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The Weather

Today: Partly sunny, 57° F (13° C)
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Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Low Attendance Hinders Speech and Debate Open

By Susan Buchman

Thirty students from MIT and Wellesley gathered on Saturday for the first Speech and Debate Open, an intramural debate tournament sponsored by the debate and speech teams and Counterpoint.

The purpose behind the SDO was to give MIT and Wellesley students a chance to improve their communication skills, said Gary Li '00, president of the debate team.

Last minute changes affect event

Originally, SDO was to have both a speech category and a debate category. However, "the line between speech and debate was blurred," said participant Chimi Tornow, a junior at Wellesley.

Despite the slight change in format, "the debate has always seen itself as a training ground for students to improve their communication skills," said Gary Li '00, president of the debate team.

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Japanese Plan Gives World Markets a Lift

By William Doolittle

Moving to back diplomatic brinkmanship with a credible threat of force, NATO voted early Tuesday to authorize airstrikes against Yugoslavia if President Slobodan Milosevic does not withdraw security forces from Kosovo within 96 hours.

The vote came as President Clinton announced in New York that Milosevic had met several of the key international demands, but Clinton said Milosevic's actions would be closely monitored.

"Let me be very clear," Clinton said. "Commitments are not empty. Balkan graves are filled with President Milosevic's broken promises.

In Washington, a Clinton administration official said Milosevic told U.S. special envoy Richard Ch. Holbrooke that he would comply with the demand that he pull back his security forces, which he dispatched to Kosovo in February to try to crush ethnic Albanian guerrillas fighting for independence, allow access to aid groups, and open negotiations with ethnic-Albanian leaders on "a pretty crisp time line."

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Gay Assault Victim Dies; Not a Hate Crime, Claims Accomplice

By Tom Kenworthy
THE WASHINGTON POST

GOLEMS CLOSE

Matthew Shepard, the University of Wyoming student who was savagely beaten last week in an apparent anti-gay attack, died early Monday at a Fort Collins, Colo., hospital.

Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, and Aaron James McKinney, 22, will now face charges of first-degree murder rather than attempted murder, and their girlfriend, Chasity Vera Pauley, 20, and Kristen LeAnn Price, 18, will face charges of being accessories after the fact to first-degree murder rather than being accessories to attempted murder. The two men also face charges of kidnapping and robbery.

Shepard, 21, was found by a bar popular with University of Wyoming students last Tuesday night, beaten with a pistol butt and left to die.

Three Americans Win Nobel Prize For Work With Blood Signaling

By Thomas H. Maugh II
LOST TIMES

Three Americans were awarded the 1998 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for their discovery that nitric oxide—a common gas better known as an air pollutant—transmits signals within the human body. That discovery led to the development of the anti-impotence drug Viagra, to a new treatment for newts born with dangerously high blood pressure in their lungs and to drugs for the treatment of shock.

It is also expected to stimulate the development of new drugs for heart disease and perhaps even cancer.

Louis J. Ignarro, 57, a pharmacologist at the University of California, Los Angeles, will share the Prize with Robert Furchgott, 82, of the State University of New York in Brooklyn and Dr. Ferial Murad, 62, of the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.

"The discovery of nitric oxide and its significance is one of the most important in the history of cardiovascular medicine," said Dr. Arthur J. Kappas, president of the American Heart Association. "It has allowed us to improve the treatment of certain patients" and will likely lead to the discovery of new ways to treat high blood pressure and heart attack, he added.

Ignarro received the news in Naples, Italy, while Furchgott and Murad asked if the call was a prank.

"From tomorrow on, my life won't be changed, but my devotion to research will be reborned. I have devoted a great part of my life to this molecule... and now, finally, this discovery can be put to the benefit of patients," said Murad, whose research was "the culmination of my career," he said. "You work and work and work and hope that what you are doing is important and will do something significant for mankind and be recognized by your fellow scientists. When it happens, it is incredible.

Furchgott, who is retired, said, "I am somewhat surprised, although it is incredible."
Task Force Editorial Inaccurate

The editorial that appeared in a recent issue of The Tech ["Flawed Process, Questionable Proposals," Oct. 6] contained a number of rather surprising inaccuracies.

First, the editorial states that there was a "call for a mandatory freshman research program or required participation in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program during the first year." The report of the Task Force on Student Life and Learning does not call for any mandatory undergraduate research, certainly not for the freshman year. The report does set the goal of eventually involving 100 percent of undergraduates in research experiences sometime during their four years, but setting a goal and creating programs to fulfill it is quite different from imposing requirements.

Second, the editorial states that "topics such as dining and on-campus freshman housing were pointed out by the administration as loose ends and were subsequently written into the report." This is also not true: The report's section on dining was written earlier in the year and was never changed at any administrator's suggestion. In fact, the dining and housing recommendations are almost word-for-word replicas of The Tech's own editorials in the recent past. The Tech's Oct. 17, 1997 editorial, "Paving the Way for Radical Change," stated that "housing all freshmen on campus... will integrate freshmen into the larger MIT community and provide students with more time to make informed choices about where they want to live." The Tech has also called for the renovation of dining halls as a way of fostering community, which is exactly the intent of the task force's dining recommendation. To turn around and label these notions "administration ideas" is not only disingenuous, it is counterproductive.

How can students like us be effective? Surely not by denouncing the fellow students and faculty members who are now working to make the educational trial a reality by bringing about change in faculty recognition, campus planning, UROP, and the curriculum. The administration has already acted to bring freshman into dorms. Students can help make sure the administration and faculty follow through on some of these recommendations that are just as threatening to many in the faculty as the freshman housing decision was to many students.

Indeed, the greatest inaccuracy of The Tech's recent editorial was its statement that the task force's work was essentially "focusing to the administration agenda." As a student member of the task force, I have been pleased to find that the bulk of its 66 pages reflect the agenda of the four students who served on the task force and the roughly two dozen members of the group's student advisory committee. The educational trial, which was the report's central theme, came from students, and all of the report's recommendations were designed to support the trial concept. If the administration wants to hear these recommendations, I for one will be glad.

Luis A. Ortiz G
Member, Task Force on Student Life and Learning

Preserve Housing Choices

I graduated from MIT in June of 1995. I chose to live in Baker House for all four years of my undergraduate career; and I also chose to be actively involved in a non-housed sorority for all four years of my education. One of the leading reasons for choosing MIT in the first place was the knowledge that I would be allowed such choices.

Over the past year, I have watched the Institute react to the death of Scott S. Krueger '93. I recall how much students drank off-campus and more importantly, how much they drank on campus. I ask the administration, in the wake of the decision to eliminate off-campus housing choices to freshmen, if it would have forced all freshman to live off-campus had Krueger died of alcohol poisoning in a dormitory instead of off-campus housing.

Jennifer T. Caribou '95

Errata

The first sentence in the last paragraph of Friday's letter to the editor ["A Simplicistic View"] was missing a word. It should have read "You do not need alcohol and drugs to enjoy life." Additionally, a sports headline ["Women's Volleyball Team Defeats Second Ranked Williams College"] was incorrect. The team lost to Williams.

Jennifer Bittker '99

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William E. Griffith

Professor Emeritus of Political Science William E. Griffith died Sept. 28 in Massachusetts General Hospital after suffering from a stroke. He was 78.

Griffith came to MIT in 1959 and became one of the world's foremost experts on communism in Eastern and Central Europe. At the Institute, Griffith first served as a senior research associate at the Center for International Studies and led the center's International Communist Project. In 1966, Griffith joined the faculty as a professor of Political Science. In 1972, Griffith was appointed the Ford International Professor of Political Science in 1972. He also served as an adjunct professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Griffith retired and became professor emeritus in 1990.

During his time at MIT, Griffith created a definitive body of work on communism and the politics of Eastern Europe. He wrote or edited 11 books and myriad articles on the subject. His writings, especially on the Cold War and its end, were highly respected and influential. He also wrote for Reader's Digest on international affairs and provided extensive and exciting presentations at international professional conferences.

Griffith was born on Feb. 19, 1920 in Remsen, NY and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts from Hamilton College in 1940. In 1941, he received a Masters of Arts in History from Harvard University.

Griffith's career began as a U.S. Army officer in France and Germany during World War II. Afterwards, he was the chief of the Denazification Branch of the U.S. Military Government for Bavaria in 1947 and 1948. He received the Commander's Cross of the German Order of Merit.

After returning to the United States, he completed his PhD in German History at Harvard, then returned to Europe to serve as the chief political adviser to Radio Free Europe in Munich from 1950 until 1958.

Griffith next worked outside the Institute in 1979 as an advisor to Zbigniew Brzezinski, a colleague and President Carter's national security advisor. Griffith flew from Cambridge to Washington once a week to consult with Brzezinski. The New York Times reported a White House aide described Griffith as "Zbig's idea man."

In his later years at the Institute, Griffith again turned his attention to Germany, and especially the relationship between East and West Germany. In 1985 and 1986, he served as a senior advisor to the U.S. ambassador in Bonn.

When Griffith retired, he returned to Germany and continued his research for four years.

Griffith is survived by his wife, Ibsenberg, a native of Germany, two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren. A memorial reception for Griffith was held at the faculty club last week.


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Glenn Berman aid Greco is yesterday at Robert Wood John on believed to have had beer and may served alcohol. University Medical Center to keep Thursday evening at the Olde Tavern Greco, a resident of the Theta U IVERSIIT WIRE

Takes

Leslie Fehrenbach, associate Middlesex County Prosecutor's yesterday. Leslie Fehrenbach, associate vice president for administration and public safety, said it was not yet clear how Greco — who is under the legal drinking age — obtained alcohol at the tavern, but she said Greco was not known to have been carrying fake identification. Representatives from the tavern refused to comment about the incident. Fehrenbach said the hospital would not release specific details about the death or Greco's blood alcohol level, but that the death was most likely because of severe trauma to the head. "The family has requested that their privacy be respected," she said. She said the death is not suspect

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Berkeley faculty consider walkout Responding to students' questions regarding a proposed faculty walkout, University of California at Berkeley Chancellor Robert Berdahl told an ethnic studies class yesterday that although he cannot say anything about their commitment to affirmative action, he cannot be overtly associated with any political institution. He cannot lobby for or against a law because he is an officer of the state. "He is bound by law; none of us would have any doubt about his commitment to affirmative action," Wang said. "He cannot be overtly associated with any political institution. He cannot lobby for or against a law because he is an officer of the state."

The chancellor said that, because it was law, he could not and would not disbelieve Proposition 209, the 1996 statewide voter-approved measure eliminating affirmative action in public institutions. "We will and must conform to Proposition 209," Berdahl said. "The only alternative that we have is to invest substantial resources to make sure that students coming out of high school are more prepared."

Many students said they believe Berdahl's administration ignored initiativemen with students after Prop. 209. Berdahl responded by pointing to an outreach program called the Academic Talent Development Program, which was developed to recruit minority students to inner-city schools and help prepare them for college by increasing their admission chances.

"It takes much more than outreach," said sophomoric Kathleen Hennessey, a member of the ethnic studies class.

But Berdahl said that "it is ultimately not the university's purpose to solve the problems of the (high) schools," and that the $1 million dollars is just a drop in the bucket to help fix the inequalities in the system.

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Mandela adviser speaks in Florida
He was at one diminutive, a lone figure on stage, and enormous, a cog in the wheel that crushed South African apartheid.
Ahmed Kathrada, senior political adviser to South African President Nelson Mandela, described at the University of Florida on Friday the 26 years he spent in prison for participation in the African National Congress. Before a sparse, awed collection of students and faculty, Kathrada spoke of past injustices, present-day statistics and future expectations for his beloved South Africa.
Kathrada did everything but languish while caged in Robben Island prison for a bogus conviction of sabotage, he recalled. Aside from submitting to hard labor that caused "blisters and bleeding hands," Kathrada earned degrees in history and South African politics and participated in hunger strikes with politicized prisoners, he told the audience.
He risked such "luxuries" as socks and sugar for his coffee by covertly commenting on Mandela's secretly written autobiography, "A Long Walk to Freedom."
And he never lost faith in his belief that South Africa must be free.
"Building a new nation is more difficult than smashing apartheid," Kathrada said.
But the African National Congress, the controlling branch of South African government of which Kathrada is an esteemed member, is making progress.
Kathrada said the government now provides free hospitalization for expecting mothers and children under 5.
The ANC feeds five million children every day through meals provided at public schools. Billions of houses have electricity, and millions more have running water.
Of equal importance, Kathrada said, is the change in attitudes among fellow South Africans, evident country-wide support for popular sports such as rugby.
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Student Displeasure Hurts Sloan Ranking

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The Sloan School of Management dropped from ninth to 15th place in Business Week's ranking of the best business schools in the United States.

Pennsylvania again leads ranking

The University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business retained the top spot this year, which it has held since 1994. The Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University moved up to second place from third a year ago. The University of Chicago placed third, with the University of Michigan at fourth. Harvard University's School of Business, which was fourth in the last survey, placed fifth this year.

Business Week also compiled data from schools on the average salaries and number of job offers of their graduates. The median pay package, including salary, bonus, stock options, and moving expenses of MBA graduates among the Top 25 ranked schools, increased by 19 percent from 1996, to $111,420.

At Sloan, graduates received an average of 3.7 job offers and ended up with an average compensation package of $130,000. Before entering Sloan, the median salary of the group of $47,000.

While recruiters complained about the absence of recruits, they continued to give Sloan high marks, with an "A" in all areas except teamwork, which received a "B."

Meanwhile, students ranked the school lower, giving it a "C" ranking for teamwork. Sloan professors for putting their research ahead of teaching.

Another component of the assessment was the length of time required for a graduate to earn back the cost of his or her education. Business Week found the University of Pittsburgh to have the fastest return rate on a student's educational investment, while Boston University was found to have one of the slowest return rates.

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Prizes Are Secondary To General Craziness

Ig Nobel, from Page 1

Meanwhile, the literature report was awarded to Dr. Mara Iida for her "illuminating report," entitled "Farting as a Defense Against Unspeakable Dread."

The Biology Prize was awarded to Peter Fong of Gettysburg College who fed Prozac to clams in efforts to get them to reproduce. "They gave their lives for research," he said in his acceptance speech, read in his absence, "but at least they got to have sex first."

Actual awarding of prizes took a back seat to various events, parades, and "planned quasi-disruptions" that centered on this year's theme, duct tape. Festivities began with the Entrance Parade of Ignitaries and Delegations, which included people garbed in duct tape, masked in duct tape, and a group from MIT bearing a brain constructed completely of duct tape.

A duct tape fashion show displayed the adhesive's fashionable uses. Hurtubise's bear suit contained over a mile of duct tape.

Four Nobelists tested duct tape's tensile strength. The premier and final performance of a short opera highlighted the life of duct tape's inventor, and culminated in taping up and carting off the inventor himself.

This year's first keynote speaker was Hurtubise, who spoke on the importance of what appears to be absurd, and urged the audience in vain to take him completely seriously.

Hurtubise began work on his device after being attacked by a grizzly; during the testing phase he was rammed by a pickup truck at 50 mph to simulate the conditions of being attacked.

The second keynote speaker was Emily Rosa, an 11-year-old sixth-grader who disproved the existence of "human fields," and thus the effectiveness of "therapeutic touch" in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The proponent of the theory, Delores Kreiger, a professor emerita of New York University, won the Ig Nobel in Science Education.

Another speaker was Angelo Ritson, introduced as the product manager of Manco. Ritson, the "person holding sole responsibility for the sound Duck Tape makes," outlined his product's capacity to be much more than a household adhesive, saying "There's more to duct tape than gray."

Ritson displayed the lining of his coat, which was striped with colored duck tape, and touted duck tape as the solution to shoes that don't match. "Ladies, ... find one comfortable pair [of shoes] and some Duck Tape and you're all set," he advised.

Meanwhile, engineer Max Sherman flew in from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to claim that duct tape performs beyond its namesake purpose. "Duct tape is good for lots of things, just not for wrapping ducts," he said.

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**MAYBE I'LL TAKE SOME SCUBA LESSONS UP THERE TOO.**

**I'M MAKING MY GETAWAY.**

**WHY ARE YOU SENDING ME TO TEACH COBOL TO THE ELSONIANS? WALLY IS THE ONE WHO KNOWS COBOL, NOT ME.**

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Tuesday’s Events

6:30 p.m. — Zero. Talk by Charles Coore, architect, Bombay; Visiting Professor, MIT. Sixth Dept of Architecture Pietro Belluschi Lecture. Room 10-250.
7:30 p.m. — The Representation of Women in Non-Western Cultures. 1998 Max Wessman Forum on Contemporary Art. Sarat Maharan teaches art history & critical theory, Iranian artist Shirin Neshat explores the paradox of independent women in revolutionary Islamic societies. Others to be announced. Reception follows, Bartos Theater (Bldg. E15).

Wednesday’s Events

5:10 p.m. — Weekly Service and Supper. Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by a free fellowship supper and discussion in the Religious Activities Center at 6:15 p.m. MIT Chapel, Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.
8:00 — 10:00 p.m. — Undergraduate Association Housing Forum. Discuss new housing policy and important features of the new dorm. Ideas will not only help the UA formulate a plan of action, but will be presented to the administration. Loddel Dining Hall, Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

Thursday’s Events

12:00 p.m. — Chapel Concert. Alexey Shabalin, violin. Mariana Rashkovetsky, accompanist, MIT Chapel. 12:00 — 1:00 p.m. — Tinguely, Motor Oil and Mistaken Identities. In the setting of his ongoing exhibition, Gestural Engineering, Artist-in-Residence Arthur Ganson discusses the intersecting influences and inclinations which form the basis of his work. MIT Museum.
9:00 p.m. — Potluck Performance Art Party. AKA show+tell. Bring video, poetry, slides, anything to read, show, perform and/or consume. NSB-115.

Friday’s Events

6:30 p.m. — Family Weekend Concert. Concert Band, brass Quintet, Brass Ensemble, Festival Jazz Ensemble. MIT Brass Quintet and MIT Brass Ensemble directed by Lawrence Isaacs; MIT Concert Band directed by John Corley; MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble, James O’Dell, director, Kresge Auditorium.
7:00 p.m. — Bible Study. Come join us for Bible Study as we praise, study the word of God, and fellowship together. Student Center, Room 407. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Student Koinonia.
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in other departments. "We had a very strong, very positive reaction," Massey said. "There were lots of heads nodding in agreement at what we were saying." Andy Flood, president of the English Graduate Student Association, said members if the English department have investigated the benefits of a union and may organize soon.

Flood said the University views its TAs, GAs, and RAs as apprentices rather than employees. "The same labor rules often don't apply as far as high work load and low salaries," he said. "We want recognition for the work that we do."

Massey said graduate student salaries seem like financial aid, but that the expectations are the same as full-time faculty. Graduate students working in the English department now receive a monthly stipend and tuition waiver.

"We are in a peculiar position because we balance our role between teacher and student," Massey said.

Leffler said several departments expressed interest in the idea at the meeting. Among those departments were anthropology and art history, the school of public affairs and public administration, she said. "Things look a little brighter than they were a short time ago, and we have had overwhelming support from the full-time faculty."

Leffler said a survey of faculty members also indicates strong support for a union.

"86 percent say they feel TAs at UNM are not adequately compensated for the work. 93 percent say they think union is appropriate in an academic setting."

Massey said unionization is "a really tricky subject" with UNM administrators.

"There is a certain stigma to the word union that people run from because of unfortunate stereotypes," Massey said. "We have far more support than we anticipated, though, and we definitely feel that this will happen." Jesse Rivers, assistant to the dean in the Office of Graduate Studies, said the topic of unionization, stipends and health insurance have come up recently.

"This is not an issue we have studied thoroughly, however, so it is difficult to respond to the idea of a graduate student union," he said.

Leffler said graduate student union leaders have to research its impact and planning complete by the end of the fall semester in order to move toward an offer official proposal. The union plan to affiliate with a national union, such as the American Federation of Teachers or the American Association of University Professors.

The meeting was the follow-up to a meeting held last week with Julia Bond, the NAACP's national chair. At the earlier meeting, Bond stressed the importance of graduate students to have their research and planning completed by the end of the fall semester in order to move toward an official proposal. The union plan to affiliate with a national union, such as the American Federation of Teachers or the American Association of University Professors.

Latham said Cambridge's NAACP chapter exists in name only, making the task even tougher - and even more essential - for Harvard students. Chanda K. Ho said she thinks the organization will pack more clout because of its multi-dimensional demographic diversity.

"It's important that you have an organization that works to promote social equality and racial justice not just for a specific ethnic group but for all people," said Ho, who is Asian American. "Because there are grad students involved as well as undergraduates and faculty, there is more clout because of its multi-dimensional demographic diversity."
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Participants in SDO Polish Speech Skills

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nost, the SDO provided the participants with a chance to both compete and to work on improving their communication skills.

"I'm pretty uncomfortable speaking in public... and I now feel tremendously more comfortable," said John Fries '01. "Coming from a technical background, you worry if you will be able to get your ideas across."

Tornow said that SDO helped her to realize the common issues facing student governments at MIT and Wellesley. SDO has also helped to rejuvenate the debate speech team. "The speech team has really taken off [as a result of SDO]. SDO has shown that speech isn't just for those in the defunct speech team. "The speech team is significantly harder," said Stanley.

Although the event was originally scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday, the debate team realized that few competitors would be able to participate on both days. The entire event was rescheduled for Saturday.

"We have to be aware of the time constraints of MIT students. They have one day free, but to have two days free is significantly harder," said Stanley.

Event struggled to find funding

Planning for the SDO began last spring as a result of the debate team's desire to contribute to the MIT community at large, according to Li. After categorizing the event as an intramural debate, the team began searching for sources of funding.

The team initially applied for Undergraduate Association finance board money but its request was rejected.

After hearing that a portion of the provost's allocation would go to events that were sponsored by more than one group, the debate team enlisted the speech team and Counterpoint as co-sponsors, and named the event the Speech and Debate Open.

That funding request was also rejected, but the Association of Student Activities suggested the Campus Activities Complex Programming Board as a possible source of funding.

The CAC agreed to partially fund the event and the SDO group found other sponsors, including CopyTech and Chicago Pizza.

To recruit participants for the event, the SDO group placed posters in the infinite corridor, a drop poster in the lobby of Building 7, and advertisements in The Tech. It also contacted groups whose members would likely be interested in public speaking, such as the Quiz Bowl team.

The SDO group hopes to make the SDO an annual event. "The CAC seems firmly behind [an annual event]," Fries said.

"I hope they do this every year," Fries said. "It was really quite an experience."
MIT Women's Squad Wins Ultimate Meet

By Jessica Young

The women's ultimate frisbee team, DJ/ MIT, played their first tournament over the weekend of Oct. 4. DJ/MIT defeated Wesleyan College and Brown University to walk away as tournament champions. Coming off a successful year which culminated in trip to college nationals, DJ/MIT is in the process of rebuilding and strengthening. DJ/MIT hopes to be a highly competitive team in tournament play. DJ/MIT does indeed have a reputation of using their heads on the field. Under the supervision of coach James Sarvis, the team learned how to use standard defenses last year, including the 3-3 and the clare.

Due to lack of throwing skills last year, the team's offensive strategies were limited. However, this year the average throwing ability is much improved and DJ/MIT's strategy will be to mix up both offenses and defenses, keeping the other team perplexed on its toes.

The next tournament for DJ/MIT is the Purple Valley tournament, hosted by Williams College this weekend of Oct. 24. With their solid musicians and experienced veterans, DJ/MIT hopes to be a highly competitive team in tournament play.

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