By A. Ari Hosain

With a slim 95-vote margin, Richard Y. Lee ’97 and Dedric A. Carter ’98 won the offices of Undergraduate Association president and vice president yesterday in the closest election in four years.

Lee and Carter beat opponent pair Ashwin Vavinathan ’98 and Orli G. Bahcall ’99 by just four percent of the total vote. Since candidates were ranked preferentially, lower-ranked candidates were redistributed until a first-place majority was achieved.

The third pair, Steven E. Jens ’97 and Andrew R. Menard ’97, along with several write-in candidates, were defeated in the first round. There were a total of 1,077 ballots in the final round.

Lee and Carter will take office at the end of this term.

"[Lee] and I have a kind of team-oriented concept," Carter said. Their immediate plans are to organize groups assigned to look into and address a variety of issues.

"We have already started assembling teams," Lee said. "First order of priority is to find the people on campus to work with us — not just new people, but people within the UA as well."

"Right now it's the task job ahead of us. There are a lot of criticisms about what we can do. A lot of them are very legitimate and very valid," Lee said. "The job now is to fulfill those promises and work with everyone so that everything we sought to accomplish comes to fruition.

"We're going to let people know we're here and we're ready to work for them," he said. "Voter turnout was "pretty good," according to UA Treasurer Russell S. Light ’98. All results had not been finalized at press time, but about 1,500 votes were collected.

This year's election was marked by the highest electronic ballot-to-paper ballot ratio in history. About 900 votes were cast through the UA's electronic voting program on Athena, with the remainder cast at polling stations in Lobby 7, Walker Memorial, the Student Center, and in front of Baker House.

Class officers also elected

Incumbent candidate Paridhi C. Sabot ’97 will remain president of the class of ’97, with 57 percent of the 282 votes. Candidates Christina L. Allen ’97 and Mary E. Hamilton ’97 lost with 28 and 15 percent of the vote respectively.

In an election of 238 ballots, Efe E. Cakarel ’98 claimed a five percent lead over Amy L. Freifeld ’98, to win the class of 1998 president spot.

By a similar lead, Karenen Howk ’99, who received 96 votes, prevailed over S. Kim ’99 in securing the office of Class of 1999. The freshman class elections had the same vote margin.

Hike in Tuition Reflects MIT Payroll Increases

By Brett Atschul

The $1,000 hike in next year's tuition comes mostly in response to rapidly increasing payroll expenses at the Institute, according to Vice President for Finance and Treasurer Glen F. Streble ’58.

The increase was announced March 1.

Although the 4.8 percent tuition increase is well above the rate of inflation, Streble defended the rate increase.

"The overall percentage increase in expenses, including housing and dining, was slightly less than the percentage increase in tuition alone and may be a better measure of the overall increase in the cost to MIT students next year," Streble said. The estimated actual total cost of tuition at MIT increased to $28,350 for the 1996-97 academic year, a 4.4 percent increase over last year.

Netscapes, SGI Founder James Clark Shares the Success of His Success

By Kwong H. Yung

Netscape Communications Corporation founder and Chief Executive Officer James Clark spoke yesterday before a packed audience in 26-100.

The talk, part of the Laboratory of Computer Science Distinguished Lecture Series, featured Clark's outlook on how the Internet has impacted society, together with the story of the software giant's recent move to license its browser as the default browser to both America Online and CompuServe.

"Microsoft is a little desperate right now because they don't have control," Clark said. "And they don't know how to behave when they don't have control," he said, drawing laughter from the audience.

"Microsoft is a great company, but no single company can dominate in an open market in all areas and for all times," Clark added.

Netscapes has become the most widely used web browser on the Internet, capturing 80 percent of the market.

Clark also offered some advice for the up-and-coming. "Be intensely focused and committed. Have integrity and treat others right," Clark said.

Clark spent part of his life in academia. As an associate professor at Stanford University, he decided that "you just got to get to do things. So he implemented his creation — the geometry engine — as the basis for Silicon Graphics. Instead of assuming the CEO title, Clark initially became chairman..."
China Says It Will Conclude Military Exercises Next Week

China will neither invoke any other country in the join or the armies of the two countries will be brought to a level of national strength in the future," said Liu, China's most senior military official, in a speech at the opening of the powerful Central Military Commission.

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong newspaper Ta Kung Pao, often used by the Beijing government to disseminate its views, published an interview with a senior Chinese official who said China will not allow its plans to join the military alliance with the mainland and Taiwan.

"Hong Kong people need to understand that there will be no war," said Zhang Junheng, deputy director of the Chinese Xinjiang, China's de facto embassy in Hong Kong.

The Chinese peace signals came two days after senior Taiwanese officials told the Los Angeles Times they are ready to upgrade relations with the mainland after the March 23 presidential election that gave Foreign Minister Frederick Chien the reins of power. The interview said that China halts its military activities in the strait, Taiwan will observe a "de minimis" in the area.

"Everyone realizes that we should . . . make relations closer and better," the interview said. Although the heightened military exercises are expected to last until Washington and other capitals, some more optimistic analysts have said China's new line marks a break in Taiwan and China's military exercises as an elaborate Chinese姿态, leading to a more stable political and economic relationship.

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Clinton Increases Anti-Terrorism Funding as Assistance to Israel

President Clinton Thursday pressed Israel to combat terrorism and initiated an unprecedented intelligence-sharing effort with Washington.

The CIA and Pentagon will begin a joint project of technical and human intelligence-sharing that will make the United States more dangerous to states seeking to prevent future attacks.

The "Summit of Peacemakers" in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, a day earlier marked a milestone in Arab acceptance of Israel and recognition of the Palestinians. "I want to thank President Clinton," said the answer to Israel's "It was the right choice." Although the heightened military exercises are expected to last until Washington and other capitals, some more optimistic analysts have said China's new line marks a break in Taiwan and China's military exercises as an elaborate Chinese姿态, leading to a more stable political and economic relationship.

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Column Perpetuated Fraternity Stereotypes

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Open Forums not Done Right

The administration has replaced a half-dozen deans in the past year and in the process has shown a passive, often blatant disregard for student opinion. As it prepares to choose the new assistant dean for residence and campus activities, who is in charge of overseeing student activities, it looks like it may have more to lose. The administration will have to seriously rethink next week’s student input forums to get it right this time.

Several committee members, Andrew J. Rhomberg and组织者, have organized the open forums in the hope of helping the committee gather student opinion about the candidacies so that a more informed choice can be made. However, all candidate appointments will appear at each forum; the forums are currently scheduled for next Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. As it stands, this plan won’t work.

The problem with these forums is twofold. First, the timing and length of the forums are such that few students will be able to attend even one, let alone all three of the hour-and-a-half meetings. Yet in order to make an informed decision about all the candidates, students who care must do just that. At 90 minutes apiece, over three nights a week, that will not happen. Second, since the search committee has refused to release any information about the candidates in advance, it is unlikely that students will have the opportunity to make up their minds regarding these candidates.

I view those responsible for this decision as either noticing or caring. This case. They thought they could affect, and concerns, and welfare of the department’s faculty. her presence in the physics office. number of other students. We will truly miss Isabel. During my years here, she has been the undergraduate and graduate physics of Physics recently decided “to consolidate the department has absolutely no regard for its undergraduates, or even its faculty, as is indicated by this decision process and the way it disregards students and faculty opinions regarding appointment of student deans, it should really try to be more accessible and open to student input in the future. These drawn-out, exclusive forums are not the answer.

Letters To the Editor

Rudi T. Aghini '98

Physics Department Disregards Students

As part of re-engineering, the Department of Physics recently decided “to consolidate the undergraduate and graduate physics offices into one office under the direction of an educational coordinator,” according to section Head Jerome I. Friedman. Because of seniority, the current graduate administrator will assume the position of educational coordinator, and the current undergraduate administrator, Isabel Cunha-Vasconcelos, will leave her position.

Now it bothers me that we’ll be losing Isabel. During my years here, she has been unbelievably caring and helpful to me and to a number of other students. We will truly miss her presence in the physics office.

But what really bothers me is that the decision to make this consolidation was made in secret. The only formal announcement for the decision was a letter consulted neither faculty members nor students. And because the decision was made in secret, nobody could offer input. Thus, the needs, concerns, and welfare of the department’s faculty and students were completely ignored. Those responsible for this decision are insidious. They thought only of the bottom line in this case. They thought they could affect, and possibly harm, people’s lives here without their other noticing or caring.

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Executive Decision a whiz-bang, if campy, action flick

By Yaron Koren

The air becomes thin, and the plane's passenger list starts to dwindle. The hijackers, led by Naji Hassan (David Suchet), have more nefarious plans: They intend to stock the passengers with DZ-5, the world's most lethal nerve toxin, and set the plane on fire. This film delivers the goods, though, tautness what it loses in thematic depth. If Executive Decision doesn't soar, it at least stays aloft the whole way through.

The conflict begins fast and furious. The plane and its 400 American passengers are hijacked by a squad of heavily armored fundamentalist Muslim terrorists (continuing recent the trend of Arab terrorists as all-purpose villains). The hijacking has been masterminded by the evil Naji Hassan (David Suchet), who announces he will safely land the plane and its 400 American passengers and send a deadly plume of gas over much of the eastern seaboard.

Enter David Grant (Kurt Russell), a Pentagon intelligence analyst who understands Hassan's motivations better than anyone, and Lt. Col. Austin Travis (Steven Seagal), the leader of an elite anti-terrorist unit. In a mission to free the plane from Hassan's hands, Travis suggests deploying an experimental aircraft named the "Remora" (really just a modified Stealth fighter) to intercept the plane and ambush the terrorists before they know what hit them.

The mission is deployed, and the Special Forces team (a multicultural cast headed by the always entertaining John Leguizamo now has approximately two hours to finish the job, and make the world safe again for mom and apple pie, before the plane reaches Dulles International Airport. A host of complications ensue, including a bomb that resists defusing and a power-hungry senator, who happens to be on the plane, who tries to use the hijacking to further his own political aims. They finally must rely on the aid of Jean (Halle Berry, who plays the damsel-in-distress role with grace), a frightened stewardess who heavily shields Grant and the rest of the crew from Hassan's ever-suspicious eyes. Of course, we know how it's all going to turn out, but the movie still keeps us hooked from one climax to the next with surprising efficiency.

Yes, you've seen this movie before. This is Passenger 57 meets Speed meets Die Hard meets Under Siege, with a little bit of Delta Force thrown in there for good measure. Executive Decision isn't afraid to take a few risks to stray from convention, including killing off one of the principal characters during a dangerous action sequence half an hour into the movie. Still, the movie makes no attempt to disguise its campy techno-thriller sensibilities. Extraneous carnage and

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Cottonwood Café is Cambridge’s culinary treasure

THE COTTONWOOD CAFE
Porter Square Cambridge

By Aaron R. Prazan

If you ever need to buy a good lock, there is a shop in Cambridge that has really good prices: one doorstep from the Porter T stop. Leaving the locksmith’s, you may glance to your left and notice on the corner of a small café on the corner. While it may not be the reason you came to Porter, it should be a reason to stay. Fronted by a turquoise sign with stylized white letters, ubiquitous plate glass windows, it is an easily missed landmark. Many pass without a second thought, but they are missing out. I encourage you to tear yourself away from Athena or the comfort of your room and take advantage of that storefront’s top notch cuisine. It is the Cottonwood Café and it is a gem, offering some of the best food and surroundings in all of Cambridge.

The interior of the Cottonwood gives so much more than the sign implies. Blue and turquoise tints bathe the room in cool color. Throne-like upholstered wooden chairs cradle the dinner between weathered armrests with oak peeking through the paint. Jon Carlos, the musician, drifts from table to table, en couring high Spanish ballads for tips. Beyond the frills of his guitar leap orange flames and swirling drafts of Fragrance-filled steamed from the open kitchen, creating a seducing aura in the center of the room is a gleaming bar serving only the best spirits. Indeed, the plain glass exterior hides an unexpected opulence and a perfect place to eat well.

To be sure, the Cottonwood pulls no punches, mellowes no flavors in order to appease the inadventurous eater. Snake bites, one of the tastiest and most popular appetizers, are an example. Consisting of a jumbo shrimping riding a whole jalapeno pepper in a saddle of Monterey Jack cheese, all fried in a light breading, snake bites are not watered down. They are hot and, as if mocking the customer’s blistering lips, served with a fresh pico de gallo that is also not for the meek. It is an excellent combination and one of the most memorable dishes I’ve had in recent times.

After getting “biten” I pleaded for bread and was offered steaming cubes of cornbread. I learned the bread was filled with more jalapenos. The Cottonwood never goes for the expected.

The rest of the food was just as consistently unique. Paella is a Spanish seafood, vegetable, and rice dish. It had more ingredients than I could count, most notable of which were fresh asparagus, artichokes, colossal olives, black beans, and a myriad of fresh seafood. Sweet mussels with not a grain of sand and steamed chunks of swordfish were highlights. The dish was also very rich in salt and perfectly complemented the wine.

Lala Rokh brings authentic Persian cuisine to Beacon Hill

LALA ROKH
97 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston.

By Shavdee Eshghi and Anders Hove

Good Persian cuisine is hard to come by state-side. So, in spite of Boston’s flair for ethnic food, you might not expect to see an authentic Iranian restaurant here — particularly not on Beacon Hill. Lala Rokh buck those expectations. The food is relatively authentic, and the decor is certainly tasteful as far as Beacon Hill goes. Prices are a little on the high side, but unless overly critical, you should be able to order for less than 20 dollars.

Located in Porter Exchange off the Porter T stop, the Cottonwood Café offers a hearty feast of flavors for the bold of heart.

In general, we recommend Lala Rokh for its excellent Persian dishes. However, the service is a little slow, and the menu is not the fastest. The Cottonwood is not a quick meal but a slow indulgence, so be sure of trying a novel dessert. chocolate cake.

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Child’s perspective allows White Balloon to fly high

WHILE lots of movies are made for children, and some of them even feature children, not so many movies are made for adults that look at the world through the eyes of a child. When a new one comes along, it invariably gets compared to the few that preceded it, but the comparison almost invariably misrepresents the movie. Such is the case with The White Balloon, a gently told gem about a Tehran girl who wants to get a special goldfish for her family’s New-Year, or New Year’s celebration.

Trailers trumpet The White Balloon as being “in the spirit of The 400 Blows and The Bicycle Thief,” but that is at the very least misleading. Those movies follow adolescent male protagonists as they contend with problems of poverty and an uncaring adult world. Razieh, the seven-year-old at the center of The White Balloon lives in a neighborhood that doesn’t seem overburdened with material wealth, but she can depend on the support of parents and older brother, and even strangers on the street, even if she can’t quite get them to understand the magnitude of her desire for a special fish.

Razieh’s story is filmed in real time; we experience with her the countdown to New Year’s as she struggles first to convince her mother to let her buy the fish, and next to set out on the adventurous journey to fulfill her mission. Along the way she is tricked out of her money by some devious snake charmers, but manages to get it back. A more serious problem arises when she gets to the goldfish shop and discovers that she has misplaced the all the household money, which her mother had entrusted to her care.

This simple story enables director Jafar Panahi to capture a large slice of contemporary urban Persian life (while Iran is in what the West calls the Middle East, it is not an Arab country). Panahi makes his story even more racially complex by populating it with characters from other parts of Iran and neighboring countries, including an adolescent Afghani balloon seller. You probably shouldn’t see this movie if you have learned to demonize “militant Muslims” and want to keep your prejudices intact.

Also opening today at the Kendall is the long-anticipated Hong Kong art film, Chunking Express, directed by Wong Kar-hai (more on that next week). Meanwhile, don’t miss the opportunity to catch three other Wong films at the Brattle Theatre this weekend. Ashes of Time will screen on Friday and Saturday, coupled with Ashes of Time Part I on Friday, and Days of Being Wild on Saturday.

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Directors

Dead Man Walking

Dead Man Walking, directed by Tim Rob-

bins and starring Sean Penn and Susan Saran-

dom, addresses the death penalty issue

unflinchingly and comprehensively. It follows

convicted killer Matthew Poncelet (Penn)

detail, escorted by his spiritual adviser, Sister

ater with a profound sense of the tragedy that

leave with a bitter sense of pity both for the

original victims and the convicts on death

row. —Audrey Wa, Sony Nickelsendon.

If Lucy Fell

If Lucy Fell doesn't begin like your typical

love story, Lucy (Sarah Jessica Parker) starts

off reminding her college friend, Joe, of the

death pact they made while in college. If they

haven't found their true loves by the age of 30

(which is one month away for Lucy) they are

to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge together.

The next two hours are spent reaching the expect-

ed, but still satisfying, conclusion. —Charlene

Chen. Sony Copley.

Leaving Las Vegas

This sometimes-harrowing, often-redemp-

tive look at a relationship between a destro-

ic alcoholic (Nicholas Cage) and a prosti-

tute (Elizabeth Shue) could be a spiritual ant
de to the excesses of Showgirls. Cage is a

newly-fired screenwriter whose vices have

torn apart his family and led him to Las

Vegas, where he resolves to drink himself to
death. Shue falls in love with him for his lack of

pretense, and both embark on a journey of

love and self-revelation. Director Mike Figgis

completely redeems himself for the pathetic

Mr. Jones; here, he paints the characters with

warm, natural emotions and uses the garish

backdrop of the Vegas Strip (where even the

golden arches of McDonald's are adorned with

a multitude of Flashing lights). The

soundtrack of soulful contemporary songs by

Sting, Don Henley, and other performers is

hypnotic and artfully used. It's definitely

worthwhile and uplifting for those who can

take it. —SCD. Friday at LSC.

Sence and Sensibility

Director Ang Lee (The Wedding Banquet)

and screenwriter-actress Emma Thompson

present one of the newest Jane Austen adap-
tations this year. Despite the similarities to

BBC-TV's Pride and Prejudice, this film is a

treat to watch. Thompson plays Elinor, the

older, more sensible sister of the family, while

Kate Winslet plays Marianne, her

younger, more passionate sister. When struck

by the loss of their father, the family must

look to its daughters to seek out prospective

husbands; through their trials and misfortunes

(including liaisons with prospective suitors

Hugh Grant and Alan Rickman), the family

stands together and never forsakes its honor.

The dialogue and ruminations on sexual

inappropriateness may seem quaint by today's

standards, but Thompson's screenplay does jus-
tice to 18th-century romance and civility.—

SCD. Sony Copley.

Character sacrificed for terrorist stereotype in Decision

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explosions abound, and there is enough glo-

rously nonsensical high-tech wizardry to

keep the kids happy. Sure, there have been

lots of bomb-defusing scenes in the movies, but

how many of them have involved using a digi-
tal multimeter to perform detailed circuit

analysis?

This land-and-mouse scenario is well-direct-
ed by David Baird, a veteran film actor

(among his previous credits are Spaced Out and

The Naked Gun), Baird knows how to frame a spellbinding

action sequence, and even manages to milk

some laughs from the humorless, cardboard

script. And the film does maintain continuity

despite a dizzying pace, especially in some

preposterous pull-out-of-the-sky finale.

This ensemble cast generates a lot of chem-

istry. Even the normally wooden Kurt Russell

turns in a passable performance. The same

cannot be said for the constipated, self-right-

eous Steven Sangal, who isn't at least saddled

with the dubious prospect of a love interest.

Oliver Platt is notable in a comic turn as

Cavendish, a loathing civilian aircraft engineer

unwillingly drafted to aid in the mission.

The movie's linear storyline and fast pac-
ing do come at the cost of any real characteri-

zations. Ethnic stereotyping provides an easy

substitute for actual delineation of separate

personalities. This is most obvious in the

racist portrayal of the team of terrorists on

the plane, a group of swarthy, poorly dressed

Arabs (most of them played by Westerners)

who, with one exception, show little regard

for human life. They always seem to be

unaware whether they should speak to each

other in Arabic or broken English. No subti-

ties are provided for the Arabic spoken, but

they are unnecessary; it undoubtedly has

something to do with "Allah's will" striking

"into the belly of the infidel." It's probably

only a matter of time until Arab villains in

movies reach satisfaction point, and white

supremacist skinheads take over their position

as chief celluloid crazies.

Despite its flaws, Executive Decision

accomplishes what it sets out to do, which is

to deliver mindless fun and high-voltage thrills,

and rattle your nervous system. There's no

need to rush to the theaters for this one; it

probably wouldn't lose much on its way to

video. Then again, it's not likely to become a

TWA in-flight main selection anytime soon.
MIT Reaffirms Policy
On Affirmative Action

By Christina Chu
ASSOCITE TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Last week, the Institute released its current affirmative action plan summary, which reaffirmed its commitment to affirmative action.

By Don Noll

The Institute held to its January 1994 statement expressing its commitment to equal opportunity and to increasing the diversity of both students and employees at MIT. The summary was released as a supplement in Tech Talk.

President Charles M. Vest does not anticipate any policy changes but is on the lookout for strategies for bringing the numbers of women and minorities at MIT closer into line with those in the community at large.

“Our goal of diversity requires that we all act affirmatively to seek out bright people from a wide range of backgrounds,” Vest said. “Affirmative action, as I think about it, is not a matter of rules and regulations; it is about openness and inclusiveness.”

Women, minorities underutilized

One of MIT’s greatest challenges will involve “reducing the underutilization of women and minorities at MIT,” Vest said in his 1994 commitment to MIT’s affirmative action policy, which appeared in the summary.

Currently, about 83 percent of MIT’s tenured faculty are white males, according to the summary. While males also make up 73 percent of MIT’s research staff.

The summary specified MIT’s commitment to affirmative action policies on a number of groups, including women, underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and Vietnam war veterans.

It also reiterated MIT’s policies regarding harassment and issues related to sex discrimination.

The summary outlined a program for recruiting women and minorities through participation in community action programs and employment and training job fairs.

MIT unchanged by outside debate

While debate continues elsewhere on the relevance of affirmative action policies, MIT remains steadfast in its commitment to its policy. "We remain committed to building a diverse academic community," Vest said.

The University of California system in particular has been a center of controversy over continuation of its affirmative action policy.

In spite of some heated opposition, a referendum that proposes ending racial and gender preference has garnered enough support to appear on the state ballot in November.

Vest believes that the University of California may be forced to change its policies as a result of a politically charged environment.

"The chancellors of their campuses have opposed these changes. Our trustees, on the other hand, have been supportive of MIT’s position," he said.

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Students Will Seek Guidance In Dean

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their names and qualifications for scrutiny yet, he said.

More important than the candidates' resumes and other similar qualifications is what students want from a new dean, Brewer said. "The students know what they want," he said. "They have to find out if the candidates are going to do that for them."

All of the three candidates are qualified, Brewer said. They all have master's degrees and three to five years' experience in a student setting. The search committee, which started its work in December, selected the three finalists from a pool of about 200 applicants, Rhomberg said. But graduates still have quite an interest in the selection process, he said.

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The mechanical functions of the new dean's position involve things like reviewing and the Graduate Student Council as well as from other student input, Rhomberg said. Students want guidance from dean

The new dean will need to understand the importance of student activities, said President of the Graduate Student Council Bonnie J. Souter G. Students need "guidance rather than a watchdog," she said.

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The mechanical functions of the dean's position involve things like processing checks, signing event registration forms, and making decisions to loan money to student groups, said Undergraduate Association Treasurer Russell S. Light '98. Such tasks always have to happen and should happen "as quickly as possible," and the new dean should have no problem doing that, Light said. 

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Antonio (Michael W. Tucker II '98) prepares to stab Alonso (Jenny J. Burn '98) in the Shakespeare Ensemble's production of The Tempest, playing Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Student Center's La Sala de Puerto Rico.

Other Top Universities Announce Comparable Tuition Rate Hikes

The tuition increase was in line with past year's tuition hikes. Last year, MIT raised tuition by $900 to $21,000, a 4.5 percent increase.

Others increase tuition rates

Other top colleges posted similar rate increases. Stanford University's tuition and total costs will each be four percent higher in the 1996-97 academic year, rising to $20,490 and $27,827, respectively. The tuition and total costs of a year at the California Institute of Technology will also rise four percent to $18,000 and $27,465. On Wednesday, Harvard University announced that its hike for next year would be 2.1 percent, leaving the total cost at $28,896. A 2.4 percent increase makes next year's tuition $19,770. This marked the smallest increase in the last four years.

"Still, I don't think students are too thrilled about paying this much," said Anne Kemml, an editor at The Harvard Crimson. "The rising costs can be a problem.

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Orioles, Indians, Angels to Take Home AL Pennants

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Hello, all you folks in sports-section land. Hope your Final Four picks haven’t been eliminated yet. Not to mandate you with more college basketball, but with all the talk about the men’s tournament lately, the women’s basketball tournament has been completely overlooked (at least in this column). That’s not fair, so here’s a brief overview of the 1996 women’s basketball tournament.

The women’s field was expanded to 64 teams this year. It’s nice to see that women’s basketball is rapidly advancing to the level of men’s basketball, at least in terms of competitiveness. The expanded field means extra bids for a lot of conferences and regions. Six teams from the New England area were invited this year’s tournament, but that doesn’t compare to the mighty Southeastern Conference, which sent seven.

In the East, perennial powerhouse Tennessee is the top seed, and has a fairly easy run to the regional finals, but will have trouble getting into the Final Four. Why? Unlike the men’s tournament, there is no rule against a team playing on its home floor; in fact, first- and second-round games are played at the home sites of the top four regional seeds. Amazingly enough, third seed Virginia will play all of its regional games on its own home floor, and the home-court advantage will send them to Charlotte for the finals.

For the second year in a row, Connecticut has a 1 seed in both tournaments. The Lady Huskies are tops in the Midwest, and should roll to the Final Four. Along the way, they will probably face UMass (about time; people have been clamoring for a UMass-UConn game all year) and Big Ten powerhouse Iowa.

Over in the Midwest, the top seed is Louisiana Tech, which sports a 28-1 record and the no. 1 ranking in the country. The SEC and SEC power Georgia will be tough, but Tech should have no trouble advancing through the region. Just imagine: a tech school in the Final Four!

Last but not least, Stanford is once again top seed in the West. Is Stanford ever not the top seed in the West? There isn’t a whole lot of competition in this region, except perhaps for Penn State; Stanford to the Final Four.

In the Final Four, UConn should get past Virginia, and Louisiana Tech will send the Cardinal home. The final will be a tough match, with Connecticut eager to repeat as national champs. In the end, though, Louisiana Tech will prevail (Hey, you just can’t argue with 28-1!).

Well, that was painless. Let’s move on.

EAS goes inside the batter’s box

As promised, EA Sports begins the countdown to Opening Day with its American League preview. This should be quick because, let’s face it, who can be that interested in baseball this early in March?

First, the AL East. Last year, Baltimore, New York, and Toronto made huge improvements to their rosters in the off-season. If you recall, at the All-Star break, Boston had a three-game lead on Detroit for first place. This year, however, big free agent signings by the Orioles should bring them a pennant.

The Red Sox have also made some moves, improving both their pitching staff and their hitting. Of course, with all the potential designated hitters, you know Jose Canseco will be in right field. The home run king. Still, the Sox should get the wild card.

The Yankees, on the other hand, unloaded a lot of their high-priced free agents. It makes good business sense, but the Yanks won’t be in the playoffs this year. The Blue Jays, still trying to recapture the magic that made them world champs in ’93, will finish poorly, but they won’t finish last, because Detroit is in the East. Yes, the Tigers will finish in the basement, but they will lead the league in home runs (and strikeouts).

In a stupendous freak occurrence, Milwaukee, Chicago, Minnesota, and Kansas City will all finish in a tie for second place with 82-80 records in the AL Central, but no one will care. Why? Because the Cleveland Indians, who strengthened an already lethal pitching staff with the addition of Jack McDowell, will win the division by forty games on their way to the World Series. Any questions? No Good.

Moving on, then, Seattle has a good shot at repeating as West champs, but the Angels came too close last year to be denied, and their free agent signings make them the favorites for the pennant. The Rangers won’t be in the hunt like they were last year, but take heart, Texas fans; your team isn’t as bad as the A’s. Meanwhile, Oakland fans can console themselves with the fact that their team isn’t as bad as, oh, say, the Padres.

Next week: the just-as-brief National League preview.

As for the trivia question...

Can’t think of one this week. Wait for next week’s issue.

Answer to last week’s question: The last Big East team to win the NCAA basketball championship was Villanova, which upset Georgetown in the 1985 tournament. Correct answers were sent in by Jaime Sarabia ’98, Matt Congo ’97, Stephen Veister ’97, Howard Cheng ’96, and Walter Sun G.

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