

## Aramark's Contract Extended by a Year

By Douglas E. Heimbarger  
NEWS EDITOR

Aramark's contract to serve as MIT's dining services provider will be extended until June 30, 1999.

The contract extension, which will usher in Aramark's 13th year at the Institute, is necessary because a competitive bid process incorporating the work of the dining review group could not be completed by the end of this year's contract, said Lawrence E. Maguire, director of housing and food services.

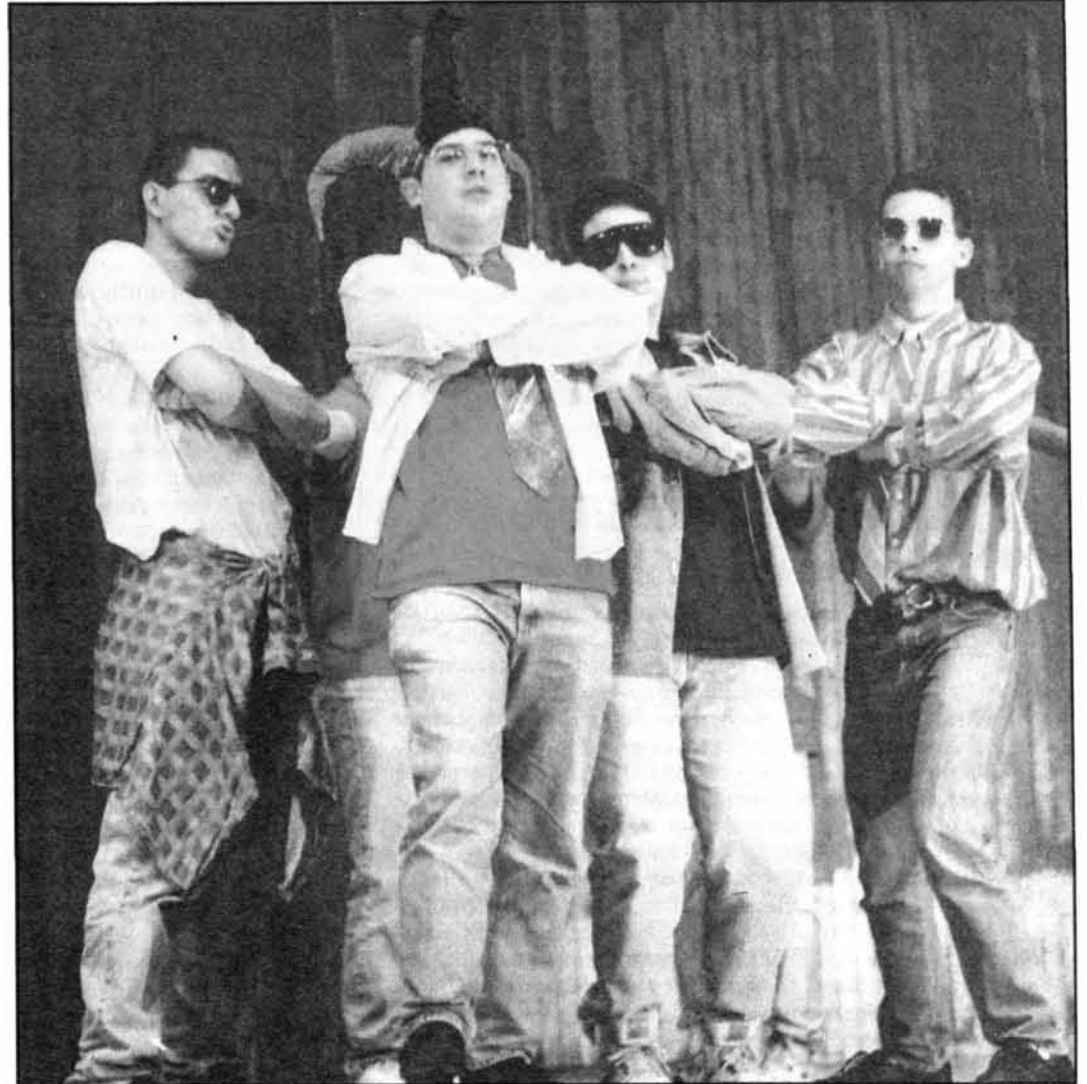
Time constraints inherent in the bidding process require it to begin in October of the preceding academic year. The dining review group

submitted its final report last December; final approval was given only this month.

"My expectation is that in October decisions will be made on a bid process for the future," Maguire said. "We want to get the best deal" for students and the Institute.

The new Aramark contract will be based upon a "management fee" where Aramark receives a guaranteed three percent of all sales. In this model, the Institute absorbs all losses and claims any profits from the dining operation as a whole. The contract also gives MIT near-complete control over items such

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In a tribute to Moxy Früvous, members of Random Hall perform their skit "King of Spain" at Alpha Chi Omega's tenth annual Lip Sync contest last Friday in Kresge Auditorium. The skit came first in the "Most Original Act" category.



Anupama Pillalamarri '00 relates the story of "Gajendra Moksham" at Ek Nazar, the South Asian Cultural Show, last Saturday.

## Annual Big Screw Contest Begins With Chorover at Head of Field

By Dan McGuire  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The annual Big Screw contest began Monday, giving students the chance. "The Institute Screw Contest was started to raise money for charity," said Oscar Rodriguez, the president of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity. The prize, a three-foot long left-handed aluminum screw, is an "award for the professor deemed to be deserving of a big screw."

APO will solicit donations in the lobby of Building 10 all week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Stephan L. Chorover, who sponsored a sense of the faculty resolution proposing that the Institute house all freshmen on campus in 1998, is leading the first day's tallies with \$12.39. He has a slim lead over Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams, who has raised \$10.71 and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Nigel H. M. Wilson SM '70, who teaches 1.00 and who has accumulated \$10.31. Michael Bergren, a staff associate with the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program office, is trailing with \$3.17.

This year's competitors were picked by members of APO. "We lis-

ten to the moans and groans of the Institute" and pick some initial names, Rodriguez said. APO then contacts the prospective candidates and checks if they would like to be nominated. "No one's name goes up without their permission," he said.

Sometimes getting professors to run can be a challenge. Members of APO have to convince nominees that "getting the Institute Screw isn't a bad thing," Rodriguez said. "Our goal [with the Institute Screw] is not to tell a professor he's a bad professor, but to raise money for charity," he said.

Occasionally, students will decide to contribute another name to the pool of competitors. "If a write-in candidate gets more than \$10 we go and ask them whether they want to run," Rodriguez said.

### Screw has storied history

"We used to collect enough to get one tuition" when tuition was \$5000 to \$6000 a year, said Rodriguez. Tuition, however, has risen and contributions have dropped. Last year's contest raised \$324.24 for charities. "This year we've tried to a little bit more publicity to get people to donate to charity," Rodriguez said.

Big events have sometimes helped APO raise a great deal of money through the event. In 1989,

dramatic changes to the campus computer system netted APO more than \$10,000, said David C. Cho '92, a member of APO, as students used the Big Screw event to express their feelings about the new system. "They had just gone from time sharing to workstations. They thought it would break in a big way and it did."

The competition was good-humored and many students participated. "People were going to the ATM machines and" draining their accounts, he said.

"There was a hack associated with this," said Lan-Chun Chang, a member of APO. Hackers placed a replica of the big screw on the great tome. "People thought that the Institute deserved a screw more than one person," he said.

This year's winner will inherit the screw from Assistant Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Neal H. Dorow, who serves as the adviser to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

The contest began in 1967, when APO replaced its Spring Carnival Queen Contest with one awarding a four-foot long, left-handed wood screw to the most deserving faculty member. In 1975, the wooden screw was replaced by the aluminum one used today.



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# WORLD & NATION

## High Court to Speed Review Of Starr Request on Foster Notes

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court announced Monday it would speed up review of Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr's demand to see notes of conversations between White House deputy counsel Vincent W. Foster Jr. and his lawyer.

The case was set for oral arguments on June 8 and a decision is likely by late June or early July, when the justices will recess for the term.

The legal issue is whether the attorney-client privilege, which ensures confidentiality, ends when the client dies, opening the way for a prosecutor to obtain information about the communication between the two. Foster committed suicide in July 1993, nine days after meeting with his lawyer and talking about firings at the White House travel office, which Starr is investigating.

In Starr's most high-profile effort, he is trying to determine whether Clinton lied under oath or encouraged others to lie during the Paula Jones case regarding any sexual relations he might have had with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. A federal trial judge recently threw out the Jones's sexual harassment lawsuit against the president, but Starr's probe of whether perjury or obstruction of justice occurred related to that case continues.

## South Africa Commander Resigns

THE WASHINGTON POST

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa's top military commander announced his resignation Monday amid accusations that an apparently false coup plot warning compiled under his command was part of a disinformation campaign to destabilize President Nelson Mandela's government.

Gen. Georg Meiring, an apartheid-era military man who became chief of the South African armed forces as part of the negotiated settlement that ended white-minority rule in 1994, denied any wrongdoing. But in handing Mandela an unsubstantiated military intelligence report claiming that black commanders were hatching a coup plot against the government, Meiring set in motion an avalanche of controversy that has buried him.

Mandela's government has characterized the coup plot report as a hoax by military elements still loyal to the apartheid regime. But Meiring said Monday, "I don't believe that." He would not say whether he believed that a coup had indeed been planned.

But as the nation's top military leader, Meiring said, he was left "no choice" but to step down. Instead of retiring next year as scheduled, he will leave his post at the end of May.

"This decision does not mean that I acknowledge that I have acted wrongly or with sinister motives, only that I am the responsible person, in the last instance, who has to see to it that the perceptions and mistrust which have been unleashed by the leakage of the report are addressed," Meiring said.

## Palestinians Exonerate Israel In Bomb Maker's Death

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

The master bomb maker for the militant Hamas group was killed by fellow members of the Islamic resistance in an internal power struggle, Palestinian officials declared Monday, exonerating Israel of involvement in his death.

An investigating committee has identified the killer and some of the accomplices in the killing of Mohiedin Sharif, said Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian Cabinet minister and peace negotiator. "They are people inside Hamas, they are very close to Sharif," Shaath told reporters in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Palestinian officials said five members of Hamas's Izz el-Din al-Qassam military wing were under arrest in connection with the killing and a sixth was still at large.

Hamas rejected the findings as "lies" and renewed threats to avenge Sharif's death. "They told us the same story they gave to the media, which is that they arrested five Hamas people who are behind the assassination of Sharif," Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a Hamas political leader said after Palestinian officials briefed him on the investigation in Gaza City. "We told them that this is an unacceptable story."

The clandestine Hamas military wing, meanwhile, delivered a leaflet to news agencies that said, "We reiterate to our people that the martyr's blood will not be wasted."

Sharif's body was discovered next to an exploded Fiat in an industrial zone of Ramallah on March 29. Palestinian officials publicly identified him Wednesday and said he had been shot to death three hours before the explosion.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who had categorically denied Israeli involvement in Sharif's death, called Monday's announcement "a positive development" proving Israel's innocence. "It is regrettable that senior officials in the Palestinian Authority hastened to blame Israel," he said.

## WEATHER

### Not so Exciting

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

**Today:** Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs 55°F (13°C) to 65°F (19°C).

**Tonight:** Mostly clear then increasing clouds late. Lows 30°F (-1°C) to 40°F (4°C).

**Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain late. Highs 50°F (11°C) to 60°F (16°C).

**Thursday:** Chance of rain. Lows 35°F (2°C) to 45°F (7°C). Highs in the 40's.

# Bomb Explodes Outside of Russian Embassy in Latvia

By Carol J. Williams

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

A second bomb attack in four days by extremists in the Latvian capital, Riga, damaged property at the Russian Embassy on Monday and prompted Moscow to warn that "fascists are raising their heads" in the former Soviet republic.

As with Thursday's predawn explosion at Riga's synagogue, no injuries were inflicted in the Embassy blast, caused by plastic explosives detonated in a cement trash bin.

The attack was being linked with a rise in nationalist and extremist actions that have defaced monuments and unsettled relations among Latvians, Jews and Russians.

"Explosions rock Latvia, monuments are vandalized, fascists are raising their heads. This must be stopped," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in an official statement condemning the 2 a.m. bombing. "We demand that the Latvian authorities take drastic measures to punish those guilty."

In Riga, Latvian officials

ordered intensified security around buildings that might be considered targets by nationalist extremists. Latvian President Gunter Ulmanis vowed that law enforcement officials will bring the tense situation in his republic under control and prevent any further "acts of terror."

Alexander Udaltsev, Russia's ambassador to Latvia, joined republic leaders in blaming the incident on those trying to drive a wedge between Russians and Latvians.

Those divisions already run deep because of Latvia's restrictive citizenship and language laws that make it difficult for Russians who settled in the republic during more than 40 years of Soviet occupation to secure jobs, residence permits and even international passports. At a March 3 rally to protest the precarious conditions for Russians living in Latvia, police used clubs to disperse the mostly elderly demonstrators, spurring bitter complaints of brutality from Moscow.

The Russian Foreign Ministry blamed the bombing outside its Riga Embassy on "anti-Russian hysteria recently produced in Latvia

and the encouragement of nationalism and extremism."

Almost 500 neo-Nazi collaborators marched through the Latvian capital last month, including several high-ranking government officials who were fired or reprimanded only after the synagogue bombing. Russian and Jewish monuments have also been defaced in recent weeks.

"Any manifestations of terrorism are utterly unacceptable," Latvian Foreign Minister Valdis Birkavs warned after the blast outside the Russian Embassy that damaged four cars and parts of the building's facade. "The executors of this cynical and outrageous crime will be unable to destabilize the situation in the country and discredit the prestige of Latvia in the eyes of the international public."

But even before Monday's bombing, Jewish and human rights organizations had been pressing Riga officials to take more decisive action to prevent extremist expression and to extradite and prosecute Latvians accused of Nazi war crimes.

# Negotiators Struggle to Meet Deadline for Ulster Settlement

By T.R. Reid

THE WASHINGTON POST

LONDON

Negotiators hoping to reach a historic settlement to the Northern Ireland conflict struggled Monday to work out the fine points of a multi-party agreement by Thursday's deadline.

George J. Mitchell, the former U.S. Senate majority leader who chairs the 21-month-old talks at Stormont Castle outside Belfast, has set Thursday as the last day to reach a settlement. A key participant in the talks, John Alderdice of the mainly Protestant Alliance Party, said Monday that agreement has been reached on about 80 percent of the issues at stake.

But continuing debate on a few points—some small, some quite important—delayed progress. Mitchell had hoped to present a draft settlement document Monday to all the parties at the talks, but as midnight approached he was still struggling with the terms.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair was reported to be ready to

travel to Belfast Wednesday to be part of final steps toward agreement. Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern may not be able to attend because his mother is to be buried Wednesday.

Mitchell, the chairman of the talks, has to balance the concerns of 10 parties in Northern Ireland, plus the views of the governments of Britain and the Republic of Ireland.

Northern Ireland, a British-ruled province of 1.6 million people, has been wracked for three decades by hatred and violence in one of the most intractable civil wars on Earth. More than 3,200 people have been killed in the conflict. The dispute is not concerned with religious beliefs, but the warring factions break down roughly along sectarian lines. The Protestant majority in the province wants it to remain part of Britain. The Catholics, representing about 45 percent of the population, largely support unification with the Republic of Ireland to the south.

Just the fact that Protestant and Catholic parties — including the political arms of some of the

province's sectarian terrorist bands — are sitting around a table and talking is considered a major step forward. An agreement this week would be a historic milestone. A failure might prompt further talks, but could also trigger new outbursts of fighting and bombing in the cities of Northern Ireland.

The broad terms of Mitchell's settlement document are already known: The two battling sides will agree to a permanent cease-fire; Northern Ireland will remain a part of Britain; "cross-border" government bodies will be created to increase political and economic ties between the province and the Irish Republic.

One of the key problems still unresolved Monday night involved rewriting the Irish constitution. That document says the entire island is a single country, a declaration that is dear to advocates of unification in both Northern Ireland and the republic. It is broadly agreed that this wording will have to be changed as part of an overall agreement, but the matter is delicate.

# Supreme Court Refuses to Shield Confidential Tobacco Documents

By Sandra Torry and John Schwartz

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Tobacco companies lost their fight to keep some of their most closely guarded documents secret Monday when the Supreme Court denied cigarette makers' emergency request to keep them confidential.

As a result, the industry sent more than 100 boxes containing 39,000 documents, including secret communications among industry law firms and between the companies' lawyers and executives, to lawyers for the state of Minnesota and Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which are suing the tobacco industry. The papers could begin appearing in court as early as Wednesday.

"This landmark decision puts an end to the most egregious corporate fraud in American history," Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III said in a statement.

The industry also delivered copies to Rep. Thomas J. Bliley Jr. (R-Va.) who had demanded the documents as Congress grapples with tobacco legislation. Bliley said he would conduct a bipartisan review of the documents and hoped to release them on the Internet.

The documents could play a pivotal role in congressional debate over national tobacco legislation. Last year, the release of documents suggesting that R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for years had targeted teen-agers in its marketing intensified the opposition to granting the industry broad protection from lawsuits. That issue remained a subject of heated debate as the Senate Commerce Committee approved a tobacco bill last week.

Minnesota and Blue Cross are suing the tobacco industry for \$1.77 billion, charging that the industry should be held liable for the cost of treating health problems among

smokers. The state and the insurer had already gathered more than 33 million pages of documents to support its allegations that the tobacco industry had purposefully misled the public about the dangers and addictiveness of smoking.

But Minnesota and Blue Cross have been fighting for a final set of some 200,000 that the industry had refused to turn over. The industry had claimed that those documents were protected under longstanding privileges accorded to communications between attorneys and their clients, and to the work by lawyers in preparation for litigation.

Those protections can be broken by a court if the documents are found to show crime or fraud, however, and Minnesota argued that the industry had fraudulently raised questions about the health risks and addictiveness of smoking for decades after conclusive scientific evidence had emerged.

# Energy Secretary Peña Quits After Serving a Year in Office

By Joby Warrick  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Just over a year after he reluctantly accepted the job, Energy Secretary Federico Peña announced Monday he will resign in June to return to the private sector.

With his 9-month old son toddling on the stage behind him, Peña said he was quitting for "personal and family reasons," effective June 30. Peña, who was transportation secretary during President Clinton's first term and a former Denver mayor, said he had no firm plans, but he ruled out seeking public office.

The timing of the announcement came as a surprise, although Peña had committed to only one year in office when he was persuaded by President Clinton to take the top job at the Energy Department. Many senior officials at the Department of Energy (DOE) and at the White House learned of his decision only a few hours before it was for-

mally announced.

"There is never a perfect time for a decision like this, but I believe that after five and a half years as a member of the Clinton Cabinet, that the time is now," Peña told a hastily called news conference.

His replacement has not been named. Peña said Deputy Energy Secretary Elizabeth Moler was "right up there" atop a short list of candidates, but he added, "that will be the president's decision." Moler had been widely regarded as the leading candidate for Energy Secretary last December when Clinton, under pressure to name a Hispanic to his second-term cabinet, chose Peña instead.

Despite his brief tenure, Peña garnered high marks Monday for his steady hand at DOE at a time of dramatic transition. Although new to many of the agency's technically complex issues, Peña was a forceful proponent for the administration's policies on nuclear weapons proliferation, arms testing and steward-

ship of the country's nuclear arsenal. White House aides also described him as the "driving force" in crafting the administration's strategy on utility restructuring, and a critical player in its efforts to fight global warming.

Clinton, in a prepared statement, said: "It is a measure of my confidence in his abilities that I entrusted him to run not one, but two cabinet agencies."

"There are a host of major issues pending... and the truth is that his departure may make it difficult, especially for electric rate deregulation, to proceed this year," said Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska) chairman of the Senate energy committee.

Responding to repeated questions from reporters, Peña said his motive for leaving office was simply to "focus on my family and their future." His wife, Ellen, and son Ryan stood at his side as he spoke, and his two daughters colored with crayons on the front row.

# Fueled by Optimism and Demand, Dow Cracks 9000 for First Time

By Robert O'Harrow Jr.  
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

The longest-running bull market in history cleared another hurdle today, as blue-chip stocks closed trading above 9,000 for the first time after Citicorp and Travelers Group Inc. announced they would combine to create the world's largest financial services company.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended the day at 9033.23, piercing its second 1,000-point mark in eight months. The Dow is up more than 14 percent so far this year, a much faster rise than many Wall Street strategists and investors had predicted. The Standard & Poor's

Corp. 500-stock index is up more than 15 percent and the Nasdaq composite index is up more than 16 percent.

That ascent has been fueled by an almost insatiable demand for technology and financial services stocks since fears about Asia's economic troubles began to subside and the market started soaring in February, analysts said. A heavy dose of merger deals also has propelled stocks higher. "It's astonishing," said Nat Paull, senior portfolio manager for New Amsterdam Partners in New York who oversees \$580 million in stock investments. The boom also has quickly expanded the fortunes of many small

investors, such as Dave Miller, who ignored gloomy forecasts last year and kept pouring money into mutual funds.

Although there is growing concern about the slowing pace of corporate profits, an increasing number of Wall Street analysts now say they would not be surprised if the Dow hits 10,000 this year.

That would require the well-known average of 30 blue-chip stocks to rise another 11 percent or so. Such optimism is in sharp contrast to just four months ago, when Wall Street was anxious about the impact that troubles in South Korea, Indonesia and Japan would have on U.S. companies.

## Portrait of a Planet: New Image Details The Face of Mars

LOS ANGELES TIMES

PASADENA, CALIF.

A new high-resolution portrait of the so-called "Face on Mars," released Monday by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, reveals the enigmatic feature in 10 times greater detail than previously available, showing the eroding features of what appears to be a natural geologic formation.

The more detailed image of the Cydonia region of Mars, where the surface feature was first photographed by the Viking space probe in July 1976, was taken over the weekend by the Mars Global Surveyor as it prepares to systematically map the planet.

The image, often dramatically enhanced to heighten its resemblance to a face, became a staple of supermarket tabloid covers. As the ominous visage of an ethereal space being, it achieved minor stardom as a character in an "X-Files" episode.

Aware of the intense interest in the site, JPL took unusual measures to make it clear that the space agency did not alter the data that went into the computer-generated image, by posting the raw data on the Internet as soon as it was received, officials said.

"There've been charges of conspiracy and manipulating the data and we want to make it very clear to everybody that no such activity goes on here," said Glenn E. Cunningham, Global Surveyor project manager. "We put the raw data out there so that anybody can... process it any way they want."

Several planetary scientists and project engineers said Monday that for them, the new image contained no surprises and no evidence of artificial origin.

## Head Wrap Not Allowed At Maryland Middle School

THE WASHINGTON POST

MARYLAND

Shermia Isaacs, an eighth-grader at Harper's Choice Middle School, has tried twice to wear her wrap to class, saying the white cloth with black and yellow designs celebrates her family's African-American heritage. But school officials said rules are rules, and they have barred the honor roll student from attending class with the wrap.

"They told me it was going to distract the kids," said Shermia, who has missed six school days in protest. "But it wasn't distracting. The kids and the teachers said they liked it and stuff."

Off-limits clothing determined by each school usually includes hats, coats with pockets or chains, spiked bracelets, halter tops, and other fashions favored by teen-agers. About 17 percent of the 40,000-student school district is African-American.

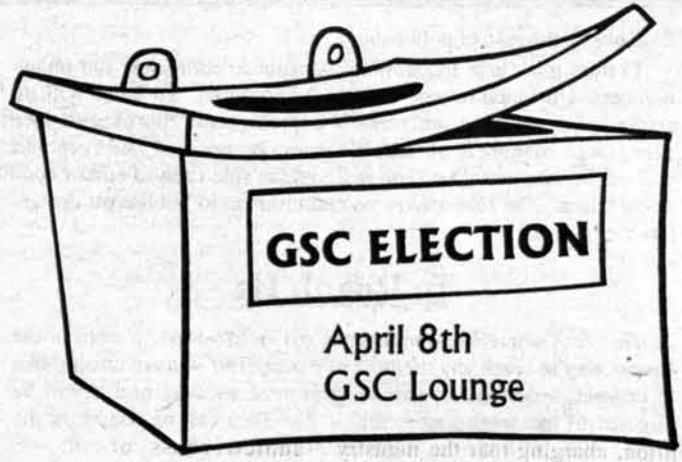
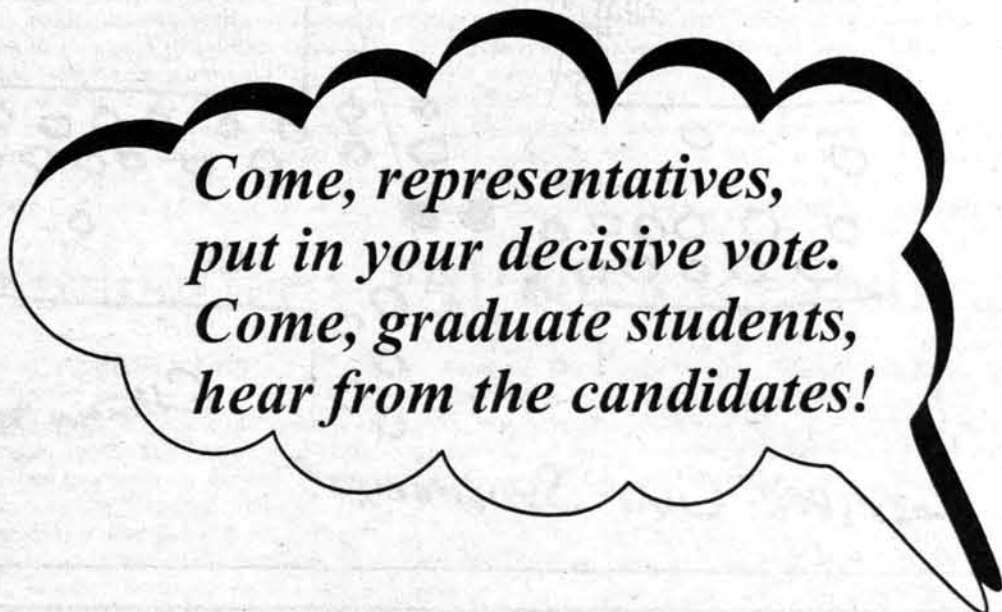
Shermia was first barred from school last week when she tried to wear her head wrap, which she wears on most weekends, to class. Her great-grandfather is from Jamaica, and Shermia grew up seeing family members dressed in colorful African-style headwraps.

But soon after she arrived on campus, the assistant principal, Madrainne Johnson, told Shermia to report to the main office. Johnson, who is African-American, called Shermia's mother to tell her the head wrap was disruptive. Shermia's mother, Stacey Isaacs, disagreed and pulled Shermia out of school.



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- 7 Extracurricular Activities & Athletics Mtg\*
  - 8 Officer Election\*
  - 16 Academics, Research & Career Meeting \*
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Wednesday, April 15, 5 pm  
Free  
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Contact bollmann@mit.edu

Revolution Soccer Game  
Saturday, April 18, 12 noon  
\$16 for ticket, transportation, and tailgate  
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Friday Social  
Friday, April 24, 5:30  
GSC Office (50-220)  
Come meet the new officers!  
Contact peterm@mit.edu

# OPINION

## Egg in the Face Over Aramark

Two years ago, *The Tech* denounced the decision by the Department of Housing and Food Services to extend Aramark's contract for the second year in a row ["Food Services Group Must Move Forward," Sept. 20, 1996]. *The Tech* obliquely hinted further extensions might be in store: "The dining services group must act now to ensure that we are not listening to an explanation for another one-year extension next year at this time."

A year later, students' worries were confirmed when HFS again decided to extend the Aramark contract, again for another year. Once again, HFS had failed to solicit bids because the food services working group, created a year earlier, was reviewing MIT's food services system. Once again, *The Tech* condemned the move to extend the contract, pointing out that nothing new had been accomplished ["Dining Process Must Move to Bidding," Feb. 4, 1997]. Again we expressed hope that MIT would at last fulfill the need for an improved food service at MIT, "so that starting the 1998-99 school year MIT can have something better than an unresponsive food services monopoly."

Given the track record, it should come as little surprise that this week's announcement that the Aramark contract has been "temporarily" extended for the fourth time in a row. Considering that the original contract was for five years, the first question that comes to mind is, what has MIT been doing for

the last nine years?

The answer lies in the food services working group, which has been deliberating, writing, and now shopping around its ideas for a new system of competitive food services on campus. We have endorsed this proposal in the past, and we agree with the committee's conclusions.

We cannot, however, endorse the repeated and unjustified delays, extensions, and postponements the MIT community has been subjected to on behalf of this process. The system is quite simply out of control. Officials should be ashamed that so little has happened over the last nine years and that we have reached this new low in bureaucratic inefficiency.

The fact remains that MIT and HFS have had plenty of time — now nine full years — to set up a process and go out to bid. Yet MIT has lamely allowed extension after extension to run out without pushing the process forward.

Two years ago, this page jokingly noted that extending Aramark's contract year after year made it appear likely "that Aramark will continue to manage food services at MIT well into the next century." In the spring of 1998, this no longer seems like hyperbole: Aramark still firmly in place and MIT not much closer to starting the bidding process. We believe that it is within MIT's capacity as an institution to make decisions and bring about real change, but we can hold out but little hope that MIT will do better in the future.



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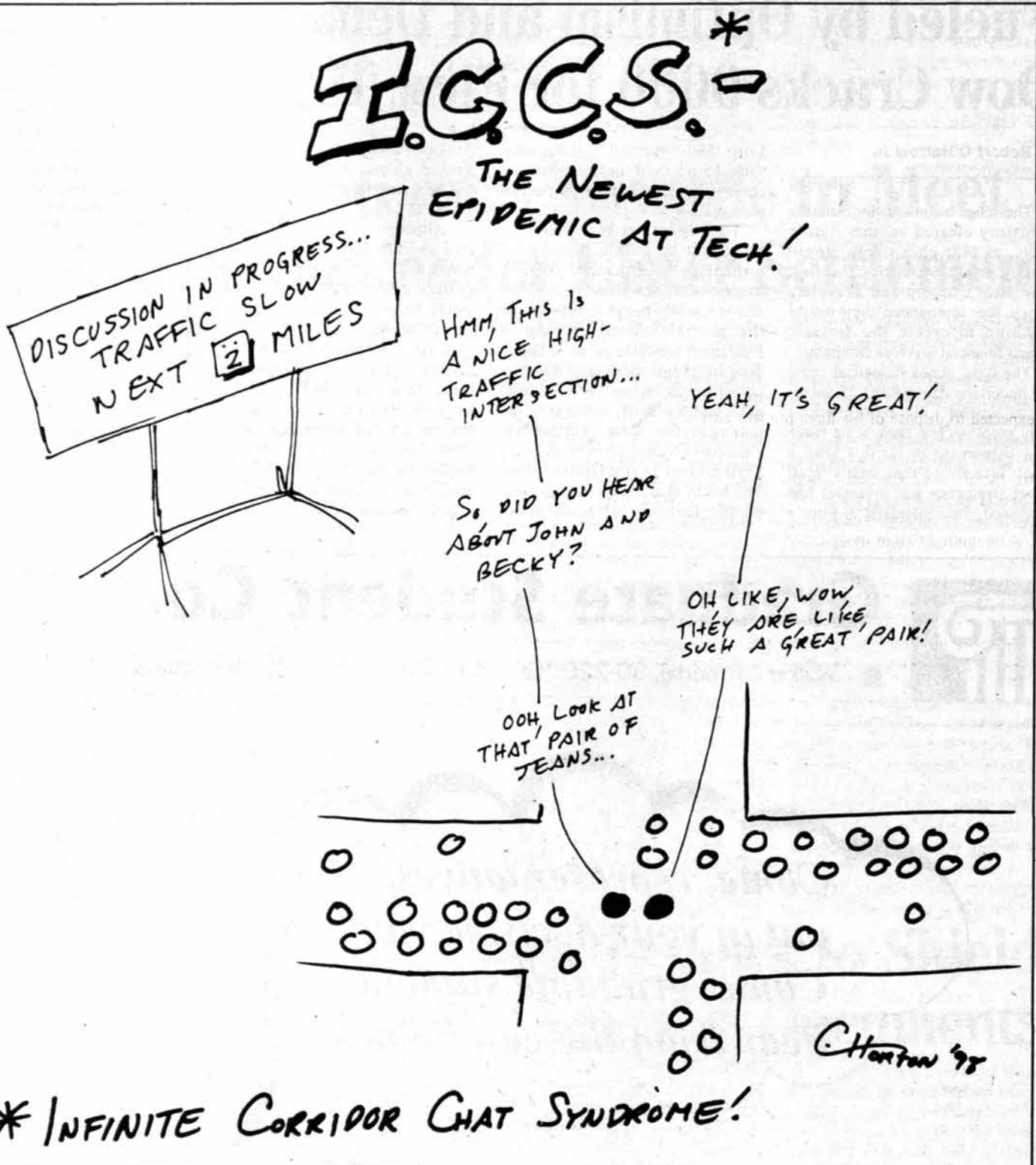
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# 1920s Election, 1990s Style

Michael J. Ring

The American nation has always struggled with the contrast between the Puritans and the party-goers. The Yankee work ethic and emphasis on societal intervention contrasts with the Jeffersonian ideals of personal liberty and individual freedom. Throughout the political history of our nation, these differences have manifested themselves not only in the conflicting ideologies of candidates, but also in conflicting backgrounds, personalities, and characters.

Perhaps no election underscores such character differences than does the presidential election of 1928. The Republican candidate, Herbert Hoover, was a quiet, shy Iowa Quaker. He was opposed by Al Smith, a loud, boisterous New York Catholic. The two candidates could not have come from more different surroundings or have had more contrasting dispositions.

On the question of Prohibition, one of the most important issues in that campaign, the two candidates' social and personal backgrounds influenced their political ideologies. Hoover, coming from a rural, largely fundamentalist environment, dubbed Prohibition "a great social and economic experiment." Smith, the governor of a state with large immigrant populations and the grandson of Irish immigrants, vigorously opposed Prohibition.

Seventy years later, the gubernatorial election of Massachusetts will offer the political spectator many of the same complexities and contrasts. The citizens of the Commonwealth, however, will also face several important differences between this race and the Hoover-Smith contest.

In this election, the Puritan is the Democrat, Attorney General L. Scott Harshbarger. He is expected to dispose of his three primary challengers. The party-goer is the Republican, Acting Governor A. Paul Cellucci, who will likely turn back a bloody primary challenge from Treasurer Joseph D. Malone.

Scott Harshbarger and Paul Cellucci could not be more different in style and personality. Harshbarger is the son of a minister while Cellucci the son of an auto dealer. Harshbarger went to Harvard while Cellucci studied at Boston College. Harshbarger is a member of the Church of the Brethren while Cellucci worships as a Roman Catholic. Harshbarger is perceived as a political outsider, having aggressively prosecuted both Republicans and Democrats during his tenure as Attorney General. Cellucci is seen as a political insider, having been continuously involved in Beacon Hill politics since his election as State Representative in 1976.

Many of their respective stances follow naturally from their backgrounds. Harshbarger has made tobacco crackdown a personal crusade; he has frequently challenged the industry in court. Cellucci is a follower, rather than

a leader, on the issue. The two also strongly differ on gambling. Harshbarger is vehemently opposed to a Native-American-developed bingo hall in the economically depressed city of Fall River and has promised to make full use of the courts to stop gaming expansion in Massachusetts. Cellucci supports the Fall River bingo hall agreement reached by his predecessor, William F. Weld.

On this issue of gaming one can see a clear difference between the trustworthiness of the two candidates, and again our tale twists back to 1928. In that year questions of honesty dogged Al Smith, a son of New York's Tammany Hall machine. Smith himself was not a corrupt ward boss, but he paid dearly for the sins of political corruption and peddling committed by his predecessors, such as William Marcy Tweed and William Croker. In our modern-day examination, however, the ethical questions dogging Cellucci were not created by his predecessors but by himself. And there are plenty of questions to which the citizens of the Commonwealth should demand answers.

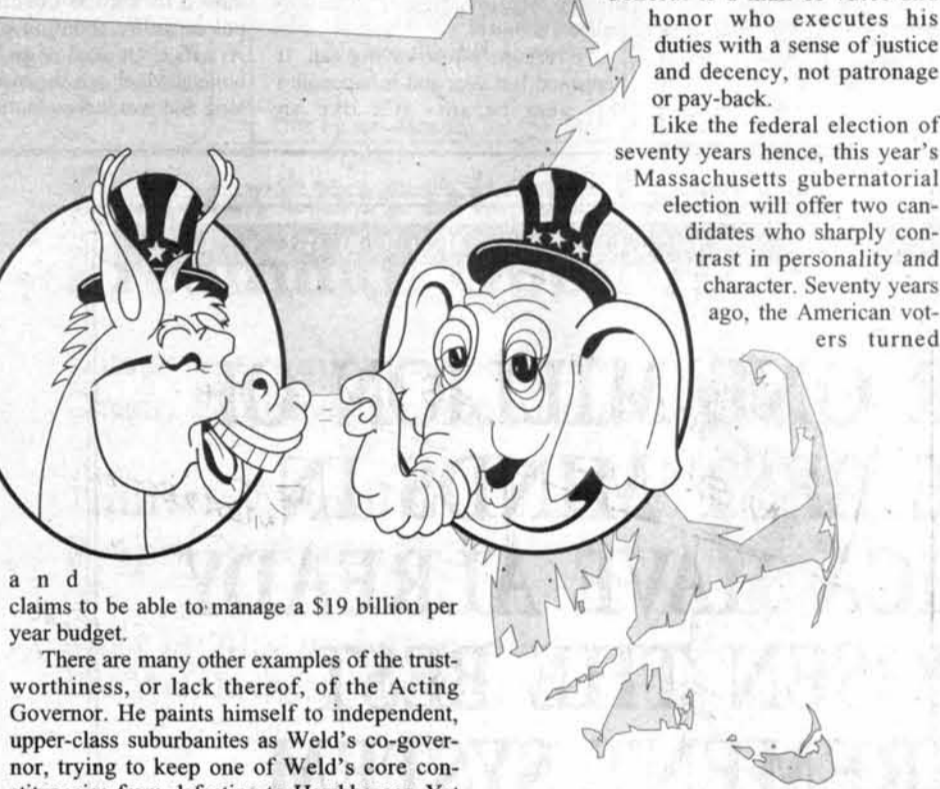
It is not surprising that Paul Cellucci would be a strong advocate of expanding gaming, because it seems Paul has a penchant for the ponies out at Suffolk Downs. And for a while he couldn't handle a credit card either: All in all, Cellucci rang up a cool \$750K in personal debt, according to a Boston Globe expose from 1996. Remember, this is from a man who brands himself a fiscal conservative

higher office. When the death penalty bill was debated last year, Paul Cellucci ran around the State House screaming at supposedly out-of-touch state representatives voting against the bill. Yet, as a state senator, he provided one of the most consistent votes against the death penalty throughout the 1980s. Cellucci, in effect, criticized members of the General Court for deferring to their personal moral judgments on an issue when he himself used the same judgment for over a decade.

Scott Harshbarger offers a breath of fresh, honest air from the maddening insanity surrounding Paul Cellucci. He makes the tough decisions and sticks to them. The Attorney General is unafraid to go to Fall River and express his disdain for the bingo hall. He has relentlessly prosecuted dishonest politicians, both Republican and Democrat, during his tenure as Attorney General.

In fact, Harshbarger is disliked by many Democrats for the fair and honest way in which he executed the office of Attorney General. Ray Flynn, former mayor of Boston and another Democrat gubernatorial candidate, is said to be furious at Harshbarger for his investigation of the Flynn machine, a probe which ended in the conviction of several members of Flynn's inner circle. But who among the objective citizenry would say Harshbarger was wrong to prosecute fellow Democrats if they were breaking the law? Indeed, the Attorney General is a man of valor and honor who executes his duties with a sense of justice and decency, not patronage or pay-back.

Like the federal election of seventy years hence, this year's Massachusetts gubernatorial election will offer two candidates who sharply contrast in personality and character. Seventy years ago, the American voters turned



and claims to be able to manage a \$19 billion per year budget.

There are many other examples of the trustworthiness, or lack thereof, of the Acting Governor. He paints himself to independent, upper-class suburbanites as Weld's co-governor, trying to keep one of Weld's core constituencies from defecting to Harshbarger. Yet on the issue of the environment, an issue of great concern to many of these citizens, Paul Cellucci takes a dive. Instead of towing Weld's good record on the environment, Cellucci crossed his former boss. His veto of the Cape Cod Land Bank bill, and successful pressure to defeat a related referendum, leaves the jewel of the Massachusetts seacoast with severely inadequate protection from further ravaging by development.

In his misguided fervor Cellucci not only ignores his self-touted role as "co-go governor" but also the moral principles which he personally espoused before being launched to

away from Al Smith because of the faint whiff of corruption and dishonesty which surrounded him and picked the more puritanical Hoover. Considering that surrounding Paul Cellucci is not a trace but an overwhelming stench of hypocrisy, broken promises, and ethical questions, we all must hope the citizens of this Commonwealth show the same disposition as those who employed presidential suffrage seventy years ago. The clear choice in this race for integrity, prudence, and discretion is Attorney General L. Scott Harshbarger.

# Spring Term IAP for a Refreshing Change

Andrew J. Kim

It's been over a week since the end of spring break, and the only thing I have left to look forward to anymore is the end of school a few days before Memorial weekend. I am confident that I am not the only one staring at the calendar and counting the days left. The sad thing, however, is that every time I gaze at the calendar, I end up asking myself, "Why do we have so many damn days left?"

Over spring break, I had the pleasure of visiting my friends who attend a public university that will finish up in three weeks. They start the first term a few days after Labor Day just like we do here, and they wrap up the term a few days before the holidays just like we do. The difference arises in January: while they start the second term a few days into the new year, we slowly trudge back to Boston to misspend a month known as Independent Activities Period.

Now I'm not saying that IAP is a total waste of time. Quite the contrary, the philosophy behind IAP lies in the word "independent," and that is a concept we should all cherish after all the monotonous weeks of problem sets and tests through which we nor-

mally plod.

Granted, some people come back to Boston because they are sick of home and basically waste a month, but even so, IAP is a productive time for the majority of us: I took a course required for my major during that time, some seniors I know got those pesky Physical Education credits out of the way, and others did significant research by UROPing full-time.

My qualm with IAP as it stands now is simply its timing. Sure the whole month of January off is a great thing, but I feel that a free month would be much more efficient if placed elsewhere.

Imagine starting the second term promptly at the beginning of the new year (most of us arrive in Boston at this time anyway) and finish up at the end of April. Then, we could dub May the "Independent Activities Extension" (IAE) and offer the same courses and programs at that time as in the current IAP. That way, people who want to take courses can do so, people who want to spend a long summer at home can go right ahead, but most importantly, the people with summer jobs or research positions can spend another month on the job reaping the intellectual and financial benefits.

# Doubt About Gender and Admissions

Erica Pfister

Being sent an invitation to enroll in one of the highest rated institutions in the world is a wonderful affirmation of one's intelligence and potential. Yet when I received mine, I was unfortunately reminded that I might have gotten in as part of an effort by MIT to improve its image by bringing in more and more women. Seeing all the female and minority prefrish around campus this weekend, I couldn't help but be reminded of my own thoughts while entering MIT, and wonder how many of these prefrish were doubting their own offers.

I attended an all-girl Catholic high school and was hard-pressed to orient my curriculum towards science and math rather than towards liberal arts. I took all the honors and higher level courses I could, but very few were offered. Most students preferred humanistic studies like the arts or literature; whenever I pressed for a better science course, the vice principal insisted I was driving myself too hard and questioned why I wouldn't opt "to take an easy elective" instead of honors physics?

I wanted very much to be able to go to a college that would actually teach me something without saying "it's a little hard for you, dear." My desire to go to MIT rather surprised the guidance office, whose counselors were used to sending graduates to institutions like Ohio State or the University of Cincinnati. Half of the staff didn't even know what the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was; one even asked me why I didn't go to a branch closer to Ohio (she was thinking of ITT Tech).

So when I did get my acceptance letter, I was ecstatic. I told everyone I knew, and it was impossible to depress me for about the next week. One response to my e-mailed gloatings, however, quickly put a damper on my rejoicing. It consisted of a rather grudging congratulation, "Good job, but they probably just did it for affirmative action."

I won't go into the source or the reasons, but I knew it was quite probably only jealousy speaking, and everyone I mentioned it to agreed that I shouldn't let it bother me. I never took it seriously, but it managed to plant a small seed of doubt in my mind as to whether I really should be considering MIT: was I let in out of mercy to end up flunking out because it really was too hard, or were they ignoring my talent and intelligence to concentrate on the section of the application where I had checked "F"?

When I arrived on campus for the preview weekend two years ago, the fact that there were mostly women and minorities for me to talk to didn't help address my concerns. I mentioned it in a casual conversation with another visiting prefrish and we ended up talking for nearly seven hours about it, moving from the talk-to-professors meeting we had been at to Lobdell. She too had felt a little perturbed by the possibility that her admission was based solely on her gender, and the length of our conversation revealed that it was bothering us a lot more than we had cared to admit before.

Eventually, we both came to the conclusion that if people were blind enough to believe that admitting us simply to fill a quota was a good idea, we might as well take them for all they're worth. We both ended up accepting our offers of admission and have so far led happy, normal lives, thus defying the suggestion that our admission was to boost MIT's female population statistics.

It is highly improbable that the admissions office would work under such an obviously biased system; I do not wish to malign the fairness of its methods since I really do not know enough to comment. Yet the existence of even the smallest doubt in new students' minds of why they were *really* admitted does not help when trying to decide on a college or evaluate their goals in life. And when someone accuses that a person was admitted or hired based on his or her gender or race, all it leads to are misconceptions, doubts, and negative feelings on all sides.

The issue of affirmative action is rife with pitfalls, and is not very easy to discuss because of the strong feelings on all sides. But personally I would rather not have any sort of preferential treatment at all, and the possibility, however narrow, that I was admitted because I have two X chromosomes is very disturbing to me.

# Ohio University Students Stage Street Riot After Time Change

FROM UNIVERSITY WIRE

Uptown revelers turned their clocks back one year Sunday morning when about 2,000 people blocked Court Street between Washington and State streets for 30 minutes before police using force dispersed the crowd. The incident mirrored last year's daylight-saving time disturbance when about 1,000 people gathered Uptown and made national headlines when police arrested 47 people.

This year, Mayor Ric Abel declared an emergency and police said about 27 people were arrested and two officers were injured. Like last year, police shot "multiple baton shells" to disperse the crowd. This year most of the crowd, mainly students, came to watch. Some came to yell, chanting "O-U, O-U," "Let's go Bobcats," "Bring it on" and "CNN, CNN." Police were booed. Some men and women shed their shirts.

Student opinions about the cause of the disturbance ranged from celebrating the anniversary of the 1997 disturbance to media exposure to police visibility.

"Everyone's just having fun. It happened last year and is happening this year because it's like an

anniversary," said sophomore Nathan Buskirk.

This year, police said media coverage "played a crucial role" in the disturbance. Police say most of the arrests were for "failure to disperse" and "persistent disorderly conduct." Partiers lit small fires in trash cans and threw bottles, asphalt and a brick into the crowd and at police.

One mounted unit's horse fell while trying to clear an alley. An officer was hit on the top of the helmet by a bottle thrown from an overhead window. Another officer was struck in the neck by a brick.

The crowd began to form on sidewalks at about 1 a.m. For 30 minutes, revelers made a half-dozen failed attempts to take over Court Street. When the crowd spilled into the street at 1:30 a.m., police backed off.

At 1:41 a.m. the mayor declared an emergency, and police announced the crowd had five minutes to disperse. About 20 minutes later, 50 officers clad in riot gear moved forward as the crowd egged police on by shouting obscenities. As officers moved north firing foam bullets, which are about three inches long and two inches in diameter, the

crowd refused to leave Court Street.

"Most acted like they had no intent to leave unless personally pushed out of the area," Mayer said in the release. Officers then switched to wooden rounds, and the crowd began to disperse. "That hurt," yelled freshman Jason Fondran, who was bruised twice by wooden shells. "All I wanted was to go and get some pizza."

The police finally moved the crowd to State and Mill streets and by 2:30 a.m. controlled Court Street. O'Bleness Memorial reported few, if any, injuries treated because of the disturbance.

[The Ohio University Post, 04/06/98]

## UC Berkeley investigates hazing

The University of California, Berkeley's Office of Student Conduct is investigating an alleged fraternity hazing, discovered when UC police pulled over a car early Saturday morning on Durant and Piedmont avenues and found a student in the back seat with his hands and feet bound up.

Around 2:30 a.m., officers discovered Kyle Glankler, a freshman and a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, in the car with his hands and feet tied up with rope, plastic ties and chains, along with two other members of the fraternity in the car.

When police questioned the driver and passenger about the situation, both said it was a fraternity prank. According to Mason Foster, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Glankler and the other passengers in the car were taking part in a fraternity activity known as a "sneak."

He said pledges arrange and organize retreats in which the other members of the fraternity are taken to unknown destinations without any warnings. But he said these retreats are all voluntary.

Glankler, who was not injured, did not press charges or a file a complaint against the fraternity or its members. But UC Berkeley spokesperson Jesus Mena said the university has zero tolerance for hazing and added that Sigma Phi Epsilon's activities are not permitted on campus.

[Daily Californian, 04/06/98]

## Trends in financial aid shift

Stanford's recent rise in financial aid and low tuition increase reflects a nationwide trend. The Board of Trustees announced in February that Stanford will spend an additional \$3.8 million per year on financial aid.

Next year, Stanford tuition will increase by 3.8 percent, which is comparable to the low increase in tuition at other private universities.

This trend has been apparent in other competitive private universities, such as Princeton and Yale. There has been some speculation that schools are choosing to increase their financial aid in order to remain competitive to applicants.

According to Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Robert Kinnally, however, Stanford's decision was not influenced by the announcements of either Princeton or Yale. Cynthia Rife, director of student awards suggested that the cause of the trend could be pressure from the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, a Congressional panel appointed to find ways to decrease the cost of higher education.

"For this reason, [these institutions] are reluctant to increase tuition dramatically," Rife said.

The outside scholarship policy has also changed. Previously, any money from jobs or outside scholarships was mainly used to replace part of the scholarship awarded by Stanford. Now, outside scholarships go directly to decreasing loans and work-study.

[The Stanford Daily 04/06/98]

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# New Contract Gives MIT Added Control

Dining, from Page 1

as hours of operation, Maguire said.

In previous years, Aramark operated the dining facilities under a profit-loss model, where Aramark and MIT together shared the risks of the operation.

## Aramark ready for bidding

Aramark, while accepting the one-year contract extension, is looking forward to competitively bidding for the Institute's dining operation, said Elizabeth Emery, Aramark director of food services.

This is the third extension of Aramark's original five-year contract, which ran from 1991 until 1996. The one year term of each extension has led to instability in the work force, Emery said. "The hardest thing for the people that work here is not knowing if they're going to have a job" in a year or two.

While unionized cooking staffs are protected under any new contractor, others such as cashiers and administrative staffers are not, Emery said.

During the next year, Aramark will attempt to continue to improve the dining process through new concepts, Emery said. "We want people to feel better about the dining program."

## Group willing to work longer

Pushing back the deadline will give the dining review group additional time to create more of the support services necessary for the new dining system, said Campus Activities Complex Director Philip J. Walsh, who heads the group.

This summer, the group hopes to finalize plans for a new Office of Campus Dining. The office will be staffed full-time by a manager who will oversee all food contractors under the new program.

The new office will also work to create new residential teams to oversee the dining options available to each dormitory, Walsh said. The final report of the working group urged the creation of these teams to oversee cooking programs, community dinners and other aspects of dining for each dormitory.

In addition, discussions will begin with McCormick Hall over the potential reopening of their dining hall in the near future, Walsh said.

The group has also started conversations with Star Market on potential agreements to benefit the student body, Walsh said. A new Star Market will open in University Park this summer.

Finally, the group will attempt to obtain additional financing to support renovations and other improvements prior to the implementation new dining program. "Front-end investment is going to be critical to the long-term success," Walsh said.

The dining review group's final report, which was released in December, called for the Aramark dining contract to be split into two parts: one serving the residence halls and Lobdell food court, and the other serving Walker Memorial and other main campus dining facilities. The report also called for competition in catering services on campus, and for tightened control over the food trucks and other on-campus facilities.

Finally, the report urged MIT to forge new relationships with nearby eateries, and to extend use of the MIT card to off-campus facilities near the Institute.

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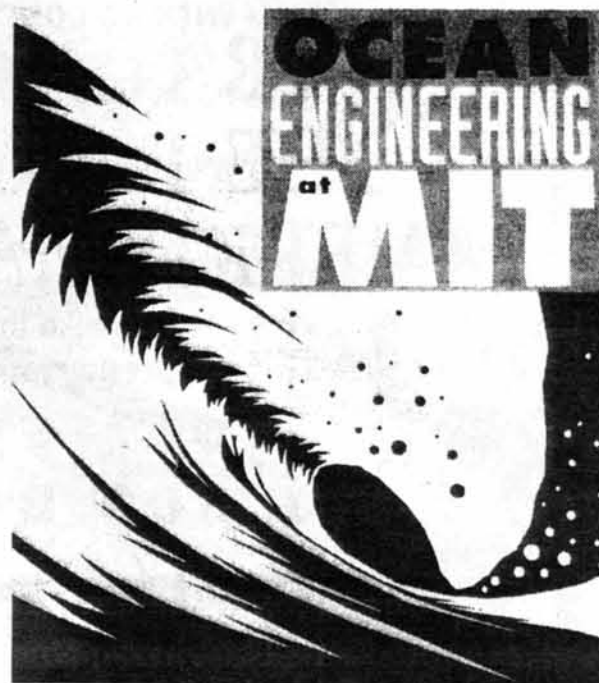
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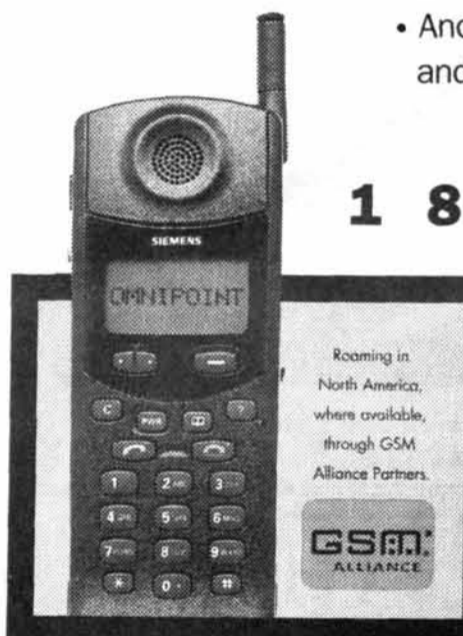


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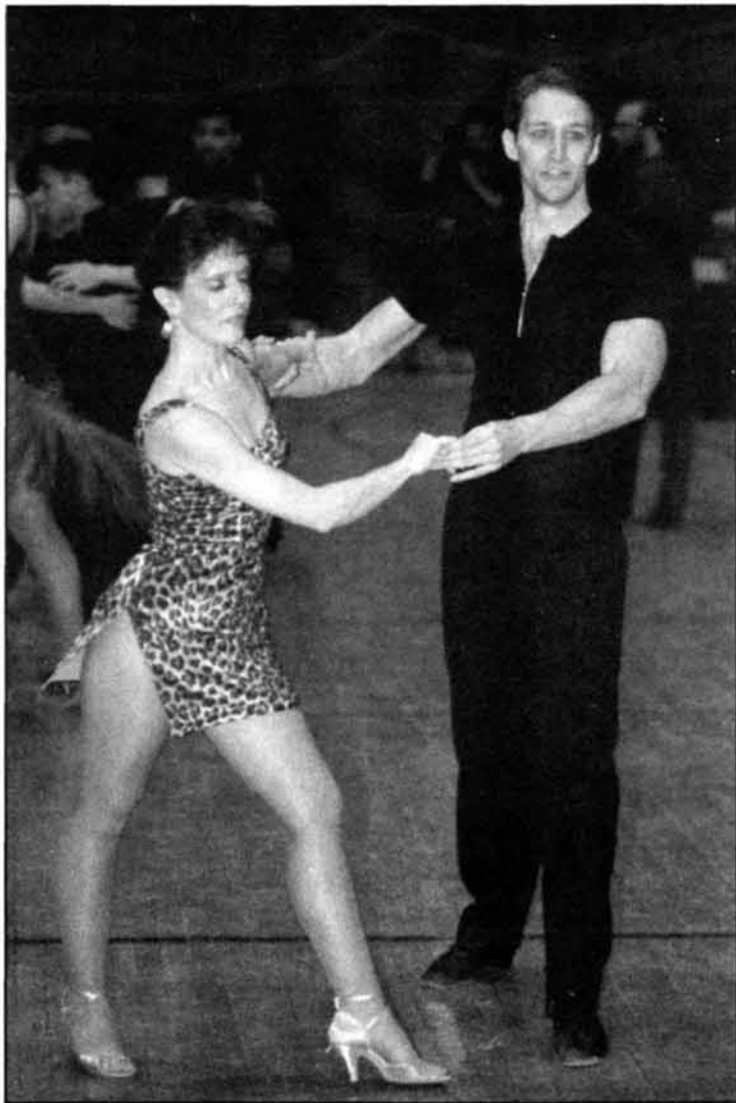
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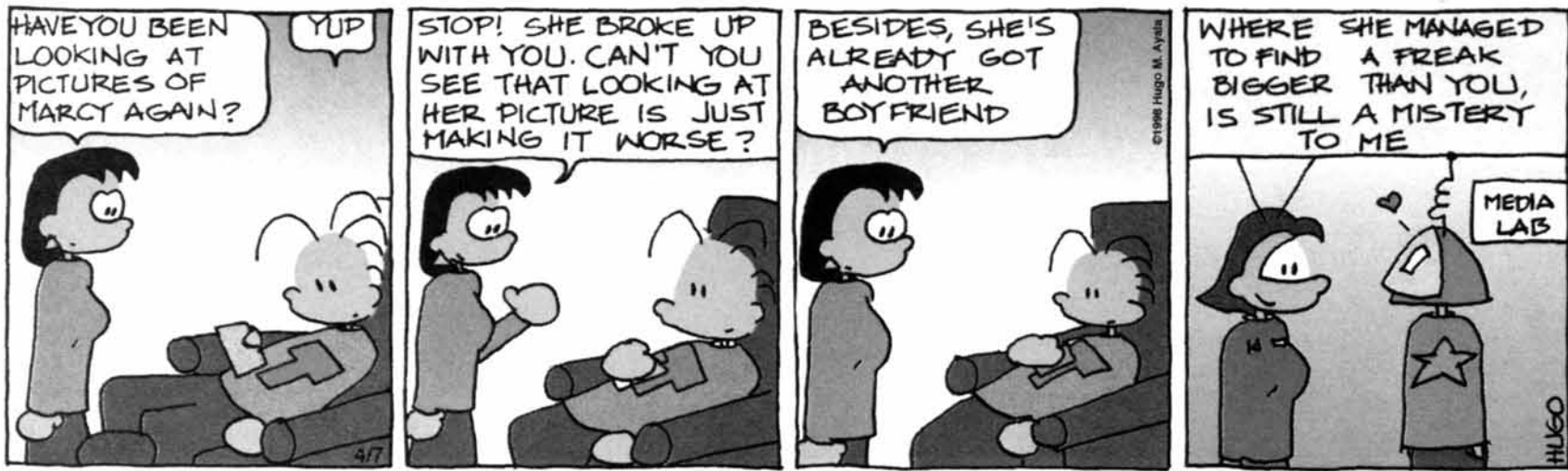
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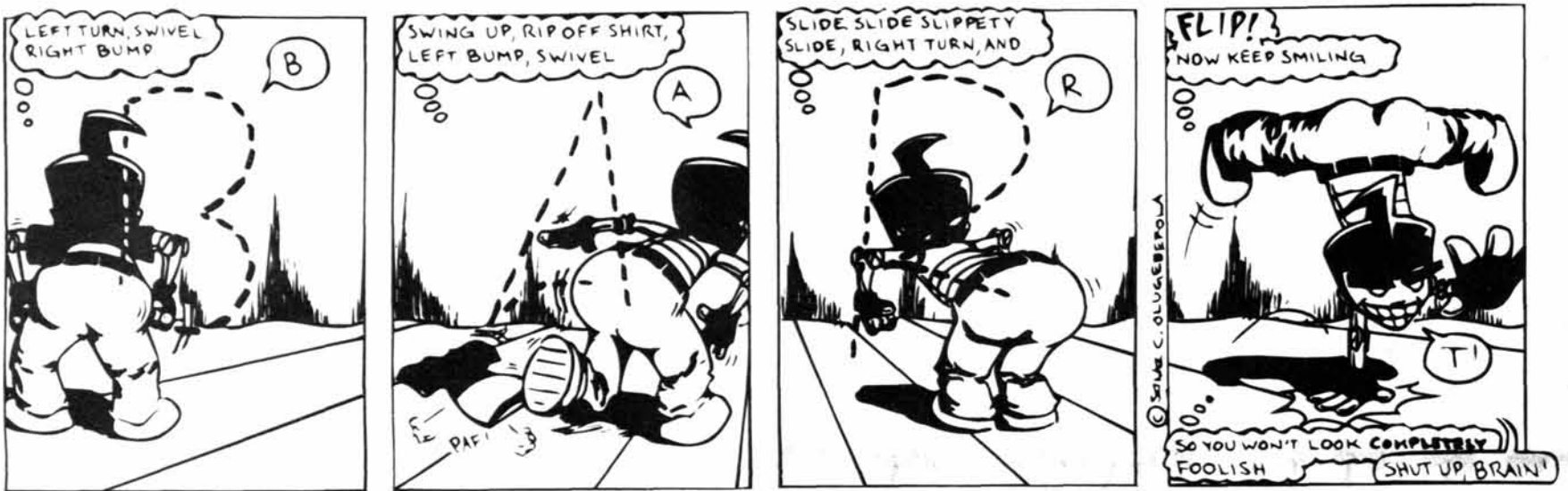
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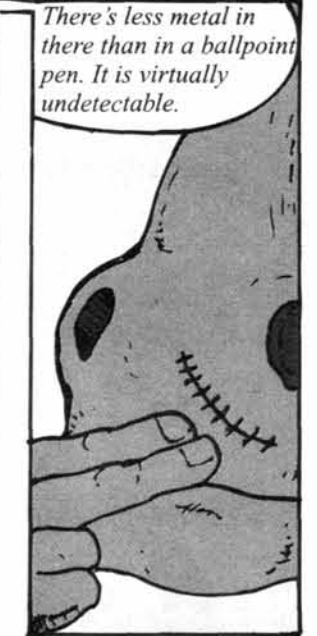
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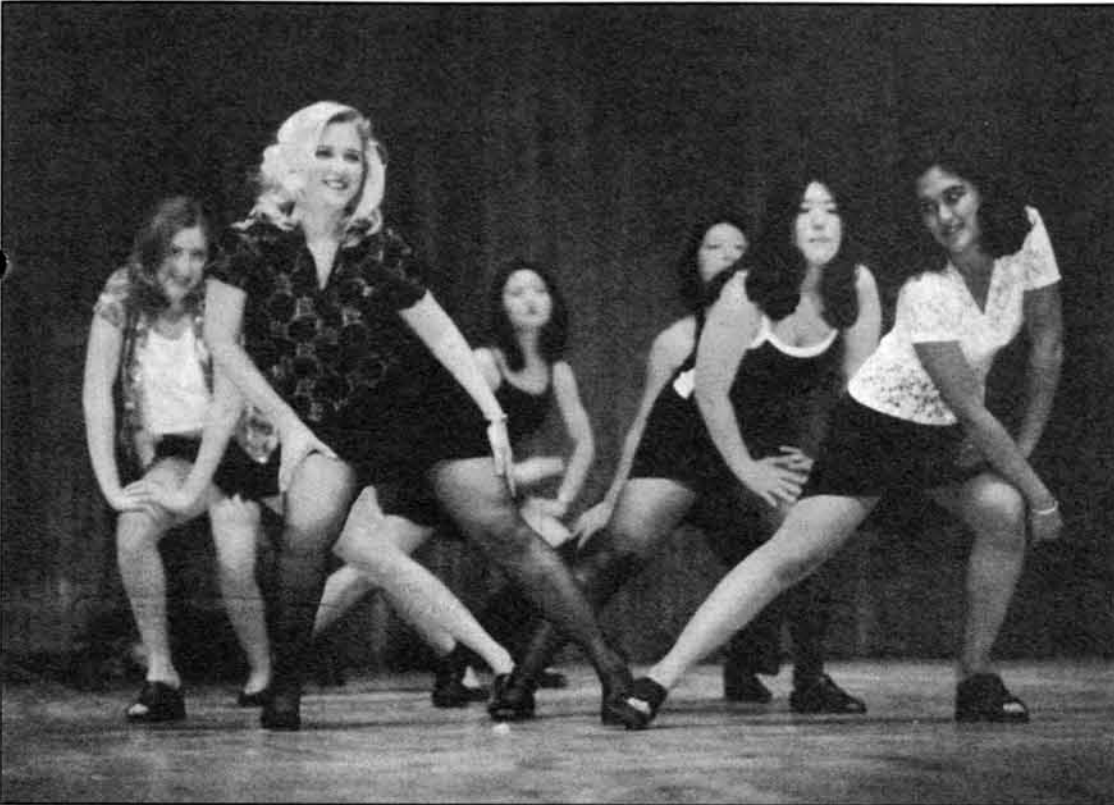
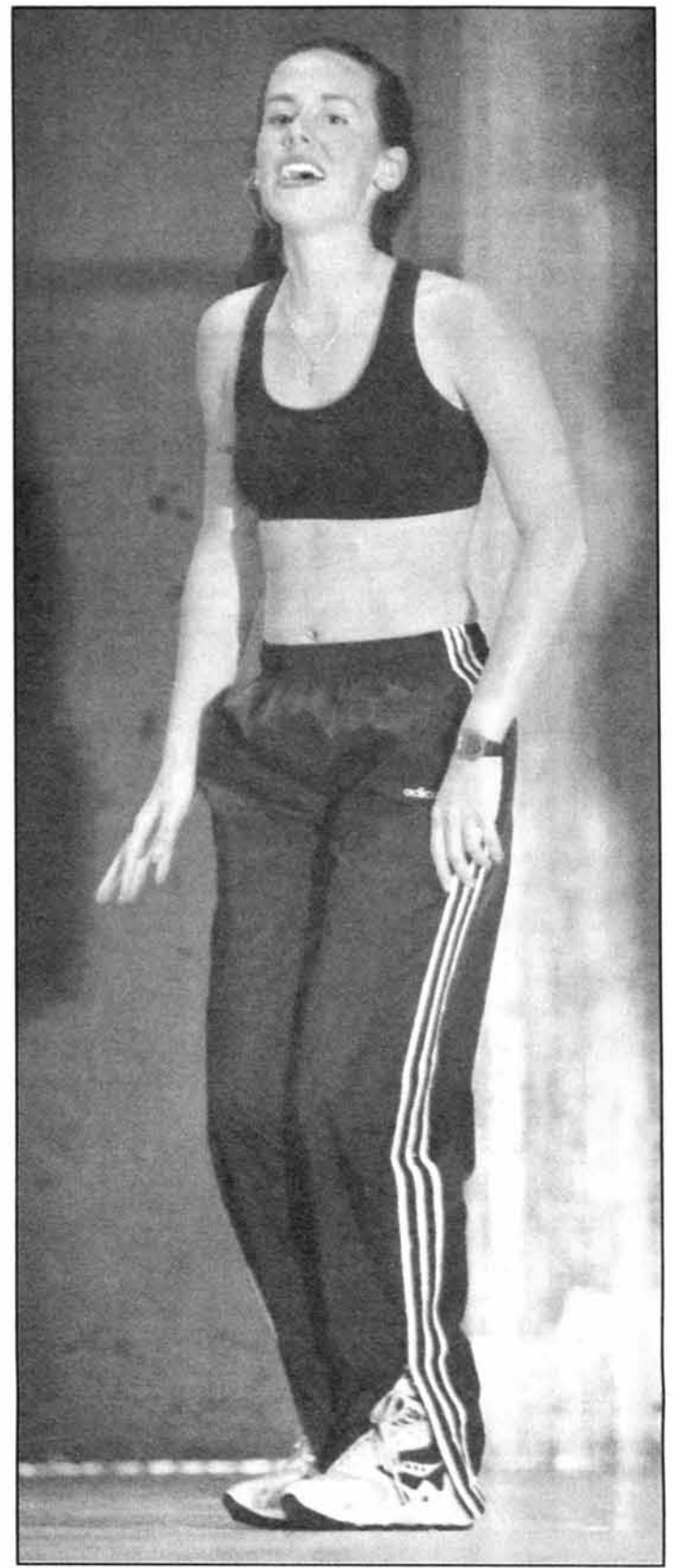
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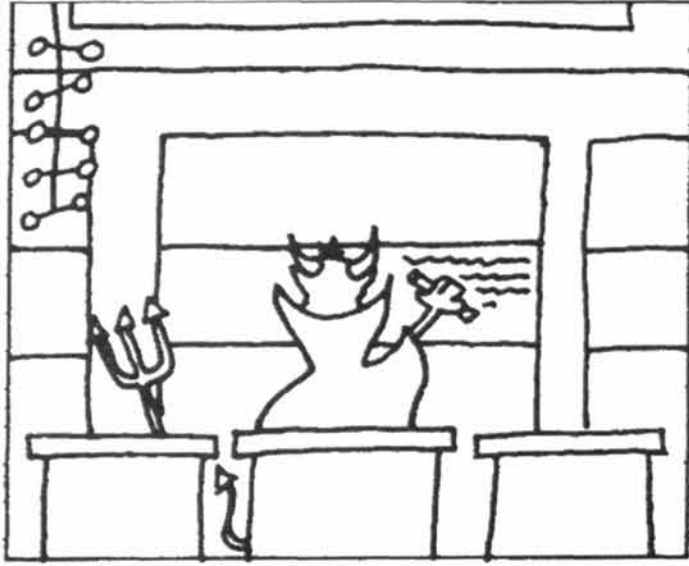
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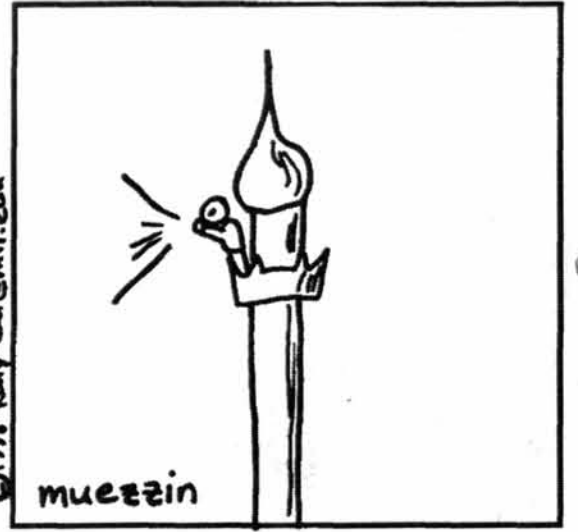
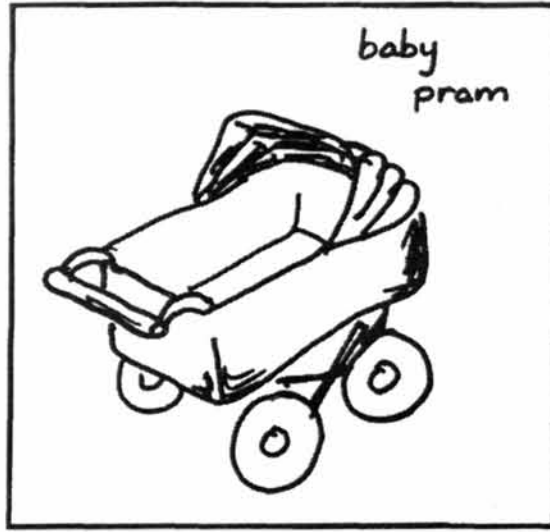


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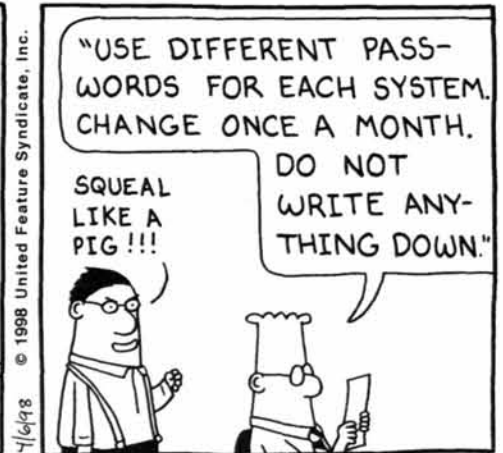
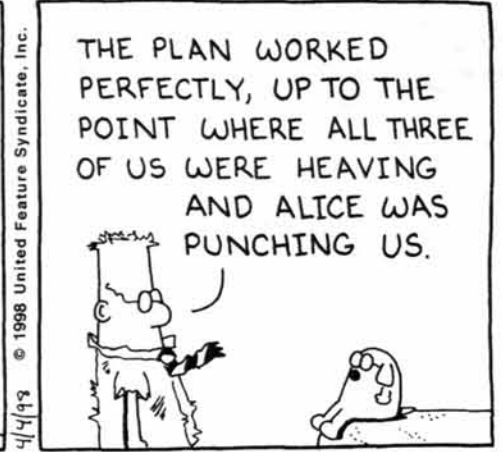
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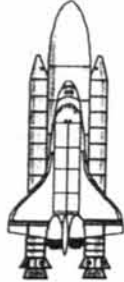
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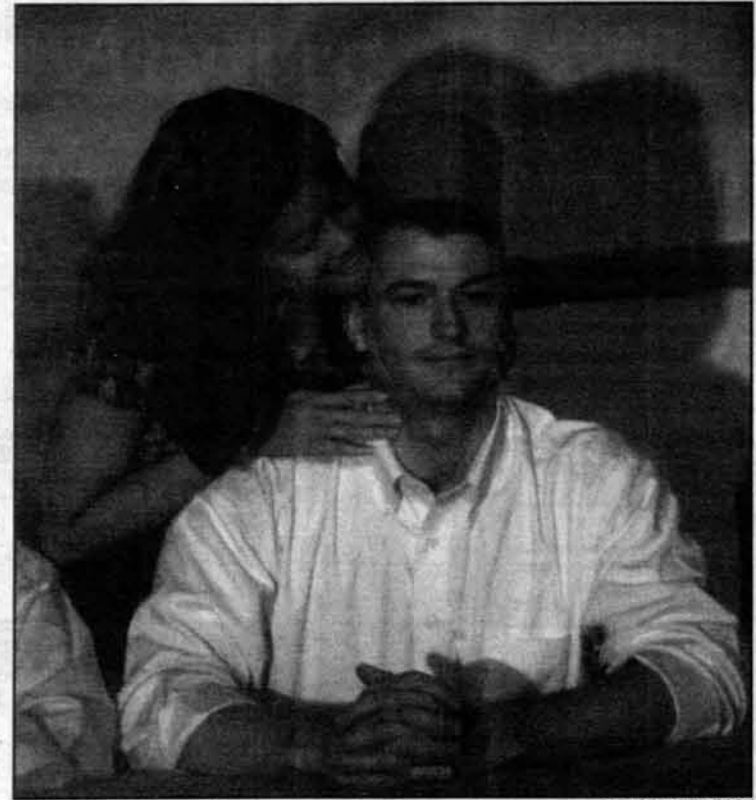
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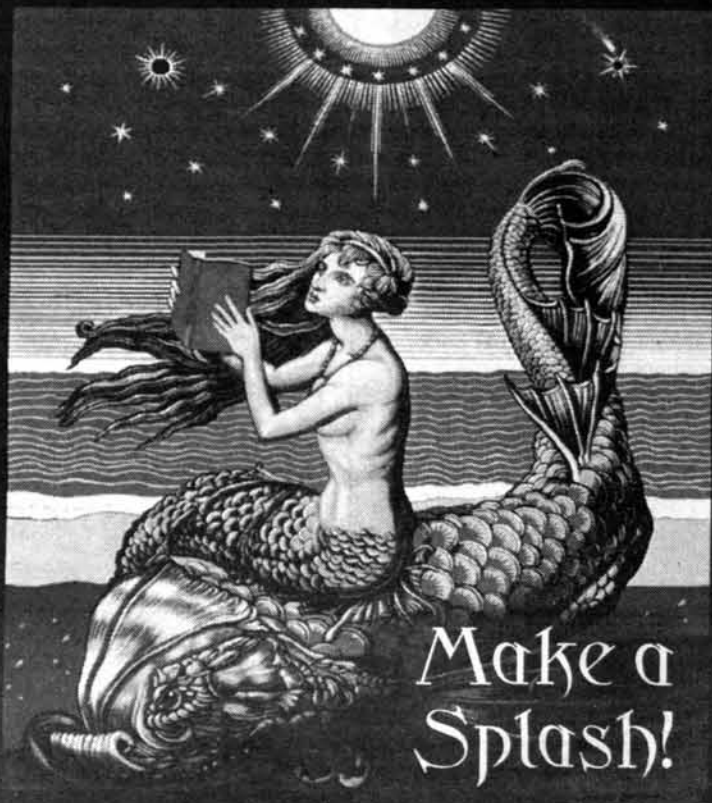
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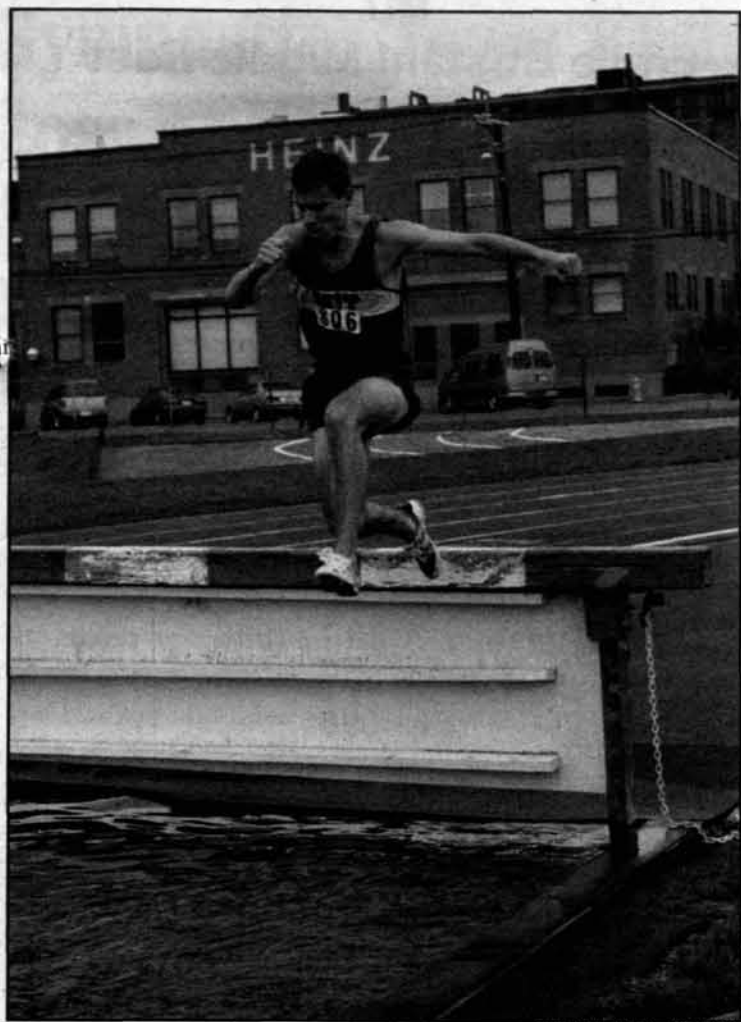
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# Gymnastics Team Endures Tough Loss at West Point to End Season

By J.C. Olsson  
TEAM MEMBER

The men's gymnastics team spent spring break defending MIT's reputation as an unrelenting underdog. The battleground was the 1998 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships hosted by the West Point Military Academy.

The teams leading the competition demonstrated a very high level of gymnastics, namely Temple University, the University of Massachusetts and Navy. The UMass Minutemen endeavored unsuccessfully to strip Temple of their title, which they renewed for their ninth consecutive year. Further on down the ladder the Engineers struggled with an incomplete roster due to injuries, and finished in last place.

Of the eleven big-name colleges represented at the competition, it was announced mid-way through that MIT had yet again claimed the academic award for highest average team GPA. Team captain Rob Spina '99 commented, "That's why we're allowed to suck."

In an effort to promote the sport, the competition was televised Friday in over 18.1 million homes through a handful of no-name sports networks. Olympic silver medalist Jair Lynch was on the scene accompanying ESPN's Lon McEachern as commentators.

After the first round of competition MIT was leading their rivals, the University of Vermont, by 60.00 points, due primarily to the efforts of James Tanabe '00 and J.C. Olsson '00. Tanabe took some chances on the floor, but the odds

were with him. Unfortunately it wasn't in the cards for Rob Spina '99 in the beginning, but his later scores put the team back in contention.

### Golombek vaults high

Dave Golombek '98 buzzed down the vaulting runway for one of his highest flying vaults this season and plastered his feet to the mat for a clean landing. Andy McCraith '98 wasted no time as he chugged down the runway attempting to ride his handspring straight up with a twist.

The rings competition was led by Brian Clarkson G and Max Fischer '00, as injured John Tilly '00 watched from the sideline. Jason Miller '99 threw an inspiring floor routine which managed to steal the focus of the television

cameras from the other teams. Chris Resto '99 also contributed to the team score on the floor despite an inexcusable fall midway through the routine.

This event concluded the men's gymnastics season.

Looking back, the MIT men's team fought respectfully through a series of setbacks this year. From the start they were down three top-notch seniors from last year, and then were faced with an uncharacteristic amount of injuries.

Just to fill up the starting line, gymnasts who were not fully recovered, like Spina, insisted on throwing together routines they felt capable of. Despite the results of this season's events, the men's gymnastics has definitely shown heart and persistence in their performance.

# Three Members of Pistol Team Named All-Americans

The Free Pistol team, consisting of Daniel Yu '98, Pietro Russo '98, Ho, and Sohn, placed sixth overall. Yu shot a 492, Russo shot a 475, Ho shot a 487, and Sohn shot a 436 which tied MIT for sixth place with the University of Virginia. As individuals, Yu placed 16th, Ho placed 18th, and Russo placed 24th.

The Standard Pistol team, which included Cheewee Ang '01, Russo, Yu and Sohn, again tied for sixth place with a score of 1988. Ang shot a 474, Russo shot a 491, Yu shot a 510, and Sohn shot a 513. Russo placed 27th overall in Standard Pistol.

In Open Air Pistol MIT placed sixth with a score of 2141. The

team for Open Air was made up of Yu, Russo, Ho and Gruneisen. Individually Russo placed 21st, and Ho placed 23rd with 536.

In Women's Sport Pistol all three shooters, Sohn, Ho and Gruneisen had gun malfunctions. All of the ladies did well in the precision portion of the event, where competitors are given six minutes to fire five rounds. But in the dueling portion, where the shooter has three seconds to fire a shot, all three shooters had a number of gun malfunctions. This resulted in a lower score and MIT placed fourth with Sohn shooting a 524, Ho shooting a 519, and Gruneisen shooting a 458. Ho placed 10th and Sohn placed 9th

# Tennis Team Suffers Defeat at Amherst

By Nisha Singh  
TEAM CAPTAIN

The women's tennis team opened up its 1998 spring season by traveling to Amherst Saturday. The team played hard, but they ran into a very talented Amherst team and lost 9-0. "Amherst is one of the top teams in the nation, and we don't see players of this caliber often. The fact that we played well was a victory in and of itself, regardless of score," said Captain Nisha Singh '00.

Angela Mislowsky '99 and Singh played a terrific match at first doubles, but fell by a score of 8-3. Ayako Tanaka '00 and Doana Cecan '00 teamed up at second doubles and lost by a score of 8-2. The other doubles matches both resulted in 8-0 losses, with Shikha Gupta '00 paired with Jenny Hsieh '01 at third doubles and Jessica Yeh '01 and Yue Zhang '01 playing fourth doubles, respec-

tively. Mislowsky lost 6-0, 6-1 at first singles, and Tanaka fell 6-1, 6-2 at second. The third, fourth, fifth, and sixth singles matches were unfortunately all lost by score of 6-0, 6-0. They were played by Cecan, Singh, Gupta and Yeh. Zhang lost 6-0, 6-1 at seventh, while Hsieh fell 6-0, 6-0 at eighth. Sailu Challipalli '01 was defeated at ninth singles, 6-1, 6-0.

"We went up against a very tough team. For some of our players, it was their first match as an MIT varsity athlete. I am very proud of the poise and sportsmanship that they displayed. We are definitely on our way up," said Head Coach Carol Matsuzaki. The team will play its next match on Wednesday against Brandeis at 3:30 p.m. They look forward to rebound from the weekend's tough loss.

team, had no prior pistol experience before coming to MIT. The overall score for the team was calculated by adding the scores of the Free, Standard, and Open Air Pistol events. West Point placed first with a score of 6372, Navy's score was 6234, Air Force had a score of 6179, the Citadel scored 6070, followed by the Coast Guard Academy with a 6032. MIT's 6019 placed them just shy of beating the Coast Guard Academy.



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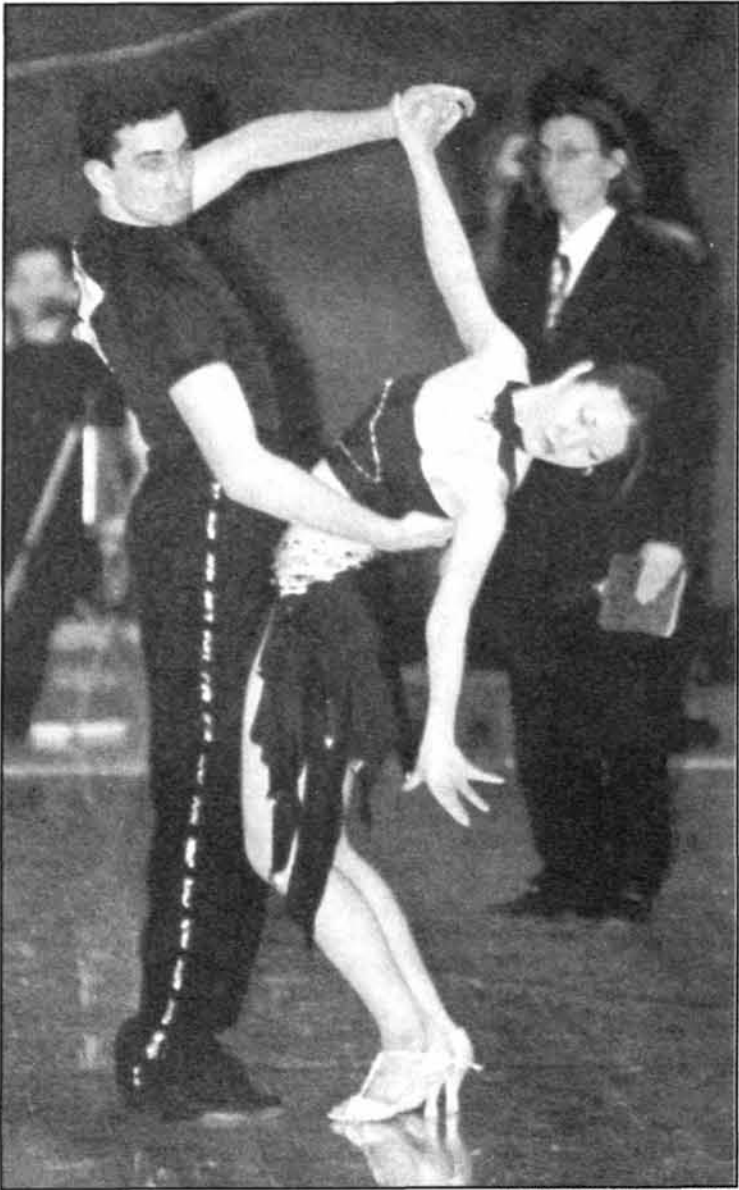
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## SPORTS



Michael Posner and Ling Liou dance the Paso Doble on their way to placing second in International Latin event at the second annual MIT Open Ballroom Competition. The Competition was held over the weekend in duPont Gymnasium.

Miodrag Cirkevich—THE TECH

## Athletes of the Week

This week's athletes of the week are Allison Christenson '98 and Michael Butville '98. At the National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships, Christenson scored a personal best 36.175 in the all-around competition which earned her a fifth place finish and All-American Honors. Michael Butville recently led the men's lacrosse team to wins over Gordon College and Assumption College by scoring six goals over the two games.

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



Allison Christenson '98  
Gymnastics

Age: 22  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Hometown: Waconia, Minn.  
Years participating in sport: 14  
Most memorable moment:  
Everything I've done with the team, especially the trips (Texas baby!).  
Future plans: Working for 3M, and hopefully coaching gymnastics.  
Quote: "I couldn't have asked for a better ending to my gymnastics career."



Michael Butville '98  
Lacrosse

Age: 21  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Hometown: Levittown, Penn.  
Years participating in sport: 4  
Most memorable moment:  
All the good times with the team in California, especially the sightseeing in Tijuana.  
Future plans: Make the playoffs and win the league.  
"Losers always complain about 'their best.' Winners go home with the prom queen."

## Pistolers Get Sixth In Atlanta Contest

By Brian Romo  
TEAM MEMBER

Over spring break the pistol team went to Atlanta, Ga. to compete in the Intercollegiate Pistol Championships hosted by the National Rifle Association. The event was held at Wolf Creek Shooting Park, the same range used in the 1996 Olympic Games. There was a total of three days of competition which involved schools from across the country. MIT placed sixth overall with a total score of 6019, only 13 points behind the Coast Guard Academy. West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy were the top three schools.

In the individual events, the Women's Air Pistol team, consisting of Tracey Ho '99, Jane Sohn '98, and Hattie Gruneisen '00, placed first with a score of 1068. Ho was second going into the finals with a score of 363, but out-shot everyone else to place first overall, becoming the national champion in Women's Air with a final score of 454.4. Sohn was fifth going into the finals with a score of 359 and ended up placing 6th with a final score of 445.5. Gruneisen placed 13th with a score of 346.

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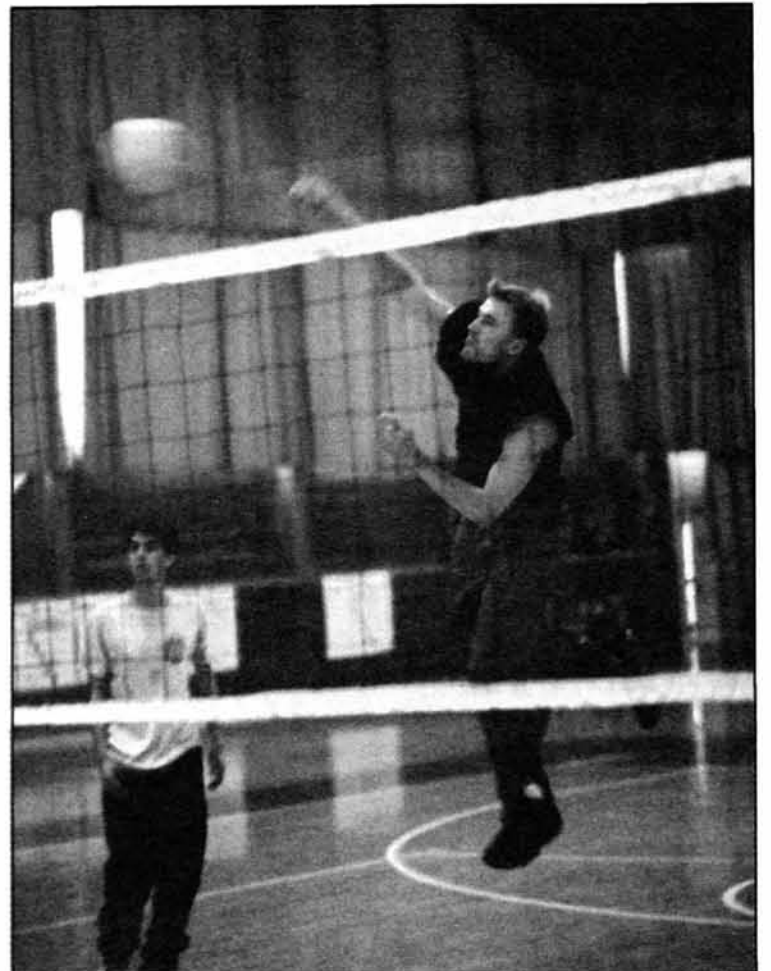
Baseball vs. Albertus Magnus College, 3:30 p.m.  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Nichols College, 3:30 p.m.  
Women's Lacrosse vs. Wheaton College, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8

Women's Tennis vs. Brandeis University, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 9

Baseball vs. Savannah College of Art and Design, 3:00 p.m.  
Golf vs. Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1:00 p.m.



Dennis Yancey—THE TECH

Simo Kamppari '98 spikes the ball in the first round of Saturday's 3-on-3 coed volleyball tournament in Rockwell Cage. Kamppari, Alarice Huang '00, and Robert Moser '99 went on to win the tournament, which was staged to raise money for the women's volleyball team.