

## UA Discusses Alcohol Policy, Considers Awareness Program

By Zareena Hussain  
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The Undergraduate Association held its third meeting of the fall semester last night. A range of issues and student concerns were discussed, from Institute alcohol policy to the locking of the gate enclosing Briggs Field, which students previously could cut across on their way back to west campus dormitories.

The first item on the agenda was the introduction of Katherine G. O'Dair, assistant dean of Residence and Campus Activities, to the UA Council. She introduced herself as a resource that students could use to help plan events such as concerts, lectures, and parties.

"One of the big plans of RCA was to provide more service and support to students," O'Dair said.

"We need to know what you need," O'Dair said.

O'Dair also fielded questions

about the Institute-wide review of alcohol. She relayed to students that she had about as much knowledge as they did when it came to decisions about alcohol policy currently being made in the upper echelons of the administration.

"Don't just think it's the students that aren't in the loop on this," O'Dair said, "You probably know as much as I know."

### Krueger remembered in resolution

Later in the meeting, a resolution was passed to commemorate Scott S. Krueger '01.

"Be it resolved that we, the UA, express our deepest sorrow at the untimely death of Scott S. Krueger '01."

A similar resolution had been passed a week earlier in response to the death of Umaer A. Basha '01.

This week's resolution went on to encourage discussion within the community. We "express our inten-

tion and desire to press for a rational discourse with students on the presence of alcohol on the MIT campus."

A vote on the resolution to pass the permanent installment of the Logan Airport Shuttle was postponed until the meeting next week in deference to the Krueger resolution.

### UA pushes alcohol awareness

In addition, UA Vice President Sandra A. Sandoval '00 reported on the progress of the newly formed alcohol awareness committee. One of their main goals is to have a "famous person to come and speak" about the dangers of alcohol. She also reported on the "Open Mike" which took place in the Student Center Friday afternoon. The event was intended to initiate an impromptu discussion about alcohol

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## Drop Poster Advertising MITAAH Stolen from Lobby 7 Last Week

By Naveen Sunkavally  
STAFF REPORTER

A drop poster for the MIT Atheists, Agnostics, and Humanists was stolen from Lobby 7 on the morning of Sept. 28.

The poster read, "We think there is no God. Now what? MITAAH. We welcome atheists, agnostics, humanists, and all other free-thinkers."

Sarah L. Carlson '00, president of the MITAAH, checked first with Physical Plant and the Campus Police before concluding that the poster was indeed stolen, she said. The MITAAH set up a second drop poster stating the same message after this incident.

It was clear "that someone peeled the duct tape off and took the poster with him," Carlson said. MITAAH expected this to happen because of their controversial views, but were surprised since MIT is a diverse and tolerant place, she said. There are over 90 religious and ethnic groups at MIT.

The theft was most likely the result of an isolated person and not the cause of any religious or ethnic group, she said.

"I've never heard of anyone taking the whole poster with him," she said. "It will be interesting to see how long the GAMIT [Gays,

Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders, and Friends at MIT] drop poster stays up."

The MITAAH is not the only group that has had its posters vandalized.

In the past, the Pagan Students Group has also been a target. "Occasionally posters have been removed from our bulletin board. It happens about once or twice a term; we just print more posters and put them back up," said Amy M. Smith '98, vice president of PSG.

"My guess is that the incidents are random acts by individuals. I've definitely never encountered overt anti-Pagan sentiment from any organized group on campus," Smith said.

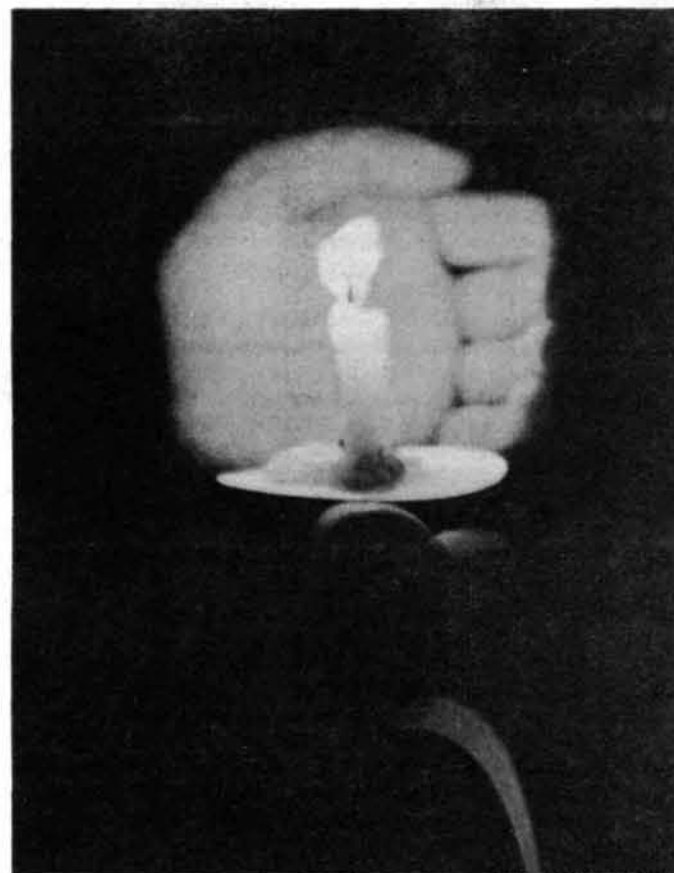
"This seems to happen to many of the religious groups at least occasionally. I've seen posters removed from Christian bulletin boards," she said. "The only incident I've heard

of where a board was specifically defaced was an incident where a nasty note was pinned onto a SWE [Society of Women Engineers] bulletin board."

Additionally, last March, a Women's Studies display near the Building 14 elevator shaft was vandalized. The case was smashed, and paper from the display was torn.

The Campus Police define a hate incident as "any act, whether consisting of conduct, speech, or expression, to which a bias is evident as a contributing factor, regardless of whether or not the act constitutes crime."

In 1996, there were four hate incidents, with two against sexual orientation and two against race and ethnic orientation, according to the Campus Police annual report. There have been no reported hate incidents during 1997, according to the Campus Police mid-year report.



GABOR CSANYI—THE TECH

Students gathered Saturday on Kresge Oval for a candlelight memorial service to honor the memories of Umaer A. Basha '01 and Scott S. Krueger '01.

Basha died almost two weeks ago at home in Chicago after fainting in his shower and drowning. Two days later, Krueger was found unconscious in his room at Phi Gamma Delta. Krueger died of alcohol poisoning last Monday evening.

President Charles M. Vest, Senior Associate Dean Robert M. Randolph, Chaplain John Wuestneck, and Class of 2001 President Pamela Mukerji '01 took time off from discussing difficult issues and policies and addressing the national and local media to speak to a crowd of students about the deaths of two freshmen.

"We — our community and the media — have dedicated five percent of our attention and concern to Umaer, another five percent to Scott, and the remaining 90 percent to the controversy shrouding Scott's death. We cannot lose sight of the fact that they were people, that they were two individuals with ideas, goals, and dreams," Mukerji said in her address.

The event was cosponsored by the Interfraternity Council and the Class of 2001.

The candlelight memorial was designed to allow members of the MIT community to come together to share their grief and frustration, said Bob Broderick '99, who helped organize the event.

"When we see something like this happen, we all feel like we've let down our own, that we've failed somehow. We need to feel that we are not alone in this sentiment," Broderick said.

"Each light is representative of our own individual concern. Together, our communities form an even greater light, showing that we are here for each other. It's a unified image of support and sympathy and an appropriate way of honoring their memories," he said.

## Students Show Off Their Talent at SK Late Night

By Krista L. Niece



DENNIS YANCEY—THE TECH

The Alpha Chi Omega pledges perform their skit, "The Decision," at Late Night in Kresge on Friday evening, winning Best Group Act.

Late Night, Sigma Kappa's annual talent show intended to raise money for Alzheimer's research, entertained the MIT community on Friday night in Kresge Auditorium.

The event opened with a somber message projected onto a black screen in memory of Umaer A. Basha '01 and Scott S. Krueger '01. But even this serious reminder of the community's recent losses failed to put a damper on an event filled with song, dance, and comedy.

"I feel that Late Night in general was a success this year," said Stephanie Sharo '99, head of the Sigma Kappa Late Night committee.

Nationwide, Sigma Kappa is one of the largest donors to research on Alzheimer's disease, she said.

In addition, a portion of the profits from this year's Late Night will go to the Scott Krueger Memorial

Fund. During Late Night, amateur comedian acts compete for the top prizes of best group act, best solo act, and most original act.

The prize for best group act was earned by the pledges of Alpha Chi Omega. Their skit, entitled "The Decision," told the story of a girl trying to decide which area school to attend. She was led by a tour guide through comic portrayals of Simmons College, Harvard University, Wellesley College, and Boston College before finally finding paradise at the Institute.

Nathan A. Ahlgren '99 won the solo act category with his self-composed song, "Organic Chemistry Chick." Accompanying himself on the guitar, Ahlgren evoked a standing ovation at the conclusion of his song.

The award for most original act went to the group named Fish Mania and Friends, composed of

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# WORLD & NATION

## Bosnian Croat War Crimes Suspects Surrender

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

Following months of secret negotiations with U.S. officials, one of the most notorious war crimes suspects to emerge from the Bosnian war surrendered Monday with nine of his comrades-in-arms, to await international trial.

Dario Kordic, the most senior Bosnian Croat leader under indictment, and nine other Bosnian Croats were taken by Dutch military aircraft from Croatia to The Hague, Netherlands, where they face prosecution for crimes against humanity and related charges stemming from the 1993 massacres of hundreds of Muslim civilians in Bosnia's Lasva Valley.

The surrenders marked a long-sought breakthrough in the repeatedly stymied efforts of international officials to bring war criminals to justice, and were expected to give a significant boost to the flagging Bosnian peace process.

Kordic was the most wanted Bosnian Croat suspect publicly named by the international war crimes tribunal formed to prosecute wartime murders, rapes and torture committed in the former Yugoslavia. He is accused of masterminding the formation of paramilitary squads ordered to "kill, terrorize or demoralize" Muslims, according to the indictment.

## Court Rejects Bid to Hold U.S. Liable for Immigrant Influx

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court, despite its states' rights sympathies, rejected a claim from California and Arizona Monday that sought to hold the U.S. government liable for an "invasion" of undocumented immigrants crossing the borders.

Though understandably unhappy with the outcome, lawyers for the two states need not feel they were singled out for rejection. The high court said "no" to more than 1,500 appeals on the opening day of its term.

In general, the justices vote to hear cases only when they raise a legal question that has divided the lower courts. Even a momentous issue is usually ignored until such a split has developed.

Monday's list of rejected appeals left intact scores of important lower court rulings.

In one case, the Federal Election Commission suffered a setback in its effort to limit campaign spending.

The justices let stand a ruling that allows corporations and interest groups to spend their money freely to put out information on candidates and their positions. If the information stops short of saying "vote for..." it is protected free speech, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston said.

In the immigration case, California Gov. Pete Wilson sought a court order forcing the federal government to pay costs incurred by the estimated 1.7 million undocumented immigrants in the state.

## Ickes to Go Before Senate Panel

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Harold Ickes is the custodian of the secrets, a man of unswerving loyalty and towering rage who served for more than two years as the gatekeeper for President Clinton's re-election campaign. His name is on thousands of pieces of paper and thousands of pages of testimony.

When witnesses tell Senate investigators about questionable campaign practices, they invariably point to Ickes as the mastermind, and Tuesday the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will finally hear from Ickes himself. The witness's wit and intellect forecast an entertaining day, but not necessarily an informative one.

"Do I know things that are highly sensitive to the president?" Ickes, Clinton's former deputy chief of staff, asked rhetorically in a recent interview for the *New York Times Magazine*. "Yes. I most certainly do. Am I going to tell you about them? No."

Committee sources said senators will ask Ickes about most of the questionable administration fund-raising activities for the 1996 campaign, including coffees on the White House lawn, urging Clinton and Vice President Gore to telephone rich contributors from the White House, and the hiring of John Huang as a Democratic fund-raiser.

As chief fund-raising strategist for the Clinton-Gore campaign, Ickes was by his own admission a central figure in virtually every aspect of the re-election effort, even appearing in several of the recently released videotapes of White House coffees.

But "he's a very difficult guy to get a glove on, because there's no proof he ever knew about" improprieties, one committee source said.

## WEATHER

### Nearing Harvest

By Chris Forest

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

We are expecting pleasant weather for the rest of the week as the New England region continues to reap the benefits of autumn. With yesterday's summer relapse being pushed out of the forecast area, a high pressure system advances from the west bringing fair skies and temperatures through Thursday. By Thursday evening, clouds might be approaching as a low-pressure system develops over the Great Plains and advances slowly north-eastward during Wednesday and Thursday. As this system heads slightly north of Massachusetts, it will probably bring a few clouds but little else. It should be a great week.

**Today:** Clear and sunny. High 69°F (21°C).

**Tonight:** Continued fair. Low 46°F (7°C).

**Tomorrow:** Clear. High 65°F (19°C). Low 50°F (10°C).

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny. High 70°F (21°C). Low 56°F (13°C).

## Three Americans Charged With Spying for E. Germany

By Richard A. Serrano

LOS ANGELES TIMES

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Three Washington-area residents, including a former high-ranking lawyer at the Pentagon, are being held on charges of spying for East Germany in the years before the end of the Cold War, federal law enforcement officials announced Monday.

The three, arrested last weekend in an FBI sting operation, were recruited by East Germany during their student days at the University of Wisconsin and were motivated by leftist leanings, the government officials alleged. Undercover agents posed as South Africans and reportedly again won their cooperation in stealing secrets from the United States.

The trio — Theresa Marie Squillacote, 39, her husband, Kurt Alan Stand, 42, and James Michael Clark, 49 — appeared briefly in court here Monday afternoon. A federal judge ordered them to remain in custody until a second hearing later this week, basing his decision on the strength of a 199-page FBI affidavit in which the suspects allegedly openly and repeatedly voiced their eagerness to spy against the United States.

Authorities alleged that while the East Germans paid the three more than \$40,000, it was ideology — specifically their interest in overthrowing the U.S. government — that propelled their espionage activities.

If the charges hold true, that would distinguish the case from other espionage scandals in recent years, in which such convicted spies

as Aldrich Ames of the CIA and Earl Pitts of the FBI were prompted mainly by money.

No so these three, said U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey. "This affidavit presents a portrait of three Americans who betrayed the people's trust and the obligations of American citizenship," she said.

Officials, however, said the damage to U.S. national security appears less serious than in these other well-publicized cases.

From October 1991 until last January, Squillacote served in various positions at the Defense Department; most recently, she was a senior staff attorney in the office of a department undersecretary, a position she left last January. Stand is a regional representative for the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations. The couple lives in Washington, D.C.

Clark, a resident of Falls Church, Va., and an expert on Slavic languages, works as a private investigator.

The affidavit charged that the trio "collectively made over 30 trips outside the United States between July 1974 and July 1990, all or most of which are believed to be in furtherance of their espionage activities."

The three were charged with attempted espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage. None of the defendants addressed the charges at the brief hearing, except to advise federal Magistrate Barry R. Poretz that they have been unable to obtain defense attorneys since their arrests on Saturday.

Squillacote and Stand were

arrested after driving in their van to a pre-arranged meeting with the undercover FBI agents at an Arlington hotel. Clark was taken into custody at his office in Fairfax.

According to the government, Stand became an agent for East Germany's foreign intelligence service, known as the HVA, in the mid-1970s. A native of New York, he volunteered, according to HVA documents now available to this country, for "ideological" reasons. He allegedly recruited Clark in 1976 and Squillacote in 1980, about the time they were married.

Squillacote, a Chicago native who the government says also was devoted to Marxism, and Clark, born in Lowell, Mass., were the primary intelligence-gatherers, according to the allegations.

The FBI says that over the years, the group obtained State Department, Pentagon and CIA documents on Soviet military plans and personnel. The documents were allegedly funneled to East Germany and presumably passed to the Soviet Union's KGB intelligence operation. Soviet agents then could better assess how the United States obtained such information.

The charges also state that Clark provided the HVA with secret documents he obtained while working both as a paralegal for the U.S. Army and for a defense contractor at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Boulder, Colo. In Colorado, he had access to secrets on chemical warfare, including the formula for the deadly nerve gas Sarin, and the affidavit stated that notes found at his home indicated he had passed this information to the East Germans.

## Failed Assassination Attempt By Israel Increases Tensions

By Barton Gellman

THE WASHINGTON POST

AMMAN, JORDAN

As Hamas leader Khaled Meshal drove up to his office here one morning late last month, two men were loitering outside the door. One was dark and muscular, the other bearded and blond. According to five witnesses, the blond fell in behind Meshal as he left his car and extended an arm to the Hamas leader's left ear. From a lead-colored instrument wrapped in tape came a loud popping sound, Meshal said, and a shivering sensation raced down his spine "like an electric shock."

Within minutes of the Sept. 25 attack, Meshal's bodyguard would run the men down and subdue them in a bloody fistfight a mile away. Within hours, Meshal, 41, would lie perilously close to death in a military hospital with uncontrollable vomiting and respiratory arrest.

By the following day, U.S. and Jordanian officials said, the two captured assailants' cover identities as Canadian tourists had unraveled, and their Jordanian interrogators had recognized them as agents of Mossad, the Israeli espionage agency.

The nearly two weeks since what is described here and in Israel as a botched assassination attempt have been some of the costliest for Israel in the history of its storied security services.

Jordan's King Hussein, Israel's closest Arab ally, was so enraged by the attack in his capital that close confidants said Sunday he came to the brink of breaking relations with the Jewish state. Canada, protesting the breach of previous promises to

stop forging its passports, recalled its ambassador to Israel.

According to Israeli opposition leader Ehud Barak, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '76 told him this week that he himself had directed the effort to kill Meshal. Senior U.S. officials, who have participated in American efforts at damage control, confirmed that the orders came from the highest levels of Israel's government.

Yet after spraying what U.S. and Jordanian officials described as a lethal nerve toxin through the Hamas leader's skin, Israel was compelled to meet Jordanian and American demands to supply the antidote — an extraordinary if indirect admission of Israeli sponsorship of an assassination attempt. The U.S. and Jordanian sources said Mossad agents still in Jordan, participants in the operation who carried the antidote in case of accident, turned it over to Jordanian doctors the following day.

Meshal's revival from the gates of death — U.S. officials said the poison, which they declined to name, would have killed him within 48 hours — in some ways prefigured a resurrection of his Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas.

Hamas, a militant anti-Israeli group, had been on the defensive recently, its spokesman arrested in Jordan and its mosques and social-service centers shut down in the West Bank and Gaza Strip amid the first serious crackdown on the organization by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat since early 1996.

But in Netanyahu's efforts to calm the crisis with Jordan — he flew secretly to Amman last weekend, but Israeli and Jordanian offi-

cialists said the king refused to see him — the Israeli premier not only saved Meshal's life but freed the founder of Hamas, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, from a life term in an Israeli prison.

That marked the end, for now at least, of further pressure on Hamas by Arafat or Hussein. Both men, although threatened by Islamic fundamentalists, felt compelled by strong Islamic constituencies to hasten to Yassin's hospital bedside and cover the popular religious leader with kisses to the forehead and cheeks. According to Palestinian and American officials, weeks of systematic arrests of Hamas members by Arafat's Palestinian Authority have ground to a halt.

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, returning from an emergency trip to see President Clinton in Washington, said in an interview at his palace guest house Sunday that he feels "waves of nausea still" when he thinks of Israel's betrayal and its consequences.

"I think it is an act of gross stupidity," he said. "We are always reminded that Israel is the only democratic state in the region ... and yet you find the only democratic state in the region being associated with an act of terror. What is the point of our meeting in Sharm al-Sheik (in 1996) condemning terror in all its aspects?"

In public, the Israeli government is saying little about the debacle. Cabinet Secretary Dani Naveh read a brief statement this week announcing that "the government of Israel refrains at this time from commenting on media reports regarding activities against Hamas leader Khaled Meshal."

# U.S. Neurologist Wins Nobel Prize for Discovery of Prions

By Rick Weiss  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Stanley B. Prusiner, a maverick American scientist who for two decades endured derision from his peers as he tried to prove that bizarre infectious proteins could cause brain diseases like "mad cow disease" in people and animals, Monday was awarded the ultimate in scientific vindication: the Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology.

Prusiner, a 55-year-old neurologist at the University of California San Francisco, was cited by the Swedish Nobel committee "for his pioneering discovery of an entirely new genre of disease-causing agents and the elucidation of the underlying principles of their mode of

action."

The infectious particles that Prusiner discovered, which he named prions (PREE-ons), are made of protein and do not contain any genes or genetic material — a detail that distinguishes them from all other kinds of infectious agents such as viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites.

Until Prusiner came along, no one knew that simple proteins could reproduce themselves as though they were alive. Indeed, the concept was so revolutionary that he was shunned for years as a man who had overreached the limits of scientific sensibility. Many researchers presumed that the diseases Prusiner attributed to prions — including the sheep illness called scrapie and

human ailments such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob and kuru — were actually caused by tiny, slow-growing, undiscovered viruses.

Although some scientists still question the prion hypothesis, a growing body of work from research laboratories around the world has led to a near-consensus that the feisty Prusiner has been correct all along.

"It's a very, very well-deserved prize," said Zach Hall, director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, which funded much of Prusiner's work during the past 22 years. "The ideas were bold and the hypothesis was heretical. But he pushed unrelentingly and was unfazed."

# President Clinton Uses Line-Item Veto to Kill 38 Military Projects

By Jonathan Peterson  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Declaring that "the old rules have changed," President Clinton on Monday wielded the line-item veto to strike down 38 military projects that would cost \$287 million but were deemed unnecessary by the White House and Pentagon.

"Government must continue to live within its means," Clinton told reporters in the Oval Office, as he prepared to sign the vetoes.

It was the second time Clinton has used the line-item veto power, which enables a president to discard individual tax and spending provisions from larger bills that previously had to be accepted or rejected in

their entirety. The line-item authority, sought by presidents for decades, took effect in January.

Congressional champions of the ill-fated projects — unaccustomed to the new White House weapon in budget politics — reacted quickly and angrily to the still unfamiliar exercise of presidential power.

"The line-item veto is no budget-cutting cure all," complained Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., whose state lost a proposed \$6.8 million expansion of Army National Guard buildings. "It is nothing more than a club for the White House to use to beat the members of Congress, and it stinks!"

Altogether, Clinton wiped out projects planned for 24 states, as varied as extending a runway on a

Florida air base to building a shop for maintaining Army vehicles in Kentucky to expanding hangars for Naval airplanes in Maryland. The items were part of a \$9.2 billion military construction bill.

Among the larger proposals shelved were \$19.9 million in wharf improvements at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia, a \$17.9 million pier upgrading at Florida's Mayport Naval Station, and a \$16 million railroad project at Fort Carson, Colo.

In explaining which proposals got the ax, White House officials said they sought out those that were not in the president's budget request and those that had yet to be designed.

# U.S., Europe Differ on Funding Burden for New NATO

LOS ANGELES TIMES

PARIS

As U.S. senators prepare to ponder the wisdom and implications of a larger NATO at hearings that begin Tuesday on Capitol Hill, Europe and the United States remain worlds apart over which countries should foot the bill. The Americans want the Europeans to pick up most of it; the Europeans insist they don't have the money — as much as \$33 billion — that the enlargement process might cost.

For many countries in Western Europe, grappling with stagnant economies, high unemployment rates and curbs on public spending imposed by the planned single European currency, the U.S. stance on "burden sharing" in the Atlantic alliance is yet one more example of the Clinton administration's willingness these days to try to dictate terms even to friends.

As usual, it is the French who are the prickliest of U.S. allies. Last week, they announced that NATO had not changed enough to warrant the return of their troops to the alliance's unified command structure, which they left in 1966.

U.S. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen has been attempting to soothe Gallic sensibilities, also rubbed raw by American opposition to a contract signed by a French-led energy consortium, Total, with Iran last week.

"Sovereign nations, even those who are strong, dependable allies and historical friends, often see problems in a different way," Cohen told reporters Monday.

# Clinton Says U.S. Will Cut Greenhouse Gases If Others Do

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton launched a public search Monday for a solution to global warming, declaring that the United States will make an "equitable reduction" in its greenhouse gas emissions if other nations do too.

Clinton summoned an array of global warming experts to four seminars to turn a spotlight on the issue, on which representatives of nearly 170 nations are trying to work out a treaty.

Most of the measures Clinton heard about involved such esoteric options as photovoltaic cells, magnetic levitation and conversion of ocean-farmed algae to energy-producing gas, prompting him to say: "I hope tomorrow's headline isn't, 'Clinton advocates more research on levitation.'"

His broader point, however, was that the nation must find practical, affordable solutions, without overlooking those that seem now to be far-fetched, and it must get the rest of the world to do its share, both in reducing greenhouse gases and adopting energy-saving practices.



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## Talbot House Trip

Hiking, fall foliage, Ben and Jerry's ice cream and more. Escape from Boston for a weekend with a graduate student trip to Talbot House in Vermont. Friday Oct. 10th to Sunday the 12th. Tickets are on sale now at the GSC office for \$65, including transportation, breakfast, and lodging. Email: caspohr@mit.edu.

## GSC Travel Grant Program

All MIT graduate students are encouraged to apply. The details are now available on the web, and we are accepting applications now! Deadline for fall conferences is Oct. 10. Questions? Email: gsc-travel@mit.edu.

## Pumpkin Sale

Oct. 14 and 15 in the Student Center lobby and E25 lobby. Money raised will help purchase books for the MIT Public Service Center's Teach a Child to Read Program.

The GSC is soliciting recommendations for a speaker for Commencement 1998.



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

Applications for department representative are still being accepted!

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## Remembering Scott Krueger for His Life

According to a recent news article in *The Tech* ["Death Sparks Campus-wide Review of FSILGs, Rush, and Alcohol Policies," Sept. 30], "Scott S. Krueger '01 and Fiji are now the names by which issues of under-age drinking and fraternity life at MIT will be discussed by students, administrators, and faculty members." I have to say I am very saddened by the scope of coverage on Scott Krueger's death. Imagine how much more tragic Krueger's death will become if he is remembered only in relation to these two topics. I agree, under-age drinking and fraternity life should be examined as factors in his death. But what about his life? Who was Scott Krueger? What mattered to him? Where was he from? What did he love? Who knew him? Who loved him? Why can't someone discuss these things?

Before a meaningful discussion on the senseless death of Scott Krueger can take place, doesn't the MIT community, and the community at-large need to remember or at least get to know Krueger for who he was — as a real young man who lived 18 years? Before he becomes an empty symbol for a dialogue about fraternities, MIT policies, and alcoholism, I beg for someone there to pay respect and attention to the life behind the event.

Carrie Harvey  
Somerville

## Learning from the Krueger Tragedy

The MIT community has suffered a tragic loss in the death of Scott S. Krueger '01. I am overwhelmed with sadness, grief, and anger. I did not know Scott personally, yet he could have been any one of the students I do know.

We as a community cannot afford to ignore the message this tragedy brings with it. On the evening news, I heard Scott's high school principal say Scott would have wanted us to learn from this. What can we learn?

The message is loud if we listen to our hearts. We are inclined to focus on legitimate questions and details — about the situation, what was done wrong, what we need to change at MIT to prevent another tragedy. But we also need to listen to our grief and anger. We grieve because we have lost a life; a precious, irreplaceable person. We are angry because this student's death is senseless: we do not really have to ask why it happened, because we know it was caused by the unnecessary consumption of alcohol.

Difficult problems do not have simple solutions. Individuals who take on difficult causes are usually motivated by a personal tragedy they have suffered. Why? The tragedy has literally forced them to experience a societal problem on a personal level. This experience, in turn, motivates them to change their community so others need not experience a similar preventable tragedy.

Imagine if we, as a community and as individuals, allowed ourselves to experience only a small portion of the grief that Scott's family must feel. Imagine how much motivation we would then have to face and solve the very real problem of alcohol misuse in our community.

Mary J. Ziegler  
Consultant, Information Services

## Incident Hurt Reputation of All Frats

A fraternity, as an institution, has no asset as vital or as valuable as its reputation. Reputation is the life and blood of an organi-

zation that survives by the goodwill of its local and academic communities, and that must convince potential members that it is of good and upright character. Incidents such as the one at Phi Gamma Delta last weekend serve to undermine the reputations of all fraternities. At the same time, the statements and actions of students and administrators reveal a shamefully poor understanding of the diversity of fraternities. They show beyond a doubt that the reputation of even MIT's dry fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups were damaged by the public furor. If anyone is looking for a crime of which to accuse Fiji, it is that of reflecting badly on fraternities everywhere.

While we all mourn the loss of a promising fellow student, we must not become caught up in the rhetoric of shifting blame. The fraternity system as a whole was not responsible for what happened that night. MIT's fraternities are a diverse group, some social, others anti-social; some wet, others dry; some single-sex, others coed. To think of them as birds of a feather or to talk of the "Greek community" is a mistake. As much as the IFC would like to think otherwise, alcohol risk management is not everybody's problem.

The fate of every MIT fraternity in one way or another hinges upon its reputation. We have edgy neighbors, insurance obligations, health inspectors, freshman parents, and MIT all with the power to make our lives difficult or impossible. Everything that we are depends upon our reputation, and any fraternity which damages that reputation has endangered us all.

What is the solution? Certainly the media, the IFC, and the MIT administration must be taught greater appreciation for the true diversity of our fraternities and that they ought not criticize, impugn, or punish all for the actions of one. But until that is true, fraternities must always act with the certainty that what they do reflects on us all, and that a single drinking binge can bring the world to all of our throats.

Grant F. Gould '99

## The Benefits of Brotherhood

Nobody can say that the incident with Scott S. Krueger '01 has not been a tragedy. Whenever a life is in danger, every heart turns its attention to the scene, and, if possible, to the prevention of any similar scene in the future. I don't think the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta are any different. Undoubtedly, of anyone at MIT, they are the most concerned about Scott Krueger's welfare.

I am proud to say that I am a brother of Zeta Beta Tau. Many of my friends back at home were shocked to hear that I had joined a fraternity. No doubt, their image of fraternities was of the drinking, partying, and riotous clubs that one might see in the movies. I told my friends at home why I joined ZBT. In one word, brotherhood. I know that to most people that word translates to only a vague sense of togetherness. Let me tell you what brotherhood means to me.

A few weeks ago, around twenty of us piled into cars and a van for the five-hour drive down to Long Island. We went to go congratulate a brother and to celebrate his wedding with him. We didn't go for the free dinner, or for the dancing. We went to go share in his joy. One of the highlights of the evening was when we circled around him and his bride to sing our brotherhood song. "Here's to our fraternity, may it live forever." This is brotherhood.

It's also about respect. I made it known to my brothers from the first day I visited ZBT my freshman year during rush, that I was a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and did not drink. As a celebration of a new

pledge (We are non-pledging and non-hazing, but for simplicity, to join during rush, they say "I Pledge."), a traditional part of the celebration is to have them chug a root beer or coke or something. My year it was coke. They weren't sure if I drank coke or not, being LDS, and prepared a caffeine-free Clearly Canadian. When I saw that, I was even more sure that I had made a good choice to live at ZBT. Since then, I have never, even once, been pressured to drink alcohol. My brothers respect my beliefs.

At college, everyone does stupid things. That's just part of our education here. It would be nice if we all knew what was best for us, and always had the discipline to act on that knowledge, but life would be pointless if we were omniscient and perfect from the start. We're here to learn and grow, and with a support system of friends and family, we can learn and grow a lot more than we could on our own. My brothers are some of the closest friends I've ever had. They are always there to help me out, and I take advantage of it frequently.

The fraternity system has its faults as does any other organization, but it also has many strengths. In a crisis like this, many people tend to blame the system when the system really isn't at fault. Then who is at fault? That doesn't matter; we can't undo what's done. We need to concentrate on the positive and ask ourselves, "how can we use the system to help in the future?" The answer is inherent in the system. Brotherhood. Let us show our brotherhood, and help each other through this.

In short, the brothers of Fiji don't need our criticism, I'm sure they feel bad enough about it already, they need our support.

Tyler Hains '99

## Pledging Is an Issue

Like every member of the MIT community, I was horrified to learn of the death of a Fiji pledge due to alcohol poisoning. However, the shortsighted explanations for his death given by many of the leaders in the MIT community were far more disturbing. For example, President Charles M. Vest pointed out that alcohol is used on "virtually every campus in America." Undergraduate Association President Dedic A. Carter '98 said, "MIT students work hard and play hard." Fenway House President Christopher H. Beland '98 asserted that the incident "could have happened at several fraternities... it could have happened in a dorm." Only Dean Robert M. Randolph recognized that "the problem is more complex than just a drinking problem within the fraternity system."

This is not a simple case of peer pressure. By definition, pledging means that you will do what is necessary to become a brother; in this way, brothers are not your peers. Illustrating their authority over the pledges, one brother said that the brothers are "like your parents." If your professor suggested that you do 50 calculus problems by Friday, you would be more likely to do it than if a classmate suggested it, wouldn't you? Because you have decided to become an engineer, you call upon all your endurance, maybe pull an all-nighter, in order to finish those problems. I believe the same is true in this case; it took endurance to stomach the sixteen straight shots of vodka needed to reach a blood alcohol level of 0.41 percent. When you want to join a group, you push your limits, and the pledge pushed his limits too far. Of course, you can always choose not to drink. I didn't drink when I was pledging, however, it is outrageous to suggest that the fact that the deceased was a pledge in a fraternity is not a key issue in this tragedy.

James J. O'Donnell '00

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# A Tale of Two Cities' Elections

## New York's Slugfest Offers an Exciting Diversion for Bored Bostonians

Stacey E. Blau

Boston politics have gotten dull. Next month, Boston's mayor Tom Menino stands for re-election, but there are no other candidates running against him. Why is the race for the highest office in the city going uncontested? The conventional wisdom is that Menino, who has had popularity ratings of above 70 percent, is simply unbeatable. Most of the would-be candidates concluded months ago that waging a campaign against him would be a lost cause from the start.

And who can blame them for deciding not to run? Detractors need only turn their attention to the current mayoral race in New York City. The race, between Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, has proved a string of embarrassments and defeats for Messinger. Giuliani is overwhelmingly popular in New York, a fact all the more amazing considering that he is a Republican in a heavily Democratic city. He stands to be the first mayor in New York to win re-election since Ed Koch in 1985.

Giuliani has won his popularity with what he would proudly call his non-sense approach to governing. He has cut crime tremendously and has begun to reform New York's extraordinarily problematic welfare system. His four years in office have seen the initiation of construction projects to revive some run-down sections of New York City.

Equally importantly, Giuliani has played well into New Yorkers' proud mentality about their city. He has not hesitated to open his mouth widely and loudly in New York's defense. He is, after all, the man who said earlier this year that New York City might be better off without the United Nations. The statement came in response to a protracted dispute with Russian diplomats over parking tickets. The ill will between Giuliani and the U.N. grew so large that the problem required a series of mediation sessions with the State Department to resolve.

Brashness and all, Giuliani has done good by New Yorkers' lights, and the people are ready to re-elect him. His victory has

seemed a sure thing to most people for at least several months. Messinger went out on a limb when she decided to run against Giuliani. Come-from-behind victories are certainly not unheard of, but they require waging incredibly difficult and draining campaigns, particularly in the face of an unlikely win. There is also the possibility of a lasting political scar from a disastrous loss. But yet there were Democrats in New York who wanted the job badly enough to face Giuliani. Messinger battled Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, City Councilman Sal Albanese, and — pathetically enough — Al Sharpton, to finally emerge as the Democratic candidate.

Messinger's campaign could not be going worse. Her campaign kick-off fell flat, and each successive stunt has fizzled similarly. One early embar-

come because it would not be right to use a public school for a campaign event.

Giuliani, of course, quickly backed him up. He also defended his own impending visit to a public school, calling it a mayoral event and not a campaign event, thus justifying the presence of the press. Giuliani did not, of course, mention his press-attended campaign stop in a public school during his campaign four years ago when it was candidate Giuliani, not Mayor Giuliani, running for office.

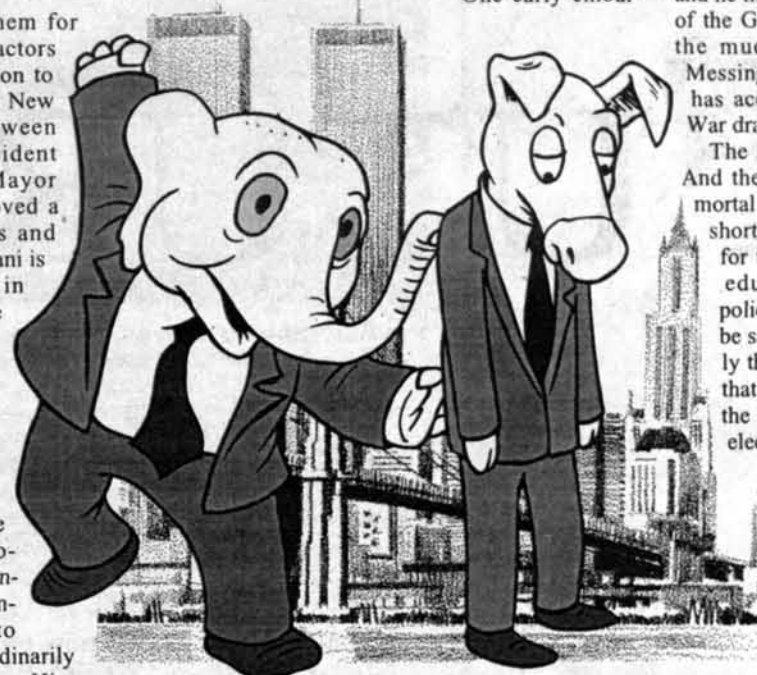
Giuliani has attacked Messinger with such Nixonian ferocity that one might actually think that Messinger actually stood a chance at winning. He called Messinger a promoter of sex shops after she defended their right to exist. He said she was an enemy of professional sports when she said she didn't support building a new stadium for the the Yankees, and he nearly blamed her for New York's loss of the Giants, Jets, and Dodgers. In fairness, the mud-slinging has gone both ways; Messinger has called Giuliani a sexist and has accused him of dodging the Vietnam War draft.

The race, in short, has not been pretty. And the candidates have been so locked in mortal combat that real issues have come up short. Messinger has articulated a vision for the city, focusing on big issues like education and recent problems like police brutality. That's far more than can be said for Giuliani, who knows ultimately that he has the election locked up. But that's no excuse for not making a case to the voters. After all, that's why we have elections.

Other New York Democrats are, of course, thanking their lucky stars that they aren't in Messinger's shoes right now. Messinger may be running a poor campaign, but few can doubt that Giuliani would have spared other candidates his brand of venom. If Giuliani can be faulted for using insults as his modus operandi, it's only fair to ask where all the would-have-been candidates are in the Boston election. Giuliani has shown he is above addressing the electorate in New York. And so too have the other candidates who wouldn't dare to run against against Menino here in Boston.

The burden of tough elections is obvious, but the importance of debates on substantive matters is more important. It may be difficult to pin the blame on individuals making the politically wise move not to run in such elections, but ultimately their decisions represent a collective duck of responsibility. Call Messinger whatever you will — misguided, inept, or just plain wrong — but at least she had the gumption to run.

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rassment was a campaign commercial focusing on education, the centerpiece of her platform. The commercial zeroed in on public school overcrowding and showed children piled into a school bathroom. But Messinger was criticized for the commercial, particularly for one image that depicted a child with his back up against a urinal. The capstone to the embarrassment came when the city schools chancellor himself revealed that the commercial was shot in a private school.

Such mistakes can be written off to ineptitude. But Giuliani has been after Messinger as well. And his tactics have not been clean. Just two weeks ago, Messinger planned a campaign stop in public school where reporters would cover her teaching a history class. But at the last minute, the city schools chancellor stepped in and said that reporters could not

# A History of Abuse at Fiji

Guest Column

Jeffrey M. Hornstein

As a former president of the MIT Interfraternity Council, as well as a former Chapter Consultant of Zeta Psi fraternity and an aspiring professor, I feel I have an obligation to weigh in on the recent tragedy at Phi Gamma Delta.

On one hand, I understand the impulse to condemn the fraternity system at MIT with a broad brush. However, after having spent a year on the road visiting over 50 campuses on which Zeta Psi has its chapters, I can say unequivocally that the MIT system is unique. It is unique not only in the sense that it houses by far the highest proportion of its undergraduate population in the country, or in that freshmen reside in fraternity houses from the first week of their MIT experience, but that it is largely devoid of the dangerous behavior that is at the heart of much fraternity life elsewhere.

The independent living group system is consistently the single most positive social experience that many alumni of MIT reflect back upon. MIT's unique policy of allowing freshmen to move right into the ILG system is very important for the health and well-being of new students; unlike the alienating atmosphere which reigns in most college dormitories, the ILG provides the new student with an immediate support group. I would bet that the vast majority of MIT graduates would agree with me when I state that without the ILG experience from day one, MIT would be a very cruel place. This speculation is borne out by the fact that very few ILG residents

choose to move out, a fact that is highly unusual in the national context.

I would urge you to look at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity for what is: an anomalous chapter in an otherwise reasonably healthy ILG system. As an historian, I am loathe to employ such cliches as "one bad apple in an otherwise good bunch," but in this case it is justified.

Unfortunately, Phi Gamma Delta has a long history of abuse toward its new members. In 1989-90, when I was employed at Zeta Psi International Headquarters in New York, I was compelled, by a complaint from within the Phi Gam pledge class — a family friend had pledged Fiji, and called me in New York to complain of abusive treatment he was receiving — to file a report with the Phi Gamma Delta national office citing their MIT chapter for hazing. This was particularly painful for me, as at least half of my closest friends from MIT were brothers of Phi Gamma Delta. As I recall, the chapter was reprimanded by the national headquarters, but the very next year won some sort of chapter award. In my view, Phi Gamma Delta needs to be shut down for at least five years, after which time it could be given the ability to reorganize.

The administration has always treated the ILG system with the respect due a group of highly intelligent adults, and that is because, by and large, it has deserved to be treated as such. Incidents like that at Phi Gamma Delta are far from the rule at MIT, whose students are far too self-actualized and intelligent to put up with the sort of hazing which is the norm elsewhere, despite a decade or more of attempts by national fraternity organizations

to change behavior.

I know that there are some in the MIT community who will urge the abolition of the ILG system, or at least the fraternities, on the pretext that they encourage underage drinking. The fact is that alcohol consumption on college campuses will not change if fraternities are abolished. I personally have come to believe that alcohol should be abolished from fraternity houses altogether. The root of student drinking is not fraternities; abuse happens everywhere on the college campus, probably as much so at MIT as elsewhere, and I would suggest that the phenomenon is deeply rooted in American culture's schizophrenic relationship toward alcohol: advertised as "cool," linked with sex and success, yet proscribed for "minors," arbitrarily defined as those under 21 years of age.

The administration's flexible approach toward student life has tended to ameliorate the problem of substance abuse rather than exacerbating it. I make this statement after working with students on numerous campuses since my graduation in 1989; substance abuse is an American problem, and further prohibition will accomplish nothing at best.

I hope that the administration will continue its rational approach to student life at MIT. Building more undergraduate dorms is not the solution. MIT is a unique place, and this is largely due to its ILG system. Punishment for Fiji should be swift and harsh, and MIT should keep close watch on other suspect chapters.

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# Squaring The Circle On Alcohol

Dan Dunn

I have been deeply hurt by the death of Scott S. Krueger '01. I have been at MIT through suicides, murders, plane crashes, car accidents, and illness. But this incident? It is very different. It has touched my deepest thoughts.

The obvious goal of the MIT community should be to prevent this from happening in the future. This is an excellent goal, but translating it into a plan is difficult. This last week has been a prelude to the long months of discussion, debate, and shouting that are likely to rage on.

As we move towards this goal, we have to consider if it is even feasible. In other words, is it actually possible to prevent this from happening in the future? Is it possible to ensure that there will never be an alcohol incident at MIT? We would have to closely watch the actions of every student at MIT. We would have to define, monitor, and watch every student every hour, every day.

That is not going to happen. We can't monitor, then we can't truly prevent this type of incident from happening again.

That is a very bold statement: no matter what we do as a community, students are going to go to the Medical Center, and sometimes, die. Think about this for a minute. If I'm wrong, I'd be happy to hear it. Please contact me. But I think that I am right, and anyone who claims that they can end the problems is very wrong. If one of your leaders claims that he can solve the problems, question him closely; he is only misleading you.

We aren't going to completely end alcohol problems. The next best option is to make a repeat of this tragedy less likely.

Given where we live, in this urban environment with plenty of other colleges, someone who wants to drink will be able to. We have to teach them what happens when they over-consume. We have to show them the negative sides of alcohol. Education is our best bet.

Did this event make people think twice before they raised a glass this weekend? Not for everyone, but it certainly did for many. There are good education programs about the risks of drinking. More will be developed. Students can learn from the positive and negative experiences of others.

Students will, by and large, act in their own best interests. Not every time, but most of the time. Education is the way to help a student define his own best interest. Simply writing a rule does not.

If alcohol is banned, it is not removed. It is driven underground. Activities that are underground and out of sight cannot be adjusted or improved. It makes it impossible to help someone in trouble, and it makes the consequences of mistakes much worse. If it is underground, the group cannot learn from the mistake.

A further problem with banning alcohol is the false expectations that it raises. After a severe alcohol incident, there is a demand for stricter control. Students then drink in a more hidden setting. Another severe alcohol incident occurs. An over-excited press demands stricter laws, which are instituted. Drinking is driven still further underground.

You get the idea. When does this circle end? Is there some level of control where the circle is broken? We tried going as far as prohibition once, and that didn't seem to work. Even if we could go back to prohibition, or a stricter version of it, do we think that would work?

We, the members of the MIT community, are sitting on this circle at this moment. If we choose, we can tighten the circle down, and launch the next several steps. That may even be the easiest thing to do.

Thankfully, we have another option. We can say that this is a tragedy, and take steps to make recurrence less likely. But we cannot permit ourselves to be herded by a misleading media into a so-called solution that makes the problem worse.

Banning alcohol from our campus and our living groups does not solve the problems it claims to. It inhibits education — the real solution — without actually solving the problem itself.

Dan Dunn is finishing his undergraduate degree after working as a Chapter Service Consultant for Alpha Delta Phi for two years. He also serves on his chapter's housing corporation.

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# UA Web Program To Help Students

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at MIT. While no one actually spoke at the event, many offered written comments, Sandoval said.

The UA will continue to look into the issue of alcohol awareness. This would include re-examination of the review report of the standing committee of the UA, said UA President Dedric A. Carter '98. It may also include the sponsorship of such "in-your face programs" as Alcohol Reality Training, he said.

## Committee chairs report progress

The chairs of various UA committees talked about the progress of their groups.

Jeremy D. Sher '99, co-chair of the Student Committee on Educational Policy, announced that there might be a division of the committee into two parts because the differing degrees of interest among committee members.

The chair of the banking committee also reported that it would be meeting with a vice president of BankBoston to discuss the issue of other banks being able to open accounts in the Student Center. During Residence and Orientation Week, U.S. Trust was able to advertise in the Student Center but not allowed to open any accounts.

Originally scheduled for this meeting, the finalized allocations after appeal dispensed by the Finance Board for funding for student groups were not presented and will be presented at the next UA Council meeting, said UA treasurer Teresa J. Raine '97.

## Computer upgrade passed

An allocation of \$600 to upgrade the UA computer was also passed by the council. This upgrade is intended to upgrade the current UA computer into one that would function as a World Wide Web server.

The computer upgrade was not only intended to consolidate other UA information sources on the Web including the UA Social Scene, the UA homepage, and Logan Airport Shuttle information, but also to pilot the creation of a Web-based program to match up students with other students academically. This informal program will be piloted within New House and, if successful, may be expanded to serve the entire community, Carter said.

"We saw the need in New House to academically connect everyone," said Aaron D. Winthers '99 who presented the proposal to UA.

While students may live together, they may know nothing about their neighbors academic, research, or extracurricular activities.

A survey was designed to ask New House students about their classes, writing abilities, research interests, and extracurricular activities. This information was compiled into a database and will be presented on the Web so New House residents can search for other residents who could help them with homework, advice about extracurricular activities, or to find someone who may be in the same class that they might not otherwise know about, Winthers said.

The information has already been acquired and will soon become Web-accessible, Winthers said.

## Locking of field gate criticized

Sher also presented a letter he had addressed to Dean for Student Life, Margaret R. Bates regarding the locking of the gate enclosing Briggs Field. This was in response to the reported trouble emergency medical assistance had encountered because of the locked gate in trying to assist a student who had been injured.



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# CS Shortage Makes Labs Harder to Use

FROM UNIVERSITY WIRE

Students going to computer labs at university campuses may be finding it more and more difficult to get help.

The Information Technology Association of America recently surveyed large and medium companies and found one out of every 10 computing jobs at information-technology companies is unfilled due to a nationwide shortage of suitable workers.

Colleges and universities may be having the toughest time in the shortage.

The primary concern among universities is having adequate computer lab support, according to the Sept. 5 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Fewer students are getting computer science degrees. In 1986, about 42,000 people graduated with computer science degrees in the United States. But in 1995, only 24,404 people went through computer science programs, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The fact that there are fewer students in the computer science field

may be the least of university worries. Universities also must compete for well-educated lab technicians in the tightening market.

Many technicians are finding that using their talents in corporate America is much more lucrative. Corporations can offer more money to computer technicians.

David Hoise, division head and manager of microcomputing at the University of Utah, said he doesn't necessarily look for someone with a degree, but someone who has a "demonstrated track record of productive change." He needs people in the labs who can really do things, not just manage the lab and make sure everything is in working order.

[Cynde Cerf, *Daily Utah Chronicle*, Oct. 6]

## Study finds racism affects health

University of Michigan researchers have discovered evidence that even small acts of discrimination can negatively affect the physical and mental health of black Americans.

"In essence, we found that after controlling for or accounting for important health factors such as income and education, African Americans were still more likely to report poorer health than whites," said associate sociology Prof. David Williams, a research scientist at the university's Institute for Social Research.

The study measured two types of discrimination: major discriminatory experiences, such as abusive encounters with police; and everyday discrimination, which include receiving poorer daily service than whites or name calling.

The study found that major discriminatory experiences had little affect on the physical and mental well-being of those sampled — but everyday racism was found to cause health concerns.

"Notably, major experiences of discrimination were unrelated to self-assessed ill health," Williams said. "Experiences of everyday discrimination, on the other hand, were positively related to ill health."

Researchers said daily prejudices and acts of discrimination, such as name calling, could cause long-term health concerns because they are much more prevalent in society than major racist acts.

According to the study, 33.6 percent of blacks said they had been the victim of at least one major discriminatory act during their lifetime. More than 90 percent of those sampled reported they had experienced some form of everyday discrimination.

The study was conducted by professional interviewers from the ISR and University graduate students.

The researchers also considered other variables that could affect health, such as household size, chronic stress, education, financial stress and family income. But researchers concluded that these variables proved not to be fully responsible for poorer health in blacks.

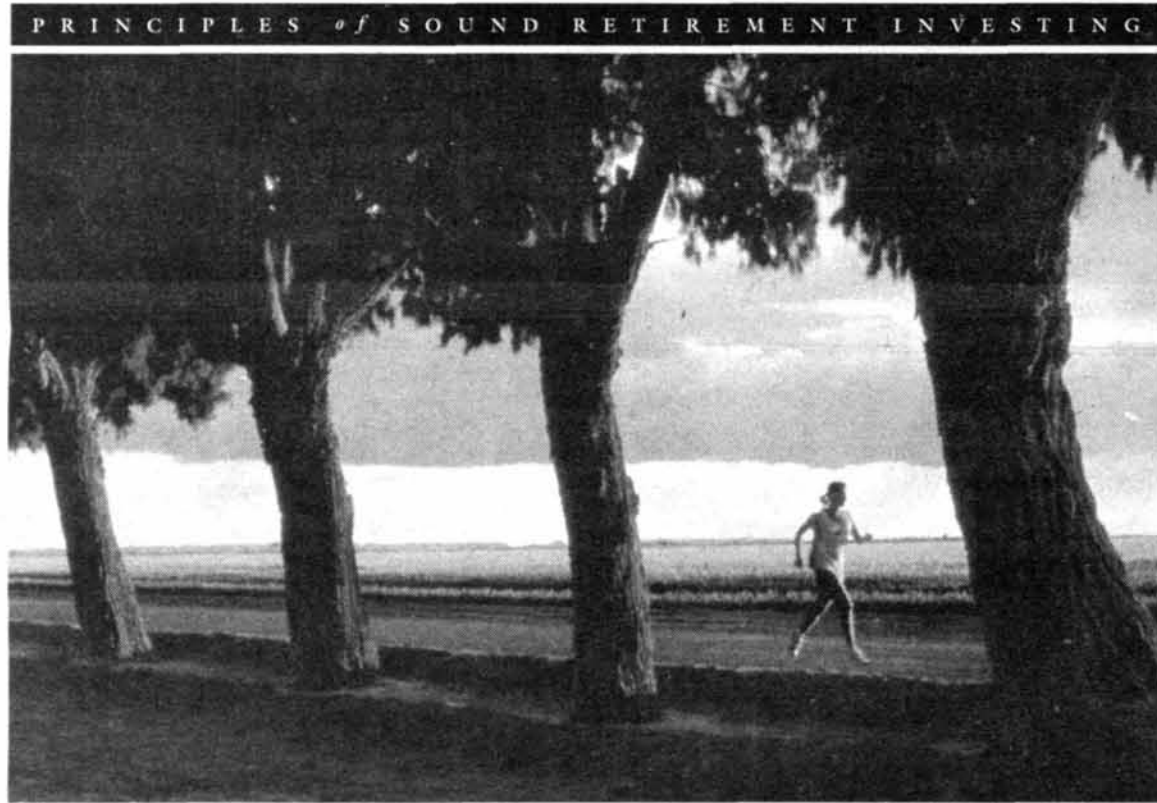
"Even if we take all socio-economic factors into account, blacks were still doing worse at equivalent levels," Williams said.

[Kristin Wright, *Michigan Daily*, Oct. 6]

## Brown debates free speech

Since the American Civil Liberties Union and the Brown University College Republicans announced their alliance to combat what they term a "hate speech code" in the rules of student conduct, a campus discourse on the issue has emerged, with proponents of both sides coming forward.

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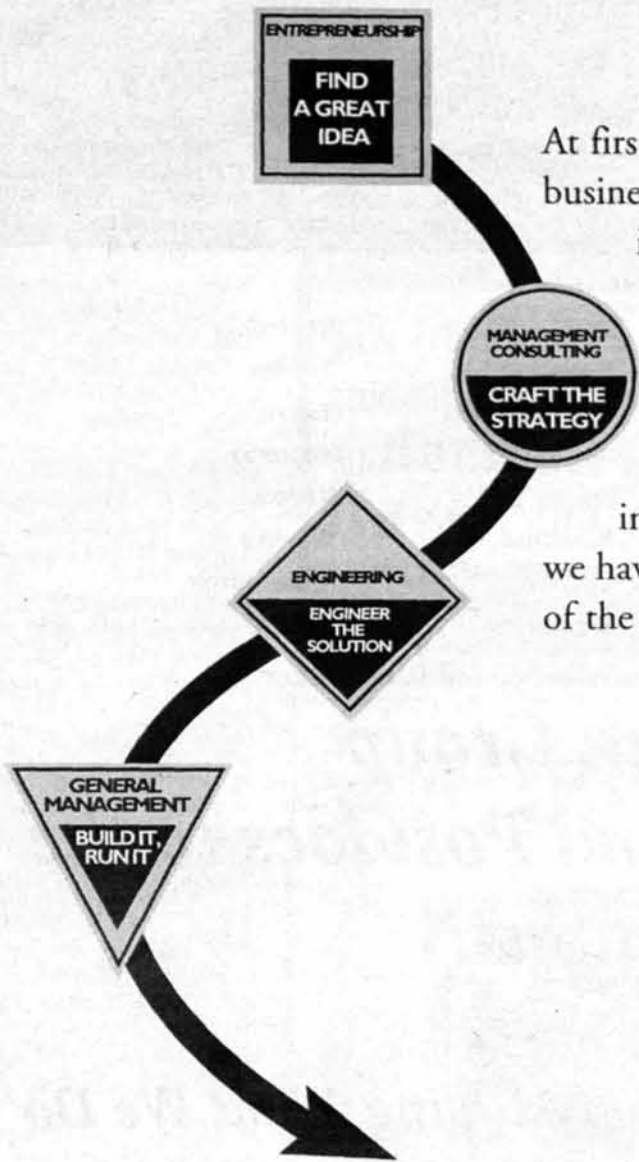
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# Brown Debates Limits on Speech

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of speech, some members of the Brown community have publicly supported some speech standards.

Karen McLaurin-Chesson, director of the Third World Center and assistant dean of the college, feels that in order to build a community, some standards for behavior must be set, including standards of appropriate speech.

"Certain speech sets people down," McLaurin said. "Within the context of free speech, we must be responsible, respectful and hospitable."

However, McLaurin also feels that establishing these parameters for responsible speech must be done, even if they seem to violate "free speech."

"If we put forward proper guidelines and community standards, we can certainly abridge free speech," McLaurin said.

When announcing their effort, Luc Morris '00, spokesperson for the Republicans, brought up the case of Douglas Hann, whom Morris said was expelled after shouting racial, religious and homosexual epithets on Wriston Quad. This case sparked a large debate about free speech on college campuses which is still going on today.

Regarding the Hann case, Mark Nickel, director of the Brown News Bureau, emphasized that Hann had been found guilty of other violations, and had previously been on probation for disorderly behavior. He said that the fact that there was no physical violence doesn't necessarily make it a case of free speech.

Robin Rose, Dean of Student Life, said it is necessary to draw a distinction between hate speech and harassing behavior.

"At a place like Brown, academic freedom and freedom of expression is absolutely fundamental," Rose said. "However, we are also legally committed to an environment where harassing actions are not tolerated."

Rose pointed out that many times, these commitments collide. She said that it is very difficult to find a balance between the two, but specified there are definite circumstances under which hateful speech may be considered harassing behavior.

"What someone says must always be taken in the context of what they are doing," Rose said.

[Gregory Cooper, Brown Daily Herald, Oct. 3]

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# Space Exploration Discussed at Dinner

By Chun Hua Zheng  
STAFF REPORTER

Professor of Physics Walter H.G. Lewin spoke at Tau Beta Pi's Leonardo da Vinci dinner series on Thursday evening. The half-hour lecture, titled "The Moon, Planets, Stars, Blackholes, and Beyond," took place in the West Lounge of Ashdown House.

Lewin, known for teaching Physics I (8.01) material through daily appearances on MIT Cable, discussed "a few of the many startling results and consequences of space research and exploration," he said. Having worked closely with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's unmanned space research program, Lewin offered insights into the expensive politics which dictate space policy.

The lecture broached the topics of manned and unmanned research, the search for planets, the existence of extraterrestrial life forms and the possibility for mankind's colonization of space.

"The question is always, 'What's out there?'" Lewin said.

The topic of extraterrestrial life is "loaded with strong emotions and religious feelings. Now I don't think that any scientist in his right mind

would doubt the existence of zillions of forms of life in our universe," Lewin said. Fueling the audience with some last figures for thought, Lewin began by mentioning a picture taken by the Hubble space telescope fondly called the "Deep Field" picture.

The 10-day exposure revealed to the eye 33,000 galaxies, he said. Being able to locate so many galaxies in an area that covers only one-thirty millionths of the sky means that the total number of galaxies must be much higher — the estimated total is around 100 billion. Looking from the earth, the moon itself blocks the view of some 500,000 galaxies at any moment in time.

Each galaxy has approximately 100 billion stars, and approximately one-third of those stars exist by themselves in solar systems, Lewin said. If surrounding each of these lone stars are at least three planets, the number of planets would be of the magnitude 10<sup>22</sup>.

"Clearly our universe is buzzing with life. And the idea that life can only exist on earth is naive and absurd at best," Lewin said before his prediction that the evening's cook could easily to prepare the 500 million meals needed to feed 100 astronauts on a futuristic journey to a nearby star.

## Manned space research discussed

"Manned space research: Is it useful? Is it meaningful? Is it wise?" Lewin said. "Costs are horrendous. Human errors are common and accidents are not uncommon." In the ultimate goal of harvesting science in space, robots would do a much better job, Lewin said.

The space race began as a political race for prestige between Russia and the United States. Lewin stated that the success of landing a man on the moon was a priceless, momentous achievement.

However, NASA's actions still continue to be dominated by politics and are influenced less by issues of practicality. The famous footprint on the moon had cost \$100 billion in 1997 dollars and the lives of three astronauts. The Challenger disaster had cost tens of billions of dollars, seven lives, and halted the shuttle program for two-and-a-half years.

Just as how "NASA invented the shuttle program for reasons of survival," NASA now has its eyes set on the creation of a space station. "It was a matter of politics and perhaps not necessarily wrong," Lewin said.

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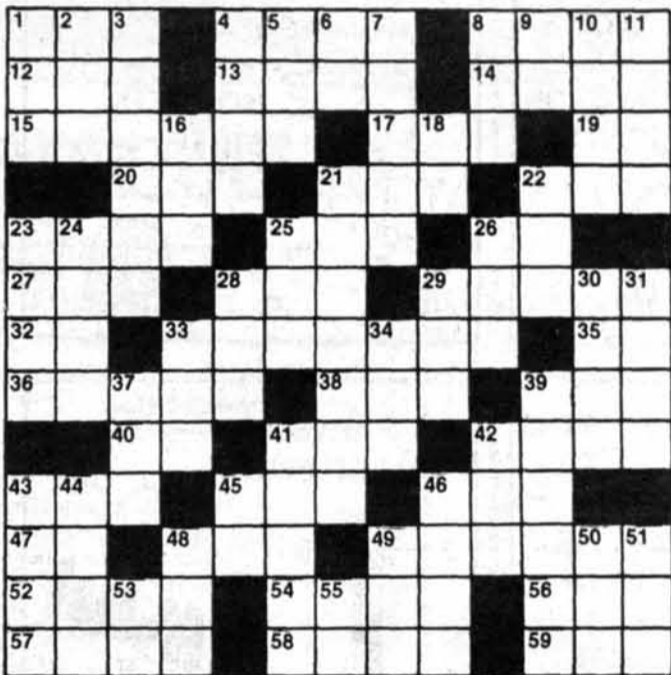
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### Across

- 1. Scottish cap
- 4. Newspaper article
- 8. Flower holder
- 12. Brew
- 13. Singing alone
- 14. Double sulfate
- 15. Snarl
- 17. Noisy
- 19. Smallest state (abbr.)
- 23. Golf implement
- 21. Cyst
- 22. Family dog
- 23. School course (abbr.)
- 25. Sesame plant
- 26. Symbol for arsenic
- 27. Relative (abbr.)
- 28. Father's boy
- 29. Goodbye (Spanish)
- 32. Each (abbr.)
- 33. Disciple
- 35. Symbol for nickel
- 36. Sphere of action
- 38. Grease
- 39. Cozy place
- 40. Street (abbr.)
- 41. Madame (abbr.)
- 42. Work table
- 43. Article

- 45. Female deer
- 46. Pop top
- 47. Sun god
- 48. Hawaiian food
- 49. Fleet of warships
- 52. Medicinal plant
- 54. India outer garment
- 56. Blacktop substance
- 57. East U.S. state (abbr.)
- 58. British streetcar
- 59. Ever (poetic)

- 5. Digit
- 6. Elevated railway
- 7. Try on
- 8. Covered truck
- 9. Mr. Kaline
- 10. Certain
- 11. Spit out
- 16. Obtain
- 18. Enter
- 21. Charming
- 22. 23rd Greek letter
- 23. Place
- 24. At
- 25. Also
- 26. Lemon drink
- 28. Mineral spring
- 29. Total

- 30. Dollar bills
- 31. Basin
- 33. Picnic pest
- 34. Fasten
- 37. Direction (abbr.)
- 39. Argue
- 41. Wet
- 42. Beaver construction
- 43. Snare
- 44. Strong
- 45. Finish
- 46. Prune
- 48. Writing instrument
- 49. S. Hemisphere constellation
- 50. Women's group (abbr.)
- 51. Verb
- 53. Location
- 55. Southern state (abbr.)

### Down

- 1. Make tating
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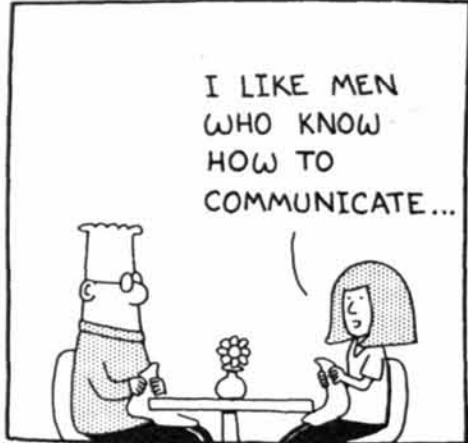
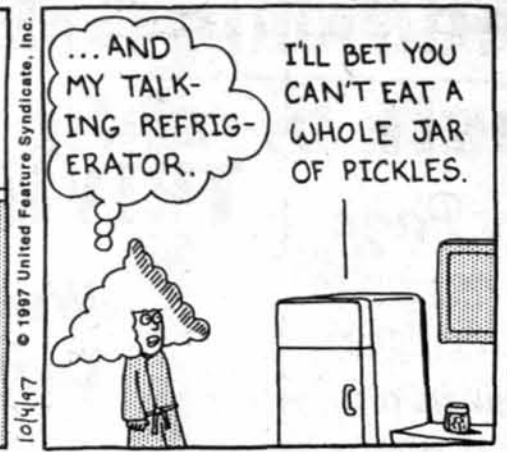


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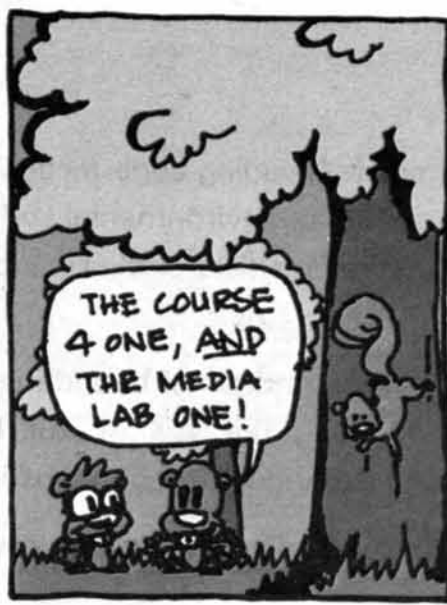
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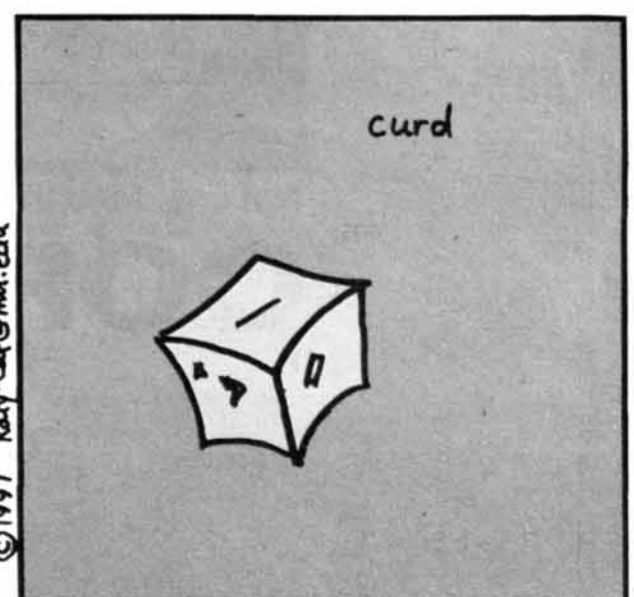
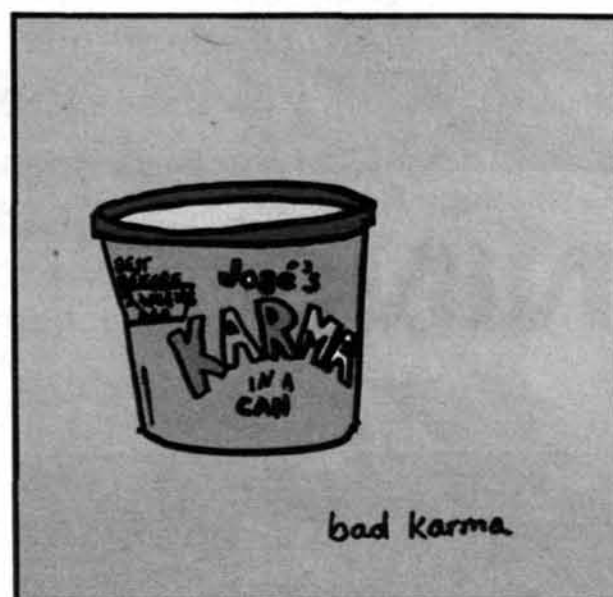
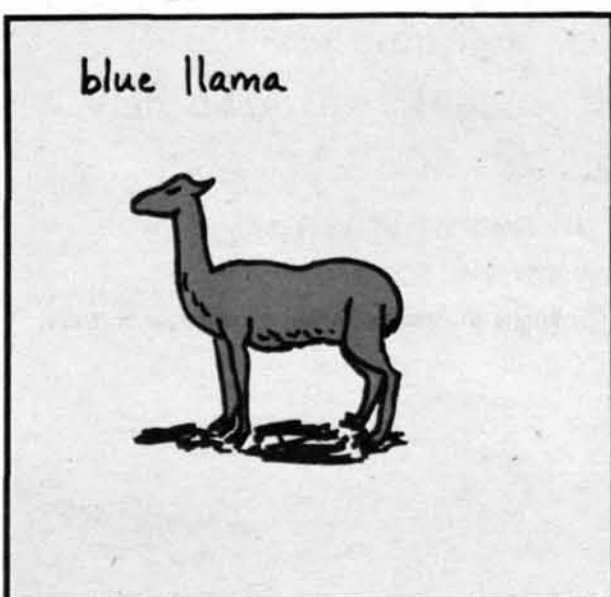
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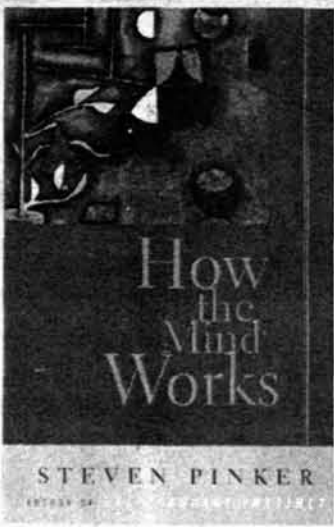
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## Tosci's Ice Cream Wins Boston Award



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Toscanini's has been operating in the Student Center for five years and has recently opened a branch in Harvard Square.

By Katie Jeffreys

STAFF REPORTER

Toscanini's, a campus favorite for ice cream and coffee, was recently named "Best of Boston" by *Boston Magazine*. This annual award recognizes outstanding businesses and people in the area.

The magazine acknowledged Toscanini's for its ice cream, noting that it "is outrageously creamy. The consistency is mousse-like without being airy, rich without being heavy."

Toscanini's owner Gus Rancatore is pleased with the acknowledgement of his restaurant's products and service. "Sometimes I think everyone who works here works very hard without getting as much recognition as they are entitled to receive," he said.

This is not the first time Toscanini's has been named "Best of Boston," nor is it the only recognition they have received. The establishment has also been highlighted as one of Boston's best restaurants in *Gourmet Magazine*, *Access Boston*, and Microsoft's *Boston Sidewalk*.

Toscanini's is also known among local restaurants and international customers. About 20 percent of Toscanini's business is wholesale.

### Ice cream made for adults

Toscanini's first opened in 1981 on Main Street in Central Square, where all the ice cream is still made. Since then, two new stores have been added. One came to the Student Center about five years ago and another opened in Harvard Square this past spring.

The MIT location "is an odd ice cream store because it's relatively quiet on weekends and in the summer when the Institute is quiet," Rancatore said.

The Harvard Square location "is small, with just four seats and is designed as a takeout or takeaway store. We hope that it looks like the store on Main Street but works like our store in the Student Center, which sells a lot of coffee as well as ice cream," he said.

Toscanini's ice cream is made for adult tastes, Rancatore said. "We make a lot of unusual flavors, but we don't make silly or childish flavors. Other stores may make bubble gum ice cream or shark ice cream."

"We make Indian flavors like mango, khulfee, saffron, and cardamom. We make West Indian or Caribbean flavors like grape nut raisin and rum raisin," he said.

Other international flavors include Italian flavors such as Gianduia and Nocciola, and even French flavors like 'Prunes and Armagnac'.

### Ingredients, labor increase prices

With these unusual flavors comes an increased price. Students may note that for one scoop of Toscanini's ice cream, one could buy 10 packages of ramen noodles. However, in comparison with other ice cream stores in the area, \$2 for one scoop is better than average.

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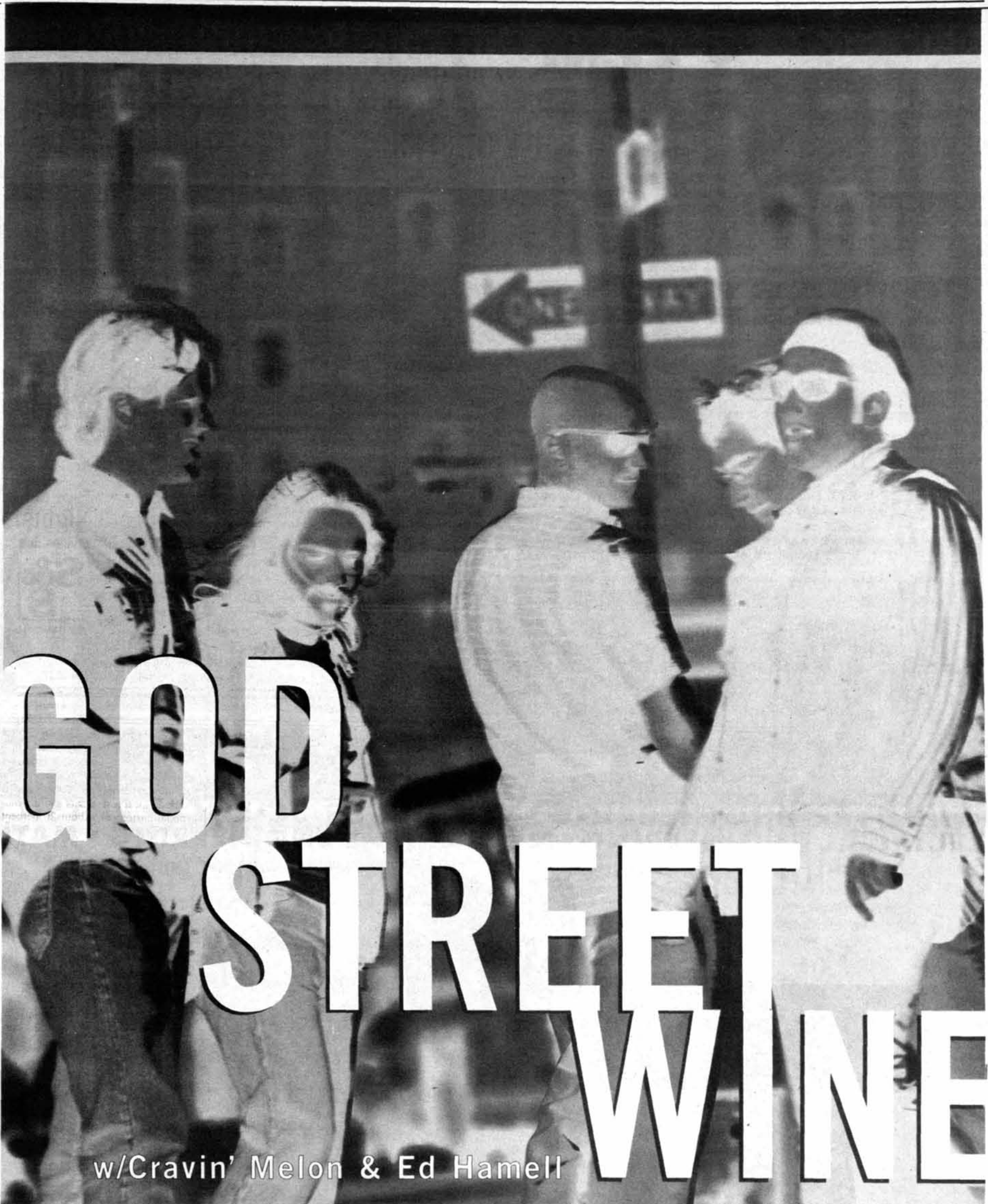
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# Tosci's Receives Award

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Toscanini's use of high quality ingredients. Rancatore said that they "use a lot of expensive ingredients, including chocolate imported from France and Belgium."

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Rancatore also notes that costs such as labor and paper products have increased, which are reflected in the cost of the product.

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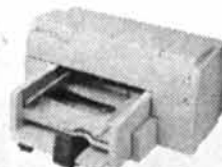
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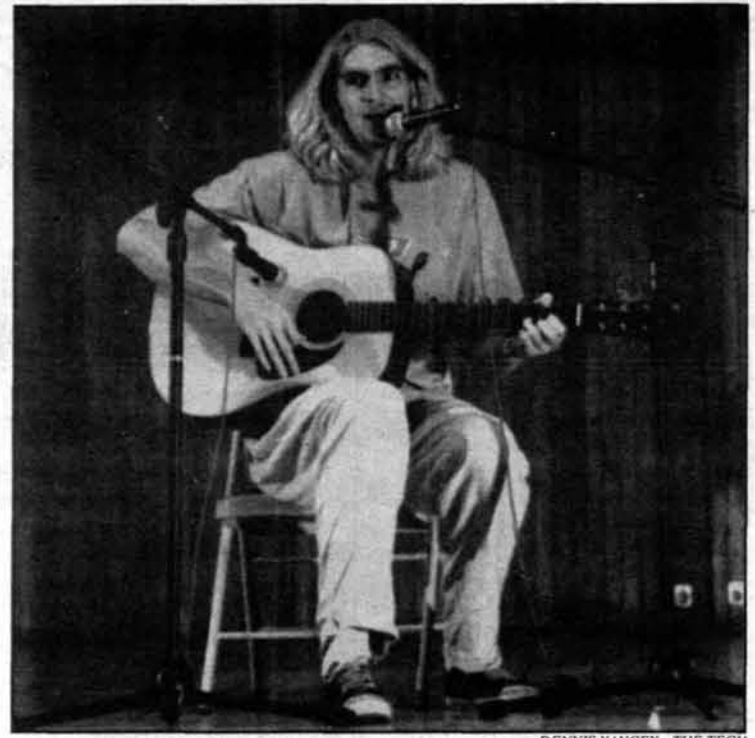
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Joshua E. Glazer '00, Yaron Koren '99, Jared Schiffman '99, Peter A. Shulman '01, and Samuel H. Thibault '00. Their act combined song and dance in a light-hearted celebration of the discovery of the electron, chronicling the hundred years which have passed since that date.

### A capella groups entertain

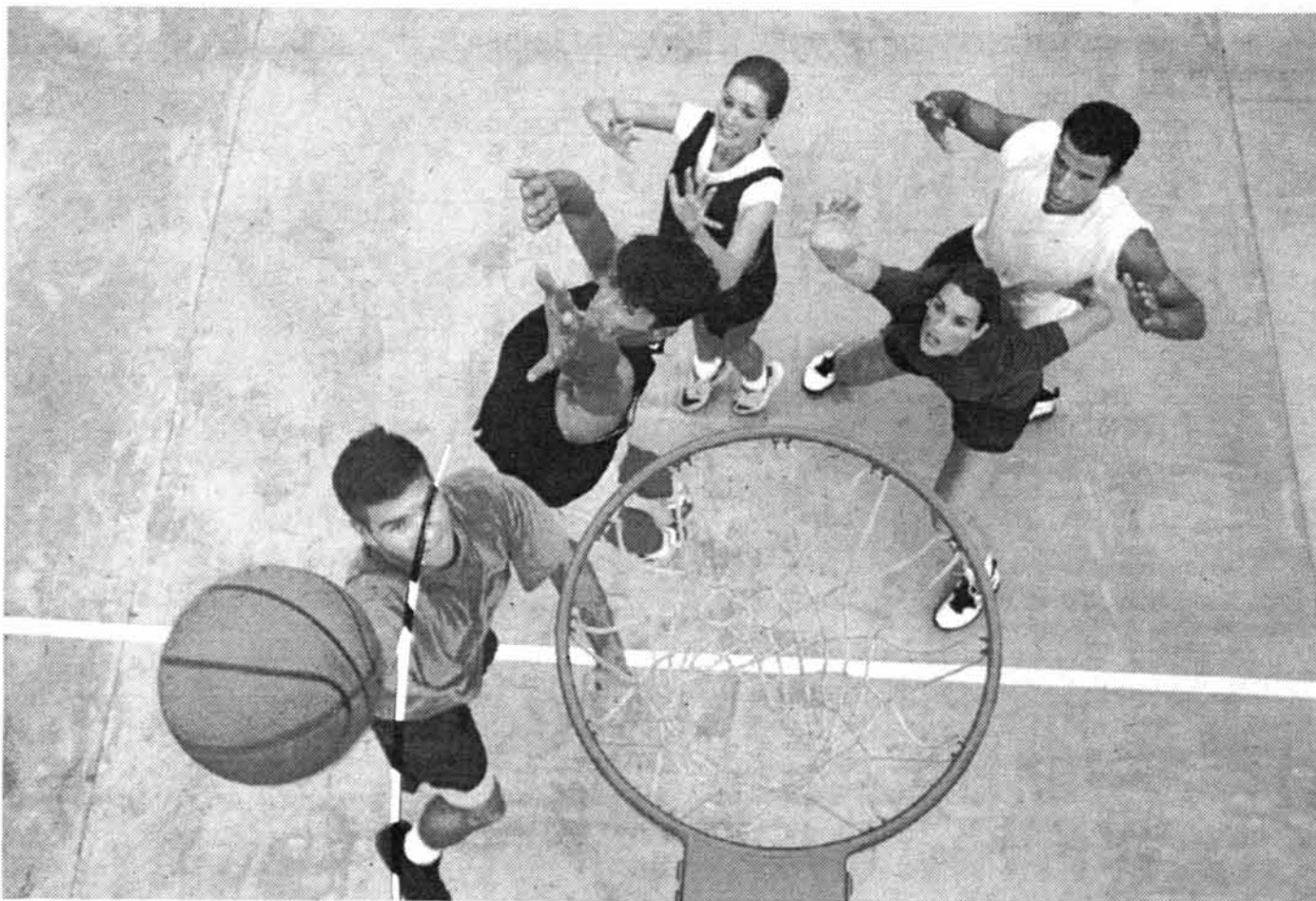
In addition to the competing acts, there were several appearances by formally recognized entertainment groups on campus. The Logarithms, the all-male a capella group at MIT, sang during Late Night, as did the Toons, a coed MIT-Wellesley a capella organization.

The host band, Troha, performed popular songs before the show and during intermission. Troha's members are Waleed Anbar '99, Aaron Arakawa '98, Seth Demain '01, Ranjit Survanshi '00, and Aaron Valade '00.

Prizes given to the winners and given away to audience members throughout the night were donated by local enterprises such as the Comedy Connection, Glamour Shots, and Gold's Gym.

Five members of the MIT community judged the skits. They were: Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Silbey, Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Steven Pinker, Professor of History Anne E. C. McCants, and graduate students Grant Schaffmer G and Shana J. Sturla G.

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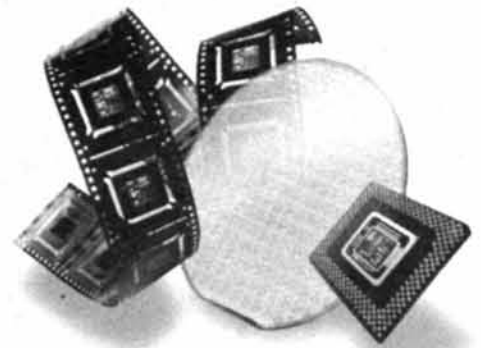
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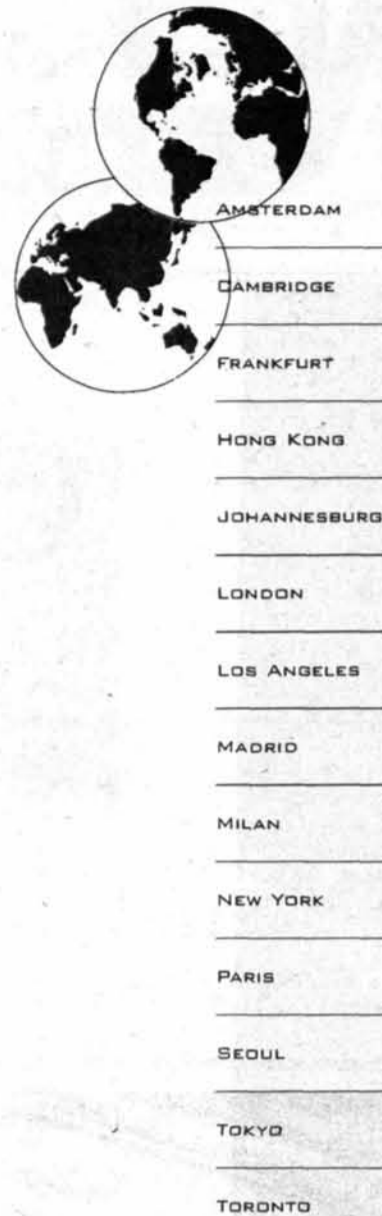
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# Volleyball Rockets To 8th in Division III

By Roger Crosley  
DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The women's volleyball team is ranked eighth in the most recent New England Division III poll. The Engineers have compiled a 8-5 record, and last weekend finished as runner-up to Springfield College at the Bates College Invitational. Betsy Sailhamer '99 was named to the all-tournament team. Sailhamer was also named to the all-tournament team in the previous weekend's MIT Invitational along with teammate Jill Eich '99.

### Men's tennis

The men's doubles tennis team of Jim Matysczak '99 and Eric Chen '00 finished as runners-up in the Rolex New England Division III Championships. Matysczak and Chen dropped a 1-6, 7-6 (4), 5-7 decision to a team from Williams College which is the defending national champions. Each player also advanced to the quarterfinal round in singles play.

### Crew

MIT crews were in action over the past weekend and the light-

weight varsity 8 came home with the championship of the Textile River Regatta. The Engineers captured first place by one second over UMass-Amherst over the three-mile course. The women's varsity 8 was seventh in the Club 8 category. At the Head of the Ohio Regatta, the MIT heavyweight crew finished second to Cornell University. The squad was less than 6.4 seconds behind the Big Red over the 2-1/2 mile course. The Engineers also finished as runner-up to Cornell in the 500-meter dash by 2.6 seconds.

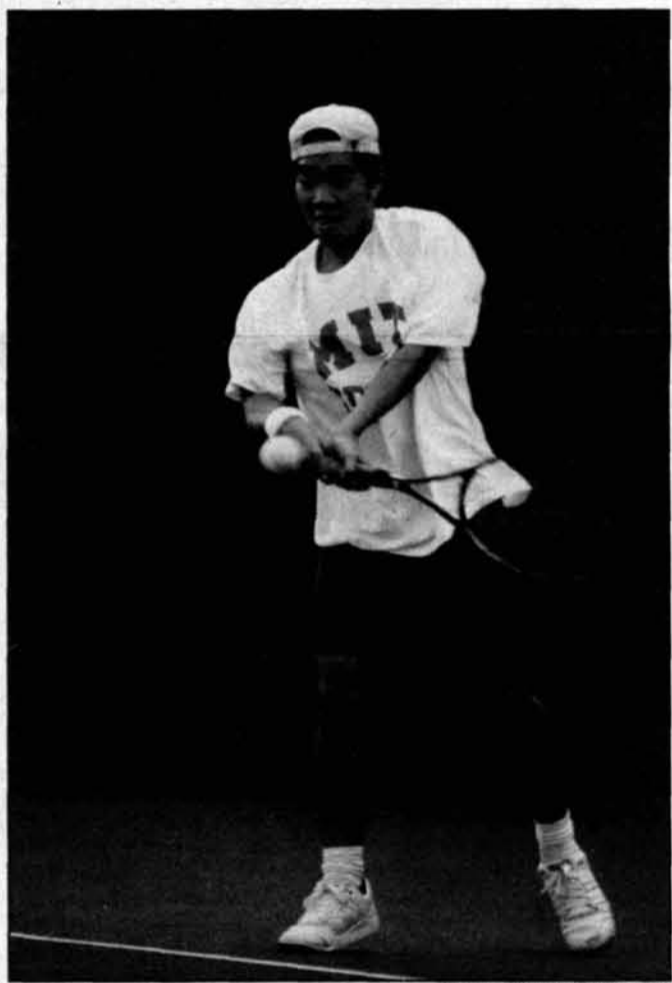
### Cross country

MIT hosted the NCAA Division III Pre-National Invitational cross country meet last weekend and MIT runners Janis Eisenberg '98 and Mike Parkins '99 each placed in the near the top of their respective categories. Eisenberg was seventh among the women covering the 3.1 mile course in 18:43. The women's team finished 12th of the 17 teams involved. Parkins 12th place led the men to a 6th place finish among the 15 teams in the men's race. He covered the five mile course in 25:16 for a personal best mark. The men's team is currently ranked 20th in the latest national Division III poll.



Salve Regina quarterback Ken Farrow flies over defensive end Nik Kozy '00 to score a two point conversion in Saturday's game. MIT lost 28-7.

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INDRANATH NEOGY—THE TECH

Eric Chen '00 drives the ball in his fourth round singles match at the Rolex New England Division III Tennis Championships. He lost the match on Saturday afternoon 6-0, 6-2.

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## SPORTS

# Rugby Club Trounces Boston Gentlemen in Wild 49-0 Rout

By Chris Sununu  
TEAM MEMBER

The gods of rugby looked favorably down upon the MIT pitch this week as the men's rugby club chalked up another win against the Boston Gentlemen. With a dominating 49-0 victory, MIT re-established itself among the elite in the Boston Social Division.

The Beavers did not look like their usual selves before the game as three starting backs sat on the sidelines with injuries. Their coach Steve Wilhelm had also been hurt in a pottery accident earlier in the week and was unable to attend. Such adversity had not stirred this team before, and that game would be no different. MIT showed their depth as Dave Stracher made only his second appearance of the season after his year-long recovery from a sprained ankle.

With a disappointing third place in last week's tournament, the Rucking Beavers came out firing at the Gentlemen right from the start.

Hard hitting on the opening kickoff set the tone for the game as MIT quickly pushed over Boston and scored on Niko Mol's 10-meter run.

It wasn't long until MIT was on the attack again. Dominating scrums led by Fernando Vargas G allowed the ball to get out quickly to the backs and it didn't slow down until Mol placed it into the try zone for his second and third scores of the day. The crowds roared as Mol set an MIT record for the fastest hat-trick in club history.

"He was running like a gazelle with sneakers," said Mike Fife G. "I don't think his feet ever touched the ground."

The MIT forward pack got into the scoring mix as well with their quick, hard play. Their New Zealand-style rucking kept the Gents on their heels. Steve McHale G and Dave Zuckerman combined for two tries in the first half off the pack's 4th and 5th phase ball.

By halftime MIT had run up a 34-0 lead, but they weren't done

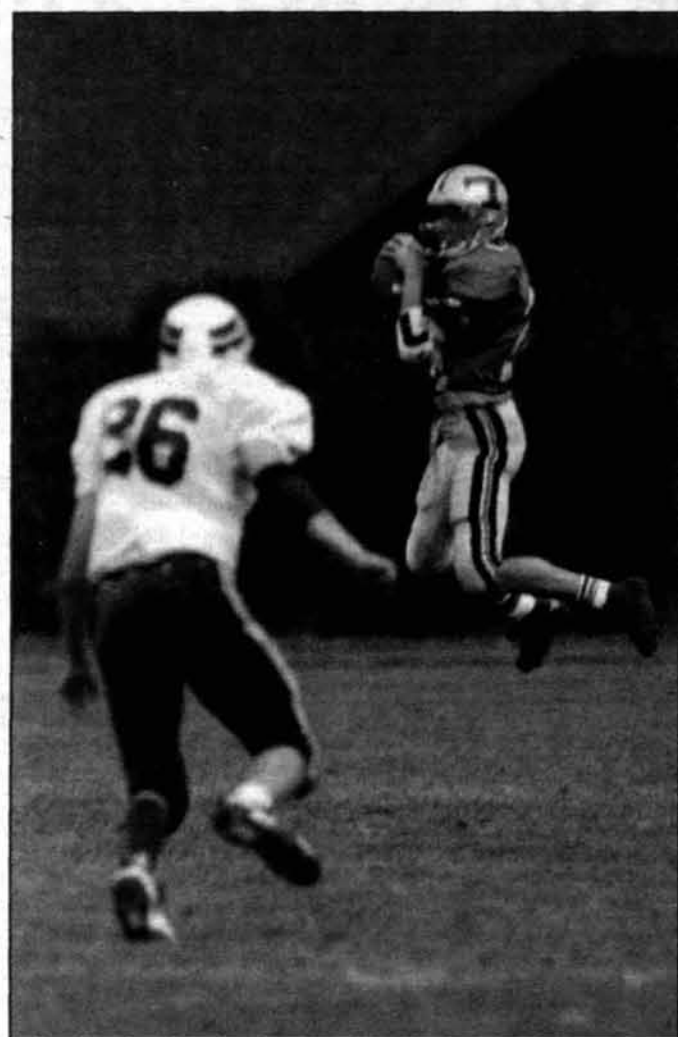
with the boys from Boston by a longshot. While the Gentlemen's game did step up a notch in the second half, they didn't count on the defensive skills of fullback Brett Masters G or the unyielding foot of Dan McCarthy. Twice McCarthy blasted the ball out of his own 22-meter zone, one of which he chased down for a 60-meter try.

MIT finished off their scoring with a second try by Zuckerman as he snaked through the Boston pack and carried two backs into the zone with him.

"Dave may look big, but he moves like a ballerina," said wing forward Jeff Holly.

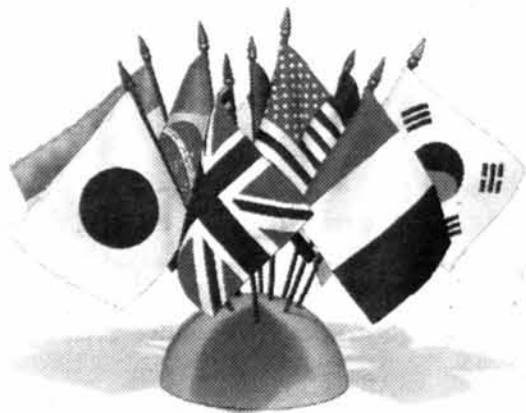
The highlight of the afternoon came on the game's final drive as Boston was granted a penalty play on MIT's 1-foot line. The forward pack of MIT held strong as Boston was still unable to barrel in, securing the shutout victory.

MIT will try to keep their winning streak alive next week as they travel to New Hampshire to face the mystic ... of Hanover.



DENNIS YANCEY—THE TECH  
Baldemar Mejia '98 receives a pass in Saturday's game against Salve Regina University. MIT lost 28-7.

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## Equestrians Shine as Team Opens Season At Colby-Sawyer Show

By Nina Kutsuzawa  
TEAM MEMBER

The equestrian team opened its first full competing season in stride on Saturday at the Colby-Sawyer College home show.

The team shined as a competitive force in the four divisions that its riders competed. Team captain Candice McElroy '99 earned a third place in novice equitation on the flat. Christina Saltzman '99 and Nina Kutsuzawa '00 both placed fourth in novice and walk/trot equitation on the flat, respectively.

Katherine Navarrete '98 finished fifth in advanced walk/trot/canter, and Heather Drake '99 received an

honorable mention in beginner walk/trot/canter.

MIT competed against 11 other colleges, including Harvard, Tufts, Dartmouth and Boston University.

Riders of Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) events are judged on form and handling of a horse from the home team's stable that is assigned by a random drawing.

The equestrian team practices with Coach Kate Alderfer-Candela at Arrowhead Stables in Concord, Mass. Next weekend includes a double-header for the team, with two shows in Vermont, hosted by the University of Vermont and by Middlebury College.

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Tuesday, October 7

Men's Tennis vs. Harvard, 3:30 p.m.  
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Thursday, October 9

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