmund M. Amorosi, charged that Livingstone's failure to appear, after agreeing to do so, was part of "a game plan" to stymie the FBI files investigation by delaying until

Congress adjourns for the fall elections. "This is emblematic of the lack of cooperation we have received from the Clinton White House during all of our oversight efforts," he said.

The committee's authority to issue subpoenas for depositions ran out Aug. 31. Investigators for the panel had hoped to secure Livingstone's testimony voluntarily, but said they were never able to pin Turk down to a date until he agreed to produce his client on Monday.

Turk said he had agreed to that, but it dawned on him that what committee lawyers had initially described as "a brief mop-up interview" following a grueling hearing June 26 was developing into something far more ambitious, based on a dozen or so categories of fresh documents subpoenaed from the White House, the Justice Department, the CIA and Livingstone. "It looked to

me like they were setting him up," Turk told a reporter.

In his letter to the committee's chief investigative counsel, Barbara Olson, Turk protested that Livingstone had already given more than 30 hours of sworn testimony and in the process had been "both vilified and ridiculed by your committee and in the national press, and has lost his job at the White House and is out of work. There comes a time, even in Washington, D.C., in an election year, when fairness and basic human decency must take precedence over partisan politics."

Turk indicated Livingstone would be willing to respond to written questions. Amorosi said committee Chairman William F. Clinger Jr., R-Pa., would "take the necessary steps to question Mr. Livingstone about documents which the committee recently received relevant to the FBI files matter."

# U.S. Reconsiders Additional Troops For Kuwait as Dole Criticizes Policy

By John F. Harris and Dana Priest  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration Monday was reconsidering whether to send several thousand Army troops to Kuwait, despite winning Kuwait's belated approval of the move, as officials said such a warning gesture to Iraq may no longer be necessary.

"We have sought no confrontation with (President) Saddam Hussein," President Clinton told reporters at the White House. "We never did and we don't now. My concern is that we limit Saddam Hussein's ability to threaten his neighbors, that we do it with the no-fly zone and, in so doing, we keep our pilots safe."

Clinton's measured rhetoric came as officials made clear they found Iraq's recent actions, includ-

ing an announced halt in attacks on patrolling U.S. aircraft, at least tentatively encouraging. "We believe (Saddam) is assuming a less threatening posture," said one White House national security official.

But the nation's top military officer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Shalikashvili, expressed concern about Iraq's apparent efforts to protect some of its air defenses, and left open the possibility that U.S. air strikes might be necessary.

Shalikashvili said the United States has the means in the region to deliver a tough military response — including two aircraft carriers and eight radar-evading F-117 jet fighters recently sent to Kuwait — but said it is not clear whether this arsenal will be used.

Clinton planned to meet Tuesday morning with a bipartisan

delegation from Capitol Hill at the White House to review the results of Perry's journey, and better explain the administration's approach in containing Saddam. White House officials cautioned that the meeting with lawmakers was intended to be informational, not an attempt to line up support for a military attack.

Congressional sentiment regarding Iraq has grown restive in recent days, with many lawmakers protesting that the administration has not done enough to consult with them or explain its Iraq policy.

Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole, who in recent days had stayed above the fray while surrogates took aim at Clinton on Iraq, joined in. "I'm not certain what the policy is in Iraq," Dole said in an interview broadcast Monday on ABC's "Good Morning, America."

# Democrats to Curb Liberalism If They Retake House

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Two years after voters tossed the Democrats from power in Congress, House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., insists his party has learned the lessons of defeat and would curb its liberal instincts if Democrats are restored to power in November.

In an interview in his Capitol office, the ever-cautious Gephardt said Democrats are poised to win back the House and would return as a chastened majority — with a more modest agenda — than the party that was rejected in 1994. "What we're saying to people is, we are a better product," he said. "We will do a better job."

Asked whether House Democrats have concluded their agenda was too liberal for most voters, Gephardt said: "They realize that we did not produce what the American people wanted. You can call it anything you want. I've said many times, we're all 'new Democrats' now.... We have to be. Times change."

Many people doubt that the House Democratic caucus has been reborn as a bastion of centrism, but the question of how much House Democrats have changed during their two years in the minority goes to the heart of what could happen if President Clinton wins a second term.

Although the party has united behind the goal of reelecting Clinton and recapturing Congress, many Democrats anticipate a fierce debate about priorities after the elections.

Liberal Democrats, uneasy with Clinton's shift to the right since Republicans won control of Congress and angry over his decision to sign the welfare reform bill, have seen the Democratic caucus in the House as a counterbalance within the party.

# Clinton Praises Bosnian Election, Declares U.S. Policy Vindicated

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Using nearly identical words, President Clinton and his top foreign policy strategists Sunday hailed Bosnia's first postwar elections as a "remarkable" achievement that vindicated the U.S. refusal to delay the voting in the face of widespread irregularities.

Clinton emphasized the positive, glossing over increasing evidence that the expected winners in the country's ethnically divided constituencies are determined to harden the divisions regardless of the veneer of national unity required by last year's Dayton, Ohio, peace accord.

With voters' freedom of movement severely restricted, opposition candidates denied access to TV air time and election regulations manipulated by ethnic nationalists, many critics had called for postponement of the balloting.

The administration steadfastly rejected that advice, arguing that conditions were unlikely to be much better in six or 12 months.

Clinton clearly also wanted to adhere to the timetable fixed at the Dayton talks because it offered the promise of an eventual end to U.S. participation in volatile Balkan politics.

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\* PhDs may submit also two-page resume, which we will include if space permits.

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## Story on Resnet Consultants and UROP Mised Readers

A front page headline in *The Tech* on Tuesday, Sept. 10, read "Resnet Consultants to Be Paid As UROP Students; Hourly Pay to Begin."

This was news to UROP. Neither the headline nor the story that followed were correct. Residential Computing Consultants have not been approved to be paid as UROP students. No one on the UROP staff has talked with anyone about such a possibility. We can only guess that this is a description of a request someone is thinking about making to UROP. We will deal with the request when it is made.

It would help *Tech* readers to know that fall term proposals have only begun arriving this week. We have no idea whether Resnet proposals will be among them. Proposals asking for direct UROP funds were due this past

Friday. Proposals that are funded with non-UROP funds and that request UROP's special employee benefit rate, or those for credit or volunteer status are due by Oct. 31. No decisions have been made.

What troubles us about the article is that it seems to say there is little that distinguishes a UROP from an ordinary job. The distinction is important. A UROP project has to meet standards having to do with credit-worthiness and supervision, and it is expected to be a learning experience. A job may have some of those same qualities, but it is not obliged to provide any of them. UROP is an academic program. Even paid UROP work results in a credit notation on student transcripts. UROP does not offer its funding or special employee benefit rate either casually or carelessly.

Standards for UROP projects are the same as they always have been. UROP work has to be done under the guidance of a faculty member. The work must be considered worthy of academic credit in that supervisor's academic department, regardless whether the work is actually done for credit or pay.

If all UROPs hew to the same standard, why do some UROPs look different than others? Department or laboratory heads may approve other professionals in their departments or laboratories to serve as faculty supervisors. What is credit-worthy in one department can be different from what is credit-worthy in another. Styles of projects vary. Doing research in chemistry is a different experience than doing research in economics.

It is the intellectual quality of the student project that counts, and the faculty member responsible for the project is expected to set that standard. Evaluations of ongoing projects from supervisors and students keep UROP staff informed about project shortcomings and successes. While an occasional project may not all that it can or should be, UROP projects as a whole are accomplishments we can take great pride in.

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## MIT Must Act to Prevent Student Odor

By Thomas R. Karlo  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Last week's damp, still weather and the concurrent shift of lectures into high gear brought back a perennial problem at MIT — that unique pungent odor that can pervade halls in which far too few of those present have recently engaged in the joys of running water.

With one of my lectures the other day smelling more like a Bombay fish market at high noon than a New England classroom, I gave up on following the lecture and attempted to devise a solution to this most uncivilized situation. Considering we've just started the term and haven't yet hit those odor-inducing all-night problem set or lab nights, the current situation indicates a need for drastic action.

Yes, the cooling of the weather will provide some relief, but as students begin to put on more and more layers of clothing (and keep them on), the situation will only grow more critical. Urgent action is needed, and I have a few proposals of my own to put on the table.

As a stop-gap measure to prevent the unnecessary loss of life, I recommend the purchase of canaries for placement in high-risk classrooms. Many of these canaries are out of work since the decline of the coal industry and will work cheaply. In the event the canaries in a room succumb to the fumes during a lecture, the fire sprinklers will be turned on for the remainder of the lecture, and students will be instructed by the lecturer to use washclothes and soap previously attached to the bottom of each chair for such a contingency. Currently, the only factor holding back such a plan is the objections of the ASPCA on behalf of the canaries. Negotiations are in progress.

Another possible point of attack might be the entry foyers of dormitories. By fitting the outer door with an electric lock similar to the inner one and adding a couple of water nozzles and some hot air jets in the room, anyone leaving the dormitory in an unshowered state could be held in the exit and sprayed down.

This would also make for a great show for those not headed out. Grab a cup of coffee, head down to the front desk, and watch people

get run through the human equivalent of a brushless car wash.

A friend of mine pointed out that often the worst culprits in shower avoidance don't actually go home, so catching them at their dormitories is difficult, if not impossible. I'm forced

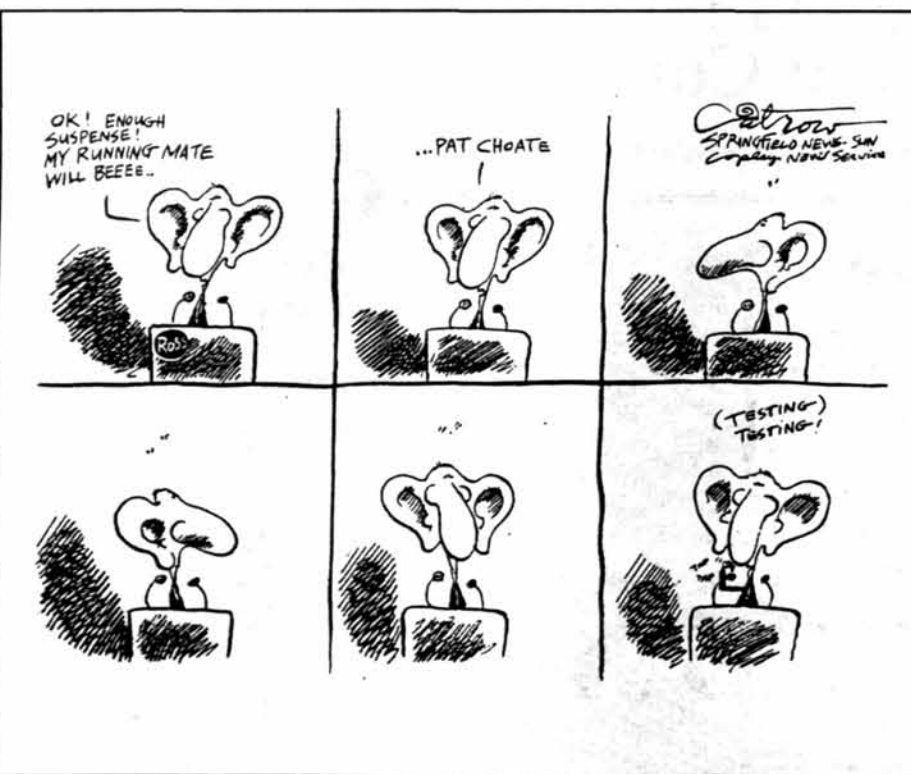
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to agree, despite my investment in the prototype. By the way, if you haven't showered lately, I'd avoid using the front entrance at MacGregor House. We're still working out the bugs.

Perhaps the Medical Center can launch a student education campaign. In addition to their current stock of skits on sex and alcohol, the Medlink players could visit dorms to perform such greats as "Did Something Die in Your Backpack, or Did You Just Have Two Problem Sets Due?" and "I Know It Saves on Quarters, But You've Got to Wash That Shirt Eventually." Surely this issue ranks as important as their current topics — if students don't get their odor under control, sex and social drinking become fairly moot.

Another program Medlinks could run might be a promotion of mutual support by close friends. The motto "Friends don't let friends stink" comes to mind. If anyone wants to use that, go ahead. I think the drunk driving people might sue, however, so you didn't hear that one from me.

In the end, only through personal vigilance can we end this threat to the student body. While fear and paranoia are not a solution, awareness is the first step in addressing the problem. The next involves plenty of running water and soap.



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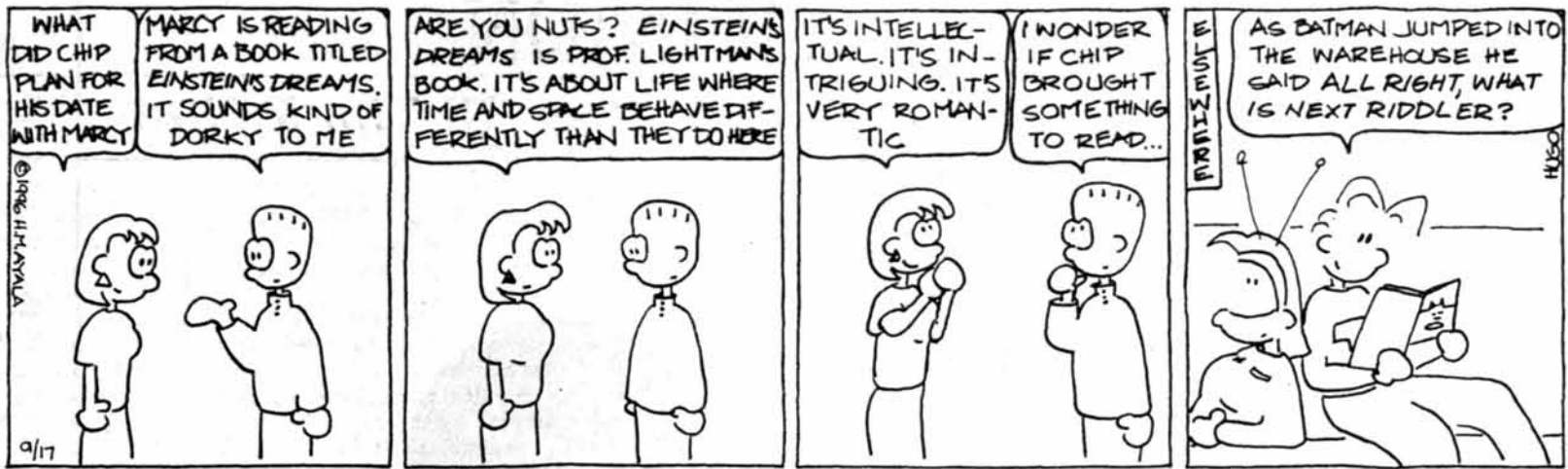
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# Java Day Aims for A Broad Audience

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for the symposium "in the range of several hundreds of thousands" of dollars, said Norman Koo, a Sun representative. MIT has been coordinating local arrangements and publicity.

There will be a number of speakers at the symposium who are connected in various ways to MIT, including Guy L. Steele Jr. PhD '80, who is helping develop Java at Sun. Steele was also a contributor to versions of MIT Scheme, the language used to teach Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs (6.001).

Steele will be addressing the future direction of Java. "I will be summarizing the current design of the Java programming language and discussing possible directions for future evolution," Steele said.

Gregory M. Papadopoulos PhD '80, who used to be an associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, will address the networking abilities of Java. Papadopoulos is the chief technology officer at Sun.

At Sun, Papadopoulos manages a group of 60 people, half of whom work directly on Java-related technology. Java "has the potential for substantially changing the way that software and content are treated and distributed," he said.

## Speakers aim to promote Java

The speakers hope to change their audience's perceptions of Java. "I hope to impart a sense that Java is much more than a programming language," Papadopoulos said.

"I'd like folks to leave with a sense that it really represents huge opportunities for research and new companies and products," he said.

Sun's goal is to have about 100 participants in the symposium. A maximum of 125 people will be allowed to attend any single part of the event.

The day will be composed of 30-minute lectures, followed by question-and-answer sessions. Topics range from an overview of Java to discussions of different types of specific Java applications.

For some talks, it "might be helpful for audience members to have some familiarity with Java or other programming languages," but in general the talks are designed for broad audience, Steele said.

"People should expect this symposium to be informative, pragmatic, and intellectually stimulating," Koo said.

More details about the event and schedule can be found at <http://www.sun.com/edu/hot/java-days/mit.html>.

# LaVerde's Market Prices Too Expensive for Some

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because of its prohibitively high prices.

But LaVerde said that "by no means" does he see his business as a monopoly. He said that there are other local alternatives that he has to compete with that were used before LaVerde's existed on campus.

Seeing LaVerde's as a monopoly "is the fastest way for me to destroy my business," LaVerde said.

## Market shifts cause price increases

LaVerde attributed the most recent set of

price changes to market increases for a variety of products. The increases reflect only the higher prices from distributors. "I'm trying to stay even," he said.

MIT's rent for the store and the salaries paid to workers remain unchanged, he said.

LaVerde said that price increases in different categories have been cumulative. The "skyrocketing" milk and cream prices have affected the price of butter, whose price from the distributor has more than doubled. Oil and shortening have also seen higher prices, as has the price of coffee, which has increased to cover the cost of the half-and-half and milk used by customers. The

similar increase in the price of cheese has had a direct effect on the price of sandwiches.

LaVerde said that he would "try to do anything" he can to offset the market fluctuation. To that end, he is presently working to seek out new suppliers and bring in new products to keep prices low. "If I can possibly help the students, I will," LaVerde said.

LaVerde stressed that his store's employees are very approachable and that customers can offer them suggestions for improvements to the store. Customers can also use the suggestion box at the front of the store to make suggestions, he said.

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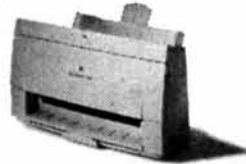
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# Neuroscience Track Uses Graduate Help

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To make the changes, the undergraduate concentration was able to borrow from MIT's neuroscience graduate program, Sur said. The development of the new concentra-

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Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Alan V. Hein.

neuroscience track should take Animal Behavior (9.20), a humanities, arts, and social sciences distribution class, Hein said.

Several Course IX majors expressed satisfaction with the new options. "I'm glad that Course IX now has a biological aspect of neuroscience," said Ellen H. Kardas '99.

tion involved increased participation of graduate professors, in addition to some newly-hired faculty members.

**Concentration proves useful**

Sur said that the new neuroscience concentration better prepares undergraduates for graduate neuroscience studies because of the faculty's link with the graduate program.

Professor of Brain and Cognitive Science Alan V. Hein, the academic officer for department, said that 100 percent of Course IX undergraduates who seek admission to medical schools get into at least one, and most get into more.

Since the neuroscience concentration is a new addition to the department, there is no data on the number of students involved in the concentration. There are about 75 undergraduate Course IX majors in total.

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# Move to Aramark Brands Closes D'Angelo's, Pizza Hut

Aramark, from Page 1

of the options for food service on campus, Aramark took the opportunity to change and improve its facilities. Long-time vendors have departed, and the architecture of the dining halls has been changed slightly.

The changes represent a trend of "moving away from national brands to do our own items well," said Food Services Director Elizabeth Emery. Removing the brand names gives Aramark more flexibility, she said.

D'Angelo's Sandwich Shop in the Lobdell Food Court was removed at the beginning of this year. Emery said that the decision to remove D'Angelo's was based in part on the results of a student survey taken last summer, which drew protests from some students.

Aramark "didn't give students a say in the changes. Giving a survey over the summer was unfair," said Pearl S. Kim '97.

D'Angelo's was replaced by Deli Corner, an Aramark house-brand of sandwich shops. Other new features at Lobdell include Kitchen Classics, which serves rotisserie-style chicken, meat loaf, and other "comfort foods," Emery said. The new Center Stage area features vegetarian dishes, and Itza Pizza, an Aramark pizza brand, is a new addition.

The Pizza Hut area at Networks was removed because demand for it was down, Emery said. When Pizza Hut was introduced to Networks, 750 pizzas were sold per day, compared with 250 per day last year.

*"We didn't do as good of a job as we could have during the transition to keep the community informed of the changes"*  
— Elizabeth Emery, Food Services Director.

"Pizza Hut was just old," she said.

Emery said that additional changes would be coming to Lobdell in the next few months. Emery said Aramark was also considering extending the hours of Itza Pizza. "There's no dining facility

serving pizza on campus now in the evening," Emery said.

Student reaction to the changes at Aramark facilities were mixed. "I liked D'Angelo's a lot. The Deli Corner doesn't seem too appetizing," Kim said.

"The thing that replaced D'Angelo's isn't that good. There's less choice of meats. They removed everything that I liked," said Huber J. Vailong G.

Some students, however, like the changes. "I think the changes are good. There's more variety of food now," said Winfried S. Lohmiller G.

"We didn't do as good of a job as we could have during the transition to keep the community informed of the changes," Emery said. "We got so involved in making sure we were open."

### New architecture cafe opens

The changes at Lobdell and Networks have been complemented by the opening of a completely new location, the Architecture and Planning Cafe, on the fourth floor of building 7. The cafe, which opened Sept. 9, serves bagels, scones, and upscale sandwiches and salads. Emery said that she hoped the addition of the shop will help relieve the congestion at the building 4 coffee shop during the lunch hours.

Despite the changes and added capacity, however, other important issues remain. "We just don't have enough space to feed everyone on campus at lunch," Emery said.

Amid the rethinking of dining services as a whole, Emery stressed that even the current Aramark service is fluid. "If somebody comes up with a good idea that works, we'll do it," she said. Individuals can e-mail ideas, comments, and concerns to meal@mit.edu.

More surveys will be used in the future to determine additional changes, Emery said. "We have to poll the community and find out what they want," she said.

For example, an "Asian concept" as Emery called it, was rejected at Networks because students told Aramark that they did not feel the campus dining services could provide the style of Asian food they wanted. "We're going to focus on the things we can do well" in the future, Emery said.

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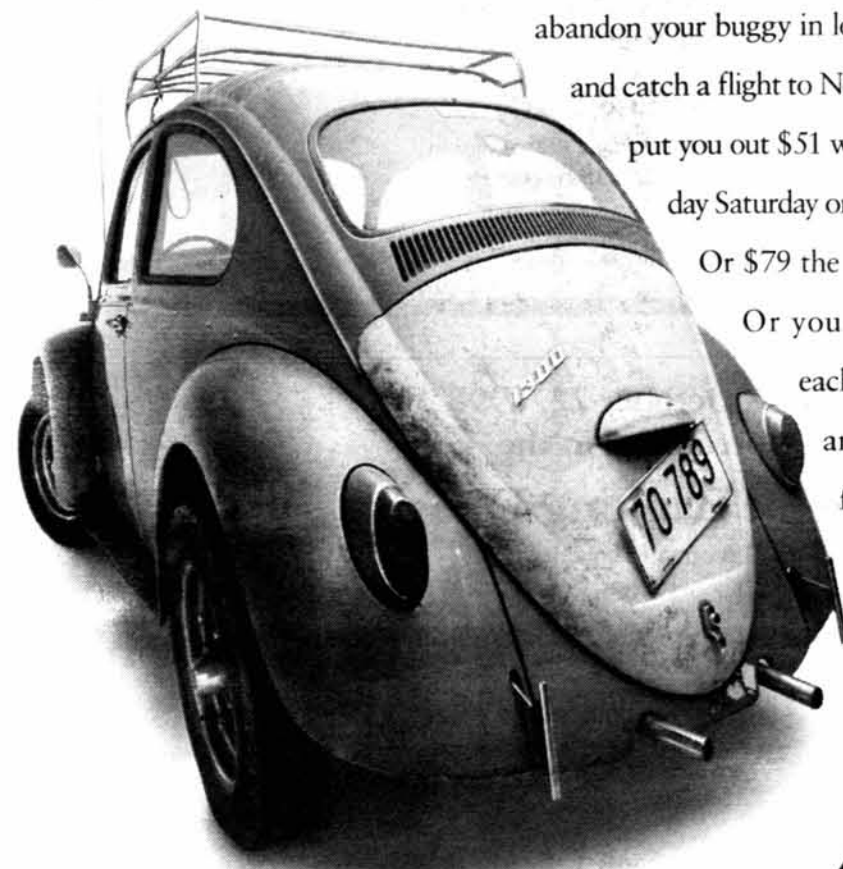
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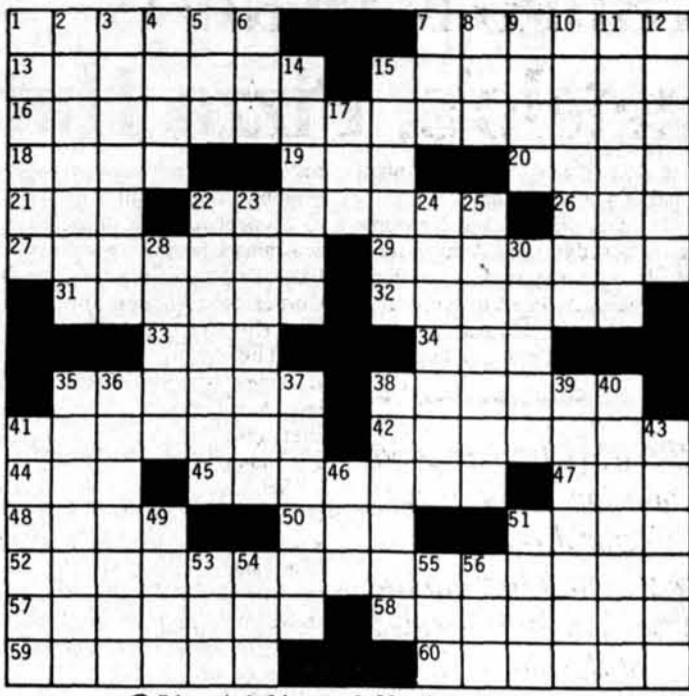
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Rows of cut grain
- 7 Actress Mason
- 13 Shaving creams
- 15 Vocalizes
- 16 Big Eight team (2 wds.)
- 18 Estrange from a habit
- 19 Spanish gold
- 20 Part of Fred Flintstone phrase
- 21 Military branch (abbr.)
- 22 Fastened with a pin
- 26 Map part
- 27 Part of a golf game
- 29 Smearers
- 31 Conference with the enemy
- 32 Accompany
- 33 Everything
- 34 Bout decision
- 35 — cord
- 38 Fishing nets
- 41 Without exception (2 wds.)
- 42 Hemingway, et al.
- 44 Summer in Sedan
- 45 — ring
- 47 Sympathy's partner
- 48 New Testament book
- 50 Range type
- 51 Shouts of discovery
- 52 Classic TV comedy series (2 wds.)
- 57 Poe girl, et al.
- 58 Name for a terrier
- 59 Born first
- 60 Movie part (2 wds.)
- 15 Tristan's beloved
- 17 Neighbor of Uruguay (abbr.)
- 22 Heretofore (2 wds.)
- 23 Width of a narrow road (2 wds.)
- 24 Well-known airline
- 25 Being evasive
- 28 Prepare for
- 30 Pat or Debbie
- 35 Carrying case
- 36 Make believe
- 37 Building shelves
- 38 Earthquakes
- 39 Art lover
- 40 Candle fat
- 41 One of former musical group
- 43 Talked disrespectfully
- 46 Scarlett's closing word
- 49 Brake part
- 51 Feed the kitty
- 53 Eithers' partners
- 54 Part of NNP
- 55 Calendar abbreviation
- 56 Expression of wonderment

**DOWN**

- 1 Decelerate
- 2 Sees the light (2 wds.)
- 3 National league team
- 4 Comparison word
- 5 Amused expression
- 6 Sellout sign
- 7 Telephone-dial trio
- 8 From — Z
- 9 Round: Fr.
- 10 Gym shoe
- 11 President Hoover
- 12 Analyzes
- 14 Like Los Angeles

**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS FROM LAST ISSUE**



SOLUTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TECH

# YOM KIPPUR

## REFORM SERVICES

M.I.T. Chapel

Sunday, Sept. 22, 7:00 pm  
Monday, Sept. 23 10:00 am & 5:15 pm

## CONSERVATIVE SERVICES

Kresge Little Theatre

Sunday, Sept. 22, 6:15 pm  
Monday, Sept. 23 9:00 am & 4:45 pm

◆ TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SUNDAY EVENING KOL NIDRE SERVICES. Tickets are available for all students. Holiday tickets can be obtained at M.I.T Hillel through Friday and in Lobby 10 Sept. 18 & 19.

◆ A PRE-FAST MEAL will be served at Hillel on Sunday, 4:00 pm. Reserve & pay by Sept. 18. Payment with validine or cash.

◆ A break-fast will be held following Ne'llah services in the Kresge Auditorium lobby for participants of all services.

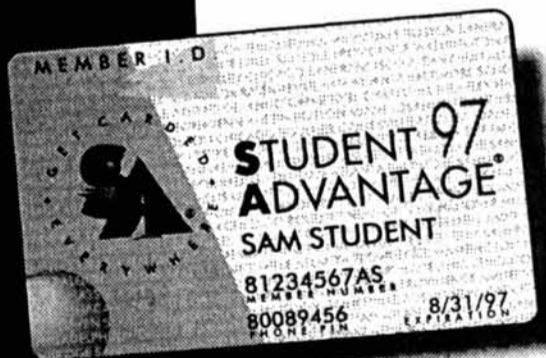
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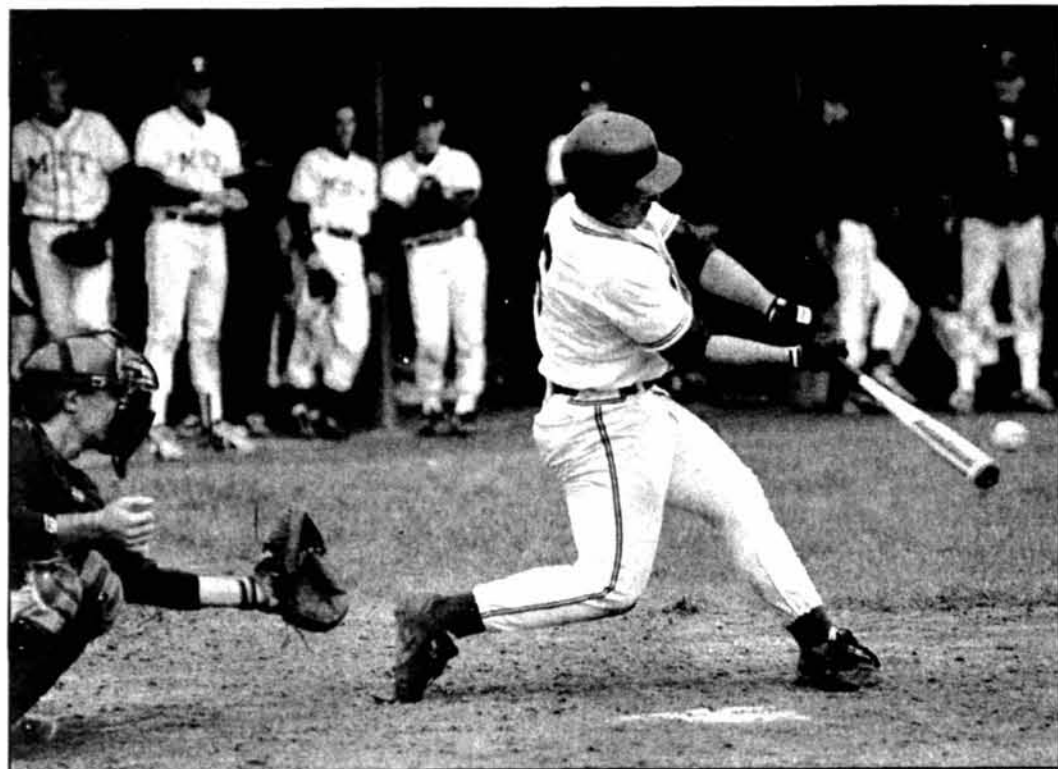


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JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

Jack M. Gallagher '99 reaches for a low pitch to hit a single for an RBI in the third inning of the second game of the team's doubleheader last Saturday against Wentworth Institute of Technology. MIT won both games, 13-3 and 7-4.

## POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between Sept. 5 and 11:

**Sept. 5:** Baker House, amplifier stolen, \$523; Student Center, bicycle left unlocked overnight stolen, \$220; Burton-Conner House, bicycle tire stolen from bicycle rack, \$50; 77 Massachusetts Avenue, demonstration; 33 Massachusetts Avenue, attempted theft of bicycle tire.

**Sept. 6:** Tang Residence Hall, suspicious activity; Bldg. 6, sexual harassment; Bldg. 68, unattended wallet and credit cards stolen and used, \$60; Bldg. 7, obscene phone calls; Walker Memorial, unattended pocketbook stolen, \$160; New House, Sanley Acluche, of 37 Myrtle Street, Somerville, arrested for trespassing.

**Sept. 7:** Bldg. 2, suspicious persons; Amherst Alley, person reports being assaulted at Alpha Tau Omega; Edgerton House, bicycle seat stolen, \$50; Bldg. E34, suspicious activity.

**Sept. 8:** Baker, annoying phone calls; Bldg. E19, male issued trespass warning.

**Sept. 9:** MacGregor House, obscene phone calls; McCormick Hall, suspicious activity; Student Center, memorial plaque stolen; Burton, cable box stolen, \$250; Zeta Psi, 114 CDs stolen, \$1,788.

**Sept. 10:** Bldg. E51, sunglasses stolen, \$45; Bldg. 16, unattended backpack stolen, \$170.

**Sept. 11:** Bldg. E17, wallet stolen, \$20; Senior House, wallet stolen; Bldg. 48, CDs and sunglasses stolen, \$300; Amherst Alley by McCormick, student robbed of his bicycle by three males; Bldg. 2, bulletin board stolen, \$98; Bldg. 2 and 4 stairwell, male exposing himself; DuPont Gymnasium, bicycle stolen, \$189; 77 Massachusetts Avenue male assaulted by a male who was requesting him to move his vehicle.

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