

## City Days Welcomes Local Youth Today

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Today marks the sixth year that MIT has sponsored City Days, a community service project in which third through sixth graders from 13 Cambridge elementary schools visit the MIT campus and take part in a variety of activities.

"There are two purposes: to bring Cambridge kids to campus and see that MIT is a real place with real people, and to make them comfortable with the MIT campus," said Emily B. Sandberg, Program Director for the Public Service Center.

The event also helps many fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, since it's the first event that they conduct as a group, with their new members, Sandberg said.

"It's also community service that isn't the traditional cleaning up parks but working with kids," Sandberg said.

Approximately 800 students from various MIT living groups and organizations will be on hand to host 500 elementary school children, with 10-15 children per group.

"I've tried to organize events on campus, and I can't believe we have this much involvement," said Jennifer A. Kelly '99, a PSC intern. "This is by far the biggest community service event on campus."

"It's been really fun and it makes a big impact," said Liora Faliks '98, the City Days student co-coordinator, who has been working on the event since the end of last term. "It's a different way to spend your summer."

Event fosters community relations

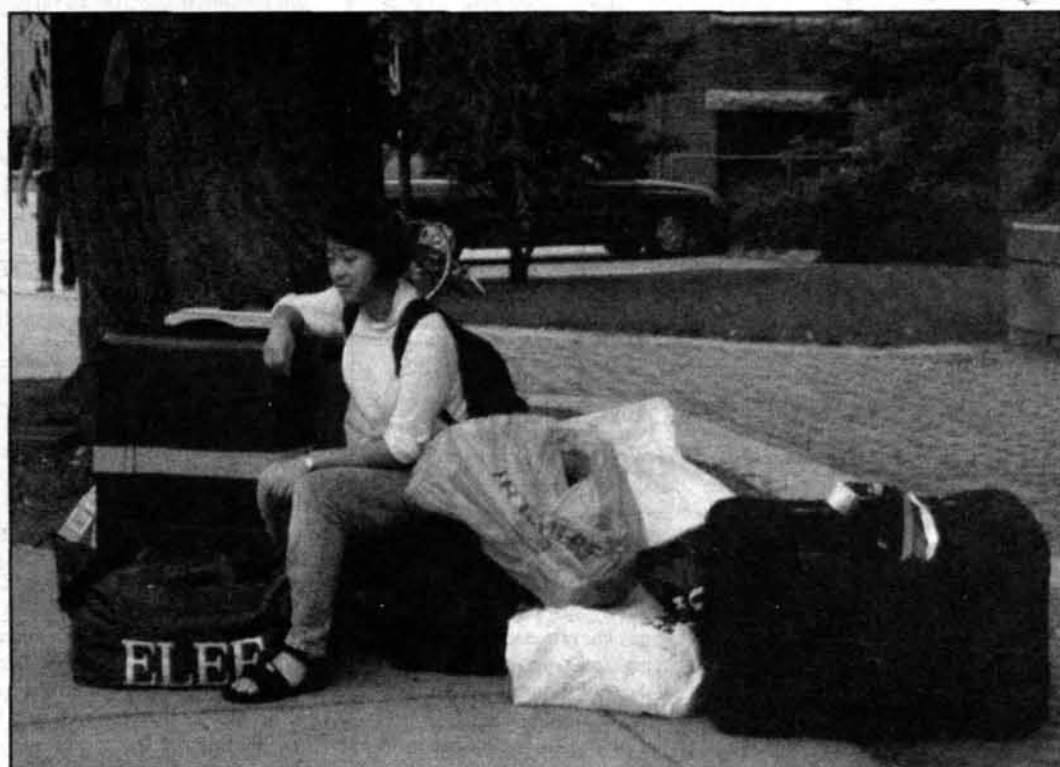
City Days plays an important role in the relationship between MIT and the Cambridge community, as it fosters goodwill between MIT and the surrounding neighborhoods.

"Cambridge school and city officials speak very highly about this program since it opens this fascinating campus to school children," said Paul Parravano, assistant for community relations in the President's Office.

"Parents and teachers and administrators all are grateful for the effort and interest demonstrated by participants in this marvelous event," he said.

"As a representative of MIT all around Cambridge, I have the great fortune of being thanked

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Sawaka Kawashima '01 rests on her luggage, waiting to move into her permanent residence yesterday.

COURTNEY CLENCH

## Talk Discusses Effects of HIV on Friendships

By Zareena Hussain  
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Last night, new members of residential fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups attended "Friendship in the Age of AIDS," a program designed to expose students to the reality of the HIV virus.

Fraternity alumni Joel Goldman and T. J. Sullivan shared with students their personal experience in dealing with the fact that one had tested positive for HIV.

FSILG members, full of energy as they began one of the first events confirming their membership in the IFC, received roses

constructed of condoms from Alpha Chi Omega sisters, and viewed rock videos from the 1980s that played on the screen in front of the auditorium, soon calmed as the video changed to sobering images of the AIDS quilt being unfolded in front of the Washington monument.

With a touch of humor and no preaching, the two friends admonished students not to mix sex with alcohol and never to think that AIDS couldn't happen to them.

Goldman, who graduated from Indiana University in 1985, who was president of his fraternity and involved in various student

activities, was diagnosed with HIV in the summer of 1991. At the talk, he shared his own college experience and the decisions to which he attributed his contraction of the virus.

At college, Goldman's first time away from home, he found it easier to socialize if under the influence of alcohol, he said.

"One drink, I could talk to someone I was attracted to; two drinks, I could ask them to dance; three drinks, I thought I actually could dance," Goldman said. "I learned how to mix sex with alcohol."

But that lesson proved detrimental. "When I would drink

alcohol, I would rationalize anything," Goldman said. While one may know about safe sex, under the influence of alcohol, the rules one follows in the age of AIDS become less clear, he said.

Friendship and HIV discussed

The idea of friendship was also heavily stressed and is the reason for which the two credit the program with reaching students in ways other programs might not.

"While most students don't think HIV will happen to them, they realize it can happen to their friends," Sullivan said.

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## Orientation Introduces Parents to MIT Culture

By Zareena Hussain  
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As Residence and Orientation Week comes to a close for freshmen, the orientation for their parents will begin today and last through the weekend.

The Parents' Orientation is intended both to introduce parents to the Institute and to address any concerns they might have as their children begin college.

Parents will start their orientation on the Stratton Balcony, located on the third floor of the Student Center, where they will be greeted by members of the R/O Committee.

Today, a series of open houses, offered by the Athletics Department, the Medical Center, the Campus Police, the Student Services Center, and the Office of Minority Education, will inform and educate parents.

Parents learn about MIT history

In addition, the MIT Museum will do a presentation entitled "History and Traditions of MIT"

at 7 p.m. in 10-250.

The presentation highlights the symbolism of MIT's charter as well as the illustrious history of hacks at MIT, said Warren Seamans, former director of the MIT Museum, who will be giving the presentation.

"Any parent that sits through this will know more about the Institute than most students who go through MIT for four years and graduate," Seamans said.

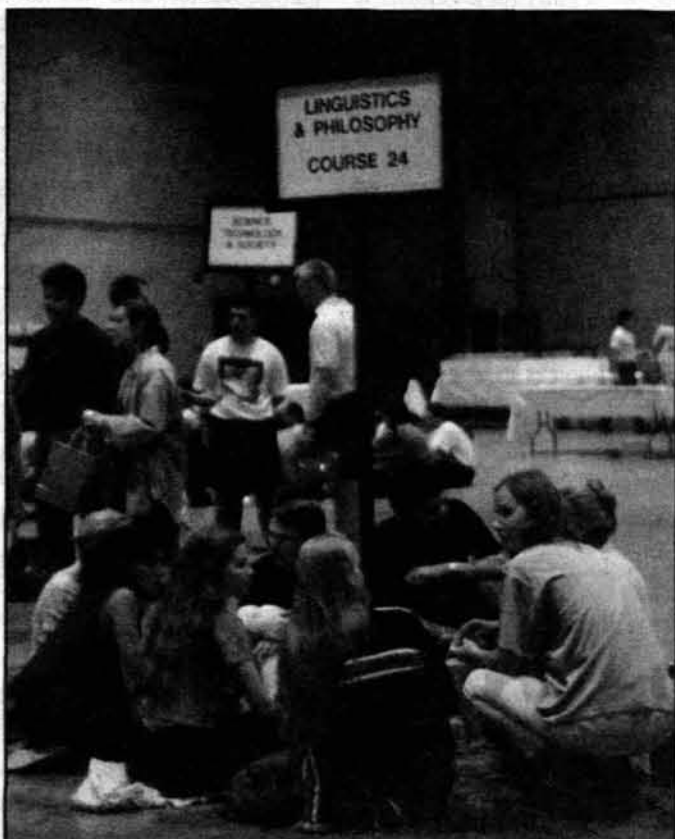
Vests' reception promises crowds

Tomorrow morning, parents will be greeted by President Charles M. Vest and his wife Rebecca M. Vest at their house. Parents will simultaneously be able to meet with MIT administrators at a continental breakfast in Walker Memorial.

In past years, about a 1,000 people have attended the president's reception, said Martha R. Jennings, manager of president's house.

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AGNES BORSZEKI—THE TECH

Graduate students gather together by department at the orientation picnic yesterday in the Johnson Athletics Center.

Today is *The Tech's* last daily issue. Starting next Friday, Sept. 5, *The Tech* will resume its normal Tuesday/Friday publication.

Also starting Sept. 5, *The Tech's* normal distribution route, covering the entire Institute, will resume. Copies of *The Tech* will no longer be delivered

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# WORLD & NATION

## Ron Brown's Son Pleads Guilty To Making Illegal Donations

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Michael A. Brown, son of the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, pleaded guilty Thursday to the misdemeanor charge of making \$4,000 in illegal contributions to Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's 1994 re-election campaign.

In what he described in a prepared statement as a "mistake," Brown, 32, admitted making twice the legal limit of contributions by giving money in the names of three others and then reimbursing the individuals, who were not identified in court papers.

Justice Department prosecutors said the funds for the unlawful contributions were provided to Brown by Nora T. Lum and her husband Gene Lum, Democratic fund-raisers who earlier pleaded guilty to a felony conspiracy to make \$50,000 in illegal contributions during the 1994 campaign.

The Lums, who are to be sentenced Sept. 9, conspired to make the illegal contributions through a straw contributor to the campaigns of Kennedy and W. Stuart Price, an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the House from Oklahoma.

Price allegedly helped the Lums purchase Dynamic Energy Resources Inc., a natural gas pipeline company in Oklahoma. Michael Brown later served on its board of directors.

A spokesman for Kennedy Thursday reiterated that the senator had no knowledge of the illegal campaign contributions, and that he had returned "all the contributions in question."

## Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Pushes Base Closures to Fund Readiness

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Thursday that cracks are beginning to appear in U.S. military readiness, and declared that only by saving money through politically unpopular base closings will the military be able to buy what it needs.

In a farewell interview before his term ends next month, Gen. John Shalikashvili told reporters that members of Congress who have stymied the military base shutdowns need to "put politics aside."

"We don't have the money we need for troops. ... I don't see how we're going to get there from here without a big commitment to close more bases," he said. "I don't know how I can say it more bluntly."

Shalikashvili's comments signaled the administration's determination to press forward with efforts to close bases, even though that drive has been bitterly opposed by lawmakers. Lawmakers derailed the issue earlier this summer for at least the remainder of the year, despite the administration's efforts to portray it as essential to national security.

Shalikashvili's comments also intensified the military's public expressions of concern about readiness.

The general said that in some military units, too much equipment is out of commission because of a lack of spare parts, and too many units have fallen substantially below adequate strength levels as manpower has been cut by roughly one-third.

But he said the greatest source of concern is the stressful pace of overseas deployments, exercises and other operations, which has many service members working too long and too far from home. This pace has the leadership "concerned more than anything else," Shalikashvili said.

## Security Council Puts Sanctions On Angola's UNITA Movement

THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS

The Security Council imposed air and travel sanctions Thursday on Angola's UNITA movement in an effort to deter the former rebel force and its long-time leader, Jonas Savimbi, from increasing tensions that threaten to rekindle Africa's longest civil war.

The 15-member council unanimously endorsed the sanctions after Secretary General Kofi Annan SM '72 reported that UNITA has failed to heed past U.N. calls to demobilize its troops and supply accurate accountings of how many men it has under arms. U.N. officials also said UNITA has flouted earlier council sanctions barring acquisition of arms by continuing to import large amounts of weapons from abroad.

Thursday's new sanctions resolution was co-sponsored by the United States in a move that seemed to mark a final break with Savimbi, once a favored proxy of Washington during its Cold War struggles against communist penetration of Africa.

During Ronald Reagan's presidency, Savimbi's forces were one of the pillars of what came to be known as the Reagan doctrine — a policy of using American-supplied guerrilla surrogates to wage war against Marxist governments in the Third World. In Angola, that meant backing UNITA, an acronym for the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola, against the government of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, a Marxist sympathizer supported by the Soviet Union and Cuba, in the civil war that has ravaged the country almost continuously since it won independence from Portugal in 1975.

## WEATHER Rain Before Holiday

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

**Friday:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. High 70 to 75°F (21-24°C). Northeast wind 10 to 15 miles per hour. Chance of rain 60 percent.

**Friday night:** Clearing. Low 60 to 65°F (16-18°C).

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny. High around 80°F (27°C).

**Rest of Labor Day Weekend:** Fair. Low 60 to 65°F (16-18°C). High 80 to 85°F (27-29°C).

# Joe Kennedy Will Abandon '98 Gubernatorial Campaign

By Blaine Harden

THE WASHINGTON POST

BOSTON

Conceding that personal and family problems have crippled his candidacy, Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, D-Mass., announced here Thursday that he is abandoning his long-planned run for governor of Massachusetts.

The five-term congressman, the eldest son of Robert F. Kennedy, had been regarded until last spring as all-but unbeatable in next year's gubernatorial election. But messy publicity about the annulment of his first marriage, the alleged affair of his brother Michael with a teen-age babysitter and stories of his playing with illegal fireworks that burned his 16-year-old son have combined this year to smudge the image of the heir apparent to the Kennedy dynasty.

Standing beside his second wife, Beth, and surrounded by members of his staff, many of whom were weeping, Kennedy explained in a VFW hall in a working-class corner of Boston that he believed he would never be able to focus his candidacy on issues.

"The race will focus on personal or family questions. It is not fair to my family, it is not fair to the people of Massachusetts and it is not the right thing to do," said Kennedy, who appeared tan and rested from a vacation on Cape Cod, where he said that he had decided to give up a candidacy that has been in the works for eight months.

The Kennedys have faced scandals before, but have always been able to return home to Massachusetts and win. Democratic

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy has been elected seven times despite questions surrounding the 1969 drowning of a young woman at Chappaquiddick, a divorce and stories about drinking and womanizing.

But the scandals swirling around Joe and Michael Kennedy this spring and summer were sufficient to alienate a growing number of voters and crack one of the long-time bulwarks of the Kennedy clan — the solid wall of mutual support among family members. Early this month John F. Kennedy, Jr., the son of the late president, wrote in the pages of his magazine "George" that his cousins Joe and Michael are "poster boys for bad behavior."

Polls here have shown Kennedy to be in considerable trouble, both against Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, his main opponent for the Democratic nomination for governor, as well as against the two main Republican contenders, Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci and state Treasurer Joe Malone.

Kennedy said his decision was based on what is best for his family and the state, not on the polls. But he acknowledged that the polls did not look good.

"We have done polls as I'm sure others have done polls. And honestly, I think there's been a great deal of damage in the last six or eight months in terms of the kind of publicity that's been brought up," said Kennedy. He added that he will run next year for re-election to Congress and analysts said he is likely to win.

Polls in July conducted for the Massachusetts Democratic Party showed Kennedy trailing far behind

Harshbarger on questions concerning judgment and character. One question asked Democratic voters which candidate is "solid, smart and uses common sense." Harshbarger got a 72 percent positive response; Kennedy got 24 percent.

"This candidacy was based almost entirely on him being Joe Kennedy, a member of the Kennedy clan," said Democratic political consultant Michael Shea. "There was never a powerful rational presented for why he should be governor. All of the news this year about Joe has brought up the maturity question, as well as the old questions about the Kennedys and women. For Joe, it is sort of live by the name, die by the name."

The avalanche of bad personal news that triggered Kennedy's announcement began building in March when the congressman's first wife, Sheila Rauch Kennedy, published a book that accused Joe of calling her a "nobody" and of bullying her into an annulment. Kennedy felt compelled by bad publicity to make a public apology.

The focus of the story soon shifted to what Joe Kennedy knew about the affair and what he did or did not do to stop it. No hard evidence about the congressman's knowledge of the matter ever surfaced, but the story became such an embarrassment that for several weeks Kennedy hid from the press in his home state.

This year's star-crossed chronicle of Kennedy news played into what seems to be a changing view among Massachusetts' voters toward the entire family, according to several political analysts here.

# Senate Fund-Raising Panel Returns with Packed Agenda

By Marc Lacey

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Senate campaign fund-raising investigators have no grainy videotape of a big donor handing over a sack of money with one hand and snatching a government contract with the other. Nor have they unearthed a smoking-gun memo in which a White House official spells out a quid pro quo in damning black ink.

Nonetheless, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee is seeking to build a case that some major contributors to the Democratic National Committee were not acting out of high-minded principle when they wrote their checks; instead, they expected, and sometimes received, the ear of top policy-makers and favorable government action.

Nearing the end of a monthlong intermission, the committee's hearings resume after Labor Day with a crowded agenda that will include the controversial Buddhist temple fund-raiser attended by Vice President Al Gore and more detail on the climate inside the White House during last year's presidential money chase.

Those expected to be questioned about White House coffee klatches, Lincoln Bedroom sleepovers and other fund-raising methods are former White House Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes; Maggie Williams, former chief of staff to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; and former DNC Chairman Don Fowler.

"Why were people getting in (to the White House) who shouldn't have been?" a Senate investigator asked, summarizing the questions to

be raised in the coming weeks. "How was this environment created that allowed these things that stink to high heaven to happen? We'll look at the ways that the White House was used as a money-making machine. And we'll take a look at some of these seamy instances, what we call the quid pro quos."

The refrain from most politicians is that donors give to elected officials who already support their positions, not to influence lawmakers to take particular actions. And anyway, they argue, so many checks are written by so many givers that governmental decision-making remains above the fray of fund-raising.

President Clinton says contributors enjoy no special influence over policy decisions made by his administration.

Republicans plan to challenge those remarks, focusing on cases — first raised by the news media — involving everything from bananas to nursing homes to a failed coup attempt in Paraguay.

The banana dispute began in 1993, when the European Union implemented trade policies favoring banana growers in the former European colonies of the Caribbean over the powerhouse U.S. banana concerns such as Dole, Chiquita and Del Monte, which operate in Latin America.

Cincinnati-based Chiquita cried the loudest, and the U.S. trade representative took its fight to the World Trade Organization, which issued a report favoring Chiquita's stance.

Senate investigators are interested in the hefty political contributions from business magnate Carl Lindner, who has given the Democratic Party more than \$1 mil-

lion in corporate and individual contributions in recent years and was one of the donors rewarded with an overnight stay in the Lincoln Bedroom. Lindner, who runs the company that oversees Chiquita, pushed his position in meetings with former U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor.

The Senate in early August issued subpoenas to Lindner and Chiquita seeking documents on the matter. Kantor, who was not subpoenaed, insists that the decision was made on its merits, was in line with positions taken by the Reagan and Bush administrations years before, and did not go as far as Chiquita would have liked.

Investigators also are trying to determine whether there were any connections between nursing home regulations imposed by the Department of Health and Human Services and Alan Solomont, a major Democratic contributor whose ADS Management Co. runs a large chain of nursing homes. They have subpoenaed Solomont — now the DNC's finance chairman — who had meetings with HHS Secretary Donna Shalala to press for less stringent nursing home rules.

Investigators also are looking into reports that Nathan Landow, a longtime Gore fund-raiser, sought a lobbying contract with the Cheyenne-Arapaho Indians of Oklahoma to help them recover tribal lands. Tribal leaders have said Landow told them they would not get their land back if they did not hire Landow and Knight, who were not retained.

Senate subpoenas have also gone to Future Tech International, a Miami-based computer company, and its president, Mark Jimenez.

# Russian Seismic Event Evokes Questions About Nuclear Tests

By R. Jeffrey Smith  
THE WASHINGTON POST

For the second time in the past two years, the Clinton administration has asked the Russian government to explain suspicious seismic signals emanating from its former Arctic nuclear test site and to allay concerns that the signals might have come from a prohibited underground nuclear test.

The questions arose after seismic sensors maintained in the region by Russia, the United States, Norway and Finland picked up an unusually powerful signal originating near the island of Novaya Zemlya on Aug. 16. Some features of the signal appeared to be characteristic of a man-made explosion instead of an earthquake, U.S. officials said.

White House and Defense Department spokesmen said Thursday the administration has reached no conclusion on the signal's cause and that it is discussing the matter with the Russian government. Officials in Moscow expressed surprise at the U.S. state-

ment and strongly denied any nuclear test had been conducted.

Russia promised in 1992 that it would not conduct further nuclear explosions and last year signed the Comprehensive Test Ban treaty barring such blasts. The treaty has not yet gone into effect, but the more than 146 nations that signed it are legally bound by its provisions under a common reading of international law.

The signal was generated by an event with a magnitude of 3.8 on the Richter scale, making it comparable to the detonation of up to 100 tons of TNT. "This one certainly had characteristics that at least would lead some to believe that there had been an explosion," said Pentagon spokesman Michael Doubleday.

Other officials explained that the signal was marked by sudden compression of the earth rather than the shearing and fracturing motion more common in quakes. But a key question is the "epicenter" of the signal, a matter still being studied. The latest U.S. analysis indicates it was

most likely offshore near the site of a 1986 earthquake, according to three knowledgeable sources, but some possibility still exists that it occurred on the island.

The issue is complicated by U.S. intelligence satellite data indicating that Russian scientists have been unusually active at the test site in the past few months. Technicians there have been flying in helicopters, lowering equipment, plugging test holes and stringing cables for diagnostic equipment, according to many sources. Viktor Mikhailov, Russia's minister of atomic energy, visited the site several weeks ago.

Russian officials have explained that they are conducting or preparing to conduct so-called "sub-critical" nuclear tests, in which chemical explosions are used to blow apart fissile material but no nuclear chain reaction occurs. The Energy Department conducted sub-critical tests earlier this summer, sparking protests from peace groups alleging they violated the spirit of the comprehensive test ban treaty.

# Serb Mobs Bombard U.S. Troops; Soldiers Fire Tear Gas on Crowds

By Edward Cody  
THE WASHINGTON POST

BRCKO, BOSNIA

Mobs of Bosnian Serbs, egged on by their hard-line leaders, hurled rocks and molotov cocktails at U.S. peacekeeping troops Thursday in an explosion of rage over U.S. and allied backing for Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic.

The clashes marked one of the rare times U.S. soldiers have faced hostility or violence since they were dispatched to Bosnia under the Dayton peace accord, which ended the 1992-95 war that devastated this former Yugoslav republic and split it into Serb, Muslim and Croat parastates.

The sudden violence here and in the towns of Bijeljina and Doboj Thursday demonstrated the high level of tension in Bosnia's Serb Republic as Plavsic has steadily gained official and public support since breaking in early July with her defiant predecessor, Radovan Karadzic. It underlined in particular the resentment felt by Karadzic supporters at the open military, political and economic support given Plavsic by the United States and international agencies seeking to push Karadzic, who is accused of war crimes, off the political stage in

favor of the more compliant Plavsic.

"The troops should get out of here," complained an elderly Brcko man as younger men carrying ax handles and rocks faced off with American soldiers nearby. "We are the ones in charge here."

Faced with hundreds of angry Serbs, unarmed U.N. police monitors stationed here sought shelter at a nearby U.S. military base. Two dozen were seen fleeing town, wearing their blue helmets and flak jackets and driving white pickup trucks with shattered windshields.

Commanders of NATO's 35,000-strong peacekeeping force, meanwhile, brought in reinforcements to control the situation. Dozens of Bradley fighting vehicles and Humvees with mounted machine guns were deployed in patrols around the town. Observation helicopters stuttered overhead, and checkpoints controlled roads in and out to prevent weapons from being brought in.

U.S. troops fired weapons into the air or at the ground to drive away threatening crowds early in the day. Two Bosnian Serbs said they were wounded, one by gunfire and one by a rock, and the U.S. Army reported two of its soldiers wounded by clubs or rocks.

In addition, U.S. soldiers manning a post at the entrance to a bridge spanning the Sava River fired tear gas at one point to drive back youths throwing rocks and sand and taunting the Americans stationed behind sandbag barriers. The bridge was formally opened last May by Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, who cited it as an example of progress in restoring peace and coexistence to postwar Bosnia.

Col. Steven F. Rausch, the chief NATO spokesman in Sarajevo, the capital, said four canisters were fired in what was believed to be the first time U.S. peacekeeping troops here have resorted to tear gas against Bosnians.

The U.S. soldiers, who came to Bosnia at the end of 1995 as the biggest section of an international NATO peace force established under the Dayton pact, have been thinned to about 8,500. As the Clinton administration's public policy stands now, they are scheduled to withdraw entirely by the summer of 1998. But they are widely expected to prolong their stay under one guise or another for fear that fighting could break out again if the Bosnians are left to themselves.

Lt. Col. Jim Cronin said the two U.S. soldiers were wounded lightly.

# Economic Growth Outpaces Prior Estimates, Fueling Inflation Fears

By John M. Berry  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The U.S. economy grew much more strongly this spring than previously thought, according to revised figures released by the government Thursday, raising new questions for analysts and policymakers about whether inflationary pressures will soon build.

The Commerce Department, using both newly available and revised data, said the gross domestic product, adjusted for inflation, rose at a 3.6 percent annual rate in the April-June period rather than the 2.2 percent rate reported last month. GDP measures the sum of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders.

Many economists had taken that original report as confirmation that the economy had shifted to a lower gear during the spring after expanding at a 4.9 percent rate in the first three months of the year and a 4.3 percent pace in 1996's final quarter.

Stock prices plunged on the news, amid concerns that inflation-

ary pressures might not have eased as much as thought in recent months. After a day of fluctuations, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 92.90 points.

The question for analysts and policymakers, particularly those at the Federal Reserve, is whether economic growth will slow enough to prevent the nation's already tight labor markets from becoming so tight that inflation rises. With the national unemployment rate at 4.8 percent, and with local rates even lower in many parts of the country, the concern is that employers scrambling to find workers will raise pay and then have to raise prices more rapidly.

In July, Federal Reserve officials, thinking that economic growth clearly had slowed, took a "wait-and-see" stance and left short-term interest rates unchanged. Later in the month, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan explained to Congress that Fed officials generally expected the slower pace of growth to continue through the rest of this year and

into 1998. At a policymaking session last week, Fed officials again left rates alone.

"That whole 'wait-and-see' approach may be altered by these new data," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of Primark Decision Economics in Boston. "The question for the third quarter is, is a slowdown coming? So far this quarter is showing strong consumer spending, solid capital investment, resilient housing sales and construction, and, based on shipments data, exports look pretty good."

Sinai expects the economy to grow at 2.5 percent this quarter, with a decline in inventory buildup to clip about half a percentage point off what otherwise would be a growth rate of more than 3 percent.

However, with such low inflation, Sinai still rates the odds of the Fed raising rates at its Sept. 30 meeting at roughly 1 in 4. But by the following meeting in November there might be enough signs of rising inflation pressures that the Fed would tighten, he said.

# Israeli Soldiers Die in Brush Fire

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

Four Israeli soldiers burned to death and six others were badly injured in a blaze ignited by friendly fire Thursday during clashes in South Lebanon that also left four Muslim guerrillas dead, according to Israeli officials.

The troops were caught in a brush fire on the edge of the Israeli-occupied zone; Israel said the blaze was started by its own helicopter and artillery fire.

"The brush fire chased the soldiers. They tried to escape but were trapped. The fire was moving faster than they were and, of course, they were carrying explosives," said government spokesman David Bar-Illan. "Everything that could happen went wrong."

Israeli officials said the dead guerrillas belonged to a pro-Syrian Lebanese Islamic group called Amal. In Beirut, both Amal and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia claimed their forces were responsible for the Israeli casualties.

Israeli and U.N. officials said Israeli troops clashed with guerrillas early Thursday south of the Litani River, in a dry area that has long been a favored infiltration route for the guerrillas into the Israeli-occupied zone.

Thursday's air strikes against Hezbollah positions were the third in just more than a week and brought the month's death toll for fighting in South Lebanon to at least 26.

# Girl Becomes First to Undergo Gene Treatment to Curb HIV

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Around two o'clock Thursday afternoon at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, a 13-year-old girl infected with the virus that causes AIDS became the first child to undergo experimental gene therapy to combat the disease.

That is when registered nurse Beth Haden inserted an IV line into the girl's arm, turned the stopcock and let flow into her bloodstream half a liter of warm fluid containing genetically engineered cells from her own bone marrow.

Medical scientists extracted those cells Monday from her pelvic bone, and then endowed them with genetic material intended to hinder the growth of the AIDS virus, HIV. The girl became infected as an infant from an HIV-contaminated blood transfusion, said Dr. Donald Kohn, a pediatric immunologist, who conducted the study with Dr. Joseph Church, an AIDS specialist.

Kohn said the experiment posed little risk to the girl, who is currently healthy and attends school, and that the worst was over — the general anesthesia she received during the bone marrow extraction. There was only a slight chance that she would have an allergic reaction to the genetically engineered cells, he said.

Essentially, the strategy of the gene therapy is to confuse the virus at a crucial stage in its reproduction. The engineered marrow cells harbor a bogus shred of virus genetic material that it uses to put itself together.

If HIV gets into those engineered cells and tries to replicate, it may end up using the genetic decoy instead of the real thing. That will jam up the virus assembly line, and, the researchers speculate, curb the infection.

# Federal Sites on the Internet Gather Personal Data

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Internet sites operated by federal agencies routinely collect data about visitors without saying how the information will be used, a practice that clashes with the Clinton administration's call for safeguarding privacy on the global computer network, according to a study released Wednesday.

Thirty-one of 70 government sites in the survey retrieved details, including names, ages and work histories, from the public. But only 11 of the sites provided statements about how the information was collected and used, according to the report by OMB Watch, a private research group based in the District.

Although the study did not uncover any abuses of the information, it concluded that at least four agencies probably violated provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, which restricts how federal agencies gather and use personal records, said Ari Schwartz, an information issues specialist at OMB Watch.

# Three Studies Show Diversity Can't Guarantee Ecosystem Strength

THE WASHINGTON POST

Ecologists have long maintained that diversity is one of nature's greatest strengths, but new research suggests that diversity alone does not guarantee strong ecosystems.

In findings that could intensify the national debate over endangered species and habitat conservation, three new studies suggest a greater abundance of plant and animal varieties doesn't always translate to better ecological health. At least equally important, the research found, are the types of species and how they interact.

Separate experiments in California, Minnesota and Sweden, found that diversity often had little bearing on the performance of ecosystems — at least as measured by the growth and health of native plants. In fact, the communities with the greatest biological richness were often the poorest in terms of productivity and nutrient cycling.

One study compared plant life on 50 remote islands in northern Sweden that are prone to frequent wildfires from lightning strikes. Scientist David Wardle of Landcare Research in Lincoln, New Zealand, and colleagues at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences found that islands dominated by few species of plants recovered more quickly than nearby islands with more biological diversity.

Similar findings were reported by University of Minnesota researchers who studied savannah grasses, and by Stanford's Vitousek and colleague David Hooper, who concluded that functional characteristics of plant species were more important than the number of varieties in determining how ecosystems performed.

# OPINION

## Insider Tips Hold Key to Fun, Healthy Drinking

Guest column by Michael Behr

I celebrated my 21st birthday this Thursday, which means that legally I am now allowed to drink. That's not to say I didn't drink before Thursday. One of the things all you freshman will discover at 12:01 a.m. Saturday morning is that if you want alcohol in college, it's incredibly easy to get.

Wednesday, at Louisiana State University, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledge died from alcohol poisoning, and a few brothers were hospitalized. See how easy it can be?

In this column, I'm not going to tell you how bad alcohol is or why you shouldn't drink. (People who know me would fall over laughing if I did.) Actually, I think you should try alcohol sometime during your college years, legally or not. College is for learning more than you're taught in the classroom.

Learning to handle alcohol is something that you're going to have to do eventually unless you run off to the woods and live as a hermit for the rest of your life. It's best to learn these little life lessons in a relatively safe environment, and MIT is a heck of a lot safer than that big scary world out there. Just remember to exercise at least a bit of common sense.

MIT people sometimes have a tough time with common sense, so here are a few tips you might want to keep in mind.

**Eat something:** Everyone has heard this one. If you're planning to drink, have some bread or fatty food in your stomach before you start drinking. It slows the spread of alcohol to your system. Eating afterwards is pointless at best, and at worst will upset your stomach.

If you want to make the next morning easier, drink some water before you go to sleep.

Hangovers are mostly dehydration caused by alcohol. If you see someone vomiting, let them vomit until they stop dry heaving. Forcing water or bread down their throat in between heaves will just give them something to bring up. Once they've stopped, have them sip water, or let them suck on ice cubes for a while. And if they start turning blue, or feel cold to the touch, get them to the Medical Center as soon as possible.

**Know when to say when:** The only times I've ever seen people get into real trouble from drinking were when students who only started drinking after 21 went drinking with

bly feel a lot buzzed five minutes later. Try to remember that as you put your glass down for a refill. You can drink a lot without feeling the effect, and then all of a sudden it hits you.

**Get up and walk around:** When you're sitting around drinking, you often don't realize just how far gone you really are. Get up and walk around every so often. Drinking and dancing is a lot of fun, and it serves the same purpose. On the other hand, if you've been drinking, and you can't stand up, it's time to wish everyone good night.

**People act weird:** As the LSU student discovered, you can drink yourself to death, and many people know firsthand that you can also make yourself very ill. But alcohol can also change people's behavior — both your own and others'.

Some people are happy drunks: a little bit of alcohol, and suddenly they collapse in fits of giggling. Others become angry, and will try to pick fights with anyone and anything that moves, even if they're the sweetest, kindest people otherwise. After drinking, many ordinarily reserved people throw themselves at prospective bedtime partners. Actually, a lot of the time they drink in order to be able to throw themselves at other people. And I don't need to mention all those nasty evil people (and yes, they're really here at MIT) who are more than willing to take advantage of the inebriated. There's no rule of thumb here, just remember that people can act completely differently after drinking.

Of course, most people will read this and forget it before the paper has even dropped to the bathroom floor. Some things you have to learn for yourself. But if bad things happen when you drink, and keep happening, you really should sit back and ask yourself why.

With that, I wish you luck and bid you adieu. I'm off to have a drink.

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friends who had been drinking for years. The situation often runs like this: A couple of friends have a few drinks, maybe do a couple shots together. Do you see where this is going? Like most people, they recognize differences in alcohol tolerance in the abstract, but when it comes to themselves in the specific, they seem to have trouble. You really do have limits.

**Take your time:** Remember that it takes a while for alcohol to take effect. If you feel a little buzzed right after a drink, you'll proba-

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# Ten Years Later, Simplex Issues Remain Unresolved

Column by Anders Hove  
OPINION EDITOR

Wolf and Princess knew the area well: They'd been sleeping on the streets in and around this neighborhood for years. The neighborhood Wolf and Princess lived in was a fully functioning society unto itself. Its residents worked hard to survive, helped each other, got married, and had kids. Sometimes fights broke out, but their leaders had ways of resolving conflicts. The community even experimented with a currency of shells and smooth stones. Most of them dreamed of having a roof over their heads; for now, they were glad to have their tents.

Wolf and Princess Sullivan were among the 35 or so residents of "Tent City," a makeshift encampment in a vacant lot on Blanche Street up near Central Square. Tent City lasted only a month, but it was a month when the powerless dreamed they might beat one of the state's biggest institutions, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In 1987, the land Tent City occupied was known as the Simplex site. MIT had acquired the property from the Simplex Wire & Cable Company and had cleared it all off except for a handful of derelict houses. In order to develop the land, MIT needed to rezone the area. And that meant dealing with the community.

In 1987, Cambridge was already one of the most densely populated cities in the country. Housing was scarce, and much of the community was of small means. The city was also home to two large and prosperous universities, and those universities wanted to expand, taking more of Cambridge for their own. And once taken, Cantabridgians surmised, the land would never be a part of the community again. As far as Cambridge was concerned, their town's line was at the railroad tracks, not the at the Charles River.

When MIT proposed its rezoning plan, an activist group named the Simplex Steering Committee swiftly began agitating against the idea. They pointed out that MIT's plan would raze more of Cambridge's precious low-income housing. (By low-income housing the protesters meant the three uninhabitable houses on Blanche Street.) They wanted MIT to replace the "lost housing" with at least 250 units of low-income housing. And, on October 20, 1987, they staged a heavily attended protest on the site to vocalize their demands.

Ironically, the protesters had never intended their protest to last more than one night. Nearly 100 homeless had attended the event, however, and they showed no sign of leaving. In their enthusiasm, the protesters donated tents and cooking equipment, and they themselves left the site. That was the beginning of Tent City.

Over the next month, the protests grew

and became more complex. MIT threatened to dislodge the homeless people on its land. The city council threatened legal action against MIT, and even proposed taking the three useless houses by eminent domain. Several MIT students joined the fray, including famous student activist Steven D. Penn '85. The protests themselves became the source of controversy. Some wanted to fight MIT to keep the homeless on the land, possibly repairing the empty homes to house them. Many of the original protesters, however, did not approve of the occupation and merely wanted to bargain with MIT over new affordable housing.

In its recent history, MIT has not suffered protests gladly, and the Simplex protest was no different. On November 20, one month after the original protests, Campus Police officers raided the camp on orders from Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin. The officers forcibly extracted people from their tents and dumped their articles by the side of the road. The CPs arrested 10 of those in the camp, including the indefatigable Steve Penn. Tent City was at an end.

This spring, one would have had a hard time telling the difference between the Simplex site of 1987 and the University Park properties in the same area. Except for a few trees and parking lots, the land was still vacant. Now, just a few months later, cranes and derricks have exorcised the physical memory of the Simplex protests.

MIT hopes it can eliminate the political memory of Tent City as well. The Institute has gone a long way to placate community groups who want new housing on the site. Some of the commercial space will interact positively with the surrounding cityscape. MIT has already put up 200 units of low-income housing near University Park, and 200 more units are in the works for the near future. That's 400 total housing units, 150 more than demanded by the Simplex Steering Committee ten years ago.

Make no mistake about it, MIT intends to continue expanding into the Cambridge area. After University Park there are plans for new development on the currently vacant East Cambridge lots. And yes, some existing housing is slated for removal. But is MIT doing enough for the surrounding community?

Many people in Cambridge, including myself, believe MIT is not doing enough. Even as we throw up more low-income housing in our area, our long-term plans are for gentrification. Just as the Simplex protesters feared, we are building a wall of high-tech industry around the Institute.

I will grant that MIT has made a great deal of progress. Yet our vision of our campus remains at odds with that of Cambridge. At some level, we want to segregate ourselves, to maintain our own technocratic empire on Cantabridgian turf. The housing demands may be sated for now, but the underlying incompatibility between MIT's vision and the community we live in remains.

# Offensive, Condescending Attitude Dominates MIT R/O

Guest column by Courtney M. Eckhardt

I have a question for all of my fellow freshmen: why did you come to MIT? Was it because you wanted to change the world? Did you seek intellectual challenges, in classes and beyond? What did you expect from MIT?

I asked myself these questions, and came up with some unexpected answers. I knew, of course, why I wanted to come to MIT: science is my life. Arrogant as it may sound, I did come here because I wanted to change the world. I expected MIT to be a haven of intellectualism. I expected to meet other people who couldn't wait for classes to start, who also loved the stark beauty of mathematics, were also fascinated by the inner workings of life forms, or who wondered about the scientific reason for the birth of the universe. I wanted to find people who were curious about cloning or the origins of life, or about creating artificial life or artificial intelligence. I wanted and expected to meet people like me: people driven by a fiery need to explore and discover, people with an endless curiosity about the world around them.

I expected MIT to treat its freshmen like adults — to say in effect: "The world is yours if you want it, and if you try hard and still need help we'll give it to you. But you're on your own now. You decide whether you sink

or swim."

MIT has disappointed me, however. The most salient example is the entire situation involving the MIT Extropians. The censorship of the Extropians pamphlet, and subsequent derecognition of the Extropians, was founded on the idea that the mailing was an inappropriate forum for such controversial issues, and that the subject matter of the Extropian pamphlet would make freshmen feel wounded and unwelcome.

Well, I have news for you. Freshmen may be young, but we're not fragile little flowers. I find myself insulted and offended that the MIT administration saw fit to hide from us a viewpoint that contrasted with the official policy of the Institute. As an agnostic, I found the endless flyers put out by the Christian groups on campus more insulting to my intelligence, and more unwelcoming and offensive to anyone who is rational.

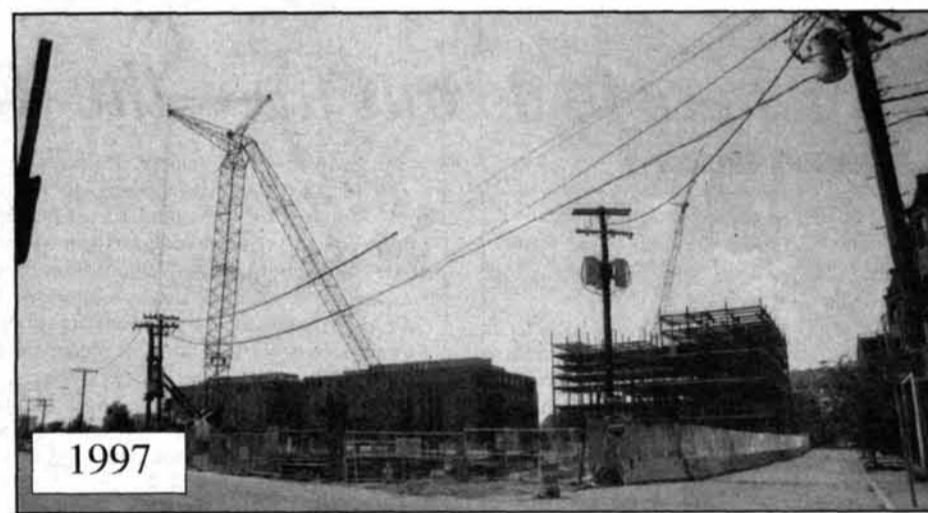
Not only was my intelligence insulted before I even reached MIT, it has been continually assaulted since I got here. The most spectacular example of this was Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum Kip V. Hodges' "Intelligence Meter." I was the student chosen to prove his point that one student cannot yell loud enough to move the sound meter whereas the entire freshman auditorium could. Yet the



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demonstration seemed rigged: The meter actually moved when nobody was talking, but not when I was, and otherwise had little relation to the audience's volume. I'm embarrassed to have been an accessory to such a hokey demonstration.

What is the administration thinking? I will make friends with other freshmen because of their ideals and ambitions, because they will have befriended me intelligently, not because Kip Hodges put on a show fit for grade school children.

The Residence and Orientation Survival Skit was a poorly acted, patronizing "skit" that attempted to use humor and a patronizing attitude to explain what happens during R/O. The writers of the skit were extremely condescending. Somehow I think that if you are bright enough to be admitted to MIT, you don't need a patronizing skit about surviving orientation.

Being female and uninterested in fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups to boot, I left Killian Kick-Off upon the announcement that made us fair prey for upperclassmen. Upon exiting I was accosted by an organizer of the Women's Convocation who suggested that I come to Kresge with her. I tried to decline politely, having no intention of sitting tamely in a seat while women on stage tried to persuade me to become a sister

or member of some unintellectual sorority. But she persisted, and I was forced to tell her rather rudely that I had no intention of living anywhere other than in a dormitory.

That was not the end of the unpleasant encounters I had with women's rush. The sororities that took over the fourth floor of the Student Center made an awful amount of noise and had such an attitude of phony salesmanship that when I was nearby I was in fear of being further accosted.

The sheer falseness, pushiness, and salesmanship of FSILG rush disappointed me immensely. It was rather like what some people call a snow job. The person I spoke to about sorority rush was trying to confuse me and hurry me enough that I wouldn't think about what she wanted me to do, and would go with her because she'd given me no time to make up my mind otherwise.

Despite all of these complaints, I really do love my new school and am thrilled to be here. MIT is the greatest place in the world. In a spirit of loyalty to MIT and the ideals that it stands for, I hope that some of these problems can be solved. Perhaps this column will point out to some of the administrators and students in charge of rush that this year's class is not completely satisfied with the treatment they have received so far.

# THE ARTS

## ON CAMPUS

### Did you ever hear about the Johnstone twins...?

#### BLOOD BROTHERS

Musical Theatre Guild  
Book, Music, and Lyrics by Willy Russell  
Directed by Ronni Marshak  
Kresge Little Theatre  
August 29 and 30 at 8 p.m.  
September 4, 5, and 6 at 8 p.m.  
Starring Kristin Hughes, Jamez Kirtley SM '95, Brian Delaney, Ahmed Ait-Ghezala '99, Teresa Raine '98

By Teresa Huang  
STAFF REPORTER

**M**TG's summer production of Willy Russell's Tony-nominated musical *Blood Brothers* is a blend of tragedy and joy which comes to life through a smart interpretation and excellent cast. Directed by Ronni Marshak, who directed the MIT Community Players production of *Fortinbras* last year, *Blood Brothers* is a haunting musical which excels on stage.

*Blood Brothers* tells the story of the Johnstone twins Mickey (Brian Delaney) and Eddie (Ahmed Ait-Ghezala '99), brothers separated at birth who reunite and become friends in their childhood, unaware of their relation to each other or of the consequences their relationship will bring about.

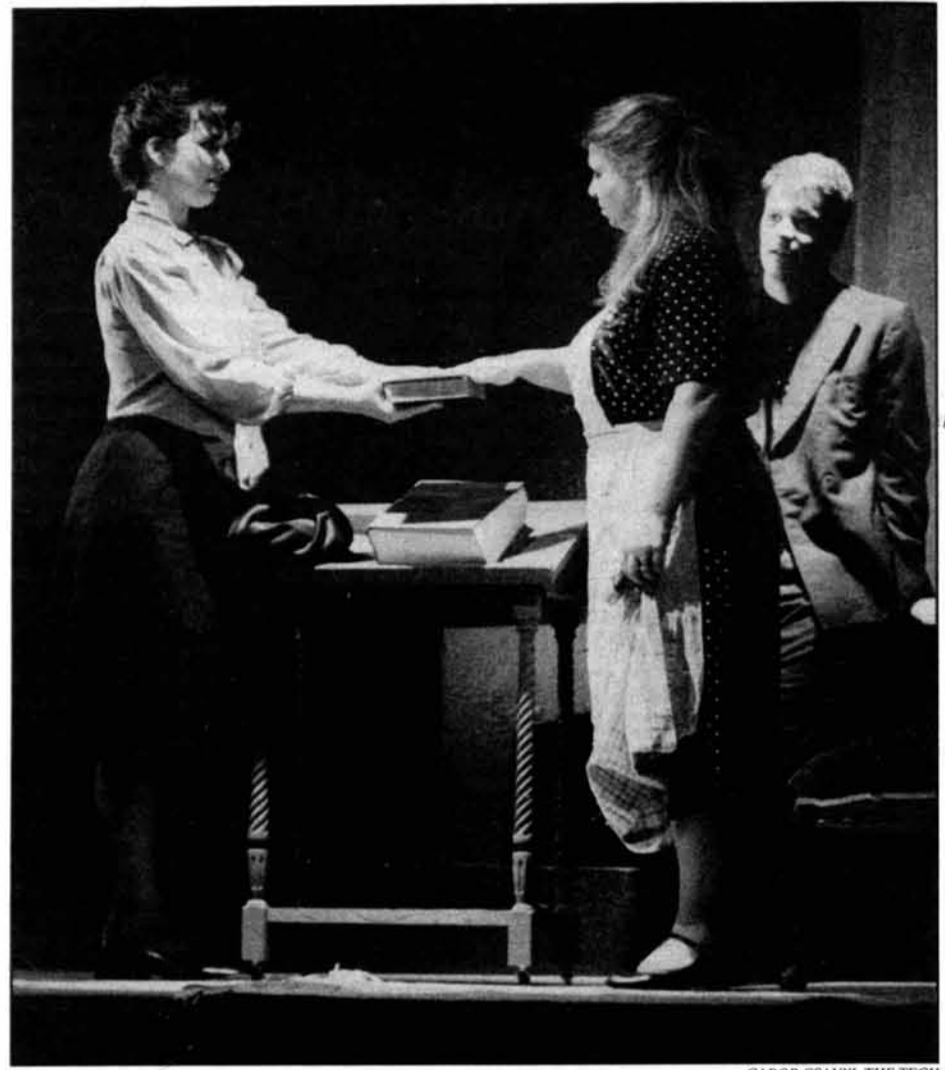
At the start of the musical, working class woman Mrs. Johnstone (Kristin Hughes) learns she is pregnant with twins and confides in her employer Mrs. Lyons (Jacqueline Kirtley G) about her fears that she will not be able to support both children. Mrs. Lyons, a wealthy and deceitful woman unable to have children herself, persuades Mrs. Johnstone to give up one of her boys with the promise that she will raise him in the lap of luxury. But when Mrs. Lyons fires the mother in hopes of making Eddie all her own, she is unable to separate herself and Eddie from the Johnstone family or from the lies of the past, leading both families towards a tragic end.

The story is told through the narrator (Jamez Kirtley SM '95), who is presented as an especially pivotal character of this production, a manifestation of one of the visible themes in *Blood Brothers* — the idea that life is a game. He treats the characters as players of his game, manipulating their lives and playing off their superstitious beliefs. The narrator is always visible on stage, acting as a Mephistophelean puppeteer of sorts who manipulates the lives and families of Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Lyons.

*Blood Brothers* also explores class differences and the gap between classes through the way both the sons and mothers choose to live their lives. Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Lyons are in two very different classes, yet they are unable to avoid each other because of the connection their sons share. The differences in lifestyle, values, and morals of the two families are stark yet subtly done.

The most prevalent theme is within the constant reference to Marilyn Monroe. In the opening song "Marilyn Monroe", Mrs. Johnstone tells of her carefree youth, comparing every aspect of her life to that of the blond bombshell. The song is reprised several times, and though the reference becomes a bit tiresome, its relevance is strong. Although beautiful and successful, Marilyn Monroe led a complex life and in many ways brought on her own destruction. Her memory is framed by her bitter end just as the story of the Johnstone twins is framed by the image of the two brothers lying dead on the floor. Seemingly every major player in *Blood Brothers* is a tragic figure, meeting their own end through their own tragic means.

Though this production presents a quiet opening, the stage comes to life when Brian Delaney enters as 7-year old Mickey. Delaney's fearless interaction with his fellow actors and the audience is spirited and skilled. Ait-Ghezala plays the conservative brother Eddie with a perfect blend of awkwardness



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Not having the means to raise two children, Mrs. Johnstone (Kristin Hughes, right) agrees to give one of her sons to her wealthy employer, Mrs. Lyons (Jacqueline Kirtley G).

and naivete. Both Delaney and Ait-Ghezala bring great passion and spirit to the stage in their flawless portrayal of the twin brothers, different in so many ways because of how they were raised, yet drawn to each other like only brothers are.

Through interactions between the narrator and the characters, *Blood Brothers* reaches a quick but powerful climax which holds so much meaning in last words spoken and the placement of every character on stage. The

show ends as it started with the Johnstone twins dead and the narrator reprising his opening soliloquy, "Did you ever hear about the Johnstone twins...?"

According to director Ronni Marshak, *Blood Brothers* is "a variation on an old theme — twin brothers parted at birth," but is also filled with such raw emotion, deception, and love, that *Blood Brothers* becomes a moving production that is sure to leave you thinking.

## BOOKS

### Nowhere to go but up—the final step in Jack Ryan's ascent

#### EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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By Chris Brocoun  
STAFF REPORTER

**T**here is something especially reassuring about beginning a new novel written by the author who singlehandedly defined the genre. Tom Clancy proves that he hasn't lost a step in his latest techno-thriller saga, *Executive Orders*, tracing Jack Ryan et al as they race to avert disaster in the midst of international intrigue and frenzied battlefields. Somehow, it seems impossible to believe that he could have possibly surpassed his previous novels. He has.

Unfortunately, for those uninitiated in the Tom Clancy epic, many of the delicious little hints of previous adventures Clancy sprinkles throughout his latest novel may be lost. Some of the grandeur of the creation will pass unnoticed. And what a creation it is. In this, his tenth novel, ninth featuring the cast of Jack Ryan's world, Clancy manages to tie all the previous novels together in a masterful, utter-

ly believable virtual reality. Rumors have been circulating that this may be Clancy's last novel, if that is the sad truth, at least his fans will be content. *Executive Orders* can be seen as the culmination of an adventure. This being the case, however, it is almost a necessity to have read some of his previous novels — *Executive Orders* picks up mere seconds after the cliffhanger conclusion *Debt of Honor*.

The basic premise is fairly radical: a rogue Japanese terrorist somehow evaded the air defenses around Washington, D.C. and flew a jumbo jet into the Capital Building during a joint meeting of Congress. The great majority of the United States Government perishes in the conflagration. A battered but lucky Ryan emerges as the highest ranking survivor, and is sworn in as President.

From here Tom Clancy's imagination is off and running in classic style. There is more domestic politics, foreign political intrigue, battlefield tactics, and plain old action/adventure than can possibly be digested in one reading. Avid Clancy readers will not be disappointed. Plenty of new technological advancements and daring plot twists abound.

The still green-behind-the-ears President

Ryan finds himself facing adversity and crisis both inside and out. He must somehow find a way to reconstruct the shambles of the United States government while still maintaining the U.S.'s position as a world superpower. Crisis hits when a desperate Iran takes advantage of Iraq's weakened post-Gulf War state to form a powerful new alliance. But this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Somehow Clancy manages to weave a maze of subplots together into a grand work which builds slowly to a dramatic, nail-biting, smash ending. In fact, the beginning seems almost too disjointed — how do events in the Middle East, a couple of midwest Militiamen, and Ebola (just to name a few) possibly have any believable connection? The seemingly unrelated plotlines are set on the table in the first half of the book and then ever so slowly drawn together.

The reason *Executive Orders* turns out to be at least as good, if not better, than Clancy's previous novels is that he has added a new dimension to his repertoire. I would argue that the best aspect of this novel is not the suspense and thrilling action, but instead the deep, introspective character study of Jack

Ryan. Although Clancy may sound preachy at times, he is trying to make a statement about humanity and about the principles of our nation. By throwing the utterly inexperienced Ryan into the feeding frenzy of American politics Clancy discovers a wonderful opportunity to expound on character.

The last thing Ryan ever wanted was to be President. But Ryan is a good man, not nearly perfect, and he felt a duty to serve his country to the best of his ability.

Along the same lines, Tom Clancy uses this novel to offer an idea of how the government is supposed to be. As Jack Ryan rebuilds the government, he starts at the foundation and builds from the people for the people. He takes businessmen off Wall Street to be his financial advisers, he recruits battle scarred officers to Defense Department positions. There are no ties or old boys networks in the Ryan Administration. Clancy presents these ideas in the same engaging style that fingerprints all of his work.

It's a shame that such a dear message has to be relegated to the backseat. But then again, riding in the back seat of a Mercedes isn't exactly a terrible place to be.



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# Women Shown How To Adjust to MIT

By Susan Buchman  
STAFF REPORTER

To help female freshmen adjust to the stress of MIT, students and staff held a series of informational forums directed at women during Residence and Orientation Week.

Activities like this have existed for many years, but two events were added this year "to present women with options and to expose them to all the resources available to them at MIT," said Loreto P. Ansaldo '00, an organizer of the events.

"While academics are immensely important, being a whole human being is just as important," said Lynn A. Roberson, a staff associate in counseling and support services and a program organizer.

On Monday, those attending the Chocolate Plus event dined on chocolate delights while listening to MIT professors, administrators, and students discuss various aspects of being female at MIT.

Wednesday's session, which was led by a panel of students, presented information from a young woman's perspective. This meeting, called "How to Survive at MIT: A Woman's Guide," allowed freshmen to hear examples of how upperclassmen dealt with problems ranging from culture shock to roommate disagreements.

The Nature's Calling Tour, sponsored by the Association of MIT Alumni and Alumnae and the Women's R/O Committee, took place on Thursday and exposed women to MIT with a tour of the Institute's scarce women's rest rooms.

### Health is often overlooked

The health and well-being of women at MIT was given in-depth coverage on Tuesday when freshmen gathered for "The Best Kept Secrets about Women's Health and Fitness at MIT."

The afternoon started off with a welcome from Roberson during which she urged students to remember that "your well-being is most important. That means intellectually; that means physically; that means emotionally."

Tracy A. Desovich, a health educator for students and a representative of MedLinks, a peer health advocacy service, was the first speaker. To start her presentation, she gave a definition of health: a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Citing an extreme example

Desovich asked students, "Are you staying in Athena twenty-four hours a day and never talking to another person?"

She also counseled those in attendance to be fully aware of the changes in their lives now that they are no longer under their parents' roofs, such as the lack of nourishing meals and the absence of the security provided by curfews and rules about dating. "You can be running marathons and still not feel healthy," she concluded.

Following up on Desovich's comments about nourishment was Anna Jasonides, a registered dietician and nutritionist with MIT Medical. She announced that she is available for discussions on all dietary concerns, including weight loss or gain, eating disorders, and general good nutrition. "The number one thing a student can do," says Jasonides, "is maintain your weight."

This can be done by watching fat intake and portion sizes and realizing that foods marked low fat or no fat can be high in calories, she said. She listed her five power foods; foods high in essential vitamins and minerals and simultaneously low in fat and calories: brown rice, wheat germ, nonfat yogurt, broccoli, and orange juice.

### Staying safe on a college campus

Ritu Gupta '99, a volunteer for MedLinks, spoke to the women about alcohol use and rape on campus. "Not everybody on campus is drinking," she said.

On the topic of rape, she told students to understand that rape is "not always someone jumping out of the bushes. That's the biggest and the most dangerous myth."

Most importantly, women must realize that although awareness in all situations is crucial to protecting oneself, rape is never a woman's fault, Gupta said.

Wrapping up the afternoon was Sergeant Cheryl de Jong Vossmer of the Campus Police. She attempted to soften the image of police officers by saying, "Just because you come to me doesn't mean it's a formal report."

Vossmer warned that one of the most common mistakes a woman will make is not being aware of her surroundings. She then demonstrated the self-defense skills that women learn in the Rape Aggression Defense Course, which is not only a source of PE credit, but an important prevention tool for college women.

# Parents Meet President Vest, Get Information on MIT Life

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are encouraged to go to Walker first for breakfast if they find the line to president's house too long, Jennings said.

The president's reception has gone much more smoothly in recent years as a result of moving the breakfast to Walker, Jennings said.

"We used to have both at the president's house, which became a very crowded situation," Jennings said.

Three student a capella groups: the Muses, the Logarithms, and the Chorallaries, will also be on hand at the reception to entertain those waiting on line, Jennings said.

### Panels to discuss Institute life

Later, in the afternoon, students and parents will be able to attend Parenting 101, a discussion with a panel of counseling deans and students.

The issues brought to light cover a very wide range, said Dean for Student Life, Margaret R. Bates, who attended last year's discussion. They ranged from activities to housing, Bates said.

The panel is designed so that parents will feel less intimidated when dealing with an institution as large and prestigious as MIT.

"It's helpful for them to know a name and a face," Bates said, "You want them to know that this is a good place."

After Parenting 101, parents of students who have decided to join a fraternity, sorority, or independent living group can attend Greek 101 to have their questions answered.

Present at the panel will be the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association presidents as well as the new member educator of Phi Delta Theta which was honored for outstanding new member education last year, said Neal H.

Dorow, assistant dean for Residence and Campus Activities and adviser to FSILGs. The presidents and new member educators from all the independent living group were also invited to attend, Dorow said.

Issues addressed at the discussion in past years have included cleanliness, safety, and scholarship in FSILGs, Dorow said.

The discussion is intended to make parents "feel more comfortable with their son's or daughter's decision to affiliate," Dorow said.

The program also includes smaller group discussions between IFC representatives and parents.

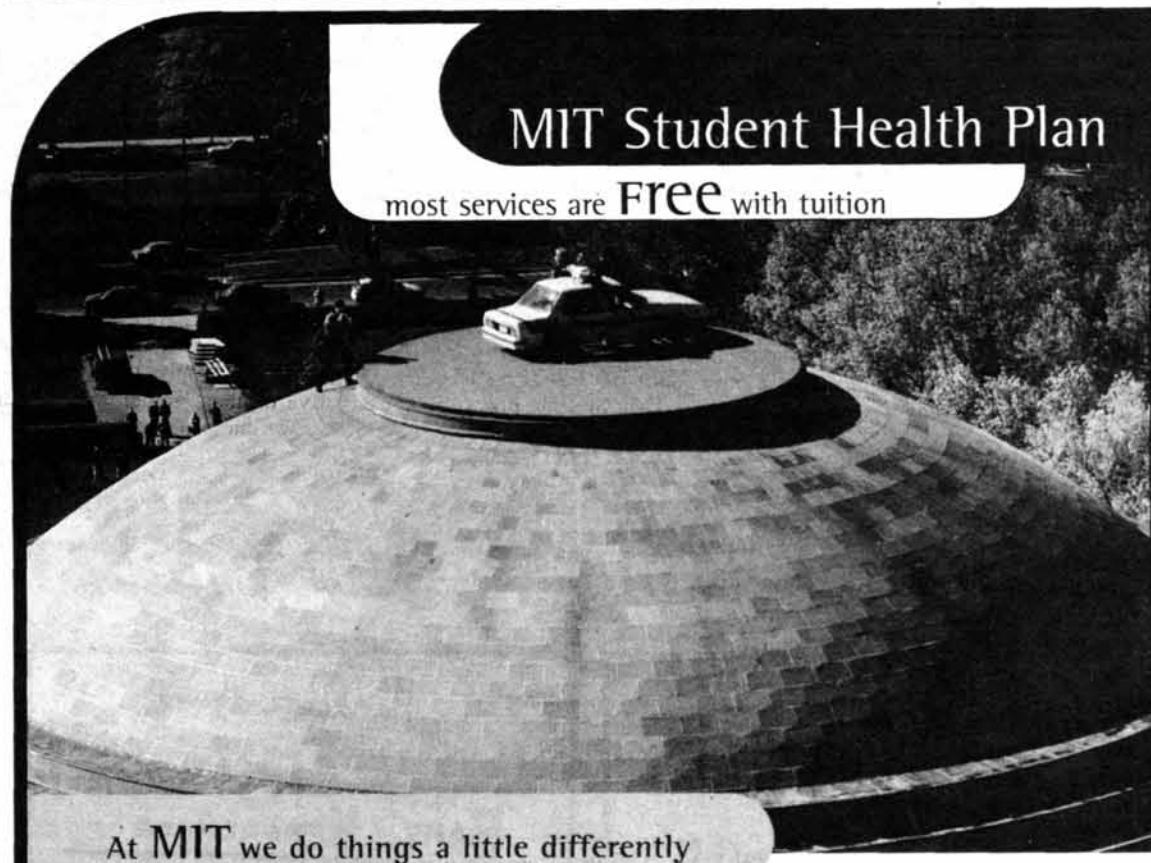
"Parents, I think, get a lot out of it because of the students," Dorow said.

On Sunday, parents can also arrange to go on a boat cruise touring historic Boston as well as tour the campus.

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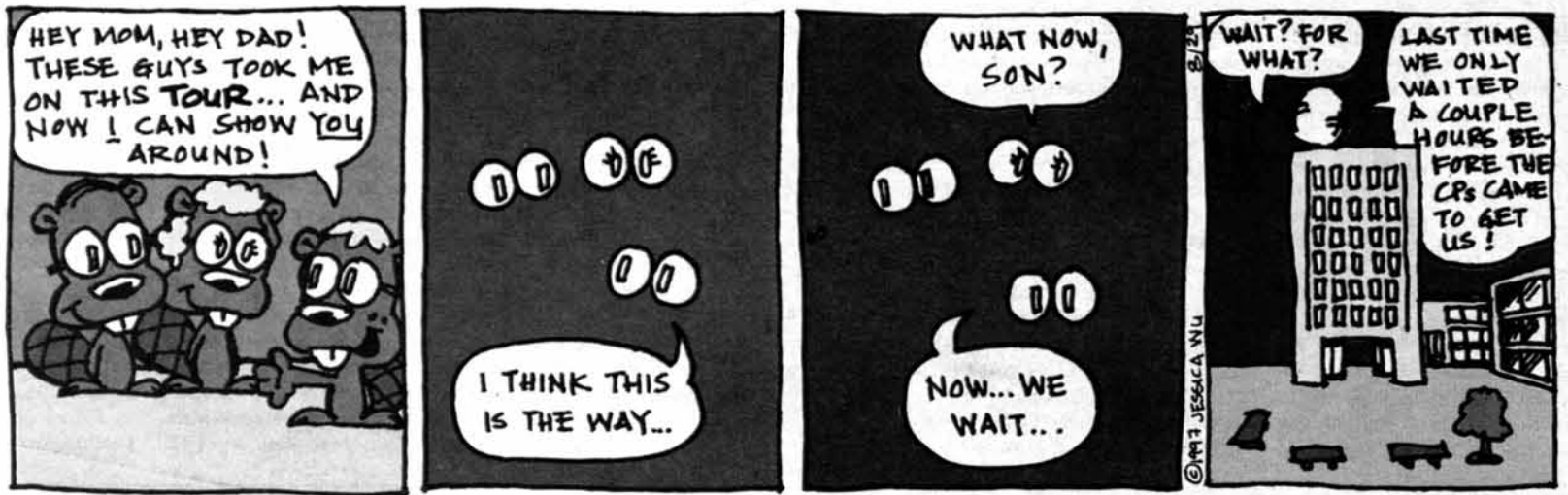
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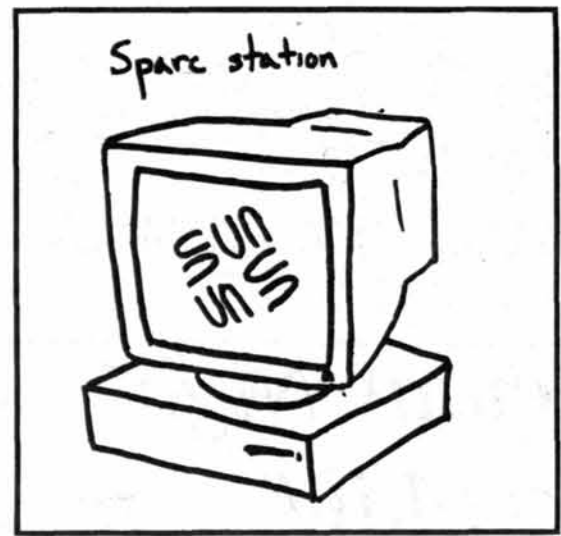
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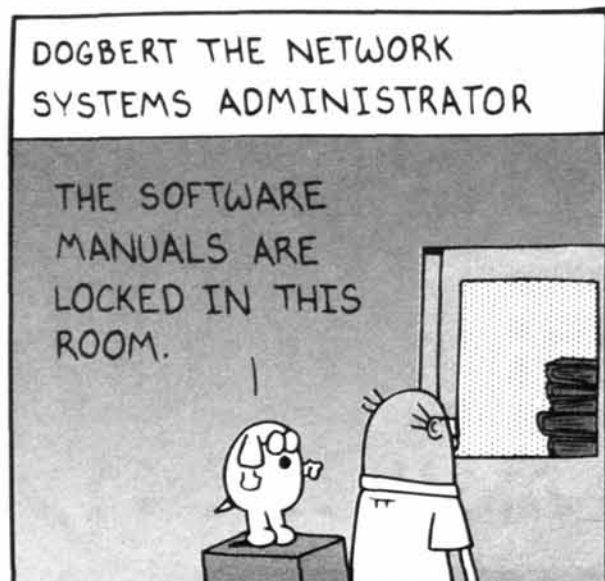
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# President Vest, Deans Speak At Graduate Student Picnic

By Brett Altschul  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Bad weather caused the relocation of another new student event, this time for new graduate students.

Yesterday's orientation picnic was moved from Killian Court to Johnson Athletics Center because of rain. Just last week, the freshman pre-rush Killian Kick-Off was also moved to Johnson because of rain.

The event, sponsored by the Graduate Student Council, featured a sack lunch for the attendees, speeches by members of the MIT administration, including President Charles M. Vest, and social time for the new graduate students to meet each other.

"The rain didn't seem to affect attendance at all," said Eva Moy G, a coordinator of Graduate Orientation. "I think the picnic went very well, considering the last-minute change of location."

"We had about 900 people at the picnic, including new and old students, graduate administrators, professors, deans, and other invited guests," Moy said. "We had only about 50 lunches left over from the original order of 1,000."

Despite the different location,

the program went as planned. The picnic began at noon, when graduate students ate and socialized on the gym floor, mostly clustered around signs denoting their respective departments.

At 12:30 p.m., the formal portion of the picnic commenced. Moy served as master of ceremonies. There were six brief speeches. "We tried to make the speeches 'short and sweet,'" she said.

### Vest, deans speak to grad students

First Moy introduced President Vest, the featured guest speaker. Vest described the MIT environment to the new graduate students.

In his brief address, Vest called MIT a unique and challenging place. He welcomed the new students to that place and offered his support in their activities here.

Vest offered congratulations to the new members of the MIT community, inviting them to join in the vibrant life of MIT.

After Vest, J. David Litster, vice president for research and dean for graduate education, and Isaac M. Colbert, senior associate dean for graduate education, spoke to the new graduate students. They both mentioned the unique position of

graduate students at an institution with research as high-quality as that at MIT.

Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams then addressed the new students. She pointed to their position as role-models for undergraduates.

Then Margaret R. Bates, dean for student life, spoke about the "intentional community" at MIT. "By intentional, I mean that you chose it, and it chose you," she said.

She further exhorted the students to make MIT a better place for everyone.

The final speaker was Geoffrey Coram G, president of the Graduate Student Council. Coram welcomed them to a community of distinguished graduate students.

Coram further urged the new graduate students to become involved in the GSC. By taking a hand in leading through the GSC, "you can help yourself and countless other graduate students, both current and future," he said.

After the speakers, the graduate students had about an hour to socialize before they had to break up by department for their departmental orientations.

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# City Days Festival Introduces Service

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ty, City Days is also good for MIT students, he said.

"City Days is a splendid way to introduce MIT's new students to their new home community and gives them a chance to share their considerable talent and skill with young children in Cambridge neighborhoods," Parravano said.

Sandberg cited other benefits, including "bonding of living groups, having a chance to let down their hair and have fun before the rigorous school year starts, feeling a part of something really worthwhile."

Parravano also mentioned the influence of MIT on children's future paths. "Hopefully some of them will take with them the message that while scientific study and research can be hard work, it also stimulates creativity and great fun," he said.

"City Days also reminds all of us at MIT that we can indeed make a contribution to improving the atmosphere in public education for all children in our city," he said.

### Rain may not affect City Days

With the rain moving this year's Killian Kick-Off to Johnson Athletic Center, and with the uncertain weather for the past few days, organizers considered the possibility of rain today, but were confident they had the situation under control.

"It's the type of event where we have an excellent backup plan, but I'd prefer if it didn't rain on City Days," Sandberg said. "The event has an outdoor festival atmosphere."

"Rain will make it more chaotic but it will still be okay," said Matthew S. Rechtin '99, City Days student co-coordinator. "We'll remain calm and make sure that everything is okay."

"We will embrace the rain," said Monica A. Huggins, PSC coordinator. "Everything will still happen. I think it will go really well."

Huggins also cited City Days' impact on the future. "It's an opportunity for MIT students to be introduced to the Cambridge school community and vice-versa," she said. "Basically, it's the beginning of a relationship that will last through the school year."

"City Days kicks-off all events happening throughout the year," Huggins said. "It builds a bridge with the Cambridge community."

### City Days brings students to PSC

Sandberg pointed out a few PSC programs that students often get involved in after participating in City Days, including LINKS, where students work in science classes in Cambridge, for one to three hours a week.

"There's also Reach Out, a new literacy program PSC is starting

with the Student Employment Office. Students get trained by a literacy specialist through the semester, and if they're on financial aid they can get paid to do it," she said.

"Hopefully, if MIT people end up having a good time at City Days, this will be a springboard to other things, and expose MIT students to the PSC," Rechtin said.

Rechtin emphasized that the PSC is very active and is looking for student involvement and new ideas for community service projects.

"PSC is rejuvenating again," Sandberg said. "Last year we were busy moving into the third floor of student center; now we're alive and kicking."

"If students have an idea for a community service project, they should come see us, because all the ideas for programs at the PSC have been originated by students, including City Days," Sandberg said. "Students have always been a large part of our office."

"We wouldn't be here without them and we wouldn't want to be," she said. "The PSC is only ten years old, but it has staying power and recognition on campus because of students who put the passion behind all of our events."



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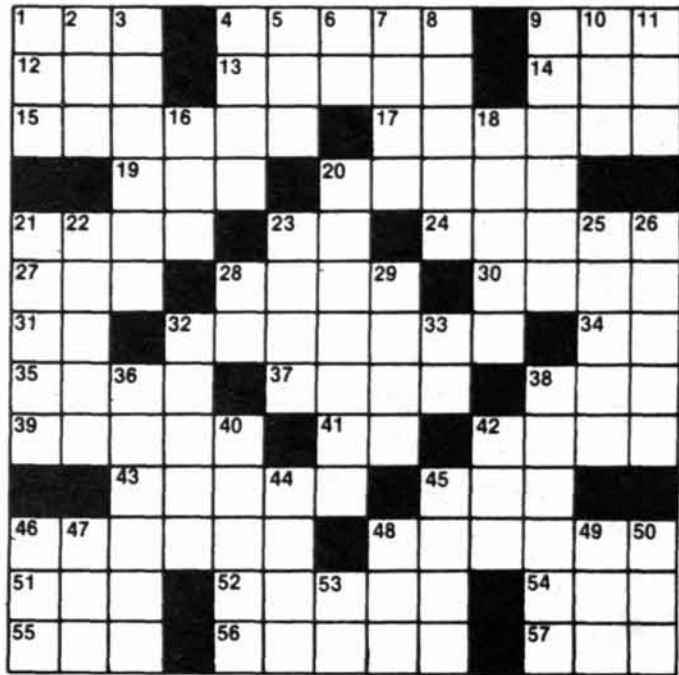
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- 4. Lab necessity
- 9. Ardent devotee
- 12. Hewn tree
- 13. Electronic medium
- 14. Reverence
- 15. Narrative poem
- 17. Lying underneath
- 19. Have supper
- 20. Red
- 21. What every teen wants
- 23. Laugh sound
- 24. Goodbye (Spanish)
- 27. Hiding (slang)
- 28. Sweetheart
- 30. Atmosphere (prefix)
- 31. Either
- 32. Christmas
- 34. Midwest state (abbr.)
- 35. Santa's laugh
- 37. Burden
- 38. Hawaiian food
- 39. Parallel to
- 41. To put into (prefix)
- 42. Beach granules
- 43. Hat
- 45. The sun
- 46. Hold for money
- 48. Yellow fruit
- 51. Self
- 52. Part of flower
- 54. Canvas bed

- 55. Cry
- 56. Wash away
- 57. Direction (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1. Long white linen robe
- 2. Flightless bird
- 3. Brightly shining
- 4. Fraternity (slang)
- 5. Small boy
- 6. Notice (abbr.)
- 7. Farm building
- 8. Arboreal marsupial
- 9. Fairy
- 10. Tip end of grass
- 11. Butterfly catcher
- 16. Roman household deity
- 18. Now
- 20. Contains shelves
- 21. Hello (Hawaiian)
- 22. Christmas song
- 23. Angel's possession
- 25. Constellation
- 26. Hard
- 28. Pal (slang)
- 29. First garden
- 32. Sharpens
- 33. Argon symbol
- 36. Associate with
- 38. Royal residence
- 40. Feel one's way
- 42. Father's child
- 44. Emergency (abbr.)
- 45. Bargain

- 46. Resolution (abbr.)
- 47. Time past
- 48. Not good
- 49. Not (prefix)
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# Professor Diskin Dead at 62

Professor Martin Diskin, anthropologist, activist, and teacher, died August 3 at Mt. Auburn Hospital after a long battle with leukemia. He was 62 years old.

Diskin taught MIT's introductory anthropology class since its inception 25 years ago. The class is currently known as Introduction to Anthropology (21A100). He also taught several other anthropology classes over his 30-year MIT career.

As an anthropologist, Diskin did field work in Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, and Colombia. Diskin "was a pioneer in what is now called the anthropology of human rights," said Professor of Anthropology Jean E. Jackson, who spoke at an August 24 memorial service held in the Wang Auditorium in the Tang Center.

"At a time when it wasn't really fashionable, Martin was using ethnography to reveal death squads, torture, injustice, broken promises concerning land reform — revealing the effects of U.S. foreign policy at a grass-roots level," Jackson said.

"He brought a clear sense of ethics and justice to his work and teaching," Jackson said. "An important goal for Martin, especially in his teaching, was to connect what you're doing in your research to the real world, in his case, connecting it to human rights issues. He used anthropology as a tool for illuminating injustice."

Last year Diskin was the first recipient of the Martin-Baró Fund for Mental Health and Human Rights Award.

Diskin served as a consultant for several non-governmental organizations, including Oxfam America and the American Civil Liberties Union.

## Curiosity sparked by immigrants

Diskin received his doctorate and undergraduate degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles and began teaching at MIT in 1965 as an assistant professor in the Department of Humanities. He became a full professor in 1982.

During his tenure at the Institute, Diskin was involved with a broad range of activities. He helped create the Latin American Studies Program, served on a committee on minority recruitment and hiring in the humanities department, and was instrumental in developing the anthropology/archeology exchange program with Wellesley College.

Diskin was the first recipient of the MIT John Navas Faculty Foreign Travel Fund teaching award in 1982.

In a 1992 *Tech Talk* interview, Diskin said that his curiosity about Caribbean cultures was sparked by a fascination with the Puerto Ricans who migrated to New York City in his youth. His curiosity bloomed a few years later when he worked as a seaman on a Norwegian ship.

"When I discovered in college that I could have a career and make a living studying culture as a systematic phenomenon, traveling, observing human variety and writing about it, it was a revelation,"

Diskin said.

For his doctoral thesis, Diskin studied the peasant economy of Oaxaca, Mexico. He wrote a book on the subject, *Markets in Oaxaca*, with Scott Cook (University of Texas Press, 1976).

At the time of his death he was working on a book on agrarian reform in El Salvador. Diskin was editor of *Trouble in Our Backyard: Central America and the United States* in the 1980s (Pantheon Books, 1984) and editor and a contributor to *El Salvador: Background to the Crisis* (Central America Information Office, 1982).

## Political activist, advocate

Diskin's anthropological studies often overlapped with his political beliefs. In 1983, he protested the shutdown of El Salvador's National University by the government.

In May, 1985, he was arrested along with several MIT professors and students while protesting the Reagan administration's Nicaraguan policy at the John F. Kennedy federal building in Boston. At the time, Diskin was a spokesman for a group of protesters.

Other activities included visiting political prisoners in Cuba in 1988 and joining a vigil in Lexington, MA for an American nun killed in Nicaragua in 1990.

Recently, Diskin supported the

cause of former MIT student Lori Berenson, who was sentenced to life in prison in Peru by a secret military tribunal in early 1996 for alleged treason. In April, 1996 he organized a forum at MIT in support of Berenson, who had previously been a student of his.

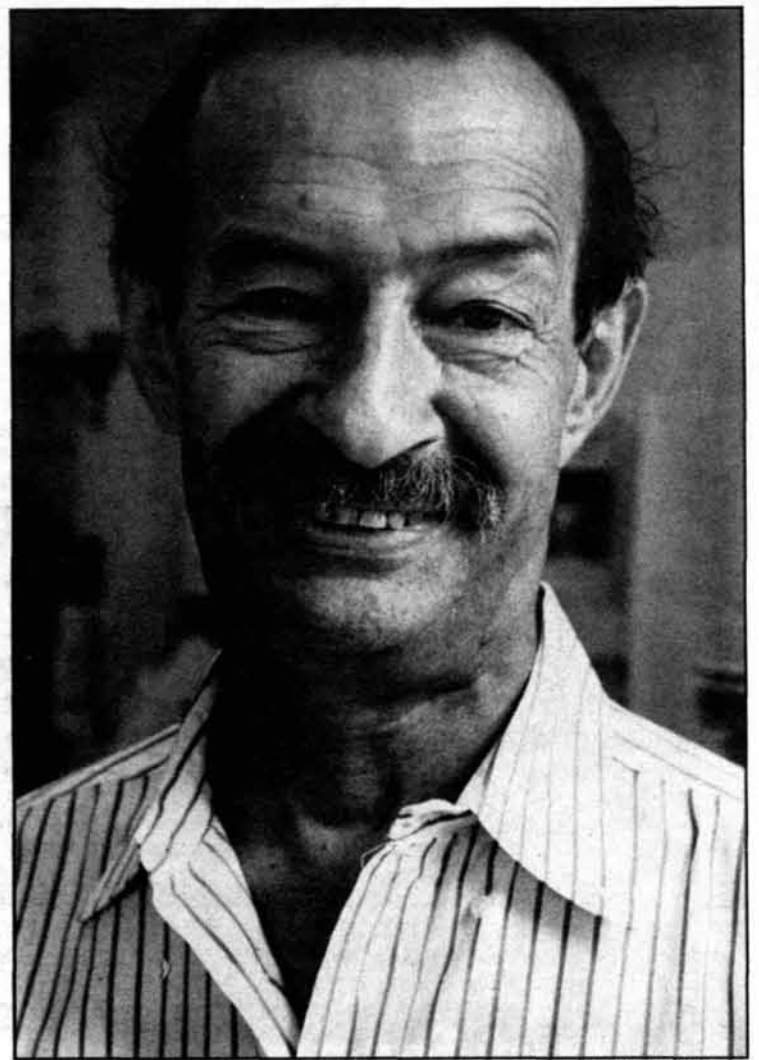
Diskin also served as an official election observer in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

"Martin projected a quiet dignity and a reassuring calmness," Jackson said. "His faith in the peace process and the people of El Salvador, his faith in the advisability of helping people come together and act collectively, his faith that people could determine what is really in their best interests, never faltered."

## Raised in Brooklyn

A gardener and musician who also enjoyed playing Mexican folk guitar music, Diskin studied Yiddish in recent years. He was a member of the American Anthropological Society, the American Ethnological Society and the Latin American Studies Association.

Diskin was born August 22, 1934 in Manhattan and grew up in Brooklyn. He is survived by his wife, Vilunya (Firstenberg), a daughter, Leah, a son, Aaron, his mother, Rhoda, and two brothers, Saul and Philip.



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#### Fresh Tossed Salads

Our fresh tossed specialty salads are prepared-to-order from a seasonal selection of garden fresh ingredients, grilled meats, grains, pastas, and herb infused vinaigrettes.

#### Panini

Our Panini are prepared from a selection of cured meats, aged cheese, vinaigrettes, herb mustards, and garden greens to create layers of flavors and freshness in every bite.

### Walker

#### Fresh Flavors of Asia

All our entrees are prepared to order and served in Pan Asian "big bowl" styles. We offer a blend of traditional and new-wave Asian cuisines using only the freshest and most authentic ingredients to capture the essence of Asian flavors.

### Next House

#### Pasta Kitchen

The inspiration for our recipes stems from our passion for pasta. Each dish is designed to fit the tastes of the individual, and are made fresh-to-order, capturing the essence of Mediterranean region.

### The Dome Cafe

#### Euro Bistro

Our bakery is the heart of our business. Inspired by old-world European bakeries, our menu features fresh-baked daily items as crusty breads, delectable pastries, tortes, & cakes, and specialty items.

#### Fresh Juice Bar

Juicing is our specialty! Our beverages are fresh-squeezed or blended-to-order with bananas, berries, apples, carrots, yogurts, fresh squeezed citrus, and more! Get set for life...drink fresh squeezed everyday!

#### Panini

Our Panini are prepared from a selection of cured meats, aged cheese, vinaigrettes, herb mustards, and garden greens to create layers of flavors and freshness in every bite.

### Refresher Course

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# Friendship and HIV Explored in Talk

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to confront your friend when they are making a bad choice," Goldman said. For those students who have made decisions to abstain from sex and alcohol altogether, Goldman said, "Don't be afraid to stand up for who you are."

The idea of how to be a friend to someone with HIV was also touched upon.

"For me, to feel 'normal,' I really needed people to treat me as they always had treated me," Goldman said. "Most people I know want to feel normal again."

Sullivan also shared with the audience how he felt after his friend had called to tell him he was HIV positive.

"For a week, the phone would ring and I wouldn't answer it because I was afraid it was Joel," Sullivan said.

However, "within a week of him telling me, we're still friends and nothing's changed," Sullivan said.

## Presenters highlight self-esteem

Sullivan highlighted the importance of acknowledging one's feelings when it came to coming to terms with having a friend with HIV.

"If you're afraid, that's OK. If you're angry, that's OK. If you're scared, that's OK. They are valid emotions," Sullivan said. Ultimately,

however, "You have to realize your friend needs you."

This is the pair's third time visiting MIT, Sullivan said. They began visiting college campuses in February of 1993 when Goldman decided he wanted to turn something negative, being diagnosed with HIV, into something positive, educating college students about his own mistakes and how he has dealt with the disease, Sullivan said.

The program, currently in its fifth year, has visited over 100 college campuses. They will reach their half-millionth student later this year, Sullivan said.

Visiting campuses and spreading the word about AIDS was at first a part-time job for the two until it became a full-time career in 1995, Goldman said.

One larger goal of their program is to illustrate to people that everyone is affected by HIV and AIDS, from those who are exposed themselves, to friends of those infected with the disease, to taxpayers paying for government-funded research and health-care, Sullivan said.

"My goal is to be out of a job," Sullivan said.

Goldman graduated from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs in 1985. Sullivan is a 1988 graduate of Indiana University's School of Journalism.

## Just because something is old doesn't mean it isn't valuable.

I can relate to that. Maybe that's why I'm never in a rush with these old guys. Sanding out a dent here and there, restoring the gears...soon I'll have all the time in the world for them, just like they have for me. That's the beauty of



retirement. And now that it's almost here, I'm grateful that I started planning early — with U.S. Savings Bonds. I started buying Savings Bonds when I got my first real job, through a Payroll Savings Plan. I put aside something every payday. And little by little, it really added up. Bonds are guaranteed safe, too, and earn interest up to 30 years.

In a few more years, you'll find me out here in the workshop more and more, fixing a hinge or polishing a case. I know that there's a lot of life left in these old guys. I can relate to that, too.

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## MIT Music Department Auditions

### MIT Brass Ensemble / Brass Quintets

Rehearsals: Tuesday & Thursday, 5pm - 7pm, Killian Hall. Auditions: Thursday, September 4, 5pm. Prepared solo and sight-reading required.

### MIT Chamber Music Society

First meeting & auditions: Tuesday, September 2, 7pm, Killian Hall. Prepared solo required of new members.

### MIT Concert Band

Rehearsals: Monday & Wednesday, 8pm - 10pm, Kresge. First Meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 8pm. Read through Concert Band literature and group auditions.

### MIT Concert Choir

Rehearsals: Monday & Thursday, 6pm - 8:30pm, Room 2-190. Auditions: Thursday, September 4, 6pm. Group auditions, no solo required.

### MIT Chamber Chorus

Rehearsals: Monday & Wednesday 11am - 12:30pm, Killian Hall. Auditions: Wednesday, September 3, 11am. Prepared solo and sight-reading required.

### MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble

Rehearsals: Sunday, 7pm - 11pm & Wednesday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Kresge. Auditions & audition sign-up: Wednesday, September 3, 5:30pm. Improvisation preferred, sight-reading from jazz book required.

### MIT Symphony Orchestra

Rehearsals: Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30pm - 10pm, Kresge. First meeting: Thursday, September 4, 7:30pm. Read through symphonic literature and audition sign up.

### MITCAN African Music Ensemble

Rehearsals: Thursday, 7pm - 10pm. First meeting: Thursday, September 4, World Music Center, N52, 7pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CONCERTS OFFICE AT 253-2826.



## EAPS Fall Courses

### Earth



### 12.002 Physics and Chemistry of the Solid Earth

Prerequisite(s): 8.02, 18.02  
3-1-8 REST  
Prof. Chris J. Marone  
Meets MWF 1:00 - 2:00

### Atmospheric



### 12.003 Physics of the Fluid Earth

Prerequisite(s): 18.02, 8.01, 5.60  
3-1-8 REST  
Prof. Alan Plumb  
Meets MWF 10:00 - 11:00

### & Planetary Sciences



### 12.400 The Solar System

Prerequisite(s): 8.01  
3-0-9 REST  
Prof. Rick Binzel  
Meets TR 2:00 - 3:30



### 12.550 Geosystems I

Prerequisite(s): 8.02, 18.03, and permission of instructor  
3-3-9  
Prof. Thomas Jordan & Prof. Jochem Marotzke  
Meets MWF 9:00 - 10:00 (lecture)  
and M 12:00 - 3:00 or W 1:00 - 4:00 (lab)

Modeling of complex systems in all areas of geoscience, with emphasis on general theoretical principles and numerical tools for describing system behaviors. Subject matter organized into a sequence of teaching modules, each focusing on a specific geosystem. Lectures introduce key physical and chemical processes that operate within each geosystem. Laboratory sessions include the use of simple table-top and computer-based models, as well as introductions to advanced numerical simulations, with a strong focus on scientific inference through numerical experimentation.

For more information, send email to [sewell@mit.edu](mailto:sewell@mit.edu)

— FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1997 —

Activities

All day: **United Christian R/O.** Have you picked up your *Free Bible* yet? If not, come to the **United Christian Book Table** in the Student Center Lobby. Or come and relax at the **United Christian R/O Christian Fellowship Lounge** in W11-080.\*

All day: **MIT-Muses.** If you'd like to audition for the *MIT Muses* - now's your chance! The Muses is MIT's only all women's a cappella group. We will be holding auditions in the McCormick Hall Gym. Call Amy at x5-8512 or email [muses@mit.edu](mailto:muses@mit.edu) to sign up. Walk-ins welcome.\*

2:00p: **Maranatha Christian Fellowship.** Come join us for ice-cream and some frisbee at the American Flagpole in Killian.\*

5:30p: **United Christian R/O.** La-La-La-La-Lasagna! Dinner! Fellowship with Christians! **United Christian R/O Lasagna Dinner** at the Christian Fellowship Lounge (W11-080).\*

6:00p: **Hillel.** Shabbat Services, Egalitarian and Orthodox, at Hillel(W11)\*

7:00p: **Hillel.** Shabbat Dinner, \$5 for new students, reserve [walklotz@mit.edu](mailto:walklotz@mit.edu), at Hillel(W11)\*

8:00p: **United Christian R/O.** Charades! Ever tried to act out Moses as he saw the golden calf? =) All in the **United Christian R/O Christian Fellowship Lounge** in W11-080.\*

The Daily Confusion

Confusion

— SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1997 —

Activities

All day: **United Christian R/O.** Good answers to tough questions about the Bible. And a free copy of the Bible too! **United Christian Book Table** in the Student Center Lobby\*

All day: **MIT-Muses.** If you didn't audition yesterday, you still have one more chance. Call Amy at x5-8512 or email [muses@mit.edu](mailto:muses@mit.edu) to audition for MIT's only all women's a cappella group, *The MIT Muses*. Auditions will be held in the McCormick Hall Gym. Walk-ins welcome.\*

8:30a: **Hillel.** Shabbat Services\*

10:00a: **Chinese Bible Fellowship.** Chinese Bible Fellowship and Chinese Christian Fellowship invite you to **Shop for Your Room.** Experts in shopping and cars to transport you to the finest Boston shops are waiting for you. Meet at the Student Centre Steps.\*

1:00p: **Hillel.** Shabbat Lunch, free for new students, at Hillel(W11)\*

2:11p: **United Christian R/O.** Snack food at the **United Christian R/O Christian Fellowship Lounge.** W11-080.\*

— SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1997 —

Activities

All day: **United Christian R/O.** Wanna rest on the Lord's Sabbath? Come and chill at the **United Christian R/O Christian Fellowship Lounge** in W11-080.\*

1:00p: **Hillel.** Picnic & BBQ, next to Johnson Ath. Ctr., free for new students\*

8:00p: **Chinese Bible Fellowship.** Praise the Lord and hear testimonies of His awesome goodness at the **Chinese Bible Fellowship and Chinese Christian Fellowship's Praise and Testimony Night.** Location TBA (look for the posters).\*

— MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1997 —

Activities

All day: **United Christian R/O.** Want to ask questions about Christianity in a low-key, no pressure environment? Come to the **United Christian R/O Book Table** in the Student Centre Lobby.\*

12:00p: **United Christian R/O.** Come to the **United Christian BBQ** at the Johnson BBQ Pits— it's your last opportunity for free food this year!

1:11p: **United Christian R/O.** Funky cool Christian types at the **United Christian R/O Christian Fellowship Lounge** in W11-080.\*

— TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1997 —

Activities

All day: **United Christian R/O.** Ever wanted one of those funky, nerdy, Christian equation shirts? Lots of colours, lots of styles, all at the **United Christian R/O Book Table** in the Student Centre Lobby.\*

11:00a: **United Christian R/O.** Sick of classes even before they've started? Hang out at the **United Christian R/O Christian Fellowship Lounge** in W11-080 and relax.\*

7:00p: **United Christian R/O.** **United Christian R/O Reg Day Service** at La Sala de Puerto Rico. An amazing, Biblical preacher, fabulous praise band and an awesome God! What more could you ask for?\*

In case of emergency, dial 100 from any MIT phone. Other important numbers: Campus Police: 253-1212 Med Center Emergency: 253-1311 R/O Center: 253-2500 UAA: 253-6772 Nightline: 253-8800 Delta Psi or St. Anthony Hall: please see No.6

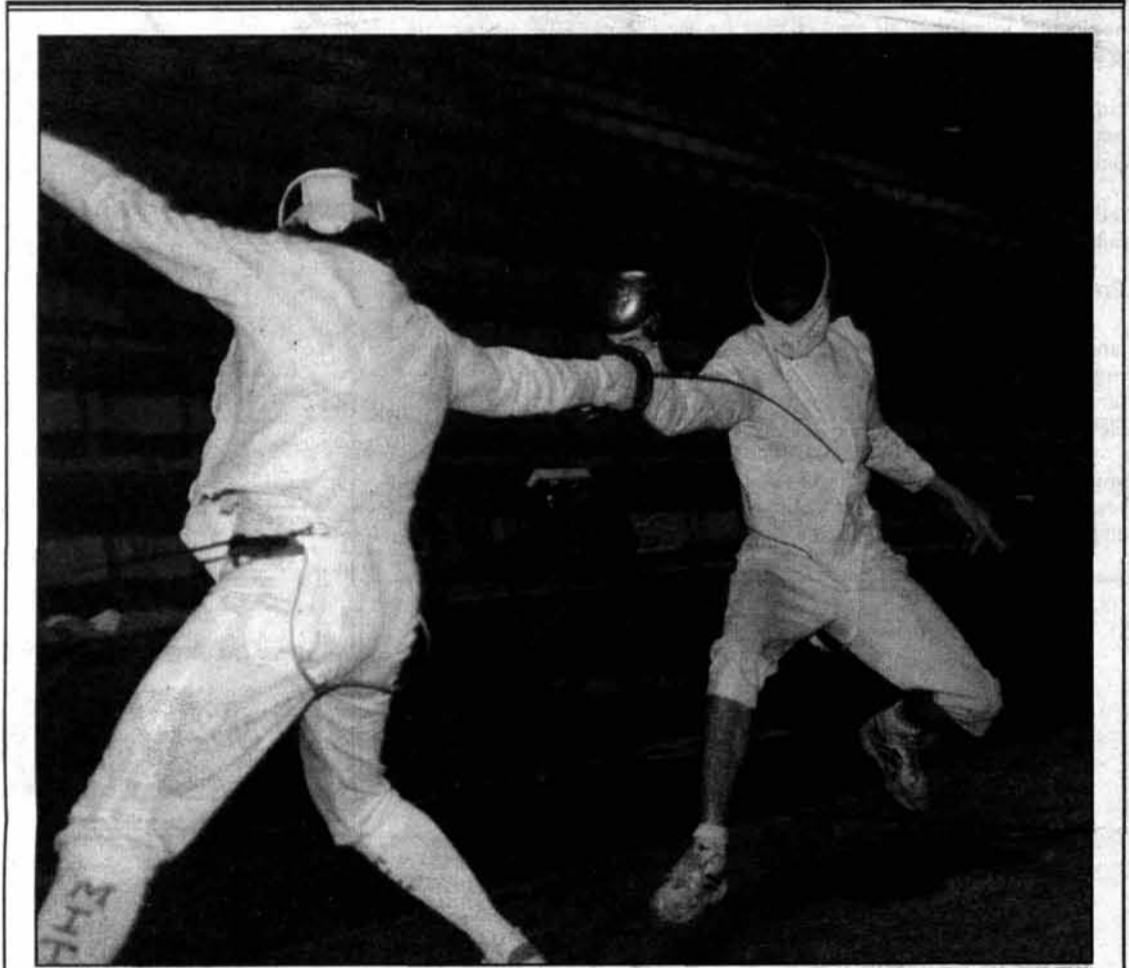
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Bill S. Davidson '00 and Nora Szasz '99 spar at the Athletics Gateway on Wednesday.



The Korean Karate Club's instructor Poh Lim prepares to break a second board as his students assist at the Athletics Gateway Tae Kwon Do demonstration.

The Tech would like to thank everyone who made the 1997 daily R/O issues a success.