



Ying Zhang '99 places a red ribbon upon one of the information tables in Lobby 7 in recognition of World AIDS Day.

MIT Maps Out Plan For Athletic Center

By Stacey E. Blau
EDITOR IN CHIEF

President Charles M. Vest announced yesterday that MIT will move ahead with an \$18-million plan to construct a new athletic facility that will open in the fall of 2000.

The new facility, which will be located in the space between the Student Center and the Johnson Athletics Center where the barbecue pits currently stand, will include an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a health fitness center, a sports medicine facility, and recreation and team locker rooms.

The center will tie together many of the resources of the surrounding athletic facilities in Johnson, the Du Pont Gymnasium, and the Du Pont Athletic Center. Briggs Field House will be demolished as part of the plan, said Associate Planning Officer Michael K. Owu

'86. Rockwell Cage will also be demolished but not until after the first phase of the project is completed and the pool opens in 2000.

The construction of the Olympic-sized pool, which will begin in 1998, is being made possible by an \$8 million donation that MIT received from Albert L. Zesiger '51 and his wife Barrie.

Plan underwent several iterations

The plan for the new facility has existed in some form for a number of years, and its start and completion dates have been pushed back several times. A 1992 plan stated that the pool would likely be completed in June 1995.

There has been a growing need for a new facility over the years, Sports Information Director Roger F. Crosley said.

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Morning Steam Dip Leaves Campus Cold

By Dan McGuire
NEWS EDITOR

The gas turbine steam heater of MIT's cogeneration plant shut down unexpectedly yesterday morning, leading to a campus-wide drop in steam pressure and cold morning showers for some students.

"At 7:38 this morning the gas turbine tripped while a programming modification was being made to remedy an air/fuel ratio," said Roger Moore, the superintendent of utilities. "It was a main flame failure — in other words, the fuel stopped going to the turbine."

The steam turbine, installed as part of the \$37 million cogeneration project completed last year, is essentially a large jet engine connected to the heat recovery steam generator. The turbine normally produces 100,000 pounds of 440°F (227°C) steam at 200 pounds a square inch each hour.

Moore said that one of MIT's three boilers was brought online to make up the loss but that it took about an hour to come online. During this time, he said, there were "pressure and flow decays in the steam distribution system throughout the campus."

The steam line was brought back up to full pressure at 8:23 a.m., Moore said. Currently, two boilers are being run to meet demand and provide a level of redundancy.

"The operations center had a few

miscellaneous heat calls and alarms, meaning that there were a few isolated areas that weren't warm enough," said Physical Plant Manager for Repair and Maintenance Stephen P. Miscowski.

Outage affects some dormitories

There were some reports of hot water outages in some dormitories. Dormitories heat their water with heat exchangers, which use the campus steam to heat city water.

Baker House reported problems with its hot water to Physical Plant. Bexley House Manager Linda A. Petralia said that a resident told her that hot water was not available at

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Flu Outbreak Strikes MIT, Thriving in Crowded Conditions

By Frank Dabek
STAFF REPORTER

Low temperatures and the approach of winter serve as a bellwether for the impending cold and flu season. Though the season is just beginning, students are already becoming ill, causing them to miss class and fall behind in work.

Mark A. Goldstein, chief of student health services, said that he and several of his colleagues have seen a number of students exhibiting classic flu symptoms. The symptoms include a fever up to 102 degrees, chills, a headache, muscle aches, and fatigue.

It is still difficult to say whether this season will be better or worse than others since it is just beginning, Goldstein said. The flu season generally lasts

two to three months.

But the conditions present in MIT dormitories tend to foster the rapid spread of germs, so once a virus is present, it tends to spread quickly.

"Life at MIT helps spread influenza," Goldstein said. Concentrating students in dormitories, living groups, and classrooms increases the possibility of getting the flu. The flu flourishes in closed environments because it is easy to come in contact with an affected individual and contract the virus, which spreads via infected body fluids, Goldstein said.

Students affected by flu

The effects of the flu on students varied. Many

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New Student Services Center Aims for Convenience

By Shang-Lin Chuang
NEWS EDITOR

MIT's new Student Services Center opened yesterday in the Infinite Corridor in the space formerly occupied by the Satellite

Registrar's Office. The new office is designed to allow students to conduct quick and common transactions without going to more than one office.

The center, which was recom-

mended by the student services re-engineering team as part of their final plan, serves as an extension of the Bursar's Office, Registrar's Office, and Student Financial Aid Office.

Students can now request academic and financial transcripts, change an address, make payments on student accounts, sign scholarship checks and loans, or inquire about the status of academic, financial, and student accounts from one location.

The center also serves as a place where students can pick up or drop off forms like petition requests, add/drop cards, degree applications, tuition adjustment forms, and class schedules.

The center's first day of operation was a full one. "We have been busy all day with students coming in to request transcripts and sign loans," said Senior Office Assistant in the Student Financial Aid Office Carmen O. Velez, who also works in the center.

The center is currently running as a pilot project, said Vice President for Administration Hillary H. DeBaun, who is heading up the project. "If things go well, the center can develop into a much bigger center offering even more services."

Center eliminates inconvenience

"Over the years, students have found it extremely inconvenient to have to travel long distances in order to conduct ordinary transactions,"

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The new Student Services Center will provide students with the basic services of the Bursar's Office, the Registrar's Office, and the Student Financial Aid Office in one location in the Infinite Corridor.

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WORLD & NATION

U.S., Japan Sign Plan to Reduce Troops Numbers in Okinawa Base

THE WASHINGTON POST

Fourteen months after the rape of a schoolgirl by American servicemen sparked massive protests on Okinawa, U.S. and Japanese officials have concluded an agreement that will reduce the size of American military bases on the island but maintain present troop strength there.

Defense Secretary William J. Perry, who was scheduled to elaborate on provisions of the accord at a news conference here later Monday, told reporters traveling with him to Tokyo that he views the accord not as "an epilogue to a troubled past, but as a prologue to a bright future" in U.S.-Japan security relations.

The deal calls for the United States to return to Japanese control more than 12,000 acres of land on Okinawa — about 21 percent of what it now occupies — and consolidate its remaining bases, thus lowering U.S. visibility on the crowded island without reducing the number of troops based there. Most of the 12,000 acres is to be turned over to Japan within five to seven years, and all of it by 2008.

The centerpiece of the plan calls for the U.S. military to relinquish control of Futenma Air Base, a busy facility in the middle of a densely populated area that draws persistent complaints from residents about noise, pollution and accidents. That base is to close down within seven years, and both sides have agreed to move U.S. Marine helicopter operations from Futenma to a floating heliport anchored off another U.S. base on the island.

Army Factions Square Off In Central African Republic

THE WASHINGTON POST

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

Factions within the army of the Central African Republic fought in its capital Sunday in the impoverished nation's fourth military mutiny this year.

Rebel troops, reportedly mainly of the Yakoma tribe, seized the main armory and other key points on Saturday, according to news agency and radio reports from the capital, Bangui. As during the previous revolts, French troops guarded key installations to prevent the government's overthrow.

News reports said several people, including civilians, had been killed in the fighting, which involved mainly small-arms fire. Civilians were fleeing parts of the city, notably the rebel-held sections, out of fear that the government might persuade French forces to conduct an airstrike against the rebels, a local journalist told BBC radio by phone.

Many Yakoma troops reportedly oppose President Ange-Felix Patasse because in 1993 he won election against a Yakoma military officer, Andre Kolimba, who had ruled the Central African Republic for 12 years.

France created the country in 1894 as a colony to allow French businesses to produce rubber and mine diamonds there. Paris gave the underdeveloped country independence in 1960, but has continued to prop up, or overthrow, its governments. It remains one of Africa's poorest nations.

Supreme Court Hears Arguments On Generic Fruit Advertising

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

In skeptical questioning Monday, the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court sharply disputed the need for the government to require agricultural producers to pay for generic advertising to promote their crops.

The requirements, in the form of federal and state government "marketing orders" that collect as much as a combined \$1 billion a year, are deeply rooted in California farming on products ranging from milk to peaches.

"What's the government's interest here? That's what I don't understand," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said in the opening moments of Monday's argument.

Added Justice Antonin Scalia, "This sounds like something time-warped out of the 1930s," when the government during the New Deal era tried to make itself a partner with industry.

The marketing programs indeed stem from a New Deal era law, the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1937. But during the 1960s and 1970s, federal officials expanded their marketing control efforts through generic advertising programs funded by growers.

These days, their simple messages appear on billboards — "It's the Cheese" to promote California cheese — or in newspaper and TV ads for beef, milk or raisins. Some promotions are nationwide, administered under federal marketing orders, while other programs tout the products of individual states — Florida oranges, for example. California has 47 promotion programs for commodities produced in the state.

WEATHER

Sun Ahead

FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Today: Mostly sunny skies with highs nearing 48°F (9°C). West wind around 10 mph (17 kmh) becoming southwesterly later in the day toward the evening.

Tonight: Increasing cloudiness. Low may reach near freezing mark. Around 30 percent chance of light rain or snow toward day-break.

Wednesday: Cloudy with a chance of light rain or snow. High around 40°F (4°C) to 45°F (7°C). Chance of precipitation nearing 50 percent.

Thursday: Variable clouds with a chance of rain or snow late in the day. Low reaching 25°F (-4°C) to 30°F (-1°C). Highs around 40°F (4°C).

Security Conference Proposes Weapons Cuts Across Europe

By William Drozdiak

THE WASHINGTON POST

LISBON, PORTUGAL

A European security conference approved plans Monday to seek further cuts in conventional arsenals across the continent, a process the United States and Western allies hope will establish a new military balance and ease Russia's hostility toward NATO expansion.

But in a tough speech that dismayed Western leaders, Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin rejected that view and insisted NATO enlargement would create a new and dangerous fault line between East and West at a time when the continent should be striving to heal the old breach.

"We have declared clearly, and declare clearly now, our firm opposition to the North Atlantic alliance's plans to move itself and its military infrastructure toward our territory," Chernomyrdin said at a two-day conference of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. "Is it not clear that the appearance of new dividing lines would lead to a worsening of the whole geopolitical situation for the entire world?"

The decision to open negotiations next month on an updated version of the 1990 East-West treaty circumscribing the number of troops, tanks and other weapons was hailed by leaders of 55 nations gathered here as one of the boldest moves yet to adapt Europe's security environment to the new realities of the post-Cold War era.

In the past five years, the 30 nations comprising NATO and the now defunct Warsaw Pact have

destroyed more than 50,000 pieces of military equipment. The new talks may include other countries and new weaponry, such as naval equipment, as Europe strives to further dismantle the huge stockpiles that once made the East-West confrontation line a potential World War III battlefield.

The United States contends that replacing the bloc-to-bloc limits in the old treaty with new national ceilings on troops and armaments should go a long way toward relieving Russian anxieties that the Western alliance is encroaching on its territory with its plans to incorporate eastern states such as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic by 1999.

While expressing approval of the new round of arms talks and plans to develop a 21st century security model for Europe as a "new watershed" in East-West relations, Chernomyrdin warned that NATO's obstinacy in pushing ahead with enlargement would inflict a fatal blow to budding aspirations for a new era of continental detente.

"Yes, Russia has no veto over the alliance's expansion. But nobody has a veto on our rights to defend our own national interests," he said. "We are convinced there is still time and that it makes sense to reflect on what can NATO expansion lead to. If our common goal is a united and peaceful Europe, then can we achieve it through the enlargement of existing military alliances?"

In recent months, Russia's leadership has emitted a bewildering array of signals about NATO enlargement. Alexander Lebed, a

former general who served as President Boris Yeltsin's security adviser until he was fired in an internal political dispute, suggested during a visit to NATO headquarters in October that Moscow was grudgingly resigned to the expansion process and would not stand in its way.

But this month, Russian Defense Minister Oleg Rodionov threatened that NATO's embrace of nations once considered part of a buffer zone on Russia's western periphery would compel Moscow to embark on a new rearmament campaign and even to target nuclear missiles on eastern states.

Vice President Gore sat impassively through Chernomyrdin's speech, which some likened to anti-NATO remarks delivered by Yeltsin at the previous OSCE summit two years ago in Budapest. Gore quickly reworked a draft of his own speech to reinforce the U.S. stance that NATO expansion is designed to shore up stability in Central Europe and not challenge Russia's security.

"NATO has been and remains a defensive alliance. It poses no threat to any other state," Gore said. "In particular, it is essential... that we work in parallel to build a strong and cooperative NATO-Russian relationship."

Gore later met privately with Chernomyrdin, with whom he has developed a close working rapport. He refused to disclose the contents of their discussions, but senior U.S. officials said the discussions focused mainly on internal developments in Russia and the apparently improving state of Yeltsin's health after his heart surgery last month.

Mexican President Dismisses Incompetent Attorney General

By Molly Moore and John Ward Anderson

THE WASHINGTON POST

MEXICO CITY

President Ernesto Zedillo fired his attorney general Monday because of what officials described as incompetence in the drug war and failure to solve Mexico's notorious assassination and corruption cases.

Antonio Lozano Gracia was appointed attorney general from the country's main opposition party two years ago amid high expectations that he could restore integrity to the Mexican judicial and law enforcement establishment, tarnished by corruption tied to drug smuggling and political chicanery. He won lavish praise from U.S. officials, who called him an honest man taking the attorney general's office in the right direction.

But Monday Zedillo aides had another assessment, explaining that Lozano was dismissed after virtually every major case he was charged with resolving has floundered. "It was a decision taken by the president because of the lack of results in most of the investigations and actions he had taken," said an official of the president's office, adding that Lozano also had created "overblown expectations."

The unresolved cases involve high-level assassinations and corruption that have shaken the government and the economy over the last two years, including the death of the ruling party's presidential candidate in 1994 and revelations of rampant corruption in the administration of past president Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Zedillo was particularly disappointed with Lozano's failures in combating narcotics trafficking,

which the president has described as the country's greatest national security concern, according to an official. Lozano "didn't do much of anything," the official said. "We were very disappointed on the drug front. The army has been fighting the drug war."

Zedillo also decapitated the law enforcement agency's drug-fighting force, dismissing most of Lozano's top advisers, including the chief of the Institute to Combat Drugs, Mexico's equivalent of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

There was no indication from Mexican officials that Lozano, 43, was involved in anything dishonest. "There is absolutely nothing against him regarding corruption," an official said. Lozano was unavailable for comment.

The dismissal was another setback for Zedillo as he begins the third year of his six-year term. He had appointed Lozano in hopes that a member of the opposition National Action Party would bring an atmosphere of impartiality to one of the country's most corrupt and politically protective agencies, the attorney general's office.

Zedillo had been under increasing pressure to fire Lozano in recent weeks amid criticism for his failure to resolve the nation's most pressing criminal cases or to control the rise of narco-traffickers.

Yet in a poll of Mexican journalists, academics and analysts published by the newspaper Reforma, Lozano ranked fourth among 23 senior government officials in terms of his ability to do his job. Zedillo ranked eighth.

While Lozano had fired hundreds of his own officers for corruption in the last two years, he has

recently been embarrassed by allegations of corruption among new appointees.

U.S. officials long have been frustrated by the revolving door at the attorney general's office — there were five attorneys general during the tenure of Salinas. Against that background, they had praised Zedillo and Lozano for stability in the law enforcement agency.

Some U.S. officials expressed concern that Lozano's dismissal could harm cooperation between the two countries in the drug war. Lozano and other Mexican officials were scheduled to meet here with U.S. drug enforcement authorities next week to discuss the drug war. It was unclear whether the meetings would go on.

At the time of Lozano's appointment, many Mexicans believed that members of the ruling party were behind the murder of presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio during the 1994 campaign.

Lozano's failure to solve the Colosio case — as well as his faltering investigations into corruption allegations involving Raul Salinas, brother of the former president, and some of the nation's best-known business leaders — have prompted questions as to whether Lozano was competent to handle the cases.

Zedillo reportedly was angry with Lozano for claiming that a body found buried on a ranch owned by Raul Salinas was that of an accomplice who allegedly carried out another unsolved murder, that of ruling party official Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu.

It now appears the corpse is not that of the alleged accomplice, according to officials in Zedillo's office.

FBI Probes Possible Hezbollah Connection to Saudi Bombing

By Barton Gellman
THE WASHINGTON POST

BAALBEK, LEBANON

The question that is currently preoccupying U.S. law-enforcement officials is whether Saudi investigators are right in asserting that the builders of last June's truck bomb in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, which killed 19 U.S. military personnel, received training and support from the Hezbollah.

FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, after complaining angrily about Saudi refusals to share the evidence on which they based that claim, went to Riyadh, the Saudi capital, last week with what one U.S. source described as a written promise from King Fahd of complete access to Saudi investigative files.

After Freeh left, the FBI issued a statement saying that he was "pleased with the efforts and thoroughness" of Saudi authorities in

their investigation, and that close co-operation between the FBI and Saudi authorities would continue.

One intriguing piece of circumstantial evidence, corroborated by a local witness here and officials in Beirut and Tel Aviv, was the arrival last month in Baalbek of Hussein bin Mubarak, a leader of Saudi Hezbollah, along with about 20 followers.

If the Saudi bombers did get help here, in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, a case recently uncovered in Israel offers a picture of how the system may have worked.

After months of interrogating a Lebanese man who maimed himself while preparing a bomb in Jerusalem in April, Israeli security officials now say they can trace his movements from Hezbollah's Janta training camp.

According to the Israeli account, their prisoner, Muhammad Hussein

Mikdad, was one of seven Lebanese Shiites trained simultaneously at Janta — all chosen for foreign-language skills and looks enabling them to pass as Westerners. None of Mikdad's classmates has yet been accounted for.

Hezbollah representatives consistently refuse to discuss any operational activity except their war of attrition in the southern Lebanese strip of hills occupied by Israel.

He described the U.S. military presence in Saudi Arabia as "naked aggression whose main goal is petroleum, to put all the resources under American surveillance and control."

An aide, Ibrahim Musawi, said the Americans who died in June "paid the price of their interference."

But both men denied a connection to the Dhahran bombing or any other armed activity outside Lebanon.

TV Executives Tentatively Agree To Use Age-Based Ratings System

By Paul Farhi
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

After months of discussion, television industry executives have tentatively agreed to a rating system that will categorize TV programs based on their appropriateness for children of various ages. Viewers will begin seeing these ratings on almost all entertainment programs starting next month.

In opting for an age-based system, the group has rejected proposals from educators, children's advocates and some TV producers that the ratings be based on program content — say, "S" for sexually oriented material, "V" for violence, and "L" for coarse language.

The new system will be loosely based on the broad categories used by the Motion Picture Association

of America for new movies, executives said. The MPAA system uses letters and numbers to indicate a movie's general suitability for young people — G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17 — but doesn't indicate whether a movie earned its rating for violence, sexual content, or some other reason. Although there were reports last week that the industry group had worked out its ratings categories, in fact those decisions have not been made.

Critics, such as the National PTA and the American Medical Association, complain that a system based on the MPAA formula will not provide sufficient information for parents.

"An age-based system doesn't tell you why a program is appropriate or inappropriate for an age group," said Vicky Rideout, a direc-

tor of Children Now, a children's advocacy organization based in Oakland, Calif.

Sidestepping these complaints, members of the ratings development group said they chose the MPAA system as a model because it is both simple and familiar to parents. "We're going to do this with honesty and integrity, or it won't work," insisted one member of the industry group.

The industry panel hopes to announce its plans formally before Christmas. MPAA chief executive Jack Valenti, who presided over the creation of the movie ratings in 1968, is also overseeing the TV ratings group, which consists of executives from the four leading broadcast networks, several cable networks and others from TV stations and TV production businesses.

Serbia Begins Crackdown Against Presidential Protesters

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

In a bid to intimidate the huge crowds marching daily against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, police arrested a group of demonstrators Sunday and state television likened opposition leaders to Adolf Hitler.

Issuing an unusually harsh condemnation of a protest movement it has virtually ignored, television controlled by Milosevic accused demonstrators of using "pro-fascist hysteria and violence" to "introduce terrorism" onto the streets of Belgrade.

The commentary was accompanied by repeated footage showing a small group of demonstrators destroying government property and a warning from police headquarters that it will no longer tolerate illegal acts. All of the demonstrations, technically speaking, have been illegal.

The warning and the harsh language, coupled with the first reports of arrests in the protests, appeared to signal an imminent crackdown.

Until Sunday, Milosevic had officially ignored the biggest-ever sustained protests against his authoritarian rule. Independent media were largely gagged and state-controlled media had mostly ignored the unrest. But as international pressure mounted — and as the largest crowd yet filled downtown Belgrade on Saturday — Milosevic apparently decided to up the ante.

Dozens of busloads of police from southern Serbia were seen moving into Belgrade, which is both the Serbian and Yugoslav capital, on Sunday night.

Models Union Pushes for Law To Fight Against Agency Fraud

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK

The head of the Models Guild persuaded City Council leaders Monday to take a second look at passing a law to protect aspiring models from unscrupulous agencies.

"I get 15 calls a week from people who get ripped off," model Donna Eller, president of the 250-member models' union, said after meeting with council Speaker Peter Vallone in City Hall. "I'm getting hysterical mothers who've spent every penny they have."

Vallone said later that since the state Legislature hasn't acted on a request the council made in 1993 to pass legislation, the council will hold hearings on the issue for a second time. "It cries out for some type of regulation," he said.

Eller, a Wilhelmina agency model who has appeared in commercials for Oil of Olay and on the covers of McCall's and Good Housekeeping magazines, said families are losing as much as \$6,000 to agencies that lure young women with empty promises of modeling jobs.

Legislation was introduced in the council in 1993 that attempted to crack down on allegedly widespread fraud by requiring model agencies to be licensed. Councilman Anthony Weiner, who sponsored the bill, said it had to be dropped because it was supplanted by pending state legislation.

Then the measure stalled in the state Legislature, he said. "There was a reluctance on the part of the major firms, the legitimate firms, because they're not crazy about being licensed."

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Holiday Social

Dec. 11, 7:00pm in 50-220

Spread the holiday cheer on the last day of classes! All graduate students and friends are welcome!



Upcoming Meetings

Dec 4	General Council*	Meetings are open to all graduate at 5:30 pm in 50-220. Dinner is served.
Dec 10	Housing and Community Affairs	
Dec 11	Activities	
Jan 9	Academic Projects and Policy	* All department representatives are required to attend.



Grocery Shuttle

Due to low ridership, the Tuesday shuttle has suspended operations until February.

The Saturday shuttle continues all four runs, starting at 8am, 9am, 10am, and 11am.



Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker
Dec. 8 at Wang Center



Smuggler's Notch Ski Trip
Dec. 13 to Dec. 15

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The Tech received a copy of the following letter addressed to the Lecture Series Committee Chairman-elect Christopher C. Marchant '98 and LSC Publicity Director Joseph T. Foley '98:

LSC Pornography Committee: Your comment that "pornography might do well" ["LSC Pornography Committee Considers Showing Erotic Films," Nov. 26] seems to imply that a decrease in the coffers of the LSC is a good enough argument to begin showing pornographic films again after your voluntary ban during the last few years. I am very surprised that you would think it was okay to begin showing pornographic movies again.

I think that LSC's willingness to consider showing pornographic films shows that LSC has no respect for the wishes of the MIT community — in particular for the women's groups who protested the pornography in the first place and the MIT policy on showing pornographic films. The thought of showing such films again demonstrates no memory of

why the ban was created — to decry the demeaning of women and violence toward women that takes place in many pornographic films. I think you should come up with some other methods of increasing your funds.

We are supposed to be working as a community to make MIT a place where people (that means women and men) feel respected, appreciated, and valued. I do not think that showing pornographic movies on campus is any way to achieve that goal.

Therese Z. Henderson

MIT's Neighbors Might Foot Monorail Bill

This monorail suggested by A. Arif Husain '97 ["Monorail Will Expand Creative Potential," Nov. 26] is not as crazy as it may initially sound. Of course, few people will want to pay for it if it only serves college students. One way to actually get it built is to find allies who want it for their own reasons.

Suppose the route served the Sloan School and MIT, the Hyatt, University Park, Draper Labs; and connected all of them with the

Marriott and the red line of the T at Kendall Square. It could even be extended to the Cambridge Galleria Mall in place of that crowded shuttle bus that currently runs customers to and from the mall.

This adds up to a large enough customer base to make the monorail worth building in an area with limited access to the subway.

Disney has been operating a monorail for many years, and they visit MIT periodically for recruiting. They might be interested in helping us plan and build the system.

Michael C. Murphy '97

More Constructive Ideas Needed on Student Input

After reading through almost an entire semester of *Tech* editorials, I must say that I am confused. I have waded through attack after attack against MIT, its programs, and many of its employees and students. These attacks have charged various programs and people with incompetence, institutional greed, cronyism, placing one's ego over the good of the community, active contempt of students, and so on. Yet, at the end of all of this, I am left to wonder what should have been obvious: What does *The Tech's* editorial board want?

What *The Tech* does not like is clear. However, descriptions of what *The Tech* does want are very rare. Occasionally, I see calls for the following: more (or less) student involvement, involvement of student leaders, a truly representative process, and more attention on MIT's part toward student life. But these are very vague terms. I do not know what *The Tech* considers to be appropriate ways of involving students, nor do I know what its definition of a representative process is. I do not even know who is being defined as a student leader.

The Tech's most recent editorial, ["Vague Goals Limit Student Involvement," Nov. 26] was an improvement in that it called for "designing forums with higher stakes and explicit goals." However, I am not quite sure what that means either. Student services re-engineering teams certainly have high stakes and explicit goals, but this editorial explicitly criticizes them.

I believe that *The Tech's* editors really care about MIT student life and are not just firing salvos out of some sort of twisted idea of fun. Therefore, I respectfully ask that the editorial board start writing real proposals on what it actually wants. Could we have some pieces rather than single sentences describing how students should be involved with Institute decisions?

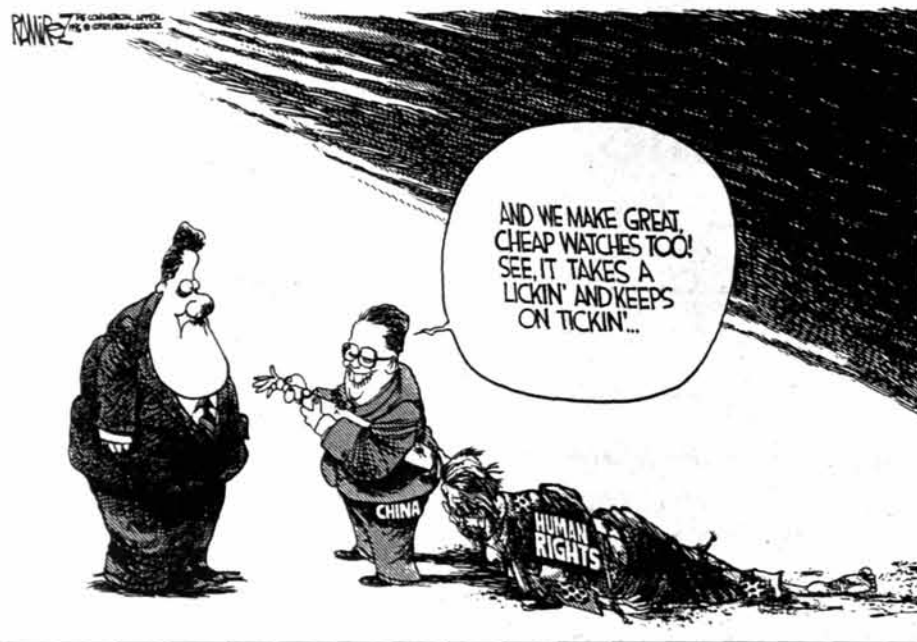
Better yet, *The Tech* could talk about how entire decision-making processes should be designed. And I think we would all benefit from seeing some substantial proposals on ways to improve student life. Cost problems, time problems, student activities funding, classroom renovations, advising, and many other issues could all use a thorough, well-thought out review by *The Tech*.

The MIT community always has a great need for well-thought out ideas on how to improve things here. The fact that MIT currently is trying to rethink its entire educational mission and the programs that will support that mission make this need especially acute. *The Tech's* opinion pages could be one of the most important and influential sources for good ideas on how to improve MIT — if *The Tech's* writers take the opportunity to make them so. I hope they take it.

John S. Hollywood G
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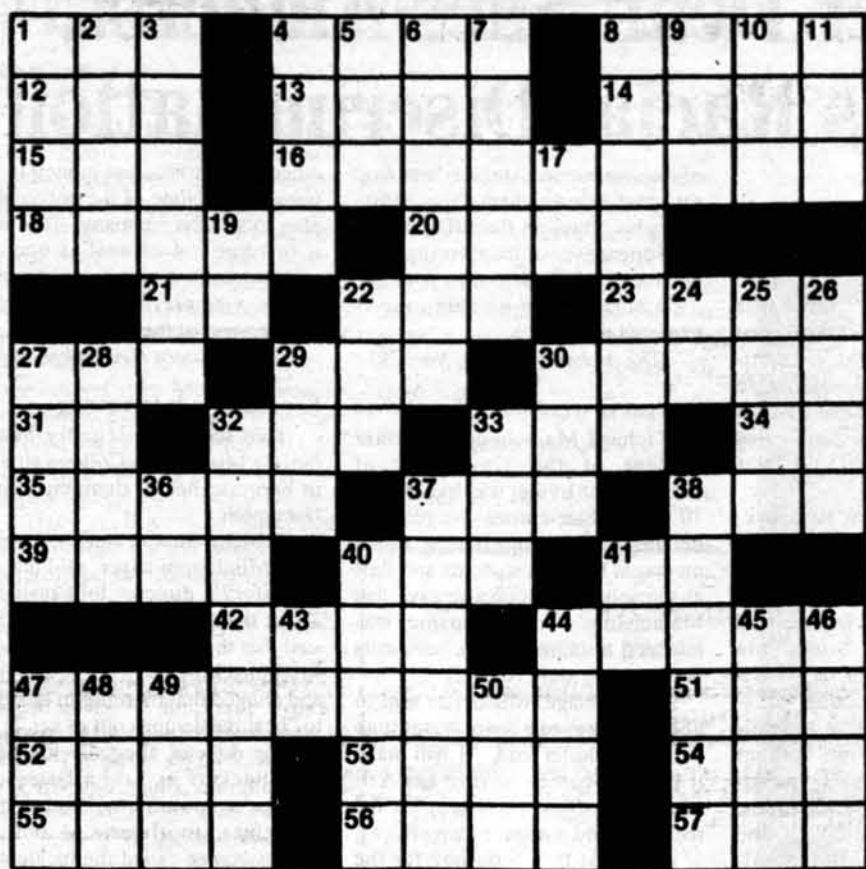


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- 13. Outer garment for women (India)
- 14. Leeward side
- 15. School of whales
- 16. Wanderers
- 18. Smell
- 20. Design with intricate figures
- 21. Never
- 22. Moist
- 23. Clinched hand
- 27. Though (Inf.)
- 29. Auricle
- 30. Windy
- 31. Exclamation
- 32. Pig pen
- 33. Slippery fish
- 34. Press service (abbr.)
- 35. Field of conflict
- 37. Tree
- 38. Time
- 39. Was (p.t.)
- 40. Black fluid
- 41. Ante meridiem (abbr.)
- 42. Direction
- 44. Drama set to music
- 47. Frightening
- 51. Neither
- 52. Unencumbered
- 53. Great lake
- 54. Condition of being (suf.)
- 55. Undesirable plant

- 56. Distance (pref.)
- 57. Female saint (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1. Aquatic plant
- 2. To the back
- 3. Japanese robe
- 4. Thin man dog
- 5. Equal
- 6. End of pencil
- 7. Bolt
- 8. Fateful
- 9. Capability of (suf.)
- 10. Ever (Poetic)
- 11. Point in law
- 17. Print measurement
- 19. Midwest state (abbr.)
- 22. Method; direction
- 24. Island (abbr.)
- 25. Adult male deer
- 26. Sort
- 27. Unfreeze
- 28. Rabbit

- 29. Greek 7th letter
- 30. Opal
- 32. Smirked
- 33. Large N. Amer. deer
- 36. Person who lives in (suf.)
- 37. All
- 38. Corrects
- 40. Very small island
- 41. News agency (abbr.)
- 43. Near
- 44. S-shaped, double curve
- 45. Base
- 46. _____ Johnson
- 47. Stitch
- 48. Prong of a fork (Scot.)
- 49. Indicates an enzyme (suf.)
- 50. None

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Former Dean Sues Amherst, Alleges Racial Discrimination

By Dan McGuire
NEWS EDITOR

Amherst College and its former Associate Dean of Admission Michael Whittingham continued their court battle over charges that he was discriminated against on the basis of race when he was rejected for promotion and later fired.

Whittingham, who is black, wants a summary judgement on his charges that Amherst discriminated against him by not picking him for the post of senior associate dean of admission and then pressured him out of his position after he filed a grievance over the promotion.

Whittingham said that the college took "adverse employment actions" after the grievance, including false performance evaluations, enhanced scrutiny of his work, and a failure to comply with the college's dispute resolution mechanisms.

Documents filed by Amherst said that Whittingham's termination, which took effect on Dec. 1, 1994, "was the only option open to the College" and denies his charges

of discrimination. Amherst's motion said that Whittingham "was someone who others in the office found uncooperative, untrustworthy, and continually difficult to deal with."

A final ruling on this case is expected this month.

[The Amherst Student, Nov. 20]

Student charged in Net hate crime

Richard Malachado, a former student of the University of California at Irvine, was indicted on 10 federal hate-crimes charges after he allegedly sent threatening e-mail messages to Asian students and staff at the school. The charge says that Malachado, who is Hispanic, was intended to intimidate the recipients because they were Asian.

The message, which was sent to about 60 people from a campus computer cluster said, "I will make it my life career to find and kill every one of you personally" if the recipients did not leave campus.

Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California Michael Gennaco said that the case marked the first time the government had tried to pursue a hate crime committed using the Internet.

[The Chronicle of Higher Education, Nov. 22]

Northeastern to recover money

Northeastern University officials are negotiating to recover \$150,000 that they paid to U.S.A. Group TRG to design a computer database after the company decided that the task could not be completed.

"It became apparent that they would not be able to complete the product as envisioned within any reasonable time frame," said Bob Murray, manager of media relations for the U.S.A. Group.

Northeastern, along with 16

other universities, lost money in the transaction. None of the universities plan to sue the company. "The idea is to come out as well as one can and not have a suit," said George Harris, vice president for information services at the school.

[Northeastern News, Nov. 20]

Exorcism leads to beating

Two women allegedly beat a female Mississippi College student to exorcise her of demonic spirits last month.

Rebecca Burk, a student reporter for a Mississippi paper, said that the dormitory's director told residents about the attack at a meeting. She said that the director said that Sandy Mergenschroer had been attacked and choked that morning in an effort to "beat the demons out of her."

The director allegedly identified the attackers as Lesha Bates, the victim's roommate, and Holly Douglass, an alumna. A college spokeswoman called the incident an "altercation" among the women.

"They have not shared with us exactly why this occurred," the spokesman said. Two of the women involved were ordered to move out of the dormitory, officials said. Howell Todd, the president, denied Burk's story, which involved accusations of anti-Semitism against Mergenschroer's attackers, and said the attack had not been motivated by religious differences. Mergenschroer is Jewish.

The local police chief said that no assault charges were filed but that Douglass was charged with trespassing. Mergenschroer suffered only a bruised cheek and did not require medical attention, college officials said.

[Chronicle of Higher Education, Dec. 6]

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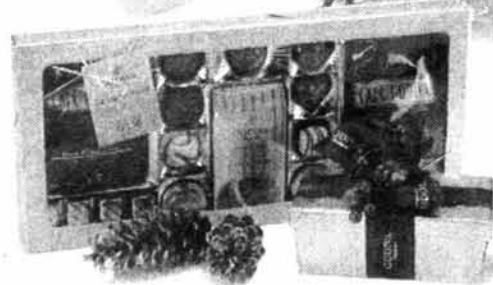


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Medlinks Mark World AIDS Day with Lobby 7 Booth

By May K. Tse

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Medlinks and the Medical Department hosted a booth in Lobby 7 yesterday to commemorate World AIDS Day.

World AIDS Day, an annual event begun by the World Health Organization and commemorated by the Medical Department for the past four years, was actually Sunday, but since that was over the weekend, "we moved it to Monday because we wanted people to see it as they walked to class," said Jenna M. Goldberg '99, a Medlink who helped coordinate of the event.

Tracy A. Desovich, health educator for students and program coordinator for the Medlinks, emphasized the importance of holding such an event at MIT while students are still in college.

Today, the leading cause of death of both men and women between the ages of 25 and 44 is AIDS, Desovich said. "Since there is a 10-year incubation period, that means they're contracting it when they're 15 to 34, probably as a result of practicing risky behavior, either by unsafe sex or by sharing needles," she said.

"We'd like to increase awareness in the MIT population, especially since MIT people can be very indifferent at times," Goldberg said.

Booth commemorates victims

The Medlinks' booth contained a variety of items, including the standard informational pamphlets and brochures, red ribbons, buttons, and safer sex supplies. "We've been grabbing people as they walk by and talking to them, so we've been getting a pretty good response today," Goldberg said.

The booth also featured two quilts. One was a quilt made by

members of the MIT community to "commemorate people in the arts who have died of AIDS, like Liberace," Desovich said.

The second quilt was stitched with the names of people in the MIT community who have died of AIDS. Though the quilt had only nine names stitched in, "it hasn't been updated since 1993, so there are probably more. People can call and give us names to update it," Desovich said.

An informational video called "People Like Us" played in the background as students walked by. "I was at the University of

"We'd like to increase awareness in the MIT population, especially since MIT people can be very indifferent at times."

—Vanessa M. Ferreira

Connecticut when that video was made in 1992," Desovich said. "Now, four out of the six college students who tell their stories in it are dead, and I'm not sure about the other two."

People passing by the exhibit were invited to tie a small red ribbon onto wires on the exhibit if they knew of anyone who was infected with HIV or who had died of AIDS. When the booth closed yesterday at about 3 p.m., almost 50 ribbons had been tied on.

"I'm helping out with this booth because I thought this was the least I could do for the AIDS cause, and

the World AIDS Day is an excellent opportunity to raise people's awareness and to remind them of this deadly disease," said Medlink Vanessa M. Ferreira '98.

Although it was only a one-day

event, the Medlinks hoped that the event increased awareness of other diseases. "People right now are just concentrating on AIDS, but people should also remember there are other STDs; we're also cautioning

people not to forget about that," Goldberg said.

For more information, including AIDS testing sites and general counseling, people may call the Medical Department at x3-1316.



HELEN LIN—THE TECH

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Shutdown, from Page 1

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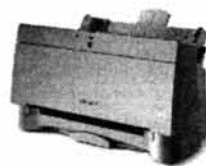
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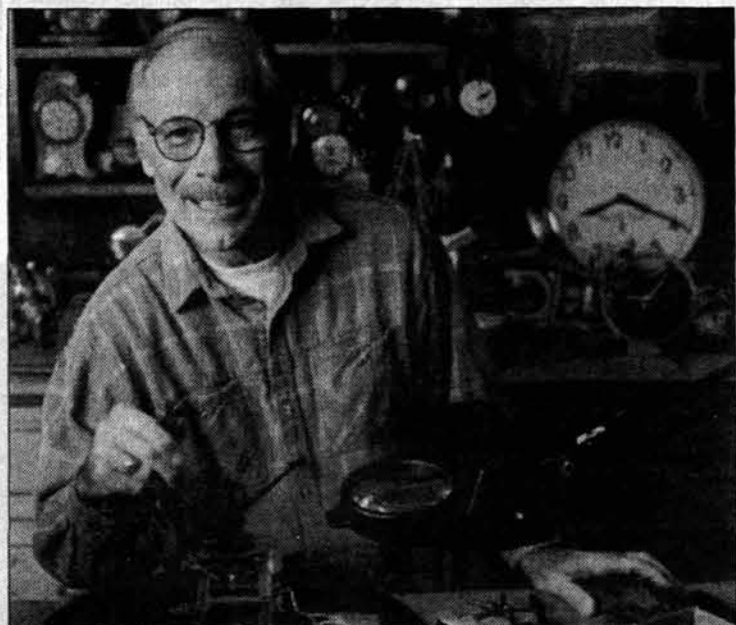
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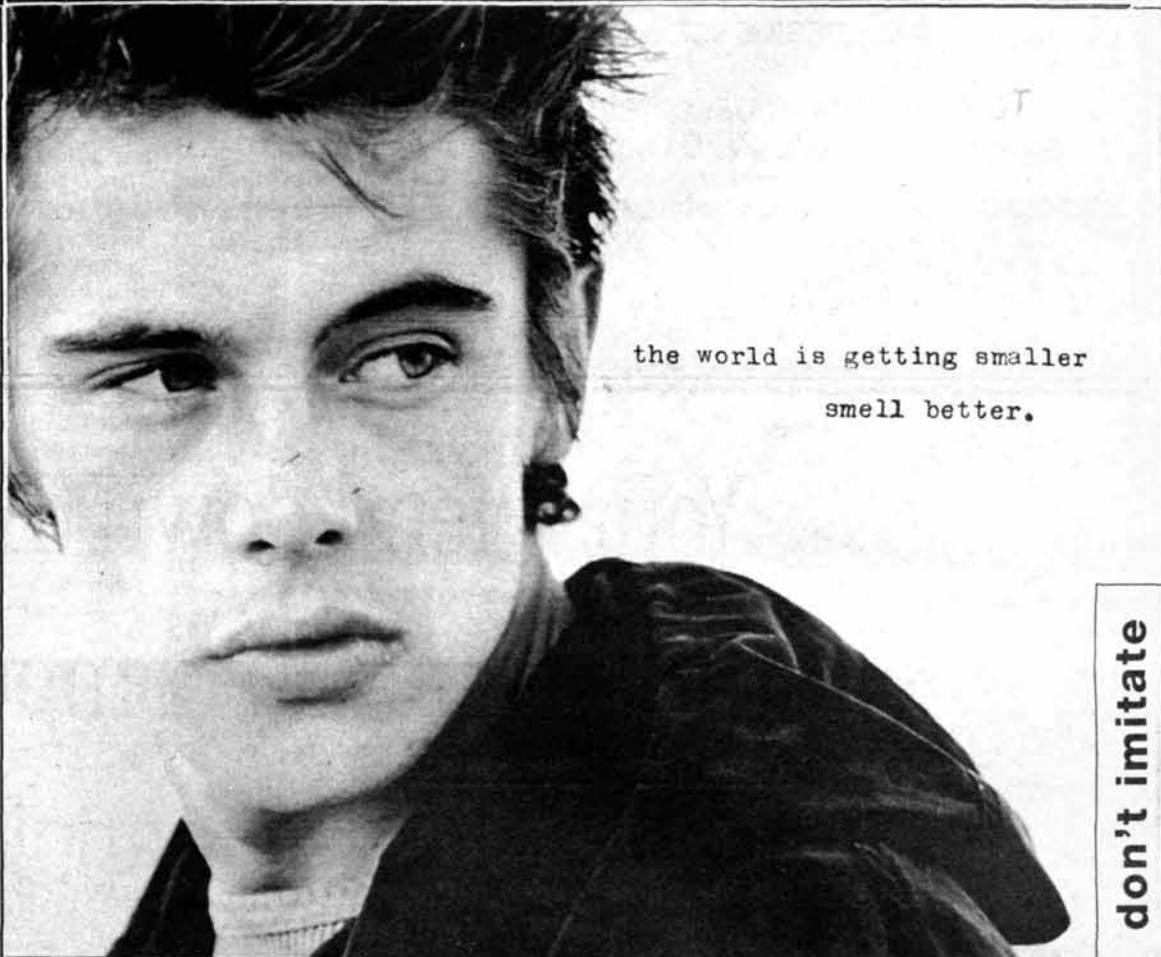
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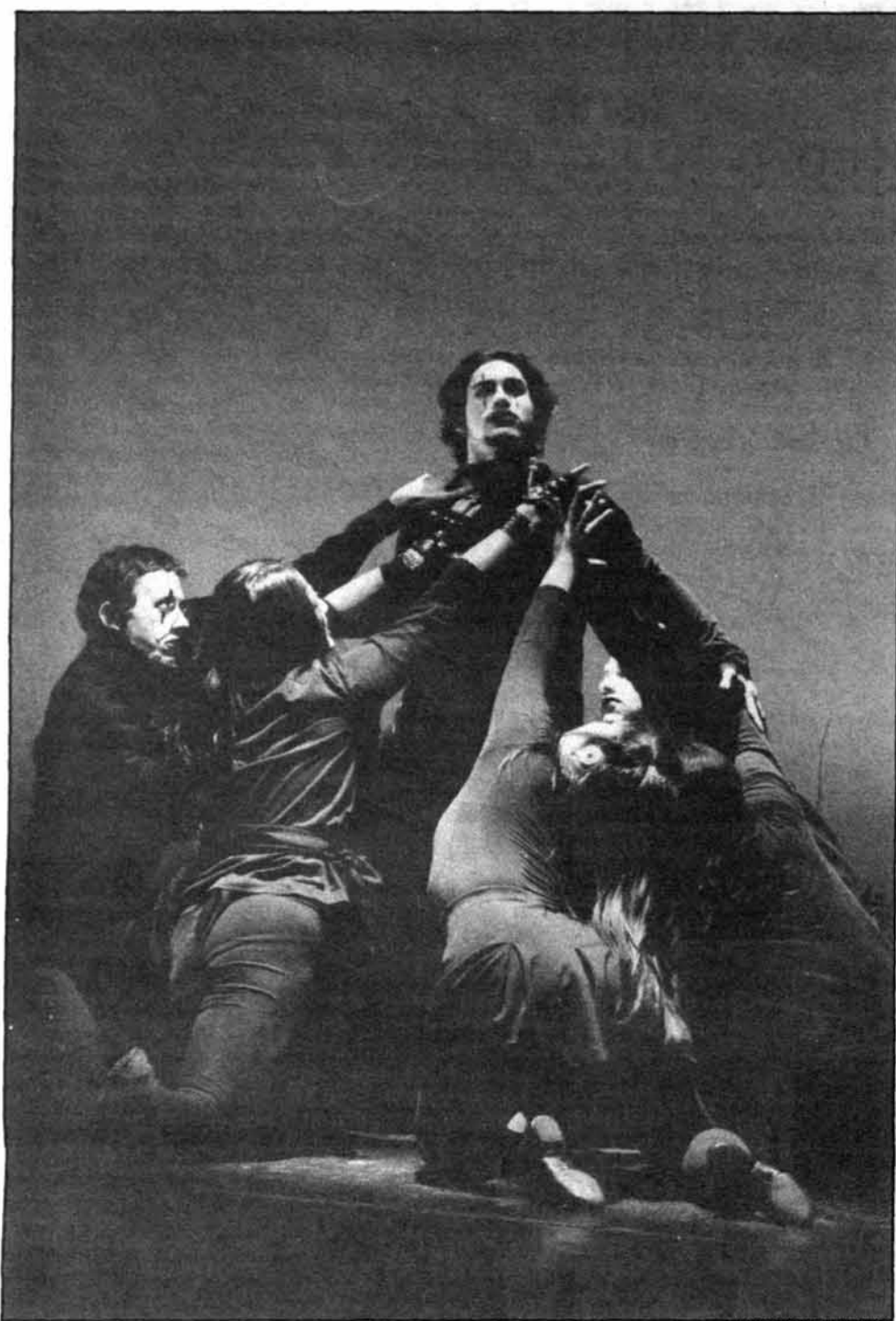
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THE ARTS

DANCE REVIEW

MIT's stylish Dance Troupe still growing



Jullallan Weber '00 took center stage during Dance Troupe's performance of "The Crow" as part of the group's fall show *Movement With Exclamation*.

MOVEMENT WITH EXCLAMATION

Dance Troupe.
Nov. 22, 23, and 24.
Little Kresge Auditorium.

By Kimberly A. Knowles
STAFF REPORTER

Dance Troupe has impressed MIT in the last year with its impressive talent as well as its huge growth. It is easily the largest performing arts group on campus, attracting sellout crowds at each performance. This season's show was no exception.

The quality continues to grow, partly a result from the new theater arts course that combines lighting design with the staging of dances. Each dance was paired with a student in the course, and together the choreographer and lighting student created a vision for each dance. The result was a show that boasted impressive lighting in addition to the usual talent that has become a trademark of Dance Troupe. In particular, strobe lighting and black light were used to enhance the visual drama.

Also notable were parental advisory notices in the program, warning of material potentially unsuitable for young children. The notices referred to explicit lyrics in the music as well as mildly graphic sexual poses, all of which show Dance Troupe's willingness to push the limits. As usual, the costumes were impressive — even more elaborate than in the past — as the troupe shows its growing support.

The opening dance was impressive: The music was the *Mission: Impossible* theme, the dancers wore trench coats, and the lighting was awesome. Choreographed by Stephanie Sharo '99, the dance was mysterious and fluid and included acrobatic stunts performed by Alex Sindt '99. The lighting design by Yuying Chen '97 included strobe effects, black light, a moon, and striking transitions of color.

One experimental dance called "Who Needs Music?" was offered by choreographer Christina Schofield and featured tap dancing with no background music, as the title suggests, but rather the dancers moving with independent beats and intertwining rhythms.

Van C. Van '97 had a lot to live up to following last year's "Mortal Kombat," but he showed himself to be a master choreog-

rapher once again as he presented "Smooth Criminal," a classic Michael Jackson 1980s song. The costuming was consistent with Michael Jackson's bad boy image, and the choreography included fast-paced action as well as the requisite crotch-grabbing.

This was followed by a fantastically surreal dance called "... and the frogs will DIE..." by Ljos Molnar '97 and Chen, which featured happy frogs that are attacked by vampires while flowers look on. The dance presents the image of springtime infused with evil. The music — "Urma", from the Cirque du Soleil — provided suitable craziness, and lighting by Andrew Russell '97 supported the fantasy world imagery.

Makeup played a large role in the closing dance of Act I, "Inferno," which was a gothic style dance complete with white-faced inhabitants of hell, amplified by the use of black lighting. Collaborative efforts by Chen, Haixia Lin '99, and Van for choreography and Scott Uebelhart resulted in a truly disturbing spectacle, featuring a stellar performance by Fernando Padilla '99 as a tortured soul longing for escape from hell's inferno.

The second act opened with a typical funky rock, this time a high energy dance to Prince's "P-Control," which came with a parental advisory notice. The dance, choreographed by Janice Chen '97 with lighting by Padilla, was another sexy, high-attitude performance, again supported by colorful and striking lighting.

Originality and experimentation seemed to exemplify the whole show but especially the second act. From the tribal dance "Kodo," by Alex Sindt, to "Goldberg Variations," which featured excerpts from a number of musical sources and choreographed by the dancers themselves, to "Suburbia: And Vacuous Smiling Faces Held Illimitable Dominion Over All," by Mary Krasovec G, which is exactly what the title says it is, the range of new and different dances was refreshing.

Another notable dance, titled "Away" and choreographed by Carol Cheung '98 with lighting designed by Richard Marcus, truly exemplified the joyousness and energy expressed in the music, Enya's "Book of Days." The cool green costumes combined with creative lighting presented the image of lightness, as if the dancers were twirling in the clouds. It was truly a masterful piece.

Dance Troupe consistently presents stellar performances, making MIT students into performing arts stars and bringing weekends of energy, style, and creative fun to campus. This weekend was no exception.

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The band is always touring, playing to sold-out crowds but is unfortunately done for this year. Luckily, they have given us this collection of live material amassed between 1992 and 1995 to tide us over, with guest artists like Chick Corea and Bruce Hornsby. The audience feels like another band member, prominently cheering along, indicating how much fun their shows must be.

Bela is on banjo, Vic Wooten is on bass, and Future Man is on synth-axe drumitar. Indeed, percussionist Future Man has created a guitar-shaped drum machine with pressure sensitive finger pads that give him full control over a traditional drum kit sound, which he can mix on the fly. It takes a lot of effort to get the sound of

Either/Orchestra: Across the Omniverse

Actually a local band on a local label, E/O has been around for a while, and *Across the Omniverse* is the 10th anniversary album of this 10-piece little big band. The band has five previous albums, and this latest one is an amalgamation of material they felt did not belong on any of the other releases but which is pretty impressive nonetheless.

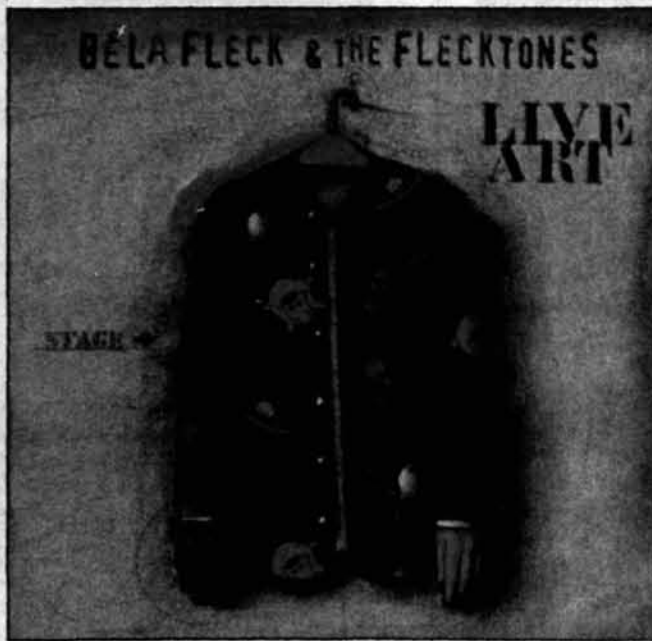
E/O is a semi-rotating orchestra which has had many subs and guests and has included John Medeski of MMW, Matt Wilson, and Rush Gershon, who founded Accurate Records in Cambridge in order to produce the avant-garde jazz nobody else wanted.

The band does many covers and a lot of originals, too. Medeski can be heard making a rare grand piano performance in "Born in a Suitcase," and the "Caravan" arrangement should be part of any Duke collection. There are 20 other tracks on two discs, and the liner notes include group pictures, descriptions of each song on this compilation, and a list of every venue they have ever played around the United States (and slightly beyond). Certainly a well done anniversary project.

A fun, unpretentious sound, and a great stage presence make E/O worth seeing, especially with the Jazz Mandolin Project, on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Somerville Theater (off the red line at Davis Square). Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$16 the day of show, available from Ticketmaster (931-2000) or the box office itself.



Bela Fleck & The Flecktones: Live Art



a drum machine, and it is another thing that adds to their live appeal.

Their synergy is incredible. Songs like "Stomping Grounds" show how well these guys listen to each other, build on each other, and work to produce a unique, fun-loving — if sometimes too-country and too-hokey — sound that is definitely dance-inspiring. For a pick-me-up, this album is one to put on and just feel good.

As for Phish, you can decide for yourself where they fit into pop culture. They will be at the Fleet Center for their annual holiday shows Dec. 30 and 31. If you are going to be around New Year's and have some bucks to invest, tickets go on sale at the box office and via Ticketmaster this Sunday at noon. Call 931-2000. The limit is two tickets per person per show through either vendor. Phone orders are Fed-Exed to you, so add a few dollars.

The Jazz Mandolin Project

The mandolin is not usually considered a jazz instrument. Around the world, it is traditionally used in folk music. So a name like "The Jazz Mandolin Project" says a lot about what Jamie Masefield is trying to do — to bring into the mainstream the instrument that looks like a toy and sounds like a castrated guitar. The project has been pretty successful so far.

The band's roots are in funk and jazz, but their improv ranges from hip-hop to tango. Their self-titled freshman album shows the musicianship of this trio that has been touring around the northeast gaining a following, helped by their friends from fellow Burlington, Vermont band Phish. Since the mandolin is a world instrument, Masefield tries to incorporate world music into each composition, and the result is music with diverse feels, ranging from the Latin American sounding "Mandoneon" to the Euro-folk "Nozani Na."

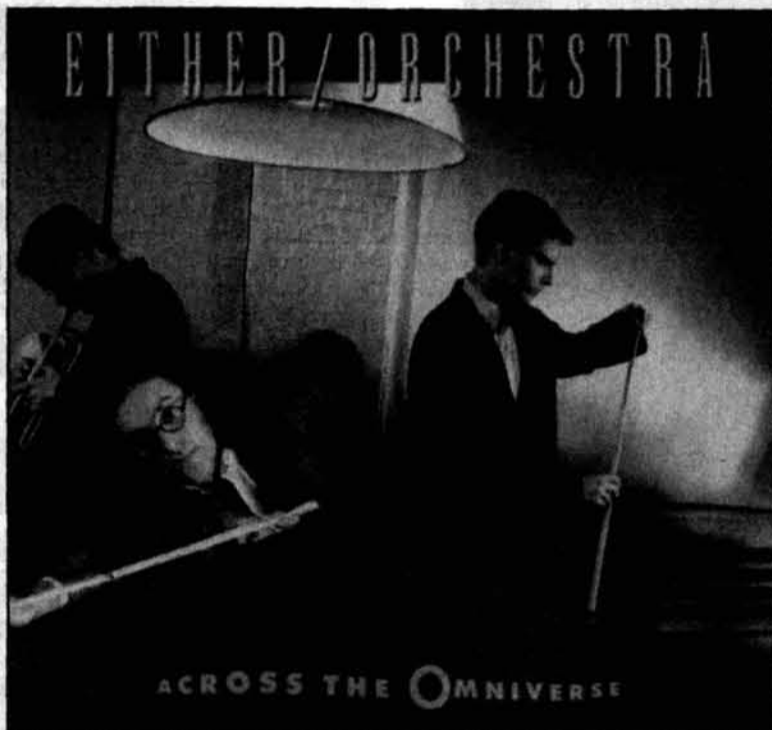
If you are a somewhat daring jazz fan looking for something a little different, the E/O and JMP show is definitely worth going to, provided you have time between now and the end of the semester.

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Phish Derivatives

By Joel M. Rosenberg
STAFF REPORTER

For some fans of The Grateful Dead, the Dead were never about the music. And to some extent, this notion has carried into the Phish era. But there are other bands, followed by the same crowd, for which it is all about the music. Medeski Martin and Wood is one; here are a few more. Check <http://www.ubl.com> for more info on any of them.



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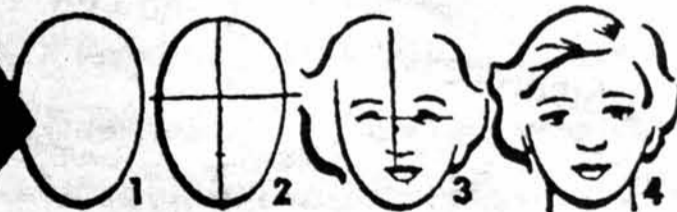


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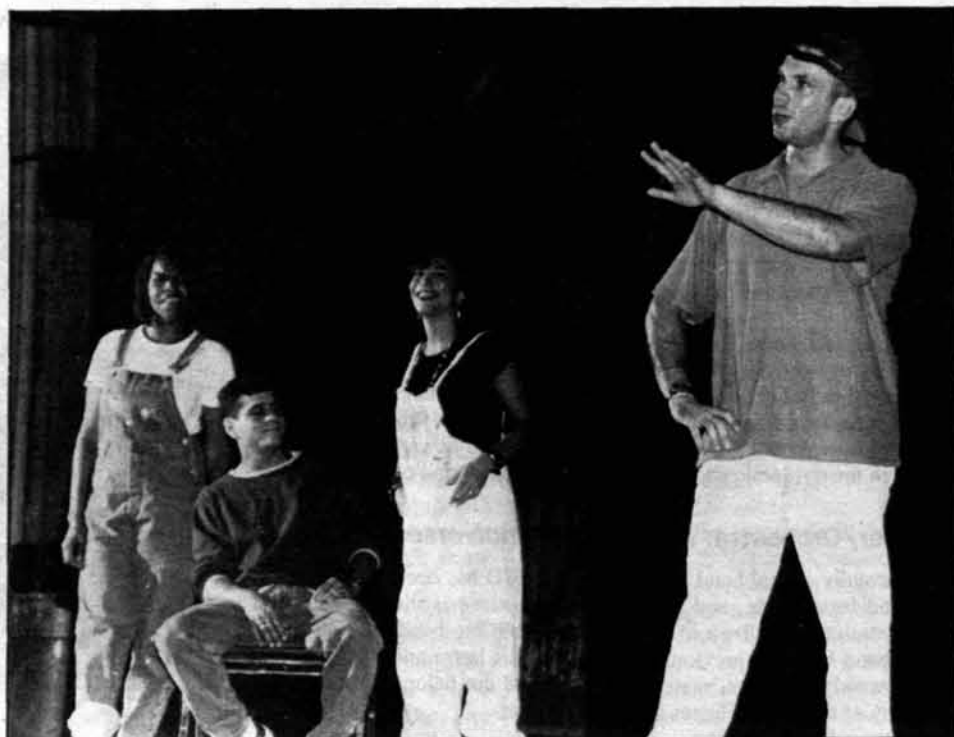
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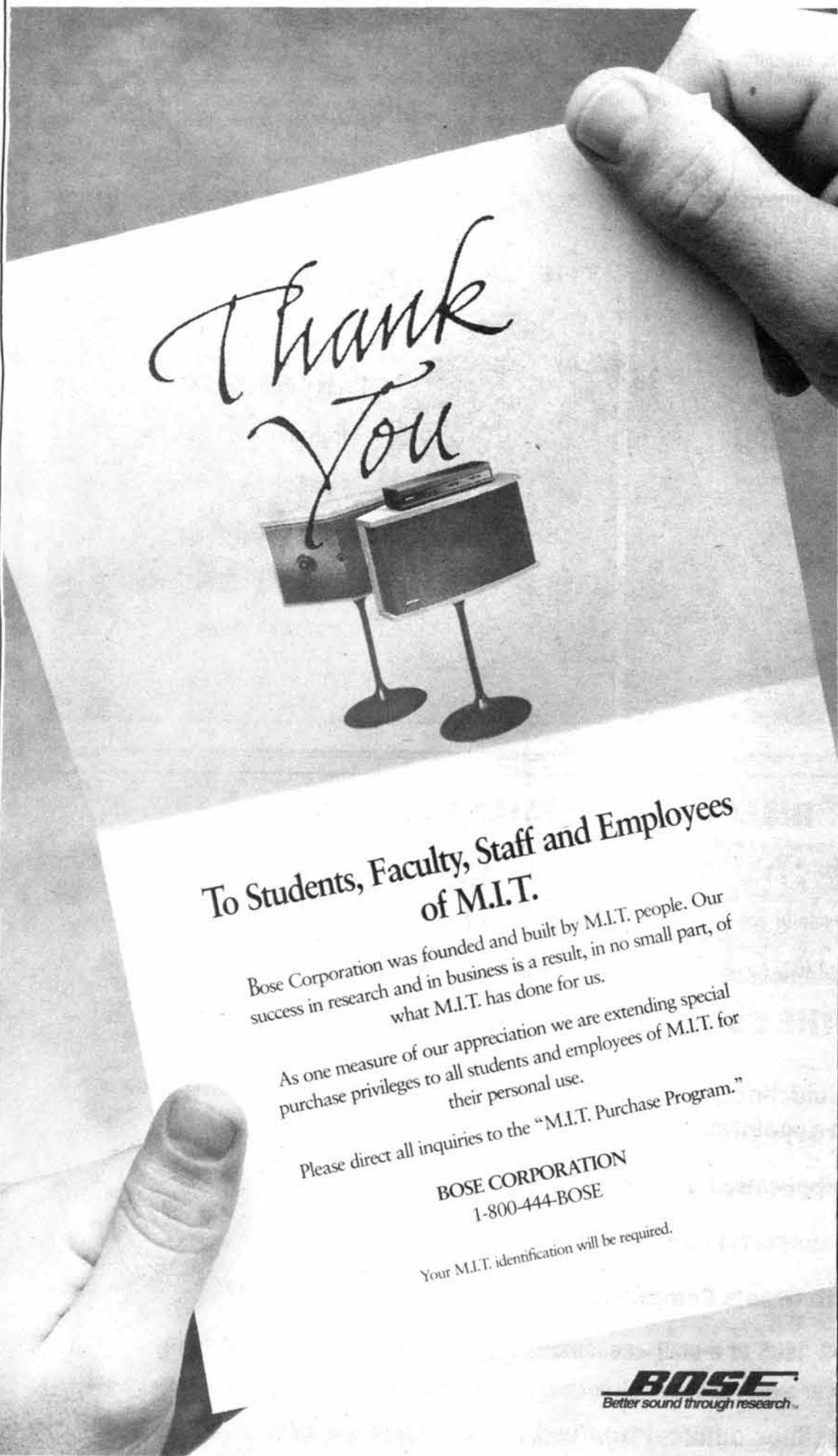


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Students Suffer Effects of Flu Virus

Flu, from Page 1

students were ill over Thanksgiving, putting a damper on the holiday.

Among them was Floyd J. Jered '98. The flu "prevented me getting any work done," Jered said. He said that he did not get any extensions, however.

"I was first tired, and then I got a headache," said Torkel D. Engeness G. "It affected my work, because I had to be away from work for three days... Thanksgiving wasn't as nice as it could have been," he said.

"I also managed to pass it on to my roommates," he added.

Joseph B. Ferreira '98, who was ill with the flu for several days, "only missed two lectures." Despite the less extended illness, he said that it was difficult to get back up to speed because it is hard to get in touch with professors regarding missed material.

Vaccine provides protection

The only way to prevent the flu is through a vaccine, Goldstein said.

The vaccine is not normally given to college-aged patients unless they are affected by some other medical problem like diabetes or a kidney disorder, but it will be administered upon request and is covered by MIT medical insurance. The vaccine is 50 to 80 percent effective, Goldstein said.

For a person stricken by the flu, literature distributed by the Health Education Service recommends drinking large quantities of fluids (eight ounces every several hours), using a humidifier, gargling with salt water, and taking acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or aspirin to reduce muscle aches and fever. Rest is also recommended, but some activity can help prevent lung infections.

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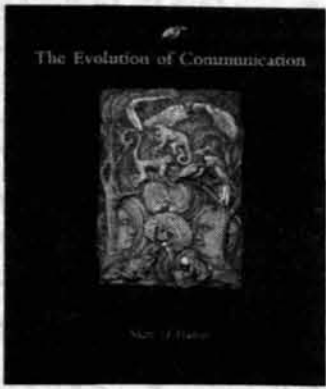
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New Services Center Moves Conveniences Into One Location

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DeBaun said. "After listening to students and looking at other colleges, we decided to implement the center."

"The center was formed to serve students," said Erin E. McCoy, a senior office assistant in the Bursar's Office, who works at the center. Since the office performs functions of the Bursar's Office, Registrar's Office, and Student Financial Aid Office, "students can now come to us instead of going to all three offices."

The Student Services Center serves as the "front end of the three home offices," DeBaun said. "When students want to obtain information or conduct transactions, they can come here first if they want to."

"We don't have any magic to get rid of the lines of students," DeBaun said. "But we can make sure that the students can either conduct the transactions quickly or be referred to the appropriate places."

Students seem to like the new centralized location. "I came in to request a copy of my academic transcript," said Dave A. Tahmouh G. "It is nice not to have to walk the longer distance."

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"I wanted to send a transcript and I came in here figuring that it is still" the Satellite Registrar's Office, said Michael W. Tucker '98. "This place is now more open and better organized."

Staff members cross-trained

The center is staffed full-time by three people, one representing each of the three offices, McCoy said. "There are nine people on rotation. We each still have a position at our home offices."

However, all the staff members are trained to be able to answer questions relating to all three areas, DeBaun said.

"It is hard to say what the impact is" at each home office, which is now one person short, Velez said.

"We tried to avoid the problem by cross-training, so someone else can do my job," McCoy said. "We still have to wait and see if any problems develop."

"When students want to obtain information or conduct transactions, they can come here."

-Hillary H. DeBaun

"The assumption is that if we take a person away from each of the three offices, we should take with it some of the students requesting services from them," DeBaun said.

The center will be providing services in parallel with the home offices for a couple of months, DeBaun said. "After the pilot phase, which will take about nine months, these and other quick and high-volume transactions will only be done in the center."

"We want the students to feel comfortable coming in to the center first before we move into the full-service center," DeBaun said. "During and after the summer, the home offices will only do more specialized task-like evaluation and analysis of a student's financial aid status."

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The new pool will have 17 lanes, each 25 yards long, and two moveable bulkheads that will allow the pool's length and width to be changed to suit various needs. The facility will also provide seating for 450 spectators.

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MIT searches for additional funds

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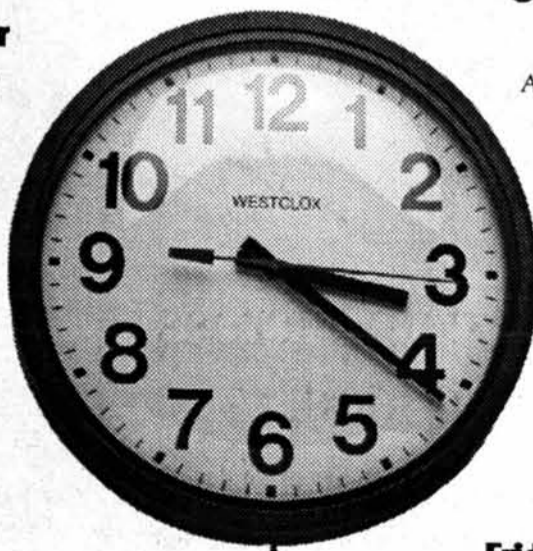
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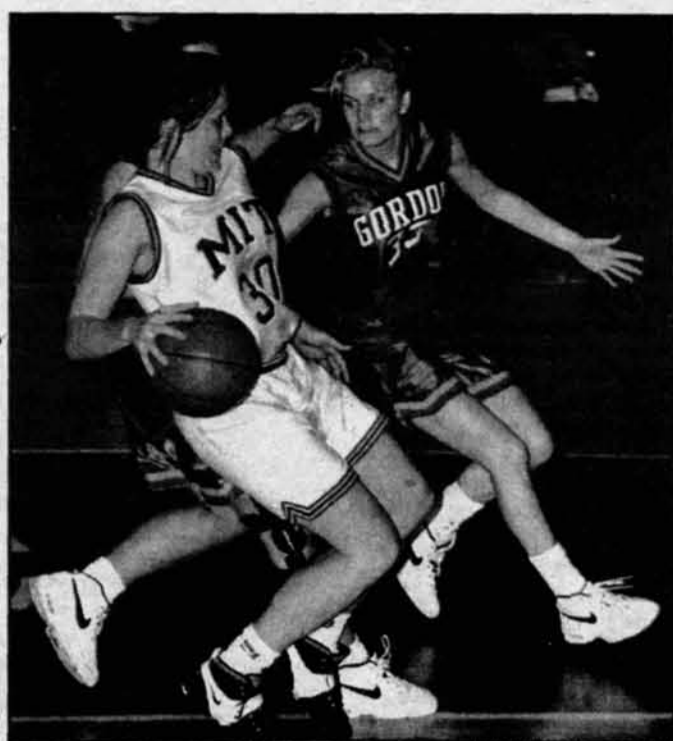
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Forward Heather A. Lukacs '00 charges past a Gordon College player to score in last Tuesday's women's basketball game. MIT lost 56-55 when Gordon scored a point from a free throw after a controversial call against MIT with three seconds remaining in the game.

Women's Basketball Wins MIT Tourney

By Roger Crosley
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The women's basketball team began its season with the traditional MIT Engineer Tip Off Classic Tournament last weekend, and the Engineers once again emerged with the tournament title following a 67-55 defeat of Wentworth Institute of Technology in the title game.

Heather Lukacs '00, was named the tournament most valuable player. Lukacs scored 39 points and added a dozen rebounds and a dozen assists in the two games. Sarah Davis '97 was also named to the all tournament team. Davis scored 27 points and handed out 15 assists.

Football players on ECFC teams

The Eastern Collegiate Football Conference has named its 1996 All-Conference team, and MIT has placed eight people on the squad.

Defensive back Duane Stevens '98 is a first team selection. Named to the second team were defensive tackle Brad Gray '98, offensive guard Joel Donnelly '97, running

back Troy Gayeski '98, and wide receiver Trent Redman '97.

Three defensive players were honorable mention selections: Mike Butville '98, defensive tackle Chris Yanney '97, and defensive end Nick Kozy '00.

Five MIT football players have been named to the GTE College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District team. Gray, Butville, Stevens, Gayeski, and defensive end Kevin Trexler '98 will all now appear on the national Academic All-America ballot.

Villaquiran, Merrilees honored

Andres Villaquiran '97 was selected to play in the recent New England Intercollegiate Soccer League Senior All-Star Game. Villaquiran was elected captain of the team on which he played. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

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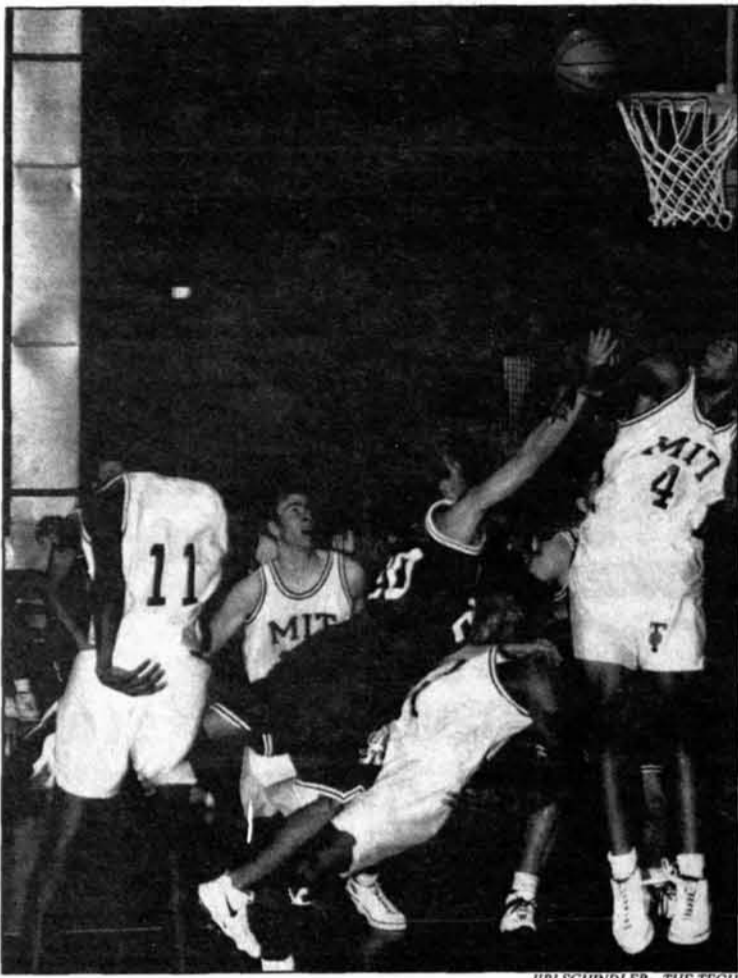
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SPORTS

Men's Basketball Falls 78-62 To Babson in Tough Home Loss



By Martin Duke
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The men's basketball team began its conference schedule with a tough 78-62 home loss to the Babson Beavers last Tuesday night. The loss drops the Engineers to 0-3 overall.

The game was closer than the score indicated, with a Babson run in garbage time accounting for the margin in the final scores. The game was a sloppy, defensive struggle in which both teams — and Babson especially — shot quite poorly from the floor. Babson point guard Michael Kingsley, for instance, made only two of his more than a dozen attempts from the floor.

Fouls plague Engineers

The main story of the game was MIT's foul trouble. Forward Melvin Pullen '98 committed four fouls in the first half and consequently sat out for most of the second, but he still managed a team-leading 14 points.

In total, three Engineers fouled out: John Fluker '97, Godfrey Inmiss '98, and John Schaeffer '00, who accounted for 19 of MIT's 62

points.

Two other Engineers in addition to Pullen finished the game with four fouls, and it was in this context of serious foul trouble for the Engineers that Babson stopped MIT's last drive and managed to extend its lead to an eventual 16 points.

Coupled with the tremendous number of fouls was Babson's efficient free throw shooting. They unofficially converted 31 of 42 tries.

Most of Babson's good tries were in the first half when the team started to build its lead. By comparison, the Engineers had only 14 attempts of which nine were good.

MIT jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, as both teams had a lot of trouble shooting the ball early. Babson erased that lead and came up with a 10-point advantage of their own primarily by shooting the ball well from the free throw line.

The Engineers brought the game to within two in the closing minutes of the second half before a few costly turnovers and a cascade of fouling out turned the tide in favor of Babson for good.

Behind Pullen, the other big scorers for the Engineers were Kareem Benjamin '97, who had 11 points, and Trent Redman '97, who had nine points.

JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH
The MIT defense attempts to block the shot of a Babson College guard in last Tuesday's men's basketball game in Rockwell Cage. MIT lost 78-62.

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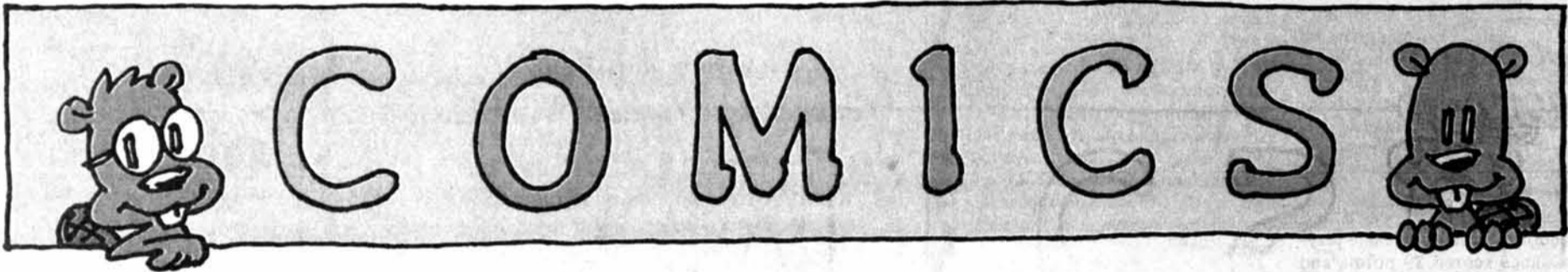
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