

## David Ho Chosen To Address Graduates at Commencement

By Frank Dabek

NEWS EDITOR

David D. Ho, an AIDS researcher and *Time* magazine's man of the year for 1996, has been chosen to deliver this year's commencement address.

"Dr. Ho has set very worthwhile goals for his professional life and is realizing them. His work demonstrates the critical importance of science to the solution of problems such as AIDS that plague our society," said President Charles M. Vest.

Ho was born in Taiwan in 1952 and emigrated to the United States in 1965 with his family. He attended MIT for one year and then transferred to the California Institute of Technology, where he completed his undergraduate coursework. He earned an M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1978. He is currently the director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, one of the largest private AIDS

research centers in the country.

Vest said that he is proud to claim Ho as a graduate of the joint MIT-Harvard Division of Health Science and Technology. "His work also should remind us all of the great benefits America reaps from opening our doors, institutions, and opportunities to immigrants," he added.

Gayle M. Gallagher, director of conference services and events, and a member of the commencement committee, said that the speaker selection process began in the late fall. The group solicited "suggestions from the community: the faculty, students, and staff," she said.

"There is a subgroup of the commencement committee that assembles the names to be considered," she said. However, the choice of speaker is "ultimately Dr. Vest's decision," she said.

Ho was one of the first scientists to begin researching AIDS and

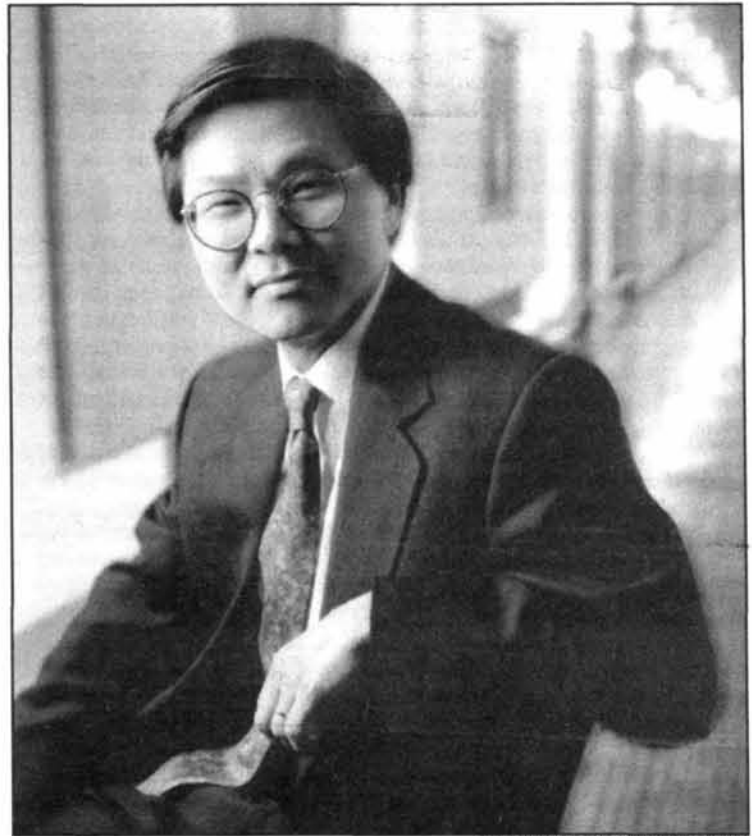
HIV. As a resident at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles he came in contact with some of the first reported cases of AIDS.

### Ho developed AIDS treatment

Ho made a name for himself with his attempts to eliminate the HIV virus from infected individuals, a prospect previously considered implausible. He developed a new treatment based on the idea of administering a mixture of drugs that can apparently overpower the virus.

Due in part to research such as this, *Time* reported that, "Ho, working alone or in concert with others, fundamentally changed the way scientists looked at the AIDS virus."

Besides developing new treatment techniques, Ho was also among the first to isolate the virus and to detect it in the nervous sys-



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David D. Ho

## New Alcohol Policy Tested by Violations

By Frank Dabek and Dan McGuire

STAFF REPORTERS

The ink on their pages barely dry, the Institute's new alcohol policies are already receiving their first tests. Events at licensed venues and minor incidents in dormitories are providing the first tests for the new individual and group alcohol policies and are raised questions about the current state of the policies.

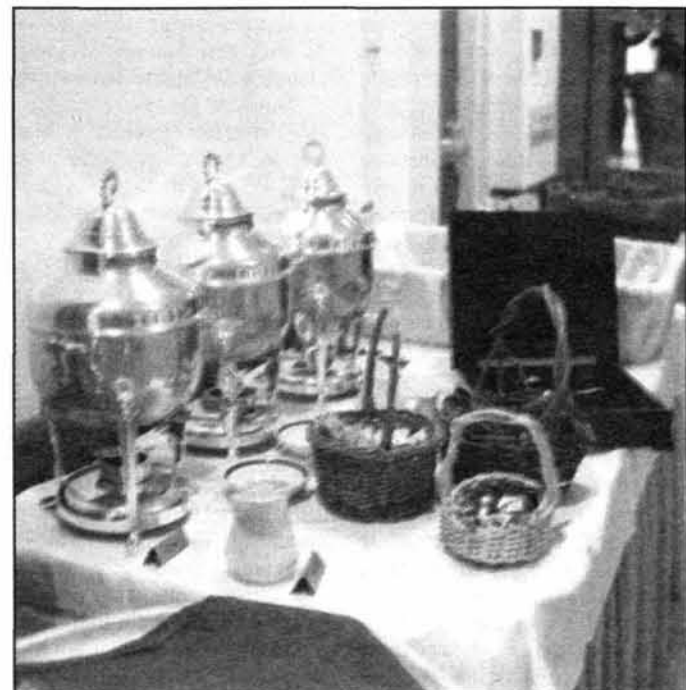
An event held by Aramark on Valentine's Day is providing a difficult test case for the Institute's infant alcohol policy. The event, advertised in *The Tech* as a "champagne reception" was open to both faculty and to students and was held at the MIT Faculty Club. Several aspects of the event seem questionable under current MIT alcohol policy especially the presence of undergraduates at an event where alcohol may have been freely available.

Lawrence E. Maguire, director of housing and food services, said that "Aramark had all the permits and forms MIT requires for the event." He that, to the best of his knowledge, those operating the event "carded, [and] did everything by the book." Maguire is responsible for Aramark's operations on campus. "Clearly someone was checking IDs," at the event, said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates.

"There were concerns about the champagne fountain" present at the party, she said. However, "it was in the line of sight of the bartender," which allowed some control, she said.

An undergraduate present at the event, however, said that his age was not verified when obtaining alcohol and that the champagne foun-

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YING LEE - THE TECH

The MIT Faculty Club was the site of a controversial Valentine's day party.

## Activists Gather to Protest Gulf War

By Zareena Hussain

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Some 300 local residents and a handful of students descended on the campus Saturday to attend a five-hour teach-in in 10-250 to protest possible airstrikes by the U.S. against Iraq.

A mixture of former hippies, middle-aged women, socialist union workers, and student activists came together to debate and condemn U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf region.

At the end of the event, all present in the lecture hall joined hands and chanted "hands off Iraq" as they raised their hands into the air. Activists then chanted "no war" as they left the lecture hall.

The event was organized by the Arab Student's Organization and by the newly formed Emergency Committee Against War in Iraq.

### Students plan protest

One of the products of the teach-in is a plan for a student march on the Park street T-stop Wednesday. Roni Krouzman, a junior at Boston University and lead organizer, announced his intentions to have "1,000 students on Park Street" at the forum.

Even if the U.S. signs on to the agreement with Iraq brokered by U.N. Secretary General Kofi A. Annan SM '72, students still plan to march.

The protest, said Alan L. Shihadeh G, a member of the ASO who helped organize the event, is not merely about the possibility of air strikes but also about "ending the continuing war on Iraq." This war includes the devastation caused by economic sanctions instituted after the Gulf War, he said.

### Speakers attack US policy

The teach-in began with a panel of speakers who spoke out against U.S. policies in the Middle East.

Howard Zinn, a retired professor of history at Boston University pointed out that the vilification of Saddam Hussein falls in line with the U.S. pattern of finding a villain to unite the country in times of conflict.

Issam A. Lakkis G, speaking as a representative of the Arab Student's Organization, focused on the damage caused to the Iraqi people by

U.S. intervention over the years. The United States openly supported Iraq in the war against Iran, ignoring Hussein's use of chemical weapons against Iran and Kurdish insurgents, Lakkis said. The purpose of supporting Hussein was to maintain political balance in the Persian Gulf region after the overthrow of the shah in Iran.

"Now the Iraqi people are asked to pay the price for a contract between Saddam and the American administration that went wrong. Are these the rules for the 21st century. Is this the new world order?" he asked.

"Today, an Iraqi child is learning again to live with the raging death," Lakkis said.

### National, local media covers event

Local and national media, including ABC News, CNN, and Fox25 were on hand to interview those present.

The heightened media coverage was perhaps a result of the public relations fiasco endured by Secretary of State Madeline K. Albright and the federal government at Wednesday's town meeting at Ohio State University aired on CNN, said Cathy Hoffman, director of the Cambridge Peace Commission, who helped moderate the teach-in.

"This is a stupendous effort by the people who organized this," Shihadeh said. After dismal media coverage of previous protest activities in the Boston area and a "dismissive" response by the media, teach-in organizers contacted various media outlets to ensure coverage of the event, Shihadeh said.

### Activists form action groups

After those present listened to the panel speak they separated into groups based on constituency.

The purpose was "to create a structure so people can relate to a small group and then relate to the larger group," said Judith Glaubman who helped lead of focus group consisting of residents from Somerville concerned by the situation in the Middle East.

"The embargo has functioned as a weapon of mass destruction," Glaubman said. The Iraqi people "have already suffered immeasurably with no effect," Glaubman

said.

In addition to local residents being present, another constituency represented was labor unions.

As one walked passed the lecture hall union workers offered sale of the *The Militant* and *The Worker's Vanguard*.

"We see all of this as a part of a broader struggle against capitalism and imperialism," said Andy Buchanan, a member of the Socialist Worker's Coalition, which publishes *The Militant*.

Kristen Chevalier, a first-year at Wellesley, said the labor unions seemed to have the "own agendas" separate from stopping the war and economic sanctions against Iraq. In the workshops, these separate agendas may have prevented those in the groups from forming concrete plans to deal with protesting government action, she said.

Equally present, however, were local residents concerned about the situation overseas.

"The most important thing is to build a mass movement against this war," said Elena Tate, a junior at Cambridge Ridge Latin School. "I don't think we can stop this war," Tate said. "I think it is important to build a struggle against a system that starts wars."

Many felt that an attack against Iraq at this stage is largely unjustified.

"There's not enough reason," said Kristen Feindell, a Boston resident.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Caterpillar, UAW at New Crossroads in Contract Talks

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The bitter six-year labor dispute between the United Auto Workers and Caterpillar Inc. Monday entered uncharted territory in the wake of this weekend's unexpected rejection of a settlement by the union rank and file.

Officials in both camps said they were uncertain of their next move in the dispute. Both sides now must grapple with difficult choices, with the company facing possibly millions of dollars in fines for anti-union activities and the union possibly losing its right to represent Caterpillar workers.

In weekend balloting in four states, a tentative contract was rejected by 58 percent of the members voting despite a recommendation for approval by UAW leaders.

The rank and file rejection is a major political blow to the UAW's national leadership. Union leaders now must decide whether to try to get a new agreement or press on with a record 440 legal complaints against the company with the National Labor Relations Board. The union had agreed to withdraw the NLRB complaints as part of the new contract deal.

Union victories at the NLRB could cost the company millions of dollars in back pay and damages and the reinstatement of UAW members whose jobs had been taken by replacement workers.

Should the union fail to win, it could mark the beginning of the end of union representation for 12,000 well-paid Caterpillar workers in the United States who would earn an average of \$32 an hour in wages and benefits under the contract offer they just rejected.

## Tobacco Companies Deny Charges That They Market to Children

THE WASHINGTON POST

Tobacco companies insist that they do not market to children and that youngsters are not influenced by tobacco advertising. But two new studies indicate that young people's decisions to begin smoking are influenced by advertising—and that ads for tobacco brands popular among 12- to 17-year-olds are concentrated in magazines that attract those readers.

In a study in the Feb. 18 Journal of the American Medical Association, John P. Pierce and colleagues at the University of California, San Diego, polled youngsters in 1993 and again in 1996 who had never smoked and said they weren't likely to. Those who could name a favorite ad, or who had acquired tobacco-brand clothing or trinkets in 1993, tended to smoke later, the researchers found. Promotion accounts for about a third of the decision to experiment with tobacco products, the researchers estimated.

The second study, by Charles King III and colleagues at Harvard University, Boston University and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, studied readership figures and advertising in 39 magazines in 1994. Magazines with the highest youth readership had the most ads for cigarette brands most popular among young people, the researchers found. "It is impossible to demonstrate an intent to target youth from an analytical study such as this one," the researchers acknowledged. Nonetheless, they said, the results "argue that cigarette advertising in all magazines should be eliminated."

## Three Accused of Spying For East Germany Plead Not Guilty

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Lawyers for three Washington area residents accused of spying for East Germany in the 1980s are seeking to have most of the government's evidence thrown out, saying the FBI illegally targeted their clients because they belonged to leftist organizations.

Former Pentagon lawyer Theresa Marie Squillacote, 40, her husband, Kurt Alan Stand, 43, both of Northeast Washington, and their college friend James Michael Clark, 49, a Falls Church, Va., private investigator, were arraigned Monday in federal court in Alexandria, Va., and pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to commit espionage.

All three are being held without bond until their July 20 trial. The government alleges that they passed classified documents to East German spymasters and later sought to work for the Soviet Union, Russia and South Africa.

Lawyers for all three defendants argue that the FBI misused its authority when it began tapping their phones using a secret warrant under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The law allows searches and wiretaps of foreign agents even when there isn't enough evidence of a crime to justify a regular warrant.

## WEATHER

### Same Old Soaking

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

We are in for our weekly Tuesday/Wednesday dousing. Rain will continue through to Wednesday morning in Boston and totals will head up towards an inch. Strong winds of up to 30 mph will accompany the precipitation. There will be partial clearing during Wednesday and on into Thursday. Friday, however, sees the approach of another system from the west. Rain is again likely as a mass of warm air pushes northward in advance of the storm.

**Today:** Windy and rainy. High 41°F (5°C).

**Tonight:** Rain diminishing a little. Still windy. Low 34°F (1°C).

**Wednesday:** Some clearing expected by afternoon. High 43°F (6°C). Low 32°F (0°C).

**Thursday:** Fair, clouding up late. High around 45°F (5°C). Low around freezing.

# Annan Receives Credit For Making Iraqi Deal Possible

By Craig Turner

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

After weeks of increasingly bellicose rhetoric, the maneuvering of hundreds of attack planes and dozens of warships and diplomatic shuttling across tens of thousands of air miles, it may have come down to two leaders in a room accompanied only by an interpreter.

One was Kofi Annan SM '72, the trim, dapper career bureaucrat who administers the United Nations and rarely raises his voice barely above whisper level. The other was Saddam Hussein, the feared dictator of a nation of 40 million who is so secretive it is said that only a dozen people know where he sleeps each night.

Their talk later was described as surprisingly candid, businesslike and absent of the rhetorical flights of propaganda Iraqi officials often employ with U.N. representatives.

When it was over, Hussein had rolled back his demands that U.N. weapons inspectors stay out of presidential compounds the Iraqis have portrayed as symbols of national sovereignty and dignity. He agreed to new procedures for permitting inspectors into buildings previously declared out of bounds and the Iraqi government signed a two-page agreement that includes no time limits on inspections, according to U.N. officials.

In cautiously accepting the pact — which goes before the U.N. Security Council — Tuesday, U.S. officials asserted that Baghdad's reverse largely stems from the fear-some threat posed to Hussein by an American-British air and naval

strike force lurking in the Persian Gulf. Annan even paid tribute of sorts to the armada when he told a news conference here Monday that "you can do a lot with diplomacy, but of course you can do a lot more with diplomacy backed up by firmness and force."

But those close to him also credit Annan with stitching back together the battered, stretched and frayed international coalition that drove Hussein's troops out of Kuwait in 1991 and has worked to contain and disarm the Iraqi leader in the years since.

That alliance could unravel again if the agreement crafted by Annan fails to meet the stringent standards set by the United States.

But in any event, the renewed unity at least held long enough to get Hussein to alter his stand in negotiations that took on the theatrical quality of a cliffhanger. Until Hussein's shift in the Sunday afternoon meeting with Annan in a central Baghdad palace — one of those at issue in the talks — it appeared the U.N. leader might have to fly home to New York without agreement.

Annan had laid the groundwork for negotiations here in earlier meetings in New York with ambassadors of the powerful five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia. Those countries form a sort of international judicial panel enforcing the terms of the 1991 Persian Gulf War cease-fire on Iraq, including the requirement that Baghdad rid itself of its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

Sources said there was uncharacteristic anger and shouting among the five in the New York sessions — elements notably absent from Annan's meeting with Hussein. But, gradually, Annan coaxed them into what an aide described as "near consensus" behind a formula to resolve the confrontation short of war.

He then used that to convince Hussein that he could push the Security Council no further and that if he rejected the proposed deal Annan was offering it would broaden international support for a military strike against Iraq, sources said.

A telling moment in the talks appeared to come before the meeting with Hussein as the U.N. party and the Iraqi delegation, led by Deputy Prime Minister Tarik Aziz, neared an impasse over the question of whether there should be a 60-day time limit on U.N. weapons inspections at eight presidential compounds.

For Annan, Iraq's continued insistence on time limits was a deal breaker. Unless the Iraqis relented, aides insisted, he was prepared to leave Baghdad empty-handed, despite the blow to his standing and prestige and the fact that it would have cleared the way for the bombers.

Aziz kept arguing that only the Americans opposed time limits, officials here said. To counter that, Annan used a break in the talks to telephone Moscow and ask Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny M. Primakov to call back and remind Aziz that even the Russians — who are Iraq's best friends on the Security Council — opposed the 60-day restriction.

# New South Korean President To Face Many New Challenges

By Sonni Efron

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Michael Jackson, Cory Aquino and Richard Riordan will be there. Nelson Mandela and George Bush can't make it. Elizabeth Taylor called in sick.

After a bitter winter of economic turmoil, South Korea is preparing to inaugurate former dissident Kim Dae Jung on Wednesday as its 15th president, sending him to live in the presidential palace from which his predecessors once ordered his death.

About 40,000 people, including a smattering of celebrities, former leaders of Japan, Germany and the Philippines, the mayor of Los Angeles and about 2,500 Korean-Americans are expected to attend. Disabled people and members of "the formerly alienated classes" also have been invited.

The swearing-in will be held outdoors, with no roof over Kim's head, "to reflect the new president's will to share the joys and sorrows with the people, rain or shine," organizers say.

In keeping with the cash-strapped times, the inauguration will be a frugal affair, with no gala parties or lavish balls to follow. But Kim and his aides are determined to use the ceremony, which represents the first peaceful transfer of power from the ruling party to an opposition party in South Korea's troubled postwar history, to lift the spirits of this anxious nation and usher in an era of reconciliation, sweeping reform and economic rebirth.

Kim, 74, was elected with just 40.3 percent of the vote but his popularity ratings have soared to over 80 percent in the seven weeks since. South Koreans of all political stripes

give Kim high marks for managing the economic crisis and for brokering a crucial deal between labor, business and government that will let companies for the first time fire excess workers, with controls. About 17,600 civil servants will also get the chop, proving that Kim intends to spread the pain as fairly as possible.

But the new president will need to draw heavily on public good will, his personal courage and his considerable political wiles to tackle daunting problems ahead.

Kim will rule jointly with the International Monetary Fund, which is demanding painful reforms in exchange for the \$60 billion global bailout plan that South Korea accepted in November. Per capita income is already plummeting, from \$10,548 in 1996 to \$6,600 this year, the LG Economic Research Institute forecasts. Economic growth is projected at 1 percent, if that. Unemployment is expected to reach 4.5 percent or 5 percent this year. About 50,000 people are being thrown out of work each month and the economy is not expected to hit bottom for at least another eight months.

Kim's political position is delicate, if not precarious. His government is the result of a coalition between his progressive, left-leaning National Congress for New Politics, and the deeply conservative United Liberal Democrats led by Kim Jong Pil. Even supporters wonder how long the odd-fellow marriage can survive in a nation that has never before had a coalition government.

The opposition has begun playing hardball even before Kim takes the oath of office. The Grand

National Party, which controls 162 of the 299 seats in the National Assembly, decided last week to refuse to confirm the nomination of Kim Jong Pil as prime minister. Kim Dae Jung had publicly promised the post to his former rival last fall as part of the coalition deal.

The nomination vote, expected to be held within hours of the inauguration ceremony Wednesday, is being seen as a crucial test of the new president's political clout.

Opposition leaders object to Kim Jong Pil's background — he helped his uncle, Park Chun Hee, seize power in a 1961 coup, then ran the Korean Central Intelligence Agency — and believe an economist would be more deft than an old-line politician in defusing the financial crisis.

But Kim Dae Jung and his allies say the president-elect campaigned and won with a platform based on the "DJP coalition," as the deal between the two Kims is called here. "If the opposition party refuses to confirm Mr. Kim Jong Pil, that is against the will of the people," declared Lee Jong Chan, chairman of the presidential transition team.

But some of Kim Dae Jung's supporters have their own doubts about Kim Jong Pil. "JP's party is not so supportive of reform," said Korea University Professor Choi Jang Jip, who is on the 15-member committee that helped draft Kim's inaugural address. "It's the pipeline for the interests of the Establishment, including the chaebol," powerful Korean conglomerates whose profligate borrowing and inefficiencies are blamed as a culprit in Korea's economic dive. "The question is how long the coalition can last," Choi said.

# High Court Upholds 'Megan's Law' in Controversial Decision

By Joan Biskupic  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court Monday rejected a constitutional challenge to "Megan's Law," the New Jersey statute that requires authorities to notify communities of convicted sex offenders in their neighborhoods.

The law, named for a 7-year-old girl who was raped and murdered by a twice-convicted sex offender, was the first of its kind. Provoked by the tragedy of Megan Kanka and by New Jersey's 1995 law, 36 other states have since adopted similar statutes.

Community notification laws and harsher penalties for sex crimes are part of a national trend to try to protect children from those who would prey on them. But such efforts also have drawn protests from defense lawyers who say civil liberties and rights are being tram-

pled.

In the Megan's Law case, a group of sex offenders whose crimes were committed before the New Jersey law was enacted, sued, claiming the policy making their names and addresses public and subjecting them to community harassment and violence imposes a second punishment on them, violating the double-jeopardy guarantee against multiple punishments.

They also argued that the law's retroactive effect breached the guarantee against ex post facto laws. The Constitution prohibits laws that increase the punishment for a defendant beyond what was on the books when a crime was committed.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit upheld Megan's Law last year. The appeals court said the law cannot be considered additional "punishment," ruling, "The state had imposed no restrictions on a

[person's] ability to live and work in a community, to move from place to place, to obtain a professional license or to secure governmental benefits."

Monday's Supreme Court action, letting that ruling stand, sets no national precedent and does not stop legal challenges to other state laws. However, it does offer a vote of confidence to states requiring prosecutors to notify local residents about convicted sex offenders. Under Megan's Law, prosecutors evaluate the record of a convict's offense and other private information to determine his or her potential risk to the community before deciding how extensive community notice should be.

The high court order, made public in a one-sentence order in a day of varied court business, was not accompanied by any comment from the justices.

# Senate Opens Debate Regarding Overhaul of Campaign Finances

By Helen Dewar  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Senate Monday opened its latest debate on legislation to overhaul the nation's tattered campaign finance laws, as sponsors appeared well short of the votes to cut off a Republican-led filibuster against the measure.

"Right now we don't have the 60 votes" needed to force the bill to a vote, said Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn. Others indicated that the vote count was seven or eight short of 60, just as it was last year when the legislation succumbed to a filibuster.

The legislation, sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell D. Feingold, D-Wis., would ban unregulated "soft money" con-

tributions to national political parties, put new curbs on issue advertising that targets specific candidates, and tighten disclosure and other rules aimed at controlling special-interest influence on elections.

These steps are necessary because "Our democracy has become a huge bazaar for powerful traders" who use money to buy influence in Washington, Feingold argued. But Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and other foes of the bill said it violates constitutional free-speech protections and seeks to limit political participation.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., kicked off the new battle over campaign finance legislation by offering the same alternative to the McCain-Feingold bill that he offered last year. The "pay-

check protection" provision, as Republicans describe it, would require labor unions to obtain advance written consent of members before using their dues for political purposes.

Lott described the proposal as essential to assure voluntary participation in politics. Democrats, as they did last year, described it as a "poison pill" aimed at killing the McCain-Feingold bill by turning Democrats against it.

By limiting his alternative to the union dues proposal, Lott offered no new grounds for compromise. Lott also indicated he would probably not allow the debate to continue beyond this week. "We have a lot of things to do and we don't have a lot of time, so . . . I don't envision it going beyond this week," he said.

## Bond Reappoints Controversial Lawyer to NAACP Executive Panel

THE BALTIMORE SUN

BALTIMORE

Hours after Julian Bond was elected national board chairman of the NAACP Saturday night, he reappointed to the executive committee a lawyer jailed for stealing from a client's estate — a move that has incensed some board members.

Bond named James E. Ghee, 52, of Farmville, Va., to the leadership role in the venerable civil rights organization just after telling the media one of his top priorities was to "restore integrity and civility" to the Baltimore-based organization. Ghee had actively worked for Bond's candidacy and was perceived as his informal "campaign manager," several board members said.

Board members and NAACP activists said Sunday they fear the appointment could damage the organization's reputation at a time when its finances and membership are rebounding.

"To have a convicted embezzler on the executive board — it's a disgrace," said board member Marc Stepp, a United Auto Workers official from Detroit. "I'm very concerned. The board of the NAACP will not be clean morally until we take care of this."

Bond defended his choice of Ghee Sunday to fill one of 17 seats on the executive committee, which runs the NAACP between quarterly meetings of the full 64-member board. He noted that a vote to oust Ghee from the board last May fell short of the two-thirds majority necessary to remove him.

"The board looked into Mr. Ghee's fitness, but the majority decision was that Mr. Ghee should remain on the board. That settles it for me," said Bond, 58, a prominent civil rights leader and former Georgia state legislator. He acknowledged that Ghee had strongly backed his candidacy but denied that the appointment was a payoff.

## Antarctic Ice Shelves Retreat

THE WASHINGTON POST

For years, Antarctic scientists have kept a nervous watch on what some have called the Big Thaw: the breakup of giant floating ice shelves on the continent's Antarctic Peninsula. Warmer temperatures in recent years have forced a retreat in the ice that could eventually alter global sea levels.

The significance for U.S. coastal cities remains far from clear, but a new report predicts that the melting will continue. Antarctic researchers who studied the sudden collapse of one 500-square-mile ice shelf three years ago have discovered signs of strain in a larger ice sheet nearby.

"Unless the situation changes dramatically and ice-front retreat ceases almost immediately, it seems fairly certain that another ice shelf will disappear, perhaps even this century," writes Christopher S.M. Doake of the British Antarctic Survey in the Feb. 19 edition of Nature.

The earlier breakup in 1995 turned the peninsula's "Larsen A" shelf into thousands of icebergs over the course of a few days. After reconstructing the event using computer models, Doake and his colleagues conclude that melting steadily increases pressure on the ice until a critical threshold is reached and the structure disintegrates.

The model predicts that the now-stable "Larsen B" ice shelf will also begin an "irreversible retreat" if trends continue. The two shelves combined once covered 33,000 square miles of ocean.



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## My Stint in DC

### - Graduate Student Externship Debriefing

Tuesday, February 24, 1998, 5:30 pm, GSC (50-220)

Come listen to the experience of 12 student externs who job-shadowed MIT alums in the Washington, DC, area in the last week of IAP. Share your thoughts on what you would like to see in this program next year. Food will be served.

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Interested in playing intramurals but don't have teams? Please join the GSC Extracurricular Activities and Athletics Committee by either being a captain to organize the team or just being part of the team. Contact Julie Lively: jglively@mit.edu.

Check out the website for detail: <http://web.mit.edu/imsports/www>.

The season begins MARCH 6TH.



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\* at 5:30 PM in Rm. 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

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## Imprecision, Irrelevance Plague Rankings

*U.S. News & World Report's* annual rankings of the best schools use faulty reasoning and evaluation methods that lead to inaccurate and misleading results. Despite MIT's recent high scores in the magazine's rankings of graduate schools, *The Tech* continues to believe that the details of the rankings are arbitrary and should be ignored.

### Editorial

Recently, 162 of the nation's law schools, including seven of the top 10 in the *U.S. News* rankings, sent a letter to 93,000 prospective applicants. The letter, entitled "Law School Rankings May Be Hazardous to Your Health," encouraged recipients to reject the rankings and to use their own judgement. The law schools justified their action by stating that the rankings ignore students' individual needs and had little bearing on reality. The schools emphasized that each student has his or her own preferences about what is important in a school.

MIT would do well to emulate its law school colleagues. While it may help MIT in the short run to advertise its high score in the ratings this year, in the long run MIT and other schools are all hurt by the ratings because they encourage prospective students to make poor decisions. Opposition by a strong, analytical institution that has traditionally performed well in the *U.S. News* rankings would go a long way towards discrediting them.

The data the magazine gathers are not precise enough for it to reach its conclusions. The weights *U.S. News* assigns to each category are essentially arbitrary and a slight adjustment changes the rankings drastically. In addition, some categories

seem to be created purely for the sake of furthering a false sense of precision. For example, in the undergraduate rankings, the specious "value-added" category compares a college's predicted graduation rate with its actual graduation rate to measure the "school's involvement in the academic success of students."

Better ranking systems nearly suggest themselves. For example, *U.S. News* could divide colleges into several tiers. Under the current system colleges move up or down several positions from year to year, reflecting little more than random noise. A tier-based system would better reflect the lack of precision in these ratings. Another solution would be for the magazine to publish only its raw data and resist the dangerous urge to perform simplistic analyses that paint a distorted picture. With such a system, applicants could choose the college that best suits them by examining the data most important to them.

Despite the rankings' shortcomings, the Institute seems to embrace its first-place ranking in nine graduate fields. MIT's Web site openly advertises its first place in engineering for the ninth straight year. The contrast to MIT's dismissive reaction when the Institute fell to sixth in the undergraduate rankings last fall suggests that the rankings are being embraced only when it is convenient.

Instead of promoting the *U.S. News* ratings, MIT should cooperate with other schools in denouncing them. Ideally, MIT would send a letter to prospective applicants encouraging them to ignore the rankings. MIT could even take a more active role in discrediting the rankings. Rather than congratulating itself for looking good today, MIT should stand up for sound reasoning and publicly reject the ratings.

## Letters To The Editor

### Ring Ignores Facts

It appears that Michael J. Ring '01 is so eager in his recent column ["Ronald Reagan Department of Shams," Feb. 13] to tar former president Reagan that he's not willing to let facts stand in his way.

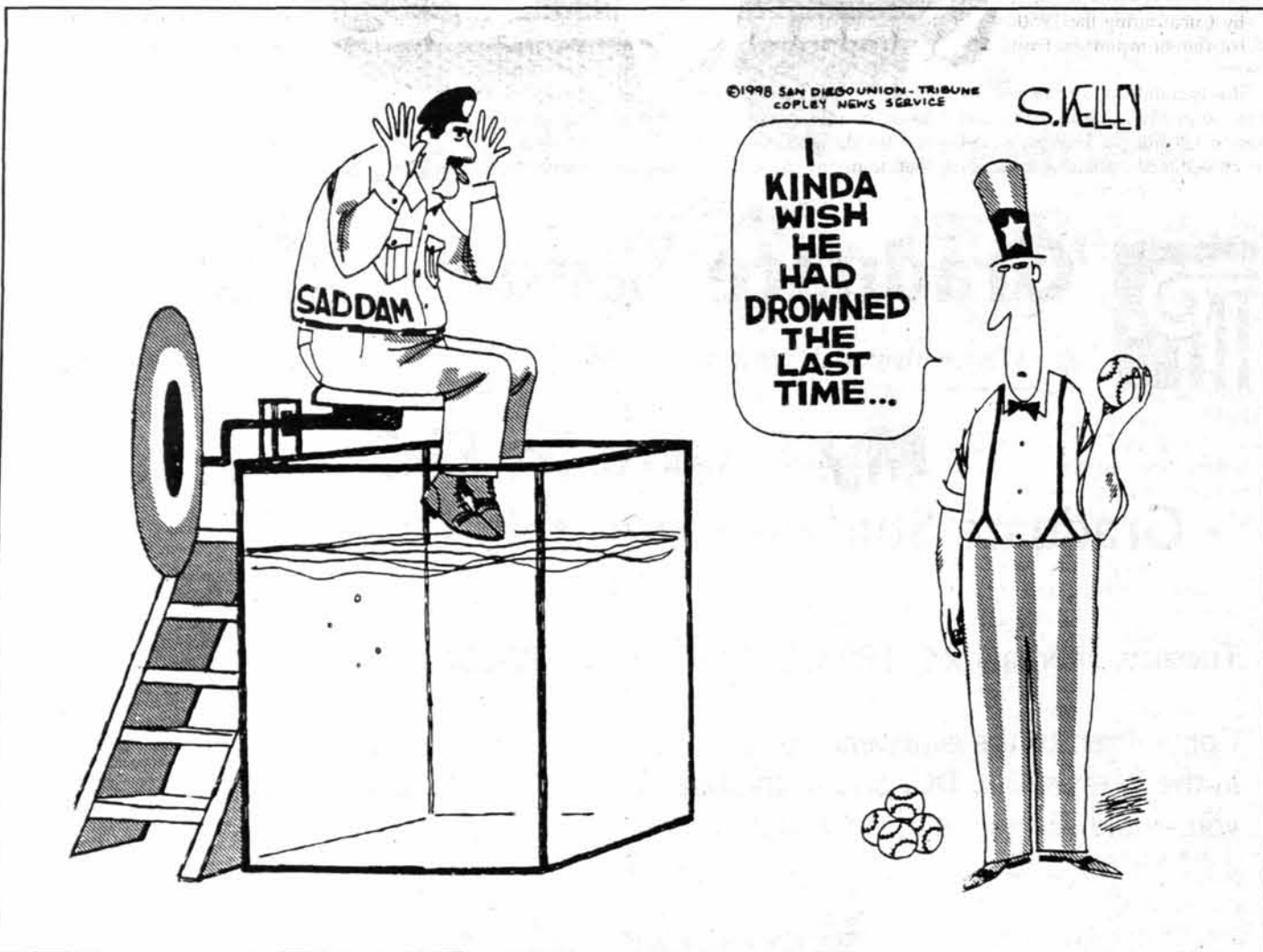
For starters, Ring conveniently fails to note that the air traffic controllers were striking in violation of federal law. He then makes the ludicrous statement that "after a decade of

supply-side policies, the economy imploded in the worst recession to rock America since the days of the Great Depression." Again, facts are no barrier to Ring's rant. The recession of 1981, caused by the need to clean up the inflationary policies of progressives, was far worse than the recession of the early 1990s. Ring would be far more convincing if he hadn't blatantly ignore reality in his rush to make his alleged point.

Richard L. Carreiro '89

## Erratum

The preview of *Grand Hotel*, which appeared in the Feb. 20 issue of *The Tech*, incorrectly stated Director Tommy DeFrantz's future plans. DeFrantz will not contribute choreography to the Broadway-bound production of *On The Town* this fall.



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# Diplomacy Essential in U.S. Strategy

Douglas E. Heimburger

As I write this column, it appears that good news is coming out of Iraq, and that the United States will not be heading to war this week against Saddam Hussein.

Nevertheless, it seems like the government has made major missteps that will lead to a reduction in our credibility as a world leader. By acting as a ruthless bully that holds grudges against some countries but not

others, the United States has shown that it is not the cautioned world leader that it should be.

In a way, the United States has been treating Iraq just as it has treated Cuba for the past thirty years — as a ruthless country that must be punished regardless of its actions and regardless of any reform.

In Cuba, the United States once had a plausible reason for sanctions. Following the Cuban Missile Crisis, it was only logical to establish trade barriers against the closest bastion of communism in the western hemisphere.

But with the fall of communism, Cuba no longer threatens the United States. Once its supply connections with the Soviet Union were cut off, the nation slipped into poverty and today ranks as a country unable to completely support its own citizens' needs, let alone threaten the United States.

Yet the United States continues its ruthless assault on Cuba. Two years ago, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Representative Dan Burton (R-Ind.) introduced and passed legislation that severely restricts the ability of other countries to legally conduct business with the country. Most notably, it prevents those doing any business with Cuba from entering the United States for any purpose. Furthermore, it allows citizens whose property was expropriated by Cuba during the 1950s to sue companies from other countries now using those facilities.

While the legality of this legislation has not yet been decided by the World Trade Organization, it smacks of American arrogance at a time when the country should be acting under a higher standard and rationally considers actions without grudges.

Despite the Pope's visit to Cuba, it doesn't seem that the position of Helms, Burton, or others in Congress will change soon. That's disgusting, especially when one considers that the United States is today the only country to have trade and travel sanctions against the country.

The United States, like other western countries, rushed to embrace eastern European countries back in the early 1990s when communism fell. We have worked hard to build diplomatic relations with these countries in the hopes of eventually converting them to a democratic government. Yet in the case of Cuba, we have steadfastly insisted on the opposite: change first, then recognition will follow.

Even other countries have realized what a ludicrous position the United States is in on this issue, and countries ranging from Canada to France have urged the United States to revisit its policies.

The situation in Iraq has come out of a similar series of missteps by the United States.

In 1991, we fostered international cooperation and built a multinational force to achieve United Nations objectives which had been carefully constructed through negotiation and trade-offs.

When we attacked Iraq, we did so with limited and noble objectives. We wanted to make Kuwait an independent state again and we disabled — for a time at least — Iraq's ability to make weapons of mass destruction.

After the war ended, the United Nations rightfully placed sanctions on Saddam Hussein and Iraq until it complied fully with regulations requiring it to open up its doors to outside inspectors and to destroy all its

weapons of mass destruction.

Over time, Iraq has complied with the overwhelming majority of Security Council resolutions and has been rewarded by being allowed to sell a limited amount of its oil for humanitarian concerns.

Then Iraq decided unilaterally to demand that United States representatives not comprise the majority of inspectors. Similarly, it decided that its presidential palaces should be off-limits to inspectors.

These actions are belligerent and represent a smack in the face of the United Nations. But at the same time, the Iraqi government does have legitimate concerns about its sovereignty and protecting the privacy of its leaders.

The United States, presented with this quandary, had two ways in which it could progress: it could work out a diplomatic solution with Iraq that would address both sides' concerns, or it could unilaterally declare that if Iraq did not "fully comply" with all United Nations resolutions and that the United States would attack its facilities until it did.

The second option was the one that the United States chose. But, in many ways, it's the wrong one. Not only does it send a message that the United States does not believe in diplomacy, but it also threatens our position as a cooperative leader of the world community.

Russia, China, France, and almost all middle eastern nations have encouraged further diplomacy before any military action. Bombing Iraq now would be a smack in the face of the United Nations and history of cooperation.

Bombing Iraq would also severely harm the ability of the United States and the world community to ensure that Iraq remains in compliance in the future. It is extremely unlikely that Saddam Hussein will return to the current inspection regime. Instead, he would be likely to prohibit any United Nations inspections, further harming the inspection process and making future military action more likely.

It's good to hear, then, that U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan SM '72 has brokered an agreement with Saddam Hussein that will likely meet the agreement of the United States.

Back in high school, I participated in the Model United Nations, a program in which students take on the roles of diplomats to the United Nations and then proceed to act out the business of the body. From that activity, I learned that diplomacy can work, at least in a simulating setting. More importantly, I learned that those acting like bullies were quickly discredited and ignored by the more rational-thinking majority.

In this case, the United States is the bully, and the rest of the world the rational-thinking majority. Hopefully, the Clinton administration will learn something from these actions and will think more deeply before ending diplomacy in the future.



# Senior Dinner an Evening to Remember

Stacey E. Blau

Before I went to my senior dinner Thursday night, I had been warned. A friend of mine who was a senior three years ago told me that the dinner was an Alumni Association enterprise geared toward soliciting donations from soon-to-be alumni — or, as she put it, "asking for money before the bodies are even cold."

I was quite smugly content with this advance tip. I certainly didn't want to be one of those oh-so-un-slick seniors going to the dinner who didn't really know what they were in for. As it turned out, I was wrong.

The dinner was quite nice. It was a treat to see the inside of the President's House, a really beautiful, if mind-bogglingly capacious, abode. It was funny to see Senior House from the inside of the President's House and wonder what President and Mrs. Charles M. Vest must be thinking each year during Steer Roast — that is, if the widely-circulated story that they go on vacation that weekend every year isn't true.

There wasn't any alcohol with the hors d'oeuvres or at the dinner itself (I wonder if Vest failed to get a waiver from the senior officer responsible for his area; perhaps his past record is less than spotless, or maybe he just didn't want to risk a Category II offense),

which may have been a disappointment to some hopeful seniors.

But no one could complain about the food, and the conversation with friends was enjoyable. Sure, when the alumni — one for each of about 10 tables — stood up to speak after dinner, you could hear the language progress undeniably from talk of "cherishing memories" to "staying connected" and finally to "giving back to MIT." You didn't really need to analyze too much to figure out what they were getting at. But they were nice and quite well-spoken about it, and, above all, they were polite enough to be a little subtle.

Would that the same could be said for the students at the dinner. The other little secret I had learned in advance of the dinner (and this one turned out to be true) was that after dinner, each student had to stand up and recount a brief story of his or her most memorable experience at MIT. God only knows that most people's most memorable experience at MIT is more likely than not unfit for an audience of 80 at a semi-formal affair at the President's House.

This, however, did not appear to faze most students at the dinner. Aside from sentimental stories of memories with friends, the most popular story topic was alcohol, which probably wasn't much of surprise. Several stood up and fondly recalled stories of the times they sat around with their buddies and got drunk; one person recounted how he got busted this past fall along with his fraternity brothers when the cops found them drinking in Walden Pond (I'm sure, though, there was no underage drinking going on).

Other gems, however, included stories

about flatulence, fecal matter, hazing, mooning atop the Little Dome, and playing football naked (after knocking back a couple of drinks first, of course). Some students even prefaced their stories with warnings like, "This story is probably kind of crass, but I'll tell it anyhow."

Another recalled how he and some friends stole a sign from a fraternity during rush and were promptly chased across the Harvard Bridge and tackled to the ground by brothers from that fraternity. They had, by that time, tossed the sign in the river. Early the next morning, they found themselves swimming the Charles to fish it out.

All the while, students, alums, President Vest, and Mrs. Vest listened. Many laughed at the stories; others scrunched or turned away their faces in embarrassment or disgust. Every time a particularly appalling story was recounted, I looked over to see President Vest's reactions: They ranged from seeming bemusement in the form of a half-smile to some serious lip-pursing. I began to wonder if he was bothered by the stories and planned to follow up on any of these stories, particularly in light of the new alcohol policy and the way in which MIT recently has come down hard on some students for underage drinking.

When the stories concluded, Vest stood up to deliver some closing remarks. He spoke in high-minded terms, praising us for our accomplishments thus far and charging us as future MIT alumni to go forth and conquer. MIT graduates are the sort of people who can and will really make a difference in this world, he said. Maybe he wasn't so bothered after all.

# Olympic Flame Burns On Money

Naveen Sunkavally

There was a glimmer of hope last Thursday for Eric Lindros, the fourth Canadian player selected for the shootout, as



he caught the Czech Republic's goalie, Dominik Hasek, leaning far too much towards the left side of the net. As Hasek rolled over like a beetle in defeat and starting flailing his left glove in the air, Lindros took the opportunity to slap a shot towards the right side of the net.

As it turned out, Hasek's maneuver was a signature move for the goalie, and Lindros's shot ended up deflected over the net by Hasek's glove. It was one of the few dramatic moments of the Olympics, and it would permit the Czechs to defeat the Russians on Saturday for the gold medal.

But aside from that moment, the Winter Olympics this year have been vastly disappointing. Continuing that fateful march towards absolute commercialism and professionalism, the Olympics has lost that youthful appeal that has made it worth watching in previous years.

The plight began in the summer of '92, when the American "Dream Team" crashed the Olympic scene and simply overpowered its measly, amateur opponents. The "Dream Team" crusaders came home that year to cheering crowds and million-dollar advertising contracts like imperialists having held back a foreign invasion. This year, men's hockey, one of the last bastions of amateur play, succumbed to the National Hockey League and allowed its players to compete on national teams.

Also, for the first time, the Olympics, in an apparent attempt to attract outside attention, has allowed frizzy-haired rogue snowboarders to compete in Olympic snowboarding. What's next? Ultimate frisbee, roller-blading, or power-walking? Oh wait, speed-walking is an Olympic sport. I can just envision the spectacle: hordes of sweaty, middle-aged women trampling across the Olympic track circuit while children in the crowds cheer for their grandparents. If the Olympics expands the number of sports to encompass every sport as snowboarding, then inevitably every person on the planet will be brilliant at one sport.

In addition, CBS has perverted its right to televise the Olympics by giving its viewers a magnificently watered-down version of features (of which every second one must have some relation to women's figure-skating or some Japanese cuisine) that neglects to show any sports coverage unless a U.S. competitor is involved.

What has resulted from all of this is a marked decline in spirit. Though the level of play may be superior to that of previous years, people who have mixed up their monetary interests with the love of their game will almost inevitably love the game less than those who have committed themselves to the life of the pure amateur. Amateurs not only have more to lose for their love, but they also have more to gain.

In a way its cruel for us viewers to obtain pleasure from the tragedies and triumphs of amateurs who have devoted their whole lives to their sport. But such is the state of human affairs. Life plays itself out in episodes of Greek tragedy and miracles that somehow occur at the most opportune times. The ordinary tends to be the exception to the rule. While the runners-up are relegated to oblivion, the winners are granted a shrine in people's memories and history.

What do these frizzy-haired snowboarders who have spent some time tooling around with their board in some backyard winter expanse have to lose? What do professionals have to lose when they know they can return to their previous monetary comforts after the Olympics are over?

It is why I believe only amateurs should compete in the Olympics, and should turn professional only after competing in the Olympics. It is why I will always pass up a professional football or basketball game to watch the college players, who, though sometimes more naive and deficient in skill, a little less muscular and well-conditioned, at least give it their all.

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# Provost Grants \$40K In Funds For Benefit of Student Groups

By Dan McGuire  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Undergraduate Association's Finance Board is preparing to receive applications from student groups vying for part of the special \$40,000 grant Provost Joel Moses PhD '67 has allocated for student activities.

Applications for the grant are due at noon on Wednesday. "My best guess is that 25 to 30 groups will submit applications," said Finance Board Chair Vinh-Thang Vo-Ta '98.

This is the second year that the Moses has given a special allocation to student activities. "I am pleased with the responsible manner in which the money was allocated last year, and I expect that this year's allocation process will be equally fair and responsible," said Moses.

UA President Dedric A. Carter '98 called the new grant a great success. "We presented to our case to the Provost and he was very kind in giving it to us," he said.

"We obviously recognize the

need to get more student activities funding," Carter said. The grant will be "something to get us through this year," he said.

"I think it's a great gesture from the Provost," said Vo-Ta. "There's not much funding available to student groups at MIT. There's something bigger that needs to be changed. That's on the mind of a lot of administrators," he said.

### Criteria will be flexible

The last time the Finance Board met to disperse the Provost's funds to groups, the priority was to allocate funds to "things that we didn't normally fund," said Vo-Ta. "We liked to finance large capital expenditures."

However, that may not be the case this year. "I'm reluctant to say that's how we feel [now] because we like to be flexible," said Vo-Ta. However, "if that's the tone of the applications" received by the board, then the board will continue to fund one time capital expenditures.

"We don't want to make hard

and fast rules," he said. "It was a gift from the provost and we want to be generous in giving it out. We use our best judgement," he added.

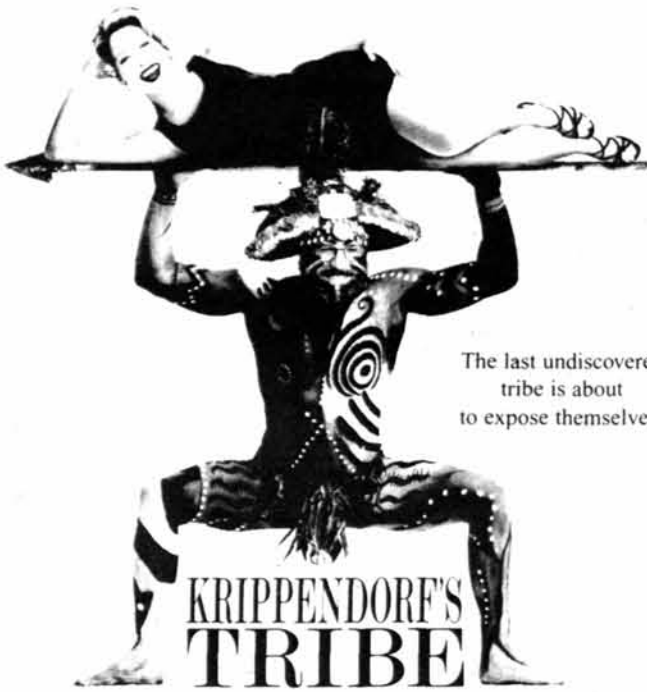
Vo-Ta said that finance board will probably not use the \$40,000 grant to make up funding shortfalls in activities that didn't get all of the money that they wanted during the standard applications process. "We already have a buffer: the appeals process," he said. Activities "are given the opportunity to verbally defend their request."

"We try to be as generous as possible" in deciding funding levels for groups, said Vo-Ta. The finance board looks at "how well the group has dealt with funding in the past... we want to see how much it's grown and how they've become more self sufficient," he said.

Carter noted that even small allocations could have a big effect on groups. "Some groups are putting in their own money to put on their events," he said. "When you get down to the small groups \$25 is a big jump," he added.

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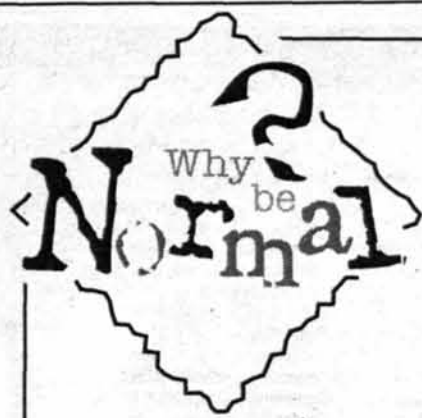
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# Alcohol Access Not Restricted

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tain was left unattended. The student said that the bartender might not have been able to see the fountain.

## Rules for licensed vendors differ

Because the MIT Faculty club is a licensed provider, much like the Thirsty Ear pub or the Muddy Charles, the event "didn't need to be registered," said Philip J. Walsh, director of the campus activities complex. Walsh emphasized that the event was still bound to operate under City of Cambridge laws, however, which prohibit the sale of alcohol to minors.

While Bates agreed that the faculty club "didn't have to go through the student registration process," she said that the people who held the event needed to have "enhanced sensitivity at this point." People planning parties need to consider the "implications of having students at [their] events," she said.

Bates said that she hoped awareness would be raised by the event. "What I'm mostly concerned about is that people are aware of the concerns and are taking steps... one of the things that we hoped would happen this spring." "Fortunately [this event] was not very serious," she added.

Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams also expressed concern over the incident. Williams took issue with the reference to alcohol in the event's advertisement, which was widely available to undergraduates. This "indeed fell between the cracks," but those responsible for the ad have been contacted and have apologized, she said.

The event was "directed towards faculty and not students," Williams said. "I'm surprised that undergraduates were there," she said.

Williams said that this type of event, where members of the stu-

dent body and faculty are present, will be problematic under the new alcohol policy. "I think this is exactly the type of area where it is going to be difficult to deal with the new alcohol policy," she said.

## Dormitories also site of incidents

Dormitories have also seen several minor incidents involving alcohol. On the evening of Feb. 13 campus police responded to a report that underage students in an East Campus lounge in the Hayden entryway were drinking. The responding officer found a "gathering of about 16 students" who were holding a birthday party, said Capt. David A. Carlson of the Campus Police.

Carlson said that the event was controlled and that there was food and soda available for those under 21. He said that minors were not drinking at the event. "The people consuming the alcohol were over 21. There were some people under 21 around but they did not appear to be drinking," he said. "If we believe the underage students are drinking we take a different action." The campus police took down the names of people in attendance.

A similar incident occurred a day later in MacGregor House. Police went into the dormitory after receiving a complaint of excessive noise and drinking at party at 6 a.m. the morning of Feb. 14. Everyone at the party was over the age of 21, Carlson. "In this particular case the housemaster was called because the people weren't particularly" cooperative, he said.

Carlson said that beyond these incidents, very little has happened. "For the most part it's been pretty low key," he said.

## Drawing the line

Under MIT's current alcohol

policy, any event with alcohol must be registered with the Office for Residence and Campus Activities. Minors cannot be present at an event where alcohol is being served. However, the current alcohol policy does allow people over 21 to drink on their own and in their rooms.

The events of the past week blur the line between event and individual party. If a party takes place in "someone's room... that would be a private party," said Assistant Dean of Residence and Campus Activities Katherine G. O'Dair. If private events with alcohol move to a lounge, "that's potentially problematic," said O'Dair. "When you're moving into an open space you leave yourself open to scrutiny," she said.

"We have procedures for large events and individual events," said Bates. However, "this is one of the discussions that need to be resolved: when [an event] moves from an individual action to a large action," Bates said.

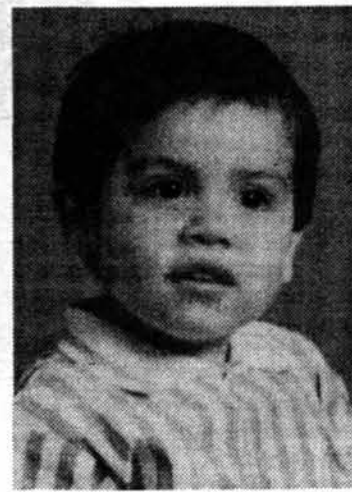
When events take place in "licensed facilities" such as the faculty club, further problems ensue. Facilities such as these seem to be able to bypass usual registrations procedures that have prevented most student groups from holding events where alcohol will be present.

Bates said that there were plans to solidify the policy by April and bring it before the Academic Council. Bates said that she planned to have a town meeting and hoped to get together student leaders to get suggestions on a policy. In the mean time, she said that problems will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

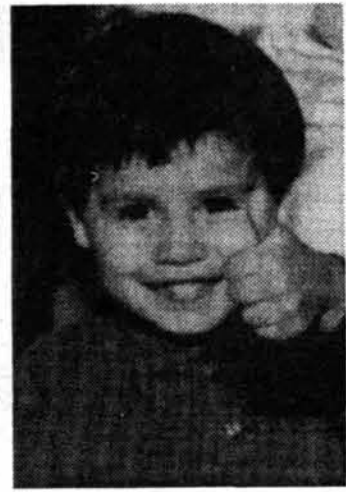
Bates, who is responsible for enforcing the current alcohol policy, said that she had not seen information on the East Campus and MacGregor parties.



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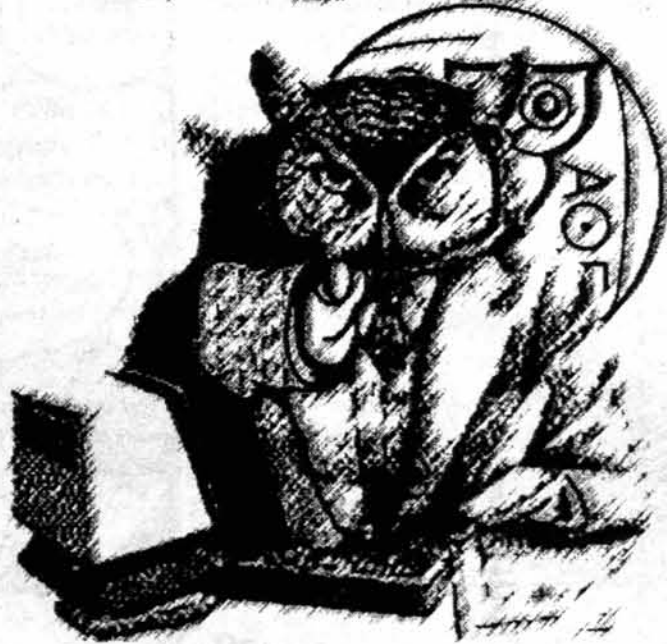
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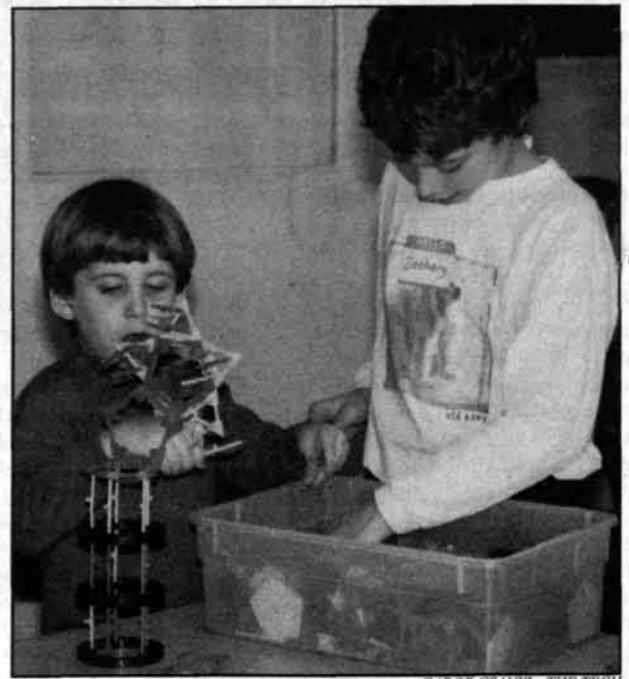
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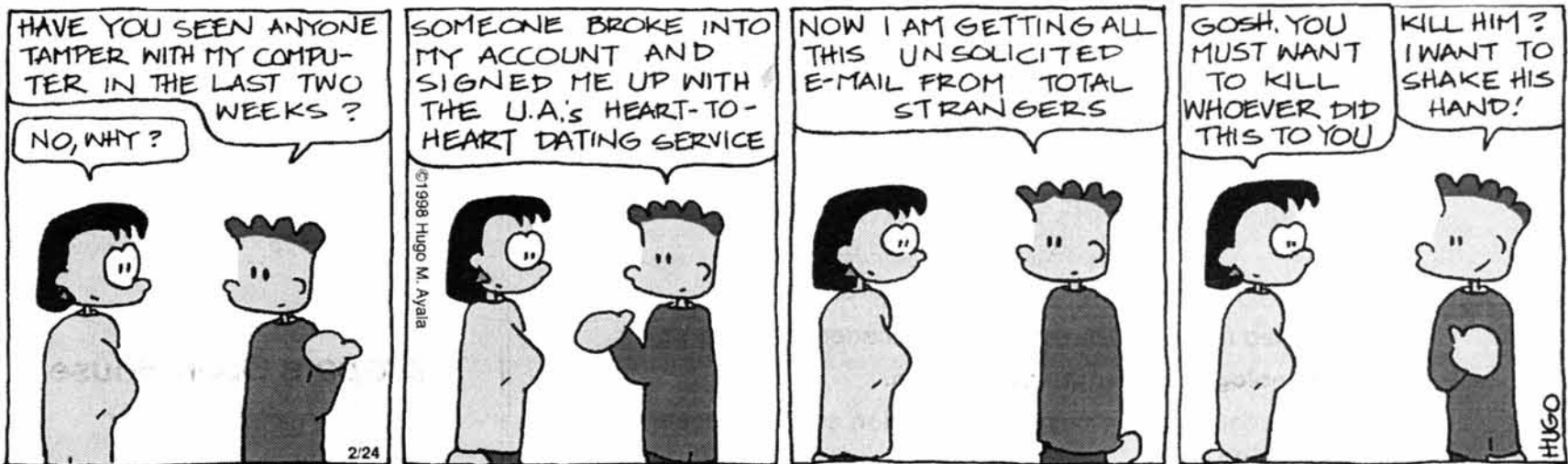
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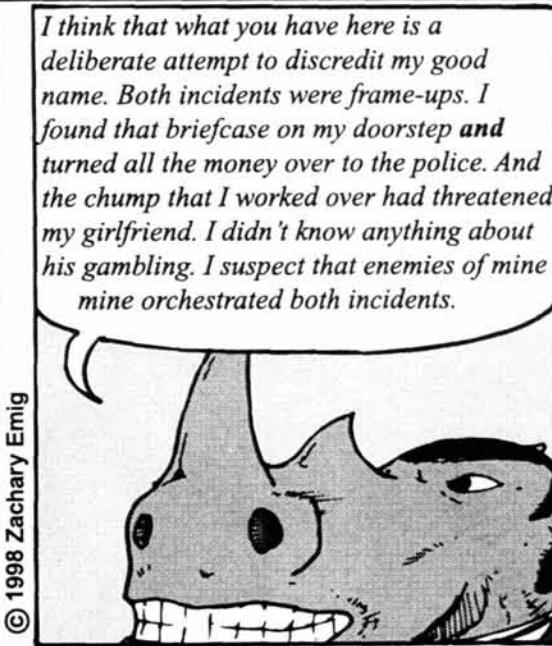


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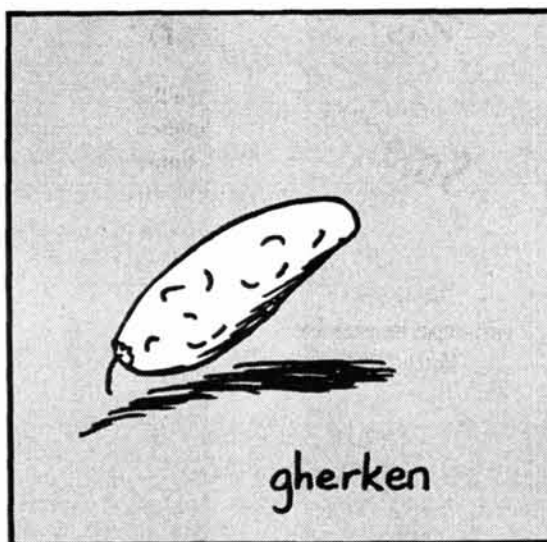
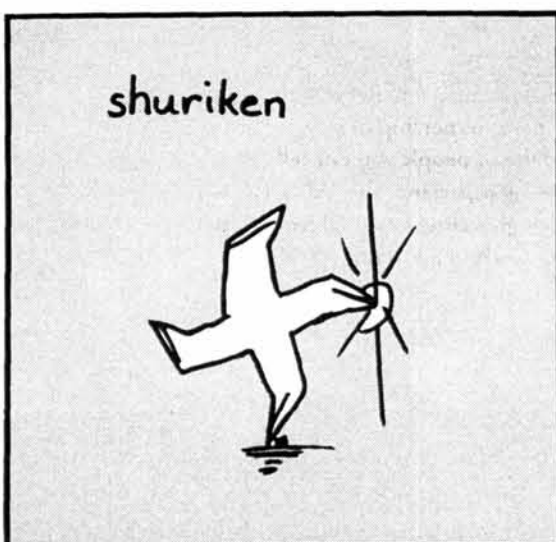
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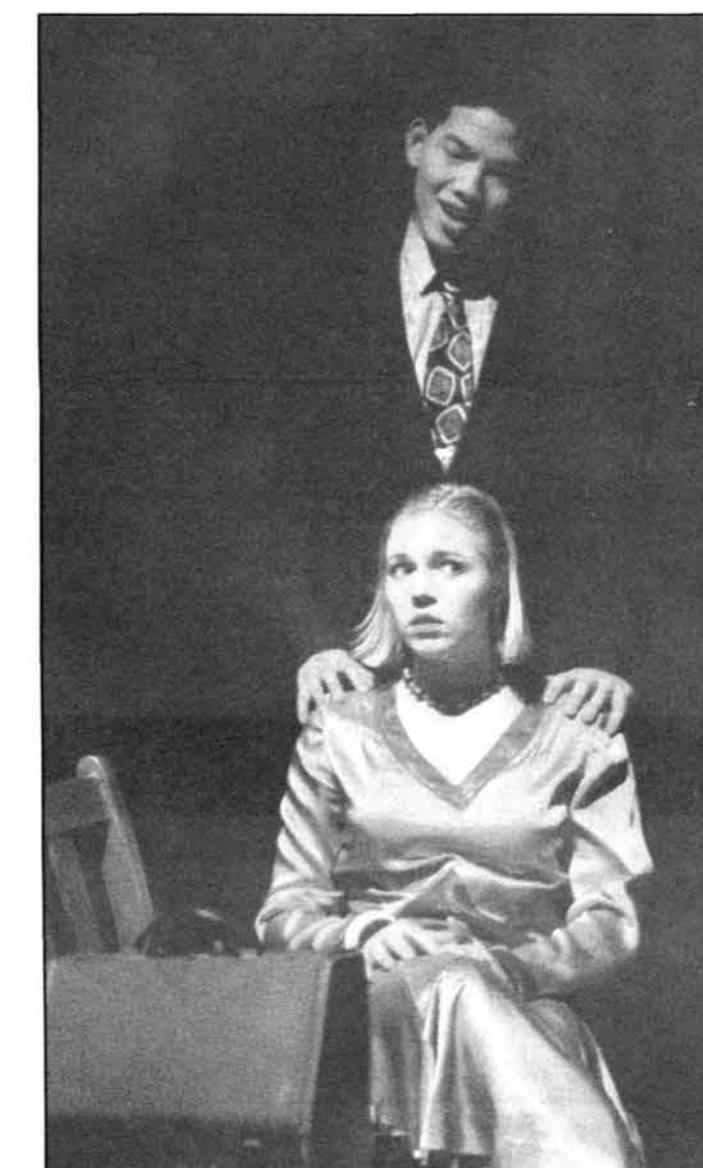
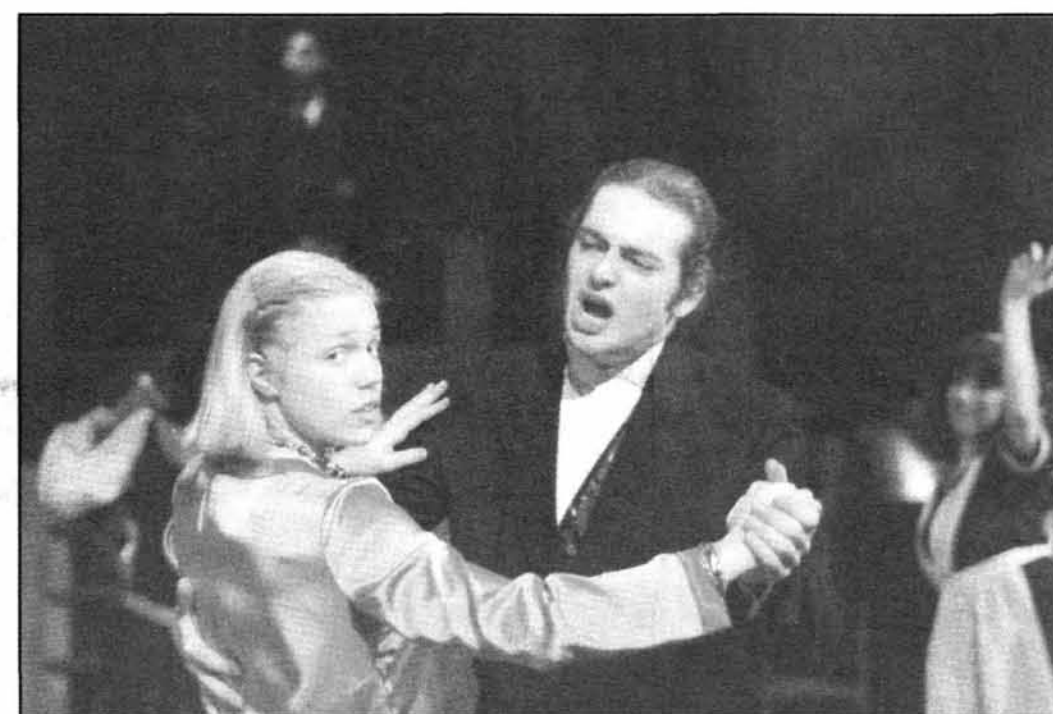
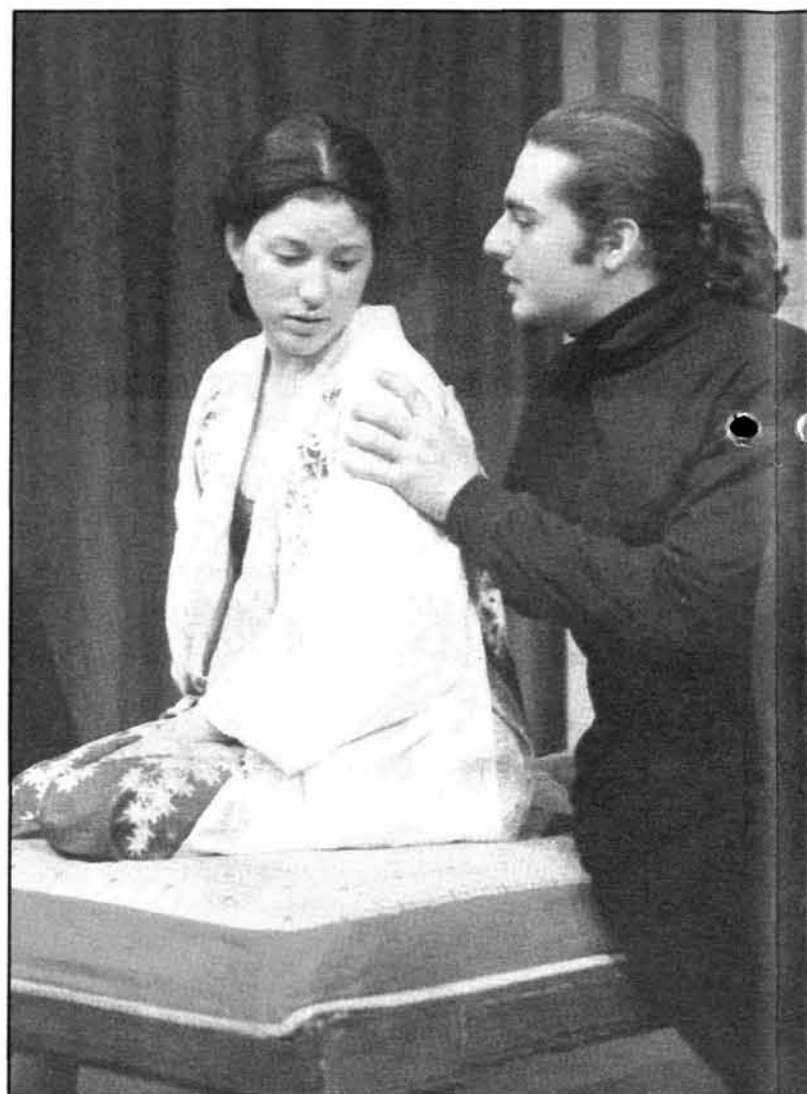
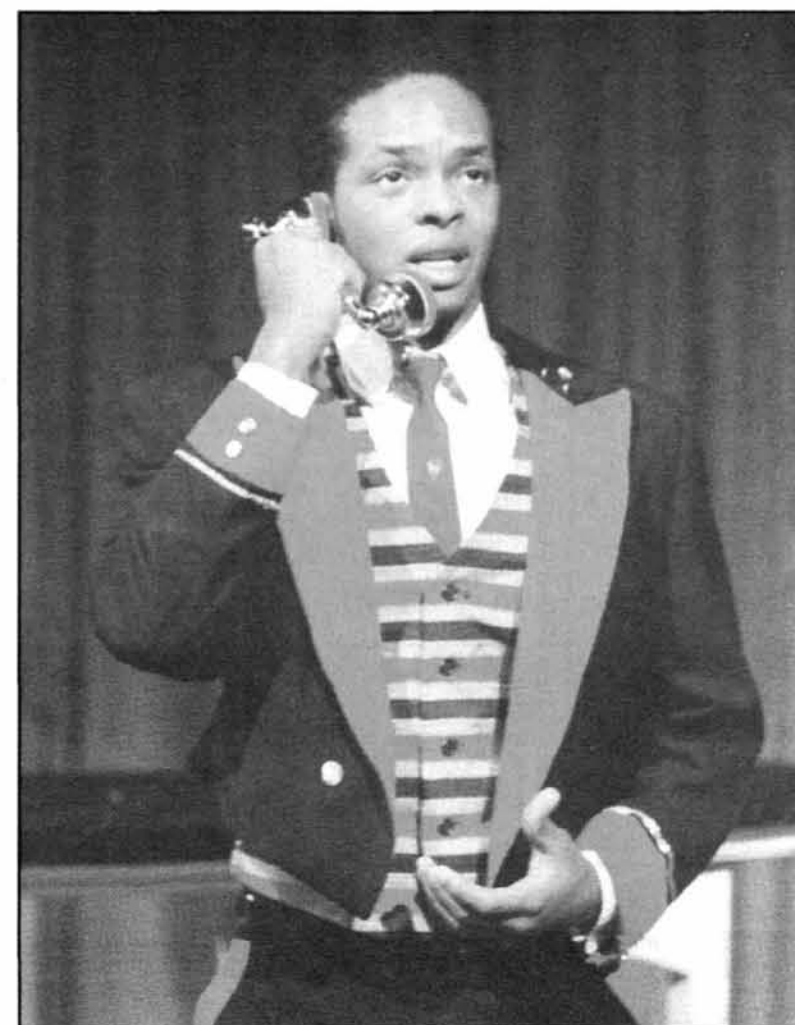
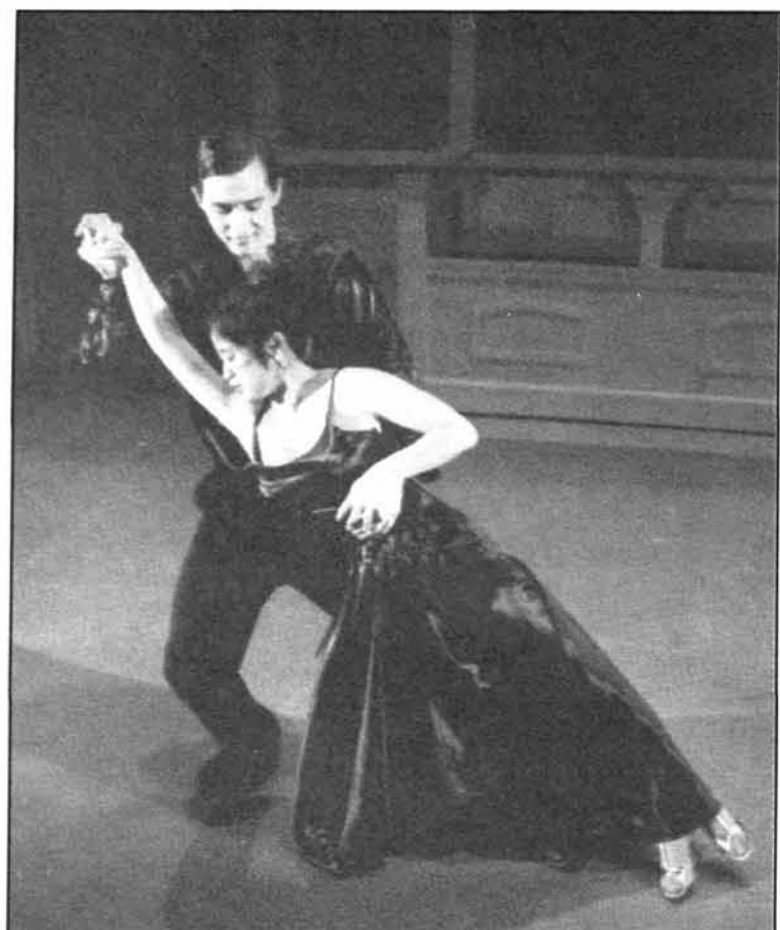
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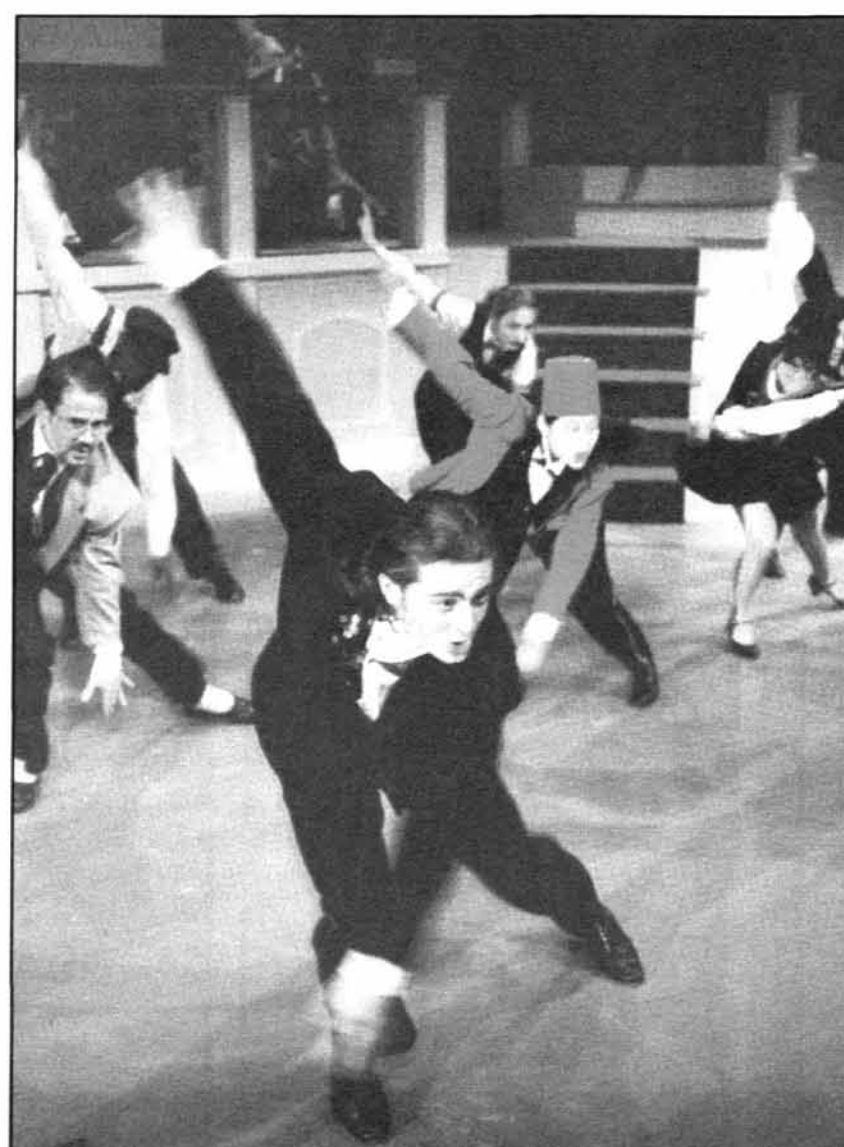
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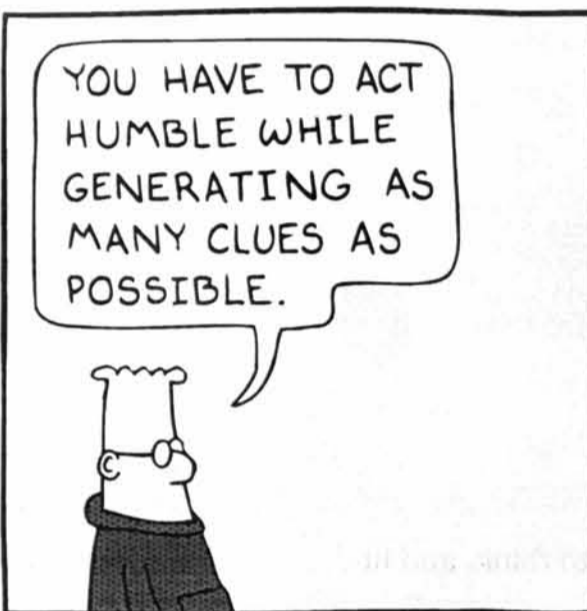
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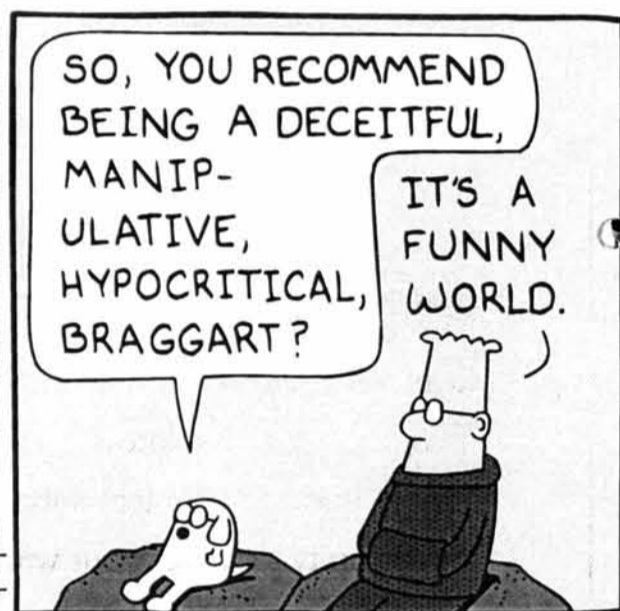
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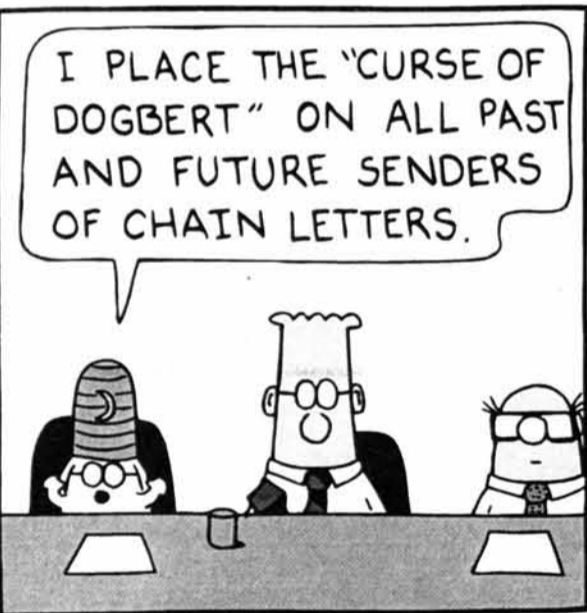
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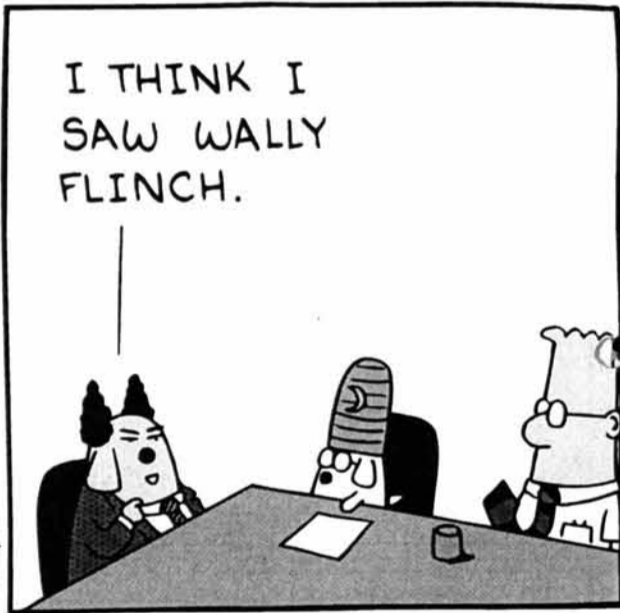
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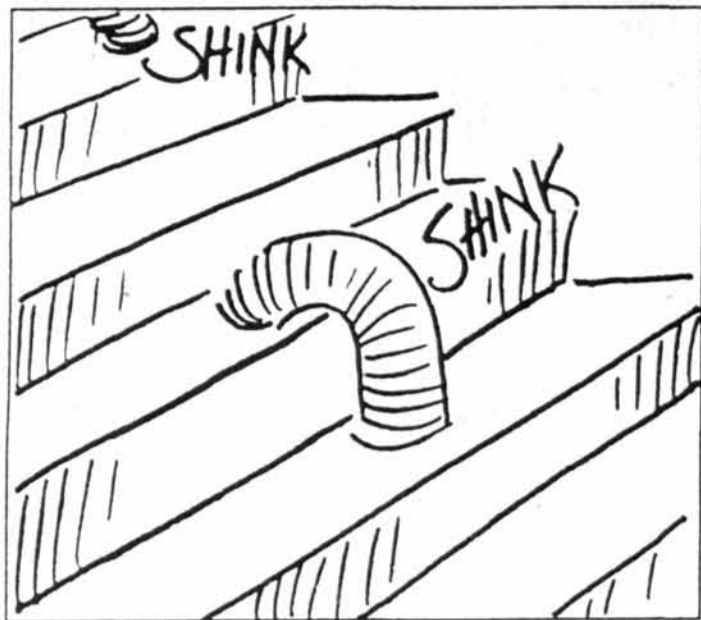
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- 5 French beach
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- 19 Idol
- 20 Theme of this puzzle
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- 28 5th Avenue nickname
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- 42 Pesky bug
- 43 Take on
- 44 Unagi, to the Japanese
- 45 Took wing
- 46 Turn over
- 48 Norse conqueror of Normandy, 911AD
- 49 Antitheses to 20-Across
- 56 That's
- 57 French friends
- 58 Journey
- 59 Minnesota state bird

- 60 Democratic Guinean Revolutionary
- 61 Grimm character
- 62 One of 20-Across
- 63 "Which waves in every raven", Byron
- 64 Want

### DOWN

- 1 About half of all sheep
- 2 The White Rabbit?
- 3 Ukrainian city known for its poultry?
- 4 Small rivers
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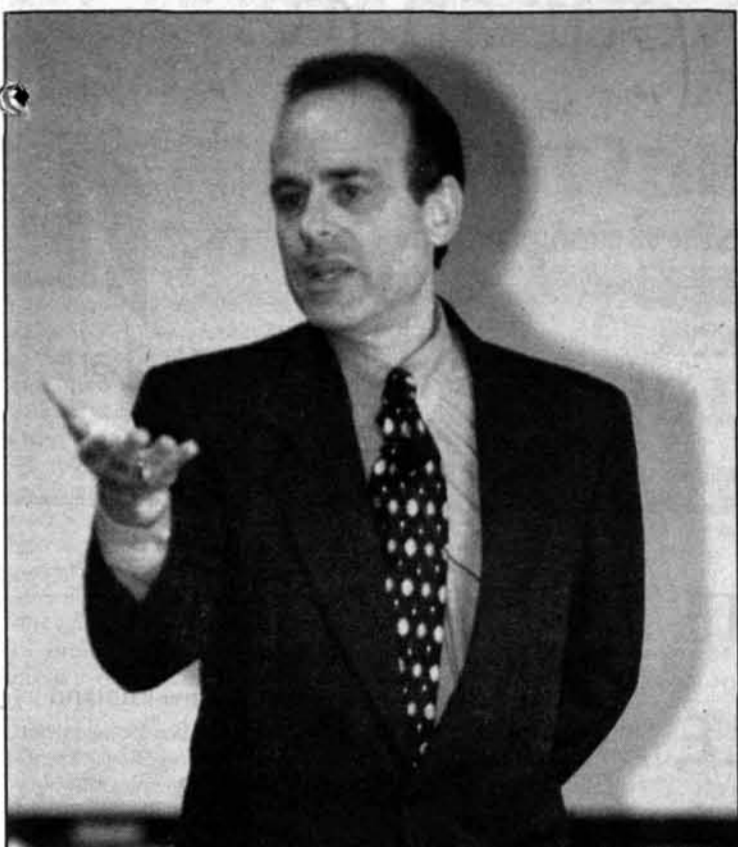
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Commencement, from Page 1

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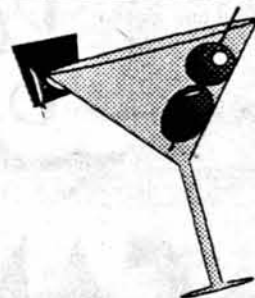
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# POLICE LOG

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

**Feb. 6:** Amherst St. suspicious activity, individuals observed pushing office chairs along street, checked out okay; Bldg. 26, computer stolen, \$3,718; Bldg. E25, tools stolen, \$500; Burton-Conner House, harassing phone calls; Medical Service calls: 10.

**Feb. 7:** Student Center Coop, male arrested for shoplifting; Next House, wallet stolen, \$35; Bldg. 20, swimming goggles stolen, \$18; Medical Service calls: 5.

**Feb. 8:** East Campus, suspicious activity; Bldg 7, suspicious non-affiliated individuals stopped and escorted off campus; Bldg. 26, suspicious non-affiliated juveniles stopped, illicit drug substance taken into custody, individuals issued trespass warnings; Medical Service calls: 1.

**Feb. 9:** Bldg. 56, pots and pans stolen. \$100; Bldg. 68, radio stolen, \$349; Bldg. 18, condom stolen from bike pack; Student Center, credit cards stolen from a pocketbook left unattended; Longfellow bridge, assist State Police with an unidentified female body floating in Charles River; Senior House, domestic abuse; Bldg. E53, suspicious activity; MacGregor, camera and cash stolen from a room, \$645; Medical Service calls: 9.

**Feb. 10:** Bldg. E39, suspicious activity; Bldg. E51, laptop left unattended stolen \$2,000; Bldg. NE25, suspicious person; Alumni pool, suspicious person; Johnson Athletic Center, ice cleats stolen, \$400; University Park, assist other police agency with a construction accident; Bldg. 8, two suspicious persons stopped and issued trespass warnings; Medical Service calls: 18.

**Feb. 11:** Bldg. E19, harassment; Bldg. 39, water cooler stolen, \$195; Alpha Tau Omega, class ring stolen, \$340; 500 Memorial Dr., bicycle stolen \$150; Bldg. 20, backpack reported stolen, later recovered; Bldg. E52, book stolen \$50, Medical Service calls: 14.

**Feb. 12:** Medical Transports: 10.

**Feb. 13:** Bldg. 13, oven stolen, \$1,200; Pacific St. lot, Toyota Camary stolen later recovered; backpack stolen containing check-book, \$50; Burton-Conner House, shoulder bag stolen \$415; Bldg. 8, unregistered party with alcohol, same closed down; Bldg. E18, wallet and contents stolen \$50; East Campus, report of underage drinking, same checked out okay; Walker, non-affiliated individual attending an event states she was bumped in the eye but she refused medical treatment; Hayward lot, vehicle broken into, unknown if anything missing; Medical Service calls: 10.

**Feb. 14:** MacGregor, loud party complaint and alcohol being consumed, all persons over 21; Edgerton House, bike stolen, \$286; Edgerton House, unregistered party, food and alcohol being served, all persons over 21; W61, noise complaint and drinking; Medical Service calls: 0.

**Feb. 15:** Student Center, malicious damage; East Campus, reports of fireworks being shot off; Medical Service calls: 6.

**Feb. 16:** Bldg. 54, failure of a drain overflow caused a major flood; Bldg. E51, sprinkler head froze and burst causing major flooding; Medical Service calls: 1.

**Feb. 17:** Bldg. E53, suspicious activity; Medical Service calls: 3.

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## SPORTS

## Women's Hockey Wins Fifth Straight by Defeating UConn

By Kalpana Mani  
TEAM MEMBER

Women's ice hockey scored big in its debut at the Olympics over the past two weeks in Nagano. The U.S. team captured the gold medal, and remained unbeaten with a record of 6-0. The Canadians came away with the silver, and Finland took home the bronze.

Anticipating the gold medal game in which the U.S. defeated Canada 3-1, the MIT Lady Engineers beat the University of Connecticut by the very same score last Monday. Going into the game the Engineers knew they had to contain Kate Medeiros, a key UConn player. With her blistering slapshot she had scored twice in their last encounter only five days earlier. The Engineers had triumphed in that

game by a score of 5-3 and were determined to keep their winning streak alive.

The Engineers struck in the first minute of the opening period with a goal by Cynara Wu G assisted by Tory Herman G. Herman passed the puck up to Wu at the blue line. Wu faked around Medeiros, went 1-on-0 with the goalie, and put the puck through the five-hole. UConn responded in kind with a goal with five minutes remaining in the first period.

The score remained 1-1 into the second period until Christina Gehrke '99 passed the puck up the boards to Kalpana Mani '99. Mani cut into the center and put the puck in on the low right side of the net. The intensity of the game went up as UConn tried to regain the tie, and

MIT worked to increase their tenuous lead.

During the third period, Anne Mittel '99 took a penalty for interference and Carolyn Phillips '99 was put in the box for tripping. However, UConn was unable to capitalize on the power play opportunities and remained scoreless after their first goal.

The Engineers pulled ahead decisively with the third and final goal of the game scored by Gehrke on an assist from Mani. Gehrke beat the defense, deked around the goalie, and put the puck in on her backhand with only a few minutes left to play. The MIT team has gone undefeated in its last five games. Next weekend, the team heads to Clarkson University to participate in the 1998 All-East Club Championships.

## Doering and Berry Dominate X-Country Freestyle Skate With Top Two Finishes

By Jessi Kleiss  
TEAM MEMBER

Nordic skiers Jeff Doering '99 and Jim Berry '99, snatched first and second place out of 40 skiers in Saturday's 15-kilometer freestyle skate at Old Forge, N.Y.. Based on the last two weekends' performances, the men's team has become the team to beat.

Doering's incredible pace can be partially accredited to Berry's quick start, which caught the rest of the field off guard. Derek Southwell '01, frustrated by the sticky snow, captured a 14th place

finish, followed by Andy Grimm '01, in 19th.

The women's race followed in stride as Jessi Kleiss '00, finished third in the women's 15K freestyle race. Frustrated by having to drop out of last weekend's competition due to a recovering broken ankle, Adrienne Slaughter '98 showed her competitive nature by rising to the challenge of the gruelling course. The snow was slow for the Saturday skate, which made circling the 5K loop three times difficult.

The condition of Sunday's relay race was quite different from the

previous day's as the snow was icy, fast, and well-groomed. The men's team of Berry, Southwell and Doering finished third overall. Doering, although skiing fast for the most part, looked completely exhausted by the last hill.

Since the women didn't have a full three person team, Kleiss and Slaughter joined coach Jessie Donavan for an unofficial third overall in the women's relay. The team has one more competition in New York this weekend, followed by regional and national competitions in March.

## Women's Basketball Extends Best Season With Wellesley Win

By Erlon Clark

This year's women's basketball team surpassed the record 14-win record set in the 1984-85 season. With a well-earned victory over Wellesley College last Tuesday, the Engineers (16-5 overall, 5-1 conference) completed a clean sweep of Tuesday night's games.

After a warming up period, Wellesley struck first with 17:20 remaining in the first half, but then the Engineers held their opponents scoreless for the next 5:21 while doing some scoring of their own. Katie Spayde '99 dropped in the first basket and Vicky Best '99, connected with the game's first three-point basket.

Alix Wandesforde-Smith, Wellesley's leading scorer, broke up the 9 point Tech run with a jump shot. Concentrating on defense, MIT held Wandesforde-Smith to 5 points in her 24 minutes of action. Solid defense and consistent pressing forced Wellesley to commit 25 turnovers.

Co-captain Nicole Gerrish '98 contributed by tallying a steal. With just a little more than nine minutes remaining in the first half, the crowd got excited as Best dissected the defense with a crisp pass to Spayde for a bucket. Shortly thereafter, Spayde was on the receiving end of another nice assist, this time offered up by Lisa Hwang '99.

Michelle Fox '99, Spayde, Best

and Hwang hit all the free throws they took. As the half drew to a close, the home team started to make its presence felt on the boards, as Vicky Canto-Ponce '00 pulled down key offensive rebounds.

### Second half more physical

Second half play started out a little more physically as Wellesley committed fouls in the first two minutes, priming them for early foul trouble. With 18:07 left in game, the precision passing continued as Maisha Gray '99 served up another pass to Spayde, who dropped 18 points to lead all scorers.

Then, the Lady Engineers distanced themselves from the visitors and displayed the all-around team play that has earned them a first-round home game in the New England Women's Eight Conference post-season tournament.

With seven team fouls by the 10 minute mark, Wellesley ran out of options to hold the Engineers. As Wellesley continued to foul, MIT answered with baskets. MIT made 23 of 29 foul shots (.793). A flurry of offensive/defensive substitutions could not help the opponent overcome the Tech lead.

Canto-Ponce fouled out in the waning minutes of the game, but not before contributing 11 points. Best also scored 11. Closing the door on Wellesley was Gray, who hit her last two free throws.



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# Women Gymnasts Close in on Championship Berth With Wins

By Eduardo Ovalle  
TEAM COACH

The women's gymnastics team has positioned themselves beautifully to earn a berth at the Division III, National Championships with two very strong performances this past week. The Nationals will be hosted by Rhode Island College the last weekend in March, and in order to qualify, MIT will have to finish in the top three Division III schools in the East region.

With their scores from last week — Wednesday at home vs. the University of Vermont and Friday night at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst — the Engineers have moved from fifth place to a solid third in the East region National Collegiate Gymnastics Association rankings.

Last Wednesday, MIT (173.45) hosted their last home meet against UVM (184.225) and Northeastern University (179.675). At the meet, the MIT vaulters set a new record for that event with a 44.7, only to break it again when they travelled to UMass, Amherst two days later, where they received a 44.725. At Amherst, MIT totalled 174.40 to the host's 193.075 and the

University of West Virginia's 193.075.

**Ellefson broke several records**

Sonja Ellefson '01 had a week to remember in which she tied or broke four out of five school records.

She began last Saturday at Yale University with a 9.5 on floor exercise (tied the record) and then broke the all-around mark of 37.1 with a 37.3 of her own on Wednesday night. On Friday night at Amherst, she broke the vault record with a 9.5, the beam record (which she already owned) with an equal 9.5, and increased her personal best and school record in the all-around with a 37.45. The only record she is missing now is the uneven bars mark of 9.55.

But Ellefson wasn't the only outstanding performer. Co-captain Alli Christenson '98 posted a per-

sonal best on vault (9.0), floor (9.25), beam (9.3) and all-around (36.025) over the course of the two meets. The rest of the competitors were not far behind either, with all of them obtaining at least one personal best score in helping push their team up the rankings to third place.

The most important meet of the year will be this weekend's Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships at Ursinus College in Pennsylvania. MIT is currently ahead of Ursinus and Cortland College for that coveted third place in the East, but the ECAC competition will count as a weighted score in determining the team's final rankings and the gymnasts need to do well to stay ahead. Heading into the Friday meet, MIT was only .04 ahead of Cortland.



INDRANATH NEOGY—THE TECH

Cynara Wu G advances across the blue line in Sunday's game against Skidmore College. The game ended in a 3-3 OT tie.

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