Building Initiatives
Strain Fundraising

By Brett Altschul

In recent years, the Institute has announced plans for a large number of construction projects. However, while plans for a given project may be announced, whether or not the plans will come to fruition is entirely dependent on the success of fundraising efforts for the individual project. Since the administration has also announced plans for a major capital campaign over the upcoming years, fundraising will be a major issue in the near future.

Several different construction projects are in various stages of development. Building 20 is slated to be torn down and replaced with a new Computer, Information, and Intelligent Sciences complex. New dormitories are planned for both graduate and undergraduate students. A new pad and a new building on the site of E10 are also in various stages of development.

President Charles M. Vest said that the planned capital campaign is being closely examined, in light of all the other major fundraising projects currently underway. "Because of the possibility of a major capital campaign, the provost and senior vice president have been leading an effort to think through our long-term capital priorities," Vest said.

New Building 20 moving ahead
For most building projects, the Institute raises funds specifically for the construction of the facilities for a given project. This means that the different projects are constrained by different budgets. There is no schedule laying out which projects need to be completed first. The ones that receive large amounts of money are built more rapidly than those that do not.

The project in the most advanced stage is the new complex to be built on the site of Building 20. The complex will house the Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence, Laboratory, and the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems, as well as the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy. "MIT is firmly committed to the construction of...the facilities for Computer, Information and Intelligent Sciences," Vest said. "Fund raising for the CIS facilities, led by the magnificent gift from Raymond S. Stata '57 and Maria Stata, is proceeding very well."

The Stata's 1988 $25 million donation is for the construction of the CIS building. In addition, a United Nations special commission of the United Nations held a hearing for the case of 28-year-old Lori Berenson, a former MIT student, who was brought to court in Peru in January 1996 on suspicion that she was linked to the leftist Tupac Amaru Resistance Movement in Peru. In addition, a United Nations special commission is considering her case and those of others imprisoned in Peruvian jails.

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Late last month the case of 28-year-old Lori Berenson, a former MIT student, was brought to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States. Berenson was convicted and jailed by a secret Peruvian military court in January 1996 on suspicion that she was linked to the leftist Tupac Amaru Resistance Movement in Peru. In addition, a United Nations special commission is considering her case and those of others imprisoned in Peruvian jails. Berenson was the first North American to fall victim to the antiterrorism decree enacted by the government of Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori.

Berenson had exhausted all of her legal channels in Peru, so late last month she took her case to Inter-American Human Rights Commission. Her complaint asks for her immediate release and retroactive amnesty. If sufficient evidence is brought forth by the Peruvian government to convict her of the charges, the complaint demands that a new, fair trial be held. If her conviction is upheld, the commission would recommend that she be granted an amnesty.

By Katharyn Jeffreys

U.S., U.N. Slow to Right Peruvian Wrongs

"Principal, affirmative action is designed to stop the preferential treatment and monopolies of a few," said Lezli Baskerville, the keynote speaker at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

Baskerville serves as general counsel to the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, a Washington-based organization for the nation's 117 historically and predominantly black colleges and universities. She also held senior congressional staff positions and worked on several national campaigns, including the Reverend Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential bids and the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign.

"We are far from a colorblind society and to the extent that color remains a criterion for consideration in awarding the spoils of the nation, it too must be a consideration in a remedial plan," she said.

She noted that white males make up just 35 percent of the population and yet hold commanding percentages of senior management positions (99 percent), Senate positions (92 percent), and tenured professorships (80 percent).

Women and minorities held fewer positions. About 51 percent of the U.S. adult population is female, 12 percent is African American, and four percent is Latino. While 42 percent of professors are women, only four percent are African American and five percent are Latino. "Eighty percent of all engineers are white. Four percent are African American and three percent are Latino," she said.
IMF Effort Not Working, Sahutoh Tells Clinton

In an energetic sign for the international rescue of Asia's ailing economies, Indonesia's President Susanto told President Clinton in a weekend phone call that the International Monetary Fund is failing to stem the region's malaise, and that the rescue's failure explains why he is planning a drastic change in Indonesia's monetary system.

The account of the phone conversation, which took place Friday night Washington time, was provided by Steve H. Hanke, a Johns Hopkins University economist who is in Jakarta advising Susanto, and confirmed by a senior administration official.

After Clinton reiterated objections that had been raised by the IMF, Susanto said in the telephone call that "the current IMF program hasn't been a rearing success," according to Hanke. He said Susanto demanded that Washington drop its support for Indonesia's monetary system.

Susanto's statements to Clinton underscore the desperation of the situation in Indonesia, which looks as a potential disaster for the IMF-led effort to stabilize the Asian economies. Despite a $43 billion international bailout that he has received, "we've got here isn't work- ing," he said.

As has been the pattern this winter, a large storm will pass by just to the east and south of Boston, and temperatures will again be warm enough that we should expect steady rain. The rain will begin early tonight and precipitation totals are likely to reach around an inch or a little more, said and done. Interior portions of New England are in for quite a rainstorm, with at least five inches expected for at least the early part of Wednesday, and a light isolated drizzle may occur in areas to the south.

Rain begins increasing during the evening, High 42°F (6°C).

Tonight: Rain, heavy at times. Becoming very rainy. Low 32°F (0°C).

Wednesday: A windy start to the day. Rain, diminishing during the middle of the day. High 40°F (4°C). Low 39°F (4°C).

Thursday: Some clearing likely. High 39°F (4°C). Low 28°F (-2°C).
Japanese Approve $238 Billion Financial Stabilization Package
By David Holley

Japan’s lawmakers gave final passage Monday to a $238 billion financial stabilization package, which lays the legal groundwork for banks to fail. The package allows banks to guarantee savings deposits at weak institutions and allow healthy banks to fail. The deposit insurance is expected to ease the political and financial fallout of allowing dying banks to fail.

The second part of the legislation, however — funded by the package’s remaining $103 billion — would place the government’s bond for a potential bailout of weak banks. The funds would be used to boost banks’ capital through means such as government purchase of banks’ stocks. This could provide short-term support for the economy but in the long run delay efforts to restore Japan’s overall financial system to better health.

There was little immediate economic impact in stock and currency markets of the plan’s passage into law by the Upper House of Parliament, which came after approval earlier this month by the Lower House.

The Nikkei-225 index closed Monday at 16,775.52, down 15.94, or 0.9 percent. The dollar was trading at 126.2 yen Monday afternoon in Tokyo, up 1.48 yen from Friday. Traders attributed this moderate weakening of the yen to doubts that the government will come up with any unexpected measures in an economic stimulus package due to be announced Friday.

“There’s no impact on markets since everyone knew what the package was all about,” said Junji Ota, an analyst at Osaka Research Institute. “Now, I think this law should be appreciated. If some bank goes bankrupt, now there are solid laws to deal with that kind of situation.”

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Guidelines to be sent to states this week spell out for the first time precisely what they must do to compete for the coveted “performance bonuses” created by the 1996 welfare legislation. In issuing the guidelines, the administration answered the long-standing question of whether success in welfare reform would be measured on the basis of declining caseloads, a figure many governors are fond of quoting because of shrinking welfare rolls in their states.

Advocates for the poor had feared that distributing bonuses based on caseload decline would encourage states to push recipients off the rolls whether or not they had become self-sufficient. But the new guidelines make it clear that the administration has chosen to reward states primarily for helping recipients find stable employment.

These bonuses are an important part of our strategy to ensure that the centerpiece of welfare reform is moving families from welfare to work,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala, whose department is in charge of overseeing welfare reform.

An administration spokesman said President Clinton would focus on the bonuses in his remarks next week to the National Governors Association, reiterating his hope that states will change the culture of welfare offices to emphasize work.

According to the guidelines, $200 million will be distributed each year, beginning in the current fiscal year, based on four broad measures: “job entry rates,” “success in the work force,” improvement in “job entry rates” and improvement in work-force success rates.

The 10 states that rank highest on each of these measures will receive a portion of the bonus. Success in the work force will be based on job retention and improvement in earnings for recipients.

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Former Intelligence Chief Charged With Murder of Journalist

Russian authorities have charged the former head of intelligence for the army’s paratroops with plotting the bombing murder of a young journalist in a case that came to be seen as a symbol of Russia’s byzantine violence and corruption.

Dmitry Khodolov, 27, a reporter for the popular Moskovskiy Komsomolot newspaper here, was investigating alleged arms trafficking by Russian officers while they were based in Germany.

On Oct. 17, 1994, he told his editors he was to receive some leaked documents, and he went to a train station. Later, in the newspaper, he opened an attack case he had been given and a powerful bomb went off, killing him and wounding another person.

But the case languished, as have dozens of other contract murders of bankers, businessmen, lawmakers and prominent personalities in the post-Soviet years of Russia’s transition to free markets and democracy.

In the Khodolov case, the general prosecutor last week announced the arrest of the former paratroopers’ intelligence officer, Lt. Col. Pavel Popovskikh, who was charged with murder and conspiracy.

According to TV commercial television, investigators found some of Khodolov’s newspaper articles, which had been critical of the military, when they searched Popovskikh’s office. But details of the investigation are not yet known, and in the last, at least, other suspects have been arrested without result. Interfax reported that Popovskikh’s arrest would be followed by that of other officers.

Zamora Described as Mastermind, Victim in Closing Arguments

In final arguments for the Diane Zamora murder trial, jurors heard the former Naval Academy midshipman described Monday as both a cold-blooded participant in the slaying of 16-year-old Adrienne Jones and as a helpless victim of a controlling boyfriend.

As the jury was charged with deciding which portrait to believe, the case seemed to hinge on whether the seven men and five women on the panel believed the testimony of Zamora’s defense attorney, who told the witness she was in her own defense. During two riveting days of testimony last week, she emphatically denied any involvement in the slaying.

In separate written confessions to police, however, Zamora and her boyfriend David Graham, a former cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy, said she outraged him with rampart believing the woman and Jones led the couple to plot the girl’s demise and leave her shot to death on a dark country road on Dec. 4, 1995.

A medical examiner testified that Jones suffered a head wound so severe that it alone would have killed Jones if left untreated for half an hour. While the prosecution said the wound came from a handbell wielded by Zamora, the defense suggested Graham struck Jones with the butt of his 9mm Markov pistol before shooting her twice in the head. The General prosecutor, however, lowered the possibility of Graham being involved, saying he would be tried separately later this year. He and Zamora, both now 20, were high-school seniors when Jones was killed.

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MEng Column Too Sweeping in its Scope

Brett Altschul's column "[Mastering an Undergrad Program], Feb. 6" raises some concerns that I feel I must address. As an MEng student at MIT, I have seen the Master of Engineering programs at MIT.

However, the column's views on the EECs Masters of Engineering program some blanket statements are made that do not apply to other MEng programs at MIT. These blanket statements are misleading and could mislead students about their options.

Most of our students are not from MIT. Although the column mentions that only 20% of our students are from MIT, this number is misleading. The students who are not from MIT include international students and students who have studied at other institutions.

Their reasoning was that the conservative approach was a failed idea because it did not serve the purpose of conserving interests of incoming students ahead of the interests of established groups like deans, faculties, and established institutions.

Student involvement in decision-making processes serves two important purposes. First, it gives students the ability to express their concerns about the programs that will affect them personally. The faculty and administration should not need to be reminded again that these programs can have a large pool of students that are interested in the programs that will affect them.

However, a policy reached with input from all parties is more likely to be successful than one imposed unilaterally by one group upon another.

The Tech opposes all policy-making processes that are secretive and closed to students. It is necessary for faculty and administration to conduct wide-scope discussions by holding open discussions.

We recognize that students are likely to be a conservative force that can overpower the student body in the current situation. However, a policy reached with input from all parties is more likely to be successful than one imposed unilaterally by one group upon another.

The problems with this plan go beyond the method by which the policy was changed. The most recent changes lack a strong vision. The group that developed the current proposal, chaired by Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum Kip V. Hodges was charged with putting together a master plan which would allow for the time when the students would push for a change.

The Tech offers several standards by which changes in these programs should be held. First, the Tech should be less stressful than it has been in the past. It should allow more time for fresh- men to make their comments. The Tech has disagreed with the committee's decision and will continue to push for a change.

Rush should be a more honest process with complete candor in discussions with potential students. Rush should be more transparent and accessible to the public.

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Issues of Tenure and Gender To Be Discussed in Workshop

By Jennifer Chung

For faculty, the key to job security is tenure. The steps for achieving this level of security, however, are not always clearly laid out, and may be even less so for women and minorities. To address these concerns, a forum examining strategies for getting ahead in academia, and how to use strategies to apply to women and minorities, will be presented in a workshop open to the MIT community this Friday.

The workshop will examine the three stages of employment leading up to tenured professorship. Three sub-workshops will feature talks by authors Richard Reis and Virginia Valian. Reis, a professor at Stanford University, is also author of "Tomorrow's Professor: Preparing for Academic Careers in Science and Engineering," an acclaimed guide for faculty seeking tenure which will be the basis for his talk. Valian, a professor at Hunter College and the City University of New York Graduate Center, is author of "Why So Slow? The Advancement of Women," which she will also be presenting as part of the authors' mini-series on Thursday night. The forum will be moderated by Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Cardinal Wade.

Plan allows for possibilities

Reis will kick off the workshop by presenting the recipe for attaining tenured professorship he outlines in his book. He said that "a strategy...for achieving your goals is necessary because you have limited time, energy, and material resources," Reis said.

Reis' strategy involves a three-pronged approach. One component is for one to be able to place their area of expertise in a broad context. Secondly, those who wish to be professors should demonstrate that they are ready to meet the challenge of becoming a professor as graduate students or post-doctoral students. "It used to be okay if you just showed potential," Reis said. "Now you have to demonstrate ability."

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Grad Students Study Technology and Policy in D.C.

By Naven Sunkavalli

Twelve MIT graduate students traveled to Washington, D.C. during the last week of Independent Activities Period to participate in the Graduate Student Externship program.

The program, developed through a joint initiative of the Graduate Student Council and the MIT Alumni Association allows students to explore fields outside of their own fields by job shadowing with alumni, said Terence F. Fan G, chair of the Graduate Student Externship program.

Washington, D.C. was chosen as the site of the program so that students could pursue interests in both technology and policy, Fan said.

The funding for the program, which covered transportation expenses to and from D.C., came from proceeds collected at the Graduate Student Career Fair. In D.C., students were housed with alumni.

Student reactions are positive

The companies at which students externed "ranged from non-profit government organizations like the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the International Energy Agency, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to high-tech engineering companies like Mitre and Orbital Sciences," Fan said.

Following a reception on Jan. 25, students began work the next day with their alumni and came back on Jan. 30.

Stephanie A. Harrington, G, who has a Masters in Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, worked with an alumnus in the global-environmental-issues department at ICF Kaiser, a policy-consulting firm.

"I helped to work on a case-study [regarding] an alternative to methyl-bromide," Harrington said, referring to the fumigant used by potato and strawberry farmers that can deplete the ozone layer. "I really liked [the program]. It was a difficult thing to set up to do work for a week...[but] my alumnus did a good job," she said. "It was definitely educational."

Michael Tryfonidis G of the Aeronautics and Astronautics Department paired up with an alumnus at Orbital Sciences corporation.

Tryfonidis said he sat in on meetings with his alumnus and saw what type of work aerospace engineers did.

"It was great. In aerospace, opportunities don't come easily to be exposed to real-world engineer- ing before...looking for a job," Tryfonidis said. "It's a no-strings-attached commitment."

Gary G. Vynalek '93 of Orbital Sciences and Michail Tryfonidis G converse at the reception for students participating in the Graduate Externship Program on Jan 25 at the Hilton Dulles, Washington D.C.

Mark S. Peng G paired up with an alumnus to work at Network PerFROMances, a software start-up company. "Meeting for strategic alliances, market pushes...all allowed me to experience the efficacy of one person," Peng said. The program provided "exposure to the real world that, for the most part, is hermetically insulated from most graduate students," he said.

Overall the program seems to have engendered positive reactions. On Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998, the GSC will host a meeting at 5:30 p.m. in room 32-220 for the externs and all other students interested in hearing the externs' experience, Fan said.
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Aaron D. Mazzeo '01 demonstrated his violin virtuoso, and then went on to share the first prize last Friday in MacGregor House.

Damon Lewis '99 performs "Variations On My Favorite Things".

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Israel Film Festival
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Tuesdays at 8 pm in Room 3-133
February 10, 17 and 24
March 3, 10 and 17

Free admission!

Thursday, February 17 at 8 pm — Room 3-133
Documentary: Israel: Never a Dull Moment
Israel is a country that has been in the headlines from the very moment of its birth. It is the focal point of dreams, clashes, enemy and achievement. This poignant documentary highlights the major events of the nation since its establishment in 1948. Running Time: 60 min/Color and B&W/English

Sponsored by MIT Hillel as part of Israel's 50th Anniversary celebration

open house

Sunday, February 22, 2–5 p.m.
Student Center, Room 483
Free Tosci's ice cream.
Perhaps...

... This could mark the end of obnoxious crosswalk chimes...

**THE STORY SO FAR:** Rhino-Man rushed to his girlfriend Marko's office to assure her that the charges of bribery against him were false. As he left, a stranger approached him and threatened Marko's life. Bad idea.

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There are five sets of exercises used in Falun cultivation. They are simple and easy to learn, yet very effective. Disciples of Falun Dafa will be present each day of the class to assist you in learning and practicing these exercises:

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2. The Falun Standing Stance Exercise is a comprehensive exercise to upgrade the level of cultivation and strengthen supernormal powers.

3. Penetrating the Two Cosmic Extremes is to mix and exchange the qi from both the cosmos and the human body to purify the practitioner's body.

4. Falun Heavenly Circulation is to use the rotation of Falun to rectify all the abnormal conditions of the human body so that energy will pass unimpeded through the whole body.

5. Way of Strengthening Supernormal Powers is a tranquil cultivation way for multiple purposes. Master Li specially makes public this originally secret cultivation way.

The Nine-Day Class is Free of Charge

Date: Feb 21st (Saturday) to March 1st (Sunday)
Time: 7pm-9pm Everyday
Location: MIT, Room 4-370 (Sat. & Wed.)
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Contact: Leonard 253-0720 ldvorson@mit.mit.edu
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Movie sequels

Movie sequels are never as good as the original, unless it's "The Godfather: Part II," the only sequel ever to win the Academy Award for Best Picture (1974).

Interestingly, the only other sequel even to be nominated for the prize was "The Godfather: Part III" in 1990.

Eighteen years elapsed between the release of "The Godfather" and "The Godfather: Part III." What pair of movies holds the record for the longest time between the release of an original movie and its immediate sequel? This week's winners will each win two LSC movie tickets and one large tub of popcorn, courtesy of LSC.

Showing this weekend:
- Friday 7:30 p.m. in Room 10-250
- Throne of Blood
- Saturday 7 and 10 p.m., Sunday 10 p.m.
- In and Out
- Thursday 7 and 10:30 p.m., Sunday 10 p.m.
- Seven Years in Tibet

Send your answers to trivia@the-tech.mit.edu by 3 p.m. Wednesday. Two random drawings from all of the correct entries will be held to determine this week's two winners.

This feature was brought to you by the CAC Program Board. Today's factoids are by the MIT Quiz Bowl team. Members of the Quiz Bowl team are not eligible.

Trivia Corner

| 45. Makes a hole | 47. Entry | 48. A ___ toppe |

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Louis Ferretti served as the Executive Chef to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. He is well known and respected throughout the industry and worked with Aramark for 32 years in the capacity of Executive Chef and consultant. Louis' passion and expertise for culinary excellence has no limits.

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ATHENA® MINICOURSE INDEX

Introduction to Athena (Intro)  An introduction to Athena and Athena worksta
tion. Topics include: what you can do on Athena, getting an account, logging in, windows, sending messages, finding help and documentation.
Pre-requisites: none
Basic Word Processing (Basic WP)  Elementary text editing with Emacs, sending and receiving electronic mail, and using the Athena printers.
Pre-requisites: Intro
Working on Athena (Working)  Just the basics: files, directories, job control, and more. What every new user should know about Unix, Athena's operating system.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP
Advanced Word Processing: EZ (EZ)  An introduction to EZ, a combination text editor and formatter, with text editing commands that are similar to Emacs. As a formatter, it is menu-driven and easy to learn, in the popular style of the "What You See Is What You Get" packages.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working
Advanced Word Processing: LATEX (LATEX)  An introduction to LATEX, a widely-used text format
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working
Introduction to FrameMaker (Frame)  FrameMaker is a powerful word-processing and document generation package now available on Athena.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working
FrameMaker for your Theses (Frame Theses)  FrameMaker, with a special template, can be used to produce an MThesis that meets all Institute formatting requirements.
Pre-requisites: Frame, some Frame experience
Information Resources on Athena (Info Res)  A survey of the communications, help, and other resources available on Athena.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working
HTML: Making a WWW Home Page (HTML)  Covers the basic features of HTML ("Hyper-Text Mark-up Language") the language of the WorldWide Web, as well as the steps needed to post your own Web page on Athena.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working
The age of information, media, and virtuality is transforming every aspect of human experience. Questions that have long haunted the philosophical imagination are becoming urgent practical concerns: Where does the natural end and which they merge. The postmodern world, Taylor argues, is a world of surfaces, and the postmodern condition is one of these practices actually reveal or conceal. Phrenology and skin diseases, the "religious" architecture of Las Vegas, the profound superficiality.

Nothing defines postmodernism so well as its refusal of depth, its emphasis on appearance and spectacle, its ten-ties at Williams College. He is also Director of the Critical Issues Forum at the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

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Lecturer Asserts Affirmative Action is a Scapegoat

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She said that African Americans, Latinos, and American Indians are not even "within hailing distance of equality."

Baskerville says Americans

Baskerville said that uncertainty about the state of the American economy and about job security caused some people to seek a scapegoat in affirmative action. "It was after the collapse of the California defense industry and the loss of numerous jobs associated with that industry that Proposition 209 [which ended government affirmative action programs] surfaced," she said.

"As architects and the architects of similar initiatives... would have the public believe that it was not for people of color and women coming into closed arenas in the labor-force, the plant workers who were laid-off during the 1980s and early 90s would have job security," she added.

Baskerville said that the way to combat this was to recast affirmative action. "I submit and the data suggests that the American public does not really oppose affirmative action," she said. "When cast in a proper light and couched in appropriate terms, the public supports affirmative action," she added.

Affirmative action programs aided not only minorities, but also groups like veterans, disabled employees, and the aged, she said. "In short, the majority of Americans are covered by affirmative action laws," she added.

"We want and we need affirmative action for each of these groups that has been denied open access to the nation's institutions, programs, and activities," she said. Affirmative action proponents need to "link affirmative action programs as colloquially used with the affirmative action programs for other groups," she said.

That is not being done now, she said. White students recently sued the University of Texas Law School charging that affirmative action programs had forced the school to accept less qualified minority candidates. When "it was revealed that..."

100 white students with test scores lower than the four white plaintiffs were admitted to the University of Texas law school... no one challenged the policies that accorded [them] preference over four white plaintiffs with higher test scores," she said.

She said that affirmative action occurred even at the highest levels of the government. "One example was the practice of presidential candidates selecting running mates from a different region of the country than themselves to garner more votes. "Each one of these decisions was an affirmative action decision. Each was accepted and supported by the American public. Each required some searching beyond the traditional selection pool," she said. "This is affirmative action in action," she added.

Vest names three for awards

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Professor of Chemistry Lynda M. Jordan, the visiting Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor, was among the recipients of the award. Vest praised her "passion for inspiring excellence and perseverance in her students" and said that she has "made it a special mission to foster the growth of minorities and women in science."

The second award was given to Tobie F. Weiner, administrative assistant in the Department of Political Science. Vest thanked her for working to "organize and teach subjects on such issues as social justice, the history of the civil rights movement, and community service."

The final award went to Eto S. Othigbe '99. "His high visibility and charisma have enabled him to produce a number of provocative and successful performing arts events that have made significant contributions to our cultural life," Vest said.

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By Jonathan S. Sheffitz

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Ellefson's Record Performance Buys Women's Gymnastics

By Eduardo Ovalle

This past Saturday the women's gymnastics team posted a season high 175.425 team total at Yale's Payne Whitney Gymnasium winning third place over two stronger Division I teams (Yale 185.125 and Northeastern 178.40). The Engineers' total was almost 6.5 points more than their previous high this season (168.95 at Texas). This team score vaulted the team back into contention for a berth at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (Division I) National Championships. Only two teams from the East will qualify to the Championships and the Engineers are in the hunt. Rhode Island College has already qualified by virtue of being the host. MIT's score today ranked fifth.

Rankings are determined by taking the average of the team's top four scores during the season. Prior to this meet, MIT was ranked fifth nearly two points behind fourth place. Adding Saturday's meet, MIT has moved to within 0.18 points of fourth place, and 0.78 out of third. With four competitions left in their schedule, MIT has set themselves up to make a run for a return trip to the Nationals.

Four members of the team made major changes to their bar routines, and that proved to be the major reason for the improvement. MIT had the opportunity to start on bars and display their new routines right away. The team hit for an event total of 41.9 while all six of the line-up members posted personal best scores: Stephanie Cheng '00 received a 6.5, Liz Ellington 01 a 7.85, Rachel Van Buren '99 a 7.55, Naam Kronshchebel '00 a 6.45, Ali Eisenberg '98 a 8.85, and Sastry '01 a 9.2. Bars set the tone for the entire meet, as the team went on to perform some solid vaults including Ellington's layout tuck/kabala. It was during this move that was ever tried in competition and first one ever thrown by an MIT gymnast. Even though the uneven bars event was extraordinary, it was not record breaking.

During the third rotation of the meet, MIT found themselves on the floor exercise and the team outdid their bar performances by breaking records. The floor event total was broken with a 46.425 (the previous record was 45.775) and the individual record of 9.5 held by MIT's most decorated gymnast, Shelia Rocchio '97, was tied by freshman standout Ellifton. The floor also saw great performances by Ellington and Van Buren, both posting a 9.375, a personal best for both of them. The meet was full of wonderful performances and strong, solid routines.

In the end it was freshman Kronschnabel's '99 'gymnast of the meet' by coach Eduardo Ovalle. Liz posted personal bests in four of six events (bars 8.85, beam 8.85, floor 9.375), including a 54.175 in the all-around which was almost three point higher than her previous high this year. The home season championships come to an end with this Wednesday's tri-meet against Vermont and Northeastern. With a couple of strong performances, the women gymnasts could be heading to the National Championships one more time.

Fencing Teams Complete Season

As Northeast Conference Champions

By Roger Cosley

The fencing teams completed their regular season on Saturday, and both teams claimed the championship of the Northeast Fencing Conference. The women's team took first place by finishing third in the 175.425 team total at Yale's Payne Whitney Gymnasium. Rhode Island College has already qualified for the national championships. Only two teams from the East will qualify for a berth at the national championships.

The Engineers' total was almost three points higher than that of their Baruch opponents by placing third place in a fifth. Sastry captured the first and second respectively in the 155 meters. This was the first time this season, tallied 17 points and 8 rebounds.

The women's swim team finished second in a third place title by taking the race in 1:55.95. Members of the relay team included Stephanie Cheng '00, Rachel Van Buren '99, Naam Kronshchebel '00, and Sastry '01. The team went on to perform some solid vaults including Ellington's layout tuck/kabala. It was during this move that was ever tried in competition and first one ever thrown by an MIT gymnast. Even though the uneven bars event was extraordinary, it was not record breaking.

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Doering's Second Place Finish Leads Cross Country Ski Team

By Jessie Donovan

This weekend the cross country ski team finally showed the Eastern College Athletic Conference their true colors. The team took full advantage of the perfect conditions to end the weekend on top. For the first time, all of the members of the squad were present to compete in the third Eastern College Conference race.

This weekend's race resulted in a series of pursuits where the skiers started the second day's race in the order that they finished the first day's race.

Saturday's race began at 9:30 a.m. with the men's 7 kilometer. With the track fast and icy, the waxing conditions called for last minute preparations. Jeff Doering '99 skied a strong race by skiing out with the lead pack from the day's race.

Thi weekend's race resulted in a beginning. He held his position for the first time, all of the Eastern College Athletic Conference their true color. The conference their true color. The<br>

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Athletes of the Week

Ravi Sasty '98

Track and Field

Age: 21
Major: Electrical Engineering
Hometown: Princeton Junction, N.J.
Years playing sport: 12
Most memorable moment: Breaking 1:00 at sectionals.
Future plans: Graduate from college and join the Air Force.

"I've been surprised by my success this year, but I guess hard work and practice really do pay off."

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Women's Hockey Edges By Trinity After Strong Third Quarter Effort

By Carolyn Phillips

On Sunday, the women's ice hockey team beat Trinity College 2-1 in a home game. The two teams were evenly matched. Only two weeks before the Trinity club team, which will be going to nationals next year, beat MIT 5-3 at Trinity's home rink.

The women's team entered the game on Sunday psyched and ready to defend their home turf. Only 2:20 into the first period, left wing Christina Gehrke received a pass from Katherine Oates '00 and flipped the puck into Trinity's net. Center Kalpana Mani '99 then tucked the puck into the net off the rebound, scoring the winning goal. However, the game remained suspenseful until the last moment as beautiful saves made by the goalie

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Women's Gymnastics vs. University of Vermont, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Babson College, 7:30 p.m.

Squash vs. Brown University, 4 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs. Suffolk University, 7 p.m.