

Sophomore Dies after Falling from MacGregor

Police Say Circumstances of Death Consistent with Suicide



THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

Students, faculty, and friends gather to discuss the life and death of Melissa N. Ronge '98.

By Daniel C. Stevenson
TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Melissa N. Ronge '98 fell to her death from the 14th floor of MacGregor House yesterday, sometime between 4 and 6 a.m.

Ronge, 19, was an applied mathematics major and a member of the women's volleyball team. She was a resident of the dormitory's E-entry, and was originally from North Syracuse, New York.

The death has not yet been classified as a suicide, said Kenneth D. Campbell of the News Office. It will take a medical examiner several days to ascertain the cause, he said.

But the circumstances of the death were consistent with suicide, said Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin. There was no evidence of foul play.

Ronge was last seen between 3 and 5 a.m. yesterday reading a

newspaper in a MacGregor lounge, Campbell said.

At 6:22 a.m., Campus Police were notified by a MacGregor tutor, and they responded with the Cambridge Police, Glavin said.

A lengthy note was found and given to Ronge's parents, said Senior Associate Dean Robert M. Randolph.

Students, counselors talk in dorm

Ronge "had been connected up with several resources on campus and we were trying to assist her in making decisions about what she wanted to do with her personal issues," said Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Margaret A. Jablonski.

Ronge spent Sunday night talking with friends and tutors about her

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No Candidates Running For 22 UA, Class Offices

By Shang-Lin Chuang
NEWS EDITOR

Five days after the first deadline for submitting signed petitions passed, only six of the 26 positions up for election in this month's Undergraduate Association elections have candidates.

Because of the low participation, the UA has extended the petition deadline to this Friday. The paper-ballot election will take place March 13.

As of last night, 10 candidates or candidate pairs had submitted petitions and declared their candidacy for offices, Ng said.

Some of the election packets handed in were incomplete, and therefore were not counted as of last Friday, said UA Election Commissioner Amy W. Ng '99.

One reason for the number of open spots might be that people running for office intentionally delay turning their packets in on time in anticipation of a deadline extension, Ng said.

"The offices will continue to be open until we can figure something out," she said.

The qualifications for candidacy include filling out an application and obtaining 450 signatures for the positions of UA president, vice president, and Finance Board mem-

bership, and 125 signatures for class officers.

Deadline extended to help election

"The election commission encourages people to run for office since the deadline has been extended," Ng said.

For the positions of UA president and vice president "we have three great teams already ready to go and maybe more coming with the deadline extended," Ng said.

"MIT is going through a dramatic period of change this year and next year with re-engineering, the ROTC issue, new upper-level administrators installed, and other intensely undergraduate-related issues that need student

and student leaders' involvement," Ng said. "We need motivated and enthusiastic individuals to carry on these projects and initiate new ones."

Voting opens soon; spots still open

Electronic voting will take place from March 6 through 11. Students may also vote using paper ballots at Walker Memorial, Lobby 7, Student Center, and Baker House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The first UA study break will be held tonight at Baker Commons at

Frats Consider Dry R/O Week

By David D. Hsu
NEWS EDITOR

Concern over alcohol and Residence and Orientation Week has prompted proposals which would place further restrictions on alcohol during rush.

These proposals could further alter rush week. Rush week underwent a major change in November, when the Dormitory Council withdrew its participation from the Clearinghouse system used to track freshmen.

Eliminating the entire presence of alcohol during rush or extending the period when alcohol cannot be served to pledges are two proposals the Interfraternity Council is currently reviewing.

Current rush rules prohibit alcohol from being served in any rush event until after 12:00 p.m. on the Saturday after rush begins. At no time may any freshman be served alcohol from the beginning of rush until the desk is closed.

These proposals do not affect sororities. "Sororities have no alcohol. Period," said Adviser to Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups Neal H. Dorow.

The intent of eliminating alcohol would be to ensure that the presence of alcohol does not affect a freshman's housing decision, said IFC President Jason D. Pride '97.

"As far as dry rush goes, there has been more talk about that recently because of some situations that occurred," Dorow said. "Almost every other Greek commu-

nity in the United States does have a completely dry rush.

"The other point is that national fraternities prohibit chapters from using alcohol, yet some fraternities do have activities where alcohol is present" even though freshman are not drinking, Dorow said.

Past incidents prompt concern

Recent incidents with fraternities have initiated concern about alcohol. In September, a car hit a Boston University student outside a Kappa Sigma party where alcohol was present ["Car Hits BU Student Outside Frat Party," Sept. 15, 1995].

There also have been some community complaints about noise during rush ["Alcohol Banned from Deltas' House; Licensing Board Acts on Complaints," Nov. 17, 1995], Dorow said. It "has created some friction with the Back Bay."

The second proposal seeks to prohibit alcohol past the current noon deadline on Saturday. This policy would serve to prevent FSILGs from closing their desks and start partying, which could be an incentive for freshman to join their living group, Pride said. In addition, the policy may also benefit neighbors of fraternity houses.

The proposals are "just suggestions," Dorow said. "I think we're going to work very closely with IFC on these."

In order to become rush policy, the proposals must pass through the rush chairs from the FSILGs, Pride said.

"I tend not to make a stand against the FSILGs," Pride said. "I would rather promote ideas such as improvement of brotherhood rather than shoving policies down their neck."

"Even though [a completely dry rush] is a really beautiful idea, it would seem to me an idealistic goal to have the fraternities not based on alcohol," Pride said. "It's a reality that's not going to be attained."

The policy may be unnecessary, Pride said. Brothers are usually too busy with rush to drink. The policy would then only apply to alumni and visitors who would be over 21.

Prohibiting alcohol past the current deadline would be a destruction of back-to-school celebrations, Pride said. "It leaves a big period of time where nothing happens after pledges join."

The elimination of parties during "dead week," the second week of rush, is too drastic an action, Pride said.

Dormcon 'firm on Clearinghouse'

The Dormcon decided to end Clearinghouse because it no longer serves the interests of dormitory residents and incoming students, according to the Dormcon press release.

Dormcon has devoted the month of February to discussing rush issues with both IFC and Residence and Campus Activities, said Dormcon President Dhaya Lakshminarayanan '96.

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MIT Beats Harvard in Regional College Bowl

By A. Arif Husain
NEWS EDITOR

A five-person MIT academic team defeated the defending national champions from Harvard University Sunday to win the New England Regional College Bowl Championship.

The victory qualifies the MIT team as one of 16 teams which will compete in the National Championship at Arizona State University in late April.

The five team members — Jason B. Sugg '96, Peter W. McCorquodale G, James W. Coffin '96, Ryan R. Scranton '97 and Dom A. Ricci '99 — were chosen from over 100 students who competed in an intramural tournament over Independent Activities Period.

College Bowl, whose slogan is "The Varsity Sport of the Mind," is a national organization which sponsors academic question-and-answer tournaments based on material from history, literature, mathematics, and the sciences.

"The New England region is widely recognized as one of the toughest in the nation, and winning here requires great speed, depth of knowledge, and teamwork," said advisor and coach James W. Bales PhD '91. "I am very proud of what this team has done."

MIT has qualified for national competition only three times in the last eight years, finishing seventh in 1988 and second in 1990. MIT won the National Championship in 1992.

The Campus Activities Complex co-sponsored the IAP tournament; MIT will be sponsoring the team's trip to Arizona this year.

MIT prevails against strong field

The two-day regional competition, which culminated in MIT's final round victory, began with 15 teams from around the northeast, including perennially strong teams from Dartmouth College, Williams College, and Boston University.

The teams were divided into two divisions with each team playing every other team in its division. The top two teams from each division

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WORLD & NATION

No Link Found in String of Recent F-14 Tomcat Crashes, Navy Says

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN DIEGO

The commander of the Navy's Pacific Air Fleet said Monday that investigators have been unable to find a common link among a string of recent crashes and he defended the controversial F-14 Tomcat, which will be the subject of a congressional probe Thursday.

Vice Adm. Brent M. Bennett said that reviews done during the recent three-day safety stand-down for all 330 of the Navy's F-14s worldwide proved to the Navy's satisfaction that the F-14 is safe.

"Part of the reason we're having this review in the F-14 community is to ensure we have a safe airplane and we're comfortable we do," Bennett said. Three of the supersonic fighters from Miramar Naval Air Station have crashed in recent weeks.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., will convene a hearing Thursday to examine the F-14's safety record. Thirty-two of the supersonic fighters have crashed since 1991.

Hunter and Rep. Randall "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., have complained bitterly that cutbacks in defense spending during the Clinton administration have kept the Navy from upgrading the older models of F-14s and thus have endangered the lives of fliers.

Christopher Opens Up Latin Trade

THE WASHINGTON POST

SAN SALVADOR

Seeking to highlight Cuba's isolation in the Western Hemisphere, Secretary of State Warren Christopher kicked off a victory tour of Latin American success stories Monday by offering to increase access to U.S. markets for friendly Central American and Caribbean nations.

Christopher's trip was planned long before Cuba's downing on Saturday of two U.S. civilian light aircraft, but Christopher seized on the occasion to reinforce the argument that democratic reforms and cooperation with Washington are more fruitful than the alternatives practiced by Cuba.

Christopher promised Salvadoran President Armando Calderon Sol — and the leaders of Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Belize, whom he met over lunch — that President Clinton will include in his proposed budget bill a provision to give their countries and most Caribbean states access to U.S. markets equal to that of Mexico and Canada for some of their most important products.

U.S. Assesses Impact of Job Cuts

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Government data indicated that managers, supervisors and executives made up 12.1 percent of the nonpostal workforce in 1989, and that had risen to 12.7 percent by mid-1993. Buyouts aimed at middle-management employees have trimmed the number. By last September there were only 11.6 percent classified as bosses.

But a report by the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee says good management may require a higher ratio of supervisors to employees than the 1-to-15 goal of the White House. When the administration began working on Uncle Sam's midriff, it said there was one supervisor for every every 15 employees. The House Committee says that in industry the average is one supervisor for every six workers. Its report says that setting an "arbitrary" government-wide goal may deny agencies the flexibility they need in tough or complex programs.

Employees have mixed emotions. Excess supervision can be stifling. But those hoping to advance to higher grades, pay, and responsibility can't help but notice that their promotion chances aren't getting any better.

WEATHER

Fickle February

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

We will continue to experience extremely mild weather for the next day or so, but rain and cold will follow closely behind. Temperatures have remained resiliently high over the past few days despite strong winds blasting down out of the north. This is largely due to a mid-troposphere phenomenon; a large quasi-stationary trough out over the west producing southerly winds over most of the country is propping up temperatures nearer the surface. Good things do not last, however, and a gradual migration east of the aforementioned trough will bring precipitation and pull temperatures sharply down to more seasonal levels. A weak low developing to the south and east will stave off the advance of a warm front for most of Tuesday morning. However, high clouds due to the overrunning warm air will develop during the afternoon, and a drop in the wind heralds the surface front which will come through Tuesday night.

Light precipitation will most likely start by early Wednesday morning, peaking about lunchtime. Partial clearing behind the cold front brings on a chilly Thursday, with not much respite in site before the end of the week.

Today: Mostly sunny in the morning. High clouds developing during the afternoon. Winds more moderate than recently at 10-15 mph (16-24 kph) and out of the north changing to southerly in the afternoon. High 51°F (11°C).

Tonight: Cloudy with rain developing around midnight. Low 40°F (4°C).

Wednesday: Rain stopping by mid-afternoon. Then partial clearing and colder. High 51°F (11°C). Low 28°F (-2°C).

Thursday: Fair and cold. High 34°F (1°C). Low 22°F (-6°C).

Clinton Announces Sanctions On Cuba after Plane Downing

By Ann Devroy

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton, retaliating against Cuba for shooting down two U.S. civilian aircraft piloted by members of an exile group, said Monday he will halt all charter flights between the United States and Cuba and support legislation imposing tighter sanctions on that country.

The two moves were among political and economic sanctions announced by Clinton after a Cuban MiG-29 fighter jet downed two Cessna aircraft in the Florida Strait near the Cuban coast on Saturday.

Clinton also will ask Congress to use some of the \$100 million in Cuban assets frozen in the United States to compensate families of the four men aboard the planes, who are missing and presumed dead. He also will limit travel in the United States by Cuban diplomats and will expand broadcasts by U.S.-operated Radio Marti into Cuba.

In his brief statement, Clinton continued to make the U.S. case that shooting down unarmed civilian planes, whatever the provocation and whatever their location, is a "flagrant violation" of international law. "Although the (Cuban American) group that operated the planes had entered Cuban airspace in the past, this is no excuse for the attack," Clinton said.

While Clinton reiterated the U.S. account that the attack occurred in international airspace, the Cuban government insisted it has "unequivocal proof," including records of cockpit conversations and radar tapes, that the two planes were

in Cuban airspace and were warned before the attack.

The Cuban stand constituted a direct challenge to the U.S. version of events, and seemed to foreshadow a strong diplomatic counteroffensive in the U.N. Security Council against a U.S. proposal condemning Fidel Castro's government for the incident.

The downed planes were flown by Brothers to the Rescue, a Miami group of volunteer pilots who fly missions to search for Cuban rafters leaving the island and to protest Castro's rule.

Administration officials acknowledged that with a full trade embargo already in place, Clinton's response was likely to have only a modest effect on Cuba's economy. But a White House official said the president was attempting to avoid imposing "too much misery" on Cuban citizens while still sending "a signal that if this happens again, the response can be much harsher."

Outside of military action, which the White House quickly ruled out, the administration could have taken a range of other actions including withdrawing all diplomats from Cuba and ending U.S.-Cuban phone service. Clinton left in place his recent easing of curbs on Cuban-American financial remittances and steps to facilitate U.S.-Cuban media operations.

On Capitol Hill, members of Congress who were pushing the so-called Helms-Burton bill to tighten sanctions against Cuba even before the shoot-down said the incident will ensure passage. They also confidently predicted a presidential signature even if provisions are includ-

ed that the White House once opposed.

Despite Clinton's pledge Monday to seek fast action on the legislation, officials said he remains opposed to a provision in the House version that is opposed by U.S. allies. It would allow Cuban Americans and others to sue in U.S. courts for compensation from foreign companies that buy property that Castro had confiscated over the past three decades. The White House and Senate previously had opposed that measure, and the White House said it will attempt to negotiate a compromise.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms, (R-N.C.), and Rep. Dan Burton, (R-Ind.), also would bar countries from buying Cuban sugar and other products, and then reselling them in the United States as a way of getting around the trade embargo in effect since the 1960s.

It would cut aid to Russia if Moscow supports an electronic intelligence-gathering facility in Cuba, and orders the administration to try to block Cuba from joining international financial institutions.

"The legislation will be on the president's desk before the blood drips on Castro's hands," Helms said Monday. He has asked key lawmakers to meet Wednesday to finish work on the bill.

Under the new sanction, "people won't be flying from Miami to Cuba anymore," said one senior official. He asked that Americans avoid flying to Cuba from other countries, the main way visitors have avoided travel restrictions.

Medicaid Impasse Allows Some Governors to Increase Budgets

By Judith Havemann

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Every passing day makes it less likely that Congress will enact GOP Medicaid and welfare reforms that would save the states billions of dollars, but many governors are acting as if they already had the cash in the bank.

Washington's possible failure to act on the proposals would send states such as New York scrambling to make up huge shortfalls later this year.

"It's got to happen in the next month," said Wisconsin Gov. Tommy G. Thompson (R), referring to enactment of the big budget items. "If it doesn't, I don't know what some states are going to do."

New York Gov. George E. Pataki (R), whose Medicaid program is the nation's largest, has introduced a budget that taps into a \$1.3 billion Medicaid gold mine opened up by an arcane formula change in the distribution of federal funds that was approved by Congress last year.

That change was vetoed by President Clinton in early December.

Pataki is not alone. Michigan Gov. John Engler (R) has penciled in \$320 million in anticipated Medicaid savings to finance a 5 percent increase in funds for Michigan's state universities.

But Congress hasn't passed legislation that would allow Michigan to implement Engler's plan without going through the cumbersome process of obtaining a waiver of today's Medicaid rules.

California is assuming it will have enough authority in a welfare block grant to cut benefits 4.5 percent, and make further cuts after six months and again after 12 months of

welfare dependence, according to the Center for Law and Social Policy, a liberal group. The cuts would save about \$299 million in the upcoming fiscal year.

Clinton vetoed such a plan, not once, but twice.

In an attempt to force Congress to act, the nation's governors unanimously proposed their own blueprint three weeks ago to break the Medicaid and welfare stalemate.

Congressional leaders are considering whether to attach the National Governors' Association proposals to next month's must-pass legislation to increase the government's borrowing authority.

But Republican congressional aides give the plan only a slim chance of success in this election year, when months will be devoted to campaigning. The governors' proposals have attracted fierce opposition from interest groups representing the poor. Also, many members of Congress in hearings last week raised questions about the cost, workability, philosophy and possible side effects of the gubernatorial plan.

In a crowd of high-stakes bettors, no governor has gambled more on congressional action than New York's Pataki, now in his second year as governor of the state with a Medicaid program so vast it has been labeled the "Medicaid Industrial Complex" by James Fossett, a professor at the State University of New York at Albany.

Medicaid is a \$155 billion-a-year joint federal-state health insurance program for the poor. It provides some standard benefits such as hospital coverage for everybody who qualifies but offers states the opportunity to add optional benefits such

as prescription drugs if they are willing to put up their share of the cost. New York's \$21 billion-a-year Medicaid program offers just about everything.

Furthermore, the state, like many others, has used the program as a form of revenue-sharing, according to Fossett. "In a lot of cases we've really pushed very hard ... to push programs that used to be funded 100 percent by state dollars onto Medicaid. A big slug of Medicaid money goes for special (education)."

New York, with 7 percent of the nation's population, consumes 15.7 percent of all Medicaid money. Its nursing home rates are the highest in the nation, although its nursing home patients are among the sickest. More Medicaid funds are spent on mental health and home care in New York than in any other state, by far.

In his budget, Pataki took advantage of a little-noticed change in the formula for distributing Medicaid funds to the states that was added to a massive deficit reduction plan in a late-night Senate Finance Committee markup on Sept. 29 by New York Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D) and Alfonse M. D'Amato (R). Both senators are members of the powerful Finance Committee, through which all Medicaid legislation must move.

The amendment changed the Medicaid formula to benefit 21 of the nation's wealthier states that are currently required to fork over more of their own money than others to get federal matching funds.

When Clinton vetoed the balanced budget plan Dec. 6, he also killed the formula change.

Palestinian American Shot Dead By Angry Israelis After Accident

By Barton Gellman
THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

It is not certain, and may never be, why Ahmed Hamideh drove his car Monday into a crowd of people at a bus stop on Jerusalem's northern edge, killing one person and injuring 22.

Long skid marks at the scene suggest that the 36-year-old Hamideh, an American of Palestinian origin, had tried to brake, and police investigators now say they think he somehow lost control of his rented car. Two armed bystanders, seeing bodies on the street and a man who appeared to be an Arab leaving the car, believed otherwise. They shot him dead on the spot.

So jittery are Israeli nerves a day after Palestinian extremists set off bombs on a Jerusalem bus and amid a crowd of hitchhiking soldiers in Ashqelon that hundreds of police-

men converged on the bus stop and brought afternoon rush-hour traffic to a halt. Police munitions experts, presuming another terrorist strike, searched Hamideh's small Fiat for explosives. They found groceries meant for his nephews in the West Bank.

As the nation buried the bombing victims Monday — the toll having risen to 27 overnight — a palpable sense of anxiety prevailed here. Had Hamideh done what he did on another day, said Hebrew University law professor Mordechai Kremnitzer, he probably would have lived to explain what happened. Today, Kremnitzer said, "people are afraid."

The location of the incident seemed significant. Buses and bus stops have become Israel's front lines and passengers unwilling combatants. And although practically every Israeli can recite the list of

bus bombings over the past two years — Afula, Hadera, Tel Aviv, Beit Lid, Ramat Gan, Jerusalem — there are 1.5 million people who ride buses every day because they have no choice.

Sunday's suicide bombing attacks gave new emotional leverage to opponents of Israel's peace compact with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and raised new doubts among supporters as well. Commentator Shalom Yerushalmi, a well-known advocate of the peace process, wrote in the newspaper Maariv Monday that "Israel should shake off its commitments" to the accord "until Arafat goes on an uncompromising war against terror."

As always after a national calamity, Monday's funerals were covered live on Israeli radio, and the evening television news dwelt on the mourners at length.

British Conservative Party Withstands Attack Regarding Illegal Arms Sales

By William D. Montalbano
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

Facing down a fierce opposition attack and defectors from his own party, British Prime Minister John Major put his government on the line Monday in an incendiary parliamentary vote over illegal arms sales to Iraq — and won by a hair.

Major's Conservatives won 320-319 in a vote that undercuts the impact of a report faulting government officials for their handling of the arms sales in the years before the Persian Gulf War.

The Conservatives limped to victory despite two defections, the opposition of nine members of Parliament from Northern Ireland who normally vote with the government and the combined weight of the Labor and Social Democrat parties.

Major's victory, which spared him from having to call a vote of confidence, can only reinforce his determination to remain in office for a full term and to call elections next year, rather than this year as his opponents demand.

In angry debates in the House of Commons on Monday, the two sides drew opposite conclusions from the same report. Major's opponents saw a callous decision to trade with Saddam Hussein in defiance of stated government policy, and a cover-up to keep the decision secret. The government's supporters saw flexible decision-making on the part of ministers working in the national interest.

"In any country which has seen real corruptions, they'd be astonished we're making such a meal of this," said Francis Maude, a former

Conservative treasury minister.

"I don't think this is finished. We'll be going home convinced that the government is on the defensive," said Donald Dewar, a senior Labor Party leader.

At issue was an 1,800-page report by magistrate Sir Richard Scott, asked by Major to investigate the sale of British weapons to the Hussein regime, despite an announced government ban against arming Iraq.

Scott was sharply critical of two senior government officials, William Waldegrave, the No. 2 official at the Treasury, and Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney general, for misleading parliament, the public and the courts on sales that proceeded despite repeated assurance that government restrictions against them had not been lifted.

Court Sends Mixed Signal on Laws Regarding Cross Burnings

THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court created new confusion Monday over the power of states to make cross-burning a crime by clearing the way for Florida to prosecute a youth for such an incident.

Four years ago, the court appeared to bar most, if not all, of the government's power to outlaw hate messages in speech or symbolic gestures. Unanimously, the court struck down a St. Paul, Minn., ordinance against cross-burning.

Monday, however, the court voted — with no dissents noted — to reject a constitutional challenge to a Florida law that outlaws the placement of a "flaming cross" on private property without the owner's permission.

The youth involved, Thomas Brandt Davis of Jacksonville, now will be tried in juvenile court for putting a burning cross on the property of a black family. The Florida Supreme Court in June upheld that state's cross-burning law.

The Florida court said that its own state law was broader than the St. Paul ordinance nullified by the Supreme Court. The St. Paul law, it said, was unconstitutional under the First Amendment because it targeted only symbolic messages that would offend specific minority groups.

By contrast, it said, the Florida law simply banned all cross-burning. That made it valid under the First Amendment, because it outlawed only the threat of violence that cross-burning always conveys, the Florida court said.

Serb Forces Help Evacuation

LOS ANGELES TIMES

ILIJAS, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

About 70 Bosnian Serb army vehicles rolled into this gloomy industrial suburb of Sarajevo on Monday. But unlike countless other military actions over the past four years, the assault was waged with cardboard boxes and dollies instead of guns and bombs.

In an unprecedented effort to calm the chaotic exodus from the Bosnian Serb-populated outskirts of the capital, the military trucks were permitted to cross Bosnian government territory and enter this demilitarized zone, which is fast being sucked empty of its Bosnian Serb inhabitants.

During the war, Ilijas was a fierce center of Bosnian Serb rebellion, with as many as 1,000 men from the town killed on the front line. This time, the military mission was as benign as it was humiliating: collect the possessions of residents desperate to leave before Thursday, when Muslim-Croat federation police move in.

"The civilian truck drivers have been afraid to go, but now drivers have been drafted to go by the military," said Srecko Jankovic, a Bosnian Serb official who helped organized one early-morning convoy. "I started this war defending my people, and I will end it defending my people."

Still, NATO officials said, more than 100 mobilized vehicles did not join the rescue effort for lack of willing drivers, many of whom were afraid of being arrested by Muslim-Croat federation police.

Earlier, the police had set up checkpoints along the route, but NATO and U.N. police said Monday they had demanded their removal.

Graduate Student Council

Save this date...
May 17th
The second annual Spring Swing Formal Ball
Here are some quotes from last year's attendees:
"Awesome"
"It was better than Cats"
"I'd do it again and again"
"Wow..."

Nominations for the GSC officers positions will take place at the next general meeting on March 6th! Elections will take place in April! You do not need to be a representative to run, but you do need to be one in order to vote. Here are some quotes from the current officers: "Awesome," "It was better than Cats," "The pay is great!"

So nominate yourself or a friend!

Meetings Coming...

- Formal Ball - Feb. 28
- General - March 6
- APPC - March 7
- HCA - March 12

Grad Ring Days

Feb. 26 and 27 in Lobby 10
Buy your Brass Rat at reduced rates and have it by graduation in June. They will change the date for free in case you don't finish in time!

TAXES!?!?

The Graduate Education Office, Room 3-138 has revised the

1995 Tax Guide for MIT Graduate Student Appointments of Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant, and Graduate Fellow Held by US Citizens and Resident Aliens.

This document has been revised since the Tax Workshop held by the MIT Accounting Office and it has been reviewed by the MIT tax lawyers.

The Graduate Education Office also has plenty of tax instruction booklets and tax forms available, so stop by today!

Tax Workshop
For International Students
Thursday, February 29, 1996
3pm - 5pm Rm 34-101

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UA Should Salvage HowToGAMIT

We all remember the chaos and confusion that accompanied Residence and Orientation Week. It is impossible to forget the swim test, the diagnostics, and the barrage of papers that was pressed upon us. Through it all, there is one piece of memorabilia that we have all kept: HowToGAMIT.

The guide provided invaluable resources for all facets of the MIT experience — everything from where to go for the best pizza in Cambridge to informative advice about suicide prevention. Many of us still have our copy on our bookshelves.

Unfortunately, last fall, the Technology Community Association announced that it would cease the publication of How-

ToGAMIT indefinitely due to budgetary problems. For the first time in 26 years, the entering Class of 1999 did not receive any copies.

As candidates for Undergraduate Association president and vice-president, we, Richard Y. Lee '97 and Dedic A. Carter '98, believe that the revival of HowToGAMIT is crucial. In order to achieve this goal, we will implement a two-phase plan to bring HowToGAMIT back to the MIT community.

First, the contents of HowToGAMIT should be put on-line on a web site for easy access to all students. This phase is very feasible and a cost effective way to maintain the viability and the accuracy of the publication. Following the example of the Course Evaluation Guide (which was also put on-line for budgetary problems), the UA can easily pro-

vide the necessary financial support to publish an on-line version of HowToGAMIT.

The final phase will be the publication of HowToGAMITs in the full paper form to be available at least to every incoming freshmen and at a nominal fee for the rest of the MIT community. This must be done through a special project group of the UA. Funds for this project will come through increased advertising content, UA and administrative allocations, and possible joint efforts with other on-campus publications.

The revival of HowToGAMIT, however, is only a small part of a comprehensive plan to bring a renaissance of passion back into the Undergraduate Association.

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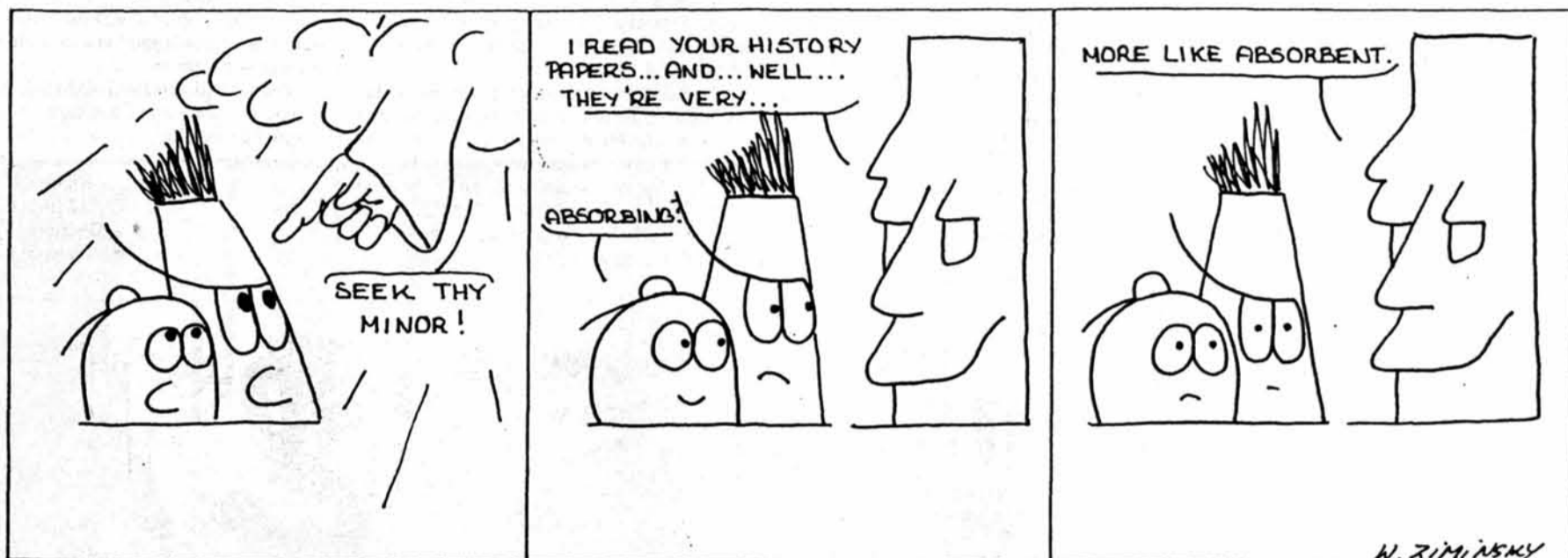
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Re-engineering Open House Looks for Student Input

By Shang-Lin Chuang
NEWS EDITOR

The student services re-engineering assessment team has been taking its findings to students as it prepares its final recommendations for delivery to the steering committee on March 12, said team member Anthony J. Ives '96.

The recommendations will include a proposal detailing future changes to student services like career assistance and orientation. It will also describe the structure of future redesign teams and the project's schedule, Ives said.

An open house held yesterday was part of the team's effort to display its findings, share its conclusions, and get student input, said Associate Director of Admissions and team member Marilee Jones.

"We are still in the process of gathering feedback," said team member and Associate Planning Officer Michael K. Owu '86. "They will be incorporated into the final report."

The input will also be used to guide the work of the future redesign teams, Ives said. It will help them identify what areas require more work and input. Up to now, the team has held more than 50 interviews, 12 focus group meetings, and 75 open or department meetings, according to an open house poster.

Students concerned with issues

The student services re-engineering effort "is very important and will change the fundamental ways in which student services are done," said one student who stopped by the open house, Shin-I A. Wang '96.

Before the open house, "I didn't know what was happening," said Michael A. Spitznagel '99. "Since I didn't have class and there was free food, I decided to see what was going on."

Students had various problems with the current state of the so-called "processes," or general areas of student life marked for redesign, that were presented at the open house.

"Upperclassmen advising is not centralized," Wang said. "Every department is different; there is no continuous support, and students learn more from other students

instead of from their advisors." "Advising is very vague," said Michelle D. Green '96. "It is not a two-way experience. The support, information, and benefit could be much better if we had a good advising system."

"The open house presented many ideas but there were no actual recommendations. I'd like to see more concrete goals," Wang said.

"The main thing to keep in mind is that what we have been presenting is our preliminary proposals," said team coordinator Anand Mehta G. "They are not set in stone yet. We have some ideas, but we need to have input before we know what will work."

"The ideas presented were very good," Green said. But implementation will be tough and relatively slow because of the size of MIT's bureaucracy, he said. The Institute "doesn't like change," he said. "Change has always been met with a lot of opposition."

Processes marked for change

The four processes recommend-

ed for redesign are co-curricular support, career assistance, orientation, and educational program support. The processes of supplies, housing, and personal support have been recommended to go through a set of changes that include re-organization and training.

These were chosen for redesign using criteria like importance to the student, level of dissatisfaction, opportunity to complement the educational mission, cross-functional interaction, ease of implementation, cost, and volume.

The provision of supplies and materials, which covers things like room allocation, has also been recommended for change. Process

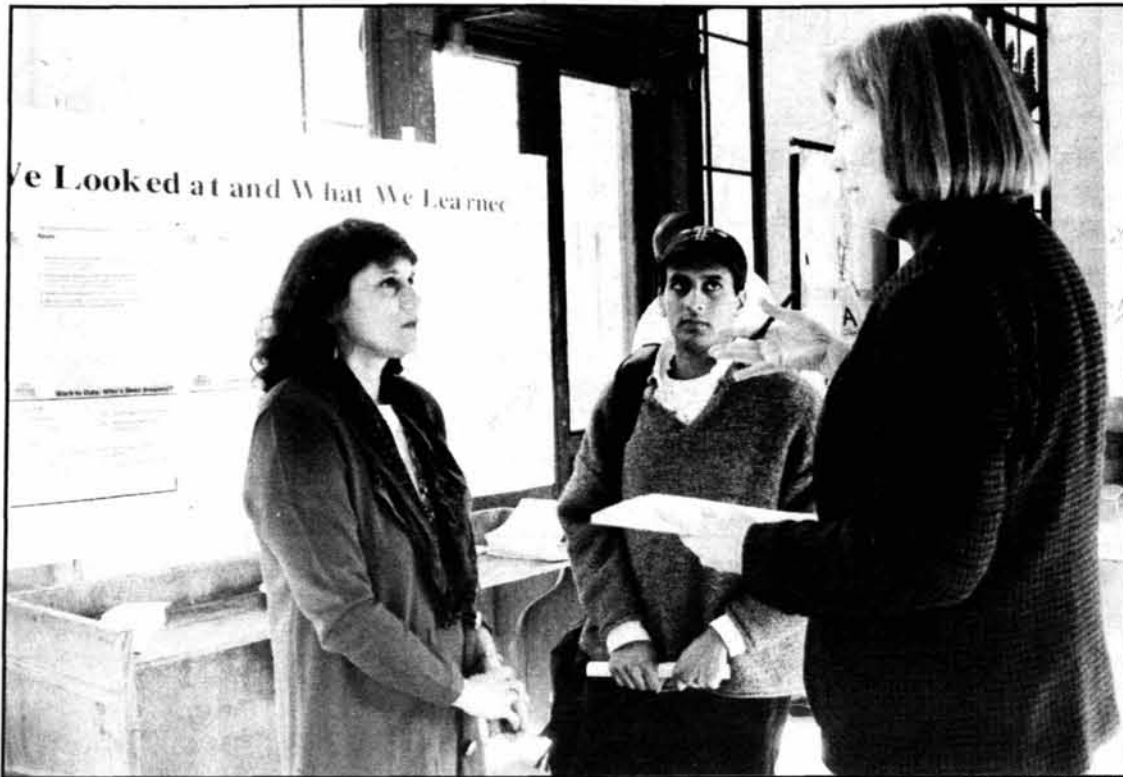
owners would be established to coordinate access to goods, appoint undergraduate and graduate students to the supplier consolidation re-engineering team, and emphasize student needs in administrative decisions related to these processes.

In addition, the housing process has been recommended to be reorganized by first combining the Offices of Housing and Residential Life, and then bringing most of housing management under Physical Plant's purview.

In the process of personal support, the team recommended establishing coordinators at the senior level to organize, train and support service providers across varied

offices, and information dissemination.

The assessment team, whose purpose is to review administrative and educational support processes and to identify and recommend areas where changes are needed, is made up of Stephen D. Immerman and Jennifer D. Dougherty of the Office of the Senior Vice President, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Margaret S. Enders, Associate Director of Career Services Jeannette L. Gerzon, Ives, Jones, Mehta, Owu, team captain and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Marty F. Schlecht ScD '82, and Weber.



Student services assessment team members Jeannette L. Gerzon, career services associate advisor, and Margaret S. Enders, associate dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, talk with a student in front of the re-engineering display in Lobby 7 yesterday.

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By Angela Liao
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Held before a packed audience at the Tang Center's Wong Auditorium, "Rewriting the Rules of the Digital World" was the fourth and largest event of The Distinguished Venture Speaker Series. The series is sponsored by Sloan student groups.

Kaufman, who is also Dream Works' founder, discussed his plans for developing multimedia games, interactive stories, and other software designed to "grab you emotionally," he said. The company is a joint venture backed by Microsoft and Dream Works SKG, the multimedia company founded by Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg, and David Geffen.

Merging entertainment and multimedia may be the secret to success of Dream Works Interactive, Kaufman said. He made references to earlier projects that combined the talents of both the gaming and entertainment industries.

"Remember Explora with Peter Gabriel? That was one of my first Hollywood projects," Kaufman said. "Thanks to Spielberg and Katzenberg, we can produce emotionally [moving] video games," he added. "Who else is better at grabbing you emotionally than Spielberg and Katzenberg?"

Kaufman commented on his experience as a lawyer in the Silicon Valley law firm Brobeck, Phlieger, and Harrison, where he specialized in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, and intellectual property rights. He now guides Dream Works' strategic vision and negotiates many of its business deals and partnerships.

During his career, Kaufman negotiated many match-making deals among different industries in the interactive arena. These have included joint projects in movie software between Paramount and Spectrum Holobyte and in television software with Electronic Arts and ABC/Capital Cities.

He also talked about his experience in representing and advising numerous venture capitalists and investment bankers in the emerging area of multimedia entertainment.

Kremen explores Web marketing

Kremen is "one of Silicon Valley's most colorful entrepreneurs," according to the event's organizers. With experience in marketing, Kremen gave a lively speech detailing his journey and his plans for profit

on the World-Wide Web. "My first company was Match.com, an online personal ads service," said Kremen. That company is less than a year old and currently has over 64,000 active members worldwide, and has started charging them for its service.

"Our marketing strategy is [to] focus on women. [Our experience] is that men will follow the women," Kremen said.

Kremen's new company, Electric Classifieds, Inc., is one of the leading online classifieds advertising technology outsourcing company on the Web. Kremen has recently raised over \$10 million in funding from venture capitalists and leading corporate partners for the venture.

Kremen gave an example of his marketing strategy as well as his Web plans by means of Match.com and ECL to demonstrate the profitable future of the Net and answered audience questions.



The women's fencing team poses after victory in the New England Championships at UNH Saturday. JENNIFER MOSIER

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Revised Rush Rules Might Mean Dry R/O

Rush, from Page 1

The aim of the discussions is to hear different opinions about rush. However, "we're pretty firm on Clearinghouse," Lakshminarayanan said. "We've done a lot of research on Clearinghouse. We've made a rational proposal."

"If they want something different, there must be a huge incentive for us to do it," Lakshminarayanan said. Students have a huge responsibility during rush. Proposals must pass through the dormitory presidents.

"We're still willing to listen," Lakshminarayanan said.

Fraternities use Clearinghouse because they need to locate a fresh-

man in a short amount of time during a short rush period, Pride said. "The fact that the dorms ran Clearinghouse ineffectively [means its loss] doesn't affect fraternities in a large way."

However, "it seems that dorms are being put in a position against the fraternities," Pride said. "If that's taken further, it could be problematic."

"Their loss from Clearinghouse is more an MIT administration issue than an IFC issue," Pride said.

"I think we all have the responsibility to make residence selection work," said Associate RCA Dean Margaret A. Jablonski. "Ultimately, RCA is responsible for the housing of first year students."

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"Success requires a trade-off between speed, to beat the opponents out on the toss-ups, and depth of knowledge, to maximize the points scored on bonuses," Bales said.

The semi-final and final matches were played in best-of-three series. MIT shut out Dartmouth in the

semi-finals with two straight wins of 420-180 and 255-240.

MIT lost to Harvard in the first finals match with a score of 170-320. But the team turned around to win the next match with a score of 330-105, tying the series and forcing a third finals match for only the first time since 1992.

Answering nine toss-ups to Harvard's two, and scoring over 80 percent of the bonus questions, MIT landed a clear victory with a score of 350-180 in that third match, Bales said.

"We lost our first round, which was demoralizing, but we managed to pull ourselves back together to go all the way," said Sugg, who was the team captain.

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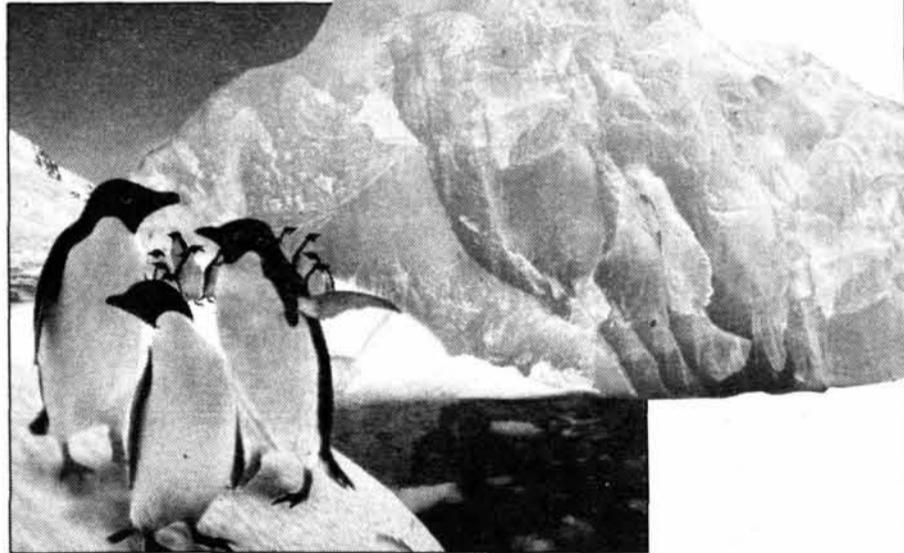
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MacGregor Resident Falls to Her Death

Ronge, from Page 1

personal difficulties, Randolph said. "The support was there for her and for the people she cared about. The bottom line is you can do everything right and it's still not enough."

There were "some incidents yesterday and people had been talking to her," Randolph said. "I don't think anyone thought that she would be dead this morning."

Jablonski, Randolph, and counselors from the Medical Department were at MacGregor last night to talk with students. Ronge's parents came in last night to talk with her friends.

The incident has been "a nightmarish situation for all of us," Randolph said.

Ronge was active in athletics

Ronge served as team statistician for the men's and women's soccer and basketball teams as well as the men's volleyball and lacrosse teams. Ronge, who wrote many sports articles for *The Tech* about the teams, described sports statistics as her real love.

Ronge served as MacGregor's athletic chair, played the violin and chess, and liked to read, watch movies, and listen to music.

In a statement, Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams said Ronge "was a vibrant person who was widely involved in our community and who had a bright future. To have this future cut off so abruptly is a source of great sorrow for us all. We extend our sympathy to her family and to all her friends and colleagues here."

Ronge fell from a lounge in MacGregor's A-entry, the site of two suicides several years ago. Because of those earlier deaths, the windows in the tower section of the dormitory were modified to prevent people jumping or falling through them. However, the window Ronge fell from was apparently able to open completely.

Death similar to one six years ago

The last MIT suicide was in January 1993. Festus M. Moore '94, was found dead outside the Boston University School of Law after jumping from the 15th floor. In June 1991, Edward B. Hontz Jr. '92 died after falling from the roof of Building 66.

In October 1990, Younes Borki '92 jumped to his death from the same MacGregor lounge that Ronge



Mellisa N. Ronge '98

fell from. Two years before Borki's suicide, in April 1988, Mark R. Kordos '89 jumped from the dormitory's 13th floor.

Six other students committed suicide in the two-and-a-half years prior to Kordos' death.

Ramy A. Arnaout, Oleg E. Drozhinin, and Anders Hove contributed to the reporting of this story.

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Ruth asked what her kids were supposed to do all day and Tammy said, "oh, they'll be fine."

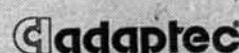


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Three Students Run for President

Elections, from Page 1

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Steven E. Jens '97 and Andrew R. Menard '97 are running for UA president and vice president, respectively, along with the teams of Richard Y. Lee '97 and Dedric A. Carter '98, and Ashwin Viswanathan '98 and Orli G. Bahcall '99.

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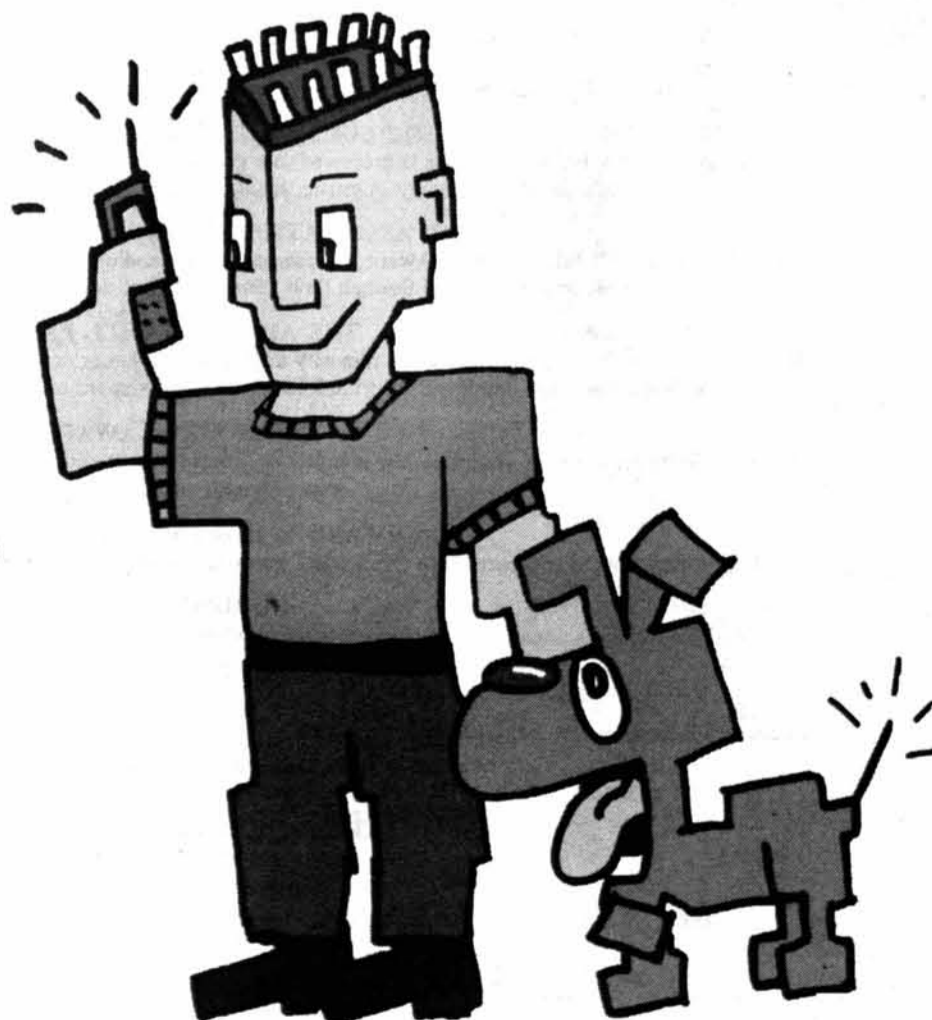
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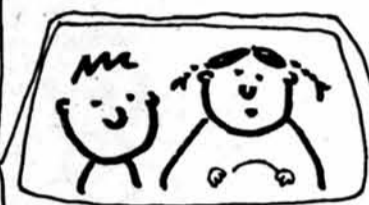
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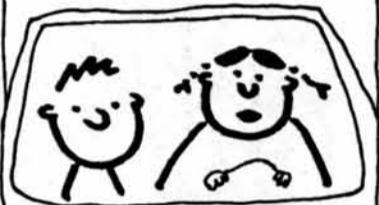
Jim's Journal

by Jim

As we drove out of Texas, Ruth told me about her friend Tammy. "It's a sad story," she said.



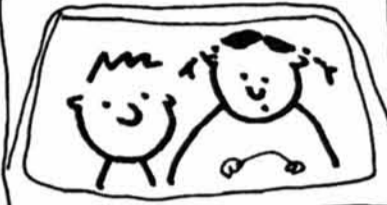
She told me about how Tammy got married right after high school, then divorced after having two kids.



Then a big truck passed us on the highway and honked at us.



Ruth said "oop!" after noticing she was going 45 mph in the fast lane.



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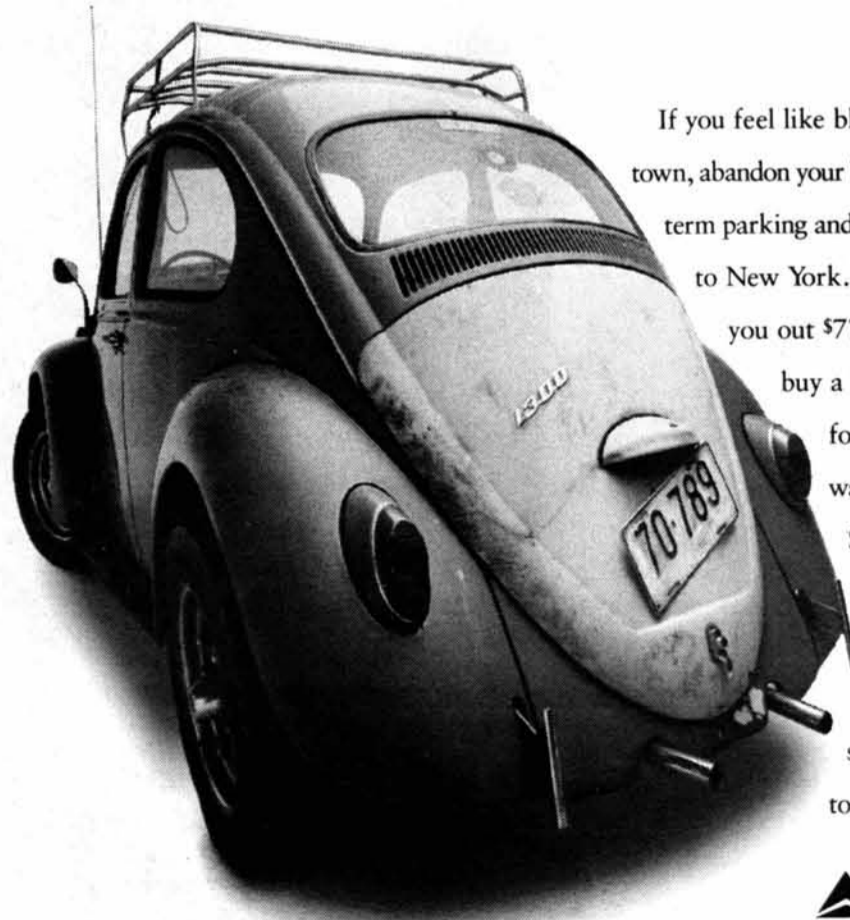
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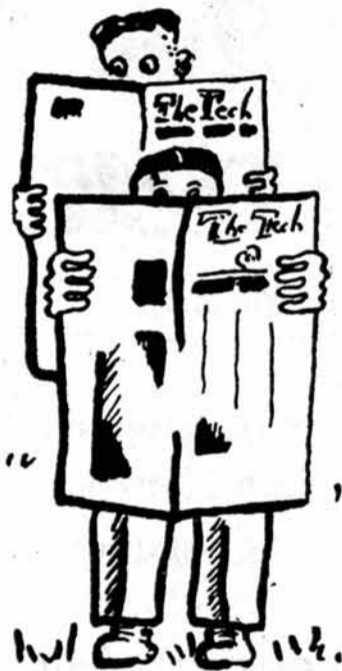
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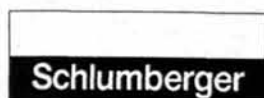
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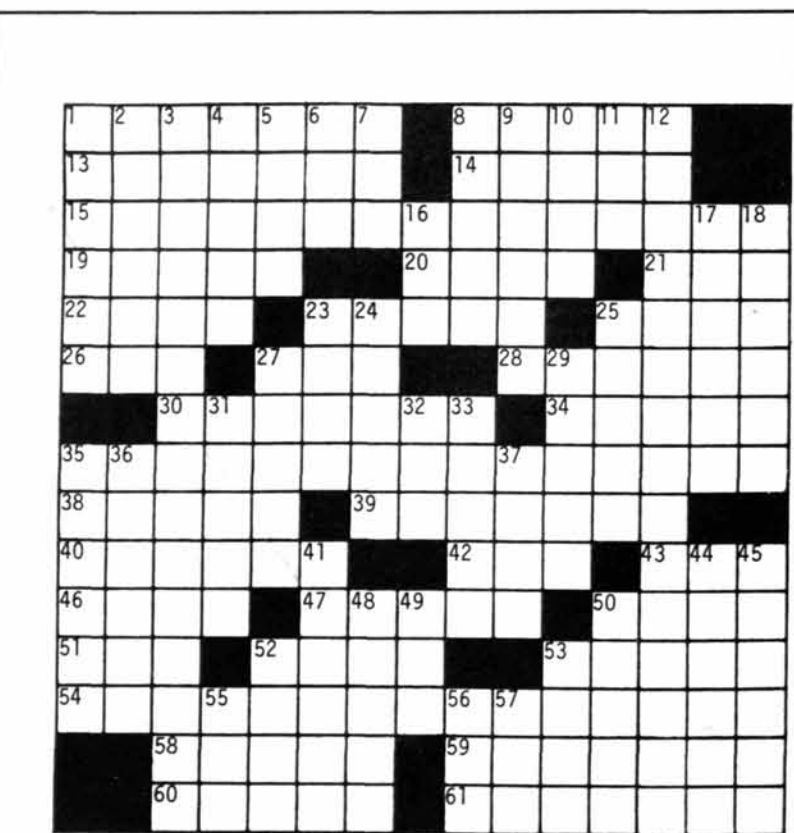
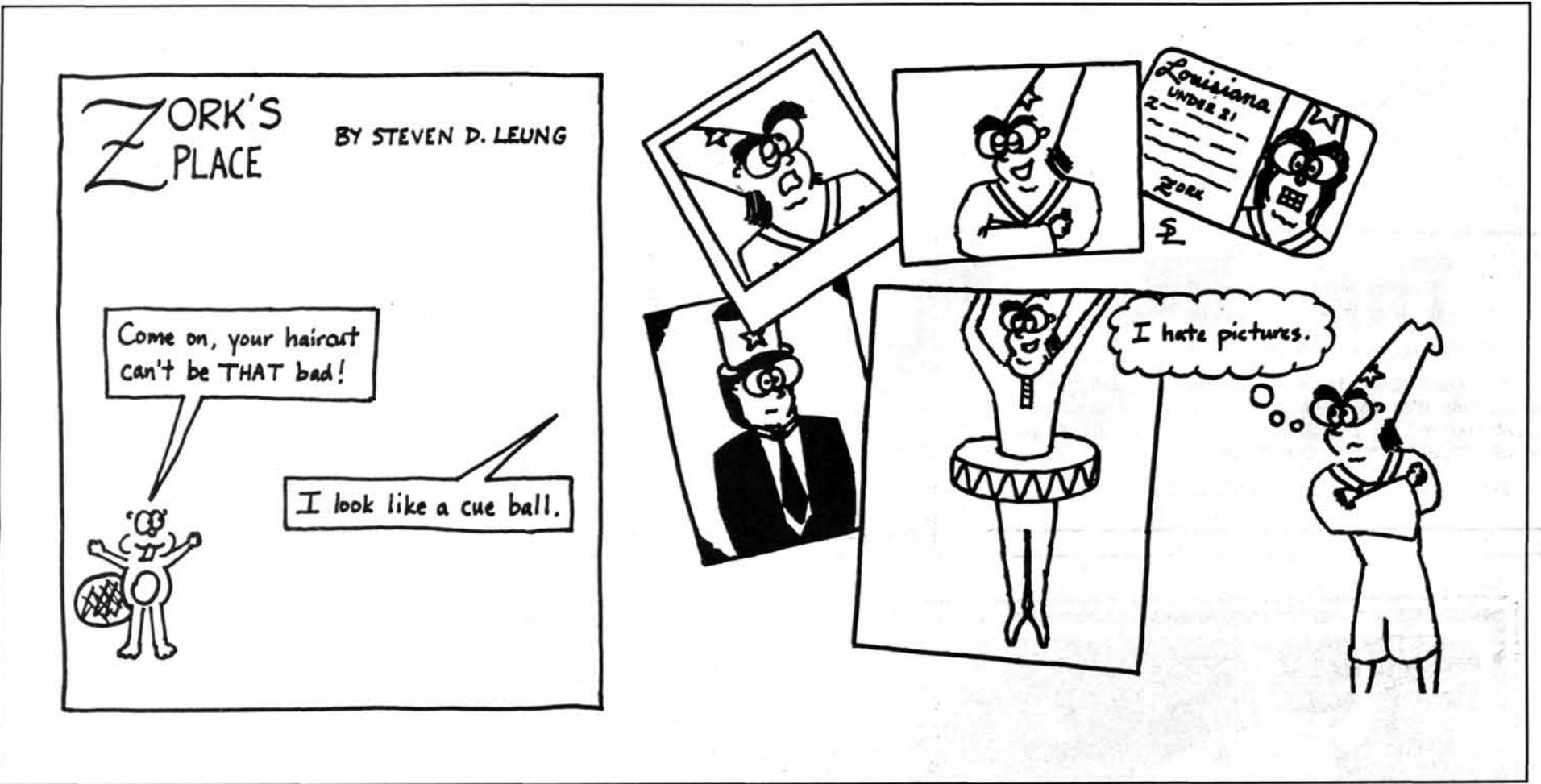
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- 2 Yellow shades
- 8 Cut short, as a takeoff
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- 19 Part of TWA
- 20 Iowa State U. site
- 21 Dixie (abbr.)
- 22 March-command words
- 23 — beer
- 25 Give a hoot
- 26 Sixth sense
- 27 Massage
- 28 Siouan Indians of Nebraska
- 30 Pertaining to the wind
- 34 Fit to be tied
- 35 Mozart's birthplace (2 wds.)
- 38 Style of painting (2 wds.)
- 39 — Scrolls
- 40 Change the actors
- 42 Pretending shyness
- 43 "— Kapital"
- 46 Scroogé's words
- 47 Gathers in
- 50 Girl's name
- 51 "— on parle francais"
- 52 Old Ireland
- 53 Darn
- 54 Relief from boredom (3 wds.)
- 58 Approaches
- 59 Dunk
- 60 Common —
- 61 Skin swelling

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- 1 "— deck!"
- 3 U.S. mountain range (2 wds.)
- 4 Grassy areas
- 5 Wading bird
- 6 — pros.
- 7 Actor Byrnes
- 8 "Once upon —"
- 9 Ravel composition
- 10 Commands (abbr.)
- 11 — deal
- 12 Rommel's battle-ground (3 wds.)
- 16 Move like a tail
- 17 Prefix: layer
- 18 — of Galilee
- 23 Former British singing star
- 24 "— in the hand..."
- 25 A la —
- 27 Dole and Byrd (abbr.)
- 29 Young girl
- 31 Poet Pound, et al.
- 32 Mature
- 33 Civil rights organization
- 35 Fruit-derived acid

- 36 "Do I dare to eat —?"— T.S. Eliot
- 37 Japanese herbs
- 41 Judge and jury
- 44 Loath
- 45 Finn's friend
- 48 Uneven, as if gnawed away
- 49 WWI group
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POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between Feb. 9 and Feb. 22:

Feb. 9: Student Center, 1) wallet stolen, \$20 2) backpack stolen, \$180; Bldg. 8, room broken-into and metal tubing stolen, \$500; Bldg. 68, two telephones stolen, \$100; 33 Massachusetts Ave., bicycle stolen, \$160; Bldg. 3, 1) \$33 cash stolen 2) \$17 cash stolen 3) watch stolen, \$250.

Feb. 11: Student Center, bicycle stolen, \$240; Astro turf, \$130 stolen from a wallet; Bldg. E15 plaza, Ken Scott, of 52 Brigham Circle, Boston, arrested for trespassing.

Feb. 12: Bldg. E19, water pump stolen, \$332; West Garage, suspicious activity; Burton-Conner House, bicycle stolen, \$600; Bldg. E25, refrigerator stolen.

Feb. 13: Bldg. E38, computer monitor stolen, \$400.

Feb. 14: Student Center, 1) credit card number stolen and \$1,200 charged 2) backpack stolen from Athena cluster, \$80; Westgate, suspicious activity; Bldg. E25, wallet stolen, \$20.

Feb. 16: Muddy Charles, two coats stolen, \$264; Lobby 10, MIT Card stolen; Bldg. 20, refrigerator stolen; Bldg. 37, bicycle stolen from rack, \$400; Student Center, computer memory, cellular phone, and vacuum stolen, total value \$2,870; Bldg. 7, ATM card and wallet stolen \$25; DuPont men's locker room, 1) locker broken into wallet stolen, \$10 2) clothing and wallet stolen, \$78; Bldg. E15, computer parts stolen, \$2,000.

Feb. 17: Rockwell basketball court, \$60 cash stolen from wallet inside gym bag.

Feb. 18: Student Center, video machine vandalized; Burton-Conner, skates stolen, \$90; Bldg. E40, suspicious activity; DuPont gymnasium basketball court, wallet stolen from a coat, \$40; Delta Psi (Number Six Club), 1) \$250 cash stolen 2) \$45 cash stolen.

Feb. 19: East Campus, New House, and Ashdown House, annoying phone calls; Bldg. W23, malicious damage to a door.

Feb. 20: Bldg. 16, computer stolen, \$4,000.

Feb. 21: Ashdown, 1) ceramic figurines stolen, \$40 2) annoying phone calls; Bldg. 66, \$30 cash stolen; Bldg. 20, backpack stolen, \$192; Hayden Library, backpack stolen, \$370; Bldg. 2, telephone stolen, \$25; Bldg. 1, tools stolen, \$2,000.

Feb. 22: West Parking lot, indecent exposure.

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ATTENTION SENIORS

POSITION AVAILABLE IN THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE AS AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

The Office of Admissions is now accepting applications for the position of Admissions Counselor. This is a one year full-time position beginning in July, 1996 (some flexibility is possible). Duties include:

- conducting question and answer sessions
- interviewing prospective applicants
- visiting secondary schools
- coordinating MIT student involvement in reception area
- participating in admissions committee decisions

Applications are available in the Admissions Office, 3-108, with Robin Dey and should be returned no later than March 1, 1996.

Note: This is for 1996 (January or June) MIT graduates.



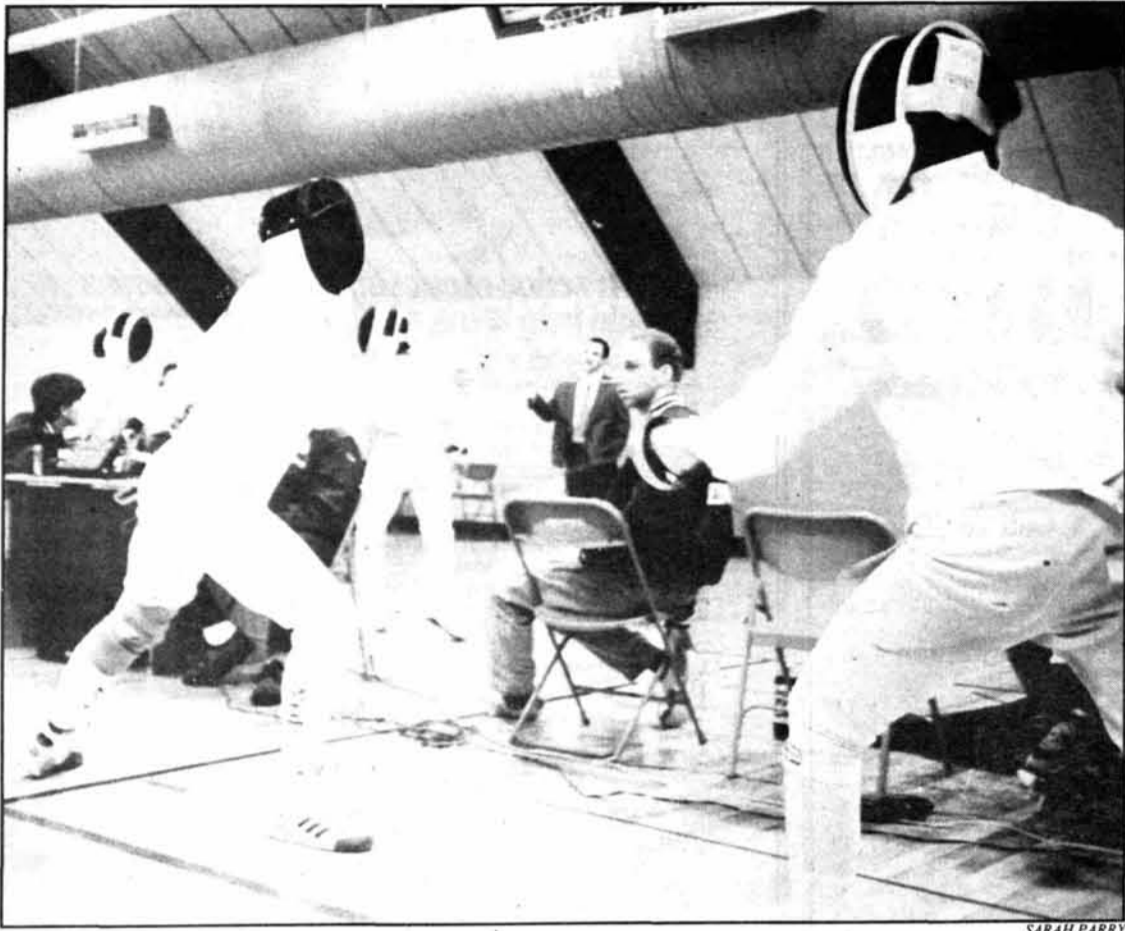
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Women's Fencing Wins New England Championships



SARAH PARRY

Jennifer N. Mosier '96 fences against an opponent from Tufts University, as MIT beat Tufts and seven other teams to win the New England Championships at the University of New Hampshire Saturday.

With Strong Showing, Men's Gym Tops UVM

By Raymond Li
TEAM MEMBER

The men's gymnastics team was victorious in a tough home meet Saturday against the University of Vermont, a school that has beaten MIT regularly for the past few years.

Despite the Engineers' strong recent performances, the odds were still slightly against them at they faced UVM. While a good number of injured gymnasts were able to compete, many had not fully recovered. Many tricks had to be left out of their routines in order to ensure their personal safety.

Nevertheless, the Engineers started the meet with a strong lead over UVM that they were able to carry throughout the competition. The entire team had strong, clean routines on the floor exercises.

Co-captain Rob Cooper '97 gave a noteworthy performance on the floor, scoring a 9.10. Bernd Schoner '96, Rob Spina '99, and Jason Miller '99 all had scores in the high eights, which gave MIT a nearly three-point lead over UVM to start the meet.

The next event, pommel horse,

was not as good, but MIT still managed to raise its lead another point over UVM. On the still rings, Co-captain Andy Lobban '97 turned in a stunning performance, which earned him a score of 8.40, a very high score without a dismount. Cooper's 8.50 was the highest on rings.

In the remaining events, the team consistently gave eight-point performances. The crowd's feverish cheers and support helped MIT carry the victory home. The final score was MIT 189.95, UVM 182.45.

This was not only one of the team's best meets against UVM, it was also filled with new school records. The team set a new team record for the floor exercises with 35.20 points. They also set a new team record for total score, 189.95 points. This new record was more than seven points higher than the last, 182.55.

Many individual records were also set at the meet, including the record for highest all-around score — 48.85, set by Cooper.

This Saturday, MIT will compete in the New England Competition held at Springfield College.

Men's V-Ball Wins Some, Loses Some

By Melissa Ronge
and Tom Klemas
TEAM MEMBERS

The men's varsity volleyball travelled to New York last weekend to face divisional rivals Concordia College, Queens College, and Hunter College. They met with mixed success.

Friday night saw the Engineers battle hard with Concordia but fall, three games to none, as the team struggled to sideout against a strong defensive team. Fine performances were turned in by Mike Margetts '97 and Leondro Burns '98 up front to keep things close.

Saturday morning's contest featured Queens College, a contender for the Eastern Conference title. Queens disposed of the Engineers

quickly and efficiently, taking advantage of MIT's offensive breakdowns to win in three games.

MIT's last chance to salvage the weekend came against Manhattan's Hunter College, which easily defeated MIT in last year's meeting. While the Engineers took the first game of the match with relative ease, Hunter showed its tenacious defense in the second game, stopping nearly every MIT attack and winning, 15-6.

While the Engineers were still recovering from the second game, Hunter kept the pressure on and took the third game, 15-9.

The Engineers seemed to be headed for a third defeat, but clutch serving from opposite hitter Burns allowed the team to come back from 7-11 and 11-14 deficits to win

game four, 16-14, forcing a fifth and final game.

The final game was a seesaw battle that featured 16 lead changes. MIT finally finished off Hunter, 22-20, to win what middle blocker Charles Morton '97 described as "the longest, most dramatic match I've ever been a part of."

The MIT offense was led by Burns with 16 kills, and Margetts and Dave Lehman '97 with 14 kills each. Morton came up with 10 blocks to lead the team in that department. Solid defense was provided by James Hsiao '99.

MIT's next home contest will be Wednesday against local rival Wentworth Institute of Technology, who the Engineers have already defeated once this season.

Women's Gymnasts to Go to Nationals

By Catherine Rocchio
ASSISTANT COACH

The Women's Gymnastics team finished up its regular competitive season this month with a home tri-meet Feb. 10 against Ithaca and Wilson Colleges and the Eastern Collegiate Championships Feb. 18 at Rhode Island College.

Ithaca College narrowly won the tri-meet a week earlier with a score of 173.625 to MIT's 168.375 and Wilson's 57.05, while Rhode Island College took the ECAC Team Championships with a score of 179.175. MIT took fifth place overall in the championships with a score of 169.9.

The ECAC took its toll on MIT as its hopes for a berth at the National Championships as a team were dashed.

But defending 1995 All-Around National Champion Sheila Rocchio '97, Janet Sollod '96, Co-Captain Tasi Chiarenza '97, and Alli Christenson '98 all qualified individually to participate in the Nationals to be held at Ithaca College on Friday and Saturday.

MIT fares well at ECAC

Pulling out all of the stops, individuals performed their most difficult acrobatic skills and in some cases performed these for the first time this year in competition at the Championships.

MIT's first event was vaulting, where Sandy Dow '96 and Valentina Sequi '97 earned scores of 7.2 and 8.1. Christenson's stuck her hand-spring full-twist perfectly for a score of 8.7 while Chiarenza vaulted her handspring front-somersault vault for

the first time in two years since a serious knee injury and earned an 8.40.

Rocchio narrowly under-rotated a perfect landing and took steps backwards but still scored an 8.85 while Sollod's front-front vault was top for MIT and took sixth place in the meet overall with her personal best score of 8.95.

Uneven bars showcased Dow and Erica Carmel '96, who had personal best bar routines for scores of 7.0 and 7.35. Christenson was a bit short on her double back flyaway while Rocchio was just over on her one-and-a-half front somersault as they scored 8.525 and 8.4, respectively. Chiarenza swung a beautiful giant full pirouette into a half-twist turning uprise but sat down her dismount for a score of 8.65.

Strong performances by Carmel, Christenson, and Sollod helped the Engineers rally to turn in their season's highest team score of 169.9 — only a few points below their team record score.

Ithaca takes close win

The tri-meet against Ithaca and

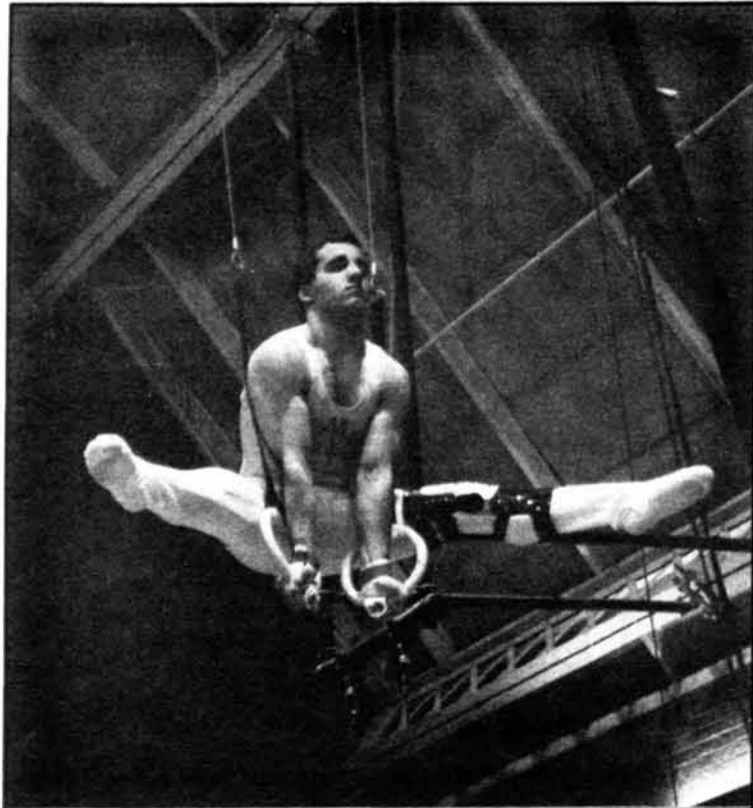
Wilson Colleges began on vaulting, where Dow and Chiarenza performed handspring vaults for scores of 7.3 and 8.1 while Sequi stuck her half on 1/1 twist off for a 7.8.

The team's performance on the uneven bars was the best of the season as each performer nailed their routines and stuck their dismounts. Christenson stood up her double-back flyaway for a score of 8.45 while Sollod tied her personal best score of 8.5 on the event for a stuck toe-on-front.

Floor exercise kept the team's momentum going as newcomer Stacy Pruitt '99 competed for the first time for the engineers for a score of 8.05 while Dow executed powerful tumbling for an 8.4.

Rocchio landed a huge double back for a score of 9.25 while Sollod's full-twisting tumbling and flexible dance earned her a 9.1.

Rocchio won the meet overall with a total of 35.4. The team's three other all-around gymnasts also turned in solid scores as Christenson earned a 34.35, Sollod a 34.3, and Chiarenza a 33.475.



ARIFUR RAHMAN—THE TECH

Andrew D. Lobban '97 competes against UVM Saturday. MIT won.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Feb. 28

Men's volleyball against Wentworth Institute of Technology

March 2

Men's and women's fencing — Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championships, 7 p.m.

March 2

Rifle — Mid-Atlantic Conference Rifle Championship