Committee Plans to Revamp Institute Writing Requirement

By Venkatesh Satlish

The Committee on the Writing Requirement will soon present to students a preliminary proposal to eliminate the current Phase I and Phase II requirement and replace it with a system that will place greater emphasis on communication skills in the undergraduate curriculum.

The proposal would require students to take a "communication-intensive" class each of their four years at the Institute, said Kip V. Hildreth, PhD '82, chair of the Committee on the Writing Requirement. "This initiative to change the writing requirement is motivated by our belief that MIT at the present time does not give our students the writing and speaking skills necessary for professional success," said Professor of Science and Writing Alan P. Lightman, a member of the Committee on the Writing Requirement.

The details of the proposal, which was endorsed by the Committee on the Undergraduate Program in May, will be finalized after students give their input to the plan this fall, Lightman said. The finalized plan will then require approval from the faculty to take effect, Lightman said.

It would take approximately seven years to completely change the current system, so current students would not be affected by the proposal. Lightman said the new plan will be phased in over a period of years.

Students would take yearly classes "The culture of MIT is such that we'll want to do this," Lightman said.

Dean Search Proceeds

By Stacey E. Blau

The search for a replacement for Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Travis R. Merritt is under way, with the first forums providing the groundwork for the selection process.

Merritt will be retiring as of Oct. 1, although he will continue to be involved in some UAA activities. The meetings centered primarily on students' ideas of the roles of the UAA and also were intended as a way for students to voice suggestions to specific candidates for Merritt's replacement. Merritt said Dean for Undergraduate Education Ronald H. Williams.

Most students did not make suggestions for specific candidates but instead talked about the qualities the future dean should have, said Merritt, who attended one of the meetings. "The change has been a lot of about a dozen people under consideration for the position and is specifically a faculty member," she told the post, she said.

The search committee will have a number of candidates, and the selection process will be final in the fall, she said."We probably would have had to lay off office staff because it has been the case that we were not. Many students who were "There were some bets among the faculty on how many it would be," Merritt said.

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Lawmakers Assured of Fair Probe Regarding CIA and Drugs

WASHINGTON

CIA Director John M. Deutch Thursday traveled to Capitol Hill to present his side of the Intelligence Community drug investigations story, and an independent investigator will pursue allegations that the CIA was instrumental in introducing crack cocaine into black communities in the 1980s.

The meeting, which lasted nearly an hour, seemed to satisfy mem-

bers of the Senate Appropriations Committee, but it did not allay

doubts about the CIA's role in the drug scandal.

Deutch, who has strongly denied the allegations, repeated an ear-

erlier, written statement that the CIA's inspector general would per-

form a full investigation and promised the inquiry will receive its

full cooperation and access to agency records, according to an aide

assigned to brief the media.

The black caucus last week called for a congressional investiga-

tion after articles appeared in the San Jose Mercury News. The cau-

sus also has asked President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno to launch probes.

Republicans Prevent Disclosure Of Ethics Report on Gingrich

WASHINGTON

House Republicans Thursday foiled a Democratic effort to force open a confidential ethics report on alleged ethics violations by Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

The 225-179 vote, split largely along party lines, killed a measure that would have required immediate public disclosure of a special counsel's initial findings in a two-year investigation of Gingrich's use of a charity to hide his personal expenses while he taught in Georgia. Critics and political opponents argued that Gingrich acted improperly by using the money because he used it to keep the substitution teacher from being called to jury duty.

While no one expected the measure — offered by Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. — to clear the House, Democrats pushed for the roll call vote to compel GOP investigators into a vote of support for Gingrich, who polls show is unpopular among many voters.

James Cotton, the committee's special counsel, last month delivered a preliminary report to the Ethics Committee, which has not been publicly released.

House Minority Whip David E. Bonior, D-Mich., said at a news conference before the vote that Democrats wanted the results of the partial report revealed before election day on Nov. 5.

House Overrides Veto of Bill Banning Late Abortion Procedure

WASHINGTON

In a stunning reversal, abortion foes in the House Thursday easily overrode President Clinton's veto of a bill that would outlaw a late-term abortion procedure denounced by the president as "morally reprehensible." The 238-197 vote split along largely party lines. Democrats accused Republicans of using a politically motivated vote on a technical issue to obscure the real debate over abortion.

With conclusions unsupported by the facts.

The procedure, called "partial birth" abortion, is performed when a fetus is seven to nine months of age. A doctor breaks open the baby's skull, then quickly removes the brain and other major organs. The fetus is allowed to continue breathing and moving until it dies. The procedure is used in cases where a pregnancy poses a threat to a woman's life or health.

The pro-choice position is that since the fetus is already born, it doesn't have the opportunity to get a painkiller to alleviate discomfort. But opponents assert that women shouldn't be allowed to have a procedure that is often considered more painful than giving birth.

The political strategy is to make the vote appear to be about an issue other than abortion. In this case, Republicans and conservative Democrats argued the bill was needed to address the possibility of taxpayer funding for the procedure.

The measure requires the president's certifying that the procedure was performed only for medical reasons. But Clinton said he would sign the measure only if it were accompanied by a similar bill in the Senate. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the Senate would vote on the issue as early as next Thursday but acknowledged that it "would be hard to override it."
Strife in Three-Person Presidency Threatens Peace Again in Bosnia

By Tracy Wilkinson

The Bosnian Serb member of a just-elected three-person presidency Thursday backed away slightly from his goal of uniting with Serbia prop-er but tossed up another batch of objections that will thwart Bosnia's new government.

Illustrating the complexity of forming Bosnia's postwar institu- tions, Momcilo Krajisnik rejected the idea of sitting with his presi- dential colleagues in Sarajevo—the capi-tal under Muslim-Croat control—after a Serb, a Muslim and a Serb—Serb stronghold of Pale, a ski resort nine miles southeast of Sarajevo. Krajisnik said he thought the new presidency ought to govern from a building put up along the boundary line that divides the Serb and Muslim-Croat halves of Bosnia. He offered a much wider definition of re-integration than portrayed earlier in the Dayton, Ohio, accord, Krajisnik said at a news conference in the Bosnian Serb Republic with Serbia proper. But he said reunifica-tion of the divided country was not in the cards. "Re-integration should be of something that was once integrat-ed," he said.

"And whoever is against God and his goal of uniting with Serbia prop-er but tossed up another batch of objections that will thwart Bosnia's new government."

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Food Service Must Move Forward

Last spring the Department of Housing and Food Services announced a new extension of Aramark’s contract with MIT. The justification offered at the time was that

HFS was not prepared to start the bidding process. Now, HFS has officially announced that Aramark’s contract will likely be extended yet another year, making for a cumula-

tive two-year extension of the firm’s current five-year contract. These preceael extensions have been detrimental to the MIT community and food service customers in particular.

Each time HFS has extended the Aramark contract, they have offered the same reason: that it just wasn’t the right time to get the bidding process underway. First the vice president of opera-

tions had to set up a process for reviewing contracts and overseeing food service; it was too vincent demanding. Now, the most recent decision: a revues review group. Then there was the time-consuming process of actually going out to bid. As it turns out, HFS hasn’t even started solicit-

ing bids.

In addition to the delays, there has been essentially no dis-

cussion of what for many is the central issue of the Aramark contract extension: whether to believe that MIT should or should not allow vendors to the MIT market. Instead of fleshing out this idea, however, HFS appears to have concentrated its attention on providing better oversight of Aramark’s contract.

The fact remains that HFS had plenty of time — five fuller years — to set up a process and go out to bid. During those five years, Aramark faced mounting student pressure to improve food service in dormitories. HFS should have allowed the contract to run out without so much as marking the bidding process.

There is a distinct possibility that HFS has simply decided to cave to Aramark propaganda according to which MIT’s mar-

ket is too small for any contractor to serve well. According to this view, the complaints people have now would apply equally to MIT because it is too small for any contractor to serve well.

At this rate, it seems likely that Aramark will continue to manage food services at MIT well into the next century. This situation is not acceptable and HFS must give serious attention to the problem earlier. There is no reason why the bidding process could not have started on time, with student liaisons group moving to ensure that the process is not as opaque as it now appears to be.

Letters to The Editor

Odor Problem Is Nationwide

Having just read Tuesday’s column by Thomas R. Karlo ‘97 entitled “MIT Must Act to Prevent Student Odor,” I remembered some graffiti that I saw in an elevator at Stanford University.

In one handwriting were the words: “Diz CN ██████████████████ █████████████████████████。”

In my opinion, this graffiti is an expression of what, in a window into one’s intellect. That is to say, if I understand correctly what that graffiti is trying to say:

“Diz CN” I thought. “That just can’t be true. Sun, and fun, they have the same ‘problem’ that we have. We are a college in the city, and for that reason we should give the non-breders the space they need to be themselves.”

Brian T. White ’85

The Tech Should Be More Selective

After reading the sometimes funny — but mostly bizarre — column by Thomas R. Karlo ‘97 entitled “MIT Must Act to Prevent Student Odor,” Sept. 17 on MIT should act to prevent student odor,” I could not help but recall similarly bizarre opinion articles that appeared in the Tech the previous two weeks. Opinion articles by a news staffer at the Tech entitled “Recitations for Class Should Not Be Mandatory” and “Aramark Unforeseeable Difficulties.”

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Student Life Group Needs Student Members

The deans’ office is at it again. Sometimes it seems that the full-time mission of our fraternities is to keep up competition with broad missions while allowing only token student involvement.

This time the culprit is Rosalind H. Williams, the new dean for undergraduate education. She’s spent the last several months recruiting faculty members who will do little to add to the balance of a force on student life and learning. No small challenge for the blandly named mission.

The mission statement is the following murky projects: to “review and articulate MIT’s educational resources” and to “create MIT’s current educational processes and identity that enhance or sup-

port the educational mission.” To date, no student has been asked to undertake such a project, I’d head for the local bull session. Cushy.

Surprisingly, however, Williams had little difficulty signing on me to write this letter. I could not help but recall similarly bizarre opinion articles that appeared in the Tech the previous two weeks. Opinion articles by a news staffer at the Tech entitled “Recitations for Class Should Not Be Mandatory” and “Aramark Unforeseeable Difficulties.”

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MIT Must Dump Old Ways And Work with Students

William Perry, Secretary of Defense, has asked the academic council and faculty to just put up with whatever the faculty or administrative department paternalistically decide. It's worth saying that the real reason this committee has been stacked with faculty has nothing to do with qualifications or information and everything to do with standard operational procedure. Williams and West are faculty members and administrators. They regard what happens at meetings of the academic council and faculty as real and everything else as peripheral. The institutional symbols and prestige are designed to place value on their place in this community. Small wonder that they should select from among their own group rather than from the community at large.

MIT may lead the world in science and technology. But as long as it clings to the sort of outmoded policy-making norms exemplified by the task force on student life and learning, MIT the university remains a 19th-century organization.

The reviews are in!

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Bill Clinton, President of the United States

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**** Excellent
*** Good
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*** The Last Supper
Five liberal graduate students have an unexpected guest who, over dinner, manages to offend everyone at the table. After goading the students with the statement "Hitler had the right idea," he picks a fight and one of the students kills him. Seeing their action as a service to society, they start inviting over other conservatives they don't like — skinheads, anti-gay priests, etc. — to poison and bury in the backyard. — David V. Rodriguez. Tomorrow at LSC.

**** Maximum Impact
When a man that looks exactly like him turns up dead, Jean-Claude Van Damme learns that he had a twin brother taken from him at birth and sent to Russia, where he grew up as part of the Russian mob. Van Damme, in an attempt to "understand the brother he never knew," follows his brother's trail, causing him to get involved in a confusing bit of mob politics (they're all fighting each other but we don't know why), and taking up with his brother's girlfriend. The story is a bit too sentimental and gets into a rhythm only once Van Damme learns his brother's true identity and decides it's time to start taking revenge. But this scene comes too late to make the movie worthwhile. — DVR. Sony Cheri.

Tom Cruise makes a daring escape in Mission: Impossible, showing tonight at LSC.

**½ Mission: Impossible
Never mind the title: besides the famous theme tune and the initial premise of the Impossible Mission Force, Brian DePalma's film version of the 1960s spy drama has very little to do with the TV show. IMF leader Jim Phelps (Jon Voight) presents his team with a mission to intercept a top-secret list of agents for sale to a worldwide legion of criminals, but when things go awry in Prague, superagent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) has to weave his way through the various plots and counterplots to find a traitor within the organization. This is Cruise's picture, and, though much of the "team" is dispatched early on, the remainder of the big-name cast is wasted. Even though the film moves at a swift enough pace so that you don't have time to dwell on the implausible plot details, the only memorable sequence is Cruise's wire-suspended entrance into an impregnable, sterile CIA computer room. — Scott C. Deskin. Tonight at LSC.

**** Trainspotting
Trainspotting tells the story of a group of Scottish heroin users. Already released in England, it has become the third-largest grossing British-made film and has received a large amount of criticism for not condemning heroin use. The story is told from the viewpoint of heroin users, without judgment, which makes the story feel completely genuine and totally fascinating. — DVR. Sony Nickelodeon.

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Building Renovations Make Changes Around Campus

By Erik S. Balsley

The renovations in Building 56 begun last fall are entering their final stages. The construction should be finished in December.

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Alumni, Leaders Meet For New Task Force

By Stacey E. Blau

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Biomedical Society Sparks Interest

By Shang-Lin Chuang

One year after the creation of the Biomedical Engineering minor, the Biomedical Engineering Society held its first meeting last week with about 70 students in attendance.

BMES, which is a part of a nation-wide society, was started this spring because "there are lots of students at MIT interested in Biomedical Engineering and they don't know the huge number of resources that MIT has," said Isaac George '97, one of the founders of the group.

"One way to help them is to have a student club," Hemant Taneja '97, the society's faculty advisor, said.

Biomedical engineering includes any branch of engineering - including electrical, mechanical, and chemical - that is applied to solving problems in the biological sciences. The society is sponsored by the Affiliate Professor of Chemical Engineering Linda G. Griffith- Cima, who is the chair of the steering committee.

"The field's basic goal is usually a therapeutic one," Cima said.

Douglas A. Laffenburg, chair of the BMES steering committee, said that he holds second meeting on Oct. 2, with another guest speaker.

BMES was started this spring by George, Melissa J. Lambeth '97, Hemant Taneja '97, and Isaac George '97.

"The goal of the society is to give students a forum to learn about what Biomedical Engineering has to offer them from professionals in the field," Griffith- Cima said.

More than 200 freshmen expressed interest in the academic and social activities in meetings during Residence and Orientation Week, Kamm said.

"The goal of the society is mainly to provide students to students who are interested in BMES as a career," Kamm said.

BMES will compile student resumes and send them to companies and will also create a list of Undergraduate Research Opportunities (URO) and start a program of projects in the field of BMES, Kamm said.

Students from all fields of engineering and science can join the group, Lambeth said. "There is a large percentage of biology majors present at the meeting. They see and understand the need to incorporate technology into their line of research," she said.

"BMES includes such a broad range of research, from molecular biology to all others. Majors fit right in," Taneja said.

People are confused about what BMES is, and "one of our goals is to inform people of the possibilities this area of research can offer," Lambeth said.

Alumni input sways committee

In conceiving its proposal, the committee considered responses from alumni regarding their education and preparation for the workplace, Hodges said.

Alumni "felt that although they got a great technical education, they do interesting things in science and engineering and that is higher than that for swimming."

The break was reported Wednesday of last week by a rower who noticed a foul smell. The pipe was plugged, and as of last Saturday sewage was no longer entering the river.

The Charles River Watershed Association, an independent advocacy group monitoring the situation, said that based on their sampling, the leak did not affect the area of the river used frequently by MIT.

The MIT stretch of the Charles "generally meets state standards for bacteria, dry weather," Bowditch said. "It is a problem, even without an accident like the rupture last week, "a storm like [Wednesday's]" will cause the river to be polluted for the next two days," she said.

The recurring problem occurs because of the old-fashioned Cambridge sewage system that combines storm water with untreated sewage. When storms runoff becomes too great for the system to handle - as after a heavy rain - certain designated points, known as combined sewer overflows, permit diluted raw sewage to leak into the river. There are 11 such overflows in the MIT area.

MIT Crew Director Stuart Schmill '86 said that the frequent leaks have not posed much problem. "It doesn't smell too nice, but it is not a health hazard. However, so the water doesn't pose much of a health problem," Schmill said. "One has gotten sick here because of it.

The use of the CSO devices violates the Massachusetts Clean Water Act, Bowditch said. But the Environmental Protection Agency is working closely with Boston and Cambridge to determine the source of the sewage.

"It's incredibly expensive," Bowditch said. "It's probably going to be until 2002 before they have successfully eliminated all CSOs.

Last week's contamination was the fourth major such incident this summer, with prior outbreaks observed in September and Milford.
Only Half of Staff to Be Replaced

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need some sort of continuity" and a
transition, she said.

"Previously, the retired profes-
sors were given the title of professor
emeritus and senior lecturer if they
transition," said Otero.

"In eeking this end, Merritt has
had more retirees generally had
more eligible faculty members,
Otero said.

"We lost about 10 seniors, and
some of the seniors had trouble
applying for new jobs," said Otero.

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Re-engineering Will Affect Changes in Dean's Office

Behr '98, who attended one of the forums, said, "Some students did have ideas on specific candidates, though. "We thought that the housemasters would be perfect" candidates, Behr said. Finding a replacement for Merritt may prove difficult in that his position was "defined so much in terms of personality," Williams said. Merritt has a number of special ties to programs — like the freshman advisory seminars — that have defined his tenure as dean.

His job requires an ability to interact with students on a number of levels. "It's really not something where you place a job description for a replacement," she said. Williams said that she will be considering whether or not to have additional forums for input on the selection process. "The student forums were really very successful," Williams said. "There was a lot of discussion... a lot of feedback."

Re-engineering to shape UEA

The past two years have seen considerable turnover in the Office of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs and now UAA, which is a part of UEA. Williams took office a little over a year ago and Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates arrived just last winter.

The big changes do not bother Williams. "The turnover is nothing unusual," she said. These are offices where people start out and go on to other things."

The offices will experience some degree of restructuring as a result of the re-engineering process, Williams said. When considering the offices' future direction and any changes that may be made, "we don't want to get ahead of the decision-making process," she said.

"Re-engineering is going to have some effect on the shape of the office," Merritt said. Hopefully, it will mean changes that centralize mechanical processes and paperwork in the office and allow deans "more time to sit down face-to-face with students," he said.

In the meantime, the process itself is "drawing people from the office" to actually participate in re-engineering, Merritt said. "That's
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Women’s X-Country Trounces RPI, WPI
By Lauren Klaszky

The women’s cross-country team began its season last Saturday with a spectacular performance that earned them the coveted Engineers’ Cup. Having lost the title last year to Rochester Polytechnic Institute by a six-point margin, MIT definitively avenged their opponent by a score of 23-43. Rochester Polytechnic Institute placed last in the pre-meet with 69 points.

The meet took place under sunny skies at Saratoga Springs State Park in upstate New York. After previewing the course before the race, the women felt confident they could handle the flat but challenging terrain. MIT jumped out in front from the start and held onto the lead until the finish. Janis Eisenberg ’98 was the overall winner with a time of 19:08.

MIT’s second finisher was Lauren Klasky ’97 who took third place with a time of 19:33. Not far behind was Shiu-Fen Tung ’99 who crossed the finish line after 20:00. Debbie Won ’00 and Robin Evans ’99 were the two final scorers for MIT in seventh and eighth place with times of 20:47 and 20:52.

The harriers’ depth was demonstrated by Eve Phillips ’98, Leah Nichols ’99, and Tanya Zelvinsky ’99 who rounded out the top eight within the first 12 places.

Coach Joe Sousa thought the team had some outstanding times for such an early part of the season. In fact, Eisenberg had a school record on the RPI course.

Sousa said that “the team has adapted well to the rigor of our training program.” With many returning veterans and some talented newcomers, the women look forward to an impressive season. MIT travels to the UMass-Dartmouth Invitational next week.

Baseball Demolishes Wentworth
By Joel Morales

After setting the MIT record for most regular season wins last year with a 20-12 record, the Engineers started off the fall season right where they left off by sweeping Wentworth Institute of Technology 13-3 in the first game and 7-4 in the second.

In the first game, pitchers Joel Morales ’99 and Randy Gehrman ’00 combined for 12 strikeouts, holding Wentworth to only three runs. The Engineers were led at the plate by Baldemar Mejia ’97, who had three hits and three runs batted in, and by Morales, who had a three-run homer and four runs batted in.

Eddie Rivas ’97, Steve Vetere ’97, Pete Gustafson ’99, and David Pho ’00 also joined in on the offensive attack. In the second game, pitchers Tyler Pope ’99 and Jason Szuminski ’00 allowed only four runs.

The Engineers were led at the plate by Chris Albrecht ’98, who had two hits including a three-run triple in the bottom of the sixth to put the team ahead for good. Nate Burnham ’00, Ethan Goetzman ’99, and Jack Gallagher ’99 also contributed at the plate. Catcher Paul Collins ’98 picked up the slack, catching both ends of the doubleheader while knocking out a few hits.

The Engineers are away this weekend at Babson College, where they will play a twin bill at noon tomorrow.

Harriers Disappoint In 7th Place
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(42nd, 27:16), Chris McGuire ’00 (44th, 27:12), and team captain Dan Helgesen ’97 (30th, 27:38), rounded out the team’s scoring five.

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Big Ute ’00 from San Diego was perhaps the most pleasant surprise, recording a lifetime best of 23:37.

Head Coach Halston Taylor expressed disappointment in the team’s performance. Having put together the most challenging season schedule in 15 years, Taylor felt that the team has the talent to succeed at this higher level of competition.

"Things should improve dramatically in the next two weeks. If not, we’ll be a very long season with the schedule that we have," Taylor said. "I know we have a good team, but they have to develop more pride when it comes to letting teams run all over you.”

The Engineers will get their chance to rebound this Saturday when they travel to Lewiston, Maine for a pre-meet with Bates College and Tufts University. Tufts, ranked 23rd in the nation in a pre-season Division III poll, won the Amherst Invitational on Saturday, while places finished 9th at Dartmouth.

Golf Team Places 19th At Dartmouth
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The team experienced several major transitions over the summer. The team lost a couple of good players with last year’s graduating class. A solid group of new freshmen has joined, and a basis for future development is definitely in place.

Coach Jack Barry retired after having been with the team for more than 20 years. Assistant Coach Joe Kuchta temporarily took over the responsibilities as coach.

At the same time, the team has been lucky to find Bob Hayes as a new assistant coach and presumably head coach in the future.

Hayes has played a lot of golf, and at one point he considered going pro. He has also had a significant amount of teaching experience.

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Information Session
Monday, September 23, 1996
7 - 9 p.m.
Room 14-145
Women's Tennis Drops One to Skidmore, Beats Tufts

By Erik S. Balsley

Tore it out on the initiative, the Engineers showed the strength on which they hope to build throughout the season.

Because of inclement weather on Saturday, the games were moved from the tennis courts along Amherst Street to the J.B. Carr exhibit.

A women's collegiate tennis match consists of three doubles matches and six singles matches. Each match won earns a point. In order to win the overall match, a team must win five of the nine points.

The women's tennis team played its first home match this past Saturday, losing 8-1 against a strong Skidmore College team in a non-conference match. The team came back with a 5-4 win against Tufts University on Tuesday.

There are few things in life that I truly regret. My failure to put any money down last week and call 9 out of 13 games breaks my heart. Of course, as I said before, I am a sportman and not a better, and I therefore derive my satisfaction simply from the fact that I was right a whole lot more than I was wrong. I am a modest man, a 4-9 week means only, in the words of Ali, "I am the greatest."

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The men's cross country team opened their season with a seventh place finish in the Dartmouth College Invitational on Saturday.

The team will have their next home match today at 4 p.m. against Colby College.