BTP Alcohol Case Ends Without Trial

By Susan Buchman

Williams swore under oath that he understood he was waiving his right to a trial by jury by accepting the continuance.

The proceedings in Roxbury District Court resulted from a July 17 incident at Beta Theta Pi. A Boston University police officer was seriously injured while avoiding filled beer bottles and cans thrown from BTP's roof.

Judge Dolan agreed to the continuance without a finding on the alcohol charge and an unrelated assault charge.

Domenici Urges Increased Use of Nuclear Power

By Douglas E. Heimburger

Domenici, delivering the annual David J. Rose lecture in nuclear technology, said that the United States should begin to reconsider nuclear power as a source for electricity in the next century. "We cannot even come close to the administration's goal of decreasing greenhouse gases without nuclear power," he said.

The UA Finance Board is responsible for recommending financial allocations to student groups and for other campus events. According to the reform legislation proposals presented by McGann and Sher, "Widespread concern exists about whether our current process is really the best one.”

The reform proposal had four major points. The first called for increased funding for food at events.

"Food at open events makes some exceptions to its current policy. "The current policy is to not fund food at all for open campus-wide events, and we would like to reverse this policy."

The second proposal also involved food, this time at student group meetings. "Food attracts people to student activity meetings thereby strengthening attendance," said the proposal.

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Gore’s Remarks Enrage Malaysian Leaders

By Joan Biskupic

THE WASHINGTON POST

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U.S. Workers Return to Iraq, Weapon Inspectors to Follow

By John Daniszewski

Los Angeles Times

The first contingent of 30 evacuated U.S. humanitarian workers returned to their headquarters in Baghdad on Monday, the first sign that normal operations were resuming here after two weeks of tense showdown between Iraq and the U.N. Security Council.

But the real test of whether the crisis has passed comes Tuesday, when 84 arms inspectors from UNSCOM, the U.N. Special Commission, are scheduled to return for a round of arms monitoring designed to determine whether Iraq will abide by U.N. resolutions.

The inspectors were scheduled to fly in from their field headquarters in Bahrain, where they have stayed since their pullout from Baghdad last Wednesday.

The inspection, whose work is to seek out and eliminate Iraq’s nuclear, chemical, biological and ballistic weapons, had been at the center of the dispute between Iraq and the United Nations.

Iraq had steadily limited its activities over recent months, and U.S. and British forces were threatening military action to compel the Iraqis to cooperate with UNSCOM.

Iraq reversed itself Saturday and agreed to allow the inspectors for its own good. "Many members of the Security Council want the question of Iraq’s cooperation with the inspectors to be tested and proved on the ground," said Prakash Shah, the U.N. secretary-general’s special envoy to Iraq.

He said that if Iraq cooperates "fully and unreservedly" it will be entitled to a comprehensive review of its disarmament record. Such a review could constitute a first step toward establishing a timetable to lift the 8-year-old economic sanctions on Iraq, and rehabilitate it on the world stage.

In Washington, President Clinton said that if Iraq keeps its pledge to cooperate, the world may be free of the threat of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

Court Refuses to Get Involved in Campaign Spending Lawsuit

By By Joan Biskupic

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Chinese Leader Zemin Protests
U.S. Stand on Taiwan and Tibet

By Jim Mann

WASHINGTON

Chinese President Jiang Zemin protested to Vice President Al Gore on Monday that the Clinton admin-
istration has been displaying too much support for both Taiwan's Nationalist government and the
Dali Lama, the exiled leader of Tibet, U.S. officials said.

Last week, the administration dispatched Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson to Taipei for rare high-
level talks with Taiwanese officials. Separately, the U.S. government gave a warm welcome in Wash-
ington, obtaining three separate audiences with President Clinton, Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

During a two-hour meeting with Gore, the Chinese president first brought up the subject of Taiwan and Tibet and then refused to let go, a U.S. official said. The vice presi-
dent is filling in for Clinton at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation gathering here because the president

studied in Washington to deal with the crisis.

"Jiang went on for about 40 minutes on these two subjects," one participant said. "It was a very
lengthy discourse, a monologue on both issues."

Administration officials deplored China's protests as relatively mild. Jiang gave "very civil" and "kindly

statement... of China's fundamental

views about both Taiwan and Tibet," a senior U.S. official said. "There was no hot rhetoric."

Nevertheless, Jiang's willingness, which according to one U.S. official appeared to be aimed at
removing the last roadblocks to normalization, ended when he said China and Tibet remain at the top of
the list of issues that divide the United States and China.

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After the past few months, the Dalai Lama and his representatives have been seeking some new
accommodation with China. In pub-
lic statements, the Dalai Lama has emphasized that he does not support independence for Tibet and instead
is seeking some form of self-govern-
ment under Chinese rule.

But China made clear Monday that it would be prepared for what it sees as the Dalai Lama's
ehich eliege never gave up their position on Tibetan independence," Zhu told a new conference.

U.S. officials said Jiang and his aids told Gore that "they don't want, they can't do anything and they don't
remain ready for any serious dialogue... On our side, we said we think he is—try him."

Over the years, China has fre-

frequently raised complaints about Taiwan and Tibet and has sent top-level American officials.

Leaders in Beijing considering Taiwan to be just another province, and they have for decades accused the Dalai Lama of trying to separate Tibet from China, which sent People's

Liberty Army troops into Tibet in 1950.

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House Prepares to Release Tripp-
Lewinsky Tapes to Media Groups

By Ellen Gormancer

WASHINGTON

After months of silence, Monica

finishes speaking.

On tape, that is. The House

Judiciary Committee is expected
to release to the media Tuesday morn-
ing tape-recorded conversations
between Monica Lewinsky and ex-

White House intern. Television, radio and computer Web sites will play excerpts from the 37 tapes, and

some news organizations plan on playing the tapes in their entirety through the weekend.

"People really just want to hear
what Monica sounds like," said

Rich Fahl, a spokesperson for C-
SPAN, which will play the tapes at various taped places. They also are

said to include many blank spaces
left by the Senate Judiciary

Committee, which edited the tapes
for propriety and privacy.

The tapes will be delivered to the

House Radio and Television Gallery
to 20:30 a.m. EST, when networks
and radio stations are likely to have the
got a copy.

The tapes are not likely to show
anything surprising. White House aides told Gore that "they don't
think there is any tape that isn't in the public record," but

they believe they are entitled to do this to public lands regardless
of what the public wants from these lands," he said.

Hans Stewart, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist supervising the

project, added that "the really sad part is that these wolves were showing every indication of adapting to the wild.

They were hunting and providing for their young. They were moving further into the wild and away from humans.

The Mexican gray wolves released in Arizona are among the rarest land mammals in North America. There are only 187 left, all

raised in captivity. There are enough wolves to keep the project alive for at least five years, but efforts were being developed for other

wildlife officials.

A $35,000 reward has been offered for information leading to the

conviction of whomever is responsible for the latest killings, with the

money. Conviction for killing one of the endangered wolves carries a

federal penalty of $100,000 and a year in prison.

Parrot Fossil Dates
To Dinosaurs' Day

THE WASHINGTON POST

A new analysis of what is thought to be a jaw from an ancient par-
rot indicates that the fossil dates to the time of the dinosaurs, suggest-

ing that modern land birds evolved earlier than scientists had thought.

The jaw, found in eastern Wyoming around 1960 and kept since in

the collections of the Museum of Paleontology, is about 65 million years old, making it the oldest

known fossil of a modem land bird, reports Thomas A. Stidman, a Berkeley graduate student, in the Nov. 5 issue of

Science.

To the surprise of scientists, primitive birds with teeth were the most common birds during this period,

but they became extinct with the dinosaurs while toothless

birds like the parrot survived for reasons that remain unknown.

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Spring Large Event Funding

Applications due Nov. 30 at 6 PM in W20-401. GSC, UA, and ASA will be allo-

cating $32,000 for large, campus-wide events for the Spring of 1999. The event

must be open to everyone in the MIT community and must appeal to a large

cross section of the student body. Only ASA-recognized student groups can apply for funding. Events requiring

large space must demonstrate space availability. Apply at http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/money/money.html or at 50-220. Email questions to lef@mit.

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Nutcracker Tickets

Performance is on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 PM at the Wang Center. The GSC has re-
served 80 tickets in the balcony and orchestra sections. Cost to students is $35. There will be a reception in the GSC lounge beforehand. Tickets are on sale now - please

email kbacon@mit.edu for more information.

Cross-Departmental Socials

In late November, the Funding Board will be allocating funds for holiday events
aimed at encouraging social interaction between two or more academic depart-
ments. The events must be held between Dec. 1, 1998 and Jan. 31, 1999. The events

should be open to all graduate students, faculty, and staff within the chosen
departments, and should be designed to provide a social atmosphere apart from
the typical realms of the classroom and laboratory. Funds may be used for food,

beverages, paper goods, entertainment, and other expenses related to the event,
subject to the Institute and GSC Alcohol Policies. Typical awards range from

$500-$2000. Historically, the departments involved have matched the GSC aw-

ards. Applications are due at the GSC office by 5 PM on Nov. 30. Further information

and forms can be found at http://www.mit.edu/activities/gsc.

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Shootings Endanger Wolf
Re-Introduction in Arizona

Less than a year after he presided over the release of wolves into the White Mountains of eastern Arizona, U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt announced Monday in a more somber mood as he sought
to revive a project that has been nearly destroyed by a series of unsolved

shootings. Only two of the 11 Mexican gray wolves released this year into the

Apache National Forest are left. Four are known to have been shot. A fifth adult — last seen in mid-September — and a pup are also thought to be dead. Three others were returned to captivity early this year after they roamed outside the release area.

Of the surviving two, a female in earlyestrating. The gunshot victims include the

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Letters To The Editor

Safe Ride Story Incomplete

On behalf of the Graduate Student Council, I would like to thank the administration for their action to address students' trans- portation needs. The steps that were taken to provide extra va-
pointed that factual errors seem to lead to misplaced emphasis in reporting the story to the community ("Emergency Added to Safe Ride Services," Nov. 10).

The article states that on Aug. 5, the two groups (Graduate Student Council and the Undergraduate Association) co-wrote a letter to Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72 asking for larger vans, daytime shuttles, and new stops in areas where students reside. In fact, that letter was written by Constance C. Lai '99, then chair of the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Committee, and me.

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borhood. They scream and shout, cheering for their favorite, who is winning, and boo and hiss when he is los-
ing. When one of the fighters breaks the rules, the "cheer" reaction depends upon who did it. If it is the favored contender, they cheer the damage done to his opponent. If it is the person who gets the "cheer," however, they become upset.

Some of the fun is being that what they are watching is real. Some talk about how it is faked, but don't truly believe it. Others say it is real, but believe, deep down, that it is not. Most, it seems, believe that the whole thing is faked, but are invested in the game. They generally ignore the question of real vs. fake. They believe it is fake, but let them-
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Outside the building, people across the country watch the fight on television. Some of these are avid fans, while others are merely channel-surfing. Some are actually at the fight because they lack either the time or the money. They watch the fight, and they react with the crowd, but they rarely get as riled up as the cops are actually there. When the drama begins, the outcome has already been determined. The decision, I believe, is largely based on popularity. Of course, popu-
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The Iraq Policy Crisis
United States Should Lift Sanctions, Then Go to War to Put End to Saddam
Naveen Sukhavathy

For seven years, the United States has been testing the proposition that Saddam Hussein has a heart. More, ever, than ever, it is clear he doesn't.

A heart with a heart would not let his peo- ple starve under the weight of economic sanctions designed to alleviate the agony to student life that public MIT was forced to make a quick move when they make a great institution look bad in Perceptions are impossible to argue against. No before matters got any worse. And so, it was Charles M. Vest's decision will result only in lawsuits and bad press claiming that MIT is not suppressing. I remember reading somewhere that, after President Clinton gave his "apolo- gy" speech to the nation on Aug. 17, the media ran a now issue of the Iraq's major newspaper purported that the United States was

Saddam Hussein is a monster, one who abets a monster is also a monster. For seven years now, the United States has fought a battle against a faraway nation who has less of a heart. It's like a game in which two people vie to see who can bear longer to look at a dragnet and a heavy hand, the one to get out, the other to get left behind. It's a game of repug- nance. Saddam Hussein is the monster, a war of repugnance and fear, and an act of fear for people of that matter. The U.S. should recognize it that economic sanctions against Iraq are illegitimate. The only solution for its solution for its battle against Saddam Hussein

Then what is the solution? The United States is in a bind. The United States cannot afford to let Saddam develop biological weapons at the expense of its military. Saddam Hussein is not a new, new, and new country, but a shame to fight those without hope. It is a shame for the United States to fight the Iraqis people. Sometimes, a war of revenge is worse than any; these are the harshness of war. But if you want to get that, or any other name for a country, is actually attached to a body of people, that a country's name represents more than just the leader of that country. Saddam Hussein is not only the people of the country, but all of people for that matter. The U.S. should recognize it that economic sanctions against Iraq are illegitimate. The only solution for its solution for its battle against Saddam Hussein

In the meantime, the United States might exert economic sanctions against Iraq immediately. It may seem contradictory that I would advocate lifting economic sanctions on the one hand but also advocate going to war on the other. The United States has spent billions for years to weaken Saddam, but full-scale war that would wipe Saddam out from power. Time is of the essence, the more time Saddam has, the more he has the time to develop many weapons of mass destruction. Soon the brinksmanship begins, the United States should take swift action, march into Baghdad, and destroy Saddam Hussein. Proponents of this policy (Saddam's sons are rumored to be nowhere else) may largely support sanctions, but it is also very confusingly that I may largely support sanctions on the one hand but also advocate going to war on the other. The United States has spent billions for years to weaken Saddam, but full-scale war that would wipe Saddam out from power. Time is of the essence, the more time Saddam has, the more he has the time to develop many weapons of mass destruction. Soon the brinksmanship begins, the United States should take swift action, march into Baghdad, and destroy Saddam Hussein. Proponents of this policy (Saddam's sons are rumored to be nowhere else) may largely support sanctions, but it is also very confusingly that I

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Moving Beyond the Housing Decision
Guest Column
Pavan K. Auluck

Having read recently in The Tech the MIT administration's decision to house all freshmen on campus, as well as the student response to that announcement, I was irritated by both the administration's statement, and as a student, the response to that announcement. MIT is the staple of MTV's birth. Yet, the Rolling Stones toured to massive success. New singers evoke the folk songs of hydegon decades. And both Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr are attempting to re-launch their careers. Then what is the point today? I cannot help but think how drastically the music world has departed from simple rock, and I am yet, I can think with this incredible phenomenon. Crowded around this tiny television were over 50 students and members of the MIT community eagerly anticipating the 25th liftoff of Discovery. WOW and STS-174. But most of the usually now are with a eight-bit drill stuck between a rock and a heavy hand. This now brings me to the new dorm. MIT cannot house all freshmen campus, unless this new housing is provided. Taking that and all the above for granted, the question then becomes one of how best for MIT to implement new housing policies — to house all freshmen campus, to preserve the existing fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, and to preserve the identities of the existing dormitories. Obviously, asking incoming freshmen to decide which dorm to live in by mail is going to kill the diversity that exists among students. This diversity is unique to the MIT community. As those of us stood in the halls of the Student Center, quietly sharing this solemn moment of weeks ago on a quest for an envelope, I finally grown up?

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Brown Student Poisons Ex-Girlfriend with Iodine-125

February 3, 1998

The Providence Journal

University police arrested a Brown University graduate student on Friday and charged him with poisoning two fellow students — one who was his former ex-girlfriend — with a radioactive iodine-125, allegedly stolen from a Brown laboratory.

According to Brown News Bureau Director Mark Nickel, Chen Huirong, 21, a student at the molecular pharmacology program, prepared a dinner and vegetable dish laced with iodine-125, which he then gave to Yuanyuan Xiao and her roommate Ninni Jacob, both Brown graduate students. Xiao is also a graduate student in molecular pharmacology, O'Brien is a Brown Undergraduate education student.

Gu faces five felony charges: assault in the 1st degree, malicious assault against Xiao, larceny for theft of the iodine-125, breaking and entering into a Brown, poisoning O'Brien, and poising Xiao.

Captain John Ryan of the Providence Police told the Associated Press that he believes the attack to be motivated by "some kind of love interest."

Nickel said that neither Xiao nor O'Brien have suffered any serious health consequences as a result of the exposure, due to the relatively small amount they consumed.

"They realized how much radioactive substance as you would in a normal medical procedure" in which iodine-125 is used, Nickel said. "There doesn't appear to be any immediate health risk."

Dr. Robert Marshall, assistant director at the Department of Health, agreed. "This is more of a research iso-topes than a dangerous radioactive substance," he told The Rhode Island Globe. "It's half-life is very short — about six months — and it doesn't appear that there was any dangerous exposure." Nickel said that officials first discovered the alleged poisoning on Wednesday, when Xiao said she was preparing a meal and performed an experiment. Xiao was tested for radiation with a Geiger counter before she entered the lab, which Nickel said is standard procedure for experiments involving radioactive materials. The results of this initial test are later compared to a test taken when the experiment is completed.

On Wednesday, Xiao tested normally high on the Geiger counter and prompted Risk Management officials to conduct an investigation into the cause of the Geiger counter results.

"After finding no evidence of contamination we asked our employees and students to provide samples of food that were being consumed," Nickel said.

Xiao told the investigators that both she and O'Brien had eaten the dish, which she said had been left by Gu, her former boyfriend.

According to Nickel, iodine-125 is a radioactive isotope used to treat and examine the body in medicine, and is used in Brown laboratories to tag proteins in experiments. Gu told the Providence Police that he had taken the radioactive chemical from a lab at Brown, said Nickel. Although Nickel could not confirm whether or not this is true, he said that an investigation is underway.

"The Department of Health suggested that we conduct an inventory of our labs, Nickel said. "We are doing that now."

While evidence suggests that Gu did steal the substance from a Brown laboratory, Nickel would not speculate as to how he got it out of the lab. He said that while Gu was working in a laboratory, his experiments did not involve iodine-125. Had he been using this substance, he would have been subject to the same radiation tests as Xiao. In this case, the Geiger counter would have registered increased amounts of radiation on him.

Nickel said that iodine-125 is kept locked up at all times, except when it is being used in an experiment. "As far as the University's procedures for holding and storing the material," everything was done correctly, Nickel said. "There is no indication of any problems with security."

However, when the substance is being used, he said that it is necessary to rely on the experimenter's judgment.

Marie Stoeckel, chief of the occupational and radiological health office of the Department of Health, confirmed that this degree of human error is difficult to overcome.

"Internal security is a very challenging issue if someone is not acting in a moral, legal, and ethical way," Stoeckel told The Providence Journal. "Our sense is that [Brown was] following all security measures that were appropriate.

Nickel pointed out that if it wasn't for the safety procedures Brown already has in place, Xiao's high level of radioactivity may have gone unnoticed. He praised Risk Management officials Steve Morin and Ninni Jacob for uncovering the poisoning through their routine testing procedures.

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In his book, "Practical Ethics," Singer compares human life to animal life, arguing that simply because people are human does not mean that their lives are more valuable than those of animals. His views on euthanasia and animal rights come from a belief that life necessitates rationality, autonomy and self-consciousness.

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The often enigmatic MIT Marching Band made an appearance at the Women's Ice Hockey game Sunday to cheer for the team and the Zamboni driver.

Duane Stevens '98 becomes the second player in MIT football history to be named a Burger King College Football Scholar-Athlete Award winner. Stevens was honored during halftime of Saturday's game against UMass Boston.

Catherine Oates '00 makes a break for the opponent's goal in a hockey game against Skidmore College Friday. MIT held Skidmore to one early goal, winning 2–1.
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Tuesday's Events

6:30 p.m. - Architecture Lecture: The Next Modern Architecture. Lecture by William A. McDonough, dean, University of Virginia. Room 10-256.

Wednesday's Events

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Friendly Robotics In Japanese Society. Japanese companies such as Honda and Sony have increased research into friendly robotics. Rodney Brooks, Director of the AI lab, discusses the building and engineering of the robots of the future. Room 2-131. Sponsor: MIT Japan Program.

5:10 p.m. - LEM Service and Supper. Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by a free fellowship supper and discussion. MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

5:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Inventors' Workshop. Annual workshop for MIT student inventors and entrepreneurs to network and discuss issues in the business of invention with experts and professionals. Building 551 (Tang Center). Sponsor: Lemelson-MIT Awards Program.

7:30 p.m. - Spring Weekend Interest Meeting. Do you want to help with Spring Weekend? Positions are open for Concert Chairs, Publicity Chairs, Finance Chairs and more. Come find out how you can participate! Free pizza and drinks. Room 2-105. Sponsor: Spring Weekend.

Thursday's Events

12:00 p.m. - Chapel Concert: Kammerton. Annika Pfluger, baroque cello; Na'ama Lion, baroque flute; Gulimar Turgeon, baroque violin; Todd Beckham, harpsichord. Music of the Purcells, Graun's Kleinknechts, Bendes and others. MIT Chapel.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Gallery Talk: Speaking with Matter: The Curious Language of Physical Things. Discussion with kinetic sculptor Arthur Ganson about creating objects which attempt to capture feelings and ambiguous qualities and the physical language we use to describe them. MIT Museum.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Opening Reception: Donna Hamil Talman's Signs of Ute. Earthy figural images in which the natural world, the feminine & the spiritual were revered, combined with symbols from nature or markings as in ancient cave paintings. Dean's Gallery, Room E52-466.

Friday's Events

7:00 p.m. - There's Something About Mary. Ted (Ben Stiller), a classic high school loser, somehow manages to date Mary (Cameron Diaz), the girl of everyone's affection. Thirteen years later, Ted still longs for Mary, so he hires a seedy investigator to find her. Rated R. With DTS digital sound. 1 hour 59 minutes. Admission $2.50. Room 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

8:00 p.m. - Fiddler on the Roof. Admission $6, $8 MIT faculty & staff, sr citizens, other students, $9 public. Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild.

8:00 p.m. - Dance Troupe Fall Concert. Student choreographed pieces in a variety of styles including modern, ballet, tap, jazz and funk. Admission $6 in advance/$7 at the door, $5 in advance/$6 at the door for students. Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Dance Troupe.

8:00 p.m. - Klaus Liepmann Memorial Concert. Haydn's The Seasons. MIT Concert Choir, William Cutter, director. Maynard Goldman, concertmaster. Soloists: Diana Hoagland, soprano; Mark Evans, tenor; Mark Andrew Cleveland, baritone. Kresge Auditorium.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Fundraiser Party for victims of Hurricane Mitch In Central America. Come to have some fun, for a good cause! All the funds will be donated to help the victims of the disastrous hurricane that took place in Central America. Admission $5.00. Lobdell Food Court. Sponsor: Central American Club of MIT.

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**Domenici: Reactors Need Modernization**

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Domenici also said that the government should find additional projects in nuclear technology to build future reactors that are safer and more efficient.

The United States has already been pursuing extensive technological developments, Domenici said. France, for example, uses a closed-loop system that recycles much of its nuclear waste into new fuel for the reactors. Meanwhile, the newest reactor in the United States operates using a 30-year-old technology.

For the first time in many years, the Senate itself added spending on nuclear projects to the 1999 budget bill, which was a "refreshing sign" that thought use of nuclear power is changing. This year, $4 million was allocated for researching issues related to waste transportation, and $2 million for research on the health effects of low-level radiation, among other projects.

Holistic strategy preferred

Domenici also mentioned that in discussing nuclear technology or projects, it is important to discuss a project as a whole instead of just a single issue. "If you bring the issue piecemeal, you will lose every vote."

For example, if the citizenry is asked whether they want a truck hauling spent fuel passing down the street, they will say no, Domenici said. However, when the benefits and the drawbacks are presented together, nuclear issues stand a much greater chance of passing.

In response to a question, Domenici said that the anti-nuclear movement in the United States is not extremely strong, with just a few million members. However, the media is quick to play on news stories. For example, if the citizenry is asked what they think of nuclear power, they may say no. Domenici said that if they are told that nuclear power is safe and efficient, they may say yes. Domenici turned to foreign affairs, adding that the Russian government has announced plans to remove 50 tons of nuclear material, a "legacy for future generations," and that it will be a "potential source for harmful nuclear activity."

In Russia, citizens call plutonium a "legacy for future generations," and feel that it will stay with them, Domenici said. With the current currency crises, Russia may be forced to sell their nuclear material. Domenici said that the current currency crises have arisen in part due to disparities in the world's banking rules. "You cannot have banking institutions across the world operating on different sets of rules and different sets of standards for telling the public their stories."

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UA Reforms Suggest New Money Policies

expressed purpose of funding student activities, he said.

Consequently, the proposal recommended that FinBoard should continue to get funding from outside the UA, but it should also acknowledge that self-sufficiency is not a possible or desirable goal for most student activities.

Finally, McGann and Sher proposed a change in FinBoard's current process of disbursing money. Under the current policy, students pay for groups' expenditures out of their own pockets and then apply to get reimbursed.

"MIT student groups have earned trust," the proposal said. "Reimbursements are an insecure, inefficient financial practice. Many students cannot afford the out-of-pocket costs of running a student activity. Also, the reimbursement process needlessly drains students' time, energy, and patience."

McGann and Sher suggested that the regular FinBoard process should be to transfer funds to the student group's account at the beginning of the term. At the end of the funding term, each student activity would have to present a report detailing how their money was spent. "The Finance Board can then review the reports to ensure that the groups used their funds for the purposes for which they were allocated," according to the proposal.

UA gives mixed responses to ideas

Responses to the suggested proposals for FinBoard allocations were mixed. Andrew D. Montgomery '01, the class of 2001 president, agreed that "there is a ridiculous amount of red tape" in the process for receiving funding for activity spending. He also suggested that class councils should receive funding for their events.

However, not all members agreed with the suggested proposals. "The changes are not a good idea," said Edward A. Gordon '99. "There are better ways money could be spent on food. Cultural food at cultural events should be and are paid for, but money should go more for entire class events rather than food at meetings."

Sarah L. McDougal '00 was also opposed to the suggestion that FinBoard fund food at events and meetings. "Money for food could be better used elsewhere, such as towards improving a publication rather than serving Coke to its members."

Housing also discussed at meeting

Another topic that came up for discussion and a vote at last night's UA meeting was a resolution calling for an end to dormitory crowding in 2001, submitted by McGann as co-chair for the UA committee on Housing and Orientation. Although several VA members suggested that the new dorm house upwards of 400 undergraduates, VA Vice President Jennifer Kelly '99 said that a dorm housing 500 people "is way too big. The number should be lower if we want any semblance of unity or community in the dorm."

After discussion of the resolution, it passed unanimously.

Professor Mishra, a professor of hydraulic engineering at Banaras Hindu University, is coming to MIT to offer students and faculty an account of the Sankat Mochan Foundation's efforts to clean the Ganges.

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**Women’s Volleyball Loses Close Match to Amherst at Nationals**

By Paul Dill

For the second straight year, the women's varsity volleyball team earned a place in the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament. Out of almost 400 Division III teams in the country, the NCAA chooses the top 48 to play in a single elimination tournament to determine the National Champion.

The Lady Engineers achieved this honor by posting a 29-6 record and finishing second in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference during the regular season, losing only to Wellesley in conference play. This record was their best since the 1994 season.

Entering the tournament as underdogs, the Engineers had to face a very strong and tall Amherst College team in the first round. In what would become one of the best and longest matches of the season, MIT played nip and tuck during the first game as the score went back and forth. Hitting down in late in the game, MIT came back strongly to win 16-14 behind the strong play of middle hitter Betty Sahlman '99.

The second and third games saw Amherst push hard and take charge of a two games to one lead. However, as the Engineers had done so many times this season, they came back strong to take the fourth game 15-7, bringing the match score even at two games apiece.

In the fifth game, both teams played brilliant volleyball and neither could seem to pull away. With the score tied at 13-13, Amherst was able to get the final two points to win the match 1-2 after 2 1/2 hours of play.

Sahlman led MIT with 25 kills and 19 digs while Alakira Hunter '99 distributed 64 assists and had 21 digs. Perhaps the best performance was demonstrated by Michelle Fox '99 who played a career match, hammering 21 kills and coming up with 22 digs. In addition, Christina Atmodovar '02 contributed 14 kills and Barb Schulze '90 came up with 16 digs. Overall, the entire team played tough, not only in this match, but throughout the season.

**Fencing Squad Starts Off Season Well at the Big One Tournament**

By Evangelos Efstathiou

The MIT men's and women's fencing teams began their season Nov. 7 at the Big One, a New England intercollegiate invitational tournament. In attendance were NCAA Division I powerhouse Boston College, Brown University and Brandeis University, along with non-NCAA schools Tufts University, University of New Hampshire, Boston University, Dartmouth College, University of Massachusetts and Wellesley College.

Individual competitions were held in each of the six weapons, men's and women's foil, epee and saber. Fencers competed in round robin pools of six or seven fencers, with those results used to seed a direct elimination table. Although the Engineers faced formidable competition, they had overwhelming success, capturing three golds, a silver, a bronze, and placing five other fencers in the final eight.

The men's saber team turned in an outstanding performance. Brian Bower '99, Evangelos Efstathiou '00, Gilien Chen '00, Phil Miller '01 and Rafael Bras '02 all advanced to the round of 16. Unfortunately, seedings paired Bower against Miller and Chen against Efstathiou in that round, with Bower, Efstathiou and Bras advancing to the final. Again, seedings did not favor MIT, as Efstathiou was paired against Bras in the quarterfinals. In the semifinal round, Bower defeated Brandeis' top two fencers to earn first place, while Efstathiou finished fourth.

The first men's saber competition in the history of the Big One was held this year, MIT's representation in the field of 24 fencers consisted of Kit Lemos '02 and Caroline Purcell '02. Lennox, having fenced for only a month, turned in an outstanding performance, placing 14th. Purcell, the 1997 US Women's National Champion, easily swept through the competition to take first place. In women's epee Nora Szasz '99, defending New England Champion, ruled the day. After dropping one bout in her pool, Szasz won five successive direct elimination bouts to earn first place. Sara Perry '99 advanced to the round of 16, while Sylvia Duniszewska '01 lost in the round of 32. Amy Chou '02 and Natalie Copeland '02 were eliminated in the round of 64.

Men's foil was the most dominant event of the day, with four members making the finals. Ali Ibrahim '01, who had not surrendered a touch in the pool, Ben Vanderverd '00 and Raben Brown '99 finished sixth through eighth respectively. Newcomer Oliver Chadwick '02 advanced to the semifinals before losing to a difficult Brandeis opponent and ending up in the semifinals. Andre van Horn '01, who faced teammate Chadwick in the round of 16, finished 12th.

In women's foil, team captain Aimee Wilisz '99 took second place. Oriana Hunter '99 placed 9th, while Joan Horn '01 went out in the 32 and Danielle Morris '02 and Rayka Yoko '02 fell in the 64.

Men's epees Matt Duplantis '99 and Paul Thordarson '01 advanced to the round of 16, while Tom Boker '00, Curtis Wade '01 and Mike Krypel '01 all went out in the 32.

MIT competes in its first series of dual meets this Saturday, facing conference teams Tufts, Dartmouth, Bates and Brandeis.

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