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Yeltsin Launches Populist Campaign in Russia's Elections

By Richard Boudreaux

In a hoarse voice that bespeak fragility and exhaustion, Russian President Boris Yeltsin launched a populist campaign for re-election Thursday with attacks on economic conditions and on his main rivals as he tries to win back public support 18 months before his term ends.

"I appeal to the conscience of the Russian people," Yeltsin told a crowd of a million in central Moscow. "If you like, 'I am a woodpecker,' because nowadays I am hammering the nails of change."

The former Communist president, who has held power since the 1991 coup attempt that marked the collapse of the Soviet Union, ruled as a hardline nationalist during his first term and has since toned down his rhetoric to pursue a more moderate approach after losing support from many groups.

However, his popularity has been eroding as the country's economy continues to slide, and Yeltsin's ability to govern has been questioned.

"I do not listen to the formal speeches, but to the people," Yeltsin said. "I hear the people."

Despite the decision to seek re-election, Yeltsin faces a tough fight against his main rival, Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin, who has portrayed him as an out-of-touch president.

"You do not tire me," Yeltsin said as he addressed a crowd in Red Square. "If you do not tire me, then I will not tire you."
Federal Judge Blocks 'Indecency' Provision in Internet Legislation

By Mike Miller and Michael S. Schmidt

WASHINGTON

A federal judge in Philadelphia temporarily blocked the government Thursday from enforcing part of a 1984 law that prohibits obscenity on the Internet.

The Clinton administration had argued in court that the law aims to uphold traditional notions of morality and family values. But U.S. District Judge Thomas G. Roland Jr. disagreed, saying the law is overly broad and could be used to restrict speech online.

"We are very glad that the judge did consider the free speech rights of the very broad group of people who will be affected by this law," said Anat A. Berko, ACLU counsel for the court.

The report appeared in the Los Angeles Times, which condemned the Clinton administration's efforts to control the Internet. The newspaper described the decision as a victory for free speech advocates.

Meanwhile, in London, the Daily Mail published an article about a recent terrorist attack in the city. The article described the attack as one of the most devastating in recent memory and highlighted the government's efforts to prevent similar incidents in the future.

In other news, the European Union announced plans to tighten regulations on the use of genetically modified organisms in food. The move was seen as a response to concerns about potential health risks and environmental impact.
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Letters To The Editor

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bers of the administration We pressed for the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Resi-
dential Parking. Andjelka Kelic G and John P. Mellor G are the two graduate student repre-
sentatives on the committee, and they have spent a considerable amount of time working on this issue. (They continue to work on the question of whether the $300 fee is appropriate, postponed or not.) Yet there is no mention of any of these contributions in the article. The Tech has done a great disservice to the GSC, HCA, and all those on the Ad Hoc Committee. I hope that in the future you will endeavor to acknowledge more of the work done on behalf of all students by these organi-
zations:

Geoffrey Coram G
Co-chair, Graduate Student Council Housing and Community Affairs Committee

Grad Housing Story
Paraphrases Missed Point

Your The Year In Review article on housing paraphrased me in ways that omitted sub-
tle, yet crucial points. This, in turn, led to a serious misrepresentation of my opinion on the desirability of building new graduate stu-
dent housing.

While I oppose the construction of a graduate housing facility to replace Ashdown House at the corner of Sidney and Pacific Streets, I just as strongly support the con-
struction of a graduate housing complex at that site that would add to the number of "on campus" graduate student beds. The reason for this dichotomy is that Ashdown House uniquely meets several niche needs in the graduate student population which could not be accommodated in a replacement building at the Sidney site. At the same time though, the vast majority of grad students currently live in housing that is either farther from campus, in a less safe neighborhood, or more expensive (especially in the post-rent control era). Thus the construction of additional housing at the Sidney site, while it may not be an optimal location, would improve the lives of hundreds of graduate students. I hope that design and construction work can begin soon.

Joseph J. Bambereck G
Roadkill Buffet, MIT's "best and only" improvisation comedy group, is performing their new show, Intestine Ice Cream, this Saturday night.

The group has an interesting motto: If we suck, it's your fault. Though their December show was funny, its main problem resulted from the audience's awkward suggestions for skits. The group did well with what they had, but it was obvious that they were limited.

The Independent Activities Period show set a good trend by being much better — partly because they had a more benevolent audience, but mainly because the group looked more at ease. Having been through it twice before in so few months, Roadkill Buffet should be in top form this Saturday.

Dramashop's production of Escape From Happiness continues this Friday and Saturday, in the Little Kresge Auditorium. The rest of the plot takes a while to sort into the collective name of "obsession." They vary the Seven Deadly Sins that fall fundamentally funny, but they also serve as tiny, secular morality plays — meditations on all the ways our obsessions can dominate the universe, but also apparently love it for its certainty and precision.

Marvin has absolute faith in scientific technology to dominate the universe, but he is also apparently loves it for its certainty and precision. He is totally baffled when his faith in technology is shattered, which of course happens after time. But he doesn't give up; he just goes back to the drawing board.

Marvin loves technology so much he doesn't need contact with other Martians. In a post-modern world, he is a modernist who doesn't immediately get what he wants. He drools, slobbers, and pursues the objects of his lust with single-minded concentration. Tax is apparently very popular with young men between the ages of 17 and 24, a period of unstoppable, unquenchable pursuit of food and sex. (The latter is often represented by Bugs in female Devil drag.) Tax also decorates a disproportionate amount of nonsense in the Warner Brother's stores. He too apparently loves it for its certainty and precision.

Marvin provides one of the best examples of obsession in the program, and one particularly suited to the mind-sets of the MIT community. Marvin has absolute faith in scientific truth and the power of technology. He tries to use technol-
**Antonia's Line urges reconciliation between the sexes**

Kendall Square Cinema
One Kendall Square
Cambridge

By Stephen Brophy

**STAFF REPORTER**

Antonia's Line, one of the movies nominated for the 1996 Best Foreign Film Oscar, opens this week at the Kendall Square Cinema. Written and directed by Dutch filmmaker Marleen Gorris, it is a magnificently open-hearted feminist vision of the way the world could be if men were not so male. The story continues, Antonia adopts misfits as numbers of women and men who share food and love around this table wax and wane. As the seasons turn over, the cycles of the moon are frequently noted, laughter sometimes shades into tears. The tone of the story is mostly comic. As befits a story in which the cycles of the sexes is imagined to be over, although a few men still attempt some pathetic rear-guard actions. The tone of the story is mostly comic. But, as befits a story in which the cycles of the seasons and the phases of the moon are frequently noted, laughter sometimes shades into tears.

The central motif of Antonia's Line is a large outdoor dinner table in the farm yard of the house to which Antonia returns at the beginning of the narrative. Over the years, the numbers of women and men who share food and love around this table wax and wane. As the story continues, Antonia adopts misfits as if they were stray puppies, and her daughters beget daughters. Friends gather and join in as if they were part of a big family. They all laugh and sing and tell stories and give each other significant glances as new surprises are revealed.

This is not some matrificial never-never land, however — the roses in this paradise still hold thorns. As the seasons turn over, the numbers of women and men who share food and love around this table wax and wane. As the seasons turn over, the cycles of the moon are frequently noted, laughter sometimes shades into tears. The tone of the story is mostly comic. But, as befits a story in which the cycles of the seasons and the phases of the moon are frequently noted, laughter sometimes shades into tears.

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Humorous cartoon characters humanize foibles

**Bugs Bunny, from Page 6**
spectacular work of animated film ever created. On top of that, it's richly. Richards. Washington's 18-hour Ring Cycle just 6 minutes and still counting. Also on this program is the sublime "One Froggy Evening" (1956) with Michigan J. Frog, a singing-and-dancing sensation who only sings and dances for one person at a time. The only disappointment in this film comes from one of the newest cartoons, "Carrotblanca" (1995). It is amusing enough for fans of the original Burt font and Susan Swanson characters. And with the help of the Breitweil (what friend of the Breitweil is not a fan of Carrotblanca?!) and it can't stand on its own.

Most of the best work of the Warner Brother's animators stays funny even when the source of its inspiration is a trifle queer. Through all the hilarity of both programs, Bugs Bunny, with his melancholy pose, preaches the gospel of eternal life to the village where the villain have all the interesting roles, Bugs is the only adversary as interesting as the bad guys. The Roadrunner and Tweetie are essentially one-note characters only exist to be the object of Yogi Bear's or Elmer Fudd's overblown obsession. Obsession does not rule Bugs; even his taste for carrots is usually curbed. He is too thoughtful and too wise to be a one-note character.

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Acuity Imaging
**RCA-HFSC Decision Lacks Student Voice**

**Proposal, from Page 1**

"I’m not sure a full scale merg- or is the best way to go about that, Hollywood added.

This is ‘not to say that HFS or RCA is doing a bad job, but they could do a better job if their ques- tions were working together,”

Enders said. “It’s not an indictment of either office.”

The relationship between house managers and housemasters are based on informal, personal rela- tionships, Stewart said.

"As we try to think about adding housing there isn’t a natural way to bring together the coenosis of facul- ty members with the people who would actually go about building it,” Stewart said.

"The mission of the house is educational,” Stewart said. “It’s not a place to put bodies in boxes to sleep at night... it’s a place where the education of MIT continues.”

Merge might induce tensions

HFS currently comes under the control of the Vice President for Operations while RCA is managed by the Dean for Undergraduate Educa- tion Rosalind H. Williams. The issue of who controls the new department has not been decided.

"It’s probably useful to not make any assumptions about where this reorganized process will fit in the organizational structure at MIT because first and foremost you have to look at the work... that needs to be done,” Immerman said. “If you organize the stake-holders in ways that maximize the functional rela- tionships between and among them, it’s almost irrelevant where it reports organizationally.”

"There’s always difficulty in merg- ers...one would natu- rally imagine there would be some tensions,” said Stewart. “There’s no rea son they can’t be resolved over time.... Part of it really is learning to appreciate what the other side does. It’s not an insummaculate issue.”

"The big problem that I have with this...is that there are two sep- arate agencies that have been apart for a long time,” Hollywood said. “They have very different philos-ophies.”

Lack of Student Input Cited

“We were not included in the [HFS/RCA/eng- ineering] process at all,” said Dormitory Council President Dhaya Lakshminarayanan G. "They had focus group meetings, but in our minds those are just to sell the ideas you already have to people,” she said. "Dormcon is unique in that we have expertise in areas of housing...it’s odd that we were not adequately involved in the decision process,” she added.

Hollywood countered that when the re-engineering team "was decid- ing which options it was going to choose... I didn’t see a lot of com- munity input,” he added.

“We’ve had a meeting with the GSC,” said Mehta. "Representatives from the Dormcon and UA have heard these recommendations and have heard or been invited to” meet- ings about the topic.

If one thing frustrates us it is that students couldn’t come because they were too busy,” Enders said.

“We were trying really hard to make sure that people weren’t left out.”

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By H. Ayala
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Larry Gonick, author of The Cartoon Guide to Physics and an MIT Knight Fellow, gave informal session on cartooning Monday through Wednesday in the MIT Museum.

Gonick Captures Satire, Comic in Writing Works

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cention and body language into rudimentary illustrations. He got one of his biggest laughs from the audi-
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Gonick also took the occasion to reveal a few secrets of the trade. He confessed that he uses a computer program to mimic his handwriting. The program uses four slightly different versions of each letter to create an illusion of authenticity. He claimed that he has not handwritten any books since his "Cartoon Guide to Satire." This is a picture of my best friend," near the end of a slide pre-

He described his early career while a graduate student in mathe-
matics at Harvard during the late '60s and early '70s. A friend intro-
duced him to a series of comic books on complex political issues such as the Communist revolution in Cuba that were informative, yet funny and relatively practical.

Although only an amateur, Gonick approached the book's pub-

lisher about helping to write addi-
tional books in the series. He was

welcomed by the creators of "The

Gonick decided he would create

a full-scale non-fiction book written

about what eventually became "The

Gonick was, of course, talking

about things." He chuckled when Gonick recollected his

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Three MacVicar Fellows Honored

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overseeing the entire undergraduate program of the department.

He has the "overall coordination responsibility with a department under a great demand," Williams said. He must make the most out of limited resources; his contributions extend beyond the classroom.

―Richard L. Danheiser

"I think it's a fantastic honor," Danheiser said. The program also demonstrates that MIT values education as well as excellence in research.

The MacVicar Fellows Program benefits both students and faculty, Danheiser said. MacVicar Fellows act as role models for other professors. Danheiser cited Professor of Chemistry Daniel S. Kemp, a past MacVicar Fellow, as a role model for him.

Michael F. Rubner PhD '86

From the nominations: In 1990 he was the winner of both the Baker Award for undergraduate teaching and the Graduate Student Council Teaching Award. How often does that happen? He played a key role in revamping the undergraduate materials laboratory from four different materials-specific laboratories to a single materials-general laboratory.

In the old system, each laboratory focused on a different material, Rubner said. The new system unifies the separate laboratories so that students can understand the general principles while learning about many materials in a single course.

Rubner also worked to "introduce more design and focus on teamwork," he said.

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The new program was implemented about four years ago and has met positive student feedback, Rubner said.

"It always feels wonderful to be honored for teaching," Rubner said.

"I feel teaching, education, and research go hand in hand.... It all fits together in my mind."

Robert J. Silbey

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Men's Fencing Faces Tough Teams at Duke

By David Nauman

In the continuing drive to bring the MIT fencing team to a nationally competitive level, both the men's and women's teams have traveled to North Carolina this past weekend to fence schools whose experience far surpassed that found in New England. Duke hosted the two-day competition, with Notre Dame, Air Force, UNC Chapel Hill and Brandeis fencing as well.

Early Friday morning, the MIT men's team faced off against Duke. The Blue Devils stepped up to the stripe with vigor and beat MIT 20-7 in a match which was closer than the final tally indicated. The MIT sabre squad fought hard to a close 4-5 loss, with squad leader Josh Trauner '97 going 2-1. The epees fell 2-7, with David Lewinnek '97 bringing in the two wins. The foil squad lost 0-5.

Next, the men's fencing squad faced off against the 1995 NCAA, and had a close battle. The team battled hard to a 6-5 victory, with MIT's Josh Trauner '97, Eric Spier '97, and Richard St. John '98 going 2-1 each. The next meet was against Brandeis, who had a 2-1 victory over MIT. The Brandeis men's team won 4-5, with Brandeis' Eric Spier '97 going 3-1 and MIT's Richard St. John '97 going 1-0.

The next competition, the New England Championship, will be held at University of New Hampshire the weekend of the 24th.

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Women’s Hockey Defeats Bates, UPenn; Loses to UMass

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entire game. In the second period, Ferrante got a great centering pass from Victoria Herman who was behind the Conn College net and used the defender as a screen to score a beautiful goal from the high slot area. The third period, Conn College worked hard to get back into the game, and they were the first to score. Wu answered with a shot that made the goalie fall back into her own net with the puck. Conn College got one more to end the game.

MIT v. Holy Cross 3-1

Ferrante started off with one of her traditional goals; skate down the ice, go around the defender, and shoot from high slot area. There were no other goals in the first period despite numerous chances for MIT. Holy Cross had broken the scoring drought, but Tech had trouble putting away the rebounds. In the second period Choe set up another goal for Tech by skating around a defender shooting along the ice; Wu put away the rebound. The third period provided one more goal by MIT on a beautiful break-out set up by Depto breaking up the boards for a pass by Stifelman. Depto was checked when she crossed the blue line, but Stifelman picked up the loose puck and centered it to Jesurum, Jesurum looked ready to shoot but passed it back to Stifelman who scored on a diving play for the puck.

In the last few seconds of the game, Holy Cross scored after a face off inside the MIT zone to spoil the shut-out.

MIT v. Bates 4-2

In a beautiful and brand new rink at Bates College, MIT got their third straight victory following their four-game losing streak. Bates is a young team as MIT played a bunch of rookies and tried some interesting line changes. The first period had no scoring, despite MIT’s dominance on the ice. In the second, Raquel Romano G scored for MIT off of a rebound set up by Narula. Depto got another goal with a short-side shot over the glove-side shoulder. Bates got one in the second period, a goal scored by a beautiful play with Stifelman passing back to Depto who had a great shot which was saved. Lipson picked up the rebound for her first goal ever for MIT. Later, Jesurum, who played defense in this outing, scored on an end-to-end break, deeking around the last defender (one of Bates’ best skaters) and sneaking a wrist shot past their goalie. Bates got one more to end the game at 4-2.

MIT v. UPenn (1-1)

We started off the scoring assists- ed by Linenante Ferrante. Jesurum and Narula scored the first two goals, giving MIT a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period. At the start of the second period, Wu and Ferrante connected again. Ana Yook scored from the point after receiving the pass from her defensive partner Diane Ho G. The second period ended with MIT in a commanding 6-0 lead. UPenn finally scored one with 2 minutes remaining in the third period. Although MIT lead the game 6-1, they were losing the third period 1-0.

A common problem for the team was staying focused throughout all three periods. Less than one minute after the UPenn goal, Stifelman and Jesurum scored on a shot roofed over the goalie’s head (the two players hit the puck simultaneously). With only 6 seconds left, Depto scored on a strong wrist shot from just over the blue line; MIT won the third period and the game.

MIT v. UMass Ambush (3-3)

After winning their previous three games, MIT suffered a tough loss to UMass. UMass brought along three strong players not on their roster, in anticipation of a tough game with MIT. MIT started out the scoring on a power play goal. Jesurum set up the goal with a strong back-hander from the slot that was put in by Depto on the rebound. An interference penalty on MIT gave UMass a power play and they tied the score. With the clock winding down on the period, MIT tried to regain the lead, with Stifel- man forechecking to pick up the puck behind the UMass net.

A shot by Depto in front was denied by the UMass goalie, leaving the score tied at 1 at the end of the first period. At the start of the second period, UMass got a go-ahead goal to lead 2-1. MIT tied it up when Yook launched a high wrist shot from the point and Narula put away the rebound on the short side of the goal. Early in the third period, UMass scored to take the lead again, 3-2. MIT successfully implemented the trap, stripping UMass of the puck, but then was not able to clear their zone. MIT could not regain the energy of the first period, resulting in a disappointing 3-2 loss.

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**SOLUTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TECH**
New Coach Leads Women's Hockey to Good Season

By Esther Jesurum

This season has been one of changes for the women's ice hockey team. The most noteworthy change is the new coaching staff. Katia Pashkevitch is the new head coach and Susie Wee, a former player on the team, is the assistant coach. Pashkevitch brings with her years of experience and proficiency. She is one of the top 10 women hockey players in the world and will be playing for the Russian team in the 1998 Olympics in Japan.

Many of MIT's club opponents have joined the Alliance (of varsity teams) and as a result, MIT has a shorter schedule this year. While there is some talk of MIT eventually going varsity, for now the team is concentrating on building a strong base of younger players.

MIT started its season with a decisive victory in a scrimmage against BU (10-4). MIT then played an official game against BU beating them 4-0. Tech got one more win against Holy Cross (5-1) before losing their last two games before the winter break. The first of those was against a much improved Wesleyan (1-1) and the next was against a comparable team and probably MIT's closest competition, Amherst (5-4).

It seems the loss against Amherst was merely a matter of converting our many scoring chances into goals. The play itself was fairly even.

After winter break, the team warmed up for their next meeting with Wesleyan by scrimmaging Boston women's league teams. Pashkevitch had 6-7 women practice an advanced defensive strategy, a neutral zone trap (used by the New Jersey Devils in winning the '95 Stanley Cup Championship) to be used against stronger teams. In the Jan. 17 game against Wes-

leyan, "the trap" held Wesleyan to a 0-0 draw in the first period. However, Wesleyan changed their offensive strategy for the second and third period, handing Tech a 0-9 loss.

Two days later, MIT faced Amherst again, determined to get the win they deserved. The first period was disappointing with Amherst stuffing in a goal off of a rebound. MIT came back strong in the second period with Gina Ferreira '98 scoring a beautiful goal through a crowd in front of the net. With one minute left in the second period, Caroline Jesurum G got an exciting go-ahead goal assisted by Lisa Stifelman G. The third period was a let-down for Tech. Amherst scored another weak goal off of a rebound, tying the game at 2-2. MIT played only two times for the remainder of the period, and unfortunately, could not keep the energy up to get the win, with Amherst winning in overtime.

MIT v. Connecticut College 7-5

In the first minute of the game, Stifelman picked up a loose puck in the MIT defensive zone for a breakaway, scoring a back-handed shot through the five hole. On their next shift out, Jesurum, Jill Depto '97 and Stifelman played a great passing game to break it out and Jesurum scored on a pass back from Stifelman in the corner. The game was a lot closer than it should have been, again because of a breakdown on coverage after rebounds.

Conn College scored on a rebound situation to tighten the gap. Aradhana Narula G used a defender as a screen to get back the two-point lead that would come and go for the"
**Alpine Skiing Squads Fight Tough Battles Against UConn, Harvard**

By Jonathan S. Sheftz

The men's and women's alpine squads of MIT's ski racing team completed their fourth regular season race this past Saturday and Sunday at Ascutney Mountain in Vermont. The result was another seesaw battle against their close rival the University of Connecticut and a victory over Harvard University.

The men went into this weekend one point out of seventh place in the cumulative conference team standings, behind UConn. Because they had only five finishers in the first run, all of whom counted toward the team score, the men found themselves hopelessly behind UConn by half a minute.

The first run of the slalom was not kind to either team, nor to a dependable racers either crashed, suffered from binding pre-releases, or hooked tips on the slalom gates on the flats in their all-out charges to the finish. The women also suffered because Chrissy Hartmann '99 had sustained minor injuries while skiing due to her race run.

The second run became even more harsh than the first, as one of the turns above the steep pitch developed an slick sheet of ice and severely damaged much of the women's finish teams into a deep, powdery hole.

The relay team consisted of Doering, Breidenbach, and Cornell. Jeff Breidenbach '96 finished in 20th place with a time of 1:03:02 just ahead of teammate Jiri Schindler '96 who came in 21st out of 34 finishers with a time of 1:03:15.

In the women's 10-kilometer classic race, Adrienne Slaughter '98 was the first MIT skier to cross the line, coming in 8th place with a time of 47:09. Lynn Cornell '97 placed 12th with a time of 49:30. Erin Lavik '98 in her first-ever varsity ski race, finished in 16th place.

Both the MIT men's and women's squads finished third place overall, behind Cornell and Army.

"It was a nice course but could have been groomed better. I was very lucky because I had perfect wax," commented Slaughter. Clarkson placed first overall in Sunday's 3.5 kilometer mixed-sex skating race, with a winning time of 41:25. MIT's first relay team came the leader when the tag was made. Breidenbach reduced that gap to two seconds during the second leg as the first pack of skiiers reshuffled. Cornell skied a strong third leg, holding off all but two teams. Conditions were much faster in Sunday's skate relay. MIT demonstrated good speed, but could definitely use some improvement on the relay tags.

Jeffrey R. Doering '99 skis past a competitor on the way to his first victory last Saturday.

Doering started the race for MIT with the third fastest leg time of the entire relay. He spent the lap vying with two other Cornell skiiers, holding third place only 6 seconds behind the leader when the tag was made. Breidenbach reduced that gap to two seconds during the second leg as the first pack of skiers reshuffled. Cornell skied a strong third leg, holding off all but two teams. Conditions were much faster in Sunday's skate relay. MIT demonstrated good speed, but could definitely use some improvement on the relay tags.

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