



Luke Skywalker fends off Darth Vader in the Chorallaries Bad Taste concert on Friday night in 10-250. See story, page 15.

GREG KUHNEN—THE TECH

Search for Career Office Head Begins

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams recently appointed a search committee to find a new director of the Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising.

The former director, Robert K. Weatherall, left last June for retirement, said Interim Director Elizabeth A. Reed.

Although Weatherall retired last June, the search committee was not formed until the recommendations of the career assistance redesign re-engineering team were recently released.

"That report [from the re-engineering team] was completed just a short time ago. Really the final draft was done in January," Williams said.

"That report formed the basis of

the job description," Williams said. "I did not search for a new director until the team completed its report to make sure that the job description matched what the re-engineering team wanted," she said.

Team calls for changes in office

The position of director will be expanded from what it was in the past, said Associate Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering Borivoje Mikic, who heads the committee. The change is because of the greater number of functions that the office will take on as a result of the report on the recommendations of the re-engineering team.

There were five to six principal recommendations made by the re-

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UA Council Considers Social, Funding Plans

By Douglas E. Helmburger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In its meeting last night, the Undergraduate Association Council discussed its goals for the year and assigned committees to council members.

The council also trimmed a request for UA funding of Spring Weekend and heard an update on the status of career assistance redesign re-engineering team.

In discussing the UA's role for the term, UA President Richard Y. Lee '97 said that Executive Committee members had been assigned to oversee the tasks for the term to ensure that activities and events occur on schedule. "We have to have someone responsible" to make sure projects will get done, he said.

This term, the social committee is planning to implement a music program on the stairs of the Student

Center on Friday afternoons, said Floor Leader Paul T. Oppold '99. The group "already has been approached by a few companies" interested in sponsoring the events, he added.

The UA, through its student life committee, will survey students to find out "what they think of MIT," Oppold said. Additionally, the committee will implement permanent plans for the Logan Airport shuttle, which was offered at the end of last term, he said.

The UA will also be holding a referendum on the Institute's experiment on plus and minus intermediate grading, Oppold said. The Institute has been using intermediate grades for internal purposes since 1995; the experiment is slated to end in June 1998.

Finally, the UA is considering

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Undergrads Perceive Recent Alums As Inactive with Student Relations

By Brett Altschul
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The perception held by many students, that MIT is a better place to be from than to be at, helps to create a distant relationship between students at the Institute and alumni.

Many undergraduates feel that many alumni and students have little contact and that many alumni harbor hostile attitudes toward the Institute.

Newer alumni are often angry at MIT, said Jessica A. Nordell '99. However, they tend to become more positive about the Institute as time progresses, she said.

"Years seem to soften their feelings toward MIT like years soften a mother's feelings toward the birthing process," Nordell said. "The atmosphere at MIT — it just doesn't generate as much school

spirit as other places do."

"The only thing you think of when you think about MIT is problem sets. People here don't feel a strong association with MIT," said Isaac H. Murakami '97.

"I know alumni from MIT don't give as much money as people from other schools," Nordell said.

"They think tuition was high enough, so why give any more?"

said Ernest G. Mireles '96

Many alumni still active

However, William J. Hecht '61, executive vice president of the Alumni Association, disagrees. MIT alumni are not apathetic compared to graduates of other colleges, he said. "All the evidence we see

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Former Costa Rican President Discusses Latin America in Latest Compton Lecture

By Kyle Young
STAFF REPORTER

Former president of Costa Rica Oscar Arias Sanchez gave his second lecture in a series of three talks as part of the Karl Taylor Compton

lectures yesterday. Arias, a Nobel laureate, addressed a mostly full 10-250 on the future of Latin America.

In a seminar entitled "Latin America Faces New Challenges," Arias shared his views on the many problems that lie in the future of Latin America.

"The future of Latin America troubles all Costa Ricans," Arias said. "History tells us that there are no easy answers for Latin America." For the remainder of the 40-minute talk, Arias outlined main problems that the region needs to address.

The Karl Taylor Compton lecture series was established in 1957 in honor of the late Karl Taylor Compton, a former MIT president and chairman of the Corporation.

Poverty and inequality persist

"Almost 100 million exist in poverty" in Latin America, Arias said. "Latin America's fundamental dilemmas remain unresolved. ... How much poverty can democracy tolerate?"

In the second part of the lecture,

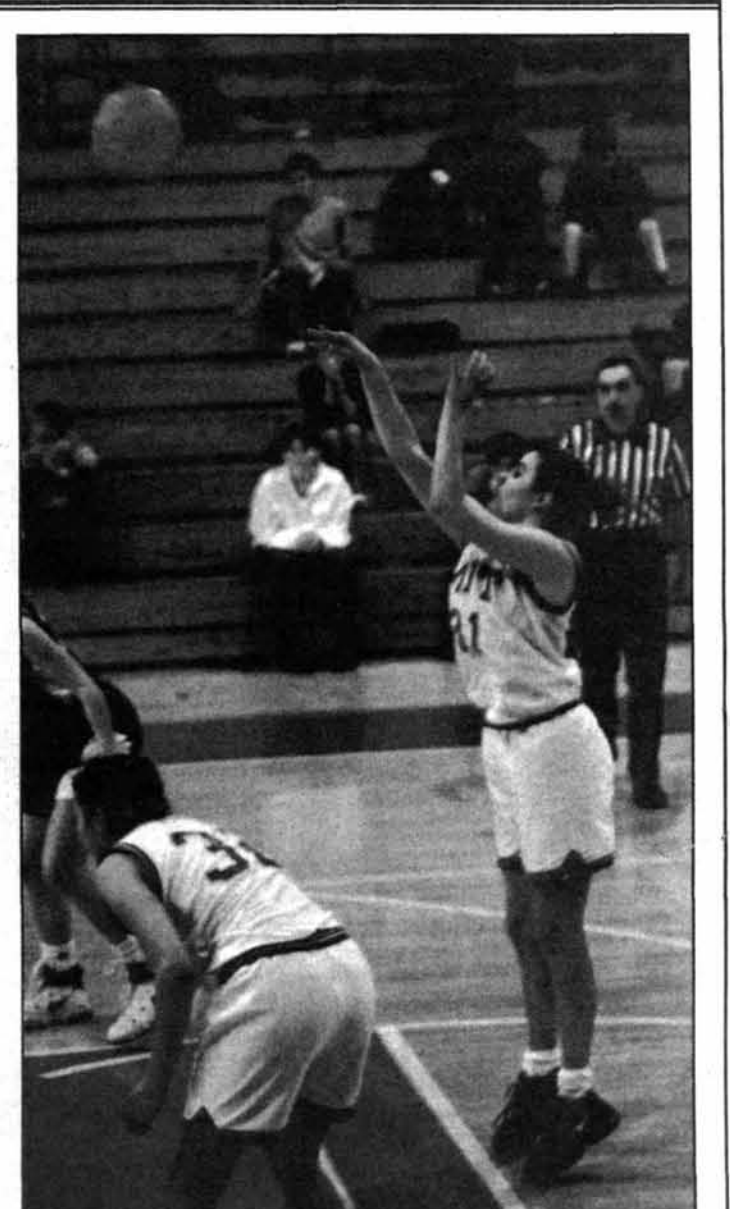
Arias identified corruption in politics as a culprit. Latin America has continually suffered from corruption, Arias said. The military has too much power in the region, "where armies are powerful estates with states," he said.

One way to combat the problems is through education. "Education is necessary so that every Latin American can contribute to society," Arias said. In an open question-and-answer session following the lecture, Arias explained the failure of the educational system in Latin America, where schooling is available almost exclusively to the elite.

Unlike the United States, the Costa Rican government devotes most of its educational resources to public universities, Arias said. An education in private high school cost five times as much as an education in public universities, he said.

Ironically, most Costa Rican citizens cannot take advantage of the

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Katie Spayde '99 makes a free throw to seal MIT's 54-51 victory against Mount Holyoke College Saturday afternoon in Rockwell Cage. See story, page 27.

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WORLD & NATION

Yeltsin Acknowledges Dissatisfaction with Presidency

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Boris N. Yeltsin, in a rare concession Monday, acknowledged that a majority of Russians are openly dissatisfied with him as president and said that gives him cause to worry.

Emerging from months of seclusion due to his prolonged illness, Yeltsin criticized his own administration for its inability to pay wages and pensions for months at a time, leaving millions of people destitute and bringing some government operations to a standstill.

"Many Russians are unhappy with the government, and consequently they're unhappy with the president," Yeltsin said. "People are openly speaking of that, and the dissatisfied already constitute the majority. I am worried."

The nonpayment of wages has reached a crisis throughout the country, and daily protests take many forms: demonstrations, labor strikes, hunger strikes and even suicide.

In many regions outside Moscow, power and fuel are in short supply, soldiers don't have enough to eat, teachers faint from hunger in the classroom and scientists warn of nuclear disaster if needed funds are not delivered.

Some factory workers get their wages in the form of unwanted products, like the laborers at the Akhtuba factory in Volgograd who once made high-precision navigational instruments for the military. Unpaid for 13 months, they now are paid in unsold rubber sex toys instead of rubles.

Congress Finds Fault With Pentagon Budget Estimates

THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

The military's health care budget in coming years is likely to cost billions of dollars more than expected, according to congressional investigators, because the Pentagon has used "unrealistic" and "questionable" methods of calculation.

The \$15 billion Defense Health Program is expected to rise 18 percent, by 2003, according to the Defense Department's calculations.

But the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, said in a new report that the budget could rise by anywhere between 18 percent and 56 percent in that period. The medical program, which accounts for 6 percent of the Pentagon's budget, is used by 6.3 million personnel, retirees and dependents. There are 8.2 million people eligible.

"Our analysis showed that one key assumption DOD used to estimate future program costs appeared to be unrealistic, and another was questionable," wrote Richard Davis, director of national security analysis for the GAO.

DNC Returns Questionable Cash

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Democratic National Committee is prepared this week to return dozens of additional political contributions that were questioned in a still-confidential internal audit of party fund-raising. At least one of the donations now under review came from a foreign developer who holds an advisory post with China's communist government, documents show.

The \$15,000 contribution in 1994 from Ng Lap Seng, a Macao property developer, is among the growing number of DNC donations that have been called into question because of uncertainty about their origins and possible links to foreign interests. But Ng's DNC contribution — made in the name of his company's Little Rock, Ark., subsidiary — is the first to be linked to anyone with an official tie to the Chinese government.

Ng serves on the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou, according to a directory of government officials and press reports. The CPPCC is a national advisory board to the government and the ruling Communist Party.

Ng's firm, San Kin Yip Inc. of Little Rock, donated \$15,000 to the DNC in October 1994, 10 days after the firm was incorporated. In interviews last month, Ng acknowledged that the \$15,000 did not come from U.S.-generated funds as required by law, and that other contributions by his business partner, Charles Yah Lin Trie, a Little Rock restaurateur and close friend of President Clinton's, also might have come originally from Ng's business interests in China, Hong Kong and the neighboring Portuguese enclave of Macao.

WEATHER Winter Bites Back

By Gerard Roe
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Winter may be on its way out, but it still carries a sting.

A cold front passing through has brought extremely cold air over the region. Fortunately it is a glancing blow, and as the high pressure system presses eastward, there will be a welcome warming in its wake beginning late tonight, with temperatures pushing back up over freezing. Wednesday will see blustery winds from the southwest bringing in more warm air. There is a chance of rain on Thursday as a storm now brewing over Texas begins to make its presence felt.

Today: A very chilly day. Mostly sunny. Breezy, northwesterly winds. High 24°F (-5°C).

Tonight: Mainly clear. A shift in the winds to southwesterly after midnight. Low 20°F (-7°C).

Wednesday: Strong winds out of the southwest. High 44°F (7°C). Low 34 (1°C).

Thursday: Becoming cloudy. Chance of rain afternoon. High around 40°F (5°C). Low around 30°F (-1°C).

Morning-After Contraceptive Given Government Approval

By John Schwartz

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

For the first time, the Food and Drug Administration has given the government's formal endorsement to using high doses of birth control pills as an emergency contraceptive.

The agency Monday took the unusual step of inviting drug companies that make oral contraceptives to apply for permission to market pills specifically packaged as "morning-after" contraception — which actually can be taken as long as 72 hours after intercourse.

The FDA took the action to publicize a contraceptive method that has been known to be safe and effective since the 1970s and is widely used in Europe.

While many U.S. doctors are familiar with the approach and could legally prescribe it, some have been reluctant to use the method without formal government approval. And many women have not known about it.

"The best-kept contraceptive secret is no longer a secret," said FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler in announcing the move.

While family planning proponents hailed the action, a representative of a prominent anti-abortion group denounced the move as promoting abortion.

"For pro-lifers in general, we believe that life begins at conception and that means this, technically, is an abortifacient," said Gracie Hsu of the Family Research Council.

FDA officials said that the approach does not induce abortion, since most medical authorities agree that pregnancy begins at the time

the fertilized egg becomes implanted in the uterus. High doses of birth control pills prevent ovulation, fertilization and implantation of the egg in the uterus. If the embryo has already become implanted in the uterine wall, the drugs will not cause an abortion.

The FDA action is aimed at making the method more readily available to women who have failed to use contraception, who believe their contraception methods may have been ineffective, or who have been raped, said Jacqueline Darroch Forrest of the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a family planning group in New York. "This gives you something to do instead of waiting around and seeing whether you got pregnant and having to decide whether you want to have an abortion or not."

Morning-after packages are sold in other countries, including Great Britain and the Netherlands, and could provide part of the explanation for the lower rates of abortion in those countries, Forrest said.

Monday's action does not involve the drug RU 486 (mifepristone), the so-called "abortion pill"; instead, it applies to contraceptives that include the drugs ethinyl estradiol, norgestrel, and levonorgestrel — forms of the hormones estrogen and progesterone that can prevent pregnancy by influencing a woman's menstrual cycle.

As an emergency contraceptive, the FDA said four combinations of these drugs can be taken any time within 72 hours after unprotected sex, with a second dose following 12 hours after. Common side effects include nausea, and about 20 per-

cent of women taking the treatment vomit.

Birth control pills currently on the market could be used for emergency contraception, but their packaging can make it confusing. Some contain pills of two or more different colors, and some are placebos with no physiological effect. So the FDA Monday published the four regimens for the six contraceptive pills on the market containing the right drugs.

The FDA cautioned, however, that emergency contraception is not as effective as other methods of pregnancy prevention, only working about 74 percent of the time. Because not every act of unprotected sex leads to pregnancy, out of 100 women having intercourse without contraceptives in the second or third week of their menstrual cycle, about eight will become pregnant. If those 100 women take the morning-after treatment, only two will become pregnant, according to the FDA.

Oral contraceptives do not provide protection against sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS, and so the FDA notice also includes a warning to "use condoms every time you have sex if you think you may be at risk."

The agency did not require manufacturers to make the labeling change, or order them to produce special "morning-after" packages, as some family planning advocates had wanted.

The largest manufacturers of contraceptives have told the FDA that they are not interested in repackaging their products for morning-after use.

Albright Meets with Chinese After Deng Xiaoping's Death

By Tyler Marshall

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING

In their first talks with a senior Western diplomat since the death of "paramount leader" Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese president, premier and foreign minister on Monday conveyed a message of continuity and underscored their interest in China's having a broad, positive relationship with the United States.

But in more than four hours of talks with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the Chinese gave her no hint of immediate breakthroughs on specific issues, including the contentious subject of human rights, a topic she has called "a signature element in our relationship," U.S. officials said.

"I don't want to speculate whether I was able to narrow the differences, we'll have to wait and see," Albright told reporters after her long session with Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and shorter talks with President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng.

Albright met the top Chinese officials on the eve of Deng's state funeral — a moment many analysts are calling a watershed in the history of modern China and a time of potential political change.

Although Deng effectively relinquished the reigns of power three years ago, his very presence allowed Jiang, his anointed successor and a relative political unknown, the luxury of time to begin the process of consolidating his power, analysts have noted.

A senior U.S. official who accompanied Albright said she left all three meetings convinced that Jiang now is firmly in control of China. "It was clear in the succes-

sion of meetings that Jiang, as they (the Chinese) put it, is the 'core' of the leadership."

That Albright's sessions with the Chinese leaders was not postponed was widely interpreted here as one more signal of Jiang's desire to keep a momentum going in high level Sino-American talks. Vice President Al Gore is scheduled to visit here next month; an exchange of presidential visits is planned before the end of next year. Many China scholars believe that a Jiang state visit to Washington would prove his effectiveness on the world stage, and, thus, help cement his efforts at political consolidation at home.

Albright's meetings with Chinese leaders were the last stop on Albright's 10-day inaugural world trip as America's top diplomat. She visited nine nations in Europe and Asia that she said epitomized the role of the United States as the globe's "indispensable nation."

Despite the high profile Albright gave to the issue of human rights in her meetings, there was no hint of a softening in the Chinese position. "I said I'd tell it like it is and I told it like it is," she said.

An Albright aide who was in the meeting with Qian quoted her as telling the Chinese foreign minister, "I've come a long way so I must be frank," before noting specific concerns about restrictions placed in China on dissidents and religious freedom. The secretary of state also expressed U.S. concerns about allegations of Chinese human rights abuses in Tibet.

The aide said Qian listened, then said simply, "I appreciate your frankness."

Unlike some of her other diplo-

matic counterparts, Albright did not present the Chinese, say, with a list of prominent dissidents in China that the United States hoped Beijing would free; before and after her meetings with Chinese leaders, U.S. officials cautioned against expectations of a breakthrough.

"The assumption that there is some magic fix ... that we can create that will have a significant effect on the human rights situation in China I regard as folly," commented one senior U.S. official.

This official noted that, as part of a low-key discussion of human rights launched last July by the United States and the European Union, Beijing was given a list of eight dissidents, seven of whom were jailed and one under house arrest; three of them have since been released.

This approach, the official said, provides a guide for how the West may get the Chinese to make genuine progress on human rights — action in which China would agree to: release dissidents; resume talks on allowing Red Cross visits in Chinese prisons; sign the U.N. human rights covenants; and enter permanent discussions on human rights.

In exchange for these steps, the United States and EU would halt their annual practice of formally condemning Beijing at the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. That commission is scheduled to meet next month and Albright said America now plans again to condemn China on its human rights record. "I made it clear ... that if there were no further progress, we expect we would be going forward in Geneva, but there is still time," she said.

Empire State Gunman Acted Out of Rage at Monetary Loss

By John M. Goshko
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

When Ali Hassan Abu Ali Kamal began shooting at sightseers on the crowded observation deck of the Empire State Building Sunday afternoon, he apparently was motivated by despair at having lost his life's savings in an unexplained investment scheme, members of his family said Monday.

Abu Kamal, 69, a Palestinian who came here from Gaza City, killed one person and wounded six others before putting a fatal bullet in his own head.

Because of his nationality, the incident provoked initial speculation that the brief but terrifying shooting spree might be rooted in the nationalistic zealotry and terrorism that is a frequent offshoot of Middle Eastern political rivalries.

However, his relatives in a mid-

dle-class neighborhood of Gaza City, Monday remembered Abu Kamal as a conservative, not especially religious man who had accumulated a sizeable amount of money during almost 50 years of teaching English.

The money, which he told family members was somewhere between \$300,000 and \$500,000, was lost in a mysterious, failed American business venture, and the family believes that the experience made him unbalanced.

That was what family members told reporters and investigators as they sat beneath a large photograph of their patriarch at their home in Gaza, which has come under control of the Palestinian authority after almost three decades of Israeli occupation.

Family members sketched a portrait of a man born in the town of Ramle, now a part of Israel, who

moved to Gaza after Israel's 1948 war of independence and who worked for several years for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. Capitalizing on the fluent English he learned while with the U.N. agency, he became a teacher and tutor and built up what the family believes was a sizable nest egg.

They said he was not religious and had avoided involvement in the frequently violent struggles between the Palestine Liberation Organization and more militant groups for control over the Palestinian independence struggle.

Omar Hassan Ali Abu Kamal, the gunman's younger brother, told *Washington Post* special correspondent Saud Abu Ramadan in Gaza that his brother had promised to leave a fortune to his wife, four daughters, and two sons, but had kept his plans to himself.

In Defeat for Term Limit Backers, Court Overturns Arkansas Law

By Joan Biskupic
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

In another defeat for proponents of term limits, the Supreme Court Monday effectively ensured that an Arkansas initiative aimed at forcing state lawmakers to back term limits will not become law.

The justices let stand a ruling by the Arkansas Supreme Court that struck down a voter initiative requiring state legislators and members of Congress to use the power of their offices to support congressional term limits, and to penalize those who refuse.

One component of that measure, sometimes referred to as the "scarlet letter" provision, said any official who failed to push for term limits would have the words "Disregarded Voter Instruction on Term Limits"

printed in capital letters next to his or her name on future ballots.

"We will continue to fight in the trenches to enact term limits on Congress," said Paul Jacob, executive director of the advocacy group that backed the initiative. He said that although the Supreme Court spurned the case from Arkansas, killing that state's "instruct and inform" law, several other states have similar laws and court challenges are still pending. The high court could eventually weigh in on a battle from another state, Jacob noted.

Yet Monday's action — taken in a one-sentence order and without comment from the justices — is the latest in a string of losses for the movement to restrict through legislation the tenure of members of the U.S. House and Senate.

In 1995, the Supreme Court ruled that states themselves may not limit the terms of their elected federal legislators. The justices said only an amendment to the Constitution could restrict terms.

But attempts to change the Constitution have failed. Earlier this month, the House defeated a constitutional amendment that would have limited the time federal lawmakers serve to 12 years. This time around, backers of term limits received even fewer votes than they did when the issue was voted on last year.

The Arkansas law at issue in Monday's case said it was the will of the voters that no one be a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for more than three terms (a total of six years) or a senator for more than two terms, 12 years total.

S. Korean President Kim Promises New Campaign Against Corruption

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SEOUL

In a speech aimed at quelling rising public criticism over the scandals and policy gaffes that have battered his once-charmed administration, South Korean President Kim Young Sam Tuesday offered repeated apologies to his people and vowed to redouble efforts to eradicate corruption. But he offered no new specific reforms or measures to revive South Korea's limping economy.

Plagued with "sleepless nights" over the challenge of curing what he calls the "Korean disease" of corruption, Kim took sole blame for the damage and outrage prompted by a financial scandal involving almost \$6 billion in questionable loans to the Hanbo Iron & Steel Co., South Korea's second largest steel maker, which declared bankruptcy last month.

The scandal had threatened to expose high-level corruption in Kim's administration, as rumors flew that his own close allies — and even his own son — had pressured reluctant bankers to make the astronomical loans to the failing company in return for secret political donations.

But prosecutors virtually wrapped up their investigation this week with the indictment of 10 people — none of them regarded as high-ranking — and cleared the president's son, Kim Hyon Chol, of any wrongdoing.

"The whole country is swept up in the agony and sorrow of the Hanbo scandal," Kim said in his 17-minute nationally televised address, a lifeless presentation that lacked the confidence and determination of his triumphant inaugural speech four years ago. "All blame should be laid on me, on my lack of capability as president. ... I am prepared to receive any criticism or denunciation from the people."

Kim, in the address marking the fourth anniversary of his administration, termed suspicions circulating around his son as a "great shame."

Alert Issued for Possible Bomb Truck

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Fearing another Oklahoma City-like bombing may be in the planning stage, the FBI issued a rare nationwide alert Monday for a rental truck believed too be loaded with the same diesel fuel and fertilizer ingredients that produced the 1995 explosion that killed 168 people.

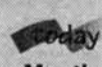
But a federal law enforcement source said hours later, "We believe we have located the truck, and it contained only baking soda pellets, which are innocuous."

The FBI had cited a report from local police who said informants told of seeing two white men were seen at a gasoline station Saturday loading 30 gallons of diesel fuel and about two tons of ammonium nitrate into a U-Haul trailer in Haltom City, Texas — near Fort Worth.

It was a Ryder rental truck that carried the massive bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City in April 1995.

FBI officials said they feared anti-government activists might be planning to mark the fourth anniversary on Friday of the government's raid on a cult compound near Waco, Tex., with an act of domestic terrorism.

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* at 5:30pm in Room 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

An apple for the teacher...



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Nominations are due to the GSC by March 21. Forms are available at 50-220 or on the web. Inquiries can be made via email to gsc-awards@mit.edu

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Fishbowl Relocation Shows Little Regard For Tradition or Thrift

There are many arguments for and against the closedown of the Fishbowl Athena cluster. Those opposed to removal argue that the convenience of having a cluster in the Infinite Corridor outweighs the benefits of a larger Student Services Center. Those for the expanded office see it as a benefit that will keep them from having to trek across campus to accomplish simple bureaucratic tasks.

One big problem is that at MIT, many changes are made with little regard for tradition. There are very few traditions at MIT that have broad-based appeal. For better or worse, Athena is a part of MIT that touches almost everyone. When a location that symbolizes many hard-working hours that we have spent as students is slated for demolition, it is hard not to feel some sort of remorse.

I also have to comment on the fiscal soundness of moving the Student Services Center in light of re-engineering. Within the last eight months, offices on the first and second floor of Building 11 have been remodeled, and the

people who work there have just settled in. The remodeling was done as the result of recommendations of re-engineering teams. Soon, the people who work in those offices will have to be relocated to a new set of old quarters, which will also have to be remodeled.

There are many offices on the first floor of the Infinite Corridor that serve little or no student benefit and could be relocated to another part of campus. The Student Services Center could be moved or expanded there. Having students services scattered throughout the Infinite Corridor would still be better than having them scattered around campus and would save money.

Ultimately, I believe it is the fact that MIT does not cultivate what little tradition does have outside of academics that alumni feel very little regard for this place and are not motivated to give anything back.

Sameer Raheja G

Students Should Show Some Respect

Yesterday, I was sitting attentively in a lecture when the visiting professor seemed to be having just a little trouble. Momentarily

confused, he paused for a few seconds before continuing when suddenly the disrespectful individual next to me yelled out, "He's so messed up!" The statement was clearly audible to the professor, since we were sitting in the front row.

In our quite liberal learning environment at MIT in which there are very few rules for classroom behavior, it may seem acceptable to continue talking after the lecture has begun, read *The Tech*, or fill out income tax forms right in front of the professor's eyes, gossip and giggle throughout lectures, make fun of the professor, or pack up before the professor has concluded his or her lecture.

But I do not believe this is acceptable behavior. All of us should remember our grade school years in which we were disciplined for inappropriate classroom behavior. Although MIT is a very prestigious institution and everyone here is very intelligent, no one has the right to be disrespectful toward others. No matter where you go or have gone to school, you should always respect your elders and extend a little courtesy toward others. Please have some respect for our professors and other students as well.

Alex K. Chu '98

Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT

Column by Stacey E. Blau

OPINION EDITOR

Is it really true that frat life is about service, brotherhood, and friendships that last a lifetime? Or is about parties, drinking, and sorority chicks? The pre-rush booklets that freshmen get before they arrive at MIT for Residence and Orientation Week would have you think that frats are bastions of brotherhood and its concomitant wonders, but the longer I am at MIT, the more I am convinced that frat life is much more like the unseemly clichés that conventional wisdom and *Animal House* teaches us about them.

I've never been to a frat party. I've heard that frat parties differ depending on where you go — certainly you're going to find something at Sigma Phi Epsilon that you won't find at Tau Epsilon Pi. But it's probably not an intelligent conversation. More or less, the Sunday morning vomit trails tell the story: Frat parties are about alcohol. I've never heard of anyone going to a frat party without the intention of drinking. True, frat parties are also about socializing, but mostly the sort of socializing that alcohol promotes (that is, sex).

Without a doubt, the same things about drinking are true for dormitories. There can be no denying that drinking — and extremely excessive drinking — goes on in dormitories, too. But at least dormitories can boast some sort of personality. What is the fraternity equivalent of the murals in Senior House? Is it Delta Kappa Epsilon's rush week beer can display?

Honestly, the real difference is that fraternities make a pretty grand pretense of being societies of upstanding brotherhood when really they are more often than not places to party and drink and — let's face it — get laid. Is that what brotherhood is about? It sure looks like it. No dormitory — with whatever drinking and drugs and sex that go on there — makes the same hypocritical and silly claims about the unbreakable bonds of brotherhood and all the related tripe you read about in the rush booklets.

Interestingly, one doesn't have to go far to uncover frats' embarrassing hypocrisy. Look at their own celebrations — Greek Week is to a large extent a weekend-long drinking fest.

One of its main events — progressive dinners — is commonly referred to as "progressive drunk." You can actually see a lot more for yourselves on some fraternities' World Wide Web pages. All of the pages boast somewhere or other about a strong brotherhood founded on a mutual esteem, etc., but they also contain rather interesting descriptions of their social programs:

Alpha Epsilon Pi (<http://www.mit.edu/activities/aepi/aepi.html>): AEPi boasts that its "mixers give our brothers the opportunity to get to know women on a more personal level."

Delta Kappa Epsilon (<http://www.mit.edu/activities/dke/home.html>): "Deke are social animals!" this frat's page proclaims. The pages also features a picture of "Shandra, Amanda, and Jessica at the Christmas Formal" in low-cut dresses. On separate page, Deke assures us that "there is nothing that can break the bonds of brotherhood. Not even the Civil War."

Phi Kappa Theta (<http://www.mit.edu/activities/pkt/>): PKT's social page makes promises of "uh... lots of parties... social hour every week... as many mixers as possible... getting more women involved in the house..."

Pi Lambda Phi (<http://www.mit.edu/activities/plp/homepage.html>): PLP — whose rush privileges were suspended several years ago for drug and alcohol violations — has a page that opens up with a Java applet producing the sound bite, "Go get drunk and play ping-pong!"

There's hazing, too. Every frat claims it doesn't do it, but many do. In fact, I was a witness (and, dare I say, a participant) in a hazing incident in late January, when many freshman fraternity members were going through initiation.

One evening when I was walking down the steps in the Student Center, two Zeta Psi freshmen asked me if I could sign my name on some part of their bodies. I was pretty shocked, and I asked them what the signing was for. They said, beamingly, that it was for their fraternity, Zeta Psi. I told them I thought it sounded like hazing, but they assured me it wasn't. But when I asked what would happen if I didn't sign, they told me that they would

be in some kind of trouble if they didn't get enough girls to sign their bodies. So I signed each of their hands. Later, I saw other Zeta Psi brothers making similar explanations to other girls in the Student Center. I've also heard stories about a certain fraternity that makes its pledges scrub the house floor in the nude and then makes them streak in the streets.

Unbelievably, these are the same frats that MIT relies on for housing nearly half its male students; the same frats MIT pushes its freshmen to explore their first few days at MIT. What would it do if several hundred freshmen every year weren't willing to live in these places? It would be in big trouble, with an even bigger dormitory crowding problem than it already faces. But that's no excuse for MIT to be promoting these sort of living situations on a long-term basis.

I find it amazing that former Interfraternity Council President Jason D. Pride '97 can so stupidly comment that fraternity life is "based on alcohol" ["Frats Consider Dry R/O Week," Feb. 19, 1996], and MIT barely bats an eye. It is thoroughly embarrassing how administrators cave to IFC demands, virtually giving fraternities veto power over any potential changes to rush. An honest rush where fraternities can actually talk about each other? Nope. An R/O where dormitories can start rushing at the same time as frats? No way. Dry rush? Are you kidding?

Fraternities rule R/O, and it's because MIT doesn't have enough places for all its freshmen. It's no wonder MIT runs away from the idea of changing R/O. At the same time, it encourages idiotic programs like Leadershape — almost all of whose attendees are in fraternities or sororities — that promote the silly clichés like unity and activism, managing to convince attendees that their unique leadership is making the world a better place.

The fraternity system is one of MIT's most embarrassing sides. Last week's very disturbing accident — in which Lambda Chi Alpha's president, after drinking, fell four floors down an elevator shaft — seems to demonstrate that fraternities can barely control themselves. If they can't clean up their own act, then MIT should do it for them.

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...So what have you done lately?

Balkan Subversives Go Underground Again — to MIT

Column by Anders Hove
COLUMNIST

A few days after my strange talk with Ratko, his wife Mirjana asked to meet me for lunch at Camden House, her favorite restaurant. I arrived several minutes early, so I grabbed a seat at the bar and ordered a tall glass of chocolate milk.

As I watched the bartender mix my drink, I noticed a tall rough-hewn man furtively eyeing me from a seat next to the register. Before I could think, my glance met his, and he quickly pulled his coffee cup along the bar till he was sitting on the stool next to mine.

"Allow me to introduce myself," said the man, staring warmly into my eyes. "My name is Colonel Sebastian Moran. Mirjana asked me to meet you two here for lunch. Apparently, we share the same perversions of punctuality."

He chuckled, taking a sip from his dark black coffee. His accent was vaguely British, and he wore the sharp face and stiff upper lip of an aristocrat. But his skin was bronzed and mottled, his mustache grizzled, and his greasy white hair flattened along the back of his scalp. He continued to sip from his coffee — apparently as interested in it now as he had earlier been in me.

"You must have some connection to

Ratko, then?" I asked.

"Not a bit of it, I'm afraid," said Moran, looking up, "but with luck I hope to. You see, Mirjana has asked me to find him, and I'm inclined to think I may be one of the few who can."

"So you share Ratko's belief that his life is in danger?" I was warning to the adventure.

"Goodness, no," said Moran, chuckling again into his cup. He paused to wipe some

spilled coffee of his chin. "No danger at all,

at least not from any

Balkan conspiracy, as

he would have it. The only

danger to Ratko is his advanced

age; the bugger's a bit old to be

making a new life under-

ground."

I turned back to my chocolate

milk. At least some of

Ratko's friends are sane, I

thought. On the other hand, the

drama of his exit had very nearly

convinced me that there might be some truth to

what Ratko had said.

"I see you two have met." Mirjana slid into

a stool opposite Sebastian, jamming her over-

coat and shopping bags between the stool's

legs. "Has he told you? Sebastian's spent his

life chasing around after Balkan emigres with

delusions of grandeur."

"That's not quite true, Mirjana," Moran

said. "You see, the British and American

embassies were eager to grant asylum to even the most lowly apparatchik, but they had no idea these men would go stir-crazy after a few years' domesticity. When my stint with the British embassy in Belgrade ended in '75, they put me out to pasture keeping an eye on the elderly Balkan crowd back home. Not a lot of chasing at all, really, since they travel in slow-moving packs. But you do get to know their ways."

"What brought you to America, then?" I asked, glancing at Mirjana.

"The end of the Cold War saw me out of a job," Moran said. "Fortunately, back then London management consulting firms thought the East Bloc was going to be a consultant's dream. They were nearly drugged with the idea of downsizing the ass off Yugoslav heavy industry, so-called. Anyone with a background in Serbo-Croatian could get work. That is until war broke out and the deal turned sour. I was transferred here — now I'm at Sloan."

"You don't look like much of a Sloanie," I said, a little skeptical.

"I'm still learning," said Moran. Suddenly, he bent down and pulled a computerized notepad from one of Mirjana's bags. He shoved its flickering screen right in front of me and waved his lightpen frightfully close to my face.

"I've written down all of the times Mirjana says Ratko was out of the apartment during the month before his supposed illness. Notice anything?"

"Looks like he spent a lot of time out in the evening," I said.

"Now look what happens when I cross-reference those times with the MIT police blotter. Most of the times when building materials were stolen from Building 56 match, as do several of the references to hacking incidents and 'suspicious individuals.' What do you make of that?"

"Listen Moran," I said. "I don't believe Ratko Ilic would assume the guise of a teenage hacker just to escape an imagined enemy. More likely that time you spent in Belgrade has gone to your head."

"But you don't doubt that he had an active imagination," said Moran, tightening his features. "And how do you explain that you — Ratko's only contact at MIT — were the only person he told of his plans to fake his death? He'll try to contact you. When he does, notify me. With my years of experience coaxing old Balkan men back to normalcy, I think we can get your friend back."

Before I could protest, Colonel Moran was on his feet, heading out onto the street. Casting me a faint smile as she stood, Mirjana wrapped her hands around her shopping bags and swung them out the door after Moran.

I slipped Moran's number into the pocket of my jeans, wondering if I should have told him about Radovan.

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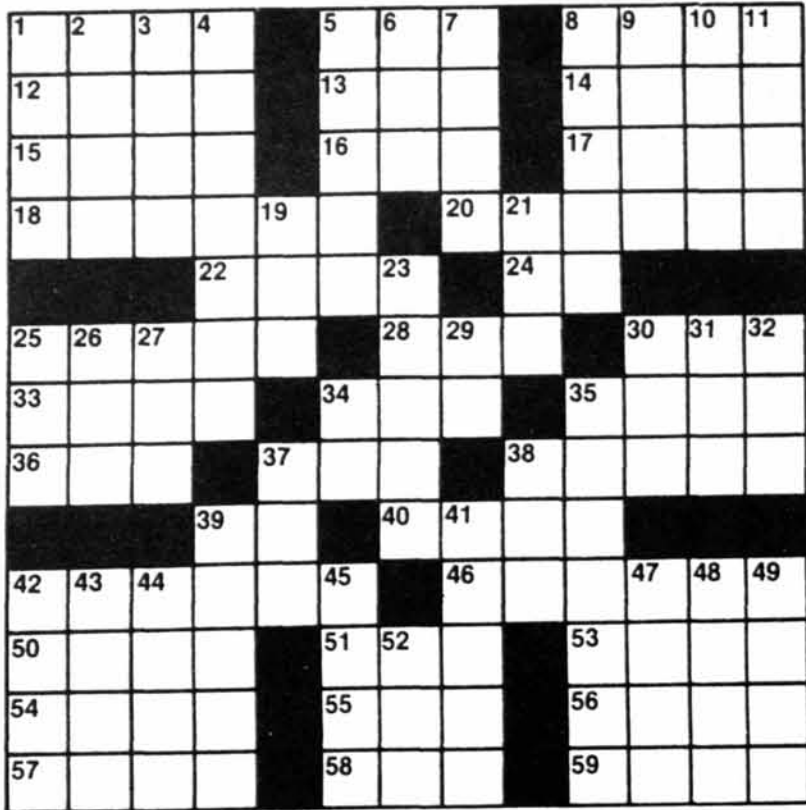


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- 15. Take property to pay debt
- 16. Cooking vessel
- 17. Region
- 18. Want
- 20. Disposition
- 22. Paid for services
- 24. Associated Press (abbr.)
- 25. Representative
- 28. Mistake
- 30. Hold back
- 33. Direction
- 34. Age
- 35. Draw toward
- 36. Elevated railroads
- 37. Envelope (abbr.)
- 38. Sleepy
- 39. Either
- 40. Dash
- 42. Sell
- 46. Program
- 50. Alight (p.t.)
- 51. Answer (abbr.)
- 53. Variant of eon
- 54. Stringed instrument

- 55. Perceive with the eye
- 56. Government (abbr.)
- 57. Emergency (abbr.)
- 58. Even
- 59. Chemical suffix (pl.)

- 34. Put into or on (pref.)
- 35. Ancestry
- 37. Before (Poetic)
- 38. Children's game
- 39. Aquatic mammal
- 41. _____ beam
- 42. Bound hay
- 43. Astrigent
- 44. Celebration
- 45. Rough
- 47. Colorless, glowing gas
- 48. Peace bird
- 49. Picnic pests
- 52. Edu. Group (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1. Join with heat
- 2. Great Lake
- 3. Brews
- 4. Easy
- 5. Derived from wood
- 6. 7th Gr. letter
- 7. Canvas shelter
- 8. Emboss
- 9. Waterproof canvas (short form)
- 10. Leeward side
- 11. At the end
- 19. Rodent
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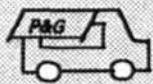
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Alumni Association To Involve Students

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doesn't seem to say so," he said.

"MIT alumni are very active compared to many schools," Hecht said. About 4,000 alumni volunteer for MIT, which represents 5 percent of the entire alumni pool. "For most places, it's only about 1 percent."

MIT students and graduates probably are out of touch, Hecht said. "If you say that most students don't know what the Alumni Association is doing, I'd have to agree."

"We do some things for freshmen," Hecht said. "Still, most of the stuff we do is with seniors — some things with juniors but mostly seniors."

Concerns about alumni have been an issue at MIT for several years, and the administration has said that attempts to boost alumni morale are always underway.

In a 1995 interview and in his 1996 town meeting, President Vest expressed the belief that MIT was weaker than other colleges of comparable standing in terms of alumni giving. However, he said that MIT is always making an effort to change this.

In the town meeting, Vest also

said that MIT alumni tend to have somewhat more negative attitudes than alumni of other schools. "Alumni tend to be critical of the institution."

Association plans activities

The Alumni Association is looking to better student and alumni relations.

The Alumni Association would like to do something that involves undergraduates more, Hecht said. The group is currently working on a career mentoring program where alumni would help students with career counseling, Hecht said.

The association also helps students find internships, with the network with of alumni in the outside world, Hecht said.

"We try to let seniors know what we do before they graduate," Hecht said. "I think we do a pretty good job getting people involved after they graduate."

Among the new projects designed to improve MIT's relationship with its alumni is an e-mail forwarding service. Alumni with e-mail addresses outside MIT can get a permanent e-mail address at alum.mit.edu which will forward messages to their outside addresses.

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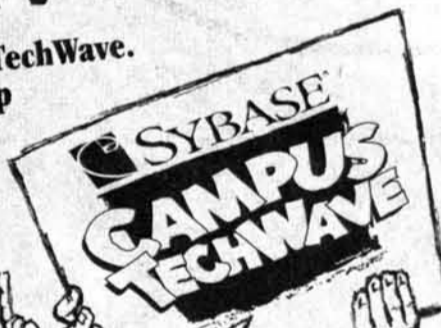
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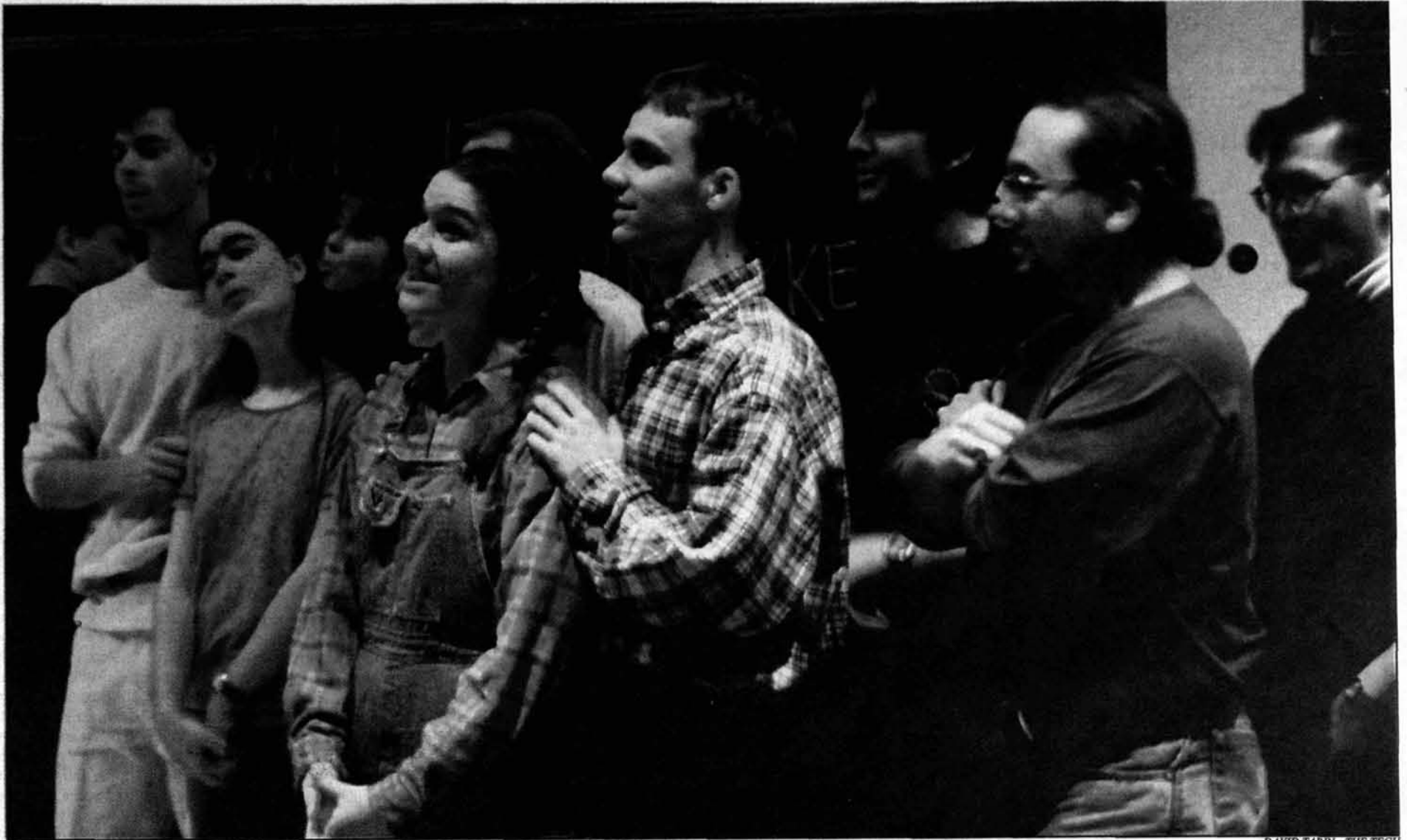
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Bad Taste '97



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BAD TASTE

The Chorallaries
Friday, February 21, 1997

By Kimberly Knowles
STAFF REPORTER

This year's Bad Taste concert drew an average crowd; concertgoers lined up from 10-250 to the middle of Building 5. The "tailgate party" in the hall this year featured only three laptop computers (two Powerbooks and one PC running Windows 95), with a few notable highlights: one imaginative group put duct tape circles on the floor and proceeded to play Twister, and members of the Lecture Series Committee refreshment committee breezed by to sell ice cream to the crowd. In spite of the long line, people who arrived at 11:59 p.m. could still get into the concert, and no one was turned away.

Once inside the packed lecture hall, paper airplanes, balloons, and rolls of toilet paper filled the air, together with chants of "Bad Taste! More Filling!" Indeed, the crowd seemed unusually vocal throughout the evening, reaching new heights of heckling, even for Bad Taste.

The concert began with a series of sketches, the first of which was a disclaimer which listed all of the groups of people which might be offended by the show and which named the Student Information Processing Board at least six times. Next came "Family Feud," which featured an inbred, incestuous West Virginian family and a Greek organization called Eta Sigma Kappa. Following the game show was the first statement of the theme: RD4, which came in the form of a special news broadcast announcing that aliens were coming to take over MIT. Finally, after a short skit establishing the scene at the "Activities Halfway," the Chorallaries performed the first song of the night, as someone from the crowd announced, "They sing, too." The song was a parody of Oasis' "Wonderwall" called "Wonder Bra," and the soloist was a male dressed in drag and posing as a member of the Society of Women Engineers.

After short stints poking fun at the Origami Club, the Juggling Club, and the Muses, the Chorallaries focused on SIPB, proclaiming that SIPB members spend so much time looking at porno images from the Internet that they are "Stuck In the Middle With Goo."

Next was a guest group, the Brandeis Voicemale. They had an impressive set, quality-wise, but were rather poor in the Bad Taste theme. They sang a slightly off-color rendition of "Bright Sunshiny Day (I Can See Beerly Now)," and a skit based on songs from "Les Miserables." In addition to some garden-variety a cappella tunes, they rounded out their set with a witty skit depicting sexually graphic scenes from the new *Star Wars* trilogy that "didn't make it" to the final cut.

The Chorallaries picked up the concert, after a brief *Star Wars* skit featuring the "Wet Thigh Knights" with a nerdy song called "Gotta Get an A," a parody of Rusted Root's

"Send Me On My Way." After another *Star Wars* skit, in which Luke and Princess "Lay'er" meet and have sex (staged behind a blue sheet); they sing a parody of "Airplane" about having sex with a sibling. The Top 10 List followed, this year listing "nice, good taste things that make us happy," which included butterflies and raindrops on roses but finished with "Sex."

Soon after, during a skit in which Darth Vader appeared, the audience provided the soundtrack, singing in unison the entire Imperial March. The Amherst DQ was next, singing high quality music but failing to reach appropriate levels of bad taste, having only interjected phrases between original lines of songs.

The audience was treated to "101 Alternate Meanings for SIPB," a truly tasteless list, but at times rather repetitive and predictable. Interspersed with the last few RD4 news updates were some below-quality

songs, as the Chorallaries seemed both weary and disorganized. The LSC movies featured a version of *Phenomenon*, in which a man sees a bright light and becomes a "chick magnet," because "Who wants to be smart?" Finally the concert ended with aliens, after having been found to be resistive to gonorrhea (the "virus upload"), are thwarted by Asian tourists taking pictures. As usual, the Chorallaries ended with "The Engineer's Drinking Song," but unlike previous years, they had no new verses.

This year's concert seemed to delight first-timers, but was disappointing in comparison to previous years. The musical quality was not up to par; the usually well-rehearsed Chorallaries were out of tune and seemed tired from the beginning. The logistical problems also seemed daunting to the usually fluid group. For many, it was the same bad taste but to others, it left them somewhat unfulfilled.



GREG KUHNEN—THE TECH

Top: The Chorallaries finish their annual Bad Taste concert on Friday night in 10-250 with a rendition of "The Engineer's Drinking Song."
Bottom: Members of the Chorallaries perform "Wonderbra" during the "Activities Halfway" skit.

Lost in Suburbia

SUBURBIA

Directed By Richard Linklater
Screenplay by Eric Bogosian, based on his play.

Starring Giovanni Ribisi, Steve Zahn, Amie Carey, Kitt Brophy, Jonn Cherico, Samia Shoaib, Ajay Naidu, Keith Preusse, Eric Park, Nicky Katt, Dina Spiby, William Martin Hayes, Jayce Bartok, Bill Wise, Parker Posey, and M.J. Lin.

By Joel M. Rosenberg
STAFF REPORTER

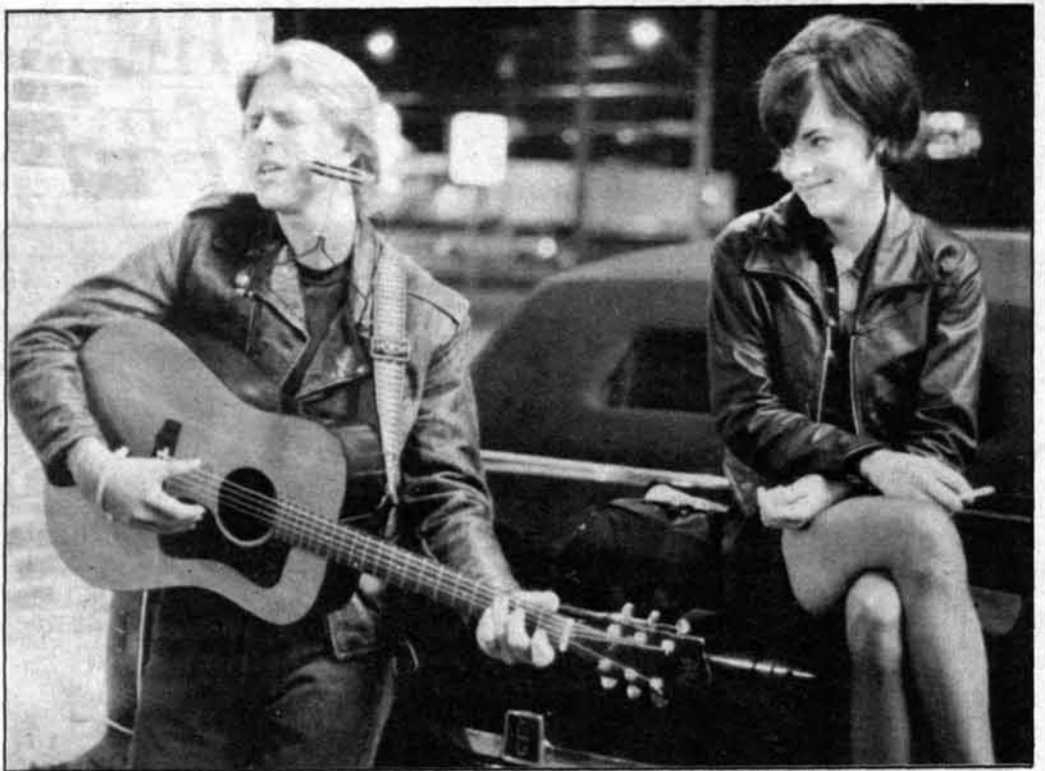
Like carving out a niche of time — one night in the life of any story, where that little bit implies a bigger story,” explained Richard Linklater, director of *Dazed* and *Confused* and *Before Sunrise*. His latest film, *Suburbia*, has this structure — 24 hours out of the lives of a bunch of screwed-up twentysomethings. The story is told with tremendous contempt for how Gen-Xers are treated, along with an acceptance that some of the treatment is deserved.

Set in Burnfield, U.S.A., a generic suburb, the movie opens (and closes) with random shots of strip malls and tract housing. Jeff (Giovanni Ribisi from *My Two Dads*) attends community college; hangs out with Tim (Nicky Katt), an Air Force dropout; and Buff

(Steve Zahn), a high school friend who works at a pizza place. At night they hang out in the parking lot of the local convenience store, Circle A (the A stands for anarchy, Linklater says).

The night begins with Jeff's girlfriend Sooze (Amie Carey) and her friend Bee-Bee (Dina Spiby) showing up at the convenience lot to meet Pony (Jayce Bartok), the “one who made it out” rock star, who eventually shows up with publicist Erica (Parker Posey, from *As the World Turns*, *Dazed*). The story unfolds as Tim starts insulting the Pakistani couple who run the convenience store, Sooze starts looking to Pony instead of cynical, quick-witted Jeff for advice and guidance on life, and Bee-Bee goes back to her bottle, which is caused by, and causes, other problems.

This is the first time Linklater directed material that did not originate with him. Eric Bogosian, who also wrote *Talk Radio* and *Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll*, put the show on at Lincoln Center in summer of 1994, where Linklater saw it and thought it could make a good film. With Bogosian a big



Jayce Bartok (left) plays Pony, a newly-famous musician who returns home to visit his friends, and Parker Posey stars as Erika in *Suburbia*.

fan of *Dazed*, he thought Linklater the obvious choice for the job. And “sometimes the obvious choice is the right choice,” Linklater said. When the timing was right, casting, funding, and rehearsal only took eight weeks, and the whole thing was shot in a “kind of a whirlwind” 22 days.

Even though Linklater didn't write it, *Suburbia* is another autobiographical work in Linklater's repertoire. Born in Houston, he started thinking the suburbs were creepy around age 17. “It's so much our culture, it seems so American. It is our culture, living out the American Dream this way, where the middle class tries to be like a sitcom. And yet, in this view of suburbia, no sitcom is to be found anywhere. Instead, what's presented is the more negative, scary view of how brilliant people as great as anyone else can have their lives come to a dead end, how so many post-adolescents end up hanging out at the mall, drinking, and doing nothing. *Suburbia* is inhabited by these individuals, decent people just trying to get through the day. It's about overcoming fear and whatever circumstances you find yourself in to become the best person you could be, to realize your potential —

wherever you're starting from. These people just happen to be starting from Burnfield.”

The cast is dynamic and fresh, and interact well. Ribisi plays the trying-to-save-the-world-without-any-direction role beautifully, spouting out theories about how things should be and bitching about the way things are, the type of person who annoys his friends by continuing preaching even after everyone has agreed with him. Zahn is the comic relief, the slapstick funnyman and wild drunk who steals lawn gnomes and then cuddles with them. Carey's feminist performance art mixes well with her starry-eyed dreams of working with Pony, and Bartok's Pony is the geek who makes it big, his Hootie-esque fame making some of the cast love him and some hate him, a divide which Bartok handles nicely.

Linklater and Bogosian mirror their own use of art as an outlet in giving the people in the film their own outlets, whether it be music, theater, or social theorization. Both are dissidents, and this is reflected in their characters. Linklater traces this attitude back to conversations he had as a teenager with his uncle, a 60s radical from California.

“*Suburbia* is seen as dark and tragic, but I like the struggle they're going through. Life is a struggle — that's not a bad thing. Everyone wants to live in this antiseptic world where everything's taken care of, you get what you want but you don't have to work hard enough to get it. You just expect rewards or something.”

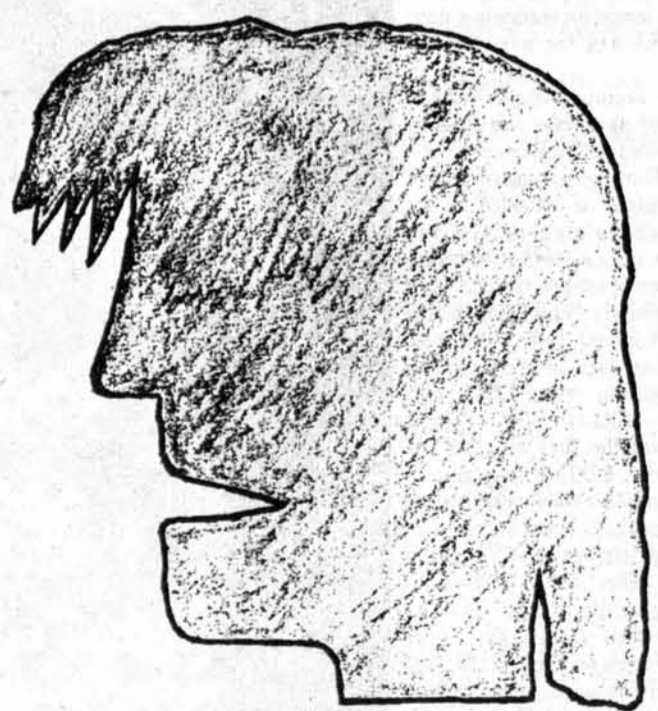
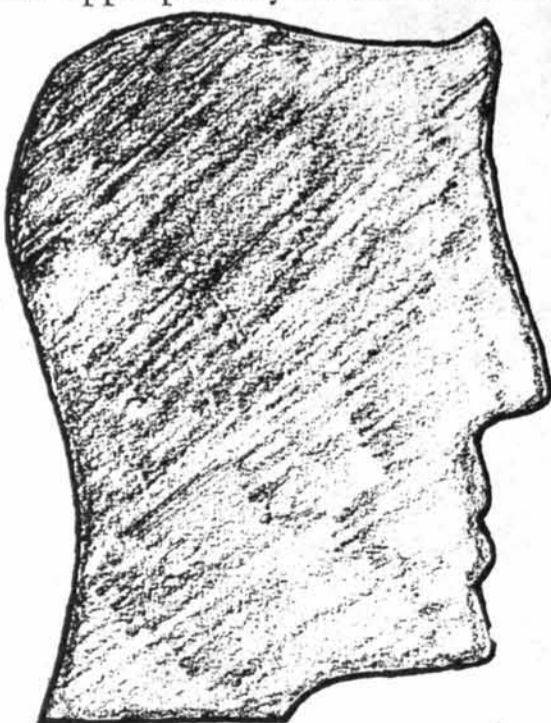


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Career Office Aims To Improve Services

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engineering team, Reed said. One was to strengthen the relationship with academic departments, develop closer ties with faculty and academic administrators, and coordinate all career services so that students know the wealth of services offered at MIT, she said.

"We're not trying to centralize things, but we're trying to make sure we're well coordinated, partly out of a desire for efficiency, but also to make sure that students know where to go," Williams said.

Many recruiting programs take place at the departmental level outside the office. Departments and the office have always tried to coordinate these efforts, Williams said. "A person would go to a department and would work with them to develop career outreach. It's clear that in the future they need to do more of this," she said.

"There are a lot of offices at MIT with overlapping functions," Mikic said. "We want someone who would work in a nicely coordinated way with others."

New technologies impact position

"The emphasis will be on someone who can work Institute-wide," Williams said. Another requirement of the new director will be the ability to recognize the importance of technology in the "mission of career service assistance," she said.

"The biggest change has to do with technology," Reed said. Important new innovations include the availability of job listings and the ability to sign up for interviews via the Internet.

The new director "will have to understand the potential of information technology while keeping one-to-one interactions with employers and students at a premium," Reed said.

Another recommendation of the re-engineering team examining career services was the development of a comprehensive career development program to help students meet the demand of the job market, Reed said.

The program would emphasize effective management, communica-

tion, presentation, and teamwork through the use of role-playing workshops.

The search committee will look for candidates from the Institute and elsewhere, Williams said.

"We want to find the best candidate," Mikic said.

"There is no deadline, but we want to find someone by the end of the term," Mikic said.

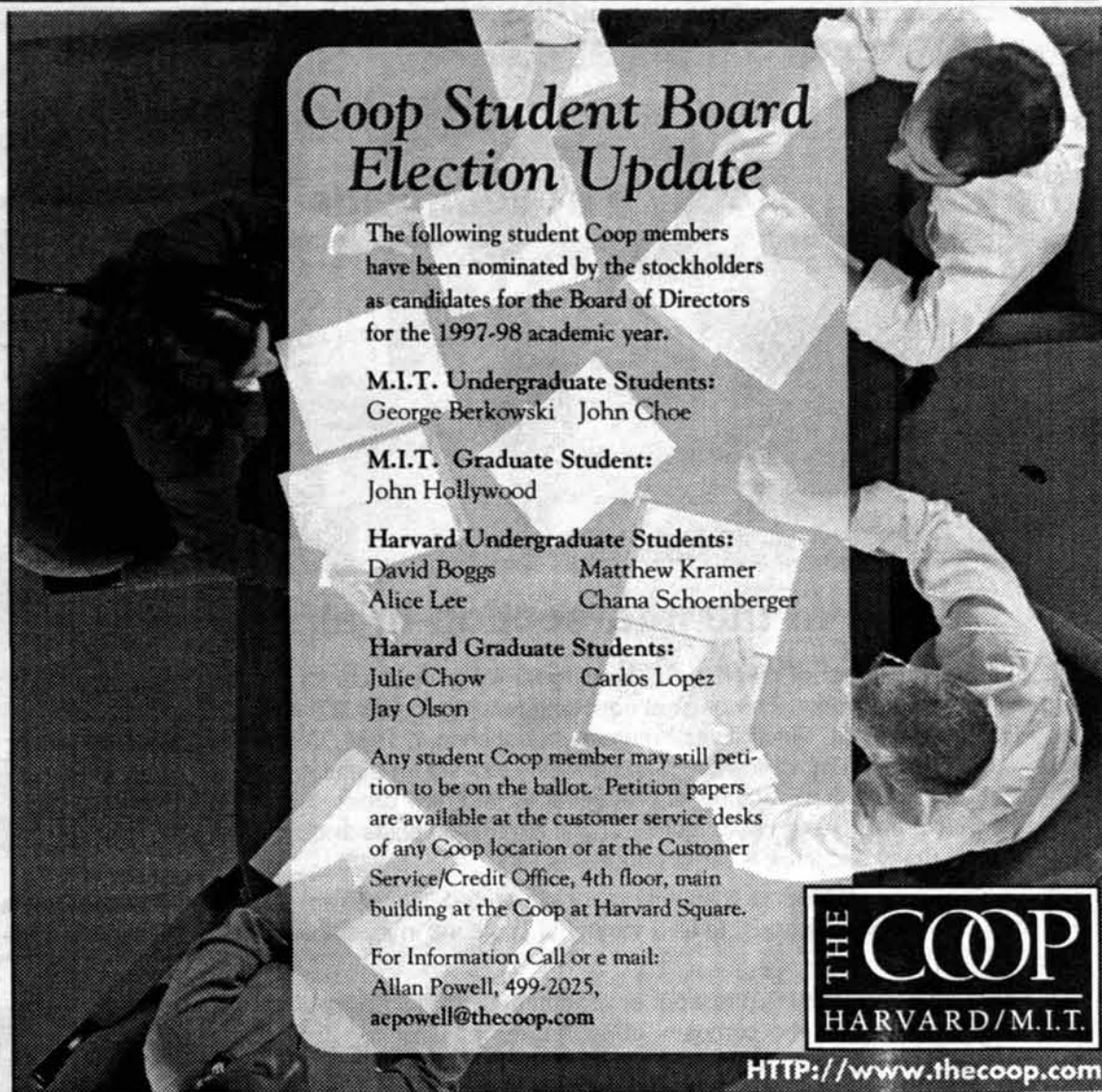
Career Services Office very busy

This year the Career Services Office witnessed a record number of companies recruiting on campus. The number of companies utilizing career services rose from 393 in 1994 to over 700 this academic year.

"It's been a stressful demand this year," Reed said. While the number of companies recruiting through the office has increased, the number of recruiting staff has remained the same, she said.

"We are severely understaffed," Reed said. "Under the auspices of the new reorganization, we are searching for expanded resources. There is a wealth of resources but it is all scattered."

Dan McGuire contributed to the reporting of this article.



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U.S. Needs to Focus On Central America

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public university education because primary education is not available to most, Arias said.

America must play larger role

During the latter half of the talk, Arias expressed his dissatisfaction with the little attention that the U.S. government pays to Latin America. "The United States, as we are all aware, is the healthiest and wealthiest nation in the world."

The United States must assume a more guiding role in improving the future of Latin America, Arias said.

Reflecting on President Clinton's recent State of the Union address, Arias said that Clinton only discussed improving relations with China, not Latin America. The Clinton administration will likely continue its policy of indifference to the Latin American countries, Arias said.

Arias was the president of Costa Rica from 1986 to 1990. In 1987, he

drafted a peace plan that was signed by all the Central American presidents. For helping establish peace during an era of political crisis in Central America, he was awarded the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1988, Arias established the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress.

Arias gave his first lecture entitled "Demilitarization: A Major Factor for Development" on Jan. 13. He will conclude his Karl Taylor Compton Lectures on April 14 with a third lecture entitled "How Much Poverty Can Democracy Endure?"

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Spring Carnival Funding Plan Discussed at Council Meeting

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taking over the Freshman Leadership Program and using it as "a recruitment tool for the UA," Oppold said. The program, sponsored by the Committee on Campus Race Relations and Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, was offered for the first time this academic year.

Spring Weekend ideas considered

The council next rejected a proposal from the social committee to increase funding to Spring Weekend, a joint project of the UA and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

APO's Spring Carnival, revived last year after a 20-year absence from campus, requires a \$50 entrance fee from groups desiring to have a booth. "That would be hard on small groups," UA Co-social Chair Rita H. Lin '00 said.

Lin proposed that the UA spend \$2,000 on Spring Weekend, of which \$400 was to be used to fund the entrance fees of organizations recognized by the Association of Student Activities. In return, the organization would be required to offer its event free of charge instead of charging an admission fee, as what has been traditionally done at Spring Carnival events.

An additional \$600 would be used to fund International Fair, which is scheduled to be held on the Friday of Spring Weekend.

UA Treasurer Russell S. Light

'98 opposed the proposal since the UA had already decided to pay \$500 to help small student groups pay for the event. In addition, \$600 had already been budgeted toward the International Fair through the International Students Association, he said.

"No one would be making money" on Spring Weekend if some events were free while others required a fee, said Interfraternity Council representative to the UA Stephanie M. Zielenski '98. The \$50 fee is refunded after the group takes in \$50 during the weekend and that the group henceforth takes 75 percent of the money raised, she said.

In the end, the UA Council decided to spend \$1,000 on the weekend to assist with publicity, the same amount as the council has contributed in the past.

"I'm a little disappointed" with the decision, Co-social Chair June Kim '00. Since the Campus Activities Complex Programming Board has already contributed \$1,000 to the event, the UA should have contributed more, she said.

Career services re-engineered

Over the past few months, the career assistance redesign team has been reviewing the organizational structure of career advising on campus, Anthony J. Ives G, a member of the team, told the council.

"Right now there isn't someone to tell you what scholarships are available," Ives said. "No one is doing a good job to coordinate everything."

The team has been working on a new structure for the Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising that will bring all the career services together into an integrated structure, Ives said.

The results of the re-engineering could be evident as soon as next fall, when a new program to bring all the information together should be implemented, Ives said.

In an appeal to the board for student assistance, Ives said that a proposal to finish most re-engineering

within the next two years is under consideration by the Provost's Office. "What's going to happen in the next two years is more than in a very long time," he said.

School spirit to be investigated

The UA plans this semester to survey undergraduates about their feelings on school spirit, said Student Life Committee Chair Edward A. Gordon '98.

"We're trying to find out how spirit changes over time," Gordon said. The project, which is being undertaken as part of Managerial Psychology Laboratory (15.301), will attempt to find out what factors influence people's attitudes toward MIT, he said.

"It's still in a really preliminary stage" and is awaiting approval from the 15.301 instructors, Gordon said.

The survey will attempt to "find a correlation between spirit and time spent at MIT. If people went to 10 football games a year in high school and they go to one now," there is clearly a change in spirit, he said.

The Alumni Association and others on campus had already expressed interest in the finished product, he said.

"I don't think there are too many people on campus who think this isn't a big problem," Zielenski said.

One reason for the lack of spirit could be MIT's insufficient funding of varsity sports, Zielenski said. "It's absolutely ludicrous ... if [teams] make it to the nationals and MIT says sorry — too much research to do," she said. "I find it ridiculous that MIT can't fund the sports." The men's gymnastics and hockey teams have experienced this problem in recent years, she added.

"MIT is very tight on money at every level," Light said. Athletics funding was controlled by Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56 until the reorganization last fall, when it was shifted under Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams.

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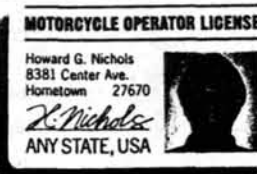
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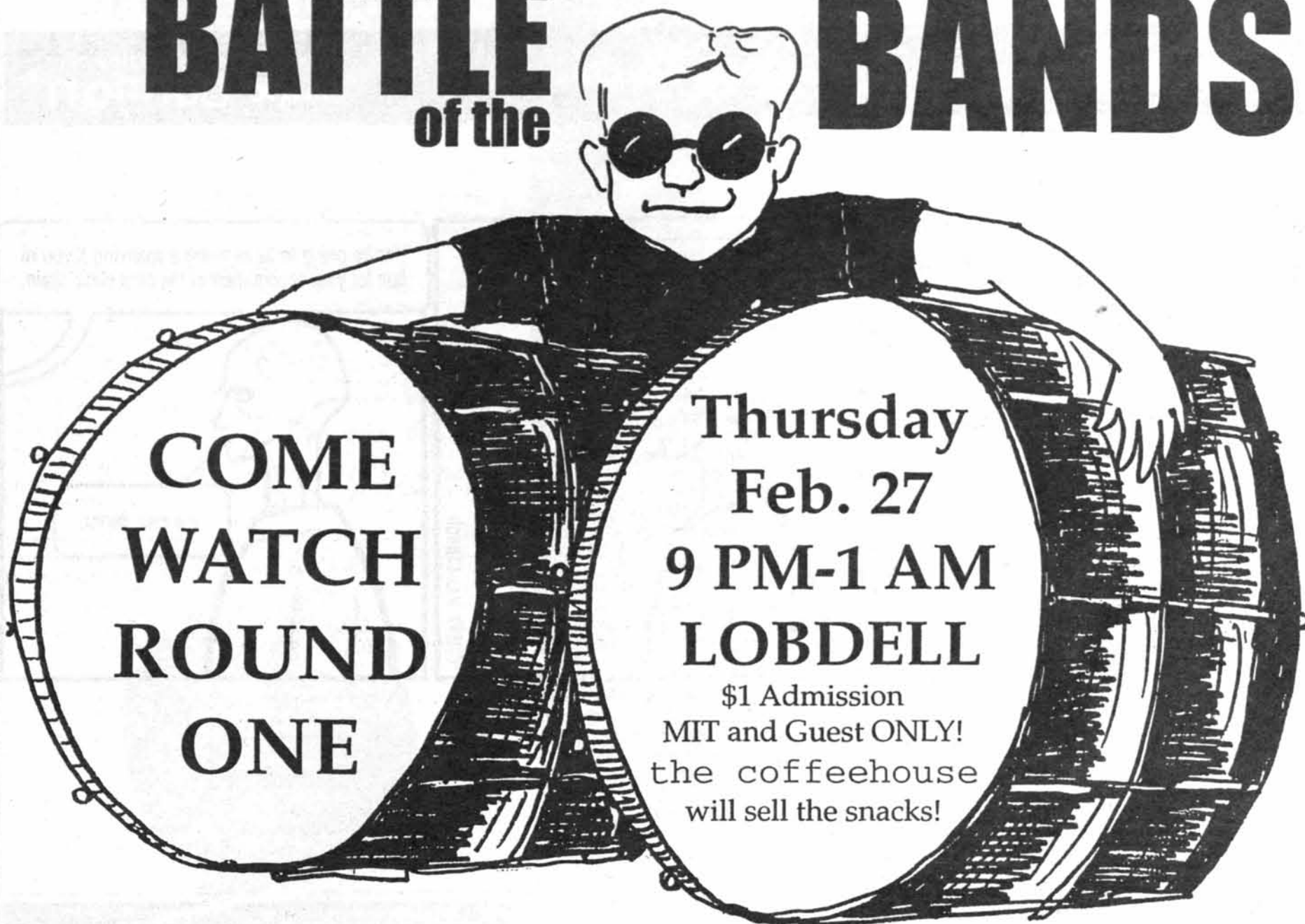
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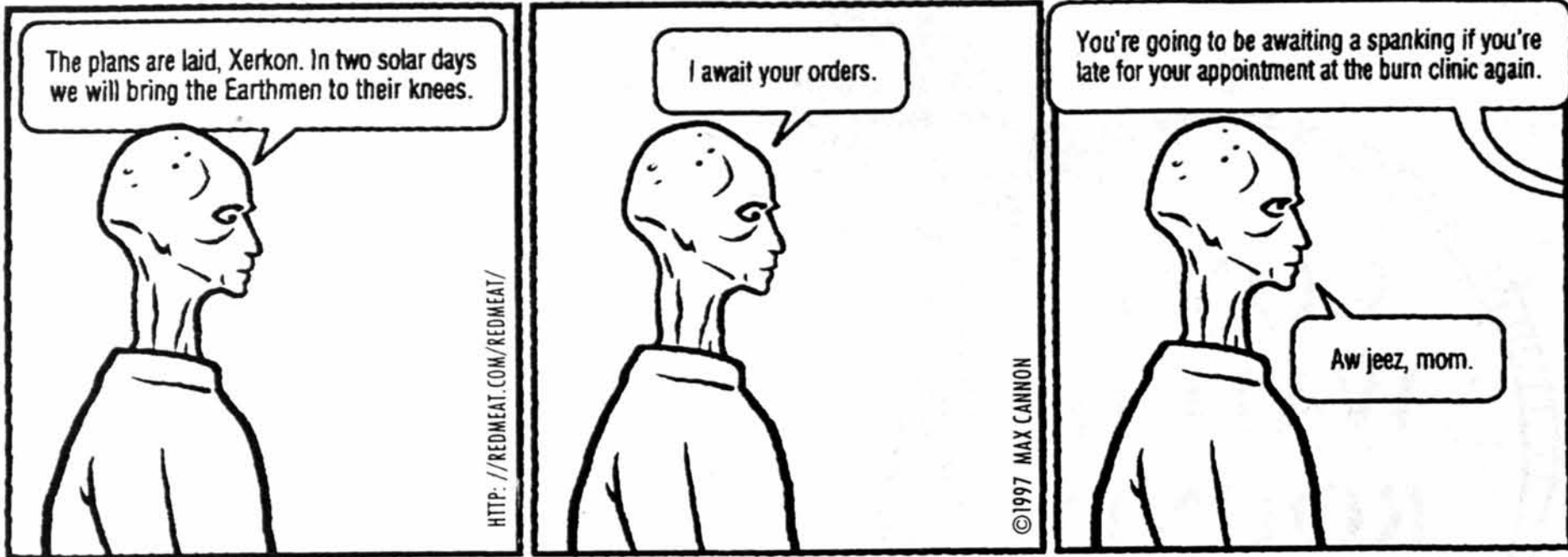
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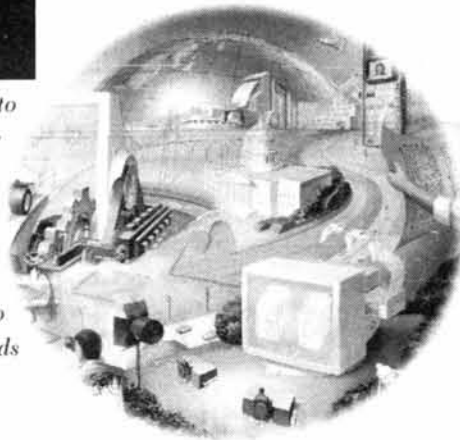
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By Charles Morton
TEAM MEMBER

The men's volleyball team's drive for the playoffs continued Wednesday night with a tough but impressive defeat against perennial powerhouse Roger Williams University. The loss dropped the Engineers to 4-7 and 1-3 in the conference.

The Eagles, last year's Odeneal Conference champs, were ambushed by the Engineers in the opening game of the match. MIT capitalized on precision serving and aggressive blocking to control the tempo of the game and won 15-10.

Completely taken out of their game plan, the Eagles returned to the second game with a modified serving strategy which disrupted the Engineers' offense and took away their momentum, winning the game 15-6.

However, the Engineers were able to adjust by the third game and were able to put together a solid hitting attack led by Mike Margetts '97 and Hans Robertson '99 but fell short on the defensive end and fell 15-7.

In the fourth game, the Engineers recovered a lot of the intensity of the first game but were faced with a Roger Williams squad that was on fire. Despite inspired blocking by Jesper Jensen '97 at the end of the match, Roger Williams was able to outlast the Engineers 15-10 and claim the match 3-1.

While an upset of Roger Williams would have launched the Engineers upward in the conference standings, Wednesday's performance put them among the elite in the eastern region, as few teams have given Roger Williams any trouble in the last two seasons.

"The team brought its play to a whole new level," said head coach Thomas Klemas. "I was thoroughly impressed with the performance."

MIT splits conference matches

The team also faced conference rivals Queens College and Hunter College on Feb. 15, in a double-header at the University of Rhode Island. In the first match against Queens College, the Engineer offense struggled, and Queens was unfazed by the Engineer serving

attack that most other teams cannot handle. Queens capitalized on their tremendous size advantage and tenacious defense to dominate play and take the match in three games.

The Engineers recovered quickly, however, and thoroughly pummeled Hunter College in the afternoon match, controlling play at the net throughout the match. Hunter's scrappy play resulted in several Engineer errors, but the team was able to earn a decisive conference victory with strong hitting and blocking.

"The entire team has really stepped up their level of intensity at practices and matches," Klemas said. "In particular, two team members, Charles Morton '97 and Mike Margetts, have really distinguished themselves recently by posting some impressive statistics: Charles had the seventh highest number of blocks per games in NCAA Division III men's volleyball, and Mike was ranked eighth for kills per game. Both were tied for 14th in service aces per game."

The team's next home contest is on March 5 at 7 p.m. against Springfield College.

Good Performances Break MIT Records

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still scored a 9.15. Knight was on top for MIT on the floor exercise as her difficult tumbling of a double twist, an Arabian half-twisting somersault, and a front layout earned the season's highest score of 9.45.

Hamline creeps past MIT

Hamline University edged MIT out during the Feb. 1 competition scoring a 174.825 to the Engineers' 172.175. Still, the team performed strongly with Kronschnabel competing a soaring handspring full-twist for MIT's top score of 8.7 and turning in a jazzy floor performance for an 8.9.

Chiarenza had her personal best floor exercise score of 9.1 as did Van Buren at an 8.8. Christenson and Knight followed up with twisting tumbling runs and respective scores of 9.15 and 9.225 while Rocchio had MIT's top floor exercise, nailing a double back somersault, for a score of 9.25.

Rocchio was also MIT's top performer on the balance beam where again, her back-handspring back-layout tumbling, was the highlight

of her routine and posted an 8.9. Van Buren, Knight, and Christenson rounded out the balance beam rotation with scores of 8.55, 8.7, and 8.85 and showed that balance beam might definitely be the team's strongest event this year.

Knight's two release moves on the uneven bars earned her the top slot of the afternoon on this event as she scored a 9.0 immediately after teammate Chiarenza scored a strong 8.9.

Team performs well in California

Highlights of the California competitions included Chiarenza landing her first 1½ somersaulting front-handspring vault for the season's highest vaulting score of 9.25 and completing two beautiful full-twisting giants during bar routines which scored 8.9 and 8.95.

Christenson had her personal best all-around performance as she totaled a 35.4 with a 9.1 on the floor exercise, a 9.0 on the balance beam for a solid round-off backhand-spring tumbling series, an 8.7 on the uneven bars, and an 8.6 for a full-twisting vault.

Rocchio stuck all of her back-handspring back-layouts on the balance beam and earned a 9.0 while her floor scores of 9.05 helped her earn two all-around totals of 35.05 in the successive competitions.

Knight had two excellent floor exercise performances that highlighted her double twisting back somersault and earned two 9.15's while Sabra Kelin '98 earned an 8.0 for her floor exercise that included a layout back somersault in her first tumbling run.

Cheng, too, had an outstanding floor exercise routine that scored 8.95 while Van Buren earned an 8.85 on the floor and 8.7 on the balance beam for her solid backhand-spring and double turn. Bell was consistently unwavering on the balance beam as she scored 8.55 twice on the event.

The team is currently on track to qualify as a team for the Division III National Championships at LaCrosse, Wis. in March. In the meantime, the women will be concentrating on the next few weeks of competition including traveling to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, to Cortland, N.Y. for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships on March 1, and finally back home for the last ever MIT performances of Rocchio and Chiarenza on March 8, against Brown University and Rhode Island College.

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SPORTS

Women's Basketball Defeats Mount Holyoke 54-51

By Erik S. Balsley
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team edged out Mount Holyoke College Saturday 54-51 to finish regular season play with their best conference record since the New England Women's Eight Conference was established.

The Engineers came out to an early lead over Mount Holyoke midway through the first half. However, Mount Holyoke began to play more aggressively and had earned a 31-27 lead by halftime.

After halftime, the Engineers refocused and began to chip away at the Mount Holyoke lead. As the second half drew to a close, MIT began to play with more intensity,

just as Mount Holyoke became unzipped. The Engineers played a more aggressive offensive game to keep the ball on Mount Holyoke's half of the court for a large portion of the second half.

In addition, the team stepped up their defensive play in the second half to prevent Mount Holyoke from scoring. While the Lyons scored 31 points in the first half, they were limited to 20 in the second.

The Mount Holyoke lead was gradually chiseled away in the opening minutes of the second half. With 6:29 left in the game, team co-captain Amy MacKay '97 scored to tie the score at 47-47. Less than a minute later, center Katie Spayde '99 put in another basket to put the

Engineers ahead by two at 49-47. A Mount Holyoke foul then sent Mary Romano '00 to the line where she sank the free throw to edge MIT ahead, 50-47.

With less than six minutes left in the game, the MIT lead was still not secured. Mount Holyoke's strong forward Emily McNutt sunk a shot to narrow the Engineers' lead to 50-49 with 4:31 left. Spayde answered with another basket with 3:09 left to increase the Engineers margin by two.

As the minutes ticked away, the Engineers worked to keep their two-point lead. However, with 1:06 left, Mount Holyoke sank another shot to make it a one-point game, 52-51.

With such a tight game, compo-

sure was the key to success. As the pressure mounted, Mount Holyoke became unglued and began to play more sloppily. Despite calling two timeouts within the last 37 seconds of the game, the Lyons could not keep it together to the end.

Katie Spayde was fouled twice with 17 seconds left on the game clock. She sank one of two from the line. Four seconds later, another foul sent her back to the line where she sank the free throw to seal the 54-51 victory.

The team played well against a much improved Mount Holyoke team from last year, said Assistant Sports Information Director for Special Events Jean A. Heiney. The teams both had the same number of

rebounds, with 44, and both had similar field goal percentages with .344 for Mount Holyoke and .352 for MIT.

In addition to Spayde's impressive 13-point performance, the team had strong performances from Vicki Best '99 (12 points), team co-captain Sarah Davis '97 (11 points), and MacKay (8 points).

With the win, the Engineers finish the regular season with a 11-10 record and a 3-4 NEW 8 record. The Mount Holyoke win gives the women added momentum as they head into their postseason. They will be facing Wheaton College at home in the first round of the NEW 8 playoffs tonight at 7 p.m. in Rockwell Cage.

Men's Gymnastics Ends Season with Strong Win

By Raymond Szeto
TEAM MEMBER

The men's gymnastics team finished their regular season Saturday against the University of Vermont with a strong win. The meet closed the team's regular season record at 8-2.

This year's practices and competitions started off to a very shaky start. In September, when the team returned, practice started with much of the team injured, including all-arounders Rob Cooper '97 and Rob Spina '99. Both cases were serious enough to require surgery and put them out of serious competition for most of the year.

Even Coach Molesso got injured at the beginning of last semester when he tore his bicep spotting a gymnast practicing dismounts. With the coach and two of four all-arounders on the team injured, it is surprising the team has been able to perform as well as it has this season.

Saturday's meet started with the floor exercises. The Engineers gave their strongest floor this season, as every gymnast's performance was very clean. The supportive MIT audience gave enthusiastic cheers as each gymnast successfully executed a pass on the floor.

All the competing gymnasts gave above 7.0 performances, including an 8.05 from J. C. Olsson '00. The Engineers finished the event with 31.40, a 0.35 lead over Vermont's 31.05.

The second event was the pommel horse. Most of the gymnasts were able to execute their routines without any major deductions. The highest pommel score of the day was by Olsson, helping the Engineers secure their lead over Vermont by more two points, with a 59.75 compared to Vermont's 57.30.

The Engineers lost 0.05 of their lead on the still rings. Despite the clean routines of co-captain Cooper, Jason Miller '99, and Andy Lobban '97, Vermont's consistent scores on the event made a comeback very plausible. Lobban's 8.5, his highest

for the event, cushioned MIT's lead.

The next two events — the vault and the parallel bars — further secured the Engineers' lead over Vermont. With an all-time team total record of 32.75 on the parallel bars, the team increased their lead to 5.00 points and put them in a very good position to win the meet.

Olsson's clean parallel bar performance moved just behind Lobban and Jason Miller '99. Olsson also finished a strong vault with an 8.85.

The final event of the exhausting two-hour meet was the high bar. The Engineers just had to keep their final event clean of major faults to take home an 8-2 record, instead of a 7-3 one. Lobban, the final athlete to compete, set a new MIT record on the event by beating his old record with an 8.6.

Like the parallel bars, the team pulled together and set another team event record of 30.15. This more than secured them a victory. The final score for the meet was 184.00 to 176.50.

This outstanding final victory was a nice ending to an obstacle filled season. New gymnastic rules were implemented this year which made the scoring much more difficult than in the past. In addition the team started off with many early injuries. Despite these odds, the men's team still managed to give a very good performance.

The meet marks the end of the team's regular season, and leaves it with two postseason competitions, the New England Championships and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships.

After the postseason, the team will be losing three very vital members because of graduation that have helped bring the team to where it is today. They are team co-captain Cooper, the MIT record holder for the MIT all-around, team co-captain Lobban, the MIT record holder for the high bar and parallel bars, and team member Van C. Van '97, all integral members of the team.

Rocchio Leads Woman Gymnasts In Record-Breaking Performances

By Catherine Garrett
ASSISTANT COACH

The women's gymnastics team excelled during the whirlwind competition of recent weeks.

On Feb. 15, the team turned in a record performance in the Cornell Invitational against Cornell University, the University of Vermont, Ithaca College, and Rhode Island College.

This followed a close loss at home against Division III rival Hamline University from St. Paul, Minn. on Feb. 1.

On Jan. 24 and 25, the team traveled to California on Jan. 24 and 25 to compete against the Division I powerhouse teams of San Jose State University, the University of California at Davis, and California State University at Sacramento.

Not only have these recent weeks of competition taken the team far geographically, but they have moved the team into record-breaking territory. The women's performance at Cornell earned a team score of 175.875, a total which smashes the Engineers' previous record of 172.45 set earlier this season. This meet established this year's squad as the best-ever women's gymnastics team at MIT.

Leading the effort was team tri-captain Sheila Rocchio '97, who broke her own MIT all-around record of 36.35 set during her 1995 Division III National Championship performance with a 36.5 on a near-perfect performance.

The history-making competition at Cornell showed that the MIT women had no weaknesses. Rachel Van Buren '99 and tri-captain Alli Christenson '98 had

full-twisting vaults for scores of 8.65 and 8.675. Later, Nann Kronschnabel '00 scored her career-highest vaulting score of 8.95 for the same vault. Freshman standout Lee Knight '00 stuck her piked Tsukahara and earned her season's best score of 9.05 while Rocchio stood up her first 1½ somersaulting front-front of the season for the team's top score of 9.25.

Uneven bars showcased stalker circle on the high bar by tri-captain Tasi Chiarenza '97 with a score of 8.55. Also on the bars, Rocchio's straddle-back to handstand and toe-on-front dismount and Knight's back uprise to handstand for earned 8.9 and 9.175, respectively.

Balance beam saw Marnie Bell '99, Van Buren, and Knight all sticking difficult twisting jumps and turns. Meanwhile, Christenson, finishing strongly after a fall on her round-off backhandspring tumbling run, scored an 8.7 despite the .5 deduction for a fall. Rocchio nailed her sixth back-layout in a row during competition for her season's highest and the team's top score of 9.2.

Floor exercise exhibited another personal best score for Kronschnabel as she completed a full-twisting layout during her first tumbling run for a score of 9.075. Meanwhile, front-layout half-twist tumbling by Van Buren and graceful dancing by Stephanie Cheng '00 earned scores of 8.875 and 8.85.

Christenson danced and tumbled with energy for a score of 8.975 while Rocchio hit her only flaw of the meet as she under-rotated her double back yet

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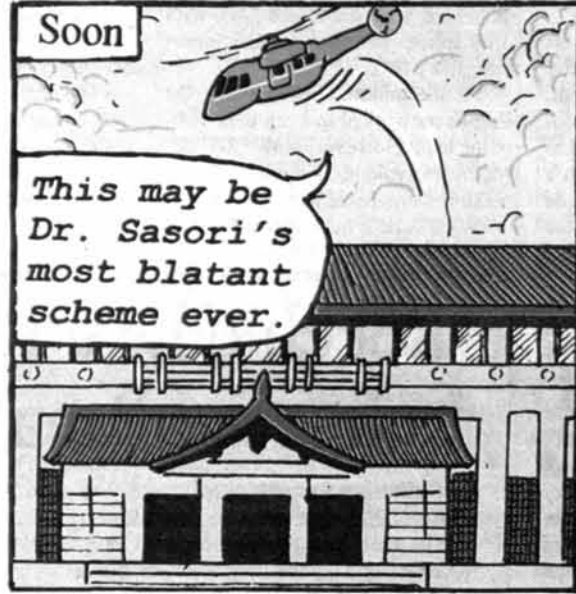
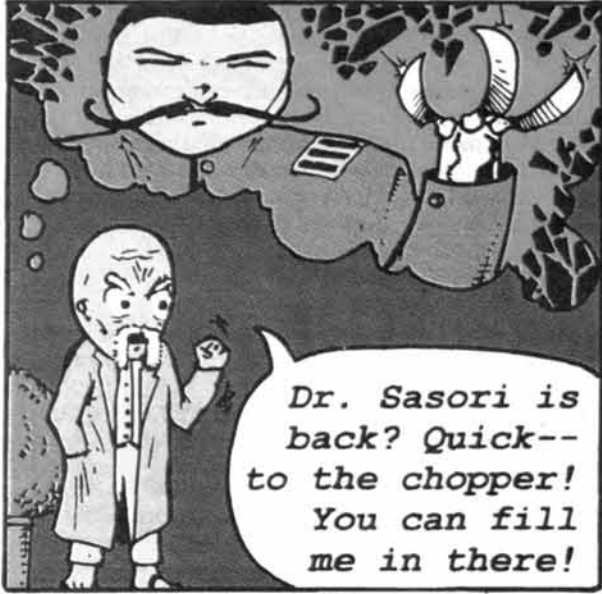
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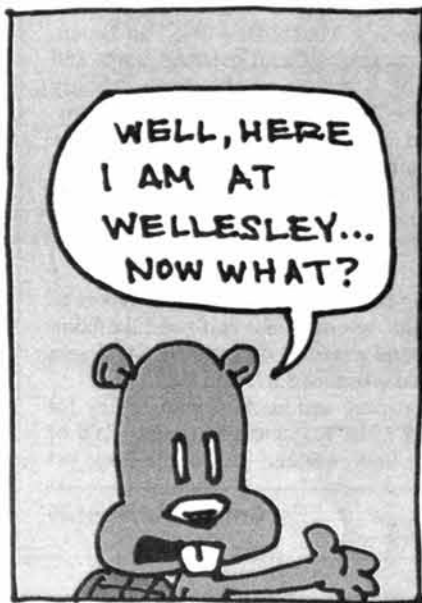
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