Numerous groups staged protests this week related to the first debate of the 2000 presidential campaign, held Tuesday night at UMass-Boston. The protests started with a Green Party march from Dudley Square to the UMass Clark Athletic Center, where the debate was held and persisted until the end of the debate.

"Let Ralph Debate!"
The Green Party, turning out mostly in support of candidate Ralph Nader, was the largest group protesting. Nader was not allowed to participate in the debates as a candidate, inspiring the protesters' chant of "Let Ralph Debate!"

In addition, despite the fact that he held a ticket to the debate given to him by a college student, Nader was still denied entrance. He called this decision "the beginning of the end of the Commission on Presidential Debates."

The president of the Green Party at MIT, Carl W. Steinbach '01, commented on the lack third party candidates in the debates despite voter interest. "Five percent of the national vote and seventeen percent of the Alaskan vote is for Nader now;" said Steinbach.

However, Rev. Jesse Jackson believes that "Nader did not gain enough traction among the American people."

Steinbach was worried that several crucial issues, such as the death penalty, police brutality, and the death of the Alaskan vote is for Nader in the national vote and seventeen percent of the voter interest. "Five percent of the candidates in the debates despite

The protests were presented to the CUP by its Subcommittee on Pass/No Record Grading and Advanced Placement Credit on Wednesday, at which time the CUP approved the report and released it to the community. "There was a considerable amount of enthusiasm (within the CUP) for the recommendations in the report," said CUP Chair Robert L. JaFe, who noted that "there was no dissent in the committee" over the recommendations made by the subcommittee.

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In a national uprising of stunning speed and breadth, opponents of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic seized control of the capital, Belgrade, and other major cities Thursday and claimed to have ousted the despotic 13-year regime.

Vojislav Kostunica, a constitutional lawyer who defeated Milosevic in elections 11 days ago, declared himself the new president.

"Good evening, liberated Serbia," the 56-year-old Kostunica proclaimed Thursday night to a cheering crowd of about a quarter million in front of the federal parliament building, which protesters had seized earlier in the day. "I am now president. Milosevic has fled his home. Serbia has risen."

At about 9 p.m. Thursday, the official Tanjug news agency began referring to him as "Elected President Kostunica."

Kostunica asked his audience to remain on the streets until dawn, in case of a counterattack by the military.

But when supporters chanted for Milosevic's arrest, Kostunica said: "He doesn't need to be arrested. He arrested himself a long time ago."

Milosevic gave no sign he had stepped down, but it was unclear, after a day of humiliating setbacks for his police and military, if he was capable of mounting a counterattack.

Protected by tanks and troops, he spent most of Thursday in seclusion, but an independent Serbian news agency Thursday reported that several Russian-built Antonov AN-12 aircraft departed a military airfield north of Belgrade and were heading south to an unknown destination.

Shortly after midnight, however, opposition leader Zoran Djindjic and Milosevic's closest ally, War in 1991 and said Turkey will join a growing number of nations

As part of their demand, they want to use Turkish bases for launching air patrols over northern Iraq if the House of Representatives approves a resolution accusing Turkey of genocide against Armenians about 80 years ago.

The non-binding resolution, introduced by congressmen in an election-year appeal to Armenian-American voters, has infuriated Turkey, a strategically important NATO ally. As part of their response, Turkish officials said they are considering appointing an ambassador to Baghdad for the first time since the end of the Gulf War in 1991.

On Wednesday, Fox said Turkey will join a growing number of nations in sending humanitarian aid to Iraq, despite U.N. sanctions aimed at preventing any non-humanitarian aid to Saddam Hussein.

The resolution was approved Tuesday by the House International Affairs Committee. "If it is passed by the House of Representatives, serious effects should be expected on Turkish-U.S. relations," Turkish Foreign Minister Ismail Cem said, according to the Anatolia news agency.

In a statement Thursday, the leaders of all five parties in the Turkish parliament declared, "The Turkish Grand National Assembly will evaluate the extension of Operation Northern Watch in the framework of changing conditions."

Fed Concern About Inflation

WASHINGTON

After Federal Reserve officials left their target for overnight interest rates unchanged at a policymaking session in late August amid signs U.S. economic growth had slowed, some investors and financial analysts had concluded the Fed's next move would be to cut interest rates.

Minutes of that August meeting released Thursday indicated that was wishful thinking.

"Many members emphasized that the committee needed to be prepared to act should policy inflationary pressures appear to be intensifying," the minutes said. "And in the committee's discussion of the balance-of-risks sentence to be included in the press statement that would be issued after this meeting, all the members agreed that the sentence should continue to indicate that the risks to the economy remained toward higher inflation in the foreseeable future."

Republicans Strip Hate Crime Protections from Defense Bill

WASHINGTON

Republicans on Thursday stripped federal law on hate crimes from the defense authorization bill for this year, dimming prospects for enactment of the measure before Congress adjourns.

The provisions would extend civil rights protections to violent crimes involving gender, sexual orientation, and disabilities and make it easier for the federal government to intervene in such cases.

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For First Time in 40 Years, U.S. May Allow Sale of Food to Cuba

By Eric Pianin and Dan Morgan

WASHINGTON POST

House and Senate negotiators agreed Thursday night on a package that would ease the trade embargo against Cuba for the first time in nearly four decades, a move that would clear the way for a substantial easing of sanctions against communist leader Fidel Castro's government.

The agreement would end the embargo against Cuba and other countries blacklisted by the State Department to prevent the flow of food and agricultural products to those countries, even in the case of Cuba where they would not be able to use U.S. banks to finance the deals.

The Cuba deal was one of the last remaining items as negotiators worked through the night to wrap up six months of tough talks aimed at increasing American consumers’ access to lower-cost drugs marketed abroad.

Republicans are pushing the plan to counter Democratic criticism that Congress is not doing enough to reform the prescription drug benefit for seniors this year. However, the White House and Democratic lawmakers combined to defeat two key measures that would have softened the bill with loopholes that would undermine the effectiveness of the measure.

“The is loophole laden, drug companies will laugh all the way to the bank,” said Rep. David Friley (D-Wis.).

“The agriculture spending bill still must receive final approval in the Senate and the House, and it must be approved by the Senate,” said Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.).

Meanwhile, Congress completed work on an interior spending bill that includes a $1 billion housing program for farm workers, a $2.2 billion land conservation effort and a $9.6 billion federal land conservation efforts. The measure included a provision that would make it illegal for a state to receive federal funds if it blocks the closure of the final touches on a GOP-created drug reimportation measure designed to increase American consumers’ access to lower-cost drugs marketed abroad.

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Combined Career Fair: Favors Big Companies

Despite being a senior in Course 6, I was at the career fair not looking for a job, but for a job. As a member of a small startup, the career fair seemed like a terrific way to find the technical talent that my company needs.

While the combination of the fall career fairs into one fair benefits the large companies like Microsoft that didn’t like attending three career fairs, it did a huge disservice to the students and for companies coming to the career fair.

My company was located in the back of Rockwell Cage. As a freshman, I went to a career fair each month and was able to talk to all the companies that interested me. While recruiting for my company, I noticed that the bulk of students never entered the building. This is a situation that is not fair to students (especially the freshmen and sophomores that the “big companies” rarely want to talk to), but also to companies that would like to recruit talented MIT students. With the fair only on “big companies” rarely want to talk to), but also to companies that would like to recruit talented MIT students. With the fair only on 10:00 to 4:00, students had a choice: skip class, or skip most of the booths. Most students choose the former.

I was quite happy with our results; we met several talented and capable individuals, and we were also only looking for a handful of people. We also traveled from Newtonville, not California.

However, I don’t understand why the combined career fair continues. Companies in Rockwell Cage are second-class citizens, only visited by students that are dedicated to talking to everyone. Students don’t have time to seek out everyone (especially if you followed the grad students on Thursday, and undergrads on Friday), and as a result, everyone loses.

The only winners? The large companies that spent ridiculous sums of money to get a booth in the front room for their professional recruiters to sit at. I have no problems with them getting to be the first companies seen if they are willing to pay for it, but they shouldn’t be able to stop other companies from meeting students.

By combining the career fairs, you’ve hurt students and companies attending it, to benefit a few firms that don’t like competition.

Alex Hochberger

Erratum

In the story “Concerned Citizens, Progressive Voters Flock to Nader Rally,” which ran on Oct. 3, David J. Strozzi G was referred to as head of the Green Party at MIT. In fact, Carl W. Steinbach ‘01 is the president of the MIT Greens.

Also, the same story referred to Phil Zin as the writer of the People’s History of the United States. In fact, Howard Zinn is the writer of the book and the one attending the rally.

Letters

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Hello fellow students! I know that you’re pressed for time and that problem sets and papers are due today. Don’t worry, I know you want to know that I am on your side; that I care about you, your well-being, and your future. This is something that no one but your best interests at heart. In the spirit of ruthless efficiency, then, allow me to present to you a new column, The Tech, in a single column!

Here begins the digest version of the Oct. 3rd, 2000, Tech.

Statistically, it’s wildly unlikely that you’re voting. So there’s little point in carrying on about the Bush/Gore debate (which, by this point, has already gone on) that made the front page. Ralph Nader spoke at the Fleet (“Fleece”) Center to 12,000 spectators, but (again appealing to statistics) you probably didn’t watch his talk, except that he’s the Green Party nominee (so he must be a good guy). Above the fold, a nice picture of Joseph D. Seale ’02 looking collegiate, presenting his plan for confidential medical transport at the televised UA meeting which you almost certainly didn’t watch. 

In World News: violence in the Middle East continues to be a major topic. The gas leak in the Sinai, which you almost certainly didn’t even know about, has now grown to be a mini nuclear sub disaster, and the bodies of Kursk sailors are being retrieved by Dick Cheney’s old lottery tickets, and the bodies of Russian gay. They soon realized that it was as normal and as complex as any other person they knew. I wasn’t just their gay roommate. I was Kevin. That’s how it should be. Coming out and being gay should not be a big deal. Being gay does not define who I am just as my roommates straightness does not define them.

Sometimes, though, reality hits you in the face. Earlier this year, I received an anti-gay hate email message sent by another student, who belonged to one of the fraternities on campus. While the incident is now very much in the past, I am still haunted by it and way that it could happen again to another student.

If I am the reason that the Bush administration is taking no action on the issue of same-sex marriage, I am the reason why the Baton Rouge police are war on gay people, and the reason why the bodies of Kursk sailors are being retrieved by Dick Cheney’s old lottery tickets. And the reason why the Bush/Gore debate (which, by this point, has already gone on) that made the front page. Ralph Nader spoke at the Fleet (“Fleece”) Center to 12,000 spectators, but (again appealing to statistics) you probably didn’t watch his talk, except that he’s the Green Party nominee (so he must be a good guy). Above the fold, a nice picture of Joseph D. Seale ’02 looking collegiate, presenting his plan for confidential medical transport at the televised UA meeting which you almost certainly didn’t watch. 

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I ‘came out’ at MIT three years ago. It was the beginning of my freshman year, I was seventeen, and very excited about starting my college career. I had just been assigned to a room with two other roommates. Since I didn’t see how I could share a room with two other guys without their knowing about my sexual orientation, I came right out and told them.

‘Hey guys, I’m gay.’

‘Just like that, I came out. It was just because one of my roommates was from a conservative Jewish family and the other was from an Asian family. I must have been very naive at the time because I don’t remember how I would react. Honesty is important to me, and there was no way I was going to pretend to be someone I wasn’t for the whole school year.’

Their initial reaction was silence. Later they asked me, ‘How do you know?’ I didn’t know what to say in response to their disclosure. They had never had anyone come out to them before, and they weren’t used to dealing with it. At the time, though, all I felt was relief because at least they didn’t run out of the room or tell me they didn’t want me there as a roommate.

Throughout the entire semester, they never had a problem with my sexuality. Sure, they felt embarrassed at first, but slowly I gradually led to a deeper understanding of my lifestyle and the way I act around my gay. They soon realized that as normal and as complex as any other person they knew. I wasn’t just their gay roommate. I was

When I received the e-mail back in March, I was extremely upset and hurt. I could not believe that I would get harassed at MIT. I was hurt and18
tolerant institution like MIT. So I channeled those feelings into something positive by taking action. I was not going to just sit back and let the scare mongers who I know who did not know that this was my advisor. I went immediately to the campus police and the registrar’s office to report the incident as an assault and as a hate crime. Two months later, in May, President Vest and the Committee on Discipline suspended the student for three semesters. He will not be allowed to return to campus.

The entire incident and my experience as a gay man has taught me a lot of work still needs to be done to ensure all students are safe and respected. Homopho-
bias exists, but we can all do something to make sure that those who make homophobic remarks are not tolerated.

Next week is Coming Out Week at MIT, in conjunction with National Coming Out Day on October 11. The annual event at MIT serves to encourage and empower every les-
bian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered person to make a difference by speaking out about who they are and standing tall. All of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered student and faculty groups at MIT will be sponsoring events throughout the week, so please drop by your halls.

Coming out is an extremely frightening process. It takes a lot of courage, determination, dignity, and guts to take that step. I know because I’ve been there. As an openly gay stu-
dent, I encourage those students who are in the closet to think about it and con-
sider coming out. Coming out might not work for everyone, but it can be a very healthy deci-
sion. There are a lot of resources on the Web and at MIT that anyone can look into to help make the coming out process easier.

And for those who are coming out, over the course of next week and in your lifetime, you will have friends who will come out to you as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered. When they do, show them your support and be there for those who you who will eventually make that decision.

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Alice et Martin (★★★
Almost Famous (★★★)
Bring It On (★★★)
From the director of Austin Powers comes this offbeat and original romantic comedy about hapless Greg Foxxor Ben Stiller) and his attempts to impress his future father-in-law (Robert DeNiro). Pam's (Teri Polo) father, Jack, figures, instantly decides that he's unimpressed by his daughter's husband-to-be and what follows is a disastrous family weekend during which things just keep getting worse. With laugh-out-loud humor and an endless array of gut-busting scenes, this film proves to be Stallion's greatest success since There's Something about Mary. — Ryan Klimczak

Nurse Betty (★★★★
Renee Zellweger stars in this film as the neurotic Nurse Betty, a small-town soap opera aficionado traumatized into an alternate personality. Obsessed and dedicated, she seeks out soap opera star Dr. David Rangel, played by actor George McCard (Greg Kinnear), on A Reason to Live under the misconception that he is her ex-fiancé. Along the way, she is followed by two hit-men played by Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock, and, as this illogical but humorous story continues, it stumbles somewhere between humorous originality and perplexing irrationality. — RK

Remember the Titans (★★★★
This is a beautifully directed movie about the social and racial conflicts of the 1970s, inspired by real events, the movie examines the relationship between two football coaches, one white and one black, trying to overcome racial differences that tear the whole community apart after an all-white school and an all-black school are united. Featuring great actors and lovely music from the 70’s, this movie depicts intriguing aspects of human nature: A must-see. — Bogdan Fedele

Urbania (★★★
Urbania tells the story of Charlie, a man introduced as having suffered a tragic loss and intent on regaining normalcy in his life. Charlie stumbles through the hyper-reality of New York City, voyeuristically obsessed with “urban legends” — peculiar vignettes which, the film argues, help us cope with reality’s capriciousness. These tales become a metaphor for Charlie’s own experience and provide a backdrop for his enigmatic obsession with an ex-lover and the possibility of a redemptive relationship with a homosexual acquaintance. Urbania confronts some interesting issues about sexuality, revenge, and love, but its choice of a homosexual focus, while downplayed, makes it easily dismissed as a member of a genre of films that is hokey at best, even if Urbania itself is an exception. — Ted Horne

Urban Legends: Final Cut (★★)
A disappointing sequel to the original Urban Legends movie, this film provides an unorthodox approach to its forerunner as film student Amy Mayfield (Jennifer Morrison) directs her thesis film on a murderer who kills people based on urban legends. At the same time, a psychopath is killing her crew in the same format as her movie, leading Mayfield on an unexpected — and confusing — trial to unmask the killer before she too becomes an urban legend. Directed by John Ottman, Urban Legends II: Final Cut attempts to add some stylish touches with a funnier twist on the horror genre. — RK

The Way of the Gun (★★★
Written and directed by Christopher McQuarrie (The Usual Suspects screenwriter), this crime thriller starts and ends with a bang, staging thrillingly superbly choreographed action battles. However, the middle drags with endless expository sequences that all look and sound alike. Also, Ryan Phillippe is no Kevin Spacey. — Vladimir Zelevinsky

What Lies Beneath (★★★
You may think you already know the story from the trailer; the trailer’s a woman who looks like Michelle Pfeiffer haunting a house. But what follows the painfully slow beginning is a somewhat suspenseful thriller with a surprisingly creative ending. Obviously, you can’t rely on the trailers; you’d have to go to the theaters to find out what lies beneath the surface of this movie. — Karen Feigenbaum
TechCalendar

October 6, 2000

6:00 a.m. - 9:59 p.m. – Here and Away. Exhibition of photographs and artworks created by staff members of Tech-nique, the MIT yearbook. Contributors include MIT students and recent alumni, each of whom presents two works—one with a theme of MIT, student life, or the Boston area and the other with a topic outside of the Institute. Free. Room: Weiser Student Art Gallery (2nd floor Student Ctr). Sponsor: Technique Yearbook.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Mary A. Herman: Breaking the Mold. A series of images using multiple print processes to explore issues of women's individuality and sameness. Free. Room: RS 52-466. Sponsored by Sloan School of Management.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Peace Through Humor: Visions of Peace from the Hands of Children. Exhibition of paint-ings, hosted by MIT K-12. Curated by Mausam Kamar. Free. Room: W21, Religious Activities Chr, 43 resentment St. Sponsor: HKS. MIT.

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Flashes of Inspiration: The Work of Harold Edarton. An interactive exhibition celebrating the life and work of MIT legend Harold. $5; $2 students/seniors; $1 children 5-18; free with MIT ID. Room: MIT Museum, 902. 2nd floor. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – FilmMaker User Group. The MIT FilmMaker User Group (FMU) was formed for people at MIT. From beginners to experts, who are using or interested in learning to use FilmMaker. Free database software and related products. Free. Room: 942 Deme Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. – School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences at MIT Colloquium. 50th Anniversary Celebration Colloquium—12:00 Noon - Registration opens—12:05 - 1:00 Refreshments—1:00 p.m. Colloquium Session 1: “What do we know about human nature?”—3:30 p.m. Colloquium Session 2: “How do artists tell their stories?”—free. Room: Wong Auditorium Tang Center (E51), 2 Amherst St. Sponsor: School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

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Activists Say Real Issues Not Addressed at Debate

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Debate, from Page 1

Protesters decided to form a human chain outside Tuesday night's presidential debate. The debate was the first of three organized by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

"The exclusion of the third party candidates from an event is just as important as the debates," said Mateus, K. Musajewski, a Green Party member. "There wasn't much media response to the issues we were trying to expose."

Protesters decry social ills

Aimee L. Smith, a member of MIT's Social Justice Cooperative, organized a protest against the death penalty which focused on Mumia Abu-Jamal, a death row inmate whom some believe to be a political prisoner.

"The idea was to call attention to the fact that both parties are now pro-death penalty," Smith said. "Right now, the US has over 2 million people in prison, and it's one-fourth of the planet's prison population," she said.

Smith said the protests in general occurred "to protest the corporate control of the candidates, the debates, and the so-called democratic process in this country [and] to bring attention to how the two parties are merging into one and narrowing the focus of issues that would be covered in the debate."

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The 2000 Presidential Debates: A Quest for the Real News

By James Camp and Nathan Collins

Yes. It’s favoritism," he said, making no apology for the policy of the Commission on Presidential Debates. The big name press could get into the debates, of course, our singlemindedness didn’t get us very far. At Dudley Station in an attempt to gain more media attention.

"The official at the gate said we were going to be shut out. This time, however, the officer took pity and let the poor photographers through.

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The vast majority of the reporters covering this year's debate operated out of a central Media Center. Keep us from pausing five or ten times to take pictures. We are, after all, photojournalists.

Eventually, we could go no further without crossing the fence. Yet another policeman told us to backtrack to yet another stoplight and speak with a nameless Sergeant.

We don't know how many people we showed our press passes to that night, but the variety of responses was astounding, ranging from "oh, you're press ... go away to 'oh, you're press, come on in' to 'is that what you call a press pass?' You might think there would be some standard way of handling people like us, but you would be wrong. At least point we found some...
The first presidential debate held in Boston drew a motley crowd, including supporters of Gore (above right), Bush (below), and underdog Ralph Nader (below left).

Others fought police barricades (below right) to represent their favorite political causes, including Arab independence (top right), fair treatment of Wen Ho Lee (above left), manned exploration of Mars (left), and a variety of general calls for democracy (right).

Some just enjoyed the feeling of being at a truly American event (top left).
Debate journal, from Page 14

one to let us through, and instantly
the world changed. We were Press.
We were Establishment. The
crowd paid attention to us: if we
were on the other side of the fence,
maybe we could give them publici-
ty. So we stopped yet again to pho-
tograph the huddled masses before
embarking on the last leg of our
journey; a five-minute walk up the
UMass driveway to a tent labeled
"Media."

We were grudgingly given the
last two yellow MEDIA badges and
told that there was absolutely no
way we could get into the auditori-
um for even half a minute to snap a
single photo of the debate, in
progress or not. Even so, our gear
had to be sniffed by a very well-
trained German Shepard before we
were admitted to the Media Center:
a huge tent filled with nerve centers
for every major press outlet I have
ever heard of.

So there we were, amid the big-
wigs of the news. We even passed
Leslie Stahl. It may have been a
minor miracle of perseverance that
we had gotten as far as we did, but
that did not keep me from bugging
the officials a few more times just to
make sure we missed no hidden
opportunity. There was none to be
missed.

Still, I am glad to have covered
the event the way we did. There is
an angle here that the big name
papers missed: a connection with
the people we are supposed to serve.
The same people, coincidentally,
who are supposed to be served by
the politicians who decided to hold
a closed debate.

We were told that Nader took the
T to the debates; of course, he was
locked out with the rest of us. At
Nader’s rally last Sunday press
passes were given out at the door,
and tickets were sold to anyone who
wanted them for $10. The real
democracy, it would seem, is what
happened outside the UMass auditoi-
um last Tuesday night, not the
carefully choreographed, closed-
door event arranged by the Com-
misson on Presidential Debates.

No matter who said what inside
that locked auditorium, on our
debate scorecard both major parties
came away with a score of zero.

You know you want to.
You just can’t hold back.
It fills your head day and night.
Take a deep breath now.
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You can do it too.

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By Matthew Palmer
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The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court last week rejected a student's claim that he was treated unfairly when suspended from Brandeis University.

The 3-2 decision upholds a university's ability to conduct proceedings and punish students according to their own rules, even if they do not guarantee students the same rights as the criminal justice system does.

Alan D. Rose, attorney for Brandeis University, said the verdict shows that "generally speaking, universities are free to set their own rules without judicial interference."

However, some worry that lower standards for evidence and due process could infringe on students' rights.

"There is virtually no place left in the United States where kangaroo courts and Star Chambers are the rule rather than the exception — except on college and university campuses," said the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education in a press release. FIRE filed a joint brief with the American Civil Liberties Union in the trial.

MIT joined more than ten New England universities in filing briefs with the court, encouraging them to dismiss the case.

Rose said such a motion is normally filed "if a case has important implications for an industry."

Criminal justice rules don't apply

Since the verdict applies to all universities in Massachusetts, it has raised many questions about the power and independence of a college disciplinary board.

The Supreme Judicial Court examined five claims made by David A. Schaer, the Brandeis student suspended for allegedly raping a fellow student. He claimed that Brandeis failed to carefully evaluate the facts, didn't make a record of the proceedings, allowed irrelevant and inflammatory evidence, didn't apply evidentiary rules, and failed to provide due process.

The court rejected those claims and decided that Brandeis was not bound by the rules of criminal justice. "It is not the business of lawyers and judges to tell universities what statements they may consider," the court ruled.

However, in a dissenting opinion, Justice J. Cowin said Schaer's claims of unfair evidence could have merit. He cited the fact that Brandeis allowed one witness to say the complainant "looked like a rape victim" and another to call Schaer a "self-motivated egotistical bastard."

Colleges must follow own rules

The court also ruled that Brandeis upheld its contractual agreement with Schaer during its procedures, as required by law.

A larger question to universities and their students is if those rules, which often allow less rights than criminal courts do, are fair.

For example, Brandeis did create a record of the procedure, as required by its internal rules. However, it condensed the thirteen witnesses into just twelve lines.

The court's "disinclination to interfere with university governance should not alter basic contract law and the traditional standard for evaluating the sufficiency of a complaint," Cowin wrote in his dissent.

However, Rose said, "Universities have adopted very detailed codes of procedure which give students more rights than 15 years ago."

Dispute stems from rape case

The suit originated from a 1996 incident. A female student alleged that she told fellow Brandeis student Schaer that she did not want to have sex, but later awoke to find him having intercourse with her.

In April, Brandeis's board on student conduct suspended Schaer for four months after finding him guilty of engaging in an unwanted sexual activity and creating a hostile environment.

A Superior Court rejected Schaer's claim that he was unfairly disciplined. An Appeals Court upheld most of the verdict, but found that Brandeis failed to follow its established procedure, an issue that the Supreme Judicial Court later examined and did not uphold.
Market has roots in economy
Are we to attribute the new upward trend to newfound American prosperity? Economic growth and productivity?

Partly. “Rapid growth of high-tech and information-based industries have flooded Cambridge.” Born said. “Cambridge is in a great explosion of economic activity in the technology-related fields.”

“We’ve got a great economy here, like we had back during the city’s new urbanism movement,” said Born. People “want to live in places that have been traditionally less affluent neighborhoods.”

So has Cambridge demography dramatically changed? “Yes, yes, yes, yes,” said Born. “And definitely not for the better. Because we’re losing the economic diversity, meaning that for the lucky few who have some kind of subsidized living arrangement, Cambridge is a good place to live… but everybody else has to bring their checkbook.”

“Many of the [newcomers] are MIT graduates or those who want to be close to MIT,” Born added.

Those graduates and technology workers are increasingly better educated, better paid, and likely to afford higher-priced housing units, which realtors and developers are pushing to supply. The razed walking area in the center of Central Square is now the site for a luxury apartment building. Other areas of Harvard and Central Square are also turning towards high-income housing.

End of rent control started trend
But economic prosperity, which Born says has left behind some of the Cambridge population, is far from being the lone contributor to recent price increases. Sales price trends pointed upward well before the economic boom, just after rent control left Cambridge.

“The real estate industry put all of their forces to end rent control in 1995. There was, until then, increasingly strong rent control,” said Born.

Rent control ended with statewide referendum funded by the real estate industry. The passage of that referendum coincides with a dramatic change on rent pricing charts. The price graphs in the CDD’s reports are parabolas centered at 1995. “Of course, it caused huge price increases. But the realtors’ solution for the poorer people was to build more housing. The problem is finding a place,” Born said.

Affordable housing, which Born calls the “primary” resolution to those finding rent costs tough to handle, is in short supply in this densely-packed city.

Council calls for more services
Although Born was the only City Councillor to have read the CDD’s housing report, she emphasized that the council had embarked on a vigourous campaign to create affordable housing units.

The council recently purchased 62 units of housing on Lancaster street and intends to renovate the space to produce affordable housing units.

“We’re always looking for houses to acquire,” she said. “And Cambridge has an inclusionary zoning ordinance, which assures that 15 percent of all housing here will be affordable.”

But the problem, she states, is in the oddity of economic growth in the region: “that as a region’s prosperity increases, everyone begins to focus on cutting services, as if no one needs them.”

“We should have more resources to devote to the people who get shut out. That’s not the case here because we have a state governor who wants to cut taxes… there’s a direct relationship between that money and the services we can provide.”

Governor Paul Cellucci is offering a statewide tax cut from city government budgets.

The issue, then, returns to the familiar fight between taxes and government spending.

The troubles faced by Howard and others searching for a place to live are the unlucky side-effects of economic growth and city-wide change.

Forum Discusses New Dorm
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extended into the beginning of the fall semester because it would then become a distraction or wouldn’t be fair to those who don’t stay during IAP.

Pre-orientation programs were also brought up as a subject for possible revision. Both making the programs universal and incorporation of more pre-orientation activities into actual orientation were suggested as possible changes to improve the opportunities for freshmen to meet each other and reduce the formation of cliques.

The new undergraduate dormitory, scheduled to open in the fall of 2002, is supposed to house all classes, but may end up being predominately freshmen. Dean M. Lentz ’82 said, “One way or another this is going to be a mostly freshmen dorm.” Several people suggested offering benefits to encourage upperclassmen to move into the new dorm.

According to Grace R. Kessenich ‘03, UA housing co-chair, the new dorm will be half doubles and half singles with cafe and lounge areas based mainly on the first two of ten floors. At the end of the meeting questionnaire which were handed out at the beginning and which were turned in. The questions ranged from “Were upperclassmen helpful?” to “Did you misread you?” For other comments a contact address was provided: rush-feedback@mit.edu.
MIT, Akamai Face Patent Countersuit

By Vicky Hsu

Digital Island named MIT as a defendant in a lawsuit it filed against Akamai Technologies for patent infringement. Akamai Technologies had initially filed suit against Digital Island, an e-Business delivery network, for patent infringement on September 13. The countersuit by Digital Island was announced five days later.

Akamai Technologies uses a content delivery system that is based on technology developed by MIT Professor of Mathematics Thomas Leighton and Daniel Lewin, a graduate student working under him. Digital Island claims that Akamai made use of a "fingerprinting" system patented by the company in 1999. Both Digital Island and Akamai Technologies offer services to speed up delivery of Internet content. Akamai patented its technology in August 2000.

Patent process involved MIT

The Institute applied to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on behalf of Akamai. In addition, Akamai licensed some technology from the Institute. Jeffrey Young, a spokesman for Akamai Technologies, said that Akamai has a patent issued to MIT and licensed exclusively to Akamai, granted in the names of the Leighton as the chief scientist and Lewin as the chief technical officer. As a result of these connections, Lita Nelsen, director of the Technology Licensing Office at MIT, said that although "the infringement lawsuit with Digital Island was taken on entirely at Akamai’s initiative," Digital Island still has the right to name MIT as a co-plaintiff in its countersuit. Nevertheless, MIT has no official position on whether or not the lawsuit should have been filed, nor on the "merits of either side," Nelsen said. MIT has not looked into Digital Island’s claims in the countersuit.

Patents that are issued by the USPTO are presumed valid until overturned in the courts. Nelsen added that the Institute does not expect that the possibility of a cash settlement between the companies could result in any major income for MIT.

Akamai will not back down

Young said that the response from Digital Island was expected. He believes that the patent is substantial and that Digital Island is clearly infringing upon the patent. Despite the lawsuits and the recent drop in Akamai’s stocks, Akamai will "continue to prevail in the marketplace as well as in the courts," Young said. Al Abuhaijleh, the public relations manager of Digital Island, and lawyers representing Digital Island all declined to comment.

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Two attacks on Harvard students last week have resulted in at least one arrest and raised concerns about an increased frequency of hate crimes in the Harvard Square area. Benjamin Bargeil, a 25-year-old Seattle native, was arrested by Cambridge Police officers early Monday morning on charges of assault and battery and civil rights violations. The charges stem from an incident on the evening of September 19 when, according to the Harvard University Police (HUP), a Harvard undergraduate was assaulted in the rear of St. Paul’s Church on Mt. Auburn St. The victim, who was wearing an Islamic prayer cap at the time, was punched, kicked and thrown down a flight of stairs. He was later taken to Cambridge City Hospital for treatment.

Attack was second in one week

The incident came only two days after another alleged hate crime in the area. On September 17, a group of Harvard students were accosted while walking through “The Pit,” a popular gathering place adjacent to the Harvard Square MBTA station. The students told police that a large group of “skinquids” approached them and began shouting homophbic slurs. One of the suspects reportedly threw a metal can that hit a student in the head, causing a laceration that required medical attention.

The HUP released a Community Advisory which announced that the suspects in the September 19 incident were “white males, 17-23 years of age, 6’, 160 lbs. shaved heads … described as skinheads.” The suspects from the September 17th incident were also “described as skinheads,” and were part of a group “known to hang around … ‘The Pit.’” Harvard students were instructed to “please be aware of these individuals” when travelling in the area.

Fears that these two incidents represented an upsurge in skinhead activity were somewhat alleviated by Monday’s arrest. The police report contained no indication that Bargeil was a skinhead, and HUP spokesperson Peggy McNamara said that “it does not appear that he has any skinhead or Neo-Nazi affiliation.”

Vigil calls for safe streets

The two alleged hate crimes led the Harvard United Ministry to organize a silent vigil in Harvard Square last Sunday. According to the Harvard Crimson, about 150 people marched through “The Pit” carrying signs with slogans such as “Keep the Streets Safe.” Students and local residents both cautioned, however, against rushing to any judgements about the incidents. One young man, known to frequent “The Pit,” complained to the Crimson that kids like him were being unfairly labeled as violent troublemakers when, in reality, “ninety percent of the kids here have a button or a patch with a swastika and a line through it.” The police are still searching for additional suspects in both incidents.
Pass/NR Policy Could Be in Place Next Fall

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Are you a college student who is unsure about your major? The report recommended that students be given the option of designating one class during their second year an “Exploratory Subject.” After receiving the final grade, a student will be able to choose whether to accept this grade or to forfeit the credit and accept “Listener” status for the class. This might allow a student to consider switching majors more easily.

Although the report discussed MIT’s policies on Advanced Standing and Advanced Placement examinations extensively, these policies were left largely intact.

Advising will be considered later

Jaffe mentioned that there are several other important issues such as the freshman advising program, which are currently under investigation. “I’ve been working with [Co-Director of Academic Services] Margaret Enders and [Dean for Undergraduate Education] Robert Redwine to improve things in the freshman year that seem to be broken or need repair,” he said.

However, he emphasized the fact that this report deals chiefly with MIT’s Pass/No Record and Advanced Placement policies. “It’s important to know what this report is and what it isn’t. This committee was charged with looking at the Pass/No Record. That isn’t the only issue,” he said.

Over the next month, the CUP will allow members of the MIT community to comment on and suggest amendments to the policy. “We are in a process of trying to solicit opinions from as many members of the community as possible,” Jaffe said.

After conversing with members of the faculty at a faculty dinner on November 16th, the CUP will meet and prepare a final report. “Every effort is going to be made to move at this expeditiously,” Jaffe said. “If it’s going to work, we want it to move forward.”

The faculty could vote on this policy as soon as this coming spring, and the policy could take effect as soon as Fall 2002.

The report can be found online at <http://web.mit.edu/committees/cup/subcommittees/pnrap/report.html>.
Media Lab Gets New Director

Walter Bender replaces Negroponte in time of expansion

By Nancy Keuss

Walter R. Bender, senior research scientist and head of the Media Laboratory's research group News in the Future, has assumed the role of Media Lab director. Former director Nicholas Negroponte, co-founder of the Laboratory and Jerome B. Wiesner Professor of Media Technology, is now the senior director.

Bender said that Negroponte "remains a spokesman for the Lab and helps to find new opportunities and intellectual pursuits."

Bender will also work closely with the Lab's new associate director John Maeda, Assistant Professor and head of the Aesthetics and Computation research group. Media Lab spokeswoman Alexandria Kahn added that there will be "two voices in the direction of the Media Lab: that of the most senior member of the Lab, Walter Bender, and that of a new member, Maeda."

Negroponte will continue to hold the position of interim director of MediaLabEurope in Ireland, a role that reflects the Lab's aim to extend itself internationally, Bender said.

Bender placed the administrative changes within a context of overall expansion for the Media Lab, both in Cambridge and the rest of the world.

Construction expands Media Lab

The Media Lab will be expanding physically within the MIT campus. A new building will be constructed to house the current Media Lab, scheduled to open in 2004, will vastly increase the size of the laboratory. "We don't currently have the luxury of such an area, but we hope to include 'theater' space in the new building," Bender said.

Also, the addition of the new building mirrors the Media Lab's efforts to expand its outreach into the world. "We are seeking more engagement with the rest of campus and more engagement internationally," Bender said.

Bender added, "There's a certain synergy between Okawa's passion of the information society, as he stated in a Media Lab press release: 'children are leading the way in creating the information society,' as he was inspired by Okawa's belief that 'children are taking charge of their own learning through direct exploration, expression and experience, a notion consistent with the Media Lab's emphasis on "learning by doing,"" the press release stated."

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Certain aspects of the Okawa annex will resemble the structure of the current Media Lab, particularly the area now referred to as the "Cube," an area that was originally used for demonstrations but is now used for research. "We don't currently have the luxury of such an area, but we hope to include 'theater' space in the new building," Bender said.

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Bender pointed to the Media Lab's plans to launch a new research consortium, called Digital Nations, intended to bring together researchers from around the world, as an example of that new focus. The consortium will study digital technologies, learning, and international development. "It's a one vehicle whereby we're trying to reach out internationally," Bender said.

New center focuses on children

The Okawa Center for Future Children is one of three centers to be housed in the new building. The center is funded by a $27 million grant from Isao Okawa, chairman of CSK Corporation and Sega Enterprises, Ltd. The purpose of the center is to develop technologies which will revolutionize the way children learn.

The decision to donate the funds was inspired by Okawa's belief that "children are leading the way in creating the information society," as he was inspired by Okawa's belief that "children are taking charge of their own learning through direct exploration, expression and experience, a notion consistent with the Media Lab's emphasis on "learning by doing,"" the press release stated."

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Celebrating the Olympic Dream

By John G. Puskarich
SPORTS COLUMNIST

I don’t know if any of you noticed, but the 2000 Sydney Summer Olympic Games have come and gone. In a world-class spectacle that occurs just once every four years that unites the top athletes from all over the globe, MIT students and America, for that matter, just didn’t seem to give a damn.

Though I am disappointed with NBC’s delayed coverage, coupled with the fact that I barely got to see any of the track events, the Olympics are the Olympics. If you miss out on them, it’s not like you can see them in a couple of weeks or months. They’ll come around again four years from now, which means we’ll be four years older with four more years of new and totally different responsibilities.

The drive to succeed is what the Olympics are all about. The drive to succeed is why we are here at the world’s finest technical institution. Is it not natural for us to have a strong desire to see Olympic athletes compete on such a high level? I spoke to many MIT folks over the past few weeks and not a single one seemed to show any interest in the world’s greatest athletic competition. Seeing people give their heart and souls for a ten-second race or a one-minute routine is astonishing.

Things would be a lot different if people paid attention to sports like track and gymnastics all the time, but they don’t and it’s sad. How can people not watch other people’s dreams come true right on the television screen? Every person we saw on NBC’s Olympic coverage was living out a dream. It is a shame that only a small portion of America witnessed the unfolding of a lifetime’s work and dreams.

The Olympic games are big and boisterous, wonderful with exceptional athletes, flawed with over-commercialization. If at times the Olympic committee seems to exceed their grasp, then perhaps what applies is the Olympic ideal: there is merit in the attempt, and a whole lot accomplished along the way.

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Rugby Defeats Boston

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The women’s volleyball team lost their first conference match this past Tuesday against Springfield College in a real nail biter that came right down to the wire.

After falling behind in the first game 6-13, MIT clawed their way back into the game but came up just short losing 15-17. In the second game, the Engineers took control, winning easily 15-5 by serving Springfield off the court. Amy Mok '02 led the way with 4 service aces.

Another close one in the third game saw MIT fall short yet again 13-15, but once again the Engineers rallied to take the fourth game 15-9.

In the decisive fifth game, the score went back and forth with both teams fighting off match points before Springfield was finally able to edge it out 17-15 to win the match 3-2. Offensively, MIT was led by outside hitter Nydia Clayton ’04 who put down 16 kills. Middle blockers Lauren Frick ’03 and Kelly Martens ’03 controlled the net with 11 blocks collectively, while defensive specialist Parisa Habibi ’02 led the team with 18 digs.

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Baseball vs. Massasoit Community College, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 7
Men’s Soccer vs. Springfield College, 1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Smith College, 1:00 p.m.
Women’s Tennis vs. WPI, 1:00 p.m.

MIT and Brandeis University soccer players clash during Wednesday’s match. MIT lost 3-1.