

LSC Raises Admission to \$2.50 To Help Slow Financial Slide

By Jean K. Lee
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Last week, the Lecture Series Committee announced that the price of general admission to its movies will go up next term by 25 percent, from the current \$2.00 to \$2.50.

The last general admission price increase occurred in the fall of 1993 when the fee was raised 33 percent from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

The increase is largely in response to inflation in film rental costs as well as recent financial losses, said LSC Chairman Christopher C. Marchant '98.

"It has cost us more money to show [movies] than we got in ticket sales," Marchant said. The group has lost money on most of its recent

movies — about \$1,000 so far this term and about the same over Independent Activities Period.

Although LSC has lost money for some movies every term for several years, the trend seems to be getting worse, Marchant said. Without a price increase, LSC may "run out of money in the next few, maybe five, years."

"We have to make that up somehow," Marchant said. "We hope [the price increase] will allow us to continue to improve the quality of LSC movies."

High costs prompt price increase

Marchant said that financial pressure by film studios — including a 40 percent increase in rental

costs — could hurt LSC's ability to show current films.

"The prices charged by movie studios have really skyrocketed lately," Marchant said. "LSC's ability to show a variety of recent movies would be put in jeopardy if [the 25 percent] price increase were not instituted."

Still, keeping operation costs — up 27 percent — and ticket prices down is still a priority, he said.

Another dilemma is the difficulty of finding movies that will attract a large part of the MIT community. "LSC had a tough time finding blockbuster movies to schedule this term," Marchant said, "so we did

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Prospective Students Get Insight On the Fun and Rigor of MIT Life

By Sharmin Ghaznavi

Many prospective students of the Class of 2001 got their first taste of MIT life last week during Campus Preview Weekend.

Over 360 women and minority students participated this year. Campus Preview officially ended with lunch and check-out on Saturday, and now the prefrash will use their experience to decide whether they will accept or decline their admission offers.

Most prefrash and hosts called the weekend a success.

Among them was Anna Polsenberg, of Newton Square, Pa. "I've been to four other college preview weekends," she said, "and this one was the best."

Campus Preview Weekend kicked off with prefrash check-in on Thursday. While most found the process painless, others said that there should definitely be some improvements. Some hosts noted the difficulty in keeping track of prefrash that had arrived on campus but had either left on tours or gone exploring MIT.

Aparna Polavarapu, of Rosalyn, N.Y., had a suggestion. "They could have told us who our hosts were beforehand so [we] could have arranged something," she said.

Panel, tours introduce MIT

A welcoming panel on Thursday evening let prefrash share their experiences and ask questions of current students.

Prefrash called the panel informative and helpful. The students "were very straightforward, and no questions were left unanswered; it was exhaustive," said Rachel Knapp, of Balcksburg, Va.

The panel was followed by a jazz social and dinner. Event sponsors encouraged prospective students to mingle with their future classmates and enjoy the music of the MIT Jazz Collective. Prefrash did both.

Gerald Briton, of Bethesda, Md., agreed. "It was a good way of meeting people," he said.

For some, like Paul Thordarson, of Lexington, said the music made the dinner enjoyable, while others,

including Nita Losoponkul, of Rosalyn, N.Y., felt it was good but far too loud, to a point where you couldn't hear yourself thinking.

Friday offered a lot of opportunities for prospective students, including tours of Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program projects, lectures, and a dinner.

Though not mandatory, the UROP tours drew a good number of prefrash interested in learning more about the program.

UROP "is what interests me most about MIT," Knapp said. She was glad for the opportunity to learn more about it.

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SEDS Hosts Observations of Hale-Bopp Comet

By May K. Tse
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The MIT chapter of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space ended its series of observation sessions on Thursday for the Hale-Bopp comet, the biggest and brightest comet to come by Earth this century.

"We didn't want people to miss

the great comet of 1997," said Jeffrey A. Foust G, SEDS outreach chair. "There probably won't be a brighter one this year."

"Right now, it'll be at its brightest," said Ravi N. Ramkissoon '00, SEDS astronomy chair. About 75 people passed by to look through the group's telescope at Kresge Oval on Wednesday night, and an

additional 50 viewed the comet on Thursday.

"We try to attract the public for as many events as possible and to sessions such as this," Ramkissoon said.

SEDS first began their Hale-Bopp comet watches on March 27 and 30 on the roof of Building 37. These watches, co-sponsored by the

Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, have attracted more than 200 people from the MIT community since then.

"We try to have one viewing session a month. I'm supposed to be organizing a trip to New Hampshire, because of the lights surrounding here [in the city]," Ramkissoon said.

"SEDS tries to hold at least one observing session each month, usually around the time of the new moon when skies are the darkest. Some of these sessions are held locally on campus, and some are held outside of town to get away from Boston's light-polluted skies. What's observed depends on what is visible in the night sky at that time," Foust said.

SEDS runs a number of activities

Besides hosting observation sessions, SEDS sponsors speakers, educational outreach programs, and technical projects.

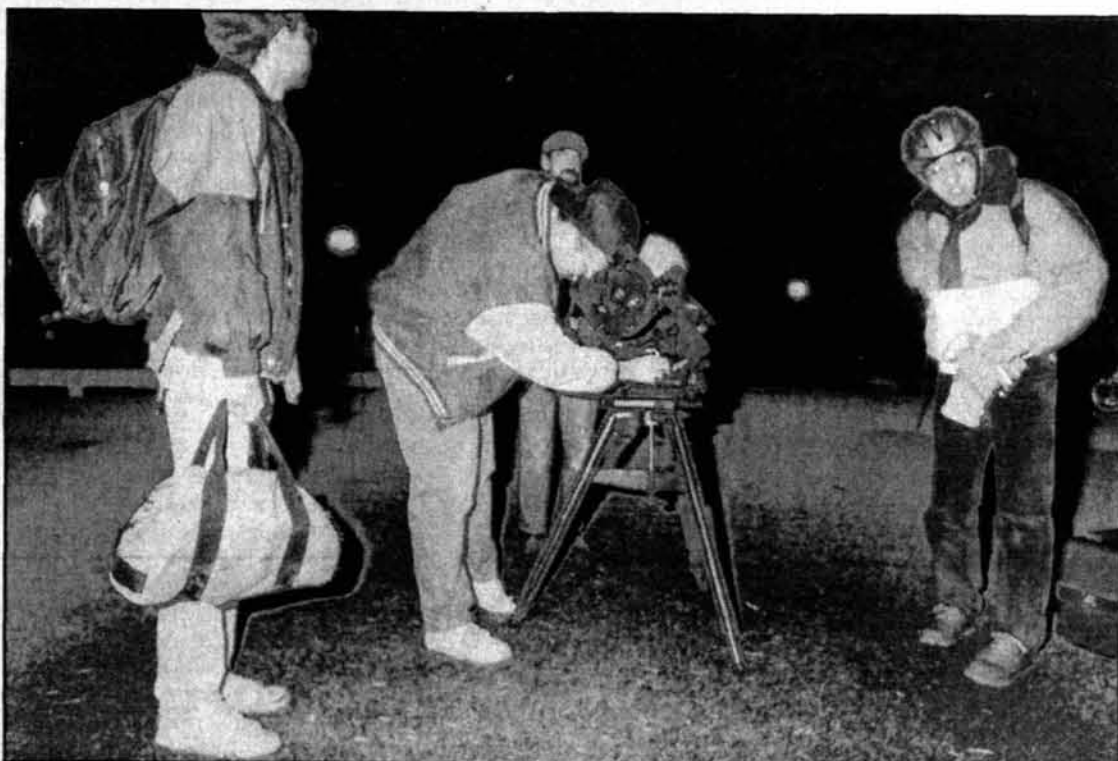
"MIT-SEDS functions chiefly as an interest group for MIT students who want to learn about space-science and development, and also to meet fellow space-enthusiasts. We invite Institute speakers to our monthly meetings, usually in the fields of astronomy or astronautics," said Wesley A. Waters '98, SEDS president.

Last night, the SEDS meeting featured Associate Professor of

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Theresa Burianek '99 strives for distance in the triple jump during the women's track meet against Colby College, Bowdoin College, and Bates College on Saturday afternoon. MIT placed third in the meet, with Colby coming in first.



The Society for the Exploration and Development of Space organized a Hale-Bopp comet observation session on the top of Building 37 on Thursday night.

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WORLD & NATION

Clinton Announces New Plan To Take Action on Sweatshops

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton Monday announced agreement on a U.S. "Apparel Industry Partnership" aimed at ending sweatshop conditions around the world and reassuring American consumers that the clothes and shoes they buy are not made by exploited workers.

Many industry, labor, consumer, and human rights groups hailed it as a "breakthrough" toward eliminating child labor and abusive conditions in factories that produce garments for the U.S. market, the world's largest. But some human rights groups said it falls far short of what is needed and camouflages the "hypocrisy" of major manufacturers in seeking out low-wage countries with docile workers in the first place.

The agreement "will improve the lives of millions of garment workers around the world" and help end "deplorable and unacceptable" working conditions, "mostly overseas but, unbelievably, sometimes here at home as well," Clinton said in a White House ceremony. Stressing that the accord "is just the beginning," he added, "We know sweatshop labor will not vanish overnight." He called for "more companies to join this crusade and follow its strict rules of conduct."

The voluntary agreement bars the use of prison and other forced labor and prohibits the employment of children under 15 in most nations or 14 where the country's law allows.

Second War Crimes Trial Begins For Former Nazi Captain Priebke

THE WASHINGTON POST

ROME

Erich Priebke, an 83-year-old ex-captain in the Nazi SS paramilitary police, returned to court Monday for his second war crimes trial in Italy.

Priebke's retrial will not be simply a replay of his original trial, whose verdict was thrown out on appeal last year. This time, there are new judges and defense lawyers, a bigger courtroom and, most important, another defendant.

Priebke will be tried with 84-year-old Karl Hass, who also was an SS officer stationed in Rome during the German occupation of the Italian capital. They are both charged with taking part in the massacre of 335 men and boys in the Ardeatine Caves near Rome on March 24, 1944.

The SS carried out the massacre in retaliation for a bomb attack by the Italian resistance the day before, which killed 33 occupying soldiers.

Hass was charged in the case after he testified as a hostile witness for the prosecution at Priebke's first trial and admitted that he, like Priebke, had shot two victims at the caves. Both men, while contending that the massacre was a legitimate wartime reprisal, say they had to follow orders and shoot or be killed themselves.

Hass, who had been living in Switzerland, has been recuperating in a clinic near Rome since he came to Italy for Priebke's trial last July. He tried to avoid testifying by slipping out of his hotel room and fell off a first-floor balcony, fracturing his hip.

Defibrillator Implant Found To Stop Deaths Better than Drugs

NEWSDAY

A small defibrillator implanted near the heart to stop dangerously abnormal heart rhythms reduced deaths by 38 percent after one year compared to conventional drug treatments, a study has found.

The results, announced Monday, prompted researchers to halt the study a year early, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which sponsored the study.

"This is going to revolutionize the way we treat these patients," said Dr. Douglas Zipes, who headed the steering committee for the study begun in 1993.

Zipes said the study was to include 1,200 men and women with an average age of 65 who had a history of ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia. Both forms of arrhythmia are life-threatening conditions that can lead to sudden cardiac arrest, which kills about 350,000 Americans each year.

After the data was examined for 1,001 patients, the decision was made to stop the study a year early. "The data is very definitive and extremely clear," Zipes said.

WEATHER Flaky Outlook

By Gerard Roe
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We have a very cold atmosphere sitting above us for this time of year, which is bringing close to record low temperatures at night and would be sufficient to support snow were precipitation in sight. The clear skies and strong sunshine however mean that temperatures can recover during the day to the near-seasonable mid 50s (about 13°C). A slight moderation will continue through the early part of the week as a high pressure ridge takes hold firmly in the eastern parts of the country. Trouble looms in the outlook for Wednesday night and Thursday, with a cyclone developing, then tracking the U.S.-Canadian border eastward. Any precipitation associated with it will not likely be huge, but there is a chance Friday will even see a few wet flakes of snow as colder air moves in from behind the storm.

Today: Sunny and clear. Light winds out of the northwest. High 51°F (11°C).

Tonight: Clear. Low 37°F (3°C).

Wednesday: A clear start, but some clouds showing up toward evening. Showers spreading in from the west during the night. The edge may be taken off the afternoon temperatures by a sea breeze setting up. High 58°F (14°C). Low 39°F (4°C).

Thursday: Chance of rain. High around 50°F (10°C). Low around 40°F (5°C).

Reno Rejects GOP Demands To Designate Special Counsel

By Elizabeth Shogren
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LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno defied congressional Republicans Monday, rejecting their demand that she seek appointment of an independent counsel to investigate possible fund-raising violations during the 1996 presidential campaign.

Reno's decision came despite warnings from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., that failure to arrange for an independent counsel would be seen as a sign that she is caving in to pressure from the White House.

In making their demand, Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee argued that it would "raise an inherent conflict of interest" for President Clinton's Justice Department to conduct the investigation into the campaign financing controversies swirling around the White House and Democratic Party.

But Reno, in a letter to Judiciary Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, said that "based on the facts and the law" she had determined that there was no basis for appointing an independent counsel.

"At this time we have no specific, credible evidence that any covered White House official may have committed a federal crime" in any of the areas addressed by the congressional Republicans, Reno said in her 10-page letter to Hatch.

Reno's letter, in addition to explaining her reasons for not seeking an independent counsel, also represented the most extensive

explanation offered yet by the Justice Department of why the mounting allegations of campaign finance improprieties by the administration do not add up to criminal offenses.

At the same time, Reno stressed that her department is constantly receiving new information. If future developments warrant it, Reno said, she will seek an independent counsel.

Immediate responses from Republican leaders made it clear that Reno's position is likely to exacerbate the already acrid partisan bickering over the subject.

But Lott, who last month pushed through the Senate a motion calling on Reno to recommend an independent counsel, said Monday that her decision was "inexcusable."

"There is a clear conflict of interest when the attorney general appointed by the president is called upon to investigate possible illegal acts by the vice president or other high-ranking administration officials," Lott said in a statement.

Gingrich also made blistering remarks about Reno's decision.

"As a historian, I do not see any possible way for the attorney general to defend the decision not to have an independent counsel," he said at a York, Pa., fund-raiser.

Gingrich added that Reno's reluctance to call for an outside investigator brings "into question... whether she is the protector of the president or the enforcer of the law."

White House officials, in an effort to show that Reno had not been badgered into the decision, had little to say about the matter.

"Our position on this is well known," spokesman Barry Toiv said. "It is a matter that needs to be decided by the law, and it is a decision for the attorney general to make."

Reno argued in her letter that the Justice Department task force of career prosecutors and FBI agents is perfectly capable of carrying out the investigation.

"I have confidence that the career professionals in the department will investigate this matter in a fashion that will satisfy the American people that justice has been done," Reno said.

She also outlined the reasons for her conclusion that there is no "specific and credible evidence that a crime may have been committed" by White House officials covered by the special counsel law, despite the countless charges by Republicans in Congress and stories carried by the media.

Officials covered by the law include Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Cabinet members and other top administration officials.

In response to the Republicans' suggestions that foreign contributors may have made donations in hopes of influencing U.S. foreign policy decisions, Reno insisted that there is no indication of criminal complicity by any top administration officials.

Addressing the question of whether the White House coordinated the raising and spending of soft money for the Democratic National Committee in a way that broke the law, Reno said the Justice Department does not agree that it is illegal for candidates to coordinate their party's fund-raising efforts.

McDougal's Sentence Reduced For Assisting Kenneth Starr

By Michael Haddigan

THE WASHINGTON POST

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

James B. McDougal, a former partner with the Clintons in the failed Whitewater Arkansas land venture, was sentenced to three years in prison Monday after the Whitewater independent counsel asked for a reduced sentence because of the assistance McDougal gave prosecutors.

McDougal, 56, could have received up to 84 years in prison for the 18 fraud and conspiracy convictions.

But independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr, in asking U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. for a reduced sentence, said that McDougal offered information on "a wide range of matters, including matters previously unknown to us."

"He has assisted us and continues to assist us in having a fuller, broader, deeper understanding of that evidence," Starr said. McDougal led investigators to new documents and witnesses, Starr said.

Starr said his office had given the judge, under seal, more information on McDougal's cooperation. Howard said it was the information provided under seal that led him to impose a reduced sentence.

Starr would not reveal what that evidence was, saying that to do so could compromise the continuing Whitewater investigation.

Starr is looking into whether the President and Hillary Rodham Clinton were involved in various real-estate transactions in Arkansas and whether there were efforts later both in Arkansas and in Washington to cover up or conceal those transactions.

McDougal said during his trial

last year that he believed the president and first lady would be absolved of any wrongdoing. Outside Little Rock's federal courthouse Monday, a reporter reminded McDougal of that statement and asked if it was still correct. "I wouldn't go to the bank on that," McDougal replied.

Asked if he thought the Clintons broke the law in the 1980s, McDougal said, "I wouldn't want to make a judgment on whether any other person has broken the law or not."

An Arkansas jury reached guilty verdicts last May against McDougal, his former wife Susan and then Gov. Jim Guy Tucker (D) on charges that they defrauded McDougal's Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association and the federal Small Business Administration.

Charges said the three schemed to get \$3 million in illegal loans, including a \$300,000 loan for Susan McDougal, through a small-business investment company owned by David Hale.

During the three-month trial, Hale testified that then Gov. Bill Clinton pressured him in 1985 to make the loan to Susan McDougal as part of an effort to help the state's Democratic "political family."

In videotaped testimony, Clinton denied he had ever discussed the loan with Hale. McDougal said he knew of no wrongdoing by Clinton.

Throughout the trial, McDougal vilified Hale, saying the former judge was lying to save himself from a long prison sentence. McDougal also denounced Starr's prosecutors, calling them "Republican gangsters" who were pursuing a "political prosecution."

He vowed he would never cooperate with Starr.

But after his conviction, McDougal began assisting the independent counsel's investigation. Susan McDougal, who refuses to talk to prosecutors, has said her former husband told her he planned to change his story to match Hale's account of Clinton's alleged involvement.

Howard also ordered McDougal to pay more than \$4.2 million in restitution and a \$10,000 fine. After his prison term, McDougal must serve three years of probation.

A former aide to the late senator J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., McDougal is a longtime friend of Clinton.

In the free-wheeling 1980s, McDougal and his wife were owners of the Little Rock thrift and embarked on a series of ambitious land deals, including Whitewater, the real-estate project in which they were partners with Bill and Hillary Clinton.

It was disclosures about the Whitewater project that led to the appointment of an independent counsel and spawned a wide-ranging investigation into other matters.

Financing for some of the McDougals' deals came through Hale's Capital Management Services Inc. A former municipal judge and minor Democratic political figure, Hale received an SBA license in 1979 to make government-backed loans to disadvantaged small-business owners. Through a maze of shell companies, Hale loaned millions to himself and others in the 1980s. He is serving a 28-month federal sentence after a plea agreement with the independent counsel.

Female Army Trainees Testify About Alleged Sexual Assaults

By Paul Richter
LOS ANGELES TIMES

ABERDEEN, MD.

A succession of women made public for the first time Monday their accusations against the non-commissioned officer portrayed as the worse offender in the Army's widening sex scandal but their testimony may have inflicted its heaviest damage on the reputation of the service itself.

As they described rapes and assaults allegedly committed by Staff Sgt. Delmar G. Simpson, former trainees at the Aberdeen Proving Ground portrayed a seemingly unsupervised installation where rules created to keep order and protect subordinate women appeared to be uniformly ignored.

The women described a base where two drill sergeants vied to amass the longest list of sexual con-

quests, where female recruits carried on intimate relationships with several drill sergeants and where a well-intentioned system for reminding women of sexual harassment rules was blandly ignored.

One witness, Pvt. Idina Hodges, said that, after she had been at the Maryland ordnance school only two weeks, she began hearing "rumors about this person having sex with drill sergeants, about this person sneaking out, about this person was 'fine' — and things like that." Hodges allegedly was kissed by Simpson against her will.

In the Army, rules specify that drill sergeants are not allowed to date, or even touch, the women they supervise.

One senior Army officer, told of the day's testimony, predicted that it would add a new urgency to demands for responses to the problem and increase complaints from

conservatives who oppose mixed-gender training altogether.

"We've got to admit that something is really wrong in the culture of the Army," said this officer, who asked to remain unidentified.

The court-martial is under way as the secretary of the Army and other Pentagon officials are seeking a sweeping remedy for sexual abuses that have been alleged at several U.S. bases.

In proceedings in a tiny and austere military courtroom, the six military jurors heard two women testify that Simpson had raped them, another describe how Simpson had propositioned her and a fourth tell how Simpson had kissed her against her will. Two of the four said that they thought Simpson was brutal while two others declared him a fair, though strict, boss. But they all agreed that he was keenly interested in the women under his command.

Supreme Court Rejects Claims That Crack Laws Target Blacks

By Joan Biskupic
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court on Monday rejected an appeal that contended that federal sentencing laws discriminate against blacks by punishing people caught with crack cocaine more severely than those caught with the drug in powder form.

Monday's action, while not unexpected and taken in a one-sentence order, nonetheless calls attention to one of the most fractious issues of the criminal justice system — one that has caused prison unrest, troubled lower court judges, and created a dilemma for lawmakers and officials charged with ensuring fairness in prison time.

While most federal sentencing is based on the weight of drugs

involved in a crime, first-time crack dealers get the same time behind bars as people who sell 100 times the amount of cocaine powder.

Such disparity necessarily invokes concerns of class and race because crack is associated with the inner-city crime of minorities, while powder is known for its use among affluent whites.

The justices left intact a D.C. man's 10-year sentence arising from a drug sting and rebuffed arguments, made by prominent defense counsel Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. and Harvard law professor Charles J. Ogletree Jr., that the disparity in powder and crack sentences perpetuates unfairness against blacks.

"There is a perception among African-Americans that there is no more unequal treatment by the criminal justice system than in the crack

v. powder cocaine racially biased federal sentencing provisions," wrote local legal counsel John C. Floyd III, joined by Cochran and Ogletree.

They urged the high court to look at whether the differential unconstitutionally targets blacks, violates due process, and constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

How can Congress justify a 100-to-1 ratio in punishment of offenders "for essentially the same crime," they asked, contending that the law targets young, poor, African-American urban males.

But the Justice Department and leaders in Congress, which in 1995 rejected an effort to equalize crack and powder punishments, insist the crimes are different and that crack is associated with more violent trafficking.

Administration Proposes Changes To Tax Laws to Make Filing Easier

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Apparently figuring that April 14 is a good day to get the attention of taxpayers, the Clinton administration on Monday proposed a long list of changes in tax law designed to make filing of returns easier.

Under the plan, millions of Americans — such as those with dependents to deduct, or who lose a little money on real estate or other "passive" investments — would find it easier to complete their returns, stay within the rules and get any tax benefits they are entitled to.

"Our goal is clear: We want to make life easier for the American taxpayer," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said.

One proposal already in the budget would relieve homeowners of the burden of keeping track of all the houses they have owned and the improvements they have made to them in order to figure out their capital gains when they move to an apartment late in life. The proposal would eliminate the tax these homeowners would now owe on their capital gain, up to \$500,000 for a couple.

Under another provision, teenagers who have savings accounts and jobs would not have to go through contortions to figure out the standard deduction to which the young workers are entitled.

The nation's tax laws and the agency that collects them, the Internal Revenue Service, have come under wide attack recently, and the Clinton administration is scurrying to show the public that it is trying to do something. The Treasury last month outlined a plan for improved management of the IRS, while acknowledging that tax laws are indeed very difficult for the average citizen to figure out.

Protest Stops Zaire's Capital

THE WASHINGTON POST

KINSHASA, ZAIRE

This capital city ground to a halt Monday as residents stayed home on the first of two days of protests called by opposition leaders pressing for the ouster of President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Shops, offices, schools, and street markets were closed. Only a few pedestrians braved the streets of the central business district. Taxis, buses, and private cars were scarce — perhaps in fear of threat by opposition militants that stones would rain down on vehicles. At a few intersections, protesters set up barricades of burning tires.

Supporters of former prime minister Etienne Tshisekedi organized Monday's protest, and also plan demonstrations on Tuesday, despite a state of emergency imposed by Mobutu's government last week.

Tshisekedi and the rest of the political opposition here have become, in effect, the unarmed complement to the armed campaign being waged from the east by rebels led by Laurent Kabila.

Both Tshisekedi and Kabila are seeking the end of Mobutu's 31-year reign, though tension between the two movements has surfaced recently. Kabila's rebels, who have seized about half of Zaire in their six-month-old campaign, are slowly pressing toward Kinshasa, their last major target.

Army troops patrolled the city Monday in mobile units, apparently to quickly reach mass gatherings outlawed under emergency rule. Near Tshisekedi's home, soldiers fired shots in the air to disperse a small group of demonstrators, then turned on journalists. Several foreign journalists said they were detained briefly, including a group forced to lie on the ground at gunpoint.



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Congratulations!

Welcome to the new GSC officers

The new officers were elected 9 April.

- ▶ President, Geoffrey Coram
- ▶ Vice President, Michelle McDonough
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- ▶ Treasurer, Veronique Bugnion

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- ▶ Living Group Representative
- ▶ Institute Committee Representative
- ▶ Committee Member

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▶ APRIL

- 15 Housing & Community Affairs Mtg*
- 16 Formal Ball Meeting*
- 17 Extracurricular Activities/Athletics Mtg*
- 23 Activities Meeting*
- 29 Discussion of Career Fair income*
- 30 Formal Ball Meeting*

▶ MAY

- 03 "Evening Under the Stars" Formal Ball, Morss Hall
6:30pm - 12:30am
\$20/person, reply by 23 April

* at 5:30pm in Room 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

OPINION

Campus Preview Weekend Not Pre-Rush

Column by Douglas E. Heimbürger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Last week, members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity expressed anger because they had not been assigned as many prefrush as they had requested for Campus Preview Weekend.

I'm puzzled why a fraternity should be so concerned about receiving prefrush. After all, these students haven't even accepted admission to MIT, let alone expressed even the slightest interest in the fraternity system.

So why should a specific fraternity be concerned about not getting "enough" prefrush? It seems to me that there's only one explanation: The fraternities are specifically attempting to urge their prefrush to rush their fraternity during the spring visits.

The Interfraternity Council itself says that fraternities shouldn't be working to influence prefrush to rush their own fraternity. "The purpose of spring rush is to convince high school seniors to attend MIT," according to the IFC rush rules.

Yet consistently, fraternities seem to make it into much more. Two years ago, a prefrush appeared to be missing for 12 hours because a fraternity had taken him to its house and failed to inform the Admissions Office, which was coordinating Campus Preview.

It is evident that fraternities have some great advantages in the recruitment process. For example, from looking at the sheets of prefrush visits on the door of the Admissions Office, it's obvious that fraternities and other independent living groups host the vast majority of prefrush that come to campus.

By hosting a student for a night, the fraternity gains some great advantages. First, often-times, the only image of MIT a prefrush will

take back is that of the living group that he stayed in. Thus, the prefrush will have a natural inclination to visit that living group in the fall when rush comes — especially if they enjoyed their visit to MIT.

ILGs also gain the opportunity to ridicule the dormitory system while they host a prefrush. When I visited MIT about a year ago, I was consistently told how much nicer the ILGs were compared to the dormitory system.

Indeed, many prefrush won't even have contact with residents of the dormitory system during their visit. I remember members of the fraternity that I prefrushed in offering to meet and accompany me to classes the following day. While this is an extremely nice gesture to provide a familiar face during and between classes, it can also succeed in isolating the prefrush from any other members of the community during their visit.

Many will ask what the problems are with the current system. After all, prefrush are being exposed to one of the living environments of the MIT campus, and they're getting to meet a good group of people.

The problem, though, is that these prefrush are being encouraged not to come to MIT but instead to rush a specific fraternity. The prefrush visit is just not the time for something like that to happen. Many prefrush may even be turned off about the possibility of attending MIT because of their campus visit.

Personally, when I was a prefrush, I asked the Admissions Office to find me a host in a dormitory because I wanted to see what on-campus housing was like. After all, I had already pretty much decided not to rush a fraternity. I was slightly disturbed when the

office ended up assigning me to a fraternity, and my visit there turned out to be nonproductive.

Because I had been assigned to a living group that I wasn't even interested in, I wasn't able to ask the serious questions that I needed to find out about. There is a big difference between housing, dining, and activities in the ILGs and in the dormitory system. It wasn't until the following evening — when I stayed in a dormitory with a friend — that I was finally able to ask the questions I had about life at MIT.

But not all prefrush have the opportunity to stay with a friend in the dormitory system to get their questions answered. Many, then, may return home wondering if MIT is truly the place for them. Only 20 percent of those coming to Campus Preview expressed an interest in staying in an ILG. I hope that those who didn't express an interest but were assigned there anyway didn't get disillusioned in the process.

The FSILG system already has a lot of advantages in the rush process — more money for programs and a monopoly on Killian Kick-Off among them. Housing prefrush is not another advantage necessary for the survival of the fraternity system.

Fraternities should stop rushing prefrush during their visits and instead convince them to come to MIT in general. It's the best thing they can do for themselves and for the process. After all, prefrush who are treated nicely — but not rushed — during their visit may just decide to come to MIT. And most of them may actually consider rushing a fraternity instead of being turned off on the whole process as I was when I arrived here nine months ago.

Prefrush Experience Starts with Exclusion

Column by Frank Dabek
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT rolled out the red carpet this weekend to host newly admitted students for its annual Campus Preview Weekend. The strategy of only targeting women and underrepresented minority students for the event, however, shows misguided zeal on the part of the administration to achieve the worthy goal of campus diversity.

Rather than encourage diversity in which differences are valuable as new insights, Campus Preview Weekend served only to highlight race and gender differences and to clearly divide the student body into ethnic and gender categories. Students, regardless of race or gender, should be attracted to the spirit of MIT's campus, a spirit that promotes and

embraces the benefits of the interactions of diverse cultures and views.

This interplay is exemplified in the many cultural groups on campus, but it is undermined by an event that explicitly excludes participants based solely on their race or gender. Promoting an inclusive campus by excluding certain groups is not the answer. It seems counterproductive at best, and hypocritical at worst, to ensure diversity through this kind of discrimination.

In addition, by inviting only women and minority students to Campus Preview Weekend, those in attendance received an artificially "diversified" view of MIT. The administration would be better to invite all admitted students and demonstrate the diversity and tolerance that already exists on campus.

It is more productive to foster and display this actual diversity to all prospective students than to create a fleeting and specious image of campus for display. By looking at issues of race and gender and seeking to improve relations between different groups, MIT could increase next year's yield from the Admissions Office's target groups. In addition, MIT could actually change and improve the campus environment.

An honest display of campus life would be much more appealing to visiting prospective students than the public rela-

tions efforts we saw this weekend. Furthermore, any event that makes clear racial and gender distinctions — especially one sanctioned by the administration — only serves to strain relations between groups and is actually counterproductive.

MIT is right to be concerned with the need for diversity in upcoming classes, but the proper solution is to continue encouraging applications from women and minority students and by maintaining non-discriminatory admissions. MIT provides one of the finest programs in science and engineering in the world. This fact should be the Admissions Office's message to all prospective students and should be the idea that draws them to this institution. MIT admissions should be truly color-blind and gender-blind, and it should seek the best students in the world, regardless of race or gender.

A future Campus Preview Weekend, open to all admitted students, could continue to encourage minorities and women to enroll. By maintaining panels and other programs tailored for groups targeted by the current weekend, the current goals of Campus Preview Weekend can be preserved.

As a further concern, the administration must take steps to ensure that it is MIT that is being promoted rather than independent living groups. By formulating a policy that limits the potential for pre-rush rushing by MIT's overzealous Greek system, the distractions from the goals of the Campus Preview Weekend can be minimized.

Creating a representative student body is in the best interest of MIT. However, this goal, steeped in inclusion and equality, should not be reached through the exclusion of any racial or gender group.



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Community Service Can Be Rewarding

Column by Abigail Mleko Vargus
COLUMNIST

MIT tries to provide many public service opportunities to its students. However, not enough of us take advantage of these opportunities. I was excited to hear that about 40 students took advantage of their spring breaks to go to public schools in Newark, N.J., the Bronx, and Baltimore. Anthony J. Ives G, who organized the trip, noted that it was enjoyable and productive.

That is what I want to point out: We do get isolated here. Our classes and other activities demand so much of our time, and most of us just want to relax when we finish. No matter that there are plenty of opportunities to give a little to the community that we pass up — it's time to sleep.

Okay, sleep is important, but so is public service. I have volunteered time for several community organizations, and I've really gained a lot from the experiences. They are a terrific escape from MIT, too. There was a sweet 6-year-old, Meron, that I tutored for a while. It's a rewarding experience to help someone achieve what they want to do.

And somehow, the tedium of problem sets is a little less heartening. I spent a summer, full-time, at an educational non-profit in Cambridge (through the generosity of the MIT Public Service Center). I met many of the neighborhood kids and was able to help teach them. I organized volunteers and created a library for the volunteers. I think that this summer gave me more insight on the "real world" than any other summer job I've had.

I asked around and was surprised by how many of my friends were unaware of the opportunities which MIT has. Not only that, but MIT will even give you course credit. My sisters went to Brown. It's a much more liberal and involved environment than our closed, inner-oriented Cambridge home. As such, there were lines of students for programs like Big Brother/Big Sister, and student opportunities were almost all volunteer — and competitive. My sisters think the MIT administration must be crazy because they have to give us incentives to get involved. We're lucky that they do this, and I hope that more of you will take advantage of it.

How? There is a course in the political science department, Community Service: Experience and Reflection (17.903). It is a six-unit course that meets only about four times each term. There is some reading, but the main requirement is a four- to six-hour time commitment to public service. This class is also available in the summer — but with the credit added to your fall course load so that you don't have to pay tuition. Talk about bribery. I encourage anyone who is at all interested in public service to look into this. You can e-mail Tobie Weiner, the course instructor, at iguanatw@mit.edu for more information.

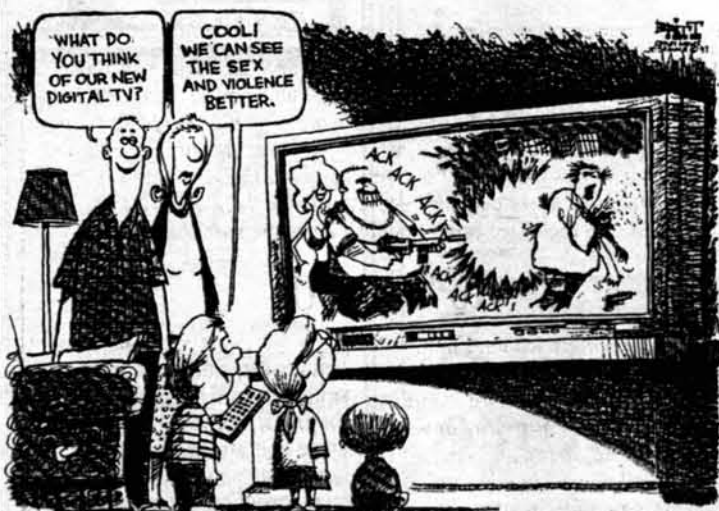
If you don't know what kind of volunteer work you would like to do, that's OK. There is a huge packet of information that you can skim through and pick what sounds interesting. It includes environmental organizations, educational organizations, and political organizations. If you want, you can volunteer at the Computer Museum or the Museum of Science.

While it is too late for this year, the MIT Public Service Center also offers fellowships. Several students are chosen for each summer and for Independent Activities Period to work full-time. Students must apply in early April for the summers and in November for IAP. The fellowships allow MIT students to work in some educational environment while being paid a real salary (more than UROPs — not a measly token). The Public Service Center posters when the time comes.

I hope that it is mere ignorance of the opportunities that has kept so many MIT students from becoming involved in the public service. Please take the information from this article and get involved. It's worth it.

ERRATUM

On the front page of the April 11 issue, a caption incorrectly identified a person in a photograph. The photograph was of former Director of Special Events and the Information Center Mary L. Morrissey, not of Rebecca M. Vest.



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UA Approves Funds for Logan Finals Week Shuttle

By Stacey E. Blau
OPINION EDITOR

The Undergraduate Association Council approved funds for a shuttle for students to Logan Airport during finals week and discussed potential changes to the UA constitution at its meeting last night.

The council unanimously voted to allot \$3,000 for the shuttle, which will run from the Wednesday during finals until that weekend.

Because there are no statistics on how many people rode the Logan shuttle or which times were the most popular when the shuttle ran during finals week in December, the council approved a larger budget than initially planned to allow for an increased number of runs, bigger or more buses, and expanded routes depending on how many people sign up to use the service.

"We're unsure how full the

buses were last time," said UA Floor Leader Paul T. Oppold '99.

To get a better idea in advance of finals week how many people will be riding and to make registration easier, students will register for the shuttle through a page on the World Wide Web. The page will allow students to see which times are filled, reserve a spot for a convenient time, and receive a confirmation.

Constitution changes discussed

The council was split over discussion on potential changes to the UA's constitution.

The changes would involve requiring the council to hold its first meeting of the fall term during the first full week of September. Currently, the council must hold its first meeting during the first full week of October.

The change would allow the council to begin its work earlier in the year, permitting time for eight meetings instead of the six which the fall schedule now allows.

"The momentum [doesn't] really get going until halfway through the semester" with the present schedule, said Sandra C. Sandoval, president of the Class of 2000 and the UA vice president-elect. "The whole year ends up being not as productive as it could be."

In addition, with the earlier meetings, people will be able to get down to work fresh from the summer before they are bogged down with class work, Sandoval said. The council also will be able to prepare to welcome new freshmen representatives, who join the council in October after freshman class elections during September.

Several people raised objections

to the changes, pointing out that a council meeting during the first week of September would take place before council representatives are actually elected.

"It's going to be embarrassing if you call a council meeting and no one shows up," said UA Treasurer Russell S. Light '98.

Sandoval said that she sees an early September council meeting as an incentive for dormitories and the Interfraternity Council to choose their representatives in the spring so that they will not miss the year's first council meeting.

Others complained that holding elections during the spring would exclude freshmen in the fall from serving as representatives.

"Freshmen often seem the most excited to help out," said Edward A. Gordon '99, IFC representative and chair of the UA Committee on

Student Life. "I think you might want to look out for those freshmen who want to join up."

UA Vice President and President-elect Dedric A. Carter '98 said that freshmen have other ways to become involved with the UA. The primary way for them to become involved would be to join the freshman class council, Carter said.

The council tabled the proposed changes until its next meeting.

Committees update council

Committee chairs updated the council on the progress of their committees.

Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy and Next House representative Jeremy D. Sher '99 said that during the next two weeks the CEP will be sending out a flyer to all undergraduates describing the faculty rules governing exams so that students can know when professors are scheduling assignments illegally.

The CEP also is working on a comment line on a Web page for students to send the committee comments and suggestions.

Chair of the Social Committee Rita H. Lin '00 said that the Social Committee has been working with the Campus Activities Complex Program Board to organize Spring Weekend, which begins on April 25.

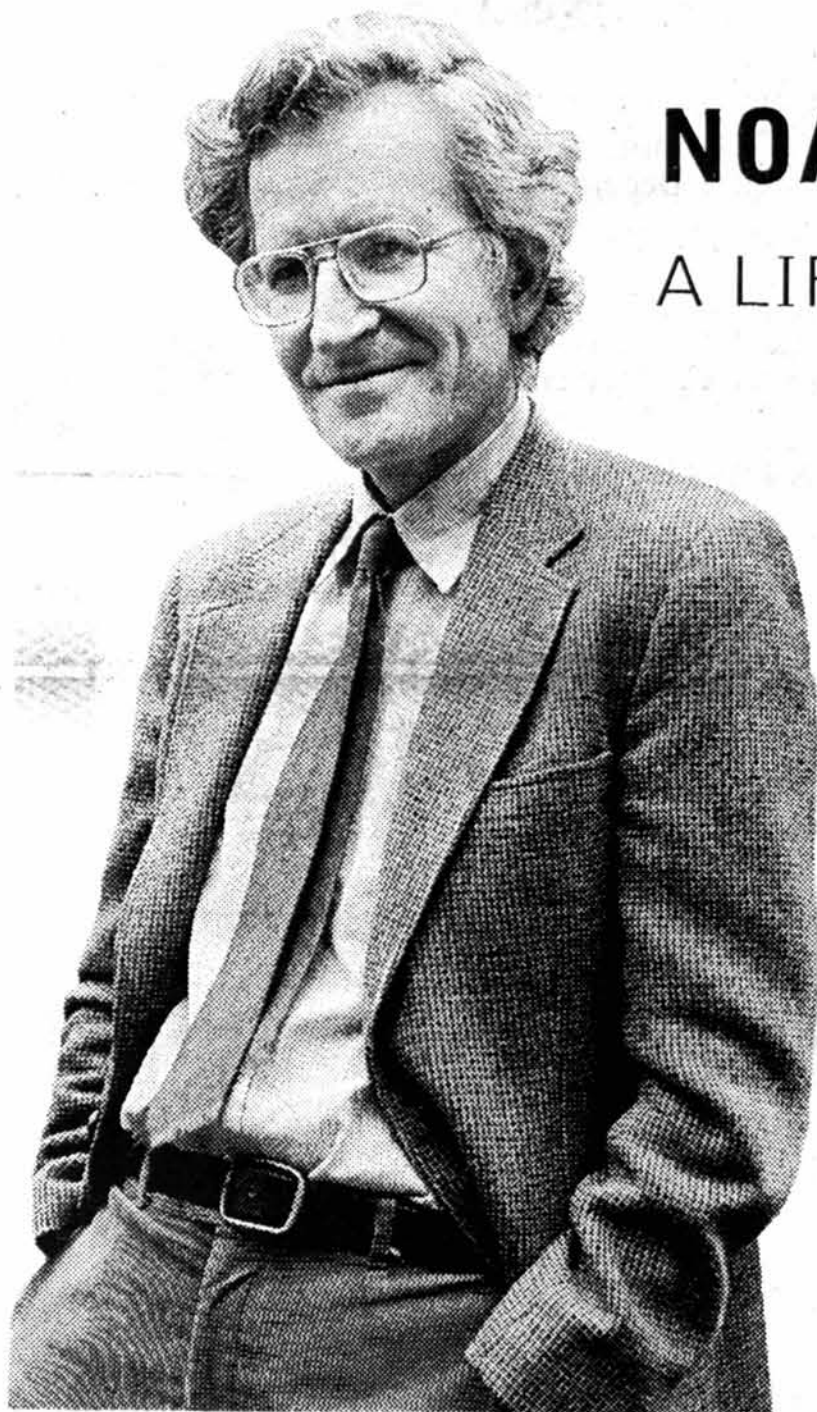
"We have a lot of events around, and most events are free," except for the Alpha Phi Omega Spring Carnival, tickets for which will cost a nominal fee, Lin said.

The Committee on Student Life will be releasing a survey on school spirit during the next few weeks, Gordon said.

The impetus for the survey grew out of the idea that "MIT itself has a negative effect on school spirit," Gordon said. The survey will try to find out if people feel they had more school spirit when they were in high school and if spirit declines the longer students are MIT.

The survey will specifically look at whether students attend events held by groups outside the activities they regularly participate in as evidence of their spirit.

The survey will be distributed as part of Gordon's main assignment for Managerial Psychology Laboratory (15.301) and also will be available on the Web.



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Domar came to MIT in 1957 as a visiting professor from Johns Hopkins University; he received tenure a year later. In 1972, Domar became one of seven professors endowed by the Ford Foundation. He retired in 1984.

Among Domar's pupils in macroeconomics was Robert William Fogel, winner of the 1993 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics.

Domar was an expert on Soviet economics during the Cold War and an early proponent of Keynesian economic theory.

In recent years, Domar remained politically active in his field. Along with 1,100 other economists, he signed an Economic Policy Institute statement opposing the proposed balanced budget amendment.

Domar served as a consultant for the RAND Corp., the Ford Foundation, the Brookings Institution, the National Science Foundation, the Batelle Memorial Institute, and the Institute for Defense Analysis.

Domar was born in Lodz, Poland in 1914. He was raised in Manchuria and emigrated to the United States in 1936.

He received his bachelor of arts from UCLA in 1939, a master of science from University of Michigan in 1940, another MS from Harvard University in 1943, and his doctorate from Harvard in 1947.

Before coming to MIT, Domar taught at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago, and Johns Hopkins.

Domar was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Econometric Society, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences.

He was on the executive committee of the American Economic Association from 1962-65, and became the organization's vice president in 1970, when he was also president of the Association for Comparative Economics.

Domar is survived by his wife, Carola, of Concord, two daughters, Alice D. Domar, of Sudbury, and Erica D. Banderob, of Milton, and three granddaughters.

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Physics Jacqueline N. Hewitt PhD '86, who talked about gravitational lenses and radio astronomy.

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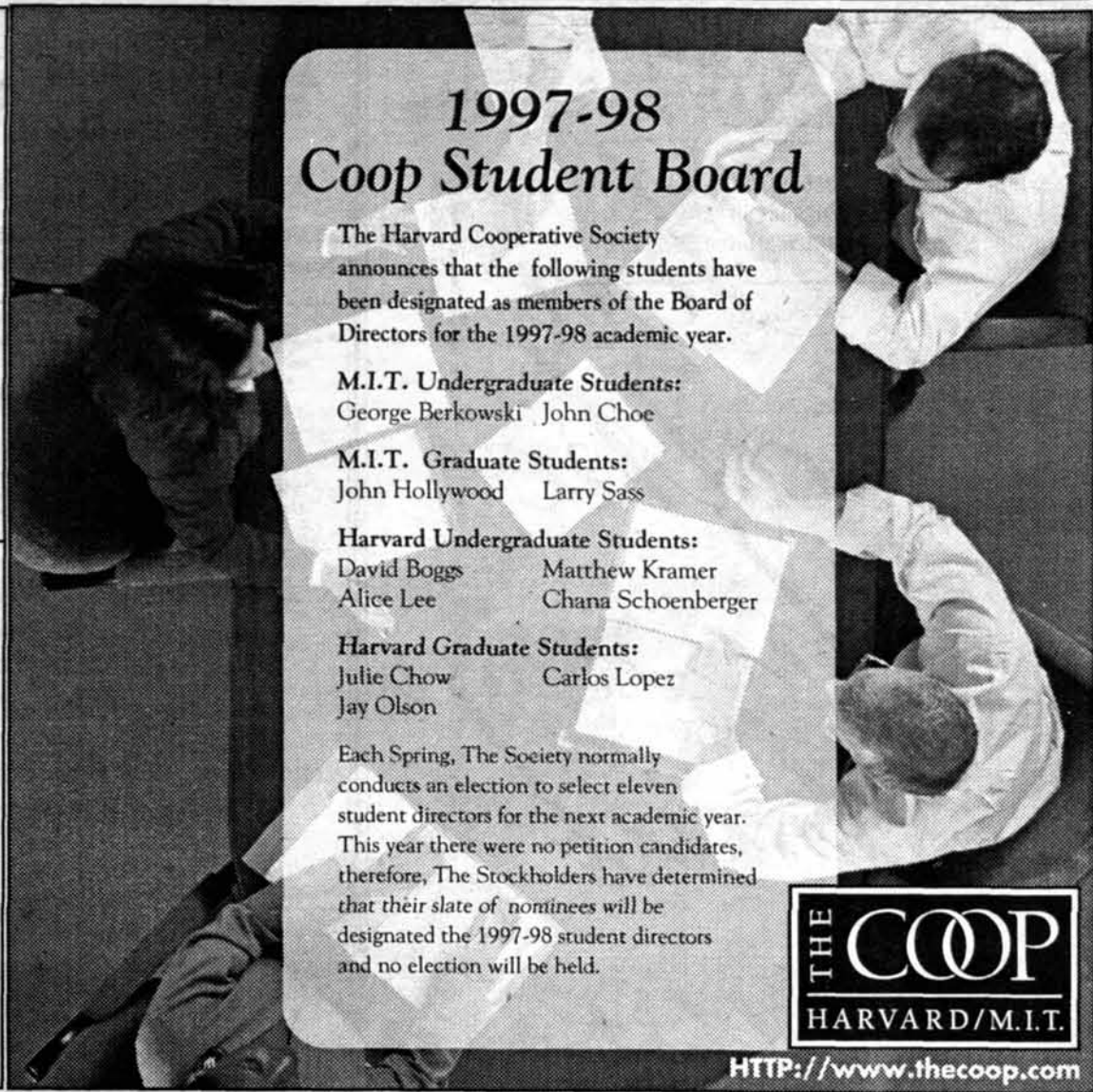
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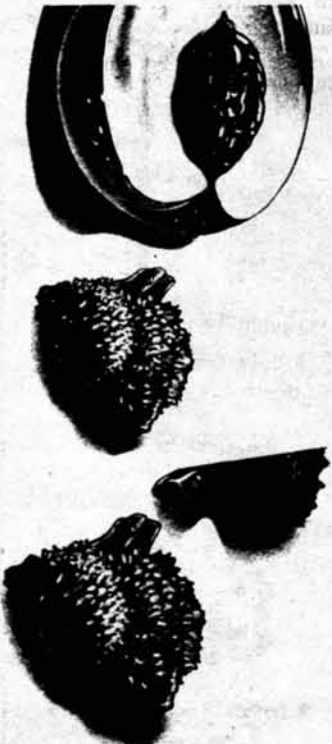
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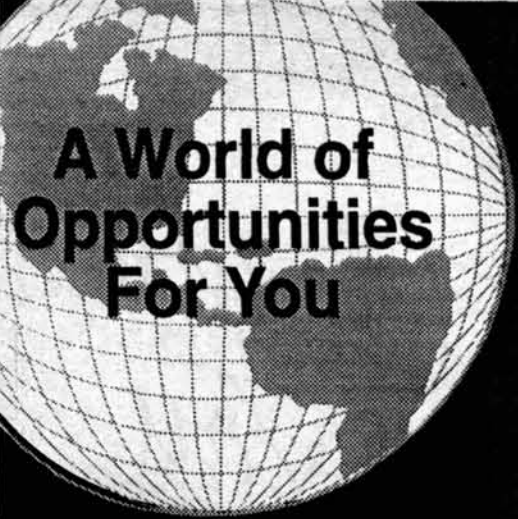


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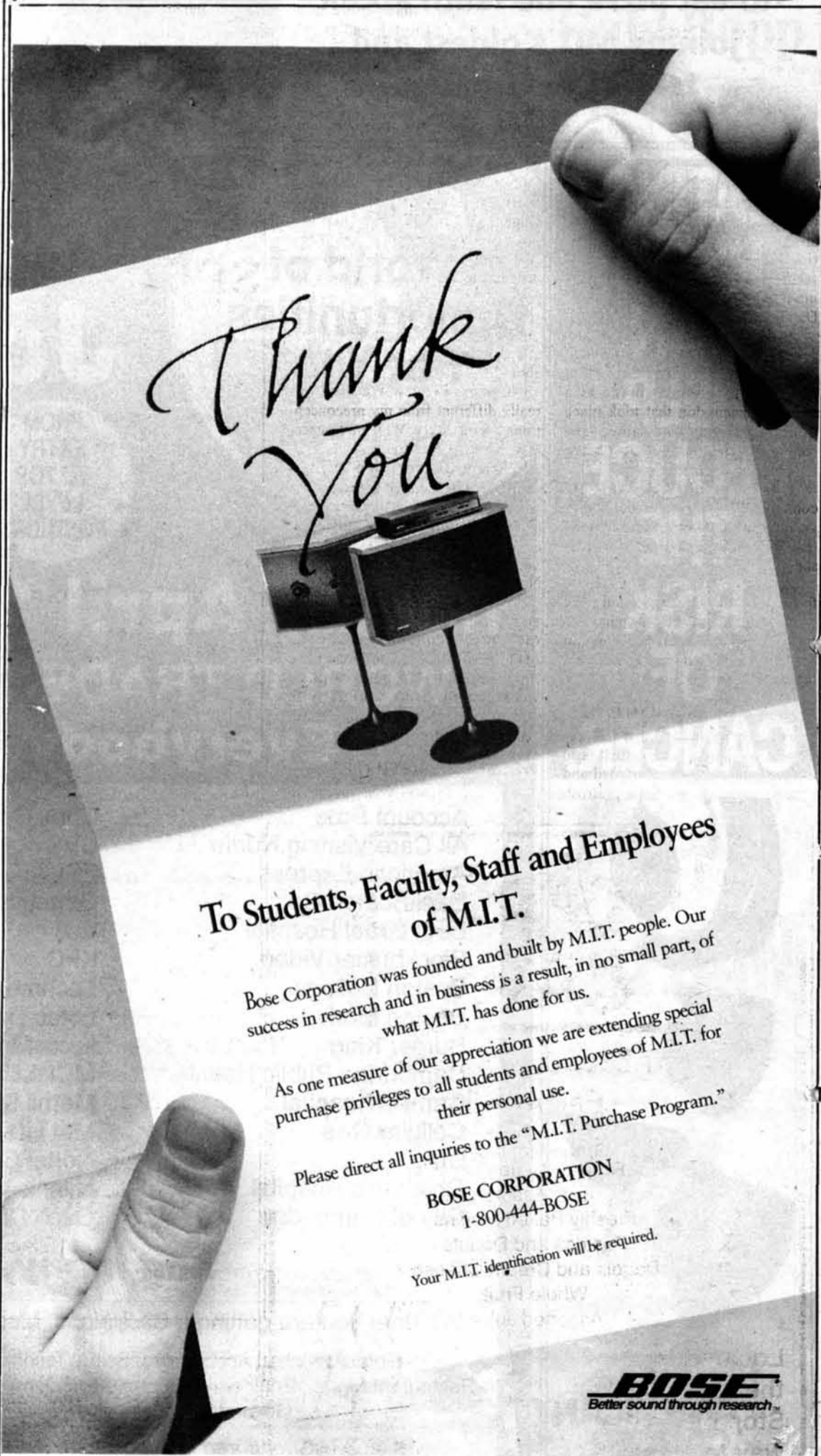
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Prefrosh Get a Taste of UROP, Classes, and MIT's Social Scene

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Briton said his UROP tour was informal. "It was great because everybody was happy to discuss what they were doing," he said.

Prospective students' first MIT lecture was delivered by Professor of Physics Walter H.G. Lewin, who is known for his MIT Cable programs.

Overall, he was a hit. Natalie Chouinard, of Lincoln, Maine, called it "excellent. [Lewin] did a good job of highlighting points and a good job with visuals."

David Rabago, of Ecopas, Texas, said he was especially impressed by the demonstrations. A simulated sunset — a clever combination of chemistry and physics — was particularly popular with pre-frosh.

Minority focus questioned

In spite of the success of the weekend events, pre-frosh and hosts had concerns over other aspects of Campus Preview.

Many pre-frosh thought the weekend, which targets women and minorities, should be extended to all prospective students.

"The weekend should be a Campus Preview Weekend open to all, because if you make the separation of women and minorities, it seems too much like you're targeting them," said Nehdia Mumuni, of Dallas.

"No matter what color you are, you're going to have to go through the same things," Mumuni said, recalling a comment made at a minority discussion that took place Thursday night. "The same," she continued, "can be said about being female."

Dana Scott, of Doylestown Pa., concurred. "Since the weekend is geared towards women and minorities, [the view] is kind of skewed," she said.

But Alsiha Thomas, of Chicago, felt differently. "It was a good idea, because other schools pretend like [race] is not an issue, and you can be disillusioned; if you know what to expect, it's a lot easier."

Preview may hide real MIT

Some hosts worried that the pre-frosh might not have had a real taste of MIT, including the workload and pressure, a worry that some pre-frosh

shared.

"I don't know how representative [the weekend] really is [of life at MIT], given that everything is planned," Losoponkul said.

Mumuni echoed those concerns. "My host told me that a lot of people won't be doing work because

were allowed to spend the weekend at FSILGs. In the past, students have expressed concerns that the weekend could turn into a rush tool.

But hosts in FSILGs felt that every consideration was taken to ensure that this would not be the case. "Our house manager told us that we were rushing for MIT and not the house," said Student House resident Chun Hua Zheng '00.

"I was more concerned about whether [my pre-frosh] was getting a chance to meet MIT," said Ryan S. Chavez '00, a member of Chi Phi fraternity. "He can make a housing decision when he gets here."

Noting the value of allowing FSILGs to host, Pika resident Rosa Viallstrigo '00 said that "there's a real variety of living groups and the pre-frosh should have a chance to see them."

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— Alsiha Thomas

they have their work done to show you a good time," she said.

"You feel compelled to sell the better side of MIT," said host Cherry Liu '00. "You have to break the stereotypes that people hold about MIT, so [hosts] tend to sell the party and entertainment theme."

Yet other hosts, especially those with a test on Thursday in Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00) or on Friday in Differential Equations (18.03), felt that their pre-frosh got a real view of the tougher side of MIT. "[My pre-frosh] saw everybody studying," said Lucy D. Crespo De Silva '00. "They saw that during the week we have a lot of pressure."

Regardless, most pre-frosh said the weekend did successfully dispel a lot of their negative assumptions about MIT.

"Campus Preview Weekend was really different from my preconceptions," said Joyce Wei, of Warren, N.J.

Pearlin Cheung, of San Jose, Calif., also had similar feelings. The weekend "kind of changed my perceptions about MIT," she said.

"I was surprised at how friendly people were," said Yua Zhang, of North Haven, Conn.

"When I visited other schools and told people I was considering MIT, people told me not to go to MIT, and they gave me these images about MIT being a place where people walk around with pocket protectors," Thomas said. "But I found they were wrong."

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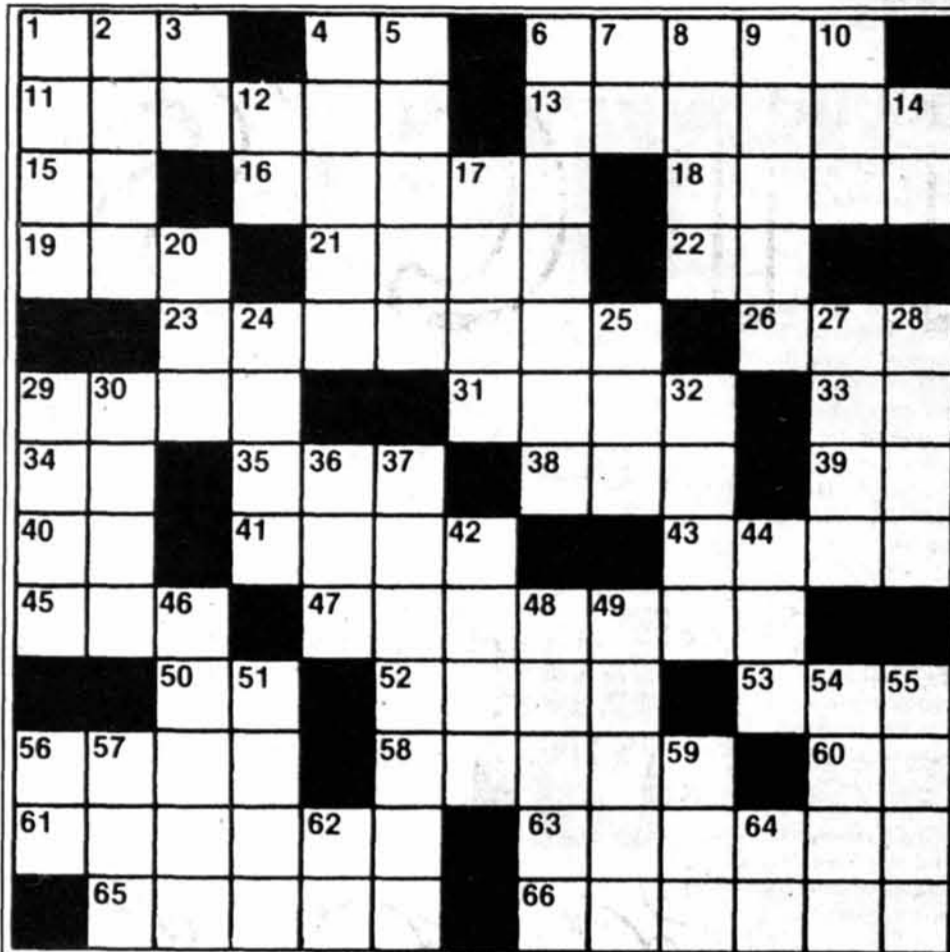
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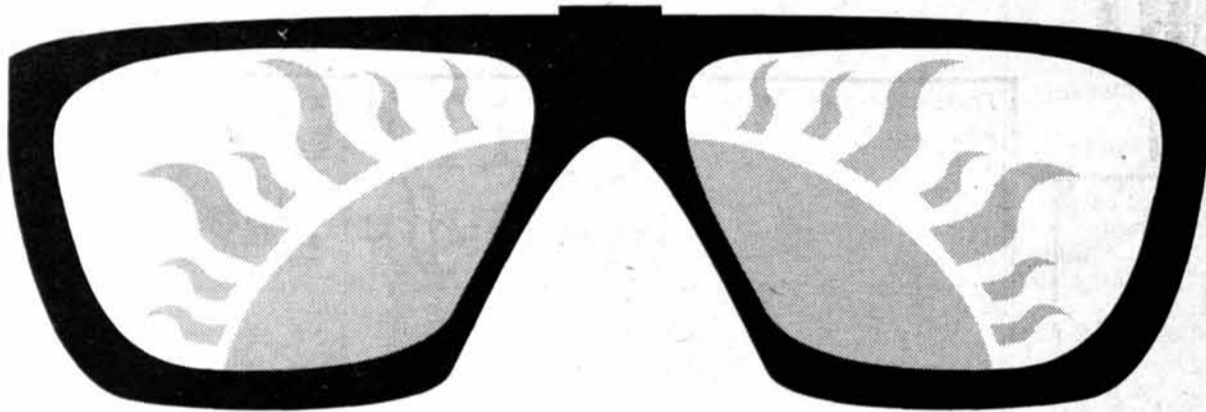
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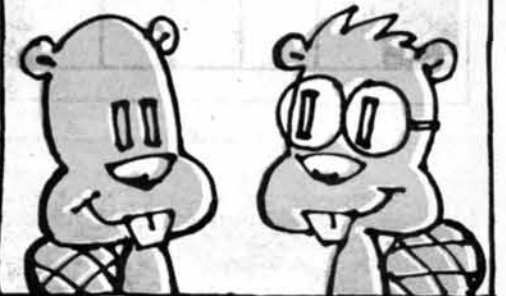


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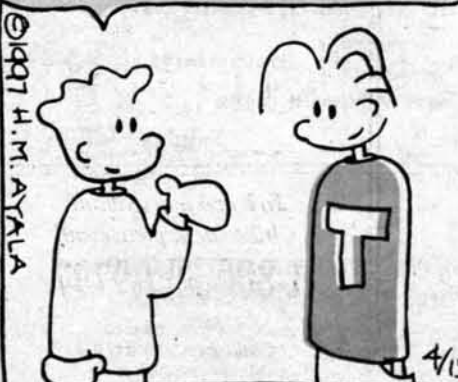


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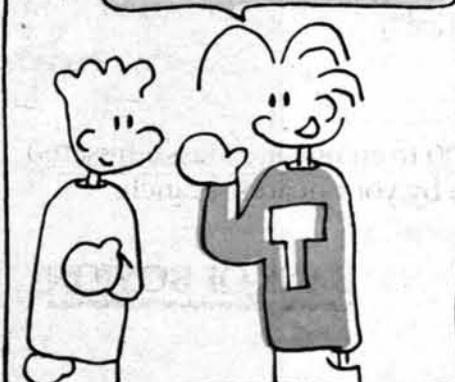
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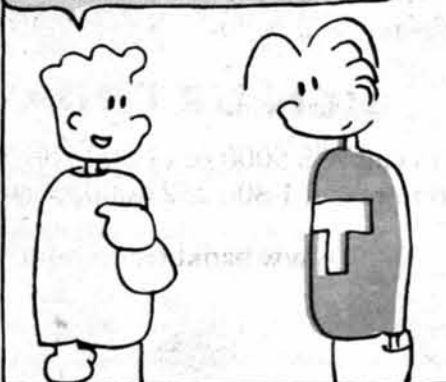
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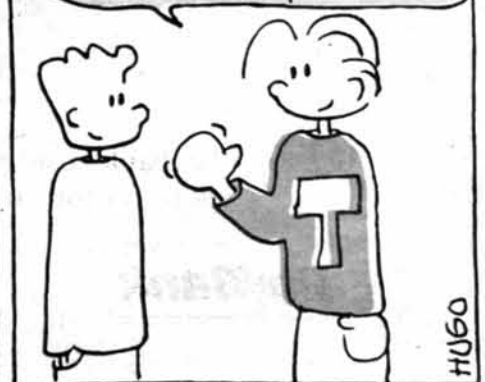
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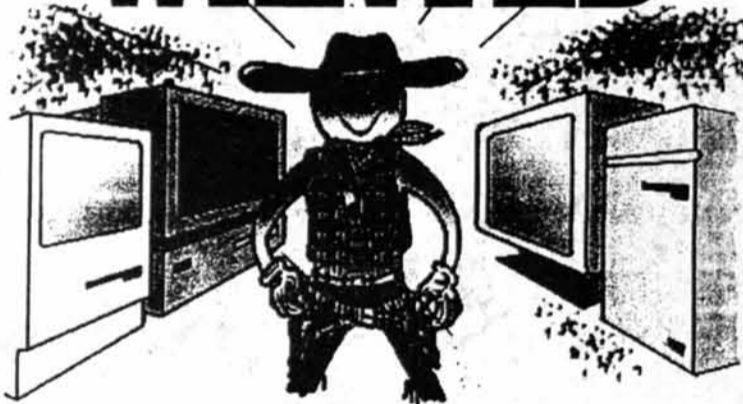
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expect attendance to be less than in the past."

Student reaction varied

Overall, student reaction to the planned price increase varied between unhappy and unconcerned.

"I think it's silly because other universities show movies for free and even bring in bands," said Roopa Das '98. "MIT doesn't offer us anything but instead charges us. ... People won't do anything about it because they're apathetic and they'll still go. I'm not going to boycott it or anything."

For others the price increase didn't make much of a difference. "It's still substantially cheaper than movie theatres," which also have the "added cost of transportation and time," said Olufemi A. Omojola '98.

Jamie P. Vinsant '99 agreed. "It's still worth it [compared to]

spending \$7 at a movie theater," he said. "I understand that they need to do this to keep their business going."

"I go at least five times a term, and I'll still go," said Ericka S. Moreno '99. "We get free previews and an eclectic selection of movies."

Despite the price increase and the financial losses, Marchant said that he does not expect any drastic changes. "What we are doing is not unreasonable," he said. "We did not see any other way to ensure we could continue to show a wide variety of the newest and most popular films on campus."

Marchant said that LSC is "looking into something new for the fall." Also, plans for new discount programs for living groups and frequent attendees are in progress to offer price reductions.

"We [also] have bigger titles coming up than we did earlier this term," he said.

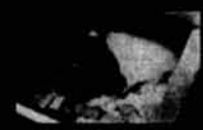
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Lightweight Crew Races Strongly to Beat Holy Cross

By Erik S. Balsley
TEAM MEMBER

The varsity lightweight crew team defeated the College of the Holy Cross on Sunday after a hard fought defeat to Harvard University and Dartmouth College on Saturday.

Although the weather was wet and drizzly, the water on the 2,000-meter course, on Lake Quinisigmond in Worcester, was flat with a slight tailwind. The conditions made for excellent rowing conditions.

The first freshman eights race was the first event. Five hundred

meters into the piece, Holy Cross had edged out a slight lead over MIT's freshman eight comprised of Sahar Aminipour '00 (coxswain), Seth Newburg '00, Chad Brodel '00, Eric Bevan '99, Jim O'Donnell '00, Harald Hoegh '00, Joshua Kaufman '00, Kartik Mani '00, and Ben Boehm '99.

Holy Cross slightly increased this lead during the rest of the race to cross the line first in 6:25.4. MIT's first freshmen crossed about a boat length behind Holy Cross in a time of 6:29.5, but ahead of the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, which finished third in

6:59.6.

In the closest and most exciting race of the day, the lightweight second varsity boat edged out a 0.1 second victory over Holy Cross. The boat comprised of Andrew Woo '97 (coxswain), Joel Johnson '98, Shawn Hwang '99, Jeff Munro '99, Jean-Paul Folch '97, Haiwei Guo '97, Felix Lam '97, Sameer Shah '97, and Steven Huang '97 finished in 6:27.2.

The two boats overlapped for most of the course, with MIT behind for the first half of the race. In the third 500 meters, MIT made a drive to earn a boat-length lead over

Holy Cross as they entered the final 500 meters of the race.

At that point, Holy Cross began to make a strong move into MIT, but a well-called early sprint by Woo allowed the boat to hold off the Holy Cross drive for their victory.

The final two races of the day were dominated by MIT. The second freshman eight, of Jeff Hayashida '00 (coxswain), Jeremy Hui '00, Jason Sharma '00, David Manz '00, Amar Kendale '00, Veeral Shah '00, Mark Moesse '00, Stuart Jackson '00, Francisco Tanudjaja '00, had a strong start which placed them solidly ahead of Holy Cross by the first 500 meters. The boat, gradually built upon the lead to finish in 6:42.6, while Holy Cross finished more than a boat length of water behind in 6:49.2.

The varsity boat of Joe Irineo '98, Garrett Shook '97, Chris Liu '98, Erik Balsley G, Paul Oppold '99, Kris Kendall '98, Dan Frisk '99, and Jorge Broggio '97, had a solid start and was ahead by half a boat length by the time their start sequence had finished. From there, the boat steadily increased its lead to finish in 6:07.1, while Holy Cross finished over two boat lengths behind in 6:21.8.

The varsity put together a solid race that corrected some of the problems they experienced in Saturday's race against Harvard and Dartmouth on the Charles River.

Harvard wins Biglin Bowl

Saturday's race, The Biglin Bowl, has been won by Harvard for the past two years, and they have won the bowl 37 times since the cup was established 43 years ago.

The conditions for the race were very good. Although the races began relatively late in the morning, the water was flat with a slight tailwind down the course.

After the start of the varsity race Harvard had a solid six-seat lead over MIT and Dartmouth, which grew throughout the race. For the first 1000 meters, it was a close race for second between MIT and Dartmouth, with MIT having a slight two-seat advantage over Dartmouth for much of this time.

However, in the third 500 meters of the race, Dartmouth handled the water more efficiently and took advantage of a drop in the speed of MIT, to move ahead by eight seats.

However, the Engineers refocused and made a solid move back into Dartmouth. Unfortunately, the drive was not enough to pass Dartmouth and into second place.

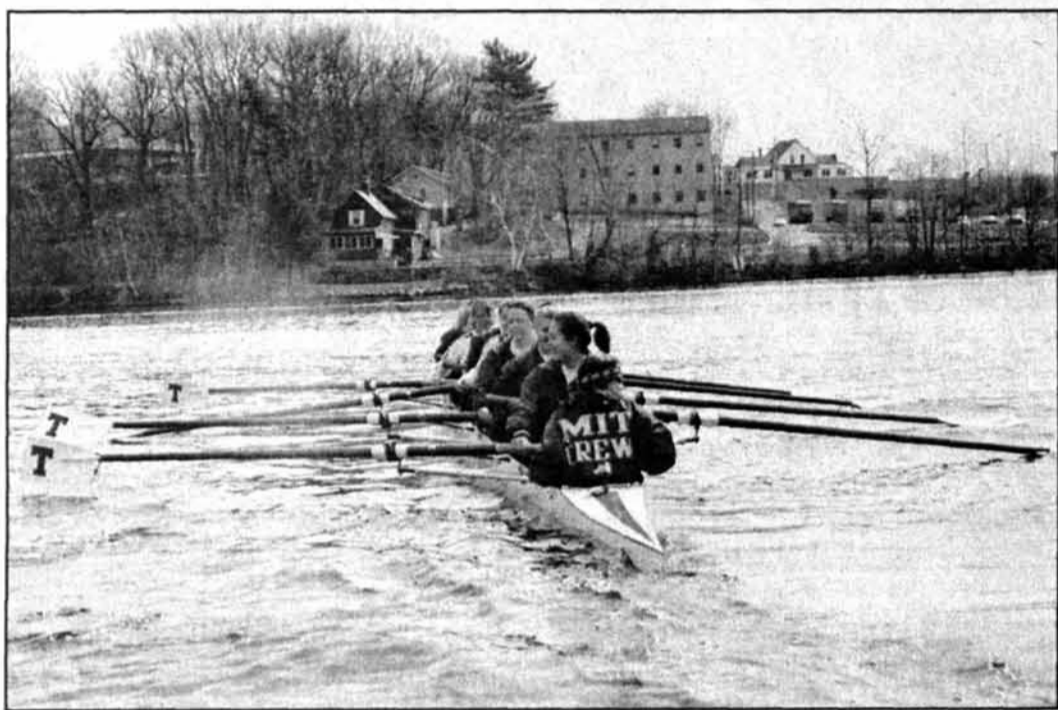
Harvard finished in a time 5:51.6, followed by Dartmouth in 5:59.3, and MIT in 6:05.2. Although the varsity lost, it was the closest they have finished to both Harvard and Dartmouth in many years in the race.

Dartmouth finished first in the remaining three races of the day. MIT's second varsity finished third in their race with a time of 6:47.7 to Dartmouth's 6:03.3, and Harvard's 6:08.4.

MIT finished third in the first freshman race with a time of 6:36.8, while Dartmouth finished with a 6:14.2 and Harvard with a 6:21.6.

The second freshmen finished fourth in their race with a time of 6:44.6 while Dartmouth finished in 6:22.9 and Harvard in 6:30.0. Harvard's third freshman boat finished in a time of 6:40.2, while their fourth freshman boat finished in 6:56.8.

The team races Columbia University and Cornell University in New York City on Saturday, and the varsity will race Yale University and Boston College on Sunday. The team's next home race is Saturday, April 26 against Rutgers University.



ANAND RAGHUNATHAN

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