UA Council Considers Social, Funding Plans

By Douglas E. Heimbigner

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

The council also trimmed a request for UA funding of Spring Workweek and heard an update on the status of career assistance redesign 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 intermediates 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 a concert on Friday night in the Joan S. Birnbaum Student Center. The concert held by many students, that MIT is a better place to be from the club to club, 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. Many 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.

"You feel so much pride when MIT like years soften a woman's feelings toward the burning 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. Munckami '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?"

Formed Costa Rican President Discusses Latin America in Latest Compton Lecture

By Kyle Young

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

The position of director will be advertised, addressing a mostly full 10-250, 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." 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." 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."

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Search for Career Office Head Begins

By Zareena Hussain

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 to retire. The search committee was not formed until the recommendations of the career assistance redesign 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-designing 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 Horovitz, 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-engineering team. For the remainder of the 40-minute talk, Arias outlined the main problems that lie in the future of Latin America.

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By John M. Goshko
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NEW YORK

When Ali Hassan Abu 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, a Palestinian who came here from Gaza City, killed one person and wounded six others before pulling 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-
dile-class neighborhood of Gaza City, Monday remembered Abu Kamal as a conservative, not especially religious man who had accumulated a sizable amount of money during almost 50 years of teaching English.

The money, which he told family members was somewhere between $30,000 and $50,000, Arkansas, a mysterious, failed American business venture, and the family believes was 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 Rimal, 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 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
WASHINGTON

In another defeat for proponents of term limits, the Supreme Court Monday effectively ensured that an Arkansas initiative aimed at forcing state legislators and members of Congress to use the power of their offices to support congressional term limits would not become law.

The justices let stand a ruling by the Arkansas Supreme Court that it had been 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, was enacted by the voters 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 courts until the voters get their law," said Paul Jacob, executive director of the advocacy group that backed the initiative. He said that although the Supreme Court could strike down the state's "state of mind and informed law," several other states have similar laws and court challenges are still pending. The high court could eventually weigh in on a constitutional amendment that would 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 debated 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.

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

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 Constitution could restrict terms.

In a speech aimed at quelling rising public criticism over the scandal 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 redeem 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 Hyundai Iron & Steel Co. South Korea's second largest steel maker, which declared bankruptcy last month.

The scandal has 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 faltering 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 Hyun Chol, of any wrongdoing.

"The whole country is swept up in the agony and sorrow of the Huksan 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."
Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT

One of its main events—progressive dinners—is commonly referred to as "progressive drunk." You can actually see a lot more for what those terms refer to in the student Web pages. All of the pages boast somewhere or other about a strong fraternity founded on the basis of its social activities. Those rather interesting descriptions of their social programs.

Alpha Epsilon Pi (http://www.mit.edu/ activities/aepi/page.html): AEPi boasts that its members come to know women on a more personal level. In low-cut dresses. On separate page, another group proclaims their "progressive dinners/dke/home.htm": "Dine with us today and have a meal that celebrates diversity."

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 drinking incident in late December. The all-male freshman fraternity members were going through initiation. For Tradition or Dissents, marked as such and printed in a distinctive format, are not the opinion of the author, but represent the opinion of the editorial board, which consists of the chairman, editor in chief, managing editor, executive editor, news editors, and opinion editor.

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- ROTC Committee

...So what have you done lately?
A few days after my strange talk with Ratko, his wife Mirjana asked me to meet 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 have something in common."

"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 showed 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 said 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 have two hats," Mirjana said. Sebastian sat down at a stool opposite Sebastian, jamming her overcoat 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 Column by Anders Hove
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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. "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 alumni.mit.edu which will forward the reporting of this article. Zareena Hussain contributed to the reporting of this article.

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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 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 Bad Taste!" 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 infedible, 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 porn images from the Internet that they are "Stuck in the Middle With Goo."

Next was a guest group, the Brandeis Violoncelle. 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 Beardy 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 "The Engineer's Drinking Song," a parody of Rusted Root's "Send Me On My Way." After another Star Wars skit, in which Luke and Princess "Lay 'er' mant 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 things that make us happy," which included butterflies and rainbow over 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 Star Wars soundtrack, singing in unison the entire Imperial March. The Amboret DQ was next, singing high quality music but failing to reach appropriate levels of bad taste, having only interpolated 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. Interpersed 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 disorganized. The LSC movies featured 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.
Lost in Suburbia

SUBURBIA
Directed by Richard Linklater
Screenplay by Eric Bogosian, based on his play
Starring Giovanni Ribisi, Steve Zahn, Amy Carey, Kirt Brophly, Joanna Chimon, Samia, Shoah, Ajay Nash, Keith Presson, Eric Park, Nicky Kate, Dana Syosby, William Martin Hayes, Jayce Bartok, Bill Wise, Parker Posey, and M.J. Lin.

By Joel M. Rosenberg

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 twenty-somethings. 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 Bumfield, U.S.A., a generic suburb, the movie opens (and closes) with random shots of strip mall and tract housing. Jeff treatment is deserved. And M.J. Lin.

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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 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 repertory. Born in Houston, he started thinking the suburbs were creepy around age 17. "It's so much our culture, it seems so American. It's our culture, bringing 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 Bumfield.

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 cosmic relief, the sloppy-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 Perry, and Bartok's Pony is the guy 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 with 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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Irving Singer
Irving Singer is Professor of Philosophy, MIT.

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Ann Pendleton-Jullian
Ann Pendleton-Jullian is Associate Professor of Architecture at MIT, and principal architect, Atelier Jullian & Pendleton in Boston. The Road that is Not a Road is published by The MIT Press.
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Career Office Aims To Improve Services

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工程学团队，瑞德说。一个
是加强与学术部门的关系，发展
close ties with faculty and academic
is 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 out-
side the office. Departments and the
office have always tried to coordi-
nate these efforts, Williams said. “A
person would go to a department
and would work with them to devel-
op 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 some-
one who can work Institute-wide,”
Williams said. Another requirement
of the new director will be the abili-
ty 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 informa-
tion 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 number of companies utilizing
MIT’s 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.

Coop Student Board Election Update

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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 accented improved 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?"

This year's lectures are sponsored by the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, the School of Architecture and Planning, and the Provost's Office.

The list of past Compton Lecturers includes Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics Niels Bohr, former U.S. Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Linus Pauling.
The Dance Troupe performed their "Breaking Bounds" program on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights in Little Kresge. The show also featured non-MIT choreographers and dancers.
Spring Carnival Fundraising Plan Discussed at Council Meeting

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...taking over the freshmen leadership role of figuring out who is a "recruitment tool for the UA," Oposs said. The program, sponsored by the Council on Business School, Directions and Scholarship, 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 the normal admission fee of $50. If the request were granted, "that has been traditionally done at Spring Weekend," Lin said.

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The Purpose of Education.

- "alumni records show that it is likely for many of us to go to work in multiple fields or to change fields entirely.
- The ability to do excellent work in a range of fields and to meet diverse challenges with clear, bold thinking and creative solutions are the hallmarks of a good education.
- The skills we learn are an acute ability to observe all aspects of a problem, to analyze in depth, to integrate a wide range of knowledge, to think critically, and to rigorously test the solutions.
- Pressure, Confidence and Self-Esteem.
- "Pressure to excel is inherent in any institution that is designed to push students toward a new knowledge; when we solve our own solutions tested by reality and found to be correct, the evaluator's confidence and self-esteem come from reducing the challenges we face."
- When we face the challenges of solving real and difficult problems, when we solve problems others have attempted and have not solved, when we break ground with any new knowledge, when we test our own solutions tested by reality and found satisfactory, then we acquire confidence and self-esteem. There simply is no other way.
- And recognition, when it comes, is fully deserved.

The Foundations of Creativity.

- "The principal obstacle to achieving creative breakthroughs is a premature conclusion that a better solution is not possible.
- To overcome this obstacle we need to add to our basic thinking skills and technical foundations the following elements of creativity:
  1. A strong desire for a creative breakthrough.
  2. Confidence in our ability.
  3. An expectation that many false starts may be necessary.
  4. Sufficient immersion in the problem to engage all our faculties.
  5. A willingness to pursue solutions until a breakthrough is achieved.
  6. Analysis of each attempt to aid in the development of insight.

Developing Your Thought Process.

- "As students of science and engineering, you have an excellent opportunity to develop your thought process by working on problems whose correct analysis yields a unique answer.
- Searching for the correct solution causes you to rethink the problem until comprehensive development and you get the right answer. The right answer.
- The groundwork problem you solve often involve fundamental concepts that are applicable in areas far removed from the original area of study. To further your understanding of these concepts, simply ask yourself what are the basic concepts of the problem and where they came from in a few words.
- Another useful exercise in the development of your thought process is to express the concepts to another student. This process provides feedback and suggestions to confirm or challenge your understanding.
- In summary, work on problems that have verifiable answers, articulate the central concepts in a few words, then try to explain (teach) the concepts. This will substantially increase your ability to derive the full benefits from your education."
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Feb. 14: Bldg. 6, suspicious activity.
Feb. 15: Aldous House, annoying phone call.
Feb. 16: Bldg. 7, suspicious activity; Beckley Hall, noise complaint; Bldg. 10, suspicious person; Bldg. NW17 loading dock, Donald Garrett, of 31 Braton Court, Roxbury, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant; Bldg. 13, Daniel Cannume, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, arrested for trespassing; McCormick Hall, annoying phone call; Bldg. 7, locker broken into and camera stolen, $570.
Feb. 17: Student Center, credit card stolen.
Feb. 18: Bldg. 8, TV and radio stolen, $230; Bldg. E25, telephone cord stolen, $25; Walker Memorial, past lacrym of an air compressor, $250; Bldg. E20, annoying phone calls; East Campus, report of suspicious person, Sean Driscoll, of 20 Clyde St., Somerville, fled but was later apprehended and placed under arrest for breaking and entering and other related charges; Beckley, Benjamin Eule, of 80 Boylston St., Boston, arrested for burglary; Bldg. 9, attempted larceny of a bicycle.
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Despite Strong Performances, Men's Volleyball Defeated 3-1

By Charles Morton

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 Oldenburger 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.

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However, the Engineers were able to adjust by the third game and were able to put together a solid hitting attack that most other teams cannot handle. Queens capitalized on their tremendous size advantage and executed defense to dominate play and take the match in three games.

The Engineers recovered quickly, however, and thoroughly pumped Houston College in the after-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 ninth for kills per game. Both were tied for 14th in service aces per game."

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Good Performances Break MIT Records

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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 9.6 and turning in a jazzy floor performance for an 8.9.

Christenson had her personal best floor exercise score of 9.1 as did Van Buren at an 8.8. Christineon 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 backlayout 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 8.5, 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 spot of the afternoon on this event as she scored a 9.0 immediately after teammate Chiarenza scored a strong 8.9.

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THERAL Indigenous Gymnastics
Season with Strong Win
By Raymond Szeto

The men's gymnastics team finished their regular season Saturday against the University of Vermont and pulled together and set another team record of 184.00 to fend off Mount Holyoke.

The Engineers just had to keep their two-point lead. However, with 1.66 points, Mount Holyoke sank another shot to make it a one-point game, 52-51.

With such a tight game, comptition was the key to success. As the pressure mounted, Mount Holyoke became unglued and began to play more aggressively. 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 that lost last year, 184.00-133.30 to the Engineers.

The meet marks the end of the season for the Engineers and the Mount Holyoke Lyons. Mount Holyoke will be losing three very vital members because of graduation that have contributed to their season's success.

The Engineers will be competitors at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships.

The meet was not only a competition for the Engineers, but will be an annual fixture that will be a long time coming for the Engineers.

SPORTS

The Mount Holyoke women's basketball team defeated the Mount Holyoke Lyons 54-51.

The final event of the exhausting second half drew to a close, MIT (31.05) edged out Count Holyoke College (29.00). This year's practices and competitions are expected to bring the team into serious competition for the New England Conference Championships.

The Mount Holyoke lead was gradually chiseled away in the second half to present Mount Holyoke from winning. By Olsson, helping the Engineers to where it is today. They are team co-captain Sarah Davi '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 won gives the women added momentum as they head into their postseason. They will be the No. 1 New England at home in the first round of the NEW 8 playoffs tonight at 7 p.m. in Rockwell Cage.

Rocchio Leads Woman Gymnasts
In Record-Breaking Performances

By Catherine Garrett

The women's gymnastics team excelled during the winter wind 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.

The final event of the exhausting day was the floor exercise. The Engineers had to keep their final event clean of major faults to take home a 9-2 record behind a 7.3-1 Lovban, the final athlete to compete, set a new MIT record on the event by beating his old record with an 8.6.

The parallel bars, the team pulled together and got another team record of 30.15. This more than secured them a victory. The final score for the meet was 184.00 to 133.30.

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 those odds, the team's men 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 Sheila Roccchio '99, who broke her own MIT all-around record of 36.35 set during her 1995 Division Ill National Championship performance with a 36.5 on a near-perfect performance.

The big competition at Cornell showed that the MIT women had no weaknesses. Rachel Van Buren '99 and tri-captain Ali Christenson '98 had full-twisting vaults for scores of 8.65 and 8.65. Later, Knn Schnurkehl '00 scored her career-highest vaulting score of 8.95 for the same vault. Freshman standout Lee Knight '99 scored an 8.85 and earned her season's best score of 9.05 while Roccchio stood up her first 1 ½ summersault front-half of the season for the team's top score of 9.25.

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This may be Dr. Sasori's most blatant scheme ever.

A friend sent me this classified ad from the Kyuhaku University student newspaper.

To be continued...

by Zachary Emig

Dr. Sasori is back? Quick--to the chopper! You can fill me in there!

Well, here I am at Wellesley... now what?

Okay... there's a nice-looking girl over there. I'm going to introduce myself.

Um... hi... my name is Newton. I'm from MIT.

You're not from MIT.

What are you talking about? I am from MIT.

As if! Where's your "Brass Rat"?

by Jessica

Off Course

It's really hard to take good notes in this class.

The professor's handwriting is bad and he writes too quickly.

When you think he's going to pause to let you catch up, he speeds up instead.

And finally, just as you speed up to catch up with him, he erases it all.

By Hugo

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