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SAC Launches Rival Residence Proposal

Unified Proposal Counters RSSC Report

By Dana A. Levine

STAFF WRITER

The Strategic Advisory Committee to the Chancellor held a meeting yesterday afternoon to present their unified proposal about the future of residential life on campus to the MIT community.

Committee member Jake H. Parrott '00 gave an overview of the SAC's goals — "our interests lie in the residence system and its impli-

cations in student's lives." Parrott emphasized that the SAC's report is an extension of the report produced by the Residential System Steering Committee, which deals mainly with housing.

The meeting consisted of a formal presentation by several members of the SAC followed by a brief question and answer period. Ten members of the SAC were in attendance.

Members explain report contents

"We dealt with the issues that don't set off sparks in feedback forums, such as budgets 10 years down the road," Parrott said.

Parrott outlined the three major issues that the SAC report deals with, those of "house," "home," and "community." These issues involve building a modern residence system with a sense of community.

"I've been better off not just taking classes, but by interacting with administrators, faculty, and alumni," said Undergraduate Association President and SAC member Matthew McGann '00.

McGann spoke largely about how the committee has gathered input from the community and compiled it into a report. "Talking to the

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U.S. Team Dominant at Regatta

Boston Hosts 34th Head of the Charles

By Brian K. Richter

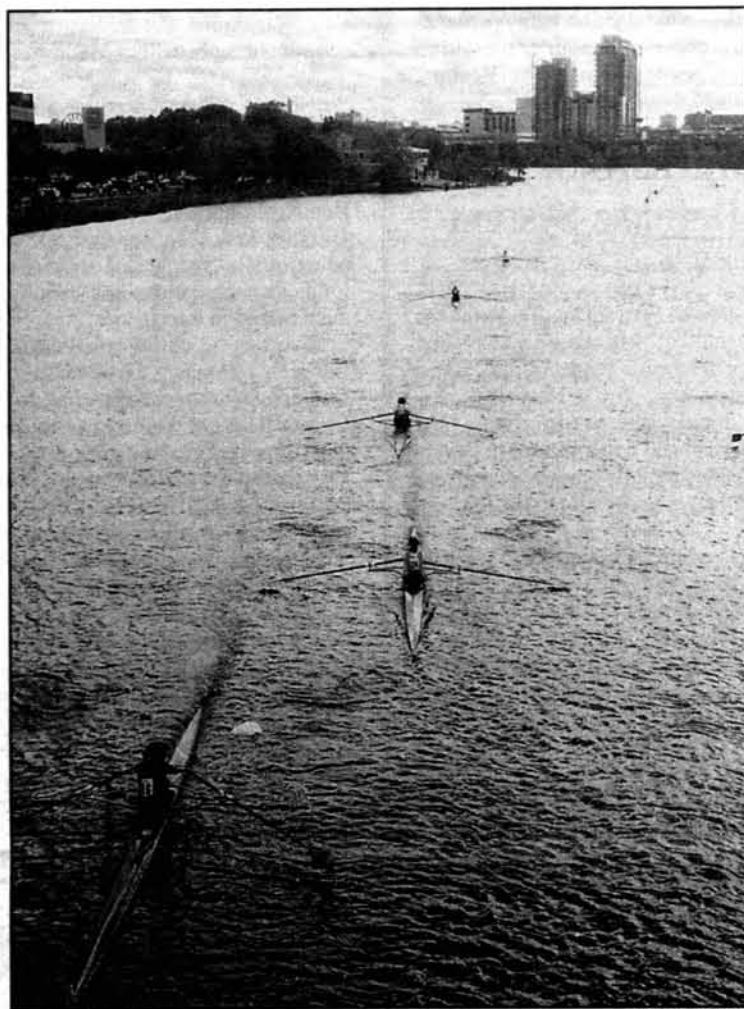
The United States National Team won the men's championship eight event at the 34th running of Head of the Charles Regatta — the world's largest rowing event — here in Boston this weekend. MIT Alumnus Donald Smith '95 won the Championship Single event proving himself to be one of the fastest single scullers in the world.

The race, which runs three miles up stream from the Boston University Bridge to the Northeastern Boathouse, featured over 6,000 oarsmen and over 300,000 spectators. People came from all over the world and all over the country to participate in the event. The rowers' skill level varied from club enthusiasts and masters category rowers to world champions and the fastest collegiate crews. The weather was excellent for spectators. However, strong winds made conditions a little more difficult than normal for the oarsmen.

U.S. National Team dominates

In the premier men's championships eights event the World Champion U.S. National team cruised to an easy victory with their closest competitors being the

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J. SU—THE TECH

Women's single sculls race past Magazine Beach on Saturday during the 34th Annual Head of the Charles Regatta.

In Praise Of Ugliness

Students Vie for Top Honors as UMOC

By Mike Hall

STAFF REPORTER

The eyes of the odd have once again been cast upon MIT's ugly side in celebration of the 47th annual Ugliest Manifestation on Campus contest, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity.

"The world is an ugly place. People should appreciate it," said Carolyn Jones '00, APO vice president for membership. Jones is one of the student organizers for UMOC, a charitable fundraiser.

The tradition of UMOC began in 1953, when the contest was known as the "Ugliest Man on Campus." Back then, "ugly" men would canvass the campus, urging fellow classmates to support their unattractiveness. Despite the contest's title, a woman ran for the first time in 1966 and convincingly won the election. The title was changed in 1992, according to UMOC candidates chairman Sara C. Barron '02, to reflect "increased candidacy by inanimate objects."

As in years past, the candidates for UMOC offer an eclectic assortment of voting potential. Two of this year's four declared candidates are running on their own merits: David Z. Maze '00 and Alice A. Enevoldsen '03. Maze's charity is the Pine Street Inn and Enevoldsen's charity is Horizons Day Care.

Christopher D. Beland '00 is sponsoring the candidacy of the Residential System Steering Committee housing controversy. His charity is the Homeless Empowerment Project. Boris Zbarsky '01 of Random Hall has sponsored the Random Hall Milk, described by Barron as "a carton of

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Decker Boasts Experience, Strong Cambridge Roots

By Sanjay Basu

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Cambridge native Marjorie Decker has grounded her campaign for Cambridge City Council on affordable housing issues — stating

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that her past involvement in city politics in Cambridge has qualified her for a council position.

Decker, who grew up in public housing in Cambridgeport and attended high school at Cambridge Rindge and Latin, became involved in city politics while studying at UMass-Amherst. After being elected to membership on the Amherst Town Meeting, Decker served as a first grade instructor in Louisiana as part of TEACH for AMERICA.

She then came back to Cambridge to work as a legislative aide to Representative Alice Wolf.

"While I was working with Alice," Decker said, "I became really involved in housing and urban development issues, as well as education issues."

"I decided to run for city council last January because I wanted the council to really focus on developing some new policy on these issues."

Decker, who has worked on affordable hous-

ing projects at both the state and local level, said that the council needs more members experienced in urban development issues. While she sees the need for improvement on the board, Decker also attributes responsibility to other city organizations.

"The universities have a responsibility to plan affordable housing, particularly for their students," she said. "There's a lot of pressure on the housing market. I think the loss of rent control has certainly contributed. But the universities have as well, and we've got students here who don't live on campus because there's not enough room for them."

When asked what she would do to resolve the housing problem, Decker did not present a specific plan, but said that a proposal for action would have to be created by a coalition of city councilors, housing authority members, tenants, universities, and homeowners.

"We must actually talk with that group and

say, 'What resources do we have available? Who are we providing this housing for? And what does affordable housing mean in today's market?'"



DECKER CAMPAIGN

Marjorie Decker

Decker also emphasized that, while she works with many community housing and planning boards, her working class background brings a new political perspective to the election.

"It makes a big difference that I have a working class background in a community that's very polarized around class," said Decker. "I have succeeded because of what this community has offered me. I'm the first in my family to go to college, but I don't lose my background."

Decker represents political middle

To emphasize her position in the middle of the political spectrum, Decker chose not to be endorsed by the Cambridge Civic Association

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The MBTA and state legislators continue to debate plans to expand the operating hours of public transportation.

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WORLD & NATION

Buchanan Leaves GOP, Declares Reform Party Candidacy

THE WASHINGTON POST

Patrick J. Buchanan, whose presidential bids in 1992 and 1996 bedeviled the Republican establishment, Monday severed his lifelong ties to the GOP and declared his candidacy for the Reform Party presidential nomination.

At a news conference packed with 350 supporters chanting "Go Pat Go" along with an impressive array of Reform Party leaders, Buchanan, who had been a top aide in the administrations of Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Ronald Reagan, denounced both major parties as controlled by big corporations and special interests.

"Our two parties have become nothing but two wings of the same bird of prey," he told the crowd. "Neither fights today with conviction and courage to rescue God's country from the cultural and moral pit into which she has fallen."

The former television commentators' entry into the Reform Party could set off a bitter battle for the party's nomination between forces loyal to party founder Ross Perot, some of whom are backing Buchanan, and those aligned with Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, who has said Buchanan is not a good fit for the party.

Russian Military Warns U.S. About Building Missile Defense System

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

The Russian military warned the United States Monday that it has enough weaponry to overwhelm any anti-ballistic missile system, and it threatened to deploy more atomic warheads if the United States builds a national missile defense system.

Nikolai Mikhailov, the first deputy defense minister, told reporters that "our arsenal has such technical capabilities" to "overcome" any antimissile defenses. "This technology can realistically be used and will be used if the United States pushes us toward it," he said.

His comments came on the heels of the latest meeting between Russian and American officials last week to discuss possible amendments to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The Russian military adamantly opposes any changes to the treaty, which prohibits both countries from building systems capable of stopping missile attacks.

The Clinton administration has said it will decide next summer whether to go ahead with a limited missile defense system, which would require changes in the treaty or abandoning it. Russian officials have been responding with increasingly vocal warnings that such a move could unravel two decades of arms control efforts.

Study Links Some Disorders To 'Misfire' in Brain

NEWSDAY

MIAMI

Scientists Monday reported evidence that many brain disorders, from Parkinson's to schizophrenia, may come about because electrical impulses are firing off improperly in the brain's thalamus, an area that helps filter sensory information from our environment.

Correcting these abnormalities using devices that electrically stimulate the brain — similar to pacemakers that stimulate the heart — may alleviate symptoms for a wide range of neurological and psychiatric disorders, the researchers said.

The work by scientists at the New York University School of Medicine in Manhattan was reported Monday at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting here. It promises to be controversial because it disputes theories that these conditions come about because of a wide range of neurochemical and molecular problems.

WEATHER

Temperatures Falling

Breezy, mild conditions will continue throughout the week, a trademark of New England fall weather. Today will be partly cloudy, with temperatures reaching 65°F (18°C), with Southwest winds picking up to 15-25 mph. Expect a low tonight around 43°F (6°C), just cold enough to opt for the Saferide instead of walking across the Harvard Bridge. Though this evening will be partly cloudy, tomorrow should bring clear skies with a high of 58°F (14°C). Balmy and slightly breezy, students will find it chilly waiting in line at the food trucks on Mass Ave. Tomorrow evening's temperature will sink to approximately 38°F (3°C). Consider it as a mere preparation for the winter to come. Thursday's forecast is much the same, with sunny and clear afternoons reaching to moderately cool temperatures around 60°F (16°C). Don't expect too many surprises this week, as the weather is quite consistent for fall standards. Thursday night will plummet to the low 30's. This weather should continue through Friday and the weekend, leaving us with a chilling Halloween. Students hoping to go to Salem to join in the spooky festivities will encounter the same balmy temperatures and winds and cold evenings.

Today: Sunny and partly cloudy. Moderate southwest winds.

High of 65°F (18°C).

Tonight: Cloudy and cold. Low of 43°F (6°C).

Wednesday: Cool trend continues. Clear skies and slightly breezy. High of 58°F (14°C). Low of 38°F (3°C).

Thursday: Sunny and clear afternoons. High of 60°F (16°C).

Low of 33°F (1°C).

Friday Outlook: Cooling continues- 55/42°F (6°C).

Republican Congress Forces Clinton to Narrow Priorities

By Charles Babington and Eric Pianin

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton vetoed a major spending bill Monday and signed another, as the Republican-led Congress forced him to narrow his budget priorities for the year and acknowledge the delay or possible death of initiatives such as enhancing HMO patients' rights, tightening gun restrictions and adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare.

Unable to circumvent the Republican majority on these issues, the president is focusing on a significantly smaller wish list in final budget negotiations with Congress, White House officials said. It includes hiring 100,000 new teachers and 50,000 police officers, toughening some environmental regulations and devoting more money to foreign aid.

Even as he compromised with Congress by signing the \$268 billion Defense Department spending bill, Clinton Monday vetoed the appropriations bill for the Commerce, Justice and State departments, and criticized the GOP leadership for approving a congressional pay raise while proposing across-the-board spending cuts in the budget.

Highlighting the difficulties still facing congressional and administration budget negotiators, the president accused House and Senate leaders of promoting "schemes," "gimmicks" and "corporate welfare." He threatened to veto more spending bills, raising the possibility that Congress will have to pass yet another stopgap resolution late this week to keep the federal gov-

ernment operating while the various appropriations bills for the new fiscal year are completed.

"I will not allow Congress to raise its own pay and fund its own pork barrel projects and still make devastating across-the-board cuts in everything from education to child nutrition to the FBI," Clinton told reporters Monday afternoon.

The House had planned to consider a 1.4 percent across-the-board spending cut as early as Tuesday, when it was to take up the appropriations measure for the departments of Labor, Health and Education. Clinton called the broad-based spending cut a "terrible" idea. But the House postponed consideration of the measure — which is combined with the District of Columbia appropriations bill — until it can resolve a dispute with the Senate over whether private companies can run needle-exchange programs in Washington.

On Capitol Hill, Republican leaders hailed the defense bill's signing as a signal of both GOP potency and the ability of the two branches of government to reach accord on spending measures. House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said the president "realized that while there may still be some disputes over the budget process, it's time to put partisan politics aside and work together to further our security interests."

Clinton said his congressional allies probably could have narrowly sustained a veto of the defense bill, "but I didn't think it was fair, frankly, to put the Democrats in the position of being attacked by the Republicans for being against the

defense budget that the Democratic Party has basically pursued."

The giant military spending bill is popular in both parties, in part because it finances a 4.8 percent pay raise for military personnel, the biggest increase in 18 years.

Clinton said Monday he vetoed the State, Justice and Commerce bill "because it fails to fund the additional 50,000 community police we need to keep crime going down in our communities. ... And by failing to provide for our obligations, including our U.N. dues and arrears, it imperils not only our vote in the United Nations but the ability to meet our obligations and, therefore, to maintain our national security."

The president said he would veto the Interior Department spending bill unless Congress changes it. Congress has declined to fully fund his "Lands Legacy" initiative, aimed at acquiring environmentally and culturally significant land that is threatened by development. Clinton also opposes several environmental provisions. One involves the amount of public land that can be used by mining companies to dump waste from mines. Another would postpone for at least six months a new formula for calculating the payments oil companies must make for extracting oil and natural gas from public lands.

The day's events underscored how Washington's divided government — a Republican-run Congress and Democratic-controlled White House — enables each party to thwart the other's major initiatives. Earlier this year Clinton vetoed the GOP's fiscal centerpiece, a 10-year, \$792 billion tax-cut plan.

Israel Opens Safe-Passageway Between Gaza and West Bank

By Tracy Wilkinson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

EREZ CROSSING, GAZA STRIP

Israel on Monday opened a safe-passage corridor that links the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip and West Bank, allowing hundreds of Palestinians for the first time to traverse the Jewish state in search of a taste of freedom, a long-unseen relative, or a job.

Most of the early travelers along the 34-mile route were young men armed with new permits and delighted to abandon the Gaza Strip.

"I never even dreamt of this," said Sami Abu Shaar, a 22-year-old sewing factory worker bound for Bethlehem. Like many others, Shaar was making his first foray outside the stifling borders of crowded Gaza, a desolate 140-square-mile patch of sand with nearly 1 million people and soaring unemployment.

"Gaza is too much like a prison," Jihad Fahed Aff, a 28-year-old father of two, said before boarding a bus. "Everywhere is closed to us. I want to see Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin. Now I will see my country."

Israel and the Palestinians agreed six years ago to improve freedom of movement between the two Palestinian enclaves, but the safe passage was never opened, in part because of Israeli fears that it would allow terrorists to infiltrate Israeli territory. For average Palestinians, safe passage may be the single most significant step in the peace process because of its potential to improve their daily lives — especially in Gaza, hemmed in as it is by Egypt to the south, the Mediterranean to the west and Israel.

Only Palestinians with hard-to-get work permits have been able to enter Israel from the West Bank and Gaza, and they could not leave one

Palestinian enclave and cross Israel to enter the other.

Israel controls access to the West Bank and Gaza. In another peace gesture on Monday, Israel gave permission for an exiled hard-line Palestinian militant to enter Palestinian-ruled land. Nayef Hawatmeh, who the Israelis hold responsible for a 1974 terrorist attack that killed 24 Israeli high school students, opposed peace with Israel for many years but has taken a more conciliatory stance recently and is making amends with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

The safe-passage route is intended to accommodate 1,000 people a day, authorities said. The Palestinians who travel the route are still subject to Israeli security checks. Only Palestinians cleared by Israel are issued the magnetic identification cards they need to use the corridor. The cards are valid for one year.

Those considered a potential threat must travel in twice-weekly escorted buses.

Travelers' luggage is X-rayed, their crossing of Israel is held to strict timing, and they may not stop along the way.

Nevertheless, Palestinian officials see the land link as another boost to their desire to establish an independent state within a year by uniting the enclaves and their people.

The mood was festive aboard the first bus to make the journey Monday morning. The young men, with duffel bags and packed falafel lunches, sang Egyptian pop songs, clapped and celebrated. One passenger attempted to quiet them down periodically, begging for good behavior lest the Israelis be given a pretext to stop the bus and send it

back home.

There was no Israeli escort for the bus.

The driver, a Palestinian, played the part of a tour bus chauffeur. Using a microphone, the driver announced the landmarks as they passed, including the ruins of an Arab village and the site of a legendary battle from the 1948 war that formed Israel. He gave the old pre-Israel Palestinian names for various villages.

Outside, the sparsely populated countryside rolled by. Cotton fields and lush orchards, a few housing developments under construction. American-style gasoline stations. An occasional Israeli army patrol.

Hatem Abu Muhsin, 22, marveled at the huge eucalyptus trees he saw. "If we had these trees in Gaza we'd have chopped them down by now for firewood," the third-year law student said quietly, his face glued to the window. "This is a beautiful country."

As expected, the safe-passage route — which spans Israel military checkpoints between Gaza's Erez and the West Bank's Tarkumiyah — will at first be used primarily by those seeking to escape Gaza, where officials say 2,000 people have already applied for safe-passage permits.

By nightfall, 426 Palestinians in 11 taxis and eight buses had traveled from Gaza to the West Bank, and 17 Palestinians traveled in the opposite direction, Israeli army spokesman Shlomo Dror said.

Eventually, Palestinians will be allowed to drive private cars along the route, too. Israelis will put a sticker on the car when it starts its journey and note the time. If it does not appear at the other end in a set amount of time, authorities will start searching for it.

Payne Stewart, 4 Others Killed After Plane Spins Out of Control

By Edward Walsh and William Claiborne
THE WASHINGTON POST

MINA, SOUTH DAKOTA

A Learjet carrying professional golfer Payne Stewart and four others streaked uncontrolled for thousands of miles across the heart of the country Monday, its occupants apparently unconscious or already dead, before it plunged nose first and crashed in a field near this north central South Dakota hamlet.

No one on the ground was hurt and there were no survivors aboard the aircraft, which came down in a marshy area about two miles southwest of here.

The cause of the uncontrolled flight and crash after the Learjet 35 apparently ran out of fuel were not known, but aviation experts speculated that the aircraft may have lost pressurization and that emergency backup systems failed as the plane's

autopilot kept it in the air. Loss of pressurization above 30,000 feet would cause occupants of the aircraft to lose consciousness from oxygen deficiency in one to two minutes, the experts said.

During some of its eerie, almost four-hour journey from Orlando to a swampy grassland in South Dakota, the Learjet was shadowed by Air Force and Air National Guard jet fighters, whose pilots reported that the aircraft's windows were frosted over, suggesting that it had lost pressurization. The Air Force pilots also reported that the Learjet meandered from as low as 22,000 feet to as high as 51,000 feet, but never strayed from a northwest heading.

The military aircraft were not armed with air-to-air missiles, and Pentagon officials said they never considered shooting down the Learjet.

"The FAA said this thing was

headed to a sparsely populated part of the country, so let it go," a senior defense official said.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration, the plane left Orlando, Fla., where Stewart lived, at 9:19 a.m. Eastern time Monday and was bound for Dallas. Stewart, a two-time U.S. Open champion, was scheduled to play later this week in the Tour Championship in Houston, the PGA's final tournament of the year.

The FAA said air traffic controllers lost radio contact with the plane at 9:44 a.m. just after they had cleared the twin engine jet to climb to 39,000 feet northwest of Gainesville, Fla. An FAA spokesman said air traffic controllers noted "significant changes in altitude" by the plane, but that the aircraft's crew did not respond to repeated radio calls from the ground.

A Champion of Moderation, R.I. Senator John Chafee Dies at 77

By Helen Dewar
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., 77, a gentle but stubborn champion of moderation in an increasingly polarized Senate and one of Congress' leading environmentalists, died Sunday of heart failure.

Chafee, a veteran of Guadalcanal in World War II who went on to more than 40 years in politics and government, died at 7 p.m. at Bethesda Naval Hospital after being admitted several hours earlier, according to aides. He had fallen ill at his McLean, Va., home.

Chafee announced in March he would not seek a fifth term in the Senate next year and never seemed to recover full strength after undergoing back surgery during the summer. But he maintained a full sched-

ule and was honored recently for a variety of causes, including last Thursday night for his support of historical preservation.

President Clinton said Chafee "embodied the decent center which has carried American from triumph to triumph for over 200 years" and "proved that politics can be an honorable profession."

The impact of Chafee's death will probably be felt most immediately on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which he headed for the past five years, giving the panel an environment-friendly focus that was not always in tune with the majority of Senate Republicans.

Conservative Sen. Robert C. Smith (N.H.) would be in line to succeed Chafee but for the fact that he left the Republican Party a few

months ago to pursue the presidency as an independent, leaving his claim to the chairmanship in serious doubt. Next in line is Sen. James M. Inhofe, R-Okla., another staunch conservative with a record that could hardly contrast more dramatically with Chafee's.

During their careers in Congress, the League of Conservation Voters found that Chafee agreed with its position 70 percent of the time, compared with 7 percent for Inhofe and 36 percent for Smith. The choice of a successor rests with the largely conservative Republican members of the committee, subject to approval by all GOP senators.

Chafee's seat as a senator is almost certain to be filled by a Republican, most likely by his son Lincoln, mayor of Warwick, the state's second largest city.

China Tries 4 Dissidents; Charges Falun Gong Figures With Spying

THE WASHINGTON POST

BEIJING

China put four political dissidents on trial for subversion Monday and charged the jailed leaders of a banned spiritual movement with the capital crime of stealing state secrets.

Analysts said the escalation of the government's campaign against dissent was designed as a slap at foreign critics and a clear warning to other would-be domestic opponents.

Human rights protesters have dogged a European tour by President Jiang Zemin over the past week, but the Chinese leader has ignored the Tibetan, labor rights and other activists who have greeted him noisily in Britain and France. Asked about the demonstrators Monday in Paris, Jiang told reporters: "I don't know their concerns exactly. In many countries I have visited, I have encountered this phenomenon."

But Lu Siqing, founder of the Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China, said Chinese leaders intended to send a message by putting four prominent organizers of the China Democracy Party on trial Monday while Jiang was abroad. "They want to show their strong resolve against Western human rights policy," Lu said.

U.N. Approves Timor Force

THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS

Setting aside concerns about the United Nations' finances, the Security Council voted unanimously Monday to send 8,950 peacekeepers, 1,640 international police officers and 200 military observers to oversee East Timor's transition to independence.

The creation of the U.N. Transitional Administration for East Timor comes three days after the organization established a 6,000-member peacekeeping mission for the West African country of Sierra Leone, where a July agreement ended a brutal civil war. Together, the two missions will more than double the number of U.N. peacekeepers around the world, previously 14,000.

Moreover, shortly after Monday's vote, the council opened negotiations on yet another peacekeeping mission, this time for the Democratic Republic of Congo. Officials said the world body might send as many as 15,000 peacekeepers to the Central African nation, formerly named Zaire.

The spurt in U.N. peacekeeping comes with the ability to fund such operations is in doubt, largely because of the failure of the United States to pay its debts.

The top U.N. peacekeeping official, Bernard Miyet of France, said the East Timor force could cost \$700 million to \$1 billion in its first year. The United States is billed for 31 percent of the cost of all U.N. peacekeeping missions, but Congress has demanded a reduction to 25 percent. Although the Clinton administration supports the East Timor mission, it has no commitment from Congress to pay the U.S. share.

"This is the right course of action," Peter Burleigh, the deputy U.S. representative to the United Nations, said after the Security Council's unanimous vote. "The international community must help the people of East Timor, first to rebuild their shattered lives and then to construct the institutions that they will need to become an independent state."



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- 2 Muddy Charles Board Meeting
- 3 General Council Meeting *
- 8 Activities Committee Meeting *
- 8-9 Ring Days, Lobby 10
- 11 GSC Representatives Endicott House Retreat
- 12 Activities Committee Working Meeting @ 1pm
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- 18 Academic, Research, and Careers Committee Meeting *

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* @ 5:30 in 50-220 (above the mudd)

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American Foreign Policy Blunders

The recent column on Pakistan ["The Pakistan Coup's Other Side," October 22] has overlooked the fact that Pakistan's coup is merely the latest of a long line of U.S. foreign policy blunders.

Our backing of the Shah's regime helped spark an Islamic revolution in Iran that continues to plague U.S. foreign policy, serving as a parable of how our support of repressive governments eventually returns to haunt us.

American policymakers made the same mistake when arming Iraq as a ballast against Iran — it was not long before Saddam

Hussein turned the weapons we had lavished upon him against American soldiers and allies.

After a decade of appeasement and billions in U.S. support, a nuclear and militant Pakistan is now backing Taliban extremists in Afghanistan and fanning the flames of Islamic fundamentalism.

Pakistan's metamorphosis from the intimate ally America knew in the 1980s to a potential adversary is a lesson to be considered when looking at our relationship with another Islamic nation firmly entrenched in authoritarian tradition.

Turkey has among the worst human rights records on earth, and over the past 25 years

Turkish troops have violated the sovereignty of Greece, Cyprus, Iraq and Iran, a list that includes two European democracies and, among them, a NATO ally. Turkey still occupies 40 percent of Cyprus after its 1974 invasion and has unilaterally occupied a "security zone" in Iraqi territory.

U.S. policymakers are now looking the other way as Turkey quietly pursues a nuclear weapons program, seeking to purchase the same technology from Canada that sparked Pakistan and India's nuclear arms race.

P. D. Spyropoulos
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Media Inaction in East Timor

Current Press Reports of Atrocities Are 24 Years Overdue

Guest Column
Michael Borucke

Numerous articles have recently been written pertaining to the crucial situation in East Timor. Major newspapers such as the *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, and *New York Times* have reported that after 24 years of brutal Indonesian occupation, the people of East Timor were finally allowed to decide whether or not they wanted independence from Indonesia. A great deal of coverage was given to the retaliatory actions of the pro-Indonesian militias who wouldn't accept a decision of independence. Even today, nearly two months after the vote, I can read about the peacekeeping mission in East Timor at the *New York Times* web site.

While I do appreciate the amount of attention this crisis is getting in the major media, a few questions still bother me. If Indonesia has been massacring the people of East Timor for 24 years, why is it only now that the American public is hearing about it, and why is it only now that the massacre is coming to an end?

One possible answer is that the media simply didn't find East Timor newsworthy. Too many other more important stories may have

edged out East Timor for the past two decades. It's entirely possible. But to believe that the situation in East Timor wasn't worthy enough to go to press seems hard to digest. Of the 700,000 people living in East Timor, 250,000 were tortured and murdered, thousands remain "missing", and thousands more have been displaced from their homes. The massacre in East Timor is a genocide whose proportions have not been witnessed since the Holocaust. I don't believe that the past twenty years have been exciting enough to warrant the complete dismissal of East Timor in the media, do you?

A more plausible, yet more frightening, alternative explanation is that the media intentionally ignored the situation in East Timor, but what motives could the press possibly have for doing this? The answer, as I see it, is that the media didn't want to highlight our government's involvement in the massacre in East Timor. The military aid the United States has given Indonesia has never been concealed from the public, yet it has never been publicized to the extent that it should have been. If any other country had supplied Indonesia with the arsenal the United States had, rest assured that the response of the media would have been far different. Articles, editorials, and discussions of experts would have all been visible in the

media. The media response would have been even more extensive if the United States had a vested interest in the victimized country. The fact is that the United States could benefit a great deal more if Indonesia had control over the natural resources of East Timor. And so it went.

When Indonesia invaded East Timor in the mid-70s, 90 percent of the weapons used were from the United States. Consequently, all media coverage of East Timor dropped to zero. When Indonesia was running out of weapons, President Carter stepped up to loan Indonesia the necessary supplies, and there was hardly a comment in the press. The massacre of the people of East Timor didn't seem to matter to the American government, and so why should it matter to the American people?

If this is the case, why has the press been covering East Timor so much lately? How did the people of East Timor gain their independence in the face of such a campaign of terror? A major part of the reason is the indomitable spirit of the East Timorese people. Their unwillingness to fade away as a people and a culture allowed them to endure 24 years of torture, murder, and brutality. Another factor for the increase in press coverage is that the American people simply would not allow the press to be

silent any longer. Organizations such as the International Federation for East Timor (IFET) and the East Timor Action Network (ETAN) are examples of the grassroots movements that have allowed people to become aware of the crisis in East Timor, and angry at the actions of our government. Whatever the reasons for the increase in press coverage, the fact remains that for twenty plus years, the major media in the United States did nothing to report the heinous atrocities in East Timor, and as a result hundreds of thousands of people died needlessly. Our "truth-seeking" press began reporting on East Timor only when public outcry demanded that they do so.

I would like to thank the United States press for finally covering a story that needed to be covered twenty years ago. Thank you for making sure that the story was brought to light at a time when our government would no longer be seen supplying Indonesia with the billions of dollars in weapons to wipe out an indigenous culture. I admire the lengths to which the press will go to prevent the American people from feeling awful about our government. Thank you for covering up a horrific story that might have otherwise been resolved years ago if caring people had just been made aware of the situation. I thank you, and the dead people of East Timor thank you.

Michael Borucke is a member of the Class of 2001.

Just Curious

Gábor Csányi

Let us suppose for a moment that rumor and hearsay are true. Let us suppose that the majority of the MIT undergraduates enjoy alcohol on a regular basis. Let us suppose that most of the living groups hold private parties which traditionally and necessarily include drinking. Let us suppose that there are extensive soft drug distribution networks across campus; that there is some hard drug consumption; that the stoned people who scattered from hallways have recently moved behind the safety of closed doors.

I really want to know what people like President Charles Vest, Dean Rosalind Williams and Chancellor Lawrence Bacow think of this. There are three distinct cases.

First of all, they could be completely ignorant of all that is going on around them. This is very unlikely: I have had the chance to meet with all of them personally, and found them to be most perceptive people. But in this case, I am just really sorry for them, because the events of the last two years must have shocked them greatly. I am even more sorry for them for what they are going to discover in the future.

Secondly, they could be aware of it and are trying to dance on the knife edge, trying to survive in a hostile social environment of the media and local politics (especially the Boston Licensing Board). I would really sympathize with them. They are doing an incredibly hard job, risking their professional and civil lives. If they adhered to the insane laws of this country regarding alcohol, they would have to prosecute most of their students, hardly a course of action that a university administrator would want. They must be very scared. Every morning they probably call up Campus Police Chief Anne Glavin and ask her if there was another incident overnight. After all, it is better to know first. I can imagine closed meetings where they discuss strategies to somehow protect the campus life from blowing up.

The third case is that they indeed know everything, but are powerless to act without proof. They really wish to uproot this horrible and antisocial behavior at MIT, and they strive to create a constructive environment, for, say a few hundred students, where they can further their education and academic career without the interference from the drunken bozos who were all admitted by mistake. It is very simple to achieve this goal. May I suggest that MIT hire several hundred police troops for a Friday night, and at about 11 p.m., they ring the doorbells at all dormitories and independent living groups simultaneously. Expel everyone on site. Problem solved.

I really value the openness of the American society, the fact that the faculty and staff at MIT are very approachable. I wish I could sit down with President Vest in a nice pub, have a glass of imported beer (it's okay, I am 26), and ask him, "Chuck, so what do you think of all this? You know, off the record, just between you and me?"

I am just curious.



Falwell 'Apology' Too Little, Too Late

Guest Column
Craig A. Lebowitz

Jerry Falwell is back in the headlines. Last week the Reverend Falwell, chancellor of Liberty University, responded to critics who say his outspoken position on homosexuality promotes anti-gay violence. Falwell, a vocal conservative Christian, vowed to tone down his language, yet in the same breath maintained that he knows of "no documented cases where Biblical teaching had resulted in anyone committing violent acts against gays."

This is not the first time Falwell has closed his eyes to reality. In late January, the Baptist leader told 1500 people in Kingsport, Tennessee that the Antichrist was alive today. "Of course, he'll be Jewish," added Falwell. This provoked an immediate outcry from the Jewish community, and rightfully so: the Bible says that the Antichrist will spread universal evil before the end of the world but will finally be conquered at the second coming of Christ. The conference at which Falwell spoke was intended to address concerns people might have over the new millennium.

Here is a real concern for the new millennium: the teachings of Falwell and some other influential Christian leaders are far more dangerous than the supposed ills they condemn.

As chief of Jerry Falwell Ministries, Falwell has targeted homosexuality through personally-funded pamphlets, evangelical television hours, and radio spots. On his web site <<http://www.falwell.com/>>, Falwell denounces homosexuality as "horrible and enslaving sin." Falwell's justification: the Bible says so. "In Genesis 19:1-28, there is the account of the

destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah because of the sin of homosexuality. Verses four and five describe how the men of the city desired that Lot send his two guests out to them that they might 'know' them. God destroyed the two cities because of the wickedness of homosexuality." This comes far before the part where the Bible says that women were created for men and should not speak in church (1 Corinthians). Falwell also entirely rules out the idea that God made homosexuals who they are. "To suggest that homosexuality is a physical condition caused by biological facts rather than an emotional and mental condition is highly blasphemous." Jerry's justification, you guessed it, is the Bible. Thankfully, all of Falwell's claims start and end with the Bible. How convenient.

Contrary to what the Reverend Falwell might preach, scientific accounts of homosexuality are gaining in number and credibility. Studies conducted by Richard Pillard, an associate professor of psychiatry at the Boston University School of Medicine, suggest homosexuality has at least a partial genetic foundation. In one study, Pillard found 52 percent of identical brothers were both gay, while 22 percent of non-identical brothers were both gay, and 11 percent of adopted brothers were both gay. Neurobiologist Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute found differences in the hypothalamus (which develops far before children even know about sex) between homosexual and heterosexual men. But, then again, who needs science if you have your Bible handy?

Who am I to tell the Rev. Jerry Falwell what to think or say to his listeners? Why should my opinions trump his? Falwell and I have the same right to preach whatever each of us sees fit. But here's the difficulty: when

Falwell's teachings interfere with the rights of others and disrupt society, he is no longer acting within his rights. In this sense, it really doesn't matter if what Falwell says is fact or fiction, he can say whatever he wants.

So how do I prove Falwell's teachings are driving any kind of violence? Remember, Falwell has no knowledge of "documented cases where Biblical teaching had resulted in anyone committing violent acts against gays." I can't. There is no way for me to prove that the band of conservative Christian protesters who wielded "God Hates Fags" signs outside the funeral of Matthew Shepard were influenced by Falwell's teachings (Falwell calls the group's leader a nut). Extremists aside, the religious right is driving the general feeling about homosexuality in this country, and it doesn't feel good to me. No individual can prove anything that would connect Falwell's free speech and hate violence. But when society as a whole disagrees with his philosophy, finds it dangerous, the Reverend can be held accountable.

I find Falwell's teachings unacceptable. I extend an invitation to others who feel the same way to make their feelings known. We must move quickly, before Falwell can further propagate his false doctrine about sexuality, alienate another religious group, or roast another fictional PBS character. Falwell's most recent apology is not accepted. The damage is already done, and Falwell is going to have to make amends amounting to more than a press release to earn back my respect. Let's tell Jerry Falwell we think what he teaches about homosexuality is "highly blasphemous."

Craig A. Lebowitz is a member of the Class of 2003.

FEATURES

Spotlight
AEOLUSBy Bushra Makiya
STAFF REPORTER

Aeolus is a new MIT/Wellesley literary magazine which was published for the first time last week. The purpose of *Aeolus* is to create another voice for the arts on campus and between the MIT and Wellesley communities and to bring about a greater awareness of, and a stronger community around, literary arts. Riaz S. Dhanani '01, treasurer of the publication, said that they wanted to provide "a literary voice on campus everybody knew about."

While there are other literary arts magazines at MIT, the founders of *Aeolus* wanted to add to what was already available and therefore to strengthen the presence of the literary arts on campus. The idea for the magazine began in the spring of 1998 but the publication didn't really get rolling until early 1999. For the first issue, MIT and Wellesley published two different versions of the magazine, but future issues will be identical. The Wellesley edition came out this spring, and the MIT version was released last week. The first MIT distribution consisted of 2700 copies, but the number will rise once the same version is being produced on both campuses. *Aeolus* is funded in part by the Council of the Arts.

Starting with the next issue, the magazine will also be web-based and can be found at <http://aeolus-mag.org> on the web. Work can be submitted and edited online. A system in which people log in to the site will even allow editorial meetings to take place online. A web-based issue will appear in the fall, and a hard copy issue will potentially be released during IAP or in February.

Aeolus publishes a monthly online newsletter called *Vine* in connection with the literary magazine. It consists of art reviews and a calendar of arts events in the area, among other things. *Vine's* purpose is to make the arts more accessible by being a resource for people to easily find out what's going on, especially what's happening on college campuses in Boston.

As described on the web page by Wellesley student Cathi Kwon, *Vine* is "a forum for art." It strives "To create a starting point for the arts experience. To act as a catalyst between the art and the community."

Conversations You Can Have on Campus

Aaron D. Mihalik
STAFF WRITER

A handful of student groups around campus have perceived a lack of events that create awareness and respect for people's differences. "Conversations that You Can't Have on Campus" resulted from the realization that there is a lack of activities that encourage students from different racial, ethnic, and gender groups to come together to discuss these differences.

"Conversations that you can't have on campus" is designed to encourage a small group of students to come together and discuss taboo issues such as racism, gender roles and sexual issues that they encounter at MIT. Also, it allows the students to listen and learn from their peers, who might have very different views. Many of these discussions take place within various living groups.

The latest session, about diversity, was held in Chocolate City. Members from Chocolate City and Kappa Alpha Theta attended.

"The whole idea of this session is that we set a comfortable atmosphere," said Jonathan S. White '00, a resident at Chocolate City and

a co-organizer of this event. "So that everyone feels comfortable enough to express their full beliefs and they don't feel that they are going to be attacked personally by other people."

In a typical session, the coordinator begins by encouraging the participants to lay out some ground rules for discussion. Many of these rules stress confidentiality, promote open conversation and encourage all members to participate in the discussion.

The exact nature of the seminar activities varies. Coordinators are encouraged to make use of role playing, debates, videos, films and brief newspaper articles to keep student interest.

The range of issues discussed are very broad and are narrowed down to specific issues. Usually topics are chosen by considering the dynamics of the living group or current issues on campus. Specific topics include differences in sexual orientation, differences and conflicts between racial and ethnic groups, sexual harassment at MIT, voluntary segregation on campus, affirmative action, interracial or interreligion dating and relationships, myths and stereotypes of race and sexu-

ality, exploring differences in religion and faith, and gender differences.

This program is a spin off of an IAP seminar taught by Tobie F. Weiner, a student administrator in the political science department.

"I've always thought we should have something like Tobie's seminar somewhere in the residence system," said White. "My house, Chocolate City, used to hold a seminar a few years ago called Nubian Notions... getting a seminar back in here and working with another group on campus were goals that I am glad we accomplished."

Students meet in groups of 15-20 students in the evenings for two to three hours. These discussions happen four times per semester.

Living groups that are interested in this seminar should contact Tobie Weiner for more information. Students who decide to offer the seminar in their living group must organize a two hour training session with Weiner. The seminar will be offered as an IAP class in the political science department (17.909) and training for spring semester will be held during the IAP class.

This Week in MIT History



Brian Hughes ran for Ugliest Man On Campus in 1973 on a vampire theme complete with blood donation.

The UMOG contest, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, began as the "Ugliest Man on Campus" competition this week in 1953. The idea came to be when an APO brother from another chapter suggested that the MIT chapter might run an "Ugly Man on Campus" competition as a fundraiser for charity. Originally limited to men, the contest's name was changed in 1992 to "Ugliest Manifestation on Campus." This encouraged women to run, and allowed not-so-ugly people to represent particularly ugly "manifestations" on campus. Some of these have included five-year-old milk from Random Hall (a 1995 and 1998 winner), and "Transparent Horizons" (a statue at the north end of the East Campus courtyard).

Votes are cast by students for a penny each. At the end of the week, the candidate with the highest total of votes wins a small prize, the honor of being UMOG, and right to choose which charity receives the total earnings of the fundraiser.

Often, the UMOG candidates are encouraged to run representing their living group. Random Hall resident Adam C. Powell '92 bragged of their "fourth UMOG in the last nine" in a letter to the Tech after the 1995 competition. ["Congratulations to UMOG Victor" November 3, 1995]

Robert D. Warshawer '54 was the first UMOG winner in December 1953. Cindy C. Helgeson '70 (1966), the first woman to run for UMOG, sold kisses in Lobby 7 for one dollar and ran with the slogan "I'm not pretty as a man." Other notable UMOG winners include mid-seventies long term candidates Aqualung and Sadie Bilgewater, "the Hump" and Brian Hughes, "Count UMOG," who was famous for his vampire costume and coffin in Lobby 10, and 1996 winner Steven E. Jens '97 (who had lost to the Random Hall milk the previous year by 47 cents).

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Are you planning on voting in the upcoming election?

Yes. I'm voting for the guy who goes to MIT — Erik Snowberg.
Daniel Chak '02



No. I'm too young.
Melissa A. Edoh '02

I'm voting by absentee ballot in my home state.
Melissa Horoschak '02

I would, and I'm registered actually, but I don't know enough about the candidates to make an educated decision. Definitely in the Presidential election though.
Susan J. Yuditskaya '01



No. I haven't been paying attention.
Leiter Kang G

No. I used to vote just to get the miniature pencil that comes with the absentee ballot, but then I realized that starting a miniature pencil collection really wasn't that important to me.
Kristy A. Stokke '99

No. I have never voted before. I don't think it affects me that much directly. I will definitely vote in the bigger elections.
Gary Mishuris '01



Yeah, I plan on voting. This will actually be the first time. I think it was a good idea for students to promote voting and help others register, because I know that's what got me motivated.
Tamra L. Haby '01

No. I'm not an American citizen... can't vote
Philip B. Tan '01

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Tuesday's Events

12:00 p.m. — **Athanasius Kircher's Correspondence Network and the Longitude Problem, Michael John Gorman, Dibner Institute Postdoctoral Fellow.** — Please call if you plan to attend: 253-6989 OR Send an email: dibner@mit.edu. Open. More info: Call Trudy Kontoff at 253-6989. Email kontoff@mit.edu. Rm E56-100.

12:00 p.m. — **Gifted Children: Social, Intellectual, and Emotional Issues, Deirdre V. Lovecky, Ph.D., Gifted Resource Center of New England.** Open. More info: Call Family Resource Center at 253-1592. Email frc@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/personnel/www/frc/>. Rm 16-151.

2:30 p.m. — **Liquid flow (drainage) in aqueous foams, Professor Stephan Koehler, Department of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University** — Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Professor John Bush at 253-4387. Email bush@math.mit.edu. Rm 2-338.

4:00 p.m. — **Miniaturized Components for Single Chip Radios, Peter Gammel, Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies** — Refreshments in Room 34-101 at 3:30 p.m. Open. More info: Call Debroah Hodges-Pabon at 253-5264. Email debb@mtl.mit.edu. Web: <http://www-mtl.mit.edu/>. Rm 34-101.

4:15 p.m. — **Low Order Models for the Performance of Gas Bearings, Mr. Nicholas Savoulides, MIT, Gas Turbine Laboratory** — Refreshments 4:15p.m. Lecture 4:30p.m. Open. More info: Call Lori Martinez at 253-2481. Email dragonl@mit.edu. Rm 31-161.

6:30 p.m. — **Aldo van Eyck: A Humanist Rebel in the Post-War World, Alex Tzonis and Liane Lefaivre, Technical University, Delft** — Dept of Architecture Lecture. Open. More info: Call Dept of Architecture at 253-7991. Rm 10-250.

7:00 p.m. — **Cutting the Costs of Higher Education, Phil Greenspun, Hal Abelson, Lawrence Bacow, and Alfred Essa, MIT Prof. and Admin** — Should MIT be tuition-free? To what extent should educational resources of MIT be publically available. Open. More info: Call Swass Distribution at 859-9564. Email swassd-officers@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/swass/>. Rm 6-120.

5:00 p.m. — **MIT-FAQS Study Break.** Study break sponsored and hosted by MIT-FAQS (Friendly Alliance of Queers and Straights). Come have snacks and conversation with queer-friendly people, in the back room of the student center coffeehouse. straton coffeehouse. Sponsor: LBGT Issues Group. 7:00 p.m. — **"Couple in Cage" and "Borderstasis: The Many Lives of an End-of-the-Century Bandit"**. Films shown in conjunction with residency by Abramowitz Memorial Lecturer Guillermo Gúmez-Peña and Roberto Sifuentes. Admission 0. Rm 2-105. Sponsor: Office of the Arts. 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. — **Contra Dance for All.** Contra Dance for All with live music, refreshments. No experience or partner necessary! In Lobdell Dining Hall (W20 second floor) 7:30-10:30 pm. Admission 0. Lobdell Dining Hall, W20. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. — **Chi Alpha Campus Meeting.** Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will be sponsoring a series on the book of Revelation at our weekly meeting. There will be time for worship and fellowship as we study the Bible. PDR 3, Student Center. Sponsor: Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

Wednesday's Events

11:00 a.m. — **Applications of Raman Gain in Optical Transmission Systems, Per Hansen, Lucent Technologies, Bell Laboratories** — On November 3, on this Date only, Lecture will be held in 36-428 (RLE Conference Room). Open. More info: Call Erich Ippen at 253-8504. Email ippen@mit.edu. Rm 34-Grier Room B.

12:00 p.m. — **Defense Economics, Professor William P. Rogerson, Department of Economics, Northwestern University** — Bag lunch, refreshments will be provided. Open. More info: Call Lynne Levine at 253-0133. Email llevine@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/ssp/>. Rm E38-615.

12:10 p.m. — **Bottom boundary layer structure and detachment of the shelfbreak jet in the Middle Atlantic Bight, Robert Pickard, WHOI.** Open. More info: Call Markus Jochum at 3-3-2322. Email markus@ocean.mit.edu. Web: <http://www.mit.edu/~mjochum/sack.html>. Rm 54-1411.

4:00 p.m. — **The turn-around of Continental Airlines, Mr. Gordon Bethune, Chairman and CEO, Continental Airlines** — Mr. Gordon Bethune, Chairman and CEO of Continental Airlines will talk about the Turn-around of his company and the future strategies. Open. More info: Call Xudong Gao, Lisa Breede, at 253.3721. Email xgao@mit.edu. Rm E51-395.

4:15 p.m. — **On the combinatorics of the toric Hilbert scheme, Diane Maclagan, University of California, Berkeley** — Refreshments will be

served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Professor Sara Billey at 253-6544. Email sara@math.mit.edu. Web: <http://www-math.mit.edu/~combin>. Rm 2-338.

9:00 p.m. — **UA Committee on Student Life Meeting.** Interested in athletics funding, campus dining, banking, the Campus Police or SafeRide? Come discuss these important issues and more. W20-401. Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

Thursday's Events

3:00 p.m. — **Experiences in Interactive Expression, TBA** — Visiting artists who use digital media and interactivity or audience participation in their work, will focus in depth on one piece, with a quick overview of his/her work, followed by discussion. Open. More info: Web: <http://cavs.mit.edu/seminar/mas879/interact.html>. MIT Museum Bldg, 390.

4:00 p.m. — **Dynamics of "Small-World Networks", Duncan Watts, Postdoctoral Associate, Sloan School of Management, MIT** — Refreshments to follow in Room E40-106. Open. More info: Call Alp Muharremoglu at 253-7412. Email Alp@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/orc/www>. Rm E40-298.

4:15 p.m. — **Unifying Threads in Membrane Studies - from Dystrophy to Synthetic Blood Cells, Dennis E. Discher, Ph.D., Biophysical Engineering Lab, University of Pennsylvania** — Refreshments at 4:00pm; Talk at 4:15pm. Open. More info: Call Pat Cunningham at 432-1738. Email pat_cunningham@hms.harvard.edu. Web: <http://hst-hu-mit.mit.edu/> Rm E25-111.

12:10 a.m. — **GABLES Monthly Lunch.** A social get-together of the MIT Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian Employees and Supporters group. Contact David Fitzgerald at 258-0235 or dftz@mit.edu for more information about this month's lunch. Send e-mail for location. Sponsor: GABLES. 12:00

p.m. — **MIT Chapel Concert.** The Robert Torres/ Mark Small Guitar Duo. Works by Petit, Scarlatti, de Falla, Piazzola. Admission 0. MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Office of the Arts. 7:00 p.m. — **Close Encounters Across**

Cultures Film Series: Lone Star. This 1996 John Sayles murder-mystery explores interracial tensions in Rio County, TX. Prof. Nicolas Wey-Gomez will introduce the film, discussion and refreshments will follow. 4-237. Sponsor: Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. — **Close**

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"Great Mojado Invasion (The Second US-Mexico War)". Films shown in conjunction with residency by Abramowitz Memorial Lecturer Guillermo Gúmez-Peña and Roberto Sifuentes. Admission 0. Rm 2-105. Sponsor: Office of the Arts. 7:00 p.m. — **An Evening with Paul Auster.** MIT Writers

Series presents the translator, novelist, essayist and screenwriter whose work has been translated into 19 languages. Admission 0. Rm 10-250. Sponsor: Office of the Arts. 8:00 p.m. — **William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew".** Shakespeare Ensemble's major production this fall is a deconstruction of William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" directed by Michael Ouellette. Admission 6.00. Kresge Little Theatre. Sponsor: Shakespeare Ensemble. 8:00 p.m. — **The Taming of the Shrew.**

Shakespeare Ensemble Fall major production, directed by Senior Lecturer Michael Ouellette. Tix: \$8, \$6 students w/ID & senior citizens. Admission 6.00. Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

Friday's Events

9:00 a.m. — **New Frontiers in Brain Science Symposium.** Two day neuroscience symposium hosted by RIKEN/MIT Neuroscience Research Center features 20 speakers from top neuroscience institutes in the area, and RIKEN, Japan. Whitehead Institute. Sponsor: RIKEN/MIT Neuroscience Research Center.

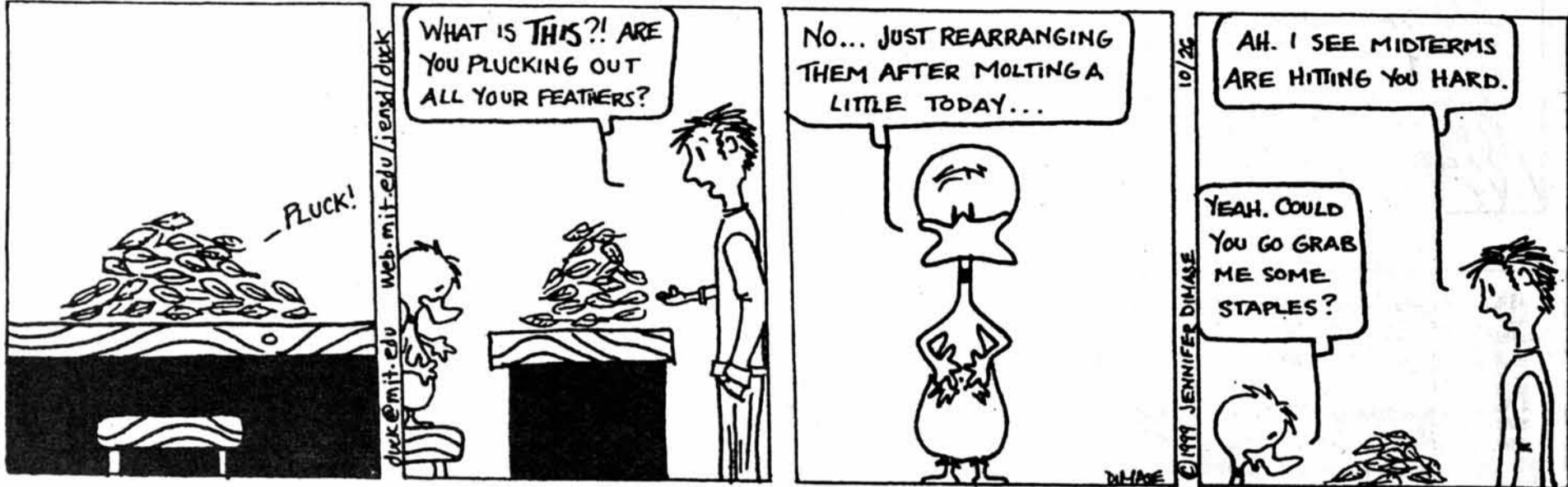
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8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. — **Swing Night.** Music by Mid-Life Crisis Jazz Band with Prof Jay Keyser on trombone. Sponsors: CAC Program Board, MIT Ballroom Dance Club, MIT Ballroom Dance Team, Graduate Student Council Activities Committee. Admission 0. Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

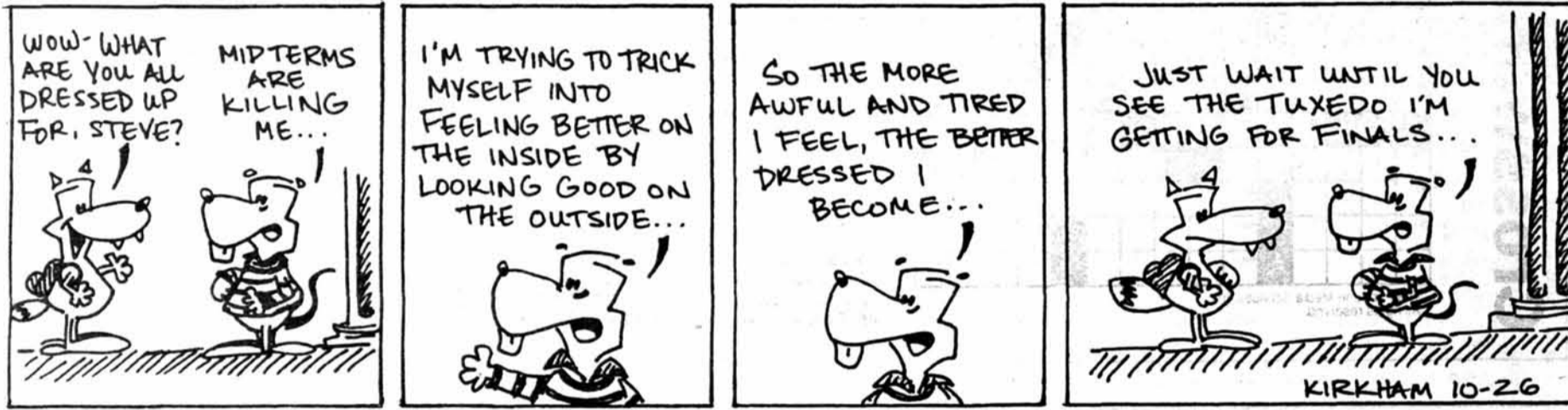
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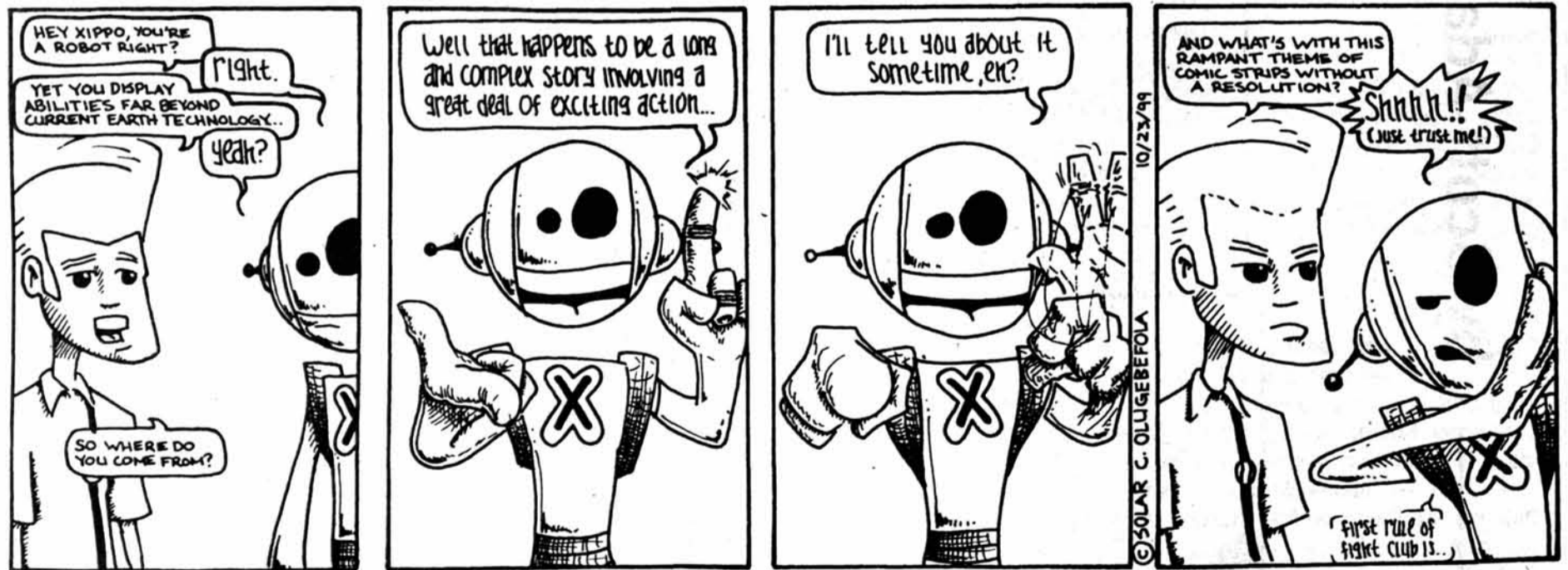
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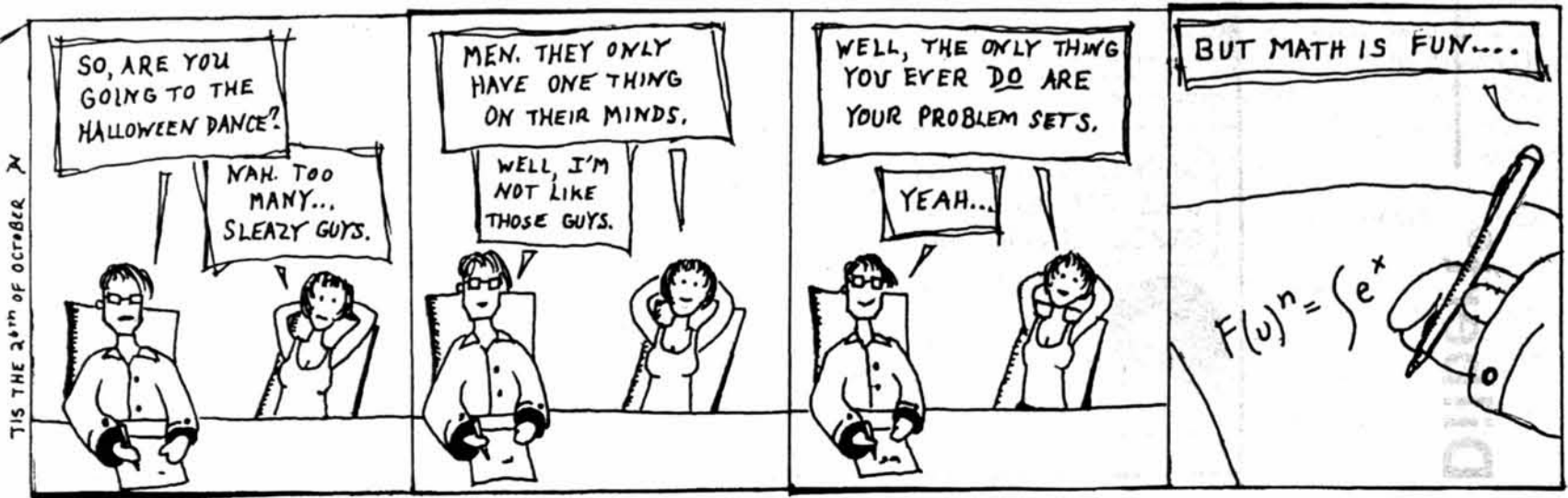


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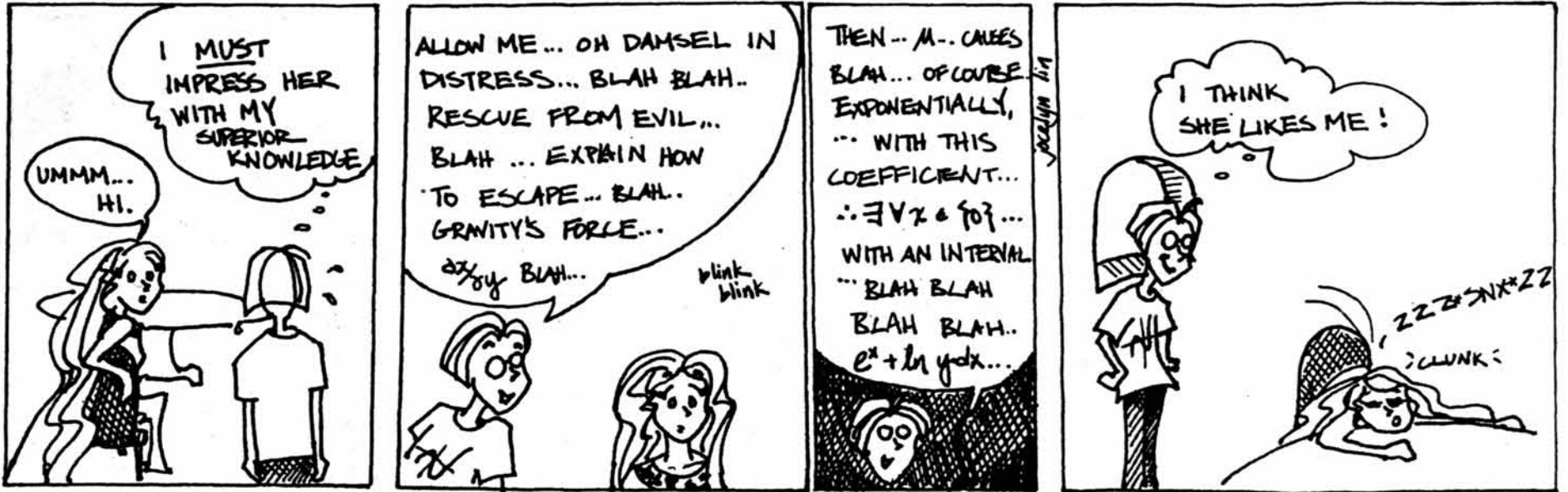


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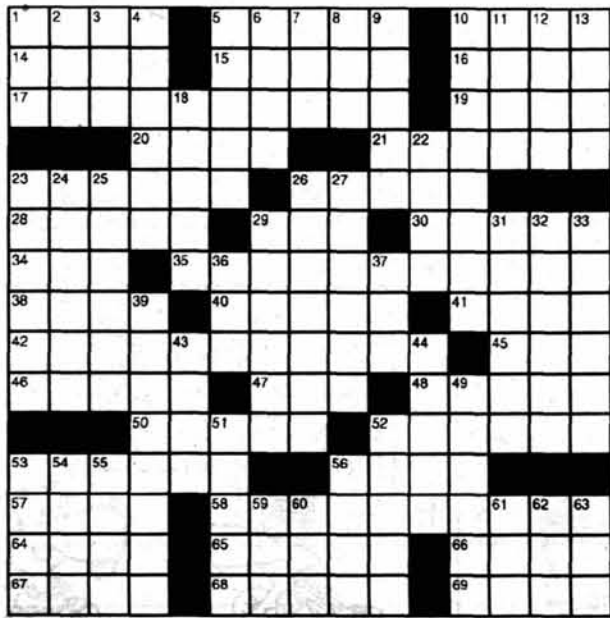
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- 28 Actress Teri and others
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- 35 Ireland
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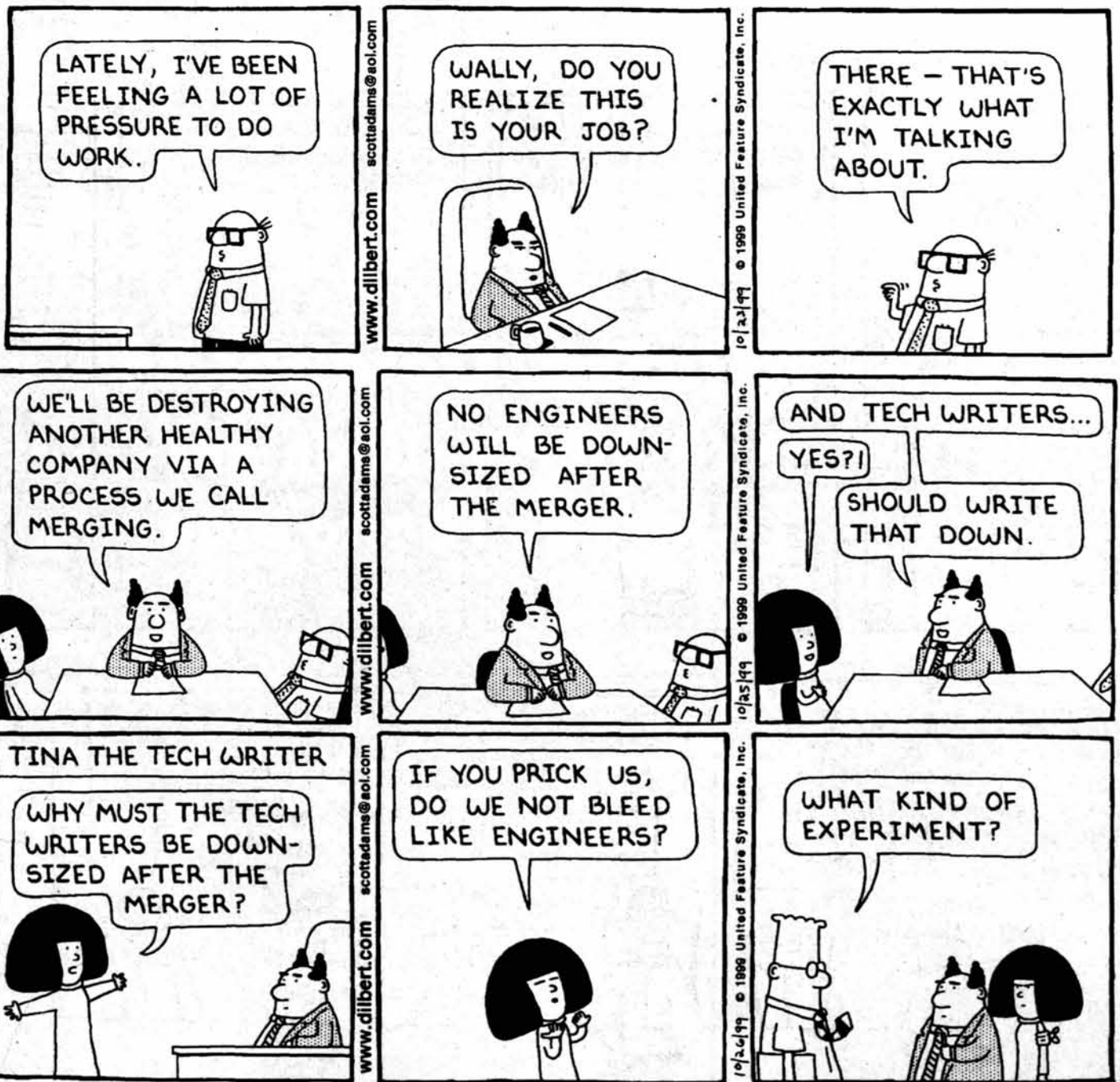
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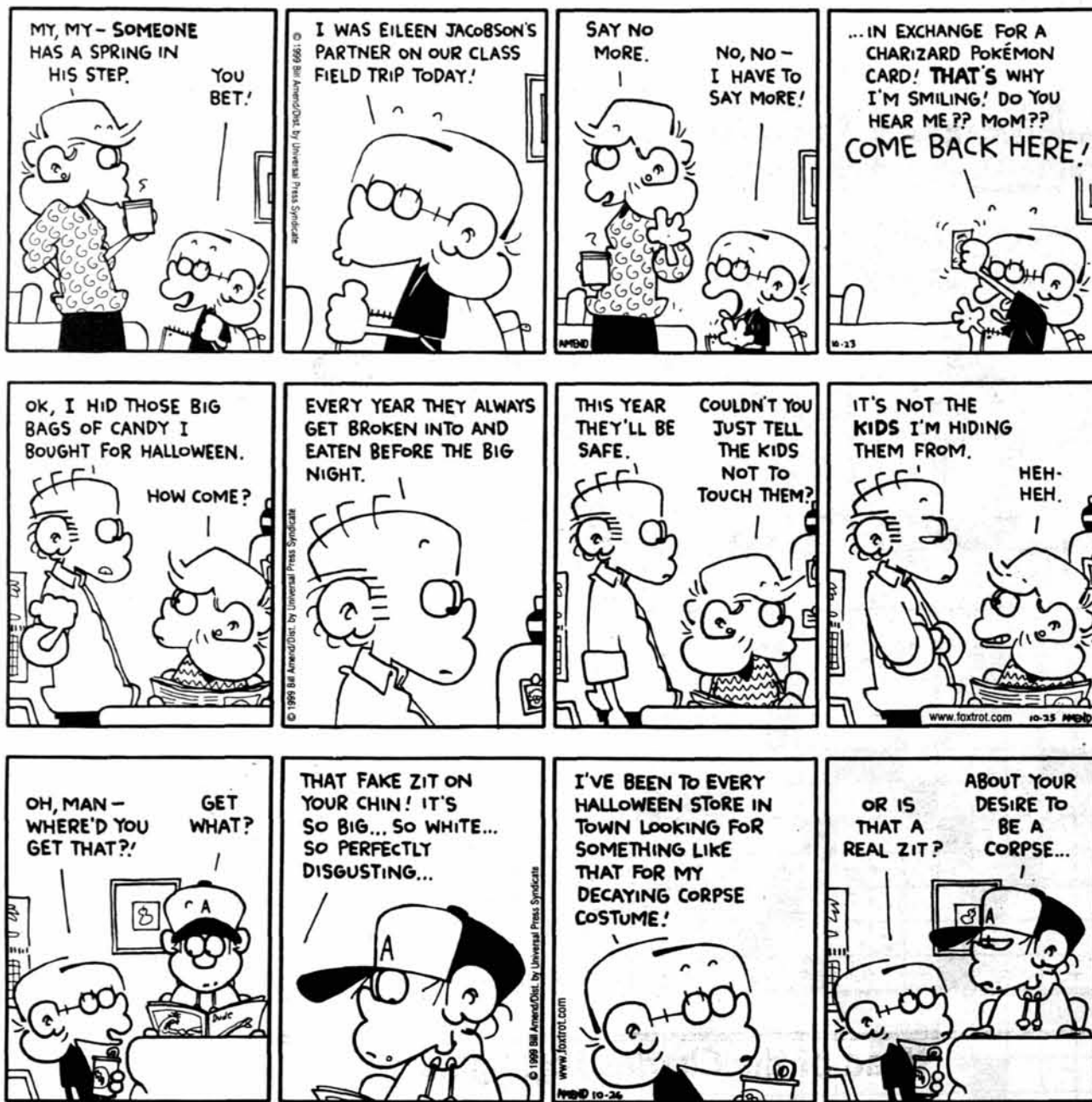
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Head of the Charles 1999



Alum Smith Wins Singles

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Germans (15:00.51) who finished 12 seconds after them. Molesey Boat Club from England, Brown University and the Princeton National Team Training Center rounded out the top five. Princeton and Yale Universities were the second and third fastest collegiate finishers.

In the women's championship eight event, the Canadian National Team won, followed by the U.S. and Denmark.

The Men's Championship single proved more exciting this year than ever before as it featured a number of the world's best scullers; many of them will compete in the Sydney Olympics. A number of them already hold World Championship and Olympic Gold Medals. MIT Sloan alum Don Smith (18:24) surprised the rowing world when he passed two-time Head of the Charles and two-time world champion Jamie Koven (18:56) in the third mile of the race. Smith then extended his lead to capture a nine-second victory over second place finisher Cyrus Beasley, U.S. single sculler at the Atlanta Olympics.

Another sculler affiliated with MIT, Mike Perry '99, left a mark on the rowing world with a high finish in the Championship Single, guaranteeing him a spot in next year's regatta. Perry captured 7th place in 19:09.

In the Lightweight Eights race, the U.S. National team again won followed by the Canadians and then Yale University.

The Sloan men's crew — Peter A. Milt (cox), Dominick Layfield G (stroke), Michael P. Harms G, Philip H. Bradley G, Remko Vos G, James E. Geshwiler G, Jameson James G, Brian D. Harms G, Michael Lohse (bow) — finished 6th in the Club Eight event behind Harvard who won in 16:20. Professor Hartley Rogers finished 3rd in the Senior Veteran singles category.

Head of the Charles Highlights

Michael M. Perry '99, 19:09, finished 7th out of 45

Professor Hartley Rogers, 23:59.80, finished 3rd of 19

Sloan Crew Women's Four, 22:25.13, finished 22nd out of 53

Sloan Crew Men's Eight, 19:17.39, finished 12th out of 73

Women's Varsity Heavyweights, 19:17.39, finished 12th out of 73

Women's Junior Varsity Heavyweights, 20:41.18, finished 49th out of 73

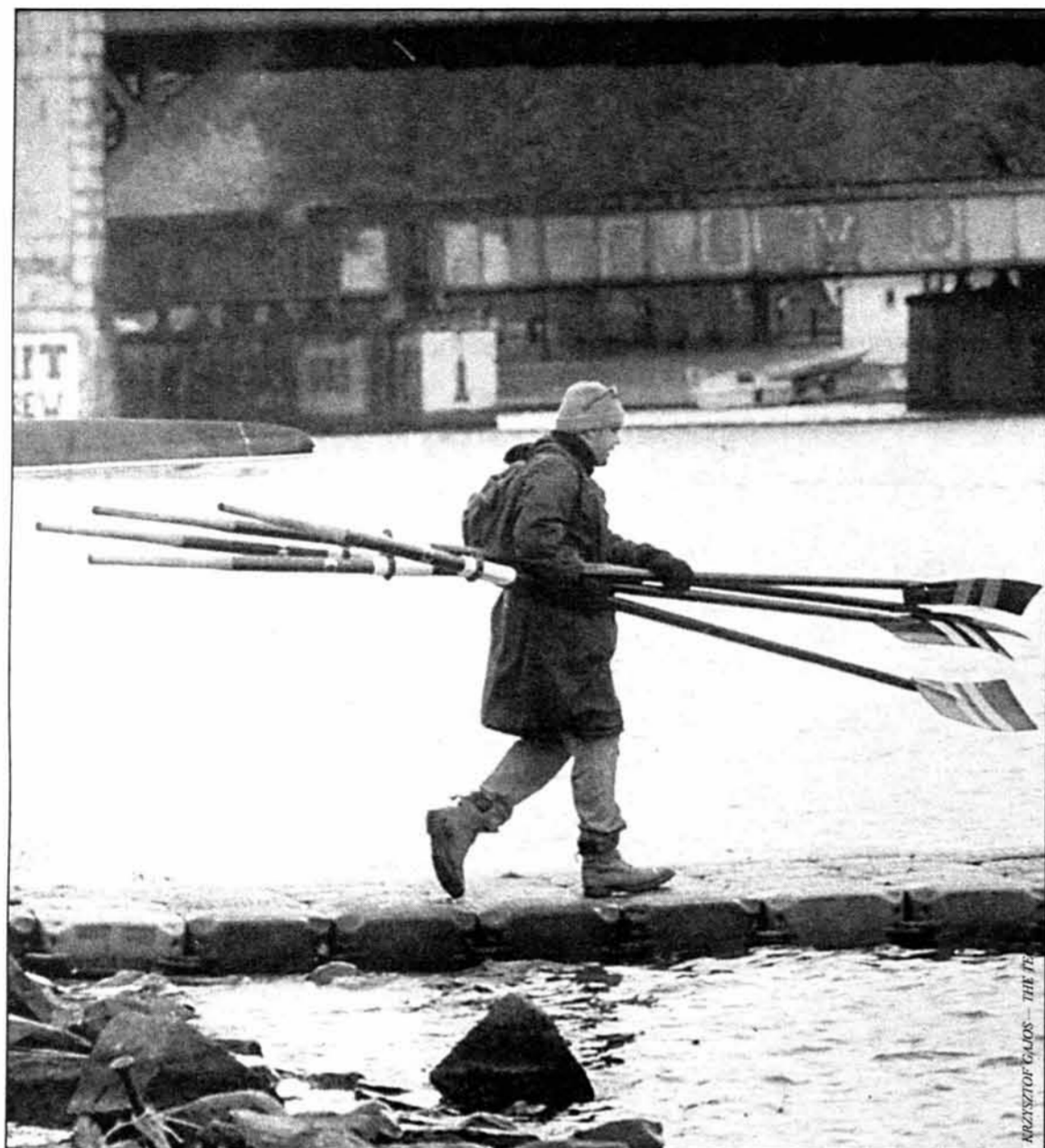
Freshmen Men, 16:51.61, finished 14th out of 45

Men's Varsity Heavyweights, 16:46.73, finished 37th out of 46

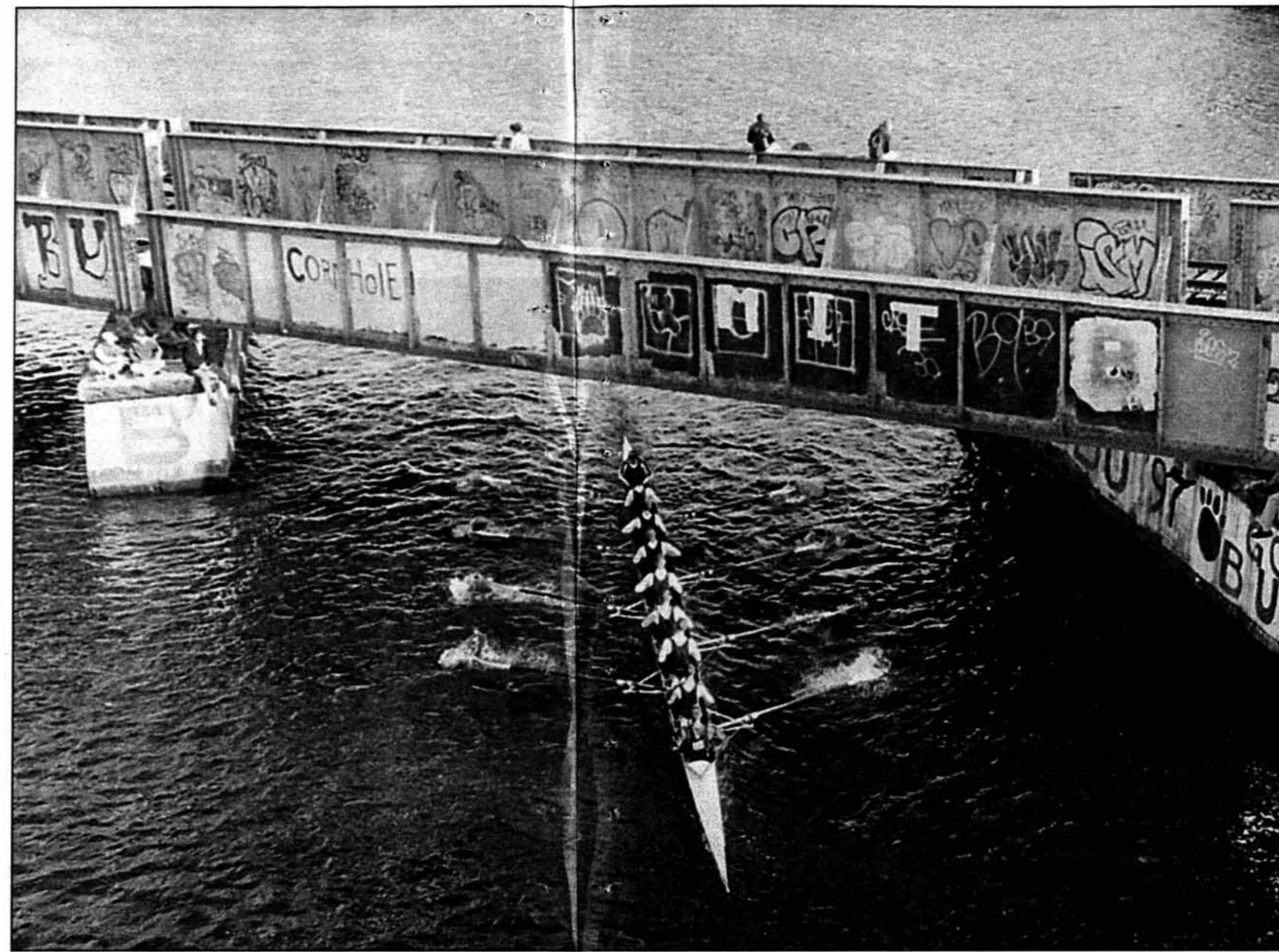
Men's Varsity Lightweights, 16:37.99, finished 19th out of 23

Women's Varsity Lightweights, 20:10.67, 15th out of 25

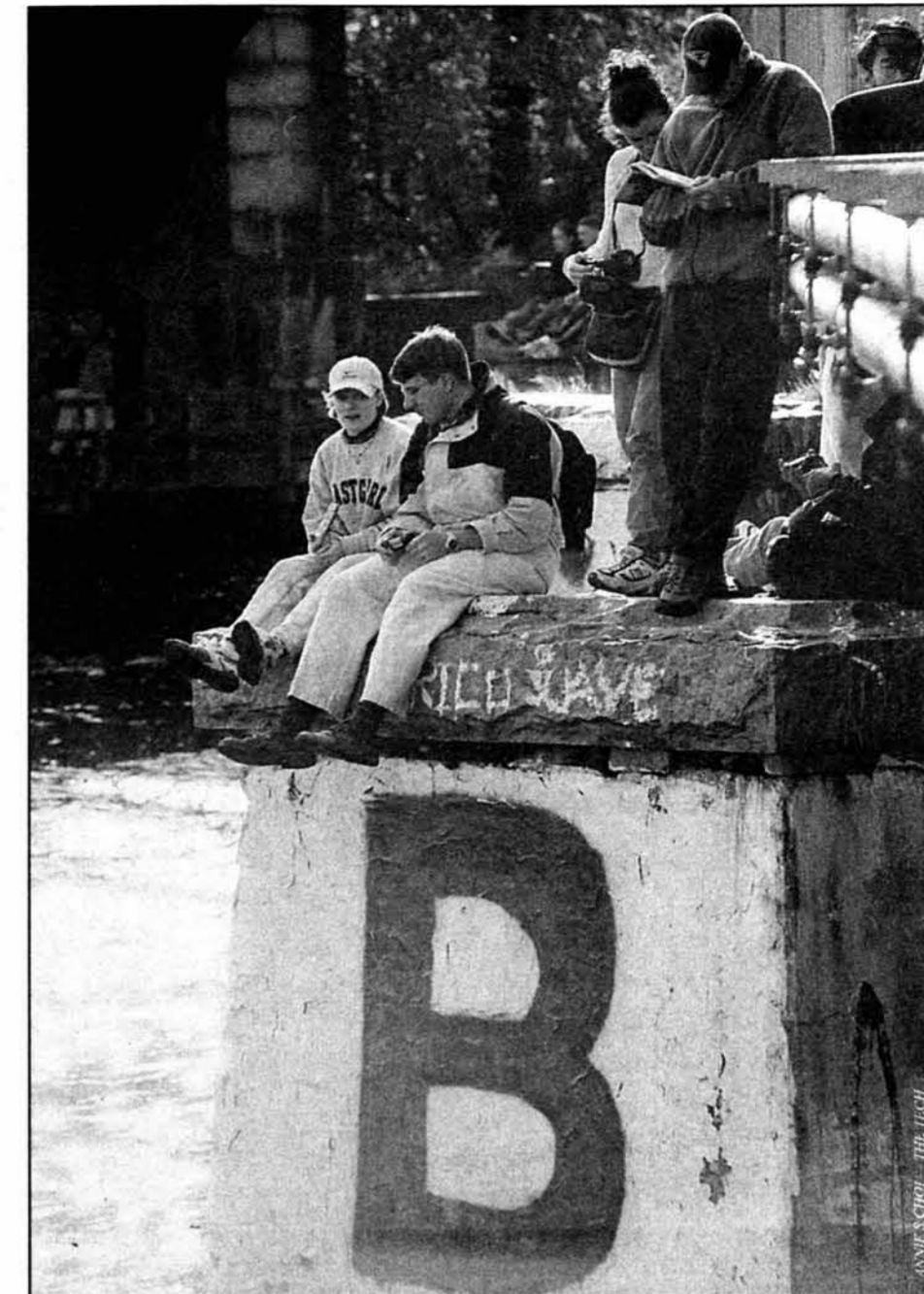




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Men's Results

By Brian K. Richter
TEAM MEMBER

This year's Head of the Charles Regatta proved to be both disappointing and encouraging for the MIT men's crew teams. The varsity heavyweights finished in 16:46.73 for a very low 37th place out of 46 crews in the Championship Eights event after a sub par race, in the world's most competitive head race. The lightweights also finished a low 19th of 23 with 16:37.99. MIT's freshmen squad, however, was the 4th fastest college eight in its event.

The freshmen eight — Benjamin J. Zeskind '03 (cox), Patrick R. Buckley '03 (stroke), Alexander T. Jacobs '03, Stephen P. Bathurst '03, Collins P. Ward '03, Nicholas K. Abercrombie '03, Zachery A. LaValley '03, Michael J. Carrabine '03, and Jeffery T. Loh '03 (bow) — proved to be the highlight of Saturday's racing for the MIT men. This was only the second time in the last twenty years that MIT has had enough experienced freshmen to enter a competitive boat in the Head of the Charles, which made their performance even more special.

The eight freshmen rowed a very solid race. They placed higher than freshmen league competition from Brown and Princeton Universities; those schools' varsity squads finished 1st and 2nd among college crews in the Championship Eight event, respectively. They also beat a Syracuse University program that has a number of athletes on scholarship. MIT finished in 16:51; Harvard freshmen won the event in 15:45 followed by Yale in 15:57.

The varsity crew — Amanda Y. Yang '02 (cox), Christopher J. Penny '01 (stroke), Brian K. Richter '02, Eugene Weinstein '00, Mark H. Jhon '01, Andrew D. Copeland '01, Andrew A. Lamb '02, Igor L. Belakovskiy '01, Mehlan L. Parker '01 (bow) — unfortunately did not fare as well. Starting in the 17th position that last year's squad earned, this year's Beavers could not match last year's performance and finished 20 places back.

The race started off well for the Engineers but took several turns for the worse. From the start through the end of the Magazine Beach the Beavers rowed solidly according to their race plan and were moving closer to the Cornell University boat that started in front of them. Then one of the oarsmen caught a crab (lost control of his oar and let it get caught next to the boat). The boat recovered quickly from the mishaps and only lost approximately a boat length on the crews around them but the race wasn't the same again.

Through the rest of the race the MIT crew allowed three boats to pass them and ended up with boats next to them at the crucial Weeks and Eliot Bridge turns. This forced the Beavers to swing wide around the river bends and lose valuable seconds in the race.

Coach Gordon Hamilton told his crew they should be disappointed but not discouraged with the result. He also thinks this will give the Beavers something to work toward at the Foot of the Charles and throughout the winner.

MIT's freshman squad races again on the Charles this Saturday in the MIT Invitational, hoping to further prove their ability to perform well. The entire men's crew team will race in the Foot of the Charles Regatta on November 20. Both races start at the MIT Boathouse and finish by the Harvard Boathouse.



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Women's Results

By Kathleen G. Vokes
TEAM MEMBER

The 34th Head of the Charles, the world's largest regatta with more than 5,400 athletes competing, saw strong performances from the four MIT women's crews.

On Saturday, the varsity and junior varsity heavyweights crews raced in the Women's club eight and the Sloan Crew team raced in the women's club four. The three mile race course was especially long on Saturday due to a hearty head wind. The first varsity boat took 12th place finishing in a time of 19:17.39 and the junior varsity boat took 49th place in a time of 20:41.18, both crews performing better than last year. The Sloan crew finished 22nd out of 53 in a time of 22:25.13.

The varsity boat raced with women Julie D. Gesch '00 (coxswain), Jeanne Tomaszewski '00 (stroke), Audrey Alchin '00, Alicia Jillian Hardy '00, Katherine S. Graham '01, Stephanie E. Chen '00, Rhonda L. Bush '00, Elizabeth V. Rose '00, Emily J. Hanna '00 (bow) and was right in the thick of the race. In order to avoid crashing the boat had to take a slightly longer course than desirable. Furthermore, through the Week's footbridge, the crowd was so loud that the crew could not hear their coxswain.

The junior varsity-boat raced with Sarah A. Martinez '02 (coxswain), Senna Kim '01 (stroke), Kathleen G. Vokes '00, Sonya H. Blesser '01, Hillary K. Rolls '02, Meredith E. Peck '03, Katherine L. Croff '00, Danielle S. Smith '02, Eleanor R. Foltz '00 (bow) and got off to a slower start than expected, but as the race started to warm up as the race went on, the speed picked up.

The Sloan team was comprised of Heather MacLean G (coxswain), Shana Sturla G (stroke), Julie Bradley G, Kimberly Locke G, and Sarah Shiochet G (bow).

Lightweights have benefit weather

On Sunday, the varsity lightweights raced in the women's lightweight eight competition, taking 15th place out of 25 boats with a time of 20:10.67. The lightweights raced with Julie Wyatt '01 (coxswain), Sneha Madhavan '00 (stroke), Lisabeth Willey '02, Michelle Duvall '03, Megan Galbraith '01, Katherine Koch '00, Jennifer Elfan '01, Julie Zeskind '02, Julie Devine '00 (bow). The conditions on Sunday were pleasant with a light headwind and smooth water.

Though they did not beat their time from last year's race, the crew recovered from one of the dreaded accidents that all crews fear under the Anderson bridge. Their coxswain took a wider course to give a passing crew room, but the Oregon crew ended up coming too close and as the oars between the two boats clashed, the Tech 3-seat caught an over-the-head crab which forced the MIT crew to come to a complete stop and recover their oar.

The mediocre finish was due to a combination of a slow start, the collision, and a ten second penalty for crossing a buoy.

The women's team is the largest it has been for at least the past three years and is working toward medaling at the Eastern Sprints this spring.



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GET TO THE GOOD PART.

Decker Turns Down Place on CCA Slate

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this year, despite the political risk associated with turning-down a CCA slate offering.

"I have people who have supported me and have supported both CCA and independent candidates," Decker said. "And the differences between those two camps have not been policy issues. They've been over these historically entrenched camps."

"The stereotype," said Decker, "is that if you're CCA, you're a liberal from an upperclass background. And that if you're not, you're a conservative."

"But there's a lot more people who fall in the middle," Decker said. "That's where I come from."

Decker called Cambridge "a city in crisis," saying that the city council has not had the strength to come together and build coalitions.

"My strength is that I bring a lot of people together who have not been together in the past," Decker said. "We took a risk by not being on a slate, but it's about saying that it's time to do things differently and not be boxed in by labels that do not give the full picture of who I am."

Decker comments on Snowberg

Decker also commented on the candidacy of MIT student Eric Snowberg '99, who is also a Cambridge City Council candidate.

"I don't think it's enough to support a student just because he's a student," Decker said. "With that said, I

think Erik Snowberg has done his homework and is running on a solid set of issues that he cares about. There are people here who have lived longer in Cambridge than he has and are running for a council position even though they know less than he does about the community."

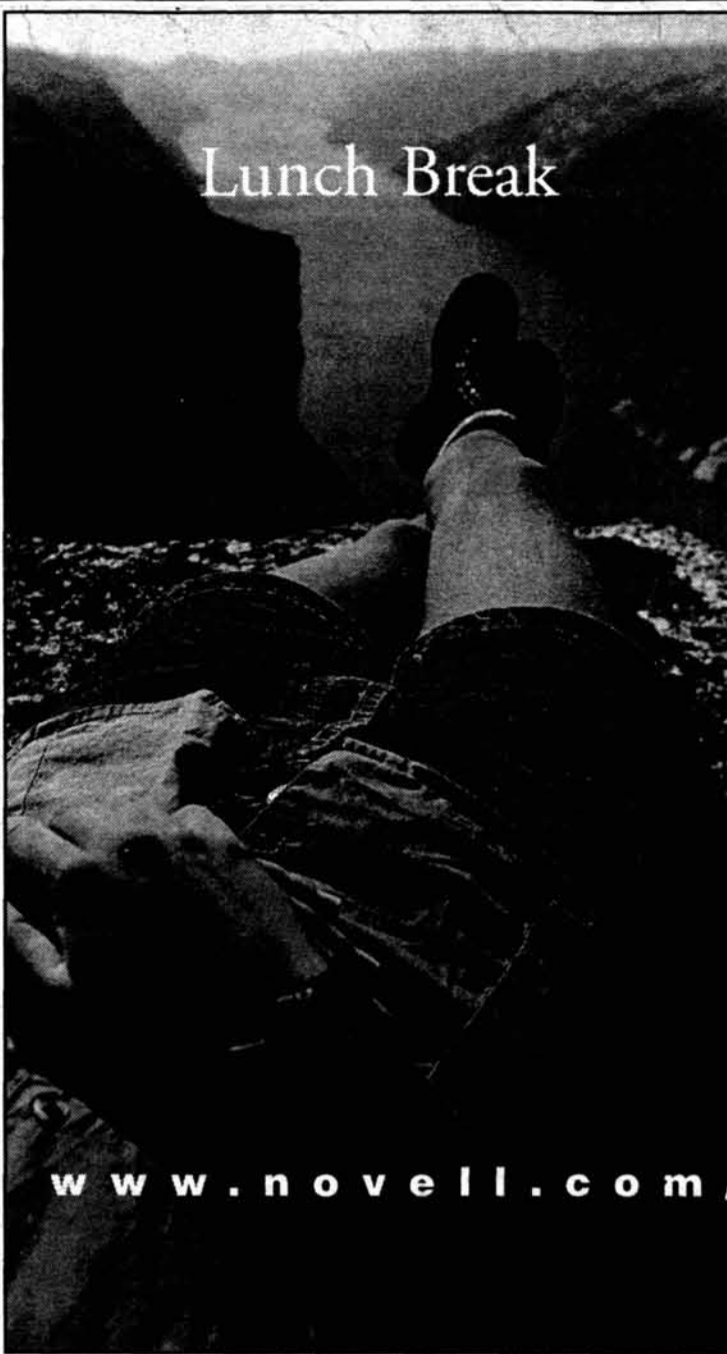
But Decker also pointed out that Snowberg's campaign has called attention to the problem of student apathy at universities, particularly with regard to local politics.

"Students come to MIT to learn," Decker said, "and while they're there, part of their experience is being part of the community. But when students come of age to vote, they're leaving home and entering this whole new world, and that's where their interests lie."

"Apathy has such a negative connotation," Decker said. "But usually it's just the fact that student interests aren't so local. Getting students involved in local issues is a challenge."

Decker attributed responsibility for student inactivity in local issues to neighborhood universities.

"This is where the universities can be involved," she said. "The universities have to be more connected with the community. But I certainly think students can put pressure on their universities and initiate reform at the local level. When I got involved in issues involving both my university and my community, I began to realize my power to change things."



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SAC Plan Calls for \$275M in Capital Improvements

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community has really made this report happen," McGann said. McGann advocated that the house masters receive a support staff, and that graduate resident tutors receive an actual budget with which to plan social and academic events. McGann also suggested that MIT try to bring alumni back to campus and to bring together people "across the MIT community."

Financial concerns discussed

UA Vice President and SAC committee member

Lex Nemzer '00 discussed the financial aspect of the SAC proposal. Nemzer described the plan as "relatively preliminary, but a good estimation of what we're going to need financially."

The plan, which calls for \$275 million above the current capital plan of \$750 million, consists of three phases. These phases, to be completed by the summer of 2009, include renovations to most of the existing dormitories as well as Walker Memorial and the student center.

This plan proposes that all undergraduates be offered housing and that first year and 50 percent of all graduate students be provided

with MIT housing.

"MIT can't afford not to do this," Nemzer said. "It's critical to MIT's residence objective and education mission."

Nemzer advocated active fundraising from alumni, emphasizing that MIT really "needs their money."

SAC chair John Hollywood G spoke mainly about the administrative aspects of the proposal, advocating effective management and governance of the residence system.

Hollywood mentioned an "ongoing conference to assign responsibility for the residence system to all stakeholders in the system."

The SAC report proposes the formation of a committee called the Student Life Council, which would contain undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and possibly alumni. This committee would deal with student life issues on a daily basis.

One of the subcommittees of this group, called the Monitoring Committee, would review the performance of senior level administrators.

The committee would award a 10 to 15 percent salary bonus to those senior-level administrators who fulfilled their responsibilities. Other employees could also be recognized for their efforts.

"Unless people are accountable for the progress of the system, the system won't work very well," Hollywood said.

Hollywood stressed that the system needs to follow the guidelines for systems engineering and project management. "You can do both in just five minutes a day," he said.

Frank talks about rush

Committee member and Dormitory Council President Jennifer A. Frank '00 made the final speech, dealing with the residence system and rush. She emphasized that "MIT's living options offer very strong support systems."

Frank stated the committee's goal is to make freshmen feel both academically and community oriented. She mentioned that steps should be taken to make sure that

students don't feel intimidated by the faculty.

The SAC's proposal suggests a preliminary summer lottery, followed by a later lottery after students arrive on campus. Freshmen would have the option of either staying in their original dormitory or moving to a different residence.

Each spring and fall, a new lottery would be run, allowing students to either stay in their current residence, pledge an independent living group, or enter the dorm lottery. Frank stated that a housing guarantee for all undergraduates would be beneficial, as crowded housing is preferable to no housing.

In addition, the plan provides stipulations for MIT to aid fraternities with financial support and graduate students to fill empty beds. "The housing system hasn't

changed to support changing genders," Frank said. Under the SAC plan, MIT would provide houses for the two sororities which don't currently have houses and any new living groups which may form.

During the question and answer period, SAC member Liana F. Lareau '00 mentioned that MIT's peer institutions Dartmouth and Cornell have recently undergone \$200 million dollar residence system renovations. In order for MIT to remain competitive, massive overhauls and financial investments would have to be made.

"If MIT implements this system, then we will have a high quality residence system," said Committee member Jeremy D. Sher '99. "The only justification for having a residential university in the 21st century is a residential system."



OMAR ROUSHDY—THE TECH

Dormitory Council President Jennifer A. Frank '00 discusses the Strategic Advisory Committee revisions to the housing lottery yesterday evening in 4-237.



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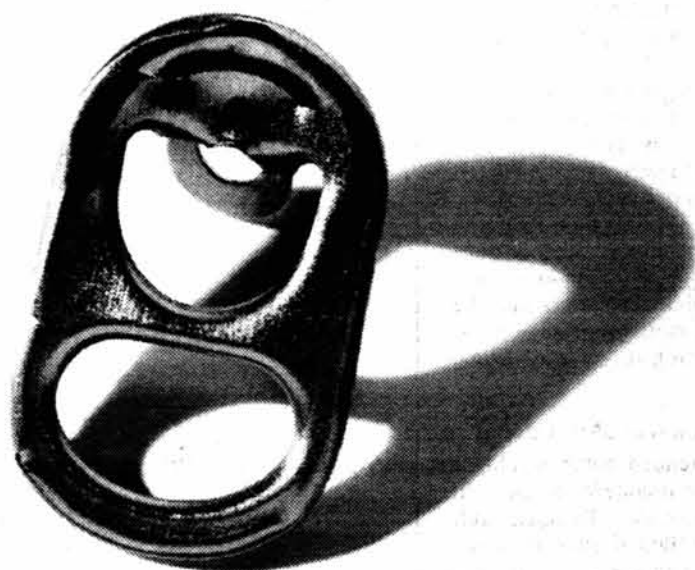
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MBTA Considering Extending T Hours

By Karen Robinson
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MBTA officials and legislators are still considering the possibility of extending subway or bus service to early morning hours beginning with a pilot program in January.

If the program is implemented, the MBTA will likely extend service hours Friday and Saturday nights until 2:30 a.m. or 3:00 a.m., said Lydia Rivera of the MBTA Public Affairs Office.

MBTA officials have yet to decide whether a pilot extension to late-night T service will use subway or bus lines or both.

Extended hours would begin on a trial basis, Rivera said. "We have to weigh the cost with the ridership."

Providing MBTA bus service is in most cases more cost-efficient than offering subway service, according to officials.

Another factor that limits the scope of the initial extension is the work of maintenance crews who use night hours to perform preventive maintenance on the rails, Rivera said. On the present schedule, the crews have about three hours to complete their tasks, according to Rivera.

Bill originates in late 1998

Senator Stephen Tollman of Boston, originated the late-night T bill in December 1998, said House Committee Member Sean McDonald.

The bill directed the MBTA "to see if it is feasible, costwise, and if the ridership is there" to justify extending subway and bus service hours, McDonald said.

When they passed the bill, members of the legislature advocated using buses for the pilot program both for cost and safety reasons, according to Tollman. Members deemed it safer to have people congregating above ground at bus stops rather than in underground subway stations, Tollman said.

However, if the subway does run, only the most cost-efficient branches will be in service during the extended hours. This includes B and C lines of the green line which have high late-night traffic. As another possibility, subway lines that are not cost-efficient to run during early morning hours may be replaced by more cost-effective bus service during the extended time period.

Idea originates at UMass-Boston

The extended hours would be geared toward college students out late on weekends, Tollman said. "There are 100,000 students in the Boston/Cambridge area," he said. "That's a real issue."

The impetus for this bill came when Tollman spoke at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, he said.

"The students said they need more options, to get home from clubs, bars, and so forth... you can wait up to two hours for a taxi," Tollman said. "If that could be addressed by something as simple as running the T two extra hours," it's definitely something to consider, Tollman said.

When Tollman filed the bill he "didn't expect anything more than a study," he said.

Russian House Runs As Write-in Candidate

UMOC, from Page 1

milk [Random Hall] has had for the last five years." Zbarsky's charity is the Jimmy Fund.

The method of voting has remained the same since 1953. The student body votes with their pocketbooks, contributing to the candidate deemed ugliest at UMOC's Lobby 10 booth. At the end of the competition, the candidate receiving the most money is declared "Ugliest Manifestation on Campus." The winner's charity receives all the contributions donated during the competition.

As in most elections, voters can write-in candidates for UMOC. After the first day of campaigning, five write-in candidates were nomi-

nated by students as the real ugliest object at MIT. Highlighting the write-in nominations was a \$2.00 nomination for the Russian House kitchen. Mark D. Knobel '00, vice president of Russian House, admitted that the kitchen would have deserved the title in years past, but argued that "it is looking a lot better [now] than when it could've won the contest."

Some passers-by questioned the nature of the contest, stating that MIT as a whole is the only legitimate candidate. As of this report, the entire Institute had not yet been nominated.

Regardless of the outcome, UMOC offers the MIT community a chance to express its appreciation for the ugliness of others.



KRZYSZTOF GAJOS—THE TECH

Ellen Cooney, a writer in residence at MIT's writing department, signs and discusses her new novel *The Old Ballerina* after a reading at Brookline Booksmith last Friday. The event was a stop of her book tour that includes almost 20 readings throughout the country.

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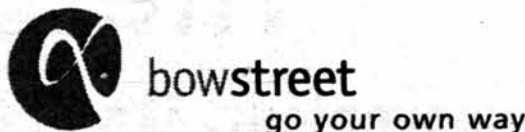
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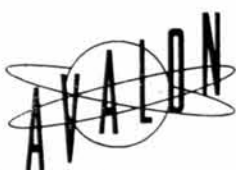
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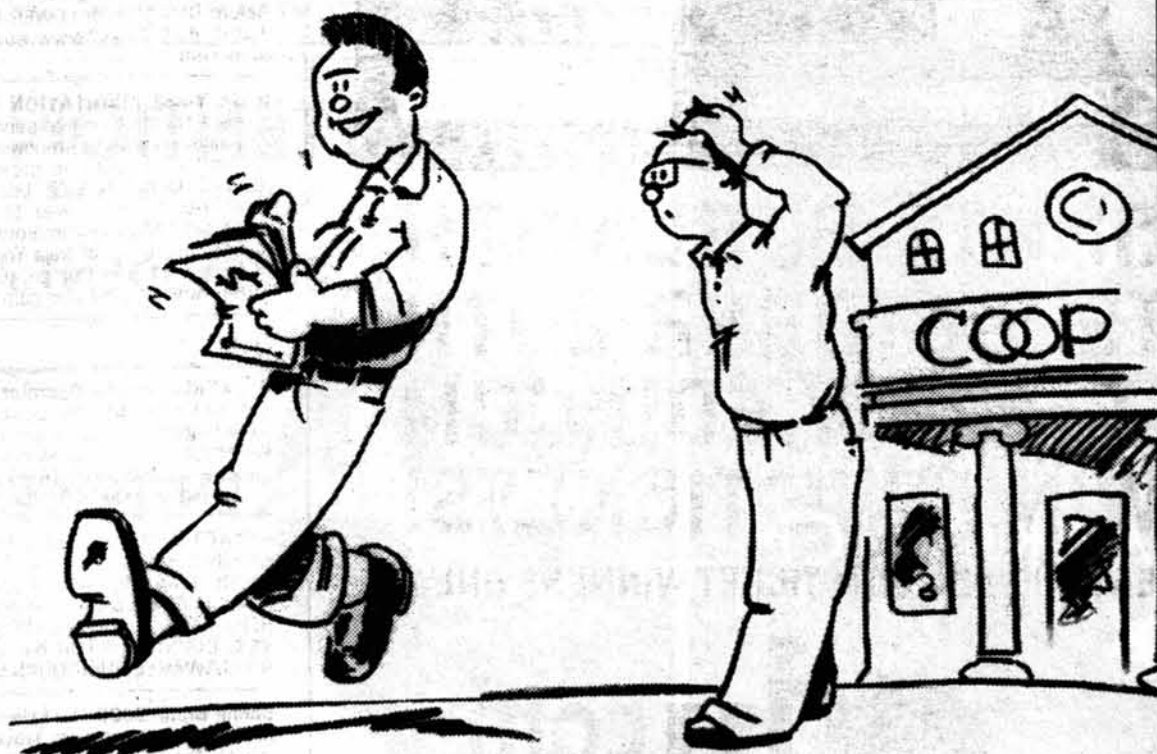
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- Oct. 13:** Bldg. 9, report of homeless person, trespass warning issued; Tang hall, suspicious persons; Bexley Alley, Jose Unsquw, of no known address, Jose Herrera, of 229 Columbus Ave., Boston, Andres Peralta of now known address, arrested for larceny of a bicycle; Bldg. 18, larceny of Monocular, \$500.
- Oct. 14:** Bldg. 6, Michelle Giannotti of 4562 Western Ave. arrested for trespassing; Bldg. 39, laptop computer stolen \$4,200; Bldg. NE43, suspicious person.
- Oct. 15:** Boston, Lambda Chi Alpha, larceny of a laptop computer, \$6,000; Student Center, MIT ID stolen; Bldg. NW14, vacuum stolen \$9,560; Bldg. 26, annoying phone calls; Bldg. 1, report of shoe found, but not the owner; Bldg. 68, report of skateboarders, same had left area prior to CP's arrival; Bldg. E25, report of suspicious package, package gone upon CP's arrival; Westgate, report of suspicious person; Bldg. E51, suspicious person, same issued trespass warning.
- Oct. 16:** Lobby 7, suspicious persons, checked out okay; Bldg. E52, two laptop computers stolen \$6,000; Boston, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, neighbor reports a bottle was thrown at him; Bldg. 9, check and inquiry, trespass warning issued; Bldg. 68, trespass warning issued to skateboarder; Baker House, request for medical attention for male subject to possible alcohol intoxication.
- Oct. 17:** McCormick, report of person screaming, no cause found; Student Center, Ismael Maisonet Jr. of 3 Pickney Street, Somerville, MA arrested for trespassing; Bldg. 1, check and inquiry, trespass warning issued; Bexley, report of larceny by credit card, same checked out okay; Westgate, check out suspicious trash barrel; Albany Garage, pedestrian reports being struck by vehicle.
- Oct. 18:** Bldg. 7, suspicious activity; Bldg. 54 assist Cambridge Police with a 911 hang-up call, no cause found; East Lot, hit and run damage to vehicle; Student Center Bsm. backpack stolen \$95; Bldg. 1, annoying phone calls; Endicott House, annoying phone calls; Student Center, Kevin L. Sanchez of 58 Willow Street, Cambridge MA arrested for trespassing; Main Lot, suspicious activity; Cross Street, Rachid Haddar of 175 Shirley Street, Winthrop, MA, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.
- Oct. 19:** Bldg. E55, suspicious person; Purrington St., Dace Menton of 240 Albany Street, Cambridge, MA arrested for possession of heroin; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen \$10 cash; West Garage Annex, report of suspicious person, checks out okay; Mass. Ave. and Vassar St., assist Cambridge Police with vehicle stop.
- Oct. 20:** Briggs Field, assault during a soccer game; Bldg. 7, computer memory stolen \$200; Mass. Ave. and Vassar Street, assist Cambridge Police with pedestrian struck by vehicle; Hayward Garage, damage to vehicle.

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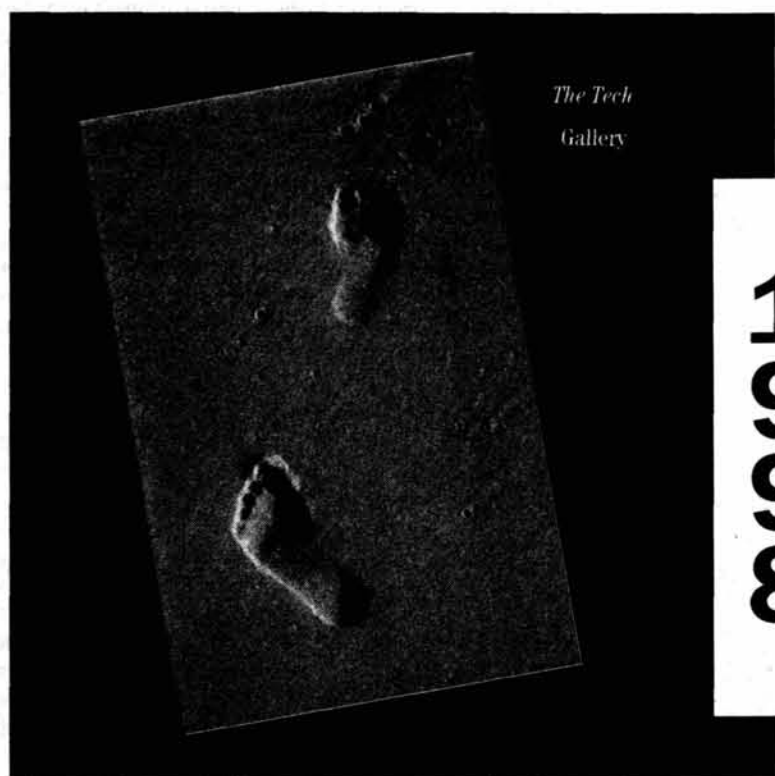
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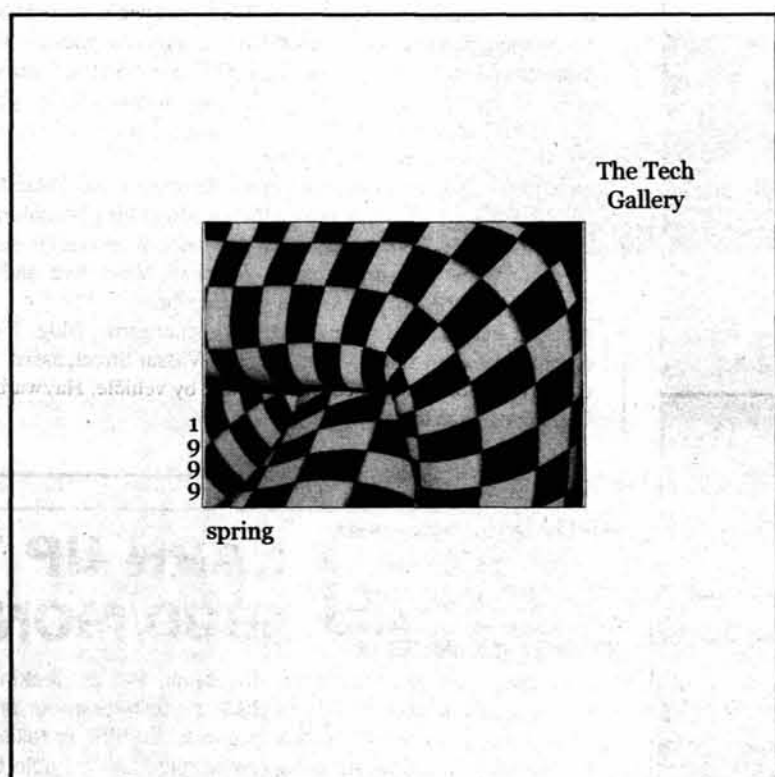
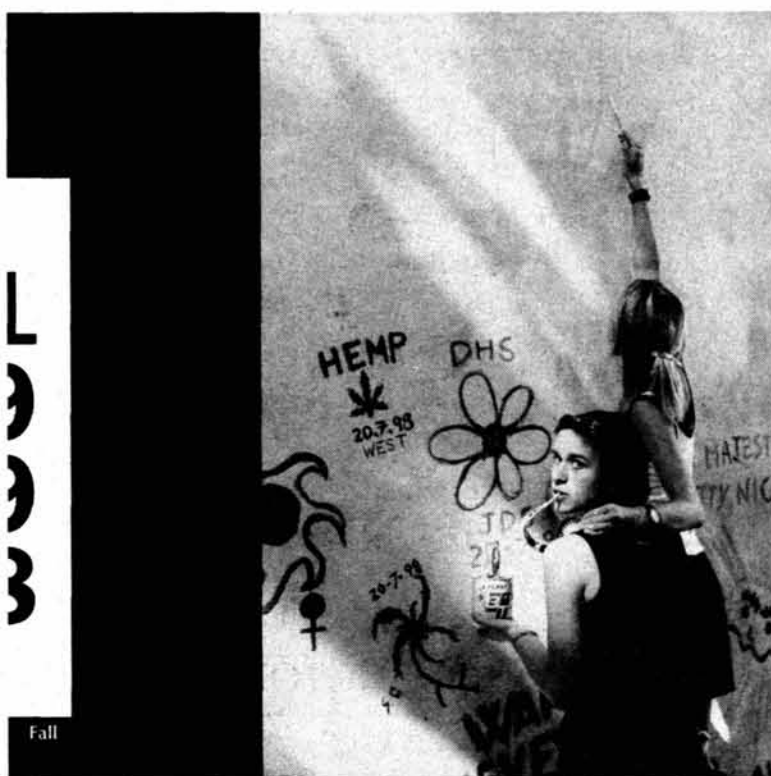
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MIODRAG CIRKOVIC—THE TECH

Defense Postpones Hearing in Guy Case

By Rima Arnaut
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The pre-trial hearing for Susan M. Mosher '99 and Rene A. Ruiz '99 was postponed from October 15 until November 19.

"The parties agreed to [postpone the pre-trial hearing]," said Michael Andrews, Mosher and Ruiz's attorney. "It was at my request, and the prosecution didn't object to it. ... It's not unusual," Andrews said.

The People vs. Mosher and Ruiz, was filed in response to the death of Richard A. Guy from nitrous oxide asphyxiation. The trial will be held in Cambridge District Court.

Mosher and Ruiz face numerous charges in connection with the death, including four counts of drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

Andrews declined to comment specifically on the strategy he'll use in the defense of his clients, nor did he wish to comment on their guilt or innocence.

Mosher and Ruiz were not arrested but were instead summoned to appear in court Sept. 10, where they plead not guilty to the charges.

At the Sept. 10 arraignment,

Cambridge District Court Judge Severlin Singleton also said that Mosher and Ruiz would not be allowed on the MIT campus without police escort.

According to Andrews, the pre-trial conference will be the first time when prosecution and defense meet to discuss information about the case.

The prosecution will exchange with the defense the products of its investigation, which could include police reports and search warrants. This way a case is not a trial by ambush, Andrews said.

"Generally speaking, a variety of pre-trial conferences or hearings can take place before a case ever gets to trial," said Attorney Anson Kaye of the Cambridge District Court District Attorney's Office.

While it is impossible to generalize for a specific case, "there are certainly cases that take over a year before they get to trial," Kaye said.

No other students charged in case

At September's press conference about Guy's death, MIT Campus Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin had said that more charges may be filed against Mosher and Ruiz or that other students may also be charged in conjunction with Guy's death.

While investigation of "the case is still ongoing," so far no other students have been arrested, Glavin said Friday.

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