



ROSHAN BALIGA—THE TECH

CHEEK TO CHEEK — Two out of the approximately 1,000 people who attended the Johnson Games compete in the Tête-a-Tête event. The Johnson Games, held this past Saturday, were part of MIT's Spring Weekend 2000. See page 12 and 13 for more coverage.

MIT Faces Crunch In Summer Housing

As Many as 180 Students May be Denied

By Matthew Palmer
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Renovations to the East Campus and Random Hall dormitories have caused a crunch for summer housing and may leave some students without a place to stay.

Manager of Undergraduate Residential Services Phillip M. Bernard said there were 980 people vying for some 800 summer slots.

"I doubt there will be enough room," Bernard said. "Summer housing is not guaranteed."

Because some people are expected to cancel their requests, it is not yet known how many students could be left without an assigned room.

The lottery system being used has been the source of confusion and criticism among the students. Students had until yesterday to request summer housing, but many individual houses have already

begun assigning spaces. As a result, many students already know their housing assignments while others wait and wonder.

"Individual housemasters are doing their own lotteries," said East Campus President Brandy L. Evans '01. "Senior House and Bexley have finished, so people living there already know. I think the only one that hasn't [finished] is Next House," Evans said.

As a result of the timing of the lottery, students who do not receive summer housing will have a difficult time finding housing elsewhere.

"People who haven't heard back are definitely worried," Evans said. "People are pretty upset about the timing, because if you don't get summer housing at this point, it's going to be difficult to find hous-

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Next Votes To Make Wing Coed

By Mike Hall
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Next House residents voted overwhelmingly on Friday to abolish a section of all-female housing beginning next term.

Sixty-six percent of voters in Friday's referendum chose to open the nine female-only rooms on Next's Fourth West floor to both women and men while keeping a female-only bathroom on the floor. Twenty-six percent voted to reduce single-sex housing to only seven rooms and eight percent voted not to change the configuration at all.

Male residents will be allowed to choose rooms in the formerly reserved space during this Sunday's housing lottery, according to Next House president Jay R. Mitchell '01. Mitchell said that the change, enacted by the dormitory's Executive Committee, was added only to the dormitory's bylaws and can be reversed based on future demand.

In response to concerns that an informal women's wing will form around the new single-sex bathroom, Mitchell said that, while females may choose rooms around the bathroom, "it's not an inconvenience for guys to walk over to the next restroom."

Most residents support change

Current residents of the women's wing were mostly unopposed to the change, according to Fourth West graduate resident tutor Steven R. Millman G.

"Some [residents] expressed a desire to live among women, but not

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Cambridge Unfazed by MIT's Building Boom

By Sanjay Basu
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Cambridge City Councilors say that recent MIT building proposals have left Cambridge residents curiously unfazed even as they protest other development plans across the city.

The change in relations between Cambridge and its two Universities, traditionally characterized as stressed and unfriendly, was heralded by Assistant Cambridge City Manager Beth Rubenstein herself, when, in a speech given at the Stata Center's groundbreaking, she told audience members that the building symbolized a new turn to "civic cooperation."

Indeed, a strange polarity exists between citizens' reactions to the

recent MIT building boom and responses to other development in the area. MIT's spree has received minimal opposition in comparison to onslaught faced by developers planning buildings in Kendall Square and Harvard.

The recent developments add to a backdrop of intense debate in a city that houses two wealthy universities that border neighborhoods struggling with issues of affordable housing, homelessness, and gentrification.

City accepts new dorm, Stata Center

Make no mistake: Cambridge residents aren't celebrating MIT's plans and they haven't been apathetic. Cambridgeport residents attended a community meeting with MIT development officials in late January to express concerns about the

new undergraduate dormitory on Vassar Street.

But the questions raised focused on the height and appearance of the building. The questions, said Cambridge City Councilor Kathleen Born, "were not spoken with anger. These people just want to know what they'll be looking at when they stare out the window."

Fellow Councilor Henrietta Davis said that the stalling of the dorm by an injunction from Cambridge Executive Enterprises "was not really a concern for residents. The business thinks it'll cause traffic problems, but a dorm doesn't really do that, and Cambridge residents know it."

The "real issue," she said, "was that MIT wouldn't make a line of big buildings and create a wall between neighborhood and the

east." And meetings on the dorm were "rather friendly, in comparison to other discussions" on development in Cambridge, said Born.

Larkin halts development

MIT presented its new dorm development plans in January to a generally positive reception. At the same time, the City Council passed an 18-month moratorium on developments of over 20,000 square feet in east Cambridge including the Kendall Square area near campus.

The Larkin Petition, as the measure was called, affects an area that has become a haven for biotech firms like Amgen and Biogen. Councilor Davis calls the area "a complete failure ... nothing happens there at night. It's dead. That was an

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Subway, Bus Fares Likely To Increase Over Summer

By Jordan Rubin
PRODUCTION EDITOR

Starting as early as July 1, Boston commuters traveling by subway can expect to buy tokens for one dollar, and bus riders will pay seventy-five cents per trip, if the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority enacts recent recommendations. Commuter rail prices, currently between eighty-five cents and \$4.75, are expected to increase by one dollar.

The MBTA Blue Ribbon Committee recommended the fare increase in a report issued last Wednesday, citing the T's low fares relative to other urban transit systems and recent state legislation reorganizing funding.

The rate increase, along with other recommendations made by the

committee, will not go into effect until they are approved by the MBTA Board of Directors. Before the board may tackle this issue, the T must hold public hearings to review the report. No schedule has been set up for these public meetings.

Push for new fare collection system

The increased fares, according to the committee, should be accompanied by the implementation of an automated system for fare collection. Such a system would allow for fares based on distance travelled and discounts for off-peak travel. As reported by Boston news website <<http://www.boston.com>>, installation of an automated fare collection

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SEPHIR HAMILTON—THE TECH

MBTA rates may increase as early as this summer.

Cuts in Wellesley funding for student activities will force *Counterpoint* to seek money from alternative sources.



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Veena Thomas sees improvement in student-administration relations after debates over such issues as CPW and the Dot.

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WORLD & NATION

Israeli Missile Lands Close to U.S. Navy Cruiser

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

An Israeli short-range ballistic missile splashed down in the eastern Mediterranean last month near a U.S. Navy Aegis cruiser, causing momentary fear that the ship was under attack, Defense Department officials said Monday.

The Jericho 1 missile, which can carry nuclear warheads or about 1,000 pounds of chemicals or high explosives, was launched from a missile testing facility at Yavne, Israel, on April 6 and landed about 40 miles from the USS Anzio, they said. "That's pretty damn close for a missile that's not the most accurate," one of the officials said. "The warhead wasn't live, but it still could make a hell of a hole . . . There are a lot of people pissed off."

The Anzio was about 250 miles due west of the Israeli coast and had not received any notice that an Israeli missile test was underway, one official said. Such a "Notice to Aviators and Mariners" is customary, and even the Russians and the Chinese give notice of their tests, he noted.

Press Crackdown Quiets Iran's Reformers Before Runoff Vote

THE WASHINGTON POST

SHIRAZ, IRAN

A wave of newspaper closures and the arrests of numerous editors and activists have left leaders of Iran's increasingly outspoken reform movement appealing for calm on the eve of parliamentary runoff elections, which are being held amid fear of an even more vigorous crackdown by Islamic conservatives.

The reform movement, led by President Mohammed Khatemi, is still hoping to avoid the worst in the latest cycle of repression by the country's conservative clerical leadership. Recent rumors of a "master plan" to remove Khatemi from office are being discounted as too bold a move against the president, who enjoys wide popular support, and conservative leaders have indicated they will let legislators elected in February take their seats as expected in late May.

It remains unclear how much damage the crackdown has done to a movement that only two months ago appeared ascendant as it swept nationwide parliamentary elections in a clear endorsement of Khatemi's call for civil reform and expanded freedoms. The ballot results appeared to be a sharp criticism of the conservative policies that have structured Iranian life since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Elian's Father Accuses Uncle of Trying to Destroy Family

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Elian Gonzalez's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, accused his uncle Lazaro of using "this nation's legal system in an attempt to destroy (his) family . . . to rob Elian of a childhood at his home." He asked a federal appeals court panel to dismiss Lazaro Gonzalez's attempt to overturn government and court rulings that support the father's parental rights.

In a brief filed Monday by his attorney with the appellate court now considering the issue, the father argued that if Lazaro Gonzalez succeeded in his efforts to force government consideration of political asylum for the 6-year-old boy, the process "could take as long as two years to resolve, perhaps even six years . . . hav(ing) the effect of forcing Juan Miguel to choose between his country and his son."

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta has set May 11 for oral arguments in the case. The two main protagonists — Lazaro Gonzalez and the Justice Department — will each be allotted 15 minutes to speak.

Time Warner Plugs the Plug On Disney's ABC TV Stations

By Harry Berkowitz

NEWSDAY

NEW YORK

More than 1 million homes in New York City could not find out "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" Monday as Time Warner threw ABC stations off several cable TV systems across the country over a contract dispute.

Many viewers not willing to substitute "Ally McBeal" on the Fox network for the ABC mini-series "Arabian Nights" scrambled to dig up over-the-air antennas and converter switches or dropped by satellite-TV-equipped neighborhood bars or homes of friends and relatives.

Monday, ABC asked the Federal Communications Commission for an emergency ruling to force Time Warner to restore transmission, citing a rule that a cable operator is not allowed to black out a network during a ratings sweeps period, which began Thursday.

Time Warner said it was reacting to a stalemate in negotiations for a new "retransmission agreement" and to ABC's refusal to extend the Sunday night deadline for those talks by eight months rather than until May 24, when the sweeps period ends.

An FCC rule says a cable system cannot carry a network without such an agreement.

The FCC, after meeting with both sides, said it is conducting an expedited review and asked Time Warner to file a response to ABC's request by Tuesday.

The cable operator pulled the plug at 12:01 a.m. in New York, Houston, Raleigh-Durham, N.C., and smaller systems in Los Angeles, Fresno, Philadelphia and Toledo, totaling 3.5 million subscribers.

Time Warner has 1.2 million customers in New York.

"Disney Has Taken ABC Away From You," was the message on the screen broadcast to viewers who tuned in seeking "Oprah Winfrey" and other shows on the New York station WABC-TV.

The fight is partly over how much money Time Warner is willing to pay Walt Disney Co., which owns ABC, to let Time Warner carry Disney-controlled cable networks on its systems.

But it also involves demands by Disney that a soon-to-be merged AOL and Time Warner guarantee equal access on cable systems not only for cable channels but also for interactive, Internet-related, e-com-

merce, electronic programming guide and other enhanced TV services of the future.

The two sides hurled accusations at each other in language usually reserved for Washington politics or even street brawls, rather than the usually polite corridors of giant entertainment companies.

"Some deranged individual has deprived all of these people of ABC," said Preston Padden, executive vice president for government relations at Disney. "These people are arrogant manipulators."

Time Warner virtually claimed extortion.

"When the AOL merger was announced, they thought they could use that to extract more money from us, because they felt we would be so sensitive to any controversy that we would agree to virtually any deal to keep things quiet," said Michael Luftman, a spokesman for Time Warner Cable, based in Stamford, Conn.

Luftman said Time Warner had reached deals with all other broadcast networks but declined to give details.

Both Time Warner and ABC claimed to be looking out for the consumer.

Doubts About Evidence Arise As Lockerbie Trial Commences

By T. R. Reid

THE WASHINGTON POST

LONDON

After interviewing thousands of witnesses and collecting 200,000 bits of evidence in one of the world's largest criminal inquiries, investigators in the 1988 Lockerbie airline bombing will finally bring their case against two alleged Libyan terrorists to court this week. But in the final months before the trial, unforeseen doubts have arisen about whether the detective work that led to the suspects will be strong enough to result in their conviction on charges of mass murder and conspiracy.

Prosecutors say they have the right men and the evidence to convict them, but observers who have

followed the probe over the past decade warn that there are holes in the case. Information from several key witnesses that investigators counted on now appears to be problematic.

And families of some of the 270 victims have alleged that the two defendants were set up as political fall guys to distract attention from higher-ups who actually ordered the destruction of an American passenger jet, including, perhaps, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

"I think most Americans just assume that since these two Libyans were indicted, the prosecutors have a cast-iron case," said Robert Black, a law professor at Edinburgh University who has worked with Libya,

the United States and Britain on the case. "But some of the evidence is less clear-cut than it once appeared to be. Some of the witnesses are backtracking."

Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988, scattering debris over hundreds of miles. As investigators set out to solve the mystery of the blast, their probe grew to encompass hundreds of thousands of pieces of evidence, many smaller than a thumbnail.

The prosecution's biggest hurdle, according to Black, is that the amazing detective story that led to the indictments might be too amazing for the three Scottish judges, who will be hearing the case without a jury.

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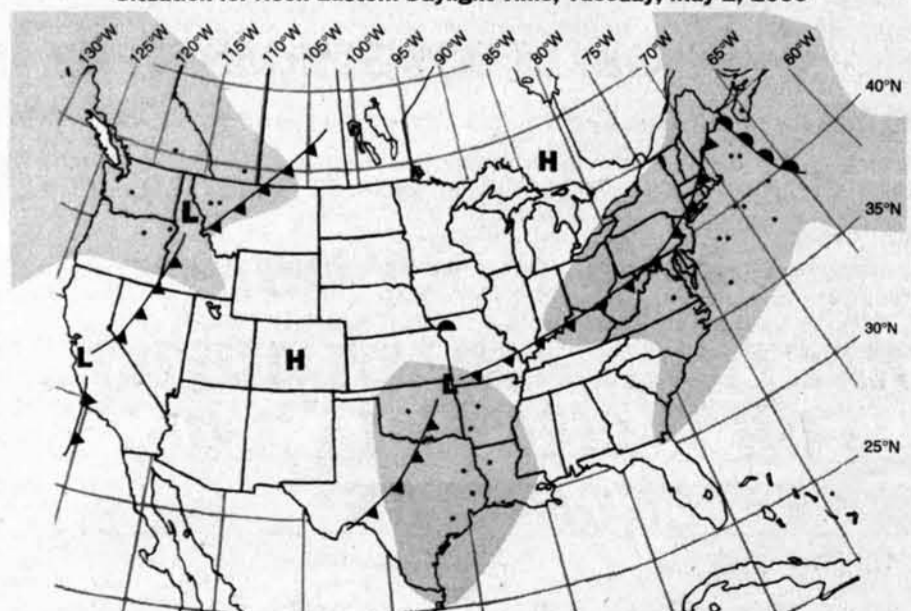
Watch the May Flowers Bloom

Véronique Bugnion
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The cold front which brought us rain last night will be driven out to sea sooner rather than later by a strong upper level current. An area of strong high pressure will move in behind the front. The wind will shift during the day from a southerly origin to a more westerly one, while remaining relatively strong. This should bring us bright sunshine on Wednesday, but will also force the temperatures to drop slightly from today's forecasted high of 65°F. The high pressure will build through midweek, bringing dry weather and allowing temperatures on Friday to exceed any record set so far this spring.

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy, high of 65°F (18°C)
Tonight: Clearing, low of 45°F (6°C)
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high of 59°F (15°C)
Thursday: Sunny, high of 67°F (19°C)
Friday: Mostly Sunny, high of 73°F (22°C)

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, May 2, 2000



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Neo-Nazi Rallies Disrupt May Day Celebrations in Germany

By Carol J. Williams
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BERLIN

Neo-Nazis rallied here Monday for the first time since Berlin was restored as the German capital last year, provoking clashes with radical leftists and transforming the May Day holiday meant to celebrate work and good weather into a massive police operation to protect the political fringe.

At least 400 demonstrators were arrested in Berlin, Hamburg and Dresden, where rallies staged by the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party incited militant leftists to take to the streets in angry counter-protests.

With 6,400 police officers and border guards deployed in Berlin to keep watch over the volatile demonstrations, security personnel far outnumbered protesters at all of the

scattered venues.

Fewer than 800 NDP members turned out for the rally in the eastern suburb of Hellersdorf despite a court order Saturday overturning a city decision to prohibit the march on security grounds.

Their shouts of "Jobs for Germans first" and "Germany for us Germans" were drowned out by the shrill whistles blown by the leftists and their answering cries of "Nazis out!"

Police, who numbered about 2,500 at the event, arrested 180 left-wing extremists and neo-Nazis. Neo-Nazis and leftists had engaged in a brief clash.

Security forces posted in Hellersdorf also intercepted and arrested 140 leftist radicals who arrived from an early morning riot in Hamburg armed and looking for trouble at the neo-Nazi rally, police

said.

Arrests also were made in Hamburg, Dresden and some eastern German towns.

"Our de-escalation concept has proven itself," said Berlin Police Chief Hagen Saberschinsky, referring to the squad's policy of preventing fights among the radicals by letting them have their say and overwhelming their numbers.

While the noisy demonstrations in Berlin captured more attention, traditional labor rallies drew thousands of workers across the country. The biggest was in Hanover where the German Association of Trade Unions chief Dieter Schulte demanded more government investment in new jobs. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder attended the Hanover rally, the first time a German leader has taken part in a May Day event since 1982.

Bin Laden's Activities Central To Annual U.S. Report on Terrorism

By Bob Drogin
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Osama Bin Laden, the fugitive Saudi extremist who allegedly masterminded the 1998 bombing of two U.S. embassies in east Africa, has sent terrorist trainers to at least six countries, the U.S. State Department said Monday.

Bin Laden's growing role was underscored in the department's annual review of terrorism. Bin Laden was the only individual singled out for a page-long profile in the 107-page report. Bin Laden's organization, the department said, has sent terrorist trainers throughout Afghanistan, where he has been given sanctuary by the ruling Taliban, as well as to Tajikistan, Bosnia, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

Trainers also have been sent to the breakaway Russian republic of Chechnya, according to the report.

Bin Laden's group also has trained fighters from other countries, the report said, including the Philippines, Egypt, Libya, Pakistan and Eritrea. As a result, "Bin Laden believes he can call upon individuals and groups virtually worldwide to conduct terrorist attacks," the report warned. In unusually harsh language, the report criticized Pakistan, a staunch Cold War ally, saying it "continues to send mixed messages on terrorism."

"Despite significant and material cooperation in some areas, particularly arrests and extraditions, the Pakistani government also has tolerated terrorists living and moving freely within its territory," the report

said. It added that Pakistan continues to support militant groups in the long insurgency against Indian control of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

Bin Laden, the 17th son of a Saudi construction tycoon, first drew notice in the early 1980s when he helped finance, recruit, transport and train Arab volunteers in the war against Soviet forces in Afghanistan. He founded al-Qaida, or The Base, as his operational organization for "like-minded extremists" during the war, according to the report.

Bin Laden's primary goals now are to drive U.S. forces from the Arabian peninsula, to remove the Saudi ruling family from power, and to "liberate Palestine," the report said.

Court Says Employers, Not Employees, Control Comp Time

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Public employers can force their hourly workers to take time off to avoid paying them overtime, the Supreme Court ruled Monday. The 6-3 ruling leaves it to employers, not workers, to decide when "comp time" is used.

Monday's decision covers police, firefighters and public hospital workers, as well as the many thousands of other state or local employees who are offered compensatory time off rather than extra pay for their overtime work. Private sector workers are not affected, however.

Until now, some courts had said that those public employees were entitled to use their accumulated comp time whenever they chose to do so. If the comp time goes unused, the employee eventually can receive a cash payment for it.

But the Supreme Court often shields state and local governments from federal authority and Monday's ruling interprets federal labor law in a way that gives public employers control over how their employees use their comp time.

The issue came before the court in a lawsuit brought by 127 sheriff's deputies in Harris County, Texas, which includes Houston. The deputies challenged their department's policy of giving bureau commanders the power to decide how and when comp time was used. The commanders were told to keep a lid on how much total comp time was accumulated and they were directed to schedule deputies off duty to reduce their comp time.

Advocate Father Kills Self After Cancer-Stricken Son Dies

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BOSTON

One day after the state House of Representatives voted to set aside \$2.5 million per year from an existing health insurance fund to pay for children's care when no other funding source exists, David Stewart died Friday in his father's arms at their home on Cape Cod. David was the ginger-haired boy with AML, acute myelogenous leukemia, an aggressive cancer that is fatal to about 60 percent of its victims. William was the advocate who turned his son's condition into a cause, a crusade to gain state funding for children with catastrophic illnesses whose families cannot afford treatment.

Hours later, 43-year-old William Stewart took his own life. A close family friend, Bob Peredna, told reporters, "I don't think he wanted David to be alone."

The pair was remembered Monday at a double funeral attended by many of the state legislators who now hope to push the "David Stewart bill" to swift passage in the state Senate.

The measure is modeled after similar legislation in New Jersey, where the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund has operated for more than a decade. During the last fiscal year, the New Jersey program approved more than \$5 million in assistance for 231 families. Payments ranged from \$250 to \$250,000.

The Massachusetts bill, inspired by the Stewart family's saga, would cover everything from primary care to medical supplies and home health care for children under 18.



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IFC Wants Diverse Representation

I read "UA Tables Motion for Direct Election of Councillors" on April 25 with some bewilderment. Although some of the IFC representatives were reluctant to pass the legislation, we did not all feel that way, and for those of us who did, it was not for reasons implied by your article.

The UA has residential-based (dormitories) and IFC councillors. Unfortunately it is not realistic to have a representative from every FSILG. Therefore, it is essential that the nine IFC representatives reflect the IFC as best as is possible — meaning that they be diverse in type of house (fraternity, sorority, or ILG) as well as where that house is located geographically.

The only real way to ensure this diversity is to appoint these nine people as we do now. With 75 percent of the FSILG community living in fraternities, it is quite possible that the IFC would end up with nine fraternity members being its representatives to the UA were a popular election to take place — not exactly a cross section of our community.

Also, the proposed legislation does not allow for non-residential FSILG members to be representatives for the IFC. These people are a part of our community and restricting their ability to represent it is not justifiable.

Since the representatives to the UA are supposed to represent their living groups (be they dorms or IFC houses), it should be up to the living groups how they would like to choose their councillors so as to reflect best their culture.

So, although we feel that appointing councillors is justified, it is not because we are "reluctant to give up this power," but because we do not want to jeopardize the diversity of the IFC representation to the UA.

Rebecca Grochow '01
IFC Vice President of Activity Organization

Spring Weekend A Success

I would like to thank the organizers and participants of the Johnson Games for all of their efforts. The entire event was spectacular and brought out the best parts of what it means to be at MIT.

It was incredible to see everyone coming together, but even more so, it was amazing to see faculty, staff, and administrators interacting with their spouses and children. This was one of those rare occasions when we are reminded that the people we work with every day are more than just their job descriptions personified.

I hope all members of the MIT community will remember the fun and team-building of Saturday afternoon when we return to our daily grinds this week!

Jennifer A. Frank '00
MIT Dormitory Council

On behalf of the Spring Weekend Committee, I would like to thank the entire MIT Community for the success of last weekend's events. The success of the event would not have been possible without the support of sev-

eral groups whom I would like to recognize.

First, I would like to thank Alpha Chi Omega for presenting Lip Sync 2000 on Thursday night. The event was a rousing success, and AXO sisters also provided generous volunteer support to our other events. I would also like to thank the International Students Association for sponsoring another successful I-Fair this year as part of Spring Weekend despite the cold weather on Friday.

The successful Spring Weekend Concert could not have occurred without the dedication of over 100 MIT volunteers who helped with setting up, tear-down, and with door control. Thanks especially to Delta Tau Delta for providing front-of-stage security.

Saturday's Johnson Games would not have been possible without the financial support of the President's, Chancellor's, and Provost's office and the dedication of Ted E. Johnson of the Campus Activities Complex and Gayle M. Gallagher of Conference Services, as well as the 100 MIT volunteers for this event. Thanks!

Finally, Studio 84 would not have occurred without the DJing by Joshua A. Goldwitz '02 and lighting by Jon E. Gonda '02.

Again, thank you to all our volunteers and event sponsors. I'd like to also personally thank the entire Spring Weekend Committee for their extreme dedication and hard work to Spring Weekend over the past four months. Look for Spring Weekend 2001 coming April 26-29, 2001!

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Progress With the Administration

Recent Decisions Consider Students, But More Communication Still Needed

Veena Thomas

The student-administrator relationship, long at an impasse, has suddenly reached a breakthrough. How else to explain the recent slew of events characterized by amazing compromise and rational discussions between the two groups?

The breakthrough began with the announcement of the new Campus Preview Weekend rules. Students had serious, reasonable concerns with them, so they protested and sent numerous e-mails to the admissions office. They probably didn't expect anything to change as a result of their protests, but at least they wanted their voices to be heard. Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones heard their points, and she listened. She found herself agreeing with the students, and, as she said, "I could not support [the rules] in the face of thoughtful student opposition." Rather than stubbornly holding her ground because she's the administrator, she acknowledged the students' points and rescinded the rules.

Undoubtedly students were a bit surprised by this turn of events, but grateful, nevertheless. But was this to be an isolated incident of administrators engaging in rational discourse with students, or would this be the start of a new trend?

Apparently the latter. Not long afterwards, students got wind of an e-mail sent by the Department of Facilities. This e-mail informed recipients that construction would begin the next day, uprooting McDermott Court to pave the way for temporary faculty offices (TFOs) that would remain in place for the next three years. The e-mail went on to say that an announcement would appear in *Tech Talk* a few days after construction had started. Understandably shocked and threatened by their one major grassy area on east campus being uprooted with no official warning, communication, or student input, they decided to stage a protest. Students forwarded this e-mail to major mailing lists, making sure the student body was informed, with an addition announcing a protest at 6 a.m. the next day.

Members of the student body sent complaints to President Vest and to the Depart-

ment of Facilities. Students turned up in droves to the "Dot" at the appointed time attempting to save their place to hang out and play in the sun. Once again, administrators heard their protests, and listened. President Vest agreed to delay construction in order to review the options in hopes of finding a more student-friendly compromise. After meetings with students, the Department of Facilities decided to move the TFOs to a paved area of the courtyard, keeping the grassy area intact, as per student wishes.

We seem to have fallen into a pattern. The administrators make a decision which students find out about much too late and through unofficial means. They protest and present rational arguments to the administrators, who then listen and work with the students to make changes.

Could the administration and students be demonstrating their ability to work together to reach agreements suitable to all parties? In light of these events and the recent Steer Roast agreements, the answer appears to be yes. Administrators were concerned with the safety of Steer Roast, while students wanted to maintain one of their beloved traditions. Students feared that another one of the aspects of MIT that they held near and dear to them would be eliminated. However, this was not the case. The Steer Roast organizers met weekly with several administrators to communicate with them from the beginning the details of Steer Roast and to ensure that decisions made were acceptable to all. The student organizers worked especially hard to make sure that Steer Roast would be a safe event, and administrators agreed they had succeeded.

Steer Roast will proceed as scheduled this year, with only a few minor changes designed to ensure the safety of the event while still keeping the tradition alive. The success of the party planning is due to the cooperation between students and administrators.

The reason for the change in student-administrator relations is uncertain. Perhaps administrators realized that students really do have good, thoughtful ideas that deserve attention, or perhaps students realized that by constantly fighting the administration instead of working together with them, nothing would be accomplished.

While everyone should be congratulated for these successful incidents, they also underscore the serious necessity and lack of early, honest communication between students and administrators. Students should have been informed in advance of the Department of Facilities' intention to commence serious construction on a major student hangout. A blurb to be placed in the not-well-read *Tech Talk* describing the construction after it has begun was certainly not one of the best examples of open communication between students and administrators.

While we are certainly making progress, we also seem to have fallen into a pattern. The administrators make a decision which students find out about much too late and through unofficial means. They protest and present rational arguments to the administrators, who then listen and work with the students to make changes. But shouldn't students be involved in the planning and decisions, or at least be informed of them, from the very beginning? We have made a start, but it's not good enough.

Administrators, believe it or not, are people too. They're not just vague shadowy figures hiding in their offices like the Wizard of Oz. Rather, they're people like you and me, with their own personalities, lives, and concerns. Even to group them all together under the "administrator" umbrella is a generalization, but then too, I suppose, is lumping together "students" into one category.

Each side should recognize and see the unique and individual aspects of the other. I couldn't have been more surprised to check my e-mail shortly after my column complaining about the proposed CPW rules was published, and to find a message from Marilee

Jones. I am embarrassed to admit that I hadn't fully realized that administrators were actual people, not just decision-making machines. Through some honest e-mail communication between myself and Jones, and a subsequent ice-cream meeting, I finally understood that administrators really do have our best interests at heart, and they really do care about the students.

But this kind of student-administrator informal communication shouldn't be as rare as it is currently. Jones agreed with me about the severe lack of honest and open communication between students and administrators prior to major decision-making. The current system only serves to foster the rift between them and the notion that administrators rule with an iron fist. Something needs to change. She proposed to me the idea of monthly informal lunches between interested students and administrators, so that both sides can get to know the other and to see them for the unique individuals that they are. Such informal meetings would strengthen ties between the two groups, and serve as a forum for honest discussion prior to decision-making. Hopefully something like this can be implemented; I think it would go a long way towards repairing relations. I'd like to hear what both students and administrators think about this idea.

We've been making progress; the Steer Roast was a perfect example of administrators and students working together in weekly meetings from the outset to reach an agreement suitable to all. Even the Johnson Games helped, bringing students and faculty together in teams towards the common goal of winning strengthened teamwork and the notion that we can all work together. Students saw the administrators in an informal setting; watching President Vest walk across a suspended wire in order to help out my team went a long way towards me understanding that he's just like the rest of us. I can only hope that others understand this too.

The recent willingness of administrators to listen and respond appropriately to student concerns should be noted and applauded by all. Hopefully this is just the beginning of an increasingly positive trend of open communication to follow.

Taking Back Our Cuba Policy

Michael J. Ring

If there is one lesson to be drawn from the saga of Elian Gonzalez, it is that current United States policy toward Cuba needs a good dose of sanity and reform. The United States needs to take back the Cuban policy agenda hijacked by the radical right in Miami's exile community and take steps toward normalizing relations with our island neighbor.

Unfortunately, the events surrounding the travails of this one child parallel all too closely the history of U.S.-Cuban relations over the past four decades. A small band of anti-Castro extremists, motivated by their own virulence and spite more than any measure of good will or good judgment, block at every possible opportunity any reasonable compromise to thaw relations with Cuba.

Hence for nearly forty years the United States has enforced a strict embargo against Cuba. And, while we were opening markets and tearing down trade barriers across the globe in the 1990s, the federal government passed the Helms-Burton Act to further punish Cuba. The act codifies the embargo, meaning that congressional and not presidential action is needed to overturn the sanctions. Helms-Burton raises yet more barriers for those wishing to travel or do business in Cuba and even places obstacles to sending the most basic humanitarian aid to Cuba.

Supporters of Helms-Burton and the other sanctions argue that such extreme measures are the only way to topple Fidel Castro from power. Obviously, that hasn't worked.

There is no compelling reason to continue this embargo on Cuba. Admittedly, Castro's Cuba is not a bastion of human

rights, but the United States has normalized trade relations with nations such as China which are far more reckless with regard to human rights. Cuba poses no security threat to the United States. The current harsh treatment of the nation has not hastened Castro's demise — he has seen nine American presidents during his tenure in office. Nor has it implanted the resolve for revolution among the Cuban people — as seen from rallies in Havana, Cubans continue to rally around Castro, even if only as a protest of America's reckless and unjust treatment of the Cuban people.

Many in Washington realize the current situation is untenable, and are taking action to allow at least a partial lifting of the embargo. The government's International Trade Com-

mission has been asked by Congress to study the embargo and its effect on the U.S. economy. The commission will doubtless find that the United States is losing a valuable market for its products by refusing to trade with Cuba.

Agricultural interests, devastated by low commodity prices and depression-like conditions in many of America's rural areas, would especially benefit from détente with Cuba. The island imported \$700 million last year in food products alone, money that is badly needed by American farmers. In turn, the Cuban people would gain a new, bountiful food supply. Allowing agricultural exports to Cuba is win-win, both for American farmers and for Cuban consumers.

Several proposals have floated in recent

years to allow the sale of food and medical supplies to Cuba. Unfortunately, the representatives from south Florida, leashed by the Miami exiles, have managed to torpedo any such proposals when they come up.

No good can ever come from denying the most basic humanitarian goods to any people. The embargo on food and medicine harms not Castro but the Cuban people. It is unconscionable that political opposition to such humanitarian assistance could exist, and shipments of food and medicine to Cuba should be allowed to resume.

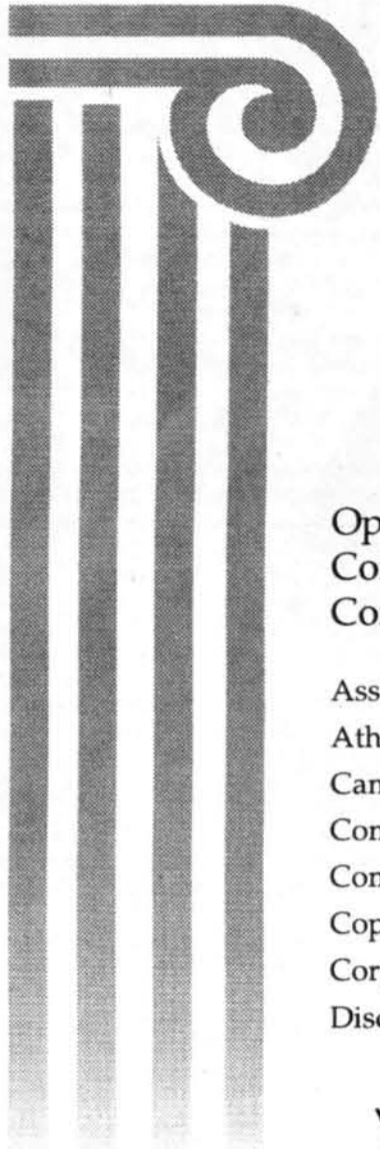
But beyond allowing humanitarian relief, the United States should consider normalizing relations with Cuba altogether. The last forty years have shown us Castro is the winner in a game of hardball. Enforcing even more draconian sanctions is not the answer.

Instead, the United States should look to its improving relations with Vietnam as a model for what we should do with Cuba. Both are Communist nations which embarrassed us in the Cold War. But with that struggle over, we have ameliorated our relations with Hanoi. Working slowly, the United States has expanded trade initiatives and even normalized trade relations with our former enemy. While we are still concerned with Vietnam's human rights situation, we have realized that Cold-War style isolation will not improve conditions in that country. The same principles should apply to our relationship with Cuba.

As America reflects on the events surrounding Elian Gonzalez, citizens should realize the boy is but a symbol of a more drastic problem — the handcuffing of America's Cuba policy by the Miami exile community. For the good of the United States — and Cuba — it is time to break those shackles.

SOMETHING ELSE TO LIBERATE FROM THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY:





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FEATURES

MIT Doctor Offers Dietary Guidance

By Anirban Nayak
HEALTH REPORTER

David Diamond, MD, doctor of internal medicine at the MIT Health Department, says that Americans tend to eat too much meat and not enough vegetables, fruits, and whole grains.

While he admits that meat is an excellent source of protein and should be consumed in moderate amounts (4 to 6 ounces per day), Dr. Diamond contends that plant foods should constitute the foundation of our diet.

This is because plant foods are rich in many of the vitamins and minerals essential to our body. In addition, unlike many meat products, plant foods contain no cholesterol and are usually low in saturated fat — two substances when consumed in excess can raise blood cholesterol levels which, in turn, can increase risk for cardiovascular diseases.

In one such disease, atherosclerosis, cholesterol and fatty deposits clog arteries and obstruct blood flow. Because blood delivers oxygen and other nutrients to tissues and organs throughout our body, atherosclerosis can have many adverse effects, including numbness and dizziness, severe chest pains (angina pectoris), and even heart attacks and strokes.

Another reason plant foods are healthful is that they provide fiber — a substance that our body cannot digest but helps us maintain regularity. In addition, the soluble fiber in oat bran is thought to reduce blood cholesterol levels by manipulating bile acid metabolism.

While it has been well established that a low-fat, fiber-rich diet can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, there is some evidence

suggesting that such a diet may also help prevent some types of cancer.

Many studies have examined the relationship between diet and colon cancer. Despite some inconsistent results, the data taken as a whole indicate that colon cancer incidence is less frequent in populations consuming a diet high in fiber and low in total fat.

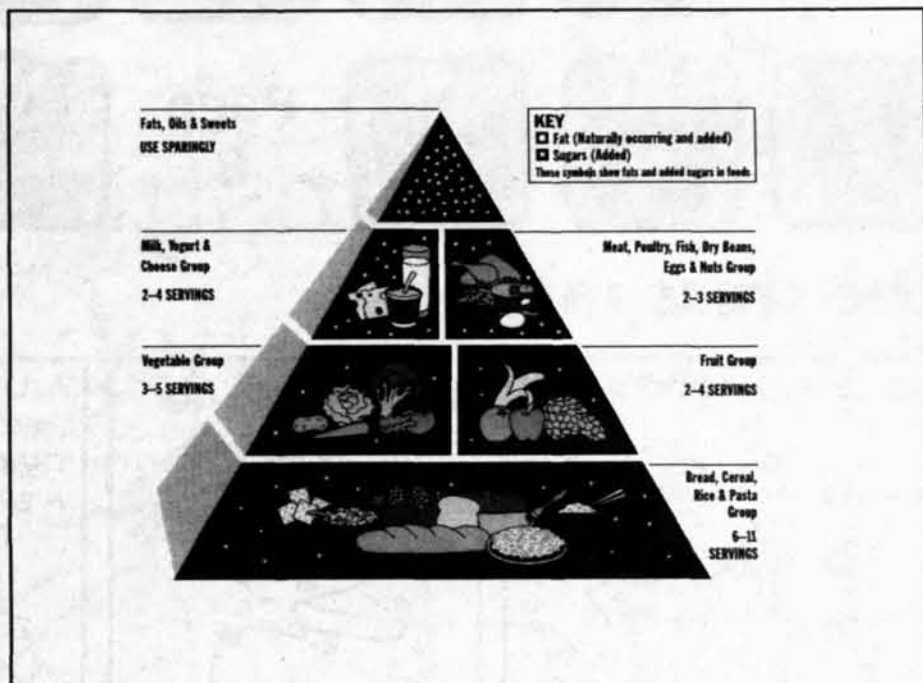
How such a diet might help prevent colon cancer is not known. However, in his book *Cancer of the Colon, Rectum, and Anus*, Alfred Cohen, MD, professor of surgery at the Cornell University School of Medicine, speculates on two ways fiber may reduce colon cancer risk.

First, by decreasing the time for food to transit the digestive tract, fiber might reduce the time of contact between the intestinal wall and carcinogens. Second, by absorbing water, it may also dilute and thereby weaken some of these cancer causing agents.

The National Cancer Institute recommends that we consume 20 to 30 grams of fiber per day. (However, a sudden drastic increase in fiber intake or consumption exceeding 30 grams per day can cause rumbling, bloating, diarrhea and may interfere with the body's ability to absorb vitamin B-12).

Vegetables and fruits also contain substances called antioxidants, which many believe help fight against cancer. Beta carotene (in carrots, sweet potatoes, and pumpkins), vitamin C (in citrus fruits), and vitamin E (in wheat germ, green vegetables, nuts, and seeds) are three antioxidants. These substances deactivate free radicals — carcinogens that damage the genes regulating cell division.

Recently, scientists have identified several



The USDA Food Pyramid offers suggestions for dietary consumption

other chemicals in plant foods. Among them is sulforaphane, a constituent of broccoli and cauliflower.

Research at the Johns Hopkins University has shown a correlation between high sulforaphane consumption and reduced tumor growth in laboratory rats. However, whether this chemical has anti-cancerous effects in humans is not known.

While health experts urge Americans to eat more vegetables, fruits, and whole grains, they also emphasize the importance of a balanced diet, which includes meat and dairy products. Eating a variety of foods helps our body obtain all necessary nutrients.

However, since meat and dairy foods often contain too much fat, experts encourage the choice of leaner cuts of meat and low-fat milk and its products when possible.

In addition, Dr. Diamond says that fish and white meat (chicken and turkey) usually con-

tain less saturated fat, which is the least salutary kind of fat, than red meat (beef). He also recommends that we limit our consumption of egg yolks since they are very high in cholesterol.

A general guideline for healthful eating is embodied in the food pyramid developed by the US Department of Agriculture. It assigns larger areas to those foods that we should consume more and smaller spaces to those that we should eat less.

In addition to the food pyramid suggestions, nutritionists advise that no more than 30 percent of the calories that we consume daily should come from fat. For obese individuals or those with high blood cholesterol levels, the recommended percentage might be even lower.

For more information on a nutrition program that is best for you, contact your primary care physician.

Walker Murals



Alma Mater is the central figure of Walker Memorial's seventy-year-old north mural.

"Ye shall be as gods"

The left panel on the south wall conveys the thought that chemistry has given mankind almost unlimited power and raised the question: shall the power be used to build up or demolish civilization?

The symbolic figure of the scientist stands between two great jars containing beneficent and maleficent gases, or constructive and destructive possibilities. The group below represents diplomats and officers at the council table of the world. In the upper section of the panel a figure of Hygeia is depicted placing a crown on the head of the scientist.

Animal figures symbolic of the dogs of war lurk beside the evil gases, while in the background may be seen the figure of Famine. The large figure standing in the shadow of the tree of knowledge represents Nature.

At the foot of the panel two children support an inscription from Genesis: "Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

On the right panel of the south wall, Humanity, represented by the mother and her children, is being led forward by Knowledge and Imagination from chaos to light.

In the foreground, children are shown carrying the scales of justice, without which no real progress is possible. Above, the dove of peace hovers, and beyond in the background the stars and planets whirl in celestial space.



The murals in Walker Memorial have been enjoyed by diners since their completion in 1930. The murals were painted Edwin Howland Blashfield, who graduated in 1869. Everett Morss, after whom the hall is named, financed the venture. The following is a description of the murals printed in *The Tech* ["Alma Mater central figure in murals," April 24, 1963] which was originally in a pamphlet written by James R. Killian '26 in 1935.

North mural

The mural on the central panel of the North wall is titled 'Alma Mater.' The central seated figure is Alma Mater holding Victory in her right hand, while in her left hand rests the Seal of the Institute. On her lap lies the great seal of the State of Massachusetts. The world is at her feet, as shown by a terrestrial globe supported by a cherub. At her right is a personified representation of learning through the printed page, and on her left is a similar figure representing knowledge through experimentation.

The figures turned toward Alma Mater on each side of the center represent the various branches of knowledge. The lower part of the picture represents the Charles River Basin with a misty suggestion of the Technology buildings in the distance.

This Week In MIT History

By Katie Jeffreys
FEATURES EDITOR

On April 24, 1962 the word "M.I.T." became the first television image transmitted by communication satellite. The transmission was orchestrated by MIT's Lincoln Laboratory station in Camp Parks, California with sponsorship from the Air Force. The message was received at Milestone hill in Westford, Massachusetts, 2,700 miles away.



The signal was weak compared with the background electrical noise in the atmosphere. The signal was also inconsistent. These two factors compromised the picture quality.

The visual image was a natural progression from the transmission of pre-recorded voice messages. The Echo I balloon satellite which was used to convey the image had been used to send audio messages in the prior year. Launched in 1960, Echo I was the first communications satellite. It orbited the earth at a height of 1,000 miles for several years.

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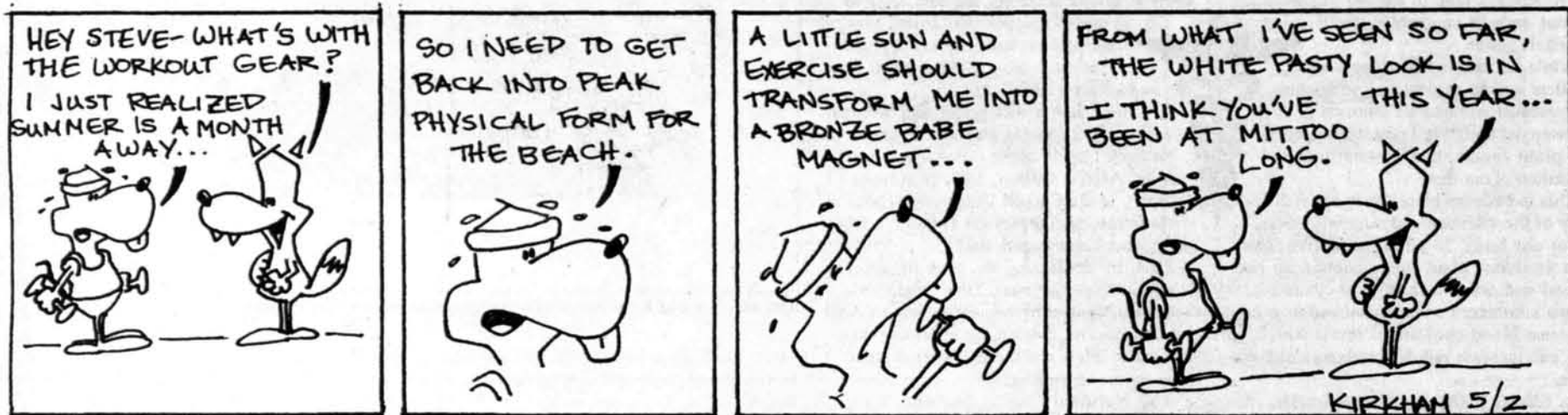
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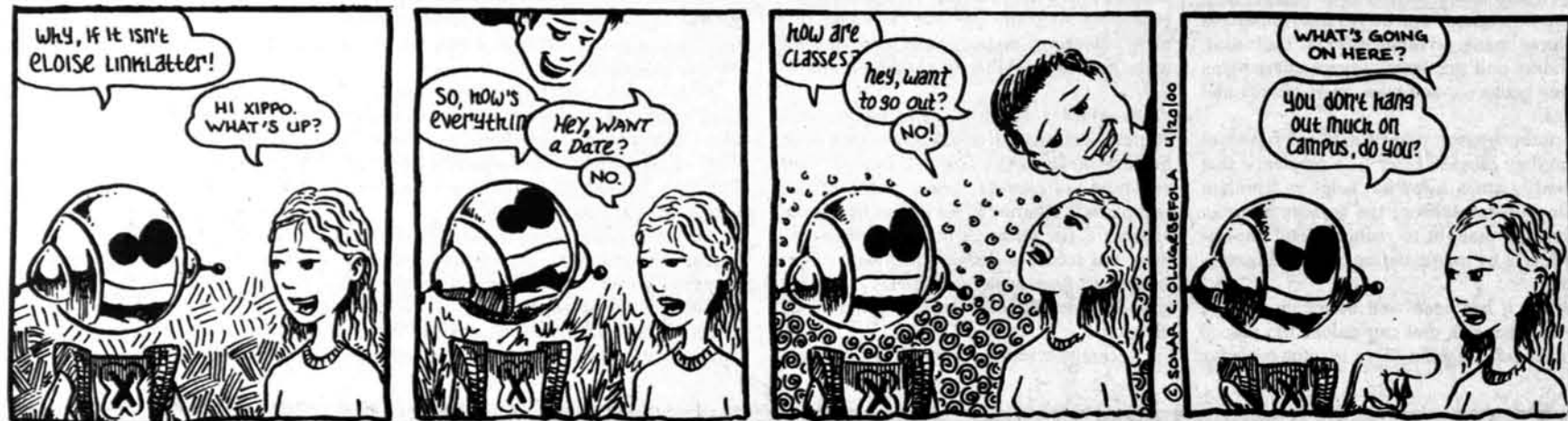
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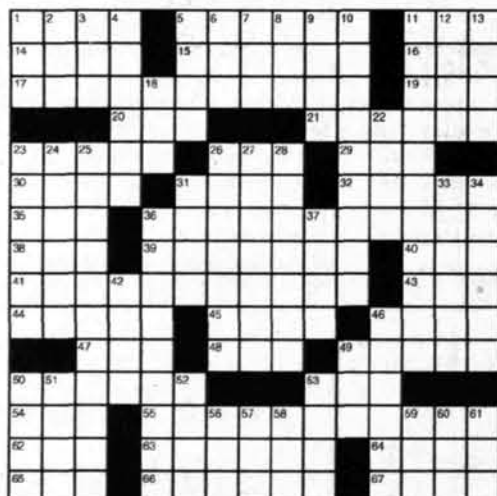
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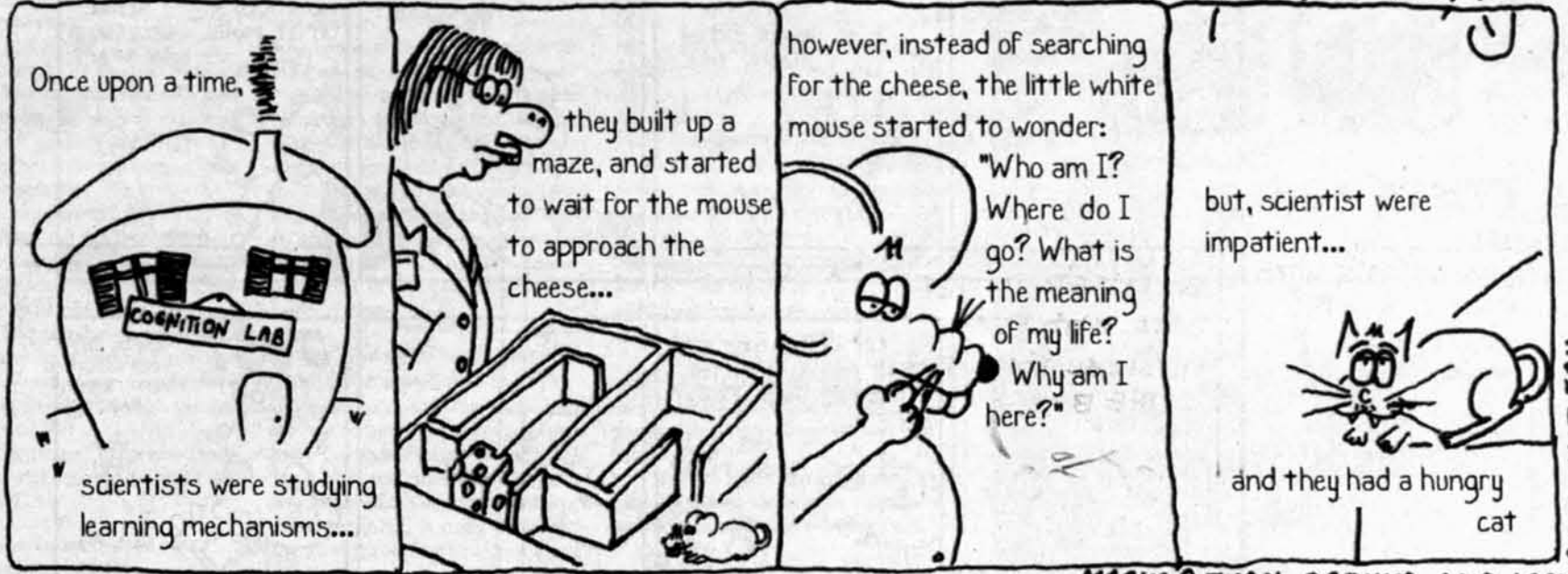
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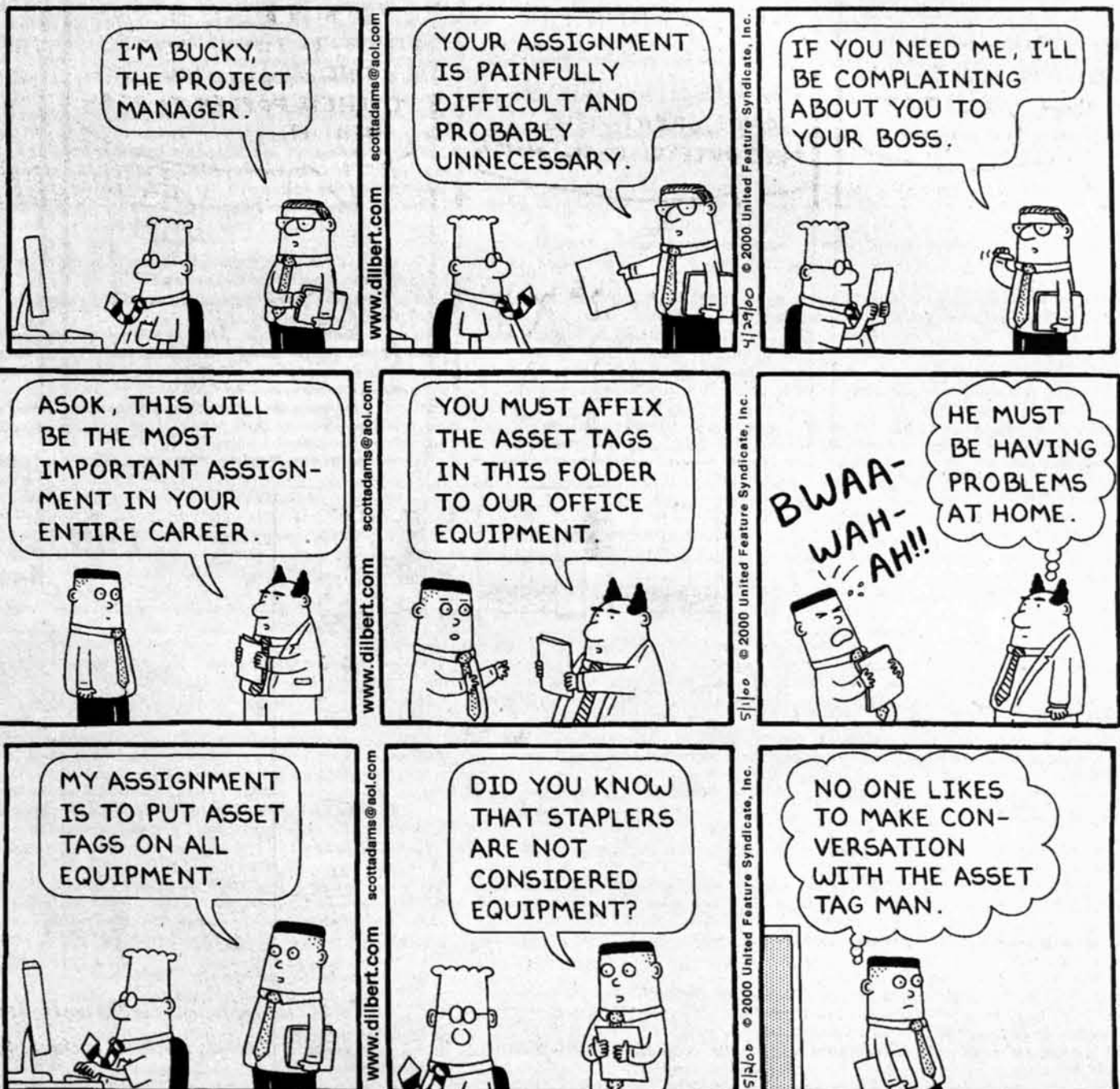
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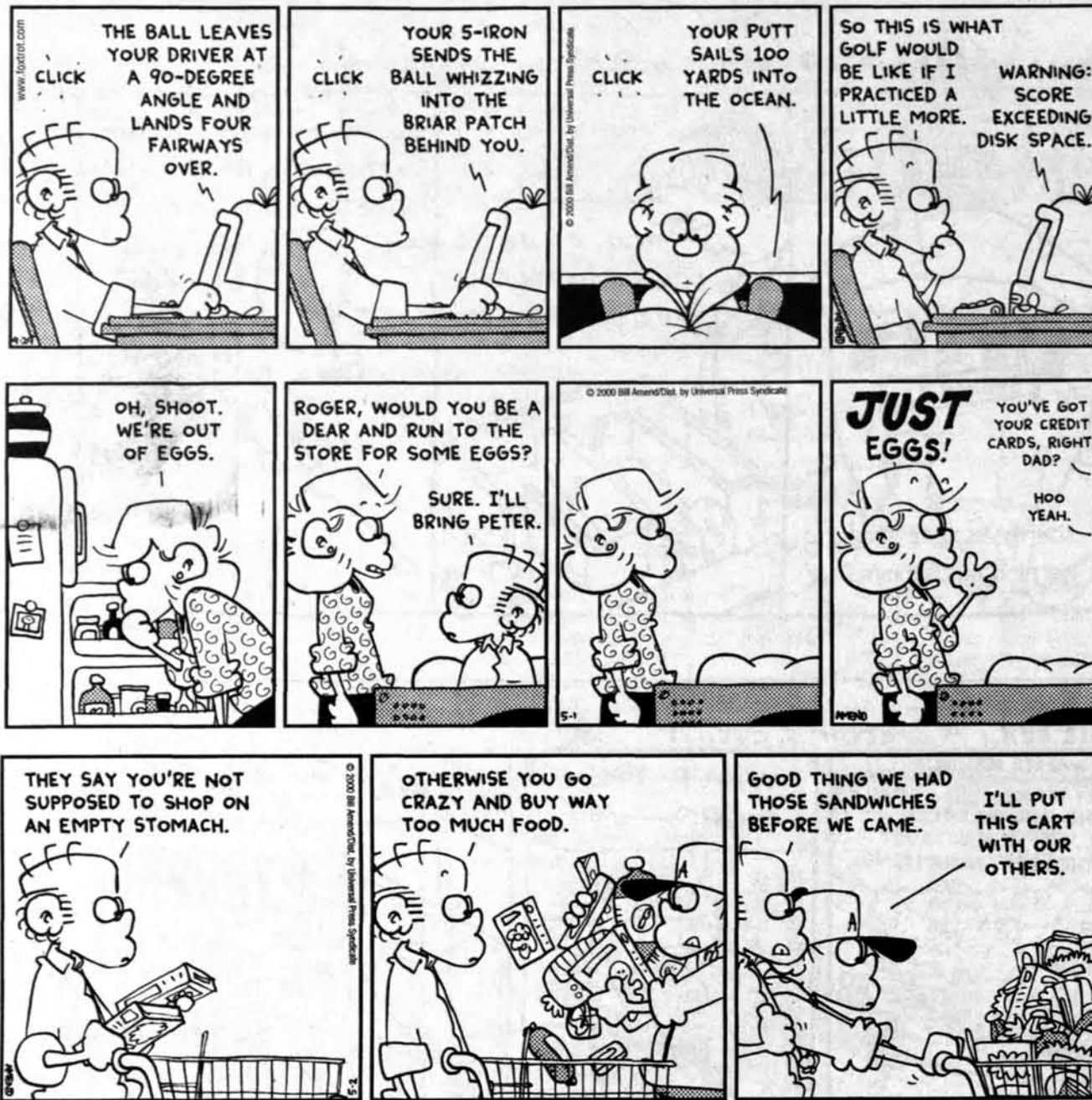
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Tuesday's Events

- 5:30 p.m. - **Holocaust Memorial Day Concert.** World famous singer of Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) folk music, Flory Jagoda & her son Elliot, present a program entitled "Stories Through Song from the Sephardi Jewish Communities of Bosnia." Admission 0. MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 7:00 p.m. - **Reading and Open Mic.** Authors, poets & artists share work from MIT art & literary pubs. Open mic follows. Hosted by Rune, Aeolus, & School of Literary Artistic Thought. Sponsored by Writing & Humanistic Studies Prog. Admission 0. Rm 14E-304. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 8:00 p.m. - **Iraq Awareness Campaign:** Lecture by Anthony Arno, Editor of 'Iraq Under Siege' Harvard Hall, Room 202. <http://web.mit.edu/mitmsa>
- 11:00 a.m. - **Transmutation of Spent Fuel Actinides in Fusion Reactors, Dr. Edward T. Cheng, TSI Research.** Refreshments served at 3:45 pm. Open. More info: Call Paul Rivenberg at 253-8101. Email rivenber@psfc.mit.edu. Web: <http://www.pfc.mit.edu/>. Rm NW17-218.
- 12:00 p.m. - **One Hundred Years of Quantum Physics, Daniel Kleppner, MIT.** Refreshments served following the seminar. Please see web.mit.edu/spectroscopy/www for more detail. Open. More info: Call Alison Hearn at 253-4881. Email hearn@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/spectroscopy/www/>. Rm 37-252.
- 12:00 p.m. - **"Difficult" Children, Elizabeth Engelberg, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates.** 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. - **Electrical Wave Propagation in the Heart: The dynamics of Scroll Waves in Anisotropic Excitable Media, Sima Setayeshgar, Firestone Laboratory, California Institute of Technology.** 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. - **Estimation and Control in Semiconductor Manufacturing, Pramod Khargonekar, University of Michigan.** A short reception will follow in the Osborne Room (35-338). Open. More info: Call soosan beheshti at 253-2832. Email soosan@mit.edu. Rm 35-415.
- 4:00 p.m. - **The Flow of Viscoelastic Fluids through Axisymmetric Abrupt Contraction-Expansions, Mr. Jonathan Rothstein, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, MIT.** Open. More info: Call Donna Wilker at 253-2021. Email dwilker@mit.edu. Rm 5-234.
- 4:00 p.m. - **Vertical Replacement-Gate MOSFET, Don Monroe, 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.
- 4:30 p.m. (1 hour) - **The Effect of Downstream Unsteadiness on Rotor Performance, Mr. Yang-Sheng Tzeng, MIT-Gas Turbine Laboratory.** Refreshments served 4:15pm. Open. More info: Call Lori Martinez at 253-2481. Email dragonl@mit.edu. Rm 31-161.
- 6:30 p.m. - **Recent Work, Daniel Libeskind, architect, Berlin.** Department of Architecture 13th Arthur H. Schein Memorial Lecture. Open. More info: Call Dept of Architecture at 253-7991. Rm 10-250.

Wednesday's Events

- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **Ceramics Sale.** Student Art Association's annual pottery, glass and ceramics sale — just in time for Mother's Day. Admission 0. Lobby 10. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 3:00 p.m. - **spouses&partners@mit weekly meeting.** Making Whiteness Visible: We will watch and discuss a video of members of the MIT community talking about being white and their perspectives on race relations. Admission 0. W20-400. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit.
- 6:00 p.m. - **Concert Band Concert.** Student-run continuation of the band founded in 1948 and led by 51 years by John Corley. Music by Vaughan Williams, Grainger, Lane, Hanson, Kazdin and Hindemith. Admission 0. Lobby 7. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 7:45 - 10:00 p.m. - **Kendo Practice.** Come learn the Japanese art of swordfighting under the instruction of sensei Junji Himeno, 7th dan from Harvard. No experience is necessary. DuPont Gym (Court 2). Sponsor: MIT Kendo Club.
- 11:00 a.m. - **Iraq Awareness Campaign:** Citizens under Sanctions: Photos from Iraq, petition signing and donations collection. <http://web.mit.edu/mitmsa>
- 12:00 p.m. - **Condemned to Repetition: Russian Interventionism, Andrew Bennett, Associate Professor of Government, Georgetown 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.
- 3:00 p.m. - **Doing Successful Science in Space, Dr. Jay Buckley** 3:00 to 4:00pm: Lecture - open to all interested. 4:00 to 5:00pm: Discussion - open to registered students only. Open. More info: Call Helen Halaris at 258-5546. Email halaris@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/masgc/www/phasel.html>. Rm 37-212.
- 4:15 p.m. - **Szygdes of hyperplane arrangements and matroids, Alexander Postnikov, University of California, Berkeley.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Michael Kleber at 253-7905. Email kleber@math.mit.edu. Web: <http://www-math.mit.edu/~combin>. Rm 2-338.
- 5:15 p.m. - **Robust Inference for models of the term structure of Interest Rates, Elvezio Ronchetti, Department of Econometrics, University of Geneva, Switzerland.** Refreshments will be served at 4:45 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Dr. Marc Genton at 253-4390. Email genton@math.mit.edu. Rm 2-105.

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- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - **Comparative Genomics: Surveys of a Finite Parts List** **Finite Parts List.** This talk will be deal with topics from comparative genomics, structural genomics, and large-scale analysis of gene-expression data. HMS, MEC 227. Sponsor: HST.
- 5:00 p.m. - **Chamber Music Society Concert.** Works by Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert. Admission 0. Killian Hall. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 7:00 p.m. - **Chamber Music Society Concert.** Students perform works by Beethoven and Shostakovich. Admission 0. Killian Hall. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 7:00 p.m. - **poetry@mit: Joel Sloman and Lucy Todd Marx.** 30 years ago this duo went to Cuba with the Vencermos Brigade. Sloman will read from his just-published Cuban Journal and they will talk about what Cuba meant to them then and now. Admission 0. Rm 14E-304. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 8:00 p.m. - **Playwrights in Performance.** Associate Provost of the Arts, Prof Alan Brody directs a series of one-act plays written by members of the MIT community. Admission 0. Kresge Rehearsal Rm B. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 11:00 a.m. - **Iraq Awareness Campaign:** Citizens under Sanctions: Photos from Iraq, petition signing and donations collection. <http://web.mit.edu/mitmsa>
- 6:00 p.m. - **Iraq Awareness Campaign:** Documentary screening of 'Paying the Price: Killing the Children' <http://web.mit.edu/mitmsa>
- 4:00 p.m. - **Heuristic Dynamic Assignment Based on Microsimulation and Some related Issues, Professor Jaime Barcelo, Dept. of Statistics and OR, University Politecnica de Catalunya.** Refreshments to follow in Room E40-106. Open. More info: Call Dessi Pachamanova at 253-7412. Email dessi@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/orc/www>. Rm E40-298.
- 4:00 p.m. - **The mean thermal structure of the extratropical troposphere in an idealized GCM, Tapio Schneider, Princeton University.** Open. More info: Call Tieh Yong Koh at 8-6910. Email yong@mit.edu. Web: <http://www.paoc.mit.edu/MASSseries.html>. Rm 54-915.
- 5:00 p.m. - **The Science in Science Fiction** Athena Andreadis, author of "To Seek Out New Life: The Biology of Star Trek" and Anne Simon, author of "The Real Science Behind the X Files: Microbes, Meteorites, and Mutants". Open. More info: Call Chris Pomiecko at 253-3599. Email cpomiecko@mit.edu. Web: <http://media-in-transition.mit.edu>. Bartos Theater.
- 7:00 p.m. - **Lotus Founder Speaks at SBC Keynote Event, Mitch Kapor, Accel Partners.** Refreshments will be served. Open. More info: Call Jefferson Parker at 253-5106. Email jparker3@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/sbc/>. Rm 6-120.

Friday's Events

- 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. - **Policy Studies in Engineering Education: A Tribute to Professor Richard de Neufville.** A colloquium sponsored by ESD's Technology & Policy Program as a tribute to Professor de Neufville's leadership of this program for the past 24 years. Wong Auditorium E51-115. Sponsor: Engineering Systems Division.
- 5:00 p.m. - **Chamber Music Society Concert.** MIT students perform works by Shostakovich and Smetana. Admission 0. Killian Hall. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 7:00 p.m. - **The MIT/Wellesley Toons 10th Anniversary Show.** Coed a cappella ensemble. In addition to new songs performed by the Toons & a guest group, Toons alumni will rejoin the group to perform older songs from the repertoire. Admission 0. Rm 54-100. Sponsor: Real World Colloquium.
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- 7:30 p.m. - **Lawrence of Arabia.** British lieutenant T.E. Lawrence rewrites the political history of Saudi Arabia. Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn, Jack Hawkins. Admission 2.5. 10-250. Sponsor: LSC.
- 8:00 p.m. - **Piano Recital.** James Steele, senior postdoctoral associate, Lab for Nuclear Science. Admission 0. Killian Hall. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
- 8:00 p.m. - **"Company".** Musical Theatre Guild's production of Stephen Sondheim's ground-breaking musical. \$9, \$8 MIT faculty & staff, seniors, other students. Admission 6.00. Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
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Counterpoint Seeks MIT Aid After Wellesley Slashes Funding

By Dana Levine
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

As a result of drastic funding cuts for Wellesley student activities, *Counterpoint*, an opinion magazine published jointly by MIT and Wellesley, is facing significant financial hardship.

Counterpoint usually receives \$3,000 from the MIT Undergraduate Association Finance Board, which supplements Wellesley's Student Organization Funding Committee (SOFC) allocation of \$6,500. Together with advertising revenue, the allocations allow *Counterpoint* to publish monthly through the academic year.

Next semester, however, *Counterpoint* will receive only \$2,000 from SOFC.

Depleted account behind cuts

The SOFC's funding process consists of allocating money to groups without regard to the SOFC's actual resources, and then cutting those allocations by a uniform amount to fit the budget. In past years, the cuts have been partially offset by a savings account used by SOFC to supplement its yearly capital.

According to FinBoard member Jonathan Sheffi '03, the savings account was empty by last year. SOFC thus implemented an across-the-board cut of 55 percent to Wellesley-funded activities and groups. *Counterpoint's* budget was cut by nearly 70 percent to only \$2,000 for next year.

As a result, *Counterpoint* will be more reliant on FinBoard's allocation for next semester, which was determined last weekend but has not been officially disclosed.

Although Sheffi could not release FinBoard's exact level of funding for *Counterpoint*, he said that the funding "ended up being more than they got before, but I was hoping for more."

"I was hoping that we could give them a lot of money," Sheffi said. Sheffi became the Finboard liaison to *Counterpoint* after "a friend of mine who works for *Counterpoint* mentioned [their financial troubles] to me."

"[FinBoard's funding] was more crucial this year because SOFC cut our budget by such a large percentage," said *Counterpoint* Senior Editor Angela Kappler, a Wellesley sophomore.

Focus of magazine at issue

A perception that *Counterpoint* benefits students at MIT more than students at Wellesley underlies in part the SOFC's decision to trim the magazine's budget. While 4,500 copies are distributed at MIT newsstands, only 1,500 copies are available at Wellesley's smaller campus.

"Part of the reason why Wellesley didn't think that [the old funding model] was fair was that they were paying twice as much and getting a third as many issues," Sheffi said.

However, Wellesley students currently make up a large portion of *Counterpoint's* staff, possibly skewing coverage towards Wellesley issues. Kappler, however, said that Wellesley staffers try to keep an even perspective on the issues.

"We've been going out of our way to try and increase the number of MIT contributors," she said. "It's only been a recent development that there have been so many Wellesley editors. We're trying to balance it."

Former *Counterpoint* editor and current contributor Jason H. Wasfy '01 said the proportion of Wellesley versus MIT contributors always fluctuates.

"No one can argue that the distribution is greater at MIT, but there are more people as well," said Wasfy.

"Because our distribution at MIT is so much larger, they feel that MIT should be picking up the printing costs," Kappler said. However, she

stated that "the overall costs are largely things that are related to the pre-press work."

Kappler believes SOFC's rationalizations are unjustified, and that MIT and Wellesley should try to share the financial costs as well as the benefits of *Counterpoint*. "It's such an idiotic thing to try and find an answer to" which campus *Counterpoint* benefits more. "*Counterpoint* is a bi-campus publication," said Kappler.

Magazine seeks alternate funding

Kappler stated that she "can't complain with the communication that we've had from either organization," as both FinBoard and SOFC have been extremely accommodating about the whole process. "I don't think that SOFC is going to be funding us much as they have in the past. We're going to have to get money from another source," she said.

Recently, *Counterpoint* has tried to bolster its budget with advertising revenues, although this has been difficult as it is only a monthly publication. "We're certainly not going anywhere soon, but we're going to have to think about how we're going to fund ourselves," Kappler said.

Wasfy said, "The hope of people

is that FinBoard will give a generous amount of funding. People are looking into other sources as well, like Dean's Offices" at MIT.

Copy cap implemented as well

In addition to decreasing funding levels this year, SOFC has also placed a limit on the number of copies a publication may print. Although SOFC had originally set a limit of 450 copies on all Wellesley publications, Kappler was able to convince them to increase this number to 600. She estimates that the original 1,500 copies served 2,300 members of the Wellesley community, so the decrease to 600 will hurt readership.

"To not have that issue read is just not fair to the people who have spent so many hours working on it," Kappler said.

One of the major reasons for *Counterpoint's* existence is to provide an alternative viewpoint to the ones presented in other MIT and Wellesley publications. "If both MIT and Wellesley are satisfied with just one publication, then I'm terribly disappointed," Kappler said.

Laura McGrath Moulton contributed to the reporting of this story.



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The MIT Lion Dance troupe performs an act outside the student center during I-Fair 2000 on Friday.

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CONCERT REVIEW

They Might Be Giants

The Best Practice of Their Lives

- New York City
- Cowtown
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They Might Be Giants

The They Might Be Giants/Reel Big Fish concert on Friday night at the Johnson Athletic Center proved to be not only entertaining, but educational as well. One could learn some new math: "One is two, two is three," some basic spelling techniques: "Because winning is a word with seven letters", and a shocking revelation that is sure to turn cosmology on its ear: "The heat and light of the sun are caused by the nuclear reactions between estrogen, estrogen, estrogen, and estrogen!"

Despite the early atmosphere of a middle school dance while the crowd filtered in, the concert took off at about 9 p.m. when SoCal ska band Reel Big Fish hit the stage. Fully decked out in a Superman outfit, lead singer/guitarist Aaron Barrett kept the crowd going with his seemingly boundless energy.

Songs were played from all of RBF's major commercial releases, including their recent rerelease of the album *Everything Sucks*. Their set was held up by an attempt at audience participation which consisted of dividing the audience into a call or response for The Kids Don't Like It, which took far too long and ended up ultimately a bit disappointing. However, RBF treated the crowd to their special blend of ska music from their perfect for pogo-dancing song Suburban Rhythm to their brand-new song which reminded the crowd over and over again that Rock 'n Roll is Bitchin'. The band closed their set with their high-energy cover of A-ha's Take on Me and then their quasi-mainstream hit Sell Out.

After about a 45 minute break, They Might Be Giants came to the stage with their cover of Cub's New York City, probably the only love song that TMBG sings with a positive spin on it. Backed up by the Band of Dans, John Linnell (the tall skinny one) and John Flansburgh (the tall, not-as-skinny one) played a show of old familiar favorites along with some new material.

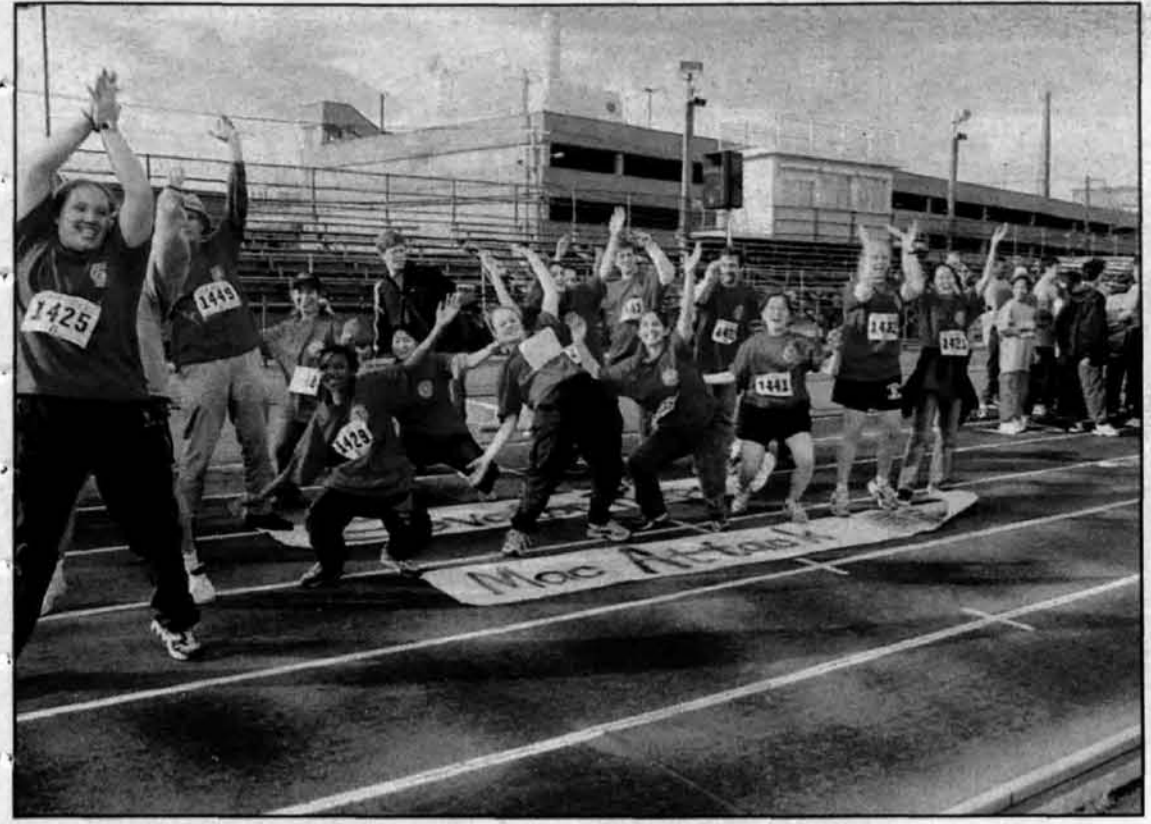
During a break between songs, Flansburgh explained that TMBG's dressing room in Johnson was in the space where the pole-vault team practices, and in that area there is a large sign which reads, "Make today the best practice of your life." So in keeping with that theme, he explained, they would try to make the Spring Weekend Concert "the best practice of their careers" by playing a song which they not only did not know very well, but to which the lyrics had not yet been completed. The group then launched into an extended version of their theme to TV's Malcolm in the Middle, entitled Boss of Me. Other newer songs included She Thinks She's Edith Head, from TMBG's MP3-only release *Long Tall Weekend*, an album in a medium which the Giants figured "demographically speaking, [MIT students] need that explained the least", and Four of Two, a song from their upcoming children's album, *No!*

John and John didn't neglect their classics, however. The set included TMBG standbys Particle Man, Istanbul (Not Constantinople), and Ana Ng.

TMBG's show was not without its delays as well: miking a glockenspiel for the song Shoehorn with Teeth held up the show for a few minutes, but Flansburgh was quick to explain that "at They Might Be Giants, quality is job four."

The bank closed their set with their song about a struggling wannabe drummer, Dr. Worm, and returned for a two-song encore of Spy and Twisting.

Just as Flansburgh remarked, "probably only at MIT could one find a crowd that includes people both crowd-surfing and space dancing — we're bringing people together through music." And that's just what they did.



By Naveen Sunkavally

With four out of five winning events, Spring Weekend festivities brought together many students, faculty, and staff from all parts of the Institute.

The They Might Be Giants/Reel Big Fish concert Friday night attracted about 2,000 people, the most of any event, said Spring Weekend Committee Co-Chair Douglas E. Heimburger '00.

Saturday afternoon's Johnson Games, an event last run in 1991 for President Charles M. Vest's inauguration, also did well, with 1,200 participants, said Gayle M. Gallagher, co-director of Johnson Games 2000.

Security a concern at concert

The concert lasted three hours, and members of Reel Big Fish spent an hour at Baker House after the show. Of the 1,850 tickets sold, approximately 1,300 were to MIT students, Heimburger said. The concert was not as successful as last year's Busta Rhymes concert, which sold 2,500 tickets, but fared better than other concerts in recent years, Heimburger said.

Security was tight, and Campus Police

removed any crowd surfers who made it close to the stage. The security was so tight that the Giants poked fun at it. "The Giants didn't want a barricade, but given the experience with Reel Big Fish at other concerts, it was appropriate," Heimburger said.

Johnson Games revival a success

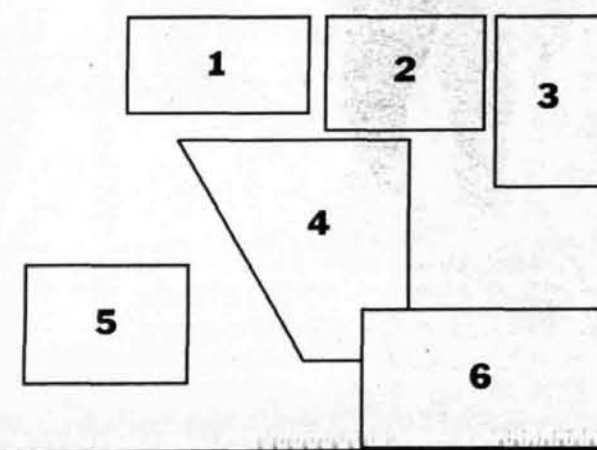
Twenty-nine teams participated in Johnson Games on Saturday afternoon. President Charles M. Vest, who led the Vest Pocket Protectors, explained the rationale for reviving the games this year: "Last year and this year we have begun investing more in activities that build community and provide enjoyment for large numbers of people on our campus. The Johnson Games were very successful in the past and we decided to try them again."

Teams participated in about twelve events, including an obstacle course, Simon Says, hula-hooping, a tight rope contest, and a construction contest. The Gashlycrumb Times of Third East won the Games.

"I am hearing very positive comments from those who participated so I believe it was a success. We are hoping to hold the Johnson Games every other year with the



- 1) Reel Big Fish perform during the Spring Weekend festivities. (Photo by Leonid Drozhinin—The Tech)
- 2) Team "Mac Attack" sings a song about MacGregor elevators in the Construction Challenge portion of the Johnson Games. (Photo by Roshan Baliga—The Tech)
- 3) Teams had to compete in various games, including this one, where competitors had to race to dress up their teammates in clown costumes. (Photo by Roshan Baliga—The Tech)
- 4) They Might Be Giants drummer, Mark Donato, premieres a tune on glockenspiel. (Photo by Greg Kuhnen—The Tech)
- 5) They Might Be Giants, led by vocalist John Flansburgh, performs during Spring Weekend 2000 (Photo by Greg Kuheng—The Tech)
- 6) The "Vest Pocket Protectors" race to pass hula hoops without breaking their chain of teammates. This event was one of many involving hula hoops. (Photo by Roshan Baliga—The Tech)



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Cambridge Debates Future Development

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error in planning. I don't think anybody wants to repeat that."

The moratorium, according to Sarah E. Gallop, Co-Director of the Office of Government and Community Relations, "doesn't have an immediate impact on MIT ... but any kind of moratorium means that the value of our property in that area reduces. So, for property value reasons, we protested."

With the failure of that protest and the passage of the petition, Cambridge Councilors began reevaluating development in Kendall Square.

Harvard's Knafel Center contested

Councilors are also considering widespread dissatisfaction with Harvard's proposed Knafel Center for Government and International Studies, which will replace both the Information Services Building and Coolidge Hall. The enormous center will include an underground tunnel beneath Cambridge Street.

Prolonged hearings on the building, which is now two years in the planning, have so far failed. The Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission (MCNDC), which oversees the hearings, has yet to approve the plan. Even if the commission passes the proposal, other city boards will need to review it and could block the development altogether.

Opposition to Harvard's Knafel Center is based on social as well as practical concerns. A rally early last month, headlined by speeches from Cambridge Mayor Anthony D. Galuccio and City Council members Jim Braude and Marjorie C. Decker, indicated that many oppose the Knafel Center because of Harvard's failure to pass a living wage of \$10 per hour for all University employees.

The University's enormous "living wage campaign" attracted a crowd of 200 protesters. Braude told the crowd, "If Harvard wants to build a new building and comes to the City Council, all nine of us will say, 'Implement a living wage, and we'll talk.'" The Council later passed a resolution calling for Harvard to implement the \$10 per hour wage.

Location aids MIT efforts

Why has MIT continued its boom relatively unscathed by Cambridge residents as Kendall developers and Harvard University face widespread opposition?

The key, according to Gallop, is "location, location, location".

"Stata is surrounded by MIT buildings and businesses. No one is there to oppose it ... and the dorm is on our side of the railroad tracks. The concerns from residents are mainly about appearance, which is easy to fix."

The Kendall Square development, however, "is a huge traffic and congestion concern," said Davis. "That's also the reason people are opposing the Harvard building."

The lack of such a controversy at MIT does not necessarily indicate a permanently friendly or trusting relationship between Cambridge and the Institute, however.

Councilors have been outspoken in their opposition to further development plans similar to University

Park, an MIT-implemented \$45 million development project that includes University Park Hotel and several housing units near Star Market.

"I'm worried about congested buildings like that," said Davis. "Speaking from the community, I think it would never be safe to keep our guard down. The resources of the universities are enormous compared to the city. We have to be sure that we keep on our radar screen how the universities plan to develop."

Born agreed. "There is a new leadership in the real estate office at MIT," she said. "I think they should be public with their vision. I think that there's a perception in the general public always believes that Harvard and MIT have secret plans."



The Stata Center is one of the many building projects in which MIT is currently involved.

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Rate Hike Revenue Will Help MBTA Meet Increasing Costs

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system would cost about \$120 million and increase revenues by \$6 million. Savings of \$6.2 million per year could be realized by the reduction of the need for fare collectors.

According to MBTA Spokesman Joe Pesaturo, the cost of operations for the MBTA topped \$600 million this year, rising by about \$50 million from last year. In the seven years preceding fiscal year 1998, operations costs rose from \$540 million to \$551 million, an average of less than \$2 million per year.

The Blue Ribbon Committee reported that 37 percent of costs are recovered in revenues. The committee hopes to increase the coverage rate to 50 percent, a number more in line with other large U.S. transit systems as well as legislative funding policies.

Legislation that takes effect on July 1 establishes a new framework for funds coming from Beacon Hill.

Known as forward funding, the system provides the MBTA with a predictable source of funding at the beginning of the year. Previously the T would request funding for a certain percentage of its cost of operations.

Further rate hikes recommended

The committee envisions this rate hike to be the first in a set of three price increases. The next two are set for 2003 and 2005. Along with the increase in fares, the MBTA is expected to examine payment structures including special discounts and visitor passes.

According to Pesaturo, the T offers the lowest fares in the country. Even after the proposed rate increases, the T is expected to still be one of the least expensive mass transit systems.

The T will also seek to reach its goal of covering half of its expenses through increases in non-fare revenues such as parking. Currently, the

price to park in an MBTA lot is significantly less expensive than market rates, most notably when compared to downtown parking fees.

"Urban Ring" idea reemerges

Future construction plans for the T were released yesterday, as reported on *boston.com*. The idea of a mass transit urban ring to better connect Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Somerville, Everett, and Chelsea was raised again. A system of light rail, buses, and dedicated lanes, the urban ring will connect all subway lines and approximately seventy percent of the bus routes.

The rail lines behind the MIT campus, parallel to Vassar Street were utilized in some of the initial designs for the urban ring. Pesaturo was unsure of whether the most recent drafts included the use of this rail line. Future plans for the urban ring are unsure due to the fact that there are no plans to fund the project.

Summer Renovations To Close EC, Random

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ing."

Dorms welcome upgrades

The shortage of available rooms will be caused by a \$32 million project to upgrade fire and electrical systems across campus. This summer's construction will force the full evacuation of East Campus and Random.

"There was a mixed reaction" toward the renovations, Evans said. "We were happy things were getting done."

She said many of the East Campus residents who were granted summer housing will stay at Senior House or Bexley. Those who are not given a room may stay in FSILGs.

Matthew S. Cain '02, president of Random Hall, said his dorm is up to code, but "we want something that meets our needs." Along with fire and electrical updates, Random will receive new carpeting and make other previously scheduled repairs.

"We generally have a high percentage of people that stay" in Random Hall over the summer, Cain said. Due to the repairs, many Random Hall residents will be moving to Bexley or FSILGs, Cain said.

Sprinklers and grounded outlets will be installed in every room. The large scope of the renovations is why both dorms will be fully evacuated, a move questioned by some residents.

The East Campus upgrade is expected to cost \$400,000 while Random's renovations are priced at \$300,000.

There have been similar housing shortages for the last two years, when Baker House was closed for renovations to its rooms and common areas.

Last year, Baker set up a tent near Kresge Auditorium to rush incoming freshmen as the construction was being completed.

Next year's orientation should not affect East Campus or Random in this way, as the construction is expected to be finished by mid-August.

Next House Votes for All-Female Bathroom

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a strong one," Millman said, adding that residents were concerned more with keeping a single-sex bathroom than with keeping female-only housing.

Elizabeth Bly '03, who was assigned to the women's wing, said that many residents of the women's wing live there because other rooms were unavailable in the lottery.

"I have no desire to live on an all women's hall," Bly said, adding that she would not choose to live in the women's wing even if it was still an option in Sunday's housing lottery.

"The only reason I live here [in the women's wing] is that it was the only single left," said Amy M. Shui '02.

Shui added, "If it were still a women's wing, I would try to not live here."

Single-sex housing declining

Single-sex housing within MIT dormitories has declined over the past two decades.

MacGregor House, which began as all-male housing in the 1970s, now only has one all-male entry remaining out of nine entries. The all-male "F" entry survived a challenge during fall 1999 from residents wanting to change its status.

Random Hall, which housed men only at its 1968 inception, now has four all-male floors, two all-female floors, and two co-ed floors.

Now completely co-ed, East Campus's last all-male floor switched to co-ed housing six years ago.

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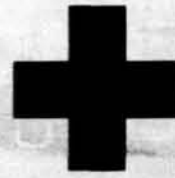
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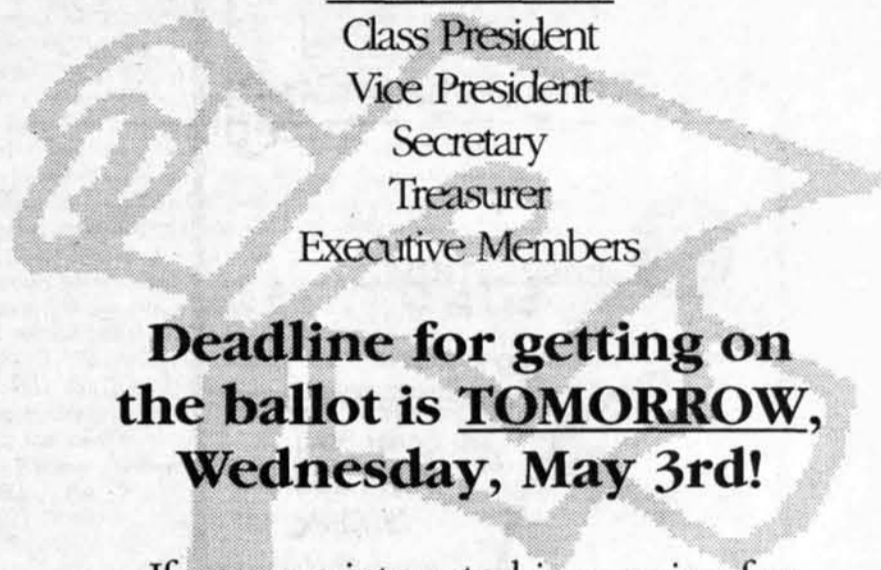
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Indians Will Beat Yankees in AL Pennant

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quite a turnaround for the Dodgers who finished with a losing record last year. However, the turnaround will not be as good as some Dodgers' fans might like, because the winner of this series earns the right to be trounced by the perennial National League champions, the Atlanta Braves.

As I stated in my previous article on Atlanta, they have a solid pitching staff and a deeper batting order than they did last year. The Dodgers cannot match-up against the Braves in any

of the facets of the game and as a result, Atlanta should await the champion of the American League to square off in the Fall Classic.

American League Playoffs

The three division winners in the American League will be the Yankees, Indians, and Mariners. The wild card race should be rather interesting, with some young teams in the Chicago White Sox, the Toronto Blue Jays, and possibly the Oakland Athletics giving chase to the Boston Red Sox, but the Bosox will hold strong and once again stake claim to the wild card spot.

This should set-up a playoff situation similar to last year with the Yankees taking on the AL West champion and the Indians getting another crack at the Boston Red Sox. Much like the National League, New York has been in control of their respective league lately. The Mariners know this and probably are not looking for much suc-

cess against New York, which is good because they won't find much. Not much explanation is needed, New York is loaded, and even if this Seattle team still had Griffey, the couldn't match-up with the pitching or hitting of the New York Yankees.

In the other playoff series, it is the match-up the Indians will be looking forward to all season, a chance for revenge against the Boston Red Sox. Last year it looked like the Indians were going to be on cruise control after they beat the Red Sox in two straight and Pedro was injured.

However, Martinez made a spectacular comeback in game five to pitch six innings of no-hit relief ball. Cleveland is not soon to forget how embarrassed they were last year in Fenway, dropping one game by the humiliating score of 23-7 (Boston must have missed an extra point).

This year I look for Cleveland to knock off the Red Sox, in what once again should prove to be a thrilling series. Pedro can probably silence the bats of the Indians twice, but Cleveland has the best line-up in baseball, a line-up one cannot stop but only contain. Boston cannot contain Cleveland's line-up for the entire series this time, and Cleveland has beefed up their pitching some to prevent Boston from putting up the offensive numbers they did last year to out slug them. Anyway, much to the dismay of many readers, I'm predicting a New York-Cleveland ALCS.

Now the question remains if New York can advance to the World

Series yet again. I say no. Sure on paper New York should beat the Cleveland. The Indians have a stronger batting order, but the Yankees have a much stronger pitching staff than the Cleveland. Great pitching is usually the definitive quality of championship teams, but in the year when baseball is putting up astronomical offensive numbers, I think the more offensive team will win this series. That is why I'm taking the Cleveland Indians to march on to the World Series to face the Atlanta Braves.

As I said back in my AL Central article, the Indians have a line-up that has strike fear into any opposing pitcher. Speaking of starting pitchers, the Indians have a strong starting rotation. Which leaves their susceptible bullpen. Don't think the Indians don't realize this. Their organization knows that they are pretty much a strong closer or more powerful middle relief away from a trip to the World Series, and as a result, I look for them to acquire some help before the end of the season. One option might be Roberto Hernandez of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. They also might splurge to get yet another quality starter in Brad Radke of the Minnesota Twins. Both Hernandez and Radke are rumored to be on the trading block and be donning different uniforms sometime before the end of the season. If Cleveland wants to beat the Yankees, they will definitely be in the bidding wars to acquire these two talents. In the end, the Cleveland Indians should make the right

moves to meet the Atlanta Braves in the World Series.

World Series

A match-up between the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians in the World Series would definitely stir some interest in the fans. On one hand you have the Braves, the Buffalo Bills of baseball (well almost, they do have one Series championship to show for their five appearances in the '90s), while on the other you have the offensive-minded Indians, who have made it here twice in the past five years, losing in both attempts. What some might deem as the "Series of the Also-Rans," I look for the Cleveland Indians to end their 52 year drought by winning (or rather slugging) their way to victory against the Atlanta Braves.

In just a few short weeks of the season, offense has been the story, and I look for this trend to continue throughout the season and into World Series. Yes, the Braves have a strong arsenal of pitchers, but so did the Yankees, and much like the Yankees, the Braves' starters will only be able to hold the Indians for so long before their potent line-up goes on a tear. Chalk up Atlanta's first loss in the World Series, and based on the '90s, most likely not their last, as the Cleveland Indians will prevail this season, once and for all putting a stop to the cracks they have taken in the "Major League" movie series. Now if only the Cubs could put it together... no, I think we still have a long wait for that one.

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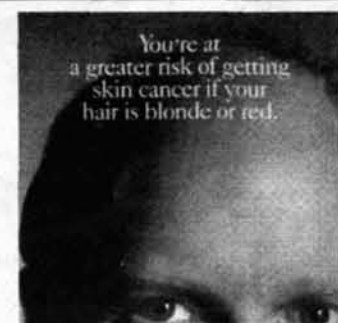
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only 1 to lower his ERA to a league-leading 2.29.

The MIT offense, which had exploded for 20 hits just two days earlier, made little noise except an RBI single in the 7th by Ethan T. Goetz '00 that scored catcher John J. Kogel '03. MIT threatened again in the eighth, but Forte got first baseman Matthew R. Berger '01 on a ground-out to end the inning, stranding runners at first and second base. The win evened Babson's NEWMAC record at 5-5 and dropped MIT to 4-6 in the conference.

Tech drops two to Coast Guard

Wet weather canceled the Engineers' April 21 non-conference home game against Endicott College and pushed their Saturday April 22 conference road doubleheader with Coast

On a solo home run, David M. Piho tied with Joel Morales '99 for the MIT's career home run record.

Guard to Monday April 24. The lay-off seemed to hurt the T's, as they came out flat and unfocused in getting swept by the last-place Bears, 6-3 and 12-5.

In Game 1 MIT could not figure out Coast Guard junior pitcher Jorge Trevino, whose slower-than-normal delivery to the plate kept the Engineers off balance the entire game. Trevino, aided by a 3-run 2nd inning from his teammates, held MIT to 7 hits while striking out 7 to spur the Bears to the victory.

The T's once again suffered from sparse individual contributions on offense. Kogel had two hits and an RBI, and centerfielder Alvan Eric P. Loreto '01 had 1 hit, 2 runs scored, and 2 stolen bases to raise his team-leading total to 14 (3rd in the NEWMAC) before reinjuring his hamstring in the 5th inning. Third baseman Christopher J. Albrecht '00 and first baseman Jeffrey J. Billing '01 each added a triple and an RBI. However, Tech again could not find the timely hit late in the game, leaving runners stranded on base in each of the last three innings.

The Engineers fared not better in Game 2 as they were victimized by a 6-run 5th from the Bears, capped by a 3-run home run to dead center from third baseman Trevor Hamel. Tech pitcher Albrecht showed guts in going the distance for the complete game, but his arm just did not have the punch to hold the Coast Guard bats down. On offense, McKenney led the way with a triple and 2 RBI, and third baseman Brian S. Nykiel-Furgala '02 had a hit and 2 runs scored.

Tech drops first round of tourney

By dropping their last three conference games, MIT slipped to the fifth seed in the NEWMAC tournament, setting up a single-elimination first-round contest with fourth-seeded Springfield College. MIT split a road doubleheader with Springfield earlier in the year, and Thursday April 27 marked the second time this year they would have to take the hour-and-a-half trek down Interstate 90 to face the Pride. Once again MIT turned to its ace Szuminski to carry them, while Springfield, whose aces had pitched 3 and 4 days earlier, countered with little-used right-hander Mike Ehrlich.

The results were all too familiar for Tech: solid effort by Szuminski, not enough support from his offense. The Engineers scored runs in the 2nd and 3rd, the latter coming on a solo

home run by David M. Piho '00 that tied him with Joel Morales Jr. '99 for the MIT career home run record.

However, Springfield countered with one in the 2nd before exploding for 7 in the 4th, only 2 of which were earned runs. Costly errors by Szuminski, Piho, and Ahren M. Lembke-Windler '00 mixed in with run-scoring doubles by Springfield sluggers Jason Conway and Austin Kimball put the Pride too far ahead to catch.

Springfield added three more in the 7th before MIT came back with one more in the 8th, leaving the final score at 11-3, Ehrlich's first win of the year. The loss dampened strong performances by each of the Tech seniors in their final game. In addition to Piho's home run, Szuminski struck out eight, including the final batter of his collegiate career, but was not his usual self in giving up 6 bases on balls. Goetz had a double, one run scored, and made several dazzling plays to cut down sure Springfield hits. Albrecht contributed a double and an RBI, and Kevin B. McKenney '00 and Ryan S. Balter G each pitched in solid hits. Lembke-Windler, in his first game back at first base since injuring his elbow at the outset of the season, went 2 for 3 on the day.

Despite adequate talent and decent depth, the 2000 MIT baseball squad found itself underachieving often, hampered in no small part by the unseasonably cool April temperatures. The T's look forward to coming back strong next year, but they will sorely miss the services of this year's graduating class, each of which contributed heavily to the team's successes this season. However, the door is not closed on the 2000 campaign just yet, as a handful of Tech players eagerly await the announcement of postseason accolades from the conference and the NCAA.



Eli Weinberg '02 sends a feed past a Western New England College defenseman. The Engineers won the close game, 10-9, qualifying them for the playoffs.

MIT Faces Dominant ECSU Team

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Eli Weinberg brought the ball in and made a quick pass to Weber. Weber put a crank shot past WNEC goalie Jared Barringer for his only goal of the day. WNEC had one more chance but fired the ball into the stick of MIT goalie Justin Verdirame '00 for his seventeenth save of the day.

During the four game winning streak, team play has been the key to success. The offense has had numerous contributors to its success. The defense has been playing as a cohesive unit, and it has been improving everyday.

The victory clinches second place in the Northeast Division of

the Pilgrim League and a playoff spot in the Pilgrim League Tournament.

The Engineers will play at Eastern Connecticut State on Wednesday in what figures to be one of MIT's biggest tests of the season.

Ranked twentieth in the nation and fourth in New England, ECSU has gone 11-1 (8-0) to win the Southwest Division. MIT finishes its regular season May 1 when it hosts Tufts University.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Total
MIT	2	2	1	5	10
WNEC	0	2	4	3	9

Goals: MIT—Matt Van Horn 3, Pascal Rettig 2, Pete Jenkins 2, Kurtis McKenney 1, Rich Weber 1, Mike Rainey 1. WNEC—John Amcico 2, Tyler Fahey 2, Randy Milon 2, Billy Locher 1, Kevin Savage 1, Will Neuenhaus 1. **Assists:** MIT—Eli Weinberg 2, Mike Rainey 2, Mark Kastantin 1. WNEC—Billy Locher 3, Kevin Savage 2, Ryan Deane 1, Matt Muscomeci 1. **Shots:** MIT 44, WNEC 49. **Groundballs:** MIT 49, WNEC 49. **Clears:** MIT 17-22, WNEC 17-24. **EMO:** MIT 2-7, WNEC 1-4. **Face-offs:** WNEC 12-10. **Saves:** MIT—Justin Verdirame 17 (9 GA), WNEC—Jared Barringer 13 (10 GA).

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SPORTS

Lacrosse Clinches Playoffs

Engineers Hold Off WNEC for Bid, 10-9

By Justin Verdirame
TEAM MEMBER

An extra man goal by midfielder Rich Weber '03 with just 27 seconds left capped a three goal comeback to give the men's lacrosse team a 10-9 victory over Western New England College. The victory clinches a birth in the Pilgrim League Tournament and moves the team to 8-3 (4-1). Eight different Engineers scored led by attackman Matt Van Horne '01 with three goals and midfielder Mike Rainey '00 with one goal and two assists.

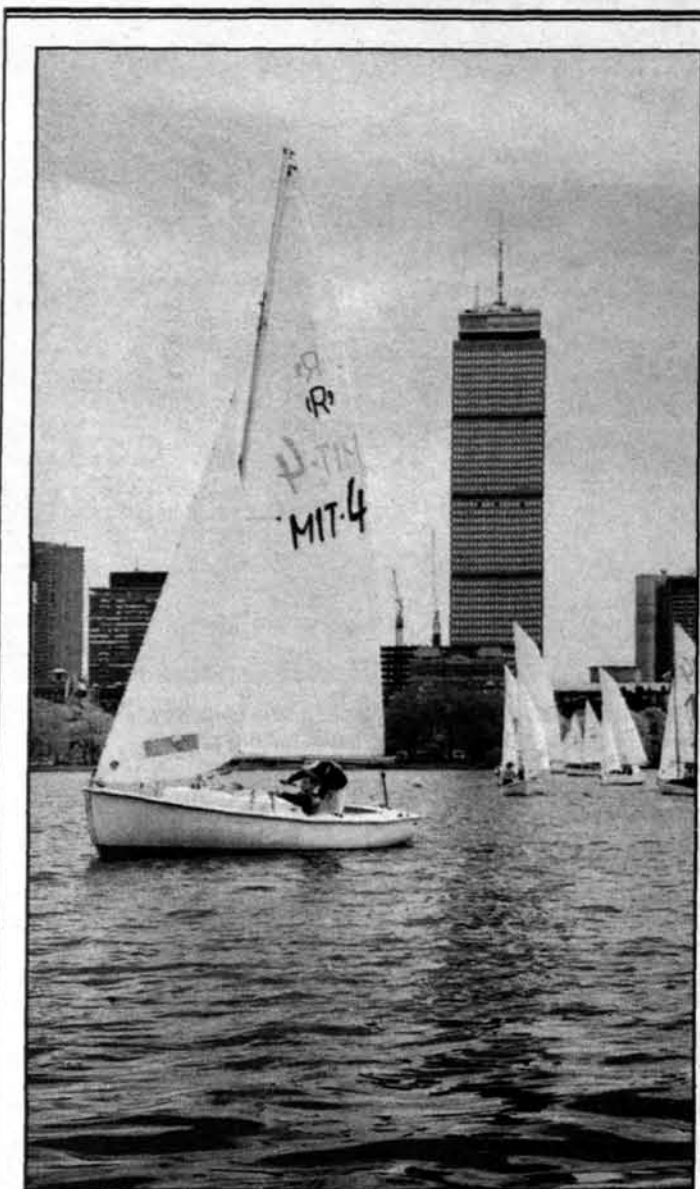
MIT dominated the first quarter, but was only able to come out with a 2-0 lead despite a number of quality scoring opportunities. Van Horne and fellow attackman Pascal Rettig '01 scored the two goals in the last three minutes of the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Engineers were unable to extend the lead as both teams notched two goals to give the Engineers a 4-2 lead at halftime. The half was ended in controversy: Van Horne put in a goal with just 3 seconds left, but he was called for being in the crease by a referee standing over 40 yards away.

The controversial call seemed to give some momentum to the Golden Bears. They came out firing in the second half and outscored the Engineers 4-1 in the third quarter giving them a 6-5 lead heading into the fourth. MIT hit rock bottom when WNEC scored a goal despite being man down.

Twice in the fourth quarter, the Engineers were able to tie the game. But WNEC scored two goals to give themselves a 9-7 lead with 3:33 remaining. MIT started its comeback with a Van Horne goal and then tied the game with a Rettig goal with 1:48 left to go. WNEC lost the ball on an errant pass and went offside on the ensuing ride to give the Engineers an extra man opportunity with 33 seconds remaining.

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MIT competed against several schools including Harvard, Tufts, and BU in the Geiger Trophy Regatta this past Saturday.

Baseball Ends Season On Three Game Slump

Team Finishes Fifth Place In NEWMAC

By Alvin Eric P. Loreto
TEAM MEMBER

The 2000 season of the MIT baseball team bears an uncanny resemblance to the month of April in Boston: cold, dreary, slippery, and now ... over.

The T's dropped their final three games to finish in fifth place in the NEWMAC, then suffered a disappointing loss in the first round of the conference tournament. The season-ending four-game losing streak, in addition to two other games rained out, served as a bitter ending to the season and the careers of Tech seniors. The entire Tech squad seemed to lose a bit of its focus and aggressiveness in the latter stages of the season, finishing with an overall record of 10-18, including a dismal 4-9 mark in NEWMAC play.

Coming off a big 17-5 conference victory over Clark University, the

fifth-place Engineers played host to third-place Babson College on Thursday April 20. Ace pitcher Jason E. Szuminski '00 was given the nod to start for the pivotal game, and he provided another stellar complete game effort. However, the Engineer offense could not provide any timely hitting, resulting in yet another frustrating loss for their star pitcher. Despite mustering only five hits and one earned run off Szuminski, Babson eked out a 2-1 victory behind solid defense and a great pitching effort of their own from freshman right-hander Joseph Forte.

An RBI double in the 4th by sophomore left fielder Patrick Cutter gave the Beavers their first run, and Szuminski's wild pitch with a man on third in the 6th brought home the other. The wild pitch was the only mistake of the day for Szuminski, who also struck out 7 and walked

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Monday, May 1

Men's Lacrosse vs. Tufts University, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

Women's Crew vs. Boston University And Radcliffe College, TBA

Sunday, May 7

Varsity Sailing - Tech Invite, TBA

Pheiffer Takes Indians To Win It All This Year

By Rory P. Pheiffer
SPORTS COLUMNIST

So the predictions for the division champions of each league are in, which means it's time for playoff predictions. Considering the NHL and NBA playoffs both are still far from over, it probably is a bit early to start talking Major League Baseball season, but then again, the way the schedule is set for the NBA playoffs, we might have a NBA world champion crowned at the same time the first pitch for the World Series is thrown. Regardless

of the time though, let's delve into a dissection of potential playoff match-ups.

National League Playoffs

In the playoffs, the Atlanta Braves, the National League's top team will face the wild card team, which will be determined in a heated wild card race between the Mets, Reds, Cardinals, Diamondbacks, and Giants. I look for the Mets to edge the Cardinals for the wild card spot though. The acquisition of Mike Hampton in the off-season, coupled with the experienced and dangerous potential of the New York Mets batting order to put them

over the top in the wild card race for the second year in a row.

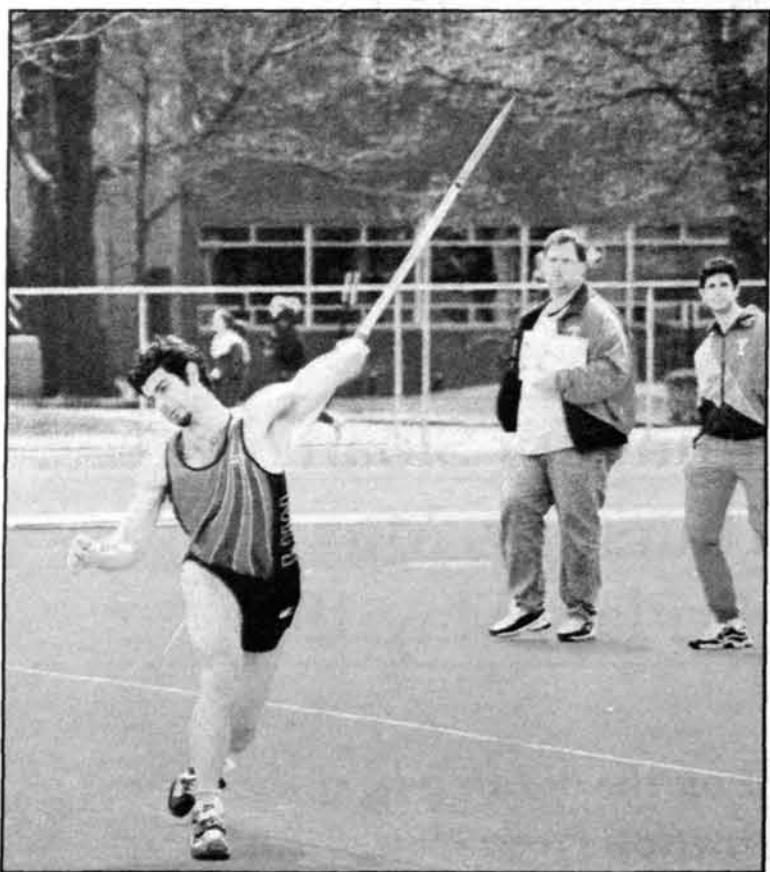
One playoff match-up should pit the Atlanta Braves against the Houston Astros; in the other the New York Mets will square off against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Houston faced Atlanta last year in the first round of the playoffs, winning the first game of the series and then dropping the next three. They also faced three years ago, with Atlanta also winning that match-up. Thus, these two teams know each other well when it comes to the postseason. One more match-up shouldn't change things much as Atlanta has Houston's number, and

with it, a trip to the NLCS.

As for the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets, I foresee a hotly contested battle between two quality ball clubs. The Mets have a little more depth in the pitching staff, but I think the Dodgers batting order is a bit stronger than that of the Mets. This series could easily go to the fifth and deciding game, and if it does, I think the Dodgers will save Kevin Brown for it. He will be the decisive factor to bring the Dodgers its first trip to the NLCS since they won the World Series back in 1988. This would mark

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Nikolaos Michalakis '01 (left) of the MIT Men's Track Team throws the javelin in the NEWMAC championships this weekend. He won his event with a throw of 188 feet. Matthew Potts '00 (above), vaulting at a starting height of 11 feet. He finished at 12 feet 6 inches in 4th position, his best vault this outdoor season. Other vaulters for MIT were Dan Kwon '02 who cleared 13 feet to tie for second place, and Dan Opila '03 who placed 5th with a jump of 12 feet 6 inches. The MIT men's track and field team placed second overall at the the meet held at Springfield college. The final scores were Springfield 212.5, MIT 198.5, Coast Guard 115, WPI 42.5, and Wheaton 39.

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