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Dining Group Rules Out Mandatory Plan

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The food services working group has tentatively turned down a proposal to institute mandatory meal plans for all MIT students, said Campus Activities Complex Director Phillip J. Walsh, who heads the group.

"We are not recommending the establishment of mandatory meal plans" in the current tentative report, Walsh said. "We have to improve people's confidence in the system." By improving quality and value, food service operations can likely be profitable without the requirement of a meal plan.

The mandatory meal plan proposal was just one option that the working group has debated over the past year as it tried to devise a master strategy that would detail the future of dining at the Institute. The

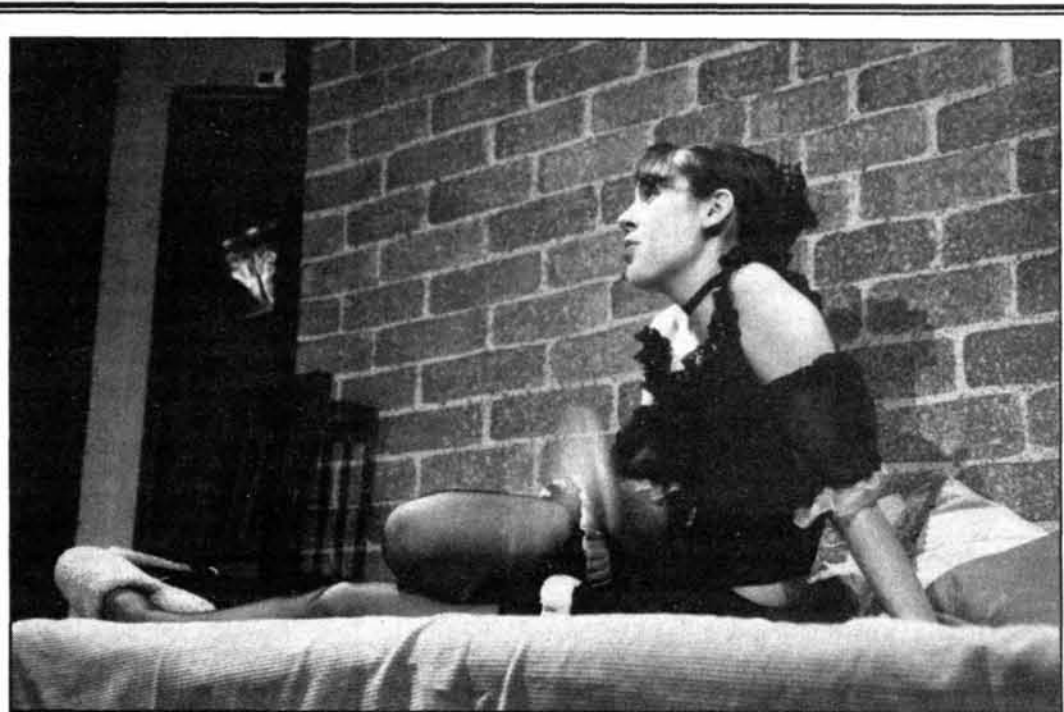
group is scheduled to unveil additional details in its tentative report to the Undergraduate Association Monday evening.

The tentative proposals are currently being reviewed by an outside financial group, Walsh said. In creating the proposals, "cost is just one of many factors" that the group addressed.

Comments on the tentative plans will be sought prior to releasing the final report to Rosalind H. Williams, dean for undergraduate education, and William R. Dickson '56, senior vice president. Williams and Dickson will then determine if and how to implement the plan.

Dining, community to be stressed
The group's final model for food

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Gwen (Andrea H. Zengion '99) fantasizes in Dramashop's *Down and Dirty: Taking it All Off*, playing in Little Kresge Theater tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Small Explosive Devices Detonate Near New House Yard on Tuesday

By Venkatesh Satish
NEWS EDITOR

One or more explosive devices, which could have been "dry ice bombs," soda bottles containing a mixture of dry ice and water, exploded in the courtyard between MacGregor House and New House early Tuesday morning, waking students and leaving one unexploded

device near the suite of the New House housemasters.

Campus Police received complaints about a loud noise at 2 a.m. and responded minutes later, said Chief Anne P. Glavin. Officers at the scene decided to call in the Cambridge Fire Department to assist with the situation. Requesting such help is not unusual when

Campus Police are dealing with explosive devices, Glavin said.

Eventually, only one exploded device and one unexploded device were found near New House. The unexploded one was near the living area of New House Housemaster John M. Essigmann '76, and it was very near to the play area of his son.

"I'm obviously very concerned. ... Students who were doing this left an unexploded bottle in an area where a child plays," Essigmann said. He also noted that the device was placed close to a swing and seesaw.

"I don't think it's a good idea to play with these kinds of devices because it could cause harm" to the people who assembled the bombs, as well, Essigmann said.

Investigations to proceed

It is uncertain right now who might have committed the act, and the Campus Police has yet to complete its investigation, Glavin said. In many similar cases, "it's simply impossible to find out who did it, and that might be the case here."

"I think it is an irresponsible act, [but] I don't think it was malicious," said MacGregor Housemaster Munther A. Dahleh. An internal investigation through MacGregor's Judicial Committee will be launched to determine if MacGregor residents were responsible for making and throwing the devices, he said.

There is some doubt as to how many bombs went off, with some residents claiming they heard two explosions, Dahleh said.

Essigmann said he heard a loud noise at around 11 p.m. Monday night shortly before retiring for the evening, but said he was not sure if that was one of the devices.

"We feel strongly that [the incident] was inappropriate, and we are determined to get to the bottom of it," said John S. Wilson, associate housemaster at MacGregor.

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MIT Event Focuses On Racial Awareness

By Sharmin Ghaznavi

On Tuesday, nearly 160 MIT students representing 23 student living groups, dormitories, and organizations gathered in front of Kresge Auditorium for the SCORE '97 community service event. SCORE stands for Service in the Community Oriented Toward Race Relations Enhancement.

SCORE is one of MIT's largest community service events, second only to City Days.

SCORE was started three years ago by members of the Sigma Chi fraternity. They "recognized that there are many different racial groups on campus, but that they don't do anything together," said Charles C. Wykoff '98, the chair of the event.

The day of community service events was designed to allow students to work together to form bonds that transcend racial and cultural barriers, he said.

This year also marked the first time that the MIT chapter of the Order of Omega, the National Greek Leadership Honor Society, organized the event.

Event stresses race relations

The day began with breakfast for the volunteers, followed by a speech from the keynote speaker, Rev. Sam Ward, the outreach representative for the 10 Point Coalition. The 10 Point Coalition has served disadvantaged neighborhoods throughout Boston for the past five years. Ward spoke about the importance of service to the community and encouraged volunteers to make service a lifelong commitment.

Volunteers were then organized into groups randomly to help individuals from different ethnic groups and living groups interact with each other. They began with an icebreaker and then moved on to discussing race relations. Managing the discussion for each group were two group leaders.

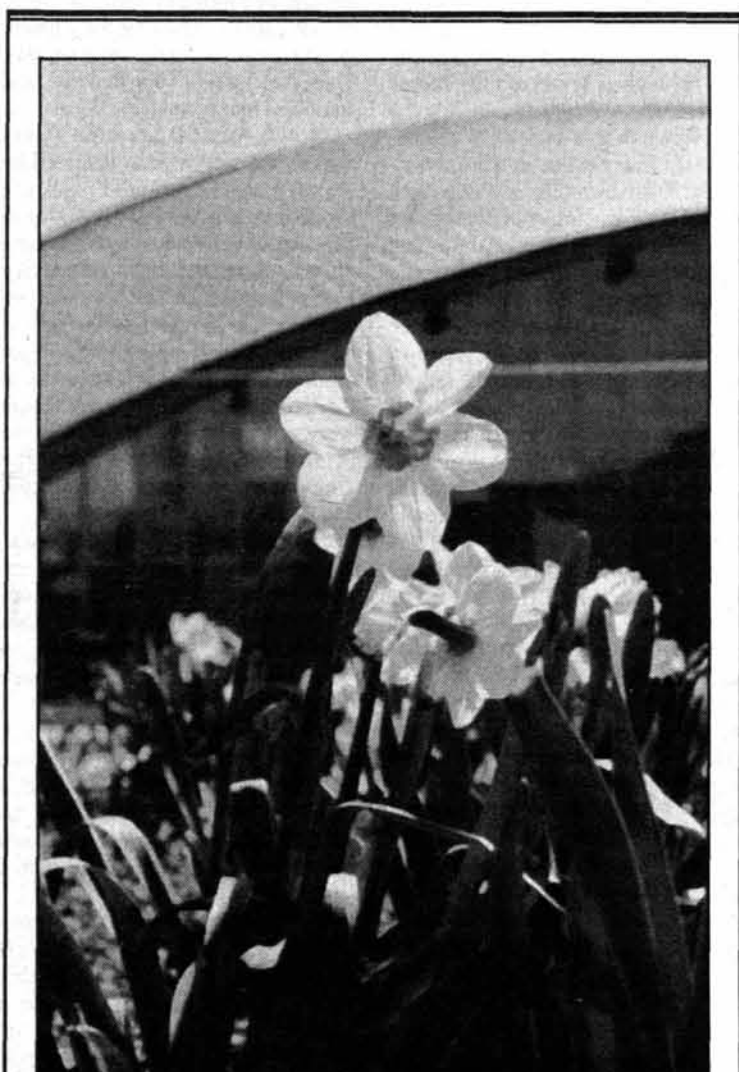
A two-hour training session on Monday prepared leaders for managing discussions on the difficult subject of race relations. Leaders were to start and mediate discussions on race, so they were taught how to initiate a discussion and keep it going, as well as on how to keep it on track toward a positive outcome that would bring the group together.

Following the discussion, groups went off to different sites to begin their community service projects. In total, 14 sites were chosen. SCORE organizers chose sites based on their proximity and on the organizations' willingness to have SCORE volunteers for the day.

The organizations included a number of local food pantries, food banks, homeless shelters, and community service centers. At most sites, volunteers contributed by cleaning and painting.

Support for the project was provided by the MIT Community Service Fund, the Public Service Center, the Coop, and the Timberland Cooperation.

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JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

Unable to anticipate the recent chill, this daffodil blooms in spring weather on Tuesday.

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Informer Allows Officials to Foil Bombing Plot in Texas

THE WASHINGTON POST

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Their plan, an FBI official said, was to "wipe out" half of Wise County on May 1.

First, the three men and one woman allegedly planned to blow up a gas refinery in Bridgeport, Texas, releasing what they thought would be a lethal cloud of hydrogen sulfide gas and perhaps killing police officers who would come to investigate a telephone bomb threat. During the chaos, they hoped to rob an armored car in the small town of Chico of \$2 million, money they planned to use to finance other terrorist actions, the FBI said.

But the foursome was arrested quietly Tuesday after the Dallas Joint Terrorism Task Force, a coalition of federal and local police, staged a month-long investigation in largely rural Wise County, northwest of Fort Worth, using an informer who was part of the group.

"He came to us and said he had learned that these people were planning this, and he could not condone violence of this nature," said Robert Garrity, assistant special agent-in-charge of the Dallas FBI office. "He wanted to help us avoid a tragedy."

The foursome planned to use the money to finance other terrorist actions.

Russia, China, and Asian Neighbors Sign Border Pact

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Russia, China, and three Central Asian neighbors signed an agreement Thursday hailed as a breakthrough in reducing military forces along their shared 4,340-mile border, but the extent of the actual pull-back of forces remained unclear.

In a Kremlin ceremony, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Chinese President Jiang Zemin and the leaders of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan signed what Yeltsin called an "unprecedented" agreement climaxing seven years of negotiation. Jiang hailed the agreement as a "model of security differing from the Cold War mentality."

The treaty would set 62-mile-wide zones on each side of the border in which limits are placed on armaments and personnel, according to the Russian news agency Interfax. The limits are 3,900 tanks for Russia and the three Central Asian states, of which 3,810 would be Russian, and 3,900 for China, Interfax reported.

The agreement also allows up to 4,500 other armored vehicles, but Interfax said China would not reach the limits because it long ago stopped stationing large forces along its borders with the former Soviet Union.

Top General Insists That Marines Continue Separation of Sexes

THE BALTIMORE SUN

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

While the Army sex scandal has renewed a debate about whether men and women should train together, the top Marine general said Thursday he would insist that his service continue to separate the sexes in basic training.

"Why aren't we integrating gender? We don't think it's a good idea to do that," said Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Krulak said it was best for women to first learn "the ethos of our precious corps" and to train with female sergeants and officers before being integrated with men.

"We want to look up to a role model that we can identify with," Krulak recalled the trainees saying. "We want to look up and see the battalion commander is a woman. We'll see enough guys in the next four years or 40."

Krulak's comments came in response to questions from the audience following his address to the U.S. Naval Institute's meeting at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

"We're not knocking how anybody else does it," Krulak said. "We're just saying for our corps it works for us and we're not going to change no matter how much pressure is put on."

WEATHER

Come On, Spring

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

As the coastal storm slowly drifts toward the Maritimes and continues to intensify, a high pressure area from south central Canada will gently nudge into the Northeast. Nonetheless, our region will continue to experience the after-effects of the departing storm. The northwesterly flow with its cold, unstable air aloft, will generate considerable midday clouds on Friday, with perhaps a chance of widely scattered sprinkles. The next few nights look to be clear, but quite chilly. Fairer skies are promised for Saturday, with some warm-up to about seasonal temperatures on Sunday. Rains are then to arrive in the Northeast for the first part of next week.

Today: Sunny start, with clouds building up by mid-morning. Partly cloudy and fairly brisk afternoon, with cooler-than-normal high of 56°F (13°C).

Tonight: Clearing and quite chilly. Low 38°F (4°C)

Saturday: Partly to mostly sunny and a tad warmer. Highs 58-62°F (14-17°C). Afternoon sea breezes in some coastal location will knock a few degrees off the daytime highs.

Sunday outlook: Fair and more pleasant with a warmer afternoon. Lows 36-44°F (3-6°C), highs in the low 60s (16-18°C)

Oklahoma City Prosecutor Depicts a 'Twisted' McVeigh

By Lois Romano and Tom Kenworthy

THE WASHINGTON POST

DENVER

Repeatedly assailing Timothy J. McVeigh as "twisted," a federal prosecutor Thursday portrayed the accused Oklahoma City bomber as a calculating terrorist whose warped sense of patriotism drove him to kill 168 people in hopes of starting a popular uprising against the federal government.

"In plain and simple terms, it was an act of terror," Joseph Hartzler told the rapt jury during opening arguments, his voice at times cracking with emotion. "The man who committed this act is sitting in this courtroom behind me. He is the one who committed those murders."

Countering the government's richly detailed portrayal of McVeigh's escalating hatred of the government, McVeigh's lawyer, Stephen Jones, proclaimed his client's innocence and argued that McVeigh's political views fell within the "political and social mainstream."

McVeigh, sporting a bright blue plaid shirt, listened intently in a courtroom packed with 150 people as Jones conceded to jurors that McVeigh was "extremely upset" over what he viewed as government abuses of individual liberty. But, Jones insisted, it was no different from how "millions of people fear and distrust the government."

The sharply contrasting views of McVeigh, 29, came two years and five days after a massive truck bomb sheared off the front of the Alfred P.

Murrah Federal Building, killing 149 adults and 19 children, injuring more than 500 others, and forever shattering the nation's sense of immunity from terrorism. The trial is likely to last several months. McVeigh's co-defendant, Terry L. Nichols, facing identical murder and conspiracy charges that could also bring the death penalty, will be tried separately.

Hartzler, who has multiple sclerosis and addressed the jury of seven men and five women from a wheelchair, zeroed in on McVeigh's alleged motives. He charged that McVeigh, after his discharge from the Army, blew up the building to avenge the federal assault on the Branch Davidian religious compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993. And for the first time, he revealed fresh evidence collected from McVeigh in the hours after his arrest, 75 miles from Oklahoma City on the day of the blast.

There was an excerpt found in McVeigh's car from "The Turner Diaries," the far-right novel that advocates a violent uprising against a seemingly oppressive government. "The real value of our attack lies in the psychological impact, not in the immediate casualties," Hartzler read from the excerpt. The T-shirt McVeigh wore at the time of his arrest, said Hartzler, also "broadcast his intentions." On the front was a likeness of Abraham Lincoln and on the back a quote from Thomas Jefferson: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." Drops of scarlet blood dripped from a picture of a tree.

Traces of residue from a detonator cord, the prosecutor said, were found on McVeigh's shirt, in the pockets of his pants and on a set of earplugs found in his pocket.

Hartzler also read from an incriminating document found on a computer file McVeigh had created at the home of his sister, Jennifer, who will testify for the government. "All you tyrannical (expletive), you'll swing in the wind one day for your treasonous attacks against the Constitution of the United States," Hartzler quoted from the file. "Die, you spineless, cowardice bastards."

The prosecutor began his remarks with the dramatic recounting of how an idyllic spring day in Oklahoma City turned into a nightmare when McVeigh allegedly parked a Ryder truck he had rented two days before in front of a federal building swarming with government workers. He told the story of 16-month-old Tevin Garrett, who was dropped off at the Murrah building day-care center shortly before the blast. He spoke of how Tevin had cried and clung to his mother, and how she and other parents could look up at the plate glasses windows in front of the Murrah building to wave goodbye to their children.

"It was almost as if you could reach up and touch the children," Hartzler said. "None of those parents ever touched their children again while they were alive." (Fifteen of the 21 children in the second-floor day-care center were killed by the blast.) McVeigh, Hartzler said, "chose to take their innocent lives to serve his own twisted purposes."

FBI Evidence Shows Chinese Backed Plan to Buy Influence

By Bob Woodward

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The FBI has obtained substantial evidence that "top" Chinese officials approved plans in 1995 to attempt to buy influence with American politicians, and that the scheme continued through the 1996 elections and is ongoing, according to U.S. government officials.

Secret communications between Beijing and the Chinese Embassy in Washington establish that the influence-buying plan was "government sanctioned," one official said. "There is today ongoing pressure to keep going, despite the (campaign finance) investigations and press attention," said another source familiar with the FBI intelligence.

The officials declined to name the Chinese officials who allegedly approved the plans. "It's a pretty small top," one source said, noting that the number one official in China is President Jiang Zemin and the number two is Premier Li Peng.

Until recently, investigators on a special FBI task force examining the Beijing component of the campaign-finance controversy had not assembled all the pieces of intelligence that would confirm direct approval by senior levels of the Chinese government. Some senior White House officials initially concluded that authorization for the Chinese effort might have gone no higher than the embassy here.

While officials said the FBI now has what one described as "amazing" detail showing the Chinese intent to buy influence, and has tracked some China-U.S. money transfers they believe may be connected, investigators have not yet conclusively tied that information to any payment to an individual or

organization.

On Wednesday, FBI Director Louis J. Freeh and Attorney General Janet Reno briefed senior members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence about the establishment of a connection between the scheme and the highest levels of the Chinese government.

Although this latest FBI assessment appears to pose a major potential problem for U.S. relations with China, White House officials said Thursday they had received no such information or update from the Justice Department or the FBI.

During those visits, Vice President Al Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright reportedly warned Chinese officials that if allegations of government involvement in an influence-buying attempt were proven, it would be considered serious. Beijing has categorically denied the allegations.

Communications difficulties between the White House and the FBI on the matter first arose in February, when the White House asked for information about a China connection to the ongoing fund-raising investigation after learning of it from news reports. But Freeh refused on grounds that the White House itself might be implicated in the criminal inquiry.

After the White House persisted, formally requesting the information as crucial to its conduct of foreign policy with Beijing, Freeh and Reno determined that President Clinton would be provided with a broad statement about possible Chinese government involvement in any illegal activities.

One White House official said such a statement eventually was received, but he described it as vague, "plain vanilla," and merely

recounting press reports of an investigation.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who attended the classified Wednesday briefing by Freeh and Reno, described the allegations regarding the Chinese government as "very, very serious. These are foreign contributions, and laundered money, and it's illegal."

But there still are significant gaps in the information gathered by investigators, including all the intended targets of laundered Chinese government funds, or conclusive evidence that the money ever reached any of them. A number of possible destinations for the money are being looked at by investigators, ranging from members of Congress — at least six of whom were warned of possible Chinese intentions in 1996 — to the Democratic National Committee and Clinton's legal-defense fund.

The investigation involves tracking funds from the Chinese government or Chinese government-controlled businesses through a number of foreign and domestic banks, corporations and perhaps even cash transfers.

One transaction being examined, for example, involves more than \$100,000 transferred in 1995 from a Chinese bank in New York to another bank in Washington, corresponding in time and amount with a questionable DNC contribution.

In another example, sources confirmed the substance of a Wall Street Journal report earlier this month that Charles Yah Lin Trie, a longtime Arkansas friend of Clinton's and a DNC fund-raiser, received large bank transfers from a major Chinese state-run commercial bank. The transfers amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars in 1995 and 1996, the sources said.

Zairian Refugees Fled Camp Said to Be Attacked by Rebels

By James Rupert
THE WASHINGTON POST

GOMA, ZAIRE

Zairian rebel troops appear to have attacked a refugee camp in dense jungle near the city of Kisangani, forcing about 50,000 sick, exhausted and malnourished people to flee into the surrounding forest, U.N. officials said Thursday.

U.N. workers went searching Thursday for an estimated 100,000 refugees — ethnic Hutus from Rwanda — who in recent weeks have been huddled in rude camps along a dirt road south of rebel-held Kisangani, Zaire's third-largest city. Local officials of the rebel alliance, which controls about half of Zaire, had refused relief workers access to the camps for three days, while travelers from the region reported that residents or soldiers there were attacking the camps.

Thursday, when rebel officials and troops escorted U.N. workers to the nearest of the camps, which had held an estimated 50,000 people, it was "completely empty," said

Filippo Grandi, head of U.N. refugee operations in eastern Zaire. What remained "was a scene that suggested a mass flight of refugees, under threat," he said via satellite telephone from Kisangani.

Grandi said he was awaiting a formal explanation from local officials. But he said he had been told informally that rebel forces attacked the camp because former Rwandan soldiers and militiamen among the Hutu refugees allegedly had attacked nearby villages.

"There was scattered gunfire everywhere" in the jungle surrounding the camp, Grandi said, and the convoy returned to Kisangani without being able to check on the state of other camps, which also were rumored to have been attacked. He said his team had seen areas of recently dug earth near the camps but had been unable to inspect them to determine whether they might be mass graves.

The refugees' disappearance follows accusations by top U.N. and U.S. officials that the rebel alliance

is obstructing efforts to help the Hutu refugees, perhaps in hopes that they will perish in the jungles.

The rebel forces, which seek to overthrow Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko, include a large contingent of ethnic Tutsis, some of whom have fought brutal wars with Hutus in eastern Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi.

"If the rebel alliance would like to have normal relations with Western governments, they've got to act in a credible way and a humanitarian way, and that doesn't seem to be the case right here," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said on Wednesday.

The Hutus south of Kisangani fled Rwanda in 1994, after a Tutsi-led rebel force seized power there and halted the slaughter of an estimated half-million Tutsis by Hutu extremists in the government, armed forces and militias. More than a million settled in camps in Zaire, and armed elements among them staged raids into their home country.

Amid Trust Fund Report, Clinton Proposes New Medicare Bailout

By Robert A. Rosenblatt and Edwin Chen
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Medicare's hospital trust fund is only four years away from bankruptcy, the government reported Thursday, prompting the Clinton administration to insist that any budget deal this year must include a financial rescue of the massive medical program for the elderly and disabled.

The hospital trust fund will run out of money in the latter part of 2001, according to the annual report issued by the system's trustees. Social Security is in much better shape, the report said, because the retirement trust fund will not face a deficit until the year 2029.

While the projected doomsday dates for the programs are no earlier than in last year's trustees' report, the political and fiscal pressure is more intense because another year has elapsed without significant reforms to deal with rising costs in either program.

President Clinton will not accept a budget agreement with the Republican Congress unless it provides Medicare savings that extend the hospital trust fund's life another seven years, until 2008, Health and

Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said Thursday.

However, cooperation may be difficult. Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., and several other Senate Republicans pointedly recalled being "ravaged," in the words of Sen. Paul Coverdell of Georgia, by the Democrats in the 1996 campaign for having proposed reductions in the growth of Medicare while seeking a broad tax cut.

Among the Medicare reforms Republicans are seeking, according to Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is an expansion of health-care choices for seniors. It would be modeled after the popular Federal Employees Health Benefit Program, which covers about 10 million government workers, retirees and their dependents.

Democrats are balking at Republican budget-package proposals. Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV, D-W.Va., said the GOP's stated desire to cut capital gains and estate taxes poses "the real danger here" and stands in the way of a Medicare solution.

As the majority party in both houses of Congress, the Republicans have the upper hand in negotiations for changes in Medicare.

Shalala said if an agreement is reached this year on immediate fiscal repairs to Medicare, a bipartisan commission could be appointed to look for permanent financial solutions.

Any action this year or next will be just a short-term solution, giving future Congresses and presidents the burden of preserving the popular programs for the massive baby boom generation, which begins drawing benefits in the year 2011. Spending will soar — while there are 34 million persons over 65 today, there will be 61 million by the year 2025.

In private talks with congressional leaders, the administration has offered another \$15 billion in future savings, which also would come from payments to providers rather than from Medicare beneficiaries.

Medicare will spend an estimated \$208 billion this year on more than 38 million beneficiaries, helping to pay the medical bills of persons over 65, and the disabled of all ages.

The hospital trust fund, expected to go broke in 2001, is financed by a 1.45 percent payroll tax on all wages, paid by the worker and the employer.

Tobacco Giant Philip Morris Pledges 'Spirit of Cooperation' at Meeting

By John Mintz
THE WASHINGTON POST

RICHMOND

Philip Morris Cos. Chairman Geoffrey C. Bible, in his first public comments on attempts to settle legal battles engulfing his industry, told shareholders Thursday that he will negotiate with adversaries in "a spirit of cooperation."

Bible's remarks, made at the cigarette company's annual stockholders meeting, came a week after 22 state attorneys general announced they are negotiating with industry executives to settle anti-tobacco lawsuits.

"We will listen to and explore all reasonable measures that make sense, and are in the interest of you, our stockholders," said Bible, who also is the firm's chief executive.

The Australian-born Bible, who in the past has mounted slashing attacks on anti-smoking activists and government regulators, also extended a smoldering peace pipe to the Food and Drug Administration. A federal judge in North Carolina is

scheduled to render a key ruling Friday on whether the agency can regulate the industry.

While calling the FDA's claim of jurisdiction over tobacco "unlawful and unreasonable," Bible said he's "prepared to work with responsible government representatives and others to develop a consensus about a regulatory system that would be balanced, reasonable and effective."

"Many people have good ideas, and with a little trust and a spirit of cooperation, there can be a change for the better," he said.

Company executives have made similar statements before, but Wall Street apparently liked what Bible had to say. The company's stock rose \$1 to \$41.75.

Shareholders overwhelmingly defeated three proxy proposals after Bible gently jostled with the dissidents who offered them. But while most anti-cigarette proxies in the past garnered no more than 6 percent of the vote, one proposal Thursday — demanding the firm do

more to discourage youth smoking overseas — won 10 percent of shareholders' votes.

The Rev. Michael Crosby, representing the Capuchin Franciscan order, criticized the company's "distortions and lies," and urged it to ban cancer-causing agents from cigarettes. His proposal was defeated.

The 1,000 shareholders in attendance lustily applauded Bible's upbeat presentation about the firm's surging sales and profits.

The world's largest and most profitable consumer packaged goods manufacturer, Philip Morris last year earned \$6.3 billion on \$69 billion in sales of Marlboro cigarettes, Miller beer, Maxwell House coffee, Raisin Bran cereal and other products.

Many of the people in the audience appeared to be small shareholders, and they wore stickers proclaiming, "I'm Proud to Be a Philip Morris Stockholder." Several rose to praise Bible for his courtliness in hearing out the dozen or so anti-smoking activists.

Report Predicts Italy Will Not Meet Requirements for Euro Union

THE WASHINGTON POST

PARIS

Italy is reeling from a preliminary report by the European Commission in Brussels predicting it will not be able to meet the economic criteria for entry into the club of the euro, as the new money is called.

On Wednesday, the commission report predicted that 13 of the European Union's 15 member nations will be able to cut their budget deficits enough to qualify when the final selection is made almost exactly a year from now. The only two projected non-starters: Italy and Greece. The list of non-participants actually is likely to be longer than that, but that was little comfort to the Italians.

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi has virtually staked his government on getting into the first wave of the euro and is engaged in an all-out effort to reform Italy's traditionally uncontrollable spending and inflation. Among other measures, he has imposed a special tax and major budget cuts.

The fuss over one report may seem overblown. But all of Europe is focused these days on who qualifies and who does not.

Joining the single-currency program, which British Prime Minister John Major has called "the most important decision in a generation," is a matter not just of economics but of politics.

Economically, the criteria — setting targets for low inflation, interest rates, budget deficits and debt — are clear-cut. They were designed principally by Germany, with an eye to making sure that the German mark is not weakened when it is melded with other currencies.

Broadcasters Oppose Rumored Choice to Head Digital TV Panel

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Squaring off against the computer industry and one of television's most legendary critics, TV broadcasters told the Clinton administration they will oppose any White House effort to appoint computer executives or former regulator Newton Minow to a blue-ribbon panel that will recommend what public service rules should be imposed on operators of digital TV stations.

The presidential panel is expected to play a key role in developing public service rules that will be imposed by the Federal Communications Commission on digital TV broadcasters as they received licenses. The FCC approved a digital TV licensing plan for the nation's 1,600 TV broadcasters but delayed action on the public service rules.

In a letter to Vice President Al Gore, National Association of Broadcasters President Edward O. Fritts said that while the group supports consideration of a broad cross-section of candidates, "we will protest vigorously the inclusion of computer industry representatives and other outright competitors on such a body."

Fritts also said he was concerned about rumored consideration of Minow, a Democrat and former FCC chairman who 36 years ago in a speech to the broadcast industry called television programming "a vast wasteland."

Broadcasters and the computer industry have been at odds over technology standards for digital television.

Postmaster General Rebuffs Conflict-of-Interest Charges

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Postmaster General Marvin T. Runyon, his voice quaking with emotion, defended himself from conflict-of-interest charges Thursday, saying "I didn't come here to make money."

Speaking out for the first time since it was publicly disclosed that he is being investigated by a federal grand jury, Runyon said he had not profited from his participation in "a few meetings" over proposals to put Coca Cola Co. vending machines in the lobbies of the nation's post offices. At the time Runyon held Coca Cola stock valued at between \$350,000 and \$360,000.

"I have never had a question asked about my ethics before," Runyon told the subcommittee, saying "This is really a rather traumatic thing with me. It is something that I would have never expected."

The postmaster general's comments won him praise from both Republicans and Democrats on the subcommittee. Chairman John M. McHugh, R-N.Y., said he was poised to ask him about the investigation. But he added he had "never questioned why you are serving" and noted Runyon had made far more money in private industry.

Snapple Debacle Takes Toll: Quaker Oats to Replace CEO

THE WASHINGTON POST

Quaker Oats Co. said Wednesday it is looking for a successor to chief executive William Smithburg, whose career included the company's strikingly successful acquisition and expansion of Gatorade but who may be best remembered for a disaster called Snapple.

On the same day that the Chicago-based food products company posted a \$1.1 billion first-quarter loss caused by Snapple, it announced that its board of directors would form a committee to look for a successor for the 58-year-old Smithburg, who will remain on the job until a replacement is found.

"It was under his leadership that they bought Snapple, and Snapple produced essentially a \$1.4 billion hole in the balance sheet," said Chris Jakubik, an industry analyst with SBC Warburg Inc. "From that perspective, many investors were rather disgruntled."

Quaker acquired Snapple in 1994 when the brand that created the market for flavored iced teas was at the peak of its popularity. But after Quaker paid \$1.7 billion for it, sales began to decline.

Quaker announced March 27 that it would sell the Snapple beverage business to Triarc Cos., a New York company that markets rival new-age brand Mystic and the soft drink Royal Crown, for \$300 million.

OPINION

MIT Needs Direction in the Humanities

Last week, the faculty passed a motion that would commit the Institute to creating a new undergraduate communication requirement. The requirement, which will overhaul the current Phase I and Phase II system, promises to require students to achieve a far higher level of competency in communication before they graduate. But whether that promise will become a reality is another story entirely.

A new communication requirement raises the far larger issue of the role of humanities at MIT. The proposal for the requirement has generated discussion about MIT's educational mission with regard to the humanities. The main argument against more stringent humanities requirements is that MIT is a technical school geared toward providing a top-notch education in science and engineering. Humanities are nice to some extent, but they are not part of the core mission, and too much of them will distract students from what they are at MIT to learn. Others argue that proficiency in humanities, especially communication, is just as important — or at least a crucial complement — to proficiency in a technical field. Both sides have been airing their views on humanities for decades at MIT, and no clear decision from the faculty has ever really emerged on just how seriously MIT should be taking humanities.

If the utterly dismal attendance at last term's writing requirement open forum is any indication, students don't really care about the changes either. The lack of interest may well stem from the fact that the changes won't affect them since the requirement won't go into effect until 2000. But the far more significant issue seems to be that the vast majority of students at MIT — past, present, and likely future — aren't very concerned about writing or the humanities in general at all.

To be sure, MIT has to have some minimum standards for humanities, both to be an accredited university and also to make sure the Institute isn't churning out complete illiterates. But everyone knows that the current writing requirement is little more than a joke. The system tolerates an embarrassingly low level of competence in writing, and a shocking number of students get by unable to do much more than string together coherent sentences. The humanities requirement is not much better. Yes, all students are required to take eight humanities classes, but students can and often do dodge any serious work in the humanities during their four years at MIT.

It's not clear exactly what the new system will require (experiments and pilot programs will be in the works soon), but it seems doubtful that it can do very much in the continuing climate of a faculty sitting on the fence and perennially unwilling students. MIT students will probably never come around. But if the faculty actually wants change, it should make its intentions clear. The new, as-of-yet undefined communication requirement is not a large enough step. Without strong commitment, the new requirement will prove to be simply an add-on — much like many of the current less-than-rigorous writing practica. If the faculty feels strongly that humanities should not play, it should stop plaguing students with useless requirement after requirement.

Either way, the faculty needs some clear direction on the matter. The reality at MIT right now is an in-between situation — a half-baked commitment to the humanities that demands little out of students and gets little from them. If MIT doesn't make up its mind about the fundamental role it wants from the humanities, the new requirement will fail like the requirements that have come before it.



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Editorial

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Letters To The Editor

Dormitory Residents Should Also Be Eligible For Subsidized T Passes

I'm writing because I am sick of the double standard that exists with the privileges the administration grants to students living in independent living groups over those who live in dormitories. I decided to take two classes at Harvard University this term, so I went ahead and cross registered. I had heard that MIT students could get subsidies on T passes, so I went to the Registrar's Office to try to find out more information. They told me that the transportation people would have a booth set up in Lobby 10 a couple of days later and that I should look out for that.

Well, a couple of days later, I went to

Lobby 10 and asked the lady at the booth if I could get a subsidized T pass. She asked me if I was an MIT student and if I lived in a dormitory, and I answered yes on both counts. She then apologized and told me that as a student living on campus, I was not eligible for the T pass subsidy.

The issue here is not the lost potential savings that this situation entailed — I have long since forgotten about the extra \$10 a month I spend paying full prices for T passes. It is an issue of principle. I can understand why the administration might be concerned about transportation for students living off campus. That is, after all, the principle reason we spend so much money maintaining the Safe Ride operation (though dormitory students, to a lesser extent, make use of the service as well).

But to deny dormitory students the same subsidies on T passes that are available to

those living off-campus is just ridiculous. Is the administration so cheap that it can't spend a few hundred extra bucks subsidizing T passes that will make it cheaper for their own students (even if they are just dormitory students) to get around town? Or are they just trying to emphasize the point that, in their eyes, dormitory students are simply second-class members of the MIT community?

I simply can't buy the "off-campus-students-need-the-T-more" argument. It is both naive and inaccurate. How many students, living anywhere, do you know who take the T to class in the morning? I know of an economics major living at Alpha Delta Phi who occasionally takes the T from Central to Kendall Square to get to classes in Building E52 when he is running late, but that's it.

Meanwhile, I take the T to class five days a week. Granted, those classes are not at MIT, but I hardly see why that's relevant. The fact is that I cross registered because I thought it would enhance my educational experience, and I can see no better reason for subsidizing T passes than for such a purpose. But apparently the administration feels differently.

I think it's a disgrace that an institution that proclaims to be interested in giving its students the best possible chance at the best possible educational experience could operate on regulations that are clearly contradictory to that goal. Perhaps the administration feels that promoting education is not as important as kissing the collective rear of MIT's ILGs, who save MIT the hassle of expanding dorm housing. But I think I speak for many, if not most, in the MIT community when I say I hope that isn't the case.

I certainly hope that MIT takes a closer look at its T pass subsidy policy and reconsiders its restrictions. Such regulations are only a microcosm of the myriad of MIT rules and regulations that leave dormitory students feeling like second-class citizens.

Farhan H. Zaidi G



"I've been fired, Honey. The boss caught me reading 'Dilbert.'"

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Woods' Achievement Is A Victory for Minorities

Okay, so maybe Tiger Woods isn't the next Jackie Robinson. Maybe he is being hyped up because he brings a lot of money to the game of golf and to Nike. But the comments that David D. Hsu '98 made in his column ["Excellence, Not Race, Inspired America," April 18] are a little ridiculous. He totally overlooks the importance one of the biggest sports events in the world.

First of all, Woods is the youngest man to win the Masters. Hsu said: "There's nothing extraordinary about Woods' age. Teenagers are prominent in many sports, ranging from gymnastics to ice skating to basketball." And his point is? Yes, teenagers are prominent in these sports and they receive acclaim because of it. How many

times have I heard the stories of Keri Strugg? Martina Hingis? Kobie Bryant and Kevin Garnett? Tiger deserves the same attention these athletes get because they all share an extraordinary mixture of talent and youth.

Hsu ignores the monumental impact Woods' achievement has on minorities and specifically on the black community. It is not a question of whether Woods is facing the same obstacles as Robinson did in baseball. It is the fact that people like Jim Dent and other brilliant golfers (black and white) laid down their lives and careers to open the doors for everyone.

To ignore this struggle is an insult to these golfers and a slap in the face at their perseverance and determination. If I were Hsu, I would take time to do a little history lesson. Ask Bill Spiller what it took to drop the "Caucasians-only" clause in 1961 (which benefited all minorities, not just blacks). Ask Bill Powell. Ask all the minority golfers, especially black golfers, why they were so happy on Sunday. Ask them if it was worth it.

Marlon D. Shows '97



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Itzhak Perlman
Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. April 27, 3 p.m. Admission: \$44, \$40, \$35. Information: 266-1200. Itzhak Perlman's seemingly endless joy in performing comes across in every performance. Add to that his extraordinary musicianship and his charismatic stage presence, and the combination guarantees an evening of sheer musical pleasure.

Evgeny Kissin
Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. April 30, 8 p.m. Admission: \$40, \$37, \$30. Information: 266-1200. Program includes Beethoven's *Two Rondos*; Schubert's *Sonata in C minor, D. 958*; and Chopin's *Four Ballades*.

Ongoing Theater

Rent
Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston. Through April 27. Tues.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 7 p.m.; matinees, Sat.-Sun., 2 p.m. Admission: \$25-\$67.50. Information: (800)447-7400. Musical based on Puccini's 1896 opera *La Boheme*.

Film

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library
Columbia Point, Boston. 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. Films run continuously during the day. *Cuban Missile Crisis*. Film documenting the October 1962 confrontation with the Soviet Union. Through June 1. *Fight Against Segregation*. A film on events leading up to JFK's national address on civil rights.

Son of Ireland. Portrays Kennedy's visit to his ancestral home. Through June 1.

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.

Dance

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
Wang Center, Boston. Admission: \$50, \$45, \$40, \$35. Information: 482-6661.
April 25: Program includes Alvin Ailey's *For Bird - With Love*; Lar Lubovitch's *Fandango*; and Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*.
April 26 (matinee, 2 p.m.): Alvin Ailey's *The River*; Lar Lubovitch's *Cavalcade*; and George Faison's *Suite Otis*.
April 26 (evening, 8 p.m.): Program

includes Hans van Manen's *Polish Pieces*; Judith Jamison's *Sweet Release*; and Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*.
April 27: Program includes George Faison's *Suite Otis*; Hans van Manen's *Polish Pieces*; Alvin Ailey's *Cry*; and Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*.

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.

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 exhibition 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.

Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Ave., Boston. Mon.-Tues., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-8:45 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.

Strengthening Old Ironsides. Color photographs documenting the four-year rehabilitation and restorations of the ship. Ongoing.

Capturing Old Ironsides on Canvas. Works by artist Cheslie D'Andrea. 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

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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.

The Pyramids and the Sphinx: 100 Years of American Archaeology at Giza

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.

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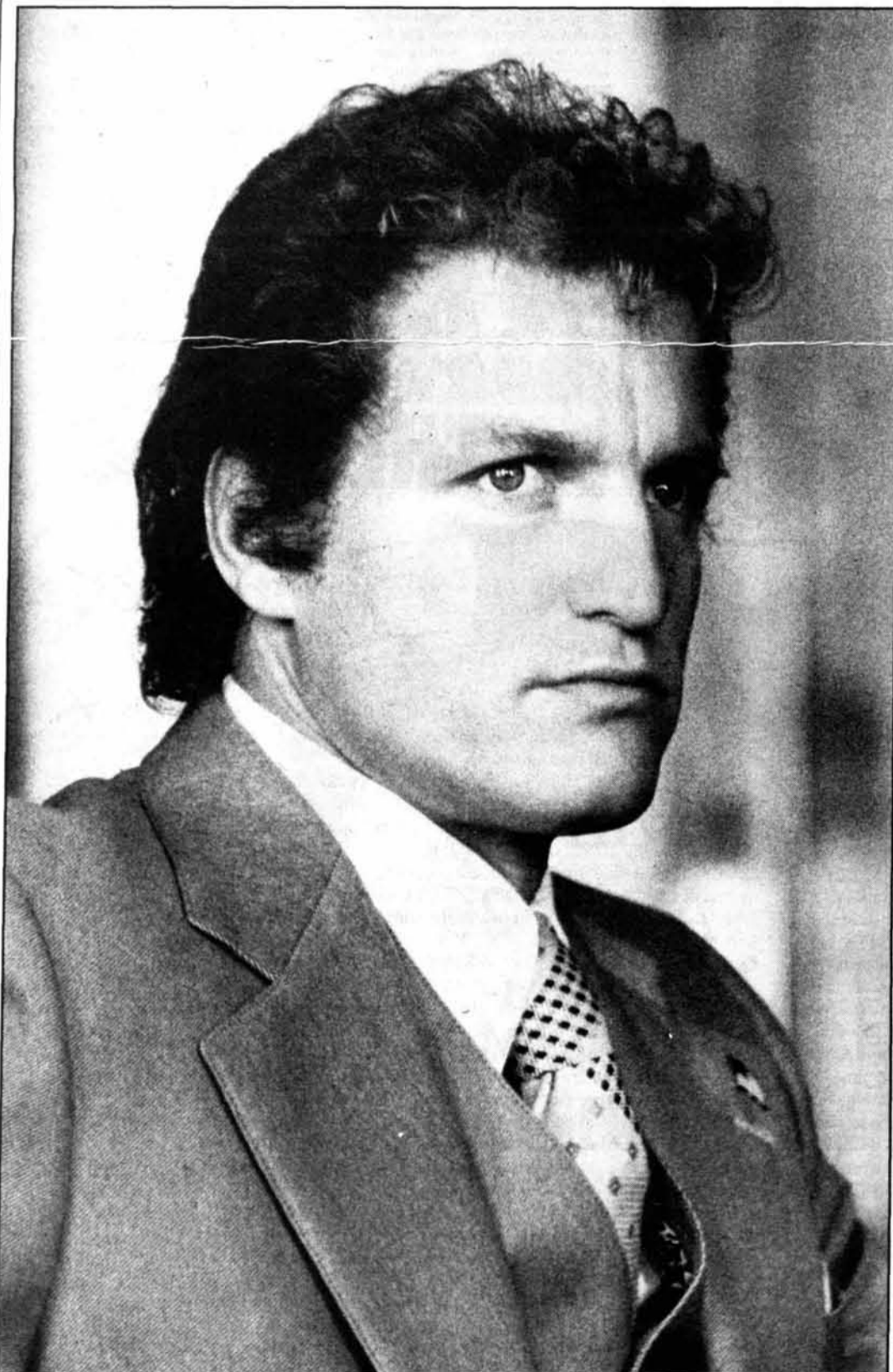
Rivers of Americas: Amazon and Connecticut.

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.



Michele (Lisa Kudrow) and Romy (Mira Sovino) go to their 10-year reunion pretending to be wealthy businesswomen in *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, opening today across Boston.



Woody Harrelson plays Larry Flynt, founder of *Hustler* magazine, in *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, showing Saturday at LSC.

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On Campus

Sonos

Kresge Auditorium, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 25, 8 p.m. Admission: \$10; seniors and students, \$5; free with MIT ID. Information: 253-9800. Bayla Keyes, violin; Marcus A. Thompson, viola; Andres Díaz, cello; David Deveau, piano. Sonos is a "hands across the river" ensemble; Keyes and Díaz are on the Boston University faculty and Thompson and Deveau on the MIT music faculty. Program includes Mozart, *G Major Duo for Violin and Viola*; Ravel, *Duo for Violin and Cello*; Brahms, *Piano Quartet in A Major*.

Mark Harvey and the Aardvark Jazz Orchestra

Kresge Auditorium, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 26, 8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. Mark Harvey will celebrate the international release of his CD, "Psalms and Elegies," funded in part by the MIT Provost HAAS Fund. The CD includes pieces recorded live at MIT as well as "Psalms," an extended work recorded live by WGBH at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival/New Music Series. The work was commissioned by the Meet the Composer/Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Commissioning Program in association with the National Endowment for the Arts. The concert will feature pieces from the CD and the premiere of a new composition by Harvey.

MIT Chamber Chorus and Sinfonietta

Kresge Auditorium, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 27, 8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. William C. Cutter, director. Program includes J.S. Bach, *Cantata #161*; J.S. Bach, *Magnificat*; Harbison, *Six Motets*.

AMP Student Recital

Killian Hall, 160 Memorial Dr., Cambridge. April 30, 5 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. Nicole U. Lee '98, piano. Bach, *Prelude & Fugue in E Flat Major, Book I*; Beethoven, *Sonata, "Les Adieux," Op. 81a*; Brahms, *Variationen über ein Thema von Robert Schumann, Op. 9*.

Lecture Series Committee

77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Admission: \$2. Information: 258-8881.

Evita

April 25, 7 and 10 p.m. Room 26-100. The Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical on the big screen. See review, page 9.

The Wizard of Oz

April 25, 7:30 p.m. Room 10-250. Directed by Victor Fleming. Starring Judy Garland. Arguably the first great American musical, this film is an adaptation of the story of a Kansas girl who goes "Over the Rainbow" to a land of colorful characters and adventure. The unforgettable soundtrack and perfect casting earned this movie several Oscars, including a miniature award for Judy Garland.

The People vs. Larry Flynt

April 26, 7 and 10 p.m. Room 26-100. Larry Flynt (Woody Harrelson) is an Ohio strip-club owner who goes into business publishing *Hustler* magazine. Bucking society's conventions, he publishes anything and everything that breaks taboo. When various right-wing groups attack him for everything from indecency to libel, Flynt astonishes his lawyer (Edward Norton) with his unorthodox courtroom manner. Also stars Courtney Love.

Music @ the Coffeehouse

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

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Spring Weekend Event: Pedro Verdugo and Friends. Jazz, 7 p.m.

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Down and Dirty

Dramashop production. Kresge Auditorium's Little Theater, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. April 25, 26; May 1; 8 p.m. Admission: \$7; \$5 for students with MIT ID. Information: 253-2908. Brenda Cotto-Escalera is directing the Dramashop spring production of *Down and Dirty (Taking It All Off)*. This production has been created by the actors during the rehearsal process.

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THE ARTS

FILM REVIEW

Just another day in the disaster capital of the world

VOLCANO

Directed by Mick Jackson
 Starring Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche, Don Cheadle, John Corbett, Keith David, Gaby Hoffmann, Jacqui Kim, John Carroll Lynch, Stan Olber, and Michael Rispoli
 Written by Jerome Armstrong, Jerome Armstrong, and Billy Ray

By Jonathan Litt
 STAFF REPORTER

Much like a lava lamp, *Volcano* provides mindless entertainment consisting mostly of big blobs of lava that float around in unpredictable directions. Better yet, the blobs in *Volcano* become responsible for the destruction of a good portion of Los Angeles, which is always a reliable way to win over an audience. Don't expect to exercise any more brain cells watching this movie than you would by watching a lava lamp though. *Volcano* is typical Hollywood schlock that will rouse at best a moderate amount of interest from the movie-going public before the real summer blockbusters start rolling out a few weeks from now.

As with numerous other disaster flicks like *Independence Day* and the disaster-spoof *Mars Attacks!*, *Volcano* starts off by introducing several orthogonal subplots about characters who are undoubtedly meant to cross paths later on. First we meet Mike Roark (Tommy Lee Jones), the workaholic director of L.A.'s Office of Emergency Management who has an eagle's eye for any hint of an emergency.

Roark calls on Caltech geologist Dr. Amy Barnes (Anne Heche) to investigate some bizarre geological activity recorded underneath a park in downtown L.A. The typically inane conversation that results between her and Roark goes something like, "What did you see down there?"

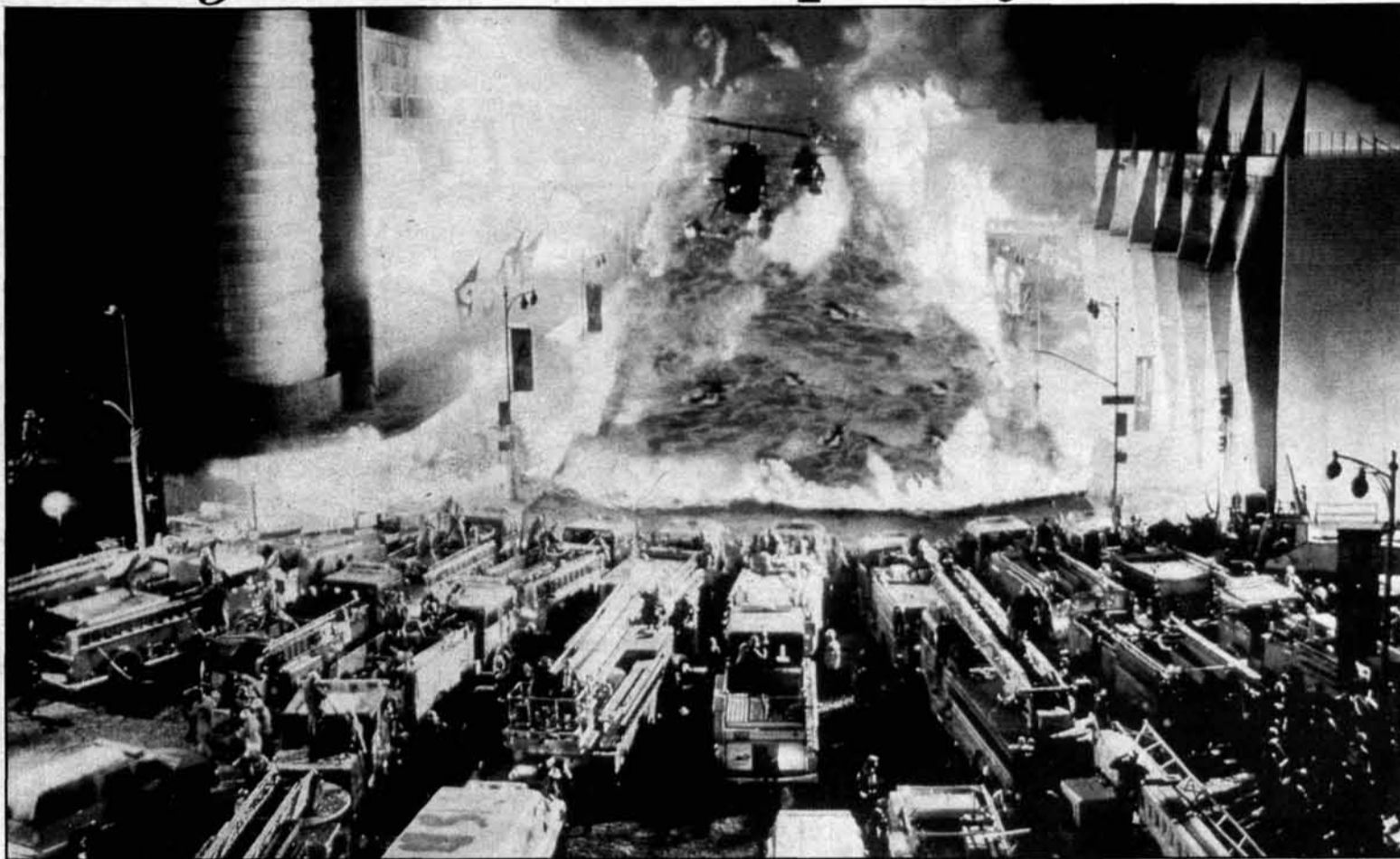
"Magma!"

"What is magma?"

"Lava!"

"Oh!"

Meanwhile, a husband and wife move into their dream apartment (will the marriage and



Los Angeles emergency workers fight the lava on Wilshire Boulevard in *Volcano*.

the apartment last through the disaster?), a black man is harassed by the LAPD (will the man eventually find redemption?), and Roark's teenage daughter struggles to feel like an adult (will she eventually come of age?). Who cares? It's time to appease the masses with the gratuitous effects we paid to see.

Before Roark and Barnes can successfully diagnose the situation, a volcano erupts in the wee hours of the morning from the famed La Brea Tar Pits. At this point, the movie kicks into auto-pilot mode as it ditches its lousy excuse for a story and treats the audience to a good hour or so of fiery explosions and whiz-bang special effects, most of which consist of superb digital compositing of live actors with fake lava. The few token plot digressions as discussed above are so embarrassingly bad that you should wear earplugs to prevent them from taking your attention away from the destruction.



FILM REVIEW

The musical returns — the best of Broadway hits the big screen

EVITA

Directed by Alan Parker.
 Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.
 Lyrics by Tim Rice.
 Starring Madonna, Antonio Banderas, Jonathan Pryce, Jimmy Nail.

By Teresa Huang
 STAFF REPORTER

The long-awaited movie version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's award-winning musical *Evita* is a must-see for everyone. The film succeeds in reproducing the original musical with intensity and integrity. Madonna sparkles in the title role, showing that her talent is unlimited and constantly growing into new fields and depths, and Antonio Banderas surprises us with his musical talent in perhaps the finest role of his life.

Evita tells the story of Eva Duarte, an ambitious young actress who fell in love and married Juan Perón, becoming the first lady of Argentina as well as the most adored and remembered figure in the nation's history. An inspiring leader, Eva Perón permeated the common worker movement and even the feminist movement, acquiring the love and allegiance of all of Argentina. Supposedly, the people of Argentina loved her so much, they ignored her husband's injustices as president.

The original musical tells her story through Che, a cynical omniscient character who follows *Evita's* rise to fame. At the center of the story is the relationship between *Evita* and her husband Juan Perón. They support each other for their own purposes as well as for each other. Though Perón tries to care for her, she's too headstrong to return his sentiments, though to the end, she's faithful to him and to

her cause of bringing him power and prestige.

In all the hype over Madonna, people lose sight of what's truly remarkable and noteworthy about *Evita*, namely the musical itself, one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's most successful endeavors. The original production of *Evita* opened in the United States in 1979, starring Patti LuPone (*Life Goes On*) in the title role and Mandy Patinkin (*Dick Tracy*, *Chicago Hope*) as Che. It was awarded the New York Critics Drama Circle award for Best Musical, as well as an astonishing seven Tony Awards, with honors going to Hal Prince's direction, Patti LuPone in the title role, Rice's lyrics, Lloyd Webber's score and the musical itself. Since its opening, *Evita* has run continually in productions around the world. By far the musical's best known number, "Don't Cry For Me Argentina," is one of the most recorded songs from a theatrical production of all time, with no fewer than 66 different versions to date.

Alan Parker's film version of *Evita* is powerful from the start, and though the blend of music and cinematography is awkward at first as the audience adjusts to the film's style, the screen eventually explodes in an astounding blend of sight and sound, especially engaging in the Casa Rosada scene. The use of flashbacks and montages is just one of the excellent ways in which Parker takes advantage of the potential of his medium to add depth and understanding to the musical. However, there were times when *Evita* tried too much to be a movie rather than a musical where the film visual didn't match the music well enough. "Buenos Aires" was particularly disappointing — for a number that is so completely upbeat and excited, the visual was drab.

Lloyd Webber's music is performed and jazzed up terrifically without losing faith to

his original score. Though the songs may sound modernized, very little has been altered and they are actually quite true to his style. Many of Lloyd Webber's musicals have included rock music, such as his rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and the brilliance of his *Evita* score is brought out in the film score. "Goodnight and Thank You" was particularly fantastic — the music was powerful and the scenes were done with excellent humor.

Also outstanding are two new additions to the musical, one of which is Che's tirade "The Lady's Got Potential," an upbeat solo sung with flare by Antonio Banderas. "You Must Love Me," the single released before the movie's release, is another new song whose poignant meaning becomes clear when viewed in the context of the movie. A beautiful addition to an already powerful score, it reveals *Evita's* vulnerable spirit despite her past strengths, showing her most honest confession in the film and perhaps in her life.

Doubts about Madonna's performance was at the heart of all the pre-release discussion, which may have been unnecessary since her portrayal of Eva Perón is amazing and almost flawless. Dressed in glamorous gowns and even a pair of brown contact lenses, she is elegant and striking as the first lady, and though she seems to lack confidence at first, her stage presence grows as *Evita's* popularity grows. Her invitations to Perón in "I'd Be Surprisingly Good for You" show her sultry side while being subtle and never overtly sexual. The film doesn't exploit what Madonna's infamous for, but rather allows her to set a new standard in her history as an entertainer. "A New Argentina" and "Rainbow High" are perhaps the best examples of how much her voice has grown and surpassed all of her past

work. Through *Evita*, Madonna truly moves us with her energy and strength.

Just as stellar as Madonna was sexy man Antonio Banderas as Che, a performance which showed his amazing talent and versatility. Banderas's accusing eyes and fierceness fit the role of Che perfectly, which may be why an actor with more singing and theater experience wasn't cast in the role. We almost wish we saw more of Banderas singing in the movie since he's such a delight to watch. However, since his accent is so sharp and much of the story is told in his lyrics, some people unfamiliar with *Evita* may have gotten lost, though the visual component of film does an adequate job of continuing the story. One of his most remarkable moments in the movie is the "Waltz for Eva and Che," a complicated confrontation between *Evita's* idealism and Che's cynicism which was beautifully done with shifting settings, using film to its advantage.

Is *Evita* a movie or a musical? It's both, and since we haven't seen movie musicals in a long time, *Evita* breaks new ground and sets a new standard quite successfully. The music is fantastic and the performances are excellent. Madonna has truly reached a higher level of stardom with this film, showing her stretch of talent as well as surprising us with depths we've never yet seen.

Critics keep talking about how Eva Perón's story matches Madonna's own rise to fame. Forget about all that. After experiencing *Evita*, you'll forget everything about her past. All you'll know is that she's giving all she can to the role of her life and she succeeds. Madonna may even no longer be known as the Material Girl, but rather now as *Evita*, the queen of the people and the silver screen. You must love her.

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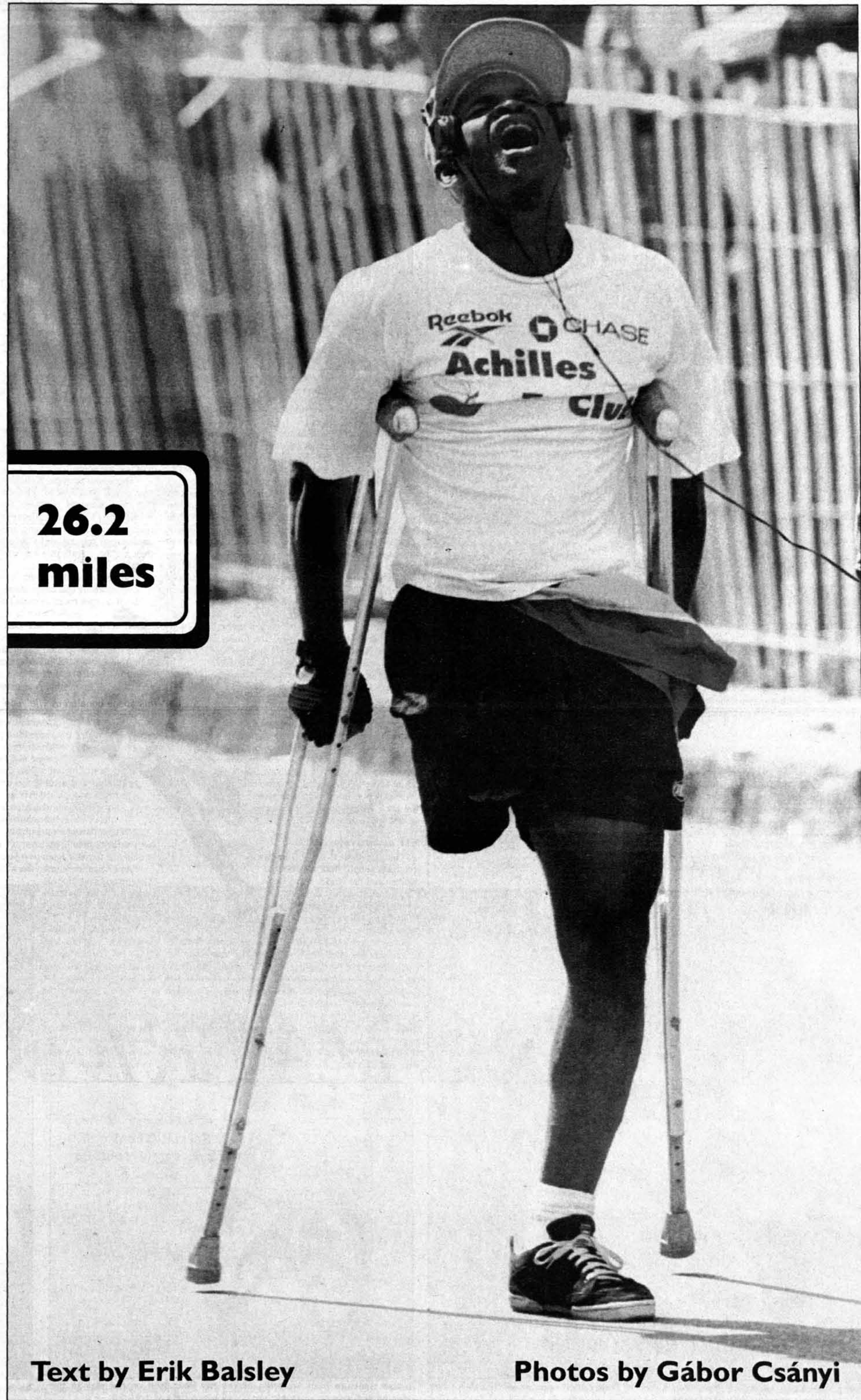
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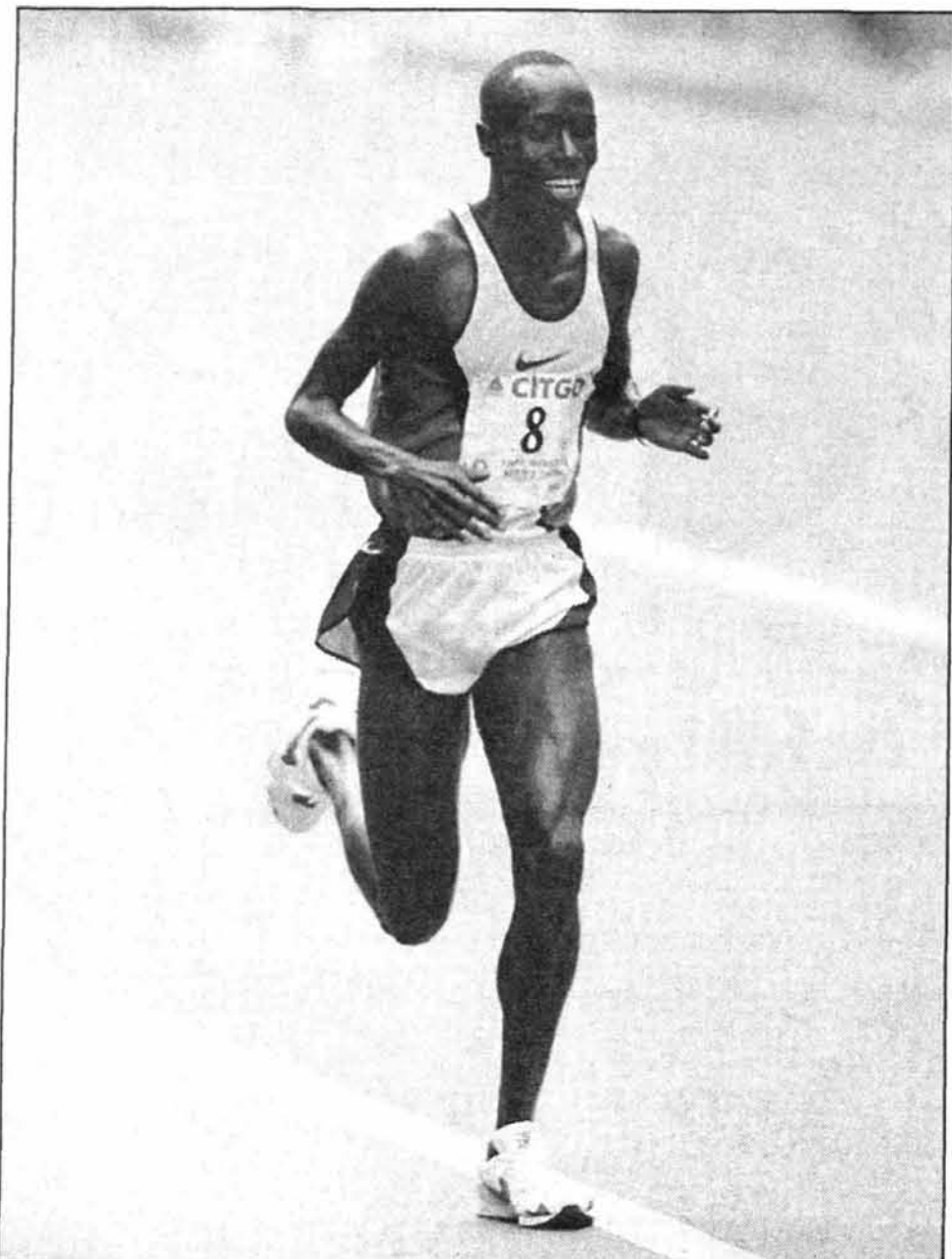
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**26.2
miles**

Text by Erik Balsley

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Lameck Aguta of Kenya crosses the finish line in 2:10:34 to win the 101st Boston Marathon.

On Monday, over 11,000 athletes participated in the 101st running of the Boston Marathon to continue the history of the world's most prestigious marathon.

Cool temperatures and sunny skies made for ideal running conditions down most of the course. However, as the athletes approached Boston a very noticeable headwind made racing a bit more difficult.

In the men's race, a small pack of Kenyan and Mexican runners kept the lead for most of the course. After Heartbreak Hill in Newton, the pack began to spread out.

As in years past Kenyan runners dominated the race, winning nine of the top 15 places. The eventual first-place finisher Lameck Aguta of Kenya finished in a time of 2 hours 10 minutes 34 seconds.

He was closely followed by fellow Kenyan Joseph Kamau in a time of



Men's wheelchair champion Franz Nietlispach of Switzerland approaches the finish line on his way to a winning time of 1:28:14.



Grand marshal for the marathon and former champion Johnny Kelley rides down the course before the racers.

2:10:46. Last year's top finisher Moses Tanui finished fifth in 2:11:38.

Mexican runners also made a strong showing in the race by capturing three of the top 15 positions. Dionicio Ceron took third in 2:10:59, German Silva took fourth in 2:11:21, and Andres Espinosa finished in 15th in 2:16:19.

Overall, Aguta said, "The race was very good. I enjoyed being out there with all the other great runners."

In the women's race, last summer's Olympic marathon champion, Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia dethroned three-time defending champion Uta Pippig of Germany in a time of 2:26:23. Her victory was the first for a black African woman in the Boston marathon.

Two South African runners rounded out the top three women finishers. Elana Meyer finished in second with a time of 2:27:09, while Colleen De Reuck took third in a time of 2:28:03. Pippig finished fourth in 2:28:51.

Roba looked relaxed for most of the race as she stayed with the lead pack of women that gradually diminished throughout the race. She finally broke open her lead after leaving the Newton Hills.

"I'm quite tired," Roba said, "but it looks like I'm not tired," indicating that the race was not as easy as she made it appear. Although she had doubts at the beginning of the race, she said that "When I arrived at that destination [the finish line], I was happy."

The men's wheelchair division was won by Franz Nietlispach of Switzerland in a time of 1:28:14. In the women's division, Louise Sauvage of Australia prevented seven-time winner Jean Driscoll of Champaign Ill., from winning her eighth consecutive title.

Sauvage crossed the line in 1:54:28. Driscoll whose chair caught in a trolley track at Cleveland Circle and overturned her chair onto the course, had race officials and state police help put her tire back on and finished the race in second with a time of 2:01:15.

MIT students enjoy the race

The marathon is so well known it attracts people from all over the country and the world. Many people choose to run it not just for the experience but to also challenge themselves on an intense course.

Even though most competitors in the marathon obtain official entries, thousands of others also run down the 26.2-mile course on marathon day. For those who run as bandits, which is how most MIT students participated in the race, they start from the back of the pack. This adds a couple of minutes to their times.

Charles C. Wykoff '98 ran the race together with three members from his fraternity for 16 miles until he broke away. It was his second marathon.

"The race was great," Wykoff said. "All the bands, kids, and staff along the way were cool."



Louise Sauvage from Australia makes her final drive on her way to the winning the women's wheelchair division in a time of 1:54:29.

Paula Glover, a registered runner from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., said, "I've been running for 13 years and I've never been in anything like this before. The support was awesome."

"The sound through Wellesley was great," said Eve M. Phillips '98. As runners passed by Wellesley College, students cheered loudly, held up signs, and encouraged runners right before they hit the marathon's halfway point.

Competitors in the marathon were greeted by loud cheers from the thousands of spectators along the whole race course. The cheers helped give many an extra boost as they sought to achieve their personal goals for the course.

"The huge crowds and masses of runners made the first 15 miles pass by without even thinking of them," said Robin M. Greenwood '98.

The cheers were great, said Matilde N. Kamiya '97, a first-time marathoner. "It helps a lot when you are weak on motivation, having people pushing you from behind."

There were also a lot of people along Commonwealth Avenue from MIT cheering on as well, Phillips said. Other runners also helped people down the course. "The voices of other people running were also helpful," Kamiya said.

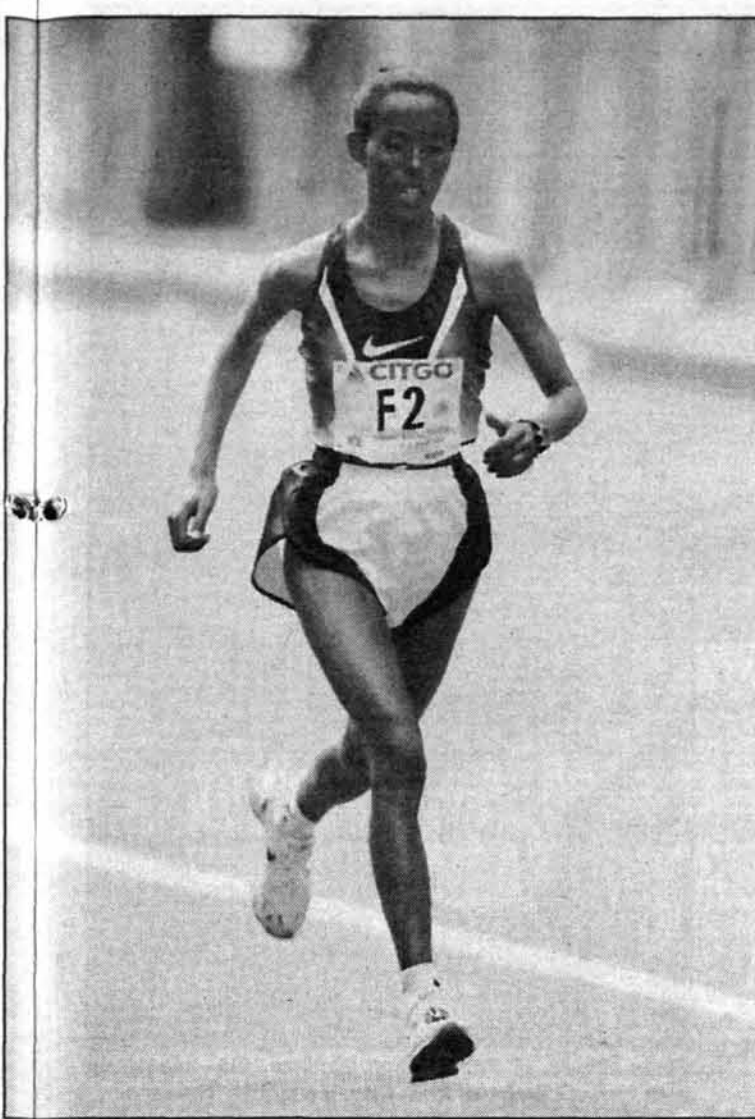
The course itself is mostly downhill, starting at 490 feet above sea level in Hopkinton and finishing at 10 feet above sea level in Copley Square. The hills, which many people find the most challenging part of the course, come in Newton between miles 16 and 20.

"The hills were not as bad I thought they would be, they just came at a very difficult time in the course," Phillips said. "It was fun." Phillips said she would like to run it again next year.

"At 17.5 miles, you hit the hills for about four miles and they really hurt," Greenwood said. He was satisfied with his estimated time. "Overall, it was incredible."

"I thought it was awesome," said Mayleen Ting '99. "It's a pretty good feeling being able to say I ran 26 miles."

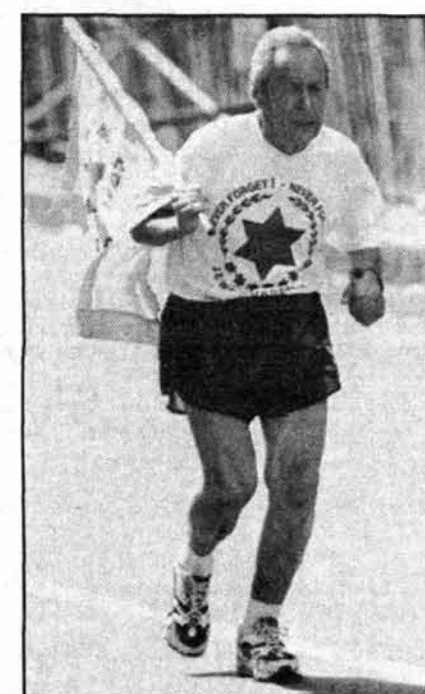
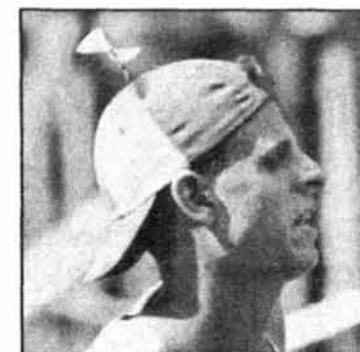
"It was probably the hardest thing I've ever done in terms of the levels of intensity," Kamiya said. "It will probably take me another decade to forget the pain."



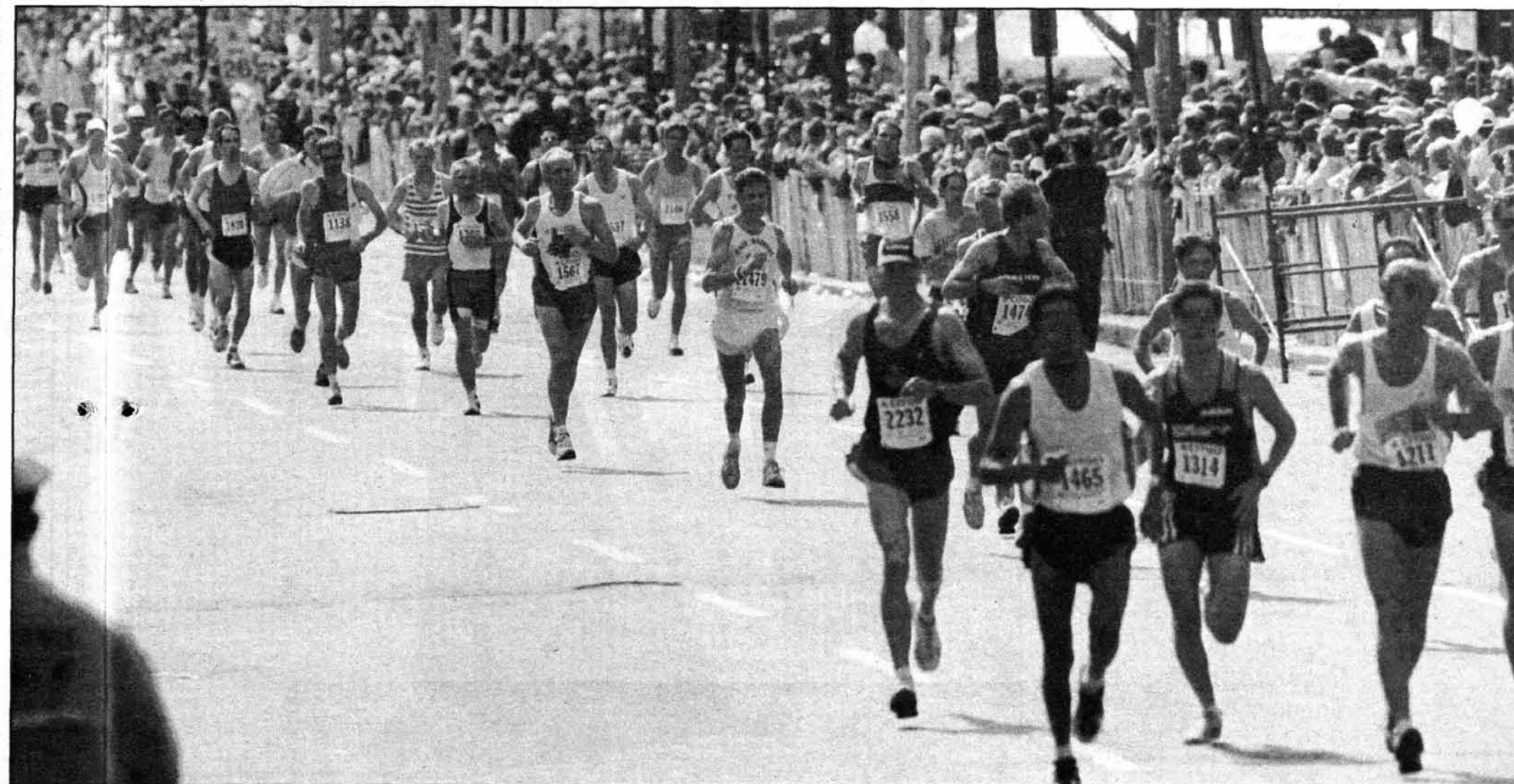
The women's Boston Marathon champion, Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia, strides across the finish line in 2:26:23.



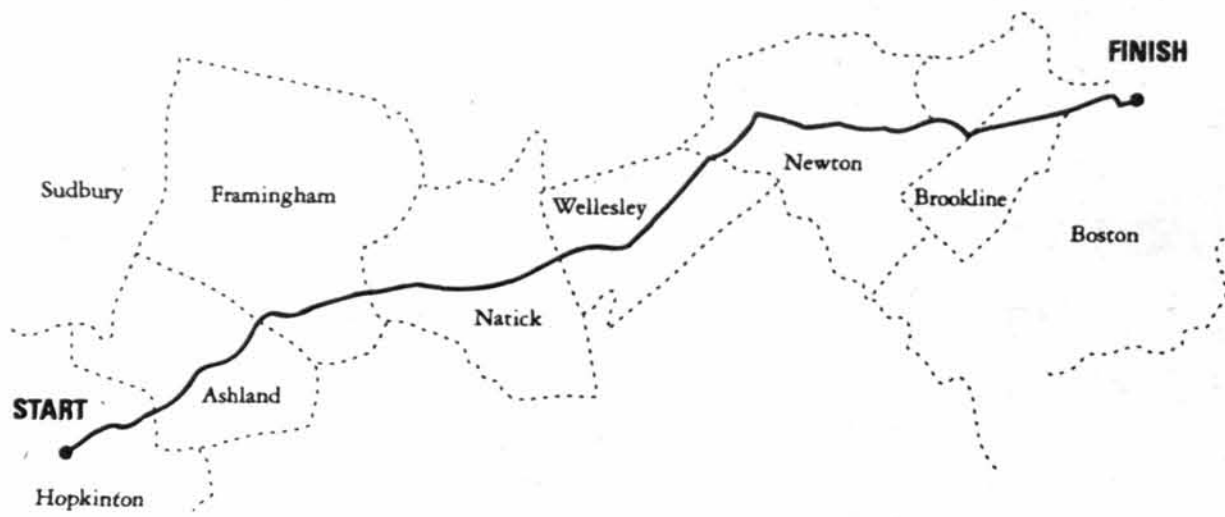
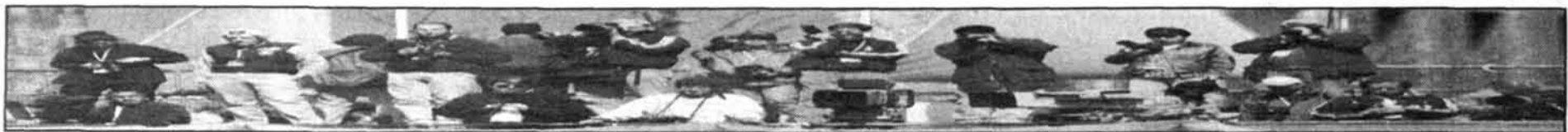
Several participants in the marathon had friends or relatives help them down the final stretch of the course.



Three-time Boston Marathon champion Uta Pippig of Germany crosses the line in 2:28:51 for a fourth-place finish.

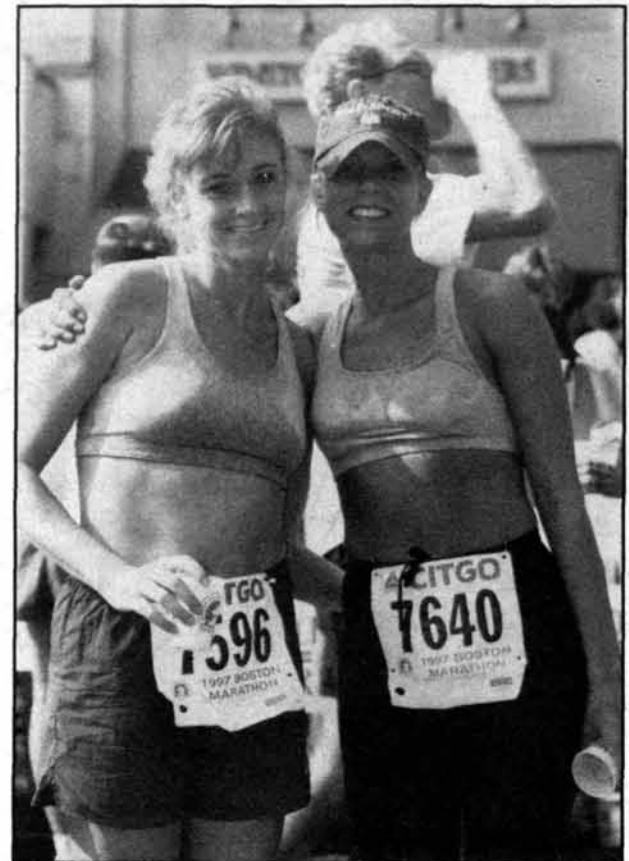


As the race progressed, the number of people crossing the line continued to increase.

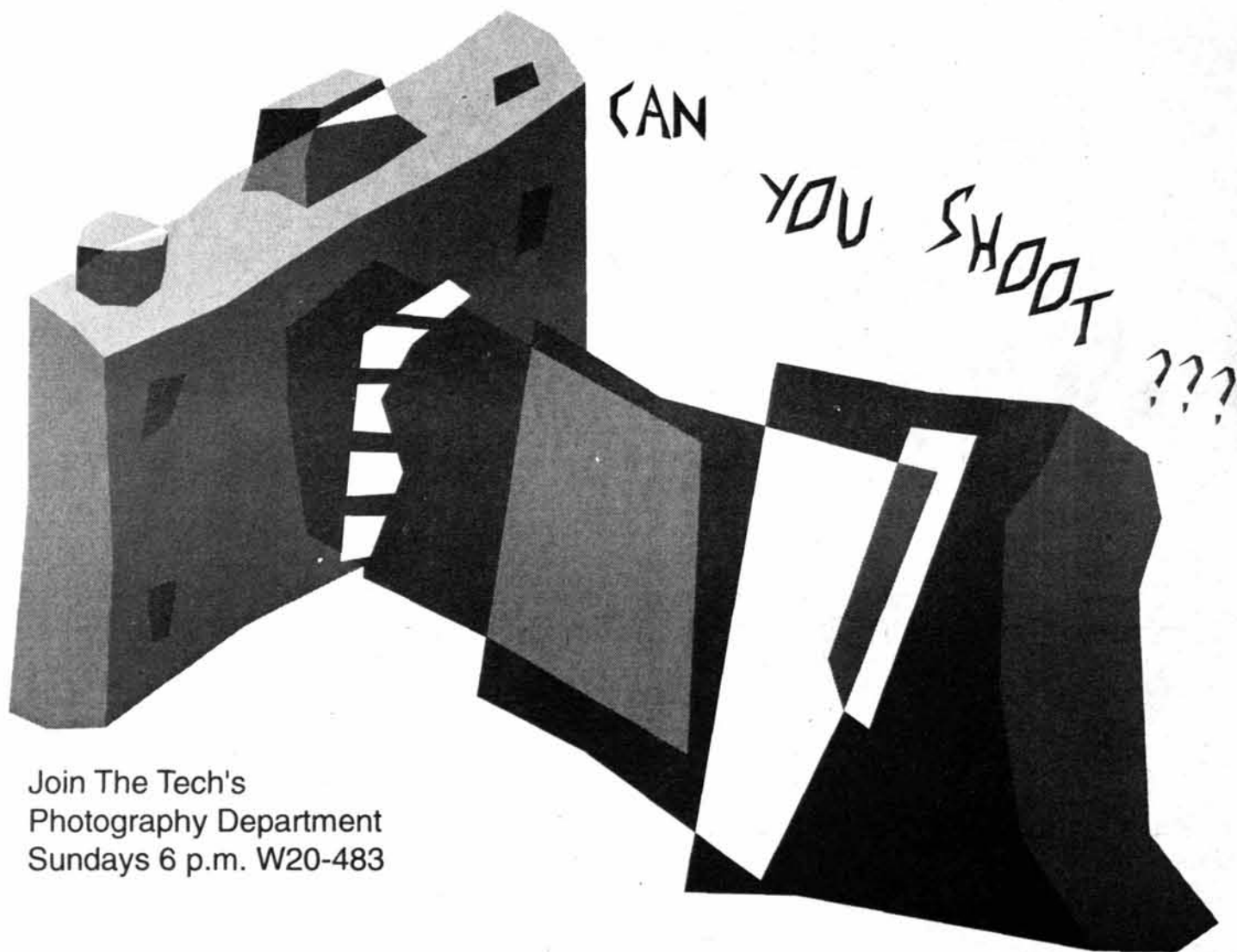
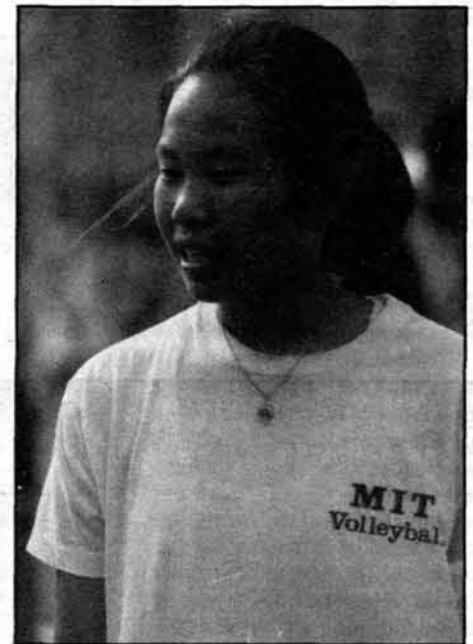
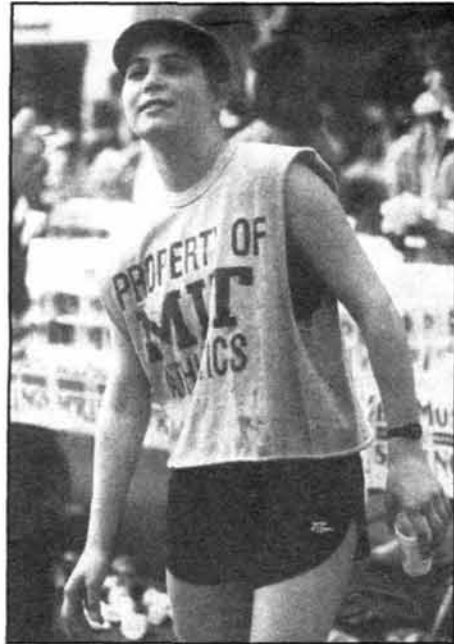
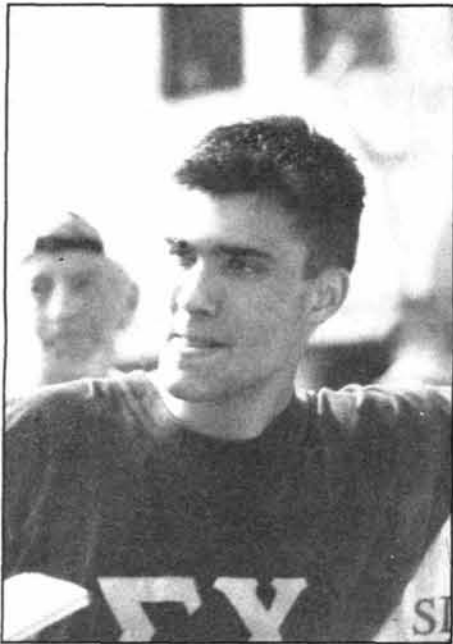


The Boston Marathon race course runs through Hopkinton, Ashland, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, and Brookline before finishing in Copley Square.

MIT students who ran in the event include (from left to right): Charles C. Wykoff '98, Eve M. Phillips '99, Robin M. Greenwood '98, and Mayleen Ting '99.



Paula Glover, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., meets with Karmell Wehr, of Iowa City, Iowa, after the race.



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Dorow Prevails in Annual Big Screw Competition

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A flurry of last minute donations allowed Neal H. Dorow, assistant dean in the Office of Residence and Campus Activities to pull ahead of the competition to emerge the winner of last week's annual Big Screw award.

The contest, which was hosted by the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, gives students the opportunity to vote, with their money, for the non-student member of the MIT community "deemed most worthy" of the Big Screw. "One penny equals one vote," said David Z. Maze '00, who coordinated the contest.

Dorow, who also serves as adviser to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, received \$87.04 out of the total \$324.24 raised. Each candidate can choose what charity he or she wishes the proceeds to go to. This year, proceeds will go to the MIT Community Service Fund, which funds various community service projects in the Cambridge area. The total amount of money raised in the contest goes to a charity of the winner's choosing.

"Neal was doing this in a great deal of humor," said Andrew M. Eisenmann '75, associate dean for Residence and Campus Activities.

"I could see a lot of people who would want to screw Neal," said Iddo Gilon '98, Interfraternity Council president, "It's about time Neal gets what he deserves."

"He probably won on name recognition alone. Everyone loves him, that's why they want to screw him," Gilon said.

Dorow was traveling and could not be reached for comment.

Bradt garners second place

Professor of Physics Hale Van



Neal H. Dorow

Dorn Bradt PhD '61, who teaches Physics III (8.03), came in second, receiving \$65.79. Bradt also named the MIT Community Service Fund as his charity.

Coming in third was Kenneth L. Williamson, a visiting professor from Mt. Holyoke who is teaching Organic Chemistry II (5.13) this semester with Professor Rick L. Danheiser. Williamson entered the running as a write-in candidate on Wednesday, Maze said. His candidacy became official on Thursday.

The contest was close between Bradt and Dorow throughout the week. By April 17, Bradt was leading.

"I couldn't believe it. I was very surprised to be anywhere near the top. I don't have a big exposure on campus," Bradt said.

However, on the last day of competition, Dorow received \$25 more in donations than any other candidate in the competition, Maze said.

Less money raised this year

"People just weren't that excited about the candidates this year. The general sentiment was that the can-

didates we had available weren't really deserving," Maze said.

"None of the candidates had the kind of appeal that Unified had last year," Maze said. When it came to specific classes, "people who weren't in the classes weren't inspired to vote for them."

Last year, Unified Engineering (16.010, 16.020, 16.030, 16.040) brought in \$242.84 to beat out Dorow and competitors. A total of \$714.03 was raised in that contest.

"In the past, some of the candidates have actively campaigned. None really did that this year," Maze said.

"I wouldn't say he actively campaigned, but he did indicate that any contributions were welcome," Eisenmann said.

Second-place finish disappointing

After being in first place, Bradt's second-place finish was "just slightly" disappointing, he said.

He attributed his nonetheless good showing in part to the difficulty some students find taking 8.03.

"There are weeks where I think,

'Hmm, I think we're giving them too much,' but I think I've scaled back from past years," Bradt said.

Bradt's strong showing could also be attributed to his attempt to teach 8.03 two years ago in a seminar style. He called the experience "horrible" and said that it didn't work.

"I was royally panned," Bradt said. "It could well be that those students are still running around."

The rest of the candidates in this year's Big Screw contest were courses, including Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs (6.001), Thermodynamics and Kinetics (5.60), Integrated Chemical Engineering (10.490, 10.491), Introductory Biology

(7.013), Physics II (8.02), and the biology project labs (7.13, 7.15, 7.16, 7.17).

APO will present award Saturday

Dorow will accept the award, a three foot-long left-handed aluminum screw, on behalf of the Office of Residence and Campus Activities this Saturday at the Alpha Phi Omega Spring Carnival. Gift certificates are being gathered to give to the runners-up at the carnival, Maze said.

The Big Screw contest began in 1967, when APO replaced its big queen contest. In 1975, the wooden screw awarded to winners of the contest was replaced with the aluminum screw that is used today.

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between April 12 and 17:

April 12: Bldg. 5, harassing e-mail.

April 13: East Campus, 1) CD player stolen, \$310, 2) CD player and wallet stolen, \$195; Burton-Conner House, wallet stolen, \$40; Student Center, backpack and books stolen, \$75.

April 14: Bldg. 7, 1) malicious damage, 2) CD player stolen, \$280; Bldg. 68, annoying phone calls; Hayden Library, wallet stolen, \$40; Delta Kappa Epsilon, cable box stolen, \$150; Bldg. 10, annoying mail; Bldg. 20, computer stolen, \$2,000; Bldg. 56, suspicious activity.

April 15: Killian Court, Umberto Farnito, of 17 Grenville Rd., Watertown, arrested for larceny of a bicycle and other related charges; Bldg. E15, 1) three VCRs stolen, \$780, 2) wallet stolen, \$15; Hayden, wallet stolen, \$20; Bldg. E23, 1) wallet stolen, \$50, 2) pocketbook, \$200; Bldg. E40, leather jacket, eye glasses and cash stolen, \$370.

April 16: Alumni Pool, 1) wallet stolen, \$20, 2) wallet stolen, \$120; Bldg 6, briefcase stolen, \$100.

April 17: Bldg 16, wire stolen, \$350; Walker Memorial, 1) gym bag stolen, \$125; 2) trumpet stolen, \$600; Amherst St., 8-foot ladder stolen, \$200; DuPont Gym, Keith Alston, of 42 Claybourne St., Dorchester, arrested for an outstanding warrant; Bldg. 54, Kenneth Scott, of 52 Fenwood Rd., Boston, arrested for trespassing.

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- 2:08 - 2:14: Paksmit
- 2:17 - 2:27: Club Argentino
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Students Fight Back for Mac; Apple Funds New Users Group

By Dudley Lamming
STAFF REPORTER

What Apple Computer Corp.'s Macintosh platform lacks in market share, it seems to make up for in enthusiastic users. Last week, posters went up around the Institute announcing the formation of a new MIT/Apple Student Advocate Group.

Founded by Eric J. Plosky '99, with the aid of Dana S. Spiegel '99 and Kevin S. Doyle '99, the group is charged with publicizing the advantages of the Macintosh over other platforms. The group has received a grant of equipment from Apple.

"One of the main things we're trying to do to keep people informed about the Mac, about its capabilities, and to evangelize the Mac," Plosky said.

The group is also trying to spread information about the use of Macintoshes on campus. It also plans to run a technology demonstration over the summer. "We plan to have an expo on Mac labs, and the features of the Mac, as well as how they fit into the curriculum," Plosky said.

The School of Humanities, Arts,

and Social Sciences was leading MIT in deploying Macintoshes as educational aids, Plosky said. "At the current time, the HASS department is the largest user of Macs on campus, especially the foreign language departments, and we want to help them get the new software and stuff that they need developed," Doyle said.

"We plan to be a clearinghouse for all Mac information on campus. That and software updates is the main focus of our [World Wide] Web site," Plosky said.

According to information provided by the group, they plan to work with third-party software developers like Adobe, Quark, and Corel to continue developing new software for the Mac, as well as working with Apple directly to develop new software for both general and MIT specific uses.

Apple provides support for group

In January, Apple held a meeting at its Boston-area offices for institutions of higher learning throughout the Boston area. Representatives from MIT, Harvard University, Boston University, and many other schools attended.

"The main purpose of the meeting was to get feedback on how to improve coverage throughout the area, and to let Apple know what's going on. The idea of this advocacy group grew out of this meeting," Plosky said. "Due to their financial problems, they were not able to actually provide any funding, but they have helped us in other ways."

Apple's Boston Director for Higher Education Mary Ann Jackson is working closely with the group. Apple has donated a high-end computer to the group to serve as a Web server and a mail server. The Web site will hold software updates, frequently asked questions for products, a user forum where people can post info, and other Mac information.

Group has specific campus goals

In addition to their new Web site, the group plans to get in contact with current Mac users and register their software/hardware setup. As specific fixes or upgrades become available from Apple and other Macintosh vendors, custom e-mail will be sent to registered users.

"We'd like to keep track of all the Mac users on campus on help them this way," Doyle said.

Moreover, the group will try to work with Information Systems to possibly establish a new Macintosh Athena cluster. "A lot of people think that Macs don't interface with Athena," Doyle said. "There are a lot of myths that you can't print from a Mac or you can't access other things from a Mac, and we're out to dispel those myths."

The group plans to be an active force on campus, members said, and it plans to run advertisements at Lecture Series Committee movies and poster vigorously. The group intends to spotlight local Mac events and keep in touch with other Mac users on campus.

The Apple Student Advocacy Group is not yet an official student group. They have been granted provisional status by the Association of Student Activities but will not be granted full status until changes are made in their constitution.

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Despite Limited Student Input, Dining Group Moves Forward

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services will stress the potential for community-building through dining programs, Walsh said.

"We have given particular focus to residential dining, and we have worked to ensure that the culture of the houses are recognized and that their input into the system is intentional," Walsh said.

For example, the group will likely recommend that the Department of Housing and Food Services take over responsibility for cleaning dormitory kitchens in order to improve sanitation. "Often times, the maintenance of kitchens is left up to the residents," which can discourage personal cooking.

Walsh also stressed that students will be involved in the day-to-day operation of dining programs under the new dining model. The move would ensure that students have an active role in determining the future course of dining on campus, Walsh said.

Group receives little input on plan

The effort to design and release new dining models has been hobbled by the lack of student input. Although the dining group has made many attempts to garner student opinion, only a few students commented on the models that the group brought forward in March.

The group's World Wide Web page at <http://web.mit.edu/committees/fswg/>, which provided a wide range of models in various operational and philosophical areas, only captured 26 student comments to date, Walsh said.

Most of the respondents, 21, provided comments about the various proposals for voluntary or mandato-

ry meal plans that the group presented. Of those, all 21 were opposed to a "comprehensive plan" requiring all students to purchase a plan for several meals per week in an on-campus dining facility.

Eighteen students commented on proposals to change personal cooking on campus. Most of them were opposed to the elimination of personal cooking, and half of those commenting expressed support for the current level of support for dining on campus.

The group is pleased with the comments it received even though few students commented. "A lot of times, people don't feel the need to react [to a proposal] until they see a final report," Walsh said.

And even then, the group also does not expect that many students will comment on the final proposal. "I don't really think there's anything that's going to come out [of the committee] that's going to cause a big reaction," Walsh said.

Dining changes may begin soon

While the group is not charged with implementing the recommendations given in its final report, discussions have already begun on how to implement the plan if it is

approved by Williams and Dickson.

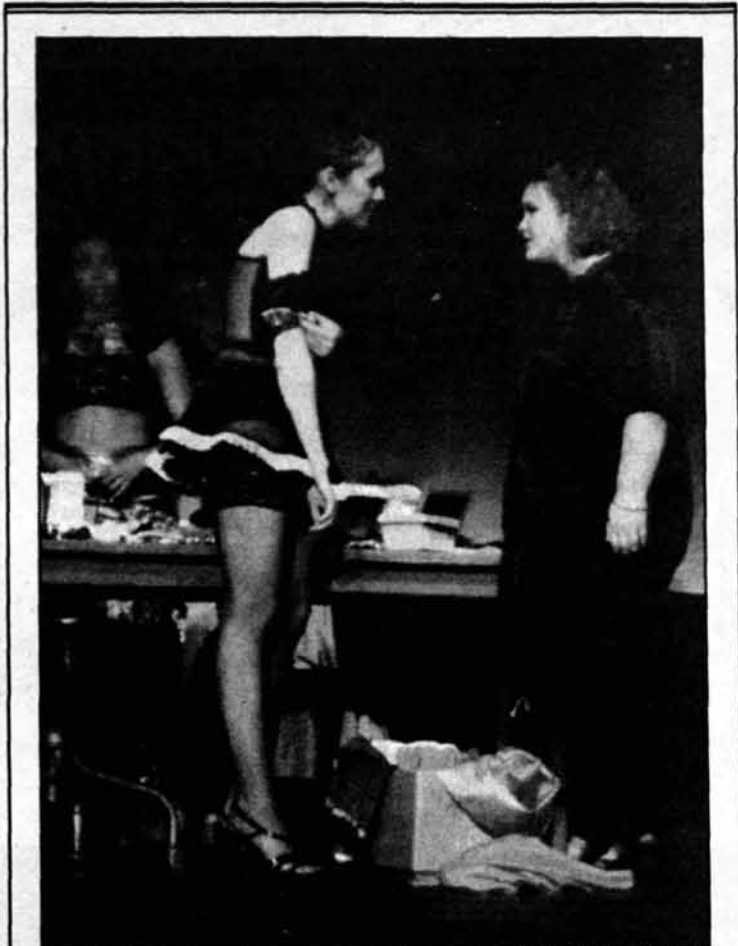
Students may see changes in the dining structure by the fall term, said John S. Hollywood G, a member of the working group. During the next year, the group plans to test some of the theories that it is currently proposing.

Still, some changes may not occur until mid-1998, Walsh said. "It's probably going to take another year or two to fully realize the changes" the group is proposing.

Aramark, which currently provides dining services to the Institute, has been contracted to provide dining services through June 30 and has a verbal agreement for the 1997-98 school year, said Elizabeth Emery, food services director for Aramark.

Aramark is committed to working with the dining group to test pilot new ideas in the fall, Emery said. "Next year would be the perfect year to test pilot some ideas for residential dining."

Improvements to the level of support provided for personal cooking are unlikely to adversely financially impact a food services operation on campus, Emery said. "If people want to cook, they can probably find a place now."



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Students Enjoy SCORE Project

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The day's events concluded at 4:30 p.m., though group leaders were encouraged to invite members of their group to dinner to continue their discussions or just spend time together.

Students enjoy SCORE

SCORE participants were enthusiastic about the project, and said that it had increased interaction between different groups. Many participants spoke of how they appreciated the opportunity to meet new people.

"I have met people I would not have otherwise met," said Kanac Mukai '98.

"It was a really good opportunity to let groups that might not have the opportunity to interact, to get together and interact and help the community," said Lindsay Androski '98.

"[SCORE] has very good goals in mind, and it was very organized," said Robert W. Chan '98.

CPs Say Bombers May Not Be Found

Explosions, from Page 1

"Fortunately, no one got hurt. I think the message [has] gotten to the students who did it. I am certain they will learn from the lesson. As far as I'm concerned, it's over," Essigmann said.

The Campus Police were not certain what materials were in the one-liter soda bottles, Glavin said. Glavin said that the Campus Police have several theories about what could have caused the explosion, but she refused to comment further.

Students found to be responsible for such incidents are usually referred to the appropriate Institute channels to be disciplined, Glavin said.

Incidents with explosive devices have not been common on campus recently, Glavin said. In previous cases, projectiles were thrown off the roofs of buildings on Amherst Alley, which is dangerous, she said. "When you add an explosive factor, it becomes all the more dangerous. It's not something we look at lightly," she said.

"These things might seem like lots of fun, but students don't always think about the ramifications" of something going wrong, Glavin said.

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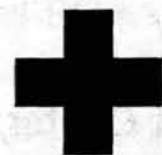
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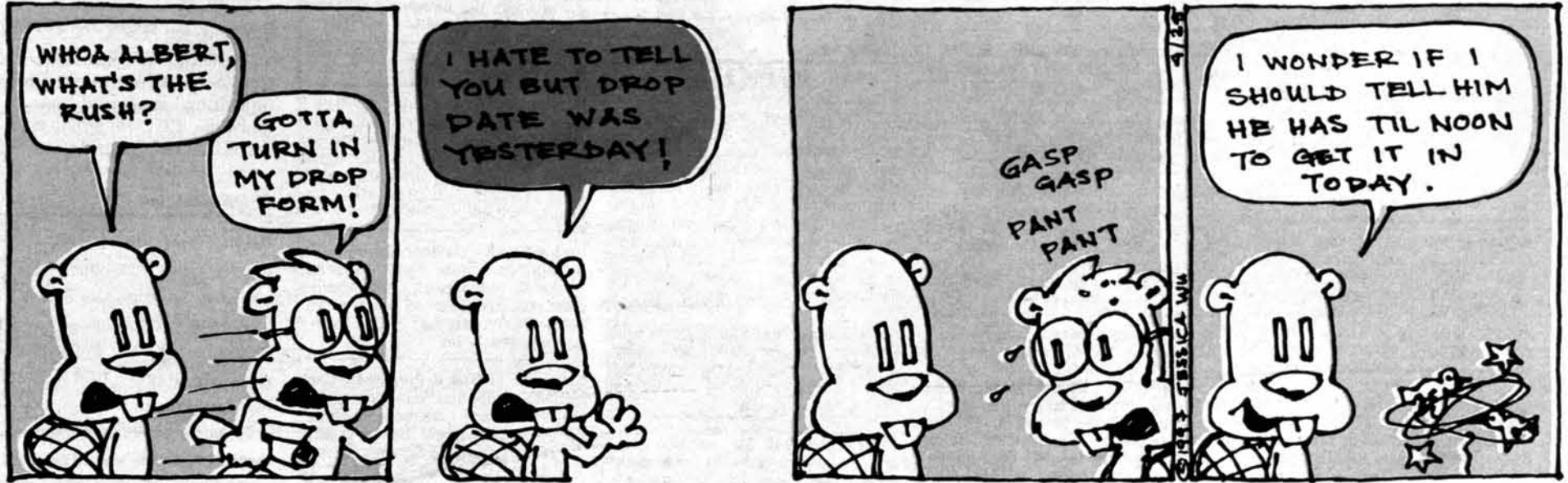
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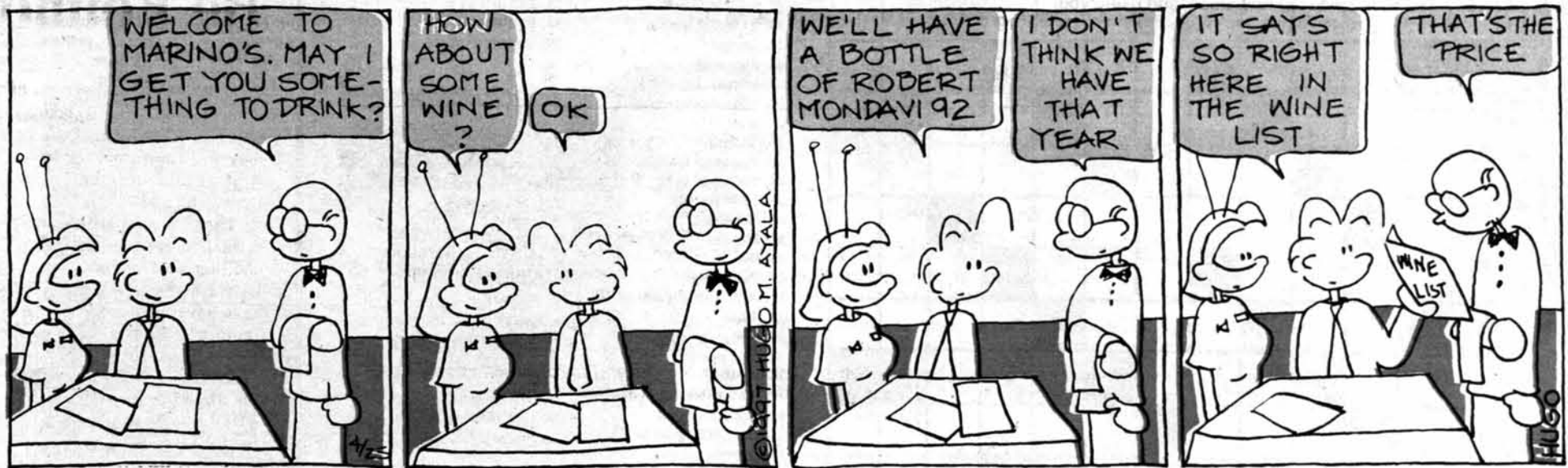
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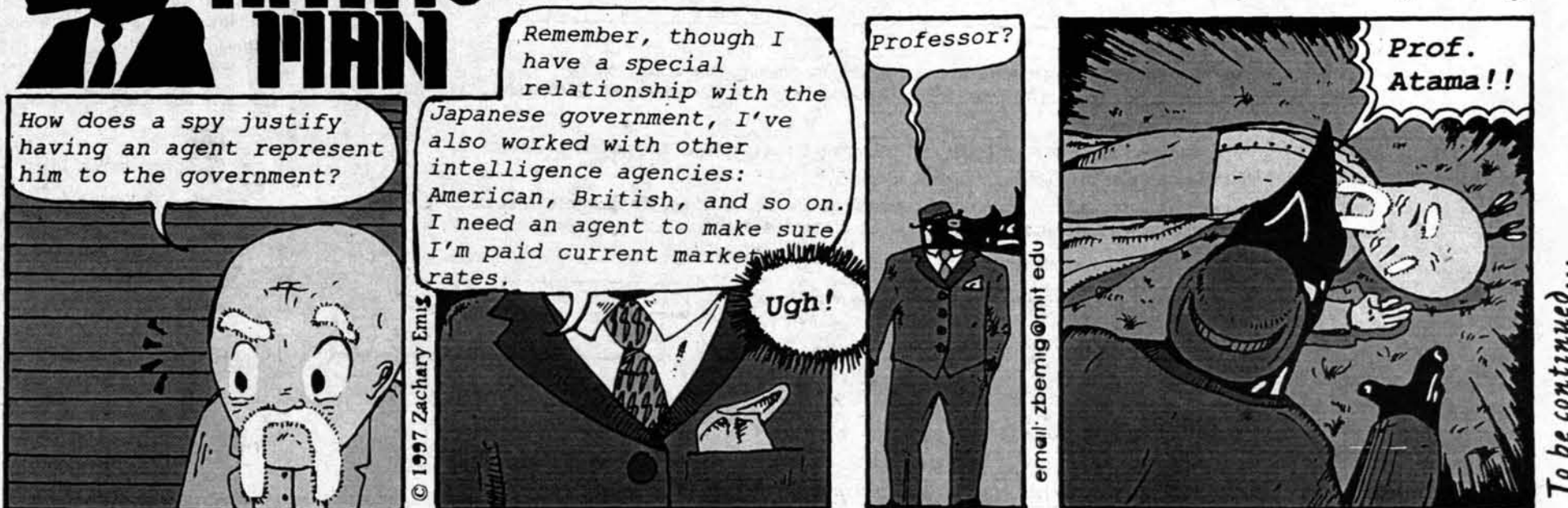
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- 1. Accountant (abbr.)
- 4. Early growing grain sorghum
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- 13. Religious symbol
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- 19. Midwest state (abbr.)
- 20. Anger
- 21. Against
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- 23. Very little light
- 25. 2,000 pounds
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- 32. N.Y. district (abbr.)
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- 36. Blue pencils
- 38. Painting
- 39. Ribonucleic acid (abbr.)
- 40. Sodium symbol
- 41. Navy officer (abbr.)
- 42. Appear
- 43. Inquire
- 45. High card
- 46. Brewed drink
- 47. Fellow; pal (slang)
- 48. Fuss
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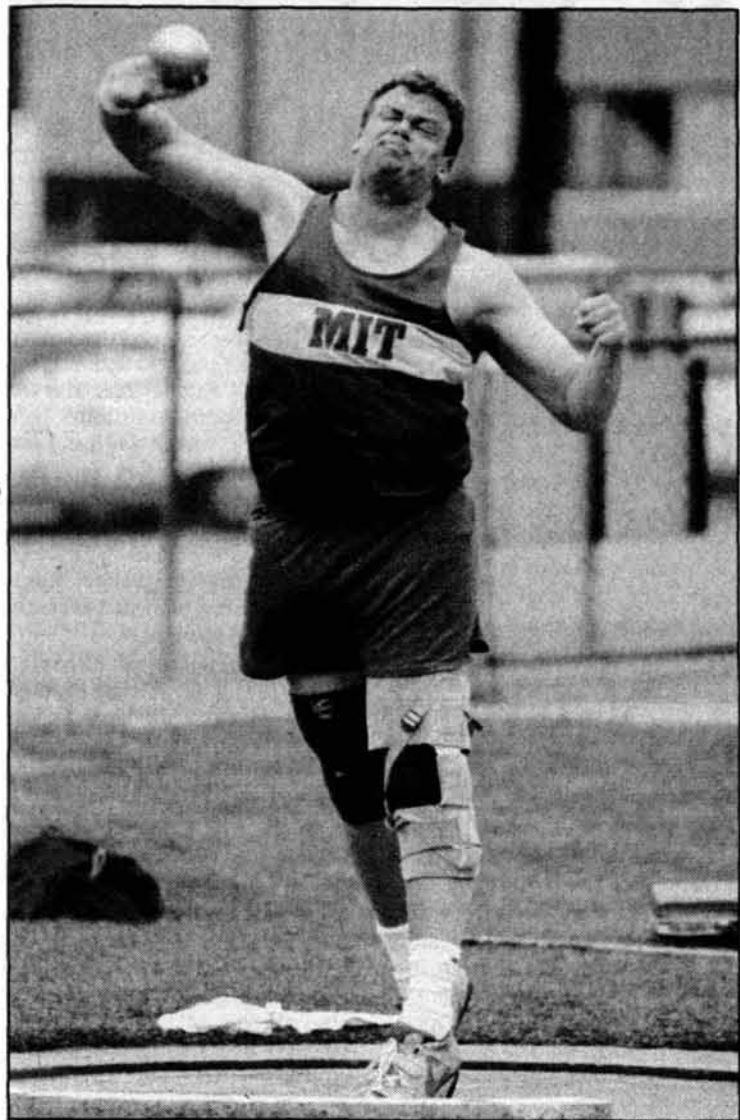
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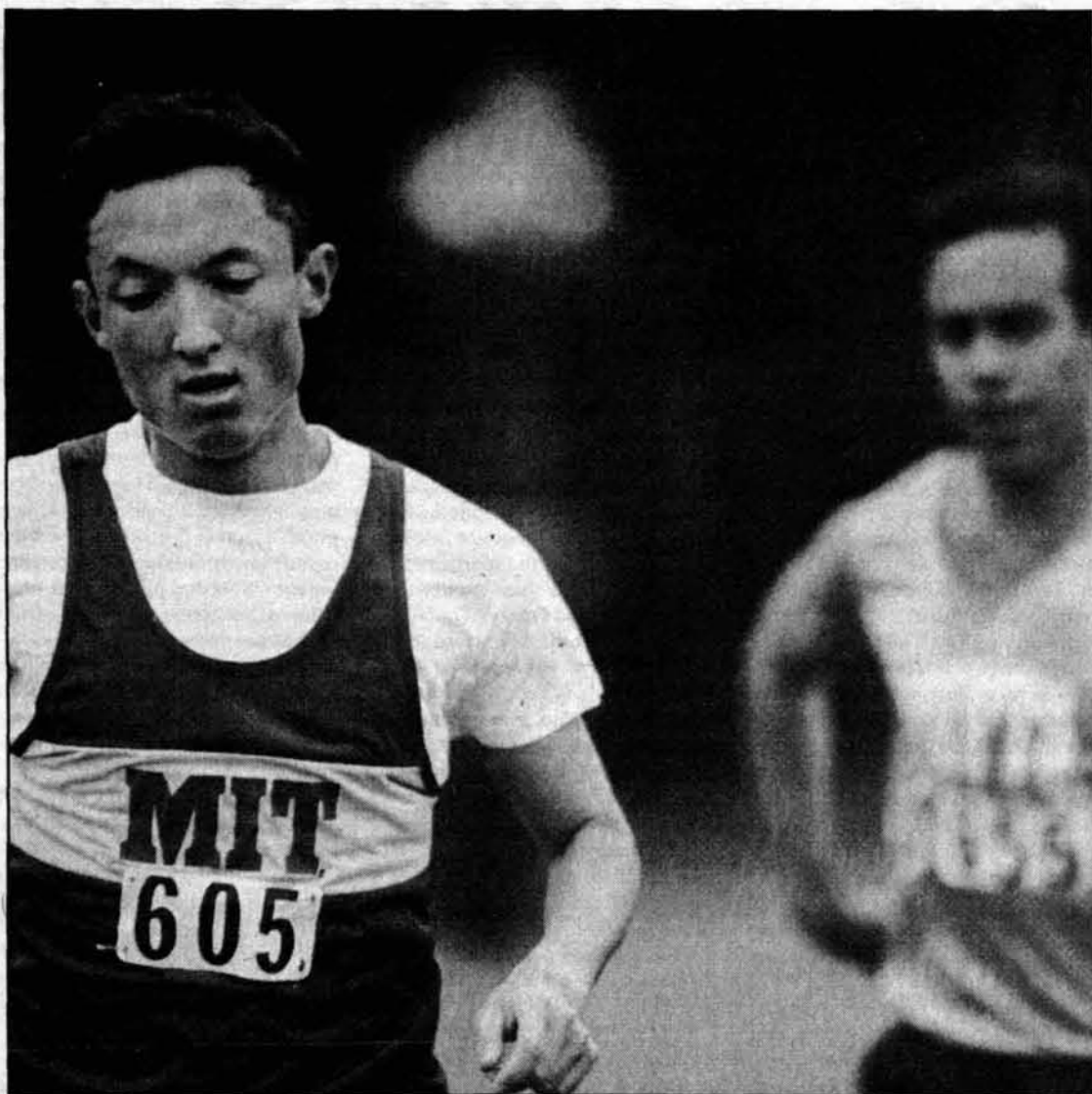
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Chris McGuire '00 passes a Tufts University runner to take the lead in the 5,000-meter run during Saturday's track meet. McGuire went on to win by 10 seconds, with a final time of 15:33.27.

Men's Track Takes Every Running Event in Tufts Victory

Men's Track, from Page 24

The efforts of Samuel Thibault '00, Matts Potts '00, and Andrew Jamieson '99 secured MIT's lead by taking all three places in the pole vault.

For the first time, MIT swept the javelin. Rookie Chad Souke '99 made his debut, and after one practice with the spear, he threw a distance of 148 feet 1 inch to win.

Chris McGuire '00, fresh for the 5,000-meter run, followed the Tufts'

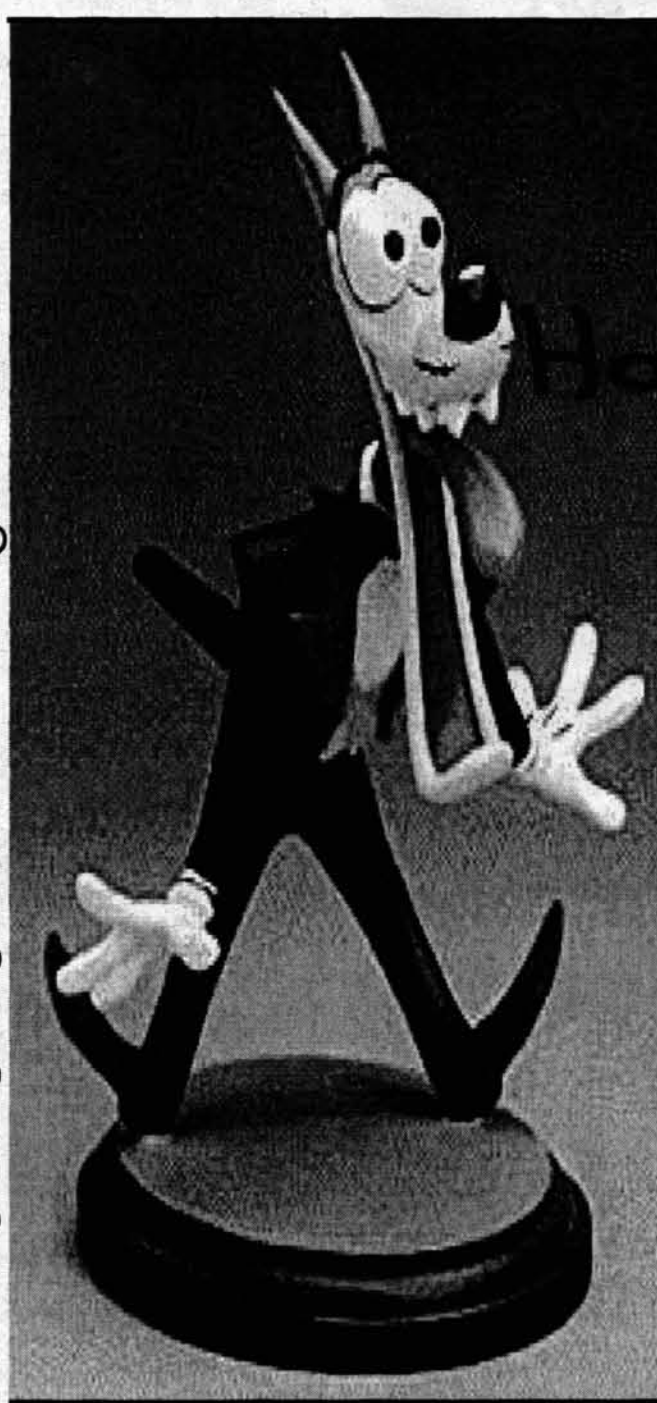
runners for the first 4,800 meters. McGuire took the lead and ran the last 200 meters in 28 seconds, winning by 10 seconds in 15 minutes 33.27 seconds.

Michael Parkins '99 easily won the 3,000-meter steeplechase

despite the strong wind with a time of 9:46.8. For the first time this season, Leif Seed '99 did not run the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Instead, he took first in the 1,500 meters and the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, earning a season best

of 57.21. Men's track has now won all six of its meets this season. MIT's last home meet of the season will be this Saturday against Springfield College and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

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Golfers Finish Well in Matches

By Jay Grayson
TEAM MEMBER

The varsity golf team crushed Emerson College on Monday after finishing third on Friday in the Engineers Cup in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The team played Emerson College at its home course, Crystal Springs Golf Course, which was particularly soggy from the nor'easter that passed through during the weekend, and it was difficult to play the ball because of casual water in and around the fairways.

Emerson only showed up with five players so the teams decided to count only the first five scores rather than the best five of seven. It ended up not making a difference in the scoring because MIT handed Emerson a decisive 505-452 loss.

Team captain Jay Grayson '97 turned in another solid performance by shooting 80 and taking medalist for the day. His front nine score of 39 could have been much lower except for some difficulty around the greens.

Putting proved to be difficult once again as the team had to make a transition from the beautiful and consistent greens of the Engineers Cup in Pittsburgh to the marked and unreadable greens of Crystal.

The two other sub-90 scores of the day were carded by Brian Kevitt '97 with an 85 and Todd Kamin '00

with an 88. Both worked impressive back nines as Kevitt shot 42 and Kamin, an impressive 40. This was enough to seal a victory over Emerson even with the 97 and 102 performances of Dan Henderson '98 and John Zehren '00.

Scores that did not count for the match, but would have counted under normal circumstances, were by Dale Chon '99 with a 91 and Aaron Valade '00 with a 93, who made his first appearance of the season.

Team takes third in tourney

Each year a different engineering school sponsors the Engineers Cup, and this year Carnegie Mellon University hosted the tournament at beautiful Longue Vue Country Club on Thursday and Friday.

Longue Vue's layout was very difficult for tournament play because of deep rough and narrow fairways. Coupled with the fact that no team member had ever seen the course, each player was aware of the possible impending first round difficulties.

Day one turned out to be quite successful for the team because of a surprising first round score from Grayson. His round of 80 was highlighted by three birdies after a very difficult start on Longue Vue's first four holes.

Young E. Kim '98 played consistently well throughout the day to

shoot 88, but the three other players had difficulties of their own.

Kamin could not keep the ball in play on the front nine to shoot 53, but he regained composure to finish with a strong 41 on the back nine for a respectable total of 94. Zehren and Henderson completed their days with scores of 94 and 95, respectively.

The team stood tied with Carnegie Mellon for second place with a total of 356.

Day two proved to be a disappointment except for the performance of Grayson. His round of 79, highlighted by a back nine 39, was good enough for the day's best round. His individual performance put him in second place for the tournament, six strokes in front of the nearest competitor.

However, the team did not fare quite as well. Kim fell two strokes to shoot 90, and Kamin, learning from his mistakes from the previous day, improved to a 92. Henderson finished with a 94, but Zehren had his difficulties all day en route to a 98.

The total of 355 was not enough to overcome the 346 performance of Carnegie Mellon, and the team fell from second to third. The entire team considered this to be a very successful appearance against many fine schools.

The season record stands at 5-4.

Men's Rugby Season Starts with One Tie and Two Solid Wins

By Chris Sununu
TEAM MEMBER

The MIT rugby team kicked off their season this week with three tough matches against the Boston Brahmins, the University of New Hampshire, and archrival Harvard Business School. The team held on for two strong wins against the Brahmins and Harvard and a tie against the UNH team.

The season opened on Saturday with a 17-12 win against the Brahmins. The first half fared well for the Engineers as their mauling produced enough ball for the back line to push across two tries including a spectacular run by fullback Jeremy Levin G.

Spearheading the second half attack was captain Jeff Bucci. Bucci's fierce running style helped give MIT excellent field position after two quick scores by Boston. MIT was able to maintain the high intensity for the remainder of the game to secure the five-point victory.

MIT defeats Harvard Business

The season's biggest challenge though came on Wednesday against the always competitive Harvard Business School. For the third straight season, MIT has faced Harvard as an underdog, and for the third straight season, MIT has come out victorious.

Harvard's recent claim to the National Business School Rugby Championship provided incentive for the MIT's hard play.

Both teams, as usual, came ready to play. From the opening kickoff it was evident that the high intensity that was brought onto the field was going to provide an afternoon of quality rugby.

In the first half, the MIT pack held together well in the scrums but the fitness and smart play of Harvard kept the Engineers from dominating ball movement. The back line of MIT did set up some opportunities at the try zone but Harvard held MIT to only a single three-point kick by the half's end.

"We had the lead," said Dave Stracher, "but we also knew Harvard could explode for big points in the second half."

The quick play of MIT did not dwindle through halftime though. Early in the second half, the MIT forwards pressured the Harvard fly-half into an errant pass that was quickly recovered by Jeremy Levin G.

The MIT back line responded with beautiful passing which set up Huw Price for the game's first try. "It was only 8-0 by then, but we knew we had them on the ropes," said Jeremy DeBonet G.

The last 15 minutes were defensive for the Engineers as they were forced to play a man down yet still held Harvard with four goal-line stands. The Harvard fullback kept the pressure on MIT with three strong kicks deep behind the MIT 22-meter line.

This combined with some costly MIT penalties allowed Harvard to push a try across on the game's final play, but it wasn't enough as MIT walked away with a 8-5 win. "That was the hardest 15 minutes of rugby I can remember," said prop Fernando Vargas G.

Engineers tie UNH

MIT continued their long week against the UNH A-side squad on Sunday. The game was a battle back and forth during the first 30 minutes with neither team able to put any points on the board.

A late first-half surge by the MIT pack pushed back the UNH forwards for two tries by Tim Braier and Toshiyuki Hino G. MIT continued to be strong in the second half as well and took a 19-5 lead with 20 minutes left to play.

UNH was not finished though as they turned the tide of the game with their good kicking and fitness. They scored two late tries and converted their kicks to tie the score in the game's final minutes.

The game would end that way with both teams feeling it was a well played match. MIT coach Stephen Wilhelm said, "It was disappointing to lose the lead, but it was a spectacularly played game on both sides. It is teams like this that make rugby so thrilling to watch."

MIT will continue their undefeated season against the Babson Old Boys tomorrow at 1 p.m. here at MIT. This season's heavy schedule will make it all the more difficult for MIT to keep their Social Division Championship but after such a commendable week, the team remains very hopeful.



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he wants, and prevent the rest of the team from scoring at all. This is especially effective against easily frustrated members of the Bulls (i.e., Scottie Pippen). Look for the Bulls to employ this method in the first round.

Dennis Rodman. Rodman is the best rebounder in the NBA, one of the best defenders in the league, and excels at getting under people's skin. However, he has a downside (duh): He's not a scorer, he doesn't get along with equally egocentric teammates (i.e., Scottie Pippen), and he has been known to disrupt team chemistry at times (can you say San Antonio?).

A team would do well to assign one man to defend Rodman at all times, not to keep him from scoring, but to box him out. Keep Dennis from rebounding, and you might just get under his skin.

One Game at a Time. The Bulls come into an arena with an aura. They've been the best team in the league for a while, and have blown out a lot of teams a lot of times. This tends to be intimidating.

If a team can stay focused on the current game, rather than dwell on their 30-point loss in game one, their chances of victory improve greatly. So, does this mean that someone will stop Chicago?

Doubtful. First, it's unlikely that NBA coaches listen to the advice of MIT newspapers. Second, all of these things are easy to do on paper, but you try boxing out Dennis Rodman. In any case, here's the quick and dirty preview of how things should go.

Eastern Conference

If any team is going to stop Chicago, it will be Washington in the first round. The Bullets have a couple of things going for them: They have the raw talent to beat the Bulls, they only have to win three games, and Rodman and Kukoc are less than healthy.

Unfortunately, the Bullets are also inconsistent and not particularly well-coached. Don't be too shocked if Washington takes this one, but don't put money on it, either.

Miami looks to have a fairly easy first round against Orlando. The Magic haven't done a whole lot without Shaq this year, and didn't get a whole lot better after the players had Brian Hill fired as coach. Have you noticed the Li'l Penny commercials aren't playing anymore?

Charlotte lost to the Knicks on the last day of the season to set up their first round matchup. Not a good sign for the Hornets. Glen Rice is hot, but he can't do it alone. Knicks in four.

Detroit won on the last day of the season to make it into the fourth spot against Atlanta. It was a great sigh of relief for the Pistons, who beat the Hawks three times this year but had won a total of two games combined against Chicago, Miami, and New York.

Atlanta was great at home this season, but lousy on the road; if Detroit can take a game in the Omni, the series is theirs.

Two weeks ago, the Pistons beat the Bulls for the first time in twenty years. Unfortunately, they are not likely to continue their winning streak. Detroit is a good team, but they too often have to rely on Grant Hill and Joe Dumars, much like Chicago relied on Jordan in his early seasons.

The Miami-New York series could be the best series in the playoffs, if it didn't feature the Knicks, the most brutally dull team in basketball. This isn't a knock on the Knicks (knock on the Knicks, that's catchy); they win by being brutally dull. They'll beat the Heat, too (supply your own joke here).

The Knicks seem to meet the Bulls in the playoffs every year, with the same result. New York should be able to have their way with Chicago; they have scorers and defenders, and no one in Chicago has ever been able to match up with Patrick Ewing.

Yet every year, Ewing scores six points in the entire series, and the Knicks go golfing. This year is no different. Let's head West.

Go West, young man

For the nth year in a row, the Utah Jazz heads into the playoffs behind John Stockton and Karl

Malone. This year, the Mailman and the Stock Boy have a bit of a supporting cast, certainly enough to carry them past the Clippers in the first round.

The Sonics are the defending West champs, and should easily make it by Phoenix in the first round. That's too bad for the Suns, who rebounded from a horrible start to make the playoffs under Danny Ainge. Well, better luck next year.

Speaking of horrible teams, the Timberwolves are in the playoffs this year. Kudos to Kevin Garnett, Stephon Marbury, etc. Hope they're happy to be here, because they won't last long against the Rockets.

The current theory floating around the league is that Shaquille O'Neal's injuries have helped the Lakers, because he'll be fresh going into the playoffs. Sure, rehab is a real picnic, that probably didn't tire him out at all. Look for the well-rested O'Neal to cruise past the Blazers.

Utah gets the Lakers in the second round. Shaq must be getting tired by now. The games should be

close, but L.A. has a huge disadvantage in any close game; fouling O'Neal is usually as good as a turnover. Jazz in five.

Meanwhile, Houston should be able to upset Seattle and head to the next round. The Sonics are a tremendously talented team, but are classic playoff underachievers. If Shawn Kemp can keep his game together, Seattle can advance, but don't count on it.

Well, the Jazz are in the West finals again. Houston is in the West finals for the third time in four years. This one's tough to call, but it looks like Utah's aging veterans might finally be better than Houston's aging veterans. Michael, Scottie, Dennis, see you in Salt Lake City.

The Finals

Can the Jazz end decades of playoff disappointment and defeat Chicago for the NBA title? Is the Pope Russian? (Hint for our non-Catholic readers: He's Polish.) Okay, so the outcome was a foregone conclusion. You want unpre-

dictability, study physics.

Trivia Question

The last non-Chicago team to win the NBA title was the Houston Rockets, which accomplished the feat in 1994 and 1995. Assuming the Bulls repeat this year, name the last NBA champ not to win at least two titles in a row.

Send your answers, comments, and the exact date when Joe Torre will be fired to eamports@the-tech.mit.edu.

Answer to last week's question: The Bruins have won two Stanley Cups in the past 30 years, in 1970 and 1972. Correct answers were sent in by Jonathan Kossuth G, Josh Kattaf '98, John Rae '99, and Mike McCarthy of the Property Office.

All of our trivia winners also pointed out that Ray Borque used to wear Phil Esposito's number, not Bobby Orr's. In an obvious attempt to cover for this blunder, EA Sports introduces a new feature: Find the Major Factual Error. Can you spot this week's glaring mistake? Good luck!

Two Teams Win Conference Titles

By Roger Crosley

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Katherine Merrilees '97 a field hockey player, has been named a GTE College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America.

Sports Shorts

Merrilees, the leading point scorer in MIT field hockey history, was a third team selection to the College Division Fall/Winter At-Large team.

Men's tennis nets conference

The MIT tennis teams have had a lot to cheer about recently. The men's team won the Constitution Athletic Conference Championship Tournament by sweeping matches against Western New England College (5-0), Springfield College (3-0), and Babson College (3-2).

Eric Chen '00, was named the conference rookie of the year, and coach Jeff Hamilton was selected coach of the year.

In women's play, Mealani Nakamura '00, has

won the New England Showcase singles championship. Nakamura dominated the tournament winning all three of her matches in straight sets and dropping only 13 games along the way.

Women's track dominates

The women's track and field team won the Fitchburg State College Invitational meet recently. The Engineers won eight of the 17 events contested.

Janis Eisenberg '98 was a dual winner for the Engineers. She took both the 1,500-meter and 3,000-meter runs.

Baseball steals conference

The MIT baseball team has captured the championship of the Eastern Division of the Constitution Athletic Conference with an 11-3 conference record. The Engineers will host the first two rounds of the CAC Tournament.

MIT will host a second round game at 11 a.m. tomorrow. Should the team win the first two games, the final will be played at Babson College at 3 p.m.

Strong Winds Slow Heavyweight Crew in Compton Cup Loss

By Robert Lentz

TEAM MEMBER

The varsity heavyweight crew team lost to Princeton and Harvard Universities in the Compton Cup, rowed last Saturday in Princeton, N.J.

MIT lead the other two teams off the start. However, both Princeton and Harvard went on to handle the strong head wind much better than MIT, and both rowed to an easy win over the Tech eight.

Princeton finished with a very impressive time of 6:17.6, while Harvard trailed by 7 seconds with a time of 6:24.5. MIT finished well behind of both teams.

After the start, Princeton moved past the Engineers to take the lead, which they would keep, virtually unchallenged, throughout the race.

The MIT eight remained ahead of Harvard until after the settle, at which point Harvard moved to take a boat-length lead that it would keep until the 1,000-meter point.

At the 1,000, or halfway, the young MIT crew found itself down on a crew for the first time this season and compiled with the strong head wind and choppy water, was unable to mount a comeback.

The wind played a large factor in the performance of the MIT

crew. Gusts of wind sporadically blew the boat from side to side, throwing off the set and the course of the boat. The head wind also created a sizeable amount of chop which made clean blade work (when the team tries to work their oars together efficiently in unison) very difficult.

"It is good to know that we have one of the fastest starts in the country," said Karsten Kallevig '99. "We need to work on rowing well when we are down, though."

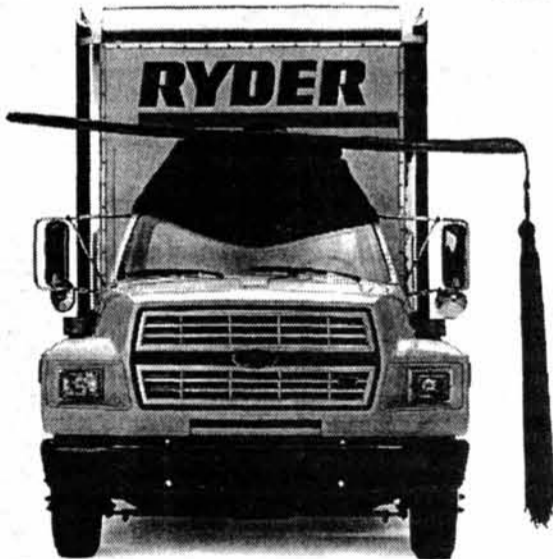
Princeton and Harvard are consistently among the fastest crews in the country, and this year was no different. Princeton is currently ranked first in the country, while Harvard is seventh.

The second varsity and first freshman races finished in much the same way as the first varsity race, with Princeton and Harvard well in front of MIT.

Princeton proved to be the fastest crew all around and swept all races for the day.

The heavyweights have their only home race of the season tomorrow against the University of New Hampshire. They will be racing from 9:45 to 11 a.m.

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THOMAS R. KARLO—THE TECH

Chad Souke '99 throws the javelin during Saturday's track meet against Tufts University.

Men's Track Still Undefeated After Decisive Win Over Tufts

By Jennifer Yang
TEAM MANAGER

The MIT track team sought to extend its undefeated season last Saturday, facing Tufts University on an unseasonably cold, windy afternoon. MIT prevailed 99-64, winning every running event and sweeping the 200-meter dash, the javelin, and the pole vault.

Tufts was the only school which

defeated MIT during the outdoor season last year. Given last year's outcome, this meet was expected to be MIT's biggest obstacle to a perfect record this season.

With top sprinter Matthew Sandholm G and jumper Ravi Sastry '98 not competing because of injuries, MIT entered the meet without two of its top performers. Strong performances from other team mem-

bers were needed in their absence.

Lincoln Bonner '97, who was entered in six events, was the team's top scorer. Bonner placed first in the 100-meter dash (11.58 seconds), 110-meter high hurdles (15.67), and the 200 (23.15). Coming in strong behind Bonner in the 200 was Neal Karchem '99 with a time of 23.54, his best time this season. Bradley Geilfuss G captured third by four-hundredths of a second with a time of 23.84.

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Celtics to Win NBA Playoffs; Hell Reporting Record Lows

By Bo Light
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Hello and welcome once again to EA Sports. If you're looking for insightful commentary, bold predictions, and quality information, well, go read Will McDonough. If you want entertainment, however, you've come to the right place!

Apology, part one

Oops! Because of space restrictions, last week's NHL playoff preview had to be cut. In hindsight, there were probably some other bits which should have been dropped instead, but then again, it wasn't that great a preview anyway.

Here's the gist of it: Colorado overcomes injuries and a bloodbath conference final with Detroit to take the Cup from New Jersey in seven games. This, of course, assumes Colorado and Detroit make it through the first round.

Hoops report

Now, rather than risk writing too much and losing another big preview, let us devote the rest of our time to the EA Sports NBA Playoff

Extravaganza. After six grueling months of basketball, almost half of the field has been eliminated from title contention, leaving us with 16 teams that we can watch until mid-June, or longer if the league decides it can make more money.

Almost everyone with more than a passing interest in the sport has already given this year's title to the Chicago Bulls, who fell just short of the 70-win platform. But are the playoffs just a formality? Can the Jordan Juggernaut be stopped? The answer is, shockingly enough, yes. Here we present the keys to beating the Bulls.

Defending Jordan. In the late 1980s and early '90s, when Chicago still lost regularly, there were two schools of thought on how to stop MJ.

The Detroit Pistons method involved relentlessly harassing Jordan, limiting his ability not only to score, but to create points. This method, however requires several excellent defenders, and a detailed system for defending one man; few teams in today's NBA would be able to pull it off.

Far easier is the Boston method: let Jordan score as many points as

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Sailors Place Well In Weekend Regattas

By Sheri Cheng and Alan Sun

TEAM MEMBERS

The freshman sailing team placed second in the New England Freshman Championships, held this past weekend at the MIT Sailing Pavilion.

Saturday started off windy and cold, with big wind shifts on the river. Skipper Sean Fabre '00 and crew Alan Sun '00 kicked off the regatta with two first-place finishes and a third.

In the fourth race, MIT was disqualified for kinetics — illegal movements intended to increase boat speed. Fabre and Sun finished up Saturday strong by ending the day in third. Connecticut College and Tufts University finished ahead of them by eight and six points, respectively.

On Sunday, Fabre and Sun started off slowly with 12th, but placed first in several races in a row after that. MIT did well the rest of the day to finish the regatta in second, losing to Connecticut by six points.

Tufts rounded out the top three. "If it wasn't for the DSQ in race four, we would have won the whole thing, but we still dominated with at least five firsts out of a 14-race regatta," Sun said.

Women's team affected by wind

The women's team sailed for the Reed Trophy at Radcliffe this past weekend, also for their New England Championships.

Plagued by the shifty wind conditions and stiff competition, skippers Jen Kelly '99 and Jessica Lackey '00, with respective crews Sheri Cheng '99 and Yoko Kusumoto '97, finished 12th overall in the regatta.

Other regattas during the weekend included a team-racing regatta at Tufts on Sunday, attended by skippers Drew Mutch '98, Rob Damus '99, and Juan Rodriguez '98, and respective crews Anna Michel '98, Danielle Adams '00, and Paul Konigsberg '98. MIT placed fifth out of the six teams attending.

Also, Boston College hosted a Rhodes 19 Invite at Courageous Sailing Center, where the team of Nick Hahn '99, Chris Stow '00, and Andrew Greytak '00 placed third out of five teams.

Women's Track Outpaces Invitational Competition To Finish in First Place

By Eugenia Hahn
TEAM MEMBER

The women's varsity track and field team dominated the Fitchburg State Invitational last Saturday by

finishing in first place with 91 points, a full 42 points ahead of the second-place team.

With their score, the Engineers proved that they had the depth and strength in many events and that they could perform well in adverse weather conditions.

Fitchburg State, the host team, came in second with 49 points; Worcester State College (20 points) and Regis College (4 points) also competed in the invitational.

Despite the wind and rain, the team managed to break a freshman record and to dominate some events like the 1,500 meters.

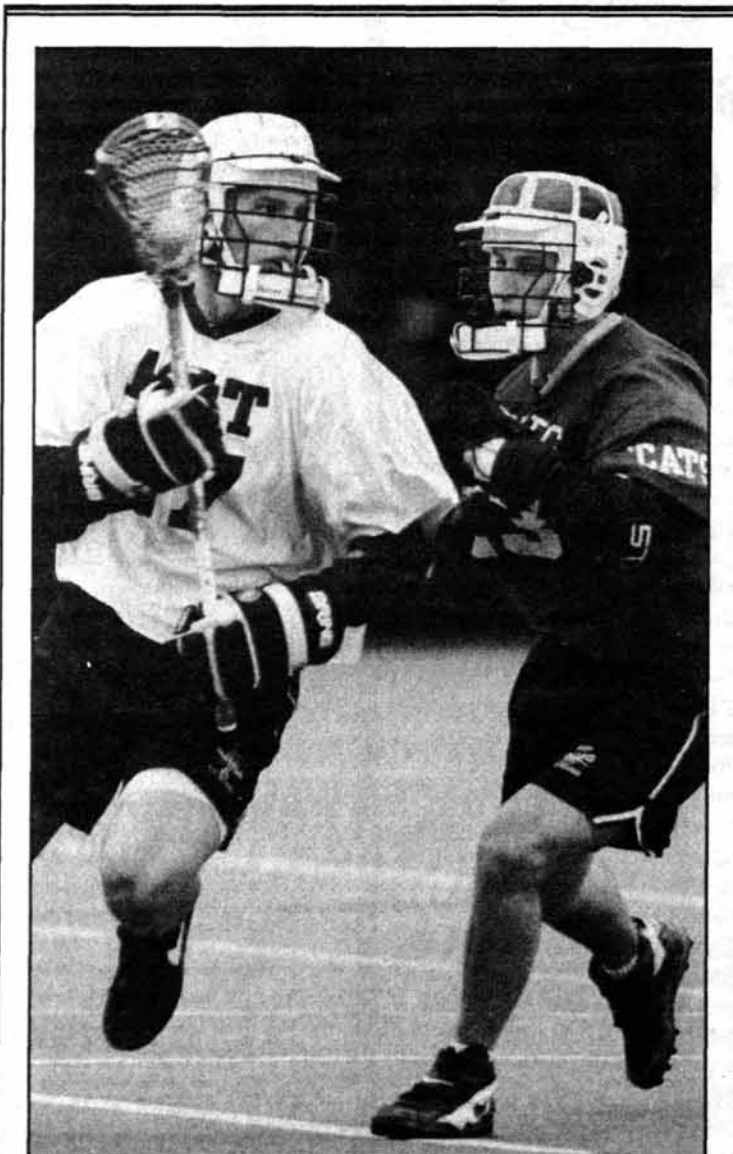
In the hammer throw, Crystal Harris '00 set a new freshman record with a throw of 93 feet 2 inches. Janis Eisenberg '98, Michelle Hardiman '00, and Debbie Won '00 dominated the 1,500, coming in first, second, and fourth respectively. Eisenberg again led the field in the 3,000 meters, an event swept by MIT.

Other strong performances include first-place finishes by Alyssa Thorvaldsen '00 in both the 100- and 400-meter hurdles, Jill Eich '99 in the high jump, and Elaine Chen '99 in the long jump.

Other team members that earned points include Jennifer Elizondo '99 and Harris with second- and third-place throws in the javelin. Harris and Elizondo also scored for the team in the shotput, coming in at second and third-places, respectively.

Chen and Renee Bowen '00 placed second and third in the 100-meter dash and third and fourth in the 200 meters. In the 800-meter run, Robin Evans '99 and Leah Nichols '00 came in first and second.

Coach Joe Sousa was pleased with the team's performance in adverse weather conditions. This win brings the team's record to 6-2 for the season.



JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

Mike Butville '98 breaks from a Bates College player to attack the goal in Saturday's lacrosse game at Jack Barry Field. MIT lost 13-6.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, April 26

Heavyweight Crew vs. University of New Hampshire
Lightweight Crew vs. Rutgers University
Men's Outdoor Track and Field vs. Springfield College