

JIRI SCHINDLER—THE TECH

The MIT Intercollegiate Volleyball Club setter Koji Asari G sets the ball in the second game of last Thursday's match against Northeastern University. MIT won 3-1.

Draft Report Considers Dorm Dining, Mandatory Meal Plan

By Douglas E. Helmburger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the dining review working group made public the results of several months of work and released several different dining models that will form the foundation for the new campus dining plan.

In its models, the group considered several dining issues including the level of MIT involvement in management, the feasibility of a mandatory meal plan, and the amount of Institute support for dormitory dining.

Instead of choosing the preferred model on its own, the group decided to release a range of models to the community and see which one was the most preferred, said Director of the Campus Activities Complex Phillip J. Walsh, the group's leader.

The proposed plans are available

on the World Wide Web at <http://web.mit.edu/committees/fswg>, Walsh said. The models, which focus on six key dining issues, came from open meetings and the focus group sessions the group held last fall.

The group is now soliciting comments in preparation for the final report, which will recommend one model for implementation. "We clearly need to ... get as much input as possible" over the next two weeks, Walsh said.

The group also released a draft statement on the educational mission of dining. "It's from this that everything else flows," Walsh said. The statement calls for nutritious, quality foods that are convenient at a reasonable cost.

Management options considered

The group released models for

managing food services ranging from no central management to a dining program completely run by MIT.

Models include a "virtual food service system" under which a food service committee would oversee independent providers using on and off campus facilities. "We'll ask people like LaVerde's [Market] and the [food] trucks to join our system," said John S. Hollywood G, a member of the dining group.

One benefit of this system could be the extension of the MIT Card to facilities off campus, Hollywood said.

To extend the card, several federal restrictions would have to be taken into account, Walsh said. "If you transmit money electronically, you have to be a financial institu-

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Carter and Sandoval Push Patchwork of Campus Unity

By Frank Dabek
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Undergraduate Association presidential candidate Dedic A. Carter '98 said that he wants to become a "voice for the students" and someone who will champion student causes before the administration. While being this facilitator of student opinion, Carter would also provide the "vision behind the UA structure," he said.

Sandra C. Sandoval '00, Carter's running mate, would "share in the vision" of the president and coordinate internal affairs. She said that she wanted to be an "enthusiastic force" behind the UA Council.

Both Carter and Sandoval have previous experience with the UA.

Currently, Carter is UA vice president, and Sandoval is president of the Class of 2000.

Carter's and Sandoval's platform stresses interaction between officers of the UA and students, between different groups on campus, and between faculty and students. Other plans include an expanded Logan Airport shuttle service and a new "Safe Ride Express" that would run from 77

Massachusetts Ave. to Beacon Street as often as every 15 minutes. Improvements in living conditions are also priorities, they said. Repairs to Amherst Alley and Vassar Street and the alleviation of the campus rodent problem are also part of the candidates' platform.

President a voice for students

One of Carter's first priorities as president would be forming a "patchwork quilt" of the different groups on



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Sandra C. Sandoval '00 and Dedic A. Carter '98

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Rao and Bingen Campaign For Increased School Spirit

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

"We plan to fundamentally redefine the UA," said candidate for Undergraduate Association president Sunil K. Rao '99.

"It started with immediate friends, we would say things like 'We wish MIT offered...'," said Rao's running mate Kari A. Bingen '99. "That's when we thought it was time for us to step in."

Rao and Bingen are one of two tickets running for the positions of UA

differ with those of the administration, Rao said.

Improving school spirit highest priority

The promotion of school spirit "is the fundamental and essential role of student government," Rao said. "School spirit is something that MIT is currently lacking and that MIT needs."

School spirit is not the number one priority of the UA as it now stands, Rao said. Based on past debates, school spirit was not an issue, he said.

"MIT students are seeking something more from their college experience. What currently ties us to MIT is problem sets," he said.

In order to promote school spirit, the pair plans to organize events like live concerts on the Student Center steps, a school-wide semiformal, and a school spirit week, according to their platform. They also plan to promote school-wide community service events and a school-wide ski trip.

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president and vice president.

"We see a much broader role for the UA," Rao said.

Rao and Bingen outlined their redefinition of student government in their platform — to promote school spirit, provide tangible benefits, and serve as a representative body.

Rao also sees the UA as a "bridge between administrators and students," he said. The responsibility of student government is to represent the views of the undergraduates even when the opinions



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Karl A. Bingen '99 and Sunil K. Rao '99

1999 Class Ring Premieres at Walker Ceremony

By Brett Altschul
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Class of 1999's class ring premiered Saturday in a well-attended ceremony in Walker Memorial. The ring committee presented the various elements of the ring's design in turn and showed off a new element in the design of this year's Brass Rat — a map of MIT inside the band.

Corina Serna '99, the chair of the ring committee, said that the map on the underside was "something very unique, something really significant."

The two wings of the main group buildings resembled nines, one normal and one mirror image, said the committee's vice chair Joel M. Rosenberg '99. "They gave us a dyslexic 99," he added.

"They found a new spot on the ring that hasn't been used," said Robert J. Quinn, a representative from Jostens, the company manufacturing the ring this year. Although this ring was more complex than past years' rings, there was no real downside to making the rings this way, Quinn said. "You lose a little area for the signature."

Hidden messages surround beaver

The front of this year's ring bore the traditional beaver perched on a piece of wood, but this year the beaver was flanked by a great deal of hidden writing.

The ring face's lower left corner is home to many of these hidden figures. The number 99 is intertwined with a 74, in honor of the Class of

1974's position as the buddy class to the Class of 1999. The leaves of a flower form a 42, the percentage of women in the Class of 1999 and the highest percentage ever at MIT.

Above the beaver, a grove of trees form the well-known slogan "IHTFP." Below the trunks, ripples on the surface of a pond from another 99.

In addition to the writing, the top of the ring features the owl, symbol of the goddess Athena silhouetted against the moon.

Serna said that the writing on the ring did not distract from the main design, since it wouldn't be noticed on a casual inspection. "Someone who doesn't go to MIT wouldn't see

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UA Debate Tonight

The Undergraduate Association presidential debate will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in Burton-Conner House dining hall. On Thursday, students can meet other UA candidates at a study break at 7 p.m. in the East Campus Talbot Lounge.

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Loyalist Parliament Re-elects Embattled Albanian President

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TIRANA, ALBANIA

Embattled President Sali Berisha was re-elected Monday by an obedient Parliament stacked with party faithful, while an emergency crackdown aimed at stopping fierce riots sent opposition politicians and journalists into hiding.

With parts of this impoverished country awash in anarchy, Berisha posted police roadblocks on major highways, slapped censorship on news reports and imposed a nationwide curfew that transformed the capital into a ghost town after nightfall. Police have orders to shoot-to-kill. Albanians cannot congregate in groups larger than four.

The violence that began with the collapse of fraudulent pyramid schemes and escalated into demands that Berisha's right-wing government step down reportedly continued in the south, after mobs looted army arsenals in a bloody weekend that claimed 13 lives.

State radio gave new accounts of more shootings, fires and looting.

But it was difficult to obtain independent details because the government cut telephone lines to Vlore, a southern Adriatic port town and former Communist stronghold that was the scene of the worst fighting.

Former Secretary of State Baker May Be U.N. Envoy to Sahara

THE WASHINGTON POST

In a new bid to resolve the long-festering dispute over control of the Western Sahara, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan SM '72 plans to name former secretary of state James A. Baker III as his special envoy to explore possible compromises between the disputing parties, informed sources said Monday.

The appointment, expected to be announced soon, would mark Baker's return to international diplomacy for the first time since he left the State Department to run President George Bush's unsuccessful 1992 re-election campaign.

Baker forged a reputation as an activist, high-profile secretary of state under Bush. He played a key role in forging the alliance that fought Iraq in the Persian Gulf War and in prodding Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization into peace talks.

By contrast, the Western Sahara dispute is an obscure issue involving rival claims by Morocco, which annexed the former Spanish colony in the mid-1970s, and guerrillas of the Polisario Front, which seeks to create an independent state in the barren desert region.

After years of warfare, the two sides agreed in 1991 to a cease-fire and a United Nations-supervised referendum on the region's future by its nomadic inhabitants. However, efforts to register eligible voters have been stymied by charges of interference from both sides. The Polisario Front recently warned it will resume warfare if the stalemate is not broken.

Conrail to End Fight Over Merger

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Conrail Inc.'s board of directors signaled Monday that it has given up its months-long fight to prevent the northeastern railroad from being divided among the two other major eastern railroads, CSX Corp., and Norfolk Southern Corp.

The board apparently did not take a final vote on a new arrangement worked out by its management with CSX and Norfolk Southern, but announced that it had authorized Conrail management to negotiate amendments to its earlier merger agreement with CSX that would "assure that the Conrail shareholders receive \$115 in cash per share at the earliest possible date."

That is the amount Norfolk Southern had offered to pay to acquire Conrail.

The board also said it had "taken action" on bonuses and an enhanced severance package for managers and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements.

WEATHER

It's Snow Joke

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Finally we have a coastal low developing off shore giving the right conditions for snowfall: With winds out of the east, there is no shortage of moisture. The heaviest totals will be associated with the maximum lifting which will be to the south of us. Still, over night and morning accumulations of about three inches can be expected in the city, with less inland. As this system pushes east, snow will taper off to flurries. With a gradual warming from the southerly winds ahead of the next system pushing eastward, a change over to sporadic sleet or rain will occur Tuesday night. The rest of the week has an unsettled look about it as two more smaller, but still potentially rain carrying, systems head towards us in quick succession.

Today: Moderate snow in the morning. Tapering to flurries by afternoon. Moderate winds from the east, changing to southerly late. High 34°F (1°C).

Tonight: Scattered flurries changing to occasional drizzle as the southerlies take hold. Temperatures holding steady at around freezing, 32°F (0°C).

Wednesday: Chance of rain, especially west and early. Then some partial clearing. Warmer than Tuesday. High 48°F (9°C). Low 33°F (1°C). But again clouds and a chance of rain heading into the night.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. High around 45°F (7°C). Low around 30°F (-1°C).

Lawyer for McVeigh Claims Morning News Stole Files

By Tom Kenworthy

THE WASHINGTON POST

DENVER

The lawyer for accused Oklahoma City bomber Timothy J. McVeigh Monday charged that a Dallas newspaper had stolen virtually the entire defense file in the case and said he may ask for a 90-day delay in the trial.

Attorney Stephen Jones said the files obtained by the newspaper included some 25,000 FBI investigative reports, all the independent investigative work done by the McVeigh defense and the lawyers working for his co-defendant, Terry L. Nichols, who will be tried after McVeigh. The *Morning News* reported Friday that confidential defense notes show McVeigh admitting to the 1995 bombing and saying he did it during the day to ensure a high "body count."

Paul Watler, a *Morning News* lawyer, dismissed Jones's charges, saying the paper had engaged in "lawful" and "routine newsgathering techniques ... We have no fear of criminal repercussions because we have engaged in no wrongdoing of any kind."

Ralph Langer, the paper's executive editor, called Jones' allegations that "flat wrong ... Obviously we wouldn't publish a story — particularly a story of this significance — without having done our homework. We are confident of what we have."

After discussions with Jones over the weekend, the *Morning News* said in an affidavit with the U.S. District Court here that it has placed the documents in the custody of its counsel and would not use them for any further stories on the bombing case.

Langer said in an interview that the other documents were not as newsworthy as the material he published and that "we thought we would take it off the table" with the

announcement of no further stories.

Meanwhile, the *McCurry Daily Gazette* of Idabel, Okla., which has broken several stories about the bombing probe, threw a new wrinkle into case. Publisher Bruce Willingham, while denying allegations that one of his reporters passed the defense material to the *Morning News*, said the defense notes were partly a fabrication used by McVeigh's team to gain information from a source.

"It has long been our understanding," Willingham said, "that the so-called McVeigh confession is a document prepared by a member of the defense team for a specific and limited purpose. ... The contents of that document are a mixture of fact and fantasy purposely and skillfully created so as to allow a member of the McVeigh defense the opportunity to gain access and information from a single source in their complex ... investigation."

Over the weekend, Jones seemed to embrace such a theory when he said the *Morning News* had told him who its confidential source was and that it was someone who had a grudge against the paper and was trying to "set this newspaper up." But Langer called this account "absolutely, positively not true," saying the paper never disclosed the source's identity to Jones.

Jones, at a Denver news conference Monday, excoriated the *Morning News* for what he said was illegal and unethical behavior that could jeopardize McVeigh's right to a fair trial. He said he had asked Patrick M. Ryan, the U.S. attorney in Oklahoma City, to investigate what he said was theft of the defense's computerized records. The Dallas paper, said Jones, was guilty of "fraud, theft, and deceit."

He added: "It isn't a confession by Tim McVeigh. It wasn't then. It

isn't now."

But Jones appeared to back off his charge that the documents were a "hoax," as he said Friday when the *Morning News* posted the account on its Internet site. Monday, he acknowledged that the document was indeed in the defense's file, but said it had no legitimacy. Jones said he could not describe it further because of a "gag order" imposed by the judge.

The *Morning News*, said Jones, had potentially jeopardized both defense investigators involved in interviewing confidential intelligence sources overseas and sources working for groups like the Irish Republican Army and Islamic terrorist groups. Jones has frequently contended that the bombing may have been the work of international terrorist groups.

Accusing the newspaper of extreme "recklessness," Jones said "our entire investigation was in jeopardy." He said he had filed a complaint with the Texas state bar association concerning the conduct of Pete Slover, the *Morning News* reporter who broke the story and who is also an attorney. Slover did not respond to requests for comment.

Watler, the *Morning News* attorney, said some of Jones' charges "don't necessarily reflect reality." Langer, the paper's editor, said he approved the controversial story because "we concluded this was so significant we had an obligation to publish it."

While suggesting he would ask for a three-month continuance to allow for what he called "a cooling-off period," Jones also raised the possibility of seeking a non-jury trial before Judge Richard P. Matsch. That would require the approval of both the judge and the Justice Department. A source close to the case said the prosecution would likely oppose any delay.

Army Sexual Misconduct Case Prompts Racism Accusations

By Paul Richter

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The investigations into sexual misconduct in the Army have taken an unexpected turn over a second anguishing issue: race.

Black leaders in Maryland are objecting that all 13 men facing charges in the scandal at Aberdeen Proving Ground are black, while the great majority of their accusers are white women. And they contend that black men also have been disproportionately accused in the Army cases pending elsewhere around the United States, although no official racial breakdowns are available to corroborate this.

The highest-profile sexual misconduct case, concerning Army Sgt. Maj. Gene C. McKinney — the most senior enlisted man in the service — does involve a white woman's accusations against a black man.

"This raises the old images of black men and white women that we just don't need in this day and age," said Janice E. Grant, of the Harford County, Md., National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who has called for a civilian probe into the matter. "The numbers here just don't add up."

The allegations of racism are likely to further complicate the Army's efforts to resolve the sexual harassment investigations in a way that is politically, as well as legally,

satisfactory. Top Army officials have vowed to make every effort to show that the institution has "zero tolerance" for misconduct against women, who now make up 20 percent of recruits.

The race issue is likely to be raised in some of the specific Aberdeen cases, say Army sources. Some of the men accused of sexual misconduct there believe the Army has overlooked similar infractions by white men.

Army officials Monday denied all suggestions that their actions were influenced by race. They said the charges against the accused were based on the Army's interviews with nearly 1,000 women stationed at Aberdeen, as well as the allegations of other women who telephoned an Army hotline set up to handle complaints of sexual misconduct in the service.

Although a large share of the Army's noncommissioned officers are black, and while the Aberdeen ordnance school has a particularly large share of black NCOs, the fact that all the accused men at Aberdeen are black does appear to be disproportionate.

About 30 percent of enlisted soldiers, and more than one-third of sergeants, are black. At the Aberdeen school, where soldiers learn to handle munitions, heavy trucks and other gear, more than half the drill instructors and faculty members are minorities, the Army

said.

Army officials said while most of the accusers are white, that mirrored the racial breakdown of soldiers at the school: Trainees are about 58 percent white, 30 percent black, and 12 percent Hispanic and "other," officials said.

The only Aberdeen accuser who has gone public, former private Jessica Beckley, is white.

In addition to the 13 men who have been formally accused at Aberdeen, seven more currently are under investigation. NAACP officials say none of these men is white; Army officials declined comment.

The Army said it was unable to provide a racial breakdown of the accused at other bases where a number of sexual harassment allegations have surfaced, including Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Officials did say that at Fort Leonard Wood, two sergeants have been jailed for sexual misconduct and a third has been acquitted of charges. One of the jailed sergeants was white and the second Hispanic. The acquitted man was black, officials said.

Leroy Warren Jr., an NAACP national board member said the group "isn't in the business of protecting people who have committed crimes." But he said the authorities "aren't getting the white guys. There's a dual system of justice at the Pentagon and in this country."

Clinton Assails Housing Plan In Israel, Meets with Arafat

By Tyler Marshall and Rebecca Trounson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton waded back into the Middle East peace process Monday, criticizing Israel's decision to build Jewish housing in predominantly Arab east Jerusalem as a move that "builds mistrust" and then meeting with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat for more than an hour at the White House.

Before starting his meeting with Arafat, Clinton said of the planned Israeli development: "I wish (the decision) had not been made. I don't think it builds confidence, I think it builds mistrust."

While the administration's opposition to the east Jerusalem housing project was known, these were the president's first comments since the controversial project won Israeli

government approval last week. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '76 toured east Jerusalem to underline his government's stated commitment to invest in housing and other infrastructure for Palestinians, even as Israel builds 6,500 homes for Jews on a hill on the city's southeastern boundary.

The housing project Netanyahu describes as a simple step toward making Jerusalem a single, integrated city, is viewed by Palestinians as an attempt to pre-empt any negotiations on the final status of the city. The city's fate is one of the most emotional of all in the delicate and troubled road toward peace in the region.

After his session with Clinton, Arafat met with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. The two agreed to form a joint U.S.-Palestinian committee that would

meet several times a year. State Department officials said the committee, chaired by Albright and Arafat, is patterned after existing panels established to monitor America's relations with Russia, South Africa, and Egypt.

Palestinian reaction to the Israeli announcement has been relatively muted. Arafat and other Palestinian leaders have issued angry but fairly predictable denunciations of the move as a violation of the peace agreements, but have made certain that the few demonstrations so far have been carefully controlled.

The real test, Palestinian and U.S. officials in Jerusalem say, will come later, after Arafat's U.S. visit, on the still-unspecified day when bulldozers begin to clear ground on the hill known in Hebrew as Har Homa and in Arabic as Jabal Abu Ghneim.

Turkey's Prime Minister Assails Plan to Curb Islamic Activity

THE WASHINGTON POST

ANKARA, TURKEY

Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan struck a defiant note Monday in response to a 20-point plan from the military-dominated National Security Council aimed at curbing the Islamic radicalism that has risen under his government.

The plan was widely seen as an ultimatum from the top brass to Erbakan, whose pro-Islamic Welfare Party has infuriated the military-led secular establishment with its push for Islamic-oriented changes and lenience in the face of recent radical Islamic activities. Included in the 20 measures were calls for new laws and a stricter application of existing laws designed to protect the secular principles that have guided public life in Turkey since the republic was founded in 1923.

The National Security Council, which issued the plan early Saturday morning, comprises the nation's five top-ranking military officials as well as the president, prime minister, and other high-ranking government officials.

The ultimatum followed several incidents during the Welfare Party's eight months in power that have drawn the ire of the armed forces, who are the constitutional protector of the secularism imposed by the nation's founding father, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. Welfare's attempts to foster warm relations with Iran, its recent attempts to push measures to allow Islamic-style dress in government buildings and build huge mosques in secular strongholds in Istanbul and Ankara, and its leniency in the face of radical activities by Welfare mayors and supporters led to the ultimatum, according to a senior government official.

Ford to Drop Thunderbird, Cougar

THE WASHINGTON POST

Ford Motor Co. will drop its Thunderbird and Cougar car lines at the end of the 1997 model year, company and industry sources said Monday.

The move is the latest in a series of steps taken by Ford to cut costs by trimming redundant, slow-selling automobiles. Earlier this year, Ford announced that it will ditch its South Korean-made Aspire economy car at the end of the 1997 model run.

The Thunderbird, introduced in 1955, is Ford's oldest continuously produced car. One Ford source said the company probably will bring back the Thunderbird in model year 2000, largely "because the Thunderbird name has a lot of brand equity, and we can't conceive of there being a Ford without a Thunderbird."

But the Cougar, introduced in 1967, probably will not be revived, sources said.

Unaffected by the coming changes is the Lincoln Mark VIII, a luxury two-door coupe, which will remain in production until it is replaced by a Mark IX edition in the year 2000, according to company sources.

All three cars have been selling poorly. Thunderbird sales were down 33 percent in 1996, Cougar sales were off 25 percent and the Mark VIII was down 10 percent, according to figures from J.D. Power and Associates, a California-based market research firm.

The Thunderbird had its best year in 1977 with sales of 325,153 cars, but last year only 79,721 were sold.

Gore's Campaign Fund-Raising Called into Question by 1882 Law

By Charles R. Babcock
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

For years, members of Congress wanting to solicit campaign contributions have been told to troop down the street to their party campaign committees before "dialing for dollars." Some reportedly even duck out to the Capitol parking lot between votes and use a cellular phone to plead for cash.

They have done so because of an obscure law, written in 1882 and enforced only a handful of times, that prohibits federal employees from soliciting campaign donations on federal property. It was aimed at protecting federal workers from being leaned on by their bosses, but has come to be accepted practice for politicians concerned about conflicts between their official and political

duties. The law has come up for renewed discussion because of Vice President Gore's statement Monday that he made fund-raising calls to big donors from his White House office, charging them to a Democratic National Committee credit card. Gore insisted that he believed the calls were perfectly legal and that there is "no controlling legal authority" that bars the practice.

Republicans quickly pounced on Gore. The Republican Senate campaign committee issued a statement Monday demanding that Gore provide records showing that the DNC paid for the calls Gore made.

While the law itself seldom leads to prosecution, several legal experts said that Gore's admission may force Attorney General Janet

Reno to seek appointment of an independent counsel because the standard for triggering the law refers only to sufficient credible evidence that a federal law has been broken by a person covered under the statute. Gore is a "covered" person.

Election law experts said Monday it is not entirely clear whether the criminal statute, intended to cover federal workers, applies to the vice president or president.

They agreed Monday that Justice Department prosecutors seldom charge a public official under the law. Officeholders usually leave federal property to make campaign solicitations anyway, they said, to avoid embarrassing questions such as those that Gore faced Monday in a nationally televised news conference.

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Column Misrepresented Random Hall Incident

As a sorority member, I sympathize with the anger felt by Wallace B. Davis '00 against the prejudices and untruths told about the Greek system. As a dormitory resident, I am enraged and upset that he used the same tactics in his own article ["Offensive Column Lacked Logic," Feb. 28].

Based on *The Tech's* article regarding the beating in front of the Cambridgeport Saloon ["Student Attacked Outside Random," Oct. 18, 1996], a reader might think the evening ended when the bad guys walked away. Here is the rest of the story:

On the evening of Oct. 12, I was walking with my boyfriend, Jonathan R. Blandford '98, back to Random Hall when several men harassed us and then began to hit him.

I ran inside to get the desk worker to call the police. (This would make me the "several dorm residents" who "walked away.") The other residents who were at desk followed me as I ran back outside. I ran at the men. I guess the assailants saw the people following me; they casually strolled off. I ran to my boyfriend, who was on the sidewalk, and sat with him. Within half a minute, there were about 20 residents of Random Hall with us, offering us assistance and support.

After being questioned by the police, I was offered a ride to the hospital. Around 20 Random Hall residents showed up that night, staying past 4 a.m. when my boyfriend was finally released.

Those who stayed at the dorm were busy as well. They contacted his parents and helped to relay information between us. One resident who had seen the assailants patrolled with the police in an effort to find them.

After returning to the dorm, several residents made a run to the convenience store to

get us some food since we had missed dinner due to the excitement. During the next few days, residents gave him cards, baked him treats, and decorated his door with get well fingerpaintings.

I cannot speak for other dorms because I have not lived in them. I also cannot speak about any Greek society other than my own. What I can say is that the bonds of friendship I share with many of the people in my dorm equal those I share with my sorority sisters. My experiences with both groups are special, and neither can eclipse the other in my heart.

Rosanna W. S. Yuen '97

Davis' Assertions Irresponsible

In a column appearing in *The Tech*, Wallace B. Davis '00 wrote, "...at least his [William Alex Goodwin '97] brothers took care of him, rather than simply not paying attention and walking by like several dorm residents did when an MIT student was badly beaten outside the Cambridgeport Saloon" ["Frat Bashing Shows Prejudice, Ignorance," Feb. 28].

We understand that Davis felt threatened by the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25] and felt the need to respond. However, Davis made assertions in his column which are wrong, irresponsible, and hurtful.

There were several Random Hall residents gathered at desk the evening of the assault. When the situation was made known, all rushed out to help.

No one turned away or walked by. Further, the support of the dormitory did not end once he was taken to the hospital.

Davis' statement has forced Random Hall to revisit an incident the memory of which is

painful to all of us. He has insulted Random residents, particularly those present the evening of the incident. His allegation has offended and distressed us. I challenge Davis to direct his "wrath" inspired by "prejudice and ignorance" toward that instance evident in his own work. Davis owes the residents of Random Hall a public apology.

Teresa M. DiGenova '99
and 31 other Random Hall residents

Leadershape Serves Worthwhile Purpose

Stacey E. Blau '98 speaks of issues she apparently knows little to nothing about ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25]. She calls Leadershape "idiotic" and insults all the participants by saying that it "promotes the silly cliches like unity and activism, managing to convince attendees that their unique leadership is making the world a better place."

I am not and have never been the member of any Greek organization. I also attended Leadershape with many people who were also unaffiliated with the Greek system.

Attendees of Leadershape are selected because of their expressed desire to help make a difference in their environment. They are selected because they have worked in organizations that promote service, education, and improvements. If there is a predominance of Greeks present, it is only because many of them serve their community.

The goal of the program is to help the leaders of fraternities, sororities, and other campus organizations to better understand how they can help their fellow students solve the difficult issues that permeate their organizations and MIT life in general.

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When All Is Done, *The Tech* Still Reports

Column by Dan McGuire

NEWS EDITOR

The last column I wrote was on cream cheese. This one is a little different because circumstances are different. At that time, not a whole heck of a lot was happening on page 4. This time, not only are things happening on page 4, they're also happening on pages 5, 6, 7, and 9.

I'm not going to debate the ethics of publishing the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25] or the investigative framework driving it. My own views are pretty boring, and other minds are carrying that fight forward anyway.

What I find absolutely fascinating, as a news person and amateur philosopher, is the level of responses that we've gotten to this column. There are more than a few *Tech* alumni still looking over our shoulders, and they say that this is probably the biggest response we've gotten to anything in recent history.

Now why the big response? We've written pretty scathing editorials in the past. As a paper, we've criticized the Undergraduate Association (the über-government of all undergrads) for claiming a clean office as one of its accomplishments this term. We slammed the housing and residential life re-engineering team (examining student housing) for spending months producing a report that doesn't tell us anything new and probably sets us back some.

Yet one column, and the campus explodes. The column elicited funny, thoughtful, and

vituperative letters that obviously took some time from folks that usually pick up *The Tech* in Lobby 7, skim its headlines for 10 feet, and then throw it away.

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boring. Here, the column kicked the Interfraternity Council and the good portion of *The Tech's* readership who live in fraternities in the family jewels by criticizing an organization that has a lot of fans.

Why no responses on the UA editorial? Unfortunately, that organization doesn't have a lot of defenders, and those it does have we've steadily beat into submission. The HARL team is downright incomprehensible so nobody gives a damn when we slam it. But here I feel like a well-financed David taking on the Goliath of a vocal, dedicated, and fairly large minority of the student population.

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Shocking Hacker Plot Risks Lives of Balkan Subversives

Column by Anders Hove
COLUMNIST

It's a rare event that I spend time on the MIT campus. But I had been told that my old friend Ratko was holed up in a safehouse of his own creation somewhere within the bowels of MIT and that I should be on the lookout in the event that he contacted me there. For this reason, each time I set foot in Cambridge my blood rose in anticipation of some brief and secretive encounter.

At the beginning of the term, however, my habits changed. Someone had placed the collected works of Milovan Djilas on reserve just when I was ready for the last volume. Thus I spent several evenings alone in the library, checking out and returning that one book until my MIT Card was scratched nearly beyond recognition.

One evening, returning to my carrol from the reserve desk, I detected a faint but familiar smell wafting through the aisles of books. The more I tried to ignore it, the more it began to resemble some gigantic Eastern European coal plant or the smoke of burning villages.

"What is that you're wearing — Mostar Noire?" I quipped to the hunched figure on the opposite side of the carrol.

"You wouldn't find it so funny if you lived in a ventilation shaft, Hove." The man lifted his head briefly over the top of the carrol, his uniquely furry eyebrows folding low over his darting eyes.

"Ratko," I said, looking around in embar-

assment. "What are you doing here? Why don't you return home?"

"I would like nothing better," said Ratko, once again concealed behind his desk. "The company here is horrendous."

"The company?"
"Hackers. They found me on my second night in the shaft. At first they said they'd protect me. But later they returned, threatening to soak my worldly possessions with human sweat if I didn't meet their demands."

"What could hackers want from you, Ratko?" I asked.

"First they wanted me to use my connections to procure a complete set of Yugoslavian 'Magic, the Gathering' cards. When I refused, they said they would put up with my presence only if I agreed to lead 'spelunking tours' through my shaft two nights a week."

"Doesn't sound too bad, if you were already living there," I said.

"You obviously don't know these people, Hove. They're animals. They sweat like beasts, and their speech is not like ours. They communicate in a feverish, high-pitch wail, and their language is packed with primitive code-words. And yet, in spite of its barbaric sound and content, the dialect's clipped cadence gives it a strangely authoritative quality."

"At first I only had to listen to them talk a couple evenings per week. But now the imagined sound of their voices fills my head when I sleep, and sometimes during the night I think I hear its ghastly echoes issuing from the pipes and shafts near my bed."

"That's absurd, Ratko," I said. "These are the symptoms of paranoia, not rational observations. But if your life is so hard, why not leave it?"

"I am being hunted," said Ratko, "and neither of us is safe. I believe the hunter is none other than that Sloan student who follows you around. Do you know him?"

I glanced nervously around the room, remembering my friendly meeting with Colonel Sebastian Moran, the Sloan student who had seemed so eager to learn all I knew about Ratko.

"But Moran wants to help you," I said, trying to overcome my own earlier suspicions. "Why do you have to be so difficult?"

"On the contrary," said a new, lower voice from Ratko's side of the carrol, "I don't think Ratko has been difficult at all. Mr. Hove, please be so good as to remain where you are."

Ratko's sullen head emerged from behind the carrol, followed by the elegant, bronzed features of Colonel Sebastian Moran. Moran's

black overcoat was pressed awkwardly against the back of Ratko's wool sweater, their two figures turning in tandem and disappearing into an aisle. No sooner had they gone, however, than a sharp wooden thump sounded from the stacks of books.

"Ratko!" I shouted, rushing into the aisle. But it was a black overcoat that lay sprawled across the floor, not Ratko's bent body. A thick volume of *The Brothers Karamazov* was pressed firmly against Moran's head, inches from where Ratko stood over him, smirking.

"You'll identify Colonel Moran to the police," said Ratko. "He's a bounty hunter, hired by terrorists. He was thrown out of the British foreign ministry after they linked him to the assassinations of seven separate Serbian emigres. But before they could bring him in, he escaped here, where he set up shop as a 'consultant' for some powerful Balkan interests. His capture will end my life as a hacker, at least in the near term."

"I don't understand," I said. "Who was the one with the book?"

From an adjacent aisle a second man emerged and stood beside Ratko. His shock of white hair nearly concealed two piercing blue eyes and a furrowed brow; his face was ashen and wrinkled like a withered oak, but he wore a meek smile as an answer to my gaping jaw and shocked stare. The last thing I heard as I fainted was the loud, high-pitched cackle of my old friend Radovan Ilic.



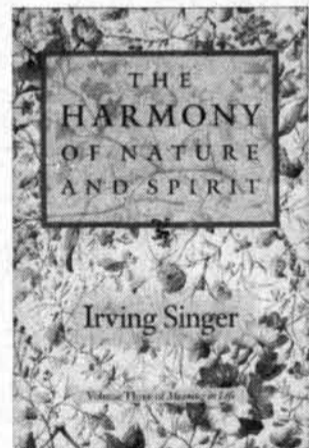
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Philosophical thinking has traditionally decreed that the human condition is split in two realms of being: nature and spirit—the one physical and psychological; the other an inherently transcendent dimension that exceeds the natural. Irving Singer finds this distraction unacceptable.

"Meaning in life," he writes, "and the meaning in our own lives, results from creative efforts on our part. It is not a prior reality awaiting our discovery. Though we talk about a 'search' for meaning, what we are seeking is primarily a mode of creativity that will make our lives meaningful." Living the good life is an art, says Singer, and like art in general it seeks the harmonization of meaning with consummatory happiness. It is through the meaning created by imagination and idealization that happiness and the love of life become available to us.

Irving Singer is Professor of Philosophy at MIT and author of many books including the acclaimed trilogies *The Nature of Love* and *Meaning in Life*. The last volume of *Meaning in Life*, *The Harmony of Nature and Spirit* was just published last fall. Volume one of that trilogy, *The Creation of Value*, was just published in a paperback edition. The trilogy is published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

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Advice to Fraternities and Sororities: Try Friendship

Guest column by Farhan H. Zaidi

I can understand why members of the Greek system were outraged by the column written by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25]. What I cannot understand is why they felt the need to attack dormitories and MIT students outside the Greek system in the process of defending brotherhood, sisterhood, Robin Hood, or whatever exactly it is they're defending.

Need examples? Shawdee Eshghi '99 saying that, as one of the "shining lights" of MIT, the Greek system "promotes the very leadership skills, social skills, and community awareness that the stereotypical MIT student consistently lacks" ["Uninformed Blau Embarrasses MIT with Column," Feb. 28]. As if all us non-Greeks are down on our knees begging our leaders, the mighty Greeks, to lead us (since we can't do it ourselves) out of our completely socially dysfunctional and insular lives.

How about Jay B. Bailyn '00 talking about how MacGregor House modified their higher floor windows "because they were losing too much money replacing the windows that MacGregor residents flung themselves out of" ["Offensive Column Lacked Logic," Feb. 28]? If Blau's mentioning of the Lambda Chi Alpha incident was in poor taste, then I do not even know how to categorize this totally unnecessary allusion to the tragic suicide at MacGregor last year.

Then, Bailyn claims that "depressing, bland, jail cell-like dormitories" have as much personality as government housing. I find it bitterly ironic that in his outrage over the sweeping and inaccurate generalizations made by Blau, Bailyn manages to make one of his own. I honestly don't think students living in dorms would liken their abode to the state penitentiary. But then again, since Eshghi pointed out that Greeks are light-years ahead of us dorm students in terms of community awareness, maybe Bailyn is more qualified to

explain to us what living in a dorm is really like.

In defense of us non-Greek students, I'd like to comment on a point made over and over again in a Greek response to Blau's column. That brothers and sisters are there for each other. Shang-Lin Chuang '98, in her heartfelt column ["FSILG Sisterhood and Brotherhood Not Hypocritical," Feb. 28], even enumerates things that sisters do — like "notice if you didn't come home one night," "voluntarily offer to help you in many different ways," "take care of you when you were sick" — and she wonders out loud if fellow dorm members would do those tasks for each other.

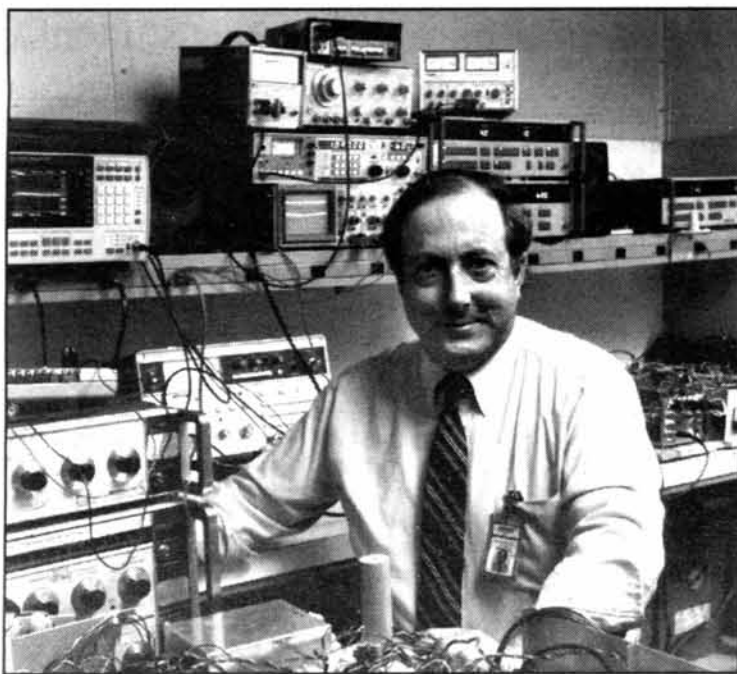
As for us non-Greeks, we have these odd relationships called friendships. It's really strange — you do things for each other because you want to, and not because you like to pretend to be biologically related or prefer to classify yourself under the same three Greek letters or anything like that. To Chuang and all the other Greeks who claim that their

system offers relationships that can't be found on the outside, I strongly recommend trying this friendship thing. You may be surprised at what you find.

I did read about one thing that Greek relationships consist of that I cannot say translates very well to mere mortal friendships. Wallace B. Davis '00 wrote in his column that he would "give anything for my brothers, including give my life to save theirs" ["Frat Bashing Shows Prejudice, Ignorance," Feb. 28]. Well, to those of you who take Davis' *Three Musketeers* oath seriously, fine. For the non-gullible realists among us, however, it just seems like maybe dormmates simply are honest about what they would and wouldn't do for each other.

In ending, I'd just like to ask all the concerned Greeks out there not to worry for all us non-Greeks. Even though our sibling count tends to be a lot lower than yours (I only have two brothers and one sister myself), we have friends. We're going to be OK.

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Fractured Communities Are MIT's Biggest Problem

Column by Jennifer Lane
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

In the largest flurry of letter writing to *The Tech* in recent memory, students have demonstrated in no uncertain terms that they are not the apathetic, unopinionated bunch they are often labeled as. When I read the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25], I could almost sense the fires igniting in the hearts and minds of countless readers.

But what is it that stirred such widespread and violent reaction among students? We read a lot about sex and drugs and alcohol — or the lack thereof — in fraternities and dormitories, but I don't think that it's these types of examples and stories that motivated people to write. After all, one story will always be able to out-shock the next. So, I'll leave everyone to worry personally about the amount of alcohol in their systems, because I don't really want to hear about it anymore.

I think that people's emotions were evoked because they were hit where it hurts most — at the heart of their circle of friends. What people wrote and continue to talk about, sometimes in veiled terms, are the concepts and viability of community-building and brotherhood. The same issue that motivated strong critiques of the fraternity system motivated their defense, and that is the profound sense of community that comes along with joining a Greek system.

This is a far more worthy topic of discussion. Virtually everyone at MIT has found a community where they feel a sense of belonging. Whether we rely on people we meet in classes, activities, jobs, or living groups, everyone has some kind of support network to share the ups and downs of everyday life. The difference between these communities is evidenced by the manner in which they contribute to the overall MIT student community and how they interact with each other.

Everyone from the members of the Campus Activities Complex Programming Board to the candidates for Undergraduate Association offices to the deans will acknowledge that the MIT student community is severely fractured. This is a great obstacle to progress as a whole at the Institute. Basically, we never get out and do anything all together.

Fraternities and sororities at MIT provide the support network for a large portion of undergraduate students. But these networks are significantly different and set apart from others at the Institute in several important ways. These differences form an automatic barrier across which many students will never cross.

The interplay between the Institute and the Interfraternity Council is a good place to start. It is extremely unfortunate that the Institute must rely on the fraternity system to provide housing. This often gives the IFC a great deal of bargaining power when it comes into conflict with other portions of the Institute. Residence and Orientation Week is a clear manifestation of this, where dormitories are not allowed to rush in the same way as the fraternities. The battle lines are being drawn, and new freshmen see right away during their first week on campus that the same rules don't apply to fraternity life that apply to dormitory life.

The basis of fraternities and sororities is also different from that of other groups on campus. Basically, the Greek systems exist to provide a support and friendship network for

their members. With few exceptions, students do not "find" friendship in the fraternity system; they receive it through membership. Don't get too excited — I'm not challenging the validity of friendships and bonds made through the fraternal system, I am merely stating that as opposed to other groups of students united over cultural or other kinds of similarities, the fraternities exist as friendship networks. Members might decide to participate in activities or projects together once there, but originally, they joined to be a member of the community.

Fraternities and sororities are also, by their very nature, extremely exclusive. They have secret and almost sacred initiation procedures, vows, and often even handshakes or songs

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that set members apart from the rest of the world. Again, such things are contrary to many other communities of students that don't have such complete power to pick and choose their membership. In the Greek system, there is a clear unmovable line between those who are in and those who are out. While this makes the community within the line that much stronger, it increasingly sets them apart from the larger MIT community.

More and more this semester, students are going to be hearing a lot about communities. With the restructuring of the administration, the Dean's Office has become concerned with the fragmented student body. When an advisory council of students was formed, it seemed that every facet of the student body was scared it would not be properly represented. The council's membership is at 30 and growing, while every little community of students tries to make it's voice heard.

The CAC Programming Board is also fighting the problem of fractured student community. It is desperately working to unify all undergraduates with simple activities mostly in the Student Center. With UA elections coming up, you can expect to hear candidates discussing this issue as well. There isn't even enough class unity to motivate people to run for class offices.

Every so often, students should take account of how alienated they have become from the larger MIT student community. How often do you eat lunch or have conversations with people who aren't from your living group or other close circle of friends? How concerned are you with issues that affect the student community but maybe don't immediately pertain to your particular living group?

All students are capable of hiding within their own communities, regardless of the level of alcohol or anything else that is consumed in those communities. But the unique nature of MIT's fraternity system makes it easier for its members to become isolated from the larger student body.

Rush Needs More Honesty And Less Deceitful Pretense

Column by Frank Dabek
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Fraternities at MIT have been recently enveloped in a controversy over whether they are an embarrassment to the Institute, a place for beer swilling, mindless troglodytes, or bastions of brotherhood, honor, trust, and the carriers of a great and noble tradition. Neither of these sweeping generalities is true. Fraternities, despite their burden of negative stereotypes and pretensions of brotherhood are really little different from other living groups on campus. It isn't even the merit of the Greek system that is the issue at hand. What should be addressed is a rush system — and the administration behind it — that allows and even promotes division, ignorance, and stereotypes among different living groups.

Just as MIT is right in giving students the option of living in Greek organizations, they are wrong not to allow men to avoid that choice by promulgating a rush system constructed explicitly to make fraternities seem preferable to on-campus housing. The short duration of rush, the preference given to fraternities through messaging systems like Clearinghouse (even if it was modified this year), and other activities like Thursday Night Dinners, Project Move Off Your Assumptions, and even pre-froshing show the administration's desire to prevent freshmen from making a truly informed decision and moving as many of them into frats as possible.

The idea that Thursday Night Dinners and other pre-rush activities are neutral is not borne out in examples like Sigma Phi Epsilon's punishment by the Interfraternity Council for the fraternity's pre-rush advertisement in *The Tech*: a monetary fine and the loss of the right to send members to Thursday Night Dinners next year.

But if Thursday Night Dinners blur the line marking the beginning of rush, current practices of pre-froshing make it all but a formality. A quick look at the list of visiting freshmen posted on the admissions reception office outside Lobby 10 shows the vast majority of visitors being housed in fraternities, some of whom place volunteers in the office for the specific purpose of bringing prospective freshmen into their fraternities. At the fraternity where I lived for the first term of my freshman year, a statistically improbable number of pledges had pre-froshed at the house the year before. That students — some of whom have not even been accepted at MIT — are being rushed signals a system that is out of control.

The repercussions of the current rush system extend far beyond Residence and Orientation Week, however. The chasm of understanding that exists between the Greek system and the rest of campus is a direct result of the current rush system that breeds deception of others and self. When I moved to East Campus from a fraternity, I was asked if I would live in a quad or a quint (I live in the only double on a hall in which freshmen had singles their first term) and whether the laundry machines cost one dollar or two (they are 75 cents). During rush I was told that the fraternity which I eventually pledged had the fastest net connection of any living group (my connection at East Campus is an order of magnitude faster).

If even trivialities like these seem ripe for the type of deception and ignorance that rush infuses, then more important misunderstandings will never be resolved. These misunder-

standings perpetuate stereotypes on both sides of the issue like those exemplified by the fraternity member who told me that I didn't "know what hell we saved you from" in the dormitories and some of the perceptions of fraternities in the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25].

Most of these errors are not the result of some rush ploy to attract freshmen or of bigotry on the part of students but the result of a system that produces a majority of students who have lived at a living group since rush, have been imbued with the rush myths, and have dutifully inscribed them onto the impressionable minds of a new group of freshmen each year.

Certainly individuals are partly to blame for the spread of these stereotypes, but it is the administration that has allowed the system that encourages such behavior to continue. And why not? It's certainly easier and cheaper for them to make rush rules guaranteeing a good yield at fraternities than to build a new undergraduate dormitory and deal with housing

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responsibly. The graduate housing office has a goal of housing 50 percent of graduate students and is attempting to reach that figure by building more dormitories. The strategy behind undergraduate housing seems to be to exploit fraternities in order to put off dealing with the real problems of housing, in spite of the negative effect that this practice has on campus life.

If the state of relations between living groups on campus is to rise above its current depths of stereotypes and mindless devotion, then freshmen must have real understanding and real knowledge in order to make a truly informed decision on where to live. This is the only way to prevent the perpetuation of the myths that are dividing the student body today.

MIT must revamp the rush system dramatically. One possibility is to mandate that all freshmen will live in Institute housing for their first term at MIT. Rush could be conducted at the end of Independent Activities Period or during the entire first term. This system would give freshmen the opportunity to gain information by experience rather than force them to sort out the lies and deception that make up rush and then make an informed decision on where to live, something that just isn't possible in three days.

The understanding that students would gain from this experience would serve to break down the sharp separation between Greeks and dorms. This plan would also most likely bring criticism that the Institute is forcing students into dorms and might require the construction of a new undergraduate dorm. It is better, however, to pay this price now than to continue to mortgage the future of our Institute to disunity and ignorance.

Greeks Don't Need to Be Isolated from Campus Groups

Column by Douglas E. Helmburger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Over the past week, I've spent a lot of time thinking about the relative merits of fraternities in shaping MIT. The question that I keep posing to myself is: While fraternities are a necessary part of providing housing for undergraduates, do they contribute much to the culture of the community in a whole?

After thinking about this for a while, I must give a mixed answer. We've heard from many fraternity members who exalt their participation in community service groups. Yet, at the same time, fraternity member John D. Dunagan '98 says that few fraternity members work at *The Tech* because they already have a community and don't need another ["Fraternities Provide Family, Community," Feb. 28].

If Dunagan's comments are true through a broad spectrum of the fraternity community, it is clear then that the fraternity system as a whole is not valuable to building a community on the MIT campus. If fraternity

members are so close-knit that they associate only with other members with the same two or three Greek letters, there is something seriously wrong with the system that was so highly praised last Friday.

I believe, however, that Dunagan's comments only hold true for a fraction of all those who live in fraternities. The far more logical reason for the disparity, however, is geographic location. Most of the fraternities are located across the river in Boston. While this may be good for the social scene — the nightclubs of Boylston Street are just a short distance away — it does little to facilitate activities, which meet in Cambridge, a 15-minute walk away. I sometimes find the walk into campus from Random Hall annoying, and that is only three blocks.

To be sure, members of Boston fraternities must find the walk across the Harvard Bridge annoying, especially during the cold winter. If there were an easy way to get on campus, more fraternity members might get involved in campus activities, which offer a

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wonderful reprieve from the stress of MIT academic life.

There are other factors that prevent many fraternity members from becoming involved on campus. Very clearly, one of these is the time commitment required of a fraternity during the first term of freshman year.

Indeed, last fall I talked to a fraternity member in my physics class about how the first term was going here. He commented that almost all of his non-study time was spent on pledge activities at his fraternity

and that he had not been able to get involved in activities nearly so much as he wanted to. If the fraternity system did not demand so much of its members during their first terms at MIT, they might have more time to think about joining activities before they get completely swamped with the coursework that takes up most of one's time at MIT.

We have to think about what we can do to fix this problem and to get more people active in the activity system here at MIT. First, we can eliminate the rules that give fraternities an advantage over dormitories — and activities. Activities are currently prohibited from actively seeking out freshmen until the Activities Midway, held after pledges have committed themselves to live at a fraternity and have withdrawn themselves from the dormitory lottery.

Thus, most freshmen who have pledged fraternities are already involved in their fraternities by that point and don't have the

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Uninformed Column Unfairly Judges Fraternity Life

Guest column by Christopher M. R. Rezek

I seriously disagree with the contention by Stacey E. Blau '98 that fraternities are "one of MIT's most embarrassing sides" ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25], and I will never be convinced otherwise by someone who has never even taken the time to come and meet us and find out what we are really like.

She has almost no first-hand information about fraternities, yet she criticizes them quite freely. I recognize the importance of secondary sources, but Blau declined to make even a token visit to a frat house or a frat party. Doing that would have given more credibility to her views and even might have changed some of them. I extend an open invitation to Blau to visit our house, during a party or otherwise. Perhaps we will be able to convince her that her ideas are rooted in prejudice and not in fact. If we cannot, at least she will have a better idea of what it is that she is criticizing and have a legitimate basis for doing so.

I'll address the questions in Blau's column:

Is it really true that frat life is about service...? The brothers of many fraternities contribute substantial amounts of time to community service, including Links, City Days, the Serv-a-thon, and serving at local soup kitchens.

About brotherhood? Brotherhood is not an empty word used for propaganda; it combines into a single word what my experience has shown fraternities to be about: trust, respect, and cooperation.

Friendships that last a lifetime? While conceding that I do not share that kind of bond with all of my brothers, and that I do share it with people outside this building, there are many brothers whom I plan to be friends with for as long as I live.

Or is it about parties? We have one party a month, as well as various other social functions, including a dinner (once a term) when we invite faculty members to our house to read and listen to literature.

Drinking? Approximately one-third of the brothers of this fraternity choose not to consume alcohol. There are always several members trained to deal with drinking abuse in evidence at our parties, and our social chairs are

required to be sober during social functions.

Women? (She called them "sorority chicks") I admit that some of the brothers of this fraternity have (gasp) had sex with women, but there are also homosexual and bisexual brothers, and I have yet to meet anyone who joined solely (or even primarily) because of sex, of any variety.

What about Blau's example of hazing? The pledges were asked to get the signatures of some arbitrary number of girls "on some part of their bodies." Basically, the brothers of Zeta Psi were challenging their pledges (who, like many MIT freshmen, tend not to be social animals) to go up to women and talk to them, and obtain minimal evidence that they had done so. Is this hazing? Definitely not by law, which restricts the term "hazing" to activities that cause substantial harm (mental, physical, or spiritual). This caused no harm to any of the pledges, and I am sure that they (and the vast majority of the women they approached) enjoyed the activity, silly though it was. Blau

says herself that "[the pledges] said, beamingly, that it was for their fraternity." Do they sound like they were being hazed? Or like a bunch of guys being encouraged to develop some social skills and self-confidence? Members of fraternities are not interested in amusing ourselves at the expense of our pledges or producing pledges that can parrot cliches about brotherhood; we are interested in helping them improve themselves and discover what brotherhood means to them as individuals.

Fraternities are by no means perfect. Not every brother makes a significant contribution to community service. Brotherhood means different things to different brothers and different fraternities. Some people graduate and never look back. Parties, drinking, and women mean more to some than to others. Some brothers enjoy making life difficult for pledges. But these are the exceptions, not the rule. I speak from my own experience. I know the people that live here.

Creating an Equitable Rush Could Promote Involvement

Helmburger, from Page 7

time or the encouragement to attend the midway. On the other hand, those awaiting their final housing assignments really don't have much to do and go to the midway, learning about the broad variety of things to do on campus.

If fraternity members did attend the Activities Midway or were able to hear about activities while they were rushing, they may be more inclined to become involved. As it is, freshmen don't have any clue that activities exist during rush, except for the small book that is sent out during the summer and posters in the Infinite Corridor.

Second, we can improve Safe Ride service into Boston. I've heard many fraternity members complain about the poor service that they experience going into Boston. I occasionally use Safe Ride myself when it is an especially cold night and I'm headed back to Random Hall, and the level of service can be dreadfully awful. Fraternities at the beginning of the

runs are especially penalized, since it can take up to 25 minutes to arrive on campus once one steps into the Safe Ride van. Running the vans in both directions on all the routes would help everyone by alleviating the capacity crisis that often plagues the Boston vans and by making it more convenient for fraternity members to come onto campus.

I'd like to finish by noting that I do know a few fraternity members who participate in activities on campus, principally the Lecture Series Committee. Most activities, however, have few if any fraternity members. That lack of participation in activities serves only to precipitate the great divisions between groups on the MIT campus that has been illustrated so well by the opinions voiced over the past week. Until fraternity members become more involved on campus, these problems will remain prevalent, and many of the stereotypes about fraternity members will continue to be true. Fraternity members have much to give to MIT activities; it is my hope that more participate in the future.



Letters To The Editor

Letters, from Page 4

In all honesty, prior to attending Leadershape, I might have come a few steps closer to agreeing with some of Blau's arguments and conclusions because of the very real problems I had observed. Unlike Blau, I have attended quite a number of fraternity parties and know exactly what the environment there is like. But it was first at Leadershape that I had an opportunity to look beyond the negative side and to interact with members of the Greek community that strive to address many of the core problems of internal division, substance abuse, and miscommunication.

Never in my life have I shared thoughts

and feelings with a broader-minded and more highly-motivated group of people than the people I met at Leadershape. Leadershape was a motivating and eye-opening experience for myself and many others who attended. To hear my classmates insulted and this program derided by someone who speaks without knowledge, experience, or clarity of thought deeply saddens me.

Ian S. Eslick '96

Blau's Spirit Misdirected

While I must commend Stacey E. Blau '98 on her bold foray into anti-fraternity activism ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25], I must respond

that her approach is as completely cliched as the "service, brotherhood, and friendships that last a lifetime" statements to which she retorts with such disdain. Members of Greek organizations constitute what is likely the only demographic group against which it is (apparently) politically correct and socially acceptable to publicly insult with sweeping generalities.

As a fraternity alumnus, I must agree with the spirit of Blau's column, just not at the target. I believe a widespread call for responsibility is necessary on any campus, particularly one of global renown. Unlike many campuses administrations, MIT gives its Greek organizations both a great deal of power and a great deal of responsibility, but Greek bashing will accomplish little. I challenge Blau to learn more of what it means to have responsibility with a Greek organization, but more importantly, I challenge the Interfraternity Council membership to take a real position of leadership, and show the campus, and maybe the world, what happens when college students act with responsibility.

Garrett Love '91

Column Stimulates Interest, Discussion

Amid a sea of anti-Stacey E. Blau '98 letters printed in *The Tech* recently, I would like to thank Blau for her column ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25]. In spite of her total ignorance about the fraternities she decries, I feel that this column has aroused campus-wide interest in a real issue, something *The Tech* has not done for a long time.

Aidan N. Low '98

Alumni Association Reaches Out to Students

In response to the article about the perceived lack of interaction between alumni and

students ["Undergrads Perceive Recent Alums As Inactive with Student Relations," Feb. 25], I would like to expand on the comments made by Executive Vice President of the Alumni Association William J. Hecht '61 with some specific examples. The Alumni Association sponsors several programs throughout the year for the purpose of making connections between students and alumni. These programs include:

The Independent Activities Period "externship" program matches students with alumni for an unpaid on-the-job experience at alumni's workplaces. This year we had 75 alumni sponsor a position; 22 students applied.

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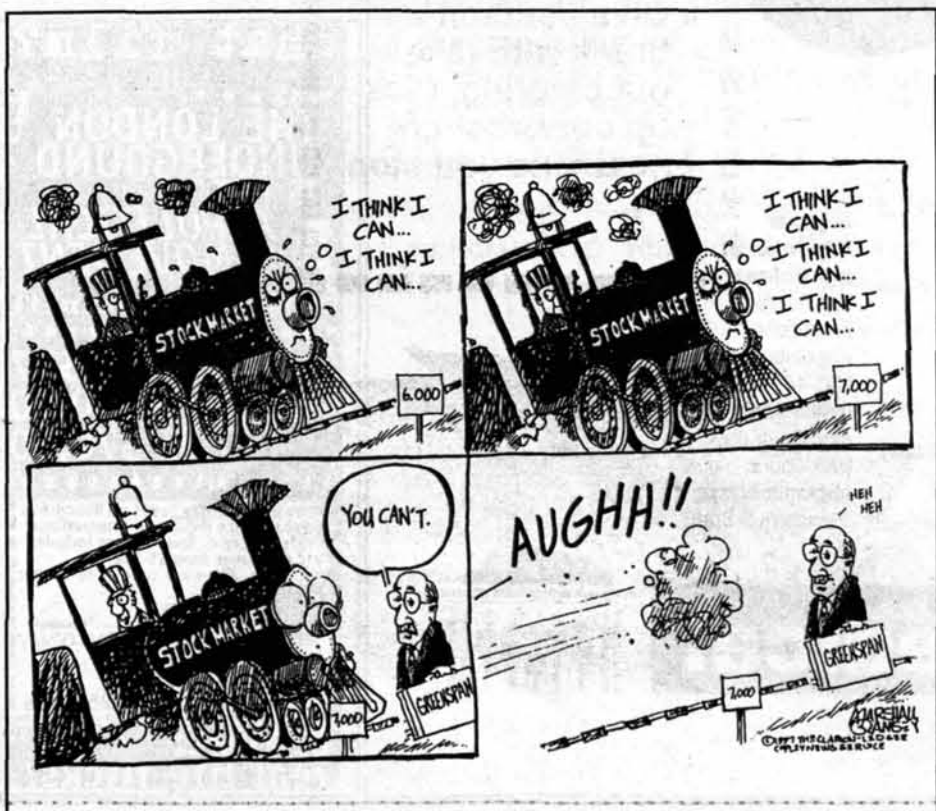
Current students can serve as ambassadors at Alumni Association events like reunions. This program is currently being expanded to include events with the Club of Boston, the Association's Alumni Leadership Conference and more.

In addition to sponsoring our own programs, we actively support fraternities, sororities, independent living groups, student organizations, and dormitories by advising them as they plan their own alumni relations programs — and there are many groups at MIT doing these types of events. In addition we support the Class Councils as they choose to invite alumni to their events.

We also have programs that are geared specifically for students. Among these are an athletics pep rally, the finals lounge, and free issues of *Technology Review* for juniors and seniors.

As you can see from the above, the Alumni Association does sponsor many programs both for students and to promote student and alumni interaction. What we may not be doing effectively is letting everyone know about them.

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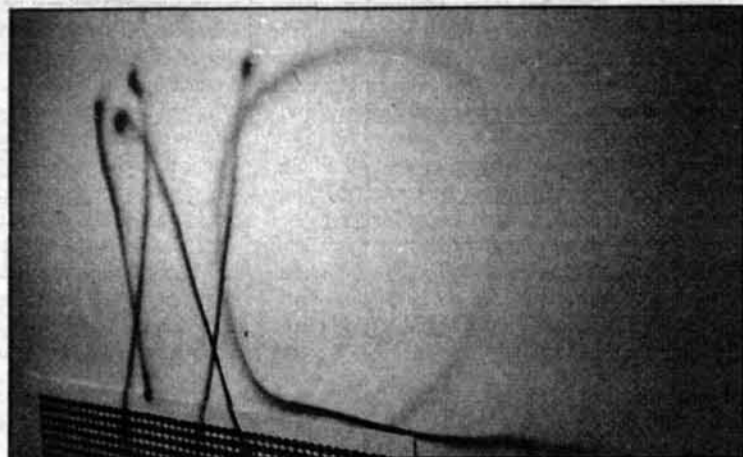
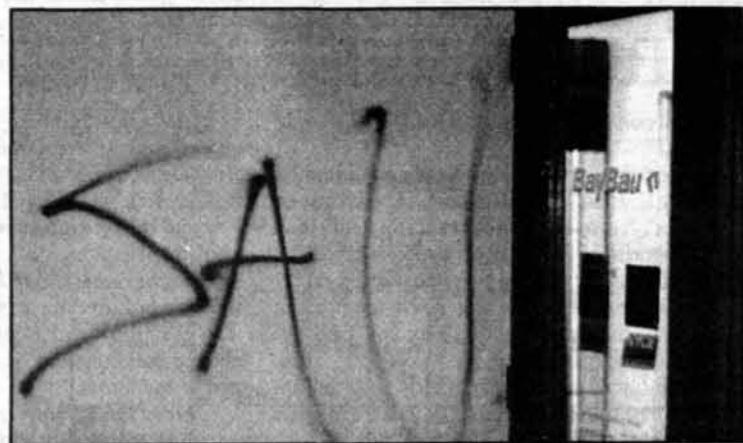
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Unknown vandals spray painted walls in Lobby 10 and Lobby 8 with graffiti early Sunday morning.

Vandals Leave Graffiti Along Infinite Corridor

By Dan McGuire
NEWS EDITOR

MIT's Infinite Corridor was struck by vandals this weekend who spray painted phrases in Lobby 8 and Lobby 10. Maintenance workers discovered the blue-green, three-foot tall letters early Sunday morning.

The letters "SAU" were inscribed in a wall near the automatic teller machines Building 10, and "XXO" was written near the door of Building 8 along the Infinite Corridor.

At about 2 a.m. Sunday morning, "we got a complaint that a person or persons unknown [had] spray painted the letters 'S' and 'A' in green paint" at points along the Infinite Corridor, said Chief of Campus

Police Anne P. Glavin.

While graffiti has appeared on campus in the past, it is generally not so blatant, or in so public a place. "We've not had anything like this in some time," Glavin said.

The last case of Infinite Corridor vandalism occurred a year and a half ago when several posters belonging to the group Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders, and Friends were torn down. Other posters were covered with epithets.

The meaning of Sunday's graffiti is still elusive. No wall posters belonging to student groups appear to have been targeted, and the messages conveyed by the phrases is still unclear.

"Sometimes it's patently obvious what they mean," Glavin said. "I think that in this case, on the surface, that it's not clear what the significance of this is," she added.

Walls need repainting

Physical Plant workers said that the graffiti could not be removed by scrubbing and that the walls would probably need to be repainted.

In the interim, the Campus Police are looking for leads on the identity of the vandal. "It's very hard, particularly with graffiti" to track down a suspect, Glavin said.

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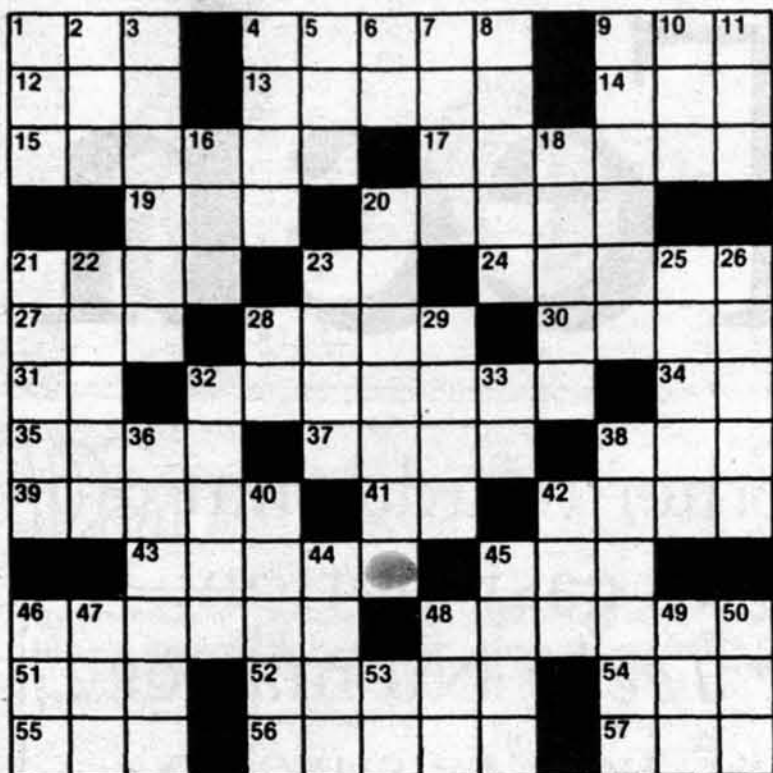
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- 16. Lease
- 18. Aromatic, reddish wood
- 20. Perusing
- 21. Warm thoroughly
- 22. Protective body covering
- 23. Wagers
- 25. Iron
- 26. To one side
- 28. 12th Gr. letter
- 29. Distinct pitch
- 32. Sioux tribe
- 33. Alright
- 36. Small brimless cap
- 38. Sleeveless coat
- 40. Clock clickings
- 42. Fish
- 44. Informer (Brit. slang)
- 45. Take away; subtract
- 46. Mineral spring
- 47. Age; eternity
- 48. Conjunction
- 49. Hearing organ
- 50. Cereal grass
- 53. Community College degree (abbr.)

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- 1. Rocks on hilltop
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- 17. Declared holy
- 19. Over (Poetic)
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- 30. Gr. God of War
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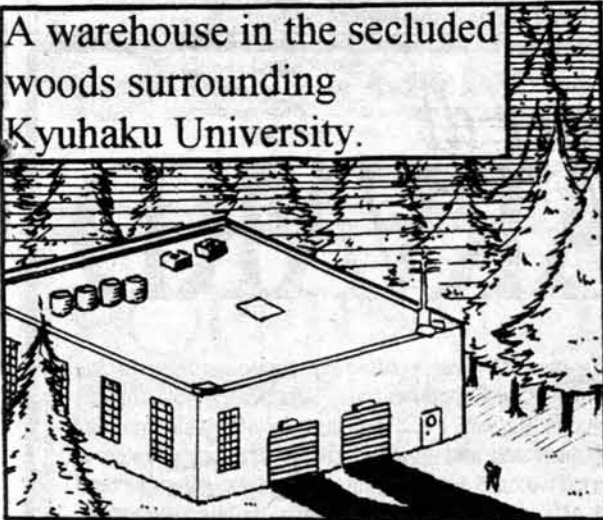
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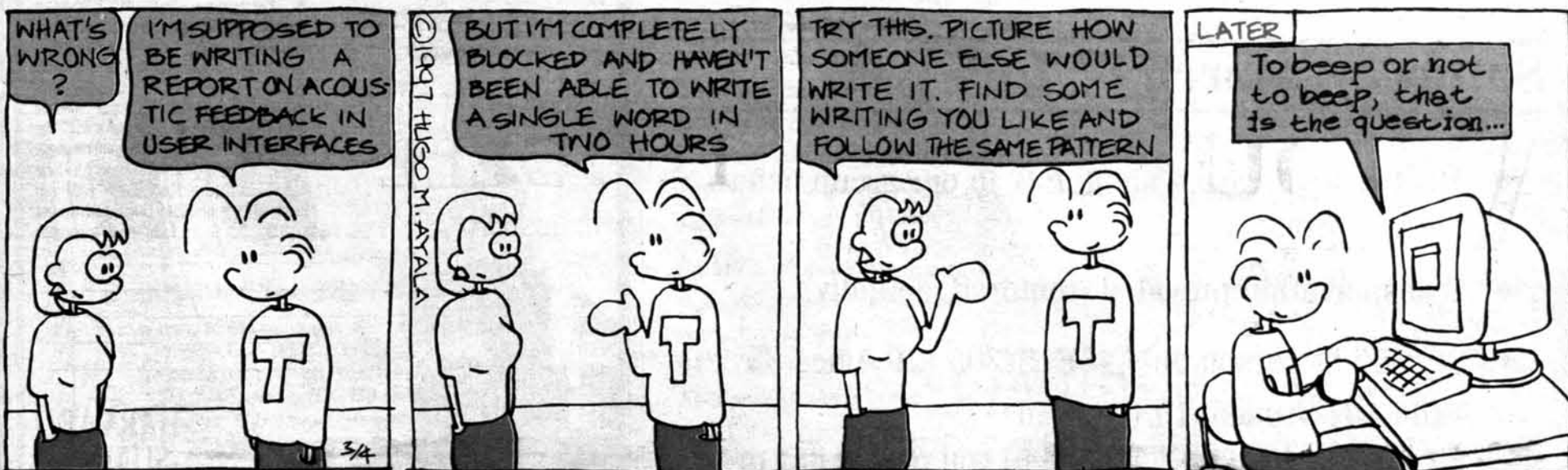
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Carter and Sandoval Boast Experience in Student Government

Carter, from Page 1

nency beyond my short time on campus," Carter said. Carter hopes a long term plan will prevent the UA from dealing with the same problems every year. "We have to start looking upward and outward," he said.

Freshman provides balance

In the spirit of this longer term vision, Carter chose a freshman as his running mate.

Being a freshman and being freshman class president gives Sandoval a unique balance suited to her role as UA vice president, Sandoval said. "I am still new enough that I can still separate myself from problems and present an unbiased perspective."

Carter chose Sandoval because "she jumps out as a very enthusiastic and energetic person, someone who cares a lot about her class and the position she has. She is already very active in Executive Committee, and I have not seen her shy away from a task," he said.

Sandoval also said she has "a very strong commitment to improving UA ... something that upperclassmen may not."

"I feel extremely devoted to the

idea of making [the UA] the best it can be by the time I graduate," Sandoval said.

Carter and Sandoval bring experience

Both Carter and Sandoval have intimate knowledge of UA after holding positions last year. Carter was a member of the social committee during his freshman year, president of the Class of 1998, chair of the Executive Committee, and is currently the vice president of the UA. "I've seen it from all aspects. [My experience] has helped me to develop a larger perspective," Carter said. "It's important to create that sense of permanency."

Their experience is a benefit rather than a sign that they are "happy with how things are," Sandoval said.

The president must be aware of past issues and needs to realize that change "will come from within, has to come from within," Carter said.

The team's platform is designed to "add a little more sanity" to student life, Sandoval said. Problems like rodents "add to the uncomfortableness" of MIT.

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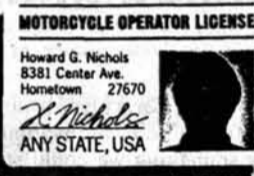
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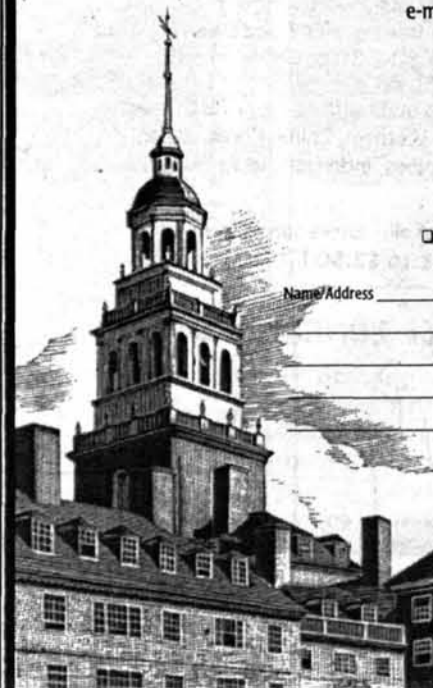
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Rao, Bingen Propose Textbook Library, New Speaker Series

Rao, from Page 1

The organization of a school-wide ski trip would be simple, Rao said. "Companies exist that will organize everything for you," he said.

The team also would like to create some sort of community service competition between the classes. One idea Rao mentioned was to have a canned food drive competition to see which class could gather the most canned goods.

The events aim to involve the entire student population and are intended as a means for students to meet each other outside their own individual living groups, they said. "I think [the MIT campus] is divided because there is nothing to bring us together as an undergraduate population," Bingen said.

"We are not trying to bring groups together. We respect the identity of the group," Rao said.

"We want to bring people together," Bingen said.

Textbook library proposed

Rao and Bingen also promise in their platform to "provide tangible benefits" to the student body if they are elected. They propose creating a UA library where students could check out textbooks for a term free of charge, the negotiation of student discounts with the MIT Card, the continuation of the Logan Airport shuttle, and having distinguished speakers come to speak at the Institute.

"[The UA library] will not be self-sufficient from the beginning, but it's something we could start," Rao said.

The speakers the pair intends to bring in would be public figures, unlike the scientists and engineers who often come to speak, they said. Those who would bring different points of view to MIT would be encouraged to come. "We have a different take on what type of speakers we want to come in," Rao said.

The third responsibility of student government outlined in their platform is to "serve as a representative body" for students. Their platform also includes a plan to seek additional funding for student groups and the publication of a UA newsletter to inform the student population of the actions of the UA.

The newsletter is intended to serve a two-fold purpose — to get the message out and to gather feedback, Rao said.

"At the very least, we have an informed student population," Bingen said.

Outsiders offer fresh perspective

"Honestly, we haven't had any experience in the UA," Bingen said. "We don't feel our lack of experience in the UA is detrimental," Rao said. "We have a lot we can offer to MIT."

Both candidates had experience during high school in positions of leadership. Rao served as both student body president and class president at his high school while Bingen served as class president at her high school.

Many of their ideas, such as a school spirit week, were derived from their experiences in high school.

The idea is that "we need a little more fun," Bingen said.



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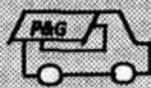
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Possible Plans Include 'Cooking Dorms,' Card Changes

Dining, from Page 1

tion," Walsh said. Several universities, including Florida State University, have partnered with banks when extending their plan. "They've married their card with a bank," he said. However, the dining group is not seriously considering following this option, Walsh said.

In addition, some of the ideas put forth by the committee have not been attempted even at other universities, Walsh said.

For example, the "food services corporation" model, in which a national provider like Aramark would enter into a corporation with MIT, arose out of conversations with other dining providers, Walsh said. "This would be a way to resolve the issue of trust" over management and

pricing concerns, he added.

Committee mulls meal plan

Several of the proposed models call for the introduction of mandatory meal plans at MIT replacing the declining balance system currently used. MIT now refunds any money on the MIT Card not spent by the end of the term. Most other universities do not refund money placed on their meal card but later not spent, Walsh said.

"Maybe one option" for the mandatory meal plans would be for lunch options, Walsh said. By offering mandatory meal plans, the cost of dining could be reduced, he added. "You would build into [the plan] some discount."

Another option would require a meal plan for freshman only. "The rationale there is that people are

going through a turbulent change ... and shouldn't have to worry about how to eat," Walsh said.

Mandatory meal plans would encourage good nutrition, the models claim, because decisions on what to eat would no longer be based solely on cost.

Personal cooking considered

The dining review working group also looked at personal cooking on campus and how it relates into the array of campus dining options.

"It's a significant issue," Walsh said. Many students at the open meetings said that they enjoyed cooking, while others called it a necessity that they would rather not deal with, he added.

The options proposed by the group range from the current kitchen arrangement, to additional support

from MIT in cleaning kitchens.

Another option called for some dormitories to be designated "cooking residence halls" while others would be designated as "dining hall dormitories." Kitchen facilities would not be improved in dining hall dormitories.

A final option calls for the removal of most full kitchens on campus and replacing them with dormitory rooms where possible.

In this area, as in others, different options may work for different groups on campus, Walsh said. "There may not be a single standard that works."

Final report due out in April

During the comment period, the dining group is reviewing the financial and operations of potential systems. "We're going to seek some

help from outside to look at them from a financial perspective," Walsh said.

The group will also hold meetings with housemasters, the Undergraduate Association, and the Graduate Student Council before returning a final proposal for the future of dining, Walsh said.

Unlike the model proposals, the final report will be highly detailed, Walsh said. "The final report is going to be a clearer goal of what needs to be in a [request for proposal]," which is used to select a contractor for dining on campus.

In April, the final report will be delivered to Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams and Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56, who will then determine what parts of the report will be implemented, Walsh said.

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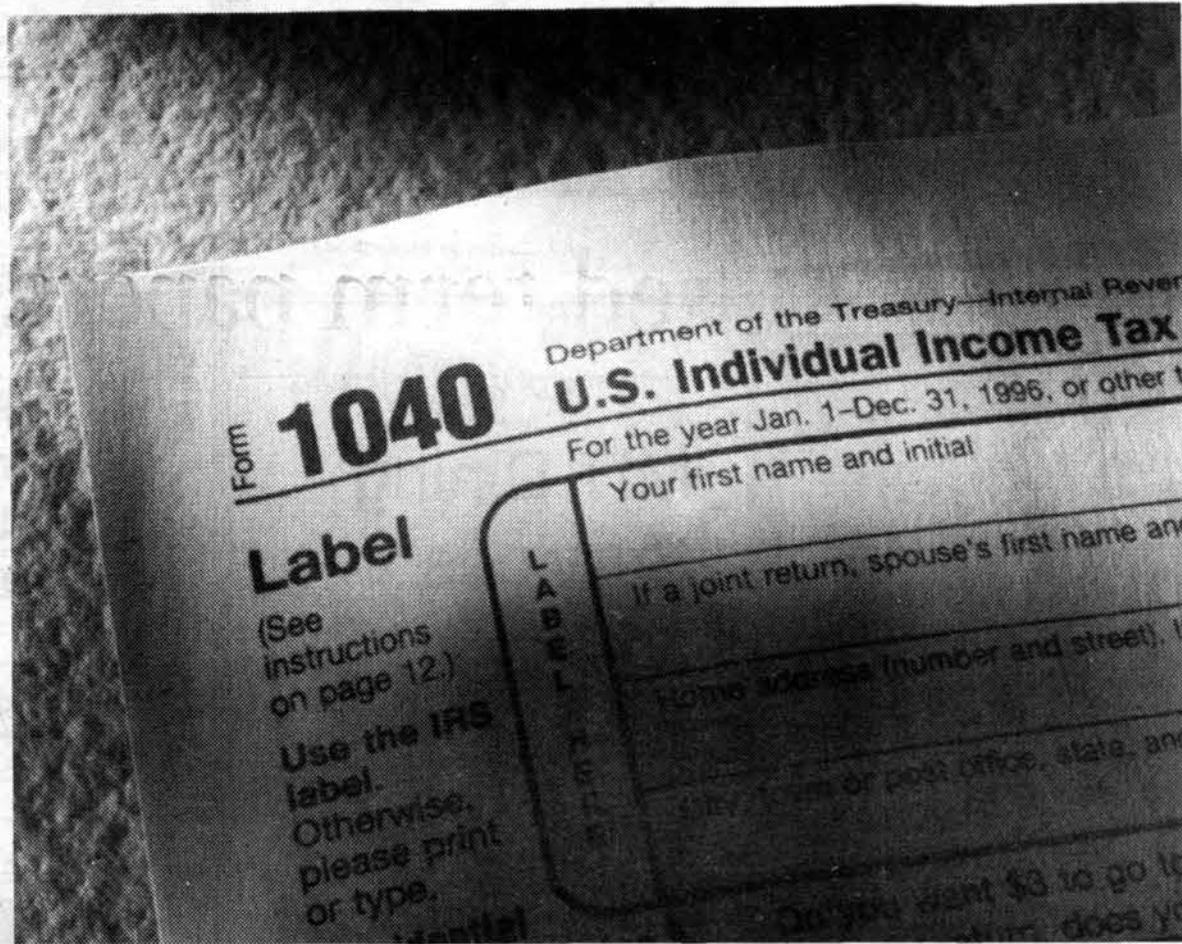


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MIT Concert Band free concert! Sunday, March 9, 8pm in Kresge Auditorium. John Corley conducting, Sarah Tegen '97 assistant conductor. Pieces include Military March by Beethoven, Rose Variations by Robert Russell Bennett, featuring Priscilla Fonseca '00 on solo trumpet, Challenger: Ron McNair by Ira Schwarz, and many other original works for concert band.

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SPORTS

Women's Hockey Ends Good Season With Close Defeat

By Kalpana Mani
TEAM MEMBER

The women's ice hockey team played their last game of the regular season on Thursday against Amherst College. Though the Engineers fought hard, the game ended in a 5-4 defeat, which brought their regular season record to 8-7-0.

This game, like much of the season, brought out the best in the team and displayed their cohesiveness and tenacity. Regardless of the final score, the Engineers played a tight, focused, and skillful game.

Amherst College scored the initial goal at 6:23 in the first period. However, MIT, in a style that would become characteristic of the game, came back strong.

Lisa Stifelman G, assisted by Allison Mackay G and Jill Depto '97, scored the Engineers' first goal, to culminate an incredible passing sequence. Depto, in the low right corner, passed to Mackay at point who passed to Stifelman in front of the net. Stifelman shot it past an Amherst defense and through the goalie. This seemed to bolster the Engineers' confidence, and they held Amherst in check for the rest of the first period.

The second period started off slowly for MIT. Amherst scored their second goal 4:43 into the period. However, less than a minute later, Stifelman got the rebound from Depto's shot and one timed it to the upper left corner of the net. This tied the game at 2-2.

Amherst, undaunted, stick-handled past MIT for their third goal. Rising to the challenge, MIT tied it up, just 17 seconds later. This time

Cynara Wu G scored for the Engineers with an assist by Tory Herman G and Raquel Roman G. Wu, in a well-executed play, wrapped around the net and scored on the short side.

In the third period, Amherst scored, and once more MIT responded. The fourth goal, too, was scored by Wu who got the rebound from Depto's shot. This assist, Depto's third, gave her a playmaker for the game.

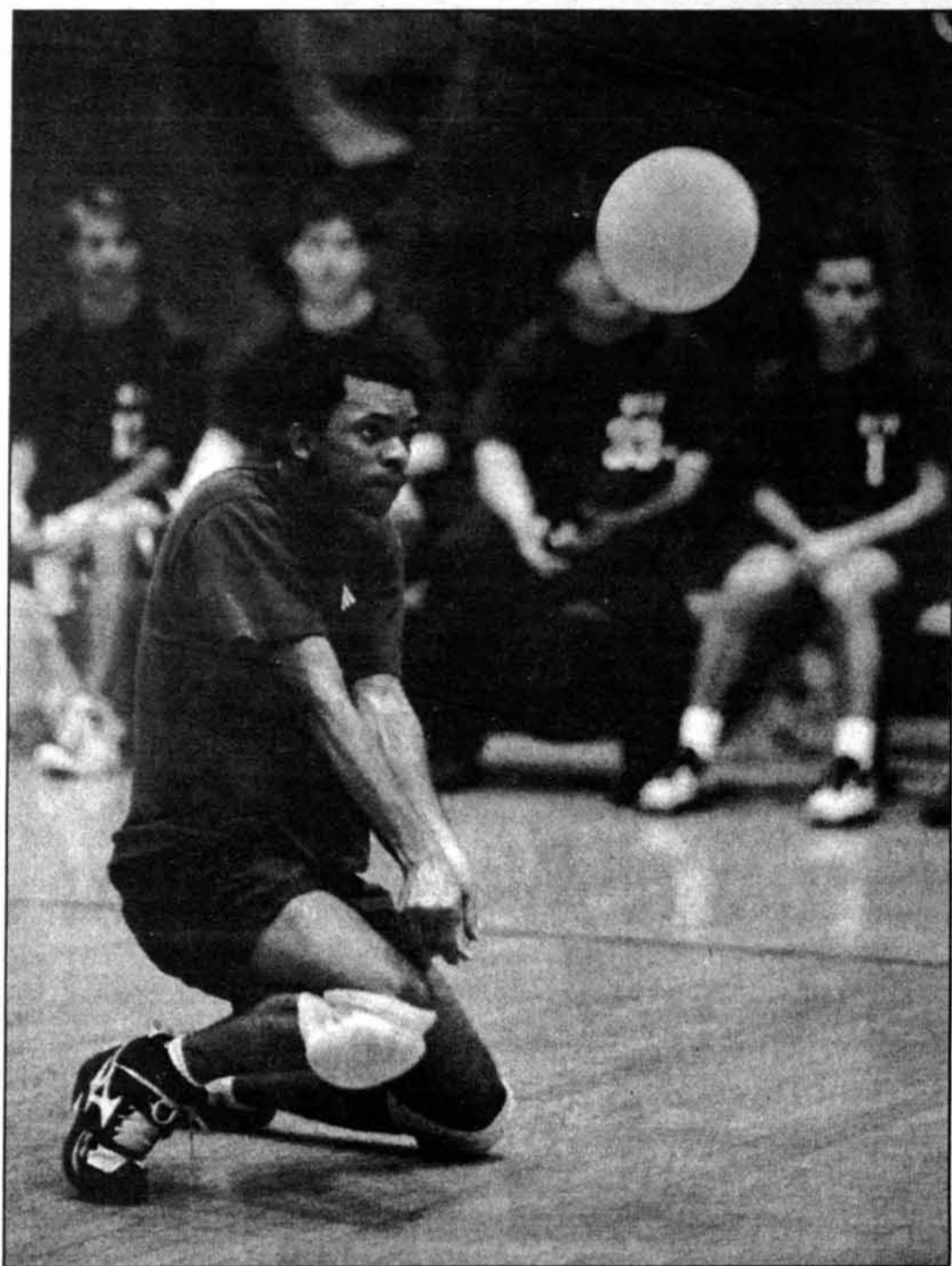
So the Engineers had responded in kind to each of Amherst's four goals, and the last three MIT goals had been within a minute of Amherst's scoring. The Engineers were on fire, and there was a good chance that they could win it. But fate, in the form of number 18 on the Amherst team, stepped in with 23 seconds left in the game.

MIT was short-handed. A screened shot from the wide left side of goal obstinately slid into net. Though the Engineers pulled their goalie and played all out, 23 seconds was just not long enough for them to pull off another goal. The final score was 5-4, in Amherst's favor.

MIT goalie Adriane Faust '98, though injured, saved 26 shots to rob Amherst of many would-be goals.

"This is the most exciting game we've played all season. We really came together as a team," Stifelman said.

The women's ice hockey team will be hosting the 1997 All-East Club Championships from March 6 to 9. They will also be attending the 1997 National Club Championships at Ohio State University from April 18 to 20.



RITA H. LIN—THE TECH

Parry Husbands G of MIT's Intercollegiate Volleyball Club prepares to receive a serve during the second game of a 3-1 win over Northeastern University on Thursday night at Dupont Gymnasium.

Baker Glides Past Harvard in Alpine National Qualifier

By Jonathan Shefftz
HEAD COACH

Brooke Baker '97, MIT's sole competitor in the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association Championships, managed to single-handedly beat out four teams on the first day of the two-day competition, including Harvard University. The competition, held at Middlebury's Snow Bowl, was the eastern qualifier for the NCAA National Championships.

The weather for Friday's giant slalom was unseasonably warm, with occasional drizzle, but the exemplary work of the Snow

Bowl's race crew kept the snow in mid-winter firmness using chemical treatment.

The first run featured many challenging, across-the-hill turns, but by far the biggest challenge was the mountain's unusual terrain. The course started on top of a large ramp by the side of the trail, which allowed the competitors a few quick, skating movements to build up speed before some long, gradual gliding turns on the flats.

After that, the course rapidly alternated between exceedingly steep pitches and exceedingly flat sections, which thus created com-

pressions at the bottom of the pitches and drop-offs at the top of the pitches.

For the final steep pitch on the top part of the trail, the course allowed the competitors to tuck straight down the hill, to build up speed for a long flat section. This demanded an efficient aerodynamic position and good gliding skills.

Finally, the terrain became slightly steeper, before it culminated in one final, long, steep pitch within sight of the finish.

Baker skied cleanly yet somewhat tentatively for her first run on the unfamiliar terrain. The second

run was set more straight, and Baker skied more aggressively to move up in the standings.

Her finish of 44th out of the 77 best NCAA skiers in the eastern United States allowed her single-handedly to beat four of the 18 other competing teams. These teams included MIT's regular-season competitor, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and also the full squads from St. Michael's College, Johnson State College, Harvard University.

The unseasonably warm weather became even warmer for Saturday, with a temperature in the 60s. Once again, excellent course preparation from the race crew kept the snow firm.

The slalom started halfway down the previous day's giant slalom course, which confronted the skiers with an initial moderate pitch that lead onto the final, steep pitch above the finish. The first turn on the steep pitch claimed many of the best collegiate skiers in the East, as they leaned in slightly only to crash onto their sides and consequently slide down the hill.

Unfortunately, Baker did the same, which also caused her to miss the next two turns on the pitch and

slide out of control almost to the bottom.

In a move that reflected the exemplary team attitude of this season, Baker hiked up for almost half a minute to reach the first turn she had missed. However, the results listed Baker as disqualified.

Before Coach Jonathan Shefftz filed his official protest, he reviewed in slow motion the videotaped footage he had just shot, which revealed that Baker, in her exhaustion and confusion after the long hike, had indeed reached the first turn she had earlier missed, but had neglected to go through the second turn she had missed.

Shefftz and Baker together took one final post-race "team" run to finish off the season in the light drizzle.

Afterwards, with the second run about to start, the rain changed to a heavy downpour. The race was now temporarily on hold, because of the imminent lightning danger. Hundreds of drenched racers, coaches, course officials, and spectators evacuated the race hill and descended on the small lodge.

Baker did not ski in the second run. Her performance ends the ski team's 1997 season.

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