

Floor Leader Resigns Position; UA Grants Finboard Appeals

By Stacey E. Blau
OPINION EDITOR

At its first meeting of the term last night, the Undergraduate Association Council elected Paul T. Oppold '99 its new floor leader to replace Norris Vivatrat '99, who resigned his post in January.

The council also approved \$5,345 in UA Finance Board appeals funds for student activities, and it revised the Finboard bylaws to cut the board's size.

Vivatrat, who served as floor leader for only half of his term, wrote a letter to the council explaining his reasons for resigning his position and leaving the UA.

"Unfortunately, for many rea-

sons, I am resigning from my post," Vivatrat wrote. "It has been a very difficult decision to leave the UA, but I feel that my abilities would be much more suited to running a service organization, one of which I am currently forming."

Oppold, who has served on the UA's executive committee, said that he plans to take the UA "in a new direction." Meetings should be run more concisely and consist of committee chairs reporting back to the council explaining what work they have accomplished, Oppold said.

The floor leader, who is the council's chief legislative officer, is responsible for running council meetings and has the final say on

the agenda for council meetings. He also prepares packets for council representatives and oversees council finances.

Oppold defeated three other candidates to win the election.

UA Treasurer Russell S. Light '98 ran last night's meeting in place of Vivatrat, who showed up only briefly at the meeting.

Council passes appeals, revisions

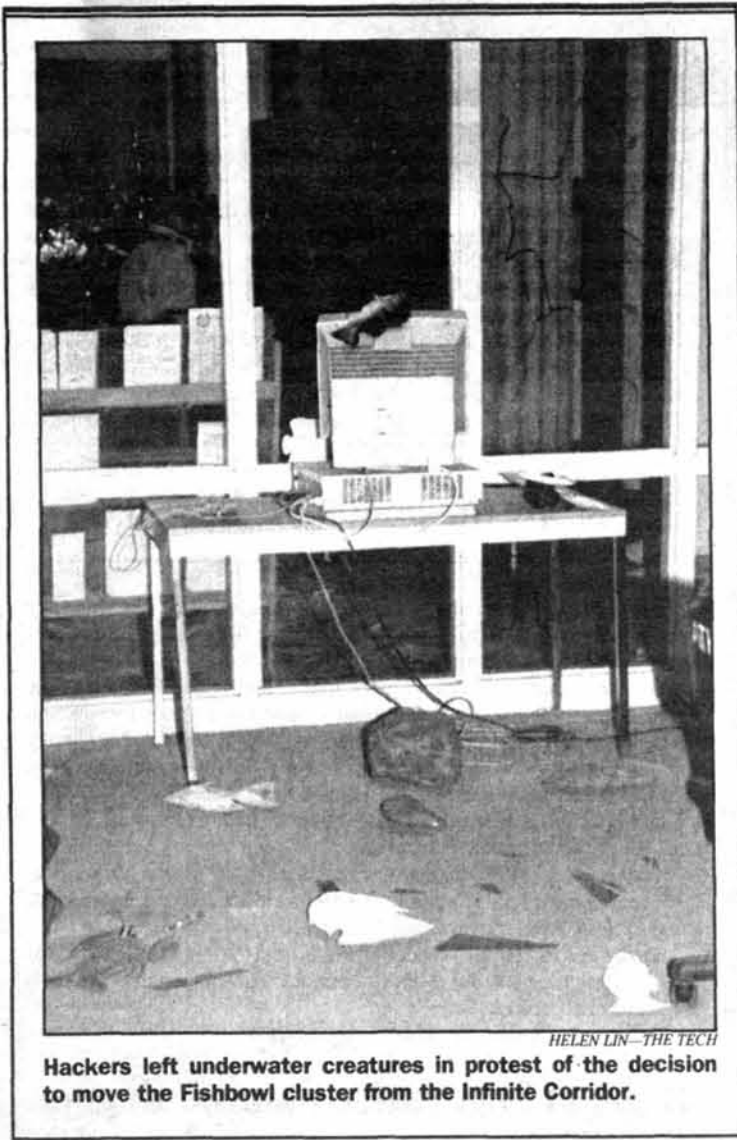
The council also approved \$5,345 to fund appeals granted by Finboard at the spring budget appeals session held this past weekend.

Activities not satisfied with their spring term funding allocations made in November or groups who did not have a chance to request funding at the time were given the chance to apply for additional funds from Finboard.

The appeals funds granted this term exceed last term's appeals allocations by nearly \$2,000, although the allotment still represents only around one percent of Finboard's total funds.

Voo Doo appealed the reduction that the council made in December to the funding it initially received from Finboard. The council had reduced *Voo Doo's* allocation from \$2,500 to

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HELEN LIN—THE TECH
Hackers left underwater creatures in protest of the decision to move the Fishbowl cluster from the Infinite Corridor.

Lotteries Leave Senior House Full

By Stuart Jackson

With the beginning of the new semester comes a minor wave of change of housing request forms. This year, the Office of Residence and Campus Activities and the dormitories were able to respond to all requests for housing changes.

The RCA processed 102 requests for residence changes since early December, according to Staff Associate for RCA Phillip M. Bernard. Forty-eight came from students living off-campus requesting on-campus housing, and the remaining 54 were transfers from one dormitory to another. Of the off-campus requests, 23 were from students who deplored from an independent living group.

RCA has been able to accommodate all the requests by using the 77 spots which opened in the residence halls after December, Bernard said. Additional open rooms also allowed about 30 rooms to be decrowded.

The number of housing changes was normal for this time of year, Bernard said. Traditionally, McCormick Hall and MacGregor House are the most popular dormitories for moving students, but this year no dormitory received significantly more requests than another.

"I don't think there's any specific reasons why MacGregor is not as popular this year," said MacGregor Room Assignments Chair Shilpa V. Shah '98. This year, 13 people left between terms, while in past years the number has been around 5, but "I couldn't really attribute it to any certain cause," she said.

Senior House filled to capacity

Senior House saw its fortunes rise as a result of last summer's renovations. More students moved into Senior House than out of it, Bernard said. "I believe the fact that it has physically changed has changed its culture," he added.

"House culture could take a dramatic change," said Senior House President Christopher H. Barron '97. There are "a lot of new benefits to having a new infrastructure — heating that works, plumbing that works," but it is "too early to tell what my ultimate feelings will be," Barron said.

Senior House Housing Manager Jonathan M. Hunt '97 said that Senior House was fully occupied this term, something that had not happened before the renovations. Freshman residents have adapted

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State Supreme Court to Consider Arguments in Cogen Plant Suit

By Marilyn Vogel

The state Supreme Judicial Court heard oral arguments last week in the latest phase of a protracted legal dispute between MIT and the Cambridge Electric and Light Company.

MIT is trying to avoid paying a \$4.5 million customer transition fine levied by the state Department of Public Utilities in 1995 when MIT opened its 21-megawatt cogeneration plant and decreased its reliance on Cambridge Electric's power grid. Cambridge Electric argues that MIT withdrew from its contract suddenly, leaving the utility stranded with excess capacity that it had originally built to serve MIT.

After an unsuccessful appeal to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, MIT appealed to the state's highest court in December.

In the appeal, MIT argues that the DPU order violated the 1978

Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act which ensured that customers with facilities like the cogeneration plant would not be required to pay transitional fees.

The DPU is attempting to apply rules involving cogeneration plants that will not go into effect until electricity is deregulated in Massachusetts in 1998, said MIT lawyer John de Torre.

No state electricity regulatory agency has ever levied a fine against a facility like the cogeneration plant, de Torre said. He added that the DPU wrongly retroactively applied laws to the cogeneration plant in reaching its decision.

The Court is expected to issue its ruling within 90 to 120 days.

Officials frustrated with decisions

MIT officials involved with the cogeneration plant have not only been surprised but have also been frustrated by the DPU and FERC

decisions. "It's ludicrous that we spent all this money to make this plant and now we get this charge," said cogeneration plant engineer Chris Russo.

A cogeneration plant produces both electricity and steam. The cogeneration plant produces emissions that are "almost an order of magnitude cleaner" in nitrous oxide emissions than Cambridge Electric, Russo said.

Cogen, using what Russo calls "cutting-edge technology," reduces emissions to 50 percent that of conventional generation. From Cogen's standpoint, the DPU has decided not only against MIT, but also against clean, efficient generation, Russo said.

"We shouldn't be punished for pursuing energy conservation," said Victoria V. Sirianni, director of

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Readings, Discussions Mark Black History Month

By Carina Fung
STAFF REPORTER

Campus organizations spent weeks preparing to celebrate Black History Month this February, and they should soon see the fruits of their labor. The Black Graduate Student Association, Chocolate City, and the Black Students' Union are sponsoring events throughout February and into March.

This month, the BGSA is hosting a four-part series entitled "Links and Lineage" in Lobby 7 at noon on Mondays. "Links" signifies the ties and relationships that African Americans must establish and re-establish, both internally and externally, said Otis Rolley III G, a member of the BGSA's African

American heritage month celebration committee. "Lineage" refers to the need for African Americans to connect with their past, he said.

The past is composed of "men and women, kings and queens, workers and warriors, along with stories of defeat and duplicity, victory and vindication, song and suffering and spirituality," Rolley said.

The BGSA has already had two such events this month. The first presentation on Feb. 3 was dedicated to the black woman while yesterday's presentation was dedicated to the black man, Rolley said. The next forum, scheduled for Feb. 18, will focus on the "Instruments of Liberation: The Church, Politics, and Education." The final presenta-

tion on Feb. 24 is entitled "Revolutionary Art: Words and Songs of Independence," he said.

Each presentation features poetry, music, speeches, and book excerpts, Rolley said. Flyers describing the lives and efforts of celebrated African Americans will be distributed.

In addition to "Links," BGSA is hosting its annual "Ebony Affair," a formal dinner and dance on Feb. 22 at Walker Memorial, Rolley said. This event will include a live jazz band, a disc jockey, and a fashion show.

"I hope that the entire MIT community will join with the African American community in celebrating the many contributions that African

Americans have made in every sector of society," Rolley said.

'Ill Vibes' resumes

March 1 will mark the return of Chocolate City's "Ill Vibes," an open-microphone event. "Ill Vibes," which will be held on the third floor of New House 1, will be open to everyone, not only to the MIT community, said Eto S. Otitigbe '99, the founder and coordinator of the event.

Otitigbe named the event "Ill Vibes" because the phrase defined an "unexplainable phenomenon which just lets you release," he said. The goal was to "maximize that feeling," he said.

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WORLD & NATION

KGB Officer Says Ames Provided Soviets with Valuable Info

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The original Soviet handler of confessed spy Aldrich H. Ames is quoted in a new book as saying Ames turned over valuable information from the beginning of his spying, rather than duping the Soviets at the start with worthless data as Ames has claimed.

Retired KGB officer Viktor Cherkashin said the first secrets turned over to Moscow by the now-jailed former CIA counterintelligence officer included identification of two KGB officers then stationed in the Soviet Embassy in Washington but working for U.S. intelligence.

This statement "contradicts Ames's claim that he (initially) was scamming the Soviets with useless information and indicates he was coldbloodedly selling the names of two vital ... recruits," writes Pete Earley in his new book, "Confessions of a Spy," excerpted this week in U.S. News & World Report.

Earley writes that, during interviews he had with Ames in 1994 in prison in Alexandria, the 31-year veteran CIA officer said he had identified 25 "human assets" working for western intelligence to the KGB. That is more than twice the number of individuals than U.S. officials have acknowledged publicly.

Army Suspends McKinney

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Army suspended its top noncommissioned officer Monday from regular duties, saying accusations he sexually harassed a subordinate made it "increasingly difficult" for him to carry out his job.

The suspension of Gene C. McKinney, the sergeant major of the Army, comes one day after two senators and his accuser, former Sgt. Major Brenda L. Hoster, complained on television that McKinney shouldn't be allowed to work when Army drill instructors accused of sexual harassment had been suspended from their jobs.

The difference in treatment suggested a "different system of justice" for the senior ranks, Hoster said.

Hoster, 39, went public last week with allegations that McKinney, for whom she worked as a public relations aide, had pressured her for sex during an April business trip to Hawaii.

According to Hoster's account, McKinney often berated her for poor performance but on several occasions also made what she took to be sexual overtures.

McKinney, 46, has denied the allegations.

Riots in Separatist Chinese Region

THE WASHINGTON POST

BEIJING

Riots broke out in a town in the separatist Xinjiang region last week as about 1,000 Muslim separatists battled police, destroyed shops and burned cars, according to reports Monday by Western news agencies and a Hong Kong newspaper.

More than 10 people were killed, more than 100 injured and as many as 500 arrested before security forces quelled the unrest last Wednesday and Thursday in the town of Yining, in far western Xinjiang, about 30 miles from the border of the former Soviet republic of Kazakstan, the reports said. The bodies of many victims of the disturbances were burned, reports said.

The unrest is the latest in a series of incidents in the vast but sparsely populated territory where tensions have often flared between the ruling minority Han Chinese and the majority, mostly Muslim, ethnic Uighurs, a Turkic people who had their own Republic of East Turkestan from 1944 to 1949.

According to an account by Reuter, the latest unrest erupted after a Chinese policeman tried to arrest a Uighur criminal suspect. A local source said that the suspect and his family resisted arrest. The scene attracted neighbors and onlookers and the crowd swelled to more than 1,000 and turned to rioting. Later demonstrators marched on a government building and demanded an end to Han Chinese rule.

WEATHER

Same old, same old

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

For a really big winter storm, a low pressure system tracking right up the coast is required to produce a collision of the warm moist air off the ocean with the cold air mass over the land — a classic nor'easter. So far this season we have been dealt many glancing blows as storms have trundled by either to the west or to the east of us, but none as yet have had the right configuration for really big accumulations. This week is no exception; a promising low is gathering strength off the Carolinas. However, before it can wreak its havoc on us, it will be picked up by the prevailing mid-level flow and whisked off across the Atlantic. As the storm blows by, the onshore winds will be enough to produce clouds and scattered flurries especially near the coast. Wednesday night should also see some light snowfall as a weak system swings southeastward out of central Canada. Thursday will see the sun reappear, and to add to the frustrations of Massachusetts skiers, the long range models again have a powerful storm sliding by to the south of us during the early part of the weekend.

Today: Mostly cloudy but with occasional breaks. A brisk wind out of the northeast. A good chance of flurries. High 34°F (1°C).

Tonight: Some partial clearing of clouds, winds shifting westerly. Low 23°F (-5°C).

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. Some moderation in temperatures. Scattered flurries out of the west during afternoon and evening. A chilly night. High 39°F (4°C). Low 21°F (-6°C).

Thursday: Becoming clearer. High around 35°F (2°C). Low around 20°F (-7°C).

FDA, Tobacco Firms Spar Over Cigarette Restrictions

By John Schwartz

THE WASHINGTON POST

GREENSBORO, N.C.

The tobacco industry Monday asked a federal judge to block the Clinton administration's controversial plan to impose tough new federal regulations to reduce smoking among young people.

During a daylong hearing in a crowded U.S. District Court courtroom, attorneys representing the tobacco industry and other businesses that would be affected by the plan argued that the federal Food and Drug Administration had grossly overstepped its authority.

"We are dealing with a revolutionary expansion of FDA authority over a major industry that it has never before regulated," said Washington attorney Richard Cooper, representing the tobacco industry.

Lawyers representing the government, meanwhile, countered that FDA Administrator David Kessler was well within his legal authority to take the action, which was necessary to counter a teen smoking epidemic.

"The commissioner hasn't acted willy-nilly here," said Justice Department attorney Gerald Kell. Kessler, he said, "has looked at a serious health problem," and tried to fashion a reasonable response.

The arguments came during a one-day hearing on the first court test of the FDA action — a request by the tobacco, advertising, publishing, convenience store and other industries for Judge William Osteen Sr. to issue a "summary judgment"

blocking the plan. If Osteen rules against the industry, a full trial will be held. Any outcome is likely to be appealed, perhaps eventually as far as the Supreme Court.

Osteen said he would not announce a decision for between five and 10 weeks.

In the meantime, the first phase of the FDA regulations — a federal requirement that everyone buying tobacco products be required to produce photo identification to prove they are at least 18 years old — will go into effect Feb. 28.

Restrictions on tobacco advertising, including requirements that ads in magazines with a large youth readership be restricted to black and white text, are scheduled to go into effect in August. A ban on tobacco industry name-brand sponsorship of sporting events would take effect a year later.

The hearing focused on three broad issues: whether the FDA has jurisdiction over tobacco, whether it had applied its own rules properly, and whether the agency's advertising restrictions violate the First Amendment.

On the first issue, tobacco industry attorneys argued that Congress had never granted the FDA authority to regulate tobacco and that the agency itself had expressly rejected requests in the past from anti-tobacco activists to assert such authority.

The industry attorneys relied largely on congressional deliberations from 1964 and 1965 after the first Surgeon General's warning on tobacco's health risks. Congress gave some authority for tobacco to

the Federal Trade Commission and took on the task of crafting cigarette warning labels itself.

Attorneys for the government contended that the agency must have the flexibility to change course when new evidence emerges. Recent revelations about tobacco industry practices and knowledge of nicotine's addictive qualities justified a shift, they argued.

"These are not the same products they were in 1938," when the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics act was first passed, said Justice Department attorney George Phillips. "They are a highly manufactured, engineered product."

Even if Osteen finds that the agency has jurisdiction over tobacco products, the notion that cigarettes and smokeless tobacco can be classified as a combination drug and medical device was "truly strange" and "an amazing series of evasions and distortions," Cooper said.

It was absurd for the government to contend that the tobacco industry has shown its intent to sell tobacco because it contains nicotine — an essential element of the agency's jurisdictional claim — when the industry does not make explicit claims for its products' drug effects, Cooper said.

Some of the strongest language against the FDA rules concerned the advertising restrictions. Dan Troy, a Washington attorney representing advertising companies, called the plan "patently overbroad," and said that the agency "cannot attack with a blunderbuss what it should attack with a scalpel."

Jury Rules Simpson Must Pay \$25M in Damages to Families

By William Booth and William Claiborne

THE WASHINGTON POST

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

In a stunning financial punishment that exceeded even the plaintiffs' expectations, the civil trial jury that last week blamed O.J. Simpson for the murders of his ex-wife and her friend Monday ordered him to pay the victims' families \$25 million in punitive damages.

That award, bringing the combined total of compensatory and punitive damages to \$33.5 million, could leave the fallen football star, sportscaster and television pitchman with a lifetime of debt unless it is reduced or thrown out on appeal.

The six-man, six-woman, mostly white jury deliberated for just over five hours before reaching its split-vote damages verdicts against Simpson, who was acquitted in 1995 of the 1994 slashing deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L. Goldman.

Without identifying themselves by name, eight jurors and alternates told a news conference that the evidence against Simpson had ranged from "above a preponderance" — the civil trial standard — to "beyond a reasonable doubt." One juror, a white woman, said: "It was 100 percent for me. I really believed Mr. Simpson was guilty. We went through all the evidence, and it had nothing to do with Mr. Simpson's skin."

The jury voted 10 to 2 to award Goldman's family \$12.5 million. The jury also allotted \$12.5 million to Nicole Simpson's estate, whose beneficiaries include her two children now living in O.J. Simpson's custody.

The jury voted 11 to 1 on whether to award punitive damages

to each of the families and 10 to 2 on the amounts.

Almost all the jurors who spoke to reporters, with the exception of one black woman who served as an alternate, said they did not find Simpson to be a credible witness when he took the stand in his own defense.

"He really should have got his story straight before he got up there," the white woman juror in her twenties said. One white male juror said, "I find it hard to believe he can't remember where he got a scar-producing cut. I thought Kato Kaelin was more credible," referring to Simpson's erstwhile houseguest whose disjointed, sometimes bumbling testimony highlighted the criminal trial.

The jurors said they had considered the plaintiffs' allegations that police had planted evidence against Simpson and had uniformly rejected them. Several of the panelists said they attached considerable importance to DNA blood evidence and the bloody glove found by police behind Simpson's estate the night of the murders, but that their conclusion that Simpson committed the murders was based on the accumulation of circumstantial evidence.

Goldman's father, Fred, said after the verdicts: "I think what you saw in this trial was truth, and lies on the other side. I think that's what the jury saw and saw clearly."

Daniel Petrocelli, the lead plaintiffs' lawyer, said: "It was critical to expose that he wasn't telling the truth. ... We all felt it was absolutely essential to call O.J. Simpson a killer — to treat him like a killer if we wanted the jury to conclude that he was."

Petrocelli said his strategy was to try "a tight case" and put on as

many police witnesses as possible, thereby forcing Simpson to contradict them all.

Michael Brewer, attorney for Goldman's natural mother, Sharon Rufo, said Rufo was "very emotional" and "extremely pleased" over the verdicts.

Simpson was not in the courtroom when the verdicts were read; neither he nor his attorney, Robert Baker, had any immediate response. However, Simpson's friend and spokesman, attorney Leo Terrell, angrily told reporters: "This verdict is illegal. This verdict was wrong. You can't award more money under punitive damages than the man has." Terrell said the law is clear in its intent to punish and not destroy a civil defendant.

The punitive damages is one of the highest ever returned against an individual. A Bronx jury last year ordered \$25 million in punitive damages and \$18 million in compensatory damages against Bernhard Goetz, who shot four black youths in a subway car.

Simpson can appeal — and is almost certain to do so — to stay the award, since the amount is far higher even than what the plaintiffs claimed Simpson is worth. But if Simpson does appeal, he will have to post a bond of one and a half times the total judgments. Unless he files such a bond, the plaintiffs can almost immediately seek to attach Simpson's assets. Legal experts said the post-trial motions and appeals could take years to resolve.

Filing for bankruptcy is an option for Simpson. Such a filing could allow Simpson to put the plaintiffs in line behind his creditors, including his attorney, who placed a lien on the defendant's mansion in Brentwood for payment.

Shutdown Looms as American, Pilots Begin Negotiation Talks

By David Segal

THE WASHINGTON POST WASHINGTON

Travel agents have started urging customers not to book American Airlines as the country's second-largest carrier and its pilots union began talks Monday aimed at heading off a strike that could begin at 12:01 a.m. Saturday.

Representatives from the airline and the Allied Pilots Association, which represents American's 9,000 pilots, met into the evening at a downtown hotel in an attempt to overcome disagreements over wages and whether American's subsidiary commuter airlines will be permitted to fly jets.

With the weekend deadline looming, some travel agents said they are recommending that passengers avoid American if they intend to fly after Friday.

Last week, officials at American

sent memos to travel agencies advising them that passengers holding American tickets have three options: they can reschedule without incurring any charges, they can receive travel vouchers worth the value of their fare, or they can request a full refund.

Local travel agents say they assume that American officials will soon announce that another airline — or two — would accommodate their passengers, as is common when one airline suspends operations.

The talks between the airline and its union, which are being overseen by federal mediators, started with an afternoon session Monday to set an agenda for the coming four days of meetings.

The talks are expected to focus on two core issues. The APA has asked for pay increases, cost of living adjustments and stock options

that the airline says will cost \$200 million per year.

In January, APA members rejected a tentative contract the union leadership had reached with the airline last September, fired its negotiating committee and issued new demands.

In a recorded message, officials at American Monday reiterated their intention to shut down the entire airline and send 80,000 employees home without pay if a settlement is not reached.

Even if passengers are able to find alternative flights, the impact of a strike on American could be devastating, say experts.

"American had about \$14 billion in sales last year and a strike that lasts a month would basically wipe away all of its profits in '96," said Darryl Jenkins, a professor of airline management at George Washington University.

Clinton Pitches Education Plan For Controversial Tests Initiative

By Elizabeth Shogren

LOS ANGELES TIMES ANNAPOLIS, MD.

President Clinton tried to head off grassroots resistance to his education initiatives Monday, saying that America's children will be hurt and "the rest of the country will pay the price" unless schools begin administering nationwide tests of student performance.

The president made his most fervent and lengthy pitch yet for his proposal to institute standardized tests to ensure that all fourth-graders have learned to read and all eighth-graders are proficient in math.

The proposal, perhaps the most controversial of Clinton's broad package of education initiatives, has been criticized by some educators and politicians as an attempt by the federal government to usurp state

control over education.

"That's nonsense," Clinton said in response. He accused his opponents of hiding behind a "very small fig leaf," and suggested the only way U.S. students will be able to catch up to those in other industrialized countries is if people stop talking about states' rights and start giving students national tests that reflect global standards.

"He has very little to sell here," said Nancy Grasmick, Maryland's state superintendent of schools, adding that the president's proposals are "totally congruent with what Maryland is doing."

But the president clearly would receive mixed reviews on his testing proposal in many other state capitals, and in Washington the GOP-controlled Congress has already expressed skepticism.

"This is not the federal government's job. It's the state's job," said Robert Calfee, a professor of education and psychology at Stanford University and a co-chairman of the California commission charged with developing statewide academic standards.

Most states, however, do have their own statewide testing programs. They also use the National Assessment of Education Progress Test to evaluate a sample of their students. Clinton's proposed fourth-grade reading test would be modeled on this exam, and the eighth-grade math evaluation would be derived from the Third International Math and Science Study, a test that the United States and a dozen other nations use to determine and compare student achievement in those subjects.

Former Yeltsin Bodyguard Wins Seat in Parliament

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Alexander Korzhakov, the hawkish former bodyguard who was feared as head of President Boris Yeltsin's security service until he was ousted last June, won a seat in the lower house of parliament Monday.

Although he will be just one of 450 members of the State Duma, Korzhakov's election was no small matter for the liberal Russian political elite, which reacted with dread to news of his victory.

Korzhakov won election over 10 other candidates with approximately 26 percent of the vote in Tula, a city south of Moscow, filling a vacancy left by Alexander Lebed, who became head of Yeltsin's security council until he was fired in October.

Korzhakov, 47, a one-time KGB major, had served as Yeltsin's bodyguard, confidant, and adviser for 11 years. He was not only chief of a large security apparatus that had para-military powers and lucrative sources of money, but also controlled access to his boss and was known to intervene on policy matters. He was part of a so-called "party of war" that urged Yeltsin to launch the disastrous war against separatists in Chechnya.

Korzhakov has hinted darkly that he possesses compromising materials on many of those in power — presumably materials he had gathered as chief of the presidential security service. So far, he has not disclosed the material.

But as a member of parliament, Korzhakov will enjoy immunity from prosecution. According to the Russian constitution, while a Duma deputy, he cannot be detained, arrested or searched unless in the act of committing a crime.

Due to Lack of Funds, Smithsonian Cuts Traveling Show

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Smithsonian Institution announced Monday that it is curtailing the schedule of its enormously popular 150th-anniversary touring show because of a lack of funds.

"America's Smithsonian," believed to be the nation's largest-ever museum exhibition, has been put on hiatus until April. It was launched last February amid great fanfare and made stops in six cities, staying at least a month in each. In its first year, 2 million people saw the display; attendance ranged from an average of 15,000 a day in St. Paul, Minn., to 4,200 a day in New York City.

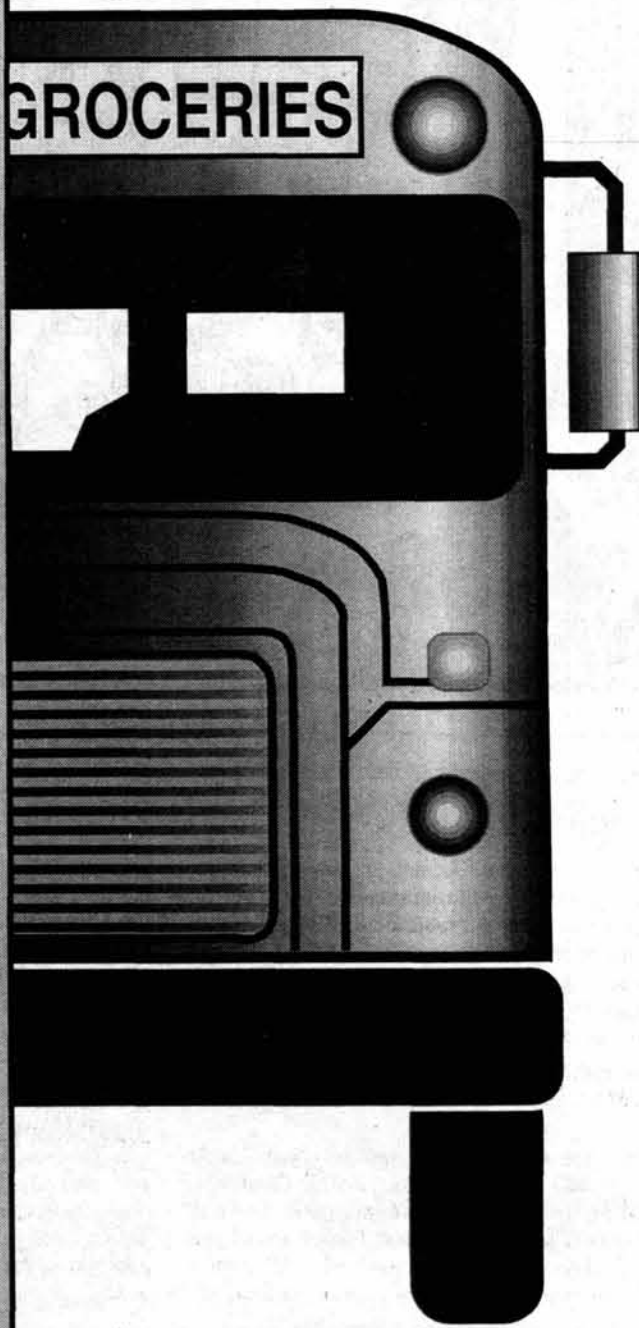
However, the project, one of the Smithsonian's first broad efforts to attract corporate sponsors, fell far short of its stated goal of raising \$100 million from 10 donors. As a result, Smithsonian officials are asking interested cities to underwrite the installation costs for any future visits. Only those cities that come up with the estimated \$4.2 million tab will see the show, which had been scheduled to run through the end of this year.

The traveling show contains 300 one-of-a-kind artifacts from the Smithsonian's vast holdings, including a sword belonging to George Washington, Abraham Lincoln's hat, Thomas Edison's light bulb, the Apollo 14 space capsule and the ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz."

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GROCERIES



The Tuesday Grocery Shuttle is back!

Stock up for the semester!
Take the Grocery Shuttle from MIT to Star Market (in Allston), every Tuesday and Saturday.

This free service, organized by the Housing and Community Affairs committee of the GSC, is open to all members of the MIT community.

The full schedule is listed at <http://www.mit.edu/activities/gsc>

FEB 12 Activities Meeting *

18 Housing and Community Affairs Meeting *

19 Extracurricular Activities and Athletics Adhoc Committee Mtg *

20 Academic Policy and Projects Committee Meeting *

21 Friday Social *

23 "RENT" at 7pm
Watch for more info about tickets

24 Formal Ball Committee *

25 Budget Review Adhoc Committee Meeting *

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

OPINION

HARL Team Missed Critical Issues

The housing and residential life re-engineering team recently concluded its six months of work with the release of its final report. Its job was to devise an implementation plan for a unified housing and residential system.

Editorial Unfortunately, the team's report is thoroughly unsubstantive and comes nowhere close to looking at all the issues the team should have.

The HARL team seems to have used the idea of a general approach to issues as a way not to look at anything especially meaningful. The team's charge was broad, but if the group had planned to deliver only the vaguest of recommendations, it should have at least looked at the big picture — all aspects of housing, not just dormitory life. Instead, most significant issues were shunted under the category of "constraints" — things the group didn't touch. These limitations include Residence and Orientation Week, independent living groups, MIT's housing shortage, off-campus housing, and dining. Such issues are nothing less than absolutely crucial to any decent examination of housing and residential life, and their omission is quite glaring.

Instead, the report offers vapid goals like "communication" and a "team approach." While these may be good ideas, they are silly because they are so obvious, and it seems mind-boggling that it took the team half a year to generate such conclusions. The report's only specific examination deals with internal dormitory matters or questions of residential communities. Some of the recommendations in these areas seem reasonable; they include establishing standards for repair and maintenance of dormitories, link-

ing diverse dormitories, and looking deeper into dormitory security issues — all worthy goals. But they are essentially generalizations that don't go far beyond the obvious. And some of them — like the idea of transforming the house manager position into an all-purpose partnership with the housemasters, graduate resident tutors, and house government — seem far from necessary.

One of the HARL team's original tasks was to examine a potential merger between the Office of Residence and Campus Activities and the Department of Housing and Food Services. But last fall's administrative reorganization — which put HFS under the Dean's Office, where RCA already is — made clear the future of a merger, pre-empting the HARL team's work. It is unfortunate that the team dropped its RCA/HFS focus and that the report doesn't discuss the merger directly, although some of the proposals suggest merged functions. Some of those recommendations — like the proposal that Physical Plant handle dormitory maintenance with the Dean's Office's supervision — may have some tricky implications considering the historic friction between some offices.

The crucial question that remains is how the major issues related to housing are ever going to be properly addressed in a collective manner. Big issues like MIT's housing shortage, dining, and R/O have many significant interconnections, and their long-term future needs attention. R/O in particular seems a matter that no one wants to deal with; plans for a separate re-engineering team to look at it were scrapped. Perhaps the new housing advisory committee which just began its work will be able to do justice to these issues where the HARL team failed.

Letters To The Editor

Students Are Taking Fishbowl Too Seriously

I think MIT students are taking the whole Fishbowl situation way too seriously. Reading the letter by Aileen Tang '99 in Friday's Tech ["Fishbowl Move Shows No Concern for Students"] makes me wonder just what MIT students are thinking. We are merely moving a computer cluster. Can anyone feel sentimental about a computer cluster? Is it a place of sentimentality or romance? Do people have dates in the Fishbowl? What is the big deal? People make it sound like we are taking Shangri-la away from them.

Tang makes arguments that the Fishbowl allows students to check e-mail before head-

ing off to the next class. When was the last time you saw a free machine in the Fishbowl in between classes or during any time of the day before 6 p.m. for that matter? I have been here for three-and-a-half years, and the Fishbowl is the cluster I least frequently use. Hell, I use the Building 37 cluster more than I use the Fishbowl.

Tang also says that every "Athena conscious" student appreciates the "unique charm" of the Fishbowl. I find this absolutely ludicrous. Are we so far out there that we find "charm" in an Athena cluster? Let's not get carried away here. If you find charm in a computer cluster, you need some help in my opinion.

I find it disturbing that whenever MIT changes anything students always complain. We use dormitory access cards, and people

complain that they are being tracked via a computer. We don't put the word "student" on the new MIT Card, and more people complain we are taking away their MIT identity. We complain over the housing lottery, physical education class lottery, etc. Every time I read *The Tech*, someone is always complaining about something. Enough is enough. Aren't we ever happy?

MingHui Kuang '97

Demand Is Driving High Costs of Textbooks

I agree that the high costs of textbooks is partly the result of the fact that students are willing to pay so much ["Exorbitant Prices for Textbooks Have No Justification," Feb. 7].

In economics, this situation is called an inelastic demand. The price of the textbook is quite a negligible function of the cost of production, but it is in fact very heavily dependent on the inelastic nature of the demand curve.

Here's an empirical example: I got the same Principles of Microeconomics (14.01) text by Rubinfeld and Pinyck in Malaysia for the price of \$20. The price at The Coop is \$70. The one I got in Malaysia is the exact same U.S. edition and hardcover. There are many other examples, and the general case seems to be that textbooks in the United States usually cost about three times more than they do in foreign countries.

The demand for textbooks in a country like Malaysia is not so elastic because students often resort to photocopying if the price is too high. It makes sense for the publishing company to charge different prices for both countries; since the mobility of the textbooks across different geographical markets is low, the companies are able to separate the markets.

More information on this can be found in the 14.01 text under appendix: price discrimination.

Beng-Teck Lim '98



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Fishbowl and Student Services Center Should Both Reside in Infinite Corridor

Guest Column by Andy Oakland

As an alumnus of the re-engineering team that first recommended the creation of a unified Student Services Center, I'm delighted to see our vision becoming reality. It's very gratifying to view the success of the prototype of the unified center now operating in the Infinite Corridor. And perhaps this center will finally eliminate the tongue-in-cheek suggestion that students be given honorary physical education credit for all the running between administrative offices that is required of them.

However, I hadn't expected that this improved service would trigger the elimination of another, long-established student service — namely, the Fishbowl Athena cluster. The Fishbowl provides services to literally hundreds of students each day who drop in for quick sessions between other activities. Moving it from the Infinite Corridor will seriously inconvenience these students, and the proposed "replacement" location in Building 12 is significantly off the beaten path.

Furthermore, one should not dismiss the value of the Fishbowl as a recruiting tool. It typically provides the only visible activity in the Infinite Corridor on weekends and in the evenings. Prospective students and their families touring the campus often stop and peer in, gaining a quick glimpse into MIT life. If the Fishbowl is moved from the Infinite Corridor, the weekend visitor will be greeted with nothing but a succession of locked doors and dark offices.

Student services are not a zero-sum game. It should not be necessary to lessen services in one area so that they can be increased in another. Both the Fishbowl and the Student Services Center need to be in convenient, central locations so that they can reach the high volume of students they are designed to serve. I recommend that both find homes on the Infinite Corridor.

As one walks down the corridor, one sees a large number of administrative offices that have almost no interactions with students, like resource development or the offices of the

vice president for finance. If the reason for an Infinite Corridor address is to make a place convenient for students, there is no reason for such purely administrative offices to command these locations.

If we are serious about providing improved services to students, relocating an administrative office to provide space for either the

Fishbowl or the Student Services Center will allow the Institute to provide improved student services in one area without degrading them in another.

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New 1.00 With C++ Gets Good Reviews

By Polo A. Banuelos

After a one-semester experiment in teaching Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00) in the C++ programming language, no decision has been made over whether the class will permanently be taught in the same format. In previous years, 1.00 has been taught in standard C.

Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Steven R. Lerman '72, who taught the course in the fall, said that "the current commitment is to continue with this plan through the next year."

A decision may be reached by next fall semester, which will allow faculty and staff time to get used to the new language, Lerman said.

In the interim, however, "we were very pleased and the changes did not present any significant barriers," Lerman said. "I have yet to receive copies of class evaluations, but I feel confident that there were no problems with the class," Lerman said.

This semester, 1.00 will be taught in C as it traditionally has been, he said. "The spring class is usually larger, and it has more freshmen than the fall," Lerman said. "We want people to be able to take the older version of the class, if they want to."

"Most of the interesting programming in the business world is done in C++ these days," Lerman said. "There's definitely been a move toward C++ over the last several years."

C++ is "a language that allows students to build better-structured and more usable code," he said.

Still, the overall content of the course in C++ is fairly similar to course in C, Lerman said. "You need to learn some C before you can learn any C++."

However, the use of C++ should also have made some of the early parts of the course simpler because certain things are harder to learn in C, Lerman said.

Only two C++ lectures were added out of the 36 in the course, Lerman said. He also saw no significant change in the grade distribution of the class.

Participants react positively

"The class was a good experience, and we learned along with the students," said Salal Humair G, a teaching assistant for the class. Even though students did have some difficulties with the new format, the teaching assistants were "able to control the chaos."

"Having these extra skills like object orientation will really help in finding a job outside of MIT," said Jonna J. K. Peat '97, a computer science student who took the class last term. She said that she understands the need to eventually upgrade the curriculum in order to keep students competitive.

"C++ is a more common language these days," said Mark N. Pirri '98. "It would seem a more useful class to have it taught" in C++. In addition, "as a more structured language, it teaches a more structured programming style."

Despite its experimental nature, the class "seemed very well organized... it seems like it worked quite well," Pirri said.

BU Hikes Up Tuition, Rooming Charges

By Douglas E. Helmburger and Zareena Hussain

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITORS

Boston University's Board of Trustees approved last month a

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\$1,400 increase in tuition for the 1997-98 academic year.

Along with the tuition increase will be a \$520 increase in room and board charges. The combined increases mark a 7 percent increase in BU's total cost, bringing it to \$29,540 a year.

"This is an unusual increase. We have some unusual factors," said Dennis D. Berkey, BU's provost. New facilities for the School of Public Health and the cost of hiring new faculty members were among the factors cited for the tuition increase.

A \$104 million building just completed is also a factor in the increase. "This is the year in which we have to fully begin making the mortgage payment," Berkey said.

BU will increase its financial aid budget by \$9 million next year to compensate for the increase in tuition.

[Daily Free Press, Jan. 13]

Duke proposes new rankings

Two faculty committees at Duke University are considering whether to adopt a new grading system designed to discourage students

from taking easy classes and to curb grade inflation.

Under the system, designed by a Duke statistician, students would be ranked on an achievement index that rewards students for taking "difficult" classes — those with a distribution of grades from A to F. The algorithm also boosts the achievement index of students who are in classes with others who have been successful in difficult courses.

Students would then be ranked based on their achievement index, and new GPAs would then be determined.

Members of the Duke student government spoke out against the policy, saying that the algorithm could not be checked for accuracy.

If the faculty committees approve the plan as expected, Duke transcripts will show the traditional GPA and the new one for several years. Duke may then choose to switch completely to the revised system.

[The Chronicle of Higher Education, Feb. 14]

Yale creates no-growth policy

Yale University, currently in the throes of an effort to trim the size of its faculty by 5 percent, implemented a no-growth policy that prevents the university from hiring additional professors.

Departments, which previously had been able to hire freely, are now

allowed only to bring professors on board when a vacancy exists.

Many department chairs express their dismay at the new system. "You can scrape by for a couple of years, but... you just can't run a really good program if you're just packaging things together," said David Cameron, the chair of Yale's political science department.

Yale administrators are currently attempting to eliminate a \$4 million budget deficit. "We're at a point of maximum resource constraints," said Charles Long, Yale's deputy provost.

The no-growth policy is expected to continue. "Will there ever come a time when we say, 'Let's think about growth in the faculty again?' Possibly, but it won't come under my provostship," said Alison Richard, Yale's provost.

[Yale Daily News, Feb. 7]

BU considers building new dorms

Boston University is hoping to build a new dormitory on part of the site of the Commonwealth Armory in Boston.

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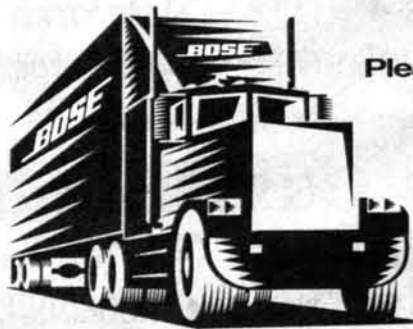
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\$1,600, but last night the council approved up to \$1,600 in funds that the UA will match at a rate of 70 cents for every dollar *Voo Doo* receives in ads in non-UA funding.

The goal is to make *Voo Doo* more independent, Light said.

The National Society of Black Engineers received the next largest allotment at \$1,050, although the group had requested \$8,480. The group did not request any funding during the regular funding process last term.

Other appeals allocations went to the Association of Taiwanese Students (\$875), the Chorallaries (\$800), and the Hybrid Electric Vehicle Team (\$600).

The Equestrian Team, a new activity, received no initial funding in November but got \$300 at appeals last night.

The Council also passed a revision to the Finboard bylaws cutting the number of board members from 16 to 10.

The spots allocated to the treasurers of the Dormitory Council and to the Interfraternity Council were eliminated, as were the four members selected by the UA Nominations Committee. The number of representatives elected at annual general elections was cut from four to two.

Each year's outgoing Finboard will now select two additional members to serve on the board the following year.

The changes are needed to make the board more efficient, Light said. For example, the Dormcon and IFC treasurers hardly ever showed up to meetings.

Stephanie M. Zielenski '98, the IFC representative to the UA, opposed the measure. "The people who are getting the money should have some say," and those people include the IFC and dormitory residents, who often have differing interests that need a voice on

Finboard, she said.

Lee makes state of the UA address

UA President Richard Y. Lee '97 also presented his state of the UA address, which is customarily given by the UA president at the first council meeting of the term.

"Where has the UA been in the past?" Lee asked. Lee cited the UA-driven revival of the *Course Evaluation Guide* and the UA shuttle to Logan Airport organized for finals week.

He also pointed to the variety of social events that the UA has been sponsoring over the past few months. The UA's party over Independent Activities Period "was very successful," and spring weekend later this term will be "a major social event," Lee said.

In addition, Lee said that the newly cleaned UA office "reflects our state right now."

This term, the UA will fight for more funding for student activities and lay the groundwork for developing a guide to majors.

The UA also will work to provide students with a centralized office that will have everything from a fax machine to a scanner to a computer, all at little to no cost to students. "I'll put my word on this," Lee said.

Task force member visits council

Ernest A. Cuni '98, the undergraduate member of the task force on student life and learning, gave a presentation on the task force's work.

Cuni, who also co-chairs the student advisory committee to the task force, said that the task force is looking at MIT's future "big picture — the strategy — on a fundamental level." The task force is discussing everything from rush to curricular issues and will be presenting an interim report at the end of this academic year and a final report at the end of the 1998 academic year.

Students should take their ideas to the advisory committee, Cuni said. Student opinion will have the

ability to effect "really grand changes."

The task force is "the supreme example of students representing students to the administration," said Jeremy D. Sher '99, a member of the advisory committee and also a council representative from Next House. "This thing really is monumental."

UA has other elections, allocations

At the meeting, the UA also re-elected Natalie Tal '99 the executive committee's vice chair.

UA Social Committee Co-Chair June Kim '00, Freshman Class President Sandra C. Sandoval '00, Freshman Class Vice President Danielle A. Hinton '00, and newcomer Patrick D. Kremer '00 were elected to the executive committee.

The executive committee — which also includes the UA president, vice president, treasurer — decides which issues will be presented at council meetings.

The council also apportioned \$1,000 toward the cost of hiring a famous comedian for a spring weekend event. The sophomore class, which is trying to organize the event and find funding, is seeking \$22,000 from various sources.

Light said that the group would have a difficult time finding such large funds for the event, but Kareem Howard '99, the sophomore class president, said that the associate provost for the arts is willing to underwrite any remaining costs.

The council rejected a proposal for \$400 made by Next House to fund its annual Next Act performance. Since the musical is a dormitory event and not a student activity, the producers should obtain money from Next House or Dormcon, Light said.

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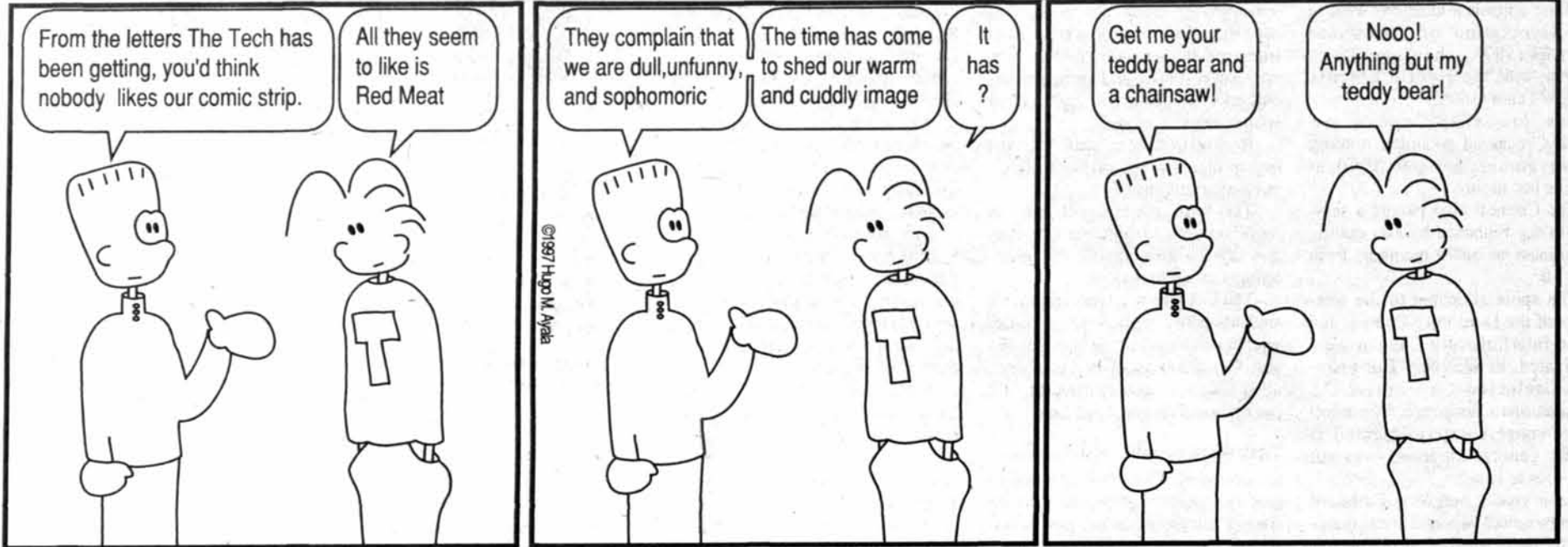


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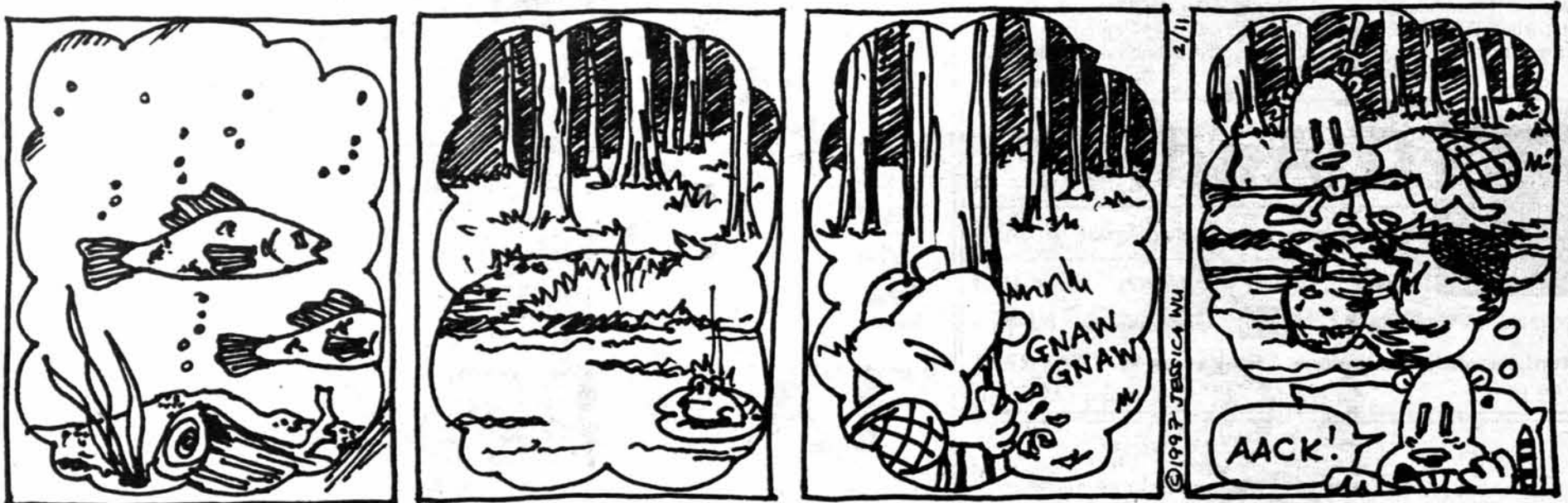


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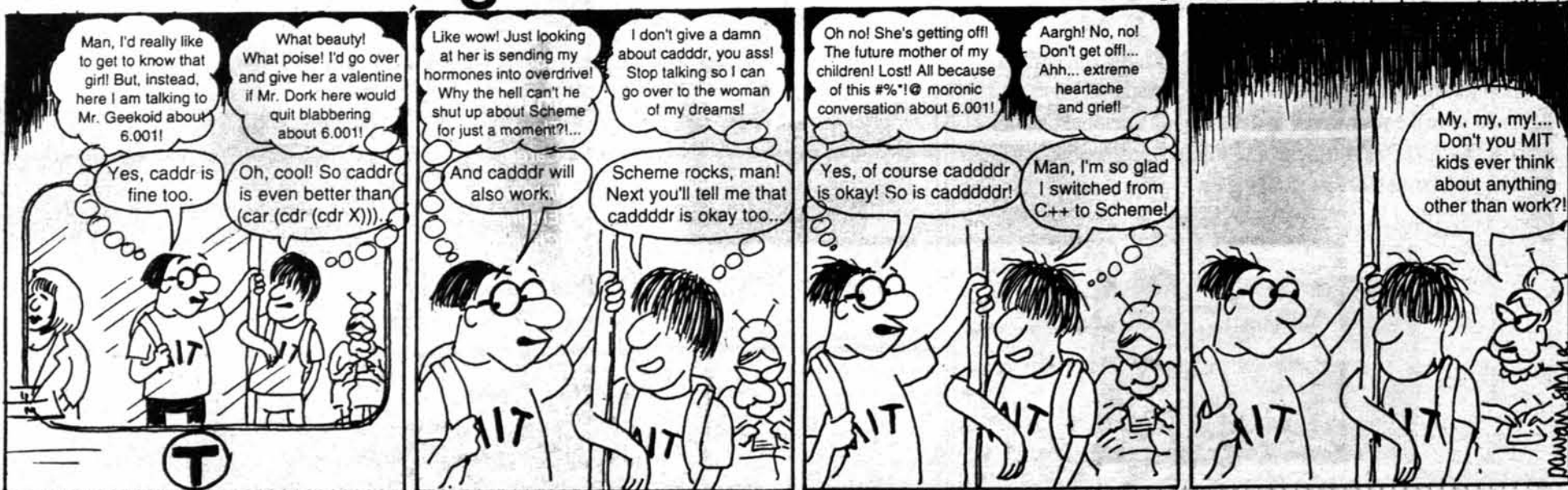
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Dramashop 1997 IAP Major Production. Written by William Shakespeare. Directed by Michael Ouellette. Starring Manish Goyal G, Tara Perry '97, Brett Taylor G, Genevieve Konopka '97, and MacMurray Whale G. February 6-8, 13-15, 8:00 p.m. Kresge Little Theatre.

By Teresa Huang
STAFF REPORTER

Much *Ado About Nothing* is really something. Dramashop's Independent Activities Period production of this Shakespeare comedy is smart and entertaining, with much of the credit going to a decision to set old Messina in modern times. The setting of this production is a summer home where the president of the United States, Don Pedro (MacMurray Whale G), and his companions visit their good friend Leonato (Ira F. Gerhardt '99) for a month. Romance, betrayal, and hilarity follow in this brilliant interpretation of Shakespeare's play.

The president travels to Leonato's home with several companions — his evil brother Don John (Kevin Simmons '98) and his good friends Claudio (Brett Taylor G) and Benedick (Manish Goyal G). Claudio is taken by the beauty of Leonato's daughter, Hero (Genevieve Konopka '97), while Benedick begins his battle of wits with Beatrice (Tara Perry '97), Leonato's niece. Two fall in love easily while the other two fall in love after much bickering and intervention by their friends. Don John, determined to wreak havoc on the happiness of others, steps in with lies and deceit. But, as all Shakespearean comedies do, *Much Ado About Nothing* has a happy ending, and the journey there is most enjoyable.

The cast of *Much Ado About Nothing* is excellent. Never did the energy fall from even one individual, nor did they break character except in a few cases where laughter over the brilliance of what they were doing broke through their demeanors. The set is beautiful and professional, as is the lighting and costuming.

The star of the show is surely Manish Goyal G as the charismatic yet stubborn bachelor Benedick. His portrayal is fantastic, humorous and completely natural on stage with his role and with his fellow actors. His talented performance beats Kenneth Branagh any day. Beatrice, played by Tara Perry '97, is a perfect complement to Goyal's Benedick. She's headstrong, emotional, and shines on stage through Perry. Their chemistry and playful scorn for each other is perfect. They are a delight to watch with each other as well as separately.

The rest of the characters in the play are equally developed and polished. Don Pedro's demeanor fit his words and character; he carries himself as a villain. It was interesting how often he spoke when turned away from the audience, almost as if to somehow represent his evil nature. Also strongly characterized were Ursula (Ania Busza '99) and the dancing Antonio (Charles Armesto '96), whose characters had fewer



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Manish Goyal G and Tara Perry '97 star in Dramashop's production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Additional performances will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night in Little Kresge.

lines than most but still held a substantial stage presence.

True to Shakespeare's tradition of comic relief, the watchmen — Dogberry (Ryan Kershner '98), his partner Verges (Rob Marcato '97), and two policemen (Jeremy Lueck '99 and Sarah McDougal '00) — were played with tremendous humor, and even though they had a small number of lines, their characters were developed well.

Most impressive was the choice to transfer the characters of *Much Ado About Nothing* to a current setting, which turned out to be extremely fitting. Each character truly under-

stood their place in this modern day world. The actors were not just people dressed in modern clothes reciting Shakespeare, but rather a cast of players proving that Shakespeare's humor is timeless and powerful. After a while, you forget that this play was written centuries ago.

Much Ado About Nothing is fine-tuned and absolutely professional. Strongly humorous and dramatic, the production does Shakespeare more than justice, showing his brilliance more than adequately. Dramashop's production of this hilarious comedy is not to be missed.

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'Ill Vibes' CC Event Brings Art, Poetry

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This is the second session of "Ill Vibes" of this academic year, Otitigbe said. "The first time we hosted [this event] was on Saturday, Oct. 5. I remember the show lasted until one or two in the morning, and the lounge was wall-to-wall with people," he said.

People from all over campus, including pika and East Campus residents, were drawn to the first "Ill Vibes" session, Otitigbe said.

"I remembered that by the end of that night, there was a strong feeling of togetherness in that lounge," he said.

One of the most powerful forms of communication is getting together and talking with one another, Otitigbe said. "We are always using e-mail or the telephone, and therefore there is not enough use of verbal expression. I want to capture the positive energy which results from such expression."

Presenters may read original or non-original essays, short stories, or poetry, Otitigbe said. Students could also present dramatic interpretations, play an instrument, or

sing, he said. However, presentations should be about five minutes or less so that everyone may have a chance to participate. Those interested must tell Otitigbe in advance about the subject of presentation.

"Ill Vibes" begins at 8 p.m. The admission fee is one canned good which will be donated to the Salvation Army, Otitigbe said. Participants are encouraged to "bring open minds" and to engage in "verbal expression," he said.

BSU plans for March event

The Black Students' Union is in the process of holding elections for club officers and is not planning to host any events during February, said Jonathan S. White '99, the current co-chair of the BSU.

However, the BSU may later work together with Professor Emeritus of Political Science Willard R. Johnson to co-sponsor a tribute to Ghana in March, White said. This event will celebrate Ghana's 40th year of independence and will include a speech by Richard Joseph, the Martin Luther King visiting speaker, he said.

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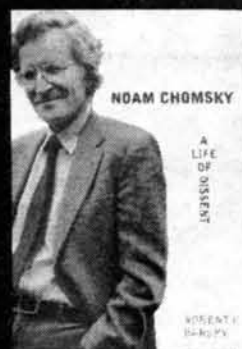
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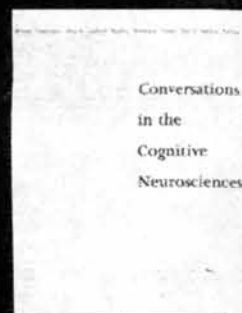
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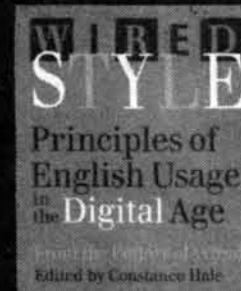
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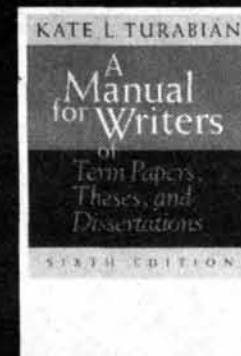
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Spring Dorm Lottery Ends Fairly Smoothly

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well to Senior House, and only one moved out during last fall, Hunt said.

Senior House has "changed for the better," but residents miss "some of the old things we could do to the house," Hunt said.

Baker House move goes well

Other dormitories' spring moves also went well, despite some complaints about the lottery system employed in some dormitories.

"I found out at 5 p.m. that I had to move by midnight," said Grace Kim '00. The Baker House lottery was held Registration Day, and some students had little time to change rooms before classes began.

Baker President Iyad Obeid '97 said that Baker holds its lottery on Registration Day because it is "the first day we're sure that everyone is back."

The relatively short moving period is not a great inconvenience, because people still knew that they had to pack their belongings, Obeid said. "You don't know where you're moving, but you know you're moving."

Obeid said he was pleased with

the midyear move at Baker. Baker had about 10 transfers and is "at maximum capacity, but not over that — so the more the merrier."

McCormick Room Assignment Chair Burianek K. Theresa '99 said that McCormick posts available rooms on Registration Day and allows residents 72 hours to post their preferences. The rooms are then assigned by seniority and other factors. She said that all residents must be moved by midnight on Feb. 9. For the most part, the move at McCormick went smoothly, Burianek said.

Some dormitories managed to avoid the spring moving rush all together. Shah said that MacGregor does not use a room lottery between terms and instead allows its new residents the chance to move as rooms become available during Independent Activities Period.

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Minnesota Vet School Says No Pets in Class

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The dormitory, which would cost over \$50 million, will hold 750 beds and would be located on a 10.2 acre site at 925 Commonwealth Ave. Eventually, BU plans to build housing for up to 4,200 additional students in the area.

A task force is being formed this month to begin the 12-18 month process of securing government approval and financing for the project.

The project is regarded as one of the highest priorities for the school. BU is currently housing 300 students in Howard Johnson hotels and Loretto Hall, an Emmanuel College dormitory.

"There is pressure on us still to provide more university housing," said BU's executive vice president, Joseph P. Mercurio. "The number of students wanting university housing is the highest in history."

[Daily Free Press, Jan. 27]

No pets in class at U of Minnesota

A new policy at the University of Minnesota requires students to

obtain a permit to bring pets into the College of Veterinary Medicine building.

In addition, the animals must be kept in a special room and students must pay a daily boarding fee of \$3.

"Some people like dogs in the classroom, others don't," said Carl R. Jessen, an associate dean of the veterinary college.

A "pet policy committee" was created after the college received complaints about unruly pets. The committee issues permits for animals that are vaccinated and free of parasites.

Owners must also keep the pets on leashes or in cages and clean up after them. Meanwhile, animal-loving students are angry, and the student council has asked that the policy be changed.

"It's highly ironic that at the College of Veterinary Medicine, there is a policy that doesn't help veterinary students take care of their own animals," said Sean Ohms Winnie, a veterinary student.

[The Chronicle of Higher Education, Feb. 10]

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between Jan. 30 and Feb. 6:

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Jan. 31: MacGregor House, suspicious phone calls; Bldg. 14, annoying e-mail; Bldg. 5, wallet stolen, \$5; Bldg. 7, suspicious activity; Tang Hall, suspicious phone call; Johnson Athletics Center, bicycle stolen, \$100.

Feb. 1: Bldg. 26, assault and battery between persons known to each other; New House, noise complaint; Bldg. WW15, recovered stolen motor vehicle; Tang Hall; noise complaint; Edgerton House, bottle of spring water stolen, \$8; Bldg. 1, bicycle stolen, \$500; Bldg. 66, suspicious activity.

Feb. 2: Bldg. N51, smoking violation; Du Pont Gymnasium, Joseph Crawford, of 39 Glenville Ave., Allston, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant; Audrey St., 1996 Jeep stolen, recovered two days later in Boston.

Feb. 3: Next House, noise complaint; New House, two bicycles stolen and later recovered; Bldg. 10, suspicious activity; Bldg. WW15, suspicious package; Phi Beta Epsilon, bicycle stolen, \$200.

Feb. 4: Baker House, noise complaint; Rockwell Cage, wallet stolen, \$7.

Feb. 5: Bldg. 11, wallet stolen, \$20; Newbury Comics, CDs stolen, \$60; Bldg. 13, wallet stolen, \$7; Du Pont Gymnasium, watch and ring stolen, \$400.

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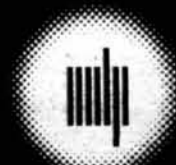
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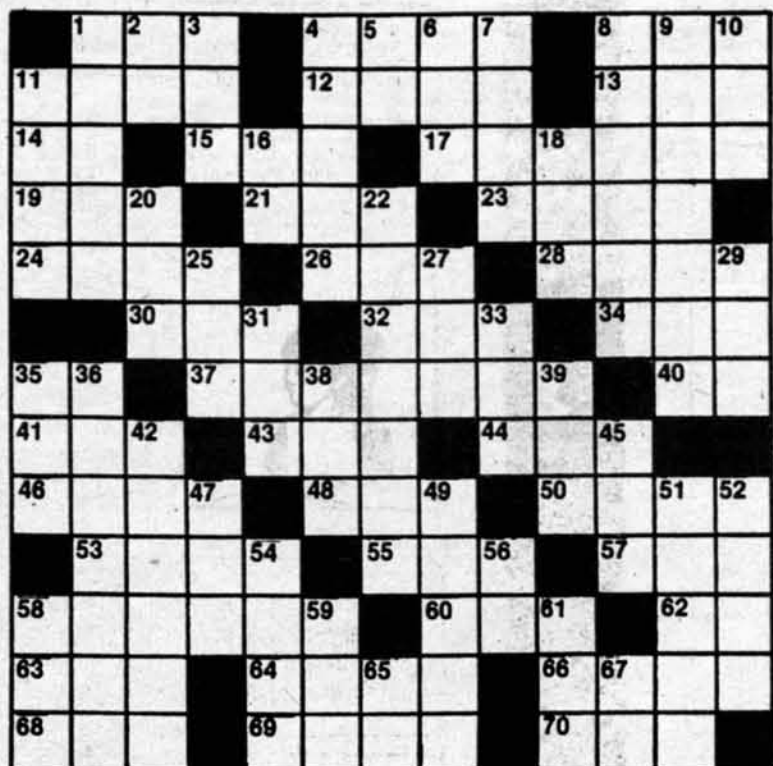
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- 6. Bit
- 7. Region
- 8. Irony
- 9. Grow
- 10. Eat (p.t.)
- 11. Information
- 16. At
- 18. Before (Poetic)
- 20. Cap
- 22. Territory of an earl
- 25. Unhappy
- 27. Article
- 29. Father's boy
- 31. Free
- 33. Fall month (abbr.)
- 35. Sash
- 36. Tell
- 38. Focus
- 39. Clothes
- 42. Type of dive
- 45. Sage
- 47. Gripe
- 49. Lowest
- 51. Serious
- 52. Allowance
- 54. Season of fasting
- 56. Achieve
- 58. Woe
- 59. Fish eggs
- 61. Sucker
- 65. Eastern State (abbr.)
- 67. Exist

ACROSS

- 1. Able
- 4. Pop
- 8. Ocean
- 11. Lady
- 12. Former Russian Emperor
- 13. Small bug
- 14. Article
- 15. 7th Greek Letter
- 17. Elater
- 19. Make tatting
- 21. Old
- 23. Hymn
- 24. Expression of sorrow
- 26. Dine
- 28. Mistakes
- 30. Scar
- 32. 17th Greek Letter
- 34. Self

- 35. Atop
- 37. Tongue
- 40. Prefix meaning in
- 41. Sack
- 43. Done
- 44. Haul
- 46. Tehran is the capital
- 48. Gang
- 50. Substance
- 53. Iran's monetary unit
- 55. Angry
- 57. Peak
- 58. Park police
- 60. Help!
- 62. Exist
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SPORTS

Men's Hockey Defeats WPI in Decisive 11-3 Victory

Hat Tricks by Inada, Donaldson, Rae Highlight Team's Wednesday Whipping

By Hana Ohkawa
STAFF REPORTER

The men's ice hockey team resolved any questions about the relative merit of MIT engineers versus Worcester Polytechnic Institute engineers with an 11-3 Wednesday night. The MIT assault was led by captain Tetsu Inada '97 and the dynamic duo of John Rae '99 and Greg Donaldson '00, all of whom garnered hat tricks.

The scoring in the first period was relatively slow, with goals by Donaldson and Inada putting MIT

ahead 2-1. The Engineers have made a habit of taking a period to warm up, and this game was no exception.

MIT lit up the ice in the second period, scoring four unanswered goals. The swift and agile Engineers took full advantage of their speed against the less velocity-gifted WPI men. In particular, Rae used the WPI players for practice pylons and scored all three of his hat trick goals in the second period.

Rae's first goal was from in front and off a good pass from

Buddy Webb '98. Even with Inada in the penalty box for boarding, WPI was unable to stop the MIT onslaught. For his second goal, Rae came down the right side and cut sharply to the left five feet in front of the crease, forcing the WPI goalie to dive to cover the left side of the goal. Rae patiently waited for the goalie's body to clear and then easily put the puck in the net.

MIT scored again minutes later, with a trademark Rae-Donaldson combination. Rae carried the puck out of the right corner of the zone in front of the net, drawing with him the two WPI defensemen to leave Donaldson open in front of the right post. Bang and boom — another

MIT goal.

Rae completed his hat trick with a seemingly computer-guided shot from in front of the goal which found the upper right corner of the net. The goal also marked Rae's 100th point at MIT, accrued in less than two seasons.

The Rae and Donaldson show continued into the third period with Rae again supplying the bang and Donaldson the boom. Donaldson completed his hat trick and put MIT up 7-1. Donaldson picked up the puck and threw it to his Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers sitting in the stands.

Inada finished his hat trick with two goals in the third period. Goals by Ian Duggan '97 and Joe Charlson G brought the final tally to 11. WPI managed to pick up two goals in the third to bring the final score to 11-3.

The MIT defense was solid throughout, in spite of the absence of defensive leader Jim Goodman G, who was attending a conference. Freshmen defensemen Todd Kamin

'00 and Will Noon '00 helped pick up the slack with good heads-up play. Captain Steve Schlueter '97 said, "Will and Todd have played exceptionally well in the last few games. They've shown a lot of improvement since the beginning of the season."

Men iced in Vermont

The Engineers traveled to northern Vermont on Saturday to face Lyndon State College. MIT beat Lyndon State in their last meeting 5-3 on home ice but were defeated 5-2 in Vermont. The three-and-a-half-hour drive apparently took its toll on the Engineers. Four of Lyndon State's goals were scored by forward Brian Beers.

The MIT goals were by Charlson and Rae. Goalie John Zehren '99 was strong in the net, making many second and even third rebound saves.

The Engineers' next home game is against Franklin Pierce College on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Johnson Athletics Center.

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Women's Basketball vs. Babson College, 5:30 p.m.
Squash vs. Dartmouth College, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Men's Hockey vs. Franklin Pierce College, 7 p.m.
Men's Volleyball vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology, 7 p.m.

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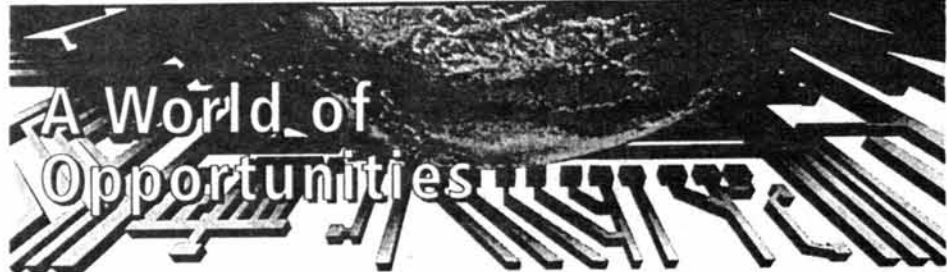
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