



CHUN HUA ZHENG

Lecturer of Music and Theater Arts Mark S. Harvey performs "Other Angels/Other Voices" with the The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra in Kresge Auditorium Saturday night. The concert celebrated the international release of Aardvark's third compact disc, *Psalms & Elegies*.

## Groups Hold Events At Spring Weekend

By Jennifer Lane  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Blue skies and temperatures in the 60s this weekend lured students outdoors to participate in Spring Weekend events, which both entertained students and raised money for various charities.

The first official Spring Weekend event was Friday's day-long International Fair on Kresge Oval [see story, page 11]. That evening, the 24-Hour Coffee House featured Jazz with Pedro Verdugo and Friends.

Also that evening, the Women's Independent Living Group sponsored their annual Mr. Spring Weekend Competition in Lobdell Food Court. Contestants squared off in a talent show, a "non-conformal" wear competition, a question-and-answer session, and a competition to see who could raise the most funds

for charity.

At the end of the evening, Jonas M. Arcelona '00, who played an Alice in Chains song on the guitar for his talent display, was declared the winner.

"I won because I had the most people supporting me," Arcelona said. "Really, anyone there could have been Mr. Spring Weekend."

Arcelona won \$150 in gift certificates to The Coop.

"It went pretty well, and it had some of the usual chaos," said Mary C. Obelnicki '98, president of WILG. The event raised more than \$400 for the Boston Rape Crisis Center, and approximately 70 people attended the contest, she said.

**APO Spring Carnival returns**

Saturday marked the revival of

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## Dining Group Plans Breakup of Monopoly

By Douglas E. Heimbarger  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Aramark's monopoly on food services will be dismantled and dormitory dining halls will be reopened under tentative proposals of the food services working group presented at last night's Undergraduate Association meeting.

Under preliminary proposals, which are subject to revision, outside contractors will be permitted to bid on a variety of contracts for dining operations. Control over the operations will rest with a new dining board, said Phillip J. Walsh, director of the Campus Activities Complex and chair of the group.

The current major dining facilities — Morss Hall at Walker Memorial, Lobdell Food Court in the Student Center, and Refresher Course in Building E51 — will all be bid out independently, said Jeremy D. Sher '98, a student member of the working group and Next House representative to the UA. In addition, other dining facilities, such as the Building 4 Coffee Shop and Networks, will also be bid out on separate contracts.

"While there are advantages to [having] one contract, each area has different needs," Walsh said. While one contractor may receive several contracts, they will be evaluated only on their performance in each specific facility.

By improving competition on campus, quality and service can be

improved without increasing costs, Walsh said. The central food board will control common issues like acceptance of the MIT Card, sanitation, and safety, Walsh said.

A group of students, staff members, and faculty will be created to provide oversight on prices, hours of operation, and quality at each site.

The food services working group is currently in the process of creating its final report, which will be delivered to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56 and Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams. If they approve, the plans will be implemented with the expiration of the

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## Students Protest Against *The Tech* With Charges of Racist Tendencies

By Zareena Hussain  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A group of students distributed pamphlets in protest of *The Tech* and *The Absolut Tech*, a spoof of *The Tech* published on April 17, in Lobby 7 on Friday.

The pamphlet included a letter addressed to *The Tech* editorial staff outlining the protesters' grievances against *The Tech* as well as a platform for increasing multicultural awareness at MIT.

The protesters collected issues of *The Tech* from various distribution points on campus and moved them to Lobby 7.

**Protest served dual purpose**

The purpose of the protest was two-fold, said Joaquin S. Terrones '97, the organizer of the protest. He

said the goal was to make people aware of racial issues and to highlight the lack of resources for racial minorities at MIT. Part of these goals was to make *The Tech* more responsible for its content.

The protesters stated in the pamphlet that "*The Tech's* comfort in using racist humor is only indicative of a growing atmosphere of intolerance on campus." To combat this intolerance, the pamphlet listed demands for resources currently lacking at MIT.

Two resources that required immediate attention were an Asian American administrator to address the needs of Asian American students at MIT and an ethnic studies program, the pamphlet said.

"Currently, there are 30 courses that deal with ethnicity and race," Terrones said. However, "they are scattered across the campus.

Students don't know about them."

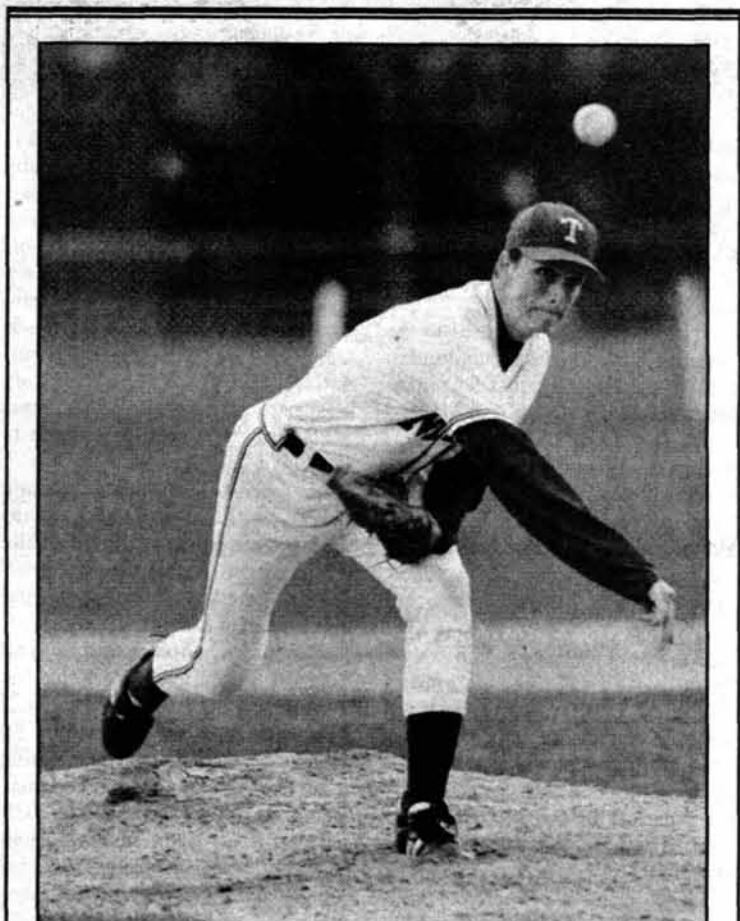
Some longer term goals outlined in the pamphlet were the establishment of a multicultural center and an increase in the number of minority faculty, especially women. The protesters also called for more tenured professors to teach courses in black, Hispanic American, or Asian American studies, an increase in the number of minorities in the administration, and a comprehensive, mandatory program that focuses on diversity for all freshmen during Residence and Orientation Week.

"I think that it's something that will benefit people of color, in particular, and everyone as a whole," Terrones said.

**Letter outlines racist stereotypes**

The letter in the pamphlet listed

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JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

Will Nielsen '99 pitches in Saturday's baseball game on Briggs Field. Despite the eight strikeouts he recorded, the Babson College Beavers triumphed 7-4.

## Bike Units Add Flexibility To Police's Crime-fighting

By Thomas R. Karlo  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Students are not the only ones who take advantage of the speed and convenience bicycles provide in getting around campus. As the weather warms each April, the Campus Police can be seen patrolling the campus on mountain bicycles. For the officers who volunteer to be part of the bicycle unit, spring means they can once again ride around campus.

For Officer John Peterson, who has been in the unit three years, one of the biggest benefits of patrolling on a bicycle is the increased contact with the community. "People come up and talk to you. ... That's a good part of job. It's a lot of fun."

The are more pragmatic reasons for using the mountain bicycles as well. On the Institute's narrow, urban campus, bicycle police can often respond to calls faster than officers on foot or in cruisers. "You can get on a bicycle and go from

one end of the campus to the other in six or seven minutes, but with a police car during rush hour it's impossible to go that fast," Peterson said.

Speed, low cost, and mobility are advantages of the bicycle units. "We fill in the gap between the officer on foot and the officer in the cruiser," Peterson said.

Bicycle units patrol the same routes that foot patrols normally would cover, said Sgt. Richard Sullivan, who directs the bicycle and motorcycle units. "They just replace the walking person who would have that duty."

**Bicycles serve special needs**

"A lot of the time the bicycles arrive before anyone else," said Sgt. Paul Baratta. Sometimes bicycle units are the only ones able to respond quickly to problems — crowded events like the yearly July 4 crowds along the Charles River can make using vehicles difficult.

MIT's bicycle police unit was one of the first seen on a college

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# WORLD & NATION

## Court Allows Baltimore to Ban Cigarette Ads on Billboards

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

In another setback for the tobacco industry, the Supreme Court Monday cleared the way for Baltimore to enforce a citywide ban on billboards advertising cigarettes or beer.

The move, while not a final ruling on the matter, is likely to encourage other cities to ban public ads for tobacco products. It also suggests the Clinton administration may not face a First Amendment barrier in seeking to restrict cigarette advertising directed at minors.

The Baltimore case has been seen as a test of whether such restrictions could survive a First Amendment challenge.

In 1994, the Baltimore city council passed the ordinance in an effort to shield young people, especially in the inner city, from the pervasive influence of giant billboards touting tobacco and alcohol. Industry groups and advertisers quickly challenged the measure on First Amendment grounds.

The Supreme Court, in its ruling Monday, did not hand down a written ruling on the First Amendment issue at stake in the Baltimore case (Penn Advertising vs. Baltimore, 96-1429), but simply refused to take up the matter. Thus, Monday's ruling left open the prospect the high court will address the issue in a future case.

## State Securities Officials Reach Pact on Regulating Planners

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Investors doing business with small investment advisory and financial planning firms could get some long-awaited help from regulators under an agreement hammered out by state securities officials.

The North American Securities Administrators Association announced Monday that its members have signed a memorandum of understanding on an initiative to protect customers of investment advisory firms and financial planners who manage less than \$25 million.

The agreement marks the first time any regulator — national or local — has said it will supervise this largely unregulated industry, according to state officials who signed the document Sunday in Washington.

Americans increasingly rely on financial advisers and planners, who, unlike stockbrokers, may not be registered with any securities regulator. Federal and state authorities say they worry that inexperienced investors are especially vulnerable to incompetent or dishonest planners.

The association's memorandum of understanding comes a year after Congress delegated to the states regulatory power over second-tier advisers and planners.

The Securities and Exchange Commission previously had responsibility to supervise advisers, but said its resources were not adequate to allow it to focus on more than the giant companies such as Fidelity Investments and the Vanguard Group.

Congress shifted regulatory oversight of smaller firms to the states as part of the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996.

## Peng's Death Likely to Boost Chinese Leader Jiang's Clout

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING

The death over the weekend of one of the last remaining political contemporaries of China's late "paramount leader," Deng Xiaoping, will probably strengthen President Jiang Zemin's hold on power in the world's most populous country, analysts said Monday.

Peng Zhen, one of the so-called Eight Immortals in China because of his role in the Communist takeover of 1949 and his enduring influence, died late Saturday. He was 95.

Peng's official obituary took pains to note that the former head of the National People's Congress "resolutely supported the central collective leadership with Comrade Jiang Zemin at the core." The obituary praised Peng as a "great proletarian revolutionary" who was a "major founder of the socialist legal system in China."

Ironically, however, he also was a backer of Deng's capitalist-style reforms. Likewise in his sometimes contradictory career, Peng joined Deng in taking a tough stance against pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square in 1989, but was the chief architect of a fledgling democracy program in China's villages.

## WEATHER

### Buds of May

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Tuesday will see clearing skies as yesterday's miserable system clears out of the way to be replaced by a high pressure system building in from the west. Temperatures should also rise to more seasonable numbers. Light winds mean a sea breeze is likely to cap temperatures on Wednesday, although increasing high clouds will herald a cyclone now brewing in central sections of the country. It looks like the worst of the system will push northward, but it bears watching for late Wednesday night and Thursday, providing an unwelcome launch to the new month.

**Today:** Mostly sunny. Moderate northwesterly winds. High 62°F (17°C).

**Tonight:** Mostly clear. Low 43°F (7°C).

**Wednesday:** Increasing high clouds toward day's end. Chance of overnight rain. High 62°F (17°C). Low 48°F (9°C).

**Thursday:** Chance of rain. High about 68°F (20°C). Low about 45°F (8°C).

# Clinton Calls on Volunteers To Help Children in Danger

By Blaine Harden

THE WASHINGTON POST

PHILADELPHIA

The problems facing America's vulnerable children are well beyond the capacity of government to address or even understand, President Clinton said here Monday as he called on private individuals to help save these children "one by one."

Standing in front of Independence Hall, Clinton delivered a speech on volunteerism that attempted to define the limits of government in America regarding children who "are being left behind in lives of too much danger."

"Even if we do everything we should, you and I know that a lot of the problems facing our children are problems of the human heart," said Clinton, delivering the keynote address for the Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

One-on-one mentoring of vulnerable children by successful adults was the principal solution advanced by Clinton and by the formidable cast of three former presidents, 30 governors and more than 100 mayors attending the three-day summit here. Organizers said there are 15 million children in need of mentors and other assistance.

"In terms of numbers, the task may seem staggering. But if we look at the simple needs that these children have, then the task is manageable," said Colin L. Powell, the summit's general chairman. "We know what they need. They need an adult caring person."

To put more mentors, teachers and other full-time volunteers to work, Clinton Monday proposed a

de facto melding of AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps created in 1993, with programs already run by religious and charitable institutions.

The president said he will propose legislation creating 50,000 new AmeriCorps scholarships for volunteers working for church and charitable groups, which would be asked to pay the volunteers' living expenses.

The AmeriCorps program currently awards a college scholarship worth \$4,725 for every year of service. It also picks up living costs of about \$7,000. By challenging churches and charities to shoulder the living costs, the president said "we can double the number of full-time volunteers." There are now about 25,000 serving in AmeriCorps.

Several of the approximately 3,000 delegates said Monday they would attempt to raise the money to meet Clinton's challenge.

"I'm inspired. I am going back to try to get at least every church and synagogue to come up with enough money for at least two of these young people," said Rev. W.J. Jones, bishop of Holy Cross Church in Trenton, N.J. He said that many churches and synagogues already have living quarters available for potential volunteers.

While the summit here had five goals, from guaranteeing vulnerable children a safe place to play during non-school hours to teaching them marketable skills, the one that received by far the most attention, and promised the best results, was mentoring.

Researchers have found that mentoring bridges one of the most

intractable problems of charity work, namely that volunteers feel most comfortable and give the most long-term service when they are helping people in their own social strata. Social science research has confirmed the subjective impressions of many volunteers that long-term mentoring does help children improve their lives.

The major obstacle to an expansion of mentoring programs is neither money nor goodwill, said Alan D. Schwartz, who heads the corporate leadership council for the One-on-One mentoring group and is also chief of investment banking at Bear Stearns in New York.

"The problem is capturing goodwill," said Schwartz. "This summit will turn out to be merely a feel-good exercise if we make it complicated and put the onus on volunteers to translate good feelings into action."

After the president, former presidents and most of the other dignitaries left Philadelphia Monday afternoon, delegates continued to share methods by which companies can organize mentors.

Hundreds of large American corporations have made substantial commitments to allow their employees to work as mentors on company time. Schwartz said careful planning is crucial for these commitments to blossom into long-term mentoring relationships between employees and children.

"As companies we have to make it very easy for employees to fit mentoring into their lives. We have to take away all their excuses. Then we find that they love it, and they stick with it," Schwartz said.

# Rebels Perpetrate 'Barbarism' Against Children, U.N. Says

By John Daniszewski

LOS ANGELES TIMES

KINSHASA, ZAIRE

U.N. officials Monday called it an act of "utmost barbarism": In the middle of the night, soldiers burst into a hospital where 50 severely malnourished Rwandan children were receiving emergency food and threw them "like sacks of potatoes" onto the back of a truck to be driven away to an unknown fate.

The soldiers, wearing uniforms like those worn by the Zairean rebel alliance, also beat up two nurses and an aide at the hospital in Lwiro, eastern Zaire, so badly that they had to be hospitalized and berated them for "caring for our enemies," said a spokesman for the UNICEF.

The revelations amounted to the latest allegation of serious human rights violations against Rwandan Hutu refugees by the Tutsi-allied rebel forces of Laurent Kabila, adding to charges in recent days that rebel soldiers and Zairean villagers have killed hundreds of refugees and driven tens of thousands of others away from internationally supervised camps where they were being fed.

Monday, between 5,000 and 10,000 Hutu refugees — among more than 85,000 missing since last week — emerged exhausted, frightened and hungry from forests and drifted back to camps south of Kisangani that they had fled after what they described as brutal attacks by villagers and rebel soldiers.

Humanitarian workers were able to enter one of the camps, at Biaro, for the first time in a week and discovered 20 bodies lying in a heap at the field hospital.

Some of the corpses looked as

though they were former patients who had succumbed to hunger and illness, but others appeared to have been hacked to death with machetes, said Paul Stromberg, a spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency in Kisangani.

Aid workers have demanded a full and impartial investigation of all the human-rights violations, and are preparing to begin a long-delayed emergency airlift Tuesday aiming to repatriate Hutu refugees to Rwanda as quickly as possible, Stromberg said in an interview by telephone Monday night.

The disappearance of the refugees from the camps had set off an international outcry, including a charge from U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan SM '72 that the rebels were carrying out a "slow extermination" of the Hutus, whom they blame for participation in the mass executions of Tutsis in Rwanda in 1994.

At a tense face-to-face meeting Sunday with Kabila, aid agencies won his assent to bring back the refugees. But Kabila also set a 60-day deadline for the refugees' total repatriation to Rwanda.

Annan's spokesman, Fred Eckhard, said in New York that the 60-day deadline was "unrealistic." Repatriating the refugees within 60 days could be done only if they first are found, moved to a secure place, fed and given medical care, he said. U.S. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns, in Washington, also called Kabila's deadline "unreasonable ... and unacceptable."

But given the perilous situation of the refugees in Zaire, Stromberg said, the airlift home would begin immediately. Several hundred of the refugees will be flown from

Kisangani to Kigali, Rwanda, Tuesday, he said.

Laughlin Munro, program coordinator for UNICEF in eastern Zaire, gave a detailed account of the attack at the hospital in Lwiro, 22 miles north of Bukavu near the Rwandan border. He said 50 Hutu children were taken in all, plus about 10 of their parents. Other patients in the hospital have since run away, fearing the soldiers will return.

No children have been returned and no bodies have been found, he said. The attack began at 4 a.m. when the 20 soldiers arrived in a truck, fired their guns in the air, and began carrying the children out, said Munro, expressing concern that the children were still alive given their "extremely poor physical and nutritional state" and "the extremely crude and barbarous way" they were abducted.

The children, most of whom were orphaned or had been separated from their families, had been gathered up by the humanitarian group Save the Children along the refugee trails in eastern Zaire last November and December. "These were children, not even teenagers — they had nothing to do with the fighting or the genocide in Rwanda," said UNICEF spokesman Roger Botralhy.

Kabila, who has been thrown on the defensive in the past five days by reports of rebel atrocities against Hutu refugees, consistently has denied that his troops were responsible. He blamed Hutu refugees for making up stories at the instruction of Rwandan Hutu military commanders, who fled into Zaire with the refugees in 1994 after taking part in the genocidal murders of more than 500,000 Rwandan Tutsis.

# Republic of Texas Hostages Set Free in Prisoner Exchange

By Sue Anne Pressley  
THE WASHINGTON POST

FORT DAVIS, TEXAS

A couple held hostage as "prisoners of war" were released Monday morning after authorities arranged an unusual prisoner exchange with a separatist group demanding independence for Texas.

In a move that law enforcement officials have not fully explained, Joe and Margaret Ann Rowe were set free early Monday after police allowed a Republic of Texas member arrested on weapons charges to leave jail and return to the group's armed headquarters in these remote mountains of southwest Texas.

Richard McLaren, the ambassador of the group, and his followers still refused to surrender to authorities, beginning day two of a standoff that apparently has police in a quandary about how to avoid further bloodshed. Joe Rowe, 51,

the head of a local property owners' association and a longtime critic of the group, was wounded by shrapnel Sunday as Republic of Texas members shot their way into his home.

In a news conference at the Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine, where her husband is in stable condition, Margaret Ann Rowe described how two men and a woman, burst into her home shortly before noon Sunday. She said she thought the attackers planned to kill them.

Trooper Richard Treece, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said that Robert Jonathan Scheidt, 43, identified as "captain of the embassy guard," was "used in the trade." In an interview Sunday with a San Antonio radio station, McLaren had demanded that Scheidt and a female member — arrested in Austin last week in con-

nection with the group's filing of bogus liens — be released in exchanged for the Rowes' freedom. The woman, Jo Ann Turner, was still being held in jail Monday in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

For many residents and officials in this isolated spot amid the stunning 7,000-foot peaks of the Davis Mountains, the news of McLaren's attack and subsequent standoff came as little surprise. Bert Parchman, 35, whose mother, Suzanne, a retired teacher, was at home inside the development, has known McLaren for 15 years and said he always considered him "a harmless nut." Now, like many, he is angry that McLaren was not arrested earlier.

"This man is not in his right mind," he said. "He stands no chance of winning. He might keep them at bay a few days, but the ultimate result is going to be prison or death."

# Figure in China Donation Flap Served on Trade Advisory Panel

By Alan C. Miller  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Even though fund-raiser Charles Yah Lin Trie is a central figure in the controversy over tainted — and possibly illegal — donations to President Clinton and the Democratic Party, he remains a member of a White House advisory panel on trade with Pacific nations.

Indeed, Trie's role on the 17-member commission is expected to attract as much attention as the recommendations themselves, scheduled for release Wednesday, by the Commission on United States-Pacific Trade and Investment Policy.

Trie, currently residing in Asia and refusing to cooperate with federal inquiries into the questionable political contributions, has not par-

ticipated in commission deliberations since September. But he was active in the group's initial study phase, which included a 10-day trip to Asia, administration officials said.

The fact that his name will be attached to the commission's report has angered some. "It's unbelievable, both that Trie didn't resign and that the White House didn't ask him to resign," said a source familiar with the commission.

Commission Chairman Kenneth D. Brody said Monday: "We don't appoint or de-appoint the commission members. The commission is a presidential commission, appointed by the president."

The nonpartisan commission was established at the urging of Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., to review trade and investment policies in the

Pacific region and recommend steps to reduce the widening trade deficit between the United States and Asian nations, including Japan and China.

Clinton's decision to put Trie, a Taiwanese immigrant, on the commission in 1995 prompted criticism that the president selected his longtime friend as a political reward rather than for his professional credentials.

Trie's participation with the commission abruptly ended after his name surfaced in news accounts of questionable contributions to the Democratic Party last fall. Justice Department investigators are examining the movement of funds to Trie. They have determined that he received large transfers in 1995 and 1996 from the state-run Bank of China, sources said.

# Mitsubishi Removes Two Officials After Harassment Lawsuits Filed

THE WASHINGTON POST

Mitsubishi Motor Corp. has replaced the top two Japanese officials of its U.S. auto operations as part of the continuing fallout from the sexual-harassment suits filed against the company's manufacturing plant in Normal, Ill., company officials confirmed Monday.

The changes were announced just days after former Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin met in Tokyo with the parent corporation's board of directors to discuss the progress being made in the effort to eliminate sexual-harassment problems at the Illinois plant.

Martin was hired last May to recommend workplace changes after the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed the biggest sexual-harassment suit in its history against the company.

The lawsuit, filed in April 1996, charged that male employees and managers at the Illinois plant engaged in repeated acts of sexual harassment from "grabbing, groping, and touching" to requiring women to engage in sexual relations to keep their jobs.

The company has denied that the sexual harassment was as widespread as the government alleges and is in negotiations to settle a separate private sexual harassment suit.

A company source, who asked not to be identified, said Monday the personnel changes had been made at the Illinois assembly plant out of concern that several key officials in the plant — both Japanese and American — were resisting recommendations by a Martin-led task force to prevent harassment inside the plant.

# Local Elections in Italy Boost Communist Conservatives

THE WASHINGTON POST

ROME

Italy's small but powerful Communist Refoundation Party made advances in local elections on Sunday, consolidating its position of influence over the government of Prime Minister Romano Prodi.

Conservative opposition parties ran strongly in Milan and Turin, the largest of more than 1,000 cities and towns that elected mayors and councils. Results showed their candidates leading in the two northern cities, at the expense of the separatist Northern League, but not by big enough margins to avoid runoffs on May 11 against candidates from the center-left coalition.

Although Prodi and his allies have played down the effect of the local elections on national policy, they were viewed as the first test of voter support for the government. The results were summed up in Monday's headline in the newspaper *Il Messaggero*: "Opposition makes gains. Coalition in hands of Communist Refoundation."

The elections also set the stage for negotiations next month on trimming the welfare state. Communist Refoundation has stated it will oppose any cuts.

The elections in Milan and Turin illustrate how the Communists wield influence over parties in the government's coalition. In both cities, they ran candidates, drawing 8 percent of the vote in Milan and nearly 10 percent in Turin. In the runoff next month, the center-left candidates, who lag behind opposition candidates, will need Communist votes to win.

**Graduate Student Council**  
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# Evening Under the Stars Dinner and Dance

Come to the graduate student formal ball!  
Saturday, 3 May from 6:30pm - 12:30am  
Morss Hall in Walker Memorial

Black tie optional.  
Dates are not required.

Reserve a table with your friends!

Tickets are \$20 per person,  
available at the GSC office.

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29 Discussion of Career Fair income\*

30 Formal Ball Meeting\*

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

07 General Council Meeting\*

08 Academics, Research, and Careers Meeting\*

13 Housing and Community Affairs Meeting\*

14 Activities Meeting\*

16 Last Friday Social of the term! \*

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



# OPINION

## Spring Weekend Needs More Unity

This past weekend, several campus groups sponsored events for Spring Weekend. Unlike past years, there was a genuine push to sell several events under the one broad heading of

### Editorial

Spring Weekend. Many advertisements included the whole spectrum of events, ranging from the International Fair to the Alpha Phi Omega Spring Carnival to Alpha Phi's Alpha Phlea Market. The effort by Spring Weekend organizers to create an event that appeals to the whole MIT community deserves a good deal of praise and applause.

However, Spring Weekend fell short of being an event for all students. While many student activities and living groups held events, there was no unifying thread linking the different events. Most people attended Spring Weekend only for a single event. Many students who went to the Phlea Market went only for the Phlea Market; students who went to Mr. Spring Weekend went for Mr. Spring Weekend. While the individual activities may have done well by themselves, Spring Weekend unfortunately was not a draw in itself.

The APO Spring Carnival could have served to bring different circles of students to come to Spring Weekend. Booths at the carnival were offered to student activities and living groups, but in the end, only three groups participated. Certainly, booths by different student groups would have contributed to a more festive, carnival-type atmosphere than some of the events offered. The Velcro wall and the bungee run both were more popular with

Cambridge area elementary schoolers than with MIT students.

Other factors could have improved turnout. Spring Weekend was hurt by the absence of a big-name band playing in the Spring Concert. In previous years, the concerts have had attendances of over 1,000. This dwarfs the small crowd present at the Battle of the Bands Final this year. Even offering food at events would have made a big difference in attendance, and it may be just one reason why the International Fair outdrew the carnival. Other planned events, like "Dunk-A-Dean" and the presentation of the Big Screw, never happened.

Rarely does MIT see an attempt at an activity designed to raise school spirit. Living groups have their own parties, but those parties usually target specific groups of people and are not intended to improve the overall level of student life. And when there is an effort, it often fails, like last year's Undergraduate Association Field Day, which succeeded only in distributing free submarine sandwiches. These undertakings all too often disappear after one try.

This year's Spring Weekend has started the move toward becoming a big social event for all MIT students. And although Spring Weekend may not have succeeded in doing so this year, there is no doubt that if organizers continue this effort, interest and participation will improve. We hope that all the groups involved this year will be back next year with the same enthusiasm to produce a Spring Weekend that will draw more interest.

## To Our Readers

Last Friday, several groups protested their concerns about *The Tech* in Lobby 7. That protest followed criticism of *The Tech* earlier this term in Lobby 7 and in other venues.

We acknowledge that people have these concerns and hope that our readers will continue to communicate their concerns to us, both to our editors and in our opinion pages.

We are open to dialogue and encourage any interested individuals and groups to come and talk to our editors, at any time, about any

issues. *The Tech* is committed to reporting on the full breadth of issues affecting all MIT students, and, with the help of our readers, we will continue to do our best to fulfill that duty. As a student newspaper, we welcome new staffers, in all departments, throughout the year.

Letters and column submissions should be directed to [letters@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:letters@the-tech.mit.edu). Our editors can be reached at 253-1541 or in our offices in Room 483 of the Student Center.

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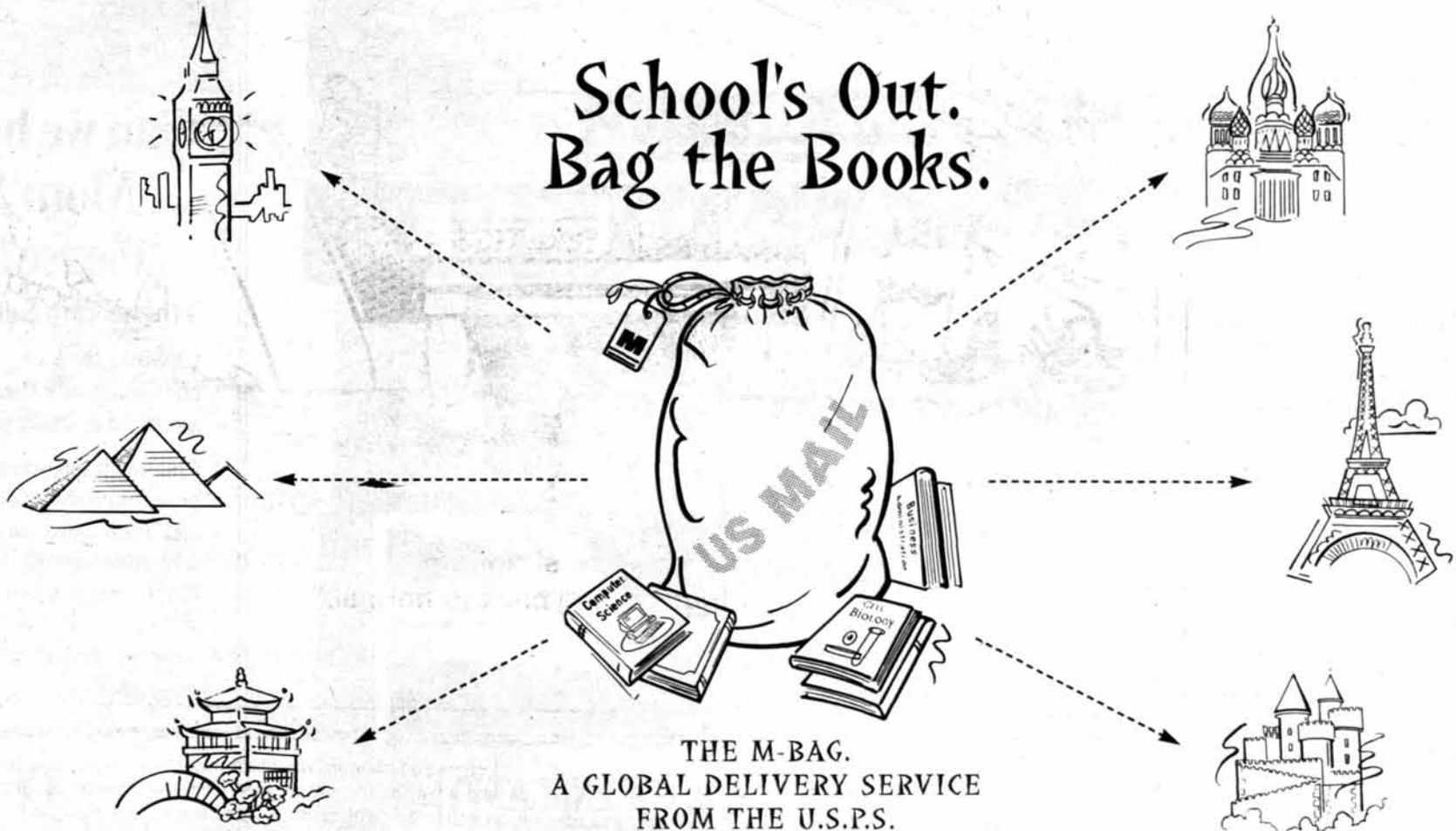
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# Student Groups Protest 'Rhino Man' and *The Tech*

**Protest**, from Page 1.

complaints against *The Absolut Tech*, which "consistently resorted to stereotypical depictions of people of color for its humor," the letter said.

The letter also said that "racist humor has always had a place at *The Tech*," including the "Rhino Man" comic the paper runs. One of the characters in "Rhino Man" was considered by the protesters to promote anti-Asian stereotypes.

"Comics such as 'Rhino Man' can cause resentment toward people of color," Terrones said.

"In a racist society like the U.S., it takes very little to rile people up against people of color," Terrones said.

The letter was signed by the Asian Pacific American Caucus; La Unión Chicana por Aztlán; the Black Students Union; the MIT Arab Alliance Against Racism; the Committee for Social Justice; Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders, and Friends at MIT; the Alternative News Collective; Student Party for a Progressive Movement; and Black Graduate Student Association.

**Protesters threaten to boycott**

The letter later said, "We are also within our rights to boycott a newspaper that recirculates the same stereotypes that are used to oppress us daily."

"The point of a stereotype is that you don't have to think" about the person being stereotyped, Terrones said. "You've dehumanized them."

"We are sending a copy of this letter to all your advertisers to let them know why we will not be reading your newspaper anymore," the letter said.

The protesters have sent the letter in the pamphlet to MIT offices and departments and are currently

compiling a list of advertisers to whom to send the letter, Terrones said.

Individual leaders of most of the groups that signed the letter refused to comment on the protest, instead each issuing this statement separately: "Since [we are] currently boycotting *The Tech*, we do not feel that it would be appropriate for us to respond to your questions. We have no desire to continue any dialogue within the pages of your newspaper. Until we see a substantive change in your newspaper's attitudes towards people of color, we will work with you only with the administration as an intermediary."

The Alternative News Collective and the BGSA could not be reached for comment.

**The Tech responds to accusations**

Editor in Chief of *The Tech* David D. Hsu '98 responded to accusations of anti-Asian sentiment within the pages of the newspaper.

"I'm an Asian American," Hsu said. "I do not consider myself insensitive to the issues of Asian Americans."

"*The Tech* has always tried to be objective in its coverage in its coverage of issues involving the MIT community," Hsu said. "There has never been any racially malicious intent on the part of *Tech* staffers or

editors."

The letter also stated that *The Tech's* response to calls for dialogue at a forum held by some of the student groups on the issue of racism in the media was "not only to recapitulate [*The Tech's*] racist stereotypes of Asians, but also to target other minority groups."

"No *Tech* staffers or editors were personally invited or invited as a group" to the forum, Hsu said. "Dialogue can be achieved in better ways than a pillar poster."

Zachary B. Emig '98, the cartoonist behind "Rhino Man," said he attended a forum held by the Asian Pacific American Caucus and the Committee for Social Justice to address issues of anti-Asian stereotypes in his comic. Those whom he talked with believed Dr. Sasori, a character in the comic who is now dead in its storyline, was an example of an anti-Asian caricature, he said.

Those who took issue with the portrayal of Dr. Sasori as anti-Asian had not read the comic strip from the beginning to see the full development of the character, Emig said.

"I think I've differentiated him from a caricature," Emig said.

"I don't think people should promote anti-Asian stereotypes," Emig said, adding that the protesters efforts were "misguided."



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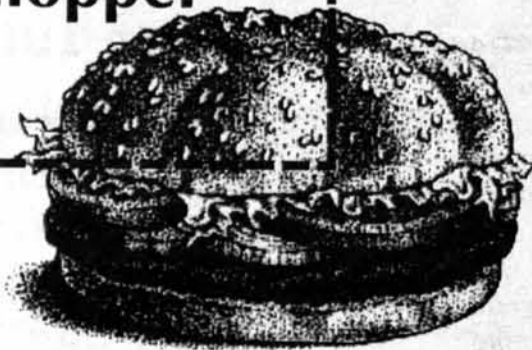
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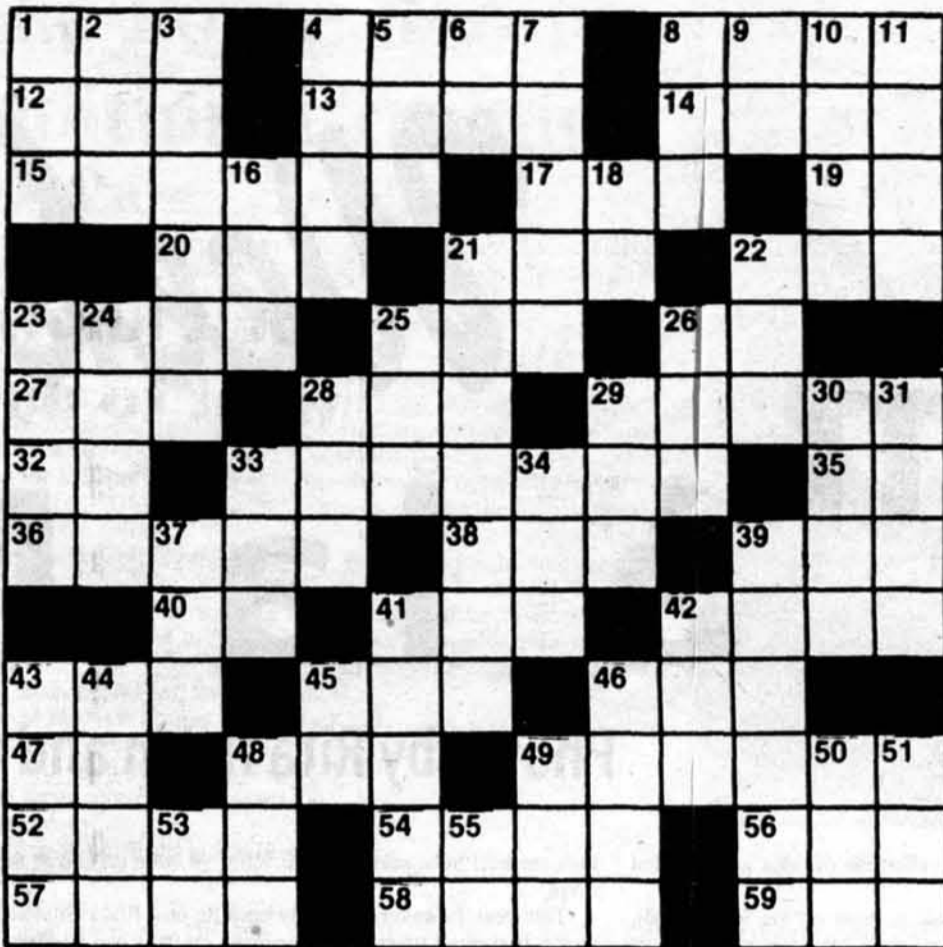
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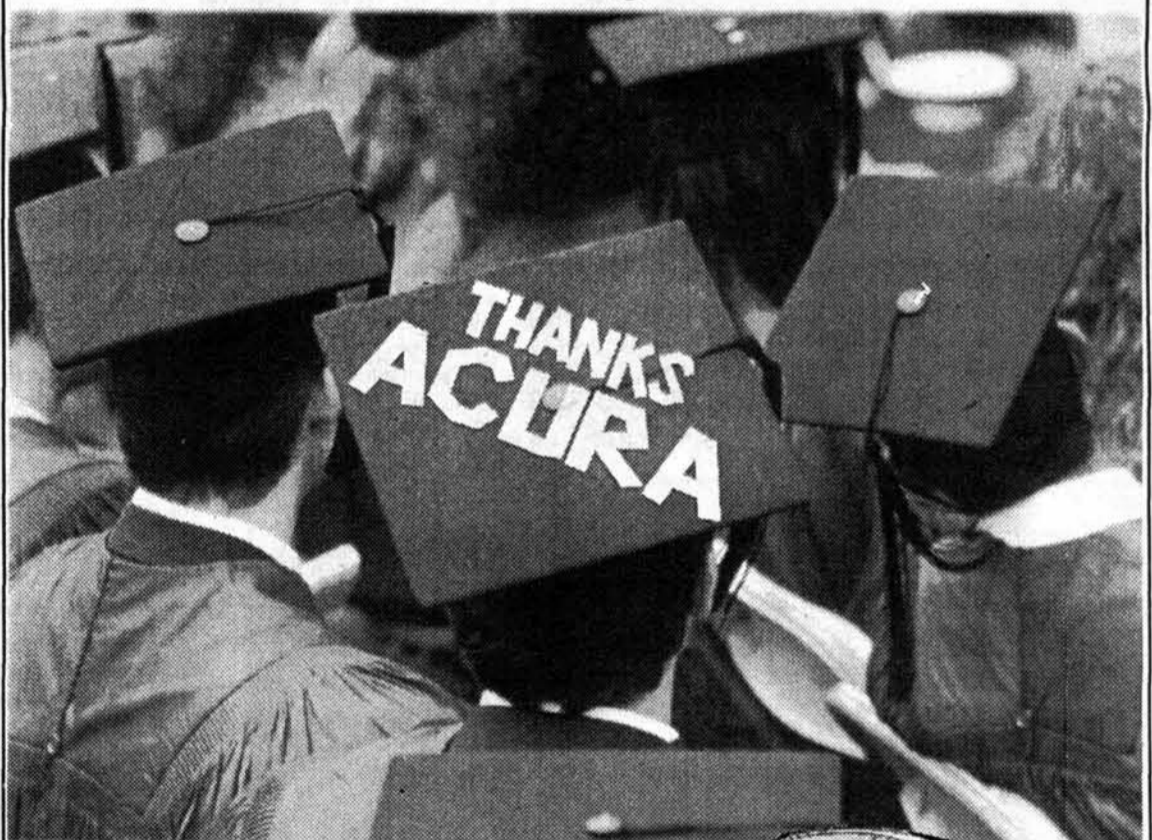
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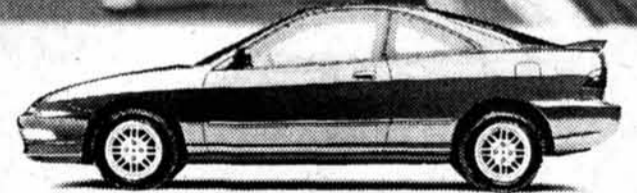
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# Spring Weekend à la MIT

Photos by Rita H. Lin and Gábor Csányi

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Alpha Phi Omega's Spring Carnival, which had been dormant for about 20 years. Thanks to their efforts as well as those of the Campus Activities Complex and the



Undergraduate Association, a collection of rides were riddled across Kresge Oval.

Students could pay 50 cents to jump on the Velcro wall, bounce in the air-filled monkey cage, take a bungee run, or wallow in a tank of plastic balls.

Hopefully, in the future, number of students attending will increase, said Ted E. Johnson, assistant director of programs for the Campus Activities Complex. "It takes about three years to build a tradition. This was the first year," Johnson said.

APO was pleased with the outcome of the event, especially considering this was the first year, said Oscar A. Rodriguez '99, who organized the event. This year's carnival "represented a year-and-a-half's worth of work," he said.

Alpha Chi Omega sold snow cones, the Muses sponsored a game of Blinko, and La Unión Chicana por Aztlán played La Lotterite with passers-by.

All these events plus Alpha Phi's annual Alpha Phlea Market, which reined in the most onlookers, composed the carnival.

### Phlea Market excels this year

The Phlea Market raised \$3,220 this year. Roughly half of this sum will go to the Alpha Phi Foundation, which supports cardiac care research, said event organizer Christine M. Hartmann '98. The other half will be donated to Rosie's Place, a local battered women's shelter.

The amount of money exceeded last year's sum by \$1,000, Hartmann said. Adding raffles for gift certificates and a Kaplan class, as well as the carnival and the weather, helped the Phlea Market succeed this year, she said.

Another possible effect of holding the event concurrently with the Spring Carnival was that "we felt there was a much bigger campus involvement this year. There were a lot of different types of people there," Hartmann said.

The Alpha Phi freshmen traditionally raise the single largest amount of money and did so again this year, bringing in \$325 from a group of Bexley Hall residents for offering to cook and serve a barbecue party.

The largest non-Alpha Phi item was Sigma Chi's offer to host a wine-and-cheese party for a group, purchased by Melissa J. Kendall '00.

### Other events round out weekend

Also during Spring Weekend, Sigma Chi held their second annual three-on-three basketball tournament.

Proceeds from the tournament went to the Children's Miracle Network Genesis Fund. The fund helps children with mental retardation and other problems to pay

their medical bills, said Philip K. Kim '99, who organized the event.

This year, however, primarily because of a Black Students Union basketball tournament occurring on the same weekend, only four teams were fielded for Sigma Chi's tournament this year, Kim said.

The Battle of the Bands Finals officially concluded Spring Weekend Saturday night in Lobdell, where five bands competed.

Attendance was low this year, probably because some of the band member's fraternity houses had house parties that evening, Johnson said.

### Plans underway for next year

This year, the UA Social Committee, the CAC Program Board, and APO combined with other organizations to form a Spring Weekend Committee to plan events.

Communication between groups on this committee left something to be desired, said Rita H. Lin '00, co-chair of the committee. Not all groups were able to make all the meetings, and therefore it was easy to fall out of touch, she said.

At the same time, all was not lost.

The committee "worked as well as it is going to work," Johnson said, in light of the fact that there were so many groups trying to work together.

While the committee had a good idea of what events were occurring on campus, it was harder to incorporate and be aware of off-campus athletic or fraternity events, Johnson said.

This year's Spring Weekend did not include a big-name Spring Concert band as in past years when groups like Belly and Sonic Youth have played at MIT.

This was largely because of the lack of a venue for the concert, Johnson said. Originally, the Program Board had reserved Mors Hall in Walker Memorial for the concert, but since then such large parties have been banned from Walker Memorial, he said.

Additionally, the now-defunct Student Center Committee, which previously organized the event, traditionally lost over \$10,000 on the concert, Johnson said.

Counterclockwise from top left.

### Spring Weekend

Velcro man in action at the Alpha Phi Omega Spring Carnival.

Alpha Phi freshmen sell hamburgers in an energetic fashion.

Jonas M. Arcelona '00 sings his way to the Mr. Spring Weekend title.

### International Fair

African Students Association: A combination of sound and movement.

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The Columbian Association of MIT gives a sample of their national dance.

Panayiotis I. Kamvyselis G supports his brother Manolis E.I.

Kamvyselis '99 to end the Hellenic Students' Association performance.

Hale H. Özsoy '99 serves food at the Turkish Student Association booth.



## Students Boast Cultures At International Fair

By May K. Tse  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

On Friday, more than 40 clubs joined hands to take part in the annual International Fair, themed "Bringing the World Together," hosted by the International Students Association.

Many international clubs set up booths with food, informational pamphlets, and pictures in Kresge Oval. Cultural performances and a fashion show of traditional dress were held on the Student Center steps during the event, popularly referred to as I-Fair.

"I-Fair has always been the most important event for ISA, just as much as it is for many international clubs on campus. It's by far the largest event, and it really fulfills the goal of ISA, which is to bring closer together the different cultures represented in MIT," said Manolis E.I. Kamvyselis '99, president of ISA.

"I-Fair was a huge success this year. It's been the biggest I-Fair we've had so far," Kamvyselis said. About 2,000 people dropped by the event, and over 118 countries were represented. A record number of 43 clubs hosted booths and 27 groups put on performances, he said.

"I think it was flawless this year, the spirit was there. The people love it because they see many clubs; clubs love it because they get a chance to perform," Kamvyselis said.

"The I-Fair is a great opportunity for the clubs at MIT to display their traditional cultures through dance, food, and music. This year's show went really well, we had a lot of people who came who aren't from MIT, such as Harvard [University] and Boston College," said Manas D. Ratha '99, treasurer of the ISA.

While some expressed concern about the chilly weather, it was not enough to keep people from turning out for the fair. "The weather could have been a bit warmer and sunnier, but it cooperated quite well, considering" that weather services had forecasted rain that day, Kamvyselis said.

### Groups prepared extensively

Preparation for the fair began about a month and a half ago, since the new ISA executive committee was elected. "It's been a lot of

work, a lot of people have put in a lot of effort. Once you get down to it, you can't believe it," said H. Sanith Wijesinghe G, ISA liaison to the clubs.

"I've been busy all day, but people seem happy," said Loreto P. Ansaldo '00, another ISA liaison. "I'm tired, but this is for MIT to enjoy and it's been worth it."

The individual clubs also worked to educate the MIT community about their respective cultures. "We started requesting brochures from the different consulates about three weeks ago," said Nicolas Pujet G, president of the European Club.

Ania W. Mierzejewska '98 spent the day wearing a traditional costume from southern Poland, including a vest that was more than a hundred years old. "I got this from a friend, who brought it from home. It's been in her family for quite a while."

P. Dafé Ogagan '97, social chair of the African Students Association, wore a handwoven sheath, called an "agbada" from Nigeria. "This is something you'd wear for a wedding or a special occasion," he said.

### Students sample cultural items

I-Fair also gave people the chance to sample other cultures' foods. The Canadian Club featured Nanaimo bars, a dessert of butter, sugar, and chocolate that was invented in the city of Nanaimo in British Columbia. "Canada is a country of immigrants, just like America, so we don't have official Canadian food," said Mark P. Ottensmeyer G, minister of finance for the Canadian Club. "Next year, we're going to have some food from Quebec."

"We've had quite a few people outside of MIT coming up to us," said Arjuna C. Wijeyekoon '99, publicity chair of the Sri Lankan Students Association, who helped make Sri Lankan tea for visitors to try. "What I like the best is the feeling that there's so much culture around us."

"The food is great. It's a chance to show off your culture and to experience other people's cultures," Ogagan said. "It allows you to eat food, be merry, and interact with people you normally wouldn't talk to." "People don't realize that they're learning about culture. It's a very nice alternative, we are learning about the beauty of a culture through a five-minute dance," said Sharon D. Mussalli, a Tufts University junior who performed with the Arab Student Organization. "You learn about their clothes, music, how they look and act; it's the 'Cliffs Notes' of Arabic culture in five minutes."

Besides the spring I-Fair, ISA also hosts a "mini I-Fair" in the fall, but "we don't want to make it as big as I-Fair. I-Fair originated in the spring, when the good weather begins; it's sunny, and people have more time to perform," Kamvyselis said.

"I-Fair is an event unique in the life of MIT students. It's the one and only event that brings together so many students from so many different backgrounds and interests and lets them participate actively in the event, [giving] them a chance to show a bit of themselves to such a wide and diverse public," Kamvyselis said.



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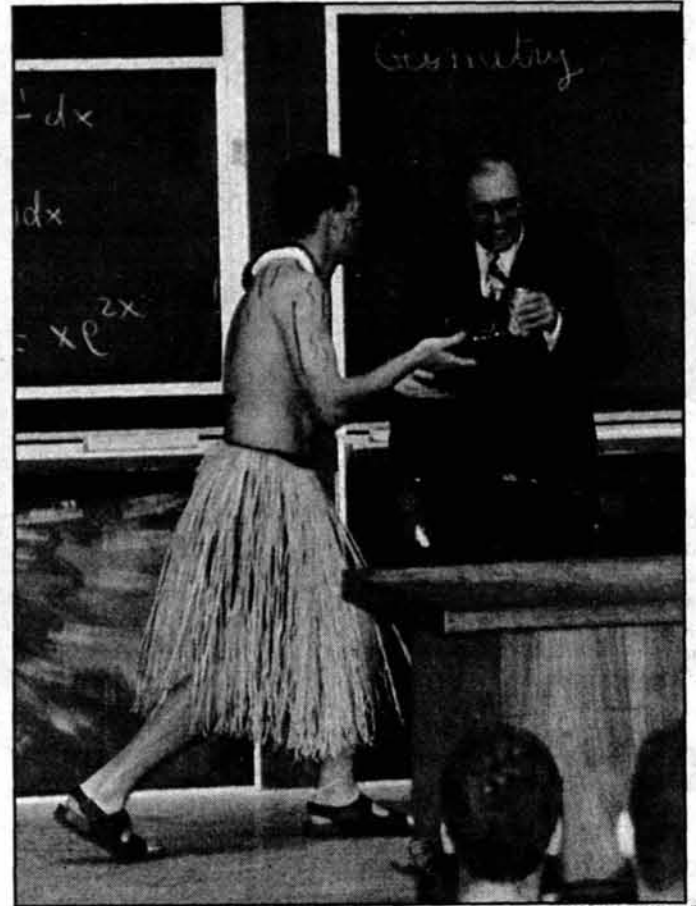
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# Bike Police Receive Additional Training

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campus when it was founded in 1992. At the time other urban police departments were just beginning to found their own bicycle units, but the practice has become increasing common among urban departments. Currently, the Campus Police are working on organizing joint bicycle patrols with the Cambridge Police.

When the unit was first proposed and organized, Chief Anne P. Glavin had some doubts. "I worried a lot about accidents. There have been a couple of accidents over the years, but nothing wildly serious, and nothing that would make me rethink the unit."

Also, Glavin could see the positive side of the new project. "The benefits were obvious from the start. We got increased mobility, and we got much better contact with people in the community."

Outfitting the officers to patrol on bicycles costs about \$1,000 per officer, including costs for uniforms, bicycles, and equipment. The officers wear special uniforms designed for bicycle duty, and their bicycles are equipped with headlights for night patrols. On the back of each bicycle, the officers carry a first-aid bag, since MIT officers are also certified emergency medical technicians. The bicycle unit's ability to carry this equipment is an advantage over traditional foot patrols. In all, units carry 40 to 50 pounds of equipment with them, including gear worn by the officer.

Each year, officers volunteer to be part of the bicycle unit, which currently consists of seven patrolmen and a supervising sergeant. Officers are expected to stay with the unit for several years. "We're looking for dedication over the longer run," Glavin said.

Many of the officers who volunteer ride bicycles recreationally, although not all of them do. Peterson, who can often be seen patrolling the west side of campus during the day, was a regular mountain bicycle rider before he joined the unit. He decided to volunteer both because of the extra exercise and the extra contact with the community.

## Officers receive special training

New members of the unit receive several days of intense training before they can go out on patrol. Officers learn to ride their bicycles through shallow water, jump logs, and ride up and down inclines and stairs. "It's pretty wild," Baratta said.

Learning to patrol on a bicycle also means adjusting attitudes toward both the equipment and learning new methods of law enforcement. During training, officers are taught to throw their bicycle over barriers before climbing over, and ride it up and down stairs, without worrying about possible damage to the bicycle, Peterson said. "You're not there to protect the bicycle."

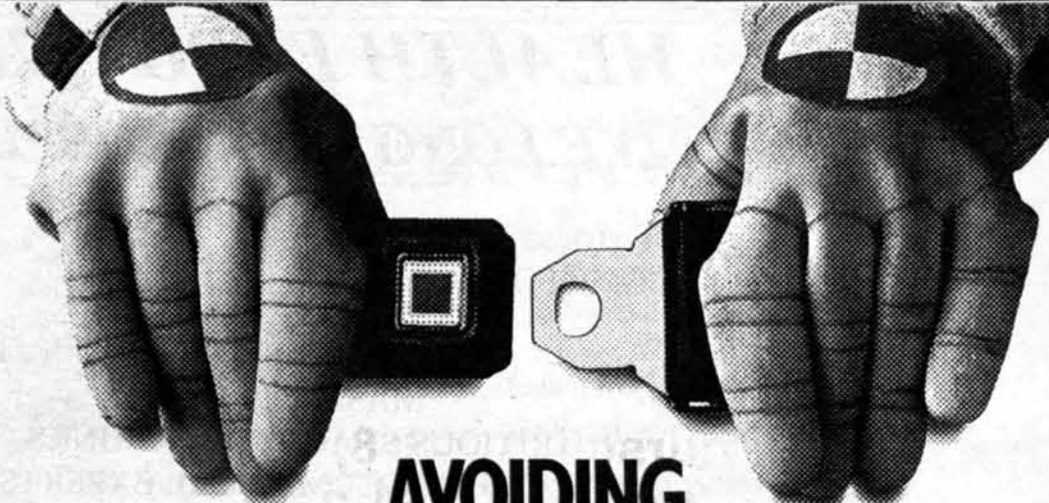
Officers also have to learn how to deal with problem situations when arriving on a bicycle. These officers often arrive before other units, so personal safety is a concern. When confronted by someone with a weapon, bicycle officers cannot use their vehicles as a shield the same way officers responding by car might; using the

bicycle to get some distance is often a better idea, Peterson said.

Despite being a regular bicycle rider, Peterson didn't find the training easy. "I got an award for being the most motivated — I guess they never saw a 50-year-old guy fall off a bicycle that many times."

MIT has also used the bicycle unit to focus on bicycle-related crime problems. Last summer, to combat an increase in bicycle thefts, plainclothes officers on bicycles were used to bolster enforcement efforts.

With the bicycle unit entering their fifth year on campus, Glavin is happy she decided to approve their formation. "They've been very well received by the community," Glavin said.



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# Plan Would Reopen Dorm Dining Halls

Dining, from Page 1

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The dining group has tentatively agreed to reopen many of the closed west campus dining halls, Walsh said.

In the process of determining that level of support to give to dormitory-based dining, the group found that some dormitories were structured to favor dining halls, while others were structured toward personal cooking.

Under the proposal, six dormitories would become known as "dining hall residences," including Baker House, Next, McCormick Hall, MacGregor House, and Ashdown House. In these dormitories, "the focus of dining in [the] community would be the dining hall," Sher said.

Unlike the other dining facilities on campus, the dining halls in residences would all be bid to one contractor. Dormitory dining halls have a "different philosophy" than other facilities on campus, and have other needs besides the maximization of profit, Sher said.

In the remaining dormitories, which would be labeled "personal cooking residences," MIT would provide cleaning and maintenance facilities for group kitchens to encourage more community cooking.

In addition, members of all dormitories would be encouraged to "expand beyond its designation" by creating special "community meals" in the dormitory or in other dining facilities, Walsh said. For example, Senior House residents could work together to have an occasional com-

mon meal in the dormitory or in nearby Morss Hall.

Over time, the group hopes that the "dining program in a house would become part of the culture of the house" that could be considered by residents selecting dormitories during Residence and Orientation Week, Walsh said.

## Concern expressed about dining

Many of those present at the meeting expressed their concern that members of the current dormitories would not support the reopening of their halls.

"We're setting some standards for what we'd like to happen," Walsh said. "We feel [the dining halls] need to be utilized."

Because serious financial investment may be required for some dining halls to reopen, the plans are subject to change, Walsh said.

The McCormick dining hall is likely to reopen very soon, possibly as soon as this summer or fall, said John S. Hollywood G, a member of the working group. McCormick residents have consistently expressed support for the dining hall, he said.

In other halls, such as Burton-Conner, equipment has become outdated since the hall was closed. In addition, the societal implications of reclaiming space that has been converted to other uses will have to be addressed, Walsh said.

Reopening other dining halls may adversely affect Baker House's dining operation, which is currently almost breaking even, said Jennifer R. Bautista '98, president of Baker.

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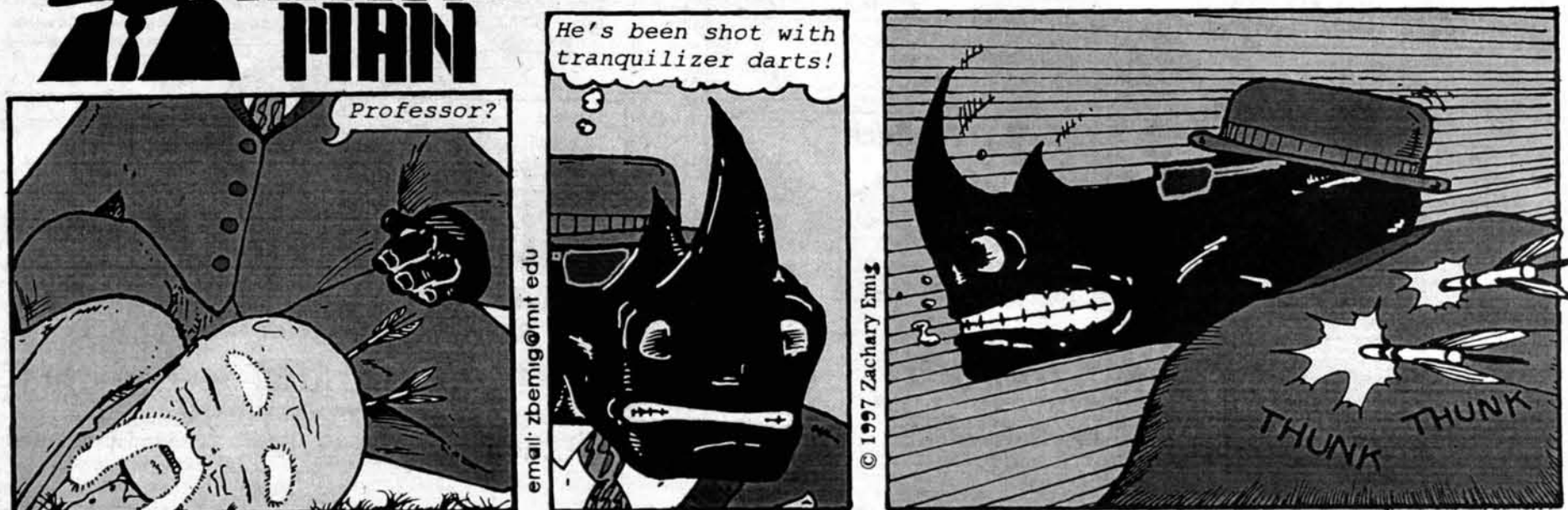
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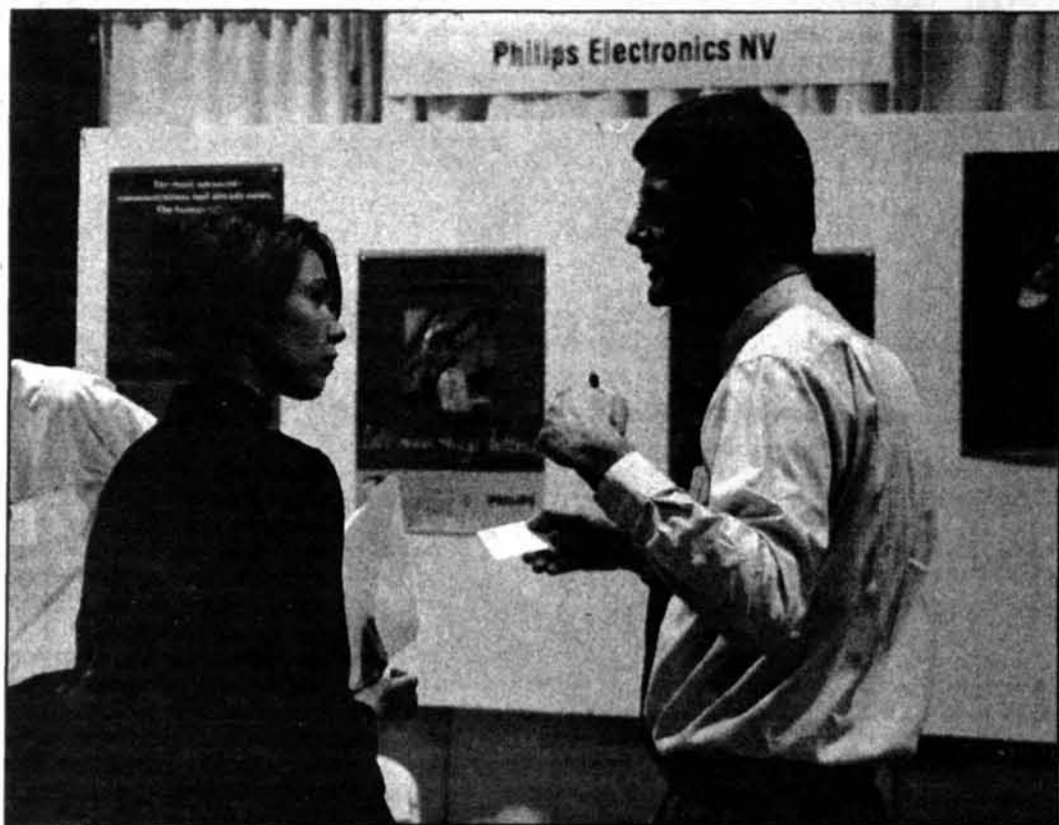
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JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

Mike Perry '99, Dan Parker '99, and Karl Richter '99 (from top to bottom), members of the first varsity heavyweight boat, race on the Charles River in Saturday's victory against the University of New Hampshire.

## Heavyweights Defeat UNH in Solid Race

By Karl Richter  
TEAM MEMBER

The varsity heavyweight crew team extended their spring season record to 5-2 with a solid victory over the University of New Hampshire on the Charles River on Saturday morning. This record by the 1997 heavyweights puts them among the best two or three crews in the past 10 years at MIT.

The MIT varsity found themselves a few seats up on their competition after the first few strokes of the race, as they have in all of their races so far this spring. MIT expanded on that early lead through the first 600 meters of the race, until UNH surged to prevent the Engineers from breaking contact.

The UNH boat then moved back to diminish the MIT lead to about two seats by the Harvard Bridge, the 1,000-meter mark on the 2,000-meter course.

At the bridge, MIT responded decisively to stop the UNH charge and put themselves back up by about half a boat length. The Engineers went on to hold that margin until the sprint when MIT gained another few seats on UNH before the finish.

In the headwind conditions, MIT covered the course in 6 minutes 20 seconds to UNH's time of 6:23. The

varsity was pleased with their ability to respond to counter the UNH attacks and to win the race.

Heavyweight crew coach Gordon Hamilton said, "I thought the race was quite strong for both us and UNH. Our lack of experience, I think, let them get back into it, when we should have altered our race plan and moved away, but we won."

Mike Perry '99, a member of the boat, echoed this attitude and said, "I wish we had won by more."

"If we had been more aggressive in the second 500 meters and broken contact with UNH there, the margin of victory at the end of the race would have been much greater," said captain Robert Lentz '98.

The varsity boating was Charley Able '97 (bow), Brian Smith '97, Mads Schmidt '98, Karsten Kallevig '99, Perry, Dan Parker '99, Karl Richter '99, Lentz (stroke), and Jen Lykens '99 (coxswain).

Both the junior varsity and the freshmen lost in close races.

The varsity and junior varsity heavyweights will travel to Madison, Wis., this weekend to take on the University of Wisconsin and Dartmouth College in the annual Cochrane Cup race.

The freshman heavyweights will race the Dartmouth freshmen on the Charles this Saturday morning.

## Mount Holyoke Takes NEW 8 Crew Trophy

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An awards ceremony followed the day of races. Points were awarded for each race based on the finishing place of each crew. For the first time in five years, Mt. Holyoke (34 points) managed to beat MIT (30) for the points trophy.

MIT races against UNH

On Sunday morning, the team raced University of New Hampshire at home on the Charles River. In the first race of the day, MIT's second novice boat placed second to UNH. In the first novice race, MIT's boat rowed an aggressive race finishing just a second behind UNH.

In the varsity eight race, MIT lost to UNH. Although the team felt they had rowed an aggressive race, they all felt slightly tired from racing the previous afternoon.

This week the team will focus on preparing for the New England Championships this coming Saturday in Worcester. The races will give the team the opportunity to race against some of the schools they had lost to earlier in the season.

"I am very excited for this coming weekend. All season we have been picking up speed, and I am confident that we will beat some of the crews we have lost to earlier this year," Frech said.

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## SPORTS

## Lightweights Defeat Rutgers for Important Victory



JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

The first varsity lightweight boat leaves Rutgers University behind in their victory Saturday on the Charles River. MIT won the race in 6:21.5, while Rutgers finished in 6:26.9.

By Erik S. Balsley  
TEAM MEMBER

The varsity lightweight crew team had a solid victory over Rutgers University Saturday on the Charles River to end their regular racing season with a 4-5 record.

The record is one of the best in the past few years for the squad and improves on last year's 3-6 record. Although the team only had six races, some of these were three-way races.

Off the start, the varsity boat from bow to stern, of Kris Kendall '98, Dan Frisk '99, Erik Balsley G, Paul Oppold '99, Jean-Paul Folch '97, Chris Liu '98, Torrey Radcliffe '98, Garrett Shook '97 (stroke), and Joe Irineo '98 (coxswain), had a two-seat lead over Rutgers.

After Rutgers finished their longer start sequence and settled into their race cadence, MIT slowly began moving up on Rutgers to increase their lead into a noticeable headwind which slowed the times for both boats. In the second 500 meters of the course, Irineo called for a series of 20 power strokes which increased the MIT lead to about eight seats.

By the time the varsity reached the Harvard Bridge, slightly past halfway through the course, they had etched out a boat length's lead over Rutgers. A power 20 through the bridge further increased MIT's lead to a few seats of open water.

In the final 700 meters, Rutgers began to make a drive. However, the lightweights kept their focus and determination to prevent Rutgers from taking away their lead. Irineo called the boat's final sprint early, which cemented MIT's lead. In the end, MIT finished in 6 minutes 21.5 seconds, a boat length and some open water ahead of Rutgers who finished in 6:26.9.

"This was a truly great race for us," said lightweight coach Stu Schmill '86. "Rutgers was ranked seventh and for us to row with such confidence against an obviously strong crew, shows that we can row with confidence against anyone."

Rutgers had defeated Dartmouth College by open water last weekend, a team to whom MIT lost earlier in the season. In addition, they finished closer behind Yale than MIT did last weekend. This indicates the team has gotten faster dur-

ing the season.

"We still have some improvements to make, but the level that these nine athletes are rowing at right now is very high," Schmill said. "Our championships are in two weeks, and I think our best race is still ahead of us."

The other boats, the second varsity, first freshman, and second freshman, all fell to Rutgers. However, after the second varsity raced, they split up into two fours and raced Rutgers' third varsity four.

The stern four, from bow to stern, of Jorge Broggio '97, Jeff Munro '99, Sean Hwang '99, Joel Johnson '98, and Andy Woo '97 (coxswain), defeated Rutgers in a time of 7:59.8.

Rutgers' third varsity finished in second in a time of 8:04.3, while MIT's second varsity bow four, from bow to stern, of Steve Huang '99, Sameer Shah '97, Felix Lam '97, Haiwei Guo '97, and Bill Chermicoff '97 (coxswain), finished in 8:31.5 for third.

The team will next be racing at the Eastern Sprints on Lake Quinisigmond in Worcester on Sunday, May 11.

## Golf Team Takes Second in Boston

By Jay Grayson  
TEAM MEMBER

Last Tuesday, the golf team finished second in the Greater Boston Championship at Concord Country Club. The GBC is an event in which area Division I, II, and III schools compete with the best four out of five scores on each team counting in the results.

The Engineers faced schools with top golf programs like Harvard University, Boston College, and Boston University. Nationally ranked programs like Babson and Bentley Colleges were also at the event. It was expected that the MIT players would be outplayed throughout the day by their counterparts on the difficult course.

The conditions were optimal for golf with little wind and warm temperatures. One of the front nine holes had a temporary green, so officials did not count the hole in any of the golfers' final scores. Other than this single blemish, the

course had plush fairways and consistent greens.

The Engineers, accustomed to less than standard surroundings at their home course, stunned the field with a second-place finish.

Young E. Kim '98 was brilliant on Concord's front nine. He posted a 33, with a birdie on the disallowed hole, en route to a total 74 to take honors for the day's second lowest score.

Kim's day was characterized by multiple sand saves out of treacherous lies which could have contributed to a disastrous outcome. Todd Kamin '00 was equally impressive with two sub-40 nines for a 78. His consistent play was a summary of his strong play throughout the season.

Jay Grayson '97 was on his way to another fine performance with a 36 on the front nine but had difficulties controlling his mental game after hitting a few errant shots in the early stages of his back nine. He finished in a disappointing manner by

carding an 81 to cap an otherwise excellent season.

The fourth score to count was turned in by Brian Kevitt '97. Kevitt also started out strong with a 37 on the front but had difficulties of his own to finish with an 83.

The fifth team member which did not count in the overall scoring was Dale Chon '99.

The team's performance of 316 was good enough to edge Boston University by one stroke along with Babson and Bentley Colleges by two strokes.

The team also defeated Boston College by five strokes, but the field was not able to catch Harvard at 308. Certainly, the result was more surprising than any of the participants, including coaches, could possibly expect.

To put the match in perspective, the team lost by 21 strokes to BU earlier in the season. The Engineers finished the season with a 9-5 record overall to crown an extraordinary spring.

## Women's Crew Finishes Well in Weekend Races

By Amy Gieffers  
TEAM MEMBER

On Saturday, the varsity women's crew team finished in second in the New England Women's Eight regatta against Mount Holyoke College, Wellesley College, and Smith College. Mount Holyoke placed first.

The race had originally been scheduled for the previous weekend but was postponed because of inclement weather. The day began with MIT placing second in a time of 6 minutes 47 seconds compared to Mt. Holyoke's 6:44 in the varsity eight race. Wellesley took third in 7:15.

Rowing for MIT, from bow to stern, were Sabina Ma '99, Sarah Folscroft '98, Mariah Luff '99, Sue Dey '98, Amy Gieffers '97, Arlene Frech '97, Megan Reese '99, Kristin Jugenheimer '99 (stroke), and Margo Harbaugh '98 (coxswain).

In the first novice race, MIT beat Smith in a time of 7:03 compared to Smith's 7:07. MIT took control of the race when Smith caught a crab in the second 500 meters. Mount Holyoke finished third in 7:08, and Wellesley took fourth in 7:16.

The boat, from stern to bow, included Julie Gesch '00 (coxswain), Stephanie Chen '00, Jessi Kleiss '00, Jeanne Tomaszewski '00, Peggy Hollejunas '00, Autumn Stuekrath '00, Marion Groh '00, Liz Rose '00, and Katy Croff '00 (bow).

In the junior varsity race, MIT (7:26) finished second to Mount Holyoke (7:06). The lineup from stern to bow included Rainuka Gupta '99 (coxswain), Sneha Madhavan '00 (stroke), Julie Wertz '00, Priscilla Fonseca '00, Heidi Chang '98, Jesse Cochrane '99, Jeanne Yu '98, and Francesca Chang '00 (bow).

The second novice race was won by Mt. Holyoke in 7:12. Smith finished second in 7:15, and MIT placed third in 7:53. The boating was Ay Ding (coxswain), Kathleen Vokes '00 (stroke), Lorri Bush '00,

Ellen Brown '00, Wendy Liu '00, Courtney Spalter Berman '00, Sonia Ranganath '00, Katherine Koch '00, and Zoe Teegarden '00.

The day concluded with a varsity four race in which MIT decisively beat the rest of the field, finishing the race in at time of 7:48, 15 seconds before Smith, the second-place crew.

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## Men's Track Victory Ends Undefeated Regular Season

By Jennifer Yang  
TEAM MANAGER

After hosting Springfield College and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy this past Saturday, the men's track team finished the regular season undefeated. MIT won their last home meet with a final score of 103.5, ahead of Springfield (81.5) and Coast Guard (18).

Knowing that there was tough competition in the throws, the team increased their efforts in the running and jumping events. This led to a sweep in the 400 meters and the long jump and three of the four places in the 200-meter dash, 800-meter run, and the 1,500 meters.

MIT started out strong in the running events. The 400-meter relay team of John Kim '98, Lincoln Bonner '97, Neal Karchem '99, and Dafe Ogagan '97 cruised by Springfield's team to win with a time of 44.27 seconds.

With favorable weather conditions and fans cheering, Michael Parkins '99 won the 3,000-meter steeplechase and qualified for NCAA III Outdoor Track Nationals with a time of 9:13.5. This places him fourth in the nation behind teammate Leif Seed '99.

The first sweep of the meet was in the long jump. Ogagan, who placed first with a jump of 21 feet 1/2 inch, was followed by Lincoln Bonner '97, Morio Alexander G,

and Jared Miller '98.

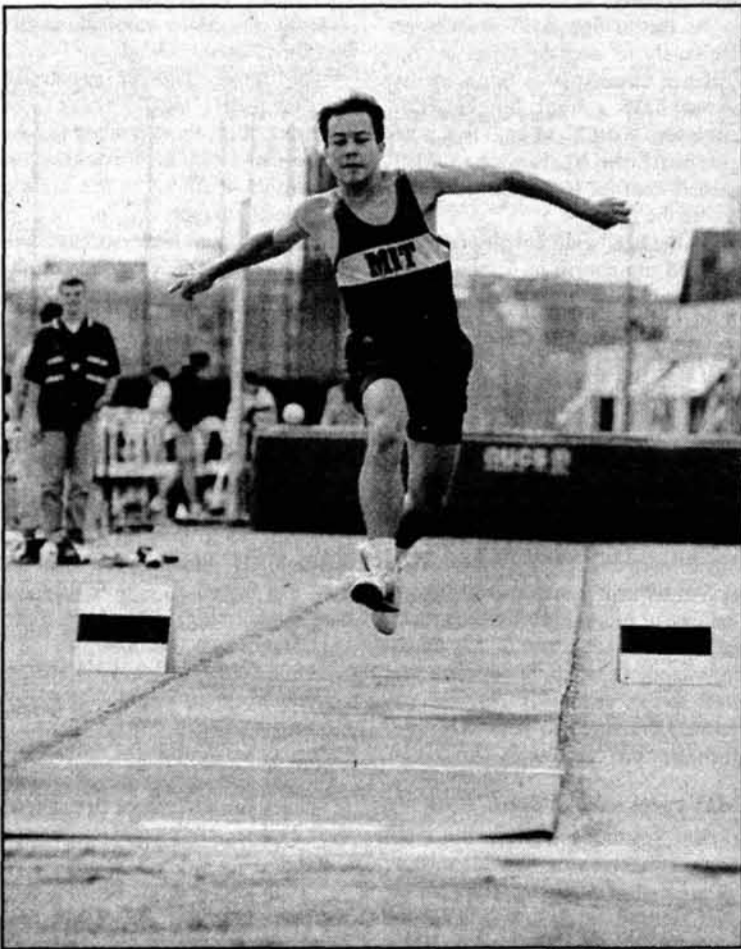
MIT's 400-meter team added to the excitement as Karchem, Daniel Helgesen '97, John Kim '98, and Morio Alexander G dominated the track in this event, with times of 51.36, 51.67, 52.21, and 52.64 seconds respectively.

Christopher McGuire '00, after placing third in the 1,500 meters, came back and won the 5,000 meters by over 30 seconds with a time of 15:17.91. The 1,600-meter relay team consisted of John Kim '98, Joel Ford '98, Parkins, and Karchem. Having lost to MIT last year in the 1,600-meter relay, Springfield was out for a rematch. Karchem anchored the MIT team to a first-place finish, beating the Springfield anchor man for the second year in a row.

"We had a lot of season and personal bests today," Karchem said. "It was an all-around great team effort to win this meet and finish the season undefeated."

"The team is really doing well, and people should look for us vying for number one against Williams in the New England Division III Finals," said Gustav Blomquist '99.

On Saturday, the men will be traveling to Williams College to compete in a non-scoring meet and to qualify for New England Division III Championships.



GREG KUHNEN—THE TECH

Morio Alexander '97 soars to win the triple jump in Saturday's track meet with Springfield College and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.