

Alum Sues Institute Over Alcohol Files

By Frank Dabek
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

J. Paul Kirby '92, former Undergraduate Association president, has filed a lawsuit against the Institute, the UA, and Dedric A. Carter '98 in his position as UA president. In the lawsuit, Kirby seeks the release of several documents from UA files.

Kirby alleges that shortly after the death of Scott S. Krueger '01, around Oct. 3, Carter and he had agreed to exchange UA documents relating to MIT's alcohol policy between 1990 to 1991. During this time, Kirby chaired a subcommittee on alcohol policy which produced a report on alcohol. The documents in question are notes and memoranda used in the creation of that report.

Carter "renewed on his obligation to provide documents," Kirby said. Kirby brought the lawsuit because "a promise was broken," he said.

Kirby to publicize documents

Carter acknowledged that he had agreed to exchange documents with Kirby for use in Kirby's personal archives. When Kirby revealed that he wished to make the documents public outside of MIT, however, Carter refused to release the documents. "I couldn't, in good conscience, let him walk out of the office with the documents," Carter said.

Carter said that following his refusal of Kirby's request, Kirby phoned both his lawyer and the homicide division of the Boston Police Department.

Thomas R. Henneberry, director of insurance and legal affairs for MIT, said that the Institute has yet to be served with the suit. Carter also said that he has yet to be served. Carter plans to yield to MIT's legal counsel for his defense.

Henneberry, however, comment-

ed on Carter's ability to release the documents in question. "Dedric, as president of the UA, operates within the structure of MIT," Henneberry said. Carter "does not, personally, have authority to distribute MIT documents," he said.

Carter questions his authority

Carter said that the "documents are under the care of the UA" and thus "can be used ... on campus within the umbrella of MIT." Outside of MIT, however, Carter said that the UA does not have the authority to release MIT documents.

Kirby, however, said "I can't imagine that the leader of the student government would not have access" to the documents. He said that during his term as UA president he felt free to distribute documents of the UA as he wished.

Kirby is seeking the documents in order to make them public, he said. "[I] want other schools to learn from MIT's lesson," he said. Also, Kirby wants "the MIT community to learn something about its past," he said. Any undergraduate should have rights to see these documents, he said.

Kirby said that he did not know if the documents would have any relevance to criminal charges. The "[District Attorney's office] is perfectly capable of conducting its own investigation," he said. Kirby also noted that the DA had already subpoenaed some documents.

Kirby called the documents "very damaging". The documents "show that MIT really knew the exact state of affairs on alcohol on campus and chose to do nothing," Kirby said.

Carter, however, said that Kirby mentioned on the day of the proposed exchange that the documents might involve the criminal liability of MIT.



Dance Troupe performs in their fall production, *Whirlwind*, this weekend in Little Kresge Theater.

Head of Fusion Center and Vest Lead MIT Officials in Total Pay

By Naveen Sunkavally
STAFF REPORTER

Richard J. Thome '66, Head of the Plasma Science and Fusion Center in Japan, is once again the highest paid MIT employee in terms of compensation, benefits, and expense allowances, according to Internal Revenue Service Form 990 records for the 1995-96 fiscal year. Thome earned \$449,931, \$3,200 higher than his pay the year before.

However, as Glenn P. Strehle '58, vice president of finance and treasurer, said, "Professor Thome has been on an overseas assignment and his compensation includes benefits payments related to housing, etc." Of Thome's pay of \$449,931, \$305,230 was allotted for expense

allowances.

President Charles M. Vest earned the second highest pay at \$365,877, down \$1,667 from last year. He had the highest compensation at \$298,000, up \$13,000 from last year.

Salaries set under guidelines

"Pay is determined by a process that begins with approval of guidelines for pay increases, mostly defined as percentage increases, for each category of MIT employees, including faculty, not covered by collective bargaining agreements," Strehle said.

The guidelines are established under the Provost's supervision and coordinated with Human Resources, the MIT Executive Committee, and

then department heads, deans,* and other supervisors who make recommendations for pay increases within these guidelines, Strehle said.

The highest paid officials included the following people: Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Ronald R. Parker at \$314,674; Director of Lincoln Laboratory Walter E. Morrow '49 at \$308,385; Deputy Treasurer and Director of Investment Alan S. Bufferd at \$295,056; former Chairman of the Corporation Paul E. Gray '54 at \$293,783; Strehle at \$293,783; and Professor and Co-Director of the Sloan School of Management Thomas L. Magnanti at \$270,060.

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Council Celebrates 25 Years of Helping Fund Art Initiatives



Bradford M. Endicott '49 and his wife Dorothea spoke last Thursday at the dedication ceremony of the Endicott World Music Center, which was built with the money they donated.

By Jennifer Chung
STAFF REPORTER

Last weekend, the Council for the Arts at MIT celebrated its 25th anniversary with a plethora of happenings to mark the occasion.

The events included a Silver Anniversary ball with a performance by actress, singer, and arts administrator Kitty Carlisle Hart, the presentation of council awards to artists both within and outside of MIT, and the dedication of the new Endicott World Music Center.

Council helps fund projects

"The Council for the Arts at MIT is composed of friends and alumni of MIT who wish to be donors to support the arts at MIT," said Laura E. Moses, an administrative assistant in the Office of the Associate Provost for the Arts. Members of the council have contributed over \$18 million to MIT performances, exhibitions, arts facilities, collections, and co-curricular programs.

Due to the council's work, MIT students can visit the Museum of Fine Arts and certain Boston Symphony Orchestra performances at no cost. Particular groups and members of the MIT community have received over \$1 million to fund over 1,000 arts projects through a grants program.

Members create music center

One of the more international of

the events during the weekend was the dedication of the Endicott World Music Center, located on the ground floor of Building N42, below the MIT Museum. Prior to the dedication ceremony, council members were treated to a tour of the museum by artists Felice Frankel, research scientist in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Arthur Ganson, whose works are currently being exhibited.

The Endicott dedication ceremony itself featured musical performances by the MIT Heritage of the Arts of South Asia, Gamelan Galak Tika, which features Balinese music and dance, and MITCAN, an African music group. All three ensembles have been using the center for practice and the storage of traditional instruments since its completion a few months ago.

The music center was completely funded by Bradford M. Endicott '49 and his wife Dorothea, both members of the council. "Alan Brody [the associate provost for the arts] found the space," Bradford Endicott said. "At last year's meeting, someone mentioned that the room was looking for funding. The size of the project was small enough for us to take it up."

"I'm really happy to see the stereotypical engineer smashed," said Dorothea Endicott, a cellist, speaking of the large number of arts groups on campus. "Also, with this room, students can now spend time rehearsing, instead of lugging instruments back and forth."

"As alumni have become successful, they've discovered the arts. The council is a way for alumni to

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President Charles M. Vest will hold his fifth town meeting with the MIT community on Friday, Oct. 31, from noon to 2 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium.

The agenda is open to the issues and concerns raised by the community. Questions may be raised at the meeting or sent beforehand to townmeeting@mit.edu. Refreshments will be provided in the Kresge Lobby.

WORLD & NATION

Amtrak Continues Talks with Union

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Negotiators for Amtrak and its track maintenance union continued to talk Monday as Congress prepared to step in to head off a possible strike that could strand hundreds of thousands of daily rail commuters from Boston to the Washington metropolitan area.

Negotiators had been meeting nearly around the clock at the Transportation Department since Sunday afternoon, but there were no reports of progress late Monday as the union prepared to strike the government-subsidized passenger service beginning at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday.

Amtrak carries more than 500,000 daily passengers along the Northeast corridor, most of them daily commuters in cities such as Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington. A strike would have a major impact on the Washington metropolitan area, where service would be halted or disrupted on both of the Maryland and Virginia commuter rail lines that either operate on Amtrak tracks or go to Washington's Union Station, which is operated by Amtrak. The strike would shut down Amtrak's Metroliner and Northeast Direct trains from Union Station to New York City and Boston.

The union has been trying to work out local commuter agreements to minimize the impact of a strike in the New York City and Philadelphia areas.

Both the House and Senate were scheduled to consider legislation today that would bar the union from striking, but leave the labor dispute unresolved until well into next year.

Despite Guerrilla-Imposed Boycott, Peace Measure Supported

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

While a guerrilla-imposed election boycott kept many from the polls in rural areas, election officials said Monday that city dwellers had voted overwhelmingly for a peace referendum to end the nation's four-decade-long civil war.

Half the country's registered voters — or 10 million people — cast a special green ballot for peace in local elections Sunday, according to results released Monday. And the result has encouraged local leaders to pursue their own talks with the rebels, filling the gap left by the federal government's inability to even begin negotiations.

"The guerrillas are very sensitive to public opinion, and we hope this will pressure them to enter into discussions," said Diego Turbay, a member of the leading political family in the Amazon state of Caqueta. Before the election, Turbay tried unsuccessfully to negotiate democratic guarantees with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, this nation's largest guerrilla group known by the Spanish initials FARC.

"We hope we now will be able to meet with them to discuss cease fires, human rights, the surrender of arms and other vital issues," he said.

Gene Interaction Increases Likelihood of Jaundice in Newborns

NEWSDAY

One of the more startling outcomes of birth is jaundice in the newborn, which often is of no consequence. Sometimes, however, jaundice can be serious, even fatal, and as scientists now are finding, can have deep roots in the genes.

Reporting in Tuesday's issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers in Israel have homed in on the genes that lead to a condition called kernicterus. It occurs when the brain and spinal cord are infiltrated by bilirubin, a yellow-pigmented substance produced by the breakdown of hemoglobin, the iron-containing pigment of red blood cells.

Dr. Michael Kaplan and his colleagues in the department of medical genetics at Shaare Zadek Medical Center in Jerusalem found that an interaction between two genes produced an increased likelihood of jaundice in which bilirubin breaches the blood brain barrier.

The barrier is a membrane between the circulating blood and the brain that, like a sieve, allows nutrients in and usually keeps most harmful substances out. Unfortunately, the blood brain barrier is not always fail-safe.

Deficiency of an enzyme known as G-6-PD, which affects millions worldwide, has long been associated with severe jaundice in newborns. But Kaplan and his team have found that G-6-PD infants are only at heightened risk for severe jaundice when they also have reduced levels of a second enzyme, called UDPGT1. Both enzyme deficiencies are caused by gene mutations. Alone, each mutation is harmless. Combined, there is an increased risk for potentially fatal jaundice.

WEATHER

Taking a break

By Chris Forest

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

After Saturday's and yesterday's wet weather, we should expect a break in the routine and have pleasant weather most of the week. For the remainder of today, temperatures will remain cool and the winds should pick up their force by this evening as a low pressure system continues to swirl to our northeast. Tomorrow, we can expect a few clouds as southwesterly winds bring slightly warmer air into the region. This trend should continue through Thursday as another major system develops over the middle of the continent and brings southerly winds for the end of the week.

Today: Partly sunny and windy. High: 53°F (12°C)

Tonight: Windy and partly cloudy. Low: 39°F (4°C)

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High: 58°F (14°C). Low: 35°F (2°C)

Thursday: Fair and pleasant. High 56°F (13°C). Low 33°F (1°C)

In Wake of Wall St. Decline, Rubin Reassures Investors

By Jonathan Peterson and Robert A. Rosenblatt

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

In an extraordinary personal appeal to nerve-racked investors, Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin walked out onto the steps of the Treasury Building Monday and declared that "the fundamentals of the U.S. economy are strong."

Rubin's remarks, coming more than an hour after the free-falling stock market had to be shut down, reflected a reality that the White House was in no mood to state explicitly: The government does not have a simple antidote to painful declines on Wall Street, such as Monday's dizzying drop of more than seven percent of the Dow Jones' value.

President Clinton was conspicuously silent on the subject, leaving his spokesman to make only terse comments about the "fundamental soundness" of the U.S. economy. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, whose personal stature was greatly enhanced by his handling of a 1987 market plunge, also refrained from making public remarks.

If a market plunge were to continue, Greenspan could face pressure to ease interest rates — the approach he took in 1987 — if for no other reason than to rescue cash-starved financial institutions. Such a course would be in opposition to the Fed's current anti-inflation policy.

"Obviously, the chairman (Greenspan) has been busy today," said a Fed spokesman, adding, "We don't have any comment."

Throughout the wild day, officials at the White House, Treasury,

Securities and Exchange Commission, Council of Economic Advisers and other departments kept in touch, but more to exchange information than to formulate any dramatic response.

In particular, the White House feared that official comments about Wall Street's gyrations could backfire and fuel investor anxieties or would be misunderstood in the heated emotions of the day. By late afternoon, however, after the stock market's furious retreat had triggered its early closing, the administration decided a reassuring statement from the Treasury secretary was needed.

"It is important to remember that the fundamentals of the United States economy are strong and have been for the past several years," said Rubin. "The prospects for continued growth — with low inflation and low unemployment — are strong," he added.

After the brief statement he abruptly wheeled around and returned to his office, refusing questions from reporters.

Although Rubin served as the administration's point man Monday, Greenspan may ultimately play a more important role. Only the Fed has the power to pour billions of dollars into the financial system to prop up cash-starved investment companies, banks and other financial institutions.

It was almost exactly 10 years ago that Greenspan, then new to his job, earned much of the credit for reviving the markets after the crash of 1987 by reducing interest rates and promising to inject cash into the nation's financial system.

Experts believe the Fed once again stands ready to take similar

steps to keep the financial system viable.

Greenspan had warned last December that the markets suffered from "irrational exuberance" but traders and investors shrugged off his warning and drove stock prices up to record-high levels.

On Monday, administration officials appealed for calm: "This is a market that has performed amazingly well ... So let's just be calm and reasonable," urged White House spokesman Mike McCurry. He termed the plunge "a bare fraction of major breathtaking drops in the past" and no reason for panic.

"We want everyone to just take a deep breath and think about where we are," he said.

The stock market was plummeting even as Clinton was delivering a speech extolling the performance of the U.S. economy and the dramatic decline in the federal budget deficit to \$22.6 billion in the last fiscal year — its lowest level in more than two decades. In addition, the size of the deficit in relation to the nation's economy — 0.3 percent of total economic output — represents a level lower than that of any other major industrialized country.

Speaking to the Democratic Leadership Council, Clinton said that since he took office in 1993, the deficit has fallen by "more than 90 percent, even before the balanced-budget law saves one red cent."

After the speech, aides informed the president that the "automatic circuit breaker" that had been designed to slow downward market spirals had been triggered for the first time since its introduction following the 1987 crash.

China, United States Unlikely To Agree on Human Rights

By Doyle McManus

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton's meeting with Chinese President Jiang Zemin this week is likely to produce agreements on Chinese arms sales and other important issues — but not on human rights, U.S. officials reluctantly concluded Monday.

In months of negotiations preparing for Jiang's arrival in Washington Tuesday evening, Clinton administration officials quietly urged China to take some visible steps toward defusing the human rights issue, a sore point in U.S.-China relations since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

U.S. aides particularly hoped that Jiang might order the release of China's two most prominent imprisoned dissidents, democracy advocate Wei Jingsheng and student leader Wang Dan.

But as the meeting approached, it became clear that Beijing would not free the two prisoners in advance and that a grand gesture during the sessions also was unlikely.

"It's almost harder to do it" while Jiang is here because China wants to avoid appearing to bend under U.S. pressure, a White House official said.

"Whatever they do, they will do by their own lights."

Clinton still hopes that the two dissidents will be released before he makes a planned visit to China in 1998, officials said.

But Clinton will not make their freedom a condition for his trip, because that would make the larger U.S.-China relationship "hostage" to their cases.

"If you believe in the principle

that we believe in, of regular summits, you cannot hold the relationship hostage to any one issue," the White House official said.

Jiang, who arrived Monday for a day of rest in the restored Colonial-era city of Williamsburg, Va., did make one bow to U.S. concerns on human rights. China signed a United Nations covenant on economic, social and cultural rights, an agreement that commits Beijing to seek better living standards, working conditions and trade union rights for its people.

But China decided not to sign a similar U.N. covenant on civil rights that calls for freedom of opinion, peaceful assembly and minority rights.

The administration's disappointment in its effort to gain even modest concessions on human rights reflects a central dilemma of U.S. policy toward China.

Clinton and his aides argue that the surest way to foster such rights in China is to increase U.S. cooperation with Beijing's authoritarian regime. But in the short run, the evidence has been mixed.

Some China scholars say that a slow process of political reform is under way.

"The political reforms have, in fact, been substantial," argued Harry Harding, a professor at George Washington University who has advised the administration.

But the State Department reports that China has intensified its repression of both political dissidents and Christian religious groups.

Harding acknowledged that "the present political elite places very serious limits on political reform." In the long run, he added, significant political change may have to wait

for a new generation to come to power in Beijing.

This mixed picture is a domestic political embarrassment for both Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, given that they campaigned for the White House in 1992 demanding a tough U.S. stance toward China on human rights.

Clinton threatened to revoke China's "most favored nation" trade status if Beijing did not respond to U.S. demands on human rights. But under pressure from the American business community he changed his mind in 1993.

That decision deprived the administration of a major weapon in human rights disputes and prompted U.S. officials to devise their current strategy, which rests on convincing the Chinese that political liberalization is in their own interest.

When Clinton meets with Jiang this week, aides said, he will give the Chinese leader a one-on-one version of the argument he made in a speech last week.

"Greater openness is profoundly in China's own interest. If welcomed, it will speed economic growth, enhance the world influence of China and stabilize society."

So far, China's Communist leaders have rejected most of that message, opting instead to cement their party's hold on power.

As a result, Clinton has come under criticism from an unusual coalition of liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans, from House Democratic Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif.

Despite Strong Fundamentals, Hong Kong Stocks Still Fall

By Keith B. Richburg
THE WASHINGTON POST

HONG KONG

It was another bleak day at Exchange Square, Hong Kong's equivalent of Wall Street, where the second severe financial downturn in less than a week swamped local traders and sent ripples through markets around the world.

Once again, stock prices tumbled, and while Monday's six percent drop in the Hang Seng Index was less precipitous than Thursday's 10-percent slide, this time some of the territory's best known blue-chip companies were among the casualties. Hong Kong's financial secretary, Donald Tsang, made another spirited defense of the local dollar's peg to the U.S. greenback and vowed that speculators betting against the currency "will be burned." And, market analysts were left reeling, shaking their

heads at the sudden downturn that all but wiped out Friday's seven percent rebound.

"What a day!" said David Robinson, who manages a local hedge fund, sounding weary at the end of a trading session that saw his own portfolio plummet. "It's just so unpredictable. It's just depressing. It's very, very worrisome what's happening — it's a signal that things are starting to break down in Hong Kong. There's a huge amount of volatility and uncertainty."

A market analyst who asked not to be named said Monday's performance by the Hang Seng — which dropped more than 688 points, to end the day at 10,475 — was an example of investor irrationality. He said: "A lot of this denies economic reality, and it becomes a flow-of-funds situation. It's very hard to swim against the tide."

The economic reality is that

Hong Kong, unlike its Southeast Asian neighbors whose economic difficulties fueled the stock slide, is in sound financial shape — a point Tsang hammered home in a speech Monday at an international investment conference. Hong Kong has \$80 billion in foreign currency reserves, no public-sector debt, a huge budget surplus, low inflation and an unemployment rate of slightly more than two percent.

"Four months ago, one chapter of Hong Kong's history closed," said Tsang, referring to the shift of territorial control from Britain to China. "I can assure you that the chapter we have now opened is not Chapter Eleven."

"Hong Kong is not any other Asian economy," Tsang declared, vowing that Hong Kong, unlike its neighbors, had no need to float its currency. "We will not change our system or our dollar link."

HIV Outbreak Among Rural N.Y. Females Linked to Drug Dealer

By David Lauter
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

At least nine females in a semi-rural area of western New York state, including one as young as 13, have been infected with the virus that causes AIDS by a 20-year-old man who sold drugs to schoolgirls in exchange for sex even though he knew he had the disease, officials said Monday.

"He liked to lurk around the edges of schools or parks, maybe where kids would be playing basketball, and pick out young ladies who may, for one reason or another, be in a risk-taking mode," Chautauqua County Health Commissioner Richard Berke said Monday.

The news shocked residents of Chautauqua County, an area that

until now had only sporadic contact with the AIDS epidemic.

The case is "the most serious public health issue in the recent memory" of the region, Berke said.

School officials were anguished. "We had, we thought, a pretty good AIDS education program" that was designed to warn children of the dangers, said James Coffman, assistant superintendent of schools in Jamestown, the largest town in the county.

He added, "young people in general, they feel they're invincible. They could have all the education in the world, but they all feel it doesn't affect them. That's the sadness of this."

And officials warned the news could get worse. Although the man who allegedly caused the infections is now in jail on unrelated charges,

health officials are continuing to trace nearly 100 people in the area who had sex with him or with his sexual partners.

In addition, they believe that in his travels across New York selling drugs, he may have infected many more people.

"The worst piece of news is we are probably not the worst-case scenario," Berke said.

Similar cases have occurred elsewhere. Earlier this year, for example, a man in St. Louis, Mo., was shot and killed by an unknown assailant after allegedly infecting at least 30 women with the virus. But federal officials termed the current case highly unusual because of the youth of the victims and the seemingly high percentage of people who became infected and because it took place in an area where AIDS remains relatively rare.

Clinton Attacks Opponents Over Economic Isolationism

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Laying bare his frustration with many fellow Democrats, President Clinton complained that lawmakers who want to limit his power to negotiate trade agreements are pursuing an "America-last strategy" that is rooted in ignorance of the new international economy.

"For the life of me, I can't figure out why anybody in the wide world believes it will create jobs for us to stay out of markets that other people are in, when we can win the competitive wars," Clinton complained.

The president was speaking to a friendly audience — the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, which supports his bid to win "fast-track" trading authority — but his remarks were the bluntest criticism he has made of others in his party who do not support his trade views.

The skeptics are an apparent majority among congressional Democrats, whose scant support for Clinton's free-trade policy has imperiled his prospects for winning the fast-track vote.

Clinton Monday implicitly acknowledged the uphill nature of his fight. "I still believe we're going to win it," he said, "but we have to fight every day till the last vote is taken."

Moments before he sounded that uncertain note about the trade vote, Clinton was triumphant on another subject: the latest federal budget deficit number. The federal budget deficit for last fiscal year was \$22.6 billion, the lowest figure since 1974.

Prosecution Wins Nearly All Pretrial Points in CIA Slaying Trial

THE WASHINGTON POST

A Fairfax, Va., judge cleared the way Monday for the prosecution to mount its case for capital murder against Mir Aimal Kansi next week, rejecting defense efforts to move the trial out of Northern Virginia and throw out key statements and physical evidence.

One more pretrial hearing is scheduled Tuesday in the case of the man charged with killing two people outside CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., in 1993. But Fairfax Circuit Court Judge J. Howe Brown Jr. turned down several of the defense's most serious challenges Monday.

Brown largely put to rest defense efforts to make the FBI's June capture of Kansi in his native Pakistan a legal barrier to his trial in this country, and he ruled a police search of a suitcase owned by Kansi that turned up guns and ammunition was constitutional.

Public Defender Richard C. Goemann had argued that intense local news coverage, some of it erroneous, has made it impossible for Kansi to get a fair trial in the area. In addition, Goemann said, "Fairfax is an area with a very high percentage of government workers and we are talking about CIA employees who were shot. That increases the prejudice against my client."

But Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. argued that Goemann had failed to prove potential jurors have already made up their minds, and Brown agreed. Brown also found police were justified in searching three suitcases and an apartment where Kansi lived before the shootings because Kansi had left the area and his roommate gave permission for the search.



Graduate Student Council

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What an active November at the GSC!

Blue Man Group
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 8 PM
Front Row Tickets, \$35 (regularly \$45)



Outlet Shopping Trip
Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 AM-6 PM
Free!

Salsa Night at Ryle's
Thursday, Nov. 14, 8 PM
\$8 (regularly \$10)

- Oct. 31 Town meeting with President Vest
12 PM to 2 PM, Kresge Auditorium
- Nov. 5 General Council Meeting *
- Nov. 17 Activities Meeting *
- Nov. 19 Housing and Community Affairs Meeting *

* at 5:30 PM in Rm. 50-220.
Food is provided.

Friday Social
Friday, Nov. 14, 5:30 PM
Free! Proper ID required

OPINION

At Last, A Productive Dialogue

Since the faculty meeting where Stephan L. Chorover, professor of brain and cognitive sciences, moved that all freshmen be housed on campus, the dialogue over housing on campus has exploded into a lively and serious debate. Indeed, housing

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discussion: Change is long overdue, and now is the time to build consensus on what should be done.

Students and administrators alike have been keenly interested in continuing dialogue on the subject of housing. A forum on the subject organized by the Dean's Office was uncharacteristically well-attended. This increased attendance marks a dramatic shift from previous forums, which have been attended by only a handful of student government insiders. We hope that the administration and the faculty will make further efforts to solicit a wide range of student input. The changes that have been proposed will have a colossal impact on undergraduate life at MIT, thus the administration should leave no stone unturned in reaching out to those whose voices have not yet been heard.

Although there has been considerable discussion, much of the campus-wide debate thus far has been impeded by a lack of accurate, timely information. For example, rumors continue to circulate about a freshman dormitory, despite the fact that President Charles M. Vest effectively ruled out that option in his press conference on Oct. 1. The faculty motion as it stands only specifies that freshmen will live "on campus," and it does not discuss how residence selection or rush would change. Nor has any decision been made as to whether admissions will be reduced or upperclassmen removed from the dormitories to

accommodate the housing change. Rather than simply stating that everything is up for discussion, the administration needs to inform the campus debate by supplying more information about what options are under serious consideration.

Although undergraduate housing has long been one of the most contentious and divisive issues on campus, we believe that the faculty's leadership on this issue is long overdue. For too long faculty have taken a backseat to administrators who, able as they may be, have proven incapable of effecting change. As a result, we have a housing system that is more an accident of history than a product of any purposeful design.

We continue to believe that housing all freshmen on campus will be a positive step toward improving the housing system and creating a more unified campus community. The current system has led to a divided campus, one in which students form allegiances to their living group only, and not to the wider academic community of which they are a part. Housing freshmen on campus will give students a more diverse social and academic experience, and will go a long way toward creating a unified MIT community.

Housing freshmen on campus is only a first step. No matter what changes MIT finally makes, faculty need to play a stronger role in the campus community, both in terms of leadership, and in terms of actually meeting and interacting with students outside the classroom. Paying lip-service to community involvement will not suffice; faculty need to do some serious soul-searching about what changes they can make in their own system in order to promote community involvement.

The current discussion about MIT's housing system has been a refreshing change after years of stagnation. We have every expectation that it will eventually lead to a better system and a stronger, more unified community.

Letters To The Editor

A System That Works

I was greatly disappointed to read that the editorial board of *The Tech* is endorsing the notion of housing all freshmen on campus ["Paving the Way for Radical Change," Oct. 17] as proposed by Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover at this month's faculty meeting. As a student-run newspaper, *The Tech* should realize that a strong undertone in this debate is the belief that college freshmen are not mature enough to make "adult" decisions and understand the consequences of them. To deny freshmen the right to choose to live off campus would only further this erroneous mindset.

The primary reason cited for moving freshmen to campus was to build campus diversity and solidarity as well as closer ties to the faculty. The editorial failed to mention any reason why this should be the case. Building this sort of solidarity and communication takes effort and desire, things that cannot be had simply by forcing freshmen into dormitories.

The other reason cited for the endorsement was that MIT's current system does not give incoming freshmen enough time to make "wise or informed decisions" about where they will live. Compared to other universities, however, MIT's residence selection process stands out in allowing students to learn much more about a living group than they could possibly have otherwise. Not only can a new student explore the physical buildings they might be living in, but they get to meet the residents of a living group before they live there, a luxury only dreamed of at other universities.

The MIT system works, as evidenced by the high level of student satisfaction and yes, loyalty to their living groups. Taking away freshman choice eliminates the best part of the MIT system without rectifying its deficiencies. The MIT community should focus its efforts on making Residence and Orientation Week more informative for the freshmen, their parents, and the greater community.

Nicholas E. Matsakis '98

A Call to Action

This is a call to action. I hope that everyone by now knows that the faculty have passed a motion, to be voted on next month, that asks the administration to house all freshmen in dormitories starting with the Class of 2002.

If such a motion were accepted by the administration, there are several ways of implementing this new system. The ideas I have heard most often are randomly putting freshmen in dorms, therefore eliminating rush altogether, and reducing the size of the freshman class.

It is my belief that these changes are considered to be ideal by some members of the faculty and administration. It is also my strong belief that either of these changes would affect every single student at this institution, especially those who live in MIT housing. This is no longer an fraternity, sorority, and independent living group issue. This is everyone's concern.

I think there are a lot of things wrong with the current rush system; but in August, I

thought that there was nothing I could do to change it, that no one would listen to me. Now is the time when the ones who have the power to change things are listening. You can make a difference by simply letting your professors, your adviser, your administration know what you consider valuable in our current system, and what you want to see changed. If you say nothing now, you will have given up your right to complain later.

Personally, I think that this motion is also ineffectual, since it says nothing about alcohol. The death of Scott S. Krueger '01 was senseless; I grieve for him, his family, and his friends. But my personal opinion is that his death had very little to do with living off-campus and much to do with the attitude that getting drunk is cool. This attitude is not limited to fraternities — I believe it is present in a large cross-section of my generation. Unless this attitude is addressed and changed, Krueger's death will have been an excuse to reform the housing system, and not a wake-up call to the dangers of the misuse of alcohol.

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Diversity Not Yet Felt

It's Time to End Our Artificial Campus Divisions

Zareena Hussain

The faculty have jumped on the tragic death of Scott S. Krueger '01, and have used it to address the slew of problems that result from the current residential system. However unfortunate, this is a necessary evil.

From among a number of problems the current housing system creates, the greatest problem is the self-segregation that occurs almost spontaneously when the Interfraternity Council rush chair announces, "Let the rush begin." This results in immaturity among many students, many of whom have never broadened their horizons by interacting with people unlike themselves.

While some call the IFC diverse, when was the last time you saw someone from Sigma Alpha Epsilon hanging out with his friends at Zeta Beta Tau? This self-segregation promotes and reinforces stereotypes. The stereotypes which seem to hold true at MIT have no relevance in the real world.

Women are not immune either. Take a look at the sororities or the cultural clubs. The only thing that saves women from self-segregation is the fact that choices for women segregating themselves off campus are limited. There is a one-year delay before those who choose to do so can completely cut themselves off from people they deem unlike themselves.

Some say people will still seek out and befriend those unlike themselves if they have the opportunity to do so in activities, classes, and clubs. Then why are the plethora of ethnically-segregated groups the strongest student activities on campus?

Even the arguments against randomization echo bigotry: "What if my roommate is a freak?" somehow translates to making sure you live with someone of the same social background.

Students need to grow up. We all got in here because of our good qualities. Is it too much to ask that you try a little harder to find those qualities in someone before you give up and set out on the unnatural hunt for all those who walk, dress, act, and think like you? Freshmen will find them even if they end up in a dorm they didn't choose.

MIT's self-segregated housing system does not transcend society offering choice and maintaining diversity, it merely mirrors the divisions in society at large, like the white flight from city school districts that occurs

when white parents don't want their children going to schools with poor minority students. This has ruined cities and more recently plagued outlying suburbs.

Why does the Institute commend itself on the diversity of the freshman class, when those freshmen inevitably segregate themselves anyway? Why do students believe segregation is the only way in which they can assure their own membership in a strong community? What happens when the population becomes so diverse that the students can no longer segregate themselves based on the current distinctions?

The consequence of self-segregation is greater than the mere existence of black, white, Chinese, Indian and other ethnic cliques, first and third world fraternities, and the propagation of stereotypes. When MIT students go out into the world they will have to deal with people unlike themselves — people with different backgrounds and ideas about the world, people who don't always agree with one another nor even understand one another.

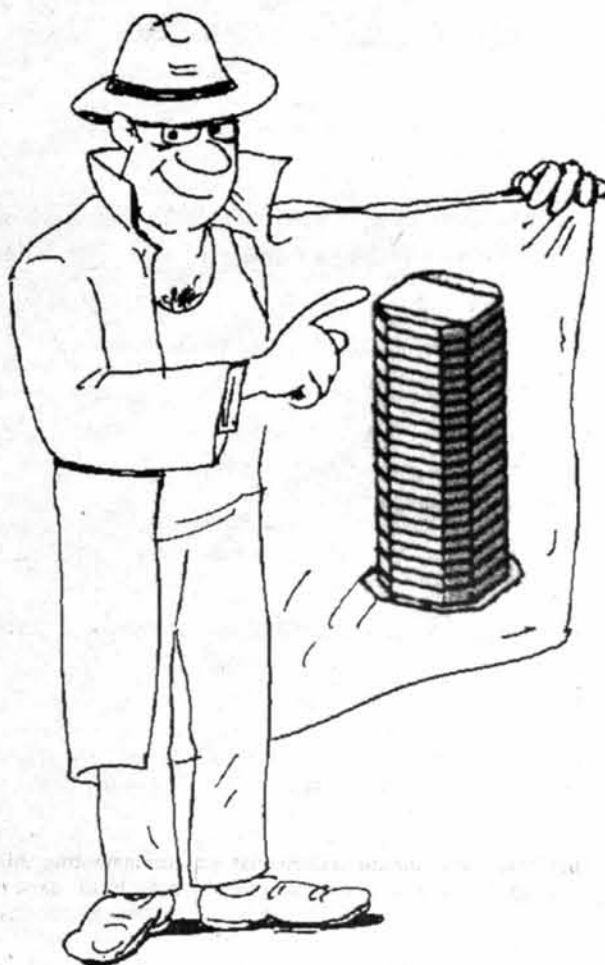
MIT students will have to work and interact with people of different races, colors, ethnic backgrounds and creeds. Their four years at the Institute do not prepare them for this, let alone help them to grow and become better people.

While MIT students are certainly not bigoted, the current housing system and the choices it forces leads us to close off our horizons and have a one-sided view of the world.

Students should accept and support

the change and offer constructive criticism for how to best achieve the goals the faculty outline. In return, the faculty must remain steadfast in their vision to create a better living environment for students.

The faculty must not ignore that their motions will have an immediate impact on the current environment. To assess this impact, they must listen to students. While the faculty may be voting for what happens twenty years (but hopefully sooner) down the line, they must aggressively seek to understand the realities of MIT life, by actively interacting with students, instead of hearing about the ideas, worries, hopes and fears of students second-hand from deans or the small unrepresentative number of student who sign up to serve on some out-of-touch committee.



Non-Random Communities

The Strongest Communities Arise from Housing Choice

Douglas E. Heimburger

Almost two weeks ago, several members of the faculty introduced a proposal to house all freshmen on campus next fall. This proposal could mean the end to some very good independent living groups. Yet it could increase student involvement in the MIT community.

There's one proposal that is linked to this one, though, that is so negative that it outweighs any potential positive effects of the movement on campus: the thought of randomizing the housing of freshmen within the dormitory system.

If freshmen housing is randomized, let alone housing for upperclassmen, the characters of the 10 Institute-run living groups will be greatly harmed. The deep sense of community that most residents have for their dormitory will also be lessened significantly, as residents will no longer feel that they made a choice to live there.

Just over a year ago, I chose to rank Random Hall first on my list of the dormitories in the lottery. I was excited to receive Random, and I moved into the dorm. I was able to pick from within the floors of Random and even pick my roommate.

Such freedoms are not found at other universities. My friends at Harvard received their roommates' names before arriving on campus, and were able to give out their phone number and address to their friends before leaving. Those details ease the transition to college life, but the advantages of community far outweigh the drawbacks of not having a phone number or address before arriving at MIT.

Each dormitory here has its own distinct culture apart from the Institute as a whole. At

Random, for example, most residents cook in our kitchens and eat in Central Square instead of on campus. We aren't the quietest place on campus, either — an open door is almost always an invitation to strike up a conversation and avoid working for another few minutes. I've had some of the best conversations in the common areas and in my room when I should have been studying.

The conversation isn't always designed to avoid doing work. People on my floor occasionally have "nerd wars" in our kitchen about obscure physics or math things. This doesn't disturb me. But I'm sure that discussions about the intricacies of Planck's Constant or interstellar space travel at three in the morning on a Tuesday night could be disturbing to others.

What would randomizing the housing system do to Random? It would limit our abilities to have a community. People who hate their housing assignment can make life horrible for the rest of the crowd, either by continually and annoyingly enforcing rules like quiet hours (which sometimes are a decent thing) or just by being complete jerks.

At the same time, many of the dormitories would lose the best thing they have going: the pride that their residents have in their living group. I think pride in part comes due to the lottery, and the fact that everyone chooses their housing assignment by ranking it high on their list. Not only does this increase pride in a dormitory, but it increases the spirit of cooperation within the members of the living group. I know that I've been a lot more willing to put up with some repair issues that have come up in the dorm simply because I know that I chose the facility.

Indeed, if the Institute were to choose roommates, another area of working together by choice would vanish. No longer could students blame themselves for potentially bad roommate choices and deal with it; they could now blame a faceless administrator and enlist

Institute help in solving even the pettiest arguments.

Some have said that randomizing the dormitory lottery will improve campus-wide spirit as students from the dormitories will group together to find others with similar interests. The problem is that the workload of classes already expand to cover almost all of a student's time — especially when the student is also involved in any activity or athletic team.

Even on the weekend, it's nearly impossible to find the time to go out and socialize — especially when it involves going out of my dorm and not just going to the lounge and watching a movie or playing a game with a group of 15 or 20 people. The scarce attendance at the Undergraduate Association's "campus-wide" parties and events show that even many well-planned and advertised parties on a campus-wide level draw few people.

If housing was randomized, many people might choose to withdraw from socializing at all if they hate their dormitory and don't like the other social options available to them. More upperclassmen might decide to take their chances with a small group in the Cambridge housing market. Others may just withdraw completely to the sanctity of their single.

As a result, students would be even less social than they are today, which bodes poorly for the Institute and those hiring graduates of this place. In addition, the safety nets that attempt to prevent tragedies in the system would be destroyed if everyone was behind closed doors in a dormitory.

We live in a stressful campus environment. After classes, it's nice to be able to go home and socialize, and get away from MIT. Removing the community and the culture of the dormitory system in order to promote campus-wide spirit would be a great mistake on the part of the administration. While the dorm system does have some problems, the selection system is not one of them.

Making Our Own Choices

Mitali Dhar

Most students on this campus are 18 years old or older. Most of us live in Cambridge far away from campus. Most of us have left our family behind at home to venture out to Massachusetts for an education. But on the day we left our parents behind, we did more than just leave home. We took something important away from them as well: responsibility.

There was a transfer of responsibility that day. Maybe some of us were told about it and maybe some of us were not, but the day we left home and left our parents behind, we assumed responsibility for ourselves. No longer was someone else responsible for our actions or thoughts. No longer was there someone to ask for permission, no longer was there anyone to correct us for the mistakes we make. Our parents, while bidding us goodbye,

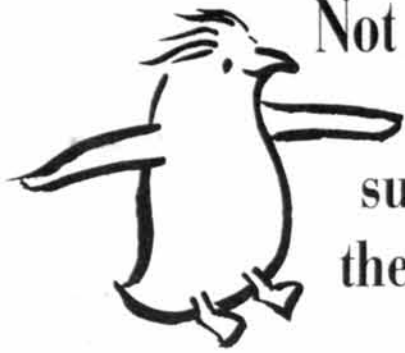
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gave up all right to be involved in our decisions. All they had left was the hope that they had brought us up well and that the guidance that they had given us over the past 18 or so years would help us make the right choices in the future.

I wonder how many of us realize the huge responsibility we carry with us once we reach college — responsibility not for anyone else, but for our own lives. Every decision we make and every step we take is our own. We have no one to tell us if we are right, and no one to reprimand us if it is wrong, only ourselves to blame if things go awry. I am sure quite a few of us do not realize this fact: I know it never struck me until a couple of weeks ago and I am sure that there are some of us who will maybe never realize it. But this term things have happened at MIT that has brought this fact to the forefront.

We are all adults on this campus — maybe not legally, but since we are given the power to control our own lives, we are certainly playing at being adults. The unquestionable authority to decide our lives for ourselves, command over every action and thought — that is what we were given. The decision to use it the right way or wrong way is entirely ours. And as long as we recognize this power we have, any decision we make will be right for us. No one else is going to judge us based on our actions if, ultimately, we alone can deal with them and justify them.

Your life lies in your hands. Realize that. Think about every decision you make. It will affect your life and yours alone. Do not do something to look cool and to be accepted into the crowd. Do it because you want to and you believe it has an importance or a significance in your life. That is all we need to survive here and in the world: the ability to recognize that every decision eventually will affect only our lives. Our parents brought us up trying to instill some values in us, trying to teach us right from wrong and eventually just trying to show us how to make our own decisions. Now it is up to us whether we reject or accept their ideals of right and wrong. At least let it be a coherent thinking process that leads to each conclusion or decision that we make. Parents will always be there to guide us, and peers will always be there to offer advice, but there will no longer be anyone to hold our hand along the path we choose to take. Just ourselves and our self-confidence to make the right decisions for ourselves. At the end of the day we will have ourselves to applaud for the right decisions and ourselves to blame for the wrong decisions. Let's recognize that fact and act on it.



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Think Tank Chairman Discusses East Asian Miracle

By Naveen Sunkavally
STAFF REPORTER

On Friday, Noordin Sopiee, chairman and chief executive officer of Malaysia's leading think tank, the Institute for Strategic and International Science, spoke about the myths and realities associated with the "East Asian miracle." The

Malaysian Students Association sponsored the event, held in 10-250. The East Asian miracle refers to the persistently high growth rates and standards of living among East Asian economies in the last 30 years. Sopiee began his speech by analyzing the word "miracle." He felt

the word contained bad connotations because it implied something "magical, mysterious, and easily done." However, Sopiee also pointed to the good connotations of "miracle," as something "remarkable or astonishing." Sopiee then discussed 10 common myths associated with the East

Asian miracle. He attacked people who gave single-causal explanations, such as an authoritarian government or a Confucian work-ethic, for the miracle and those people who think that every East Asian country has followed a general East Asian economic recipe for success. Sopiee also argued that the East Asian miracle was not easily accomplished and said, "You young people don't know the hell we went through to go toward today's hell."

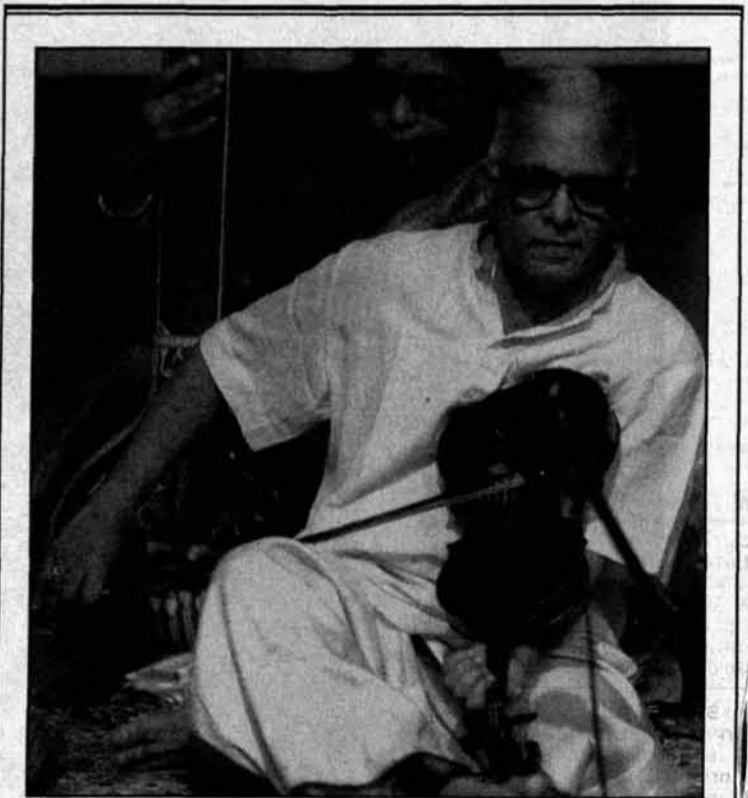
strength of East Asian economies before July 2, when Thailand set off the currency crisis by devaluing the bhat. Malaysia, which has thus far suffered a 30 percent devaluation in the ringgit, would "suffer the consequences but somehow get up and become as competitive as before" after one to four years, Sopiee said. Before the crisis, Malaysia was the second strongest and fourth most industrial economy in the world, Sopiee said. The Malaysian economy had all the fundamentals, like low inflation and high growth. Singapore, with an average growth rate of 7.92 percent, has been the most successful economy in the world in the last 25 years, he said.

Sopiee discusses currency crisis

The last myth, or "pre-myth," that Sopiee addressed was the notion that the current currency crisis represents the beginning of the end for East Asian countries.

Sopiee tried to debunk this "pre-myth" by noting the incredible

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New Endicott Center Relieves Homeless Musical Ensembles

Council, from Page 1

stay attached to MIT," Bradford Endicott said. He is typical of many of council members, he said. "I came to this school with no previous arts curriculum experience. I remember taking an intro to music class and finding it fascinating."

Music center new home to groups

James Makubuya, assistant professor in the Music and Theater Arts department, formed MITCAN to allow students to experience African music.

"I cannot overemphasize how

happy I am to have this room to practice in," Makubuya said. "Not only that, but the Council for the Arts funded the purchase of more than 83 traditional African instruments," including bow lyres, harps, tube fiddles, and flutes.

"We thank the people who have donated the room to us," Makubuya said in a speech prior to the group's performance. "Now we are no longer homeless."

"Last year," said Patrick C. Chou G, chairman of MITCAN, "if we were lucky, we would rehearse in the basement at Kresge, or Lobby 13. Lobby 13 is the worst place to play a drum."

Council helps individual projects

The council also helps fund individuals. Michael J. Rakowitz G, a graduate student in the School of Architecture's Visual Arts program, received funding from the Council's Grants Program to create a portable, inflatable shelter for the homeless which he calls the paraSite. The project would attach itself to the air duct of a building to receive a constant air stream which inflates its walls.

"I had been thinking about this for a long time," Rakowitz said. "So, I decided to take a class in nomadic design." The project was originally an assignment for the class, but after the class ended, Rakowitz began producing prototypes. He ran into difficulties when he realized that he did not have the budget to build a full-scale model with more durable materials.

That's when the council came in. "I knew about [the council] before coming to MIT," Rakowitz said. "I had researched to make sure that there was a group associated with the institute which actively supported and funded the arts." With the support of the council, Rakowitz is continuing to work on the project.

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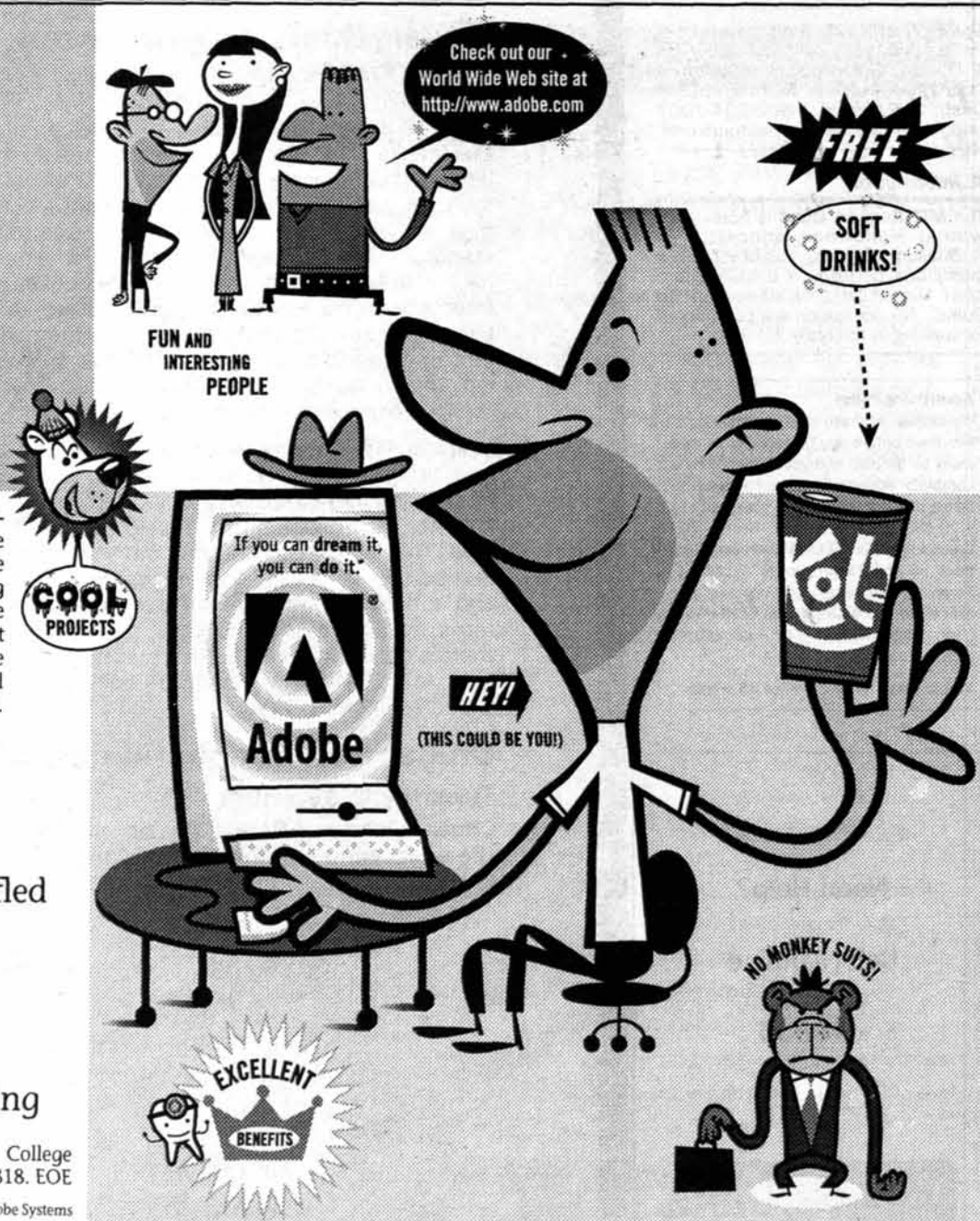
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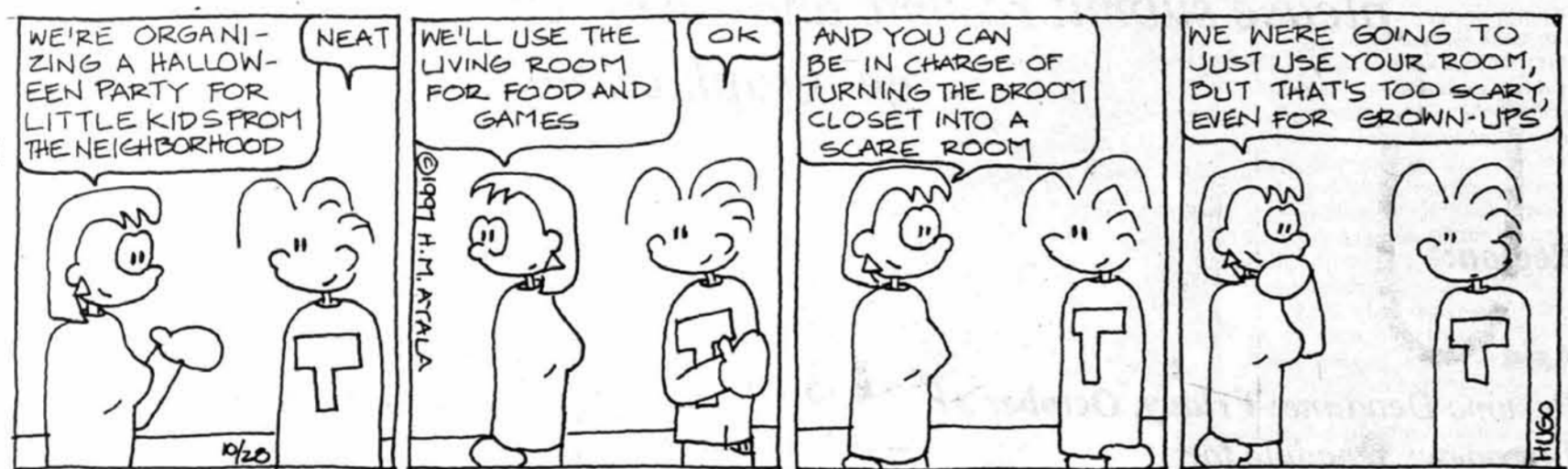
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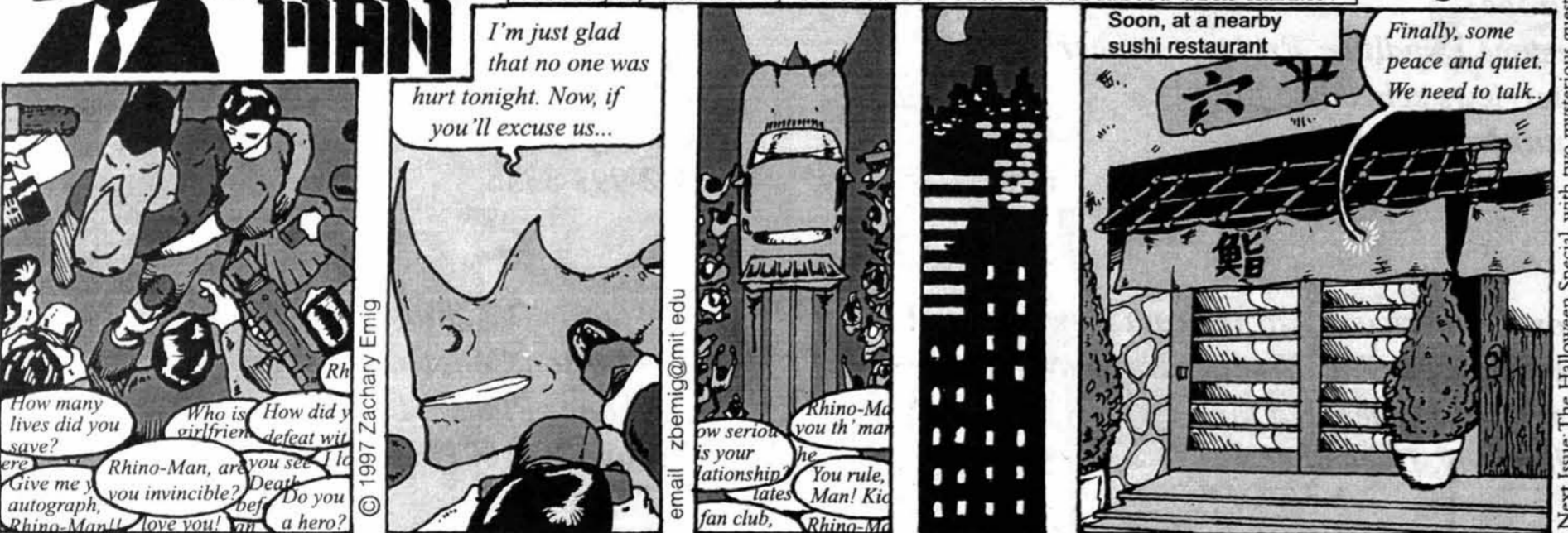
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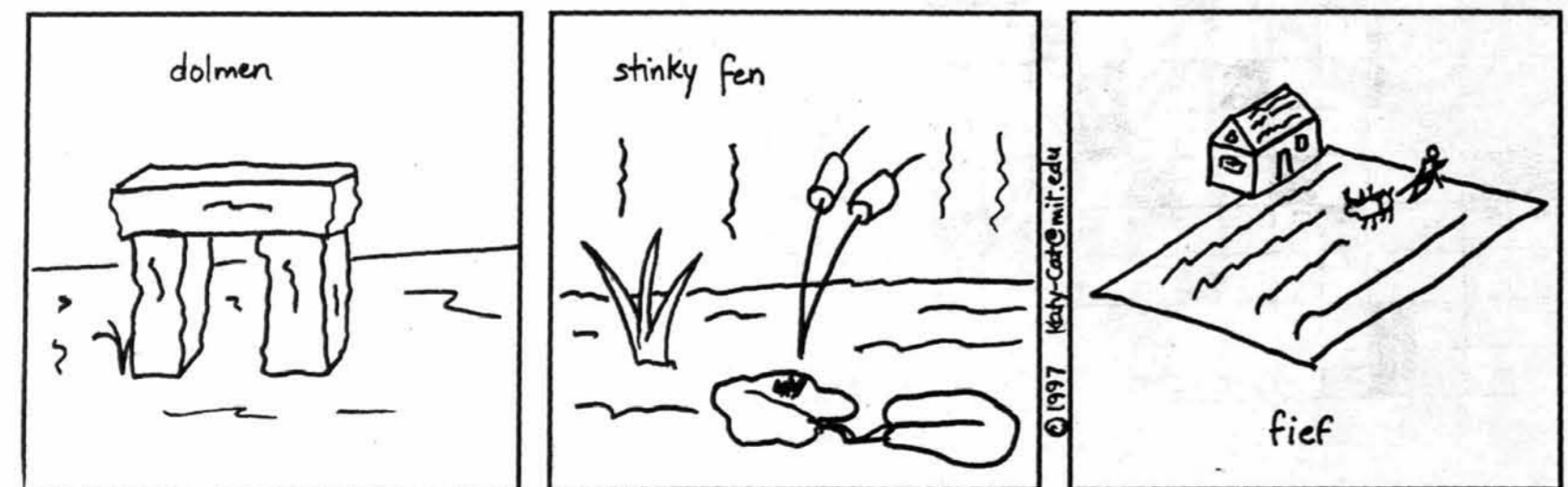
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by Zachary Emig



Next issue: The Halloween Special, with two mysterious guest stars! In Two Issues: Rhino-Man reveals what he fears most.

Noun Poetry
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CONTRIVIA ? What a way to go

Some famous personalities have died under rather odd circumstances. Gregory Rasputin, the "Mad Monk of Russia" who controlled Tsar Nicholas II through his wife Alexandra, was intensely disliked by the Russian nobles. In December 1916, a group of noblemen poisoned, shot, stabbed and beat the mystic, but none of this killed him. They finally had to tie Rasputin up and throw him into a frozen river before he died from drowning!

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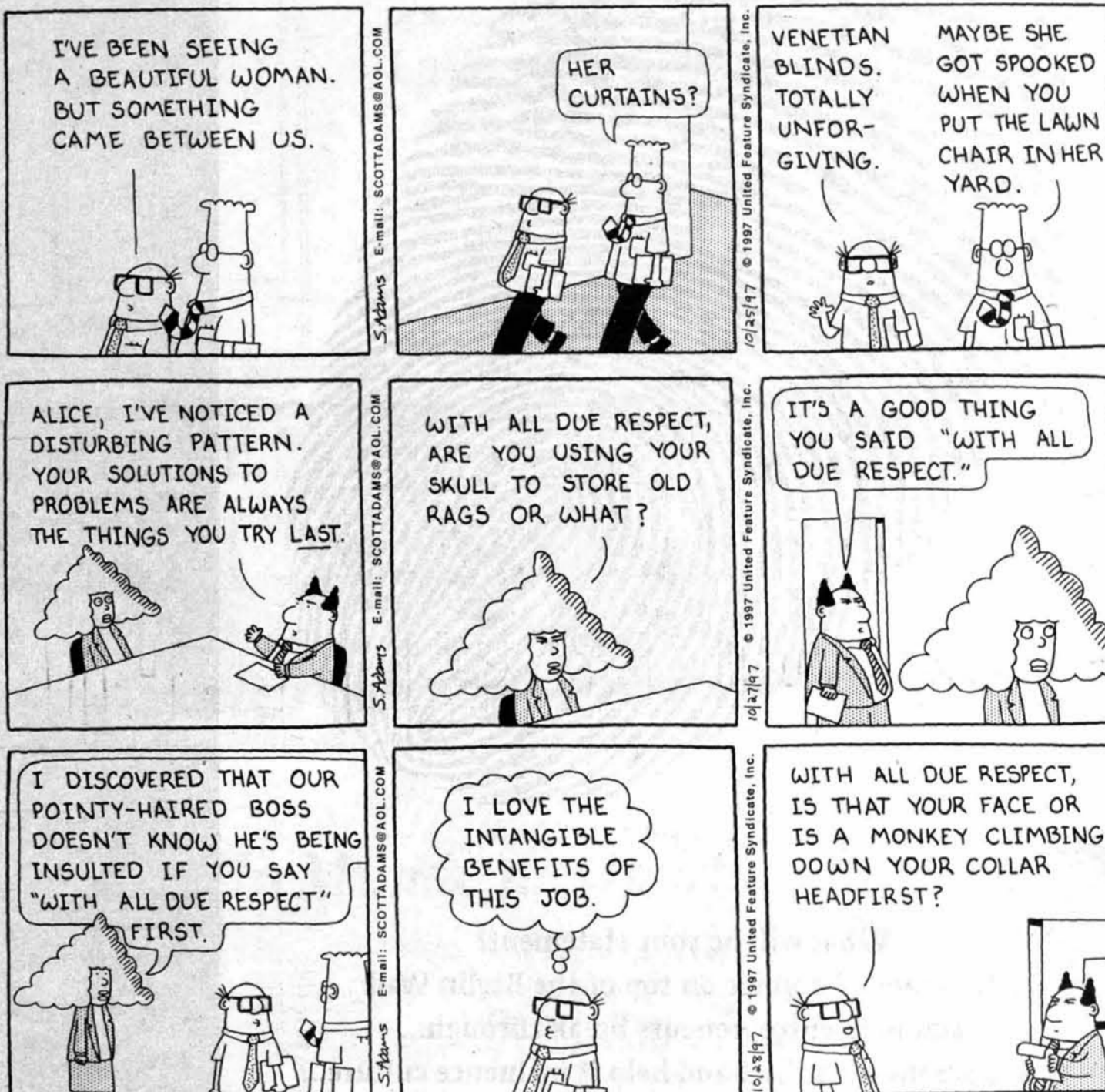
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- Male deer
- Czechoslovakian river
- Liquid from tree
- Type of boat
- Type of bean
- Frozen water
- Leather belt
- Assuring
- Quick
- Heating vessel
- Foot apparel
- Particular type of (suf.)
- Anger
- She
- Refer
- Father (abbr.)
- Talent
- Never
- Three (pref.)
- N.E. state (abbr.)
- Pod plant
- Decompose
- Dirty
- Indefinite pronoun
- Book
- Affirm
- Sound system
- Helpful to others

Down

- Compulsory military selection (abbr.)
- Make lace
- Where aircraft land
- Stare fixedly
- Indicates alcohol (chem. suf.)
- Drive away
- Release
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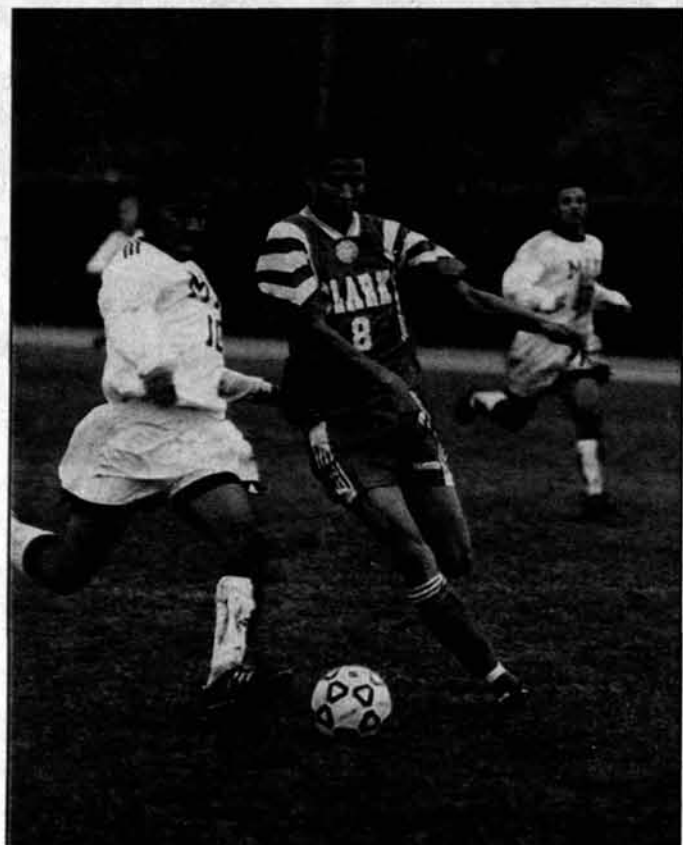
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East Asian Change In Attitude Notable

Malaysia, from Page 8

"Never before have so many countries grown so fast," Sopiee said of the East Asian economies. In 1947, the situation for East Asian countries was hopeless, and Japan had only 60 percent of the output of India and Pakistan, he said.

According to an Australian forecast, the East Asian sector would achieve parity by 2000 in terms of the volume of trade with the rest of the world, Sopiee said. He showed graphs that placed the East Asian economic block far ahead of the North American Free Trade Agreement block and the European Union.

Sopiee also said that the "electronic herd" of speculators could not ignore the strength and potential of East Asian countries, and that despite the currency crisis, the herd will later turn back to invest in East Asia. Last year, investors made an average return of 25.9 percent in Malaysia, while the average worldwide rate of return was only 12 percent.

Change in ideology is true miracle

Despite the bad connotations of the word "miracle," Sopiee thought that its good connotations described well the current situation with East Asian countries.

He said that the change in ideology was remarkable. "[Before] we [Malaysia] were prepared to kill people if they were communist. [Now] for the first time in 150 years, nobody is shooting anyone anymore." He said that the most turbulent region in the past is not the Middle East but East Asia, which has experienced the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and countless other civil wars.

"I think we have made a tremendous advance with regards to

democratization," Sopiee said. "However," he said, "I believe we have to do better with regards to political and civil rights."

Speaking of the psychological and cultural change over the last 50 years, Sopiee said that East Asian countries now have a greater sense of confidence and a regional consciousness and no longer feel inferior to Western nations.

Pointing to a survey that asked East Asians and Americans their most important values, Sopiee said that East Asian values have also contributed to the miracle. According to the survey, in East Asia, the most important values were the existence of an orderly society, consensus, and respect for authority, while in the United States, the most important values were free expression, personal freedom, and open debate.

Sopiee answers questions

When asked about Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's recent comments about a conspiracy among Jews and rich nations, Sopiee said the prime minister was making a point to the media. He also said that it was not possible for rich nations to conspire.

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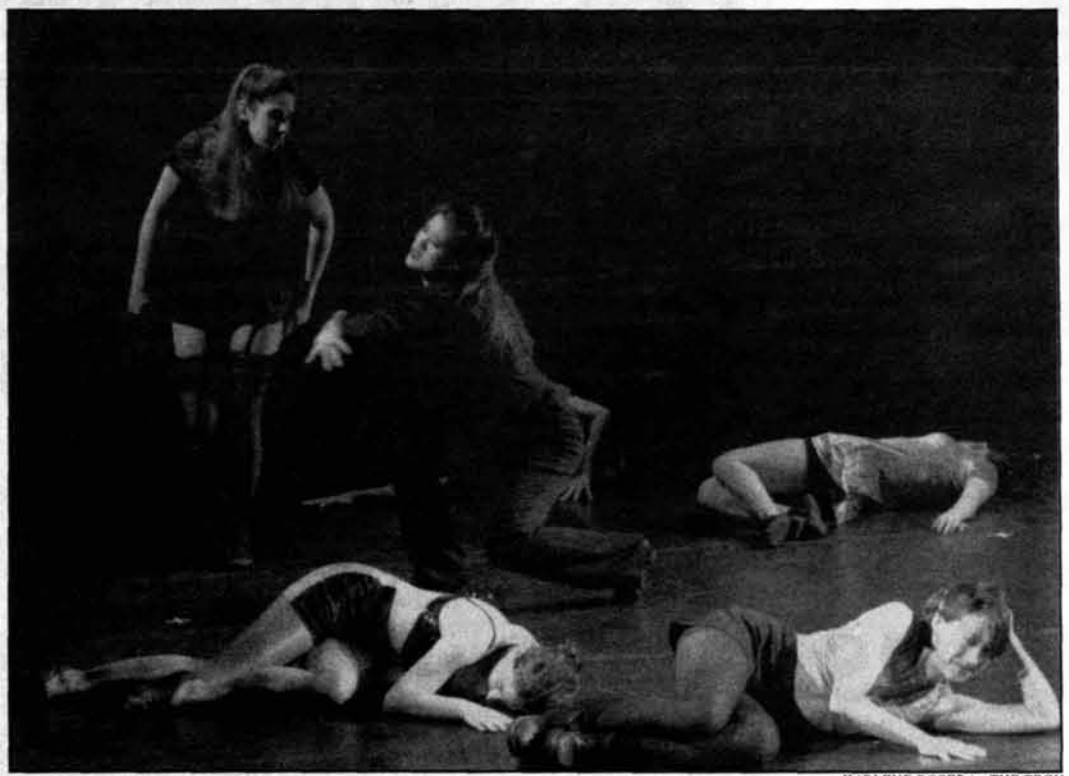
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Oct. 19: New House, noise complaint; Ashdown House, 1) noise complaint, 2) checkbook stolen; Magazine Street, noise complaint; Bldg. 9, room broken into and \$35 stolen; Albany garage, computer parts stolen during Swap Fest, \$200; Bexley Hall, annoying e-mail; Kresge Auditorium lot, malicious damage to vehicle.

Oct. 20: Bldg. N51, laptop stolen, \$7,000; New House, annoying phone calls; MacGregor House, wallet left unattended stolen, \$340.

Oct. 21: Bldg. E51 bicycle rack, bicycle tire stolen, \$80; Infinite Corridor, malicious damage to posters; Bldg. W11, malicious damage to door; Bldg. E15, bicycle secured with "U" lock stolen, \$450; Bldg. E19, window stolen, \$4,785.



KARLENE ROSERA—THE TECH

BLOWN AWAY—Dramatic lighting and music combined in Dance Troupe's *Whirlwind* show this weekend.

“There were times I was ready to kill him. Twin brothers are like that—always competing, trying to prove something. Like when he took Kelly Applegate away from me our senior year. I swore I’d never speak to him again. But when Jeff wrecked his car and had to have blood, I was

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Have a question for Dr. Vest?

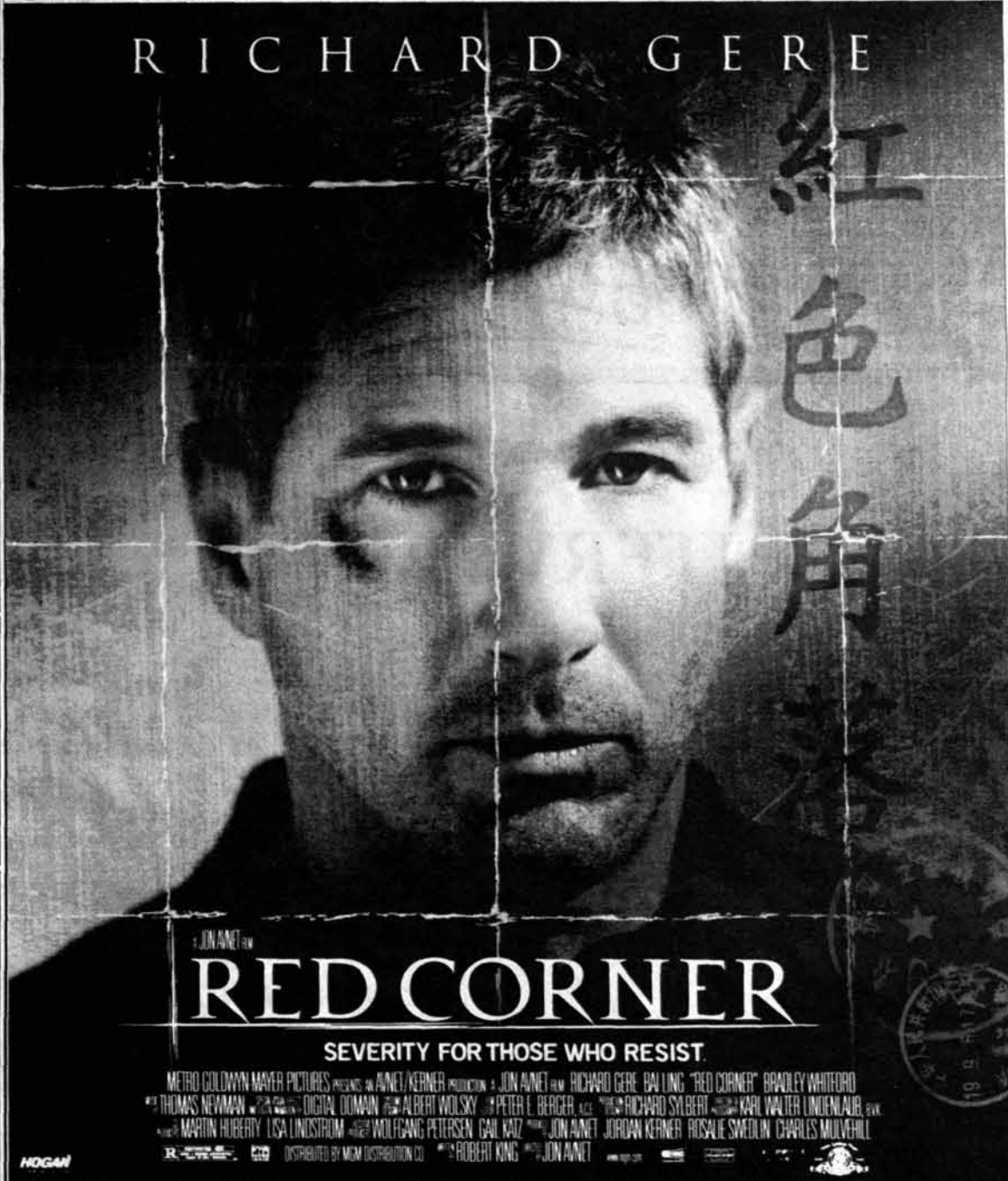
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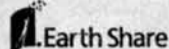
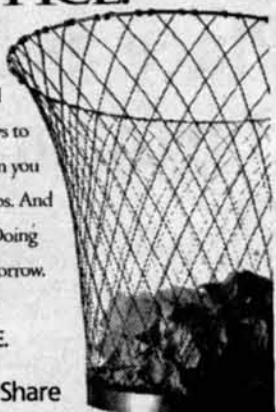
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Equestrians Place at Mt. Ida Show, Prepare for Dartmouth, BU Shows

By Candice McElroy
TEAM CAPTAIN

On Sunday, the equestrian team once again proved that it is a competitive force at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association at Mount Ida College. MIT competed against 10 other local schools and fielded riders in four divisions ranging from beginner walk-trot equitation to novice equitation

over fences.

MIT took home two second place awards in novice equitation. Christina Saltzman '99 earned second place over fences and Miki Hertz '99 placed second in equitation on the flat. Saltzman also earned sixth place in novice equitation on the flat.

Nina Kutsuzawa '00 received third place in walk-trot equitation

and Heather Drake '99 earned fifth place in beginner walk-trot-canter equitation. Kathy Navarrete '98 also competed in advanced walk-trot-canter.

Next weekend the team will head up to Dartmouth College to compete. The fall season will come to a close the following weekend at the Boston University home show.



Christina Saltzman '99 competes in the fences competition, placing second at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association at Mt. Ida College on Saturday.

ADRIANNE CHAPMAN—THE TECH

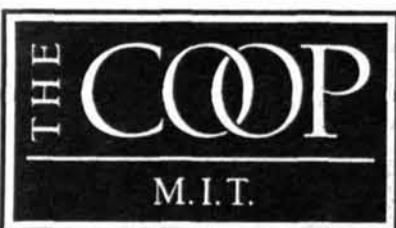
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