

Fiji Loses Dormitory License, Must Close House This Spring

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
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The Boston Licensing Board has suspended Phi Gamma Delta's dormitory license for seven months and indefinitely suspended the use of alcohol at the fraternity.

The board last week punished Fiji for serving alcohol to Scott S. Krueger '01, causing him to go into a coma, and blocking emergency exits. The board also reprimanded



WAN YUSOF WAN MORSHIDI—THE TECH
The Boston Licensing Board revoked Phi Gamma Delta's fraternity license until August. The board's decision will take effect on Jan. 15.

MIT for its apparent lack of control over the fraternity.

"MIT has a responsibility to their admitted students" to act in a parental capacity, said Commissioner Daniel F. Pokaski. The decision is meant to send a message to MIT administrators and to the fraternity that better control is needed.

The board's unanimous decision revokes Fiji's dormitory license, which allows students to live in the building, effective Jan. 15. However, the fraternity will be allowed to renew its license on Aug. 15.

Although residents may be able to move back in August, the board suspended the use or possession of any alcohol on the premises indefinitely.

The alumni group that owns the fraternity, Malcolm Cotton Brown Corp., will be able to petition the board to allow Fiji to serve alcohol, but not until Aug. 15, 2000. The Phi Gamma Delta national fraternity pledged to become alcohol free by 2000 following the Krueger incident.

Finally, the board required that MIT submit its results of an internal investigation into the incident and its plan for overseeing all fraternities by June 1.

"We have to close this place down because we... have no reason-

able assurance that they will act responsibly," said Commissioner Joseph I. Mulligan.

"MIT cannot say that they do not have responsibility over frat houses, when indeed they do," Pokaski said.

Action based on limited evidence

The board expressed its dismay frequently during the hearing at the lack of information available to it because of the ongoing criminal investigation.

"What we know about is what we see in the police reports," said Chairman Ellen E. Rooney. At a hearing held three weeks ago, police investigators refused to comment on most aspects of the case because of the ongoing grand jury investigation.

Lawyers from the firm of Meehan, Boyle & Cohen, P.C., working for Krueger's family, submitted several hundred of pages of documentation regarding "hazing and alcohol abuses within MIT's fraternity system."

"Based on its past experience with this particular licensee, it seems clear that complete revocation of the dormitory license is in order," continued the letter.

However, the commissioners did not have time to review the contents of the documents, which included

BU Coed Hospitalized After Drinking at Frat

By Frank Dabek
and Jennifer Lane
STAFF REPORTERS

Theta Chi has come under scrutiny following the hospitalization of Marie A. Figueredo, a freshman at Boston University, after an alleged night of drinking at the fraternity.

Boston Police were notified after Figueredo, who is 18, was brought to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center on Nov. 15 from her room in Warren Towers, a BU dormitory, after her roommate called 911. Figueredo was treated for alcohol poisoning and subsequently released.

The roommate reported that Figueredo had consumed seven shots of liquor in half an hour in a brother's room at the fraternity.



INDRANATH NEOGY—THE TECH
Boston Police inspected Theta Chi Nov. 20 after a Boston University freshman was hospitalized with alcohol poisoning.

The Boston Police later cited Theta Chi for serving alcohol to a minor, which is a violation of the dormitory license issued to the fraternity. Boston Police Detective Richard Famolare inspected the house at 528 Beacon St. on Nov. 20.

Iddo Gilon '98, president of the Interfraternity Council, said that Theta Chi was also cited with a violation for blocking exits.

Ellen Rooney, chair of the Boston Licensing Board, told *The Boston Herald* that the board would hold a hearing on the incident early next year.

Gilon was not aware if a criminal investigation was ongoing but he said that detectives had been inquiring into events surrounding the Theta Chi incident.

"MIT is investigating [and] if the investigation reveals underage drinking" MIT will take appropriate action, said Rosalind H. Williams, dean of students and undergraduate education. The dean's office will undertake its own investigation into the incident.

Ian S. Peir '98, president of Theta Chi, said that the house is still considering what action it will take in response to the incident.

The IFC president's council met on Sunday, but did not decide what, if any, action should be taken against the fraternity, Gilon said.

The IFC "can't decide without due process," and not enough information is currently available, Gilon said. The dean's office will most likely treat this incident similarly to the Zeta Psi incident, "possibly suspending the fraternity pending an investigation."

"The Boston Licensing Board is pretty upset with MIT [and] not nec-

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Fire in MacGregor Triggers Sprinkler And Ousts Tower Residents Overnight

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Residents of the MacGregor House tower were forced to sleep elsewhere last Tuesday night, after water from the sprinkler system, activated by a fire on the 16th floor, caused significant damage to the power systems of the building.

A babysitter for assistant housemaster John S. Wilson, director of foundation planning and assistant provost for fundraising, was cooking french fries in their 16th floor apartment when she stepped away for a minute and a grease fire developed, Wilson said.

"She did not know the sort of cardinal rule that you don't use

water on a grease or oil fire" and she attempted to use water, which accelerated the flames until they touched the heat-sensitive sprinkler head located above the stove, Wilson said.

The head then discharged about 30 gallons of water per minute, said Robert T. Ramsay, Jr., MacGregor's house manager.

"As far as the fire was concerned, [damage] was pretty minimal." The water damage from the sprinkler was much more extensive, Ramsay said.

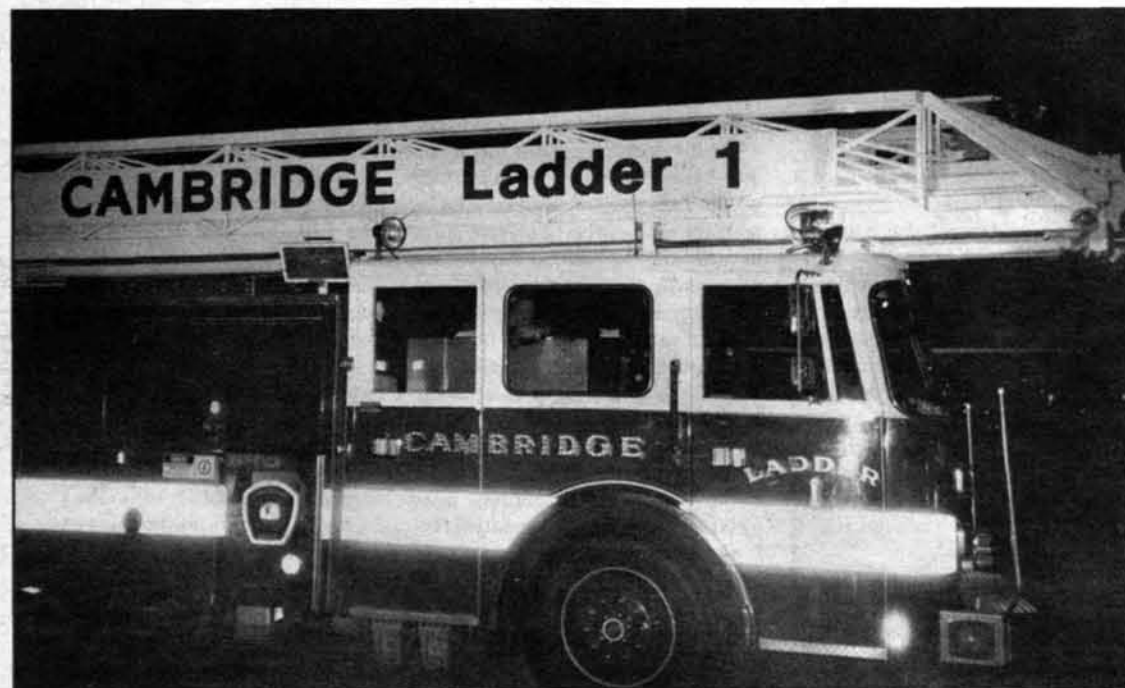
Before the sprinkler head was turned off by fire department and physical plant workers, over 400 gallons had been discharged. Water

seeped under a door into a electrical closet on the floor that supplies the main power to the tower, Ramsay said.

As a result, the water had to be pumped out and the equipment dried before the power could be turned back on to the tower. Water was pumped out of the area until approximately 1 a.m. Wednesday morning, and power was restored at 7 a.m.

A few students' rooms on the 14th and 15th floors also had wet carpeting following the incident as the water went down the stairwells, Ramsay said. "There was quite a bit

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COURTNEY CLENCH—THE TECH
A grease fire last Tuesday in MacGregor House's tower set off the fire sprinklers, flooding the 16th floor and the tower's electrical system.

'Vonnegut Speech' Author Encourages MIT Students

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Mary T. Schmich, the *Chicago Tribune* columnist whose June 1 column gained Internet fame as Kurt Vonnegut's commencement speech, came to campus to share her experiences and inspirations with the MIT community.

Last Wednesday's event, sponsored by the Class of 2001, was intended to cheer up students in the light of the difficulties the community has faced this semester, before the onset of final papers, projects, and exams.

With a drawl that gave away her southern origins, Schmich said "I write for a livin'; I don't talk for a livin'," humbly forewarning students about the length of her speech compared to the now idolized, and short, column.

Refrigerators, not heroes inspire

Schmich spoke to the audience about her own sources of inspiration. "I don't believe in heroes — heroes disappoint you," Schmich said. "Inspiration is what we're really looking for when we're looking for heroes."

While looking for inspiration, "I realized everything I needed to know was posted on my refrigerator," Schmich said.

Schmich shared with the audience the quotes and the pictures

posted on her refrigerator door that served as her sources of inspiration.

The first quote she mentioned reminded students of the benefits of a good night's rest. "The secret to success is not staying up all night, but being awake in the daytime."

The second quote, by author Mary Gainseville, spoke to the pursuit of perpetual happiness. "People put such a premium on being happy, and while I have nothing against being happy, I think deeper life experience isn't necessarily being more happy."

The third was a quote from an article in *The New York Times* about presidential aide Vince Foster explaining his state of mind before his suicide during Clinton's first term in office. "A loss of security," "a painful scanning of his environment," "a rigid perfectionism and self demand," and "a breakdown of his usual abilities" led to his demise.

"I keep that one to remind me of the hazards of perfectionism," Schmich said, "and to remind us of the importance of seeking help when we need it."

The next quote was from the poet and doctor William Carlos Williams. "It is difficult to get the news from poems, yet men die mis-

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WORLD & NATION

Netanyahu Warns Against Unilateral Moves by Palestinians

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

Israel will annex the Jordan Valley and other Israeli-occupied areas of the West Bank if the Palestinians unilaterally declare a Palestinian state, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '76 warned Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat on Monday.

Netanyahu's statement, made in discussions with right-wing legislators, came a day after his Cabinet approved a proposal to cede more West Bank land to the Palestinians.

And like that decision, which set tough conditions for the hand-over and left its scope and timetable undetermined, his comments Monday heightened tensions and distrust between Netanyahu's government and the Palestinians.

"Such threats may just expose the real truth of what the Israelis have in mind," Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat said, referring to Palestinian fears that Israel plans to retain much of the West Bank permanently.

Israel has occupied the territory since it was captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War, although Palestinians now govern its major cities.

Erekat said Netanyahu did not mention his warning when he telephoned Arafat on Monday to tell him that he believed that the Israeli Cabinet's weekend decision advanced the peace process and that they would meet to discuss it once a concrete plan was approved.

But in a meeting with legislators from the right-wing Tsomet party, Netanyahu said that, if Arafat were to declare a Palestinian state without Israeli consent, Israel "will declare an annexation of the Jordan Valley and the Judean desert," said Pinhas Badash, a lawmaker present. He said he interpreted Netanyahu's statement as meaning Israel would annex areas it considers vital to its security, including roads and water resources, as well as the Jordan River valley, which forms the border between Jordan and the Israeli-controlled West Bank.

Badash noted it was possible to interpret Netanyahu's comments to mean that under such circumstances, Israel would annex any part of the West Bank still under Israeli control.

Tsomet members had met with Netanyahu to try to persuade him to support a proposal to annex the Jordan Valley immediately but were turned down, Badash said, adding of the prime minister, "Bibi said that annexing it now will explode the peace process and the Oslo agreements."

David Bar-Illan, a Netanyahu senior aide, said he could not confirm specifics. "But the prime minister intends to do whatever he feels is necessary and advisable if Arafat scuttles the Oslo agreement arbitrarily and unilaterally," he said. "This is intended as a warning."

Reno Still Not Decided On Independent Counsel Investigation

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno said Monday that she still had not determined whether to seek an independent counsel investigation of fund-raising phone calls by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore but would meet a court deadline Tuesday for her final decision.

Senior Justice Department officials said Monday evening that Reno is expected to accept recommendations from her campaign finance task force that there are no grounds for further investigation of the phone calls and that no independent counsel is necessary.

However, Reno is also considering contrary advice from FBI Director Louis J. Freeh. In a meeting with her last week and a follow-up memo, Freeh argued that an independent counsel should investigate the telephone calls as part of what might be a broader pattern of activities by the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election effort designed to circumvent restrictions on campaign fund-raising, officials said.

Asked as she left a World AIDS Day commemoration at the Justice Department whether she had made a decision yet, Reno told reporters at midday Monday, "No, not yet." Several hours later, a senior Justice Department official involved in Reno's deliberations said there would be no formal decision until Tuesday.

Once she has made a decision, Reno must advise a special three-judge panel of appellate court judges that oversees implementation of the Independent Counsel Act.

The Justice Department's campaign finance task force began separate investigations in September to determine whether Clinton or Gore violated a prohibition against campaign fund-raising on federal property. At issue are calls placed from White House offices soliciting donations from important contributors.

WEATHER

Yesterday's News

By Chris Forest

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Once again, we have had a miserable weekend and the effects have spilled over into the early part of the week. Yesterday's storm continues to strengthen today over the ocean and will keep our weather windy and cold until tomorrow. As the system finally pushes out to sea, the winds should diminish during the night. Along with the lighter winds, the skies will clear and temperatures will be cool but not chilly on Wednesday as the next system develops to our west. With any luck, a weak low pressure system will come through Thursday and finally break the weekly cycle that has plagued our weekends this autumn. Thus, Thursday should be cool and cloudy with a possible shower but little else to mention.

Today: Windy and cold with flurries. High 37°F (3°C)

Tonight: Continued cold. Low 27°F (-3°C)

Wednesday: Sunny but breezy. High 46°F (7°C). Low 36°F (2°C)

Thursday: Cloudy and cool. High 50°F (9°C). Low 35°F (2°C)

Gore Decides To Go to Japan For Global Warming Meeting

By Joby Warrick

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton announced Monday that he will dispatch Vice President Al Gore to Japan next week to help forge an international agreement to combat global warming even as representatives of 160 nations began exploring just how difficult that will be.

After months of resistance to sending such a high-ranking leader to the U.N. climate change conference that opened Monday in Kyoto, the White House decided the presence of the vice president would signal to skeptics at home and abroad that the administration is genuinely committed to finding a solution.

"It shows that we consider this to be a profoundly important issue and we have taken it very seriously, we have worked very hard on it," Clinton said during a joint appearance with Gore in the Cabinet Room.

By shifting strategies on the conference's opening day, however, Clinton invested far more political importance to the negotiations even as they appear unlikely to produce a treaty acceptable to the United States. And, by attending, Gore risks taking the blame if the talks collapse or fail to produce an agreement with meaningful limits on the greenhouse gases blamed for warping the planet's climate.

The Clinton plan calls for more modest cuts in pollution than Japan or Europe while also insisting on restrictions on developing nations, leaving the United States isolated from much of the world. Senior administration officials hold out lit-

tle hope of reaching a definitive pact in Kyoto and instead hope mostly to make progress.

Gore plans to telephone European leaders this week to press the U.S. position. But the White House tried to control his political exposure by limiting his role in Kyoto and sounding a hard-line bargaining position. Gore will arrive in Kyoto Monday morning and stay just for the day to outline the U.S. stance in a speech and to meet with some delegations, but not to lead negotiations personally.

"I would like to make it clear that, as others have said, we are perfectly prepared to walk away from an agreement that we don't think will work," Gore said.

The White House long played down the possibility of Gore or Clinton attending the Kyoto meeting, in part because it is being conducted by officials at the deputy minister level. But Gore has absorbed criticism from those in the environmental movement for not attending.

In Kyoto, environmental groups cheered the move but some wondered what, if anything, Gore could accomplish in what would amount to a drive-by visit.

"The vice president's decision to come is obviously very welcome to everyone here if it indicates a more flexible position on the part of the U.S.," said Phil Clapp, president of the National Environmental Trust. "But a cosmetic, one-day trip by the vice president will not make up for a year of neglect of these negotiations by the Clinton administration. The talks are in bad shape now because the administration put little

effort into this before the last 30 days."

John Passacantando, executive director of Ozone Action, said Gore's visit would at least add left to a U.S. delegation that, during the early phase of negotiations, is being led by an acting assistant secretary of state who is not a Clinton appointee.

The head of the delegation will remain Stuart E. Eizenstat, an undersecretary of state tapped just last week and who will not arrive in Kyoto until later this week. Eizenstat was a last-minute replacement for Timothy E. Wirth, who surprised the administration by taking a new job shortly before the conference.

The White House has been close to announcing Gore's trip for more than a week, but delayed to avoid undercutting Eizenstat. Officials wanted to give Eizenstat a chance to plant his feet and establish himself among his foreign counterparts.

Kathleen A. McGinty, chairwoman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, said Gore was "not Polyanna-ish" about the tough selling job he faces in Kyoto, as well as the political difficulties he could face at home. "This entire issue is fraught with political peril," she said. "But this is a question of leadership."

White House aides said the vice president decided to accept the risks because he knows this is a signal moment for environmental issues. "This is not a political winner as an issue," said a senior official who asked not to be named. But "it's very hard for the vice president to pass up an opportunity to talk about this issue."

Lawyers Demand One-Quarter Of Florida's \$11.3 Billion Deal

By John Schwartz

THE WASHINGTON POST

When the state of Florida announced a \$11.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry in August, Gov. Lawton Chiles (D) said the state had "reached a victory of historic proportions." What might turn out to be equally historic, however, is the size of the fees being demanded by some of the attorneys who worked for the state — and the ugliness of the dispute over the money.

Some lawyers in the case are suing for immediate payment of what could turn out to be more than \$200 million each — as much as \$2.8 billion altogether — arguing that is what they are owed under the original 25 percent contingency fee deal they signed with the state.

"A deal's a deal," said Sheldon Schlessinger, one of the attorneys fighting the state.

But Florida officials negotiated a different deal with the industry. Under that agreement, the industry, not the state, would pay all legal fees and the amount would be determined by a panel of arbitrators.

Two weeks ago, a state judge in Palm Beach sided with the state. Ruling that the attorneys' demands were "unconscionable and clearly excessive," Circuit Judge Harold Jeffrey Cohen ordered the attorneys to arbitrate their fees. The dissidents have since sued to have the judge removed from the case.

The case is being closely watched. It's a nail-biting drama for those supporting a national tobacco policy based in part on the settlement proposal last June between the industry and the states and private attorneys suing it. The Florida squabble, and possible similar fights

brewing in other states, represents an eruption of precisely the kind of monetary infighting proponents had hoped to avoid.

Among those most concerned are the attorneys general who negotiated the proposed national settlement with the industry. In a recent conference call, one state official joked about the irony of breakaway attorney Robert M. Montgomery Jr. driving to the West Palm Beach courthouse in his two-tone Rolls Royce "to complain that his fees are inadequate," according to sources familiar with the call.

Under the deal, the industry would pay an estimated \$368 billion and make numerous public health concessions in return for protection from certain kinds of legal liability. The industry also would pay all legal fees and the amount would be determined by a national arbitration panel.

In his decision against the breakaway lawyers, Judge Cohen estimated the fees amounted to \$7,716 an hour for each of the 12 private attorneys billing 24 hours a day for the 42 months that the case went on. "Perhaps tens of millions or hundreds of millions of dollars might be reasonable," Cohen wrote, "but 2.8 billion dollars simply shocks the conscience of the court."

A statement released by the tobacco companies said: "To the extent that a disagreement now exists between the plaintiffs' lawyers and their client, it is a matter for them to resolve. It is unfortunate that the sensible approach to the issue of lawyers' fees contained in the Florida settlement is now itself the subject of a lawsuit."

The Florida fight started the night before the settlement was announced, in attorney

Montgomery's 21,000-square-foot oceanfront home. Dinner was served in the ballroom, and the lawyers for the state were assembled to meet with the governor. The attorneys expected a pep talk; instead the governor told them the case had been settled for more than \$10 billion. "I was absolutely astounded," Montgomery said.

The industry had already quietly set aside \$10 billion to cover legal bills for the state and private suits that would be settled by the deal, according to several attorneys attending the event. If Congress did not act by the fall of 1998, Florida's lawyers would go into a separate arbitration with any three mediators of the trial lawyers' choice. "Whatever they say the fee is, the tobacco industry has agreed to pay," Montgomery recalled Rice saying.

To Montgomery, the plan smelled of a payoff to support the national deal — and, perhaps, a way to later force the lawyers to accept less than their due. He told Rice he had fought the industry for more than two years and would not accept money from it. "I've never been a party to any fix and I ain't being a part of any fix now," he recalled saying.

Whatever one might think of the amount, the trial lawyers argue, the law enforcement officers of the state signed a contract.

"They have a point," acknowledged Peter Antonacci, Florida's deputy attorney general. "Most lawyers that you run this by say the same thing: 'Wait a ... minute, you're trying to welsh on your deal!'" When the amount of money at stake is brought up, however, "They say, 'Hmmm. That much?'" Antonacci said.

Companies to Devise Internet Filter System to Help Families

By Melissa Healy
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

A coalition of technology and media companies, hoping to calm jittery parents and appease disgruntled lawmakers, agreed Monday to devise a system of filters that would help families shield children from adult material on the Internet.

The participants, including Walt Disney Co., America Online Inc. and Microsoft Corp., hope their effort to develop a private-sector solution will head off potential government intervention in the booming online marketplace.

During three days of meetings that began in Washington Monday, the companies will seek to call public attention to existing software products that enable parents to screen the kind of World Wide Web sites their children can view. And at a kick-off session, they promised to deliver new

means of blocking children's access to inappropriate material.

But participants remained far from agreement on what the system they propose will look like, and expressed doubts that there will ever be anything like an industry standard. They said the complexities of the issue likely will result in a fragmented system of checks and filters that will leave a great deal of choice — and responsibility — in the hands of parents.

This week's meeting comes five months after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the 1996 Communications Decency Act, which would have barred the display of indecent material on the Internet, saying it violated the free-speech rights of adults. While many Internet service providers joined civil liberties activists in cheering that decision, they acknowledged Monday that it has left many parents

leery of inviting the Internet into their homes.

But while the industry is eager to show it already has responded to parents' concerns, there was uneven support for the kind of industrywide standard President Clinton suggested when he convened the Internet Online Summit.

After last June's Supreme Court decision, Clinton suggested that Internet providers should devise some standard set of rules and voluntarily adhere to them, much as the major television networks have done in adopting a ratings system for use with a V-chip. A computer chip expected to be included in new TV sets next year, the V-chip will allow parents to block unwanted programs.

Otherwise, Clinton administration officials warned, Internet service providers could count on angry lawmakers to step in with ideas of their own.

Bosnian Serb Elections Appear To Deal Setback to Hard-Liners

By Lee Hockstader
THE WASHINGTON POST

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Elections in the Serb-controlled half of Bosnia appear to have broken the choke hold on parliament maintained by allies of former President Radovan Karadzic and other nationalists opposed to Western peace efforts.

Although complete official results of the Nov. 22-23 vote might not be available for a week or more, analysts who have studied partial returns predict Karadzic's Serbian Democratic Party and its allies in the Serbian Radical Party will not win enough seats to control the 83-member legislature.

That would represent a sharp defeat for the hard-liners, who until now have used their comfortable majority in parliament to obstruct

the U.S.-mediated peace plan for Bosnia and to challenge President Biljana Plavsic, who is strongly supported by the West.

It is also the clearest sign yet that at least one of Bosnia's three main ethnic parties, which led their people in the 1992-95 war and remain fervently nationalist, might be losing its grip on popular support. Karadzic, a war crimes suspect inducted for genocide and crimes against humanity, is a fugitive from international justice, but he has exerted considerable influence in Bosnian Serb politics nonetheless.

"It doesn't really mean the Karadzic crowd is going to fold up its tents and go home," said a Western diplomat in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, in a telephone interview. "But they're definitely on the defensive."

Despite the setback for the hard-liners, the election results hardly portend a calmer political season in the Serb-controlled part of Bosnia, a quasi-state roughly the size of Vermont and populated by fewer than a million people. While the hard-liners do not appear to have sufficient seats to form a government, neither do their Western-backed foes.

For the past few months the territory has been riven by a bitter and sporadically violent dispute between the Karadzic loyalists, based in the eastern ski resort of Pale, and a bloc loyal to his successor, Plavsic, based in the western city of Banja Luka.

The West regards Plavsic as somewhat more supportive of peace efforts despite her own ardent nationalist views and her history as a loyal wartime disciple of Karadzic.

Annan Urges 'Oil for Food' Boost

THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS

Secretary General Kofi Annan SM '72 said Monday that the \$2 billion worth of oil that Iraq is allowed to sell every six months as part of a United Nations "oil for food" program is not enough to relieve the "urgent humanitarian requirements in Iraq" and should be increased.

Iraq, which always has been lukewarm about the program, said today that it might not renew its cooperation if the deal is not changed to prevent the United States from blocking or delaying oil sales.

In a formal report to the Security Council, Annan said that after a year's experience with the "oil for food" exemption to U.N. sanctions on Iraq, "the population of Iraq continues to face a serious nutritional and health situation and there is an urgent need to contain the risk of a further deterioration."

Under the program, which went into effect last December, Iraq can make oil sales of \$2 billion every six months to obtain funds for purchasing food, medicine and humanitarian supplies. These funds, which are monitored closely by the United Nations, are intended to ease the situation of Iraqi citizens while their country remains under stringent U.N. sanctions imposed after the 1990 invasion of neighboring Kuwait.

The sanctions cannot be lifted until the Security Council is satisfied that President Saddam Hussein's government has eliminated all its weapons of mass destruction.

Nixon Tapes Subject of Controversy

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department has told an appellate court here that the government is required by law to maintain the integrity of President Richard M. Nixon's White House tapes and that it has no obligation to cut out portions of them to satisfy the demands of Nixon's estate.

A federal court has ordered the National Archives to return all "personal or private conversations" on the original tapes to the late president's estate "forthwith." In an appeal brief filed late last Wednesday, however, lawyers at Justice said this would jeopardize "virtually all" of the 950 reels of tape from the Nixon presidency that Congress confiscated by law in 1974 to keep Nixon from destroying them.

The stated purpose of the bill that became the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974, the 44-page brief said, was "to protect and preserve tape recordings involving former President Richard M. Nixon and made during his tenure." A provision of the law explicitly directs the archivist of the United States to protect the recordings "from loss or destruction."

At issue are 820 hours of private or personal conversations scattered throughout the 4,000 hours recorded on Nixon's sound-activated taping system from 1971 to 1973, when the setup was disclosed during Senate hearings on the Watergate scandals.

Nixon lawyers contend the private portions of the originals must be returned to them under a section of the 1974 law calling for adoption of regulations providing for public access to the tapes but respecting the "the need" to give Nixon or his heirs "sole custody and use" of the personal segments.

Citing government experts who said the originals are too fragile to be cut up without permanent damage, the Justice lawyers said the "sole custody" exception applies only to the rules for public access.



Graduate Student Council

December Calendar

- 3 General Council Meeting *
- 4 The Nutcracker, tickets on sale now.
- 10 Holiday Social *
- 11 Orientation Brainstorm Meeting *
- 17 Activities Meeting *
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OPINION

Campus Police Accountability

The Nov. 14 incident at Theta Chi, in which a Boston University freshman was hospitalized with alcohol poisoning, demonstrates that the MIT Campus Police have once again withheld information from the MIT community. Although it

Editorial

is not clear whether any crimes were committed at Theta Chi, and the Boston Police were the first to respond to the incident, the Campus Police bear a legal and moral responsibility to keep the MIT community informed of incidents that may affect them. To date, the Campus Police have not fulfilled that responsibility.

The Campus Police have taken steps to give the appearance of keeping the community informed about crimes that happen here. The police log, which must be released to community newspapers by law, is published regularly in both *The Tech* and *Tech Talk*. The log, along with other information about other security issues, is also sent over e-mail to departments and living groups on campus. The Campus Police also compile and disseminate a mid-year and annual report detailing crime statistics.

The past few weeks have been a time of high publicity for the Campus Police, with an ongoing advertising campaign to support the much-touted Cops in Shops program. The Campus Police Department is happy to go public about a new program or a public service project. But when an incident causes controversy or brings damaging media attention, it's another story altogether.

For example, the Campus Police chose not to include the Theta Chi incident in the published police log — nor did the Campus Police send out any e-mail on the subject to the community. For whatever reason, the Campus Police did not deem it necessary to publicly mention their involvement. In the past,

incidents have been excluded from the police log or the annual crime report, by virtue of the fact that they occurred "off-campus". For example, the recent assault of a Wellesley student at 240 Albany St. over Columbus Day weekend was considered off-campus, and was not reflected in the Campus Police's crime statistics.

The Campus Security Act of 1990 mandates that the campus police departments nationwide provide their communities with full and accurate records of crimes that happen on campus. The act also enumerates the specific crimes, including liquor law and drug abuse violations, that the police must publish statistics for. According to the Campus Security Act of 1990, the term "campus" includes any building or property owned by student organizations recognized by the institution.

For the purposes of the law, then, fraternity houses are considered on-campus, even in the case when they are not owned by the university or physically located on their campus. The Campus Police Department is thus required to keep track of incidents at MIT fraternities and to include this data in its regular reports.

A glance at any police log, however, reveals a paucity of incidents at fraternities — and it's not that crime doesn't occur in fraternities, or even that the CPs are never called to respond there. In the case of Scott S. Krueger '01, the Campus Police claimed to have simply forgotten to include the incident in the police log. It seems more likely that they have simply become accustomed to not reporting incidents in fraternities.

The Theta Chi incident shows that the Campus Police need to do a better job of keeping the community informed. Regardless of the legality of remaining silent on what happens in fraternities, the Campus Police have a responsibility to the community to keep us informed of what crimes have occurred on campus.



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by TOM TOMORROW

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Making Grades Meaningful

Plus-Minus Grades Can Counteract the Evils of Grade Inflation

Naveen Sunkavally

As the three-year grading experiment nears its end, and now that students' memories of pristine times before the experiment have been largely obliterated, reckoning time is upon us. Are we to permit naked letter grades to be dressed like Thanksgiving turkeys with plus/minus modifiers, or will we eat our turkeys raw?

On one hand, the faculty have clamored for dressed turkeys in order to distinguish the brilliant from the merely smart students. On the other hand, students have resisted dressed turkeys in fear of graduate-school and workplace rejection. And, of course, there is the compromise position, which allows modifiers for internal purposes but does not add them in on transcripts and cumulative grade point averages.

The compromise position strikes me as the worst of the three possibilities. First, it muddles the student-professor relationship. Under the current system, when choosing between an A- and B+, professors do not realize — or can conveniently forget — that they are really choosing between an A and a B. When giving out the A- or B+ to a student, the professor feels he or she is giving out an A- or B+ while the student feels he or she is receiving an A or B, since that is what appears on the transcript. In this way, the compromise position allows professors to skirt responsibility for students' grades, albeit unintentionally.

Second, internal modifiers muddle MIT's relationship with other schools and companies. It offers microwave-cooked turkeys that are hot and appetizing on the outside but frigid inside. What is reflected outside to graduate schools and companies is not what is reflected on the inside, and while some students reap more than is deserved, others suffer unduly. Like a funny mirror at the circus, the compromise position distorts and diminishes the value of grades.

Confronted with the two remaining

options, of implementing modifiers both internally and externally or of returning to naked letter grades, I would adopt the former. My belief rests on the need to combat that all-too-familiar demon of grade inflation.

Believe it or not, students today have it easier than students only a decade ago. Students now find it easier to make an A than students before, and the reason is simple: as the center in many classes has shifted from C to B, students have had to work less beyond the average to attain A's. The same diluting of intellect can be observed in the ludicrous "re-centering" of the SAT.

Thus it is only understandable that the faculty have felt a need to add modifiers to maintain the Institute's academic integrity. Students have not suddenly made a quantum leap in intellect equivalent to one-grade-level's worth in the space of a couple of decades. Faced with more students receiving A's, professors need modifiers to re-establish the distinction at upper levels that was available under a C-centered system; like a howling banshee, the rise of B-centered classes has naturally beckoned the extinction of naked letter grades.

However, with the possibility of adding modifiers comes the fear that the center of classes will just shift up to the B+ (as is the case at

Harvard), or even to the A-, further contributing to grade inflation. An even better solution — that would completely dissolve the modifier debate — would be to make all classes C-centered again.

For the most part, students find the idea of returning to a C-centered system damaging to their prospects, especially in comparison to other universities that have let grade-inflation

run rampant. "I could have gotten a 5.0 at Duke but have to settle for a 3.0 at MIT," the typical argument runs. Let me address this concern.

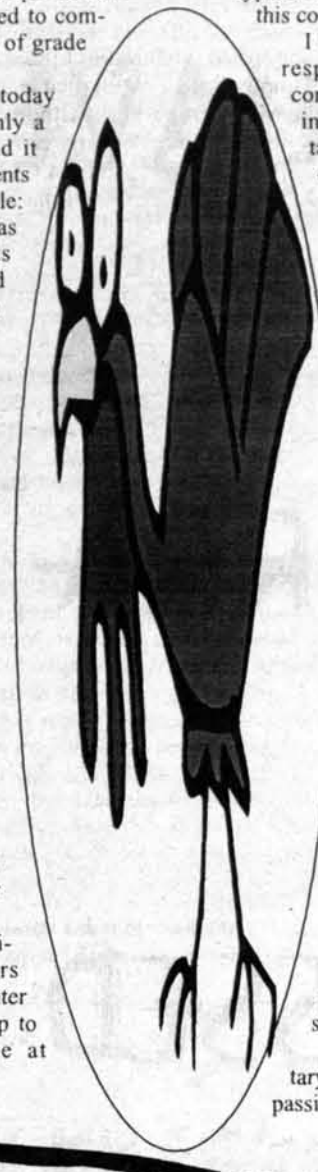
I find it hard to believe that any respectable graduate school or company would not, after looking at one's cumulative GPA, take into account class rank or class average compared to those of other universities. In addition, a student's profile includes letters of recommendation and extracurricular involvement, not just a GPA.

MIT should not compromise academic integrity for grade inflation; students do not pay tuition at schools to be fed good grades like bottled baby food. They come to earn an education. If MIT made all of its classes C-centered, companies, graduate schools, and medical schools would adjust to the Institute's higher rigor and caliber of students.

Such a change would be logical: the C is halfway between the F and the A, and deserves to be the average student's class grade. I have heard that some classes require at least a C to pass on to the next course; in those cases, the standard for passing should be lowered to the D.

Having learned in elementary school that a F is failing, a D passing, a C average, a B good, and an A excellent, I was shocked to discover most of my classes at MIT are

B-centered. Rather than relent to inflation's pressures and excesses, MIT can take this opportunity to initiate a policy that would place it at the forefront of schools and reiterate its commitment to academic excellence. The correct policy, I believe, would be to return to a C-centered system.



Harvard's Grapes of Wrath

A Refreshing Lack of Substance Characterizes the Latest Harvard Debate

Douglas E. Heimburger

While the Institute has a somewhat-meaningful discussion about freshman housing, Residence and Orientation Week, and alcohol policies, our friends down the street at Harvard seem to be in the middle of a war of their own. It is not in a war about residences, relationships, or other issues, but a debate about grapes and whether to serve them in the campus dining halls.

Don't take me wrong, grapes are a serious issue. I really like eating them. I just don't see what's in it that can tear a campus apart.

Of course, those at Harvard see it differently. Five years ago, students there voted to ban the sale of grapes in the undergraduate dining halls. The motion came after a boycott called in 1984 by the United Farm Workers, led by Cesar Chavez. The movement was a response to revelations that grape farm owners commonly resorted to physical violence to prevent their workers from organizing and protesting the poor working conditions at their farms. In California, many workers are paid not for the number of hours they work, but for the number of boxes of grapes they pick, and workers receive few if any benefits.

Harvard wasn't the only school to ban grapes in the early 1990s: students at Yale, Stanford, and Duke have passed referenda banning the use of grapes in dining halls.

Recently, however, Harvard dining services decided unilaterally to bring the grapes back into the dining halls after receiving many comment cards requesting them back.

Many students at Harvard, however, saw this decision as a retreat from the protest of the working conditions. A student activist group,

UNITE, encouraged its members to send forms to HDS to complain about their decision. "If [HDS] is buying from a unionized grape grower, I approve," said Dan R. Morgan, a member of Harvard's Progressive Student Labor Movement. "If it's not... I'm concerned."

Harvard is a democratic place, and so naturally the dining services group decided to hold a referenda on whether the grapes should be brought back. *The Harvard Crimson* quickly voiced its opinion in favor of continuing the boycott, editorializing, "Unfortunately, the boycott has not yet been successful. However, this is no reason to lose hope or to waver in our support."

Many students disagreed, however. A new group formed to call for the reinstatement of grapes in the dining halls. Calling itself the grape coalition, the group claims that a boycott is probably the most ineffective way of making improvements to worker conditions. In addition, the coalition stated, only one percent of all grape workers in California joined the UFW, and many rejected the opportunity to join. Even the UFW has moved on from the grape boycott, preferring to focus on a boycott of strawberries for poor grower working conditions.

This argument is a powerful one. Proponents use the same arguments that many have used when arguing to keep or strengthen the trade embargo that the United States has against Cuba. It has the same flaw, in that other groups are freely trading the same materials. Harvard students, for example, are completely free to buy their grapes from Star Market, City Foods, or even LaVerde's Market if they're down here at the Institute for some reason.

The grape boycott fails to serve its purpose. It really doesn't mean anything to California grape-growers, except that Harvard doesn't buy as many grapes as it could.

But the groups at Harvard both in favor and opposed to the boycott of course won't stop with just simple discussions and perhaps

a debate. A heated e-mail exchange between supporters and opponents devolved into racial comments, with some claiming that proponents were being racially biased. "People tend to make [the grape boycott] an issue of race, and instead it's an issue of human rights and worker conditions," said anti-grape supporter Edgar Salvador.

Harvard students were initially to vote in their dining halls last week on whether to bring back their grapes. However, after the dining services group decided to give the students six different choices, including such gems as "I support only the serving of California grapes in the dining halls if they are picked by a UFW member," students protested the use of paper balloting and the lack of information about the referenda.

Harvard is slated to hold the vote tomorrow, choosing between whether to bring back grapes or not. HDS decided to have students vote with their ID cards on Wednesday, and the leaders of both sides agreed to ban campaigning in their dining halls on the voting day to avoid any potential confrontations.

In the end, I'm glad that we MIT students have more close-to-home topics to talk about. After all, I have to admit that I really can't get that excited about grapes in dining halls. I think a personal liberty approach to this topic would be the most appropriate. Those who want to protest the alleged poor working conditions in California only have to stop eating grapes to make their statement known. Besides, letters to members of Congress and owners of the farms may be far more powerful than a simple boycott.

An institutionalized boycott only serves to advance the feelings of a certain group over others. Hopefully Harvard students will have the ability to express their feelings on the working conditions of grapes soon, if they are returned to the dining halls. At the same time, they should consider whether they don't have better, more important campus issues to talk about.

Seeing Things From Another Perspective

Guest Column
Constance C. Lai

In reference to the column by Stacey E. Blau ["Honesty about That Which Disturbs Us," Nov. 18], I believe that there should be more truthfulness in discussing the topic of white male-Asian female relationships and the factors behind them. However, the truth may not be all that politically correct either.

I take my personal experiences as an Asian born and raised in America. I grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania where I did not know any Asian boys my age because of the simple fact that there weren't any in my school district. This type of environment conditioned me to like white middle class boys. It was natural, or at least seemingly natural, just like playing with my Barbie doll seemed natural.

The fact that I was not white always put me in the position of the exotic *other* even though my parents raised me as an English-

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speaking American girl. I grew up with very little knowledge of Chinese culture, and I therefore could never really understand my status as *other* at school because to me, I was as American as any of my classmates. Unlike what I was to encounter in college, my status as exotic *other* was never seen as a sexual exoticness. Rather, it actually precluded me from dating.

When I went to college at Rice University, I encountered the typical white male with an Asian fetish for the first time. Here were white guys who were actually interested in dating me, an Asian. It is very difficult however to distinguish a white male who is purely thinking exotic sex from a white male who is actually interested in you as a person from a white male who is genuinely interested in you but who is also thinking about exotic sex in the back of his mind, and therefore I think this is where a lot of Asian women get caught. They don't know the difference and then once they do, the question arises, do his good points outweigh the bad?

Another reason Asian women are attracted to white men is because many have had bad relationships with their Asian fathers who unfortunately fit the stereotype. When an Asian woman sees a white girl being genuinely hugged by her father, it is only natural to want the same thing, for both herself and her future children.

It would be too difficult to try to convince an Asian man to change his ways, so Asian women go to where they see it already existing — in the relationships of typical white families. Granted, this may be idealizing the white family a little too much, but growing up watching *Family Ties* can definitely lead one to the conclusion that the typical white family is much more open and affectionate than one's own.

I do not want to sound as if all Asian families are dysfunctional or that all Asian males are mean uncaring people, because they aren't. But these psychological wanderings explain what I feel accounts for many of the white male-Asian female relationships that exist today.

There is always talk about white men having Asian fetishes. But what about Asian women who have white fetishes or Latino fetishes or even black fetishes? Believe me, they exist. It's just that no one wants to admit that Asian women can be just as fetishizing and erotic in our thoughts as a white male.

I'll end on a more liberating note to Asian women: Don't be afraid of your sexual desires, but don't be a slave to them either.

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Schmich Talks About Inspiration, Media Attitudes

Schmich, from Page 1

erable everyday from the lack of what is found in there."

"I keep that one because I'm in the news business," Schmich said. "I also know that the news, the noise of the news drowns out what is really important to us."

"A good poem... gives us the

words to help you formulate your life," she said.

MIT students carry responsibility

Schmich also reminded students of the responsibilities associated with going to such a prestigious school, relating it to how Williams, also a doctor who helped the poor, understood his social responsibili-

ty. "You're at MIT, one of the great schools of the world," Schmich said. She also told students "to understand with a sense of obligation, not with arrogance, but with obligation, the power you have."

Schmich also mentioned the inspiration she drew from her parents. "The very fact that he [my father] was a common man — that's where the inspiration in my life comes from for me."

And her mother? "Because she put up with my father," and because she taught Schmich, "you can never blame anyone else for your life."

Schmich ended her speech with a reminder to remain inquisitive. "How should we live," someone asked me in a letter. The most pressing questions are the naive ones."

Answering that question, she read from a column she wrote about a student from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who died in Pamplona, Spain at age of 22 at the Running of the Bulls.

She read, "The people that loved him may wish he never went, but they can still admire the breadth of spirit that took him there." Breadth of spirit, Schmich said, is "what allows you to let inspiration sink in."

Students question columnist

After her speech, Schmich fielded questions from the audience.

One student asked how she felt about having her column pass through the Internet as the MIT commencement speech given by Kurt Vonnegut.

Schmich described her shock, surprise, and bewilderment at the whole situation. "What if I had been channeling Kurt Vonnegut that

day?" She finally resolved her questions by contacting Kurt Vonnegut.

"Glamour magazine called me and wanted to reprint it, [and] wouldn't believe me when I said I didn't write it," Vonnegut told Schmich in a phone conversation.

She also spoke of finally understanding what it meant to be in the center of the media circus. "For the first time in my life I became the object of what it is that I do," Schmich said. "I came to know what it is like to be the raw meat in the feeding frenzy."

Another student asked Schmich what the hardest part of being a journalist was.

The columnist almost immediately answered, "The fact that people dislike journalists, for one thing."

"There is a superficiality to it that I don't like — in what I do, in what I read," she said.

Another student asked her to conjecture on why the case of mistaken authorship gained such great media attention.

"I think it became a big story for

a weird convergence of reasons," Schmich said.

These included the facts that August was a slow news month, Vonnegut was a popular writer, journalists like writing about other journalists, and people have an "uneasiness and fascination with the Internet."

Another student asked her to discuss why she placed emphasis on the here and now in the speech she had given.

"You really become aware of how much of your life is committed to a moment in the future," Schmich said. "You realize that didn't get you all the places you wanted to be."

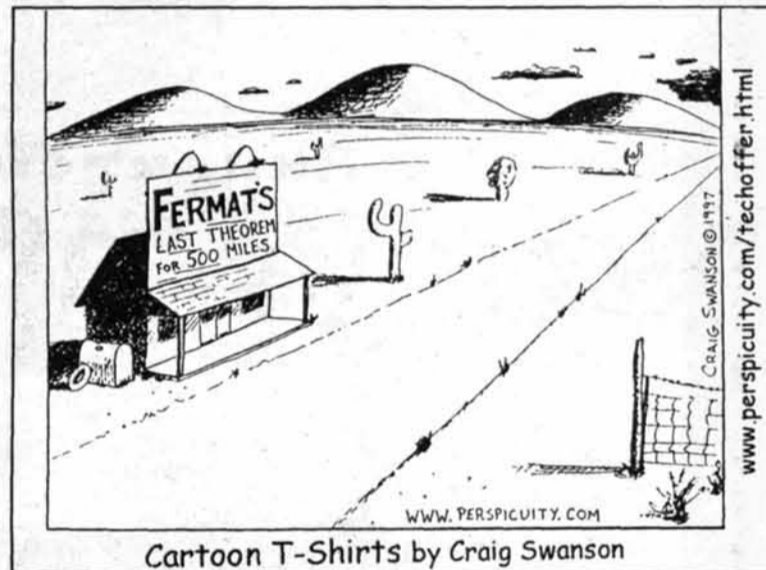
Schmich was also asked what she would add to the commencement address.

Initially she said nothing. "I think the reason it works is because it's really short"

But she later admitted that there was one caveat she would add: "Just do your work; just do your ordinary work; and you never know what kind of wonderful weird things will happen to you."



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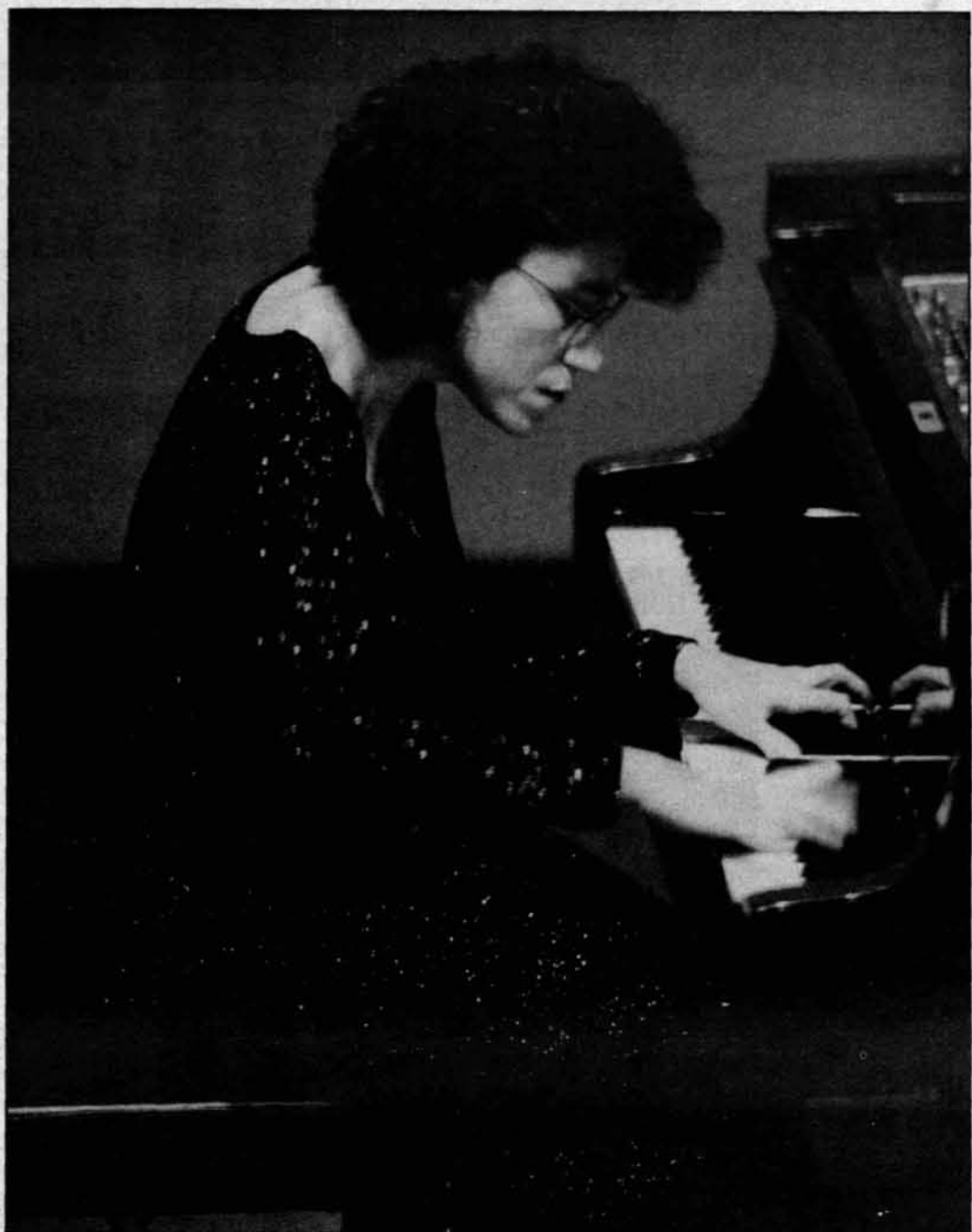
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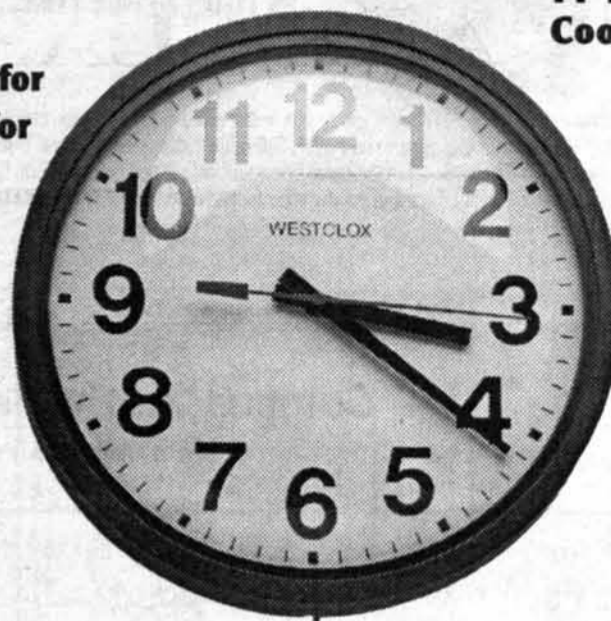
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Campus Police Fail To Report Incident

Theta Chi, from Page 1

essarily with the ILGs," Gilon added.

Campus Police omit incident

The Campus Police investigated the Theta Chi incident shortly after Figueredo was hospitalized.

Neither this incident nor the subsequent license inspection were recorded by the Campus

Police in the published crime log.

The Campus Security Act of 1990 mandates that university police forces report campus crimes to their communities. The act defines campus areas to include any building or property owned or controlled by student organizations recognized by the institution.

"The campus police crime report is only going to deal within campus police jurisdiction," Williams said.

Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin could not be reached for comment.

The incident at Theta Chi is the third involving the underage consumption of alcohol at fraternities this year. Scott S. Krueger '01 died after drinking excessively at Phi Gamma Delta in September and in October, a Zeta Psi freshman attempted to purchase alcohol by presenting false identification.

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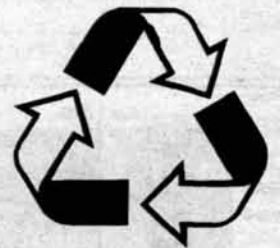
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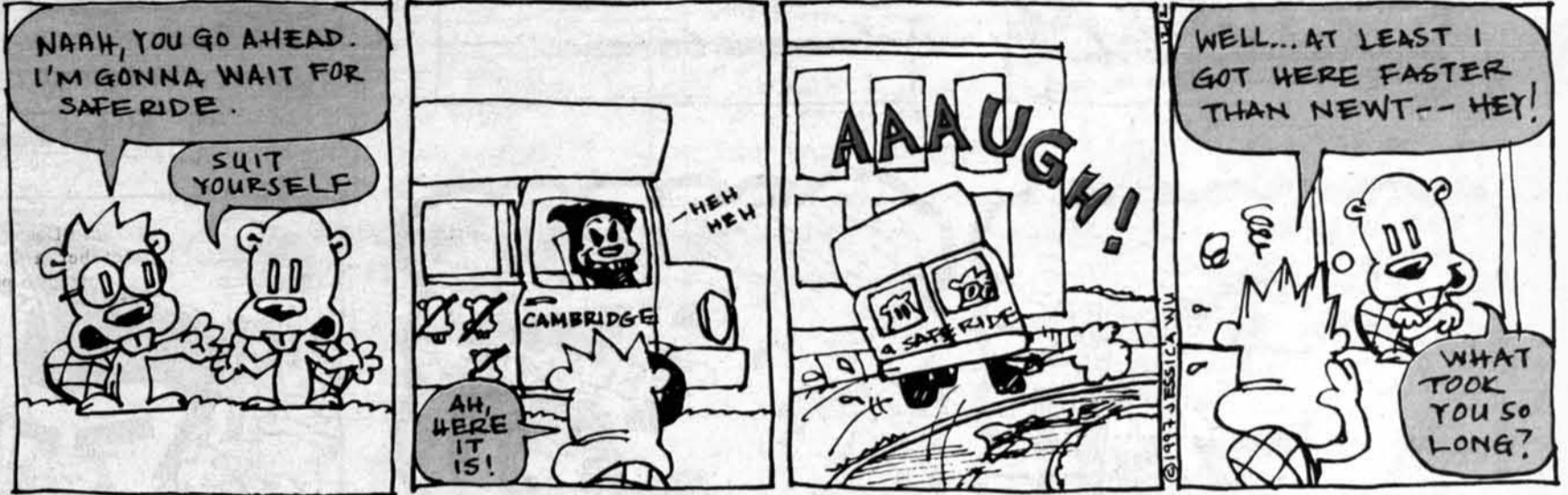
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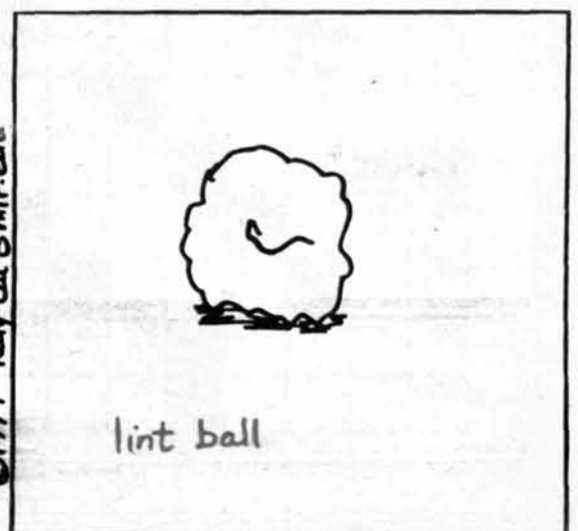
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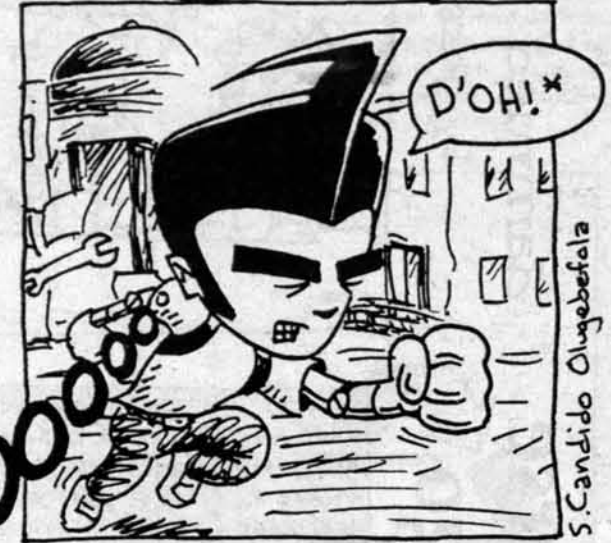


Next Issue: What will the find on the island?

Noun Poetry
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Biographical Languages



In 1971, Nicklaus Wirth introduced the programming language Pascal, named after the 17th century French philosopher, physicist, and mathematician Blaise Pascal.

In the late 1970s, a group led by Adjunct Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Butler W. Lampson designed a language for writing verifiable systems programs, and named it Euclid, after the ancient Greek geometer.

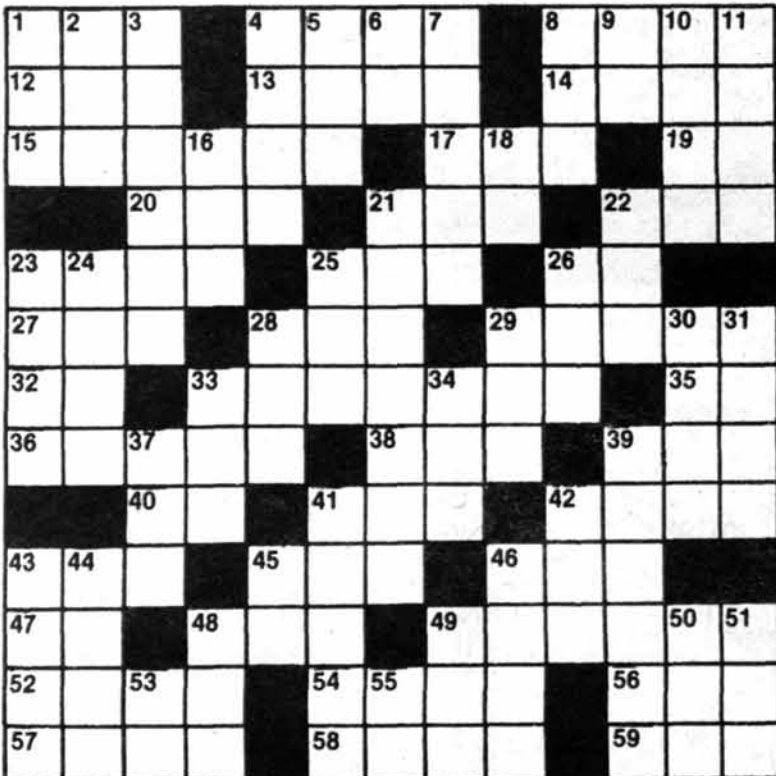
What parallel programming language developed at Yale in the 1980s was named for a porn star?

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Send your answer to trivia@the-tech.mit.edu by 3 p.m. Wednesday. Two random drawings from all of the correct entries will be held to determine this week's two winners.

This feature was brought to you by the CAC Program Board. Today's factoids are by the MIT Quiz Bowl team. Members of the quiz bowl team are not eligible.



Across

- 1. Animal skin
- 4. Identical
- 8. Chinese food
- 12. Is (pl.)
- 13. Declare positively
- 14. Image
- 15. Cruel
- 17. Liquor
- 19. East state (abbr.)
- 20. Frozen water
- 21. Floor cleaner
- 22. Lion's lair
- 23. Guest entertainer
- 25. Cone-bearing tree
- 26. 3.141592
- 27. Length of time
- 28. Restrict
- 29. Criminal act (slang)
- 32. Iridium (abbr.)
- 33. Earth/Sky boundary
- 35. Midwest state (abbr.)
- 36. Regain energy
- 38. Middle
- 39. Is (poetic)
- 40. Morning (abbr.)
- 41. Hat
- 42. Top of head
- 43. Outside of perception (abbr.)
- 45. Jelly
- 46. Girl (slang)
- 47. Article

- 48. _____ March
- 49. Assert without proof
- 52. Norse prose
- 54. Netlike fabric
- 56. Male name
- 57. Selves
- 58. Portent good/evil
- 59. Vietnam offensive

- 30. Exude
- 31. Red flower
- 33. Dress edge
- 34. _____ code
- 37. Snooze
- 39. Ability
- 41. String instrument
- 42. Friend
- 43. Comfort
- 44. Snafu
- 45. Southern state (abbr.)
- 46. Secluded valley
- 48. Owns
- 49. Hole-in-one
- 50. Expression of surprise
- 51. Time zone (abbr.)
- 53. Leave
- 55. Form of be verb

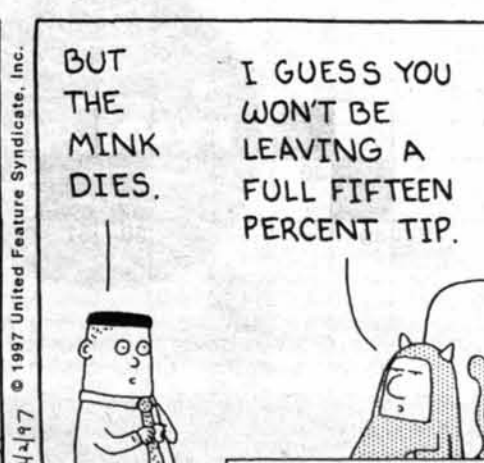
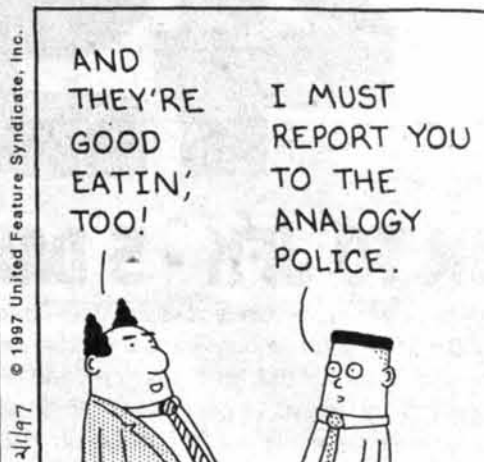
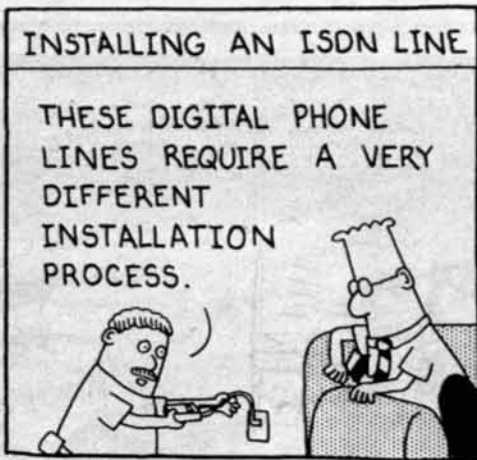
Down

- 1. Owns
- 2. Gershwin
- 3. Plan
- 4. Wise man
- 5. Hall!
- 6. Myself
- 7. Mistake
- 8. Edge
- 9. Part of psyche
- 10. Adjust
- 11. Dash
- 16. Play division
- 18. Above
- 21. Least amount
- 22. Plunge
- 23. Human head cover
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- 25. Great distance
- 26. Kettle
- 28. Ribbon
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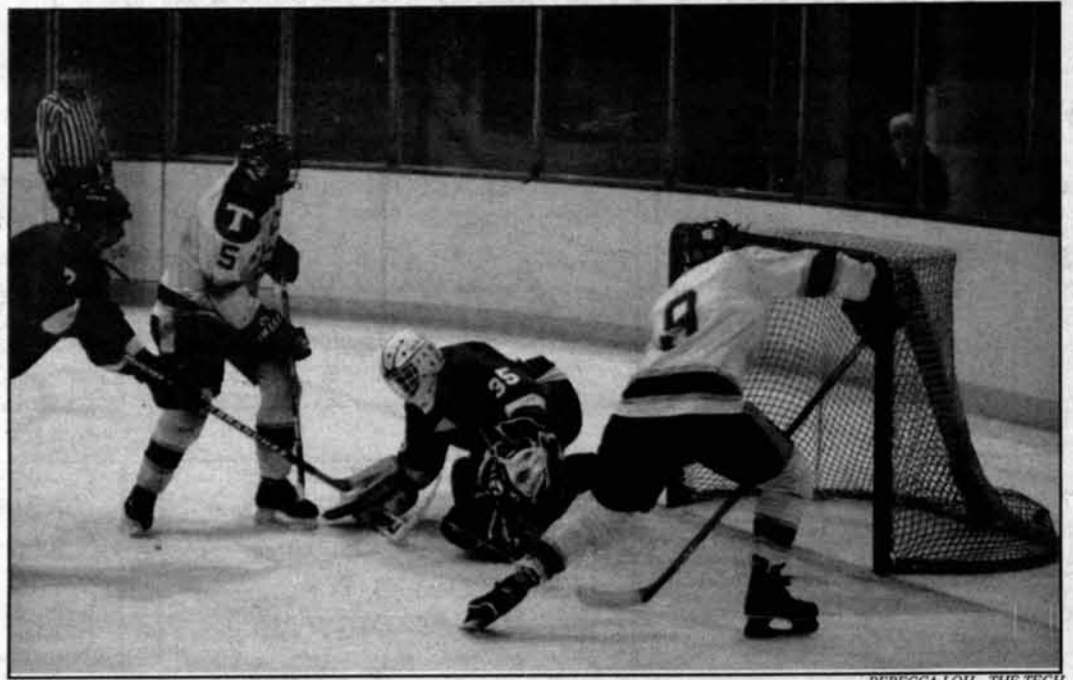
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Ole Miss Sued over Right to Show Confederate Flag

FROM UNIVERSITY WIRE

The battle over the waving of the Confederate flag at University of Mississippi football games moved into the courts when an attorney filed suit against Ole Miss for interfering with free speech rights.

Richard Barrett, a lawyer, asked federal judge L.T. Senter to lift the ban on sticks in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

In a copy of the suit obtained by *The Daily Mississippian*, Barrett said, "There is a considerable interest in the Confederate Flag waving at the ball game among students and others throughout the nation."

The incident stemmed from a confrontation between Barrett, his clients David Edwards and Richard Geldreich, both of New Jersey, and

the University Police Department.

Barrett said that Edwards and Geldreich entered the stadium with a 3-by-5 foot flag without a stick and displayed the flag against a back wall near the scoreboard. After posting the flag "as so to not obscure anyone's vision," Barrett said that a patrolman approached the group and ordered them to take the flag down.

Barrett said that university police Captain Calvin Sellers was later called to the situation and threatened the three with arrest.

"The situation had nothing to do with the stick ban," Sellers said. "The flag was too large and flags of that size are not allowed in the stadium. This policy has been in effect for two or three years."

The rule says that no flags larger

than 12-by-14 inches are allowed into the stadium.

Sellers also added that the violation had nothing to do with the stick ban because the flag in question was not brought in on a stick.

[*Daily Mississippian*, Nov. 21]

Editor convicted of embezzlement

Former *Dartmouth Review* Editor in Chief E. Davis Brewer began a six-month jail sentence last week for embezzling thousands of dollars from the off-campus conservative weekly.

In a hearing at the Grafton County Superior Court on Nov. 10, Brewer plead guilty to misdemeanor theft. In addition to the jail sentence, he was fined \$500.

Brewer was originally charged in February for theft by unauthorized taking in excess of \$5,000, a felony punishable by a maximum of 15 years in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

During his tenure as editor in chief in 1995 and 1996, Brewer is alleged to have written checks in excess of \$8,500 from *The Review's* accounts to pay his tuition bills, among other personal expenses.

The District Attorney, George Waldron, said he agreed to the lesser charge because Brewer had no prior criminal record and had paid the restitution in full.

Brewer sent a certified check to *The Review* about a week before the

sentencing, according to English professor Emeritus Jeffrey Hart, who is a member of *The Review's* board. He said Brewer probably made this move in the hope that it would be considered in the sentencing.

Brewer, 24, an English major, did not graduate with his class and has yet to receive his diploma. If he returns to the college after his imprisonment, he may or may not be re-admitted.

A Senior Associate Dean of the college said a student's eligibility for re-admission after jail time depends on the student's status in leaving the college or on any changes in status while the student was away.

Several Dartmouth students in the past have served jail time, then returned to the college to earn their diploma, Nelson said. This includes students who have served jail sentences of a few days or several months.

[*The Dartmouth*, Nov. 24]

Wake Forest suspends fraternity

Wake Forest University announced last month that it is suspending its chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity through the academic year 1999-2000 for group responsibility violations, including hazing.

The fraternity immediately loses its housing and lounge privileges

and must "cease all operations and activities at Wake Forest," according to a university press release.

The length of the suspension means that even the youngest brothers in the fraternity, who are sophomores now, will have graduated before the fraternity can ask to have the chapter restored at the university at the beginning of the 2000-2001 school year.

Harold Holmes, the dean of student services and an associate vice president, conducted the investigation and determined the fraternity's guilt and the sanctions.

Holmes said he constructed the sentence to give the fraternity a chance to renew itself. "You may want to give the fraternity an opportunity to start fresh," he said.

Unofficial reports suggest the charges against the Kappa Sigs included physical abuse of pledges, but the university did not release the exact charges of which Kappa Sig was found guilty, except to say that they fell under the broad context of group responsibility violations and hazing. It has therefore been difficult for students to judge whether the fraternity was treated fairly.

Pianca said that the fraternity brothers were unhappy with the results of the investigation. "Obviously there's a lot of displea-

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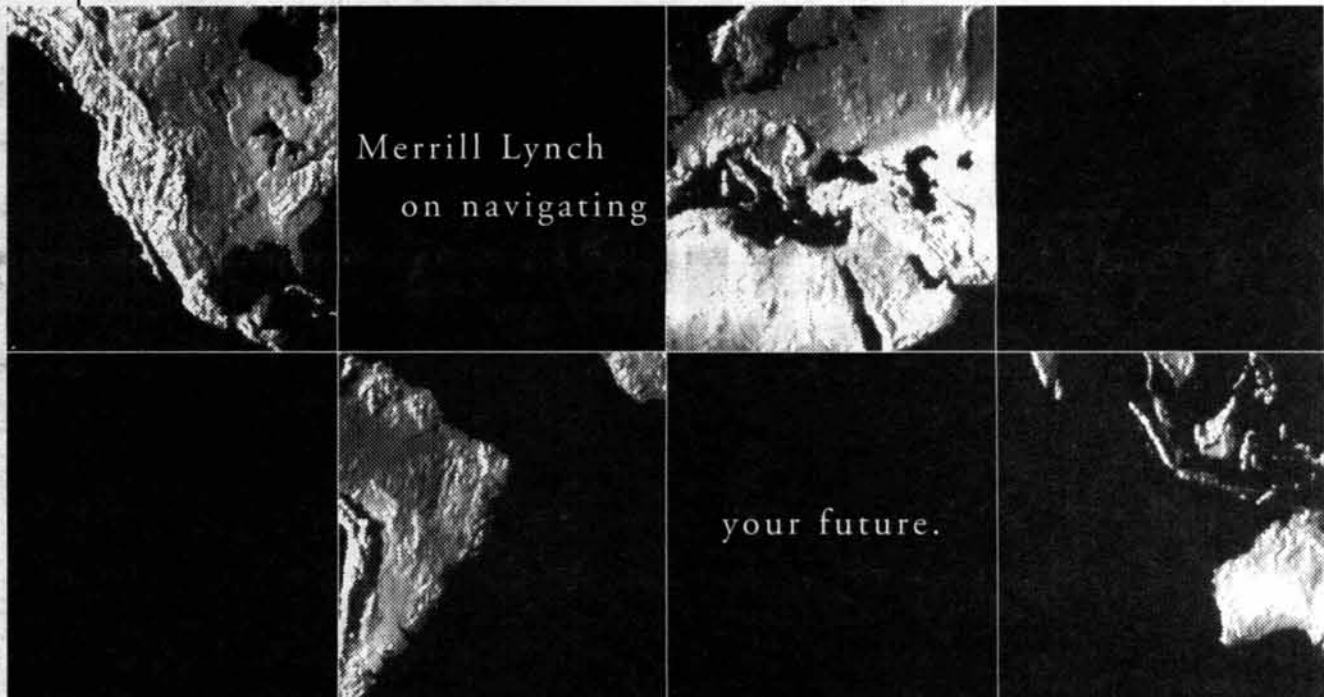
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Mon 12/8	Undergraduates	IAP PE lottery ends	Athena: "add pelott" (ret) "xphedu &" (ret)
Wed 12/10	All students and faculty	Last day of classes	
Wed 12/10	Students who missed the PE lottery or who want to add another PE class	IAP PE late registration begins	W32-125, 3-4291
Wed 12/10	Seniors and first-year graduate students	Deadline for applications for Whitaker Foundation fellowships in biomedical	Roger Kamm, 3-258, 3-6326; http://www.whitaker.org
Thur 12/11	Students who want to take skiing during IAP	Mandatory ski registration meeting	W32-125, 3-4291
Fri 12/12	Graduate students	Deadline to submit or change advanced degree thesis title (\$70 late fee)	Academic department; and D. Engelhardt, dane@mit.edu, 8-6434
Monday, December 15, through Friday, December 26			
Mon 12/15	Undergraduates	Deadline for St. Andrew's Society scholarship application	President's Office; (212) 397-4649
Mon 12/15 thru Fri 12/19	All students	Final exam period	
Sat 12/20	All students and faculty	Winter vacation begins	

*The Student Services Center, Room 11-120.

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Displaced Students Go to Other Dorms

Fire, from Page 1

carpeting following the incident as the water went down the stairwells, Ramsay said. "There was quite a bit of water in the A Entry lounge, because a lot of water went down the back staircase. It went underneath the doors on the 14th and 15th floors."

By Sunday, most of the damage to the apartment had been cleaned up. "We're trying to ensure that we don't encounter significant mildew or mold damage" by using portable fans, but the other damage had been fixed, Wilson said.

Most students go to other dorms

When physical plant determined that students would not be able to live in the MacGregor tower, the Institute's emergency action plan went into effect, Ramsay said.

Cots located at each dormitory's desk were collected and placed in the MacGregor dining area to provide temporary barracks-style housing for residents who could not find another place to spend the night.

"Thankfully, most students had already begun to leave for home" for the Thanksgiving vacation, lessening the needs for the housing,

Ramsay said. Of the 158 students who live in the tower, only about a dozen people made use of the cots. "Most people went to other dormitories with friends or went to the low-rise."

"We feel bad about the accident if anyone was inconvenienced," Wilson said, "but that is softened a bit by my knowledge that a number of students had already left."

"The cots don't look that all that comfortable," said Aaron D. Adler '01, who spent the night with friends in another dormitory.

Students were allowed into the building to collect what they needed when conditions permitted it, Ramsay said. "We did our best to escort them to their rooms and get whatever their immediate needs were."

Students living in the rest of MacGregor were unable to use their MITnet connections because of the power failure in the tower, Ramsay said. In addition, the laundry facilities were without power for those needing to do last-minute packing.

Hopefully, no students missed their plane ride as a result of the power outage. "We had one student that had a flight at 9 [p.m.] and we got him out of the building by 7:30," Ramsay said.

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UC Extends Benefits to Same-Sex Domestic Partners

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sure and we're hoping for an appeal," he said. "From the start we were hoping it would be a little less harsh," he said of the verdict and the sentence.

[Old Gold and Black, Nov. 21]

Secret Service investigates writer

The Secret Service searched the apartment of Guy Branum and interrogated the *Daily Californian* columnist about his published observations on the Clinton family.

The two agents conducting the investigation then told Branum to stay in his apartment when he was not in class. They said they had obtained his course schedule from the campus Office of the Registrar.

The columnist openly recorded the encounter with the agents on a microcassette. University of California police confirmed that they helped the Secret Service set up the visit, although the Secret Service would not comment on it. One agent told Branum the investigation was born after First Lady Hillary Clinton read a short news item about Branum's column in *USA Today* and discussed it with a different agent.

Agent Chris Van Holt told Branum: "I want to make sure you don't have any weapons or any of the stuff that you see on TV that actually happens in apartments, like a big picture of Chelsea with a big 'X' in blood on it."

The columnist asked UC Berkeley students last week to "show your spirit on Chelsea's bloodied carcass" after identifying her place of residence and saying she should be "destroyed." The *Daily Californian* said the next day in an editors' note that it should not have run the piece.

[Daily Californian, Nov. 25]

UC awards benefits to partners

Capping off a two-day meeting, featuring protests and an unusual visit by Gov. Pete Wilson, the University of California Board of Regents voted to extend health-care benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian university employees.

According to the proposal's supporters, this move will help retain employees and keep the university competitive. The proposal was approved 13 to 12 with one abstention, despite Wilson's efforts to prevent the item from passing.

Wilson appointed three new regents on Wednesday and Friday, all of whom were allowed to immediately become voting members of the board. All of the new regents voted against the proposal.

The vote came down to Regent Velma Montoya, a Wilson appointee. She proposed a failed amendment to the item which would not allow current retirees to receive domestic-partner benefits.

According to the proposal, drafted by UC President Richard Atkinson, the estimated cost of providing health benefits to employees' same-sex domestic partners would

be between \$1.9 million and \$5.6 million.

In order to qualify for benefits, a couple must each be at least 18 years of age, have lived together for at least 12 months, show mutual financial support and sign a contract stating that these conditions have been met.

Wilson made a rare appearance at the meeting last week in order to express his disapproval with the domestic-partner proposal, and to encourage the board to vote against it.

"The state does have a responsibility to adopt and follow policies that recognize and value the special status of marriage," Wilson wrote earlier to the board. "That responsibility in my judgment heavily outweighs the argument offered in support of creating this new benefit for unmarried partners of staff and faculty."

Wilson also said in the letter that the approval of domestic-partner benefits for only homosexual employees would open the university to lawsuits from heterosexual employees who would be ineligible to receive such benefits.

According to Wilson, by granting benefits to same-sex couples, the university would be legally obligated to grant the same benefits to unmarried heterosexual couples — a move he believes would further devalue the status of marriage.

[The Guardian, Nov. 24]

Nasdaq head admits to prank

When designing the University of Virginia, Thomas Jefferson never thought of putting cows on top of the University's rotunda.

But the most infamous prank in University history did just that, when a group of five students placed a 250-pound black calf 50 feet in the air on top of the rotunda during the spring of 1965. The animal died shortly after it was removed from the roof because of shock, dehydration and a sedative overdose.

The bizarre bovine case remained unsolved for 31 years until Alfred R. Berkeley III, now president of the Nasdaq stock market, confessed to being one of the culprits last June.

Last month, Berkeley donated \$1,765, at the request of former Albemarle County Sheriff George Bailey, to the Western Albemarle Rescue Squad — the same amount of money investigators spent trying to solve the case 32 years ago.

Bailey, who headed up the investigation, learned of Berkeley's confession this summer from an article in the University's alumni magazine.

Bailey said he tallied up the investigation's expenses and sent an itemized bill to Berkeley, who was more than willing to pay.

Bailey, who had the opportunity to decide where to direct the funds, said choosing a donation for Berkeley's money was an easy one.

"I'm very proud of the Western Albemarle Rescue Squad," he said. "It was the natural thing for me to do."

The stunt had also been pulled about 100 years ago.

"Back in the earlier days it was pretty easy" to put a cow on the roof, he said. "Cows wandered around" campus freely.

But in 1965 cows were not regular denizens, making the events surrounding the prank all the more mysterious.

Bice said a large search for the culprit ensued. "They made an exhaustive search. Nobody had any calves missing," he said.

Bailey said he visited every farm in Albemarle County "to see if I could find out where the calf came from."

He said he asked the farmers if they sold a calf to University stu-

dents or if any cows had been stolen.

"I personally went to the farm where the calf came from," he added.

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[Cavalier Daily, Nov. 21]

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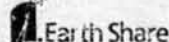
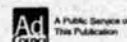
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MIT Pledges to House Fiji Brothers in Dormitories

Fiji, from Page 1

reports of alleged hazing at Phi Lambda Pi by Scott R. Velazquez G and Robert Plotkin '93, Rooney said.

"I must assume there was some sort of rite of passage for members of the fraternity which required the drinking of alcohol," Mulligan said.

The board attacked MIT as a source of many of the problems. "Any university that finds ways to look elsewhere" when incidents occur "must be held responsible" for actions, Mulligan said. "I believe MIT has looked the other way."

The Institute places the blame on Malcolm Cotton Brown whenever

incidents occur, in order to limit its own liability, Mulligan said.

Mulligan also expressed his displeasure at MIT for failing to begin an internal investigation.

"I think MIT needs to give serious thought to using fraternities as housing" when there is not enough housing available on campus, Rooney said.

Before agreeing to suspend Fiji's license on Jan. 15, the board considered a different proposal by Rooney, which would have called for a complete review in June but would have allowed the fraternity to remain open through the school year.

Officials disappointed with results
MIT administrators who attend-

ed the hearing expressed their disappointment with the decision in an impromptu news conference.

"I have very mixed feelings," said Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams. "I'm sad that they were unable to delay a decision until the end of the [criminal] investigation."

MIT has not begun an internal investigation into the Krueger incident because of its longstanding policy not to conduct inquiries while criminal investigations are occurring. "We have to keep the civil rights of the students and the criminal investigation in mind," Williams said.

The message the board is send-

ing through the decision was already sent three weeks ago, Williams said. "The [Interfraternity Council] on its own has already set some very strict new alcohol policies."

IFC President Iddo Gilon '98 said he feels that displacing students in the middle of the year was horrific. The board rushed to a decision by not waiting for the end of the investigation, he said.

However, the two-year ban on alcohol is appropriate, given the circumstances, Gilon added.

The Krueger family said, through their attorney, Leo V. Boyle, that the family was "very pleased with the courage of the licensing board."

The family is considering many options, including lawsuits, to prevent the repeat of accidents like the one that led to Krueger's death, Boyle said. "If a civil lawsuit would aid in that goal, then that is on the potential agenda."

Deans pledge to find housing

Williams pledged to find alternative housing for the 37 students currently living at Fiji. "We'll make every effort to keep them together," she said.

"We're not sure how many Fijis are actually requesting on-campus housing," said Program Director for Residential Life Philip H. Bernard. So far, less than 10 residents have submitted requests to move on campus.

MIT is required to provide housing for the 11 freshman in the house, but there is a "legal, if not a moral" obligation to accommodate all of them on campus, Williams said.

In determining where to house the Fiji residents, administrators will consider both the lifestyle of Fiji and that of on-campus residences, Bernard said. Off-campus residences such as Huntington Hall, which MIT used as a temporary dormitory several years ago, are also being considered as potential living spaces for Fiji residents.

Current residents will not be moved around to create a contiguous space for the Fiji residents, Bernard said. "Nobody has even said anything close to inconveniencing other students" by the move, he said.

However, Bernard noted that the current crowding level of 136 will likely rise in the spring as a result of the Fiji move.

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Intercollegiate Volleyball Club Wins over Eastern Nazarene

By Tony Lee
TEAM MEMBER

Depleted by the loss of key starters and bench players from last year's squad, the Intercollegiate Volleyball Club faced questions about depth and starting outside hitting as they entered their first pre-season tournament on Nov. 22 at Eastern Nazarene College.

The club rose to the challenge with an exhilarating, hard-fought win over Eastern Nazarene in the finals to claim their first tournament victory of the year.

MIT opened pool play with a characteristically slow start against unheralded but scrappy Stonehill College. Plagued by hitting errors, poor blocking and bouts of inconsistent passing, the team barely eked out a 17-15 win.

The team roared back to post a shutout in the second game, highlighted by the debut of rookie Paul Sherman G whose first play was an authoritative half-dunk, half-block of a Stonehill attack.

The club gained momentum as they cleaned up their game, rolling over UConn 15-8 in game one of the second match. UConn rallied to force a 10-10 tie in game two, but stalled as IVC cruised from there to a 15-10 victory.

IVC kept winning as strong serving proved to be the difference in the third match. Led by aces from Maurice Chu G and rookie Alex Andalis G, MIT buzzsawed through hapless Wentworth Institute of Technology 15-5, 15-5.

Eastern Nazarene proved tough

Eastern Nazarene College proved to be the toughest match in pool, handing IVC losses of 12-15 and 9-15 in the last games of pool play. ENC boasted a small, athletic lineup with solid defense and explosive hitters at all positions.

In the first game, hitting errors proved costly as ENC jumped out to a quick four point cushion and then simply traded points with IVC who could not string together a run to take back the lead. Game 2 was a similar affair as IVC struggled to overcome errors and block effectively against the smooth ENC offense. ENC again surged ahead to

a quick lead and then pulled slowly away for the victory.

The two losses dropped MIT to second place in the pool which may have been a blessing in disguise. As a result of their seeding, MIT faced Tufts University, a team they had beaten in earlier scrimmages, in the first round of the playoffs. The pool play losses to ENC clearly helped refocus IVC, as they played a much sharper match against Tufts. The backrow, led by Chu and Gene Van Buren G, played inspired defense, frustrating the Tufts hitters by consistently digging hard-driven balls and tips.

Parry J. R. Husbands G came alive, stepping up to deliver several key sideouts and points from his opposite hitter position. Outside hitter Mitch Price G also began to find his rhythm and started banging balls over the shorter, overmatched line blockers. The improved defense and hitting resulted in a methodical 15-8, 15-8 victory for IVC and a rematch with ENC in the finals.

The first game of the best of three game finals was a closely contested match. IVC played decently, carrying over much of their momentum from the semifinals, but the result was still the same, an 11-15 loss. Confronted with elimination and facing the difficult prospect of overcoming a team that had already beaten them three times, IVC responded, turning the tide with their first complete effort of the tournament. Price, Husbands and outside hitter Sam Liu G continued to start the offense with error-free passing.

Setter Koji Asari G took over

from there as he began exploiting the smaller block of ENC, running quick right side attacks to middle blocker Jim Fleming G. Not to be outdone, middle blocker Steve Seel G took over on defense, adjusting his block to force mediocre shot selection by ENC. His monstrous solo block of a backrow spike by ENC's star hitter was a turning point in the match as IVC fought to a 15-10 win.

Nerve-racking third game

In a nerve-racking, back and forth game three, IVC continued to play with intensity. Tough serving finally started to wear down ENC's passers, forcing ENC into a more predictable offense. Fleming continued to romp, hitting close to .900 and dominating offensively at the net.

When he wasn't doing the damage, Liu, in his first start at outside hitter in a tournament, came up big, using his deceptive swing to split or tool the ENC block. IVC took advantage and powered to a 13-9 lead. ENC refused to die though, fighting back to 14-13 before Fleming sealed the win with a spike off an errant dig.

The tournament victory was particularly sweet for IVC, who have now won five of their last six tournaments. Lacking the dominant outside hitters of past teams, the team responded with a total group effort in all phases of the game to win and every player elevated their game in the finals. IVC plays next in the MIT Invitational Tournament Dec. 7 at Rockwell Cage which promises to be an even tougher challenge as top teams from New England and New York will attend.

Athletes of the Week

This week's athletes are individual standouts in big team sports. Melvin Pullen '98 scored 17 points in the basketball team's victorious season opener and became only the 14th player in MIT history to surpass 1,000 points in a career.

Soccer player Sabrina Birnbaum '98 was selected as the only Division III player to play in the New England collegiate all-star soccer game at Boston University. She played midfield for part of the game representing MIT.

The Athletes of the Week feature is sponsored by the MIT Varsity Club.



Melvin Pullen '98
Basketball

Age: 21

Major: Civil Engineering

Hometown: New Haven, Conn.

Years playing sport: 12

Most memorable moment:

Beating Babson College last month after losing to them eight times in the last three years.

Future plans: construction management

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Sabrina Birnbaum '98
Soccer

Age: 21

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Hometown: Oakland, Calif.

Years playing sport: 16

Most memorable moment:

Almost beating Wellesley this season in the playoffs.

Future plans: high school teacher, engineer

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