

New Requirement Moves Still Closer

Curriculum to stress writing, speaking

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At their Wednesday meeting, the faculty passed a resolution which would commit the faculty to create a new undergraduate communication requirement by 2000.

They also approved a new master of engineering degree in logistics, over objections by some faculty members.

The motion on the communication requirement states that "the faculty believes that the ability to communicate clearly should become a fundamental part of the MIT undergraduate curriculum."

The resolution then directs the Committee on the Undergraduate Program to conduct a series of experiments and pilot programs to help design a new communication requirement. CUP is to then report back to the faculty with a recommendation by the spring of 2000.

The motion, proposed by Chair

of the Faculty Lawrence S. Bacow '72, provoked debate at last month's faculty meeting because of its wording. Since its introduction, the resolution had been edited by Professor of Literature David Thorburn.

"One of my objections to the original proposal stemmed from the fact that it was horribly written," Thorburn said. "The changes were not substantive and were only verbal improvements. Wordy resolutions were made into shorter ones with more clarity."

Thorburn's changes to the proposal were accepted as amendments to the resolution.

"Something important has happened with this proposal," Thorburn said. "This is the first time in MIT history that communication skills are recognized as fundamental, and that the existing requirement is inadequate by the entire MIT community and not just the writing

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GABOR CSANYI—THE TECH

A performance entitled "The Wall of the Self" was given in Lobby 7 last night by Wild Wind Studios.

UROP Participation Increases Despite Rise in Overhead Cost

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Despite an increase in overhead costs from the previous year, participation in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program increased during the 1995-96 academic year.

About 2,100 students had a UROP in the 1995-96 academic

year, with about 1,300 of those students working for pay. In the 1994-95 academic year, under 1,900 students had UROPs, with fewer than 1,200 of those for pay.

Overhead costs are the funds above wages paid by sponsored researchers to employ UROP students. The costs are designed to cover the "real costs of research,"

said UROP Director Norma G. McGovern. Overhead costs are paid only by faculty conducting sponsored research.

"The space, facilities, and libraries [used by UROP students] are overhead," McGovern said. Students who are funded directly by the UROP Office are exempt from the overhead.

The 1995-96 rate was 56 percent, a 4 percent increase over 1994-95.

The overhead rate continues to increase; effective July 1, it will rise from the current rate of 59 percent to 63.5 percent.

In addition to the overhead charges, UROP employers must also pay 6.5 percent above employee wages for employee benefits. This rate was "much lower" than that paid by most employers, said UROP Administrator Michael Bergren. UROP can pay a lower percentage for employee benefits because of MIT's status as an academic institution. This fee, however, must be paid even by projects directly funded by the UROP Office.

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CHUNHUA ZHENG

Robert Dell, research affiliate at the Center for Advanced Visual Studies, explains the significance of his geothermal sculpture which documents environmental changes. The sculpture was at MIT on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Survey to Examine ACUS Phone Service

By Dan McGuire
NEWS EDITOR

Information Systems will re-examine MIT's long distance service by surveying students next week in preparation for phone contract negotiations, scheduled to take place this summer.

The Graduate Student Council began campaigning last year to have the rates charged by the AT&T College and University System significantly reduced. The GSC found that standard long distance rates charged by ACUS were higher than residential rates, and that international rates were significantly more expensive.

"The objective is to get long distance rates for campus residents that are competitive with those available to residential customers in Cambridge," said Geoffrey J. Coram G, president-elect of the GSC.

Information Systems is "trying to understand what the different groups of students are and what their needs are," said Dennis Baron, the director of Voice, Data, and Image Networking at IS. "The services that ACUS offers are attractive to some aggregate of students."

Part of the issue is that the plans have different advantages and drawbacks, Baron said. IS needs to strike a balance between peak and off-peak charges, and domestic and international calling rates.

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Dorms, FSILGs Provide Summer Living Options

By Jennifer Lane
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By May 24, most undergraduate dormitory residents must leave their spring term rooms. At that time, roughly 800 students will receive summer dormitory housing assignments.

Graduating seniors must vacate their rooms by June 7.

Over the summer, roughly one-quarter to one-third of current dormitory residents will choose to live in dormitory housing, said Phillip M. Bernard, staff associate in the Office of Residence and Campus Activities. Students may also elect to stay in the dormitory for half of the summer at roughly half the rent.

This year, every dormitory has space available for students, as well as space reserved for renovations and conference housing, Bernard said.

Fraternities, sororities, and

independent living groups will also be renting out extra space in their houses.

Students interested in summer housing on campus should submit an application indicating their housing preferences to the house manager of their preferred residence by May 15.

Fraternities rent out extra rooms

Many FSILGs also offer summer housing options. Their cost is usually lower, but tenants may have to perform maintenance tasks.

Typically, summer residents will have cleaning duties every other week, said Steven C. Belin '99, a resident of Nu Delta.

Since members usually clean the house and common areas during the semester, summer residents will also be assigned these tasks, Belin

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WORLD & NATION

Agrarian Reformers Hold Rally, End 630-Mile March

LOS ANGELES TIMES

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Tens of thousands of marchers demanding agrarian reform completed a two-month trek through the brush with a historic rally Thursday in Brasilia, dramatizing the strongest political challenge to President Fernando Henrique Cardoso during his two years in office.

The demonstration was organized by the Movement of Landless Workers, a highly disciplined leftist organization that is the most important social movement in Brazil today. The movement has led squatters in occupations of rural property and clashed with landowners and police.

More than 25,000 protesters assembled among the capital's stark, box-like buildings — the biggest such gathering in decades here — and called on Cardoso to speed agrarian reform. Brazil's rates of income and land distribution are among the world's most unbalanced: 20 percent of Brazilians own about 90 percent of the land. The marchers also marked the one-year anniversary of the massacre of 19 activists by police in the state of Para.

Oldest Known Common Ancestor Of Both Men and Apes Found

THE WASHINGTON POST

Fossils unearthed from ancient rock in Uganda have revealed what scientists say is by far the oldest known common ancestor of both men and apes: a shockingly big, tree-dwelling lug that could hang around comfortably in an upright position, but that walked somewhat awkwardly on all fours when on the ground.

The finding, reported by a diverse international team in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*, dates the remains to 20.6 million years ago. That is about 10 million years before the next oldest viable fossil candidate for a common ancestor. And it is roughly the period in which a great evolutionary split presumably occurred, producing one lineage that would go on to become various kinds of latter-day monkeys and another group, called hominoids, that would become modern apes and humans.

If the analysis is confirmed, the heretofore uncategorized creature, which the researchers have named *morotopithecus bishopi*, will shatter the widespread assumption that the common ancestors of modern apes and humans in that era were probably small as contemporary gibbons.

Senate Plans Vote On Chemical Weapons Treaty

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Senate agreed Thursday to vote a week from now (next Thursday) on ratification of a global treaty to ban production and use of chemical weapons. The action came after nearly four years of delay climaxed by last-minute pressure for concessions from Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

With the assent of Helms, who remains adamantly opposed to the treaty, the Senate unanimously approved an agreement setting terms for debate. It anticipates separate votes on five key amendments, most of which have been dubbed treaty "killers" by the Clinton administration.

Principal among them are proposals to hold up ratification until the treaty is approved by Russia and "rogue states" such as Iraq, Iran and Libya and to force renegotiation of provisions requiring exchange of information on chemical technology and defenses. Another critical proposal would raise verification standards to what the administration regards as unachievable levels.

WEATHER

Wet and Wild

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A low pressure system getting organized along the Delmarva peninsula will progress up the eastern seaboard and intensify over the next 48 hours, giving us a rather miserable stretch of weather for the weekend. With the atmospheric blocking to the northeast, this storm will be a slow-moving affair. Plentiful moisture, available on a long fetch from the subtropical Atlantic, spells soaking rains, especially for eastern sections of New England. Colder air, draining on the back side of this system, will cause a mixed precipitation of rain and snow in the higher terrain of central and western portions of the region.

Although the storm track will remain largely offshore, this system, during its peak intensity Friday night and early on Saturday, will retrograde westwards towards Boston. Thus, strong winds and higher-than-normal tides may cause additional exasperation to all who patiently wait for some decent spring weather to arrive in town.

In the longer-range outlook, there are some hopes for the Marathon Monday: temporary clearing and almost seasonal temperatures for the runners and spectators alike. Afterward, another storm off the Carolina Capes and the cold air to our north will be our worry for the middle of next week.

Today: Rain, possibly heavy at times. Chance of a scattered thunder, especially in southwestern sections. Higher terrain in central and western parts of the state will see some wet snow mixing in late in the day. High 44°F (7°C) with stiffening northeasterly winds.

Tonight: Rainy, windy and raw. Low 39°F (4°C) in town, low to mid 30s (1-2°C) to the north and west, with wet snow possible.

Saturday: Wet and quite brisk, with highs only in low to mid 40s (5-7°C). Rains will gradually diminish towards the evening; the northeasterly gales will begin to subside as well.

Sunday: Continued unsettled early, with breaks in overcast developing throughout the day. Quite chilly with morning lows in mid 30s (2-3°C) and afternoon highs in mid 40s (6-8°C).

Dole Loans Speaker Gingrich \$300,000 for Ethics Penalty

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

In a surprising twist to his lengthy ethics ordeal, House Speaker Newt Gingrich announced Thursday he would accept a personal loan from former Senate majority leader Bob Dole to resolve an outstanding \$300,000 ethics penalty.

After informing Republican colleagues of his decision during a closed-door meeting, Gingrich stood in the well of the House chamber to say he felt a "moral obligation" to reimburse taxpayers with "personal funds."

Terms of the loan require Gingrich to repay the principal and all interest accrued at 10 percent by 2005.

"I have arranged to borrow the money from Bob Dole, a close personal friend of impeccable integrity, and to pay it back," Gingrich said. "This is my duty as speaker, and I will do it personally."

The remarkable turn of events could make Dole, who at times has bitterly disagreed with the combative speaker, a financial white knight coming to the rescue of Gingrich's sagging political career with the stroke of a pen.

Gingrich, for his part, once called Dole the "tax collector for the welfare state" for suggesting that tax increases were necessary to balance the federal budget in the late 1980s.

In turn, Dole described Gingrich, then a fire-breathing backbencher, as more sound than substance. "His agenda is in getting attention so he has to go after large targets," Dole said dismissively. "He's making a lot of noise, but I haven't seen any impact."

Their bittersweet relations had

not warmed much since then — at least publicly — despite Gingrich's vigorous support for Dole's presidential campaign last year. Dole told reporters that, before offering Gingrich the loan on Tuesday, he hadn't spoken with the speaker since just after the election. Dole also said he was offering the loan for the sake of the Republican Party, not simply as a financial escape hatch for Gingrich.

"It's an arm-length transaction between two friends," Dole said. "I wanted to help the Republican Party."

Whether this unusual deal will actually bring an end to Gingrich's political woes remains unclear.

In a harbinger of more political rancor likely to come, Democrats reacted to news of the loan with anger, lambasting Gingrich for escaping the penalty without any immediate financial pain and attacking Dole for offering a "sweetheart" loan to the speaker that would be unattainable to average Americans.

"Newt Gingrich has said for years that he's against the welfare state, but now we find he's on the Dole," said Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., one of the speaker's most aggressive critics. "What average American could walk into their local bank, take out a commercial loan for \$300,000 with no collateral, and no payments due until the year 2005?"

Last fall, Gingrich admitted that he had violated House rules by submitting false statements to the House Ethics Committee, which was investigating the tax-exempt status of a college course he taught.

Gingrich then struck the legislative equivalent of a plea-bargain, saying he had failed to seek proper legal advice and had sent erroneous

letters to the committee, and agreeing to the committee's penalty — \$300,000 to repay the federal government for the cost of the investigation.

On Thursday, Gingrich stressed that he wasn't paying a fine, but rather reimbursing "the American taxpayers \$300,000..."

Democrats, however, disagree with that interpretation, and frequently refer to the payment as a "fine."

Whatever the legal definition, Gingrich had been unable to shake questions of whether the payment would come from his personal accounts or whether others would help him meet the obligation.

Many GOP leaders pressed Gingrich to pay with his own funds, fearing any effort to avoid personal responsibility would cause negative reactions among voters and in their party.

Yet Gingrich had said his wife, Marianne, objected to the use of their personal funds to pay the penalty, fearing it would cripple the family's future financial security.

"Marianne and I have spent hours discussing these options," Gingrich said on the House floor, adding that the couple eventually agreed it would be best to pay the penalty out of personal funds. "Any other step would simply be seen as one more politician shirking his duty and one more example of failing to do the right thing," he said.

But the couple reached that decision only after Dole offered the loan.

"Up to the last moment we were looking at a variety of options," said Christina Martin, Gingrich's spokeswoman. "At the last minute, we received this completely unexpected overture by the senator."

Reorganized State Department Will Accommodate Republicans

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THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton Thursday approved a broad reorganization of the State Department and three other foreign affairs agencies, a move that administration officials said was spurred in part by the need to accommodate congressional Republicans and keep them from thwarting Clinton's foreign policy agenda.

Under a plan crafted by Vice President Gore and endorsed by Clinton in an Oval Office meeting Thursday afternoon, two currently independent agencies — the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the U.S. Information Agency — would lose their autonomy and be folded into the State Department, according to officials involved in the decision.

A third organization, the Agency for International Development, would remain a separate agency, but its director would report to the Secretary of State rather than to the president as current law allows, the officials said.

The reorganization, which officials said would be announced soon, is a longstanding priority of Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and the president's decision came on the same day the administration won Helms's consent to allow a treaty banning chemical weapons to come to the floor of the Senate next week for a vote.

Reshuffling the nation's foreign policy bureaucracy and persuading Helms not to unilaterally torpedo a treaty that he adamantly opposes was not part of an explicit bargain, administration officials said.

But White House aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, readily acknowledged that Helms's insistence on reorganizing the State Department helped push the decision to closure. And they are hoping that Clinton, in moving ahead with the decision, will win some good will among Republicans at a time he urgently needs it.

The Chemical Weapons Convention, already ratified by 72 other countries, takes effect on April 29, and administration officials are lobbying frantically to ensure Senate passage before then. Failure to do so would subject the United States to sanctions, administration officials said, as well as being a humiliating repudiation of Clinton.

Helms is still opposed to the treaty, but an administration official said Thursday night that Clinton's decision to take into account Republican criticisms would help create "an environment in which more people will be favorably inclined" to support the treaty.

In any case, the official said, "Helms has made it absolutely clear that this was a quid pro quo" and that unless Clinton moved to reorganize, he would try to trip the administration at every turn on a broad range of issues.

A Helms aide Thursday night sounded triumphant. "This is a huge victory, and we've conceded nothing on chemical weapons," said Marc Thiessen, a spokesman for Helms.

In principle, the administration plan sounds much like what Helms wants, he said, but "the devil is in the details," which the administration will have to negotiate with Congress.

Legislation for the reorganization has not yet been drafted, and officials could not say how many jobs will be eliminated as the State Department bureaucracy is pruned in the merger with other agencies. Initial cost savings will be modest, according to an administration official involved in drafting the proposal.

White House officials made clear their view that there are sound policy reasons for the reorganization regardless of Helms's views. Gore and his staff shepherded the reorganization as part of the "Reinventing Government" program he has championed, aimed at streamlining and modernizing the way federal agencies work.

As a practical matter, however, the plan Gore ultimately unveiled strongly resembled one offered by Helms two years ago. Conservatives like Helms are broadly skeptical of both international development and disarmament, and both AID and the arms control agency have been favorite targets for years. The administration fought Helms tooth and nail over his proposal throughout 1995.

Jumbo Jets Fly Dangerously Close over South Los Angeles

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Jumbo jets en route from Japan and Holland passed dangerously close to each other — within two-thirds of a mile — while flying over south-central Los Angeles, apparently because of a faulty auto-pilot device, authorities said Thursday.

On approach Wednesday afternoon, flying about 10 miles east of Los Angeles International Airport over the densely populated residential and industrial area below, a Dutch KLM Boeing 747 was forced to make a sudden turn to avoid a Brazilian VASP MD-11, authorities said.

The Brazilian jet, inbound from Osaka, Japan, apparently failed to follow air traffic controllers' instructions for a tight turn onto its final approach, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

It drifted across, straying across the approach route of the Dutch jet, which was arriving from Amsterdam, the FAA said.

But FAA investigators would not

disclose the cause of the incident. But they said the pilot of the Brazilian plane told controllers after landing that the auto-pilot device "didn't make the turn."

Kevin McGrath, a spokesman for National Air Traffic Controllers Association, the controllers' union, said a review of air traffic tapes also suggested trouble with auto-pilot gear.

"The Brazilian crew was flying on auto-pilot and they were waiting for it to turn them onto the final approach course, which it apparently failed to do," McGrath said.

"It could be a system failure," McGrath added. "It could be the way they programmed it. It could be a crew oversight, it could be lots of things."

But Mitch Barker, an FAA spokesman, said a pilot is ultimately responsible for the operation and safety of the plane.

"At this time, we are treating this as a pilot deviation because the Brazilian aircraft did not comply with air traffic control instructions," he said. "There's always time to turn the auto-pilot off and take command

when the auto-pilot does not perform to the dictates of the (flight)."

Veteran captains also stressed the notion that responsibility ultimately rests with the pilot.

"To blame it on the auto-pilot — if that's in fact what happened — is denying your own responsibility for the airplane," said Barry Schiff, a longtime captain and widely regarded aviation safety expert.

"Auto-pilots do what pilots want them to do," Schiff said. "They relieve the pilot from actually manipulating the controls. But the pilot is always responsible for controlling his aircraft, even when it's on autopilot."

KLM Flight 601 carried 344 passengers and a crew of 18, said Peter Wellhuner, the airline's spokesman in Amsterdam.

Reached at the station office in Los Angeles, VASP employees declined to provide any information about Flight 895. Officials in Brazil could not be reached for comment.

An MD-11 can carry as many as 410 passengers.

"We came too damn close to a tragedy," McGrath said.

Clinton Announces New Infant, Child Care Funding Initiatives

By Elizabeth Shogren
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

It was no doubt the first time in U.S. history that an American president has sat in the ornate East Room of the White House to soak up four hours of baby talk.

Thursday, President Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, invited some of the country's premier experts in child development to the executive mansion to review dramatic new findings on the way small children's brains develop and to discuss the implications for public policy and parental care.

The neurobiologists, physicians and other specialists in early child development described the research showing how quickly the brains of babies develop after birth, creating trillions of neural connections that either flourish or die off in response to experience. The vast majority of these synapses are formed during the first three years of life.

"Experience is essential for brain wiring," Carla Shatz, professor of neurobiology at the University of California, Berkeley, as she explained why it is essential for par-

ents to touch, talk and read to, sing for and otherwise nurture and stimulate their babies.

Dr. Patricia Kuhl, head of the speech and hearing sciences department at the University of Washington, stressed that babies' brains are busy coding and preparing for language well before they can speak any words, putting a responsibility on parents and child-care givers to talk to newborns. "When we speak to our children something is happening," she said. "Infants are born to learn. Our role is to be good partners in this learning process."

"This research has opened a new frontier," Clinton said. "Great exploration is, of course, not new to this country. We have gone across the land, we have gone across the globe, we have gone into the skies and now we are going deep into ourselves and into our children. In some ways, this may be the most exciting and important exploration of all."

During the conference, Clinton unveiled some initiatives to focus federal money and resources to better meet the needs of infants and

pre-schoolers.

He announced a Justice Department initiative called "Safe Start," based on a program in New Haven, Conn., that trains police officers, prosecutors, and parole officers in child development so that they are better equipped to handle with sensitivity cases that involve children.

He also outlined a plan to use the military's experience running nurseries to improve civilian day-care services. He directed the military's child development programs, which have a reputation for high quality, to share their expertise with other groups involved with child care.

Improving child-care quality is particularly critical at this time, he said, because more than a million more infants and small children are expected to need child-care services as their mothers go to work as a result of new welfare laws.

Although the new laws included \$4 billion more for child care, child advocates express concern that adequate low-cost, high-quality day care does not exist for the children whose parents will be forced to work under welfare reform.

Yeltsin Says Russia Will Sign Treaty With NATO Over Issues of Security

By Vanora Bennett
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BADEN-BADEN, GERMANY

Dropping Russia's growling reluctance to accept NATO as the future security framework for Europe, President Boris N. Yeltsin announced Thursday his country will sign a treaty with the Western defense alliance in Paris next month.

"I want to announce here that on May 27 in Paris the leaders of NATO and Russia will sign a treaty," Yeltsin said, looking frail and slightly bemused by his own words, after a meeting with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. "So we have to hurry."

Yeltsin has until now accepted only gentle nudging toward acceptance of NATO's plan to expand into former Soviet satellite states in Central and Eastern Europe.

NATO wants to issue the first invitations, to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, at a Madrid, Spain, summit July 8-9. Russia wants to limit the stationing of Western troops and weapons in

Central and Eastern European states, but NATO is reluctant to give sweeping guarantees that would condemn new members to second-class citizenship within the alliance. NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said Wednesday that a deal with Russia might not be ready by May 27.

The idea of a treaty binding NATO to its Cold War-era enemy was first agreed to by Yeltsin and President Clinton at a February summit in Helsinki, Finland. But the night before Yeltsin met Kohl, the Russian leader's spokesman, Sergei V. Yastrzhembsky, was still talking tough about the problems Russia had with negotiations.

After talks in this pretty, magnolia-strewn spa town, however, Yeltsin's views seemed to have evolved dramatically. Even the urbane Kohl was not quite as upbeat as the Russian president in his assessment of the progress made at their talks.

Kohl said he was confident that with "good will on both sides" there

could be a deal before the Madrid summit.

But the German leader referred repeatedly to a "document," rather than the more formal "treaty" that Yeltsin says will be ready for signature next month, and said important differences remain to be ironed out. Although the first four parts of the planned deal are 90 percent worked out, Kohl said the fifth and final part — the military issues — still needs what the chancellor called "detailed" work. Both leaders declined to give more details.

"There were significant differences of opinion and they had to be overcome step by step," Kohl said.

Yeltsin said he remains opposed to the West stationing of conventional or nuclear arms in the territory of new alliance members, and he hopes Kohl, an "authoritative politician," will put his own weight behind Russia's arguments.

The 66-year-old Yeltsin was invited to Germany to receive the "Man of the Year" prize awarded to him by the German media last year.

Russian Budget Crisis Requires Drastic Cuts, Official Says

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Russia faces such a huge financial crisis that it must throw out its federal budget in mid-year and adopt a plan that drastically cuts government spending, President Boris N. Yeltsin's top financial official said Thursday.

The nation is in "a monstrous budget crisis, the scale of which calls into question the ability of the government to perform its functions," said First Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Chubais in a speech to parliament.

Chubais, who also holds the post of finance minister, said the government was able to collect only 57 percent of the tax revenues expected during the first three months of the year and spent 63 percent of the amount budgeted for that period.

Millions of workers, soldiers and retirees have not received their pay or pensions for months, and Yeltsin has acknowledged this, describing it as the biggest problem facing the country.

Last month, about 2 million people staged a one-day national strike to protest the delay in payments, and smaller demonstrations take place daily across Russia. On Thursday, more than 100 angry school teachers blocked traffic on a major highway near Volgograd in southern Russia, linking arms across the road to protest wages that have not been paid for five months.

Probe of Matzo Prices Asked

THE WASHINGTON POST

MIAMI

Something isn't kosher with the price of matzo this Passover.

The cost of the unleavened bread, a staple at Jewish tables during the eight-day holiday that begins Monday night, mysteriously begins to rise this time of year. Prices vary so much throughout the country that a Florida congressman, Rep. Robert Wexler, D, has asked for an investigation.

Publix, one of Florida's two largest supermarket chains, sells a five-pound box of matzo for \$12, while the same brand at Ralph's supermarkets in Los Angeles goes for just \$3. At a Giant market in Bethesda, Md., the price is \$10.

Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth has subpoenaed records from two manufacturers and seven distributors of matzo, but they are not required to respond until next month, after the holiday is past.

"It's the biggest thing since the Pharaoh let us out of Egypt," quipped Wexler, who said his office has received more than 200 complaints from residents of his South Florida district. While there is "some lightness to the situation," Wexler said, it is also "very upsetting, because there seems to be no rationale" to the prices.

One of Wexler's constituents, Sylvia Confino of Boca Raton, sued two major manufacturers Tuesday, accusing them of price fixing.

Confino, who retired to Florida from New Jersey with her husband, was one of several consumers who contacted a law firm in West Palm Beach that specializes in class-action suits.

"We think the manufacturers are taking advantage of people who have no choice. They have to eat matzo as part of their religion and tradition. It's a captive audience," said Paul J. Geller, Confino's lawyer.

Feds Arrest 28 Linked To Jamaican-Run Drug Ring

LOS ANGELES TIMES

In pre-dawn raids in Los Angeles and Virginia, federal agents Thursday arrested 28 people in connection with an \$11 million Jamaican-run drug ring that allegedly distributed more than 25,000 pounds of marijuana throughout the United States.

Federal authorities said tons of marijuana were shipped from Los Angeles by express mail couriers to a number of East Coast cities including New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Some of the suspects charged in the 180-page, 323-count indictment face lifetime prison sentences if convicted.

The indictment describes a sophisticated drug organization that repeatedly shuttled drugs and money between the West and East coasts. To avoid detection, the drugs at times were "wrapped in layers of plastic wrap, surrounded by white deodorizer powder, wrapped in newspapers soaked in ammonia and further wrapped in package tape," court documents said.

Although the leaders of the drug ring were from Jamaica, authorities said Thursday they did not believe the arrests represented any attempt by Jamaicans to take over a marijuana trade that is largely controlled by Mexican and Colombian nationals. In fact, the drugs apparently originated in Mexico, one law enforcement source said.

Mandela Invites Zairian for Talks

THE WASHINGTON POST

KINSHASA, ZAIRE

South African President Nelson Mandela Thursday invited Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko for talks with rebel leader Laurent Kabila, a development widely seen here as a potential path to resolving Zaire's 6-month-old war.

Mandela, whose government has emerged as the leading regional peace broker in the Zaire crisis and is working closely with the United Nations, issued the invitation based on agreement in principle by both sides to hold the top-level talks. South African officials said the talks would focus on "transitional arrangements affecting all elements of government in the context of a peaceful and negotiated solution."

Kabila, whose forces have seized about half of Zairian territory in their campaign to force Mobutu's ouster, recently demanded that Mobutu resign before the war can end. But after a private one-on-one meeting with Kabila on Wednesday in Cape Town, Mandela told journalists Thursday that the rebel leader "wants a solution that will receive the support of President Mobutu, and he has also made it clear that he has no intention of doing anything which will humiliate President Mobutu."

Kabila has agreed to the meeting, according to a source close to the negotiations. There was no word here Thursday on whether Mobutu would accept Mandela's invitation, for which no date was announced.

OPINION

Excellence, Not Race, Inspired America

Column by David D. Hsu
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Sunday, another golfer won another golf tournament. Yet everyone knew it was not just another golfer and not just another tournament.

Tiger Woods won the tournament known simply as "The Masters." The attention he has received since then has been unmatched by any other athlete in recent memory.

I have never been a golf fan myself. I've always pictured it as a sport where a bunch of old businessmen with poor fashion taste drive around in little carts. I may also be a little bitter. My first — and only — attempt to play a round of golf resulted in my getting kicked off the course after botching the first hole. But I admit I couldn't help but follow the Masters after Woods blazed into the lead. So why were so many people normally indifferent to golf attracted to this one tournament?

Well, whenever Woods is mentioned, chances are that his age or his race will be mentioned soon after. And somewhere along the line, some sports columnist or pseudo-historian will draw parallels to Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier in professional sports 50 years ago. With Woods' mythical name and his African- and Asian-American background, it's easy to see how people can become so enamored with one athlete.

Even so, the significance of Woods' victory has very little to do with either his race or

his age. His accomplishments have not yet approached Robinson-like proportions. True, he was the first black and the first Asian to win the Masters, but no one can say Woods faced the same obstacles that Robinson faced in the 1940s and 1950s, before the civil rights movement. Unless Woods starts speaking out on social issues, he is not going to be the next humanitarian, as his father suggests.

Many feel that his age is his other big accomplishment. Woods is 21 years old, same age as me. Looking at his six-figure purse kind of makes me wish that I had pursued a career in sports rather than study chemical engineering. But in spite of the small earnings of most 21-year-olds, there's nothing extraordinary about Woods' age. Teenagers are prominent in many sports, ranging from gymnastics to ice skating to basketball.

Whenever I hear about the latest teenage phenom, I expect to see either a spoiled child or a kid with an obsessive parent. Jennifer Capriati jumped into the tennis scene, but then her career turned to pot, literally. College dropouts pull down multimillion-dollar NBA contracts before they even prove themselves. Or worse, a child's genius can lead into a type of Bobby Fischer-like breakdown.

And so, when I first heard of Tiger Woods, I, as many did, expected the same: all hype and no substance. When Woods turned pro and landed a lucrative Nike contract, it only served to confirm my doubts. But his perfor-

mance at the Masters proved me wrong. Woods is not just another young athlete.

It was nothing less than Woods' excellence, not his race and not his age, that captured America's attention. He dominated the competition, setting a scoring record and finishing 12 shots ahead of the runner-up, analogous to someone beating Michael Jordan in a game of one-on-one. For once, the public could see someone do something so well, while having fun doing it.

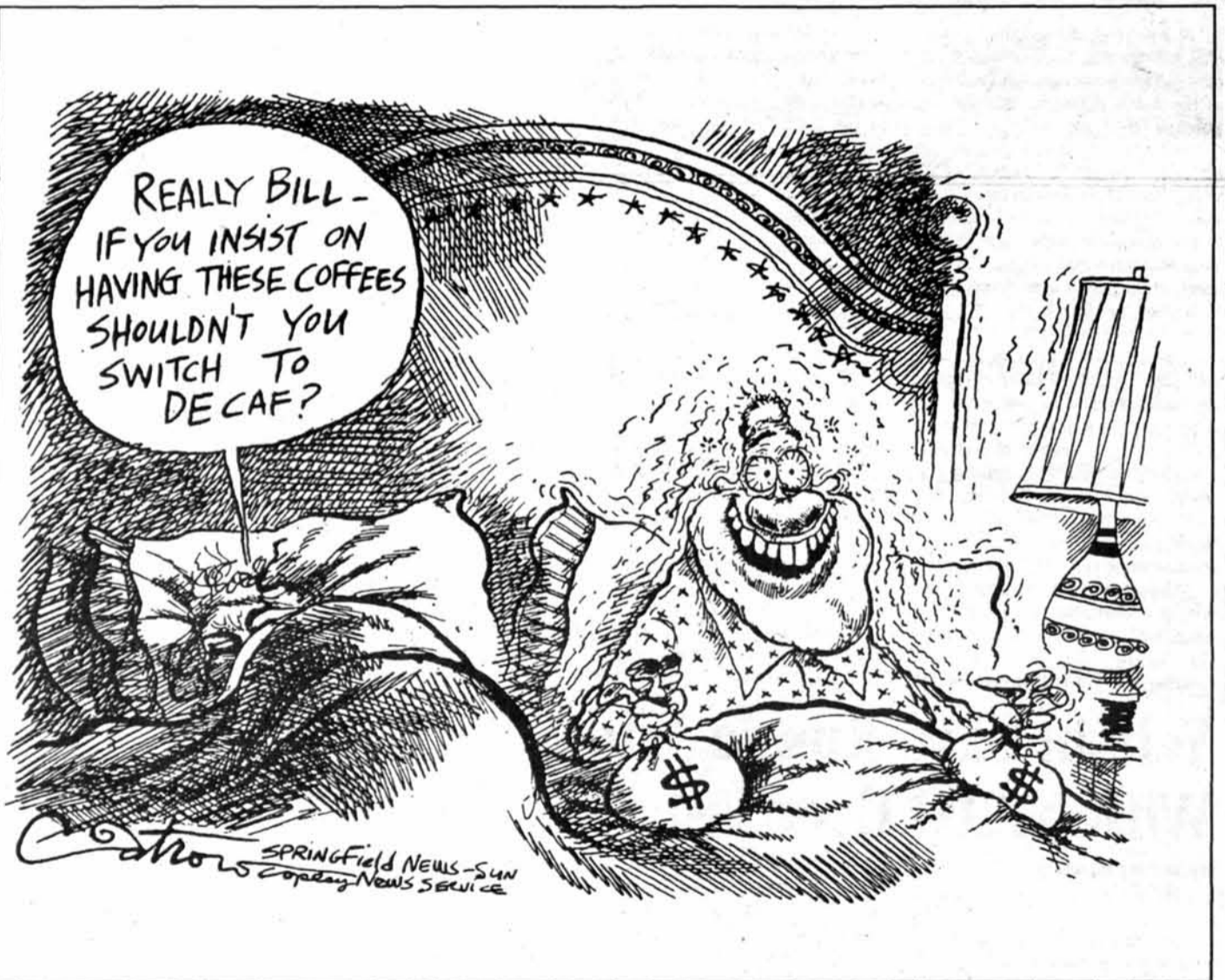
In a way, Woods accomplished nothing less than the American dream, a dream that has often been drowned out in a cynical world. We all wish, at some time or another, that we can possess genius, if for only an instant — we wish we could sink every three-pointer or ace every test or play any song perfectly on the piano. Well, Tiger did it, and everyone enjoyed the beauty of his talent vicariously.

Maybe Tiger Woods will become the greatest golfer of all time, and he'll be credited with breaking remaining racial barriers. Or maybe this Masters will be the only tournament he wins. But it doesn't matter. Sometimes just one moment of brilliance is enough to inspire.

When I first heard of Tiger Woods, I, as many did, expected the same: all hype and no substance.

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Musical Theatre Guild
 Music by Alan Menken
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 Kresge Little Theatre
 April 18, 19 at 8:00 p.m.
 Starring Sarah McDougal '00, Stacy Pruitt '99, Jake Yara '93, Chris Merkel '95, Shawn Kelly G, Cara Loughlin '97

By Teresa Huang
 STAFF REPORTER

MIT's Musical Theatre Guild has struck gold with its production of *Weird Romance*, an unusual musical featuring two completely separate one-act musicals that comment on love and human nature. Although each act is successfully produced and excellent by itself, the combination of them produces a powerful evening of entertainment.

The first act, subtitled "The Girl Who Was Plugged In," deals with a futuristic world where advertising has been made illegal. Companies like GTX, the eighth largest industrial firm in the world, deal with this new regulation by creating their own celebrities. Their strategy is to find relatively unattractive individuals with low self-esteem and transfer their consciousness into attractive, healthy, manufactured bodies. Their latest candidate is a bag lady named P. Burke (Sarah McDougal '00), who they transform into the beautiful celebrity Delphi (Stacy Pruitt '99). Eventually, Delphi falls in love with her guardian Paul (Shawn Kelly G), and she questions whether or not he would love her if he knew what she really was.

This act is marked by a compelling story and strong musical numbers. McDougal sings a beautiful ballad, entitled "Stop and See Me," in which she describes how her one wish in life is for people to notice her and not see through her. Also powerful is the duet "Worth It," in which Burke and Delphi wonder whether they should reveal the truth to Paul or continue living a lie. The music is emotionally charged as are the performances. Pruitt is compelling and real as Delphi. Both she and McDougal are terrific in their roles, generating both sympathy and pity from the audience. Themes of vanity and its connection to love and fame are introduced and investigated

in a meaningful and thoughtful fashion. Although the issues it deals with are dark, the music and the performances make it entertaining.

The second act, subtitled "Her Pilgrim Soul" is based on an episode of *The Twilight Zone* from the early 1980s. Interestingly enough, this act was originally written at MIT, a coincidence which the director and cast used to their advantage. Dr. Kevin Drayton (Chris Merkel '95) and his curious graduate student assistant Daniel Gaddis (Shawn Kelly G) have been working on a holographic chamber which can produce three-dimensional images from history that can move and talk. Kevin spends so much time at the lab on this project that he begins to neglect his own marriage to Carol (Shan Shan Huang '00).

Matters get worse when a three-dimensional image of a baby mysteriously appears in the holographic chamber one day. Unable to shut it down or figure out where it originated, Kevin and Daniel disregard it as a practical joke. The next morning, when they discover a little girl in the chamber, they realize something greater is at work. Nola (Cara Loughlin '97), the woman in the chamber, grows and matures at a very rapid rate into a grown woman who shares her life experiences with Kevin while Daniel tries to figure out who she is and why she's appeared in their lab. Nola died very early in life, but is connected to Kevin in a very special way, and she brings with her an important message about love and life which she passes on to him before her time with him ends.

This act also contains several strong performances. Loughlin skillfully portrays the hologram Nola, acting and singing entirely from within the holographic chamber. Chris



Zanth (Chris Merkel '95) and Shannarah (Shan Shan Huang '00) sell products for GTX Industries in the act "The Girl Who Was Plugged In" in *Weird Romance*.

Merkel '95 plays the workaholic researcher with true frustration, and Kelly gives a humorous performance as a graduate student with a perpetually questioning mind.

The highlight of this act was the holographic chamber which Nola inhabits, a special effect that was impressive and yet non-intrusive to the rest of the action. "Her Pilgrim Soul" is especially entertaining because it's close to home, and many of the jokes and references are related to MIT.

The director Scott Gagnon, who received his master of fine arts from Emerson College,

says he was drawn to *Weird Romance* because it was much like the kind of work he likes to do anyway. "I've done Sondheim's *Assassins* and a number of other shows where my focus has always been with fame and with the price of fame and with the extents that people will go to be noticed and to be listened to." He also felt it was particularly appropriate that the musical be done at MIT because part of it was written to take place at MIT. "I couldn't think of a better place to be doing it. This is a show about MIT at MIT." With the help of the cast and crew, Gagnon added several new MIT references, which make the act especially familiar to an MIT student.

Having written the music for *Little Shop of Horrors* and a series of Disney movies including *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Hunchback*

of *Notre Dame*, *Weird Romance* is certainly one of Alan Menken's more obscure works. Nevertheless, the music is spectacular and the stories are so profound, it's a wonder the musical hasn't been more popular in the United States. The Musical Theatre Guild's production of the show is a triumph not only for Alan Menken, but for MIT. The musical's run here is certainly appropriate and should enlighten audiences to Menken's lesser known work and to the talent MTG can present. *Weird Romance* is an engaging production which should not be missed.

MUSIC REVIEW

As nasty as he wants to sing — Frank Zappa at his best (worst?)

FRANK ZAPPA

Strictly Commercial (Rykodisc 1995)
Have I Offended Someone? (Rykodisc 1997)

By Joel Rosenberg
 STAFF REPORTER

Everyone has heard of Frank Zappa, but most students don't know about his work. Zappa, who ranks with Lenny Bruce and Larry Flynt as a first amendment "pioneer," was a musical genius. In his over 50 albums, he conquered classic rock and roll, jazz, country, funk, folk, and modern classical. A masterful guitar player, incredible composer, and truly creative lyricist and story teller, his section at the record store gives the impression that every musical thought he ever had was recorded and released.

Perhaps only Hitler has facial hair as distinguishing as Zappa, and a classic shot of his mug graces the cover of *Strictly Commercial*. Considered to be a collection of his more "mainstream" songs, they only scratch the surface of his work. Take "Joe's Garage," for example. It's a mellow tune which tells the story of a small garage band who became a local one-hit wonder before breaking up. The song came from a three-act play about musical censorship in the future, but loses its context on the compilation cd.

Other tracks on the album are "Peaches En Regalia," perhaps his most famous instrumental, and "Cosmik Debris," which is indicative of his more subtle humor. It rags on astrologists, for-

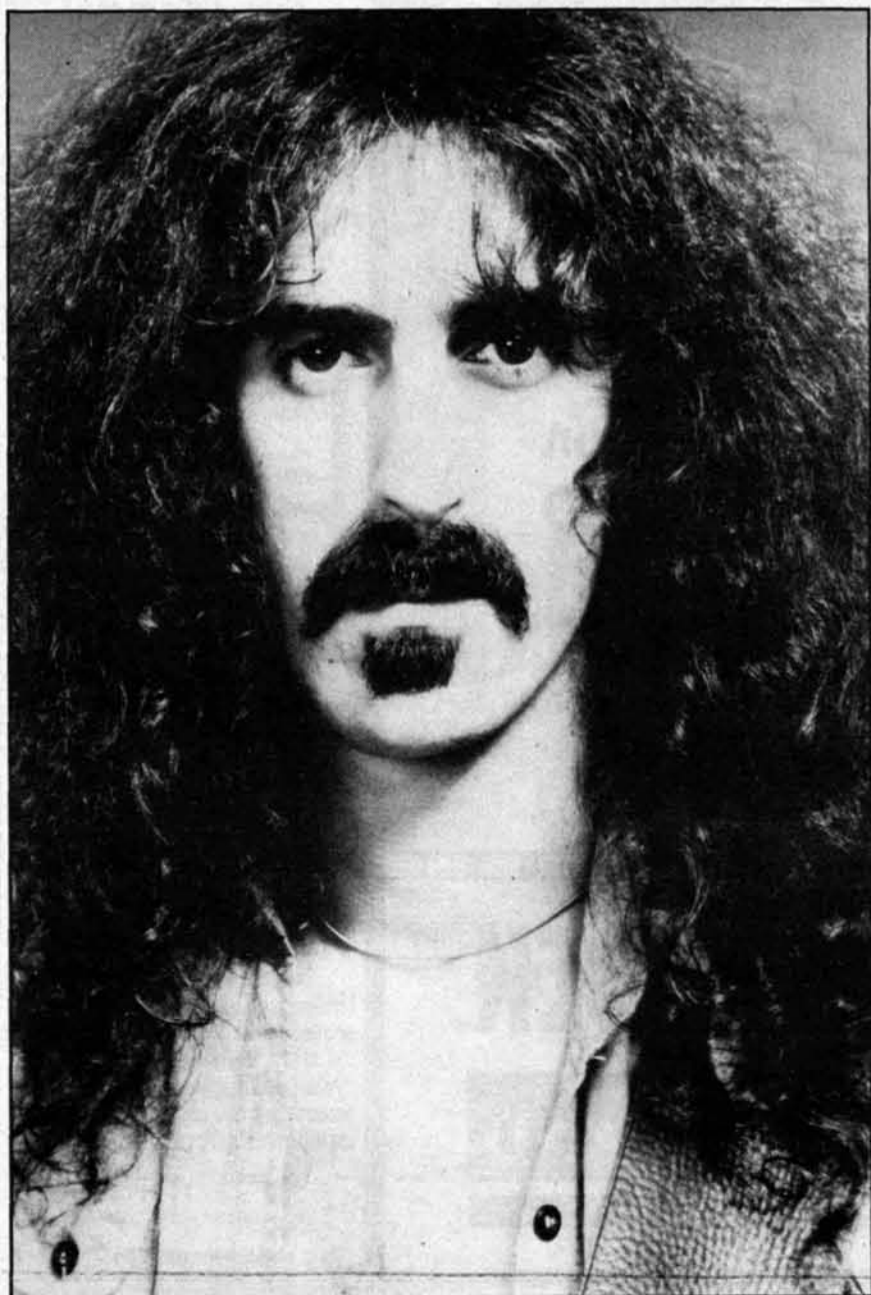
tune-tellers, and other assorted "scientists" and has lines like "Now is that a real poncho or is that a Sears poncho?"

Before Howard Stern, there was Frank Zappa. Track one, "Bobby Brown Goes Down," is from *Sheik Yerbouti*, Zappa's best world wide selling album. In large part this can be traced to this song and its tremendous European appeal. In the first verse, he's raping cheerleaders; in the second verse, a liberated lesbian castrates him, in the third verse, he's gay, into sadomasochism, and being pissed on. A great opening to a great collection of tunes.

"Jewish Princess," also on *Sheik Yerbouti*, created quite a stir when it came out. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith asked the Federal Communications Commission to ban it from radio play and demanded an apology. Zappa's response: "... unlike The Unicorn, such creatures do exist and deserve to be commemorated with their own special opus." The controversial material begins with "I want a hairy little Jewish Princess/With a brand new nose" and gets worse. No apology was ever made.

Sure this stuff is in poor taste. And sure, some people will be offended by it. But if you accept it as satirical, funny, and just damn good music, you'll quickly find a musical genius in Frank Zappa. As Edward Sanders points out in the *Offended* liner notes: "Because of Zappa, it's going to be more difficult for the guys with the ray guns to erase the controversial tapes, CDs, Web sites and song modes of the future. That's why we need a few Frank Zappas each generation to stand up for freedom against the torches." Doesn't hurt to remember and pay homage to the Frank Zappas who have come before.

Frank
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Students, Faculty Form Group To Address Homosexual Issues

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A group of concerned faculty and students recently organized the new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues Group to tackle some of the problems students may face on campus.

The official charge of the group is to "foster a safe and welcoming environment for LGBT students and to ensure that the educational mission of MIT is upheld for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or identity," said Carol Orme-Johnson, official spokesperson for the group and director of mediation.

The group is currently in the process of trying to pull together a list of resources specifically for LGBT students, to assess the needs of students, and to create a response mechanism to deal with anti-LGBT incidents on campus.

"No such mechanism currently exists," Orme-Johnson said.

The group is also circulating a survey to assess the needs of the LGBT community at MIT, which has been posted on the World Wide Web at <http://web.mit.edu/residence/www/lbgt/lbgt.html>.

The new group is looking for

more student members. Currently, only one-fourth of the group's members are students; the others are faculty or administrators.

"We would like to have any students concerned about LGBT issues. This does not preclude heterosexual students," Orme-Johnson said.

While the group consists of MIT administrators, faculty members, and students alike, it is not an officially sanctioned Institute committee.

"This is a group of people who get together over their mutual concern," Orme-Johnson said.

While members of the group come from a variety of MIT departments, "no one on the group is on the group as a representative of any particular office," Orme-Johnson said.

Existing groups with interests similar to the LGBT Issues Group are Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders, and Friends at MIT (GAMIT) and Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian Employees and Staff (GABLES).

LGBT issues addressed in forum

As part of GAMIT's TBGLAD (Transgender, Bisexual, Gay,

Lesbian Awareness Days) activities last week, the LGBT Issues Group met with students to listen to their concerns.

Some of the issues brought up at the forum were problems with Residence and Orientation Week and the need for an administration-sponsored "queer resource center," proposed by Adrian Banard G, member of the LGBT Issues Group and political coordinator for GAMIT.

R/O is "not a queer-happy place," Banard said.

According to rush rules, student activities are prohibited from holding events until Activities Midway.

Groups like GAMIT remain a less visible alternative during rush, Banard said.

Group an alternative to GAMIT

Another issue brought up at the meeting was the apparent reliance of the administration on GAMIT and other student groups as a source of support services for LGBT students.

"It's the school's responsibility to make people feel comfortable," Banard said. "If something bad happens and GAMIT doesn't respond, nothing happens."

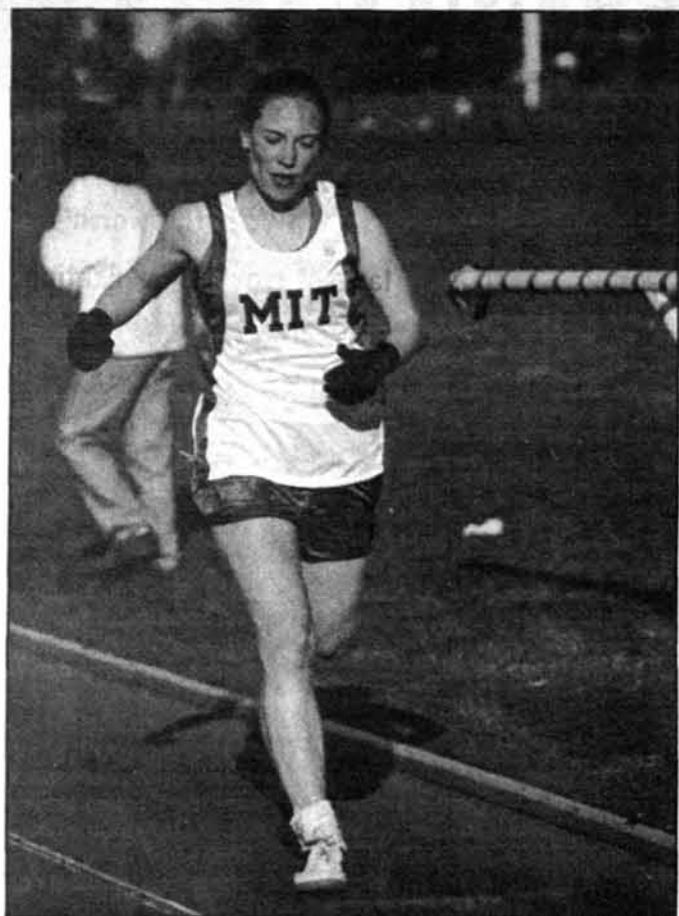
Members of the LGBT Issues Group agree that there should be a resource other than GAMIT for students to look to for help.

"Not all LGBT students on campus are members of GAMIT," Orme-Johnson said.

"There are stereotypes about GAMIT," said John J. Graham G, a member of the new group. For instance, "there is a stereotype that if you're a guy, you have to dress in drag."

GAMIT "is viewed as a radical political organization," Graham said. Some LGBT students "don't feel they can go to GAMIT."

"Those who most need the resources won't access them," he said.



JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

Robin Evans '99 finished fourth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:35.10 in last Saturday's track meet against Bowdoin, Bates, and Colby Colleges. See story, page 20.

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UROP Participation Last Year Rises After Drop in 1994-95

UROP, from Page 1

Since overhead fees are also paid on employee benefits, the total added cost of employing a UROP student will be 74 percent of wages next academic year.

Participation up for 1995-96

McGavern could only speculate on the causes of the 1995-96 participation increase after a sharp drop in 1994-95 when overhead fees were first imposed, she said. However, the increase may be because faculty have adjusted or that more research money has become available, she said. In any case, "we're happy about it."

Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Lorna J. Gibson, seemed unaffected by the increase in overhead. "Usually I try to have — and I'm going to continue to have — one student," she said. "If I had many UROPers, it would make a difference."

Professor of Physics David E. Pritchard was also not greatly affected. "I avail myself of the research experience for undergraduates program from the [National

Science Foundation] to get supplemental funds for summer UROPers. The fact that this [funding] does not require overhead is transparent to me."

UROP funding strained

While some researchers can find funding to continue to support UROP students, the increase in overhead will strain UROP resources, McGavern said. Increased overhead will lead researchers to request more UROP funding. "When faculty can't pay that second student, they ask us to pay."

"Our resources are tight," McGavern said. She characterized the situation as one of limited resources and high demand. "Summer will be tight," she said.

The UROP Office receives funding from MIT, endowments, income such as interest, gifts, grants, and

corporate donors. "Some of our best donors are former UROPers," McGavern said.

However, McGavern "feels very optimistic about fund raising for UROP," she said. The recently created Paul E. Gray '54 Endowment for UROP is a "tremendous opportunity" to increase UROP's current \$2 million endowment to the office's goal of \$10 million. "In the long term, UROP looks quite healthy."

The history of paid UROP goes back to 1973, McGavern said. It was decided then that UROP was allowed, under federal regulations, to waive the overhead fees. During renegotiations in 1994, the issue was reopened, and it was ruled that faculty must pay overhead costs.

"We inadvertently found ourselves the losers," McGavern said. It was "not the federal government's intent" to impose the charges, she said.

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Whales
Museum of Science, Science Park, Cambridge. Through April 30. Admission: \$7.50; seniors and ages 3-14, \$5.50 (Tues., bargain nights

for all shows 7 p.m. and later, \$5; seniors and ages 3-14, \$3). Information: 723-2500. Film follows the life cycles and travels of blue, humpback, and right whales from Argentina to Alaska.

Exhibits

MIT Museum
265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., noon-5 p.m. Admission: \$3; non-MIT students, seniors, and under 12, \$1; MIT students, free. Information: 253-4444.

What's So Funny About Science? Cartoons of Sidney Harris offer a hilarious look at unexpected and incongruous moments in science. Through May 31.
Maps from the Age of Atlases. Rare maps from the Museum's Hart Nautical Collections illuminate the golden age of cartography. Through May 4.

Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson. Ganson's kinetic sculptures exude the wit of their creator, a self-described cross between a mechanical engineer and a choreographer. Ongoing.
Lightforest: The Holographic Rainforest. Large-scale hologram exhibit by Betsy Connors. Ongoing.

Holography. The exhibit explores the holographic universe from its inception in the late 1940s through its artistic and technical evolution and highlights works by the world's foremost holographers. Ongoing.
Math in 3D. Morton C. Bradley's mathematical sculptures inspire inventors of all ages to create their own structures in the adjacent

Mathspace activity center. Ongoing.
MIT Hall of Hacks. Chronicling MIT's rich hacking tradition, this exhibition features historic photographs and a collection of artifacts. Ongoing.
Light Sculptures. Vivid interactive plasma sculptures by Center for Advanced Visual Studies alumnus Bill Parker. Ongoing.

On the Surface of Things: Images in Science and Engineering by Felice Frankel. Compton Gallery, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Through June 27: Mon.-Sun., 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-4444. Stunning photographs communicate recent research in a variety of disciplines at MIT and other institutions.

The Race to the Moon
The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library, Off Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester. Through June 1: Fri.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$6; seniors and students, \$4; ages 6-12, \$2; under 6, free. Information: 929-4523. Exhibit on America's pioneering space exploration.

Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Ave., Boston. Mon.-Tues., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-9:45 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Admission: \$10; seniors and college students, \$8; ages 17 and under, free; Wed. after 4 p.m., voluntary contribution; Thurs.-Fri., after 5 p.m., \$2 discount. Information: 267-9300.
The Art of John Biggers: View from the Upper Room. Exhibit of the black artist's drawings, prints, paintings, and sculptures. Through April 20.
Beyond the Screen: Chinese Furniture of the 16th and 17th Centuries. The exhibit aims not only to explore the beauty of Chinese art forms, but also to carry the viewer into the

physical surroundings of their time. Through May 18.
This is the Modern World: Furnishings of the 20th Century. The exhibit relates the look of objects intended for everyday use to the creative vision of the artist-maker or designer, and the demands of technology, function, cost, and the needs and desires of the potential buyer or user. Through September.

USS Constitution Museum
Navy Yard, Charlestown. Mon.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$4; seniors, \$3; ages 6-16, \$2; under 6, free; under 16 when unaccompanied by an adult, free. Information: 426-1812.

Old Ironsides in War and Peace. Retrospective celebrating the USS Constitution's upcoming 200th birthday. Includes artifacts such as the sea bag and possessions of an 1812 crew member, hands-on activities, and photographs. Ongoing.
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Capturing Old Ironsides on Canvas. Works by artist Cheslie D'Andrea. Ongoing.

Living with Ants and the Science of E.O. Wilson
Harvard Museums of Cultural and Natural History, 26 Oxford St., Cambridge. Through April 30: Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. Admission: \$5; seniors and students, \$4; ages 3-13, \$3; Sat. 9 a.m.-noon, free. Information: 495-3045.

Inside Fort Independence: An Archaeological View of Military Life
Commonwealth Museum, 220 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 727-9268.

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Semitic Museum, Harvard University, 6 Divinity Ave., Cambridge. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., 1-4 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 495-4631. Collection of photos and artifacts. Ongoing.

New England Aquarium
Central Wharf, Boston. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. and holidays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission: ages 12 and up, \$9.50; seniors, \$8.50; ages 3-11, \$5; under 3, free. Information: 973-5200.

The Otter Limits. Construction relocation of aquarium's colony of harbor seals and sea otters to a new, enlarged habitat behind the aquarium.

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Original Visions: Shifting the Paradigm, Women's Art 1970-1996
Boston College Museum of Art, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill. Through May 18. Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., noon-5 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 552-8100. Exhibit includes paintings, photographs and sculptures.

This Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Burden Auditorium, Harvard Business School
Admission: \$10

The Business of Independent Filmmaking Forum

Twelve senior film and entertainment executives will talk and answer questions about the independent film industry.

The keynote address will be given by Samuel Goldwyn Jr., son of Samuel Goldwyn, mogul of early Hollywood. Goldwyn Jr., whose credits include *The Preacher's Wife*, *Big Night*, and *I Shot Andy Warhol*, will speak about the evolution of the independent film in recent years and make his predictions for the future.

Following will be a panel discussion about the challenges facing independent film with David Brown (*Jaws*, *Cocoon*, *The Saint*, *Star Wars: Episode I*), Hunt Lowry (*A Time To Kill*, *Last of the Mohicans*), and Steve Stabler (*Dumb and Dumber*, *Kingspin*).

The next panel will include independent filmmakers discussing the troubles they've had getting their films made. Speaking will be Larry Meistrich (*Slingblade*), agent turned producer Erica Spellman-Silverman, Edward Pressman (*Conan the Barbarian*, *Wall Street*, *The Crow*), and Frederick Zollo (*Mississippi Burning*, *Ghosts of Mississippi*, *Quiz Show*).

The final forum will talk about how students can break into the independent film world.

For tickets contact Melina von Brentano (661-7821, mvonbrentano@mba1998.hbs.edu) as soon as possible because seating is limited.

Second Annual MIT Off-line Poetry Slam

Kresge Auditorium, April 20, 7 p.m. Champion slam poet Lisa King hosts, with a special surprise guest. Contestants compete by reading their own original poetry. Poetry must be less than three minutes long, and slammers are not allowed to use any props but may read from printed copy. Judges for the competition are selected randomly from the audience. The lottery for participants will be held at 6:20 p.m.; participants should bring at least five poems to perform. Cash prizes (\$100 and \$50) will be awarded to two finalists. Sponsored by the MIT Program in Women's Studies, MIT Council for the Arts, and the DeFore Fund for Humor. Admission: \$5. \$2 other college students with ID, free for MIT students, faculty and staff with ID, high school students and younger. Information: 253-8844.

Music @ the Coffeehouse

Student Center (84 Massachusetts Ave.), third floor, 253-7972 or Rosemary W. McNaughton, e-mail coffeehouse-events@mit.edu.

April 18

"The Three Bs." Bach, Beethoven and Bartok. Grant I. Ho '97 (violin), Andrew R. Newberg '97 (piano), Yukiko Ueno G (piano). Ho plays Bach's Unaccompanied Violin Sonata, No. 1; Beethoven's Sonata for Violin and Piano, No. 1 with Newberg; Bartok's Rhapsody for Violin and Piano, No. 1 with Ueno. 9 p.m.

April 21

Father Angg and the Burnt Fish Industry acousticists. Robert J. Pensalfini G (linguistics and philosophy) plays all of the Father Angg and the Burnt Fish Industry classics, along with some new tunes and a selection of covers on his 11- to 12-string guitar. Australian crustacean acoustic grunge, not for the faint of heart. 7 p.m.

Lecture Series Committee

77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Information: 258-8881.

Screen

The latest horror/comedy movie from Wes Craven. Starring Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox, and Drew Barrymore. Friday, 7 and 10 p.m. in 26-100.

Cries and Whispers

Directed by Ingmar Bergman. Starring Liv Ullmann, Harriet Andersson, and Ingrid Thulin. Agnes (Andersson) is dying and her two sisters return home to comfort her. 7:30 p.m. in 10-250.

Shallow Grave

Directed by Danny Boyle (Trainspotting). Three friends take in a new roommate, but they soon find him dead, and when they're gathering his remains they find a large amount of cash. Instead of telling the police, they try to remove all evidence of his arrival so they can keep the money for themselves. Sunday, 7 and 10 p.m. in 26-100.

Theater

Weird Romance

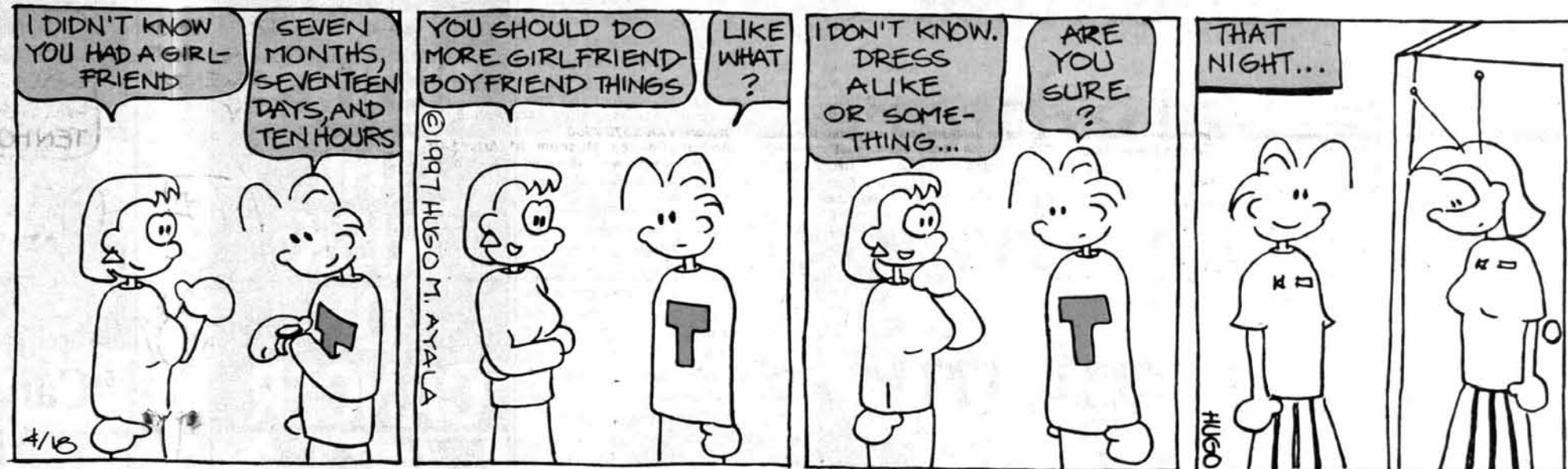
Kresge Little Theater, 48 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 11-12, 8 p.m.; April 13, 2 p.m. Admission: \$9, \$8 for MIT faculty and staff and other students, \$6 for MIT/Wellesley students (discount of \$1/ticket for groups of 10 or more). Information: 253-6294. Musical Theatre Guild production of two one-act of "Speculative Fiction" musicals (*The Girl Who Was Plugged In* and *Her Pilgrim Soul*), set in the near future. Each story, using a character that is not quite human, presents

a different perspective on that all-too human emotion, love. Music is by Alan Menken (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Aladdin*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Little Mermaid*). Book by Alan Brenner with lyrics and additional book by David Spencer.

Patience (or Bunthorne's Bride)
MIT Gilbert and Sullivan Players production. La Sala. April 18-20, April 24-26, 8 p.m. (and 2 p.m. on April 26). Tickets: \$9, \$8 for MIT community and other students, \$7 for senior citizens and children, \$6 for MIT/Wellesley students, \$1 discount for groups of 10 or more. Info: 253-0190 or e-mail savoyards-request@mit.edu.

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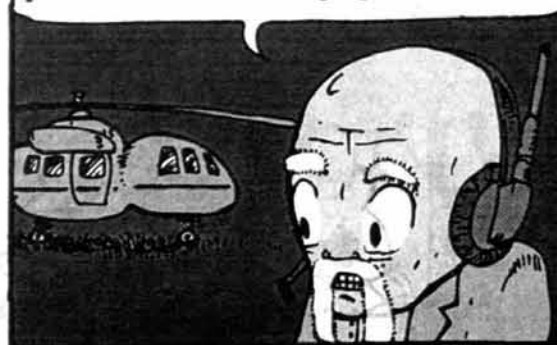


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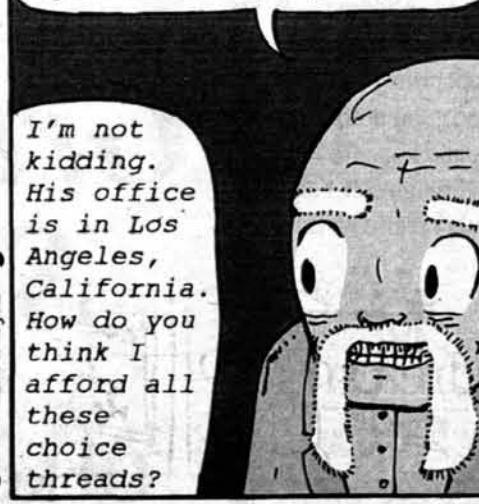
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- April 3:** Bldg. 39, laptop stolen, \$3,900; Bldg. 4, balance stolen, \$2,000; Student Center, backpack stolen, \$40.
- April 4:** Bldg. 20E, \$100 cash stolen.
- April 5:** Edgerton and Baker House, noise complaints; Bldg. 5, George Perez, of no known address, arrested for trespassing.
- April 6:** Baker, watch and cash stolen, \$80; MacGregor House and Alpha Tau Omega, noise complaints; Burton-Conner House, CD player stolen, \$125; Bldg. 18, Melvin Saunders, of no known address, arrested for trespassing; New House, cable box stolen, \$50.
- April 7:** Bldg. 56, 1) microwave stolen, \$147, 2) clothing stolen, \$20, 3) backpack and clothing, \$120, 4) CD player and 35 CDs, \$440; Bldg. 3, pocketbook stolen, \$50.
- April 8:** Bldg. 54, bicycle stolen, \$100; Bldg. 1, annoying mail; Alumni Pool, suspicious activity; Bldg. 14, obscene phone call; Bldg. 8, VCR stolen, \$100.
- April 9:** MacGregor, musical keyboard stolen, \$450; Sloan lot, four hubcaps stolen from a Toyota, \$100; Bldg. 45, suspicious activity.
- April 10:** Bldg. 20E, computer stolen, \$1,000; Barker Library, suspicious activity; Bldg. 20A, computer stolen, \$1,680; Westgate bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, \$350; Eastgate, suspicious phone call; MacGregor, 1) suspicious person, 2) pocketbook stolen, \$40.
- April 11:** Bldg. N42, wire stolen, \$5,000; Bldg. 4, VCR stolen, \$250; Burton, bicycle seat stolen, \$60; Bldg. 6, suspicious person.

New MEng Degree In Logistics Passed

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department.”
 “The only real question is how strong the commitment really is and how much the faculty are willing to change their course requirements to fit a new communication requirement, and that remains to be seen,” he said. “With the passage of the proposal, the implication is that they are ready to commit to it. I am hopeful, but I am also reserving judgment.”

Logistics degree approved

Director of the Center for Transportation Studies Yosef Sheffi PhD '77 introduced a resolution proposing a new MEng degree in logistics. The program would be administered by CTS. Logistics involves studying how to move goods over time and space.

Professor of Nuclear Engineering Ian H. Hutchinson summarized opposition to the resolution. Even regular departments were not allowed to have an MEng degree with a name different from that of the department, so a less important interdisciplinary center should not be allowed to do otherwise, Hutchinson said.

Bacow responded to this by saying that any disputes over the use of the name “logistics” had been discussed with the other departments and schools that might lay claim to the discipline; in particular, the Sloan School of Management had no objections.

Bacow added that departments would now be allowed to have degrees with more creative names.

However, Hutchinson and others still felt that it was inappropriate to take this action without a specific new policy on degree names in place.

Several professors suggested temporarily changing the name of the degree to transportation studies.

However, Sheffi spoke forcefully against this idea, saying it would be preferable to change the name of the center to the Center for Logistics.

“To the people this degree targets, transportation is old hat, passe,” he said. In addition, all the material for the degree was ready for publication, and a change in name could be disastrous.

After Sheffi’s speech, the faculty voted down a motion by Hutchinson to table the resolution by a margin of 33 to 13, then approved the new degree with only two dissenting votes.

Edgerton Award bestowed

The Edgerton Award Committee named Assistant Professor of Architecture Julie Dorsey as the 1997-98 award winner for her work combining computer graphics and architectural design at the meeting. The award goes to a junior faculty member of significant promise, and is named after Harold E. “Doc” Edgerton SM '27, former professor of electrical engineering.

Bacow also proposed some minor changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Faculty, a standard procedure for the April meeting.

The faculty committee on nominations presented their recommendations for faculty to hold positions and sit on committees next year.

Among those nominated was Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Steven R. Lerman for the position of associate chair of the faculty.

These two proposals are scheduled to come to a vote at the next faculty meeting in May.

Provost Joel Moses PhD '67 then briefed the faculty on a new plan being prepared to allow faculty members to receive pay or research funding for all three summer months. Currently, faculty receive pay for only two months.

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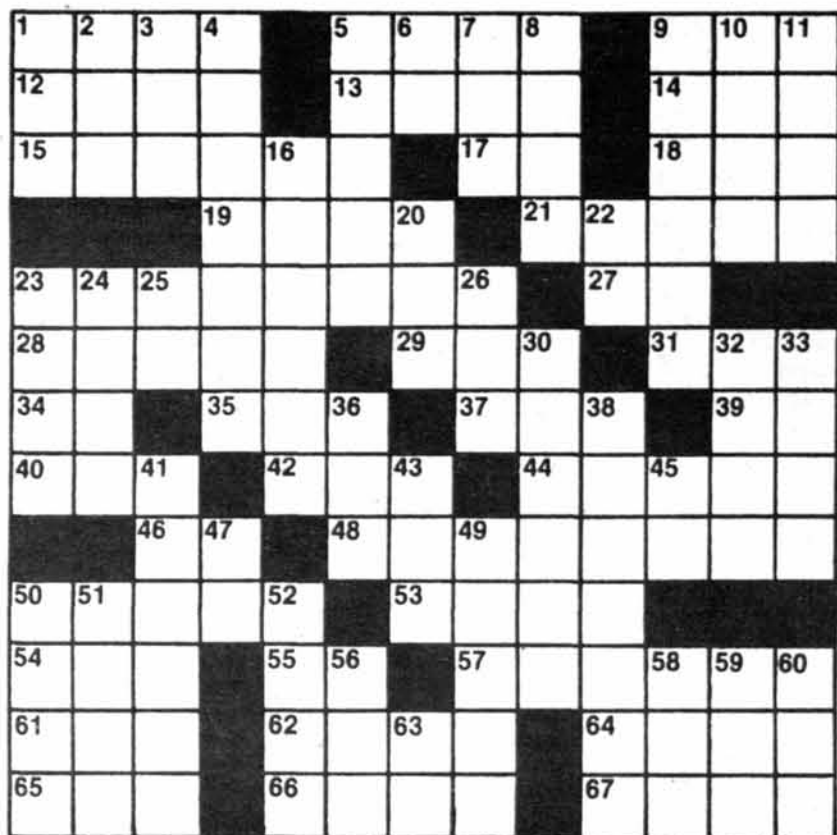


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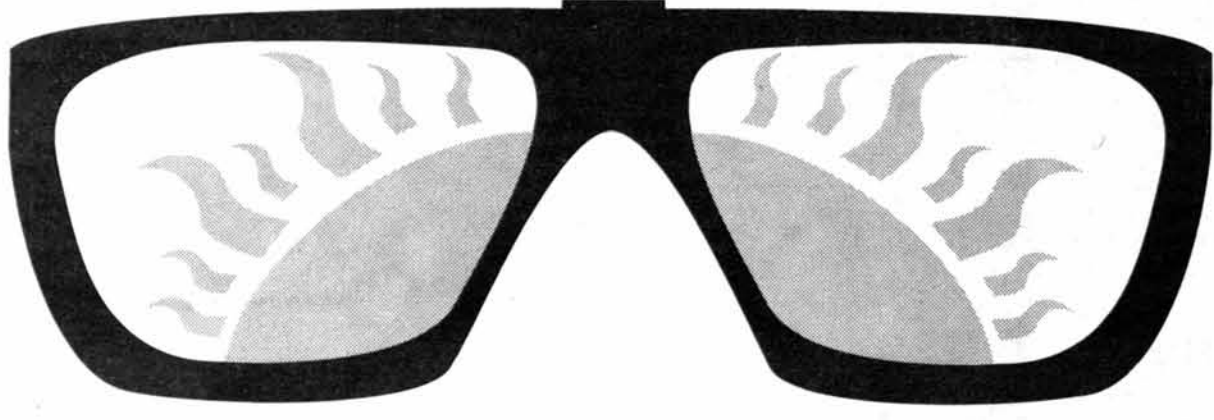
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Fraternities Offer Summer Housing

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said.

Additionally, some fraternity houses will only be accepting women this summer. This is largely because the houses have traditionally found women renters easier to deal with, said Marcus J. Ottaviano '97, from Pi Lambda Phi.

The money that the FSILGs take in from rented rooms will help the members "try and offset some of our costs of rush," Ottaviano said.

Fraternity housing may end early

Fraternities, in general, do not end up housing very many MIT students. Roughly 10 percent of summer guests at PLP are from MIT, Ottaviano said.

This is because fraternity housing is not very desirable for MIT students intending to return to dormitories in the fall, Bernard said. Because fraternity houses will

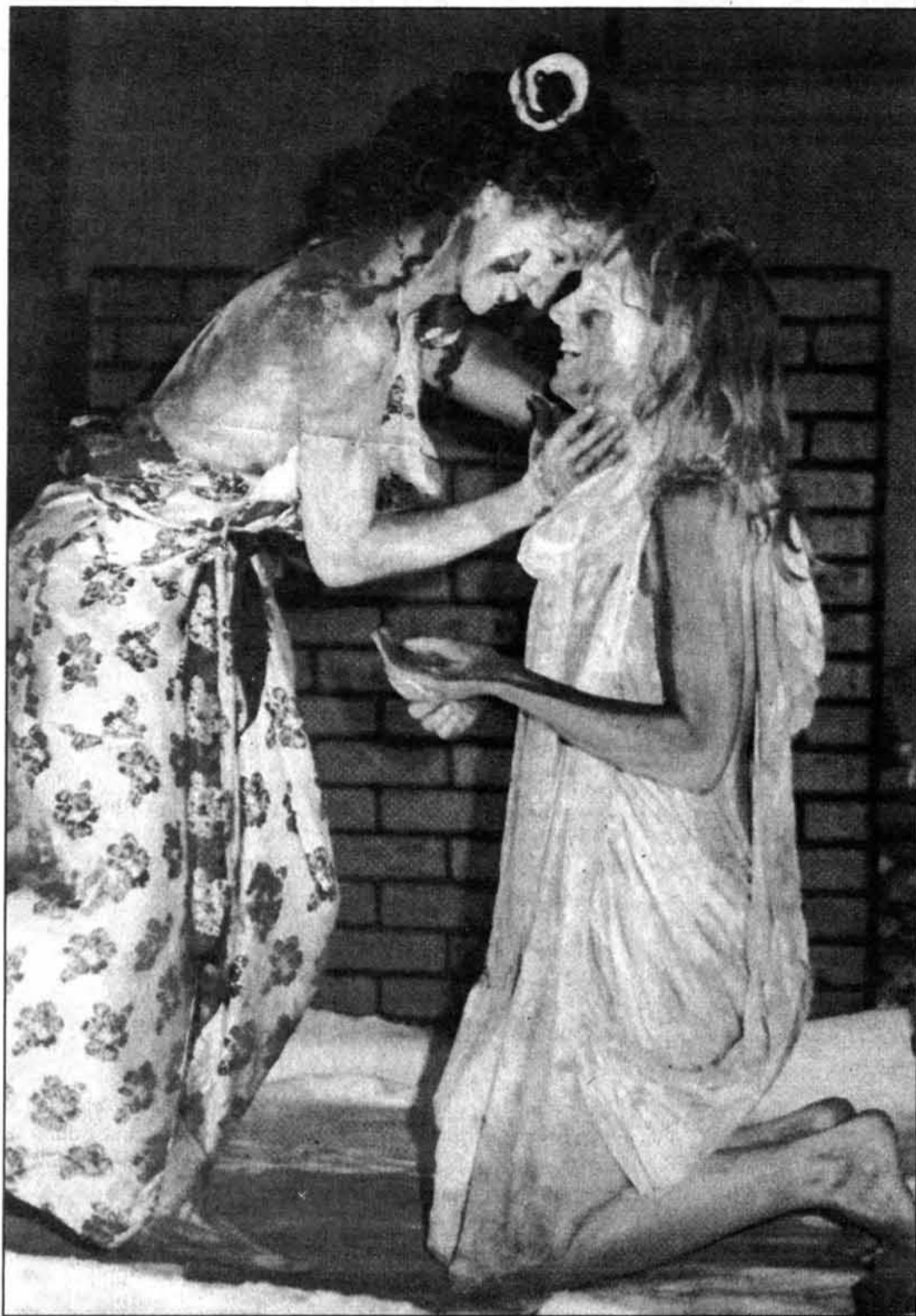
be concentrating on "sprucing up for rush" at the end of the summer, student housing there may end earlier than in dormitories, Bernard said.

"We want everyone out of here before the brothers move in. Logistically, it gets complicated," Belin said.

Therefore, summer residents of fraternities are typically required to leave between August 10 and 15.

So, students seeking fraternity housing who are planning on living in the dormitories for the fall semester, should ensure that they can receive an early return for Residence and Orientation Week that will cover the last few weeks in August, Bernard said.

Without an early return, students may move in to their fall term dormitory rooms on August 30. With an early return, students could move in as early as August 17, Bernard said.



GABOR CSANYI—THE TECH

A uniquely erotic performance by Martha Tonkin, "A Study in the Process of Self Portraiture," took place in Lobby 7 yesterday as part of the "Brick Wall Series," produced by Joe Davis.

Summer Rents

Location	Summer rent	Qualifications
Dormitories¹		
Baker House	\$990	
Bexley Hall	\$982	
Burton-Conner House	\$1,134	
East Campus	\$1,028	
MacGregor House	\$1,134	
McCormick Hall	\$1,134	
Random Hall	\$873	
Senior House	\$1,028	
New House	\$1,202	
Next House	\$1,134	
FSILGs²		
Alpha Delta Phi	\$850-\$1,200	singles, doubles
Beta Theta Pi	\$200-\$270	females
Chi Phi	\$800-\$900	
Delta Kappa Epsilon	\$550-\$850	
Delta Psi/No.6 Club	\$250-\$375	
Delta Tau Delta	\$250-\$275	
Kappa Sigma	\$600-\$800	females
Lambda Chi Alpha	\$500-\$1,000	females
Nu Delta	\$700-\$800	females
Phi Beta Epsilon	\$270-\$310	
Phi Delta Theta	\$900	females; meals included
Phi Kappa Sigma	\$200-\$270	females
Pi Lambda Phi	\$750	females
Phi Sigma Kappa	\$600-\$900	females
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	\$300-\$450	
Sigma Chi	\$700-\$900	females
Sigma Nu	\$850	
Sigma Phi Epsilon	\$240-\$280	
Theta Chi	\$550-\$950	
Theta Xi	\$800-\$850	
Zeta Beta Tau	\$700	
Zeta Psi	\$575-\$850	females

¹ Dormitories are open for summer housing from May 24 to August 30.

² Most FSILGs require summer residents to move out by August 10-15.

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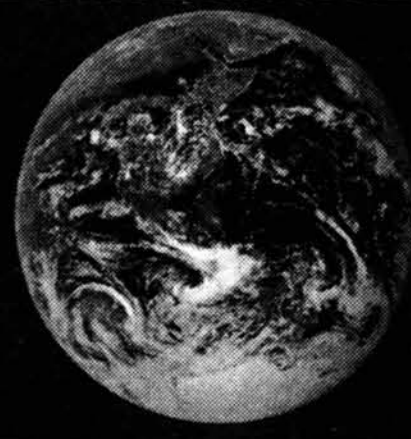
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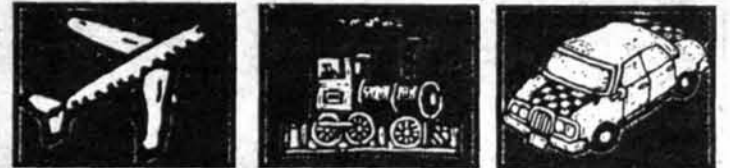


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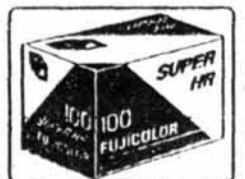
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Men's Golf Affected By Adverse Weather

By Jay Grayson
TEAM MEMBER

The varsity golf team started their season off winning one of their past three meets, while battling the elements.

The team's record for the season stands at 2-2.

Coupled with an hour delay because of course scheduling conflicts, the team could not get anything started on Monday against Worcester State College.

All of the Worcester State players scored under 83 at their home course while no MIT player broke 86 on the relatively easy layout. The team's number two player, Young E. Kim '98, led all team members with an 86 which was characterized by a fantastic front nine 40.

Team captain Jay Grayson '97 was off his game all day because of a terrible time on the greens. Almost one-third of his strokes came from putting, which contributed to his score of 87.

Morton Hoegh '98 played more consistently than in recent rounds. Hoegh's putting game was solid, but his nerves got the best of him on the last two holes where he scored five over par to finish with an 88.

The two other team scores to count were recorded by Todd Kamin '00 and Dale Chon '99 with scores of 91 and 92, respectively.

Other scores not counting were a sand-laden 95 by Dan Henderson '98, a disappointing 98 by John Zehren '99, and a 93 by Brian Kevitt '97.

Team battles Boston University

On a day marred by cold and soggy conditions, the golf team was defeated by Boston University on Saturday at their home course.

The course played difficult because of uneven putting surfaces and wet landing areas. Most players in the clubhouse said that Crystal's inconsistency contributed to the poor play.

In golf, the short game is a must and on this day, the team was unable to effectively score low numbers.

Individual results included a stellar 79, marked by a 2-over-par 38 on the difficult front nine by Grayson. A number of timely shots contributed to his medalist round along with some excellent putting.

Kim and Kamin finished with scores of 88 and 89, respectively. Other contributors to the team score included Zehren and Kevitt with rounds of 92 and 96.

Team wins season opener

Fresh from a spring break trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the varsity golf team fought the weather and two collegiate foes at George Wright Golf Course on April 9.

The Donald Ross-designed course with narrow fairways and a long layout proved to be extremely difficult with the ground left soggy from the April Fool's Day blizzard and wind gusts of up to 30 mph. Playing a shortened round of nine holes, the team cruised to a 220-231-231 victory over Wentworth Institute of Technology and Brandeis University for their first two victories of the season.

Individual scores for the Engineers included a team low 42 from Grayson and an impressive 43 from Henderson. Kamin and Zehren both carded 44s, and Kevitt fired a 46 in his first round in eight months.

Other players who did not count in the scoring included Arvelo, Chon, and Kim.

The team visits Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh for the Engineers Cup this week.



Connie Sadowski '99 prevents Smith College from reaching the ball in Tuesday's hard-fought game against Smith College. The team lost the game 12-10

JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

MIT Equestrian Team Makes Striking Debut

By Candice McElroy
TEAM MEMBER

The MIT equestrian team made its debut in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association competitions on April 5 at the Tufts University home show and on April 6 at the Dartmouth College home show.

The three-member team made an impressive showing for its first time out. Team president Avital Rodal '97 earned fourth place in novice equitation over fences at Tufts and Dartmouth. Candice McElroy '99 earned a sixth-place finish in novice equitation on the flat at Tufts. Heather Drake '99 finished in sixth

place in beginner walk-trot canter equitation at Tufts.

The MIT equestrian team formed last fall. Since then, the team has been training at the Boston Equestrian Center in Revere. Intercollegiate Horse Show Association events test a rider's ability to compete on an unfamiliar horse with no time for a rider to familiarize themselves with the horse.

Riders from each team are randomly assigned horses from the home team's stable before the competition. The riders are then judged on their handling of the horse and their form while riding.

The team faced tough competition from 12 other teams, including local college teams from Harvard University and Boston University, and schools from as far away as Bates College in Maine. What MIT lacked in experience, they made up for in excellent riding.

Training will continue for the equestrian team throughout the spring and summer for the fall show season.

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THE TECH SPORTS

Robinson's Number to Retire; Will Vaughn Go to New Jersey?

Column by Bo Light
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Are you a victim, or do you wish you were one? Are you morally outraged by comic strips? Do you assume that everyone who disagrees with you does so simply because you represent a different (choose one) race/gender/sexual orientation/living group? If so, then DON'T READ THIS, because this is EA Sports, the column that dares to offend.

This week, as always, we bring you news and views from the naturally oppressive world of athletics.

Around the horn

If you don't watch golf (and who does) and don't pay attention to any form of news media, you might not know that 21-year-old Tiger Woods won the Masters last weekend.

Besides becoming the first black player to win a major and the youngest player to win a Green Jacket, Woods also set Masters records for lowest 72-hole score (270), margin of victory (12 strokes), and most Nike logos worn at one time (eight). Kudos to Mr. Woods, who is obviously destined to rule the golfing world.

It's been hard to read a sports section lately without hearing a thing or two about Jackie Robinson.

Robinson is often referred to as the first black man to play Major League Baseball. That honor, in fact, belongs to Moses Fleetwood Walker. Robinson, however, was the first to do so on an everyday basis, and thus is credited with breaking the "color barrier" in professional sports, opening the doors for athletes of all races to showcase their talents.

This is the 50th anniversary of Robinson's first season with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Major League Baseball has come up with a fitting tribute. Robinson's jersey number, 42, is to be retired. From the entire league.

Players who currently wear the number, such as Boston's Mo Vaughn, will still be able to wear it, but no new player will ever be allowed to wear it. Vaughn wears the number 42 in honor of Robinson, as do many of the players who wear that number.

Now that it has been retired, these players could show a lot of class by giving up their jerseys, just as if their team had retired that number. Can you imagine the fan response in Boston if Vaughn came out one night and suddenly tore off his jersey to reveal a number 77 beneath it? (Note to the clueless: Ray Borque did the same thing when Bobby Orr's number was retired by the Bruins.) Such an act would also be great publicity, something that baseball still sorely needs.

Basketball madness half over

Well, the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament is about a month old now. What have we learned? Well, we learned that 1) a 31-1 record does not guarantee a national title, 2) Minnesota was not a weak top seed, and 3) Arizona is not, in fact, Arizona.

The Wildcats, picked here to go down in the first round (because they always do), went the distance to capture their first national championship. Zona, by the way, is the first team in tournament history to beat three number one seeds in the same tournament.

While we're on the subject of basketball, the NBA season is winding down, and it looks like the

playoffs are just a formality before Chicago is awarded their fifth championship this decade.

Is it a done deal, though? Can the Bulls be beaten? The answer is yes. Nonsense, you say? Tune in next week, you faithless goobers, to the EA Sports NBA playoff preview, where we present the keys to running with the Bulls.

Major League Soccer's second season is under way, without as much fanfare as the first season, but with bigger crowds.

Despite being ranked between pro wrestling and tractor pulls in the hierarchy of America's favorite sports, MLS has been successful enough to announce its first expansion; teams have been awarded to Chicago and Miami for next season.

The participation of nearly the entire U.S. National team, as well as strong international players, like Carlos Valderrama and Jorge Campos, are big reasons for the success of the league, and a big plus for the U.S. soccer program.

If you've never caught an MLS game, Sunday might be the perfect day to see your first one. For those who have been living in a lab, the New England Revolution host the Tampa Bay Mutiny at Foxboro Stadium in the Revolution's first home game of the season.

As an added bonus, the game is the second half of a doubleheader. The first game is a World Cup qualifying match between the United States and Mexico. Will our boys take down the Mexican juggernaut? Will Alexi Lalas play in both games? Will Univision announcer Andres Cantor blow out a vocal cord? Come and see.

Finally, something must be said about the Pernell Whitaker-Oscar De La Hoya fight last weekend. Billed as the fight to prove who is "pound for pound" the best fighter in the world (obviously by people who have never seen the Ultimate Fighting Championship), it almost lived up to its name.

Almost, that is, until the decision was handed down, and De La Hoya was pronounced the victor by a landslide. Not that De La Hoya is a bad fighter, but all three judges had awarded him a lopsided victory in a fight that was certainly closer than the score indicated (in fact, several news organizations covering the fight had Whitaker winning).

It was speculated that De La Hoya had an advantage in judging because he was younger, and thus would generate more and larger purses, meaning more money for the World Boxing Council (which makes a percentage of each purse).

Was this a plot by El Hombre (or, perhaps, the LAPD)? Was the fix in? We may never know, at least not until the rematch, which will undoubtedly happen some time next year and make at least \$15 million for both boxers. Only in America.

Trivia question

This might be a bad idea, since this column is published sporadically, but here we go. As you no doubt have heard, the Boston Bruins failed to make the playoffs for the first time in 30 years.

In that 30-year span, how many Stanley Cups did they win? Send your answers, along with comments and cartoons featuring offensive depictions of middle-aged, white heterosexual males, to esports@the-tech.mit.edu. Correct answers will be announced in the next column, incorrect answers will be announced during Killian Kick-Off next year. Fan mail will be acknowledged, flames will provide useful fodder for next week's jokes. See you then.

Rugby Competes Well In Bahamas Tourney

By Chris Sununu
TEAM MEMBER

The MIT rugby club returned home last week from a highly successful week of rugby as they were featured, as the only team from the United States, in the Easter Rugby Festival in Freeport, Bahamas.

The festival, held every year, features five teams from around the globe that compete for the coveted Easter Cup. This year's competition featured teams from Canada, England, the United States, and the Bahamas.

The first game kicked off on Thursday with a battle against the Freeport team which has been fiercely trying to bring the Cup back to Freeport after its eight-year absence.

The first half showed the Engineers' rustiness as the Freeport team had the upper hand in taking a 17-0 lead. However, soon the lights began to shine for MIT.

After a three-year absence MIT's Jaco Pretorius booted a couple of kicks through the posts to put MIT on the board. The second half also proved well for the Engineers' front pack as they held their opponents but failed to produce enough ball for the backline to score.

The final score was a 21-6 loss for the Engineers. We didn't play the game we were capable of," said Jeff Bucci. "I guarantee tomorrow will be a different story."

The second day did prove different for the MIT ruggers as they took the field against another Bahamas team, the Exiles. MIT came out strong and pushed a try across in the first seven minutes of the game with a beautiful run by Toshiyuki Hino G.

The front pack held strong to give good position for Pretorius to boot three beautiful kicks from distances of up to 55 meters. Later, festival organizer Kirk Antoni, said that the kicks were "of world class caliber."

By half-time the Engineers had a 21-6 lead, which was soon dimin-

ished by a fierce pack of the Exiles early in the second half. The lead was dwindled down to three before forward John Walsh G hopped on a misplayed ball in the try zone to boost the lead.

The Exiles again closed it to a one-point game, but the MIT pack held strong behind Tim Briarer and Fernando Vargas G, to secure the 27-26 victory.

Day three was also victorious for the MIT Engineers as they defeated the Montreal Irish. Once again strong play of MIT's back line, led by Huw Price, pushed two scores across to take the early lead. The front pack held true to form and only allowed the Irish to enter the zone once for a triumphant 13-8 victory.

"Smart pregame preparation for the unprepared Irish is what helped us win this one, said Mike Fife G.

The final day of the tour gave the Engineers their biggest challenge as they faced off against the English Artisans, a team made up of previous Division I and some International English side players. Their skills were clear from the onset as they took a quick lead they never relinquished.

Experience proved to be the deciding factor as the English back line weaved in and out of the tired MIT team. MIT did present a respectable 27 points against the English, including a surprise penalty try by forward Chris Sununu '97 set up by prop Vargas.

The final score, under the blistering Bahamas heat totaled 62-27 in favor of the skilled English. "Considering the heat and our exhaustion, I thought we held together well," said Steve Murray G.

The Engineers finished the week with a respectable 2-2 record against some powerful teams. The Engineers come home to defend last year's Social Division Championship against the Boston Old Boys and Harvard Business School.

Women's Ultimate Team Ranks Tenth in Nation

By Olivera Kessler
TEAM MEMBER

The women's ultimate frisbee team played in their first tournament of the spring season at Princeton University last weekend, earning a 6-0 record for the weekend. The trip kept the team undefeated with an overall record of 9-0 for the spring.

Based on the performance, the Ultimate Players Association ranked

MIT as the 10th best women's college team in North America. The team was previously unranked.

MIT won its round of pool play by beating 17th-ranked University of Pennsylvania 11-3, Drew University 11-0, 19th-ranked Princeton University 11-6, and Dartmouth College 11-3 on the first day, and Syracuse University 11-1 on the second day.

Unfortunately, a series of injuries left the team with only one substitute on the first day, and no subs the second day. Then in the quarterfinal game on the second day, another injury left the team short-handed, forcing them to finish the quarterfinal game against the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with only six players on the field to UMass' seven. Still, MIT managed to come out ahead with a 12-9 win.

At that point, the team would have met Princeton again in the semifinals, but they ended up forfeiting the game rather than playing six-on-seven for a full game and risking further injuries.

This was only the first tournament of the spring. A tournament which had been scheduled to take place in Amherst the previous Sunday had been canceled as a result of the snowstorm and subsequent adverse field conditions.

MIT will compete as the top seed in the East New England Sectional Competition in Rehoboth, Mass. on April 26 and 27. The team will then play in the Northeast Regional Competition on May 3 and 4.

Women's Track Dominates Schools in First Meet

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MIT swept the first event of the day, the hammer throw, claiming all four scoring spots. Jennifer Elizondo '99 took first place with a throw of 87 feet 1 inch.

In the discus competition, the home team placed first. However, the hosts earned all of the other three scoring places. Stacy O'Conner '00 excelled with a 90 feet 1 inch performance which put her in second.

Chen led the Engineers in the long jump landing 15 feet 2 inches into the pit. French broke the first school record of the day by pole vaulting a height of 6 feet 6 inches.

Chen and Eich also soared to impressive heights in the high jump. Both athletes qualified for New England Division III with jumps of 4 feet 10 inches and 5 feet, respectively. In addition, Eich's performance earned a right to compete at the ECAC meet.

MIT got off to a great start in the track events with both 4 x 100 meter relay teams running well. The "A" team took first place with a time of 53.8 seconds.

In the 1,500 meters, MIT runners finished first, third, and fourth. Eisenberg led the way with a time of 5:09.8, thereby qualifying for New England Division III.

Thorvaldsen won the most honors for the day. Not only did she qualify for both New England Division III and ECAC, but also broke a school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.0.

Natalie Smith '00 rocked the 400 in 63.7, earning herself a ticket to the New England Division III. Finally, Chen and Eisenberg held the unique distinction of qualifying for New England Division III in not one, but two events. Chen also qualified in the 100-meter dash (13.2) and Eisenberg in the 3,000 meters (11:09.2).

The women's track and field



Alyssa Thorvaldsen '00 soars at the women's track meet on April 5.

team this year is off to its strongest season ever. The Engineers look

forward to tomorrow's invitational meet at Fitchburg State College.

SPORTS



Connie Sadowski '99 fights off two Smith College opponents for the ball in Tuesday's women's lacrosse game on Jack Barry Field. MIT lost the close game 12-10.

JIRI SCHINDLER - THE TECH

Heavyweight Crew Edges Out Williams To Avenge Past Loss

By Karl Richter
TEAM MEMBER

The first varsity heavyweight eight edged out Williams College by 0.35 seconds in Worcester, last Saturday to win a four boat race between MIT, Williams College, Connecticut College, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

After the start, the Engineers jumped out to an early lead of a few seats, but the persistent Williams crew would not let MIT just walk away for an easy win.

Williams pressured MIT all the way down the 2,000-meter course, surging several times but never moving ahead of MIT. Crossing the finish line, the Engineers were not entirely sure that they had even won the race. But they did win in a time of 6:04.4. Williams finished in 6:04.75, with Connecticut and WPI well back at 6:13.3 and 6:29 respectively.

This win extends the first heavyweight boat's record to 7-0 for racing so far this spring. Heavyweight Coach Gordon Hamilton said that the race was "a very nice win for us" and that Williams deserves a lot of credit.

"Over the past few years, Williams has been one of the top two or three Division II schools," Hamilton said. "Williams is always sharp for this race as it is one of their few opportunities to race a Division I school like MIT."

In the first varsity boat from bow to stern were Charlie Able '97,

Brian Smith '97, Mads Schmidt '98, Karsten Kallevig '99, Mike Perry '99, Dan Parker '99, Karl Richter '99, Robert Lentz '98, and coxswain Jen Lykens '99.

The varsity race was especially pleasing for team captain Robert Lentz '98 and Brian Smith '97, two veterans of last year's MIT varsity which grudging Williams a 1.4-second victory.

MIT's second varsity raced well and comfortably beat WPI by 10 seconds, while still finishing seven seconds behind a strong Williams boat in a time of 6:44.

The first freshman race was also won by Williams, with WPI in second, and MIT third.

The MIT heavyweights will return to Lake Quinsigamond on May 11 for the Eastern Sprints Championships, which is effectively the Division I National Championships for collegiate crew.

This weekend, the heavyweights will travel to Princeton, N.J., to race Princeton University and Harvard University for the Compton Cup. This race will be a chance for the MIT varsity to test itself against the very highest standard of collegiate rowing in the country.

Princeton is the reigning national champion in the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman eight categories, having swept all three events at the 1996 Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships last spring.

Women's Track Starts Season By Smashing Many Records

By Lauren Klatsky
TEAM MEMBER

The women's varsity track and field team kicked off their season with a a third-place finish on Saturday at Steinbrenner Stadium and a definitive victory over Simmons and Bentley Colleges.

MIT hosted the Saturday meet which featured Colby College, Bates College, and Bowdoin College. The Engineers finished third with a score of 50.5 behind Colby (91.5) and Bowdoin (63). Bates scored 12 points in the quadrangular meet.

Under the stiff competition, many school records fell. Five MIT athletes made the record books over the course of the day.

Lila French '99 beat the record she had set in the pole vault on Wednesday by three extra inches, clearing a height of 6 feet 9 inches. Alyssa Thorvaldsen '00 outdid herself in the 100-meter hurdles; she not only finished first, but her time of 16.71 seconds made her eligible to compete at the All-New England championship meet at the end of the season.

Smith established a new school record in the 400 meters by shaving 2.3 seconds off the previously record-breaking time she ran on Wednesday. Also her 61.41 second performance put her in first place in the race and qualified her for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship meet.

Both varsity and freshman records fell in the 200-meter dash. Elaine Chen '99 and Renee Bowen '00 finished neck-in-neck with times of 27.93 and 27.98, respectively. This stellar performance,

also entitled Chen to compete in the New England Division III regional.

Other athletes may not have broken records, but they earned points for the Engineers. Jill Eich '99 and Chen performed strongly in the high jump to place second and fourth in the event, respectively. Robin Evans '99 showed her stuff in the 800-meter run, crossing the finish line fourth in 2:35.10. Thorvaldsen won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 74.24.

Janis Eisenberg '98 dominated the 3,000 meters by running the race 17 seconds faster (10 minutes 52.06 seconds) than in the previous meet. This superior time allows her to compete at the ECAC in this event.

While Chen and Bowen did not set school records in the 100-meter

dash, they both ran phenomenally and placed second and third. Bowen's 13.49 performance sends her to the New England Division III while Chen's 13.24 second time qualifies her for the New England championship.

Team wins home season opener

In the April 9 meet, the Engineers scored a total of 137 points while Bentley and Simmons finished with 39 and 12, respectively.

Despite subfreezing temperatures, two MIT athletes broke school records and five qualified for post-season competition at the New England Division III and ECAC championship meets.

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, April 18

Baseball vs. Albertus Magnus College, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Men's Lacrosse vs. Bates College, 1 p.m.

Men's Rugby vs. University of New Hampshire, 11:30 a.m.

Softball vs. Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 11 a.m.

Men's Outdoor Track and Field vs. Bates College and Tufts University

Monday, April 21

Men's Tennis vs. Dartmouth College B, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Men's Tennis vs. Amherst College, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

Men's Lacrosse vs. University of Massachusetts at Boston, 3 p.m.