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MIT Raises Tuition, Decreases Self-Help

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At a meeting of the Corporation Friday morning, MIT will publicly announce its finalized tuition plan for the 1998-99 school year.

This year's plan will include a 14 percent increase in scholarship grants, a \$1,000 reduction in the minimum expected student self-help contribution, and a \$950 increase in tuition.

"I'm very pleased with it," said UA President Dedic A. Carter '98. "Across the board, we see student packages improving [at MIT's peer institutions], and we want MIT to remain competitive, not only academically, but in the kind of aid it can offer its students."

The self-help minimum amount decreased to \$7,600, compared to \$8,600 for 1997-98. The self-help component is the amount students are expected to provide through work, loans, or savings. Even students granted a full scholarship must pay this minimum amount. For approximately 100 families with extremely low incomes, the self-help minimum requirement will be lowered to only \$4,100.

"I am particularly pleased that we have been able to reduce the self-help requirement... MIT remains steadfast in its commitment to need-blind admissions and financial aid as the best way to allow the best and brightest young women and men to attend, regardless of their financial status," said President Charles M. Vest.

Fifty-six percent of MIT undergraduates qualify for financial aid. The average financial aid package this year is \$21,350, including \$13,850 in MIT grants. It is estimated that only about 29 percent of MIT students pay the full amount of tuition, room and board.

The median annual income for families that qualified for aid this year is \$53,500. About 200 families with incomes over \$100,000 are receiving aid as a result of having multiple children in college or other circumstances that qualified them for need-based aid.

MIT-based scholarship grants for 1998-99 are projected to be \$30.8 million, an increase compared to the \$27 million spent this year.

Tuition for the 1998-99 school year will be \$24,050, a 4.1 percent increase from last year.

Despite the increase in tuition, Carter sees the sum total of the changes to the term bill as "definitely having a positive impact" on the student body as a whole. The Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation, which approved the figures on Thursday, was "clearly keeping the student foremost in their thoughts" when they structured the package, he said.

The undergraduate term bill, which includes tuition, room, and board, will be \$30,800. This 3.9 percent increase over last year will be the smallest percentage increase in tuition since 1970.

Tuition covers about half of the cost to MIT of a student's education. The remainder of the cost is met by earnings from the endowment and by various gifts and grants. Tuition is one of the primary sources of MIT's revenue, the others being federal and industrial research funds and private support, primarily gifts and investment income.

Students have mixed reaction

Marlon A. Osbourne '98, student member of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, attributes both the decrease in minimum self-help and the small increase in this year's term bill to the healthy economy.

Not all students were impressed by the idea of a "smallest increase," however.

"It's unfortunate that they raised tuition," said David Dunmeyer G.

"I think it will bring more opportunity to a student who can't pay for [an MIT education]," said Ruilin Zhao G. However, loans, which are included in the lowered self-help contribution, only "push the problem to graduation," Zhao said.



Members of the MIT Visiting Committee listen as students voice their concerns about current problems on Wednesday in the Bush Room.

ODSUE Visiting Committee Consults Students, Prepares Final Report

By Zareena Hussain
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At today's meeting of the MIT Corporation, trustees will be briefed on the proceedings of the Visiting Committee of the Corporation investigating the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education. The ODSUE Visiting Committee came to the Institute Wednesday and left yesterday afternoon after meeting with students, deans, and faculty to examine how

the ODSUE is serving the student body. The committee will make recommendations to the Corporation as well as to ODSUE itself. These recommendations will ultimately take the form of a written report that will be circulated around the Institute in addition to today's presentation to the Corporation.

Visiting committees visit every two years to report on a specific department at MIT. Although the ODSUE Visiting Committee came last year to evaluate what was then the Office of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs, members decided they needed to come back the next year to evaluate the

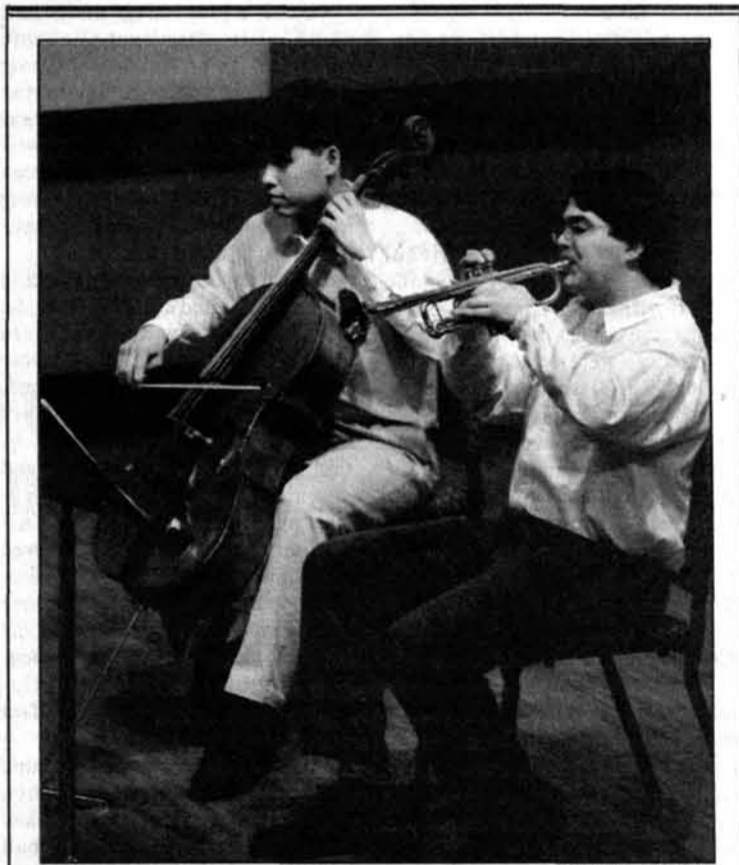
office after the massive reorganization that took place within UESA, said ODSUE Visiting Committee Chairman DuWayne J. Petersen Jr. '55.

Students, deans voice concerns

A variety of concerns were brought to the fore in the form of open meetings of the ODSUE Visiting Committee with deans and students.

Students decried the lack of funding and support for student activities, the under-staffing of the Office of Counseling and Support

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Stephen Tistaert '98 performs on the trumpet in the Advanced Music Performance Recital on Wednesday afternoon in Killian Hall.

RCA Sets Timetable for President's GRT Mandate

By Brett Altschul
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the Office of Residence and Campus Activities released a proposal for placing graduate student advisers in fraternity's sororities, and independent living groups.

The RCA proposal, submitted to Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams, Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates, and President Charles M. Vest represents the first major step toward placing graduate resident advisers in fraternities. Vest called for tutors to be placed in FSILGs last December.

The proposal recommends that every FSILG be encouraged to have a resident adviser living in its house by August 1998. It recommends further that FSILGs be required to have resident advisers by August 1999.

It also calls for several restric-

tions on the resident advisers. Without a waiver from RCA, the tutors would need to be enrolled in an MIT or joint-MIT graduate-level degree program. Moreover, all the resident advisers would need to complete training organized by RCA and satisfy any other eligibility requirements set by the Institute.

The report also includes financial recommendations. It calls on MIT to reimburse the FSILGs for the loss of one MIT rooming contract. It also recommends that the Institute pay the resident advisers stipends to cover their meals.

Other proposals may also be forthcoming, Bates said. "There are a number of things in the works," she said.

It is too soon to see whether this specific plan will be implemented, Bates said. It is even too soon to say

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Three teams are competing for the positions of President and Vice President of the Undergraduate Association. Candidate profiles inside.



Comics

Electronic balloting for Undergraduate Association and Class Council positions will begin this evening at midnight and continue through midnight on Tuesday, Mar. 10. Type *add ua*; vote at any Athena prompt to vote.

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U.S. Launches Anti-Disease Effort

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Agency for International Development announced Thursday a new initiative aimed at controlling the global emergence of lethal infectious diseases, saying it will develop programs in targeted countries to fight the escalating health threats posed by bacterial resistance, tuberculosis and malaria.

Congress, recognizing the significance of infectious diseases overseas, awarded the agency an additional \$50 million for fiscal 1998 specifically for control of infectious diseases. In response, the agency is pursuing a 10-year effort that it hopes will reduce by at least 10 percent the deaths caused by infectious diseases, excluding those caused by AIDS, by 2007. The \$50 million is in addition to the agency's public health budget of \$850 million, which is spent on maternal and child health, family planning, and the control of AIDS and the human immunodeficiency virus that causes it.

USAID has estimated that more than 17 million people worldwide will die from infectious diseases in 1998. This health problem has gotten worse in recent years because of numerous factors, including rapid population growth, poor sanitation, poverty, loss of trained health personnel and decreasing resources available to public health services in the poorest countries, according to USAID.

The new strategy will focus on developing programs that will discourage the indiscriminate use of antibiotics, which increases their resistance, developing a global tuberculosis control plan, and developing programs in Africa — where the most troublesome malaria problems exist — to prevent and control spread of the disease.

Senate Fundraising Probe Ends

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Senate committee investigating campaign finance finally agreed to disagree without partisan bombast, and Thursday quietly released findings detailing widespread abuses during the 1996 presidential contest.

Eight Governmental Affairs Committee Republicans approved the 1,100-page final report in a 15-minute meeting. Seven dissenting Democrats issued their minority report, to be attached to the larger document when it is presented to the full Senate Tuesday.

"It is clear we are going to have two reports," Committee Chairman Fred D. Thompson (R-Tenn.) said. "We could revisit all those old heartaches and throw some more stones if we choose to." But they didn't, and the short meeting put a subdued ending to an enterprise that began almost exactly one year ago as an investigation of serious fund-raising abuses by President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign and lurched through 32 often vituperative and partisan public hearings at a cost of \$3.5 million.

The issuance of the report, held up for more than a month while the Republicans negotiated its contents with the intelligence community and with each other, allowed neither Republicans nor Democrats to claim credit for substantial accomplishments.

Sen. Leaders Back Transit Increase

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Senate leaders agreed Thursday to boost federal funding of mass transit programs by an additional \$5 billion over six years to help cities buy new buses and finance construction projects.

The extra transit funds were negotiated behind closed doors as the full Senate continued to debate a \$173 billion, six-year highway spending bill. The measure could pass the Senate as soon as next week, with House action expected to follow shortly.

The transit breakthrough was announced at a Capitol news conference by a bipartisan group of senators from states with large metropolitan areas. It was blessed by both the Republican and Democratic leaders of the Senate, and will be incorporated into the highway funding bill. "The additional transit funding is good news for the nation's infrastructure, good news for our environment and vital to our cities," said Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D-N.Y.) one of the architects.

The agreement would essentially double the amount of new money earmarked for mass transit, bringing the total to \$41.3 billion over six years. That represents an increase of nearly \$10 billion over the existing \$31.5 billion funding level, according to Sen. Al D'Amato (R-N.Y.) chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, which has jurisdiction over mass transit funding.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici (R-N.M.) vowed to make cuts elsewhere in the budget to pay for the additional mass transit funding. "That's not going to be difficult," he said.

WEATHER

Fair Friday

By Marek Zebrowski
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An area of high pressure floating down from the northern Great Lakes will bring a short improvement in our dreary weather regime. Alas, the respite will be brief — nasty storm is a-brewing in the mid-sections of the country. Copious rains are forecast for the Southeast, late-season blizzards for the Plains and the Mid-West. Over the next few days this system will slowly move towards the Ohio and then St. Lawrence valleys, bringing us stormy and wet conditions late in the weekend and into early next week.

Today: Becoming mostly sunny and seasonable, with highs near 45°F (7°C). Northerly winds may turn onshore in coastal locations during the afternoon.

Tonight: Clear and cold, with lows near freezing. Light, variable winds.

Saturday: Sunny start with increasing clouds. Onshore winds and thicker overcast by nightfall. High near 42°F (5°C)

Sunday outlook: Cloudy and becoming windy, with rain likely. Highs in the mid 40s (6–7°C), lows in the upper 30s (3–4°C).

Clinton Denounces Leaking Of Deposition Information

By Howard Kurtz
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton Thursday denounced as "illegal" the passing of information to *The Washington Post* that led to a highly detailed account of his sealed deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

The lengthy front-page story, which did not characterize its sources, said among other things that Clinton had acknowledged that he talked with Vernon E. Jordan Jr. about his friend's efforts to find a new job for Monica S. Lewinsky.

The article set off a heated round of finger-pointing as each side accused the other of leaking the sworn account for tactical advantage. It is the latest in a series of unauthorized disclosures in the Jones case and the Lewinsky investigation in which unnamed sources have put out confidential material in an effort to shape news coverage.

An angry Clinton told reporters at the White House that "the court has made it absolutely clear it is illegal to leak and discuss" the Jan. 17 deposition.

"I think... I should follow the law. I have nothing else to say. I'm going to do my job. I'm going to follow the law. That's what I wish everyone else would do. Somebody in this case ought to follow the law."

Clinton's private attorneys — Robert S. Bennett, David E. Kendall and Mickey Kantor — called the leak a "reprehensible and unethical act." In a statement, they accused "antagonists of the president" of leaking his deposition and said they

"intend to seek appropriate judicial relief."

Jones's lawyers responded in their own statement that any "implication" that Jones or her team leaked the deposition "is erroneous, irresponsible and fallacious." They said there were "obvious reasons to suspect" that the White House or Clinton allies leaked the material themselves to "pre-empt" Jones's motion for summary judgment next week, and "to educate prospective grand jury witnesses" about Clinton's version of events before they testify.

The key question, they said, is "in whose favor the deposition testimony was 'spun' in the article."

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright in Little Rock has placed a gag order on all participants and attorneys in the case, but selected parts of Clinton's deposition have leaked in the past.

Bennett, speaking to reporters, called the disclosure "one of the most reckless, reprehensible and unethical things I've seen in this town for a very, very long time." A source close to the White House said the president's legal team would attempt to learn how many people on the Jones side were given access to the deposition.

The *Post* story, in addition to being unusually detailed, described Clinton's mood during the five-hour deposition as "generally sober" and noted that he was asked to speak louder at various times.

Legally, said Stephen Gillers, a New York University law professor, "people at *The Washington Post* cannot be sanctioned. But the peo-

ple who gave it to *The Post*, if the judge can find out who they are, can be sanctioned."

A leaker covered by the gag order could be fined or imprisoned, Gillers said, and if that person is a lawyer, he or she could be suspended or disbarred. Wright could also refer the matter to federal prosecutors for criminal investigation.

Presidential spokesman Michael McCurry said only four White House lawyers had access to the transcript and none of them had leaked it. He said that, "as a matter of journalistic principle, most news organizations take seriously the responsibility to alert readers to the identity and motive of anonymous sources... The *Post* chose not to do this... in this case, and you have to ask them why."

Leonard Downie Jr., the paper's executive editor, said: "We just have to let the story speak for itself." At times, he said, "our agreements with sources are such that we're not able to go beyond what a carefully written and edited story says, but we are satisfied with the accuracy and contents of the story. There are occasions when this is the only way we can publish something that is really important."

James Naughton, president of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies and a former Philadelphia Inquirer executive editor, said: "The obligation is to be as helpful to the reader as possible in understanding the motivation of the source, but sometimes that's not feasible" depending on the ground rules set by the person furnishing the information.

NASA Spacecraft May Have Discovered Water on Moon

By K.C. Cole
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIF.

A NASA spacecraft has discovered what appears to be ample amounts of water on the moon — suggesting the specter of moon colonies, complete with refueling bases for solar system exploration.

Scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center, the human power behind the discovery, were ecstatic over the dramatic data sent from the Lunar Prospector spacecraft, which is orbiting 60 miles above the moon. "It's a wish come true," said William Feldman, co-investigator on several instruments carried by the spacecraft.

"I can hardly contain my joy," Scott Hubbard, mission manager at Ames, said Thursday at a news conference.

While the water is frozen into ice crystals sprinkled sparsely in the frigid north and south poles of the moon, its potential for boosting space exploration within the solar system is enormous. Mainly, it means that astronauts could distill moon water into liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen fuel — "like making moonshine," said principle investigator Alan Binder — providing energy for a return trip without carrying fuel from Earth.

"For the first time, we can go to another planetary body and fuel up," he said.

Moreover, the water — tentatively estimated at between 10 million and 300 million tons — could be used to support permanent space colonies. "That's an awful lot of water," said Binder. "What it means is that human life can expand to the moon."

Such a giant step would not come easily, however. For one thing, the ice crystals probably lie deep inside dark craters in the moon's coldest crevices — areas with permanent temperatures well below minus 200 degrees Fahrenheit. "One problem is getting machinery to work at such low temperatures," said Binder.

Another obstacle is convincing the public to fund such a project. As Binder pointed out, plans were already afoot to put a science base on the moon after the Apollo landings 25 years ago. "If we'd wanted to, we could already be there," he said. "It's a matter of interest and priorities."

Lunar Prospector did not directly observe water molecules, or even its component atoms — two hydrogens for each oxygen. Instead, one of the six instruments on board the 4-foot long, 633-pound craft measured ratios of nuclear particles called neutrons moving at different energies.

Since neutrons pack the same mass as hydrogen nuclei, a neutron colliding with hydrogen would slow down abruptly, like a billiard ball hitting another billiard ball of the same size. By measuring the relative amounts of slow neutrons to faster ones, the researchers deduced that they saw the distinct signature of hydrogen, suggestive of water.

In order to be 100 percent certain it is water, Binder conceded, robots would have to land on the moon's surface, scoop up soil samples, heat them up and see if water evaporates off. Still, he said he was certain enough of the results to bet his house on them.

"We have found water at both lunar poles," he said. Exactly how much water, however, is still in

question, although there appears to be twice as much at the north pole as at the south.

The findings, presented at Thursday's news briefing, were the first from the Lunar Prospector, which has been orbiting the moon for nearly two months.

Researchers are still in the process of analyzing the first month's worth of data. Until two weeks ago, said Binder, they were convinced that there was no water on the moon. But after collecting more data and learning to understand their instruments better, the scientists came to a quite different conclusion.

If the current interpretation is correct, there could be enough water on the moon to sustain thousands of people for a hundred years.

Naturally bone dry, the moon got its water, scientists think, from comets that crashed into its surface over the past 2 billion years. Most of that water immediately evaporated into space. The moon's gravity is too puny to hold onto an atmosphere that could contain water.

Apollo astronauts, who landed near the moon's equator, brought back moon rocks bearing absolutely no signs of water.

However, water molecules that somehow hopped over the dry surface to land in permanently shadowed craters in the lunar poles could have stayed and stuck.

Pinning down exactly which craters hold the ice will have to wait until the end of the mission, when the Lunar Prospector will lower its orbit for a closer look. For now, the scientists are looking at "a huge area," said Binder, about a hundred miles across. "We will not be able to isolate individual craters until the extended mission."

U.N. Weapons Inspectors Land In Baghdad, Prepare for Work

By Craig Turner
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK

More than three dozen U.N. weapons inspectors led by a controversial former U.S. Marine landed in Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday, setting up what could be the first test of the new inspection procedures negotiated by Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

American Scott Ritter's team, reportedly including 40 to 50 inspectors, specializes in exposing Iraq's efforts to conceal illegal weapons programs. Baghdad's refusal in January to cooperate with Ritter's previous inspection trip helped trigger the recent confrontation that nearly led to warfare between the United States and Iraq.

The United States and Britain have kept a strong military force in the Persian Gulf and have threatened to use it against Iraq if its government refuses to honor a Feb. 22 agreement with Annan to cooperate fully with the inspectors.

It was not immediately clear if

Ritter's inspectors would try to enter any of the eight "presidential compounds" that were the subject of Annan's negotiations with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Detailed procedures for inspecting those sites were still being worked out at U.N. headquarters here Thursday. They call for the inspectors to be accompanied by diplomats during visits to the presidential sites, and U.N. officials said it was not certain that the logistics of the new system would be completed before Ritter's team leaves Iraq.

The sensitive and invasive nature of Ritter's investigations, as well as his admittedly confrontational nature, has made him a special target of Iraqi complaints.

Deputy Prime Minister Tarik Aziz has accused Ritter of spying for the United States, an allegation denied by Ritter, the United States, and the United Nations. Even if Ritter's inspectors do not seek to enter presidential palaces and their outlying buildings, they are likely to show up at other places that the

Iraqis consider sensitive, including intelligence facilities.

On his January trip, Ritter was investigating reports by Iraqi opposition groups that Iraq had tested chemical weapons on prisoners during the mid-1990s.

Aziz vehemently denied that Iraq had conducted any human experimentation. Because the Iraqis refused to fully cooperate, Ritter's investigation of the charge was not completed.

Iraqi officials downplayed Ritter's arrival. The official Iraqi news agency quoted Maj. Gen. Mohammed Amin, liaison to the inspectors, as saying Ritter's team was "expected to undertake surprise visits to a number of sensitive sites."

Alan Dacey, a U.N. spokesman in Baghdad, said Ritter had arrived for a "normal inspection."

On Monday, the U.N. Security Council cautioned Iraq that it would face the "severest consequences" if it fails to adhere to the pact signed with Annan.

Clinton Proposal to Increase IMF Resources Passes First Hurdle

By Art Pine
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Clinton's controversial bill to increase the resources of the International Monetary Fund cleared its first — and easiest — congressional hurdle Thursday, but strategists said the measure still faced an uphill fight on the House floor and in the Senate.

In a first-round victory for the administration, the House Banking Committee overwhelmingly approved a compromise version of the bill that essentially would pay lip-service to Democrats' concerns about improving worker rights in countries that receive IMF loans.

The vote was 40-9, with all committee Democrats voting for the bill. Eight Republicans and Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont, Congress' only independent, opposed the measure.

The bipartisan bill, one of Clinton's top legislative priorities for this year, now goes to the House Appropriations Committee, which is expected to attach it to a must-pass money bill later this month. But conservatives may seek to hold the legislation hostage in a battle over anti-abortion provisions in another bill, one approving foreign aid for

1999.

Clinton has cited the IMF legislation as crucial, both to help deal with the Asian financial crisis and to maintain U.S. economic leadership around the world. The IMF, with 182 countries as members, is coordinating the global rescue effort for Asia.

The bill would provide \$18 billion in lines of credit to the IMF as the U.S. share of a \$90 billion increase in the IMF's overall financial resources.

The money is not used until the IMF decides to tap the U.S. credits, and the organization pays market interest rates on the portion of the money it uses.

Although the IMF does not need the increase immediately, officials say it might — and quickly — if the Asian crisis worsens. IMF authorities also want to assure the financial markets that the organization has enough resources on hand if it needs them.

Besides the money, the measure would establish an advisory panel with representatives from labor, agriculture and private charities to consult with the Treasury Department on U.S. policy toward the IMF.

It also would require the U.S.

representative to the IMF to push aggressively for policies that pressure borrowing countries to foster labor rights and force banks to shoulder more of the burden when their loans to developing countries turn sour.

The legislation was crafted by Republican chairman, Rep. James A. Leach of Iowa, and Rep. John J. LaFalce of New York.

The committee action came as the IMF and Indonesia continued to wrangle over that country's efforts to overhaul its domestic economy, and amid increasing concern that the IMF won't agree to provide more money unless Jakarta makes more of the reforms it has promised.

IMF officials disclosed Thursday that the organization's hierarchy already has postponed a March 15 target date for Indonesia to receive a second \$3 billion installment of its \$10.1 billion loan package — if only because of procedural delays.

Although the IMF has made no decision on whether to disburse the second \$3 billion, officials said the turnover among top officials of the Indonesian government as a result of elections last Sunday has made it difficult to nail down future policy objectives.

Largest Attempted Hostile Takeover In Computer Industry History in Doubt

By Mark Leibovich
THE WASHINGTON POST

Computer Associates International Inc. announced Thursday that it would let its \$9.8 billion hostile bid for Computer Sciences Corp. expire March 16, possibly scuttling what would have been the biggest merger in the computer industry's history.

Computer Associates chief executive Charles B. Wang said a number of factors led to the decision, including the damage that the increasingly bitter takeover battle might cause to both companies' businesses. He derided the "racist, sick and ugly tactics" of Computer Sciences in trying to fend off the bid.

"When things get racist, when it comes to a point where they are questioning my loyalty to my government, I don't think it serves anyone in our industry to keep going," Wang said in an interview.

He was referring to CSC's contention, reported in The Washington Post last week, that Wang's dealings

with high-level Chinese officials, including President Jiang Zemin, would make his company unfit to inherit CSC's contracts with U.S. intelligence agencies. Wang, a naturalized U.S. citizen, emigrated to the New York City borough of Queens with his family when he was 8.

Computer Sciences, an El Segundo, Calif., computer services company that employs 7,300 people at its federal systems headquarters in Falls Church, Va., denied its anti-takeover tactics were racist and said it was legitimate to raise national security as an issue. "If doesn't matter if [Wang's] from Shanghai or Seattle," said CSC spokesman Bruce Plowman. "It would be the same in terms of any dealings with China. We would be concerned."

The possible collapse of the deal sent Computer Sciences' stock down 10.5 percent Thursday. CSC fell \$11, to \$94, on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock traded at \$92.18 on the day before CAI announced its \$108-per-share offer last month. Computer Associates

shares rose \$1.37.

Some analysts speculated that Thursday's announcement didn't necessarily mean the end of the takeover attempt. Wang, they said, made his announcement to enhance his negotiating position with CSC.

"What Computer Associates did today, whether they meant it or not, is put pressure on CSC's management to take a hard look at what they're rejecting," said Moshe Katri, an analyst at UBS Securities who lowered his rating on Computer Sciences from "buy" to "hold." "I bet some CSC shareholders look at where the stock is today and say 'Hey, maybe Computer Associates is right.'"

Analysts also wondered why CAI elected only not to extend its tender offer after March 16, instead of withdrawing it altogether, speculating that Wang could be bluffing.

But Wang said the decision not to withdraw completely was instigated by CAI's lawyers, not by him. He maintained that he's simply walking away.

AIDS 'Failures' May Be Successes

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Many apparent "failures" in the treatment of HIV-positive individuals with new drug regimens may actually be unrecognized successes, according to Swiss researchers.

Combinations of three or more drugs now used to treat such patients have been highly effective, but many cases are considered failures because the level of virus in their blood does not fall below the limits of detection.

But the Swiss team reports Friday in the medical journal *Lancet* that such patients actually derive major health benefits by continued treatment with the drug combinations. Not only do their levels of the AIDS virus remain steady over the long term, their levels of CD4 cells — an indicator of immune system health — increase.

"This observation challenges our understanding of the mechanisms of immune damage due to HIV, and opens the door towards new therapeutic approaches," said Michael P. Glauser, chairman of the Swiss Commission for Research on AIDS.

Some American researchers said they had observed such results themselves, but apparently no one had previously reported them in a publication.

"It's a hopeful message," said Dr. Robert T. Schooley of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. "It should make patients feel better to know that they are going to benefit from the therapy even if the virus is not completely suppressed."

China to Downsize Government

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING

In a bold move to reduce the size of government and wean the country from state meddling in business, China plans to eliminate 11 ministries and lay off government employees and civil servants, adding as many as 4 million bureaucrats to the swelling ranks of the unemployed here.

The unprecedented downsizing scheme, outlined in a speech by outgoing Premier Li Peng before the National People's Congress on Thursday, represents China's attempt to avoid the economic crises affecting other Asian countries by reducing the role of government in the private sector of its economy. At several points in his speech, Li bluntly informed government employees that, for the first time in the history of modern China, their jobs were no longer secure.

"The incompatibilities of government institutions to the development of a socialist market economy have become increasingly apparent," said Li, a Soviet-trained engineer who had been an earlier champion of the centralized economy. "Unwieldy organization and failure to separate the functions of government from those of enterprises have given rise to bureaucracy, promoted unhealthy practices and created a heavy financial burden."

Although the plan was announced by Li — who next week concludes his final term as premier, a position he had held since 1989 — it is clearly the brainchild of China's economic chief Zhu Rongji, who is expected to be announced as Li's replacement.

Israeli Court Assailed for Ruling

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

Human rights activists and legal experts Thursday sharply criticized an Israeli Supreme Court decision permitting foreign nationals to be held as "bargaining chips" for use in securing the freedom of Israeli prisoners of war.

The court acknowledged that imprisoning Lebanese guerrillas, many of whom have not been tried or have served their sentences, is a "painful" violation of human rights. But such abuse is outweighed by Israel's security concerns and the desire to retrieve missing or captured Israeli soldiers, the court said in a ruling made public on Wednesday.

"The high court has legalized hostage-taking," Elizabeth Hodgkin, a senior analyst with Amnesty International, said in Tel Aviv. "This is a terrible decision. ... If an armed group takes hostages, it is universally condemned. And now it's OK for a state to behave like an armed group? It's OK for a state to hold hostages?"

The ruling came in response to a lawsuit filed by an Israeli lawyer representing 10 Lebanese who have been held for up to 11 years in Israeli-controlled prisons.

In the lawsuit, Rish petitioned for release of the 10 men, who were identified as members of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah or its allied organizations.

In a split 2-1 decision, the court denied the request, saying the release would "cause real harm to national security" and "fatally damage" efforts to free Israeli POWs.

Pentagon Official Urges Bypassing Congress in Base Closures

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Trying to force the issue of military base closures back into the public agenda, a top Pentagon official has proposed that the military act on its own to consolidate bases even if it means ignoring objections in Congress.

With lawmakers again balking at a new round of base consolidations, Acting Air Force Secretary Whitten Peters warned recently in a speech that if lawmakers aren't willing to take the political risks, the services can act on their own to shutter unneeded bases — a step he said would be "the equivalent of dropping a nuclear bomb" on affected communities because the closures could come without congressionally approved federal aid to soften the blow.

The consequences, he said, would be "truly ugly," including "runways left pockmarked, buildings which are run down, no economic redevelopment, and no significant environmental cleanup."

Yet Peters said the military desperately needs the savings that would come from closing unneeded bases, not only to replace aging weapons, but also to reduce the strain on units at a time of continuing cutbacks and frequent overseas deployments.

The chances that the Pentagon would ever take such a defiant step are at best remote, given the intense countermeasures the Congress could apply. It is not clear whether the Pentagon could, in fact, close bases this way, given the procedural hurdles involved.

OPINION

Oppold, Kelly for UA President, V.P.

The Tech supports Paul T. Oppold '99 and Jennifer A. Kelly '99 for the positions of Undergraduate Association President and Vice President. Oppold, in particular, has proven to be a competent legislator and has demonstrated initiative. He has effectively wielded the power of his position as UA

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Floor Leader to make his presence known on campus. The incoming president and vice president will inherit an organization that has made some great strides forward over the course of the past year, but still has some way to go. The UA's new leaders need to gain respect of the undergraduate body by building a solid list of achievements in important areas. Before the new president and vice president initiate major new programs, they need to prove their competence through a consistent record of responsible progress.

Among other things, the UA should act as a major communications channel between students, administrators, and faculty. The UA and its leaders need to establish themselves as firm advocates of the student body by taking visible roles in debates on all significant issues, and they need to take these positions in a timely manner. Taking a position weeks after the debate is over, as in the recently delayed resolution on randomized housing, is not acceptable.

The UA should also be prepared to cooperate with other student organizations. It has a wider base of members than any other student group on campus, and as such is capable of being a central figure in any discussion. But this can only happen if it can effectively communicate and cooperate with other student

groups. In particular, steps must be taken to establish close ties with the Dormitory Council and the Interfraternity Council.

The UA should also be prepared to utilize powers that it already holds, such as the ability to nominate students to various committees. It is not unfair to request reports from these committee members, and the UA should be able to advise them on what it feels is the proper action. The current policy of appointment followed by silence is a waste of good resources.

This does not mean that the UA should try to administer as many things as possible. It must limit itself to concrete, achievable goals. Perhaps most importantly, the UA must avoid getting bogged down in internal issues that do nothing to improve its function or image: the UA Constitution does not need to be rewritten.

Such a vision of a student government is not impossible to fulfill. The MIT community does have some effective student government organizations. The Graduate Student Council, for example, has demonstrated the ability to make important quality-of-life improvements, such as lowering long distance calling rates. The IFC also proved to be a force to be reckoned with when it responded to the public relations crisis thrust upon the Institute last year with some astute policy changes and an effective public relations campaign.

Only after building a concrete record of achievement can the UA earn the respect now accorded to the IFC and GSC. Of the candidates running for the highest positions of the UA, *The Tech* believes that Oppold and Kelly are the most able to achieve this goal.

Letters To The Editor

Department Takes Steps After Incident

The Tech received a copy of the this letter addressed to members of the faculty of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

You may have read in *The Tech* ["Pornography Display in 6.001 Provokes Debate on Decency," Feb 27] about the display of indecent material in the 6.001 lecture on Thursday, Feb. 26. This letter will bring you up to date about this incident and actions taken by the 6.001 staff and the department.

Social issues are often used in 6.001 to motivate technical discussions. On Thursday the topic was data structures, and the PICS project was used for motivation. PICS will let Internet users prevent access to sites they judge not to be suitable. Pornographic sites are among those which many people may wish to avoid, or have their children avoid. To introduce this discussion and illustrate the need for a system like PICS, the 6.001 staff displayed the home page of one easily accessed site.

This page included two images of nude or semi-nude women. The page was displayed from about 10:00 until a few minutes into the lecture. Many students found this indecent display to be offensive and inappropriate for 6.001. On Friday, I personally visited all fifteen 6.001 recitation sections and apologized to those who were offended, on behalf of the department. Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Harold Abelson PhD '73 also visited each section and explained the pedagogic intent of the display, and reassured students that they were right if they had been offended.

At March 4 lecture there was another apology for the benefit of those who missed recitation on Friday. It is not acceptable for EECS subjects to use instructional material that needlessly offends.

Indecent material, sexually explicit or other pornographic material, or any material that denigrates or devalues people, is seldom if ever appropriate in a classroom setting. All MIT students are welcome to take EECS subjects. Use of such material would undermine this principle of inclusion by making some

students feel unwelcome.

The Department does not adhere to any specific definition of what may be included in instructional material. Instead, we rely on the good taste and judgment of the teaching staff. Only rarely does this practice lead to any problems. The responsibility to exercise good judgment will remain with you, the faculty. If at any time you are unsure about something you plan to present, you are encouraged to show it first to someone else whose judgment you trust.

Paul L. Penfield, Jr. ScD '60
Head of Electrical Engineering
and Computer Science

Offensive Does Not Mean Inappropriate

Many things in this world are offensive, but this does not make them inappropriate for educational use. Indeed, their offensiveness can often be a powerful tool for education.

For example, the movie *Schindler's List* displays some of the most horrid and reprehensible actions ever shown in film, and yet has been a critical part of many classes on the Holocaust over the last few years. And a political science class discussing the Chinese government may be shown horrible films of the Tiananmen massacre.

When students are directly exposed to something personally offensive, they become more aware of how real it is than if a professor simply speaks of it. Only after offensive material is presented directly can students know how they really feel about this material.

In the case of the 6.001 lecture, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Harold Abelson PhD '73 believed that students should be aware of the problems of pornography on the Internet, which is freely available to minors and sometimes difficult to avoid even for those not looking for it. Had James S. Miller '76, the lecturer that day, instead opted to make a few comments about pornography at the beginning of lecture, those few students actually paying attention might have understood his point, but most of the class would have missed it entirely. Because Miller presented his demonstration in this direct (and offensive, to some) way, students now have a greater understanding of the problems of pornography on the Internet.

While I sympathize with those students who were offended, I also think that they should try to understand Abelson's point. The world contains a great many things that are offensive, and if one cares about them, then one must try to change them. Ignoring them and pretending they don't exist is certainly easier, but hardly ideal. If people are offended by the free availability of pornography on the Internet, they should first accept that it exists and then act to change the situation. Hiding one's head in the sand has never helped the world.

Aidan N. Low '98

MIT Lacks Adequate Computer Tools

Recently, I authored a web page for my own personal use. As part of this project, I wanted to scan in a few small images. While inquiring around as to where I could do it, I came to the slow realization that MIT is vastly under-equipped in computing resources.

I know that this is a bold statement to make, considering the hundreds of Athena workstations on campus, but I am taking the point of view of a normal, average member of the student body. When it comes to blazing speed and power, Athena is great. We as students even have access to supercomputer time, if you think you can use it. But how much of this speed do we really need?

I rarely use Athena for anything besides e-mail, web surfing, zephyring, or Matlab — things that don't require nearly the power I have access to on just about every box in the school. What I could use, however, is access to some public scanners, color printers, image processing tools, desktop publishing, and other such tools.

I'm sure that a couple of those Sparc 5s could be sold to come up with enough money to put a nice PC addition in one of the current labs, and color prints could be charged to a student's bursar account just as over-quota laser prints are charged. But right now I have to pay \$12 an hour plus \$2-10 a print at CopyTech. Actually, instead, I just have a friend at Wellesley who does it for me at the computer lab there, which carries all this stuff as a standard.

Justin A. Kent '00

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First Amendment Supports Drudge

Michael J. Ring

Last month Sidney Blumenthal, an aide to President Clinton, walked into a Washington courtroom after being subpoenaed to give testimony in the Monica Lewinsky matter. It is rumored that Blumenthal has been leaking information to the press about the staff of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr in an attempt to damage Starr's investigation of Clinton. Blumenthal told the

Associated Press that Starr demanded information about every conversation he had with members of the press. The White House aide termed the subpoena "an assault on the first amendment."

On the 11th of March Blumenthal will be back in court in another matter raising first amendment questions. This time, however, he will be a plaintiff. Blumenthal and his wife are suing Internet journalist Matt Drudge and America Online, mainly over Drudge's refusal to disclose his sources after printing scandalous rumors about Blumenthal.

Drudge, 30, has skyrocketed to the top of the media world with his widely read *Drudge Report*, which can be accessed through America Online or the Internet at <http://www.drudgereport.com>. From his Hollywood apartment, Drudge vigilantly monitors news wires and makes calls to his network of insiders, always searching for a scoop. And he most definitely gets them: the *Drudge Report* offers its readers the breaking news and hot rumors that have become the essence of American politics in the 1990s.

The controversies swirl from the August 11th issue of the *Drudge Report*, in which the journalist reports a story entitled, "GOP: The Blumenthal Option?" It states that the Republican brass was considering using allegations of spousal abuse against the presidential aide if Democrats used similar allegations

against GOP media operative Don Sipple to damage Republican interests.

Drudge did not present a unilateral opinion in his article. He quoted "one influential Republican, who demanded anonymity," as saying, "There are court records of Blumenthal's violence against his wife," he also quoted an anonymous White House source who called the allegations completely false, noting: "This story about Blumenthal has been in circulation for years."

According to the report, Drudge tried to contact Blumenthal several times but was unsuccessful. And Drudge's word choice in the dispatch, including such words as "accusations" and "allegations", served again to note this story was not to be then taken as incontrovertibly true. The allegations were indeed false, and there were no court records. Drudge unequivocally retracted his statements the very next day, but the Blumenthals were unsatisfied.

They demanded, among other names, the "influential Republican, who demanded anonymity" and the "White House source" in Drudge's article. In short, Sidney Blumenthal was engaging in the very same activity that he now finds so reprehensible.

The 1964 case *New York Times vs. Sullivan* would seem to protect Drudge. That Supreme Court decision protects the publication of all statements, including false statements, surrounding the behavior of public officials, so long as the author of the article does not act with malice.

By noting the allegations were not his, but those of another, and seeking White House comment on the situation, Drudge attempted to report the view from all perspectives. He certainly was not acting with malice.

A lawsuit that threatens the rights and liberties of our press is a very serious and frightening affair. And perhaps the most threatening thing about it is that the Chief Executive of the country may be on board. Apparently President Clinton has approved of Blumenthal's decision to sue Drudge though nothing in the fateful report of August 11th even hinted at accusations against Clinton.

"Mr. Blumenthal did talk to the President

and the Vice President about this, who told them that they support him if he wanted to proceed along these lines," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

Bill Clinton would probably like nothing more than to see the *Drudge Report* shut down. Matt Drudge has been a relentless critic of the President, and it was the *Drudge Report* that first broke the Lewinsky matter. In the following weeks the dispatch has contained additional damaging details of the alleged affair. But these are not slanderous attacks on the President; the Clinton-Lewinsky connection has become a very serious matter indeed. They are now a focus of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation. Certainly the public has a right to know why its head of state is under investigation.

Perhaps no persons' experience can better demonstrate the White House's opinion of the Drudge report than that of Susan Estrich. A former Dukakis campaign manager, Estrich is hardly a conservative. Yet after a column in *USA Today* in which she defends Drudge's right to free speech, the editorial board of that publication received a complain; not from Blumenthal or his attorneys, but from the President's Deputy Press Secretary.

In a second column, Estrich perfectly characterized the worrisome situation: "If this is a private lawsuit pursued in a private capacity, why is the White House calling to complain?" Most likely the President wants no part of the lawsuit but feels obliged to back his friend and confidant Blumenthal. But if there are other motives for Clinton, one shudders to even think of the implications.

Matt Drudge presents his news hard, raw, and fast. He is bound to have some faults upon the way, report a mistaken rumor, and unintentionally give his readers a piece of incorrect information now and then. But it these very qualities of immediacy and importance that have propelled the *Drudge Report* to its current level of success.

So long as Drudge reports sincerely and without malice, the first amendment is on his side. So too, then, should be every American who cherishes the rights afforded under our Constitution.

Markets Will Dethrone Microsoft

Dan Dunn

I am a long-time Macintosh devotee. I have long believed that William H. Gates is a major demon incarnate visited upon the unsuspecting and undeserving computer users of the world. You can imagine my glee, then, at seeing him on CNBC testifying before the Senate this week.

I enjoy seeing the pain that Billy G. must have gone through, but I don't think that there is a real case for anti-trust action against Microsoft. The company is very powerful, but it has not ended the competition that will one day bring it down.

Microsoft does have the power to be anti-competitive. Republican Senator Orrin Hatch from Utah repeatedly asked about Microsoft's brutal tactics: "You've been somewhat hard to nail down. Do you put any limitation on content providers for advertising or promoting Netscape?"

Gates finally admitted that web sites featured by Microsoft are prohibited from promoting Netscape or even being listed on Netscape's pages. "On those pages, you don't promote other browsers," he said.

Clearly, the government needs to watch the company like a hawk. If competition is what is

The company is very powerful, but it has not ended the competition that will one day bring it down.

going to bring Microsoft down, it cannot be permitted to engage in anti-competitive practices.

There are a lot of reasons to fear Microsoft. Think about just how powerful Gates is: with the financial power of Microsoft, he has the market power to buy General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. All this was built on the power of something as crappy as DOS and Windows 3.1.

That financial power can be used to squash new competitors. How do you finance a start-up that can compete with those pockets? If Microsoft is not forced to play by the rules, you simply can't.

And there is plenty of evidence of rule breaking. Michael Dell of Dell Computer testified on Gates' behalf, but under questioning, it was revealed that his company won't sell computers with the Netscape browser because of its relationship with Microsoft.

This is exactly the type of behavior that the government should be trying to regulate. When Microsoft takes actions that prevent competition based on the merits of the products, it is going to far.

Some would argue that the anti-competitive damage is already done, but on this point, I agree with Gates: "Another sign of a healthy, competitive industry is lower prices. The statistics show that the cost of computing has decreased ten million fold since 1971."

I am a firm believer in the power of markets. So long as the market can reasonably function, Microsoft is not guaranteed to win. The dropping prices mean that the market is working in some way. It is very difficult to argue that Microsoft is making monopolistic profits without fear of competition as the prices on products that do more continue to drop.

We still have time to see if Microsoft is truly capable of preventing any competitors from arising. If it turns out that Microsoft has stifled competition, we can just rip it apart like we did Ma Bell. We can break Microsoft up into the Word Co., the W95 Co., and even the NT Co. We can watch prices fall even further.

But we may not need to take such dramatic action right now. There is precedence for the market triumph of the small over the large. In the early 1970s, no computer maker was more feared than IBM. Many observers feared that IBM was creating a monopoly. Clearly, IBM was no where near nimble enough to evolve with the market, and its dominance ended.

Have you seen the film yet of Gates getting hit in the face with a cream pie? Some day, someone is going to build the better operating system. They are going to copyright it, and we are going to see a big pie explode in the face of Gates and his company.

Teaching Uncle Sam the A, B, Cs and 1, 2, 3s

Naveen Sunkavally

Yet another study has risen from the murky swamps of statistical analysis to condemn American education. This one calls itself the "Third International Mathematics and Science Study," and it has the audacity to claim that our best American high school students in math and science — those students in Advanced Placement classes — are less proficient than

all other countries participating, including less well-off nations such as Greece, Cyprus, and Latvia. It should be noted that the Asian countries, probably lonely and tired from being at the top of most educational studies, did not participate in this one.

Similar studies in the '60s, '70s, and '80s produced virtually similar results but were dismissed. The argument was that societal differences, such America's greater diversity compared to other nations, made such comparisons meaningless.

Apparently all those minorities in the United States, who receive the same education as the majority, are responsible for diluting statistics because of their inferior intelligence. And never mind that some of those minorities had to immigrate here first from other nations — nations that have traditionally done better than the United States in educational studies.

These less-than-enthralling results, which have been reproduced a number of times over the decades, came as a monumental shock to leading officials of the country. The news must have traveled up through the ranks and landed even on the President's desk, for shortly after the report was released, Bill Clinton said: "There is something wrong with the system and it is our generation's responsibility to fix it. We cannot blame the schoolchildren. There is no excuse for this."

Meanwhile, conservatives, disregarding the fact that the most educated nations have a centralized system of standards, decided to run around in circles praising the usual deities of regional accountability and family.

Frankly, I don't think we should worry much about this study or any other similar study. The United States has always prided itself on upholding values such as freedom and liberty, and, by God, it has every right not to educate the members of its country. No one really wants a good education. Do you want a good education? I don't want a good education.

As the leader in this global economy, and as the single technological superpower, the United States doesn't really need to worry about its educational system — it can always import talent from other countries. America has always been the promised land, and people will continue to migrate here until the universe implodes upon itself. Indeed, we should applaud the efforts of countries such as Greece, Latvia, and Cyprus. They are producing human resources for our country to use.

There is certainly no denying that any attempt to reform the educational standards in this country is based squarely on nationalistic sentiment — the urge to make our country better than others. And what has nationalism brought people in the history of this world: war, death, poverty, blood, and destruction. In the crests and troughs of cyclical history, nationalism has only brought us empires, blood, and death.

Furthermore, the whole current world trend is away from nationalism. Trade barriers such as tariffs and quotas have been annihilated as countries have tuned their ears to the siren song of free trade. Communism, a major factor in inducing nationalistic fervor in this country a decade ago, is virtually dead as democracy has gradually become the standard form of government. People are migrating physically and through that "information super-highway" to and from more countries than was ever possible before. So why should we strive, out of some foolish impulse, to be better than other countries, when the whole world trend is toward the gradual extinction of countries.

The true solution to a deficient American education: buy Japanese! Buy German! Buy Indian! Buy Cypriot! While driving down the road your Ford may collapse like a child's cardboard wagon under your weight. And don't dare climb that American ladder or cross that American bridge — God knows what will happen. And when you find yourself drowning in the river after having fallen through that American bridge in your American car, don't dare take a hold of that American life-preserver someone has thrown you from the distance. It's better to drown knowing your fate for sure than cling to a flawed, inflated hope.



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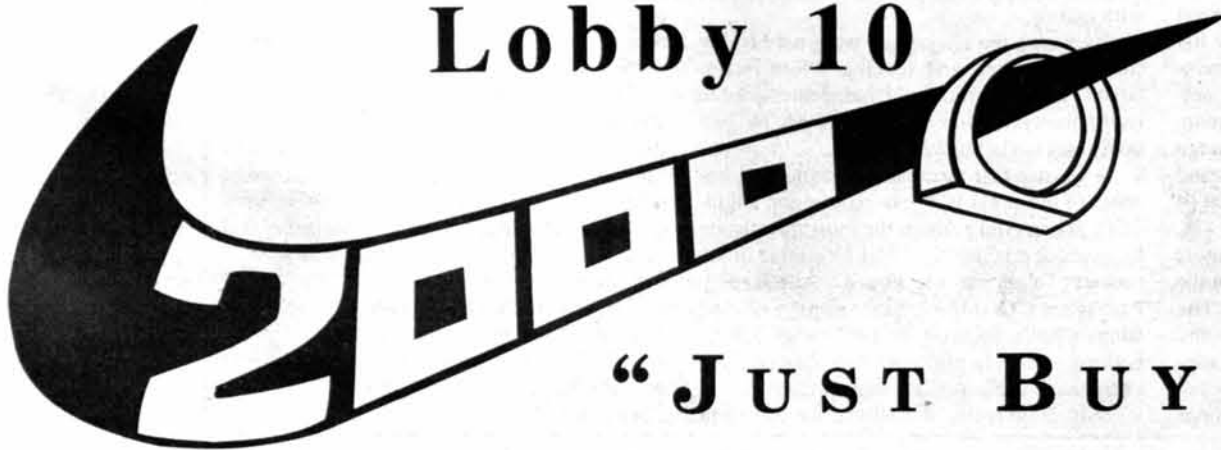


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THE ARTS

MOVIE REVIEW

'Zero Effect' an Unfortunately Appropriate Title

By Yaron Koren
STAFF REPORTER

At the center of *Zero Effect* are the mystery-solving pair of Daryl Zero (Bill Pullman) and Steve Arlo (the always-entertaining Ben Stiller). We first meet Zero as he's strumming a horrible song he has written for his guitar, and later we see his cupboard, overflowing with nothing but tuna and Tab. He's a brilliant detective but a failure as a human being, unable to connect with others because of his need to remain a detached observer of people (or maybe just because he's nuts). Arlo is his befuddled assistant, who deals with Zero's clients directly, due to his boss' need for seclusion.

The low-budget movie follows the pair as they tackle their latest case in which a desperate millionaire named Stark (a pasty Ryan O'Neal) is being blackmailed by a stranger who knows a great deal about Stark's mysterious, sordid past. During the investigation, Zero meets Gloria (Kim Dickens), an attractive, risk-taking young woman who seems connected in many ways to the mystery. She and Zero form an instant attraction: he to her normality and her ability to defy his astute observational capacities, and she to his, well, this part isn't quite made clear, although the fact that he looks like Bill Pullman certainly couldn't hurt.

This budding love story is easily the weakest part of *Zero Effect*. The intention is clear: to explore what happens when the an observer with a keen critical eye falls in love with his subject, and loses his objectivity. But the chemistry just isn't there, and since Zero is never forced to make a difficult moral decision as a result of his newfound love, we don't know if he has learned anything from it. Plus, every minute of the couple together is another minute without Ben Stiller, and that can't be good.

It's nice to see an updated take on the Sherlock Holmes legend. Unfortunately, there is something lackluster in the direction. Or perhaps it's a fault inherent in the premise

itself that keeps us from connecting emotionally to any of the characters, and, by extension, caring about what happens to them. Between the semi-maniacal Zero and the confused and demoralized Arlo, there isn't enough to like about the pair to give the storyline energy. The movie comes close at times, such as the scene

where Arlo threatens to leave Zero in exchange for a stab at a normal life. While the scene credibly shows how these two radically different temperaments can grow attached to one other, it turns out to be too little, too late.

Zero Effect would have been more successful as a straight comedy or as a character study,

or even as a serious detective story. Instead it is nearly as schizophrenic as it's subject, trying to deal with too many things, including a smattering of tepid pop philosophy about the impossibility of objectivity. It doesn't really get any of them right, ending up being about as fulfilling as a meal of tuna and Tab.



Bill Pullman (left) and Ben Stiller star in Jake Kasdan's *Zero Effect*.

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THEATER REVIEW

18-Years is Shear Madness

By Vladimir Zelevinsky
STAFF REPORTER

At Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., Boston. Call 451-0195 for information. Written by Paul Portner Directed and designed by Bruce Jordan With Mark S. Cartier, Chandra Pieragostini, Patrick Shea, Richard Snee, Michael Fennimore, Ellen Colton.

Here's a pop quiz for you: what is the longest-running non-musical play in American theater history? Choices are (a) *Hamlet*, (b) *A Streetcar Named Desire*, (c) *Our Town*, (d) none of the above.

The correct answer is (d). The play in question is *Shear Madness* — a comedy/murder mystery, which has been running in more than thirty cities around the world since its Boston premier in January 1980. The Boston production, by the way, is in the *Guinness Book of Records*, with more than 7,500 performances. It has shattered the records and has garnered a cult-like following. In fact, *The Tech* has already reviewed it three times. All three older reviews praise the show; let me now pitch in with a markedly different take on the matter.

When a play (or a novel, a movie) proclaims itself a murder mystery (and *Shear Madness* does so openly with its tagline "Boston's hilarious whodunit"), it places itself squarely into an established genre niche, and certain genre conventions are expected. For example, I'm looking for a number of intriguing characters, all — or at least most — of whom have hidden motives; a spectacular murder; an brilliant detective, who should spend the bulk of time locating the carefully placed clues and unraveling the mystery; and the conclusion, which should both be completely surprising and make me feel like a total idiot for not discovering it earlier myself.

Shear Madness has another aim in mind, in that it wants to double as a comedy, which it nearly pulls off. The set is a barbershop (complete with running water in the sink), eye-catching and ugly in a very realistic manner (yellow wallpaper, anyone?). The ten minutes before the play itself starts are by far the funniest, so arrive early if you decide to go. For these ten minutes, three characters — the shop owner, his assistant, and a hapless customer — are engaged in

some quite funny silent visual activities. The jokes are very simple (the assistant tries to pick up the ringing phone without smearing her nail polish, the flamboyantly gay owner makes a pass at the customer, etc.), but the easygoing, off-hand manner in which all of this is presented makes the proceedings quite endearing.

Then the dialogue starts and slowly but surely things go downhill. The infusion of crude topical humor (for example: "If I wanted to kill her, I'd...take her skiing!") is fine at first, but quickly grows wearisome. The acting is pitched way too high, with more screaming than I care for. The characters are defined in very broad strokes, and only a couple of them really feel interesting (the shop owner and the malaproping Boston Police officer, in particular).

But these flaws aren't what made me dislike the show as much as I did — it was the play itself. Written by Swiss playwright Paul Portner as a serious murder mystery and then reworked into a comedy by American producers, *Shear Madness* completely fails as a mystery by ignoring all rules of the genre. The murder itself is off-stage, with the murder victim never even appearing (which makes it quite impossible to care a smidgen for her). The ending of the first act — the reconstruction of the events that preceded the crime — is tedious and ultimately pointless, since it basically replays the entire first act again, which the audience has just finished seeing.

The pace picks up a bit with the second act, where the audience gets a chance to interrogate the suspects (my favorite bit: one suspect claims he was brushing his teeth when the murder took place, and, when asked to confirm, takes out a toothbrush and flicks it at the audience, to prove that it's really wet). The finale, though, is a crushing disappointment. A good mystery explores the consequences of minor events and plot points, some of which are red herrings, and some are expertly disguised clues. *Shear Madness*, on the other hand, revels in its complete inconsequentiality — nothing that happened on stage has any bearing on the resolution whatsoever.

Now, for the *real* mystery: why does this show, so lightweight that it evaporates from memory even before it's over, have such a

powerful grip on the theater-going public? The answer is, I think, in its ever-changing nature. A couple of years ago Newt Gingrich jokes abounded; now it's the humor about sex in Oval Office. The audience-interaction part turns *Shear Madness* into some sort of improv stand-up comedy, with the actors improvising (frequently amusing) responses to the viewers' questions. This, I presume, makes it inter-

esting to see the play many times, observing how it changes with time, and thinking about the characters as old acquaintances. While not the worst social activity I can think of, you definitely don't get your money's worth (\$28 a pop). An evening with friends will prove more entertaining. Granted, the chances of a murder happening upstairs are slim, but you're less likely to feel cheated in the end.

Scoop

By Teresa Huang

Parting is such sweet sorrow, but alas, this will be the last *Scoop* column written by yours truly. Thanks to everyone who sent e-mail to tell me that yes, they actually read this thing. Enjoy the rest of the term!

Free music for the listening. Listen to songs from a variety of artists like The Toasters, George Winston, The Spice Girls, Ethel Merman, and Wu Tang Clan for free over the web. I'm not talking about MP3 files — visit AudioNet at <http://www.audionet.com> for a jukebox of albums you can listen to in their entirety with the aid of the RealAudio Player, which you can also download for free. In addition to over 2,000 full-length CDs available, AudioNet also offers a huge array of other audio programming, including live daily radio shows from all over the world, audio books, and television broadcasts. Listen to Jay Leno's monologue if you missed *The Tonight Show* the night before, or do your problem sets to the sounds of waves crashing from the nature sounds channel of the CD jukebox. There's no music like free music.

Save room for ice cream! Why do we go to J.P. Licks on Newbury Street in droves when there's an ice cream experience that's just as enjoyable at Herrell's Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt on 15 Dunster Street, near Au Bon Pain in Harvard Square. A vacant bank vault was refurbished into this cozy spot, for people who prefer not to be seen when eating. A must-try is the Herrell's smooch-in, which mashes candy, chocolate, nuts, and dried fruit toppings of your choice into rich, all-natural ice cream. There are low-fat yogurt

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Asian Travel Values. The value of the U.S. dollar is way up in Asia. Northwest Airlines is responding by offering a slew of special deals for travel to Asia. Unfortunately, the deals don't apply to travel to Taiwan, but if you've ever wanted to visit China, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Korea, or the Phillipines, now is the time to go. Purchase a full-fair ticket to Asia and you can bring a friend for a mere \$299 round trip. Northwest WorldVacations is offering a round-trip airfare and three hotel nights in Hong Kong for as little as \$629. For details on these and other great deals, visit the Northwest Airlines Web site at <http://www.nwa.com>.

You go, girl! If you're feeling a little porky these days, don't feel guilty. People tend to eat more during the winter and it's tough to be active when it's so darn cold. Not satisfied with that justification? For a burst of inspiration to get yourself into exercise mode, check out Go! Girl Magazine at <http://www.gogirlmag.com>. This online magazine offers articles, profiles, and news for sporty women. Resolve to follow just one of editor Melissa Joulwan's 98 resolutions for healthy living and you'll feel better already.

So long! Farewell! Auf wiedersehen! Adieu! What have you learned from reading this column? Hopefully you've learned the following: Student discounts are a privilege you must learn to appreciate; *The Full Monty* is the funniest movie ever made; Harvard and Central Square are just as interesting to explore as Newbury Street in Boston; expensive food isn't necessarily better food; TV is good unless it includes Kirstie Alley; and long live Fox Mulder. Now take what you've learned, go forth, and share the wealth.



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Mar. 21: Victoria Williams, with Chris Stills. \$19.50.

The Palladium
261 Main Street, Worcester.
Tickets: 423-NEXT.
Apr. 11: Squirrel Nut Zippers. \$17.50, on sale Mar. 6 at 10 a.m.

Somerville Theater
Davis Square, Cambridge. Tickets: 628-3390 or 931-2000.
Mar. 7: 9th Annual Winter Folk Festival, featuring Moxy Fruvous, Jim's Big Ego, June Rich, Peter Mulvey, Kevin So, and Jess Klein. \$16 and \$15, students and seniors \$2 off, add \$1 day of show.
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Providence Civic Center
1 LaSalle Square, Providence.
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Apr. 4, 5: Phish. \$25. Both shows sold out.

The Orpheum Theatre
Hamilton Place, Boston. Tickets: 423-NEXT. Information: 679-0810.
Mar. 19: G. Love and Special Sauce, with Alana Davis. \$18.50.
Apr. 3: Steve Miller Band. \$36, \$26.

The Roxy
279 Tremont Street, Boston.
Tickets: 931-2000. Information: 281-6946.
Apr. 1: An evening with Strangefolk. \$14. On sale 3/3 at 10 a.m.
Apr. 5: Reverend Horton Heat, with face to Face & The Mighty Blue Kings. \$16.50.
Apr. 10: Spring Funk Fest, featuring Liquid Soul and Brooklyn Funk Essentials. \$20 advance, \$23 door.

Tsongas Arena
Lowell, 27 miles northwest of Boston. Tickets: 931-2000.
Mar. 6: Swatch Sno-Core 98 Tour featuring Primus, Blink-182, The Alkaholiks, The Aquabats. \$22.50.

Paradise Rock Club
967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Tickets: 423-NEXT. Information: 562-8800.
Mar. 6: Chantal Kreviazuk.
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Apr. 3: Percy Hill.
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472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Information: 497-0576.
Mar. 6: Chelsea On Fire, Victory at Sea, Juneau, Claymore, Los Conquistadors, Quintaine Americana, Scissorfight, Porter, Los Conquistadors, Cathode, Beef.
Mar. 7: Lettuce, EKG, Elements, Sammy.
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Mar. 11: Mephiskapheles, Racketball.
Mar. 12: The Ventures, The Fathoms.
Mar. 13: Slipknot.
Mar. 14: Allstonians, Big Bad Bollocks, Conehead Buddha.
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On The Town

A weekly guide to the arts in Boston
March 6 - 13
Compiled by Joel M. Rosenberg

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Moxy Fruvous returns to Boston at the Somerville Theater on March 7.

Brooklyn Bums, The Agents.
Mar. 19: Mors Syphilitica, The Moors, Reflecting Skin, Sabot.
Mar. 20: Rocket From The Crypt.
Mar. 21: The Damned, Tura Satana, Man Will Surrender.
Mar. 22: John Brown's Body, Motion, The Mighty Charge.
Mar. 25: Lagwagon, Ducky Boys, Carpet Patrol.
Mar. 26: Hypnotic Clambake, Smokin Grass, Acoustic Syndicate, Larry Keel Experience.
Mar. 27: Canine, Viper House, Miracle Orchestra.
Mar. 28: Helium, Sleater-Kinney, Fan Modine.
Mar. 29: Sleater-Kinney, Helium.
Mar. 31: Rorshack Multi-Media Event w/ Roger Miller of Binary System, Jake Trussle of Toneburst Collective.
Apr. 1: Los Fabulosos Cadillacs, Cherry Poppin' Daddies.
Apr. 2: Skatalites, Let's Go Bowling.
Apr. 4: The Charlie Hunter Quartet, Galactica.
Apr. 6: The Promise Ring, Jimmy Eat World.
Apr. 11: TR3 (featuring Tim Reynolds).
Apr. 24: Dick Dale.
Apr. 29: Nashville Pussy, Gaunt, Cosmic Psychos

Great Woods
Tickets: 423-NEXT or 423-6000.
Jun. 3, 5: James Taylor. \$36 pavilion, \$20 lawn.

Folk Music

Club Passim
47 Palmer Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets: 492-7679.
Mar. 6: Lucy Kaplansky, 7pm & 10pm.
Mar. 7: Jules Shear.
Mar. 8: Billy Novick & Guy Van Duser.
Mar. 9: Anatolia with Najeeb Shaheen.
Mar. 10: Open Mike.
Mar. 11: Raelinda Wood performs "And Single People Are From Earth (A One Woman Show About Being One Woman)"
Mar. 12: Deb Pasternak.
Mar. 13: Ratsy (CD Release), with Chris Elliott.
Mar. 14: Howard Armstrong. (617) 492-7679.

Classical Music

Boston Symphony Orchestra
Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. 266-1492, 266-1200. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1:30 p.m. \$23-\$71; rush seats \$7.50 day of concert, on sale Fridays from 9 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. Free tickets for MIT students Tuesday evenings and Friday after-

noons. Call 638-9478 for ticket availability.
Mahler's Symphony No. 3 on Mar. 6, 7, 10 at 8 p.m.

Boston Lyric Opera
Emerson Majestic Theater, 219 Tremont St., Boston. 542-OPRA. Tickets: \$25-\$98.
Jules Massenet's Werther on Mar. 6, 10 at 7:30 p.m., Mar. 8 at 3 p.m.

Jazz Music

Regattabar
Charles Hotel, Harvard Sq., Cambridge. 661-5000.
Mar. 6, 7: The Eddie Palmieri Septet.
Mar. 10: Crosscurrent, Luciana Souza.
Mar. 11: The Odeon Pope Trio.
Mar. 12: Sergio Brandao and Manga-Rosa.
Mar. 13, 14, 15: The Jazz Passengers, with special guest vocalist Debbie Harry.

Sculler's
400 Soldiers Field Rd., Boston. Tickets: 931-2000. Info: 562-4111.
Mar. 6, 7: Stanley Turrentine Quintet.
Mar. 11: Annie Royer.
Mar. 12: Chuck Loeb
Mar. 13, 14: Danilo Perez Ensemble.

Mar. 18: Everett Harp.
Mar. 19: Carol O'Shaughnessy, Jan Peters, and John O'Neil.
Mar. 20, 21: Jimmy Scott.
Mar. 25: Carol Akerson, with Bob Winter and Herb Pomeroy.
Mar. 26, 27: Monty Alexander and Yard Movement.
Mar. 29: Fatal Mambo.
Apr. 1: Bo Winker Band, with Herb Pomeroy.
Apr. 5: Fairport Convention.
Apr. 18, 19: Chuck Mangione. University Lutheran Church 66 Winthrop St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. Info: 876-3256.
Mar. 15: Evening Prayer, featuring Blue Note recording artist Makanda Ken McIntyre, with Makanda Ken McIntyre, reeds; John Kordalewski, piano; Brian McCree, bass; Bobby Ward, drums.

Film

Lecture Series Committee

The Man with the Golden Arm (1955). Mar. 6, 7:30 p.m., 10-250.

Kiss the Girls. Mar. 6, 7 & 10 p.m., 26-100. Mar. 8, 7 p.m., 26-100.

Tomorrow Never Dies. Mar. 7, 7 & 10 p.m., 26-100. Mar. 8, 10 p.m., 26-100.

Theater

Blue Man Group

Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton Street, Boston. 426-6912. Playing indefinitely. Curtain is at 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, at 7 and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 3 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. There are additional performances at 4 p.m. on February 20 and 21. Tickets \$35 to \$45. It would be difficult and unfair to catalogue fully the antics of the Drama Desk Award-winning trio of cobalt-painted bald pates who have settled into long runs Off Broadway and at the Charles Playhouse. They begin their delightful and deafening evening of anti-performance art beating drums that are also deep buckets of primary paint, so that sprays of color jump from the instruments like breaking surf, and end by engulfing the spectatorship in tangles of toilet paper.

In the Jungle of Cities

American Repertory Theatre at the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle Street, Cambridge. 547-8300, through Mar. 14. Curtain is at 8 p.m. on Mar. 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 14; at 7 p.m. on Mar. 1 and 8; and at 2 p.m. on Mar. 1, 7, 8, and 14. Tix \$22 to \$52; senior and student discounts available. Robert Woodruff, who directed the premieres of several Sam Shepard plays and staged a stunning 1991 Baal at Trinity Rep, helms this production of Brecht's play in a new translation by Paul Schmidt. Written in 1922 and set in the playwright's idea of a seedy Chicago, the play is billed as "a poetic meditation on the ideals and harsh realities of the American dream." The cast includes that Click and Clack of the ART, Alvin Epstein and Jeremy Geldt, as well as The Bacchae's Randy Danson.

Wait Until Dark

Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston (423-4008), through March 22. Tickets are \$35 to \$62.50. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (except Thursday March 5, at 7 p.m.), with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday (excepting February 28) and Sunday; there is an additional evening performance at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday March 1. Oscar winners Quentin Tarantino

and Marisa Tomei star in this Broadway-bound revival of Frederick Knott's 1966 thriller about a blind woman menaced by a real scary guy. Leonard (Master Class) Foglia directs.

The Male Intellect (An Oxymoron)

57 Theatre, 200 Stuart Street, Boston. 426-4499. Playing through March 15. Curtain is at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$29.50 to \$34.50; \$20 on Wednesdays.

Following successful runs in Denver and Chicago, playwright and actor Robert Dubac settled into Boston with his one-man comedy about a recently jilted guy trying to answer the Freudian query "What do women want?" in order to get his girl back. Dubac straddles the genre, if not the gender, gap with a piece that hovers somewhere between theater and stand-up, as he plays not only new lonelyheart Bobby but also a quintet of chauvinist mentors who have contributed to making him a candidate for remedial romance. The premise is pretty silly and the development schematic, but Dubac is a witty, likable performer whose routines about male thinking are amusing if not profound.

The Taming of the Shrew

American Repertory Theatre at the Loeb DramaCenter, 64 Brattle Street, Cambridge. 547-8300, through March 21. Curtain is at 8 p.m. on Mar. 12, and 17 through 21, and at 7 p.m. on Mar. 15; there are matinees at 2 p.m. on Mar. 15 and 21 and at 10 a.m. on Mar. 18 and 19. Tickets are \$22 to \$52; discounts for seniors and students.

Andrei Serban, who helmed such memorable American Repertory Theatre outings as "The Three Sisters" and "The King Stag", makes his mark on the Bard's politically incorrect comedy in which mercenary wooer Petruchio "tames" a headstrong wife. Surprisingly, Serban does not send up the play's most troublesome speech, ex-shrew Katharina's 44-line ode to female abasement; instead he makes it part of a rite of mutual surrender and marital complicity. Kristin Flanders and Don Reilly, who first unleashed their combined Life Force locally in last season's Man and Superman, are a well-matched Kate and Petruchio, but even a pair as talented as they have trouble establishing themselves as the headliners of this zany circus of Shakespearean sexism and directorial invention. You may be incensed, but you won't be bored.

Boston Ballet

"Body Electric," features Lila York's thunderous Irish tribute "Celts," Twyla Tharp's "Waterbaby Bagatelles," and a world premiere by Boston Ballet principal dancer Laszlo Berdo. Through Mar. 12, at the Wang Center, 270 Tremont Street, Boston. Tickets: 931-ARTS, \$12.50 to \$69.
"Ode to Joy," featuring Lila York's uplifting premiere of same name, set to Beethoven's celebrated choral work, George Balanchine's "Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra," and Daniel Pelzig's "Cantabile." Mar. 19-29.

Dance Umbrella

"Jazz Tap/Hip-Hop: Cool Heat with an Urban Beat," born out of an understanding that a stage can share rapid fire taps with handstands, headspins and splits, by artistic director Jeremy Alliger. Mar. 19 at 7 p.m., Mar. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m., Mar. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Emerson Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St., Boston.. Tickets: 824-8000, student rush on day of show. Info: 482-7570.

Exhibits

Museum of Science

Science Park, Boston. 723-2500, Daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday through Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$9, \$7 for children 3-14 and seniors. Free with MIT ID. Admission to Omni, laser, and planetarium shows is \$7.50, \$5.50 for children and seniors. The Museum features the theater of electricity and more than 600 hands-on exhibits. Ongoing: "Discovery Center," "Investigate! A See-For-Yourself Exhibit," "Welcome to the Universe." Through Apr. 26: "Balancing Acts." Through May 3: "Living on the Edge." Feb. 18, at 7 p.m.: "Reminiscences: McKinley-Matterhorn-Everest," lecture by Bradford Washburn.

Now showing in the theaters: "Laser Space Odyssey," Friday

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through Sunday, 5:30 p.m. "Laser Grateful Dead," Sunday, 8 p.m.; "Laser Rage Fest," Thursday through Saturday, 9:15 p.m.; "Pink Floyd: The Wall," Friday through Saturday, at 10:30 p.m.; "Laser Doors," Sunday at 9:15 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Ave., Boston. 267-9300. Monday through Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-9:45 p.m.; Thursday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. West Wing open Thursday through Friday until 9:45 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 for students and seniors, children under 17 are free; \$2 after 5 p.m. Thursday through Friday, free Wednesday after 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, free with MIT ID.

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Computer Museum

300 Congress St., Boston. 423-6758 or 426-2800. Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$7, \$5 for students and seniors, free for children under 5. Half-price admission on Sunday from 3-5 p.m. Tours daily of "Walk Through Computer 2000," a working two-story model of a PC. Museum features a collection of vintage computers and robots with over 150 hands-on exhibits illustrating the evolution, use, and impact of computers. Featured exhibits include "The Hacker's Garage," a recreation of a '70s hacker's garage with such items as an Apple I and

Pong. "The Networked Planet: Traveling the Information Highway," an electronic tour of the Internet; "Robots and Other Smart Machines," an interactive exhibition of artificial intelligence and robots, and "Tools & Toys: The Amazing Personal Computer"; "People and Computers: which Milestones of a Revolution," explores a number of ways computers impact everyday life. Through May 31: "Wizards and their Wonders: Portraits in Computing."

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

280 The Fenway, Boston. 566-1401. Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$10, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for students with ID (\$3 on Wednesday), free for children under 18. The museum houses more than 2500 art objects, with emphasis on Italian Renaissance and 17th-century Dutch works. Among the highlights are works by Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian, and Whistler. Guided tours given Fridays at 2:30 p.m.

Through Apr. 26: "Titian and Rubens: Power, Politics, Style."

Swatch Museum

57 JFK St., Cambridge. 864-1227. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun., noon-5 p.m. Ongoing: Swatch watches by Keith Haring, Christian LaCroix, Sam Francis, and others.

MIT Museum

265 Massachusetts Ave. 253-4444. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., noon-5 p.m. Admission \$3. Ongoing: "Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson"; "Lightforest: The Holographic Rainforest"; "Holography: Artists and Inventors"; "MIT Hall of Hacks," chronicles of MIT's history of pranks, wit, and wizardry; "Light Sculptures by Bill Parker"; "Math in 3D: Sculptures by Morton G. Bradley, Jr."; "MathSpace," a hands-on exploration of geometry. Through Feb. 22: "Unfolding the Light: The Evolution of Ten Holographers." Through June 14: "Piranesi in

Perspective: Designing the Icons of an Age."

List Visual Arts Center

Wiesner Building, 20 Ames St. 253-4400, Tuesday through Thursday, Saturday through Sunday, noon-6 p.m.; Friday, noon-8 p.m. Through Mar. 22: Francesc Torres, "The Repository of Absent Flesh" and "The Fury of the Saints;" Wendy Jacob with Temple Grandin, "The Squeeze Chair Project."

Rhode Island School of Design

224 Benefit St., Providence, RI. Museum of Art. 401-454-6502. Wednesday through Thursday and Saturday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission \$2, \$1 for seniors. Through Mar. 8: "Utawaga Kuniyoshi: The Dyed Image." Through Apr. 5: "Working the Stone: Process and Progress of Lithography." Through Apr. 19: works by Geoffrey Beene. Through Apr. 26: "Artistic Expressions from the Human

Spirit: Selections from the Nancy Sayles Day Collection of Modern Latin-American Art."

Ongoing: "Color and Form: 20th Century American Paintings from the Permanent Collection."

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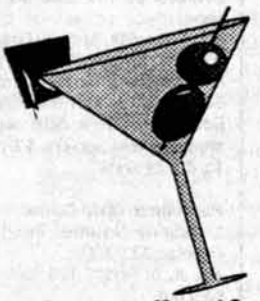
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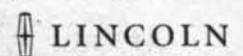
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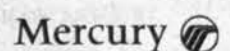
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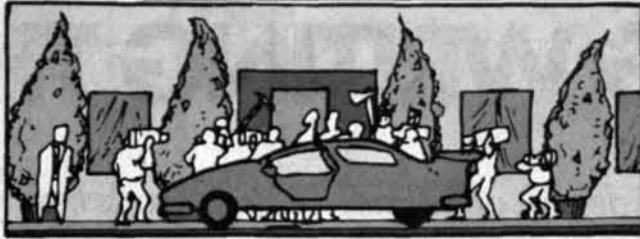
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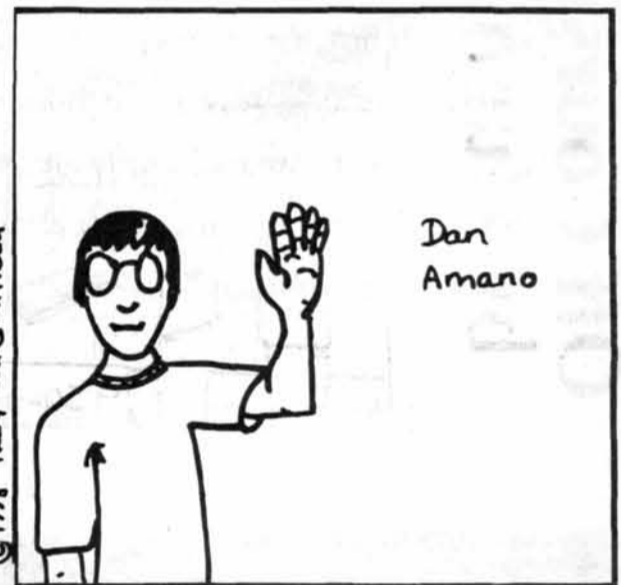
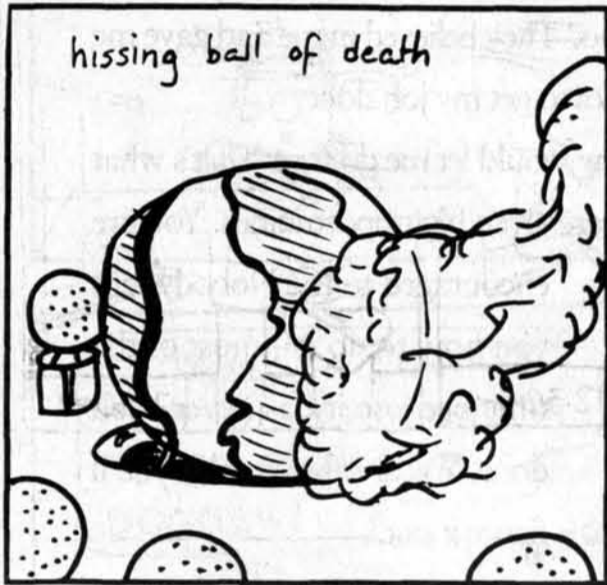
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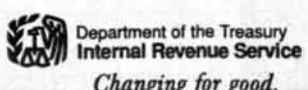
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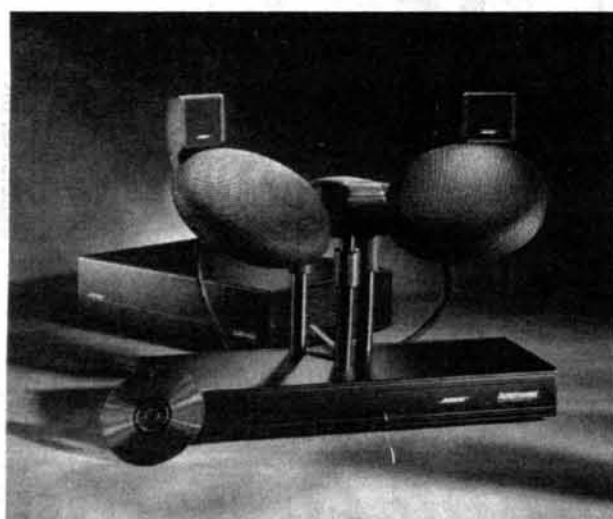
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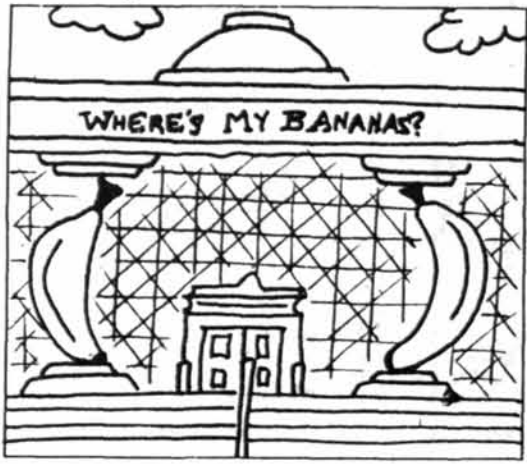
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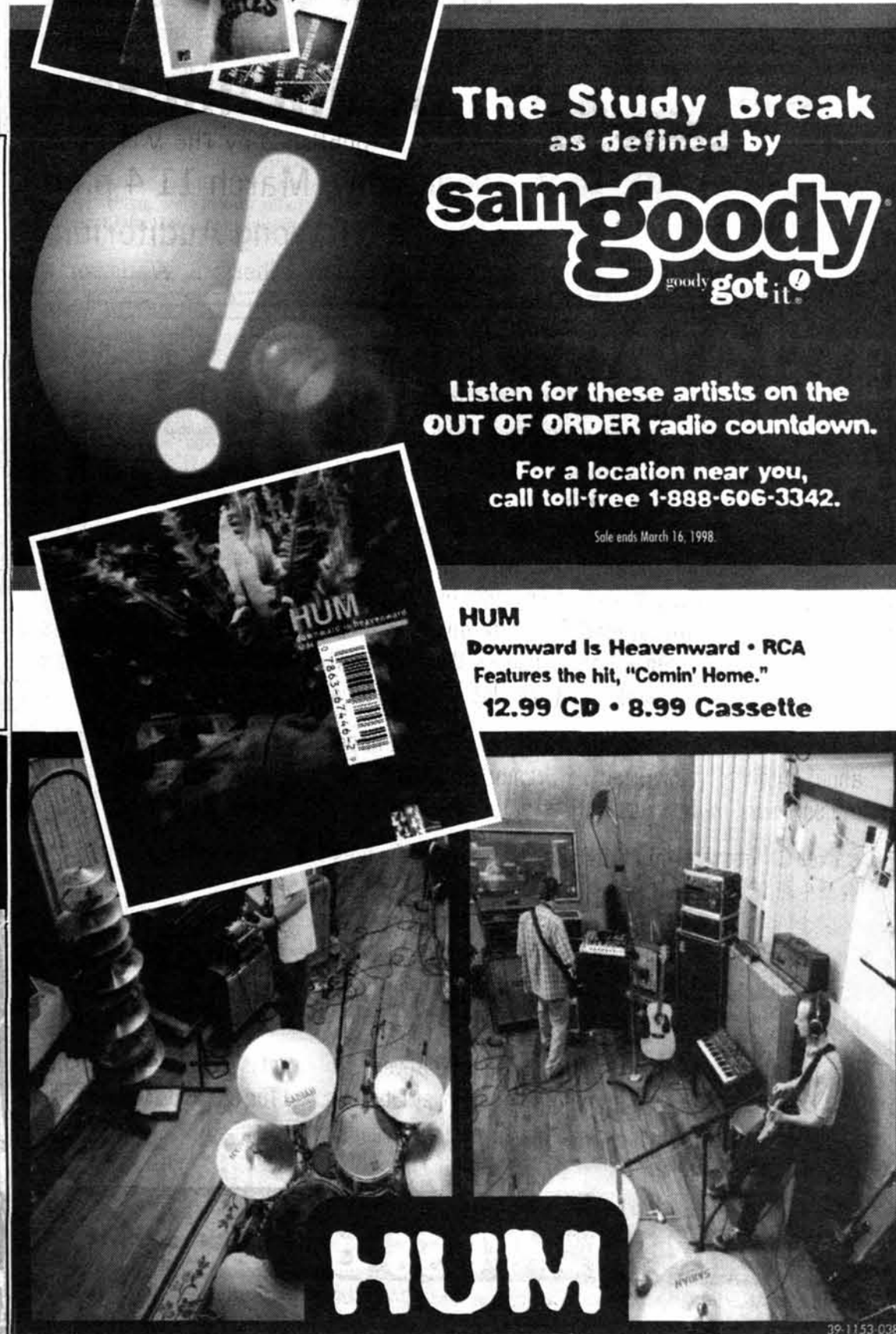
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Sandoval and Kim



June Kim '00 (left) and Sandra Sandoval '00

By Dudley Lamming
STAFF REPORTER

Sandra Sandoval '00 and June Kim '00, if elected Undergraduate Association President and Vice President, plan to focus largely on building community. In addition, they plan tackle issues such as student advising, problems with the academic calendar, and increasing the quality of social events open to the entire undergraduate population.

The primary goal, though, is to "bring the MIT community together," Sandoval said.

"The MIT community is so fragmented right now; undergrads, grad students and faculty," Sandoval said. "We really want students to have a positive educational experience, not just academic."

Sandoval, currently the UA vice president, said that she believes that the most important goal the UA should have is to "be useful" to the student body. Sandoval has been involved in student government since the Freshman Leadership Program during her freshman year, and has tried to take an active role in getting manpower for UA projects.

For a lot of work, "the manpower just isn't there," something that "we managed to alleviate last year."

Social Chair running for VP

Kim, the current UA social chair and executive vice-chair, has been interested in student government since she was a freshman. Kim describes herself as a "very hard worker," who can do the internal working that's needed to make programs run. Kim also orga-

nized the UA Heart-to-Heart program, in which students completed an online compatibility test and were subsequently e-mailed a list of the top ten people at MIT with which they were most compatible. "She makes sure people are doing their jobs," Kim said.

Sandoval and Kim dream big

Both candidates have many large, long-range projects that they hope pursue.

One of these most ambitious is to overhaul MIT's advising system. Currently, faculty and administrators who serve as freshman advisors get no financial support from the Institute. Whether professors are compensated for their commitment, such as with a reduced workload placed on them by their department, is at the discretion of indi-

vidual departments.

The candidates hope to get advisers funded, so that faculty are compensated for volunteering their time to advise students. "A recent survey indicated that most seniors had poor to mediocre advising experiences. That's about two-thirds of the class," Sandoval said.

Kim has had experience organizing social events as social chair, and plans to do more as UAVP. Kim hopes to arrange a formal homecoming at MIT, hopefully for next fall. "We might have a semiformal or formal dance afterwards. I've spoken to the deans, and they were really for it. We want to make the community more involved," Kim said.

Sandoval is also considering having the UA taking over the Infinite Buffet. The hope is to alleviate some of the problems that plagued it in its first year, she said.

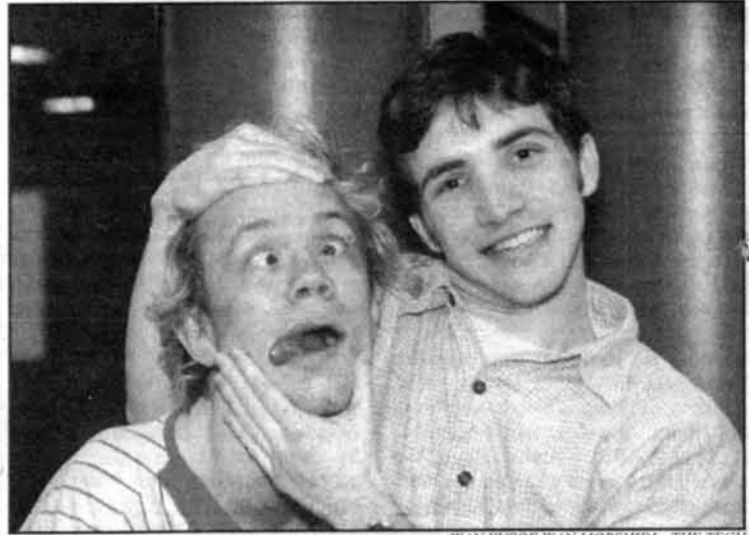
"We might make it a barbeque, and put it outside," she said. "The deans have expressed interest in funding this," she added.

One proposal Sandoval and Kim espouse is using the UA to advocate the lengthening of the reading periods before finals week.

The pair is also interested in bringing a speakers series to MIT. "It might be funded by corporate sponsorship, and it would help expose students to controversial issues. Students would be expected to attend," Sandoval said.

"We're different from the others because we have more sensitivity to the student class, and we've had a lot of experience in student government," they said.

Prebys and Sparks



Eric H. Prebys '99 (left) and Andrew W. Sparks '99

By Dan McGuire
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Presidential candidate Eric H. Prebys '99 and Vice Presidential candidate Andrew W. Sparks '99 have made improving the social lives of undergraduates their top priority.

"We looked around [and noticed that] the MIT social scene looked like hell," Sparks said. "Nobody's doing social events and that's what we'd like the UA to do," he said.

Prebys and Sparks hope to stage events such as barbeques and parties. They also hope to have a concert at the end of the year. Sparks said that the pair wanted to "try things out... appeal to the more middle-of-the-road interests."

Prebys said that the UA's existing social programs were a good start. "One of the things I noticed most about the UA is the heart-to-heart" online compatibility test which matched students with other students of similar interests who filled out the test, he said.

Student input high priority

Prebys said that he did not want to set a firm agenda. "My platform is pretty flexible," he said. "I don't want to go in there and have a set agenda — that distances me from the student body," he said. "I want to keep going back to the student body" and getting their input, he said.

Prebys said that the best way to get that opinion was to go out and directly talk to students. "I think personal contact and word of mouth" are the best way to reach the student body, he said.

"I can't promise to change the world, but I do promise an unending

stream of bad jokes," he added.

While Prebys said that the social atmosphere was a primary focus, he said that the UA also had a role to play in academic decision making. "In the case of big issues... the UA is a great way to get [ideas] out to the community," Prebys said.

"Ideally, the UA would play a big role in making statements about what the student body feels and being a union for students," he said. However he said that "to get there and be a real voice for the student body, it needs to be in better contact with what students feel."

Prebys said that additional social programs would allow the UA and the campus to develop a unified voice. "It increases the cross-campus conversation," he said. Through those conversations one can "figure out how the campus really feels about an issue," he said.

"The UA can do things for the student body once it gets in better touch with them," he said.

"I'm doing this for the purpose of entertaining people, but I do take it seriously and I think that the UA can do serious things," he said.

"I want the vote of people who want to be represented as MIT students but I also want the vote of people who don't care because I'll give them something to do on the weekends," he said.

Prebys does not have any government experience. "I have experience throwing parties and talking to people and dealing them them," he said.

Sparks is the station manager of WMBR. The experience "hasn't prepared me completely to leap into this role... but I think we're ready," he said.

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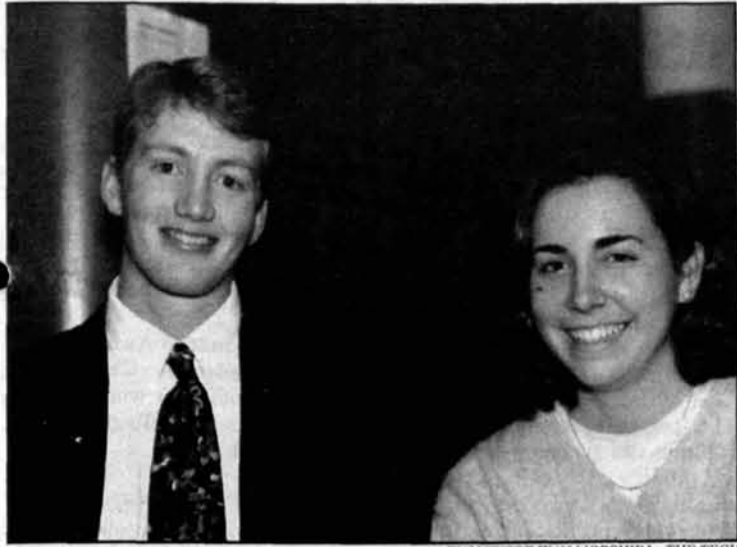
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Oppold and Kelly



Paul T. Oppold '99 (left) and Jennifer A. Kelly '99

By Dan McGuire
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Undergraduate Association Presidential candidate Paul T. Oppold '99 and Vice Presidential candidate Jennifer A. Kelly '99 plan to revitalize MIT's social scene and expand the time available for non-academic activities if elected.

Oppold said that he hoped to plan additional non-alcohol events with the help of student organizations. He would be interested in "sitting down with different... groups and making sure that events are happening every weekend," he said. He added that the UA would be interested in co-hosting events if necessary.

In addition, he said that he planned for the Undergraduate Associate to take the initiative in organizing larger events. We "look to have two huge events a year," Oppold said. He said that Dean of Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams and Provost Joel Moses had allocated \$30,000 for a Spring Weekend concert. Bands being considered, he said, include Bare Naked Ladies and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones. The fall event would be an Amherst Alley Rally, which would feature a barbeque and games on Briggs Field.

Oppold also called for expansion of the time set aside for non-academic events such as sports and activities. Currently, no classes can be held between 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.. Oppold said that he wanted to expand that by an hour to be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. The main idea was to "move evening exams to 8 [p.m.] rather than 7 [p.m.]," he said.

"On campus we're looking at having a shuttle run from West Campus to [Building] E51," Oppold said. Kelly said she would like to supplement this and "expand SafeRide into daytime hours." She noted that the plan was of "particular interest to the IFC because most of their members live across the river."

Oppold stressed that these goals are attainable. "The ideas are already there in the administration, it [just] takes students screaming to get things done," he said.

UA to work with IFC, Dormcon

Oppold and Kelly said that they wanted to have the UA work with the Interfraternity Council and the Dormitory Council, but said that they did not want the UA to merge with those councils.

"I would really like to see the UA cooperating with the IFC and Dormcon," Kelly said. A great deal of progress could be made "through working with them instead of against them," she said.

Oppold said that the UA thus far had been supplementing work being done by the residential governments. He said that the Housing and Orientation committee, which he restarted, has been "looking at the details" of Orientation '98, including "which statistics should be reported" in the housing guide that gets sent out to incoming students. "They're also

working on the fine details of the schedule," he said.

Both Oppold and Kelly have experience in student government. Oppold is currently the UA floor leader, but notes that he "grew up through the IFC," where he was a representative.

Kelly was the MIT Panhellenic Conference's community service chair and served as Vice President for Institute Relations for Baker House.

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Date	Who	What	Where
Monday, March 9, through Friday, April 3			
Mon 3/16	Undergraduates	4th qtr PE lottery begins	Athena: "add pelott" (ret) "xphedu &" (ret)
Mon-Fri, 3/23-27	All students	Spring vacation	
Mon 3/30, noon	Undergraduates	4th qtr PE lottery ends	Athena: "add pelott" (ret) "xphedu &" (ret)
Mon 3/30	Freshmen	K. Hodges' contest essays due	7-104, 3-6786
Mon 3/30	Undergraduates	Eloranta summer researchfellowship application deadline	UROP, 7-103, 3-7306
Mon 3/30	Undergraduates and faculty	Deadline for faculty to nominate students for Wei UROP award	Faculty research supervisor; UROP, 7-103, 3-7306
Tue 3/31	Students who missed PE lottery or who want to add another PE class	4th qtr PE late registration begins	W32-125, 3-4291
Thu 4/2	Undergraduates	Deadline for UROP proposals for academic credit	7-103, 3-7306
Thu 4/2	Undergraduates	Deadline for UROP proposals for faculty funding	7-103, 3-7306
Fri 4/3	Undergraduates who want to move	Deadline for house to house change request form	http://web.mit.edu/residence/www/forms/index.html W20-549, 3-6777
Fri 4/3	Undergraduates staying a 9th term	Deadline for 9th term housing request	W20-549, 3-6777

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March is National Nutrition Month

Monday, March 9

Lobdell Food Court

11 am - 2 pm



Wednesday, March 11

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Campus Activities Complex
Stratton Student Center-Room 500

Office of the Arts
Weisner Building-E15-205

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Visiting Committee Listens to Students

Visiting Committee, from Page 1

Services, the faulty student advising system, the lack of openness in the administration to student input, the failure of the committee system in integrating students into the decision making processes at the Institute, and the vulnerability of small populations of underrepresented minorities at the Institute.

Administrators focused on MIT's competitiveness with peer institution and financial aid, along with quality of life issues. The committee was also asked to recommend solutions to several thorny questions, such as the role the office should play in defining guiding principles for residential and campus life. In addition, the committee was also asked to consider what role ODSUE should take in academic programming. ODSUE also asked the visiting committee to recommend how it could increase the resources allotted to the office in order to change the system.

Students invited to meetings

Students concerns were voiced in an open forum held Wednesday night. The forum was closed to deans so that students could feel free to voice their opinions candidly, Petersen said.

A variety of student opinion was represented at the meeting. However one large issue was not brought up for discussion in great detail. "I was really surprised that nobody talked about alcohol," said Noemi L. Giszpenc '98, who attended the hearing.

"I was pleasantly surprised that we didn't spend the entire evening talking about [it]," she said.

Students say events not advertised

Many students who showed up late to the open forum voiced concern that they were not informed that the ODSUE Visiting Committee was coming to MIT.

"It's pretty counterproductive to have a meeting where you solicit student input but most students don't know what's happening," said Anupama Pillalamarri '00.

Dean of Students and undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams responded that students were invited to meetings through advertisements in *The Tech*, information given to student leaders, information given to housemasters, and advertisement through academic departments. For the first time meetings of the visiting committee in addition to the open forum were open to students, Williams said.

"What more can we say than everyone is invited?" Williams said.

Activities funding discussed

One large area of student concern raised at the meeting was lack of funding for student activities as well as lack of administrative support for student activities.

"The money is important," said Russell S. Light '98, president of the Association of Student Activities. In addition, MIT does

not have the space to hold large events and administrative assistance in planning events is sometimes lacking, he said.

One committee member said that from what he was hearing he sensed that there is no central place for students to go and no central source of support.

Undergraduate Association President Dedric A. Carter '98 agreed. "It's not clear who is there to support me to help plan this event," he said.

CP inconsistency discussed

Another issue brought up by another student was the lack of consistency with regards to Campus Police detail at parties on campus. Specifically, the student stated that there was an unfairly large number of police officers at parties held at Chocolate City.

Current policy states that there must be one campus police officer per 125 students attending a given event. While Chocolate City limited attendance at all events 125 students, police presence at Chocolate City parties have ranged from a low of four officers to a high of eight officers.

"Sometimes it feels there are more police at our parties than students," he said.

Another student added that in general the "dean's office seems very capricious in how they enforce certain rules...Groups they like are given essentially preferential treatment."

Another issue that was raised by several students was the dearth of counseling deans.

"When students go to make an appointment, the 'counseling deans are overbooked,'" said Giszpenc.

Puja Gupta '00 described a feeling of disconnectedness from Counseling and Support services. She said that the only way for her to reach a counseling dean is through e-mail and that although she has been into the office three to four times this week, she could not schedule an appointment with a counseling dean until three weeks from now.

Students appreciate committee

Amidst complaints that not enough students were informed that the ODSUE Visiting Committee was meeting with students in an open forum, students who did manage to attend the meeting said that that committee members were receptive to their concerns.

"I could tell they cared," Gupta said.

"They were asking very good questions," said Duane H. Dreger '99, Interfraternity Council president. "They are with it. They know what's going on."

"I would encourage students to come to visiting committee meetings," said Alan B. Davidson '89, an outgoing member of the corporation who served on the ODSUE Visiting Committee.

"Most people at the Corporation want student input," Davidson said. "The reason they do this is because they love MIT."

Typically a Visiting Committee of the Corporation consists of 17 members, five are members of the Corporation, six are nominated by the Alumni Association, and six are nominated by the president after consultation with several departments, said Susan A. Lester, associate secretary of the Corporation.

Members of the committee also tried to stress to students ways they could get involved directly.

Five out of 70 members of the Corporation are recent students who are voted upon by their graduating class, said Chairman of the Corporation Alexander V. D'Arbeloff '61. Currently, five percent vote in any given election.

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GSC Drops Motion Regarding Proposal

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for certain that there will be graduate students living in FSILGs next fall.

"The proposal is still subject to revision, of course, before it is actually implemented," said Assistant Dean for RCA and adviser to FSILGs Neal H. Dorow, who wrote the proposal.

Employment question not settled

The proposal provides no firm plan for who should employ the resident advisers. It suggests that it would be feasible for MIT to employ all of them, like it does the graduate resident tutors in dormitories. However, it also says that it would be workable for some or all of them to be paid and supervised by their living group.

The proposal notes that both possibilities have their advantages and disadvantages.

The plan recognizes that by employing the graduate students, MIT is opening itself up to greater liability. However, it notes that MIT has an established system for hiring dormitory GRTs.

If FSILGs hire their own graduate resident advisers, on the other hand, they will better be able to tailor the position to their specific needs, the proposal says. However, MIT will lose a great deal of influence over the tutors, who may feel more beholden to their employer, the FSILG.

Grad students respond favorably

Vest's original call for placing graduate students in FSILGs worried many graduate student leaders at the outset.

The agenda for the Graduate Student Council meeting last Wednesday included a motion calling on the administration to clarify the legal responsibilities of resident advisers in FSILGs.

When the proposal was released, GSC leaders met with Dorow to discuss it, said Geoffrey J. Coram G, president of the GSC.

The plan dealt with many of the problems that the resolution addressed, Coram said.

The resolution would have forced the GSC to oppose placing graduate students in FSILGs until MIT produced a "specified list of duties for the resident advisers that explicitly excludes all law-enforcement duties not already applicable to every resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

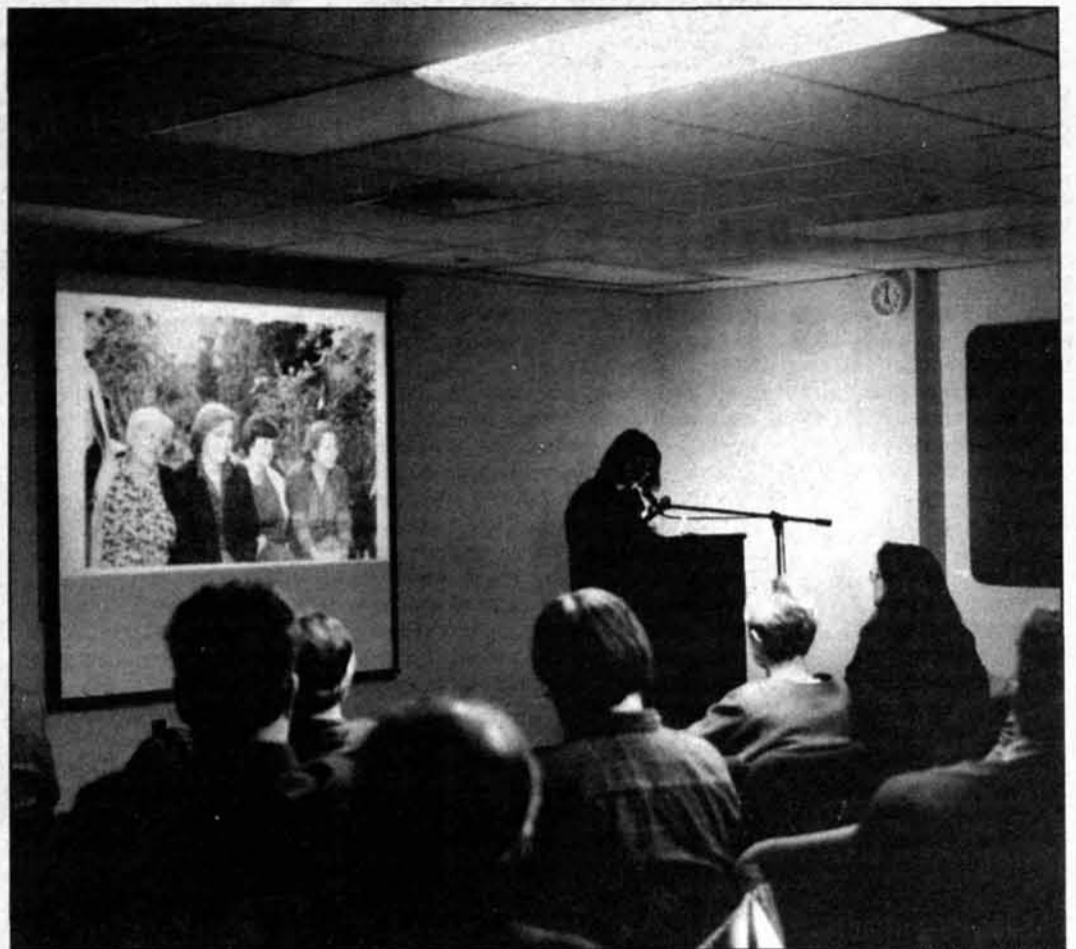
The sponsor of the resolution, Omri Schwartz G, withdrew it voluntarily after the meeting with Dorow, said Michelle K. McDonough G, GSC vice-president.

The GSC felt the resolution would prove counterproductive at this point, Coram said.

"We felt that if we asked MIT to clarify it any more, they would have to clarify it in favor of making the graduate students more responsible," he said.

One fraternity, Phi Beta Epsilon took independent action before the plan was released. The fraternity requested the resumes of GRT applicants, with an interest in hiring their own graduate residence adviser, said Carol Orme-Johnson, assistant dean for RCA. RCA sent the resumes to the them, she said.

PBE officers could not be reached for comment.



Professor of Anthropology Susan Slyomovics speaks at a presentation of Algerian women's prison poetry sponsored by the MIT Program in Women's Studies.



Phi Beta Epsilon began the process of hiring their own graduate residence advisor before the Office of Residence and Campus Activities released its proposal for placing graduate student advisers in fraternity's sororities, and independent living groups.



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SPORTS

Fencers Fall to Strong Pool of Competitors at IFA

By Wendy Yu

MIT hosted the annual Intercollegiate Fencing Association Men's and Women's Championships this weekend. The IFA, established in 1894, is the oldest tournament of its kind in the United States. The tournament included several Ivy League schools as well as Brandeis, Boston College, Rutgers, New York University, St. John's, and MIT. Most of the schools are Division I.

The women's fencing division is divided into two weapons: foil and epee. The men's division is divided into three weapons: foil, epee, and sabre. At the start of the tournament,

each school divides their women's team into four levels of ability ranging from A through D, and their men's team into three skill levels. Fencers in each skill level competed with each other in round robin competitions. Also, the top eight individual performers from each pool advanced to Sunday's round of competition.

Nora Szasz '99, who fenced with the epee in the A pool, was the only competitor from either team to advance to Sunday's individual competition. She finished the opening round with a 7-5 record, a tremendous accomplishment given the calibre of the competition.

The MIT women's team placed

eighth out of twelve teams and the men's squad finished last in their pool of eleven teams.

"There was a lot of tough competition at the IFAs. Many of the fencers there were nationally and world ranked," said Aimee Wiltz '99, captain of the women's team.

Matt DuPlessie '99, captain of the men's team said that the team wanted to do better than it did, but

called the game "a learning experience." "It's an honor to participate in the IFAs with the caliber of fencers that were there," he said. DuPlessie pointed out that both the men's and women's teams placed second at the New England Fencing Championships that took place recently.

This is the second time in three years that MIT has hosted the Intercollegiate Fencing Association

Championships. Both fencing teams will head to the NCAA regionals Saturday. The top two fencers from each of the three weapons of the men's team qualified for the regionals. On the women's side, the entire starting squad for both the foil and epee have also qualified for the NCAA regionals.

Shao-Fei Moy contributed to the reporting of this story.

Harvard Victim of Another Hack, Observes MIT Appreciation Week

By Jesse Kornblum

MIT Appreciation Week."

The MIT tradition of hacking the Harvard-Yale game took on a new twist at last Friday's intercollegiate dance competition when the Harvard *Crimson* officially recognized three MIT students as distinguished guests as part of "Harvard's

During halftime, as the Harvard Dance team took the floor, the stadium announcer read a statement prepared by several MIT students. "The Harvard *Crimson* would like to recognize our distinguished guests from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology," the statement read,

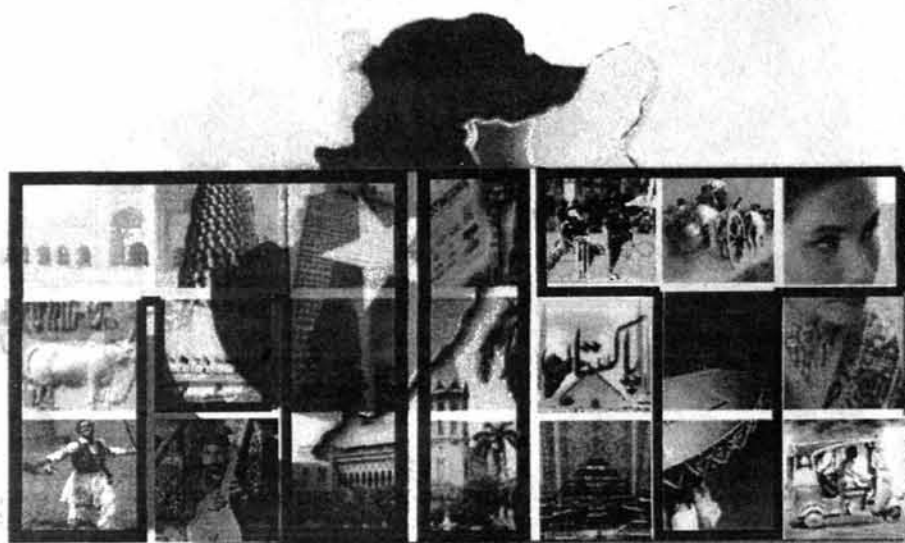
"who are here tonight as part of our continuing support of Harvard's MIT Appreciation Week."

At this point three MIT students sitting in the front row of the bleachers stood and waved to the crowd. Members of the Dance Team began applauding and the rest of the crowd followed. Soon the entire arena was saluting the honored guests.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, March 6

Men's Tennis vs. University of Vermont, 3 p.m.

Pakistan Economic & Social Development Conference
Integrating Pakistan Into the New Global Economy

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Wong Auditorium
70 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, MA

March 7, 1998

Schedule:

- 9:00 AM – Registration & Breakfast
- 9:30 AM – Social Development I
- 11:15 AM – Social Development II
- 1:00 PM – Lunch
- 2:00 PM – Political Stability & Institutional Structure
- 3:45 PM – Economic Policy & Investment Issues
- 5:30 PM – Coffee Break
- 6:00 PM – Documentary Film – "Mr Jinnah: The Making of Pakistan"
- 8:00 PM – Keynote Speech & Dinner

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