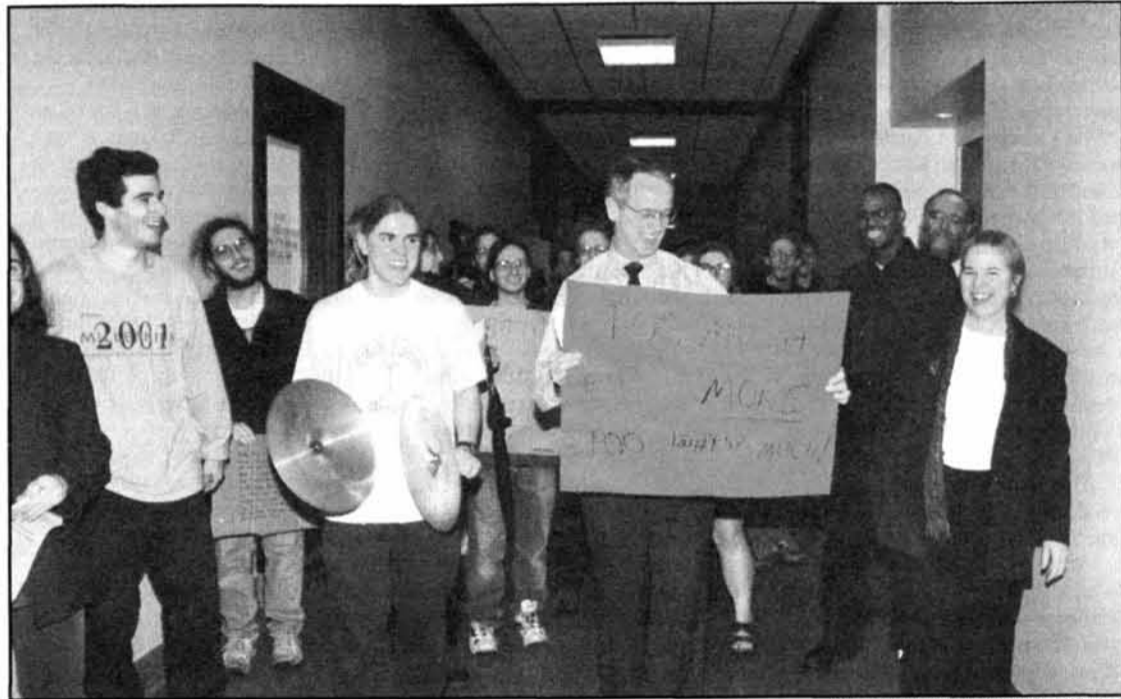


Students Protest Tuition Hike, Revive Traditional Annual Riot



WAN YUSOF WAN MORSHIDI—THE TECH

President Charles M. Vest briefly left his office to join Monday's Spontaneous Tuition Riot.

By Dan McGuire
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A motley group of about 40 students braved drenching rains to revive the traditional annual Tuition Riot. Students were protesting MIT's decision to increase tuition to \$24,050 in the next academic year, a 4.1 percent or \$950 increase from last year.

"In the time of classes before us... the Tuition Riot was a vital instrument in our forerunners' efforts to prevent their wallets from being drained... this invaluable tradition should not be allowed to fall," said a pamphlet publicizing the riot.

The group's route took them down the Infinite Corridor and to the second floor of Building 3, where they paused in front of the President's and Provost's offices in 3-208. The clarinet, trumpet, and cymbals accompanying the group roused President Charles M. Vest, Provost Joel Moses PhD '67, and Secretary of the Corporation Kathryn A. Willmore from their offices.

Vest was amused. "You didn't want the cut in self-help? Is that what this is about?" he asked. The protesters presented a list of demands to the administrators, including eliminating the \$950 tuition hike. Students also

said that if the increase had to go through, the additional funds should be used to increase financing for student activities.

Tuition increase is relatively small

The tuition increase this year was one of the smaller in recent years, and was accompanied by a \$1,000 drop to \$7,600 as the minimum self-help level, which is the amount students are expected to provide through work, loans, or savings. The overall "term bill", which includes tuition, room, and board, will be \$30,800, a

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UA Elects Judboard To Deal with Appeals

By May K. Tse
NEWS EDITOR

At the Undergraduate Association council meeting last night, five new members were elected to the previously inactive Judicial Review Board, and a subsequent motion gave the power to delay the reporting of the 1998 UA election results until all outstanding complaints were resolved.

Ashwin Viswanathan '98, John Gavenonis '98, Atish R. Babu '01, Jin S. Kim '99, and Caroline Rhim '01 were elected to the board. Viswanathan will serve as the board's chair.

Usually, the outgoing UA President nominates members to the board, but last year's UA President, Richard Y. Lee '97, refrained from doing this so that the UA could revamp the board. However, "because of the time it would take to approve changes, we're electing a new Judicial Review Board which will serve until May 15. Hopefully we will implement a new process for the upcoming year," said Dedric A. Carter '98, the current UA President, who nominated the candidates last night.

The elections to the Judicial Review Board come as the 1998 UA elections are being conducted. Several complaints have been brought before the UA election commission, but any appeals of those decisions had previously had no outlet since the judicial board had been empty.

UA approves motion on elections

UA executive committee member Jeremy D. Sher '99

proposed a motion, which was later accepted, that allowed the board to delay releasing the election results until appeals were resolved.

"Be it enacted, by the Undergraduate Association assembled in Council, that: No winners be declared in the 1998 elections for any office of the Undergraduate Association, until such time as the Judicial Board of the Undergraduate Association has ruled on all election-related cases filed prior to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 1998," the motion reads.

The motion does impose an upper limit on the amount of time that may be spent resolving any conflicts, however. "A time limit of ten days is in effect. Should the Judicial Board fail to render a decision in any case pending before it by 12:00 a.m. on March 22, 1998, this motion shall expire, and winners of all electoral races shall then be declared according to the usual process," the motion continues.

"This is not going to draw the UA to a halt... We're not going to drop the ball on important things because of an election problem," Sher said.

Commission rulings questioned

The new motion comes as a response to controversial rulings made by election commissioner Seth M. Bisen-Hersh '01 and other members of the election commission.

Edgar H. Martinez '00, election commissioner emeritus, said that there were three main charges and

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Class of 2000 Holds Ring Premiere, Reveals Hidden Images in Brass Rat

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
NEWS EDITOR

The Class of 2000's Brass Rat, which features a straightforward design compared to years past, premiered in a well-attended ceremony in Walker Memorial.

This year's ring simplifies many of the features found on rings of previous years and also features a "more realistic" beaver, said Nicole A. Balli '00, who chaired the ring committee.

The class ring committee, which has been meeting since early fall, decided that the ring will be manufactured by Artcarved, a division of Commemorative Brands International, said Lex Nemzer '00, vice-chair of the committee. The decision was "based mostly on the design process" and not on the relative costs of the companies.

Representatives of Artcarved will be in Lobby 10 this week to take orders from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.. The cost of the gold rings

ranges from a minimum of \$174 to \$422. Rings will be delivered during the first week of May, said William Johnson, a sales representative with Artcarved.

Hidden messages in ring

The front of this year's ring bore the traditional beaver perched on a piece of wood and a column symbolic of the entrances to the Institute.

Several hidden messages have similar symbolic meanings. Trees behind the beaver signify the natural environment of the beaver. A dead fish floating in water behind the beaver signifies the demise of the fishbowl Athena cluster last year.

Much of the interpretation of this year's ring is left up to the wearer. The sun, for example, is deliberately designed to be either rising or falling, reflecting the nocturnal nature of MIT students.

The sides of the ring are traditional, yet feature new looks at the

Institute. The class side features the Great Dome viewed from a new aerial perspective. Snowflakes above the dome reflect the snowy winters common in Boston, and especially last year's April Fool's storm.

The seal side is dominated by the letters "MIT" along with the traditional "Mens and Manus." Beneath the characters are a globe, centered on Boston.

Both the Boston and the Cambridge skylines are more realistic this year than in previous years. The Boston skyline features the Longfellow Bridge along with its traditional features, while the Cambridge skyline features the Harvard Bridge, complete with the traditional Smoot markings

Rings expected to be in demand

Each year, the ring committee considers several companies and eventually chooses one which will

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MIODRAG CIRKOVIC—THE TECH

Kelly O'Grady glides across the ice in her Shirley Temple Medley as part of the 1998 MIT Figure Skating Exhibition last weekend in Johnson Athletics Center.

Participate in *The Tech's* NCAA Tournament Challenge! Look inside for a set of brackets to post on your wall and instructions on entering the contest.

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FBI Won't Say Whether Officials Believe Guard Shot Homeless Man

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

For the second straight day, the FBI refused Monday to say whether officials believe a bullet shot from the gun of a private security guard at the Pentagon killed an apparently homeless man whose body was found nearby.

Officials delayed by one day an autopsy that would produce the slug from the man's body so that it could be checked against the guard's gun. They refused to release the identity of the guard. And they were still trying Monday night to learn the name of the victim through fingerprints.

FBI spokeswoman Susan Lloyd would not provide details of how the guard's gun discharged, except to say the guard was stationed about 20 yards from where the man's body was found on a public roadside near the Pentagon's River Entrance. She said the guard reported to his supervisors that his gun had fired about an hour before the man's body was spotted by a passing motorist.

"The heart of this investigation is to determine if there is a correlation between the discharge of the guard's weapon and the shooting of this individual, and the circumstances leading up to the discharge of the weapon," Lloyd said.

Congress Chief Sitaram Kesri Clears Path for Sonia Gandhi

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW DELHI

Sitaram Kesri resigned Monday as president of the Indian National Congress, clearing the way for Sonia Gandhi formally to take charge of the political party that her husband, Rajiv Gandhi, led from 1984 until his assassination in 1991.

Kesri, 78, did not explain during a news conference why he resigned, but he did urge the Italian-born widow of the former prime minister to take charge of the second-largest party in the new parliament.

Gandhi, 51, did not respond publicly to Kesri's announcement, but party insiders indicated that she has agreed to become party president. Her spokesman, Vincent George, said, "If he said that, yes, definitely she will consider it," the Associated Press reported.

Gandhi was the party's star campaigner in this year's parliamentary election, attracting large crowds but not enough votes to improve on the party's record low of 140 seats in the 545-member lower house of Parliament.

Sharad Pawar, a Congress party leader, said that Kesri resigned to "give the reins of the party to new blood." He said the resignation will have no bearing on whether the Congress party joins with the ruling United Front coalition to make a bid to form a new government, a prospect that has dimmed because several of the United Front's member parties have expressed reservations about it.

Feds May Axe Lockheed Deal

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

After an eight-month antitrust review, federal regulators have raised serious objections to Lockheed Martin's \$11.6 billion acquisition of Northrop Grumman and may file suit to block it later this week, the companies said Monday.

The disclosure of serious opposition to the deal by the Justice Department and the Pentagon shocked investors and sent shares in Los Angeles-based Northrop skidding by about 17 percent in trading Monday afternoon.

Although the companies said they would try to meet the government's concerns, they also vowed to "vigorously oppose any attempt to block the transaction."

But the government's objections include a demand that Lockheed divest virtually all of Northrop's defense electronics programs, located near Baltimore, Orlando, Fla., and Chicago, according to industry sources.

The electronics business was a key reason Lockheed wanted to buy Northrop. Thus, if the government does not budge on the demands for Lockheed to divest the radar, electronic warfare and intelligence programs, the entire deal could be jeopardized.

In a letter issued late Monday that was part of a tense exchange of statements throughout the day, Lockheed officials agreed to postpone the merger for 30 days beyond the original March 24 deadline for closing the deal. The company said it would submit a proposal in the meantime to address the government's antitrust concerns.

WEATHER

Departing Remnants

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The heavy rain of the last couple of days should exit the area by the end of this morning leaving only isolated patches of drizzle hanging on. As the powerful system drifts eastward we will feel the temperatures turn sharply colder as strong northerly winds bring colder air out of Canada. The night should see gradual clearing and Wednesday will be partly sunny but chilly. The pool of cold air will sit squarely over us for the remainder of the week which will keep daytime highs around the mid 30s (0°C) through Friday.

Today: Rain ending early. Chance of patchy drizzle though the morning. Some breaks in the clouds. Strong northerly winds. Temperatures will fall throughout the day, and will be in the low 40s (4°C) during the afternoon.

Tonight: Some clearing, but colder. Low 24°F (-4°C).

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. High 36°F (2°C). Low 20°F (-6°C).

Thursday: A few clouds possible. High in the low to mid 30s (-1°C). Low around 20 (-6°C).

Security Council Ambassadors To Visit Iraq, Annan Proposes

By John M. Goshko

THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS

Secretary General Kofi Annan plans to propose that the ambassadors of the 15 Security Council countries travel to Iraq to see first hand how his agreement for weapons inspections at Iraq's so-called presidential sites is working, diplomatic sources said Monday. The inspections are expected to begin in about two weeks.

The sources said details of the proposed visit are still being worked out, but that the offer will be contained in a letter he plans to draft for submission to the council within the next few days. Some ambassadors have expressed interest informally in such a trip, although the idea has not been broached to the governments of council members, the sources added.

Annan submitted to the council Monday the detailed rules governing the inspections at the eight presidential sites under the agreement he negotiated in Baghdad two weeks ago with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The accord defused, at least momentarily, a possible military confrontation in the Persian Gulf by setting up a new system for searching for prohibited weapons in the sites which Iraq claims are vital to its national security.

The procedures devised over the last week at the United Nations for inspecting these sites — compounds containing an estimated 1,058 buildings — appeared to conform to Annan's assurances that the agreement does not compromise the U.N.'s ability to conduct inspections anywhere in Iraq. It also reaffirms that the ultimate authority in determining the methods and timing of inspections will remain with the

U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) set up by the Security Council following the 1991 Persian Gulf War to eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

That is a matter of particular importance to the Clinton administration, which deferred plans for air and missile strikes against Iraq to permit a trial of Annan's agreement. The agreement was criticized heavily by some Republican leaders in Congress, and the White House sought assurances that inspections of the presidential sites would not be politicized by the new rules.

"We are still reviewing the procedures, but at first glance they appear to be adequate," U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said today, after they were delivered to the council.

Under the agreement, the presidential sites are to be inspected by a new Special Commission composed of UNSCOM officials and diplomats from U.N. member states. The commission is to be led by Jayantha Dhanapala, the U.N. undersecretary general for disarmament affairs. But it will make its reports to Richard Butler, executive chairman of UNSCOM, who will send them to Annan.

Critics had expressed suspicion about how the new commission would divide authority during inspections. The procedures state clearly that Butler, or in cases involving searches for nuclear weaponry, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), will designate the team leader and the expert members of the team.

Dhanapala, an internationally respected arms control expert who was chosen in part to reassure the United States, will pick the diplo-

matic members. While the procedures state that their job will be to observe that the provisions of the Annan agreement "are being implemented in good faith," they have no authority to give orders to the UNSCOM experts or dictate changes in the inspections. Any objections they might have are to be resolved informally between Butler and Dhanapala or set down in the written report of the inspection.

"The diplomats are there as observers and don't have a veto authority over anything that goes on; the inspections are to be performed by the experts," said a senior U.N. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said that in choosing the diplomat members, Dhanapala prefers people already stationed in Iraq, partly to maintain the ability to mount surprise inspections.

Dhanapala plans to arrive in Baghdad on Wednesday to begin laying the groundwork for the inspections, and senior U.N. officials said the goal is to begin inspections in approximately two weeks. All eight sites are to be inspected. Annan is scheduled to meet with President Clinton in Washington on Wednesday to discuss the agreement.

In a related development, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahhaf began talks with U.N. officials here today about implementing a new phase of the agreement under which Iraq can sell oil to obtain money to buy food and medicines. The Security Council has authorized increasing the amount Iraq can sell to \$5.2 billion every six months, but the Iraqis want a greater relaxation of the restraints under which they must operate.

Indonesian Lawmakers Hand Suharto Emergency Powers

By David Lamb

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

President Suharto was handed sweeping emergency powers Monday that give him dictatorial authority over all national issues, from the economic crisis to social unrest.

Details of the decree adopted by the People's Consultative Assembly were not immediately disclosed, but sources said earlier that it was likely to include the rights to dissolve the assembly, abolish political organizations, name a presidential successor and arrest people without trial.

"It empowers the president to take over all state authority if the president thinks the state is in jeopardy," Arbi Sanit, a University of Indonesia political scientist, told the Jakarta Post.

Suharto, 76, who has ruled for 32 years and is scheduled to receive the assembly's endorsement Tuesday for another five-year term, asked for the powers last August, well before Indonesia fell victim to a financial crisis that is threatening to bring the country's economy to a grinding standstill.

Although human rights officials and some academics expressed concern, Suharto supporters pointed out that similar decrees have been in force during his entire reign, except since 1993. He used them only in 1965 in a bloody campaign to rid Indonesia of Communists and dissidents.

Even without the new powers, Suharto has had over the years no less authority than an ancient

Javanese king. But Western and Asian economists worry that the decree is sending the wrong signal at a time when international investors' confidence in Indonesia has evaporated and university students are calling for more democratization. The local currency, the rupiah, and the Indonesian stock market both reacted negatively Monday to news of the emergency decree.

"The decree seems to suggest Suharto feels the need to move even farther along the authoritarian road than he has," said Bruce Gale, a Singapore-based economic-risk consultant. "The question is why. And the answer must be that he expects more opposition."

"But I think we're really dealing with minutiae analyzing all this. Suharto runs the country pretty much as he wants anyway. The broader question is whether he is going to implement the International Monetary Fund reforms. That is what everyone is waiting to see."

Suharto signed a 50-point, \$43 billion IMF package on Jan. 15 and has repeatedly said since then that he would abide by it. But he also has hedged the particulars of the plan. He introduced his own "IMF-Plus" plan last month, and he said Sunday that the IMF plan he had signed was not in tune with the Indonesia Constitution, which stipulates that major sectors of production must be controlled by the state.

Observers believe Suharto is moving toward setting up a currency board that would peg the rupiah at a fixed rate to the U.S. dollar.

Most economists say that Indonesia does not have sufficient foreign reserves or a stable enough economy to support such a move.

The IMF and several Asian heads of state have urged Suharto to abandon the idea, at least until reforms are carried out. The IMF underscored its displeasure with Suharto Friday by announcing that it was postponing for a least two weeks a \$3 billion installment due to Indonesia this Sunday.

Many Indonesians — and a small but growing number of Western officials — believe the IMF has been too tough on Indonesia.

"If you look at all the IMF is demanding," a European diplomat said, "it's like the conditions the Allies demanded after the last war."

These skeptics contend that, although Suharto has not done everything the IMF requires, he has made progress in dismantling monopolies, cutting subsidies and curbing excesses.

On Monday, Australian Prime Minister John Howard also appeared to express some reservations. "We believe," he said, "that the International Monetary Fund package must be implemented with care and sensitivity toward the impact of that package on the social stabilities and social cohesion within Indonesia."

"I hope that the IMF review can be quickly concluded so that a productive partnership with the IMF and the Indonesian government can be developed as quickly as possible."

State Supreme Judicial Court Initiates Woodward Hearing

By Elizabeth Mehren
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BOSTON

The legal fate of British au pair Louise Woodward was handed to the state's highest court here Monday, as defense and prosecution attorneys alike argued that her manslaughter conviction in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen should be set aside.

In the brief, contentious hearing before the Supreme Judicial Court, prosecutors urged the seven-member panel to restore the murder verdict delivered last October by a jury. Woodward was found guilty of causing fatal brain injury when she shook Matthew on Feb. 4, 1997, slamming his head against a hard surface so forcefully that his skull was fractured.

Deputy District Attorney Sabita Singh argued Monday that Superior Court Judge Hiller B. Zobel erred

when he exercised judicial authority to reduce the conviction to manslaughter, freeing the 20-year-old baby sitter on time served — 279 days. An unusual provision in Massachusetts allows a judge to modify a jury's action, Singh said.

"But there is one thing that it does not allow him to do, and that is to substitute his judgment for that of the jury," she said.

Defense lawyers were equally insistent in asserting that the prosecution suppressed crucial medical evidence that would have exonerated their client. Woodward's attorneys say they now have scientific proof that the child's fatal injuries could have predated the episode in February 1997.

If samples of Matthew's skull fracture had been provided to the defense, "we could have ended this case before it started," attorney Andrew Good told the court

Monday. "We could have proven that this was an old injury."

The Supreme Judicial Court is an appellate body that functions like the U.S. Supreme Court, peppering attorneys with questions and engaging in Socratic dialogue as each side presents a 25-minute oral argument. The court has 130 days in which to issue its decision, and is not required to confine itself to requests made by attorneys in the case.

Depending on this court's decision, Woodward could return to her home in Elton, England, as a free woman, her name cleared. Or she could be sent back to prison in this country, a prospect defense attorney Barry Scheck has said fills Woodward with terror.

A third option would be for the court to call for a new trial. In that event, defense attorneys say they will have the baby's body exhumed to gain additional skull samples.

Lott Mutes Complaints of Starr After Firestorm of GOP Criticism

By Helen Dewar
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Under fire from some Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) Monday played down his recent suggestion that independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr quickly wrap up his probe of President Clinton and sought instead to blame Clinton for any delays.

Lott drew criticism from House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and some other GOP leaders for saying Friday during taping of a television interview that it is time for Starr to "show his cards" and that Congress might consider censuring Clinton if there is not enough evidence for impeachment.

But by Monday Lott and his GOP critics were back in step, with

Lott praising Starr for "doing a great job under very difficult circumstances" and urging Clinton to stop "stonewalling" and tell "the whole truth" about allegations that he had an affair with former White House intern Monica S. Lewinsky and lied about it.

"So while I encourage Mr. Starr to continue his work and try to complete that work, I today call on the president to come forward, tell the American people what has happened," he said. "What is the truth? What is the whole truth? Tell that to the independent counsel, call off his attack dogs, get this behind us so that we can go on with the people's business."

Lott did not back off his earlier comments, saying only that they had been "distorted" and overblown by the news media and the president's

allies. At one point, however, he also seemed to concede he might have said too much.

"When you start being quoted by the White House, [former White House chief of staff] Leon Panetta and Senator [Robert] Torricelli (D-N.J.) you know that you've either been misinterpreted or you said something you shouldn't have," Lott said.

Lott also said the controversy was "beginning to have an impact" on Clinton's ability to govern, suggesting it was affecting issues ranging "from Social Security to what's going on in Iraq to now what's going on in Kosovo."

He said he came to that conclusion because the administration is "taking either small steps on big issues or they're silent on big issues."

Virulent Strep Outbreak in Texas

THE WASHINGTON POST

TEXAS

A virulent strain of streptococcus bacteria has infected 117 Texans in the past three months — more cases than that state typically sees in a year — killing 26 people, including nine children, state health officials said Monday.

Medical investigators said they were at a loss to explain the upsurge in cases, most of which occurred around Austin, Houston and San Antonio. At least 40 children were among those infected with the aggressive bacteria between Dec. 1 and March 1. About a dozen of those children had chicken pox and apparently became infected through the pox sores on their bodies.

The culprit bacterium, called Group A streptococcus, is relatively common. At any given time, it can be found in the mouth and nasal passages of about one-fifth of the population. Only occasionally does it cause a noticeable infection, and most of those cases show up as "strep throat," which normally is easily treated with penicillin.

Occasionally, however, Group A strep turns invasive and potentially deadly, either because it has mutated into an especially virulent variant called M1 or because the victim is unable to fight off the attack. In those cases the bacteria get into the bloodstream and cause a raging infection.

The Texas outbreak of invasive Group A strep is one of many such outbreaks in various parts of the country during the past few years, said Benjamin Schwartz, an epidemiologist at the National Center for Infectious Diseases at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Scheduled Executions in Florida Spur Electric Chair Debate

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI

Four convicted killers, part of the Black Widow, are scheduled to be strapped into Florida's notoriously unpredictable electric chair this month in a rash of executions that civil libertarians fear signals a decision to challenge Texas as the capital of capital punishment.

"Florida's lawmakers' obsession with the use of 'Old Sparky,' as they affectionately term the electric chair, is particularly gruesome," said Larry Spalding, legislative counsel for the Florida American Civil Liberties Union. "The next thing we'll see is a constitutional amendment to change our motto from the Sunshine State to the Electric Chair State."

Although 380 men and women are on death row in Florida, no one has died in the chair since last March, when flames erupted from the headgear of Pedro Medina in an execution that touched off a year-long debate on the efficacy and humaneness of Old Sparky. The state Supreme Court subsequently decided that using the chair did not violate the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Still, some lawmakers have proposed unplugging Old Sparky, a three-legged wooden seat built by convicts in 1924. But in debate last week, a majority in the Florida House and Senate seemed unmoved by arguments that the condemned should have a choice in how they die.

"Dead is dead," said state Sen. Ron Klein, a Democrat from Boca Raton. "Whether we do it by lethal injection or the electric chair, we need to do it."

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An apple for the teacher...



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OPINION

Institutional Wisdom Watch

by The Tech editorial board



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The profile of Undergraduate Association vice presidential candidate June Kim '99 which appeared in the March 6 issue of *The Tech* incorrectly stated that she is a member of the Class of 2000. Kim is a member of the Class of 1999.

Student Center Express

A Modest Proposal Might Be the Ideal Solution to Student Time Pressures

Naveen Sunkavally

Efficiency is a trademark virtue of the MIT student. Every day one can observe a multitude of students bustling down the Infinite



Corridor trying to get from one place to another without wasting any time. We've all heard stories of students negotiating strenuous course loads with UROPs and other extracurricular activities all within the confines of a 24-hour day. And within MIT's laboratories, scientists and research students are striving constantly to improve machines to make them faster and perform more tasks.

So it is a great shock to discover that students at MIT, the pinnacle of scientific reason and efficiency, must submit to such technological marvels as the slow, decrepit elevators in the Student Center. Every day these elevators cause massive inefficiency by sucking up precious seconds from a student's day and contributing to the decline in physical fitness among MIT students.

The biggest and most infuriating problem with the elevators is that lazy students and Aramark workers take the elevator from the second to third floor, or the third to the fourth floor, or any permutation of floors not including the trip from the first to the fifth floor or the fifth to the first. In addition, aside from the general sluggishness of the elevators, it seems that the door-close buttons on the control panels never work.

So what can be done to increase efficiency? I propose that someone from Physical Plant remove the second through the fourth floor buttons on the control panels of at least one of the Student Center elevators. First, students riding the elevators would be spared the nuisance of other students riding the elevators for petty trips. Second, the change would promote physical fitness among MIT students.

In the spirit of scientific reason, I conducted time trials to verify that it is always faster for students to take the stairs rather than to

take today's Student Center elevators. To those who doubt I actually performed this experiment, I can provide the names of some befuddled fifth-floor-lounge residents who observed a crazed lunatic joy-riding in the elevators for fifteen minutes last Sunday.

I obtained 30.7 seconds as a rough average of the time necessary to go from the first to the fifth floor on the elevator. This estimate does not include the time a student usually waits for an elevator. After averaging the time necessary to wait for an elevator into the original estimate, I came up with 46.8 seconds as the average total travel time from the first to the fifth floor.

Although I am less physically fit than about 90 percent of MIT students, I scaled the four flights of stairs between the first and fifth floors in a mere 18.96 seconds. The trip down took a mere 18.73 seconds. I estimate that the average MIT student can take the stairs in about 16 seconds.

Assuming that the average MIT student rides the Student Center elevator up and down three times a day, taking the stairs results in a savings of 184.8 seconds a day, or 1293 seconds a week. Furthermore, assuming the average MIT student goes away for Independent Activities Period and the summer, taking the stairs then amounts to a savings of 41,395 seconds a school year.

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In my ideal universe, no fully-abled students would be allowed to take the elevators unless they were handling freight; but eliminating the option of taking the elevator from the first to the fifth floor would probably cause havoc on campus. In my Five Year Plan of elevator reformation, I would eventually eliminate the elevator altogether, requiring students to take the stairs for all floors.

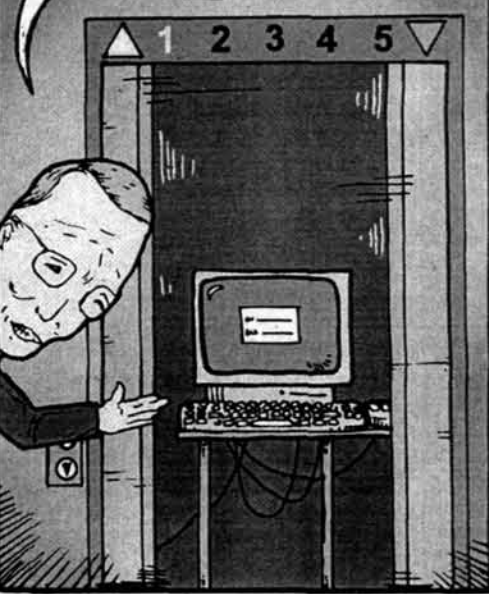
Any proposal must also have a "plan of attack." Unlike most resolutions proposed by our nations' legislators, my proposal is completely feasible. I observed that the screws in the control panels of the elevators can be removed with a standard screwdriver or X-Acto knife. Indeed, the control panels were replaced in a matter of days just last week.

In sum, I believe that re-replacing the control panels to have only the first and fifth floor buttons would greatly increase the efficiency of the average MIT student. In addition, physical fitness confers many benefits, including a longer average life span. More importantly, MIT would no longer have to live with the travesty of technological progress that these elevators represent.

The administration is aware of student complaints about how much time is lost in the slow W20 elevators. And we've come up with a novel plan to combat this waste:



Installing Athena terminals!



Some Notes on Maoists

Cambridge Leftists Could Learn a Thing or Two About Political Agitation

Brett Altschul

On Saturday, a member of the Maoist International Movement accosted me in the Harvard subway station. He was selling the organization's official newspaper, rather vigorously accosting his potential customers and yelling slogans about people's liberation. Apparently, I looked like an authentic supporter of class warfare, since he singled me out as a likely buyer.

I didn't purchase his Maoist rag. Instead, I made every effort to pass by him quickly. I had to dash up the stairs, since the escalator was broken. (I'm sure the Maoists saw the broken escalator as a typical failure of the imposed socio-industrial order.) I escaped upwards into Harvard Square, which is hardly a haven for the oppressor classes.

As I dashed up the stairs, I caught the tail-end of the sales pitch he hurled in my direction. It was something about the imperialist nations and their shameless exploitation of Third World resources. As I recovered my breath, I began to wonder what sort of rationale lies behind the jargon and posturing of these denizens of the far left. Their arguments just don't make too much sense to me.

For one thing, MIM tends to support the dumbest possible left-wing causes. Last August, the whole of the Maoist infrastructure in Cambridge threw its support behind Richard J. Picariello, a former bomb-thrower and radical, who was arrested for trespassing on MIT property. Naturally, the Communists believed that the Campus Police, in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, targeted Picariello because of his radical political beliefs.

The Maoists appear to assume that every law enforcement agent in the country has

instant electronic access to a regularly updated list of everybody in the country who ever espoused left-wing political sentiments. That's what enabled the first officers on the scene to identify Picariello as a funder of dissatisfaction with the current regime. This technology, used exclusively to target opponents of the government, is kept totally hidden from the public.

Police officers aren't the only enemy of the proletariat. From my position here at *The Tech*, a firmly capitalist institution, I can



freely attack Maoist ideology. This newspaper extends its hegemony all across the MIT campus, stifling all opposing viewpoints. The Communist faithful must remain in hiding, fearing retaliation from imperialist, capitalist forces in powerful positions. Since no real worker could oppose Chairman Mao's teachings, I must be one of those powerful bourgeois types.

As a member of the evil ruling class, I naturally have connections with several multinational corporations. Moreover, all those companies have extensive staffs of assassins,

saboteurs, and spies. We regularly use these operatives to break up pockets of proletarian resistance. The working classes grow more and more restless, and our measures become more and more harsh as we suppress them.

Why can't the Maoists attack some bastion of corporate evil with which normal people might have a vague chance of sympathizing? You rarely see posters for protests against genuinely powerful and dangerous entities like Microsoft. Yet Microsoft is one of the world's most important companies, and it engages in numerous practices that decrease the quality of life for normal people.

Once, I tried to talk to a hard-core Maoist, to get an of understanding of his logic. Unfortunately, I could learn very little from him. He had set political views on three or four current political issues, but his opinions were couched in such arcane jargon that I could never get a good understanding of what he meant. Whenever I asked for clarification, he said I was uninformed, and he shouldn't need to explain the issues to me on such a basic level.

Apparently, these people have given up on their world revolution ever actually occurring. They choose to expend their energy on the causes that seem the least reasonable to normal people. They evince no interest in actually explaining and discussing the details of their ideas. In fact, they only really seem interested in selling their materials and generating revenue. They exploit capitalism to perpetuate their Communist activities.

The Maoist International Movement and similar organizations dwell a long way from reality. If they spent some effort on things that mattered to real people, I wouldn't laugh every time I pass by the fatherly portrait of Mao Tse-Tung that hangs in the window of Revolution Books.

Civil Society At The Street Level

Anders Hove

When Mayor Rudolph Giuliani first announced plans to remake the denizens of New York into upstanding citizens of a "civil society," most residents were aghast.



Getting Gotham's pedestrians to cross at the light would be a transformation every bit as dramatic as that performed by Professor Henry Higgins on Eliza Doolittle.

Would New York still be New York without the cursing, honking, and general mayhem? Many New Yorkers have their doubts about civil society, and many have expressed them in no uncertain terms to police officers manning new pedestrian barricades.

In one humorous episode, one reporter for *The New York Times* set out to learn what sanctions police would impose for violations of the new jaywalking policy. Jaywalking in front of the barriers, often directly in front of police officers who watched his every move, the reporter not only failed to receive a single ticket, but officers wouldn't even reprimand him when he demanded one.

Although New Yorkers don't like to hear it, Boston driving and pedestrian conduct is similar to New York's. As *The Boston Globe* pointed out in one editorial headline, driving in Boston is no tea party. People double park in the most outrageous places — next to police cars at Dunkin' Donuts, for example. At intersections, cars squeeze past pedestrians on crosswalks as if they were cattle on a country road. And in spite of recent attempts to stamp it out, the tradition remains that in Massachusetts, two cars are allowed to pass after the light turns red.

Although I am myself a driver in the state, I have been frustrated for years at how police here are so little inclined to pull people over for traffic violations. In most states, small rural communities look at moving violations as a cash cow: The more outsiders police pull over, the more money to maintain local government. Though Massachusetts has many small and medium-sized towns, this ethic has never quite taken hold, perhaps because high crime levels in some communities prevent the assigning of officers for such lowly, revenue-generating purposes.

Recently the tide has turned, if only slightly. During the past two months I have seen three stops of vehicles running red lights — that's three more than I've seen in the previous five years — and one of them involved a dramatic moving sting carried out blocks from my own house. As *Simpson's* police chief Wiggum puts it, "That's nice work, boys."

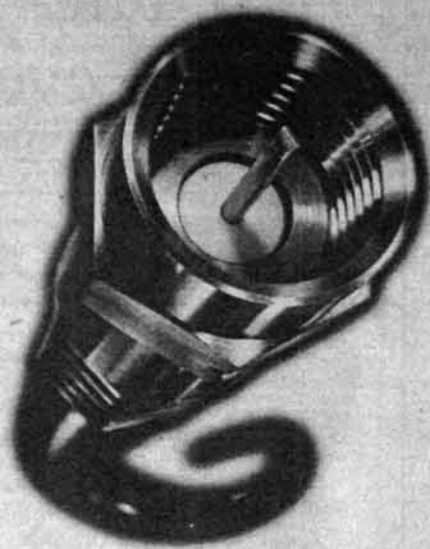
Traffic is so bad here that it's difficult to be a good driver. When so many people run red lights, how can drivers make and execute left-hand turns in heavy traffic without darting in front? Indeed, stopping for red lights can be dangerous because those behind are so intent on getting through.

As more and more vehicles whisk past the red light after the change, traffic signals themselves lose meaning. During a power-outage last year, I was impressed at how well most drivers negotiated their way through congested and completely uncontrolled intersections. In a way, they've been dealing with intersection anarchy all along.

Pedestrians and bicyclists are a more difficult puzzle. Bad driving places these two groups at risk. Yet bicyclists and pedestrians show little interest in safety. While drivers grudgingly recognize the authority of the red light, many bicyclists don't. Instead they plow through intersections with barely a glance to the right and left. The resulting danger of swerving vehicles threatens everyone.

Pedestrians are not much better. They have an amazing knack for starting out across the crosswalk exactly as the light turns green for the opposing direction. It is the driver's responsibility to watch for pedestrians on crosswalks, but pedestrians are eager to make life difficult for drivers, increasing the danger.

Boston and its surrounding cities and towns are ripe for the Giuliani treatment. Much as we often turn a blind eye toward petty misdemeanors like jaywalking, speeding, and running red lights, they do have serious consequences. Other cities have controlled these activities without lowering the quality of life. Boston and New York can too.



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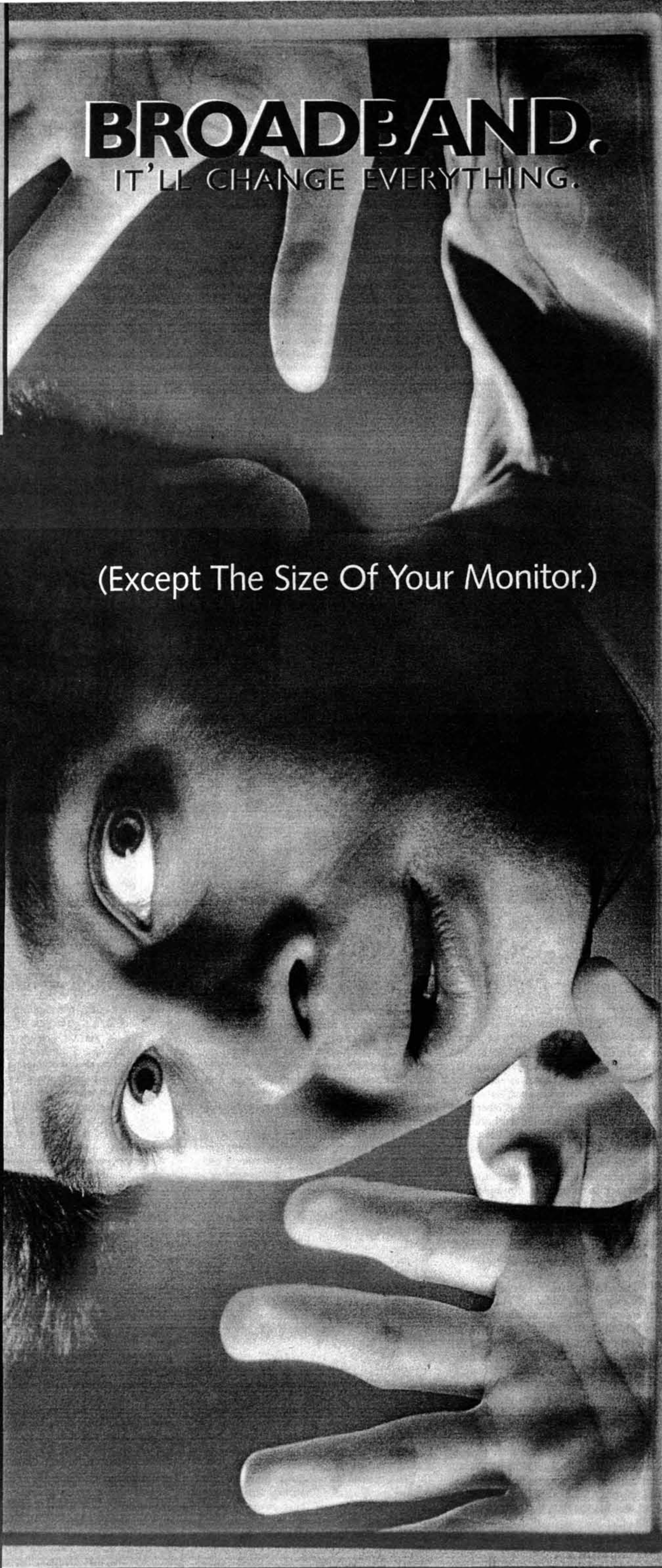
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GSC Meeting Minutes

At its March 4 meeting, the Graduate Student Council met to hear reports from several committees. The Visiting Committee of the Corporation investigating the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education was surprised to learn that that office does not do more to help the GSC organize the fall orientation for incoming graduate students. The GSC president also took the opportunity to raise the issue that no waiver for graduate student groups has been included in the draft of the new Institute alcohol policy.

The GSC was allocated \$8,000 of the \$40,000 newly awarded by the Provost's office to promote the activities of student groups on campus. The GSC will use this opportunity to promote cross-departmental contacts by subsidizing social events organized jointly by several departments.

The GSC objected to not having been consulted in the special allocation of the Provost's \$40,000 and will raise this point with the Provost. The GSC is however appreciative of this extra source of funding and of the Undergraduate Association's efforts in obtaining it.

Graduate student groups will be allowed to submit proposals to use the \$8,000 for capital expenses, which are not covered by the normal funding process.

The Activities Committee announced that the tickets for the Formal Ball on the Sprit of Boston will go on sale on March 9th.

The Housing and Community Affairs Committee reported that the MIT Credit Union offers services superior to those of the local commercial banks. At present, graduate students are not allowed to join the Credit Union, but this may change in the near future.

The committee also announced that the Graduate Resident Tutor resolution has been abandoned.

The Academics, Research and Careers Committee reported that the externship program co-organized by the GSC and the Alumni Office which took place in Washington DC during IAP received generally positive comments from the students who participated.

The ARCC also announced that the GSC will award four of the Institute awards: the graduate teaching award and the Perkins, the Horton, and Sizer awards. Nominations are due by March 20 and nomination forms are available on the web.

The Extracurricular and Athletics Committee wants to promote intramural sports in the graduate student population and is asking for volunteers to help coordinate the teams.

The nomination process to elect next year's GSC officers was initiated at the meeting and will close on April 1. It will re-open on election day if some positions have not been filled.

Any graduate student can nominate himself or be nominated by the president by sending mail to gsc-president@mit.edu.

Eugene Bae G is considering a nomination for GSC president; Yong T. Yoon G accepted a nomination for GSC president. Hans J. S. Feder G and Terence P. Fan G accepted nominations for GSC vice-president. Melissa M. Tata G accepted a nomination for secretary.

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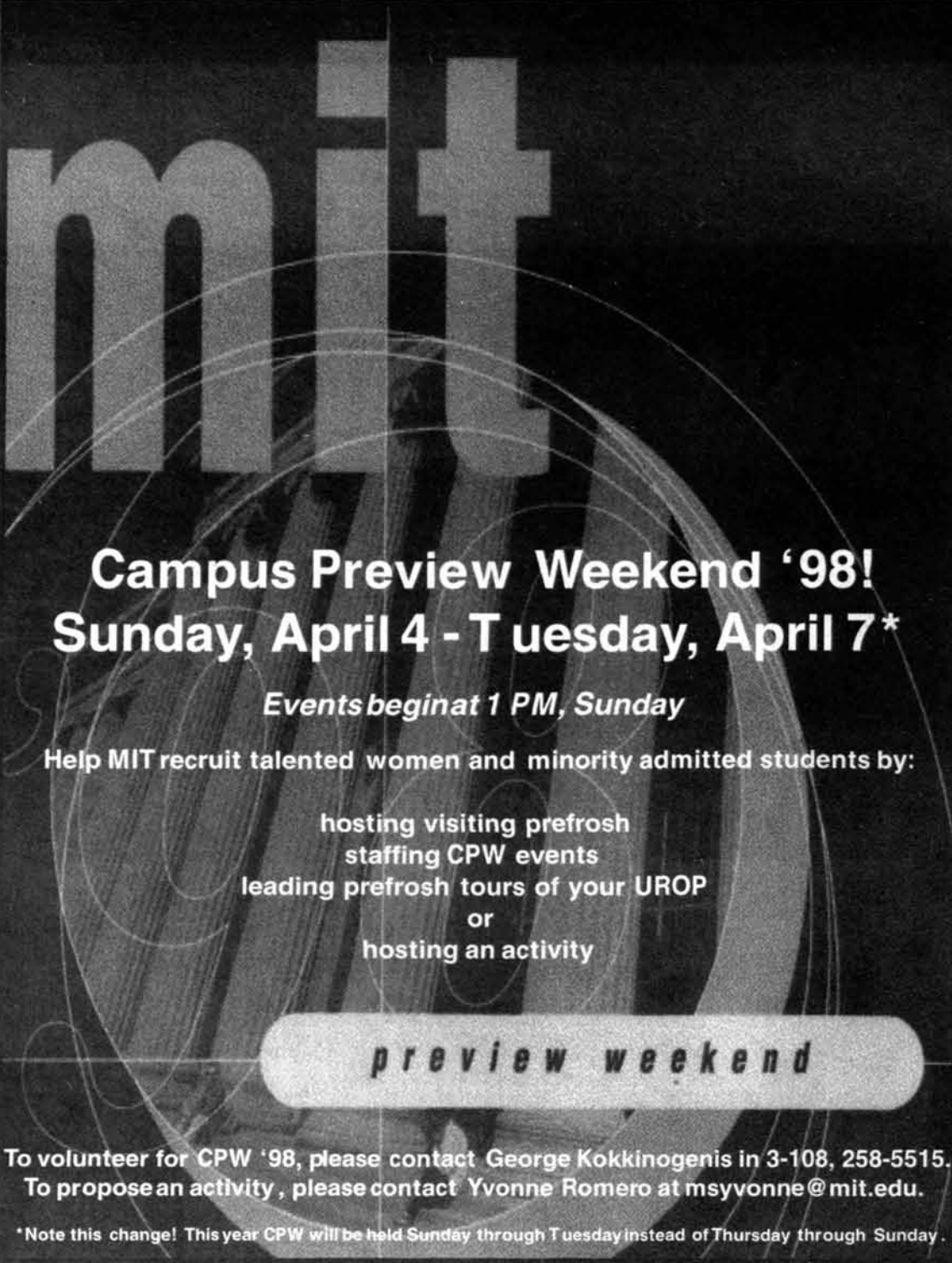
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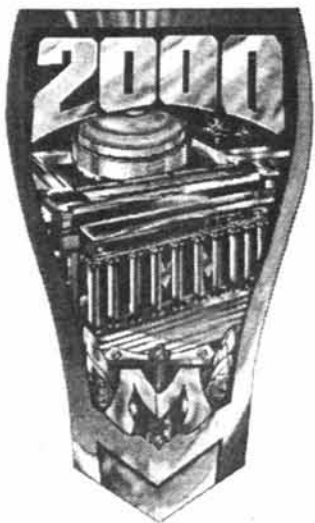
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Students' Pamphlet Criticizes Drop in Self-Help

Riot, from Page 1

3.9 percent increase, from last year. This is smallest percentage increase since 1970.

The group's pamphlet praised the people who "allowed us to protest only a 4.1 percent increase instead of the completely intolerable figures that otherwise would have been forced down our throats."

Susan E. Born '98, who printed the pamphlets, criticized the drop in self-help levels. "It looks an awful lot like they're trying to split the student body," she said. The pamphlet called it a "wedge driven between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, to co-opt half the student body, to seduce the neediest away from our glorious Cause."

"It's part serious and it's part joking," said one student participating in the Riot. "It's a tradition."

"Some of us are seniors," Born said. "We haven't seen a riot since freshman year... if you go for years without doing it," you forget how to do it, she said.

"We start when they do a small tuition rise, to train the freshmen" how to react to future, larger increases, Born said.

Participants seemed to enjoy the Riot. "[I'm here] to protest the petition, but really just for the hell of it," said Kailas N. Narendran '01. Otherwise, "I was going to do 18.03," he said.

The rain did not seem to dampen spirits. One student called it "good rioting weather," noting that "rain breeds discontent."

Students Appreciate Ring's Hidden Views

Ring, from Page 1

make that particular year's Brass Rat. As a result, the rings are often more inexpensively priced than those at other schools, since fluctuations in the price of gold can change the price, Johnson said.

The Brass Rat is "our largest ring account," Johnson added, noting that up to 90 percent of the class will purchase a class ring before graduation. Companies traditionally vie for the MIT account because of its prestige.

Once the company was chosen in October, die cutters from Artcarved work with the ring committee to design the Brass Rat. "The artist came up and met with them several times," Johnson said.

Because of the volume of the initial MIT order, the entire Artcarved factory shuts down to

process the order, Johnson said. At most other schools, students order a class ring at their leisure through a college bookstore.

The ring is "very unique... probably the most unique ring in the country," Johnson said. "There is no question that this ring is from MIT."

Students react favorably to ring

Most students at the ring ceremony reacted favorably to this year's design. It has "the hidden things that we'll appreciate now" as well as the features that classmates will appreciate after their graduation, said Bani M. Azari '00.

"People seem really excited," Balli said. "Everybody has been talking about ordering on Monday."

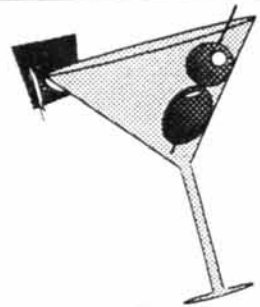
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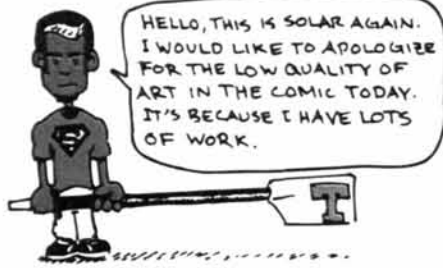
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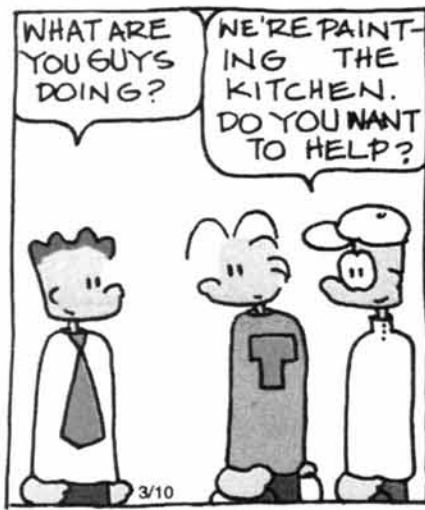
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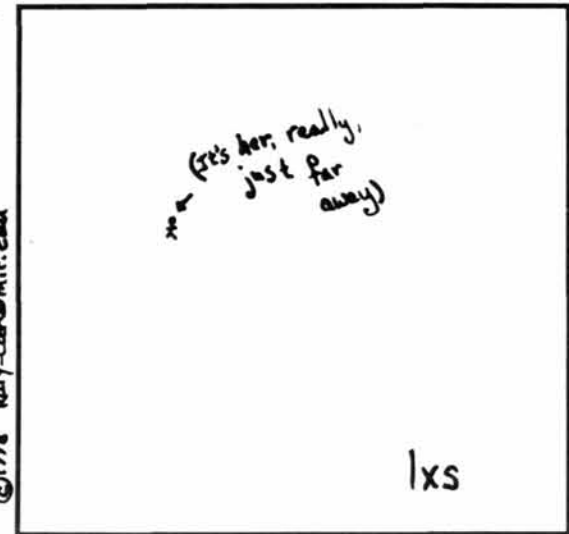
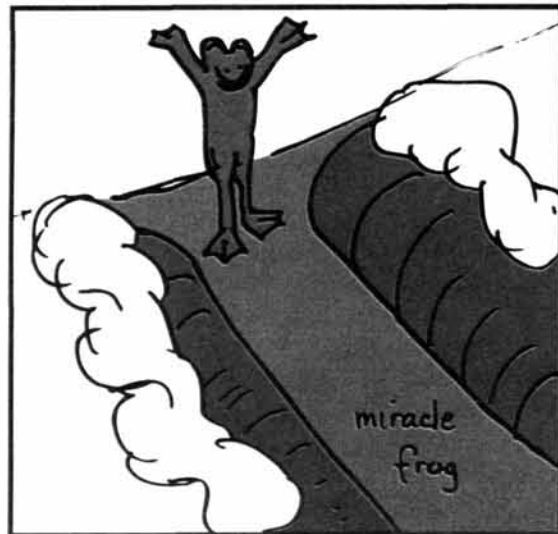
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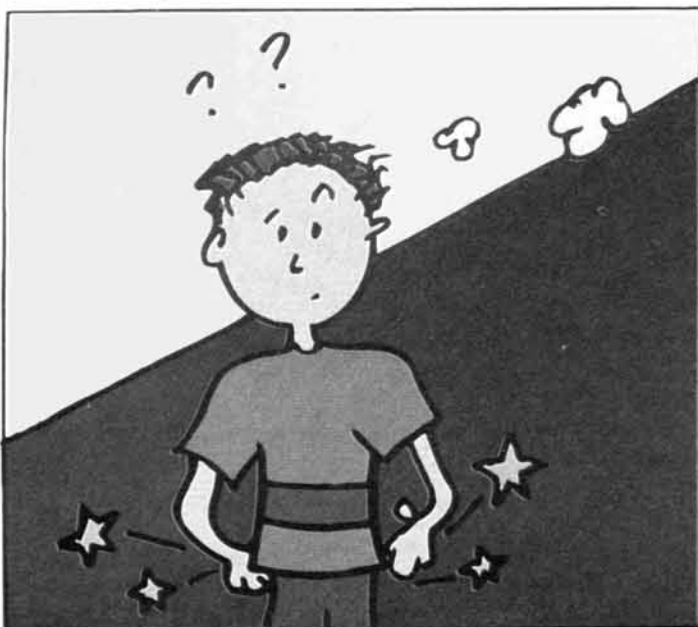
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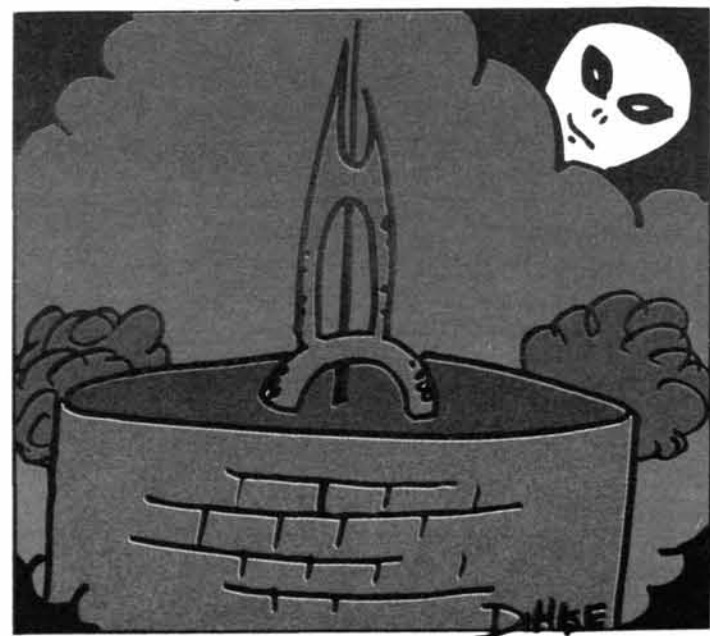


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... It's some sort of alien anal probe...

By Jennifer DiMase





RHINO MAN



THE STORY SO FAR: After hearing a radio report that revealed the chief investor in his girlfriend Mariko's firm has mob ties, Rhino-Man rushed to her apartment.

by Zachary Emig



I'm sorry, baby...I know I've brought...shame... Shh, shh, I need to get you to a hospital...



No...I'm not going to make it...



I just want you...to know that...I didn't know...when I told you about the investor*...I would never hurt you...

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No, no, you can't die, Mariko, you can't die.

Shhhh...just remember that... I will...always... love...you...



I love you too.



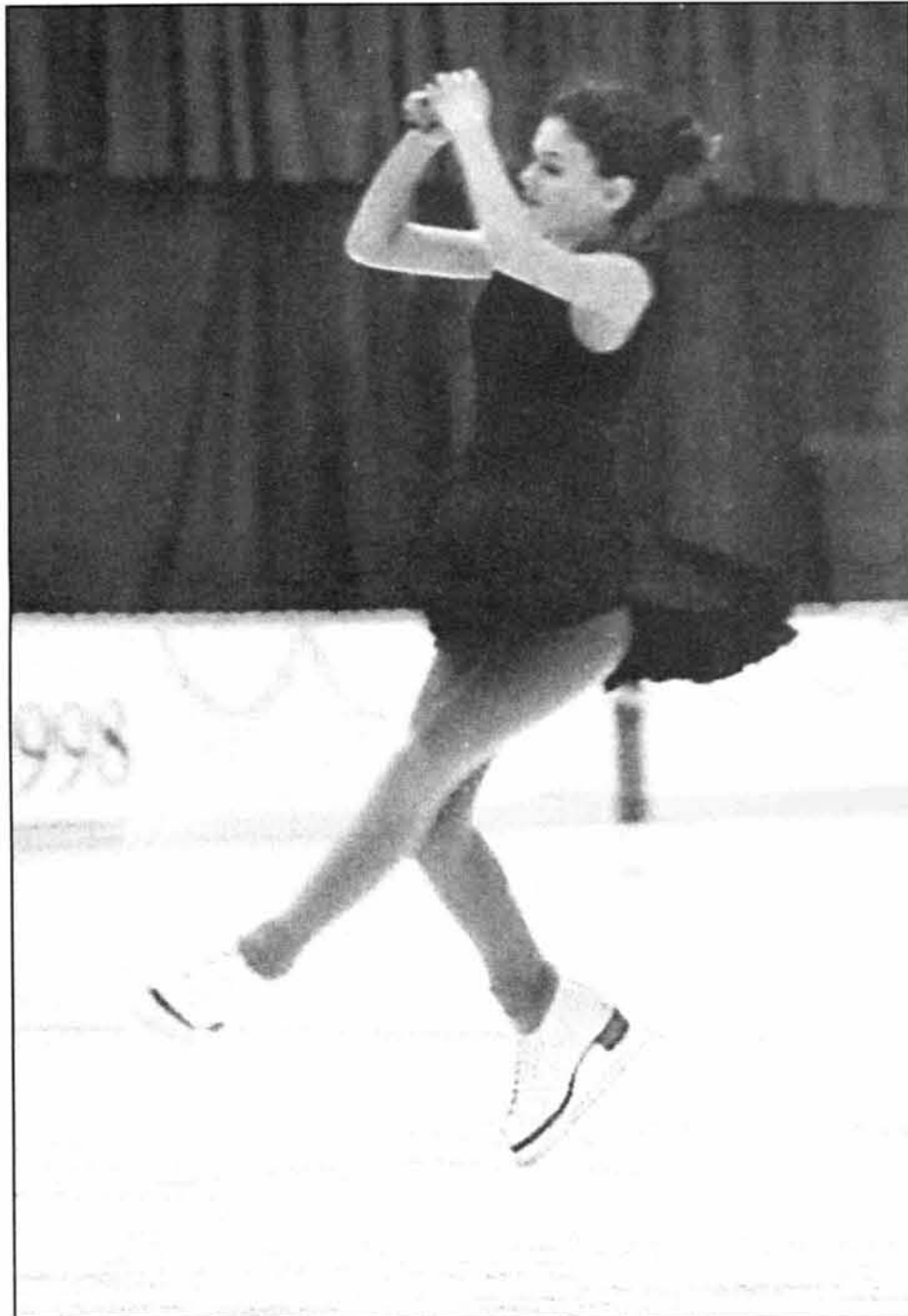
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The 1998 MIT Figure Skating Exhibition

(clockwise to right)

- Kelly O'Grady receives a birthday treat after her performance.
- Rosalind Paradis spins through the air to the tune of *Titanic's* "Southampton".
- Jillian LeBlanc and Mickey Barry complete their routine, set to "Friends" from *Toy Story*.

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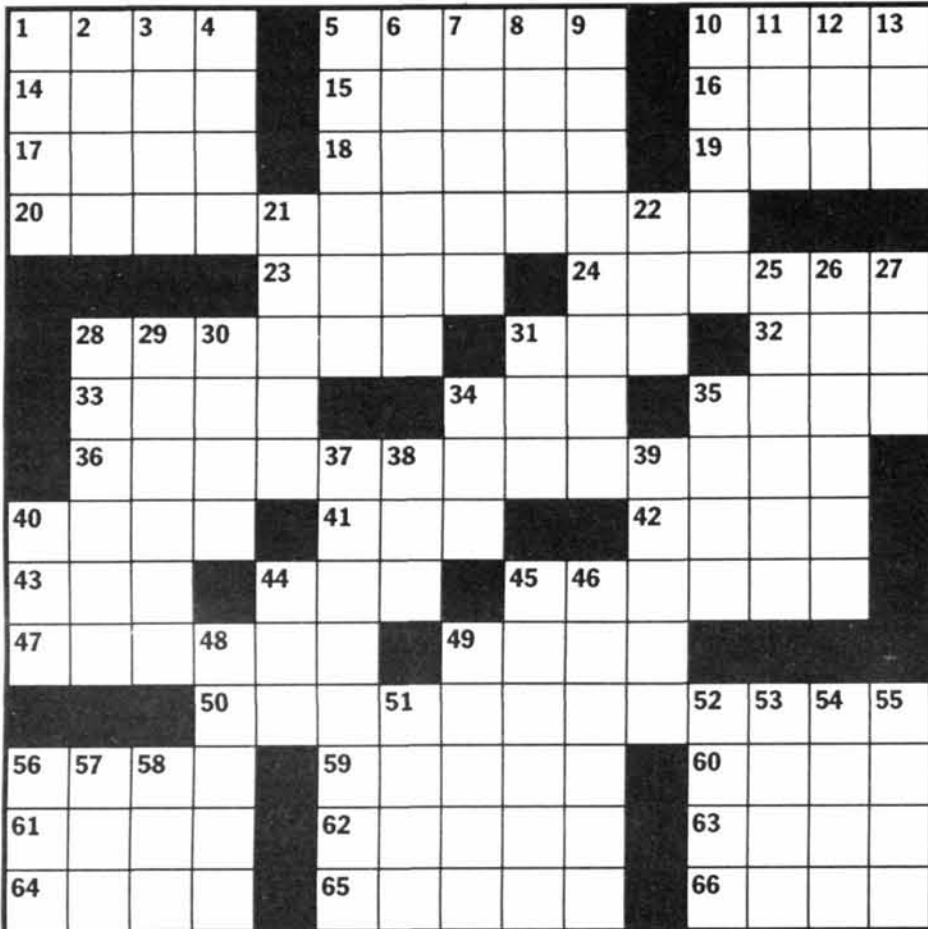
Trivia Corner **The Name's the Same**

A dinner party held in Boston in 1901 was attended by an American novelist and a British politician who shared the same first and last names. The novelist had already gained wide popularity with the historical novels "Richard Carvel" and "The Crisis." The politician would later author some books himself, including "The World Crisis" and "The History of the English Speaking

People." Their names: Winston Churchill. What first and last names were shared by the last survivor of the HMS Bounty mutineers, an English astronomer, an opera composer and a president of the United States? This week's winners will each win two LSC movie tickets and one large tub of popcorn, courtesy of LSC.

Showing this weekend:
 Friday 6:30 pm in room 10-250
The Great Race
 Friday 7 and 10 pm, Sunday 7 pm in room 26-100
Alien: Resurrection
 Saturday 3, 7, and 10 pm, Sunday 10 pm in room 26-100
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Send your answer to trivia@the-tech.mit.edu by 3 p.m. Wednesday. Two random drawings from all of the correct entries will be held to determine this week's two winners. This feature was brought to you by the CAC Program Board. Today's factoids are by the MIT Quiz Bowl team. Members of the quiz bowl team, LSC, and The Tech are not eligible.



ACROSS

- 1 There are 7 of them
- 5 Ba'th party leader
- 10 Quarrel
- 14 Injure
- 15 Figure out
- 16 In a mechanical way, with by
- 17 8: prefix
- 18 Part of RSVP
- 19 Summers in Nice
- 20 The ceiling of 10?
- 23 One time only
- 24 Car manufacturer
- 28 Game bird
- 31 Precursor to the CIA
- 32 Supermarket code, abbr.
- 33 Paddles
- 34 Driving offense, abbr.
- 35 Year in Pope Evaristus reign
- 36 54th building?
- 40 Grows old
- 41 Assist
- 42 Withdraw
- 43 French plural pronoun
- 44 Potassium cyanide, to a chemist
- 45 Obsesses, with on
- 47 Shooting star
- 49 Lacy spice covering
- 50 Ceiling of 7?
- 56 ___ is life
- 59 Norwegian king
- 60 Med. sch. subj.
- 61 Wing___

- 62 Mountain range in Utah
- 63 Night, in Paris
- 64 One of Michael's brother
- 65 Tic
- 66 Jacob's elder twin

DOWN

- 1 Took a jumper
- 2 Per
- 3 Comedie dell'___
- 4 Urban haze
- 5 Poplar trees
- 6 Relief
- 7 Shade of blue
- 8 Fanatical
- 9 To remove lymphoid tissue in the throat
- 10 Lets loose
- 11 Corrode
- 12 Sat down to a meal
- 13 Word of agreement
- 21 Cause to flee cover
- 22 Units of distance
- 25 Type of tap
- 26 Puts in a row
- 27 Rapa___
- 28 Wide-eyed stare
- 29 Most unique
- 30 Lode finds
- 31 Yes, en FranÁais
- 34 Firecracker that does not go BOOM!
- 35 Sky, en franÁais
- 37 Inner layer of a mollusk

By Anthony R. Salas

- 38 Basket
- 39 Live, in
- 40 Target
- 44 Famous diamond, ___-inoor
- 45 Sketches
- 46 Secy. of War under Cleveland, Endicott
- 48 Prefix with linguistic
- 49 Range maker
- 51 Fall's partner
- 52 One from Denmark
- 53 Burden of proof
- 54 Mother of Hermes
- 55 ___ Brute
- 56 British Airways plane, abbr.
- 57 News agency
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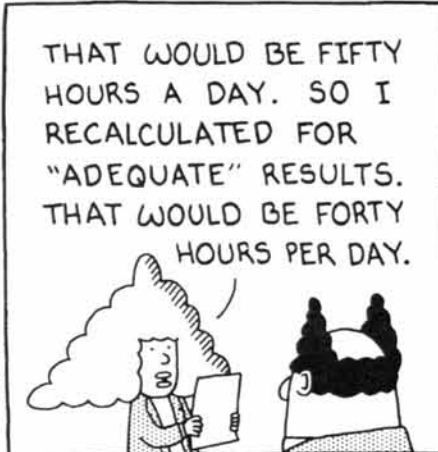
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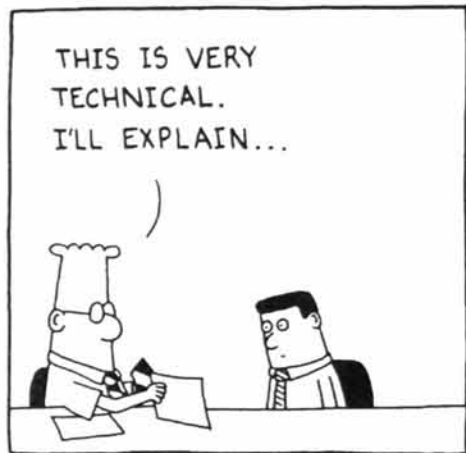
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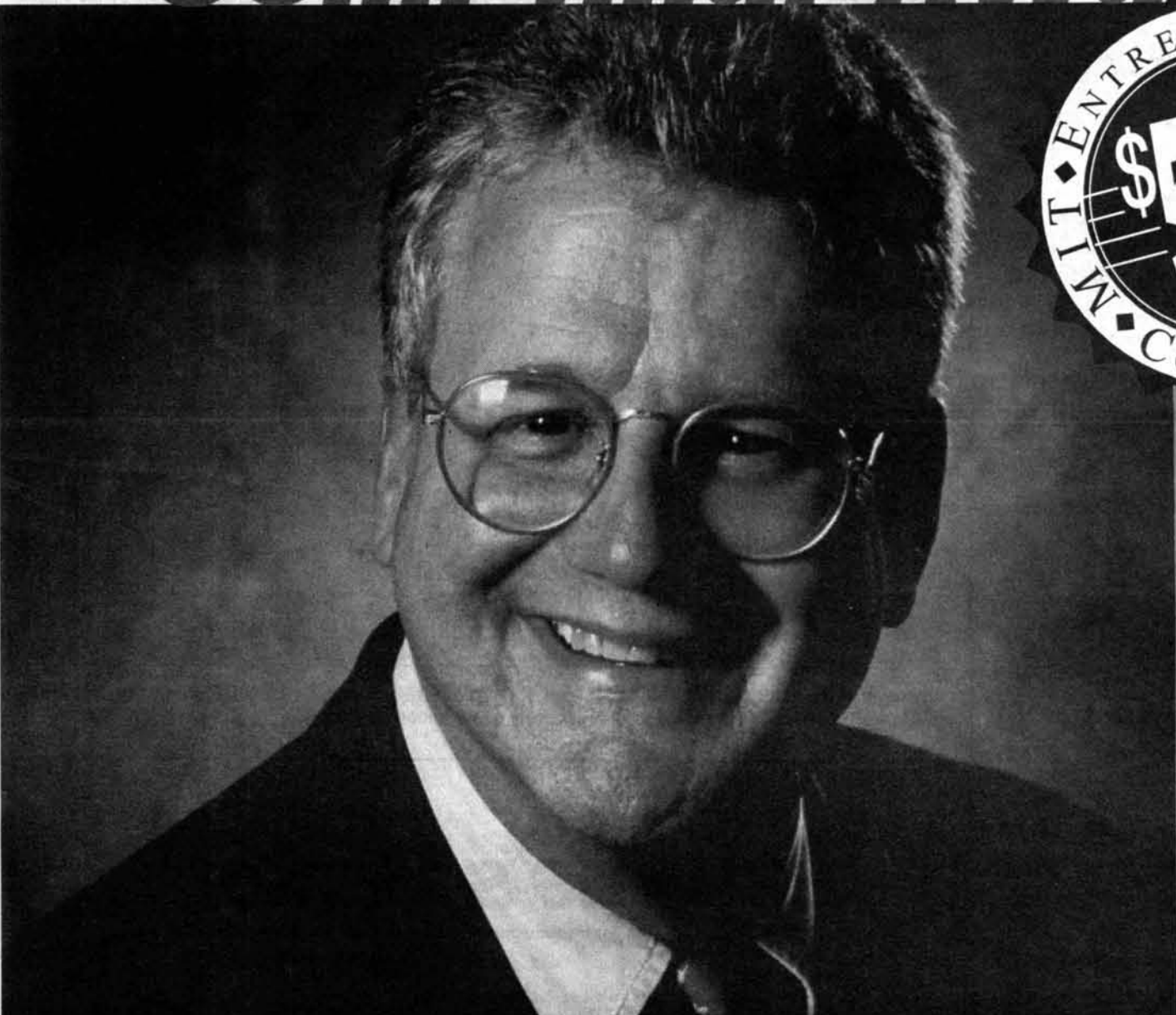


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rulings made in regards to the Presidential and Vice Presidential ticket of Paul T. Oppold '99 and Jennifer A. Kelly '99 which "some people felt were extremely unfair and might have biased the election."

In the first ruling, which was made on Saturday, Feb. 21, permitted Oppold to keep his petition signatures even though some of them had been taken while he shared a ticket with Pamela Mukerji '01.

"I didn't want Paul to be penalized for Pam quitting. I didn't want him to be at a disadvantage because Pam didn't want to run with him anymore," said Bisen-Hersh.

"The election commissioner acted without first consulting the rest of the commission. It was within his powers to do so, and the commission tacitly agreed with his decision," Martinez said.

Oppold put on probation

In the second ruling, made Monday, Feb. 23, Oppold was put on probation by the election commission in response to

complaints that he had been talking about his platform and, in essence, campaigning while getting signatures. The election campaign officially began on Saturday, Feb. 28, after all the signatures are gathered. The UA Election code prohibits candidates from campaigning before that date.

Though Mukerji had gotten 247 signatures and Oppold had taken down 680 signatures by then, which was well over the 440 signature requirement, Oppold's new Vice Presidential running mate Kelly continued to get signatures. Oppold thought that the "safest thing to do would be to get 440 new signatures just in case the decision was reversed or appealed."

However, with only a few days left and Oppold on probation, which prevented him from getting additional signatures, Kelly only obtained an extra 103 signatures. Nevertheless, the fact that the Oppold-Kelly ticket turned in over 1000 signatures instead of the 440 required raised some eyebrows.

The third ruling, made on Sunday, Mar. 1, was approved an e-mail message sent to the Baker

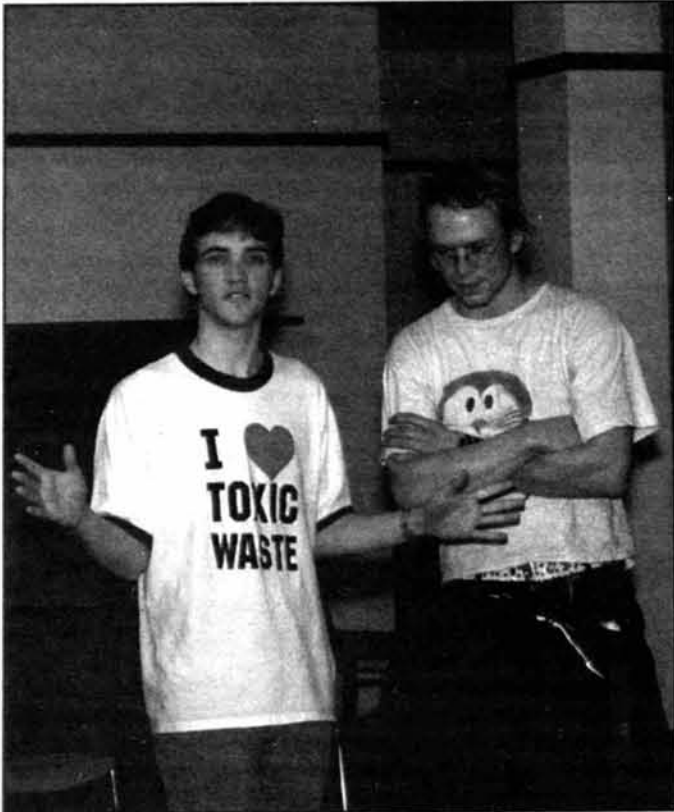
House social mailing list, as well as to the people who had given their usernames when they signed Oppold's petition. The e-mail was sent on Saturday, Feb. 28.

"I think the election commission was correct in their ruling to allow the mass e-mail. For example, the Baker social mailing list was appropriate since Jen served as Vice President of Baker and ran for Baker President," Oppold said.

"As for the list, I compiled [it] from my signature sheets," said Oppold, "The sheets state, 'Add your username only if you would like to be on an election update list.'"

If any party decides to appeal these decisions before 6 p.m. tomorrow, the new motion enables the judicial board to postpone releasing the election results until Mar. 22.

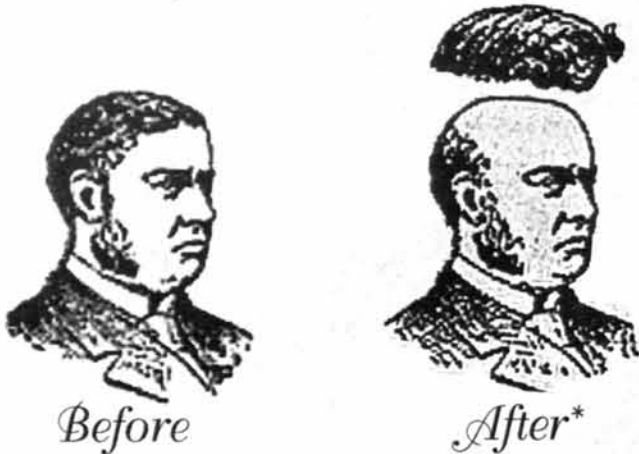
"The thing I really want is for [the] elections to be the choice of the students. There's bickering in the UA but it should be the opinion of the students expressed through voting," said Oppold. "I don't want the president chosen by the Judicial Review Board, and their ruling could have that effect," said Oppold.



WAN YUSOF WAN MORSHIDI—THE TECH

Presidential candidate Eric H. Prebys '99 (right) and vice presidential candidate Andrew W. Sparks '99 speak at the Undergraduate Association study break at East Campus last Thursday.

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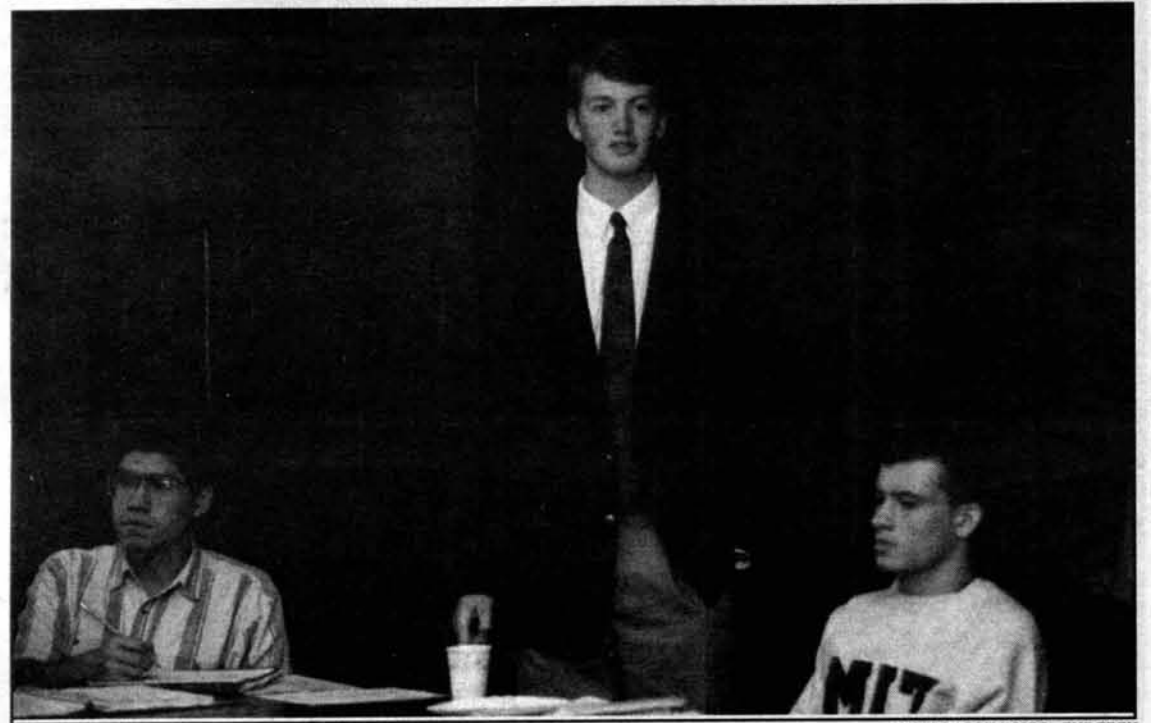
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MIODRAGCIRKOVIC—THE TECH

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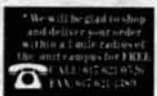
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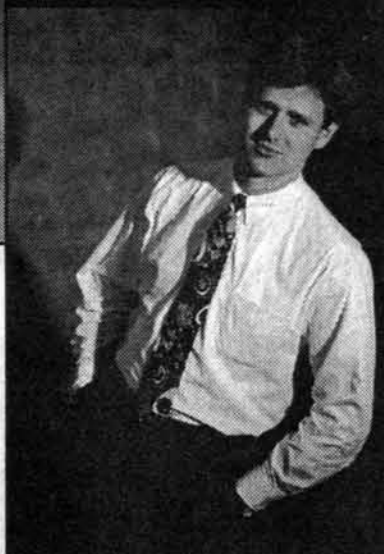


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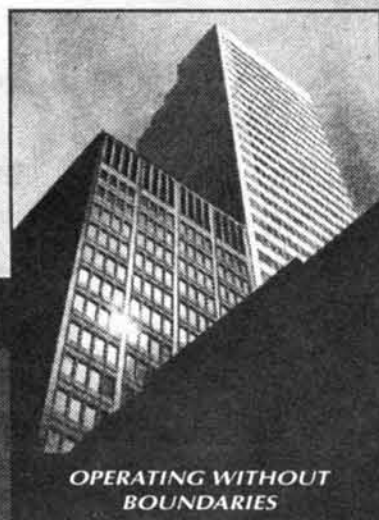
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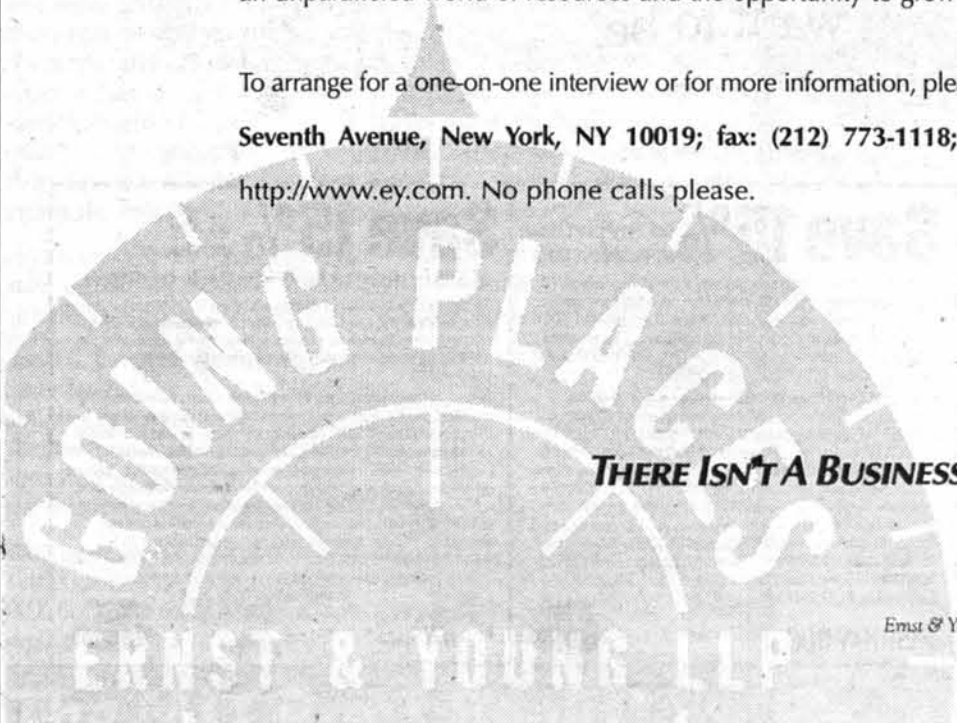
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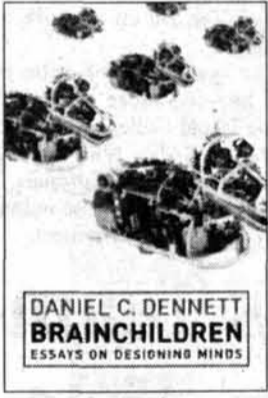
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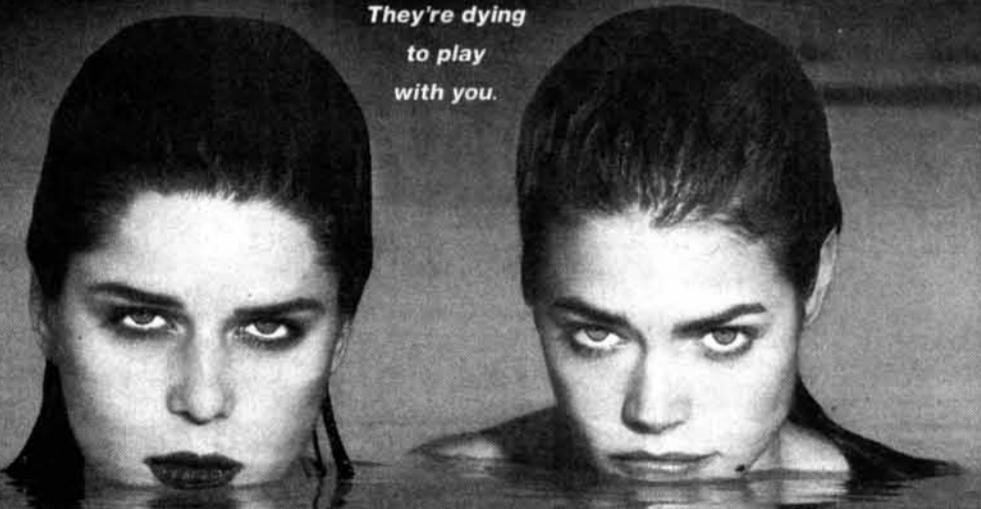
Dennett's work has been called among "the most important contributions to thinking about thinking yet written . . . remarkably lucid and well written, refreshing and un pompous." —Douglas R. Hofstadter, *The New York Review of Books*

Daniel C. Dennett is Distinguished Arts and Sciences Professor and Director of the Center for Cognitive Studies at Tufts University. He is the author of a number of books published by The MIT Press, including *Brainstorms* (1980), *Elbow Room* (1984), and *The Intentional Stance* (1987). In April 1998, The MIT Press will republish these previous volumes, together with *Brainchildren*, as *The Dennett Quartet*, a boxed set of four books with a cross-referenced index.

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Bars Prove Decisive In Gymnastics Event

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ule which will count towards the SAS portion of the ranking formula, but both teams would have to score 3 points higher than they have all year to overtake Cortland.

In fairness, the team from Cortland N.Y., is better and they had the better meet. MIT has pulled even with Cortland by competing very consistent lately while Cortland, until now, has had problems putting it together. So the saying rings true for when teams are closely matched: "it is not who has the best team that wins, but the one that hits their routines" that comes out on top.

MIT's meet started on beam after a bye with Liz Ellingson '01 turning in one of her best efforts of the year for an 8.75. One of the judges actually flashed a 9.1, which was more in line with what she should have received, but after a lengthy conference, the judges settled on the lower score. Marnie Bell '99 followed with a 7.65 which included two falls. Nann Kronschnabel '00 hit her front on mount just to fall off on a tuck jump with a full twist and still scored a respectable 8.6. Up next was Rachel Van Buren '99 who hit the routine of her life for a personal best 9.125. Her score was also good enough to place her 5th on beam in the competition.

Alli Christenson followed with a solid acro series and then balked on a jump and wobbled her way off the beam. She attacked the rest of the routine, but it just wasn't her day and she had another major wobble before finishing with a score of 8.35. Just as hitting a beam routine is contagious, so is missing it. Sonja Ellefson '01 competed one of her most solid routines all year but her backhandspring layout was so crooked that she landed it with one foot on the beam and the rest of her body coming down. Even with a fall, she salvaged a 9.0, which placed her 6th overall on beam, but with 5 team falls, the team was not off to a good start.

Floor exercise was next, after another bye since there were 7 teams in the competition. Everyone in the line-up performed a solid routine including Van Buren's new, more difficult tumbling passes. The cleanest set belonged to Ellefson and she was rewarded with a 9.35 which was good enough to crown her the 1998 ECAC Floor Exercise Champion. She becomes only the

second MIT gymnast ever to win an event at ECACs. Vault followed floor without a bye in between, and the team performed very well, tying the school record for a 5 score vault total (44.725), and only one tenth behind the four score event total with a 36.125. Kronschnabel and Christenson performed clean hand-spring fulls for 9.0s and Ellefson pulled out a layout tsuk for a 9.4, eventually taking third place overall on vault.

The final event was bars, the team's weakest event, and they had to do extraordinarily well to make up for the falls on beam. Stephanie Cheng '00 started off on the right track with her best bar routine of the year and that was followed by strong efforts by Ellingson and Van Buren. Kronschnabel threw a new routine that she had worked on during the week and it showed as she struggled putting the whole thing together and had to count a fall. Christenson swung her usual solid routine for an 8.75 and Ellefson wrapped up the meet with a 9.2 which ties her personal best and helped her to finish 4th on this event.

During the course of the season, the team has improved a full 4.5 points on bars, but even that was not good enough to fight off a stronger Cortland bars team. In the end, it the bars proved the deciding factor of the meet as Cortland beat MIT on that event by 2.65 and Ursinus by 2.05.

The team had a lot of fun at the match. They competed well and placed three gymnasts in the top 10 all-arounds (Ellefson 3rd, Christenson 8th and Van Buren 10th). Ellefson also captured the floor championship as well as 3rd on vault, 4th on bars and 6th on beam. The most pleasant surprise was Van Buren's 5th place finish on beam with a 9.125. This team accomplished a lot just to get into a position to be able to qualify to the NCGA championships.

While Cortland will qualify as a team, MIT will bring Sonja Ellefson and Alli Christenson as all-arounders to the meet, and possibly Rachel Van Buren on both beam and floor.

The season is not quite over. MIT has one more dual meet at Rhode Island College, the host site for the NCGA's. With three gymnasts qualifying to Nationals, the hope to bring home some individual awards home from that meet.

Table Tennis Team Gets Division Title, Seeks League Win

By Henry Tang

TEAM CAPTAIN

The MIT table tennis team secured the League of Northeast Intercollegiate Table Tennis division championship last Saturday after defeating Harvard 3-1 in the semifinal and Dartmouth 4-0 in the final.

After an impressive undefeated regular season (6-0), MIT seemed a shoe-in for the division title. In the semifinal, however, Harvard put up the strongest competition seen this season. Although MIT still won convincingly, it was not without a hard fight. Henry Tang '98 defeated Lewis Shi, 19-21, 21-18, 21-10, Eugene Shuster G beat Aaron Chung, 21-17, 21-10, Peter Huang '00 lost to Lifan Yang, 21-8, 19-21, 19-21, and Michael Chechelnitzki G '98 won against Thomas Lee, 21-10, 14-21, 21-17 to give MIT a 3-1 win over their rival.

The final turned out to be a much easier victory as MIT plowed through Dartmouth in straight games. Tang defeated Yin Xu, 21-17, 21-16, Shuster won against Jason Deeken, 21-10, 21-11 Huang beat Tom Doan, 21-10, 21-12 and Chechelnitzki Lukas Cadil, 21-18, 21-12 as MIT swept their opponents with a 4-0 win.

The top two teams in the north division will face the top two teams from the south division for the league championship. While the team members expect to face stiffer competitions from Johns Hopkins University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, they are optimistic about their chances at winning the championship.

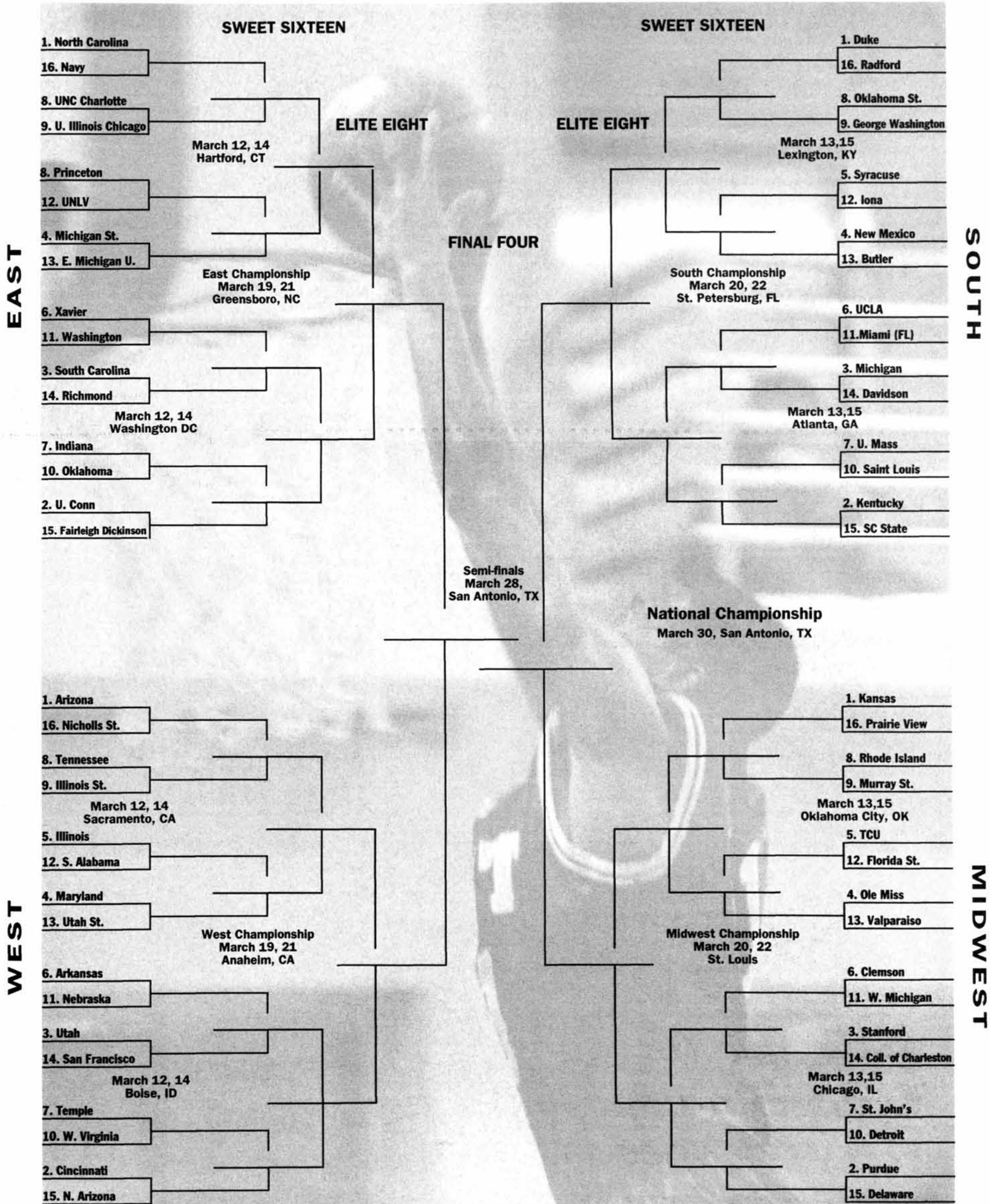
Congratulations should also be extended to Shuster and Huang for finishing in first and second place, respectively, in the ACUI New England Regional, which qualifies them for the nationals.

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SPORTS

SUNY Defeats MIT Gymnasts, Individuals Qualify for Tourney

By Eduardo Ovalle
TEAM COACH

In a highly contested ECAC Championship meet on Saturday afternoon the Engineers competed aggressively, but committed a couple of mistakes which hurt them in the end. MIT needed to hit 24 for 24 routines in order to stay ahead in hopes of hanging on to the third and final qualifying spot for the NCGA Nationals.

In addition, ECAC counts as a weighted score of 60 percent toward the final season average so this meet became even more important for the team as well as any individuals hoping to qualify. MIT was in a very tight race with State University of New York, Cortland and Ursinus College for the third position in the east. By the end of the meet, MIT found themselves 2.2 behind Cortland and 1 full point behind host Ursinus College.

The final scores of this meet combined with the current seasonal average score (SAS) in a weighted 60 percent to 40 percent ratio, flip-flops the teams putting Cortland ahead for the third and last qualifying spot in the east. Cortland 141.32 had, Ursinus 140.79, and MIT 140.43. Both Ursinus and MIT still have one more meet on their sched-

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Athletes of the Week

This week's athletes of the week are Deirdre Dunn '99 and J.C. Olsson '00. Dunn captured the title in the 50 yard butterfly at the New England Division III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships with a time of 26.28, a pool record at Wesleyan University. Olsson broke the men's gymnastics team record on Wednesday by scoring a combined 50.00/60.00 points in six events.

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



Deirdre Dunn '99
Swimming

Age: 20
Major: Chemical Engineering
Hometown: Weston, Mass.
Years participating in sport: 6
Most memorable moment:
Qualifying for nationals and winning 50 yard butterfly
Future plans: Compete at nationals and break the 200 medley relay record.

"Thank you to my coach, teammates, and my family for being supportive and making the season fun."

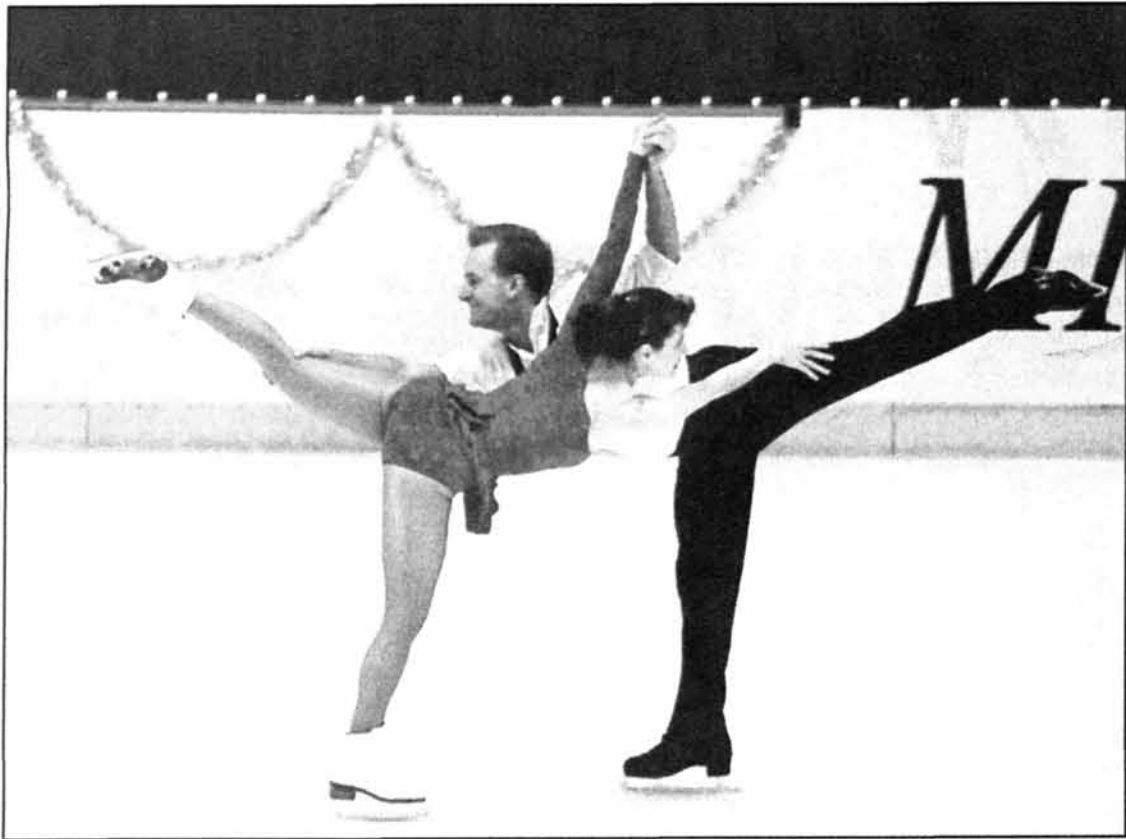


J.C. Olsson '00
Gymnastics

Age: 19
Major: Electrical Engineering
Hometown: Closter, NJ
Years participating in sport: 12
Most memorable moment:
Blowing my shot at national finals on parallel bars by landing on my butt.

Future plans: To stop being such a wuss.

"Gymnastics is a team sport. I could not have done this without my teammate Andy McCraith."



Louise Silver and Bill Rowe skated a lively show to the tune of "Luck Be a Lady" in Saturday's figure skating exhibition.

ECAC Championship Results

Team Scores

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Ithaca College | 147.825 |
| Springfield College | 144.225 |
| Cortland State | 142.475 |
| Ursinus College | 141.275 |
| M.I.T. | 140.275 |
| Rhode Island College | 139.300 |
| Brockport | 135.725 |

Vault

| Gymnast | School | Score |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Jen Nardone | Ithaca | 9.50 |
| 2. Lindsey Mazer | Ithaca | 9.425 |
| 3. Sonja Ellefson | M.I.T. | 9.40 |
| 4. Shanna Laraque | Spfld | 9.35 |
| 4. Cathy Thompson | Spfld | 9.35 |
| 6. Michelle Pelletier | RIC | 9.325 |

Bars

| Gymnast | School | Score |
|-------------------|----------|-------|
| 1. Lindsey Mazer | Ithaca | 9.50 |
| 2. Alison McClung | Ithaca | 9.25 |
| 3. Angela Mullan | Ursinus | 9.225 |
| 4. Sonja Ellefson | M.I.T. | 9.20 |
| 5. Kathy Kowalski | Ithaca | 9.075 |
| 6. Sulekha Modi | Cortland | 9.05 |

Beam

| Gymnast | School | Score |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Jen Nardone | Ithaca | 9.50 |
| 2. Lindsey Mazer | Ithaca | 9.325 |
| 3. Erin Kahler | Ithaca | 9.225 |
| 4. Liz Horne | Ithaca | 9.15 |
| 5. Rachel Van Buren | M.I.T. | 9.125 |
| 6. Sonja Ellefson | M.I.T. | 9.00 |

Floor

| Gymnast | School | Score |
|--------------------|----------|-------|
| 1. Sonja Ellefson | M.I.T. | 9.35 |
| 2. Veronica Mauiro | Cortland | 9.30 |
| 3. Lindsey Mazer | Ithaca | 9.25 |
| 4. Maryellen Carey | Spfld | 9.20 |
| 5. 8 gymnasts tied | | 9.15 |

All-Around

| Gymnast | School | Score |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1. Lindsey Mazer | Ithaca | 37.50 |
| 2. Jen Nardone | Ithaca | 37.125 |
| 3. Sonja Ellefson | M.I.T. | 36.95 |
| 4. Angela Mullan | Ursinus | 36.475 |
| 5. Carol Lindsay | Cortland | 35.425 |
| 6. Amy Bright | Rhode Island | 35.25 |
| 6. Rebecca Romano | Brockport | 35.25 |
| 8. Alli Christenson | M.I.T. | 35.15 |
| 9. Laura Murphy | Rhode Island | 34.325 |
| 10. Rachel Van Buren | M.I.T. | 34.15 |

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