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## Campus Police Acknowledge Omission of FSILG Crime Stats

By Douglas E. Heimburger  
NEWS EDITOR

The Campus Police have admitted that they omitted statistical information about crimes in off-campus fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups from their federally-required crime summaries for the past five years.

The discovery came after *The Tech* requested crime statistics from the Boston Police for ILGs in the Boston area from 1990 until the present. "We didn't know that we had the problem" until the Boston Police contacted the Campus Police in connection with the request, said Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin.

"We decided to check back and look at the incidents."

When the Campus Police reviewed computer summaries of the incidents provided by the Boston Police department, they discovered that previous faxed summaries from the Boston Police had been falsely reporting that no crimes had occurred, Glavin said. "I was rather upset about it."

As a result, statistics for 1996 and 1997 were changed to include off-campus incidents reported to the CPs by Boston Police. The revised statistics were released along with the 1997 Annual Report of the MIT Campus Police Department.

Several serious crimes were uncovered, among them two forcible rapes which occurred in off-campus residences over the past two years. No forcible rapes occurred on campus during that time period.

The number of rapes and other sexual assaults is not surprising, said Glavin. "We continually say that the number of incidents of rape are more than those reported." The numbers being made available now are just "the tip of the iceberg," Glavin said.

Two assaults which occurred

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## Provost Grants \$300K in Funds For Student Activities Next Year

By Naveen Sunkavally  
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

Provost Joel Moses PhD '67 announced that he will increase the student activities budget to \$300,000, tripling the amount of money that will be available to student groups next year.

The announcement, made at a faculty meeting on March 18, comes after a grant by Moses of \$40,000 to student groups in February.

"I am very pleased that we have been able to triple the budget," Moses said. Moses said that he hoped some of the funds could be used to bring in additional enter-

tainment such as bands.

The rise in funding came about as a result of the efforts of Dean of Undergraduate Education and Academic Affairs Rosalind H. Williams and several student leaders. "Dean Williams and I will discuss in the near future the process by which the extra funds will be allocated," Moses said.

"This is obviously something over which I'm ecstatic," said Undergraduate Association President Dedic A. Carter '98. The Provost's action will help bring MIT up to par with other universities, which have traditionally funded student activities significantly more than MIT

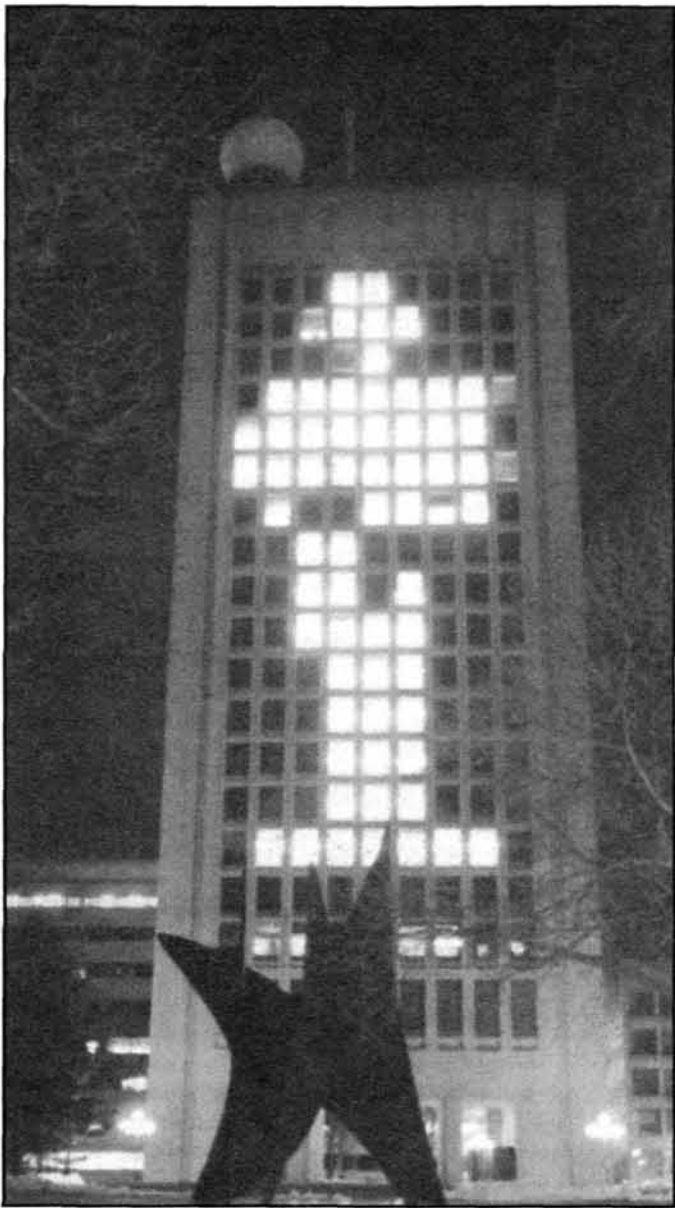
has, Carter said.

UA Treasurer Theresa J. Raine '98 was also pleased with the allocation. "This has been an issue with both Dedic and myself for quite a while, and seeing the work has produced results is wonderful," Raine said.

Graduate funding questioned

Graduate Student Council President Geoffrey J. Coram G was more reserved in his praise. Coram said that at the faculty meeting he thanked Moses for the announcement but also questioned how the

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Hackers turned the Green Building into a giant Oscar figure last Tuesday evening.

## Speakers Commemorate Rich, Varied History of Building 20

By Susan Buchman  
STAFF REPORTER

While most students were busy recuperating from the rigors of the academic year, some revisited a piece of MIT's past. Alumni, professors, administrators, and others attended a recent commemoration of the soon-to-be-demolished Building 20. The event, entitled "MIT's Building 20: The Magic Incubator," took place over spring break.

The program, on March 26 and 27, focused on the important role that Building 20 has played in the history of research and innovation at MIT. The commemoration consisted of lectures on the history of Building 20, meals, and tours of the building.

The building, built in 1943 as temporary space, is now the subject of nostalgic tales. In 1940, Vannevar Bush '16, head of the National Defense Research Committee, awarded radiation research to MIT. The results of this

research would be used in the Allied effort in World War II. To make room for this research, Building 20 was constructed on what had previously been an athletic field.

From its inception it was intended to be a temporary building; it was first slated for destruction in 1946. "When I arrived at MIT as a freshman in 1954, I was told that building 20 was a temporary building constructed during World War II and that it would certainly be torn down soon to make way for a more permanent building," said Robert L. Baber '58, now a management consultant, in a book of reminiscences compiled for the program.

It was finally decided that Building 20 will be torn down this year to make room for the Stata Complex, which will house MIT's Laboratory for Computer Science, the Artificial Intelligence

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T. LUKE YOUNG—THE TECH

Hackers paid their last respects to Building 20 last Friday. The building is slated for demolition this year.

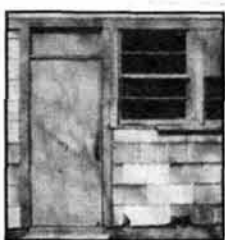


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Farewell to  
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The Class of 2002 will be most selective in memory. A smaller number of students were accepted this year from the largest pool of applicants on record.

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Transgender, Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Days begin at MIT.

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Dormcon elects new officers.

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# WORLD & NATION

## AIDS Discrimination Case Begins

WASHINGTON POST

The Supreme Court heard arguments yesterday in a case that will decide whether a law protecting the disabled from discrimination covers people infected with the AIDS virus but not yet showing symptoms.

The dispute is the first involving AIDS discrimination to be heard by the court, as well as its first review of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Gauging by their reaction yesterday, the justices are struggling with the confluence of the two.

The case arose when Randon Bragdon, a dentist in Bangor, Maine, refused to fill the cavity of HIV-infected patient Sidney Abbott unless she would have the procedure done in a hospital rather than his office. Abbott sued Bragdon for discrimination under the 1990 law, which prohibits doctors and others who serve the public from discriminating against people with disabilities.

Bennett H. Klein, Abbott's lawyer, faced skepticism from some justices when he argued that Abbott, 37, is disabled because she is hindered in her ability to engage in sexual relations and have children. Abbott had successfully argued in lower courts that as a fatal disease, some justices questioned whether reproduction is the kind of activity that Congress had in mind when it drafted the law, and included examples such as walking, seeing, hearing, breathing and speaking. Justice David H. Souter said that unlike breathing, for example, a person does not have to reproduce to survive. He also asked whether Klein was confusing "the moral limitation" Abbott placed on herself, so that she would not infect others, with a true physical limit on life's important functions.

## Chinese Institutions May Be Exempted From Hong Kong Laws

LOS ANGELES TIMES

HONG KONG

After a Chinese institution's public failure to comply with Hong Kong's privacy law, the post-colonial government is trying to quickly enact a bill that could put Chinese state institutions in the territory above the law.

The Adaptation of Laws Bill would restore a British colonial practice of exempting the government from local laws and would expand the definition of the government to include mainland representatives in Hong Kong as well as local officials.

Passing the bill would be one of the final acts of Hong Kong's appointed legislature before it is dissolved April 8 and replaced with an elected legislature.

Critics say that the bill goes expressly against the Basic Law, Hong Kong's mini-constitution, which states that Chinese branches in Hong Kong must obey local laws.

"When I was a member of the Basic Law drafting committee, we were assured by mainland drafters that all branch offices were subject to the Basic Law and ordinary laws of Hong Kong," Martin Lee, a lawyer and the leader of the Democratic Party said today. "But this new bill is a major threat to the rule of law."

## Armenian Poll Results Awaited

WASHINGTON POST

ARMENIA

Armenians voted Monday in the decisive runoff round of the country's presidential election. While the outcome remained unclear, it was quickly apparent that there were problems in holding a clean vote.

Voters were choosing between two men who emerged from a 12-candidate field in the election's first round: Prime Minister Robert Kocharian, who has served as caretaker president since last March, and Karen Demirchyan, a former Communist Party first secretary who governed Armenia when it was a Soviet republic. The result of the runoff is not expected until Tuesday.

Workers at Demirchyan campaign headquarters, who predicted a close finish, said they were receiving complaints from around the country of poll watchers being ejected from precincts and of efforts to stuff ballot boxes.

Kocharian campaign officials, who claim their candidate will win by at least seven percentage points, said that Demirchyan was trying to disqualify the outcome in advance.

## WEATHER

### Warm Welcome

By Gerard Roe  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The sizzling weather will continue for another day or so before temperatures plunge back down towards less absurd levels on Thursday. It is hard to believe that this time last year we were digging out from under 20 inches of snow. The record highs have been caused by persistent southerly flow ahead of a low pressure wobbling around over the middle of the country. As this finally begins to move off northeastward Wednesday, temperatures will cool a little ahead of the approaching cold front. This brings with it the possibility of showers or a thunderstorm. By Thursday daytime highs should be back down towards the more sensible (and usual) mid 50s (4°C).

**Today:** Hot and mostly sunny. Moderate to strong southwesterly winds. High 84°F (29°C). There is an outside chance of a late afternoon thunderstorm.

**Tonight:** Increasing clouds. Low a sticky 60°F (16°C).

**Wednesday:** Cooling and a likelihood of showers and thunderstorms, especially by the afternoon. High early of 65°F (18°C). Low 45°F (6°C).

**Thursday:** Mostly cloudy and cooler. Some isolated showers possible. High in the low to mid 50s (8°C). Low around 40°F (4°C).

# Clinton Applauds Botswana During Sub-Saharan Safari

By John F. Harris

WASHINGTON POST

GABORONE, BOTSWANA

President Clinton landed in placid, prosperous Botswana Sunday afternoon with a question for retiring President Ketumile Masire. Is it really true, as Clinton had heard, that the country has one elephant for every 18 people?

That figure sounded about right, a Masire aide assured Clinton. That the summit between two presidents should concern the local pachyderm population suggested that the Botswana trip agenda involved something other than matters of state.

An hour later, in fact, Clinton abandoned most of his large official delegation, as well as most of the reporters following his trip, and flew into the African bush on safari. The sprawling Chobe National Park, where the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be until Tuesday morning, is home to 25,000 of the elephants that aides said Clinton has been reading up on.

The Chobe excursion was the first lull in a week of blurring travel that has taken Clinton to five sub-Saharan African nations but, according to aides, left him fatigued and suffering a mild cold.

The official business here was decidedly low-key. In Rwanda, Clinton talked about the 1994 genocide, and in South Africa he talked about the nation's emer-

gence from apartheid. But Botswana is a place where things for the most part go well — and have been going that way for a long while.

Diamonds were discovered months after British colonial rule ended in 1966, creating relative affluence. The country has the longest average life span in sub-Saharan Africa (43.5 years for males and 45.6 years for females), and nearly universal primary education for children. Botswana, Clinton noted in a speech on the lawn of the presidential residence here, is doing so well that it no longer qualifies for Peace Corps volunteers and Agency for International Development programs.

The country also has been a democracy continuously since independence, a rarity among African states. Masire, who has been president since 1980, is retiring Tuesday, and Clinton saluted his tenure.

"Africa needs more Botswanas, and America is determined to support all those who would follow your lead," Clinton said. Clinton and Masire also discussed one area in which Botswana's record is not so laudable. Two years ago the government drafted a National Policy on Women, designed to overcome a long tradition of sexism and violence against women.

In addition, Clinton announced that he was directing \$4.8 million of the Voice of America's budget

over the next two years to pay for new programming called Radio Democracy for Africa. The service, which will promote a free press and report on humanitarian issues, will broadcast continent-wide 22 hours a week.

Clinton was still wearing a dark suit and tie when he landed at Kasane, near Chobe. But these were certain to be quickly discarded. The Clintons have no public schedule at the 4,200-square-mile game park. A few senior aides, such as national security adviser Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger and White House deputy chief of staff Sylvia Mathews are at the park, but nearly all other staff members remained here in the capital.

Before flying here from South Africa, the Clintons attended services at the Regina Mundi Catholic Church in Soweto, the township outside Johannesburg that was a focal point of the anti-apartheid movement. Clinton spoke briefly from the pulpit, as did the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson. Jackson is special envoy to Africa and a member of Clinton's delegation. While he once had edgy relations with Clinton, Jackson has more recently been an informal spiritual adviser to the Clintons during the Monica Lewinsky controversy. Today, he asked the congregation to "pray for President Clinton, whose bold daring and vision" are helping to "pull down ancient walls."

# Police Release List of Possible Victims of Calif. Mercy Killings

By T. Christian Miller

L.A. TIMES STAFF

CALIFORNIA

Glendale police on Sunday drew up a list of 30 people who may have been victims of hospital worker Efrén Saldivar, who allegedly told authorities he killed dozens of sick and elderly patients.

But police warned that the preliminary list — the result of hundreds of tips and phone calls that continued to pour in Sunday — may produce no solid evidence against Saldivar, a respiratory therapist. In an alleged confession to police, Saldivar said he suffocated or gave fatal doses of drugs to 40 to 50 near-death patients at Glendale Adventist Medical Center. The 30 names were obtained from relatives who called in to express their concern that sick loved ones had died prematurely while at the hospital.

Police have yet to determine whether anyone on the list was cared for by Saldivar or whether their deaths were suspicious in any way.

"We don't want to put hope into any of those that have called in," said Sgt. Rick Young, spokesman for the department. "This is a starting place. That's all."

The volume of calls, more than 350 so far to police and hospital officials, has further complicated an already difficult investigation involving long-dead victims, dozens of cases and complex medical evidence. Some of the calls stemmed from worried relatives whose loved ones died in the hospital since 1989, when Saldivar started work at the hospital and allegedly began his mercy killings. Others came from "nut cases," Young said.

"We're getting all sort of calls, and it's draining our manpower and resources," Young said.

Medical experts have also said that investigators face a difficult

forensic task and that even if bodies are exhumed, they may not yield evidence to determine if any crime was committed.

Police have brought no charges against Saldivar, a 28-year-old Tujunga resident whose whereabouts were still undetermined Sunday. Saldivar gave his purported confession to police after being detained March 11. But police were forced to release him after failing to find corroborating physical evidence.

Police sources said Saldivar hasn't been seen for four days, though his family told *The Times* on Saturday that he was merely hiding from the media glare, not authorities.

In an interview with *The Times* on Saturday, Eddie Saldivar said that his brother had denied making a confession to police. That runs counter to the description contained in an affidavit filed in connection with a hearing to suspend Saldivar's license to practice.

In that affidavit, police say they taped an alleged confession in which Saldivar detailed how he would suffocate or give drugs such as the muscle relaxant Pavulon to patients who met three criteria, according to an affidavit. Those criteria: The patients had to be unconscious, have given orders not to be resuscitated, and look like they were dying.

One worried friend was Critt Davis, 69, who said director-producer Arthur Lubin met the criteria described in the affidavit. Police did not know whether Lubin had ever been treated by Saldivar.

Lubin died at Glendale Adventist in May 1995 after several weeks in a coma. He was on a ventilator at the time of his death, Davis said about the director-producer.

Lubin — the director of such classic movies as "Phantom of the

Opera" and producer of the "Mr. Ed" television show — had deteriorated significantly in his last weeks.

"I think now there will always be a question mark for me about what happened," Davis said. "It is scary that somebody could do that. I think it is unfortunate that a lot of people will be upset when they need to exhume bodies and such."

In response to the allegations, hospital officials fired Saldivar and had his license suspended. They also suspended with pay three other respiratory care therapists after police said their conduct had raised "red flags."

Though police wouldn't describe the nature of their concerns, Saldivar told investigators that he grew confident in his mission after other therapists at the hospital allegedly began giving him the room numbers of terminally ill patients.

As a precautionary measure, hospital officials also suspended 41 other respiratory therapists — the entire respiratory staff of the hospital. Police said they were interviewing those therapists one by one to see whether they were involved in the deaths. A hospital spokeswoman said she didn't know whether any of the therapists had been cleared to return to work.

Work at the facility was slowly returning to normal as hospital officials Sunday night hosted 600 community leaders and supporters at the 450-bed facility's previously scheduled annual fund-raiser.

Before addressing the crowd, Robert Carmen, the hospital president, told a reporter that all of the guests he had spoken to at the black-tie gala at Glendale's Red Lion Inn supported his staff's handling of the incident.

Speaking later from the dais, Carmen said no patients have asked to be transferred from the hospital.

# Dole Reconnects With Kansas In Sentimental Farewell Tour

By Stephen Braun  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

He didn't have to come, and neither did they. Preoccupied with his Beltway life, Bob Dole has more important things to do than take the old highways he once rode deep into small-town Kansas over four decades in Congress. And the people who once voted for him have their own lives to get on with, routines that could do without interruption from an idled former senator no longer beholden to them. But sometimes, when a public life winds down, the human connections made over its course still glow like embers. More than a year after his presidential campaign loss, Dole has returned to Kansas' back roads to stoke those

coals one last time. Flying in several days a month from his lucrative work as a Washington lobbyist, Dole, 74, has embarked on a "thank-you tour" through each of Kansas' 105 counties. In prairie towns like El Dorado and Arkansas City, Delphos and Miltonvale, Dole and the Kansans turning out by the hundreds are celebrating the ordinary in American politics. For 37 years, Dole's punishing expeditions into remote counties to glad-hand at Rotary clubs, Legion halls and county fairgrounds were an indelible feature of Kansas' civic landscape. Even in a state where officials pride themselves on a common touch that is fading elsewhere, Dole's prodigious memory for names and faces

and his Spartan ability to endure road life remain legendary. The tour is an unspoken farewell to all that, a final reunion for Dole and his now-aging supporters — and a tribute to the countless coffees, ladies club meetings and chicken dinners that cemented the bonds of a political life. "It's important for towns like ours to know that we matter. Bob always made sure we felt that way," said El Dorado jeweler Richard Trombla, 78, a World War II veteran who came to a roadside motel meeting room recently to hail his old friend. "If this is the last time, there's a lot of people who want him to know how much his coming all those years meant to us."

# Kosovo Conflict Stirs Embers of Hatred in Yugoslav Federation

By Lee Hockstader  
THE WASHINGTON POST  
BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

When sectarian violence shook the province of Kosovo recently, Serbian lawmakers bowed their heads to commemorate their own: four dead Serb policemen, slain in the line of duty over a single weekend. At least 16 ethnic Albanians also died, but they were ignored by the Yugoslav parliament. The small independent Belgrade newspaper Danas duly recorded the event on an inside page with a small headline: "A Minute of Silence for the Police Only." That's when the death threats started. One man faxed a letter declaring he would make known his displeasure with the headline by visiting the newspaper's offices in the company of an automatic weapon. Another wrote to inform the editor

that "the next minute of silence will be for you." This was of some concern to the directors of Danas, or "Today," whose pockets are so shallow that reporters have not been paid since December and the notion of hiring a security guard is simply fantastic. However, the reaction was also not a complete surprise. The crisis in Kosovo, a secessionist province of Serbia overwhelmingly populated by ethnic Albanians, has unleashed a rising tide of extreme Serbian nationalism and ethnic hatred. Serbia is the dominant republic of Yugoslavia. The virulence of the public rhetoric in Belgrade, and the difficulty of dissent, is reminiscent of the prevailing political mood during the catastrophic wars in Croatia and Bosnia. "A lot of Serbs grew up with the myth of Kosovo and don't want to

listen to anything the news has to tell them," said Dusan Simic, publisher of Danas. "What they know is that the Serb nation was born there, and that we should not [give up] the soil of our ancestors." The official media's influence on public opinion remains strong despite the birth of a handful of struggling independent publications and an aggressively nonpartisan radio network. The few newspapers that have tried to present some semblance of a balanced account of the bloodshed and police crackdown in Kosovo have been hauled before the police on the orders of the state prosecutor. Their offense, they were told, is to have referred to "Albanians" as having suffered casualties in paramilitary police attacks. In fact, say Serbian law enforcement people, the correct word is "terrorists."

## Alzheimer's Original Case Reexamined by German Scientists

THE WASHINGTON POST

When it came to identifying cases of Alzheimer's disease, Alois Alzheimer was right on the money from the start. In the current issue of the journal *Neurogenetics*, a team of German scientists announce that they have found and analyzed the microscope slides of brain tissue from a 51-year-old woman who died in 1906 after four years of increasingly severe memory loss, paranoia and agitation. She was Alzheimer's first case of the disease that would eventually bear his name. The slides reveal neurofibrillary tangles and amyloid plaques, the characteristic changes seen in brains of people with Alzheimer's disease. This is not a huge surprise, as Alzheimer described his findings in detail in a 1907 paper. However, some historians speculated this first patient might have had multiple small strokes or other conditions that can mimic Alzheimer's disease. The slides were well enough preserved that M.B. Graeber, of the Max Planck Institute of Neurobiology, and his colleagues were able to test a sample of the tissue for ApoE4, a gene that increases more than four-fold a person's risk for the disease. The patient, identified as "Auguste D.," didn't have that, either. The scientists hope to perform more molecular archaeology on the specimens, looking for other gene defects associated with Alzheimer's disease.

## McCain Unveils Tough Tobacco Bill

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

A visibly exhausted Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain (R-Ariz.) unveiled a stringent tobacco bill Monday that would take a long step toward proving that Republicans can be tough on tobacco. The measure would give the tobacco industry almost none of the protections it has sought from lawsuits, and it would raise the price of a pack of cigarettes by \$1.10 over the next five years, an amount that industry negotiators say they have no choice but to oppose. A last-minute decision to remove most of the bill's legal protections for tobacco companies makes it likely that McCain will be able to get some Democrats as well as Republicans on his committee to vote for the legislation. But the bill, denounced by the industry as "fundamentally flawed" and financially "ruinous," faces an uncertain future on the Senate floor. Democrats have already pledged to strengthen its regulatory and tax provisions, which in turn could weaken support for the bill among many Republicans. In the House, no bipartisan measure has yet emerged and there is division within Republican ranks about what approach to take. McCain was personally involved in the nearly round the clock negotiations on a proposed bill during the last two weeks. "My job was to craft this in a bipartisan fashion... I can't and won't be subject to a veto by the tobacco industry," he said in discussing the measure. He said he had reached the decision to jettison the liability protections for the industry after consulting with committee Democrats. However, committee Democrats, including Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) said that while they applauded McCain's efforts, they would seek to make changes when the panel officially takes up the bill Wednesday.



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# OPINION

## Institutional Wisdom Watch

Special *Spring Fever* and *March Madness* Edition

by *The Tech* editorial board



**85 degree weather:** A fitting finish to a winter that never really got going.



**Spring Weekend:** Can we convince the prefrish that it's always like this? Take that, Caltech.



**The Weekly Week:** Sporadic local *Onion* take-off acquires campus cult following. Can we get Q\*bert on Athena, please?



**Hacks:** MIT Property Office tickled pink at Building 20 "deactivated" sign. Let's hang one on the Dean's Office!



**Antawn Jamison:** Player of the Year? Maybe, but it don't mean squat without a title.



**Double-Digit Seeds:** Washington, West Virginia, and most of all, Valparaiso, make for exciting watching. Odds-makers are out of work everywhere.



**Tournament Selection Committee:** We know your job is tough, but still — no #1's in the final, and nine upsets in the first round? We leave you with two words: Rhode Island.



**The Buzzer:** Has it ever played so big before? It will be weeks before our heart rates settle back to normal.

## Letters To The Editor

### UA Commission Deserves More Credit

On behalf of the Undergraduate Association election commission I'd like to say how upset and appalled I am that everything has gotten so blown out of proportion. How hard it is to run a UA election? Until you have run one, you have no right to complain.

The public sees the controversy, but none of the hard work, dedication, and time that went into running what, according to past commissioners, has been the best logistically run election they have witnessed. My commission and I gave up many hours to make sure this election happened. And what did we get for it? Censure and disdain from a myriad of sources.

What would you do when confronted with all of these decisions to make? We tried our best to determine where things fell between legal and illegal. Do I mind that our decisions which we spent so many hours discussing were appealed? Not really. We four freshmen met frequently to deal with accusations of impropriety dealing with Paul T. Oppold '99. The appeals process has been an excellent demonstration of student government working properly. A controversial situation arose in one branch of government; another branch subsequently resolved it.

I think the most outrageous notion that needs confronting is the assumption of what the results were. No one knows those results except my commission. The judicial board had no knowledge of who had won, and no one will ever know, for it is a secret we will take to our graves.

The commission is responsible for ensuring that an election is run properly with regard to both logistics and fairness. It must also apply the ideal that as elections are intended to allow the voters to choose their leaders. The final product of an election must reflect that a choice has been made by the voters and only the voters.

When I met with UA President Dedric A. Carter '98 in January these are the items he said would need to be taken care of by March 11: Locate the old election packets on disk, revise them and have 100 copies by Registration Day, hold two study breaks, get ballot boxes from the Cambridge election commission (I figured out the Monday before voting that we needed actual ballots, too), and, most of all, publicize the elections.

That doesn't look so big on paper, but I assure you between those tasks and trying to figure out just what is and isn't allowed and where to draw the line, the entire commission was beyond stressed out for a few weeks. We not only made it though, but we did an excellent job. I had the 15-page packets ready a day early, something unheard of. The two study breaks we had (thanks to Rashmi Khare '01 and Angela C. Ni '01) went extremely well and were well attended. The ballot boxes were picked up, the poll workers organized (thanks to Christopher D. Smith '01) and all of the questions and problems dealt with.

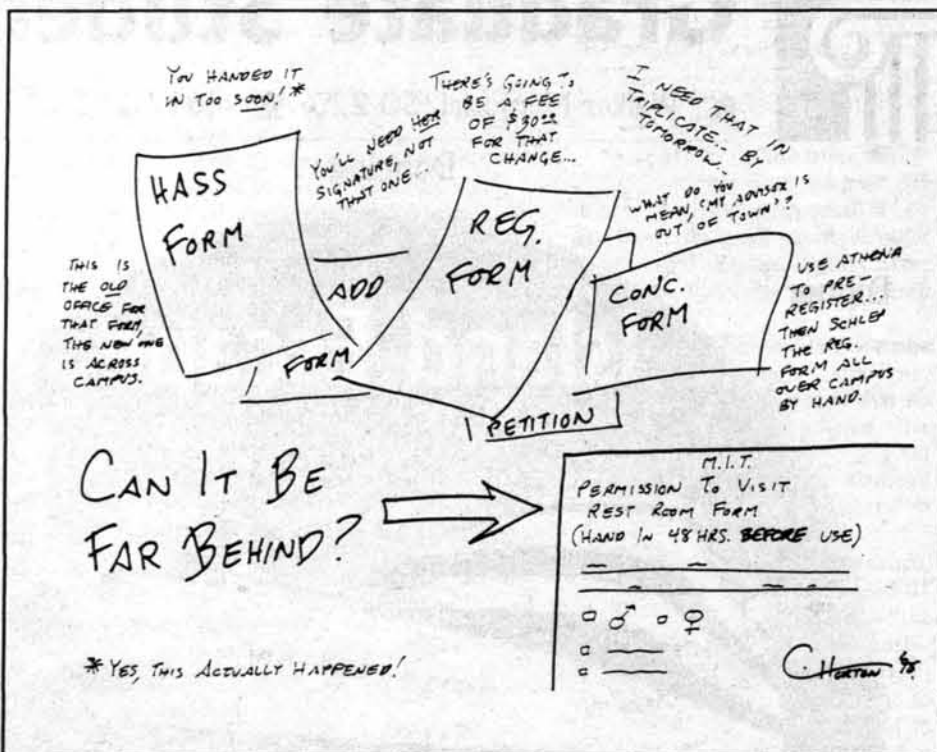
The burden of the job never seemed to end. So that next year's commission will have an easier time, I have decided to write a book, complete with analysis of the rules. Furthermore, I offer my services to the UA to help revise the election code and make it less open to interpretation so that these debates are not sparked again.

I would also like to comment about the three positions one can take in reference to these elections. The first is: Wow! The election commission tackled impossible tasks, did them to the best of their ability and made good, just

decisions, which is my position. Second is the one voiced in *The Tech* and by the judboard that these were bad decisions. And finally there is the most popular comment of all: "Who cares?" — illustrated by the fact that only 34.2 percent of the student body voted. The reason the UA doesn't work as well as it should is because a majority of MIT students don't care. As part of my duty to MIT, I try to spark excitement and enthusiasm in the community and am met with laziness, selfishness and, most of all, apathy. If people cannot take just a little time out of their busy schedules to help support MIT, there is nothing the UA can do for them. This is why it has lost what respect it might have had once.

Any way you look at it, my commission worked extremely hard and did a spectacular job. Although the election commission is a thankless job I want us to get the praise and thanks we deserve for our dedication to helping make MIT a better place. If more people would stop complaining and not caring, perhaps MIT could be an even better place than anyone could ever imagine.

Seth Bisen-Hersh '01  
UA Election Commissioner



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# A Lesson in Educational Triage

## If Others Are to Survive, Some Assignments Must Be Left For Dead

Dan Dunn

What is it that we learn at MIT? There are a lot of people who think that when we walk out of here, we are armed with an education that is second to none. But what is it that separates this education from the others?



Professor of Mechanical Engineering Woodie C. Flowers SM '73, who taught a manufacturing class that I took, gave the best explanation that I have heard yet. He didn't intend it to be a definition of MIT's teaching, but I think it is a great one: "MIT teaches students to perform triage. There is no way that students can meet all of the demands on their time. They must perform triage to decide what is the most important."

Triage is a medical term. It is a method used in times of battle and emergency to sort through victims and maximize the number of survivors. The stubbed toes and scratched arms are put at the end of the line, while the pumping wounds are dealt with right away. And the really badly wounded ones, the ones that might not make it no matter how hard you try? Those cases are left to die.

This analogy works on so many levels. First of all, I love the strong connotations of blood, casualties, and war. They grab the imagination. Double-oh-one is one war and two-seventy is another. Each war has its own battles: pee-ess-two, lab-four, mid-term-exam.

School is a war. It is not student versus student. It is student versus the Institute, day and day out. It is a messy battle through the trenches where every tiny gain is a moral victory.

The notion of triage assumes that there will be failure. It assumes that there will be casualties, that some of the patients will die. Almost every MIT student expects to fail, at least a little bit. They won't get the highest grade in the class and they won't get an A every time. If you do, this column isn't about you, anyway.

The acceptance of failure is key to surviv-

ing MIT. Many students made it here without ever losing, but almost no one leaves without having been humbled many times. Life is like that; if these students left MIT thinking they would always win, they wouldn't be very useful at all. But this school teaches failure and how to manage it. It teaches when failure is the best policy, how to manage it, and how to minimize it.

Think about all the times you looked at a problem set at 3 a.m. that you had been trudging through since 7 p.m. the day before. It has eight questions, and you've done the five of them that were worth 90 percent of the grade.



Then you simply skipped the last three, didn't you? You decided that the sleep you needed for the battle of the next day was more important than that ten percent of the homework grade. You performed triage.

Or what about the day you had two exams and a problem set? I'm sure you studied for

hours on end for the exams. But the problem set? You left it for dead. You couldn't save it, and rather than waste time and skills, you worked on the patient you could save. You performed triage.

Management consultants hire MIT students because they say we learn "problem solving skills." The theory is that our education does not derive its value from the differential equations or labs that we struggle through. Our education is in our ability to separate the wheat from the chaff, to separate the key issues from the irrelevant ones. That way, when we wear our new suits to our new clients, we can study their systems and point at the place that is causing all the problems.

We will be able to define and ignore the side issues that distracted everyone else.

Clearly MIT students benefit from the material they are taught in their classes. No set of problem solving skills is useful without tools to evaluate the problem. Students learn from a curriculum taught by the some of the best researchers there are. Also, you can't minimize how much we learn from the students we study next to. MIT recruits students of the highest caliber; those students cross-pollinate their knowledge.

But the skill that puts all of this together is the ability to prioritize. We learn, by both trial-and-error and example, how to make those ranking decisions. We work on the problem set at the expense of the exam; we realize the error of our ways and punt the problem set the next time. And we simply write off the problems that need to be written off — no more late nights flailing over the lab report that is just going to stink anyway. Triage is the link.

So over the next few weeks, think about the way you make your decisions, especially during exams. Do you really do everything you are asked to? Do you cut corners? Do you skip problems? Do you turn in every assignment?

I know that you won't. Now think about the criteria that decides what work you actually pay attention to. I bet you will bind a lot of wounds, skip a lot of band-aids, and leave a body or two for dead.

# Taking Repetitive Strain Injury Seriously

Guest Column  
Geoffrey J. Coram

RSI — as MIT students we've all heard the acronym. Given how much we use our computers, we all probably even know someone who has a repetitive strain injury from typing or clicking too much. If I had sent this to you as an e-mail message, you might have been massaging your wrists as you read it. But too many administrators at MIT seem to be pretending RSI doesn't exist among students.

A professor in my department brought up the problem of RSI a few months ago, and the more I learned about it, the more irritated I became. He suggested that I, as president of the Graduate Student Council, do something to improve the working conditions for graduate students. In particular, almost everyone in my lab has their computer on an old Steelcase desk — good and sturdy, but not ergonomic at all. Even the Media Lab, breeding-ground for all sorts of cool computer technology, is still stuck (for the most part) with standard keyboards.

Last year MIT Medical reported 668 RSI-related visits, 63 percent of which were by students. It is obvious that MIT students, especially those in computer-intensive disciplines, are a high-risk group for RSI. Professor Paul L. Penfield, Jr. '60, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, even sends out a letter to all new faculty and graduate students, as well as students in 6.001, warning of RSI's dangers. That is a good first step that other departments should follow, but it focuses on recognizing RSI after it starts. MIT should be more concerned about preventing RSI before the symptoms appear.

MIT has a very responsible attitude towards RSI for employees. Despite court rulings that downplay RSI as a disability, MIT's Industrial Hygiene office will perform workstation evaluations to help prevent or reduce RSI. Students can have their work

areas evaluated, as well, but this fact is not well known among graduate students. Staff supervisors understand their responsibilities towards employees, but this is not always the case for research supervisors.

The advisor clearly has supervisory powers and should have some responsibility, but some professors refuse to acknowledge RSI. In these cases there is no established procedure for obtaining proper accommodations. There is a whole chain of "passing the buck": furniture cannot be charged directly to research grants, because typically furniture outlives the grant period. And MIT officials won't let better furniture be charged to overhead, mumbling something about how we already have furniture.

Based on an e-mail I received from an assistant to the provost (who controls most of the money, in the end), I can basically summarize the procedure as follows: a student feels that he or she should get an ergonomic workstation because of the amount of computer work he or she does. The student asks his advisor to buy a desk. If the advisor has discretionary funds to spare, she buys the desk. If not, the student goes to the department. Same story: if there's money, great; otherwise, it goes up the totem pole to the provost's office. And here it ends: if none of these sources have money, too bad.

All this takes place before the problem starts. Once you've got RSI, MIT will pay for it. And presently, it must cost them less to deal with the accommodations. I imagine a lot of students don't know about the resources to help them out, so they tough it out for the last few months of their thesis work and then leave MIT. The Institute saves money by ignoring the problem: once you graduate, you're no longer MIT's problem.

The RSI task force has started to address these problems. The task force is an ad-hoc group of people who got together because they realized that RSI is a big problem. The members are aware that students are an at-risk group. Isn't it curious that MIT has a swimming requirement, the group notes, but

no institutional awareness of RSI? In which way is an MIT student more likely to be injured, falling in the Charles or typing too much on a computer?

I have some ideas of a few simple things MIT could do. The campus police gave out mousepads one year at orientation. Instead, they could get their logo and number printed on wrist rests. You get free mousepads from all sorts of places; wrist rests should be just as common. Or maybe Athena should put wrist rests in all its clusters, printed with special hints on how to avoid RSI. I realize that wrist rests aren't the solution to everyone's problem, but they would convey an important message: MIT realizes that RSI can be a problem, and any that time you sit at a computer, you should be thinking about ergonomics.

A universal procedure should be established under which professors can charge new furniture or ergonomic improvements (such as keyboard trays) to the same grant that pays for the computer — perhaps only one of three students on the project gets a new desk in a given year, but after a couple years, they all have a reasonable desk for computing.

Athena should set up timers on the workstations, similar to those on the Quickstations that force you to log out; these timers should force you to take a break if you have been typing continuously for too long. Information Systems already provides the option of running such timers on the computers of their help desk consultants.

More importantly, MIT should change its attitude towards RSI among students: The focus should be on prevention. Responsibility should be clearly assigned, and students should be made aware of the resources that are available to them.

MIT needs to act now. Computer use is not decreasing, and neither will the number of incidences of repetitive strain injuries.

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# On Papers, Flubs, and Liberty

Anders Hove

It will come as no surprise to most people that newspapers sometimes make mistakes, and that college newspapers sometimes make big ones.



Last year, though, the *Collegiate Times* made a whopper that puts all minor production errors and typos to shame. In a news article about the administration of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the *Times* misidentified one administrator, Sharon Yeagle, as "Director of Butt Licking." Yeagle is actually assistant to the vice president of student affairs.

The newspaper claimed that the incorrect title had run unintentionally. Perhaps it had been a newsroom joke, one that the editors planned to remove just before the paper went out the door. After all, the editors pointed out, the story itself had been complimentary of Yeagle; the incorrect title had only run in a caption.

Whatever the intention, Yeagle filed suit against the *Times*, alleging that she had been libeled. A reasonable person, she said, might interpret the false title as a suggestion that she had curried favor with her administrative superiors. Worse, others might come to believe she had actually engaged in sexually submissive acts.

Incidents like the one with the *Times* tend to confirm what many already believe about the press. Newspapers and the nightly local news often appear anxious to defame and humiliate the subjects of their reportage. Why else would local news anchors scurry around interviewing neighbors of domestic abuse victims? In such cases, what purpose does the press serve other than to violate others' privacy and act as a vehicle for defamation?

In Yeagle's case, the courts found that the newspaper's fake title was not libel — what reasonable person would conclude that the title was accurate? If bad taste does not qualify as libel, what does?

Some student publications, especially high school papers, have experimented with gossip sections filled with short and chatty contributions from students. In one Oklahoma case, a jury awarded \$5,001 to a 19-year-old woman and mother of two after a high school newspaper's "Rumors of the Year" column stated, "T.M. is pregnant again," and, "In the year 2020 maybe T.M. will finally figure out who the father of her child really is."

Undoubtedly the paper found the rumors section humorous, or perhaps even satirical. The jury apparently did not agree, nor did it agree with the paper's claim that the woman's initials did not sufficiently identify her.

Although the Oklahoma and Virginia cases seem outwardly similar — they both involved allegations that the student press defamed someone by printing salacious material — current jurisprudence places them light years apart. The Oklahoma case involved a private individual (a student) whose activities, however well known among students and teachers at the high school, were private. A university administrator, even a lowly assistant to a vice president, is a public figure — or at least is a public figure with reference to the community served by a student paper. Furthermore, her title is a public fact; when the paper spoofed the title, it was spoofing a public fact.

The other distinction is that in the Virginia case the court found that a reasonable person would not conclude that the title was factual, whereas in the Oklahoma case a reasonable person would most likely conclude that the salacious statements were true. Of course, there can be plenty of argument about whether or not a reasonable person would or would not interpret something as true.

Sadly, such distinctions and standards of conduct remain horribly fuzzy. What is humor and satire? The students in Tulsa may have found the rumors section hilarious, but it didn't qualify as satire, where as "Director of Butt Licking" did.

Of course, many college students run hack editions of the school paper containing all sorts of blatantly incorrect statements that pass as satire only because they are surrounded by other blatantly incorrect statements. Ultimately, neither papers nor their readers have solid rules about which whoppers constitute libel and which do not.

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## MIT Class of 2002 Admitted, Applicant Pool Is Largest Ever

By Frank Dabek

NEWS EDITOR

From the largest admissions pool ever to apply to the Institute, 23 percent, or 1,857 students, have been admitted to the class of 2002.

Of these students, 46 percent are women and 17 percent are under-represented minorities, a small change from previous years. The number of students admitted by early action and the mean SAT scores of students in the admissions pool rose significantly, however, according to statistics provided by Elizabeth S. Johnson, associate director of admissions.

Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones said that this year's pool of admitted students contained "more higher scorers" and students who are "just packed with talent in more than one field." As an example, Jones pointed out that of the 491 students who scored a 1600 on the SAT world-wide, 185 applied to MIT and 127 were admitted.

The Admissions Office does not simply look at standardized test scores or grades to determine who is admitted, however. "We're trying to admit people who have a high level of initiative," Jones said. The office looks at students who have excelled in extracurricular or co-curricular activities.

There is "not a specific profile" that a student must fit, Jones said; rather, the admissions office looks for a "willingness to go above and beyond the norm."



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**Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones**

The students "don't even have to be well-rounded," she said. Excellence in one field can override concerns of well-roundedness. For instance, four of the five members of the National Physics Olympiad Team were admitted this year.

## Female, minority rates stay steady

Women make up 46 percent of the admitted students, a rise of only one percent from the 45 percent in 1995. "In the past five years 41 to 46 percent of [admitted students] have been women," Johnson said. The number of minority students admitted this year is also on par with previous years.

Jones said that the office runs a "special recruitment effort" for "high scoring women" and minority students. We "concentrate on developing the pool," she said.

Jones said that the office would

like to modify post admission activities like Campus Preview Weekend to include all students if it were possible. "If we could afford to invite the whole admit pool we would," she said.

The number of students admitted by early action rose by ten percent this year. The admissions office is conservative in making selections for early action, Johnson said, but "it can work in the students' favor to apply early."

## Higher yield possible this year

Johnson said that the office had planned for a higher yield and has targeted a class size of 1050, slightly smaller than the class of 2001. Factors such as the decrease in the self-help level of financial aid packages may affect yields. MIT's self-help is still higher than many of its peer institutions. "[President Charles M.] Vest did a very brave thing by pushing a decrease in self-help," Jones said.

Publicity surrounding the death of freshman Scott S. Krueger '01 "has been a non-issue" in dealings with potential admits, Jones said.

This year's class also contains 106 international students. Of the admitted students, 42 percent of those whose high-schools rank them were valedictorians, and 90 percent were in the top five percent of their class. The mean verbal SAT score of an admitted student was 719 and the mean math score was 756. Twenty-two percent of students indicated that they wanted to pursue a concentration in Electrical Engineering, and ten percent said that they would pursue Biology. Admitted students hailed from every state except Idaho and Montana. California, New York, and Massachusetts provided the most admitted students.

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# TBGLAD Activities Heighten Awareness

By Zareena Hussain  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

"I want people to know that lesbian, gay and bisexual families are just like any other families. They are just as full of love and caring and giving as any other families. They are just as capable of producing healthy happy children as any other families are. It might be a little different from what some people are used to, but the difference is not something negative. Difference is beautiful," said Ekene Nwokey.

Nwokey is one of the many figures featured in the photo-text exhibit "Love Makes a Family: Living in Lesbian a Gay Families" on display in Lobby 7, marking the Transgender Bisexual Gays Lesbian Awareness Days (TBGLAD) at MIT for the next two weeks.

It is quotes like these and stories of those like Michael, that give passersby a chance to reflect on a more inclusive definition of family. Michael and his partner Justin met on a subway, became friends, fell in love, and have since been able to provide a loving family for their adopted sons Justin and Zach.

In addition to the exhibit, which is sponsored by Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgenders at MIT through funding from a grant administered by the Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays, and Transgenders Issues group, many other activities are planned to help celebrate TBGLAD at MIT.

GAMIT is sponsoring a movie series for the first week each night, with such films as *The Wedding Night* and *Alfred Hitchcock's Rope*. There will also be a talk by Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force focusing on community versus campus activism, a discussion of the life of James

Baldwin, and a tentatively scheduled drag extravaganza. TBGLAD will be capped off with the annual social T dance to be held in the GAMIT lounge.

Tonight there will be panel discussion entitled *God Loves Everyone: a panel discussion on queer spirituality*. Representatives to the forum include reverends from Cambridge-area congregations and in the MIT chaplaincy.

"I give witness to what I believe and understand," said Lutheran Chaplain Constance Parvey who will be one of the speakers at the forum. "I don't have any trouble that there are very fine Christians who are gay and straight."

Instead of being a debate, the forum is intended to be a discussion among panelists sympathetic to homosexuals within their congregations, said Damon W. Suden '99, a member GAMIT.

"We don't want to turn it into Jerry Springer," Suden said.

In fact, far from the likes of television talk shows, this year's TBGLAD activities have a more laid back tone and atmosphere than in years past.

There is also little anticipation that any serious anti-TBGLAD activities will take place.

Three years ago a large cup of ketchup was thrown at students manning the a GAMIT booth during TBGLAD. In another incident, posters advertising TBGLAD events were torn down and thrown at students manning the booth, Suden said.

More recently, however, the mood, outwardly at least, has shifted dramatically.

The "political correctness climate has gotten out of control," Suden said. "I'd rather people say what they thought."



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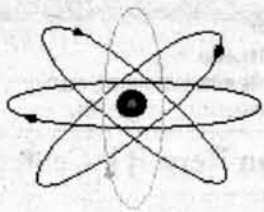
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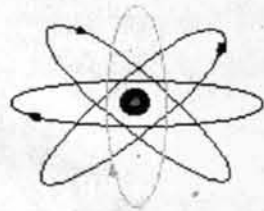
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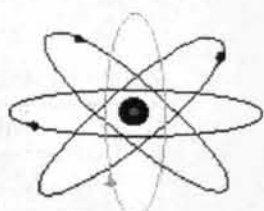
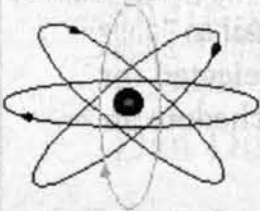
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# Madhavan, Vanderson Prevail in Dormcon Elections

By Dan McGuire  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Manju V. Madhavan '99 was elected president of the Dormitory Council and William W. Vanderson '99 vice president in elections held last Thursday. They take office immediately.

Kai-yuh E. Hsiao '99 was named rush chair, Daniel G. Collarini '99 was elected judicial committee chair, Jennifer A. Kelly '99 was named treasurer and secretary, and Zhelinrentice L. Scott '00 was elected social chair.

Dormcon is the governing body for all undergraduate dormitories except Bexley Hall, which has no for-

mal house government. The council's main function is to act as an advocacy group for dormitory residents.

"I'd definitely like to see Dormcon play a larger role in overseeing student life," Madhavan said. "We need to make sure that the administration hears what we say and that decisions are made with our input," he said.

"I want to work with the administration more closely and bring the Dormcon into play much more forcefully," he added. Dormcon has "done some things, but... I think we're going to have a lot more work to do in the future," Vanderson said.

Madhavan, unlike most recent

Dormcon presidents, is not currently the president of a dormitory and thus does not have a vote on the council. Madhavan, who was the president of Burton-Conner House last year, said that he does not think that this will pose a problem.

"The Dormitory Council is not as structured" as the Interfraternity Council, the Panhelic Association, or the Undergraduate Association he said. "We do a lot of talking and discuss the issues. Votes come into play at election time and on major policy decisions" but on other issues decisions are generally reached through discussion and consensus.

"I don't think that not having a

vote will hamper my ability whatsoever," he said.

### Alcohol policy under scrutiny

The new council leaders begin their terms with a full plate. One matter that will come under discussion is the current alcohol policy. "It's hard to find a balance between MIT's legal responsibility and what people want to do," Vanderson said, and some tweaks to the policy may be warranted.

Of particular concern is the distinction that the policy makes between small events in personal rooms where alcohol is served, which are allowed if nobody present is under the age of 21, and those parties which spill out into lounges where underage students may be present, Madhavan said.

"There's the problem with the distinction between public and private space," he said. The administration is "thinking about how that plays in each dorm as a unit," he said. Instead, they should be looking for a more general solution, "trying to find the most general policy that will take into account the diversity that exists," Madhavan added.

### Orientation will be considered

"What the dorms always wanted was to be on equal ground with the fraternities. That seems to be happening," he added. Under the new Orientation rules "we can start rush at the same time," Vanderson said.

Despite the gains, Madhavan said that he wanted to keep his options open. "Everything's on the table from our perspective," he said. "Lots of changes took place over the course of this year. Our responsibility is to work on problems we see."

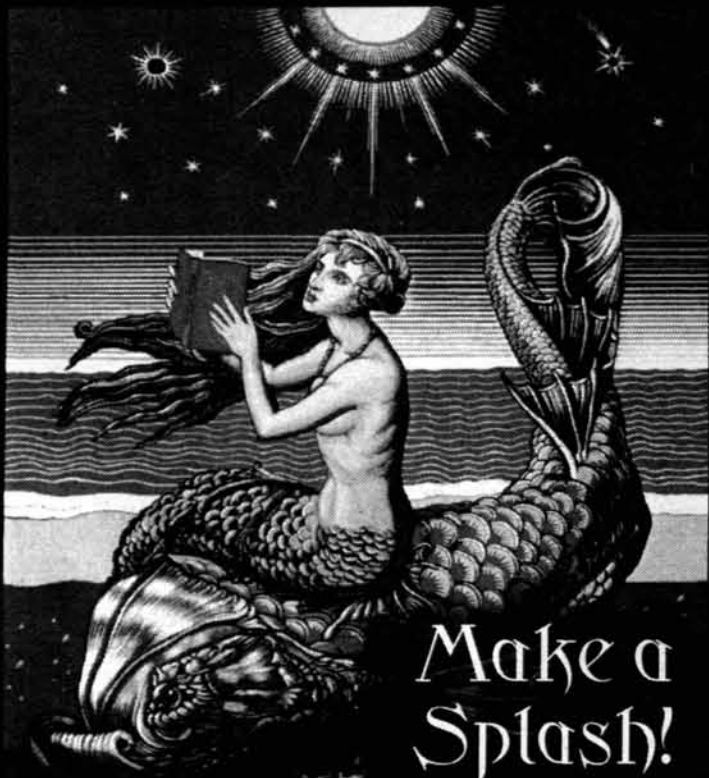
There is a "policy of dealing with things as they come and taking the most pressing ones first," Hsiao said. At the moment, Dormcon's attentions are largely focused on the housing pamphlet detailing the vital statistics of each dormitory and ILG that is being sent out to incoming students.

Other concerns, such as the possibility of restarting the joint IFC-Dormcon Mediation Committee, which, until it was disbanded two years ago, coordinated the rush activities of the two groups and dealt with disputes, will be resolved later. "There's some time for these things to fall into place," Hsiao said.

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### THE STORY SO FAR

by Zachary Emig

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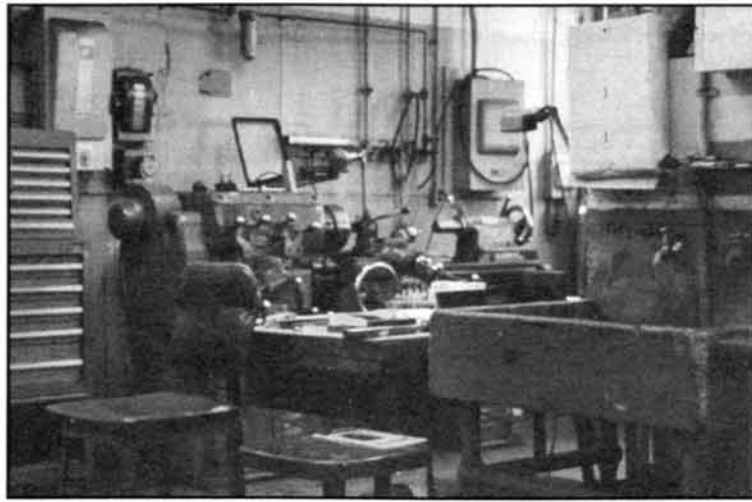
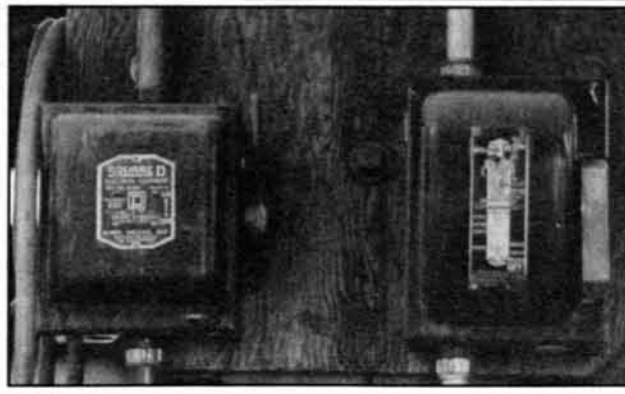


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This feature was brought to you by the CAC Program Board. Today's factoids are by the MIT Quiz Bowl team. Members of the quiz bowl team, LSC, and The Tech are not eligible.

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- 10 Infamous Czar
- 14 Okay
- 15 Animal nose
- 16 Stress researcher
- 17 Mexican penninsula
- 18 Tacky
- 19 Copies
- 20 Sleep noise
- 22 Ford auto.
- 23 Cancel
- 24 Co-star of Breakfast at Tiffany's
- 27 Dine
- 28 Prefix for lithic
- 29 Jewish month
- 33 Fix
- 35 Natural or real, e.g.
- 40 Type of column
- 42 Eponymous name of Holly Golightly's pet
- 44 May be diamond studded
- 45 Newspaper big-wig
- 47 Fraternity letter
- 49 ASAP, to an MD
- 50 Canola, e.g.
- 52 Statistical calculation
- 54 Co-star of Breakfast at Tiffany's
- 61 7, sometimes
- 62 Fuel
- 63 Love
- 65 Not taped
- 66 Birth defect Tay-\_\_\_ Disease
- 68 Separated
- 69 Final word

- 70 Very high grade
- 71 Famous skunk, \_\_\_ Le Pew
- 72 Type of hall
- 73 Quarterback Bradshaw
- 74 Ash or Elm

**DOWN**

- 1 Randolph and Langley, abbr.
- 2 Artemis, to the Romans
- 3 Old French province
- 4 Facial growth
- 5 Chinese food add.
- 6 Very scientific
- 7 Civil War side
- 8 \_\_\_ Death
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- 10 Yankee pitcher
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- 12 Early cartoonist
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- 23 Circa
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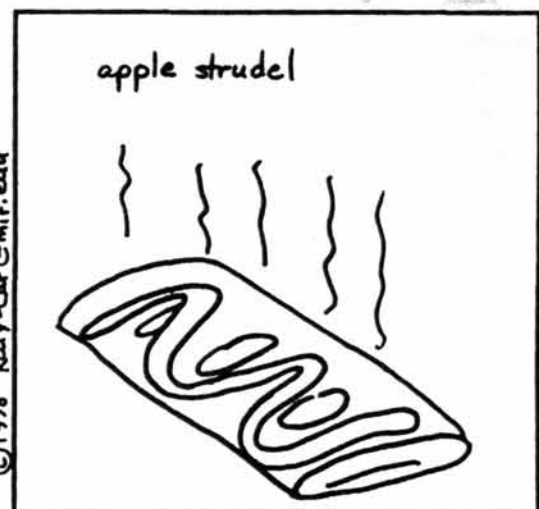
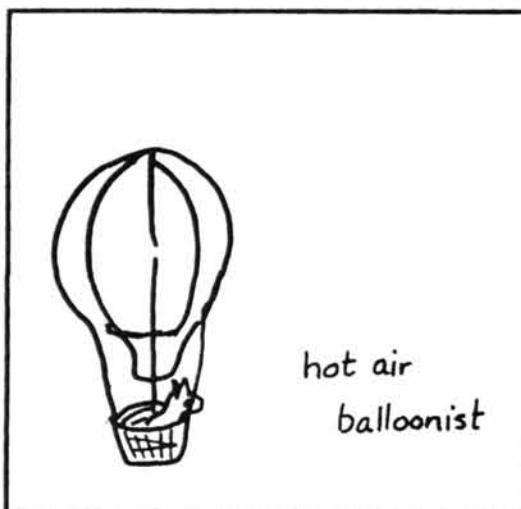
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- 41 Colorado brewing company
- 43 Farm machine
- 46 Semi
- 48 Urchin
- 51 Official envoy
- 53 Belgian city famous for its waters
- 54 Dirty, grease and oil
- 55 Roof overhangs
- 56 Readies for business
- 57 Leader of the pack
- 58 Conform
- 59 Gene's sidekick
- 60 Hang over
- 61 A mollusk
- 64 Competition sword
- 66 Fast plane
- 67 James Bond, for one

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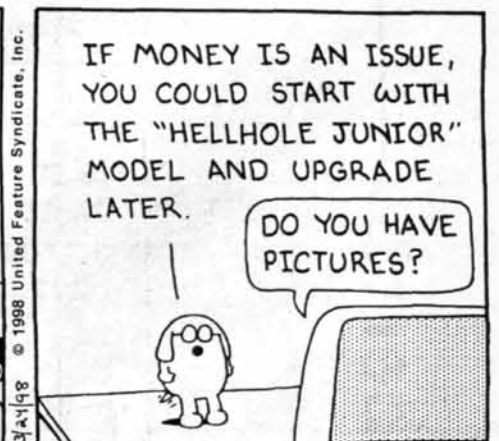
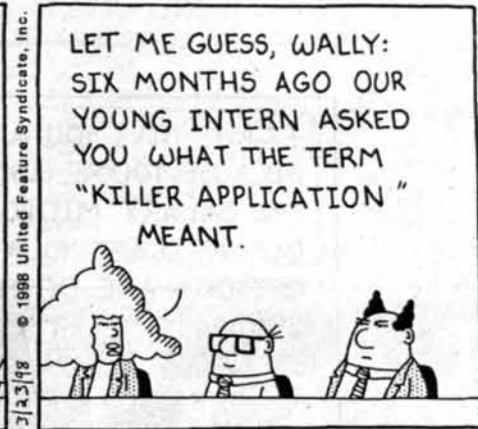
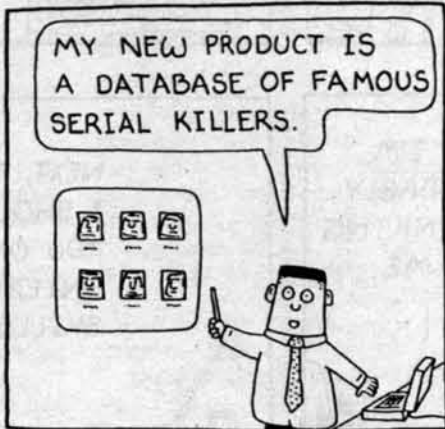
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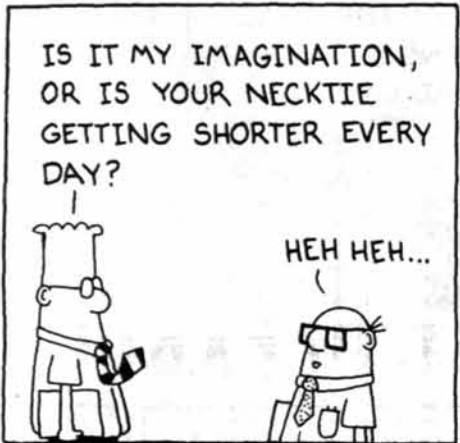
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# CPs Rectify Report Omissions

Statistics, from Page 1

off-campus during the past two years went unreported. The main campus saw 41 assaults during the same time period.

Over the coming days, the Campus Police will finish looking through Boston Police records back to 1992, when enforcement of the Campus Security Act began, and will post the final revised figures for all years to its site on the World Wide Web.

### Statistics are required by law

Under the federal Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, all institutions of higher education that receive federal financial aid are required to publish statistical information about ten types of crime on campus, ranging from homicide to robbery and motor vehicle theft.

According to the law, "on campus" is defined not only to include the areas owned by a university, but also areas controlled by student groups such as ILGs. Every September, universities must make the statistical information available along with information on campus crime prevention policies.

In a few other incidents, the CPs failed to report incidents that the Boston Police had properly reported, Glavin said. "Some of our staff failed to realize" that the statistics needed to be included in the crime summary, Glavin said.

### Police pledge more information

Following the discovery of these off-campus incident, the CPs pledged to provide better information about crimes at off-campus locations.

The Campus Police now make weekly requests for information from the Boston Police Commissioner's Office instead of from the individual district offices, which is how the requests used to be made, Glavin said. The districts were using manual methods to report on statistics instead of using the more modern computer-based accounting system. "We've sorted it out with them," Glavin added.

In the future, the Campus Police will likely publish statistics about off-campus ILG crimes on a semi-annual basis, Glavin said. Crimes will not be included in the police's

weekly crime summary distributed via electronic mail, although the reports from the Boston Police will be available upon request.

In addition, the Institute's Audit Division will be making regular inspections of the CP's crime statistics to ensure that future discrepancies do not occur. "I would rather we find mistakes ourselves" instead of having them come out in other forms, Glavin said.

Sgt. Detective Margot P. Hill, press spokesman for the Boston Police, was unavailable for comment.

Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56, to whom the campus police report, was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

### Problems are common

The discrepancies reported by the campus police are not unique, said Mark Goodman, director of the Student Press Law Center, an independent non-profit corporation that provides free legal advice information and assistance to high school and college journalists around the nation. "My sense is it's all too common."

Many statistics reported in college's annual crime reports are difficult to verify, Goodman said, making it hard to determine

whether campus police departments are complying with the law. "The research that has been done indicates that most schools that are investigated for compliance with the Act have been found to be in non-compliance in some material way."

While the Campus Security Act allows the Department of Education to withhold federal funding from schools not complying with the reporting requirements, that provision has never been exercised, Goodman said. "They're never going to take that kind of action against a school" unless the school flagrantly and defiantly refuses to comply with the law.

New legislation pending before Congress would increase penalties for noncompliance and could also make public student disciplinary records in cases where campus officials punish criminal incidents, Goodman said. However, it is unlikely that any substantive legislation will pass this year, he said.

In February, the police departments at both MIT and Harvard came under criticism for failing to accurately report crimes in their crime statistics. At that time, Glavin said MIT was in full compliance with the Campus Security Act.

## MIT Crime Report

### Criminal Activity - Main Campus

	1997	1996	1995
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Sex Offenses			
Forcible	0	0	0
Non-Forcible	0	3	0
Anonymous Sexual Assault Reports	2	2	0
Robbery	1	2	3
Aggravated Assault	11	8	17
Simple Assault	9	13	5
Burglary	17	18	42
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	24	19
Hate Incidents	1	4	9
Larcenies	749	704	1105

### Criminal Activity - Off-Campus Living Groups and Satellite Facilities (Bates, Haystack)

	1997	1996	1995
Criminal Homicide	0	0	
Sex Offenses			
Forcible	1	1	
Non-Forcible	0	0	
Anonymous Sexual Assault Reports	1	1	0
Robbery	0	2	
Aggravated Assault	1	0	
Simple Assault	0	1	
Burglary	8	6	

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The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between March 10 and March 18. Information is compiled from the Campus Police's weekly crime summary and from dispatcher logs.

This report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher. "Medical Services" includes medical shuttles, transports, escorts, and other emergency services.

**March 10:** Johnson Athletic Center, wallet stolen from backpack, \$30; Bldg. 14, suspicious person; Audrey Street, Safe Ride driver issued an MIT vehicle citation for speeding. Medical Service calls: 9.

**March 11:** Bldg. E52, electronic organizer stolen \$1,000; Kresge lot, 1987 Chevrolet Blazer stolen. Medical Service calls: 6.

**March 12:** Bldg. 5, annoying phone call; Bldg. 7 bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, \$130; Bldg. 68, ballast fire, same handled by physical plant; Bldg. NW14, wallet and walkman stolen from coat pocket, \$105; Senior House, annoying phone calls. Medical Service calls: 9.

**March 13:** Philip C. Gale '98 falls to his death from Bldg. 54. Medical Service calls: 5.

**March 14:** New House, noise complaint, all persons left the area quietly; Safe Ride driver reports threats towards a third party. Medical Service calls: 3.

**March 15:** Bldg. W20, individual issued trespass warning; Bldg. E51, box of miscellaneous items stolen, \$200. Medical Service calls: 1.

**March 16:** Bldg. E52, larceny; Bldg. NW14, copper stolen, \$12,000; Bldg. 5, sign stolen, \$30; Amherst Alley, MIT vehicle citation issued for speeding. Medical Service calls: 11.

**March 17:** Lobby 10, malicious damage; Bldg. 66, tools stolen, \$6,380; Bldg. E52, computer bag and adapter stolen, \$105; Eastgate, report of suspicious person; Ford lot, vehicle damaged. Medical Service calls: 11.

**March 18:** Bldg. 20, tools stolen \$425; Bldg. 54, graffiti; Bldg. N52, malicious damage to lock on roof entry door; Bldg. 2, bicycle stolen, \$107; Bldg. E52, jacket stolen, \$112; Student Center plaza, bicycle stolen, \$300; Bldg. 56, wallet containing \$205 stolen; Bldg. 20, moving company spoken to regarding the parking and operation of their vehicles. Medical Service calls: 5.

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# GSC Concerned By Allocation of Funds

Funding, from Page 1

funds would be divided between graduate and undergraduate student groups. "[Moses] said that he was going to discuss it internally with Rosalind Williams," Coram said.

Coram said that of the previous \$40,000 MIT gave only \$8,000 to graduate student activities and the rest to undergraduate activities, even though graduate students represent a majority of the campus population. "We're quite disappointed that MIT tends to ignore graduate student activities," he said.

Veronique Bugnion G, treasurer of the GSC, said that in the future she hoped "grad students would be more involved in the decision-making process." She said that representatives of the council will meet with Moses on Thursday to discuss the funding question further.

#### Changes in future funding

Moses said that he expected the new funding level to be permanent. "I expect that these funds will be available in future years as well,"

he said.

Vinh-Thang Vo-Ta '98, chair of the UA financial board, which distributes funds to undergraduate student activities, said that he thinks the Provost's action reflects a permanent change in activities funding.

Before, Vo-Ta said, the financial board tended to "favor activities that were more open to students," but now funds can be allocated to groups that hold more group-specific events. He expects funding for community-service groups and for those students who represent MIT competitively in, for instance, sports or music, to increase as well. "They don't have to go door-to-door anymore [looking for funds]," Vo-Ta said.

"The application process for funding next fall will begin at the end of this spring," Vo-Ta said.

Carter and Raine said in the future they would like to see a student activities endowment that would provide a more enduring source of funds. Raine said that a student activities endowment could be a possible item in the upcoming capital campaign.

# Historic Building Is Remembered

Building 20, from Page 1

Laboratory, and the Department of Brain and Cognitive Science.

Professor of Physics Rainer Weiss '55 gave a lecture entitled "Building 20 and Scientific Innovation," which noted that Building 20's horizontal layout facilitated interaction.

"Some of the best students I ever got were people walking down Vassar Street and saw the crazy things going on," Weiss said. On the other hand, because Building 20 was always just about to be torn down, it was severely neglected.

#### Building 20 had its own charm

Many found the neglect of Building 20 part of its charm, and, at times, it was even a benefit. Because it was always on the brink of demolition, researchers felt free to knock down a wall, repaint, or do anything that would help in their research.

"Building 20 had a nice atmosphere in spite of the physical environment. It took a while to get used to it, but then it felt comfortable, kind of like an old shoe. I remember one time we were sitting around a table and a big lighting fixture fell from the ceiling onto the table. Since we were in Building 20, no one was surprised, and fortunately no one was hurt," remembered Senior Research Scientist Joseph S. Perrell '64.

After the end of the World War II, the Radiation Lab was shut down. In its place the Research Laboratory of Electronics was created. The RLE was MIT's first inter-departmental lab.

Building 20 has also been the home of some of MIT's best-known researchers, including linguist Noam A. Chomsky, Harold E. Edgerton ScD '27, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Amar G. Bose '51, and former President Jerome B. Weisner. "Little did I then anticipate

that one of our postdocs would soon be famous for his 'universal grammar' — Noam Chomsky," said Eva Ritter-Walker, a former linguistic informant. "Nor would I have imagined that then EE professor Jerry Weisner... would later become a U.S. president's Science Advisor and an MIT president," Ritter-Walker add.

Even the walls of Building 20 had a story to tell. The colorful murals along the hallways of Building 20 were the result of a contest between Professor of Electrical Engineering and Bioengineering Jerome Y. Lettvin '47 and Harvard Professor Timothy Leary to observe the effect of LSD on artistic desire, said a pamphlet handed out at the conference.

Paul L. Penfield, Jr. '60, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, chaired the Commemoration Committee which planned the event.



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**Phillip Escondido**, the heartbreakingly superficial "Gap" manager who likes making people look "clean" and who says he understands oppression because people mock his personal choice to sell clothes.

**Delia de León**, a Mexican maid to the Johnson family's four children who is overwhelmed but proud of her obligation to raise "los cuatros niños" in a home where the parents are AWOL.

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# Equestrian Team Opens Season At Tufts University Horse Show

By Candice McElroy  
TEAM CAPTAIN

The equestrian team opened up its spring season in style on March 28 at the Tufts University horse show held at Apple Knoll Farm in Millis, Mass. MIT riders proved that even though they are the smallest team in the region, they still place more consistently than larger schools whose teams have been established for many years.

Junlin Ho '01 had a spectacular first show. Her poise and confidence on the flat and over fences earned her two third places in her novice

equitation division. Nina Kutsuzawa '00 drew a difficult mount for her walk-trot equitation class. Despite the added challenge, she still managed to place fourth. Kutsuzawa performed consistently all season and will soon earn enough points to move up to the walk-trot-canter division, which is a significant achievement as a first year rider.

Candice McElroy '99 made her return to the show ring after an injury last fall season left her sidelined for four months. A challenging mount in novice equitation over

fences required skill, and she rode away with sixth place. McElroy also came home with a fifth place in her novice equitation on the flat class.

The Tufts show marked the first full year of competition in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association events for the MIT team. The team has made great strides in the past year due to the coaching of Kate Alderfer-Candela at Arrowhead stables in Concord, Mass. Next weekend the team will head to Dartmouth College for the final IHSA show of the spring season.

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## SPORTS

## MIT Gymnasts Honored at Rhode Island Competition

By Eduardo Ovalle  
TEAM COACH

Three female gymnasts represented MIT at this past weekend's National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships at Rhode Island College. Sonja Ellefson '01, and co-captains Rachel Van Buren '99 and Alli Christenson '98 competed as individual qualifiers.

The best performance of the night was by Christenson, who in her last collegiate gymnastics competition had the meet of her life. She was the first competitor of the meet on the floor exercise and tied her personal best score of 9.25. The vault followed and Christenson scored a 8.925. In the next event, Christenson set a personal best on the uneven bars with an 8.9. The last event of the evening for Christenson was the balance beam where she performed a rock solid routine that earned her a 9.1 for a new personal best of 36.175 in the all-around. Coming into the night Christenson's goal was to earn All-American honors by finishing in the top 10 in a field of gymnasts who have improved dramatically since her 9th place finish three years ago. By night's end, Christenson was standing on the podium in 5th place.

Ellefson also earned All-American honors in the all-around competition by finishing in a three way tie for 8th place. This marks the first time ever that MIT has placed two gymnasts in the top 10 in the country. As a first year competitor, Ellefson's inexperience in collegiate competition was a problem. She fell off the balance beam twice which cost her one point in her all-around total. She began the meet on vault with a 9.075, fol-

lowed by a new personal best on the uneven bars of 9.225. Ellefson's shaky performance on balance beam resulted in an 8.2, but she was able to pick her scores back up on the floor exercise with a 9.3, giving her a 35.80 in the all-around. Her uneven bars performance on Friday night was also good enough to qualify her for the event's final competition. On Saturday afternoon Ellefson swung one of her best routines of the year, but took an uncharacteristic stumble on her dismount and scored a 9.1 which put her in seventh place,

.05 points out of sixth place and another All-American recognition. For the individual event finals, only the top six are recognized as All-Americans.

The third MIT representative was Van Buren who qualified on two events, the balance beam and the floor exercise. Her beam performance included an aerial, which she had never thrown in any previous competition. Van Buren's solid routine scored her an 8.65. On floor exercise however, she outscored both of her teammates with a career best 9.425 and she

missed floor exercise finals by a mere .075.

To cap off the two day event, Christenson was named as the co-recipient of the Outstanding Senior Athlete Award. This prestigious award is voted on by the coaches every year. The award recognizes

the senior who has made a career of achievements in the classroom, the gym and in her community. Christenson's award makes this the second year in a row in which the honor has gone to an MIT senior, and the fourth time since its inception in 1983.

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Wednesday, April 1

Women's Lacrosse vs. Colby College, 6:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 3:00 p.m.



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**CLASS CONFLICT** — The junior class boat (farthest away) claimed victory in the Annual Class Challenge crew race, beating out the alumni A boat (closest), the sophomore class boat (middle), the freshman class boat, and the alumni B boat (not pictured) Saturday morning.

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