

UAC Cuts *Voodoo's* Funding, Approves Logan Finals Shuttle

By Dan McGuire
NEWS EDITOR

The Undergraduate Association Council held its last meeting of the term Wednesday evening, approving an amended version of the Finance Board recommendations for spring term funding for student activities and an airport shuttle during finals week.

After some debate, the council voted to approve an amended version of the Finance Board recommendations. UA Vice President Detric A. Carter '98 made a motion to give *Voodoo* \$1,600 for the spring term rather than the \$2,400 allotted by Finboard. The motion passed 12-6.

The motion came as council members debated whether *Voodoo* would make good use of the money allocated to it.

"*Voodoo* has not come out all this term," said Edward A. Gordon '99, a member of Finboard. "Over half of the people on campus, freshmen and sophomores, have never seen more than two or three issues of *Voodoo*... *Voodoo* can do better," he said.

"I think that the money that we're giving them is keeping [*Voodoo*] from dying when it should die. It's a lot of money that could be going to other groups," said council member Natalie Tal '99.

Carter said that the amount of money given to *Voodoo* could be increased after discussions between the UA and *Voodoo* staff. In the meantime, the UA Executive Committee could issue emergency funds if the need arose, Carter said.

Campus publications discussed

The debate over the future of *Voodoo's* funding evolved into a discussion of how much money student publications need from the UA.

Voodoo, along with *Counterpoint* and *The Thistle*, are at least partially dependent on UA funds, while *The Tech* is self-sufficient. "These are larger-scale policy issues that we should deal with in council," Carter said.

"*Voodoo* used to be funded a lot — almost \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year. The UA decided to match them dollar for dollar for ads. The idea was to generally make them self-sufficient," said UA Treasurer Russell S. Light '98.

Some students said that advertising revenue was difficult to get because of competition between campus publications.

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Building 16 Changes To Begin in January

By Erik S. Balsley
SPORTS EDITOR

Renovations to Building 16 and Building 56 will continue, with Building 16 closing in early January to accommodate the construction of a major indoor route to Building 26.

Building 56, which has been under construction since the fall of 1995, will reopen when Building 16 closes.

"We have to shut down access to 26-100 through Building 16 for the month of January for asbestos removal," said Nancy Joyce, project manager for Beacon Construction Company, the outside contractor in charge of the project.

After the removal is complete, a temporary tunnel will be created through the first floor of Building 16 to provide access to 26-100, Joyce said.

However, the tunnel will not provide as "free or open access as what is there now," Joyce said.

The passageway will remain

open throughout the spring term. However during the summer, the connection will not be accessible because of construction work on the first floor lobby.

During the construction, "it's going to be awkward to get to Building 26," Joyce said.

To lessen confusion while the work is taking place, plans will be posted showing alternate routes through the area, she said.

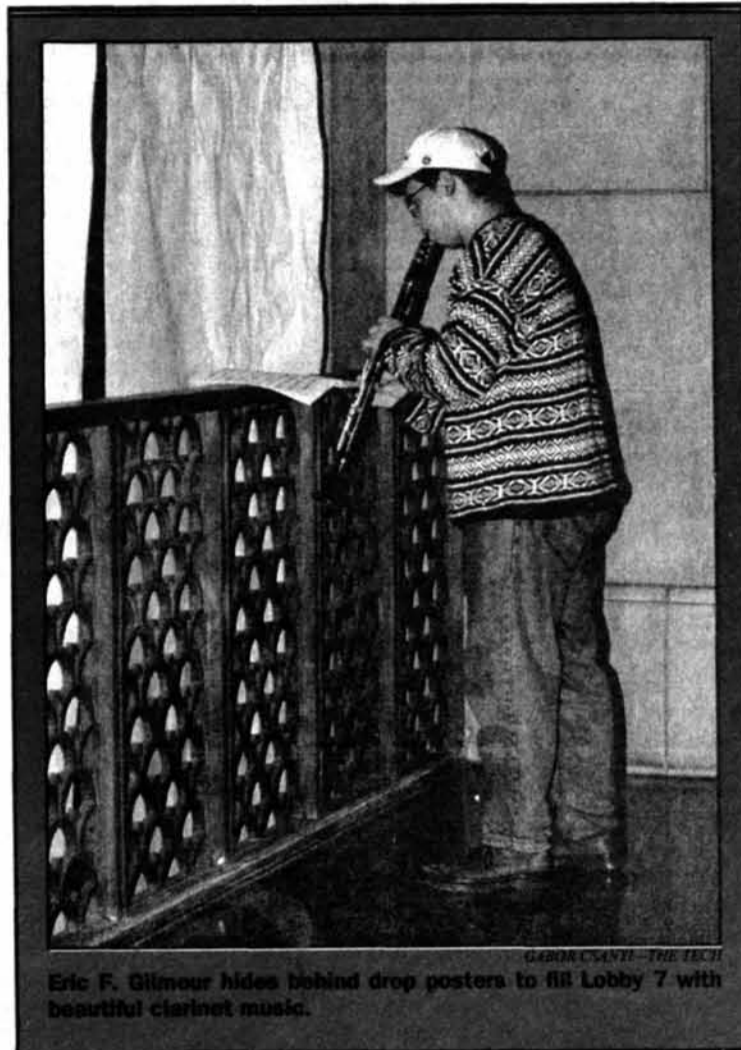
Athena cluster will move

Closing off Building 16 will eliminate an Athena cluster in the basement there. The cluster is moving to 56-129, Joyce said.

The construction will close access to classrooms, as well, so alternate ones in Building 56 will be made available, Joyce said.

The renovation of Building 16 will include the addition of many new amenities. The changes will

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Eric F. Gilmour hides behind drop posters to fill Lobby 7 with beautiful clarinet music.

Deutch, Leaving CIA, Fails to Win Secretary of Defense Nomination

By Brett Altschul
STAFF REPORTER

Institute Professor John M. Deutch '61, who is currently the director of the CIA, was passed over in the nominations announced by the White House yesterday.

President Clinton nominated Senator William Cohen (R-Me.), who is retiring from the Senate, to be secretary of defense, the position for which Deutch was being considered.

Clinton also announced that Deutch will not continue as the CIA Director and nominated Anthony Lake, the current director of National Security Council, to fill the post.

However, Deutch, who served as provost at MIT from 1985 to 1990, may also be under consideration to head the Department of Energy, according to published reports, and there is some speculation he is headed to the private sector.

The current defense secretary, William Perry, announced on

Wednesday that he would leave the Pentagon early next year, once the Senate approves a successor.

Over the past weeks, Deutch was often suggested as a strong candidate to be the next secretary of defense. Deutch was the deputy secretary of defense until he became CIA director in 1995.

CIA stint was problematic

During Deutch's time at the CIA, the agency has faced many difficulties. The most severe of

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Beating Outside Saloon Prompts Order for Guard

By Douglas E. Heimburger
STAFF REPORTER

The Cambridge License Commission has voted to require the Cambridgeport Saloon to hire a security guard on weekend evenings to patrol the sidewalk outside the bar.

The saloon, which is located next to Random Hall on Massachusetts Avenue, prompted concern after the October beating of Jonathan R. Blandford '98 by several men who had just left the bar.

The men beat him before fleeing. Blandford suffered an ear infection and bruises to the back and face as a result of the incident.

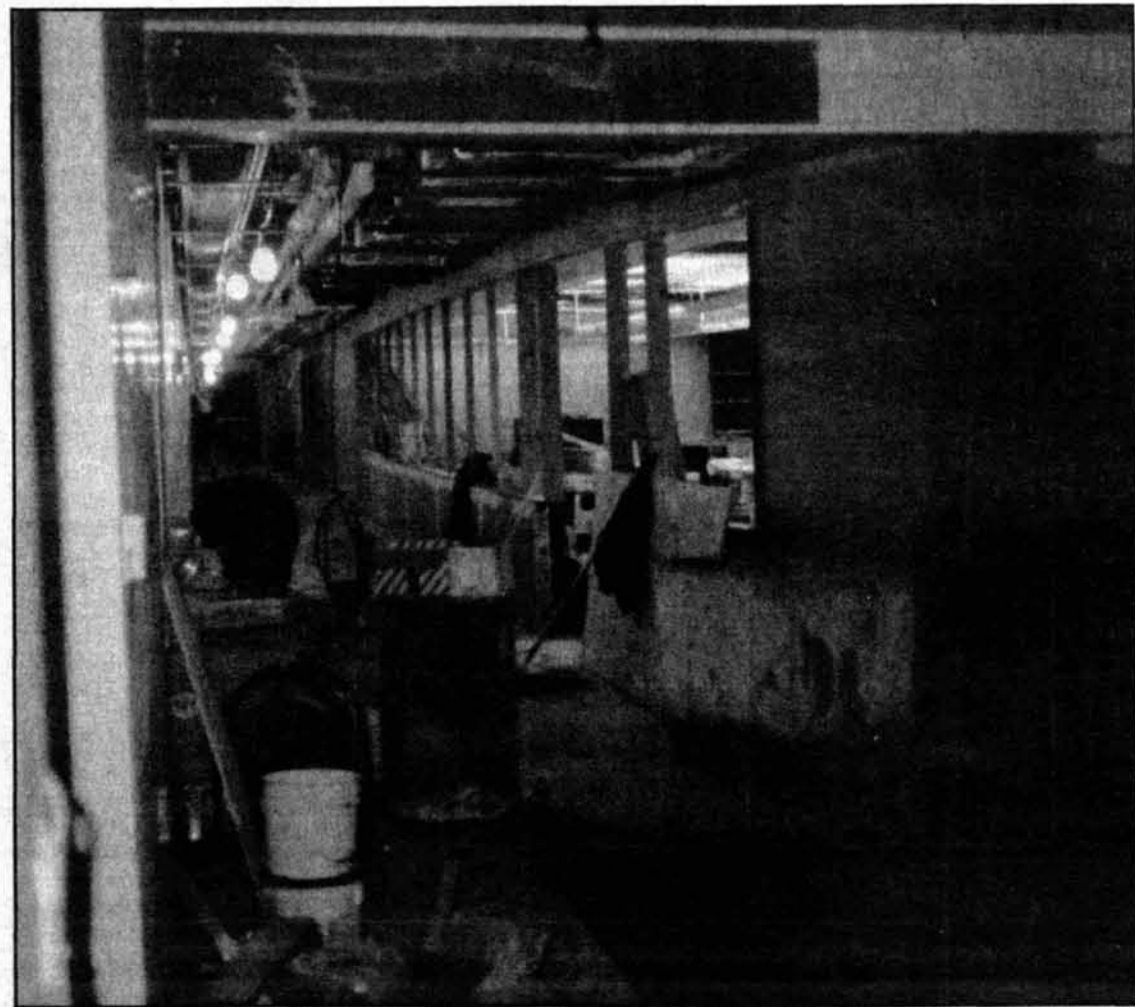
The commission, in a 3-0 vote released this week, decided to require the saloon to "have a security guard, detail officer, or security doorman outside on the sidewalk" from 11 p.m. until closing on Friday and Saturday nights.

The commission also required the saloon to provide a "contact person" to Random Hall so that residents of Random can call the establishment with their concerns at any time.

In a letter addressed to Tuesday Afternoon, Inc., which owns the saloon, the commission said, "No student nor person should be fearful of walking by your premises for fear of being attacked."

Commission Chairman Benjamin

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WORLD & NATION

Government Awards States, Cities For Jailing Illegal Immigrants

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department released \$495 million Thursday partly to reimburse states and municipalities for the costs of imprisoning illegal immigrants.

The beefed-up grants fall far short of the complete reimbursement that states and municipalities have been demanding, but federal officials said the almost 60 percent reimbursement rate is a significant increase over last year's 16 percent.

To provide the money, federal officials are reaching back to the 1986 immigration reform law, which authorized that states be compensated for the cost of imprisoning illegal immigrants. For years, however, no funds were appropriated under the program.

Linda McCay, the Justice Department official in charge of the program, said the 1996 total is "a fairly big chunk of change."

Attorney General Janet Reno called the awards an important step toward responsibility for the jailing costs of illegal immigrant felons.

"We have more work to do but we have made real progress and our task now is to build on that progress," Reno said. "We will continue to expedite deportation and removals, and we will work together with Congress to increase the funding to ensure complete reimbursement for the states."

Clinton, Yeltsin Agree to Hold Next Summit in March

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

The presidents of Russia and the United States agreed yesterday to hold their next summit in March, probably on U.S. soil, a spokesman for Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin said.

The date was announced following a 20-minute telephone conversation yesterday between Yeltsin and President Clinton, the Itar-Tass news agency reported.

The summit, the latest in a series of friendly post-Cold War meetings between the two presidents, will be their first since both won reelection this year. It is also the highest-level meeting announced by Yeltsin's office since he underwent quintuple heart bypass surgery last month.

The 65-year-old Russian leader, who checked himself out of full-time medical care Wednesday and moved from a suburban Moscow sanatorium to a nearby government "dacha," has not returned to a full-time Kremlin schedule but has begun to work a few hours each day. His physician, Dr. Sergei P. Mironov, had earlier suggested Yeltsin might take a "trial trip" to the Kremlin this week.

Witness from Flight to Los Angeles Contradicts Simpson's Testimony

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

As he flew to Los Angeles after learning of his ex-wife's death, O.J. Simpson told a fellow airline passenger that Nicole Brown Simpson and a male victim had been murdered in the garden near her home, the traveler testified yesterday in an account that appeared to contradict Simpson's sworn statements that he had been unable to find out details of the slayings.

Simpson has testified that he spent much of the flight frantically calling friends and family to learn anything he could about the death, since the police officer who alerted him of the tragedy would tell him only that Nicole Simpson had been killed. But no one was able to give him information, Simpson said.

In his pre-trial deposition, Simpson described his efforts to learn what had happened as futile: Denise Brown, Nicole's sister, yelled something and hung up on him, he said. Amelle Simpson, his grown daughter, "didn't know anything." He could not reach houseguest Kato Kaelin or football buddy Marcus Allen.

WEATHER A One-Two Punch

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A coastal storm system will approach from the Jersey shores this morning, bringing a swath of miserable weather to our area. Rain, accompanied by strong winds will be the city slickers' lot; the inland areas from northern Massachusetts through Worcester county and the Berkshires will get a few inches of heavy wet snow. Although by Saturday this low will be near the Maritimes, its moisture will linger, especially near the coast. Cold air will gradually drain into our area in the wake of the storm, and here the plot will thicken further: Another storm is forecast to develop late Saturday off the DelMarVa Peninsula and pass to the east of Cape Cod by late in the weekend. Should this turn out to be the storm track, the bulk of precipitation will come down on the eastern sections, and this time snow may be seen even near the coast.

Today: Cold rain near the coast with strong onshore winds. High near 40°F (4°C). Wet snow inland, north and west of I-495, with accumulations of 3-5 inches (7.5-12.5 cm) and highs in mid 30s (1-2°C)

Tonight: Rain tapering off to showers and drizzle. Continued windy and raw with lows near 34°F (1°C) in the city. High 20s (-2 to -1 °C) inland.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and chilly with leftover drizzle. Few afternoon breaks in overcast are possible. High 42°F (5°C) with winds shifting to northwest late in the day.

Sunday outlook: Partly cloudy early, then rapidly increasing clouds as the next installment of inclement weather moves in. Highs only in the upper 30s (3-4°C), lows oscillating near the freezing point.

Clinton Taps Albright, Cohen For Top Positions in Cabinet

By Peter Baker and John F. Harris
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

With one eye on the history books and the other on a Republican Congress, President Clinton Thursday nominated U.N. Ambassador Madeleine K. Albright to be the first woman to serve as secretary of state and Sen. William S. Cohen to be defense secretary and the first Republican in his Cabinet.

Clinton also tapped national security adviser Anthony Lake to take over as CIA director for his second term and promoted Lake's deputy, Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger, to replace him at the White House.

Clinton settled on his choices after personally agonizing through a month-long, hurry-up-and-wait process in which new frontrunners seemed to emerge every week. In the end, the personnel shuffle served a pair of political purposes: muting criticism from some feminist activists, after women strongly favored him in his reelection and reaching out to the GOP congressional leaders he will have to work with for at least two more years.

Albright's rise was all the more remarkable because early on she was described as a "second-tier" candidate behind others with less experience but more personal rapport with Clinton. Now the tough-

minded diplomat whose family escaped the Nazis in Czechoslovakia is slated to become the highest-ranking woman in the history of the United States, fourth in the line of succession to the presidency itself.

Cohen, a moderate with a famously independent streak who is retiring after 24 years in Congress, propelled himself to the top of the military hierarchy on the strength of his job interview. Long enamored with the idea of including a Republican in his inner circle, Clinton developed a personal chemistry with the part-time poet and spy novelist during several recent meetings.

Surrounded by his new lieutenants during an Oval Office ceremony Thursday, a hoarse-throated Clinton was clearly taken with the pattern-breaking nature of his picks even as he downplayed the importance of their demographic qualities.

"Am I proud that I got a chance to appoint the first woman secretary of state?" Clinton asked rhetorically. "You bet I am. My mama's smiling down at me right now. But that is not why I appointed her."

Similarly, he said, "I would never have asked Senator Cohen to join the Cabinet solely because he's Republican. It would have been folly. I think he is uniquely well-qualified at this moment in history."

General Gutierrez to Head Up Mexico's War Against Drugs

By Mark Fineman
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY

The private jet appeared as a blip on military radar moments before it crash-landed in the mountains near Guadalajara in June 1995. But that radar speck started one of the most successful Mexican military operations in the war on powerful drug mafias that supply up to three-fourths of the cocaine sold in the United States.

Gen. Jose Gutierrez Rebollo, a member of Mexico's presidential guard and military commander in Guadalajara at the time, learned that among the plane's passengers was Hector Luis "El Guero" Palma, reputed leader of one of Mexico's largest drug cartels who had dozens of corrupt federal police officers on his payroll.

Within hours, federal agents working with the joint military-civilian operation traced the wounded Palma to an exclusive Guadalajara neighborhood, where heavily armed federal police officers were protecting him. Gutierrez quietly mobilized 200 soldiers to surround the house and local federal police headquarters and arrested Palma and 33 police officers without firing a shot.

The operation now stands out as a model of the Mexican military's new high profile in the government's war on drugs and police corruption. And the tough army general who commanded it now is in charge of the war itself.

Gutierrez, a career military officer who has been so low-profile and press-shy that a Mexican military spokesman here on Wednesday said he had never heard of the general, was named commissioner this week of Mexico's elite National Institute for Combating Drugs.

At 62, the enigmatic general, who is the first military officer to serve in a post historically reserved for well-connected politicians, now will be a key point man working

with U.S. law-enforcement in the war on drugs.

It is a relationship that is scheduled to begin here next Tuesday when Gutierrez meets his U.S. counterpart, Clinton administration drug czar retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey. And when they meet, McCaffrey will find in the general a stark contrast to the educator and lawyer who preceded Gutierrez. Although the two career military officers have never met, McCaffrey told the Los Angeles Times in a telephone interview Wednesday that his new Mexican counterpart "has a public reputation of absolute integrity. He is a strong leader. This is clearly a focused, high-energy man."

"But the important thing is that the Mexicans are confident in him," McCaffrey said.

The U.S. drug czar also had high praise for Mexico's new attorney general, Jorge Madrazo Cuellar, saying he "has a reputation, both public and private, of rock-solid integrity." But McCaffrey added that he had "enormous admiration" for former Attorney General Antonio Lozano Gracia and his handpicked drug chief, Francisco Molina, who were dismissed Monday.

McCaffrey had built a close, working relationship with Lozano and Molina, an erudite professor and opposition politician. Initially, U.S. law-enforcement officials expressed concern that this week's dismissals could affect the close relationship they had forged, although McCaffrey brushed aside those concerns.

Last week, Molina told The Times that, during his eight months in the job, there had been "unprecedented cooperation" among Mexican and U.S. drug agencies. They formed joint task forces and shared sensitive intelligence after many years of mutual suspicion.

Despite that strong U.S. backing, though, Molina described Gutierrez's new job as increasingly

... So am I glad that I have a Republican in the Cabinet? Yes."

For all their novelty, though, three of the four are known commodities who served Clinton in his first term.

Collectively, they face the task of continuing to redefine America's role in the post-Cold War era as the world's sole "indispensable nation," as Clinton termed it. During the next term, the president and his new team must find ways to bring home U.S. troops from Bosnia and central Africa safely and successfully, get the Middle East peace process back on track, usher in the expansion of NATO without alienating Russia and find new ways to engage China.

Individually, each of the new nominees has more on the plate. Albright was picked in part because Clinton believes she will aggressively defend the State Department's dwindling operations and foreign aid budgets before Congress. Cohen must figure out how to modernize weapon systems during a time of austerity. Lake takes over a CIA rocked by a recent spy scandal and somewhat unsure of its mission in the new world order.

In addition, Cohen and Lake bring virtually no management experience to the task of running two of the biggest and most notoriously difficult bureaucracies in government.

difficult — and deadly. Against the backdrop of widespread corruption, he said the Mexican drug agency is outgunned and outfinanced by drug-smuggling gangs that earn an estimated \$30 billion a year — equivalent to one-third of Mexico's entire federal budget.

Molina conceded he lost some of his agents to corruption and others to death. Molina said he was targeted himself earlier this year in a plot by the drug cartels.

Several of Molina's predecessors in Mexico's top counternarcotics posts initially were hailed as honest reformers by U.S. law enforcement only to be tarnished years later by allegations of corruption or incompetence.

In the brief aftermath of his firing, senior Mexican officials privately faulted Molina's performance. Official statistics released Tuesday showed that cocaine seizures by Molina's institute were down 50 percent between January and November of this year compared with the same period in 1995.

Senior Mexican officials added that Molina's drug agents have failed to capture the nation's top accused drug lord, Amado Carrillo Fuentes, whose organization is based in Molina's home state, Chihuahua.

It was precisely to improve performance and to attack enduring police corruption that officials said Zedillo turned to a senior officer of the Mexican army — a disciplined force that remains largely untouched by corruption.

And the few senior Mexican officials and prominent journalists who know Gutierrez's background insist that McCaffrey will be pleasantly surprised when the two career military officers meet next week.

Gutierrez "is, in every way, a product of the military," said Jorge Zepeda Patterson, editor of Siglo 21, the most influential newspaper in Guadalajara, where the general has been military commander since 1989.

Serb Radio Stations Resume Broadcasts

By John Pomfret
THE WASHINGTON POST

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

The Serbian government, making conciliatory gestures in the face of mounting street protests, allowed two independent radio stations to resume broadcasts Thursday and signaled willingness to consider acknowledging the electoral victory of opposition parties in two of Yugoslavia's biggest cities.

The decisions marked the first signs of political flexibility from President Slobodan Milosevic and his government in 18 straight days of demonstrations and intense pressure from the United States and other Western governments for a peaceful resolution of the crisis. They came one day after the Clinton administration voiced determination to relay broadcasts from a silenced station via the Voice of America and made clear that Washington no longer considers the Serbian leader indispensable for peace in the Balkans.

In one sign of the conciliatory shift, Zivadin Jovanovic, an assistant foreign minister, declined to comment when asked if Milosevic's ruling Socialist Party had won the Nov. 17 election in the southern city of Nis. This cast doubt on a victory announced on state-run television two weeks ago and amounted to acknowledgment that the government is considering another outcome to the race.

A government official said the Socialist Party is considering ways to recognize the opposition's claims that it had won control of the southern city. Nis's mayor and Socialist Party boss, Mile Ilic, widely regarded as one of the most corrupt officials in Yugoslavia, announced

Thursday night that he was resigning. Western officials said Ilic's party machine was guilty of widespread ballot box stuffing in Nis.

The government official added that Serbia's supreme court was meeting to consider another request by the opposition to recognize its election victory in the capital, Belgrade. Unlike the first case, which led to a Nov. 24 court ruling overturning the opposition victory, this request was backed by Belgrade's election commission.

"We are trying to find a way out," the official said. "The important thing is to stabilize the situation."

As more than 150,000 people massed on Belgrade's streets and another 25,000 boisterous protesters turned out in Nis, the government also announced measures designed to appease Yugoslavia's indignant middle class, the engine behind the unrest.

The reversal of Milosevic's hard-line stance just two days after his government banned the last two independent news stations in the capital marked a significant shift. Until Thursday night, Milosevic had appeared to be heading toward a confrontation with the five-party opposition coalition, Together, and the tens of thousands of protesters who have packed downtown Belgrade daily since Nov. 18.

The possibility of a violent end to the demonstrations appeared greatly diminished. What remained to be seen, however, is how far the Serbian strongman will go to satisfy opposition and Western calls on him to respect the results of the Nov. 17 municipal elections. The opposition claims it captured 15 of Serbia's 19 biggest cities.

Nun Changes Claims On Gift to Democrats

By Serge F. Kovaleski
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A Buddhist nun who initially claimed that a Democratic activist gave her \$5,000 in small bills to donate to the Democratic party is now telling federal officials she gave her own money, according to sources familiar with her account.

Man Ya Shih said \$5,000 she donated came from funds given to her by Buddhist followers she has met over the years in various countries, the sources said.

Shih's statement to the FEC is the latest twist in a bizarre chapter of the ongoing controversy over improper donations to the Democratic National Committee. The DNC's unusual fund-raiser in April at a branch of the Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple, and Shih's donation in particular, provided some of the initial impetus for the FEC's ongoing inquiry into numerous donations solicited by one of the DNC's former top fund-raisers, John Huang. The DNC has returned nearly \$1.5 million in donations handled by Huang, including Shih's, in the past two months.

In an Oct. 17 article, the Wall Street Journal quoted Shih as saying a woman she recognized as a Democratic activist and Buddhist devotee, but whose name she could not remember, approached her at the temple fund-raiser, handed her her \$5,000 in cash and asked her to write a check to the DNC for the same amount.

Shih was quoted as saying that she agreed to the request when the activist explained to her that "someone donated some money and they don't want to use their own name, and so you represent them and donate the money to the Democratic Party." In subsequent interviews, Peter D. Kelly, a lawyer represent-

ing the temple, told The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times that Shih gave the same account to him.

Under federal election law, it is illegal to donate money through another person or entity in order to conceal the source of the contribution. The Justice Department, which is conducting its own review of the DNC's fund raising, is particularly interested in whether any DNC contributors donated other people's funds, officials there have said.

Following publication of the Journal's article, temple representatives told reporters that Shih left her home in Richardson, Tex., where she heads a temple branch, to attend a Buddhist retreat in Taiwan, and would not return until after the presidential election.

Shih has not been quoted publicly since, but sources said she has privately been telling associates for more than a month that she made the donation out of her own savings from "offerings" from Buddhist devotees who want to support her, and as well money from her family in Taiwan.

Sources said that Shih wrote the commission that she was not sure how to handle the Wall Street Journal reporter when he called to inquire about the fund-raiser. Shih wrote that she told the story about the Democratic activist giving her the cash simply to get the reporter off the phone. Shih has described this as a "harmless lie," a source said.

Thursday, Kelly declined to comment on Shih's FEC response, saying he does not have the authority to speak on her behalf any more because he no longer represents her. Shih's new lawyer, Ricky W. Poon, in Los Angeles, would only confirm that his client had filed a statement with the FEC.

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OPINION

Students Need Central Funding Board

Many student group leaders would agree that the activity funding system now in place is ineffective. Student activities must request funding from the Undergraduate Association and/or the Graduate Student Council, which in turn beg their funding from the Dean's Office. Many groups also solicit funding from individual departments and administrators, resulting in a disorganized mechanism for obtaining funds.

This snarl of funding sources results in an irrational allocation of funds. It remains unclear who should fund groups with both undergraduate and graduate members. Why should some groups receive preferential treatment from departments when they have been denied funds elsewhere? Why must so many groups fall through the cracks simply because they failed to develop a special relationship with any of the powers-that-be?

The idea for a revamp of the funding process gained momentum recently when Provost Joel Moses PhD '67 unexpectedly put down \$40,000 for the as yet non-existent Central Allocations Board suggested by student services re-engineering.

Several ideas for the structure of the CAB are being considered. Creating a third, additional finance board would only complicate the job of the two existing student government finance boards, creating more confusion and bureaucracy. Making the

CAB an information-only board — serving as a clearinghouse of funding sources — would be helpful but does not go far enough toward solving the problems of the current system. The best solution is to eliminate the two existing boards and establish the Central Allocations Board as a single, consolidated student activities finance board.

The board would manage donations from deans, departments, and other funding groups. It would then evaluate requests in a fashion similar to the current UA Finance Board allocation process — based on the general merits of the group and its activities — but not on membership demographics.

There is no question that if the board is given control over fund allocations, it should be composed entirely of students. Because the current UA and GSC systems would be displaced by such a board, they should have equal representation in the new arrangement, in addition to the Association of Student Activities. It would be inappropriate for administrators to take an active role in the board, as activity funding is entirely a student responsibility.

The current student activity funding situation is confusing, redundant, and inefficient. Over the years, student government has been unable to fix the process itself. A student-run Central Allocations Board could provide an opportunity to wipe the slate clean, trim the fat, and fund activities in a rational way.

UA, GSC Must Keep Funding Powers

By Stacey E. Blau, David D. Hsu, and Dan McGuire

DISSENTING

The proposal to create a Central Allocations Board that would assume the functions of the Undergraduate Association and Graduate Student Council finance boards is a disturbing one that raises larger questions of the autonomy and rightful powers of student government. The board should certainly not be created, and the UA and GSC should retain their funding powers.

There is little doubt that activities funding needs reform. For starters, there is some overlap between the UA and GSC and which groups they should fund. There is also the problem of double-dipping, where groups receiving money from student government also try to get money from deans, schools, and departments. Groups should not be allowed to take money from the relative pittance of funds that student government has if those groups already receive sufficient funding elsewhere. In particular, a number of cultural activities have engaged in this practice, a problem the UA finance board should move to resolve.

But these problems are not nearly sufficient reason to steal from student government one of its fundamental powers. Distribution of funds to student activities is one of the few powers that the UA, in particular, has been left with as it has grown gradually weaker over the years. It seems a natural and rightful

power of student government to distribute money to student activities, and to take that power away would be a dangerous mistake.

A decision to create a central board must come from student government itself — not from deans or a re-engineering team — if student government is to be autonomous. The UA and GSC have both expressed that they are opposed to such a board. A decision to override their will, placing them instead in an as yet unknown, undefined organization, would constitute a significant blow to their autonomy and should not be attempted.

It also seems likely that administrators would sit on any sort of central board; it is difficult to imagine that schools and the provost would be willing to hand over to a totally student-controlled board additional tens of thousands of dollars that they reserve to distribute themselves. But giving such an administrative-sanctioned and partly administrative-controlled board the power to allocate funds that the UA and GSC currently disburse is a dangerous move toward increased administrative control of money that students should and have traditionally had power over.

The \$40,000 set aside for the new allocations board should go to the UA and GSC, and MIT should think seriously about giving the two organizations more money if student government is to grow in power, responsibility, and usefulness.

Letters To The Editor

Missing Class Should Not Be Academic Suicide

Your article on MIT's flu outbreak ["Flu Outbreak Strikes MIT, Thriving in Crowded Conditions," Dec. 3] highlights a serious concern I've had for a while about the pace and pressure of MIT students' workloads. The article mentioned the effects of being ill on students' work, with one student mentioning that he had found it difficult to catch up after having been behind for two lectures. That student is not alone.

Sometimes unexpected things happen, like illness or tragedy, that force students to miss class. People shouldn't have to be behind for days or weeks because they had to miss a few classes. The pace is simply too intense.

There are some who might disagree with me, pointing to the extraordinary amount of technical expertise some students have when they graduate. But having students get seriously behind after a few days of absence is

not an appropriate college experience. And a lot of students seem to have little time for very much other than their classwork anyway. A student you quoted was even worried about having gotten behind over Thanksgiving break.

MIT's extreme academic pressure undermines our educational mission in the end. The school where it's difficult to catch up after missing a few days is not the MIT where students learn how to serve society as educated adults. It's MIT the cog factory, where students learn that a part that doesn't work simply needs to be replaced.

Jeremy D. Sher '99

New Center Alone Won't Remedy Poor Athletics

I applaud the move by MIT to create a new athletic facility ["MIT Maps Out Plan For Athletic Center," Dec. 3] but feel that this only begins to address the problem of

poor sports resources within the Institute. Having been a participant in many intramural sports and one varsity sport and a user of most of the athletic facilities MIT has to offer, I see that many areas within the Institute are still in dire need of improvement.

First and foremost is the Institute's support — or lack of support — for varsity and club athletics as witnessed by budgetary constraints. Many teams now have to play limited schedules because the Institute's re-engineering efforts have reduced budgets based upon cost-effectiveness measures.

A case in point is the men's varsity hockey team's inability to participate in the National Championships last year because the required cost of the trip would have exceeded their budget. What makes the situation more outrageous is that the team was undefeated with a 14-0 record, ranked first of all club teams in New England, and it was probably the last

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Campus Athletics Facilities Should Not Be Exclusive

Column by A. Arif Husain
OPINION EDITOR

On Monday, President Charles M. Vest announced plans to construct a new athletic facility to be built next to the Student Center,



where the barbecue pits now stand. The \$18-million facility is set to open in the fall of 2000 and will boast an Olympic-sized swimming pool, seating for 450 people, and a health fitness center, among other amenities. Honestly, I couldn't be happier. I'm only dis-

appointed that I won't be around to take advantage of it.

What bugs me is the biting duplicity of the Institute's commitment to athletics on this campus. Vest said in his announcement that, "the quality of life of students, faculty, and staff will be significantly enhanced by this major improvement in our athletic facilities."

Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams recognized that "athletics and recreation are such an important part of [students'] lives" and are "absolutely necessary for mental and physical well-being."

The fact that four physical education courses and a swim test are graduation requirements would corroborate these senti-

ments. But why, then, are we charged a petty 20 bucks each year to take advantage of our own facilities? By maintaining the convention of an athletics card, MIT is really conveying mixed emotions.

The biggest argument for division of fees is to allow for the discretion of the payer. When I buy a car, for example, I am forced to buy an engine and a chassis, but I can leave out the sunroof and the floor mats if I choose. Similarly, our tuition serves as the basic payment for all of the necessary services that constitute the MIT experience. It goes to cover everything from faculty salaries, to buying erasers for the Registrar's Office. It would be silly and impractical to have a separate fee for each individual service that the Institute offers. Should I be exempt from the library fee if I have never checked out a book? Of course not, since I recognize this as a basic function of an educational institution.

By excluding athletics from the core of essential services covered by tuition, the Institute is saying that athletics are an option — unnecessary and avoidable — a diametrically opposite view to the deep-rooted commitment we have heard expressed this week. The Institute is selling all of us a car with no front doors, and many of us are buying into it.

The need to guarantee athletics privileges to every student was last questioned about four years ago, when the Undergraduate Association then held a referendum to decide

on a proposed student life fee. The fee was to be subtracted from the set tuition and itemized on the Bursar's bill. It would then be subject to the control of the UA Council, who planned to use it to fund a number of student services, among them the athletics card fee.

The then Director of Athletics Royce N. Flippin lauded the proposal, citing the need for undergraduates to have "automatic access to all athletic facilities." Flippin said that "too many [students] forget, decide to circumvent the system, or honestly cannot afford the out-of-pocket 20-dollar cost." He said that the potential dishonesty created by the system had been a financial and moral concern for many years and that we are "putting our students in an unfortunate position when we tempt them to sneak or cheat."

Having participated in three seasons of intramural ice hockey and taken full advantage of the ice rink, swimming pool, indoor track, and basketball courts since 1993 — all with a single expired athletics card — I would have to agree. But I have no reason to feel guilty.

To me, the athletics card is an outdated and ineffective device. It should be done away with well before the lofty opening of our new swimming center in four years. The cost of providing students access to athletics facilities should be absorbed by our yearly tuition, proving that athletics are in fact a priority. Like any other facility on this campus, a student identification should be the only requirement for entering Du Pont Gymnasium, Johnson Athletics Center, or the Alumni Pool.

In addition to the proposed multi-million-dollar swimming center, the Institute is currently renovating a large section of west campus tennis courts, has plans to renovate the Alumni Pool, and is discussing major changes to the Briggs Field House and Rockwell Cage. It is hard to consider these things and at the same time, say that athletics have not been addressed. Regardless, it will be a pathetic day indeed, after so much has been invested in building and bettering student athletics facilities, when each and every student on this campus is not qualified to enter them.

Letters To The Editor

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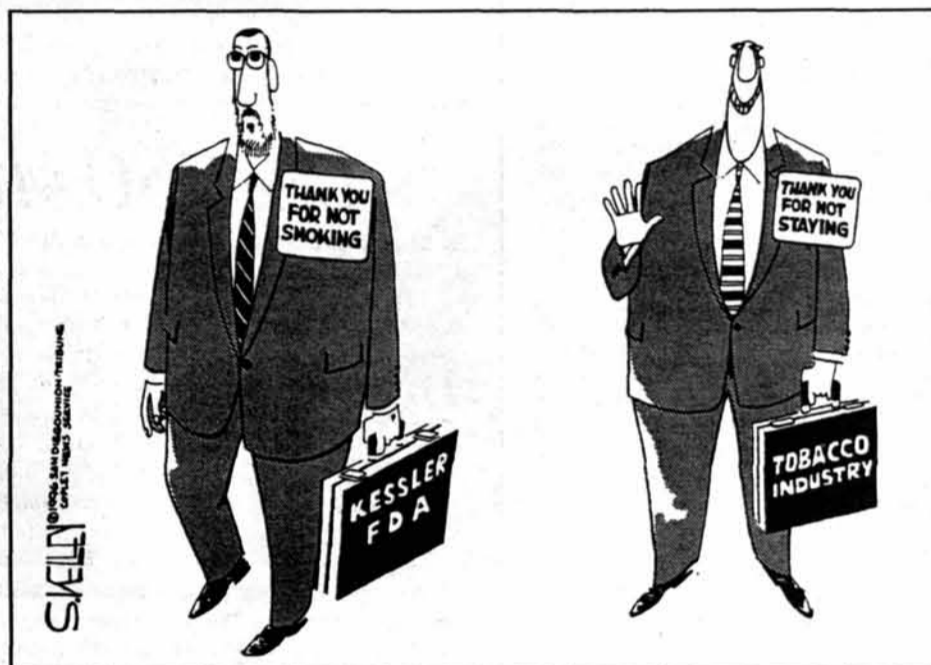
opportunity for many of the team members to compete for a hockey title, all of which will — and should — contribute to alumni dissatisfaction. Budgets need to be evaluated not from a cost-effectiveness viewpoint but rather as a contribution to the physiological and psychological well-being of MIT students.

Secondly, the practice facilities on Briggs Field and the Jack Barry Omniture are in need of repairs. Whether on a varsity sport like field hockey or football, playing intramural softball or ultimate frisbee, or even a pick-up

game of soccer, we can all appreciate how dangerous the turf has become because of its unevenness and gaps in the playing surface. Measures must be taken to ensure the safety and convenience of athletes by replacing the existing field.

While the Institute should be recognized for its plan to construct a new athletic facility, not to mention reconstruction of the tennis courts, many other areas require immediate attention as well. If these areas are not addressed, many student athletes will continue to be dissatisfied with life at MIT.

Jonathon J. Grayson '97



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Absurd Misuse of Words Only Damages an Argument

Column by Anders Hove
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Last week, when the governor of South Carolina ordered the Confederate battle flag removed from the state capitol, state senator Glenn McConnell went on television accusing him of committing a cultural genocide. Now I admit to a personal bias in this matter, since I think the Confederate flag is a divisive symbol. However, in some sense I am more frightened by the absurd uses of words like "genocide" than by anything any flag might still represent.

Forget about political correctness; let's just talk about correctness. Genocide is the killing of an entire people. Or, to cut people some slack, genocide is at most the attempted mur-

der of an entire people.

Calling the removal of a \$10 piece of cloth from a pole "genocide" amounts to setting the bar for genocide a bit low. If that is genocide, then certainly I have committed several of them today, having removed my Made-in-America socks, irreverently tossing them into the laundry hamper, or inadvertently mashing my Montana license plates against the bumpers of parked cars. The way people bandy about words like "genocide" these days, we must be committing millions of genocides each day.

Sarcasm aside, I understand that McConnell did not really mean genocide as such. He merely saw in that word a convenient and shocking rhetorical substitute for the word "death." Removing the flag, he implies, will cause the death of Southern culture.

What a frail thing Southern culture must be if the lowering of a flag can cause its death. It's absurd to think that what the Civil War and Reconstruction could not do would be

accomplished by the removal of a flag. Certainly Southern culture springs from the South's diverse peoples, the product of their aspirations, and the collection of their unique (and diverse) mores and virtues.

The trivialization of shocking words is not limited to conservative Southern politicians. From the way people talk, you would think the concepts of slavery, mass murder, and other oppressions were no longer sufficiently horrible to hold the attention of any audience.

Perhaps the cheapening of these horrible words shows how far their horror is removed from our experience. Yet genocide is not rare in the world. In the very recent past, we have seen Rwandan Hutus attempt to eradicate the Tutsis, then be overturned by their victims, and murdered in mass by them. Mass murder (another horrific atrocity) has also wreaked havoc on Bosnia, Cambodia, and Indonesia within the short span of my generation's lifetime.

Of course, American history is streaked with blood as well. Though the U.S. fought fascism in World War II, it avoided recognizing the Holocaust until the war's end. (The word "genocide" was coined in America in 1944 to describe that atrocity.) Earlier, of course, the U.S. government sanctioned atrocities, whatever their name, in the form of "Indian wars" and slavery.

My point is not to emphasize the real sufferings of people, past and present, but to urge people to avoid trivializing them by misusing language.

Considering the social cost of cheapening horrible mass crimes, what use is it to employ words like "genocide," "fascist," and "Nazi," except to describe the genuine articles? If you can't convince people that something is bad without calling it "genocide," then will doing so help your cause? More likely, the wrongful use of these expressions will turn people away from your argument.



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THE ARTS

FILM REVIEW

Nickolson's false life as an oil rig worker and his exit from it

FIVE EASY PIECES

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By Stephen Brophy
STAFF REPORTER

Five Easy Pieces is one of the finest films of Hollywood's last Golden Age (the late 1960s and early 1970s) and can easily withstand comparison to the best of European cinema of that period. Its portrait of an alienated man could not be finer if it were drawn by Antonioni, the great Italian artist of alienation. How is it possible

that such a fine piece of work can come from the same hands that introduced the Monkees to American television?

The deceptively simple story follows a young man, Bobby Dupea, from his job on a Southwestern oil rig to a visit with his dying father and estranged family living on an island in Puget Sound. Jack Nickolson, in his first major role, portrays a young man running away from his past and probably also from his future. In the first few scenes showing his life on and off the oil rig, he moves just like any other cocky roustabout, but he does not totally fit into the bowling alley and trailer court life that ensconces him. As various stresses begin to turn into cracks on the facade of his artificial existence, we begin to see the fearful young artist peering out through those cracks.

Bobby lives with Rayette, a waitress who wants to be the next incarnation of Tammy Wynette, perfectly played by Karen Black. One of the first stresses comes when Bobby learns that she is pregnant — he gets into a fight on the oil rig which gets him fired and runs away to Los Angeles to visit a sister he has not seen in a few years. She tells him their father has suffered two strokes and will probably not live much longer and urges Bobby to visit him before he dies. Bobby allows Rayette to talk him into bringing her along, and thus the most American part of the story — the road trip — begins.

With every scene it is more and more clear that Bobby and Rayette are not made for each other, as much as they would like to be. The growing awareness of this incompatibility is masked by several comic sequences along the road, including the classic diner scene when

Bobby tries to get a side order of toast from a recalcitrant waitress. When the duo arrives in Washington, Bobby parks Rayette at a motel and goes out to the island, where the various strains work themselves out to a final break.


Rafelson and Nickolson both got their start working with Roger Corman, one of the masters of independent exploitation cinema. A few years previous to *Five Easy Pieces*, they had formed a production company to bring the Monkees to the small screen and had gone on to make *Head*, a Monkee movie written by Nickolson. Soon after that, the company put together the package that became *Easy Rider*, and the course of American cinema was permanently altered. *Five Easy Pieces* became the next project after *Easy Rider* and is still considered to be among the finest works by either of its creators.




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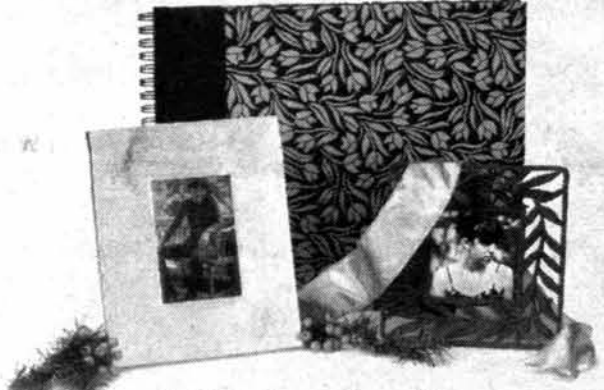
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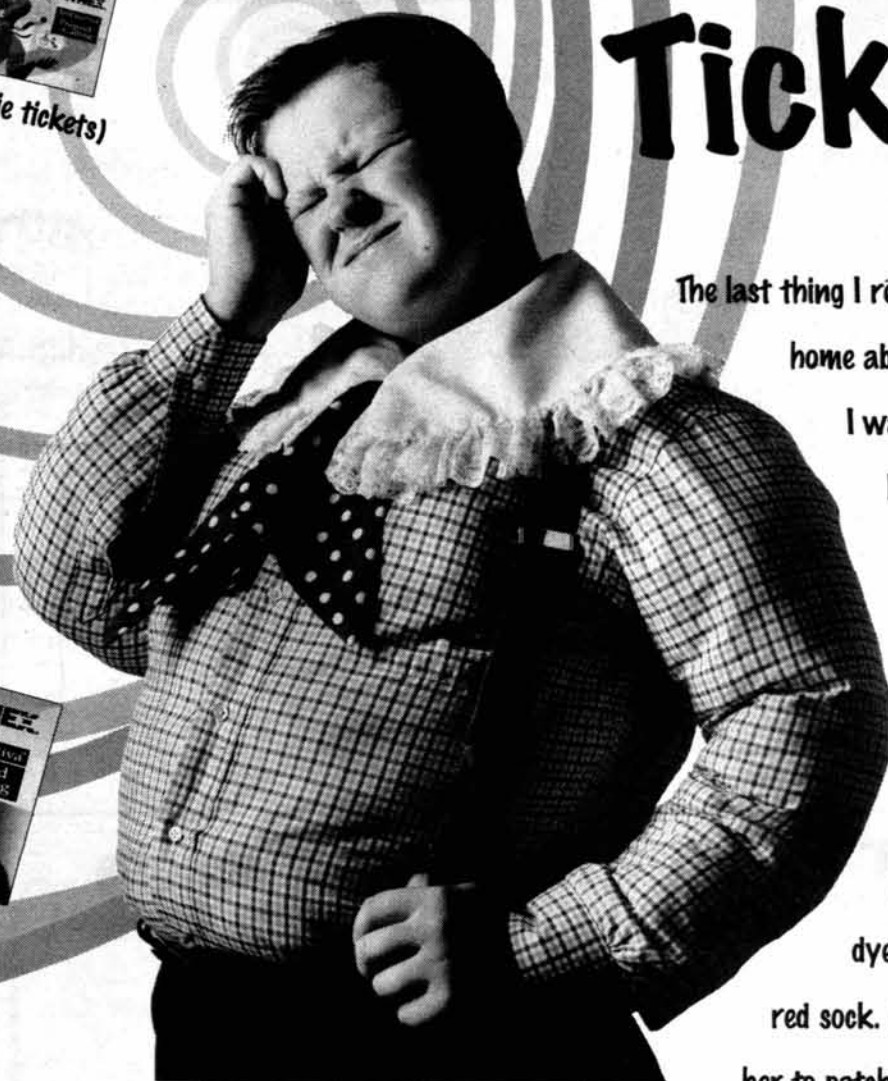
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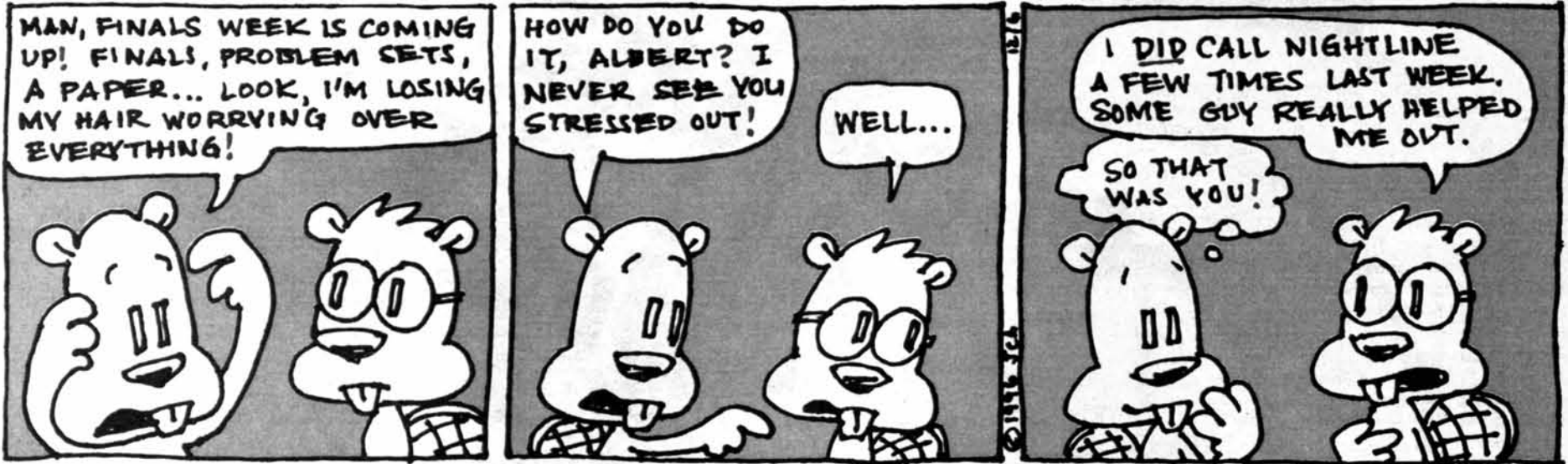
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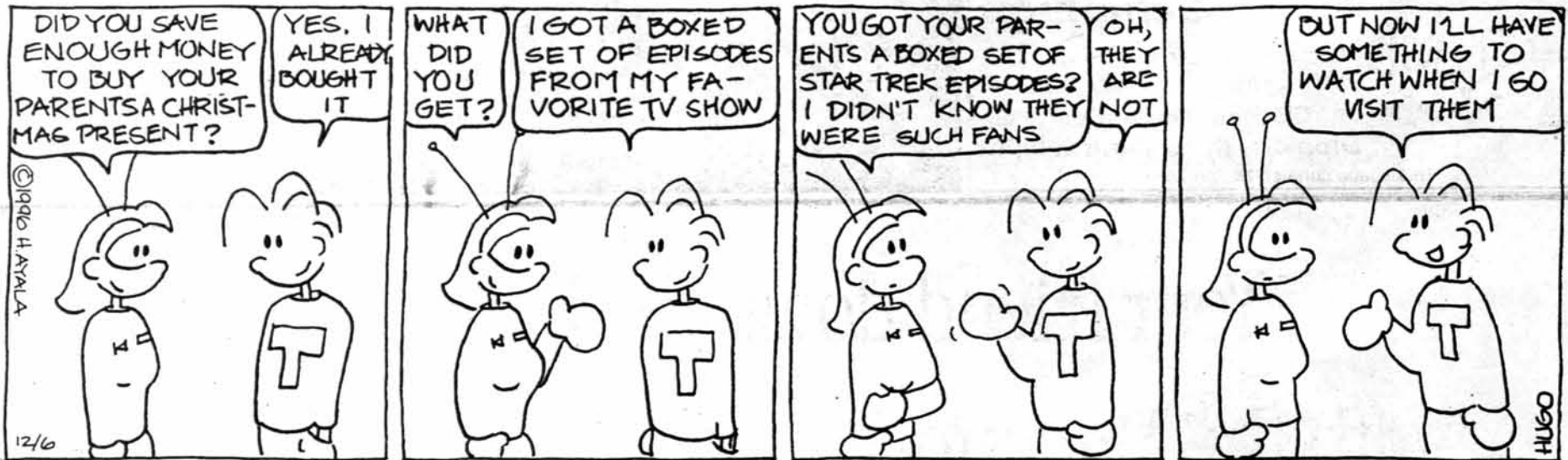
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By Hugo



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- Sand below water
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- Square of any type size
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- Map; chart
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- Assembly place (Gr.)
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- Of the kind of (suf.)
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- Swelling
- The letter C

DOWN

- Speech defect
- Toward which the wind blows
- Bless (p.t. form)
- Cot
- One who scares
- Stuff
- A follower (suf., pl.)
- Man's name
- Umpire
- Semitic
- Huff
- N.W. State (abbr.)
- Dig (p.t.)
- Lupino
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- Born
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- Obese
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- Pare
- Pool
- Mild oath
- Stab
- Rational
- Rim
- High card
- _____ glance

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS FROM LAST ISSUE



POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between Nov 22. and Dec. 4:

Nov 22: East Garage, vandalism to car window; Bldg. 56, Beacon Construction trailer broken into, computer stolen, \$2,888; Bldg. 8, computer stolen, unknown value; Bldg. 14, annoying mail; Bldg. 48, paycheck stolen; Edgerton House, bicycle stolen, \$470; Tang Hall, noise complaint.

Nov 23: Student Center, wallet stolen, \$50; Amherst Street by McCormick Hall, stolen car recovered; Ashdown House, unwanted guest; Hayden Memorial Library, suspicious activity.

Nov 25: Bldg. 66, wallet stolen, \$400; Bldg. E17, cassette recorders stolen, \$400; Bldg. 36, suspicious activity; Bexley Hall alley, bicycle tire damaged; Bldg. 5, 1) CDs and CD player stolen from locked cabinet, \$200; 2) cabinet broken into, nothing taken; Student Center, 1) harassing e-mail; 2) indecent exposure; McCormick Hall, harassing phone calls; Tang, bicycle stolen, \$150.

Nov 26: Bldg. 5, CD player and CDs stolen, \$270; Bldg. 14, suspicious activity; Bldg. 18, keys stolen.

Nov 27: malicious damage to Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders, and Friends at MIT bulletin board; Bldg. 4, unauthorized use of computer.

Nov 29: Bldg 4, lights stolen, \$25; Bldg. 16, suspicious activity.

Nov 30: Next House, room broken into and computer and stereo stolen, \$9,688; Audrey Street, malicious damage to vehicle; Bldg. 6, room broken into and computer stolen, \$2,150; Bldg 26, attempted break into a room; Bldg. 16, vending machine vandalized; MacGregor House, annoying phone calls; Harvard Bridge, mutual assault between persons known to each other; Bldg. 26, Justin Heather, of 129 Franklin Street, arrested for breaking and entering.

Dec 1: Student Center, Patricia Jackson taken into custody for an outstanding warrant.

Dec 2: Bldg. E34, laptop stolen, \$2,000; Bldg. E38, suspicious activity; Walker Memorial, kitchen area broken into; Bldg E15, past larceny of audio visual equipment, \$1,000.

Dec 3: Bldg. 66, attempted break into a desk.

Dec 4: Bldg. 68, CDs stolen; Bldg. 4, Athena mouse stolen, \$50; Westgate lot, 1995 Honda Accord stolen.



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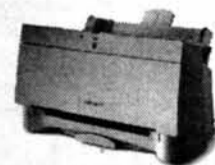
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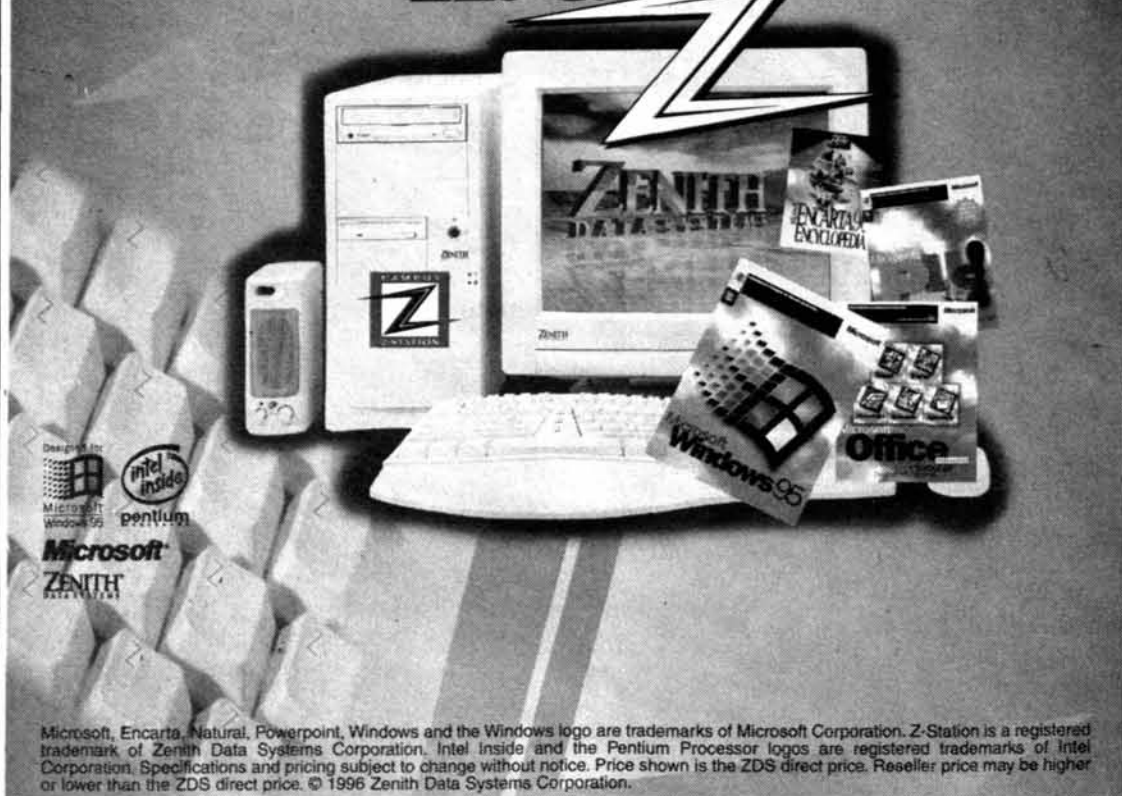
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Vest Praises Deutch For 'Admirable' Job In His Public Career

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these was the uncovering of Harold J. Nicholson, a leading officer of the CIA according to Deutch, as a spy last month.

The agency has also come under fire for allegedly selling drugs to finance illegal operations during the 1980s.

However, Deutch won praise from Lake, the man to replace him. "John Deutch has left really large shoes to fill," Lake said. "They're size triple-E."

President Charles M. Vest was enthusiastic about Deutch's work in Washington. "MIT encourages its faculty to provide public service," he said. "Many, including Professor Deutch, have done so admirably and at high levels."

However, Vest stressed that Deutch's associations with MIT will not get MIT any special treatment from any government agencies. "The federal government has very clear guidelines about avoidance of conflict of interest by decision makers during and after government service," Vest said.

"These are followed with great care by our faculty when on leave to serve in the government," he said. "Such matters are monitored by the inspectors general in the relevant agencies."

Before becoming deputy secretary of defense, Deutch served in several upper-level positions at MIT. A professor of chemistry, he served as the dean of the school of science from 1982 to 1985 before becoming provost in 1985. He became an Institute professor in 1990 after serving briefly in the Bush administration.

Return to MIT a possibility

Rumors persist that Deutch may be interested in being president of



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Institute Professor John M. Deutch '61

MIT. "Mr. Deutch feels that he has close ties to MIT," said David Christian, a public affairs officer for the CIA. Deutch may wish to return to MIT after he leaves Washington, Christian said.

Deutch initially declined his current CIA post. According to published reports, his initial hesitance stemmed from a fear that accepting the position would lessen his chances of becoming president of MIT someday.

However, Vest dismissed this possibility, saying it has never been considered by the MIT administration. "I hope not to require a successor in the foreseeable future," he said. "I haven't given any thought to the matter."

Deutch began his career in Washington during the Kennedy administration and has served in consulting positions for every administration since then except the Nixon administration. He is the most prominent member of an MIT-Washington contingent that includes Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall '60 and several economic and science advisers.

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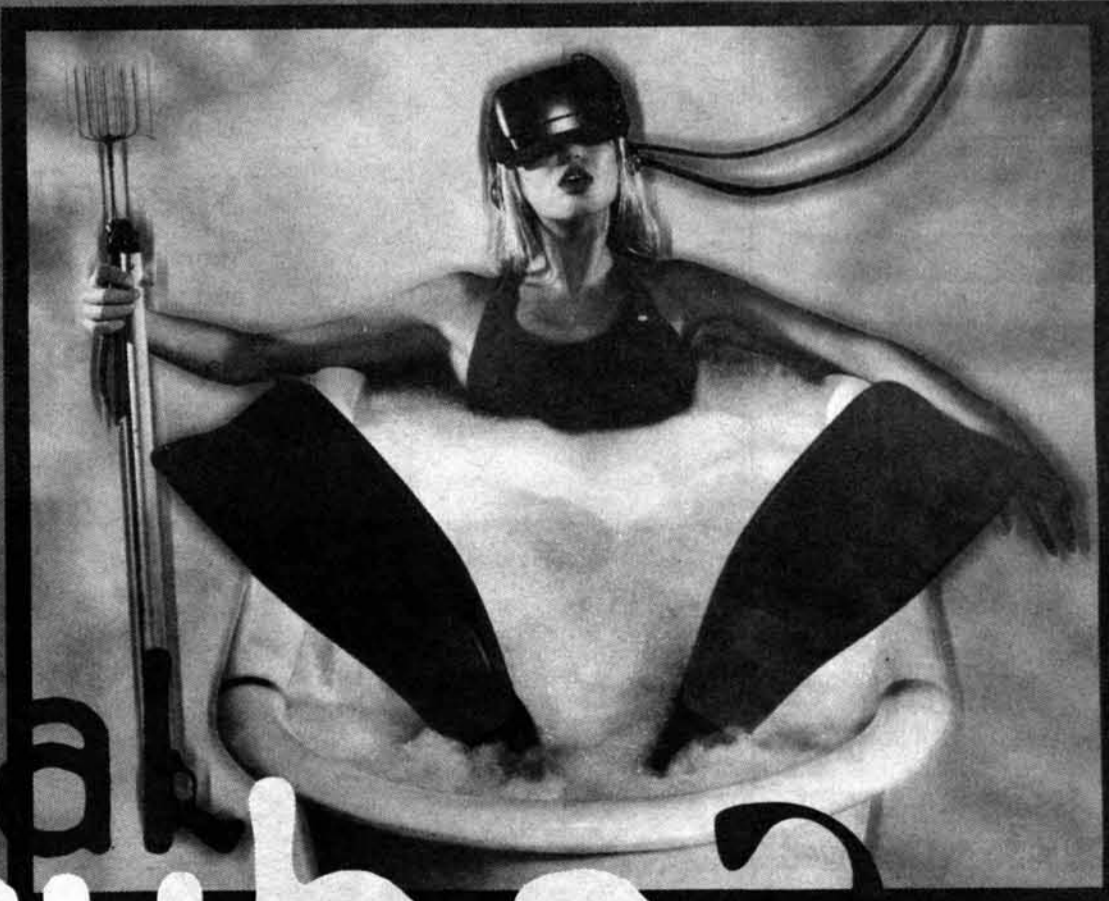
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Cambridge Requires Hiring of Bar Guard

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C. Barnes continued by reminding the owners of the saloon that they are responsible for their patrons as they leave the premises.

Random Hall tutors testify

Brian T. Lantz G, a tutor at Random Hall, complained to the commission that patrons of the saloon have been urinating in bushes around closing time and harassing students as they passed by. "It would be nice if they could put people outside" the saloon, Lantz said.

Lantz said that the lawyer for the saloon was very upset about the incident. "They didn't attempt to deny the incident. They felt really bad that it had happened and hoped that there was some reasonable way to solve the problem," he said.

The manager of the facility was not pleased with having to place a security guard outside the saloon on weekends, Lantz said. "They seemed eager to deal with our concerns, but they didn't seem eager to put a person outside the bar," he said.

Random Hall Housemaster Nina J. Davis-Millis said that she was pleased with the outcome of the commission. "I'm really delighted because it has been a problem for such a long time. Having some responsible party out there will make a big difference," she said.

"I hope it will resolve the problem with students being bothered from the bar," Lantz said.

Blandford said that he believes the commission was sympathetic to him. "I think they're lucky to get off with what they got off with it since the licensing commission was so sympathetic to me," he said.

The presence of security guards will help the area outside Random Hall, Blandford said. Still, "they're not the only problem in this area. This whole neighborhood is not very friendly," he said.

The saloon has five days from its receipt of the letter to appeal the decision.

Saloon cleared in separate case

At its hearing last week, the commission also investigated a complaint made about a fight that occurred outside the saloon in late October.

John Worrel, a doorman of the saloon, was accompanying an individual from Watertown out of the establishment when he was punched. Worrel stated at the hearing that he had never been involved in a fight during the 14 years he worked there.

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Marilyn B. Vogel contributed to the reporting of this article.

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Changes Will Allow Building 16 to Meet Disabilities Act Code

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The elevator will allow for handicapped access between the different floors of the building. The new ramp will eliminate several turns in the existing one.

The lobby of Building 16 will also be renovated. A new vending machine area will be constructed on the first floor, along with a new entry vestibule and loading dock. The company in charge of the existing machine is currently looking for alternate locations to place it during construction, perhaps in front of 26-100, Joyce said.

The renovations will begin in January after current occupants in the building are moved. They will be moved primarily to Building 56, starting Jan. 6, Joyce said. The renovations to Building 16 will be finished in early 1998.

LSC will be affected

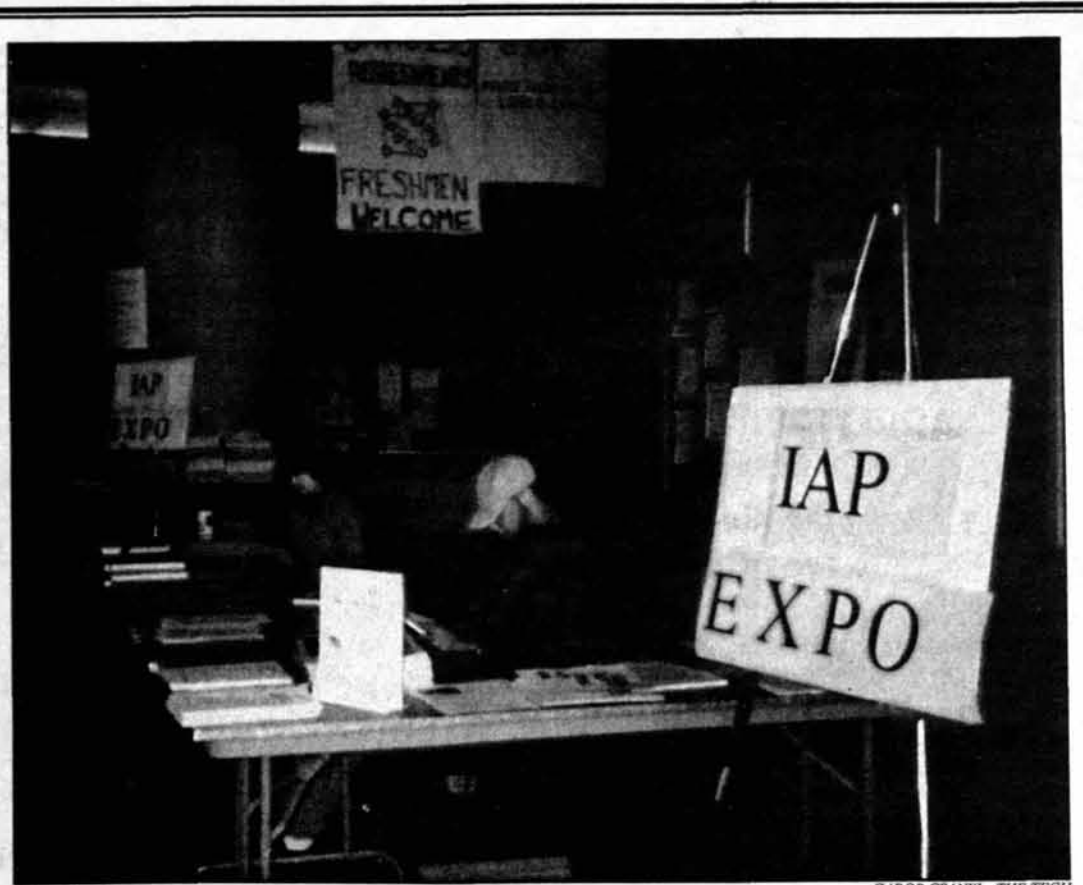
The renovations may also cause

difficulty for the operations of the Lecture Series Committee, which currently shows films in 26-100 during the term. The group has been in close contact with Joyce throughout the planning of the project to discuss potential difficulties.

The closing of the first floor lobby will cause difficulties in how LSC sells movie tickets at the shows. "We're going to have to move our ticket selling closer to the doors," said LSC Chairman William J. Gehrke '97. "It will be an inconvenience but not as big as a problem as the refreshments room," which is where LSC's popcorn and soda machines are stored, he said.

The refreshments room is currently located in Building 56. "Because we can't get into Building 16, we'll have to move the popcorn and soda machines well out of our way to get into [26-100]," said LSC Chairman William J. Gehrke '97.

The machines may have to be brought outside to avoid the construction, which might result in damage because of inclement weather, Gehrke said.



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UA Passes Proposal On Shuttle To Airport

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Several council noted the disparity between the funds given to *Voodoo* and those given to other publications. *The Thistle* and *Counterpoint*, received only \$300 and \$700, respectively. "The funding for *Voodoo* would be changed to \$1,600 until *Voodoo* approaches the council to explain what they need the additional money for," said UA Floor Leader Norris Vivatrat '99.

UA approves airport shuttle

The UA approved a plan to organize and fund a free shuttle service between MIT and Logan Airport during finals week.

The proposal, brought forward by Stephanie M. Zielenski '98, IFC representative to the UA, would have a bus run from three locations on the MIT campus — East Campus, McCormick Hall, and Next House — to Logan every hour and a half.

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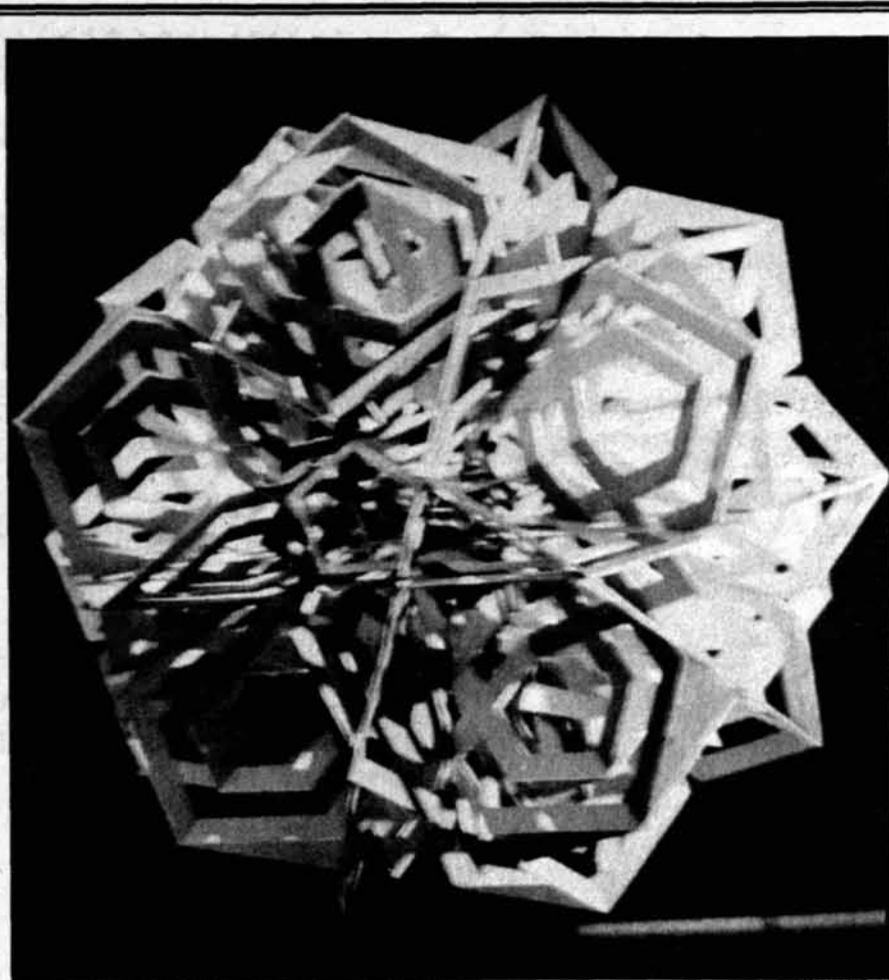
"This is the kind of stuff that the UA should be doing," said UA Secretary General Jeb E. Keiper '99, "We should go with the best possible option."

In other business, Wesley T. Chan '00, Angela C. Chen '00, William J. Melendez Diaz '00, and Scott K. Hiroshige '00 were confirmed as members of the election commission. They will help organize spring elections for the UA.

Gordon was also elected unanimously to head the revived Committee on Student Life.

A proposal by Class of 2000 President Sandra C. Sandoval '99 to allocate \$1,000 as the first step in holding a campus unity week during the first two weeks in February was tabled to allow organizers more time to talk with those involved and the other organizations that may be funding the event.

The proposed week would feature presentations by campus cultural and social groups and would be designed to "break down the barriers between groups," Sandoval said.



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SPORTS

NFC East Gridlocked as Denver Cruises in AFC West

By Chris Brocoun
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Well-rested from a week off and well-fed from the turkey, I find that it is time to delve into the intricacies of the NFL once again. Any football fan has to be thrilled with the way the season has unfolded thus far, especially in the last two weeks.

In the NFC, a classic battle has developed in the East. Dallas, Washington, and Philadelphia are all tied. Is this epic or what? Dallas and Philly have come on strong while Washington has faltered in

two key games against Dallas and San Francisco. It will all come down to the remaining three games for these teams.

I don't think anyone can argue that the season finale between the archrival Cowboys and Redskins at RFK is looking to be a game for the ages, especially if the little traffic jam atop the NFC East continues. Every play of every game can make or break the season for any of these teams.

Elsewhere in the NFC, Green Bay and San Francisco have regained their early momentum to take solid leads in their respective divisions. A pesky Carolina team keeps bugging San Fran, but the Niners are looking good lately. This points toward a big match up this week as the Panthers come to town. Denver is also coming to Green Bay this weekend in a potential Super Bowl match up.

In the AFC, there is even more

intrigue as four teams are jockeying for a playoff position with 9-4 records. New England pulled off a big win over the Chargers to catapult themselves back in the race while Pittsburgh and Buffalo suffered disappointing losses to foul up their game plans.

Like I said, the season is winding down into a fan's dream.

Here we go: the picks, week 15

Philadelphia finds themselves with the easiest schedule of the tied NFC East trio. They can't afford a slip against the gutsy Colts.

If New England waxed the Chargers last week for 45, I hate to see what they are going to do to the lowly 1-12 Jets. Parental advisory: It won't be a pretty sight.

Atlanta is playing the New Orleans Saints in the Baddest of the Bad contest (not bad as in good; I'm talking bad as in terrible, horrible, banned-from-the-league bad). Take

New Orleans to avoid the basement. Baltimore surprised the heck out of the Steelers last weekend. I don't think they'll be as lucky in Cincinnati.

Denver is heading to Green Bay. This looks to be a good one, folks. Strap yourselves in. I'm thinking Elway just might give Brett Favre a personal clinic.

Take the Oilers over Jacksonville.

Miami must be distraught by the disappearance of Dan Marino last week. Three interceptions is not exactly his signature performance. Hopefully, he will be back in attendance this week against the Giants.

Da Bears are playing St. Louis in Chicago. Da Bears win da game easily.

I want to take a minute to explain Pittsburgh's disaster last week. See, in a long-gone time, the Baltimore Ravens were known, as the Cleveland Browns. The Browns and the Steelers enjoyed one of the most serious but fun rivalries in professional sports. The Ravens must have had visions of their former selves. The Steelers need to have visions of their former selves in a

must-win game this week against a reeling San Diego team after last week's debacle against the Patriots.

Washington should end its losing streak and regain its confidence while cruising to victory over Tampa Bay.

Buffalo is in a dead heat with the Patriots. They need a win at Seattle. It shouldn't be a problem.

Carolina is heading to San Francisco to take on the 49ers. This is a decisive game for both teams. Carolina can stay in it with a win, but San Fran can pretty much clinch it with a victory. This situation favors the Niners' tradition over the upstart Panthers.

Dallas is playing in Arizona. The Cowboys should maintain their position. But in a closer game than people think.

Minnesota is playing Detroit in a classic but meaningless NFC Central match up. Take the Vikings.

Monday Night Special: Kansas City, yet another of the 9-4 AFC teams, should have no trouble dispatching the Raiders and staying in the race.

Last week's record: Turkey. Two weeks ago: 11-4, tying my season best. Season record: 91-58.

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