Reel Big Fish Named as Opening Band for Spring Weekend Concert
By Matthew F. Palmer

Reel Big Fish has been announced as the opening act for the venerable They Might Be Giants at this year's Spring Weekend concert.

The California band, who recently released their second album, Everything Sucks, will head to MIT after a brief performance series in Disneyland.

They Might Be Giants last performed at the Spring Concert seven years ago, after 10,000 Maniacs cancelled.

"Reel Big Fish should be a great compliment to They Might Be Giants," said Spring Weekend Committee co-chairman Douglas E. Heimburger '00.

Some students agreed, but others were less thrilled.

"I like They Might Be Giants," said Christopher S. Osborn '01. "I didn't like the last two years' bands.

"Reel Big Fish makes [the concert] a lot better," said Ellen E. Kim '93.

"I'm not familiar with Reel Big Fish," said David L. Ferris '94. "But I'll probably participate in Spring Week."
**WORLD & NATION**

**U.S. Defense Secretary Begins Vietnam Visit Amid Fanfare**

By Paul Richter

**AP - ANAHEIM, CALIF.**

A U.S. defense secretary flew into Vietnam on Monday for the first time since 1971 in hopes of building relations with the armed forces that once humbled the world's most powerful military.

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of the war's end, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen was received by Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Van Tri. Cohen expressed his hope for development of military ties that would mark a final stage of normalization.

Side by side in front of a graceful French colonial government guesthouse, Cohen and Tri stood at attention as a Vietnamese army band played a spirited "Star Spangled Banner." The single-starred red banner of the Security Council's 57th plenum fluttered overhead as the defense chiefs followed a goose-stepping red officer on a red carpet around the courtyard in a review of Vietnamese army and navy units.

Although Cohen insisted he was not going to dwell on a past that has scarred both countries, powerful symbols of the war were at hand. The three-day visit comes just as the Vietnamese are beginning a seven-week official celebration of their country's victory in the war.

Though a 90-minute meeting at the guest house was cordial, officials said progress on a joint agenda was modest, and that the meeting also showed the wariness of the Vietnamese leadership — especially the military.

"There is a sensitivity, and somewhat of a suspicion as to American motives for returning here," U.S. Ambassador Pete Peterson, a former prisoner of war in Hanoi, told reporters earlier in the day.

The talks between the defense chiefs took place after three years of effort by Cohen, who began pushing for a meeting as soon as he entered office in early 1997. Two previous dates were canceled, though there were some contacts between other U.S. and Vietnamese officials.

Leaders of the Vietnamese Communist regime are wary that stronger ties with other nations and the global economy could destabilize the country and could loosen their grip on power. In addition, they are highly sensitive that any hint of U.S.-Vietnamese military alliance might arouse Chinese fears of encroachment.

To try to dispel that kind of anxiety, Cohen said without mentioning China by name that the relationship should remain fully in the open.

Officials said there is no talk of the United States helping the Vietnamesewith new weapons. Peterson predicted, however, that U.S. warships might pay their first regular port call to Vietnam within as little as two years.

The last U.S. defense secretary to visit the country was Melvin Laird, in the Nixon administration, who visited South Vietnam in 1971. No defense secretary is known to have ever visited Hanoi or the north, officials added.

Peterson said Cohen's meetings were heavy in symbolism "that is not going to be missed by the Vietnamese people." And though the Vietnamese leadership is moving only slowly to expand contacts, "you couldn't have imagined this happening four or five years ago, or perhaps two years ago," he said.

Cohen said America's "paramount" interest in Vietnam remains the continuing joint effort to recover the remains of 1,500 service members who are missing in action and suspected lost in the country.

**U.S. Officials Support Koehler, Second German IMF Candidate**

By John Barger and William Drozdiak

**THE WASHINGTON POST**

The United States Monday threw its support behind Horst Koehler, Germany's second candidate for the top job at the International Monetary Fund, effectively securing the job for him and ending a months-old feud that has strained relations between the two Atlantic allies.

U.S. officials had earlier raised questions about Koehler, who leads a bank that lends to Eastern Europe. But in a telephone call to German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder Monday, President Clinton pledged U.S. backing and suggested that Koehler come to Washington as soon as possible to meet IMF board members and try to garner support from developing countries. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the president wanted to see Koehler as soon as possible to move forward with the selection process.

Washington's move came just a few hours after European finance ministers meeting in Brussels formally endorsed the 57-year-old German banker for the job, which by tradition is held by a European.

Washington thus faced the hint of U.S.-Vietnamese military animation that the relationship is moving somewhat of a suspicion as to American motives for returning here. The Washington-based IMF is emergency lender to the world.

With jumbo bailout loans, it played a major role in pulling countries back from financial melt- downs during panics that began in 1997. The fight over the top job comes at a time when critics, including some administration and congressional leaders, are calling for reforms at the IMF, such as a realigning its lending criteria.

Koehler has a solid resume in international finance, having worked closely with former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl on the adoption of the euro currency and now running a major international lending institution, the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development. U.S. officials felt that his qualifications were in an entirely different class than Kohl-Weser's.

**WEATHER**

**Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, March 14, 2000**

**WEATHER**

**More of the Same**

By Peter Haybers

**THE WASHINGTON POST**

Today's morning sunshine will give way to clouds and a chance of rain this afternoon. Highs will be in the upper 40s (9°C) and low tonight in the upper 30s (1°C). Winds will be out of the South at 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday will also be mostly cloudy and with a higher chance of rain. Expect highs in the lower 50s (10°C) and lows in the lower 40s (4°C). Looking to Thursday, we will experience a breezy and mild day with highs reaching 60°F (16°C).

**Tuesday:** Sunny then cloudy. High 48°F (9°C). Low 37°F (3°C).

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny. High 58°F (15°C). Low 40°F (5°C).

**Thursday:** Breezy and mild. High 60°F (16°C).
China to Seek WTO Membership Regardless of American Support

By Clay Chandler

China's top trade official declared Monday that Beijing will press for entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO) this year, with or without the blessing of the U.S. Congress, and issued a blunt warning that U.S. failure to permanently grant China normal trade status with the United States.

China's Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Shi Guang-sheng, said Beijing will seek admission to the 135-member body that governs global trade regardless of whether U.S. lawmakers support a White House proposal that would permanently grant China the same low-tariff privileges enjoyed by other American trading partners.

But he hinted that if Congress refuses to grant China normal trade status, Beijing would retaliate by invoking a WTO rule allowing it to reject or withdraw an offer from American firms attempting to do business in China — a result he said the U.S. would "regret for 20 years."

"If the U.S. miss this opportunity, it will actually lose the tremendous market of China," Shi said.

Analysts in Beijing and Hong Kong said Shi's remarks reflect Beijing's growing frustration with the United States.

"There was widespread agreement that both countries would suffer if Beijing were to follow through with Shi's veiled threat," said an American diplomat who asked not to be identified. "But some experts argued that the United States might prove the bigger loser."


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Save Steer Roast

Shame on Professor Harvey F. Lodish for rushing to accuse students of cheating.

On March 2, the antsy Lodish declared before his class that someone had broken into the course’s computer system, and that the grades of about 20 students had been lowered while two students’ grades had been raised. He said the Dean’s Office had identified those whose grades were raised, and assured the students of 7.06 that it was a guilty party. The party was at fault.

Last week, however, Lodish sheepishly admitted that students had not cheated in his class. Instead, it was a human error in sorting a spreadsheet caused the grade discrepancies. All 7.06 students were declared innocent of Lodish’s charges.

Changes proposed by the administration to Steer Roast would destroy a cherished MIT tradition. We challenge the administration to allow Steer Roast to continue in its current form.

**Editorial**

The administration’s drastic changes to the Steer Roast event would eliminate the atmosphere of debauchery that is the hallmark of the event. The Johnson barbecue pits or the Student Center, venues suggested by Dean of Students Margaret R. Bates for this year’s Steer Roast, are not substitutes for the Senior House courtyard. Catering the event and removing the roasting of the steer, the namesake of the event — would totally alter the spirit of Steer Roast.

The MIT Safety Office claims the size of the steers roasting fire, and the fire’s proximity to ledges on which people sit, are concerns for their safety. As noted by Steer Roast organizer Blake R. Braisher ’01, the event has a clean safety record. Administrators have also cited concerns about more stringent enforcement of parties by the Cambridge Fire Department.

**An Apology from Prof. Lodish**

Editorial

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Veena Thomas

George W. Bush was heavily criticized for appearing at Bob Jones University, a non-sectarian institution whose campus is said to be as exclusionary as any other Christian fundamentalist school in the country. "Another Look at Gender and Religion," he himself from any of the philosophies of the nation's best universities. Smith and Buchman join President Bob Jones III, at BJU, to allegiance half of the people in his speech whom he so desperately needs to convince to support his college. While championing religious freedom in the US, he mocks Islam, Judaism, and Roman Catholics, as he seethes over the "Mumia Abu-Jamal case, by Michael Borucke, and in Equity in Science," Feb. 29], provide a recent secret study on alleged MIT discrimination study by Judith Kleinfeld. Kleinfeld's "Twenty Irrelevant Pages," Jan. 19, is a group a majority of whom her entire life. Don't they teach the blacks or the Orientals, but it's a policy that discriminates against the whites or to intermix those races.

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Credit Suisse First Boston.
By Katie Jeffreys

The average undergraduate student at MIT, amid classes, fraternity parties, and cafeteria food, is buffered from what some might call 'the real world.' Yet some undergraduate and graduate students lead a different lifestyle, focused on family, which may consist of spouses, children, or both. There are many resources on campus to assist families at MIT. One of these groups, Spouses and Partners at MIT provides support to the wives of students, postdocs, and graduate students lead a different lifestyle, which she describes as rather routine living, and often difficult.

As many undergraduates are not married, many women in the group did not want to be only characterized simply as wives, and felt that their identities extend beyond that role. The women in the group, called Defeat Discrimination at MIT, was to encourage "the MIT Corporation to sever its ties to the Reserve Officers Training Corps" by June 1994 unless ROTC ceases to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. The group has repeatedly requested the administration to sever its ties to the ROTC program because of its discriminatory nature. The administration has refused to do so, arguing that MIT's policy of nondiscrimination with regard to sexual orientation is not consistent with the policy of the ROTC program. The administration also received accolades for its work. This fall, Mother Jones, a liberal magazine, reported that the MIT community, during the previous week's Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Awareness Days (BGLAD), had petitioned against the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program, which leads training for the Reserve Officers Training Corps. The group, called Defeat Discrimination at MIT, was to encourage "the MIT Corporation to sever its ties to the Reserve Officers Training Corps."
Spotlight
Tau Beta Pi
By Aaron D. Mihalik
ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

MIT’s chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society, is best known for its annual design competition and spring career fair. This year, however, TBP is getting more involved in both the MIT and neighboring community. “We have a new focus this year — we want to bring TBP to the surface,” said Ahmed M. Elmoselhi, ‘01, president of TBP. In past years it’s been a resume-padding type of thing. You put TBP on your resume and that’s the end of that.” This year TBP’s design competition is open to a larger number of MIT teams and a handful of high school teams. TBP will be offering a scholarship to a sophomore student who has demonstrated community involvement and academic excellence. Also, TBP eligible members will have to undertake a more rigorous and organized community service requirement.

Significant changes in design competition

The annual design competition, open to freshmen and sophomore students, has traditionally been open to a limited number of MIT teams. For instance, only 12 teams were invited to participate last year because of time restraints. This year, the competition has been moved to a Saturday to make room for 20 MIT teams and 10 high school teams.

“Usually we’ve had maybe six and we have been limited to the number of teams that we can have,” said Amy C. Lee, former president of TBP. “Because so many people were interested, we felt we should expand it.”

“Traditionally the contest has only involved the MIT community,” said Stu Goertz, ’90, chapter service chair for TBP. By opening the competition to high school students we hope “to bring MIT closer to the community.”

Other changers would be interested in having a high school design contest at the same time,” said Lee. “For high school students it is interesting to go to the college and see what college students do.”

There are still several logistical aspects to be finalized. “We haven’t decided how we are going to split the MIT and the high school teams, and if we are going to give the same prizes to both.” said Goertz. “The idea that we are touring around for the this year’s problem is fairly MIT-specific. We want to draw on peoples’ experiences at MIT.”

Students will be expected to submit a solution and put together a presentation. Since the solutions are not “extremely technical, students don’t have to work out difficult engineering problems,” said Goertz. “We want them to do creative reasoning, which we feel they can do in two hours and we don’t want them to consume much time.”

“The judging of the design is highly creative and presentation based,” said Goertz. “It’s not so much the technical aspects of their solution, as much as the creativity of their solution and how well they can convey that to the judges.”

The judging panels consist of MIT faculty and graduate students. “We are looking at possibly having some high school science teachers,” said Goertz. “We are really looking to bring the community into this year, so we are experimenting with some different ideas.” Also, the professors are not necessarily engineering professors. Students are expected to present “to non-technical members of the community.”

This year’s problem will be similar to years past. The problem might be “a bit more technical this year, but just as creative,” said Goertz. “Our goal is to have the students to have a really good time with it and not feel like they are doing another problem set on the weekend.”

This year, the competition will take place on Saturday April 1 from 10 am to 4 pm. Currently, registration is underway for groups of three to four freshmen or sophomore students. Teams can register at <http://web.mit.edu/tbplwww/designcontest/>.

The winning team will be invited to present the district design competition at Boston University on April 8. At the district competition, the problems “are pretty involved, but not overly difficult,” said Goertz. “Also, students have more time to solve the problem.”

TBP provides other community services

TBP has an ongoing collaboration with the Museum of Science. “We do some community service events with the Museum of Science as well as donate the money to benefit the MIT community,” said Lee. TBP makes an annual contribution to the Museum of Science, and “the Museum of Science is entitled to free admission to the museum.”

TBP is providing a scholarship for two MIT students this year. The scholarship will be awarded to sophomore “who is doing well academically and has also demonstrated a lot of community service effort.”

“We’re looking for someone who has gone above and beyond in terms of community service,” said Elmoselhi. “It can be something in Cambridge — or someone who has done a cool Alternative Spring Break project.” The service can be “any type of activity that has had a positive impact on society.”

The judging will be based on an essay and a letter of recommendation. Also, the candidate must have a GPA higher than 4.5 to be considered.

Also, TBP sponsors an annual career fair. “Probably the biggest career fair of the spring,” said Lee. This year, it was held on the first floor of the Student Center.

“We are still trying to figure out if we want to move it to the fall or not,” said Elmoselhi. “But we definitely will have one next year.”

Member requirements

TBP requires an academic eligibility that is “really straightforward” said Lee. “But every chapter is given the freedom to decide on more requirements.” Along with the fact that although a lot of people are academically eligible, we want someone who is willing to provide service to the community.”

The eligible students “have to fulfill a certain number of [community service] hours to become members,” said Elmoselhi. “In past years, eligible students have had to put in nine to ten hours of community service.” This year, however, eligible students have to put in 16-20 hours of community service efforts set up by TBP. Events include projects with the Habitat for Humanity, the Cambridge Science Fair and the March of Dimes Walk for Babies.

“We’ve changed the [community service] eligibility requirements so that the eligible students get to know each other and the members of TBP and get an introduction to the kind of work that they might be interested in.” Also, we’re trying to make it more meaningful to everyone.”

They Are Giants

The Tech. Speaks with Alt-rock Originals They Might Be Giants

By Katherine H. Allen
STAFF REPORTER

John Flansburgh and John Linnell, the front men for They Might Be Giants will bring their act to MIT as the Spring Weekend headliner. The Tech talked with Flansburgh about the show and the band’s beginnings.

John: We played for MIT four or five years ago, and it was really fun. We also had a really good experience with the Al Lab. They have a machine, Cog, that was learning to play the drums. The drummer and Cog had a drumming duet that was recorded for ABC’s Nightline. My dad is an MIT alum, and I grew up being inspired by him.

Tech: So do you have any special plans for MIT this time?

John: Not really. We’re just planning on playing our regular tour show. There are a lot of songs from our next album, so there will be some new stuff. I can see, though, how more thoughtful people might appreciate some of our songs more.

Tech: The opening band for Spring Weekend is Reel Big Fish. What do you think about playing with them?

John: We’ve actually done shows with Reel Big Fish before. They’re super-talented, and very nice guys.

Tech: You and John Linnell have been playing together for a long time now. How did TMBG get started, and how did you get to where you are now?

John: I wanted to be in a band and I was friends in high school, mostly because we worked on the newspaper together. We spend lots of time drawing pictures and creating things, so...

Tech: Speaking of good music, what kinds of music do you listen to?

John: I listen to all kinds of things, but I enjoy music and ideas for the mainstream, but we do want to have an audience. This makes TMBG a great fit for us. I can’t imagine the good music that never had big audiences.

There’s no more attention paid to the charts, the radio stations. People get into bands because they are fun, not because they are popular.

Tech: How do you balance your professional and personal lives?

John: Frank Black of GoodNoise, who is currently on our records, started doing things on the side and came east to make a few very cool records over the course of the seventies). I really dug the last Super- Voices album. In the past I...
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Interview

Jerry O’Connell

Beauty Truly is Only Skin Deep

By Sonali Muhkerjee

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ate your hand if you are guilty of the crime of going to see a movie or watching a television show, not because you were incredibly interested in the plot line, but to check out the hot guy who is starring in it. Even as I write this article, I reluctantly raise my hand.

Point in case: I jumped at the chance to interview actor Jerry O’Connell. Having been a devoted fan of Sliders, the futuristic sci-fi show in which O’Connell plays Quinn Malloy, a man of four inter-dimensional time travelers, and having avidly watched (multiple times) movies such as Stand By Me, Calendar Girl, and Scream 2, the opportunity to teleconference with O’Connell was almost like a dream come true. But, alas, I soon came to realize that the old adage “beauty is only skin deep” is so very true, especially when it comes to actors like O’Connell.

In preparation for the teleconference, I went to O’Connell’s new movie, Mission to Mars, directed by Brian DePalma. In it, he plays astronaut Phil Ohlmyer, accompanying three other astronauts (Gary Sinise, Don Cheadle, and Connie Nielsen) on a rescue mission to the unexplored red planet. Interestingly, the thing O’Connell is most proud of in the film is the fact that he had so many “technical lines.” He made this point specifically to me during the interview since I am from MIT; the problem, though, is that any MIT freshman who has taken Introductory Biology (7.01) can point out many of the ridiculous, half-wit-ted references to human genetics in the movie.

Silly as this may sound, it had not really occurred to me before that simply because an actor is attractive does not mean he is a Academy Award material. However, while watching Mission to Mars, the idea started to sluggishly regret itself. Even through the stifled (and sometimes not-so-stifled) giggles of the audience, I tried to convince myself it was not that terrible a movie. Yet, it just became more difficult to keep a straight face through such scenes as when Ohlmyer rebuffs all the computers on a malfunctioning space ship simply by pulling a plug and reconnecting it like he was working with his backyard Christmas lights. As I walked out of the theatre, I listened to comments from the audience. The general reaction was this: What a cornball movie. You don’t have to be an actor who is starring in it. Even as I write this, I tried to convince myself it was not that terrible a movie. Yet, it just became more difficult to keep a straight face through such scenes as when Ohlmyer rebuffs all the computers on a malfunctioning space ship simply by pulling a plug and reconnecting it like he was working with his backyard Christmas lights. As I walked out of the theatre, I listened to comments from the audience. The general reaction was this:

Interview actor Jerry O’Connell (with Connie Nielsen, left, as Terri Fisher) in Touchstone Pictures’ Mission To Mars. O’Connell took the part for the opportunity to work with director Brian DePalma, and because the script included many “technical lines.”

Jerry O’Connell (left) as astronaut Phil Ohlmyer (with Connie Nielsen, right, as Terri Fisher) in Touchstone Pictures’ Mission To Mars. O’Connell took the part for the opportunity to work with director Brian DePalma, and because the script included many “technical lines.”

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SINGING WITH EXPLETIVES:
BAD TASTE 2000

by Jake B. Lake '01

Jude S. Lake '03 as Kappa Sigma pokemon pulls the "bottle placement defense" against the Sigma Kappa pokemon, Rachel A. Sharp '02.

Maggie A. Sullivan '03 and Brian M. Wong '03, as Handsfull and Gretel, are told by "Fuck Vest Josh C. Randall '01 to stop licking the Stata Center played by Mira E. Wilczek '03.

Cinderella (Sharp) is transformed into a chiffon dress with a "zap" from her fairy godfather (Lake), who sports lacy pink wings.

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The theme of this year's show was The MtTrix (think: Matrix) but that was somehow combined with adult fairy tales in an unclear manner. However, the disorienting nature of the MtTrix theme diminished the impact of the show. In fact, the absence of logic probably made the show more amusing at times.

Highlights of the acts included "American Fly," the sequel of the movie "This one time at math camp..." and "Flipflops," which very poignantly made fun of several specific FSGs. As it said, no one was safe from ridicule, and the 101 alternate meanings of SWE ranged from "Stupefied Wanted Everywhere" to "Stupid Walk-Maro Employees." A personal favorite was the Safelride Driver skit, which included the line "Get your computer on."

There was a lot in Bad Taste that had to do with current MIT events, from the building of the Strata Center to the Brass Rat to the Boston Licensing Board and the Cambridge Licensing Commission. In fact, "The Top Ten Things Not to Put on a Brass Rat" was postponed until next year in favor of "The Top Ten Dates for Housing freshman On Campus." The songs were equally as offensive as the skits, and perhaps more at times. "Meet Virginia" by Train was transformed into "West Virginia," which documented that state's most famous aspects: rednecks and inbreeding.

The Concert in Bad Taste was definitely an enthusiastic performance, well suited to the MIT audience. Similarly, the MIT audience was very receptive to the type of humor offered up by Bad Taste. Although the staging, costuming, and acting (as the actors carried around notecards) were primitive at best, students still packed the lecture hall doorways and aisles to catch a glimpse of the action.

To some extent a product of hype and timing, the concert went well, leaving most people with some mixture of offense and amusement, just as it was aimed to do.
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THE NUCLEAR CRUISE MISSILE STREAKS UP THE STAIRS!

I ALWAYS UNDERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS.

DAD, YOU FORGOT TO PUT COFFEE IN THAT CUP.

YOU'RE LUCKY THERE'S NO COFFEE IN THIS CUP.

AND THE NEWSPAPER IS UPSIDE DOWN.

OK, OK, 27 WEEKS.

SLURRRP

AND YOU FORGOT TO PAY ME MY ALLOWANCE FOR THE LAST 28 WEEKS.

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OOPS.

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HELLO.

I'M WORKING ON A SIMILAR IDEA FOR MARKETING BUT IT'S NOT DONE YET.

PLEASE?

HOW ABOUT WHAT'S A STYLE THAT? CHECK?

IT'S WHERE DEFEINITELY OF YOUR FONT CHOICE.

I'VE BEEN ASKED TO QUANTIFY THE BENEFITS OF OUR KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

I MEASURED OUR INTERN'S HEAD TO SEE IF IT GOT BIGGER.

THE HIGHER DRAG COEFFICIENT MEANS WE LOST A LITTLE IN THE SANDWICH-FETCHING DEPARTMENT.

MY IDEA IS TO CHANGE OUR DEPARTMENT NAME FROM ENGINEERING TO...

I'M WORKING ON A SIMILAR IDEA FOR MARKETING BUT IT'S NOT DONE YET.

...SO MY HEAD SWELLED UP LIKE A BEACH BALL AND THE I.R.S. WANTS TO PUT ME IN JAIL.

IN SUMMARY, YOU'RE A BASKET CASE.

WOMEN HATE IT WHEN YOU SUMMARIZE.

E-ENGINEERING.
By Mike Hall

Associate News Editor

Stipends for graduate research assistants will increase for the 2001 fiscal year to compensate for the ever-increasing cost of living in the Boston area.

The Academic Council has recommended that RA stipends be increased by six percent, bringing RA’s closer to the pay level of other graduate students. While the School of Engineering increased stipends by 6.03 percent for doctoral students and 5.96 percent for master’s students, the School of Science approved a 6.12 percent increase for master’s students.

The recommended raise is only slightly above the increase in cost of living, which rose two percent in the metro Boston area this year.

Lieberman expected most departments to increase stipends in accordance with the recommendation. Graduate Student President Luis A. Ortiz-G. agreed and applauded the increase.

“The faculty and senior administration have been convinced that RAs are a significant tool for recruiting new students,” Ortiz-G. said. The increase will also help maintain “a reasonable quality of life for continuing students.” Ortiz-G. encouraged all schools to adopt the recommendation, calling cost-of-living adaptation “a universal need.”

Colbert added that MIT is trying to improve further improve living and research conditions for RAs.

“The Provost has reduced the cost of RAs to researchers’ contracts by fully subsidizing summer term tuition as of this coming summer, resulting in savings of about $8,600 per RA,” Colbert said, adding that the new benefits aid MIT in recruiting graduate students. MIT is also planning the construction of additional graduate housing in the residence system to alleviate the housing expenses. Most recently, the administration proposed converting NW30 to graduate housing.

Tax changes prompt stipend raises

In addition to the cost-of-living increase, a change in the taxability of stipend money contributed to the Academic Council’s decision. Colbert said that a change in MIT’s accounting system allowed RA funding, which was formerly exempt from tax withholding, to be treated in the same manner as TA funding. TA stipends are treated as salary expenditures and are eligible for tax withholding.

“There was some justification for paying [TAs] at a higher rate to reflect the real tax withholding burden,” Colbert said, adding that withholding for both groups has rendered that justification invalid.

POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between February 12 - March 1, 2000. This summary contains most incidents reported to Campus Police but does not include incidents such as: medical shuttles, ambulance transfers, false alarms, general service calls, etc.

Feb. 12: Memorial Dr., report of woman screaming, area checked unable to locate problem; Bickers, report of intoxicated student causing problem, alcohol citation issued for consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage by person under 21; Bldgs. 24, 26 and 26, suspicious packages machine broken into; Bldg. 25, rear of NW 21 and NW12, check and inquiry of two individuals; Bldg. 24, coat and backpack stolen, coat and backpack later found minus camera and calculator $195; 33 Mass Ave. check an inquiry of person; Bldg. E55, noise complaint; Bldg. W34, several hang-up calls on 100 line, check of area no problem found.

Feb. 13: Boston, Lambda Chi Alpha, noise complaint; Next House, report of a party problem, alcohol citation issued for alcohol citation issued for consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage by person under 21; Bldg. 56, small radioactive spill; Bakers, report of person possibly stealing chairs, check of area negative; Pacific Lot, hang-up calls on 100 line, no cause found; Bldg. NW30, suspicious vehicle, checks out okay.

Feb. 14: Bldg. 18, laptop computer stolen $2,000; Boston, wallet stolen from room $20 cash and credit cards; Bldgs. 16, 17, VCR and VCR stolen, unknown value; DuPont women’s locker room, coat, $100 cash and jewelry stolen; W20, report of MIT computer system being hacked.

Feb. 15: Ashdown, report of harassing email; Bldg. 35, unauthorized person repeatedly pushing a custodial cart and individual is not a custodian; Bldg. 49, heavy television stolen; 100 line, check of area no problem gone upon arrival.

Feb. 16: Bldg. 4, 1) laptop computer stolen $2,529; 2) suspicious person, trespass warning issued; Bldg. 10, coat and watch stolen, it was discovered to have been taken by mistake and returned to it’s rightful owner; Boston, state approached by a suspicious male known to this Department; Bldg. 15, check on an event; Bldgs. E52 and Hermon garage, complaint of dog in area, Cambridge Animal Control took same; W20 turn around, suspicious vehicle, checks out okay.

Feb. 17: Wadsworth and Amherst Streets, elderly male disoriented, medical assistance provided; Hayden Library, wallet with $30 cash stolen; DuPont, backpack stolen $200.

Feb. 18: Bldg. E51, student problem; Amherst, suspicious vehicle.

Feb. 19: Computer repair stolen $2,500, complainant called back stating computer not stolen; Bldg. W34, report of vehicle hitting fire lane pole; Vassar St. report of hit and run accident, assist Cambridge Police; 2) male arrested for trespassing; Bldg. W32, report of vehicle stolen, vehicle not stolen as communicated, Student Center, report of suspicious vehicle, person; assist State Police vehicle accident at Memorial Dr. and Vassar St.; Bldg. 7, report of light bulbs and $20 cash stolen, DuPont, male refusing to leave, trespass warning issued; Theta Delta Chi, throwing snowballs from roof.

Feb. 19: Bldg. 7, vandalism to bulletin board; Baker and Ashdown, noise complaint; Boston University Police report students throwing snowballs on Bay State Road, Bldg. 56, report of homeless person in roof room; Bldg. E55, report of suspicious person.

Feb. 20: East Campus, report of fight about to start; Bldgs. 24 and 66, suspicious activity.

Feb. 21: Senior House, report of lights being broken in hallway; Boston, Theta Chi, report of students throwing ice at vehicle; Bldg. 42, suspicious vehicle; Bldg. 4, suspicious activity; Bldg. 7, check and inquiry, trespass warning issued; Bldg. NW21, check and inquiry; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with an arrest; McCormick, report of an assault.

Feb. 22: Westgate lot, report of 38 Honda stolen, recovered at Pat’s Tow; McDermott Court, hack; Bldg. 3, damage to bulletin board; Bldg. 24, roller stolen $25; Boston, Phi Sigma Kappa, cell phone stolen $100; Bldg. NW14, malicious damage; Student Center, JD and JD cash stolen; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with suspicious person; Mass Ave. assist Cambridge Police with pedestrian tug.

Feb. 23: Bldg. E19, light bulbs and cash stolen; East Campus, hateful and harassing e-mail; Bldg. 2, suspicious person, trespass warning issued;


Feb. 25: Mass Ave., suspicious female asking for gas money; Student Center, wallet stolen.

Feb. 26: Bldg. 64, suspicious activity, checks out okay; McCormick, annoying phone calls; Burton, noise complaint; Bldg. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, noise complaint.

Feb. 27: Edgerton and Tang Hall, noise complaints; Phi Beta Epsilon, party problem.

Feb. 28: Bldg. 4, laptop computer stolen $2,500; Bldg. 34, backpack stolen $255; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with person who might harm herself.

Feb. 29: Bldg. NW30, homeless people, assisted to shelter; Bldg. 12, suspicious vehicle.

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Mar. 1: MacGregor, Maurice Samuels arrested for trespassing; West Garage, animal complaint; Bldg. 54, CD player stolen $150; Bldg. W95, check and inquiry, trespass warning issued; Bldg. W34, check and inquiry, trespass warning issued; Bldg. NW30, 1) suspicious vehicle checked out okay; 2) near of NW30, check and inquiry, trespass warning issued; Bldg. E53, complaint of bicyclist on plaza, left before MIT CP arrival.
Fiorina Adds Variety To List of Speakers

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Barra thought last year’s address by Tom and Ray Magliozzi lacked relevance. "I think perhaps last year’s speech ... tried to deliver a 'get a life' type of message for MIT students, and I think we really don't need to hear that." Barra also noted that Fiorina was "unanimously the committee’s top choice," especially since she is a Sloan graduate.

Departure from recent speakers

Last year, Tom and Ray Magliozzi, "Click and Clack" of National Public Radio’s “Car Talk,” addressed the Class of 1999. Tom Magliozzi graduated in 1958 with a degree in economics while his brother took a humanities degree in 1972.

Recent commencement speakers have also included President Clinton, AIDS pioneer Dr. David Ho, United Nations Secretary General Kofi A. Annan ‘72, and Vice President Gore. Fiorina will be the fourth woman to speak at commencement. Previous speakers included former University of Chicago President Hanna Gray, former congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, and CEO of the Washington Post Company Katherine Graham.

Fiorina climbed corporate ladder

Last summer, Fiorina became President and CEO of Hewlett-Packard, the world’s second-largest computer maker. Four years ago, she led Lucent Technologies’ initial public offering and subsequent spin-off from AT&T, after which she joined Lucent as an account executive.

Fiorina currently serves on the boards of directors of the Kellogg Company, Merck and Co. Inc., and the U.S. China Board of Trade.

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William J. Clinton (President)

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1996 Al Gore (Vice President)

1995 Hanna H. Gray
(President emeritus of the University of Chicago)

1994 The Aga Khan
(Emir of the Shia Ismaili Muslims)

1993 Carlos Salinas de Gortari (Mexican President)

1992 Les Aspin PhD ’66
(U.S. Representative and Chairman of
the House Armed Services Committee)

1991 Walter E. Massey
(Director of the National Science Foundation)

1990 Virgilio Barco ’43 (Colombian President)

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Dartmouth Drops All Charges in Cheating Scandal

FROM UNIVERSITY WIRE

After the Committee on Standards heard only 27 of the 63 cases of alleged Computer Science 4 computer cheating, Dartmouth College announced today that it is withdrawing all charges brought against students by former visiting professor Rex Dwyer.

According to Dean of the College James Larimore, who served as non-voting chair of the COS, it became clear after more than 34 hours of hearings and deliberation that the body would be unable to distinguish with certainty between those who cheated and those who received the solutions to the homework from legitimate sources.

"The Committee concluded that some cheating did occur," Larimore wrote in a letter to the Dartmouth community. "But the nature and quality of the evidence, combined with the circumstances under which the course was conducted, made it impossible to distinguish between those responsible and those not responsible for violations of the Academic Honor Principle."

Larimore told The Dartmouth in an interview tonight that the COS's discussion to drop the charges was based on two factors: academic integrity and fairness.

He also said that by the end of the session it became clear that fairness had to prevail and that they would not be able to distinguish who cheated.

According to Larimore, once the COS had approved the recommendation to terminate the proceedings against students the decision went to his office for approval from the College. He discussed it this morning with President of the College James Wright and Dean of the Faculty Edward Berger and the three decided it would be appropriate to end the hearings.

Larimore cited the issue of teaching assistants and graders giving out the answers as a large part of what made it so difficult to determine who was culpable, adding that there was evidence to suggest that some of the class tutors gave out the solutions on paper.

He also said that Dwyer's most explicit piece of evidence, server logs from the website that disclosed who may have viewed the source code, were not useful because they only tracked which computers had been used to view the site, not which individuals had actually viewed it.

Larimore told The Dartmouth that there was also the concern that some who had viewed the site and were listed on server logs had been clever enough to change parts of the downloaded solution and might thus avoid punishment although they had cheated.

[The Dartmouth, Mar. 13]

Michigan students to end siege

Students of Color Coalition spokesman Joe Reilly announced last night that SCC is in the process of ending its occupation of the Michigan Union tower. "The time is now to leave," Reilly said, adding that the group has done everything it could within the tower.

Reilly said SCC will leave the space after all Native American artifacts are returned members of the Native American community or placed in the Bentley Historical Collection.

Short Takes, Page 21

Andrew Pak '02 performs the Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 1 at the MIT Symphony Orchestra's performance on Friday night in Kresge Auditorium. MITSO, conducted by Dante Anzolini, also performed Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, Bernstein's West Side Story, and Ziporyn's Pleasureville, Palm City.

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Michigan Students To End Occupation

Short Takes, from Page 19

Library. He added that the group has packed all personal items of Michiganans and plan on landing it over to Michiganans members.

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Past Spring Weekend Bands

1999 Busta Rhymes
1998 Fishbone
(with Five Fingers of Funk)
1996 Soul Coughing
1995 Sonic Youth
1994 Belly
1993 They Might Be Giants

International Fair,
Lip Sync Integrated
Into Spring Weekend

Spring Weekend, from Page 1
broad crowd.
"It brings the community togeth-
er when the weather’s nice," Heim-
berger said.
1-Fair showcases world cultures
Student groups representing
many foreign cultures will come
together during this year’s Interna-
tional Fair. Last year, over 100
countries and 50 student groups
were represented at the event.
The fair will take place from 10
a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Kroge Oval,
ending just before Reel Big Fish
takes the stage in Johnson.
Navneem M. Mowlah ’03 said she
expects a strong turnout because the
1-fair should be "colorful and live-
ly." Highlights of this year’s event
include booths for each student
group, a cultural fashion show, and
ethnic food.
Lip sync contest for charity
The Alpha Chi Omega sorority
will again host its popular lip sync
competition during Spring Week-
end. Proceeds will be donated to
carity.
This year’s beneficiaries will be
the Cambridge Family and Chil-
dren’s Society and the MacDowell
Colony, a charity dedicated to
young artists.
AXO has moved its competi-
tion to the center of the Spring
Weekend agenda. In previous
years, the sorority held its event
before Spring Break. "We’re try-
ing something new this year," said
event co-chair Tracy C. Huang ’01.
The event will be held on
Thursday, April 27 in the Johnson
Athletic Center. Tickets will be
sold for $4 in Lobby 10 and will
cost $5 at the door.
Groups of students will perform
their songs, and a judging panel of
professors and others will award
prizes to the best teams.
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over $2,000 for the Cambridge-
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**SPORTS**

**Do Have All Your Picks Ready?**

Let the Games Begin: March Madness Tips Off Thursday

Blue Devils, Cardinals, Red Storm, Spartans for Final Four

By Rory Pheiffer

March is in full swing, and that can only mean one thing: March Madness. In my opinion, the second favorite month to October, March is the time of year when the NCAA tournament begins. The first round is in less than a week, and the second round is here before we know it. The bracket is already in full swing.

In the afternoon, MIT had their first ever water polo game this weekend. The rainy weather this weekend didn't stop the women's water polo team from defeating all three of its conference opponents. After a short three weeks of practice, the women hosted their first tournament weekend against Boston University, Wellesley, and Boston College.

The season started off well Saturday morning as the team took a 4-0 lead against Boston University in the first quarter with the help of Andrea Harasany '02 and Yvahn Vuong '03. The team continued to play strong defense and held off their opponents to a 6-5 win for their first victory of the season.

In the afternoon, MIT had their second matchup against arch rival Wellesley College. Last year's loss still stung in their minds, but the past was put away when the game started. Wellesley proved to be no match for MIT's fast counter attack and strong defense. Captain Tarah Martin and freshman Jennifer Eppig both tossed in two goals as the Engineers dominated the game 15-6.

Sunday, MIT was up against Boston College in the final game of their tournament sweep. Right from the start, BC had no chance as freshman Yvahn Vuong led the team to a crushing 17-7 victory.

New prospects Misty Bisham '01, Carla Maria Pellecino '01, and Jennie Chochran '03 played well in their first ever water polo games this weekend.

**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

**Tuesday, March 14**

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**Wednesday, March 15**

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