

Clay Picks Crowding Solutions

By Jeffrey Greenbaum
STAFF REPORTER

The undergraduate crowding problem will be addressed by housing a mix of rising seniors and sorority members in graduate dorms next year, following new developments in the plan first outlined by Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD '75 in January. Freshmen will not be housed in graduate dormitories.

Nonresidential sorority members and current juniors who plan to complete their Masters degree through a five-year program will be invited to fill a maximum of 140 spots in graduate dorms.

"I think that it is a win-win situation," Clay said. "It does not disrupt the graduate community life, and the women get to live on campus together."

The compromise comes after heated protest from the graduate student community to a plan announced in January that would house freshmen in Ashdown to help alleviate overcrowding next year.

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WAN YUSOF WAN MORSHIDI—THE TECH
"You cannot pass!" exclaimed Dean for Student Life Larry Benedict, garbed in wizard attire. Benedict narrated the MIT Concert Band's Friday performance of Johan de Meij's Symphony No. 1, based on *The Lord of the Rings*.

UA Hopefuls Devise Vote Purchase Plan

By Brian Loux
NEWS EDITOR

Rhett Creighton '02 and Victor W. Brar '04 announced their candidacy for Undergraduate Association president and vice president via e-mail early Monday morning, promising \$10 to each student who writes in a vote for them.

"We are giving people what they want," Creighton said. "The UA gets lots of money through other things. People really want food, money, and things like LaVerde's acceptance of the card. But our big thing is giving our supporters \$10."

In an e-mail sent to several MIT "talk" mailing lists at 12:05 a.m. Monday, Creighton and Brar promised that if elected, they would use the \$5000 discretionary Vannevar Bush '16 Fund to pay each voter for their vote as well as for recruiting fellow undergraduates to vote for the ticket. The Bush Fund is allocated to the elected UA president to spend as he or she sees fit. The money for voters is contingent upon the outcome of elections, and if the ticket does not

win the presidency, it will not have the funding to pay voters.

The Bush Fund was initially in place to subsidize the UA president's tuition, and records are not required to be disclosed without UA consent. "It is a multipurpose account... that helps the president do his or her job, help the student body, or help the UA," said current UA President Jaime E. Devereaux '02. "It is meant to cover things that aren't covered through traditional means of funding."

Devereaux expressed severe doubts that the Bush Fund could be used in the proposed manner, citing that business regarding the fund is conducted through the Student Activity Finance Office. "It works just like a main account," she said. "I have to submit a voucher and receipt or proof of service before I am cut a check."

Historically, there have been scandals and debates over disclosure and use of the fund in the past, but ultimately no change in policy.

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Usual Raunchy Humor, But Bad (After) Taste

By Helana Kadyszewski
STAFF REPORTER

Last Saturday evening, I wandered through the corridors outside 10-250 with a mixture of intrigue and apprehension. The stench of Cheetos, Chips Ahoy and coffee gone sour filled the air. Bleary-eyed students paced up and down the hall, while others sat hunched over their wireless laptops. Some appeared hysterical. Others were calm, some even napping on sleeping bags.

The atmosphere might have suggested that a final exam was about to ensue. Well, except of course for the presence of a human toilet paper mummy, the territorial campsites of

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AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH
WHO IS THIS MAN? Audience members, like the one above, got into the act as the Chorollaries brought MIT another year of Bad Taste, vulgarity, and general strangeness to 10-250 last Saturday night.

MIT Submits Responses to Shin Lawsuit

MIT Denies Wrongdoing, Claims Shin's Parents Knew of Mental Health Problems

By Qian Wang
STAFF REPORTER

MIT Friday submitted its first detailed, point-by-point response to the \$27 million lawsuit by the parents of Elizabeth H. Shin '02.

Friday's response was submitted for Random Hall Housemaster Nina J. Davis-Millis, Associate Dean Arnold R. Henderson, Associate Dean Ayida Mthembu, former Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin, CP dispatcher Orlando Tirella, and Officer Paul Valentino.

Yesterday, a response was filed for MIT Medical mental health

doctors Peter Reich, M.D., Kristine Girard, M.D., Lili Gottfried, M.D., and Anthony Van Niel, M.D. A separate response was filed for Linda L. Cunningham, M.D. These responses were filed separately because the defendants obtained counsel outside of MIT's attorneys, Palmer and Dodge, LLP.

MIT alleges Shins had knowledge

In the response filed Friday, MIT lawyers denied all possible wrongdoing and negligence by MIT, its deans, and campus police. The responses filed yesterday also deny

any wrongdoing.

MIT claimed Shin's parents had prior knowledge of her emotional problems both in high school and at MIT. In the response, MIT denied that Shin's psychological issues started during her freshman year at MIT. The response also claimed that Shin "began to experience psychiatric problems, including self-mutilating behavior, during high school" based on information provided by the Shin family lawyers of records of Shin's stay at McLean Hospital

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Patrick Leehey

Professor Emeritus Patrick Leehey, who founded the Acoustics and Vibration Laboratory, died on March 4 after suffering from pancreatic cancer. He was 80 years old.

Leehey joined the faculty as an associate professor in the Departments of Naval Architecture and Mechanical Engineering after retiring from the Navy in 1964. In 1945, Leehey was part of the First Navy-Marine Corps landing party that reached the Japanese mainland at Yokosuka. He later served in the Korean War.

Leehey, who became a full professor in 1967 after only a few years on the faculty, taught graduate-level courses on flow noise, boundary layer theory, hydrofoil and propeller theory, acoustics, and structural vibration. After retiring in 1992, he continued to teach, including an imaging seminar he taught at the Edgerton Center.

Leehey was leading naval researcher

After World War II, Leehey attended graduate

school with the Navy and at Brown University, earning a PhD in applied mathematics from Brown in 1950. Following his service in the Korean War, Leehey helped develop the Naval Hydrofoil craft at the Office of Naval Research, served as design superintendent at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and headed the newly established Acoustics and Vibration Laboratory at the David Taylor Model Basin from 1963-64.

Leehey was born in 1921, and he attended the University of Iowa and the United States Naval Academy. He graduated in 1942 and served on the battleships USS Washington and USS Wisconsin. He took part in the Third Battle of Savo Island, and was part of the Task Forces at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

He married the former Dorothy Irene Feltus in 1944, between tours of duty. In addition to his wife, Leehey is survived by six children, a brother, and seven grandchildren.

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WORLD & NATION

Cheney Seeks to Quiet British Fears on Action Against Iraq

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

Vice President Dick Cheney moved Monday to quiet British critics of possible military action against Iraq, as he set out on his first overseas trip as vice president, a 12-nation journey to round up support for the next phase in the war against terrorism.

Cheney, in a luncheon with Prime Minister Tony Blair, heard no open discussion of reluctance to expand the war to encompass Iraq. But growing unease within Blair's Labor Party over taking on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has formed a backdrop to the vice president's visit here before he moves on to the Middle East and Persian Gulf, where the anxiety is palpable.

With Blair at his side at a news conference at 10 Downing St., the prime minister's office and residence, Cheney said the United States and Britain would act against Iraq "only in the closest possible consultation-coordination."

And Blair, who plans to visit President Bush in Texas next month, with Iraq high on the agenda, took pains to emphasize that no decisions had been made. However, he said, "this is a time when we discuss how important it is that the issue of weapons of mass destruction is properly dealt with."

Zimbabwe Government Closes Polls After Three Days

LOS ANGELES TIMES

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

The government closed the polls Monday in this country's chaotic presidential elections and a high court judge later rejected the main opposition party's petition to extend voting to a fourth day.

The election, originally scheduled to be held Saturday and Sunday, had been extended one day by court order after long lines and slow processing at many polling stations prevented thousands of people from casting ballots over the weekend.

Although the order called for the vote to be continued nationwide, the government opened polls only here in the capital and a nearby township and did so "under protest," Justice Minister Patrick Chinamasa told state television. Both areas are considered strongholds of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change, or MDC.

But when crowds of voters returned to polling stations in the capital early Monday they found many did not open until afternoon and some not at all.

"Polling was supposed to take place throughout the nation and begin at 7 a.m.," said MDC spokesman Learnmore Jongwe. "There are thousands of people who would not have had the opportunity to vote."

Andersen in Merger Talks With Rival Firm Deloitte

THE WASHINGTON POST

Accounting giant Arthur Andersen, its 89-year reputation for steadfast Midwestern stability and sobriety besmirched by its association with Enron Corp., is in merger talks with long-time rival Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, a source with knowledge of the negotiations said Sunday night.

"There are discussions in New York between Andersen and Deloitte," the source said. "There are a lot of options possible, including a merger or a sale of a lot of the parts being discussed."

It is not clear whether the Andersen name would survive such a merger or breakup, but it would appear unlikely, the source said. The price for such a deal has not been determined because Andersen's potential liability for its Enron-related problems is unclear, the source said.

Bush Calls for International Support in 2nd Phase of War

By Mike Allen

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Bush marked the six-month anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks Monday by appealing for world support for a second phase of the war on terror, which will be aimed at denying al-Qaida a new home base and access to nuclear weapons.

For the first time, he publicly promised U.S. military training and other resources to nations fighting terrorists on their soil, adding a potentially costly dimension to his vow to fight terrorism to an end.

"We will not send American troops to every battle, but America will actively prepare other nations for the battles ahead," he said.

Framed by the flags of scores of nations that have aided in the initial stage, Bush said "the civilized world" must stay with him as he moves against nations that have stockpiled weapons of mass destruction, with aides calling Iraq a chief offender.

"These weapons, in the hands of terrorists, would unleash blackmail and genocide and chaos," Bush said during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. "Our coalition must act deliberately. Inaction is not an option."

The president's call came on a day when Americans, steadily returning to routines even as the government warns the danger has not dissipated, paused to mourn formally the nearly 3,000 victims of the suicidal flights into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania.

In New York City, hundreds of people marked moments of silence at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m., when the towers of the trade center were hit. Several hours after Bush's speech, he unveiled a stamp showing the famous photo of three firefighters raising a flag in the charred ruins at ground zero. "Heroes USA," says the stamp, to be issued in the spring.

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told grieving

survivors, "September 11th was truly an attack against the world."

Bush did not use his address to articulate a new policy, but continued to build a case against rogue states capable of nuclear, chemical or biological attack. Although he did not name Iraq, officials said Saddam Hussein's regime was among those Bush had in mind when he said the world must face "the growing threat of terror on a catastrophic scale."

"Some states that sponsor terror are seeking or already possess weapons of mass destruction; terrorist groups are hungry for these weapons, and would use them without a hint of conscience," the president said.

Administration officials said that besides Iraq, Bush sees the primary threats as Iran and North Korea — the "axis of evil" he warned of during his State of the Union address in January. The officials said that to a lesser degree, Bush sees Syria and Libya as dangers.

Israel Raids West Bank Camps, Twelve Dead in Heavy Fighting

By Mary Curtiss

LOS ANGELES TIMES

DHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP, WEST BANK

Dozens of Israeli army tanks smashed into the Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip late Monday, and Palestinians reported at least 12 dead and more than 50 injured in heavy fighting there as Israel intensified its hunt for militants across the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel television reported about 50 tanks entered the sprawling camp, home to about 100,000 refugees and a bastion of militancy, shortly before midnight. Gun battles erupted immediately. Within an hour, Gazan hospital officials reported receiving a dozen dead.

The army refused comment on the reports.

Earlier Monday, hundreds of Palestinian men and boys — stripped to their undershirts, their hands on the heads — waited in line for hours outside a stonecutting fac-

tory here at the Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem for Israeli troops to handcuff, blindfold and interrogate them.

The army said it rounded up about 600 boys and men, ages 13 to 45, at Dheisheh and about 500 in the West Bank town of Kalkilya. An army spokeswoman said she did not know if any wanted militants had been found in the group.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also confirmed Monday that Israel has partially lifted travel restrictions on Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. The government has used tanks to confine Arafat to the West Bank city of Ramallah since December.

Sharon told members of parliament from his right-wing Likud Party that despite his decision to ease restrictions on Arafat and to drop a demand for seven days of quiet before Israel will start cease-fire talks, the military's widespread operations in Palestinian-

controlled territories would continue.

More than 200 Israelis and Palestinians have died in violence since the beginning of March. The surging violence has cast doubt on the chances for success of a new Bush administration effort to secure a cease-fire. President Bush's envoy, Anthony C. Zinni, is due in Jerusalem on Thursday.

Palestinians said Israel's actions on the ground made its decision to partially free Arafat insignificant. Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo called on Israel "to end the closure that all the Palestinian people have been living under for more than 18 months."

If Arafat does tour Palestinian-controlled areas, he will find many of his police stations and government buildings, as well as his house and offices on Gaza's seashore, reduced to rubble by Israeli air raids.

WEATHER

Ebb and Flow

By Greg Lawson

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

This week poses to bring variable skies and slightly warmer temperatures than average for this time of year. This is all thanks to a series of mediocre highs and lows that will be passing through our region. A weak high passed off the coast last night with its backside return flow bringing us warm, moist, southwesterly winds. This has ushered in the clouds and made way for a pathetic low that will pass just north of us this afternoon. Pathetic though it is, this low has just enough of a front associated with it to threaten a 60 percent chance of light showers. If anything happens though, it won't last long as the low quickly clears out.

After a calm, cloudy night, tomorrow will develop similarly, only this time the threatening low will be approaching up the coast. This one will only be active enough to warrant a 40 percent chance of showers, again lasting only a short time in duration. This low will then pass east as a high builds through Thursday and drives the clouds away. But the clouds will return Friday as a larger storm system tracks through and delivers more rain than its two predecessors. And the cycle goes on and on, ebb and flow.

Extended Forecast

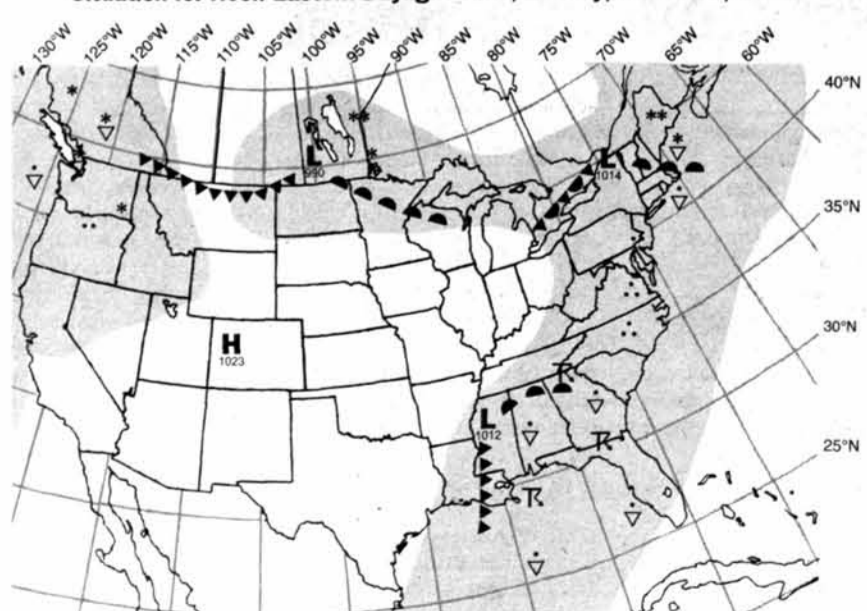
Today: Mostly cloudy. 60 percent chance of afternoon showers. Light southwesterly winds. Mild high of 46°F (8°C).

Tonight: Overcast. Low of 37°F (3°C).

Wednesday: Overcast though breaking later. Forty percent chance of afternoon showers. Even milder high of 53°F (12°C). Low of 38°F (3°C).

Thursday: Mostly clear. High in the low 50s F (10 to 12°C). Low in the mid 30s (1 to 3°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, 12xday, March 12, 2001



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	Trough	Shows Snow	Fog
L Low Pressure	Warm Front	Light Rain	Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	Cold Front	Moderate Rain	Haze
	Stationary Front	Heavy Rain	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Afghan Forces Near Shahi Kot For Projected Last-Stage Battle

By John Daniszewski and Geoffrey Mohan
LOS ANGELES TIMES

ZORMAT, AFGHANISTAN

Hardened Afghan soldiers with tanks, rocket launchers and mortars advanced to the edge of the Shahi Kot valley on Monday, vowing to clean out nests of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters who may still be lurking in its labyrinth of caves despite more than a week of aerial bombing and firefights with U.S. troops.

No one knows how many enemy fighters may still be in the valley after the U.S.-led onslaught, but the newly arriving Afghan forces clearly expected danger as they prepared to enter an area that many believe is the last stronghold of al-Qaida and the Taliban in eastern Afghanistan.

In addition to Afghan warriors, U.S. and Australian special forces were still operating in the area. However, the bulk of regular U.S. troops were being flown back to Bagram air base about 125 miles north of the fighting, satisfied that the heaviest fighting was over.

The long reinforcement column, which lumbered out of the dusty provincial capital of Gardez about 7 a.m., consisted of 12 tanks, other military equipment and about 500 troops, said Abdul Matin, an Afghan brigade commander.

Under the command of a former Northern Alliance general, Gul Hydar, who was sent to Gardez with 1,000 troops last Friday at the order of the Afghan Defense Ministry in Kabul, the soldiers were to augment and reinforce a U.S.-trained Afghan force led by Gen. Zia Lodin, which has been in the fighting since the campaign was launched March 2.

The column moved slowly over the bumpy, rutted, packed-earth road out of Gardez. Atop their tanks, witnesses said, soldiers smiled and waved their weapons.

Matin said the arrival of the column from Kabul was "very important" for Afghanistan's interim government, led by Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, because it represented the first steps toward creating

new national army. "Anywhere in the country where there is trouble, forces should be sent out by the Defense Ministry to help," he said.

By about 6 p.m., Hydar's forces had taken up positions on Shahi Kot hill at the entrance to the valley, said Matin.

He described the valley as very long with four or five entrances. When entering the valley, the Afghan force will have to contend with whatever enemy hide-outs have not yet been detected and bombed, as well as with land mines and booby traps laid by al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.

Having visited the caves during his days as a mujahedeen fighter against the Russians, Matin said it was good that Afghans would do the close-in dirty work of seeking the last hiding places. "The pathways to the caves are very hard to see for the Americans, and the caves themselves are labyrinthine," he said.

Matin said he expects the final battle for Shahi Kot to commence within two or three days.

White House Says Weapons Plan Necessary to Deter U.S. Enemies

By David G. Savage
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

U.S. officials, responding to reports that the Pentagon has drawn up contingency plans for expanded use of nuclear weapons, said Sunday that they hoped the threat of nuclear retaliation will deter other nations from using biological or chemical weapons against Americans.

The Bush administration wants to "send a very strong signal to anyone who might try to use weapons of mass destruction against the United States," National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"The only way to deter such a use is to be clear it would be met with a devastating response," she said.

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell described the report as "prudent military planning," not a plan for imminent attack.

"There are nations out there developing weapons of mass destruction. Prudent planners have to give some consideration as to the range of options the president should have available to him to deal with these kinds of threats," Powell said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The White House was responding

to a Los Angeles Times story Saturday that revealed that the Pentagon has drawn up plans that arms control experts say could signal a reversal of a decades-long policy of relegating nuclear weapons to a last resort.

Responding to new threats realized since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Bush administration now wants to consider using nuclear weapons to respond to biological and chemical attacks, as well as nuclear strikes. They also are contemplating using smaller weapons that can better target new challenges faced in recent wars: deeply dug caves and reinforced bunkers.

Arms control advocates warn that such moves could destabilize world relations by encouraging other nations to develop such weapons, but some conservative analysts say the Pentagon must prepare for a changed world, where dozens of countries, and some terrorist groups, have secret weapons programs.

The classified Pentagon report cited five nations — Iraq, North Korea, Iran, Libya and Syria — as posing a new level of threat to the United States that could require a nuclear response. The report also cites nuclear powers Russia and China, but makes clear that Russia

is no longer considered a U.S. adversary.

The disclosure of U.S. nuclear contingency planning could complicate diplomacy efforts by Vice President Dick Cheney, who arrived in London on Sunday for a 10-day, 12-nation swing through Europe and the Middle East to discuss with allies the next phase of the U.S.-led war against terrorism.

Administration officials went out of their way Sunday to assert that military planners have not targeted any nation for a nuclear attack but rather are preparing for how to respond if others resort to weapons of mass destruction.

"Right now, today, not a single nation on the face of the Earth is being targeted by an American nuclear weapon on a day-to-day basis," Powell said.

Powell, who is monitoring reports from Gen. Anthony Zinni's shuttle diplomacy in the Mideast, worried that the leak of the Pentagon report will "get the international community upset."

"We should not get all carried away with some sense that the United States is planning to use nuclear weapons in some contingency that is coming up in the near future," he said. "It is not the case."

Science Magazine Publishes Fusion Paper, Igniting Academic Controversy

By Shankar Vedantam
THE WASHINGTON POST

A small glass cylinder sits at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

Partly filled with a form of acetone, the cylinder is closed at the bottom and at the top, with openings for a vacuum pump. A device that converts electricity into mechanical energy is stuck to the glass and sends sound waves into the acetone.

A neutron generator sits nearby, to fire tiny particles into the liquid in time with the sound waves.

The setup is smaller than most coffee makers, but the experiment being conducted with it rocked the world of physics last week and set off a quarrel among scientists that was the academic equivalent of a barroom brawl.

Rusi Pesi Taleyarkhan at Oak Ridge said that the small glass structure replicated the nuclear fusion reactions that occur inside the sun and the stars, and that those reactions had previously been simulated

on Earth only with gigantic particle accelerators, highly radioactive substances and the hydrogen bomb.

While those systems have relied on powerful energy sources to slam atoms of hydrogen together, Taleyarkhan said he achieved the same effect by using a small force that was intensely concentrated.

"It's the old karate chop effect," Taleyarkhan said. "If you increase the rate of change, it results in a more intense shock. You can use the same energy over a short time and crack a brick, when otherwise you would just be pushing it."

A report on the experiment conducted by scientists at Oak Ridge, Rensselaer Polytechnic in New York and the Russian Academy of Sciences was published in the respected journal *Science* — against the advice of at least three scientists who reviewed the paper for the journal.

"I reviewed the paper twice, I rejected it twice," said William Moss, a physicist at the Lawrence

Livermore National Laboratory in California.

"I told *Science* you can't publish it because it's not right," said Lawrence Crum, a physicist with the Applied Physics Lab of the University of Washington at Seattle.

"They say it was subject to stringent peer review, but does that mean it passed peer review?" asked Seth Putterman, a physicist with the University of California at Los Angeles, who also rejected the article.

As the accusations and allegations increased, Taleyarkhan's supporters fought back. Russ George, a California scientist who has worked for many years on alternative energies, said the three critics were Taleyarkhan's competitors.

"They are not happy that they are beaten to the prize," said George, formerly a visiting scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and at the Stanford Research Institute. "They have so much to gain by having Taleyarkhan fail."

FAA Orders Inspection Of Airbus Tail Fins

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday it will order an ultrasound inspection of some of the vertical tail fins of Airbus A300-600 wide-body jetliners similar to the one that cracked off American Airlines Flight 587 on Nov. 12 as it climbed away from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The FAA said it might also extend the inspection to another class of Airbus aircraft, the A310, if sufficient problems are found in the A300-600 fleet.

The inspection, in line with Airbus recommendations, was prompted by new evidence that an in-flight upset of another A300-600 in 1997 nearly ripped loose one of the six lugs holding the fin — called a vertical stabilizer — to the fuselage.

In the New York crash four years later, the vertical stabilizer did rip loose, and the plane crashed into the Belle Harbor neighborhood near the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 260 people aboard the plane and five on the ground.

As part of the New York inquiry, investigators for the National Transportation Safety Board and Airbus took another look at the plane involved in the 1997 incident and discovered damage that had not been detected before to the all-composite tail fin.

In that incident, an American Airlines A300-600 experienced severe gyrations in the air as it approached Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at 16,000 feet on May 12, 1997.

Ceremonies at Crash Sites Mark Six Months Since Sept. 11

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK

Moments of silence, pledges that good will overcome evil and twin beams of light piercing the night sky on Monday commemorated the six months since terrorists attacked the World Trade Center.

"We saw the worst of mankind. We saw the face of evil," New York Gov. George Pataki told an audience, some fighting back tears, who gathered in Battery Park to mark the moment that the first of two jetliners slammed into the twin towers. Pataki pledged that 8:46 a.m. on Sept. 11th will remain "a date and a time we will never forget."

The true remembrance, added New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, "will be in our hearts."

At ground zero, workers paused briefly to recall the assault on America before resuming the task of removing rubble and searching for bodies. More than 2,800 people died at the site where the buildings collapsed.

Similar ceremonies were held Monday in Washington, D.C., near where another suicide pilot crashed into the Pentagon, and in western Pennsylvania, where passengers struggling with hijackers forced a fourth jetliner into a field.

At the United Methodist Church in Shanksville, Pa., hundreds of people took part in a multifaith service where candles were lit and the names of the 44 people who perished aboard the plane were read aloud. Church bells tolled to remember the victims of United Airlines Flight 93.

"The first thing they hijacked was our name and our religion," said Iman Fouad El Bayly, representing the Islamic Center of Johnstown, Pa.

Judge to PA County: Keep Commandments, Elsewhere

THE WASHINGTON POST

WEST CHESTER, PA

A federal judge handed down an order to county officials in southeastern Pennsylvania last week: Thou Shalt Not Post the Ten Commandments.

In the latest skirmish between secularists and religious groups, U.S. District Judge Stewart Dalzell ordered officials to remove a bronze Ten Commandments plaque from the Chester County Courthouse, where it has hung since 1920. County officials had argued that the plaque was less a religious than a historical document.

Dalzell didn't buy it. The judge, appointed 10 years ago by President George H.W. Bush, noted that the wording was plucked straight out of the King James version of the Bible.

"The tablet's necessary effect on those who see it is to endorse or advance the unique importance of this predominantly religious text for mainline Protestantism," he wrote in a decision released last Wednesday.

The Ten Commandments wars are growing in intensity. From Indiana to Tennessee to North Carolina, state legislatures and city councils have passed laws allowing for the posting of the Ten Commandments on public property. And in many cases, courts are ruling against them.

The city council in Omaha, Neb., is appealing a federal court ruling that the commandments must be removed from a city park. In Indiana, the governor just lost a bid to get the U.S. Supreme Court to say he could post them on the statehouse lawn.

El Nino Is Back, NOAA Reports

THE WASHINGTON POST

It's becoming increasingly clear that the El Nino weather phenomenon, which typically causes bizarre and often-destructive weather around the globe, is returning this year.

The temperature of the surface of the ocean in the eastern equatorial Pacific warmed by about 4 degrees Fahrenheit in February, and the warming was accompanied by an increase in rain in the area — both signs of a returning El Nino, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported last week.

"It's still too early to determine the potential strength of this El Nino or exactly what weather conditions it will bring to the United States," said NOAA Administrator Conrad C. Lautenbacher Jr. in a statement.

El Nino typically occurs every four or five years and can last as long as 12 to 18 months. It has been nearly four years since the last one, which occurred in 1997 and 1998.

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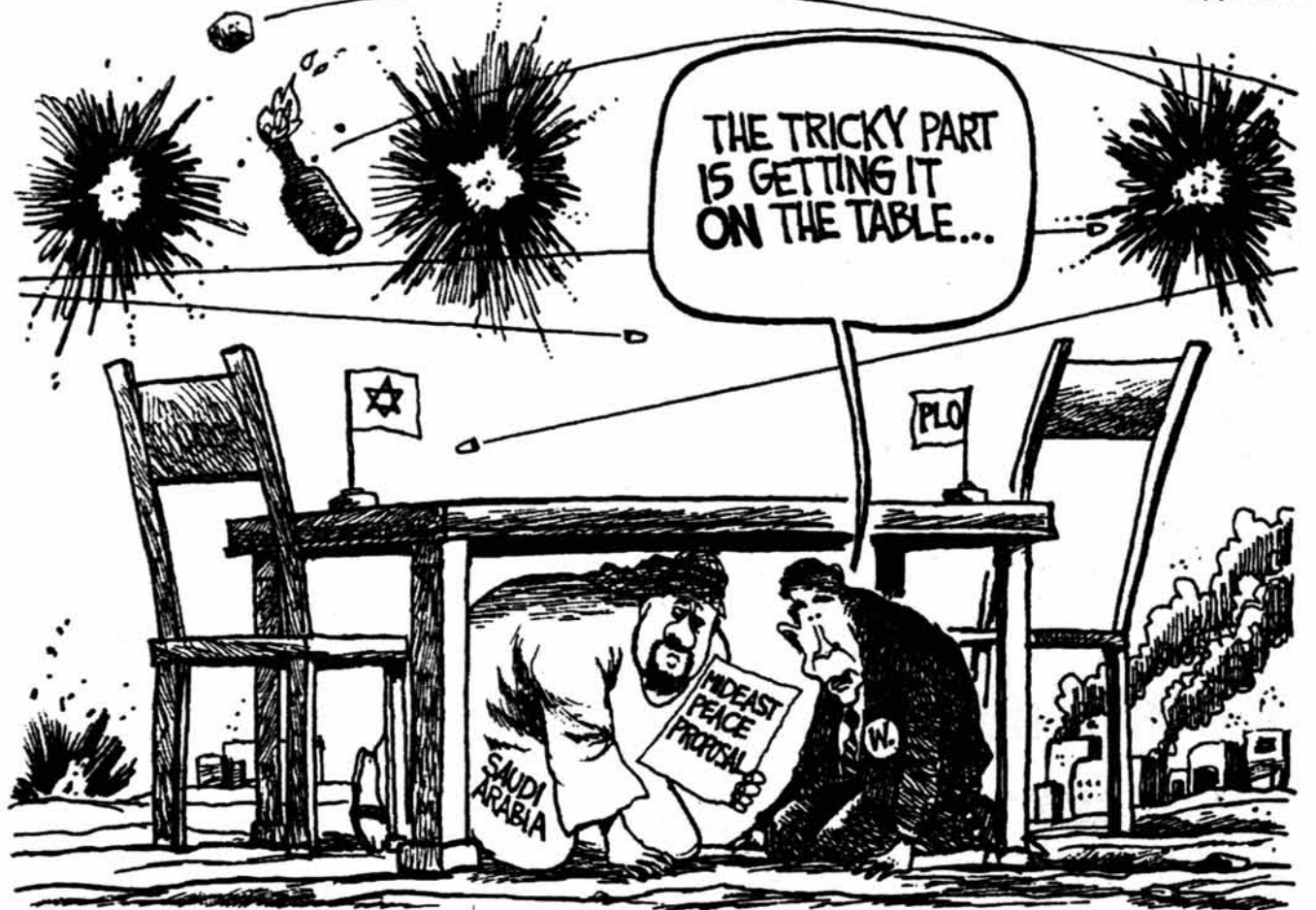
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The Just War

Guest Column
Robert F. Eaton

Victory in spite of all terror. These words appeared on the scaffolding surrounding the Bldg. 7 façade shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, hanging below an American flag. This was a reassuring symbol that American solidarity at MIT was alive and well. Such naïve thoughts, however, were quickly cast aside the following day, when Churchill's immortal and poignant words from the Second World War were altered, replacing "Victory" with "Peace."

Before the ink dried on even the first death certificate, before NATO invoked its mutual defense clause, before a single troop had been deployed, the cries against military action had begun. At a time when there was unprecedented global and national support for retaliation, the internal criticism of such action seemed more vitriolic than any could have imagined. Why is there such an aversion to military action, even when justified? War is bad, costing and disrupting lives, drawing vast amounts of human, material, and financial resources. But because it is bad, that does not make it wrong.

Columnists and pundits think they are taking the moral high ground by assaulting American action abroad, citing anything they can in order to justify the immorality of the War on Terrorism. We hear a litany of objections — the deaths of Afghan civilians, the negative perception on the "Arab Street," the treatment of the Guantanamo detainees, even the criticism of regimes with some of the worst human rights records on Earth — all of which are supposed to convince us we are wrong in prosecuting of this war. It must be frustrating to these individuals to see that the overwhelming majority of the American population disagrees with them. Such people should take solace in knowing that their failure to convince others of their views most likely stems not from their lack of effort or conviction, but from the fact that they are wrong.

The deaths of civilians in the Afghan war

are, indeed, unfortunate, but one has to look at the broader picture before assigning blame. At the heart of the issue is this: the modern American military consciously tries not to target civilians, and this differentiates it from nearly every other fighting force it will ever face. Civilian casualties are unfortunate but necessary in armed conflict, and any nation which has ever engaged in war has no right to cast judgment on the United States for the impressively small number of Afghans who died in American bombings. Middle Eastern nations who wantonly kill their own people, and "enlightened" European nations who raised no

objections to the firebombing of Dresden or the V-rocket attacks on London, should take a look at the skeletons inside their own closets before raiding ours.

The arguments about American perception in the Middle East have gained intensity since the release of a Gallup poll showing that the vast majority of Middle Easterners feel that American action in Afghanistan is "not morally justified." This couldn't have a shock to anyone, and with good cause. Looking at another question on the poll, we find that the majority (albeit somewhat less vast) does not believe that Arabs were involved in the Sept. 11 attacks on America. This comes as no surprise, since the official news services of two of our "allies" in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, perpetuate the fiction that Zionists were responsible for the attacks, which leads to the conclusion that al Qaeda and the Taliban are innocent victims of a vast Israeli-American conspiracy against the Arab world. While some responsibility for the misinformation

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falls in the hands of the American government's lack of sufficient public relations, but until the "Arab Street" concedes to the reality of Sept. 11, I give little credence to their moral conclusions about our response. If an informed Arab world still harbors such objections, then, and only then, should we feel compelled to address them.

Thankfully, the Guantanamo controversy has quieted significantly from its peak when leaders around the world finally found an acceptable excuse to lambaste the United States. This is such a non-issue that I'm tempted to ignore it entirely, but I will say this: Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld may have been glib when describing the generally pleasant climate and humane conditions that the captured terrorists and Taliban endured in Cuba, but he was right — these people are a lot better off than their contemporaries who are now being annihilated in the snowy mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

Total victory in the War on Terrorism is a daunting task, but one which we are destined to win. On Sept. 20, President Bush reminded us that "Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them." Those who seek to portray America as a perpetrator of immorality and injustice may be vocal and eloquent, but they are nonetheless incorrect. The war against terrorism, like those against Nazism, fascism, and communism, is a just one, and we should be proud of our nation for standing strong in the face of the world, doing not what is easy, not what is popular, but what is right.

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Dealing With Terrorism

Guest Column
Khoon Tee Tan

Perhaps the most lasting impact that the tragic events of Sept. 11 will have on the American psyche is the view on freedom and security. In a most mortifying way, the American people have been reawakened to a long debate between the importance of freedom and the need for security. It is necessary to devote some attention to the ramifications on American foreign policy. It is clear that a trade-off needs to be made between security and freedom in order to deal with terrorism. But there is also a need to re-examine American foreign policy and its consequences on the rest of the world.

The political climate of the Cold War era was marked with moralistic rhetoric from the democratic West, extolling the virtues of freedom and human rights to justify the need to meet the Communist threat. The USSR has evaporated, but the trend of speech has continued to this very day. So embedded is this world view, that it is hardly surprising that when any threat to America emerges, it is assumed and propagated through the mass media that it could only come from those who hate America for the values that it stands for: freedom, democracy and peace. This simplistic view is problematic and dangerous, for the view from the so-called "Arab street" and indeed many a street could not be more different and ironic. Asked to describe America in one word, a Zogby International poll in Lebanon shows that 30 percent of participants described America as a "terrorist," and more than 20 percent each used the terms "superpower" and "oppressive" [*The Economist*, Feb. 23]. This is suggestive either of extreme disillusionment with the reality of American benevolence, or that something is indeed wrong with American foreign policy itself.

The negative views emerging from such polls are recognized by the Bush administration. The response so far seems to hinge on the belief that such views are misguided. That is why a former advertising executive, Charlotte Beers, has been appointed undersecretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs — the chief American propagandist to the rest of the world. Already, criticism of such an approach has emerged: surely, America can't be naïve enough to think that it can reverse any negative image it has overseas by flooding the world with *Time*, *Newsweek* and CNN? Such critics have a point.

But if not more propaganda, then what? The answer, sure enough, lies in the realm of foreign policy. It is true that the American interest abroad is best served through the freedoms of others. But all too often, the execution of American foreign policy reduces these freedoms. Failure to acknowledge this foreign policy conundrum does not bode well for the future; for this reason, the war on terrorism is likely to continue into the distant future. But if on the foreign policy front little has changed, save for the creation of the global coalition against terror, the aftermath of Sept. 11 has also witnessed a departure from the usual political correctness of not interfering with the free press. More significantly, the public seems to have acquiesced to the need to make some "sacrifices" for the greater good, a clear sign of a sea change in attitudes towards freedom and security. The Bush administration's pressure on the American mass media and on the Qatari news agency al-Jazeera to control their coverage of the Osama bin Laden videos errs on the side of security. Inflammatory rhetoric may have a right to be propagated, but if the results are more violence and destruction, there is a need to place some safeguards on the arguably more important freedoms of people, including the right to be free from harm.

While the freedom of Americans has not and will not be seriously challenged by the events of Sept. 11, winning over the rest of the world will take more than sheer propaganda. In an increasingly globalized world, the nations of the world have no choice but to interact with each other for reasons economic or political. This calls for a foreign policy that creates trust by matching words with action, promoting global peace and freedom through deterrence, prevention and conflict resolution. With the lives of so many at stake, it is a moral duty for the people of a superpower nation to make themselves aware of the policies and doings of their government, at home and abroad, and the consequences of these actions. For the quality of a "government of the people, by the people, for the people" shall rest on the people.

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Why the Developing World Hates the World Bank

Guest Column
Payal Parekh & Oren Weinrib

In the current global economy, the World Bank often functions like an international traffic cop of capital. If it says "go" by committing funds to a development project or interim loans to a government, other private and public capital may follow. If a country and its citizens resist the directives of the Bank, they will likely be cut off from both it and other sources of desperately needed assistance. The World Bank can thus exert a tremendous amount of power over the policies of developing countries, such that major decisions about people's lives are made not by their own governments but by an international financial institution that is accountable only to its wealthy patrons. In essence, the Bank institutionalizes a modern financial imperialism.

Not surprisingly, the consequences of the World Bank's programs have often been disastrous for powerless citizens in the developing world. As just one example, the Bank often requires countries to impose user fees for healthcare and education services. The worst impact of such a measure is borne by the same impoverished people that the Bank presumably would like to help. In Kenya, where one in seven people has HIV, Bank-mandated user fees for STD clinics have resulted in a decrease in attendance of 40 percent for men and 65 percent for women over a nine-month period. Although both UNICEF and the World Health Organization have reported that user fees compose a minimal portion of health and education budgets, the Bank insists on such fees despite the consequences.

Before further examining such injustices, let us pause to ask how this pattern can be reconciled with the World Bank's supposed goals of helping the developing world recover from the burdens of colonialism and "catch up" to the West. To determine whose interests are truly served by the decisions of the World Bank, we must examine the power structure of the World Bank and the types of projects it participates in.

The World Bank was created in July 1944 with the aim of creating a stable global economic system. It quickly became the dominant financial institution for lending to developing countries. It usually acts by making long-term loans to governments for projects such as dams or bridges, or to support economic

reform programs.

The World Bank has 177 member countries, but the governing structure of the Bank is not democratic. The principle: one dollar, one vote. Therefore, China and India represent 39 percent of the world's population but have only 5 percent of the total votes. Six countries — the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom and France — control about 45 percent of the decision-making power. The Bank works under a veil of secrecy and is not required to reveal its internal documents.

The World Bank makes three types of loans. Project loans are given for large infrastructure projects such as dams, mines and power plants. Sector adjustment loans are given to meet the direct cost of a project, but are also used to support sector-specific policy changes. The third type of loans, under the Bank's Structural Adjustment Program (SAP), provides short-term support in exchange for major policy changes within a country.

Who benefits from World Bank loans and the policy changes in the developing world? Most directly the G7 industrialized nations that dominate the decision-making apparatus. As the Enron fiasco highlights, this translates to the multinational corporations who exert extraordinary influence over these governments. According to Corpwatch, the World Bank awards 40,000 contracts to private firms. The United States Treasury Department calculates that for every \$1 the United States contributes to international development banks, U.S. corporations receive more than \$2 in bank supported contracts.

The effects of this undemocratic system are dramatic. Many World Bank projects have high environmental and social costs. Projects are often economically unsound, poorly designed, and inefficient. In the Narmada Valley of India, a feasibility study of the Sardar Sarovar Dam overestimated river water volume by 17 percent. Upon completion, the project will have displaced 200,000 people and submerged fertile land. Grassroots pressure forced the World Bank to reassess the project, and an independent review published in 1992 revealed serious flaws that ultimately led to the Bank's pull-out in 1993. By the Bank's own account more than one-third of the Bank's projects in 1991 were failures.

The World Bank and IMF's structural adjustment program (SAP) originated in response to the debt crisis Mexico faced in

1982. A combination of irresponsible lending by commercial banks, a global recession, rising oil prices, and a collapse in the commodities market left developing countries unable to make debt payments.

The World Bank, along with the International Monetary Fund, offered Mexico a bailout loan that had strict policy conditions attached to it. SAPs often require countries to devalue their currencies, lift import/export restrictions, privatize public enterprises, remove state subsidies, and balance the budget. These prescriptions have the effect of generating foreign exchange, making it easier for foreign goods to enter a country, cutting essential government services such as education and healthcare, and increasing the price of necessary goods in a country. Governments agree to such harsh measures because they are faced with the threat of being cut off from external aid. One could say that the World Bank has the developing world "by the balls."

Although colonialism in the form of direct government rule has ended, the vast economic power of the industrialized world allows it to control the developing world by forcing them to accept "free-market" capitalism — a fiction in a world with closed borders, skewed playing fields, and the military might of the West. The World Bank has forced many developing nations to rewrite laws dealing with issues such as trade, budgets, labor, the environment, and healthcare. This erodes the sovereignty of developing countries and forces their citizens to live under the harsh rule of the World Bank.

Many of the countries of the global South fought colonial rule and now are resisting this new form of economic imperialism. Grassroots resistance in India forced the World Bank to withdraw funding from the Sardar Sarovar dam. There is also an increasing awareness among citizens of North America and Europe that their governments are subjecting the third world to gross injustice to feed the profits of corporate elite.

MIT students now have a profound opportunity and responsibility to question the global order championed by the World Bank — its President, James Wolfensohn, has been chosen as our commencement speaker. How will students respond to a speaker who champions not the dream of a better world but the injustice of the status quo?

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THE ARTS

FILM REVIEW ★★★½

Monsoon Wedding

Love With Monsoon Force

By Johnathan Choi

Directed by Mira Nair
Written by Sabrina Dhawan
Starring Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Shefali Shetty, and Vijay Raaz

Mira Nair's new internationally acclaimed film, *Monsoon Wedding*, playfully crashes through the kaleidoscope of love's many manifestations. Director Nair beautifully intertwines his intimate, light-hearted style of film-making with a well-written story by Sabrina Dhawan. Friends and family come together for what was meant to be a straightforward, simple wedding ceremony only to be reawakened by the beauty and strength of love bringing people together. Well-written and beautifully shot, Nair's film is far from a sappy chick flick. It is a colorful romantic comedy that all moviegoers with even the remotest experience in love will enjoy.

Monsoon Wedding's strength lies in the fact that everyone in the audience can find something to relate to in the film's abundance of well-developed characters and subplots of relationships. Writer Sabrina Dhawan intertwines this multiplicity of stories with a playful touch of joy that results in an exhilarating emotional ride.

The story begins four days before the wedding of a young Indian couple. The fiancée, Aditi Verna, has been promised to a handsome, successful young man from America whom she has never met before. What most of her family does not know is that she is still sleeping with her ex-boyfriend, a married Indian TV host.

Meanwhile, the whole Verna family has come from all over India, Australia and the United States to the Verna household to partake in the ceremonious wedding traditions and festivities. Aditi's father must take on the role of head of the family, a role that has been vacant since the passing away of his well-respected older brother. He discovers that he cannot do this without relearning what it is to love.

The dilemma of Aditi's precarious situation and the character development of Aditi's father are just two stories among the multitude of *Monsoon Wedding's* subplots that reflect the many aspects of love and relationships. In this close-knit Indian family, it is the familial love that lies at the core of each these character's lives. It is a delight to see how the traditions and past of shared experiences bring the family together as they sing, laugh and cry with one another.

The comedy of light-hearted, delightful characters and playful scenes of courtship keep the movie floating over the serious subplots. It is not only the wealthy Vernas who are caught up in love, but the servants, too. The skinny, marigold-eating event manager for the wedding has planned over a hundred weddings for other people and yet has not been able to find a woman to settle down with. His bitter, sarcastic heart, partly due to living at home with a most disagreeable mother, melts the instant he lays eyes on Alice, the Verna's servant girl. He falls deeply in love with her and they engage in an awkward and entertaining courtship. And what would a movie on love's many manifestations be without the lustful, hormone-driven youth who push their limits and grow in love's sweet intoxication.

Nair's filmmaking accomplishes this with a sensitivity, coherence, and creativity that not only flows with the story but adds much more to it. *Monsoon Wedding* is filled with moist, vibrant colors and flowers that set the upbeat mood of the film as Nair portrays each character playfully. The angles, pauses, timing and movement of the camera hold an intimate dialogue between the scenes and the audience. At times, the visual dialogue is so strong that it is unnecessary to follow the subtitles in order to understand what the characters are saying and expressing.

Nair's accomplished workmanship, Dhawan's well-written story, and strong performances by an all-star Indian cast make *Monsoon Wedding* a great movie for an upbeat night of playful, delicious enjoyment. Come see this internationally acclaimed film and be delighted, even reawakened, by its vibrant joy.

MUSIC REVIEW

Essential Johnny Cash

Good Ole Cowboy Music

By Allison Lewis

STAFF WRITER

The *Essential Johnny Cash* is like the "Do, Re, Mi" of American music. It all began in Memphis, Tennessee, my hometown. At the tiny Sun Studios, Johnny Cash, Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins introduced the world to rock and roll. When this music first hit the airwaves it was like nothing else in the music world. With his rockabilly style, Cash brought country into mainstream and helped create rock and roll.

A dual compact disc set, *The Essential Johnny Cash* is a collection of 36 of Cash's hits, beginning with his early Sun Studio recordings — the folksy, rockabilly songs of the 1950s — and moving through the years to Cash's 1993 work with U2.

You've heard these traveling songs before. My father plays them in the car on road trips. Combining humor, honesty, love, and a bit of preachiness, Cash's songs are like stories, with character and plot, sometimes sung, sometimes spoken. Cash's deep, rich voice, backed by Luther Perkin's gorgeously simple "walking" guitar, is like John Wayne on horseback: you can't help but admire the style.

"Hey Porter," Johnny's first hit, was

The Essential JOHNNY CASH



recorded at Sun Records in 1955. Johnny's simple, repetitive lyrics about a train ride into Tennessee, follow the chugging guitar music like he's actually on a train. "Don't Take Your Guns to Town" is about a "young cowboy named Billy Joe." Billy Joe thinks he's man enough to wear his guns to town. He goes drinking, gets in a gunfight, and gets shot. Again, Cash's simple, stark lyrics deliver his theme with style, feeling, and a bit of humor.

I could sing "Ring of Fire" all day. "I fell down to a burning ring of fire/I went down, down, down, and the flames went

higher/And it burns, burns, burns/The ring of fire/The ring of fire." Need I say more? "Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)" is a bit churchy for me. Still, don't skip this song — it's genuine Southern folk music, and it's probably like nothing you've heard before.

Bob Dylan wrote the beautiful "Girl From the North Country." Cash and Dylan combine their rough-hewn voices in a simple, charming melody that stays with you. "If I Were a Carpenter" is a fast and catchy love song that Johnny sings with his wife, June Carter Cash. I grabbed my boyfriend and made him dance with me to it.

"A Boy Named Sue" is, hands-down, Cash's best. His spoken-word lyrics tell the story of a man who attempts to kill the father who named him Sue. Johnny yells like he's in a bar fight. "My name is Sue! How do you do? Now you gonna die!" I won't tell you how it ends; you'll have to listen to the song to find out.

I recommend blasting this album in your room so your next-door neighbors will wonder what the hell you're listening to. Play it for a friend — Cash's songs are great conversation starters — or try to sing "A Boy Named Sue" or "Ring of Fire," in Johnny Cash style. No one will know.

I don't recommend trying to do homework to this irresistible album — you'll end up listening to the music instead. Cash sings like a cowboy, and tells his story with simple, memorable lyrics. *The Essential Johnny Cash* has 36 catchy, funny, and entertaining songs I love. You can't help singing to this album, and you won't want to stop listening.

THEATER REVIEW

Nixon's Nixon

Another Play About Dick: We Can't Get Enough

By Eric J. Plosky

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Huntington Theatre
Through April 7
Written by Russell Lees
Directed by Charles Towers
With Tim Donoghue and Keith Jochim

What is it about Richard Nixon, anyway? Book after play after movie, almost 30 years after the big guy's resignation, America's still fascinated with Dick.

In Russell Lees' *Nixon's Nixon*, now playing at the Huntington Theatre, Dick is fascinated with himself, obsessed with his place in the history books. "Jefferson had some funny business too," Nixon (Keith Jochim) says defensively to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (Tim Donoghue). It's the night of Aug. 7, 1974, and in a matter of hours, Nixon will be resigning the presidency.

Lees' play aims to be a farce, or a satire, or something like that, with zigs toward drama and zags toward comedy. But in trying to blur the edges between them, the script sometimes succeeds all too well. Some moments do pack a punch, as when Nixon suddenly tosses his drink at Kissinger. Too often, though, when the script should be confidently pounding its message home, it merely confuses. By the time Nixon inevitably exclaims "Blow the fuckers up!" the play has gotten too far off track to be powerful.

In a way, Lees' script invites comparison to Mel Brooks' "The Producers." Where Brooks lampooned the Nazis, Lees skewers Nixon — and creates the same kind of awkward atmosphere. Just as in "The Producers," during which the audience is confronted by singing and dancing SS soldiers and essentially has no choice but to laugh, "Nixon's Nixon" evokes laughter during times of uncertainty, even when shock or disgust might be more appropriate. It's disappointing that Lees retreats to the safety of laughter as often as he does.

Still, the play has been a success here and abroad — although it's only now playing in Boston, it opened off Broadway in 1996 and has had several runs since then. Lees does get in some crafty zingers, and the audience was very appreciative.

Keith Jochim plays Nixon as we might expect — the craggy, jowly face, the blue suit, the Brylcreemed hair, the famous hunch. He's entirely comfortable in the role, which perhaps isn't surprising, given that he first played it in 1997. It is only because the real man himself is so firmly fixed in the public mind that Jochim cannot quite make the audience forget that he is, in fact, not actually Richard Nixon.

Of course, merely by accepting the role,

Ford. "You could write your memoirs," Kissinger suggests. Nixon glares, and Kissinger backtracks: "... perhaps it's a bit soon."

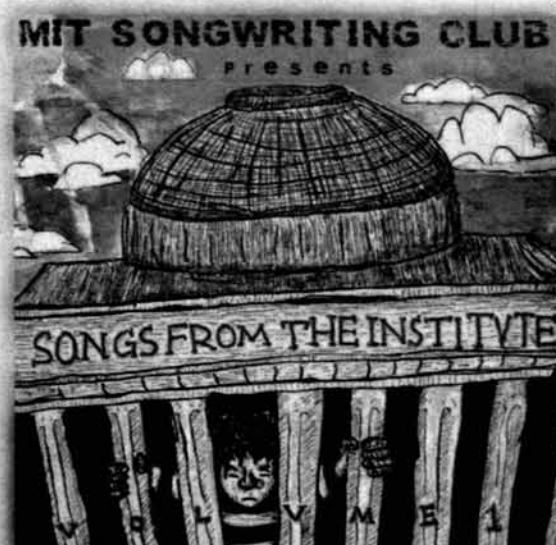
Director Charles Towers, too, has been along with Jochim and Donoghue for some years, and for the most part, it shows. He handles the transitions between drama and comedy with finesse as much as he is able, saddled with Lees' uneven script. Towers does have a surprising lapse, however. During one crucial scene he allows Nixon to stand with his back to the whole left side of the house, also blocking Kissinger.

The set decoration is superb, and the work by lighting designer Dan Kotlowitz is particularly impressive. The lighting changes abruptly and effectively several times, and one such change — a kind of re-enactment of Nixon's historic 1972 visit to China, in which Kissinger plays Chairman Mao — stands out.

My freshman advisor once informed me during a seminar that, "we could be having this class on the moon, were it not for Richard Nixon." A polarizing figure, a man of irreconcilable contradictions who is in the news even now (new White House tapes were recently released), Nixon is worth exploring in far more detail than in Russell Lees' play.

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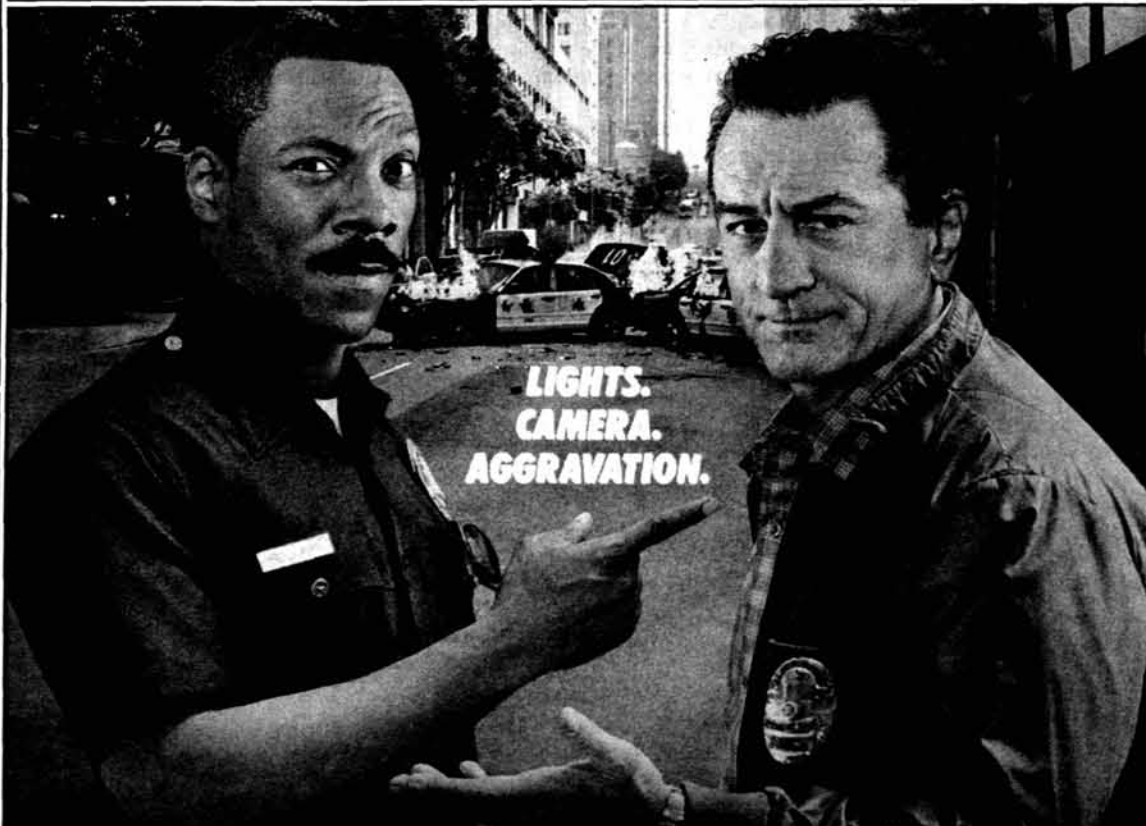
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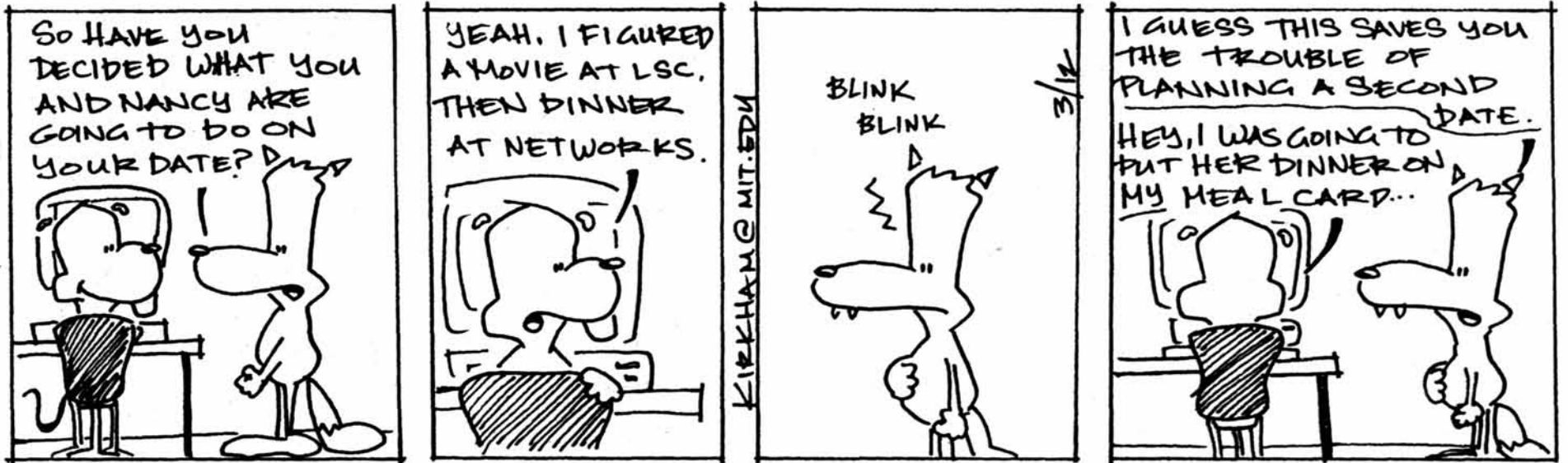
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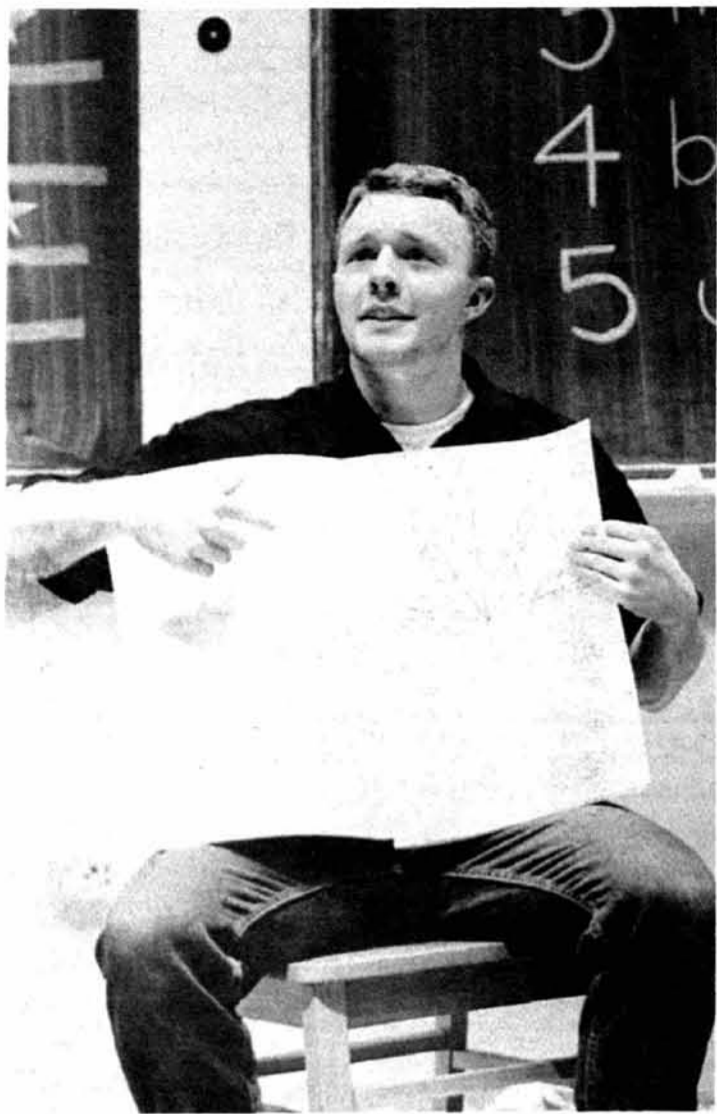
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The Bad Taste audience
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Chorallaries after
singing the Engineer's
Drinking Song.

Bad Taste



Bad Taste, from Page 1

Pi Tau Zeta and Theta Xi, and the oddly-attired group of girls calling themselves "Tetazoo."

Au contraire, my friends! This strange lineup of MIT students was not preparing for any intellectual event. Instead, the hundreds of them had staked their ground in line for seats at Saturday evening's "Nth Annual Concert in Bad Taste."

CML101 Introduction to Camp.

They were an unruly bunch, some of whom had been camped outside 10-250 since Wednesday afternoon. "We're first, and we're here to spite Tetazoo. They are lame," said Louis S. Berger '02. Only later did I decipher that this was a battle cry in the long and bitter war of East Campus hall rivalry.

With a hand over my nose, I dodged a game of toilet-paper-roll football, an overflowing trash bin and made my way to the end of the line where a few Cambridge exchange students huddled nervously in a small group. "We've never seen anything like this ... This kind of queuing ... it's bloody ridiculous," said Edward C. Hill, who admitted he had no idea what he was in for.

Like Ed, I was also a Bad Taste virgin fearing rape, for I had heard the rumors: "They offend everyone. Not just your momma." And so when the delicate nymphs of Tetazoo stormed the halls booming "Shut the fuck up and stay within the orange lines," I scurried to the front of the line to accept my reserved seat as a Tech reporter.

I sat quietly until five minutes before midnight when I heard a rumble from the corridor. Just then the doors to 10-250 flew open and a great stampede rushed in. In a matter of moments the auditorium was packed to capacity. It no longer resembled the giant lecture hall in which students normally snooze through Professor Pinker's Intro to Psych lectures. Instead, rolls of toilet paper flew through the air and reams of Athena printer paper rained down a giant white blanket of nerd confetti.

Chorallaries take no prisoners

So much for 11:59:59. It was 12:12 a.m. by my watch when the audience was finally quieted after clearing the aisles to appease Campus Police. Mira E.

Wilczek '03 of the Chorallaries came out to read the traditional Bad Taste disclaimer. The list of people who would be offended was long and included among others: dirty whores, clean whores, French whores, virgins, asians, mimes, TAs named Vishnu, anyone else named Vishnu, Marilee Jones, Aramark, Michelle Kwan, President and Mrs. Vest, and of course, Harvard.

The opening act, a rip off of the Moulin Rouge soundtrack, was neither moving nor musically perfected. But as the remainder of the show would demonstrate, Bad Taste isn't exactly your typical Parent's Weekend concert. As long as the girls were scantily clad and the words "penis," "vagina," and "dildo" were used explicitly and repeatedly (with ample amounts of pelvic-thrusting and orgasmic moaning), the crowd would be happy.

This is not to say that there weren't a few clever skits in the performance. Indeed, sophomore Bo S. Kim's solo "Ants In My Food," sung to the tune of Kansas's "Dust In the Wind" engaged the audience with a few cheap shots at Aramark.

Particularly popular was the dating game spoof, "DifferentialDate" featuring contestants SIPB Sam, your friendly Jewish girl from AEPi, Vishnu, a ROTC guy, Viola the asian overachiever, and "Jake" the ATO guy, played by Leah K. Premo '04. The performers demonstrated their acting talents and the ROTC guy's pickup line, "Permission to Penetrate, SIR!" had the audience in stitches.

Later on, the crowd was treated to "Live Olympics Coverage" by two Minnesotan announcers. In this skit, the Chorallaries dramatically recreated the disappointment of the Canadian pairs skaters and of Bronze medalist Michelle Kwan. After the "Penis Monologues" though, the performance began to falter.

Please pass the inflatable whale

Fighting the unbearable heat in 10-250, the Chorallaries barely rescued this segment of the show with the Bad Taste "Top Ten List of Things You Can't

Do at the Same Time." The list included "spit and swallow," "Go to Harvard and get a B" and culminated with "stand up in front and NOT get pelted by projectiles." Indeed, the ammunition was aplenty Saturday night with everything from blow up dolls to beach balls to semi-automatic plastic pellet guns contributing to an element of "interactive audience participation."

A spoof on RingComm fell flat as did a pornographic rendition of excerpts

from the Sound of Music. In the end, the Chorallaries rescued the show with "MIT Administration presents: Story Time." The skit, based on the marijuana plant and keg busts over at Fourth West, featured a story who's plot line "See pot. See CPs. Rat out everyone," drew uproarious laughter. The second part of story time was a brief puppet show which neither gently nor non-pornographically symbolized the MIT administration's recent disregard of student input and satisfaction in major decisions. (Use your imagination — here's a hint: puppets, anal penetration...)

The performance ended shortly after 2:00 a.m. with Chorallaries alums joining in to sing the Engineer's Drinking Song.

Note to self: dump Vishnu

You're supposed to walk away from Bad Taste offended. And I was, but not just because I'm a dirty whore dating a Harvard student named Vishnu. No, no — rather, I was offended that someone thought two hours of toilet humor staggered with a few tired anti-Harvard wisecracks would entertain me. The prevalence of penis/pussy jokes and songs no doubt had something to do with the controversy surrounding this year's presentation of The Vagina Monologues ... but honestly, I think you have to be Jay and Silent Bob to pull off that gig.

Not to detract from the amount of time and energy the Chorallaries put into this years performance, (I am usually a big fan of the *capella* concerts) but I think there's enough material here at Geek Central Station so that the "p-words" might not have been so necessary.

But what do I know besides why they call it "Bad Taste?" The anticipation of the event and the resounding applause at the end was proof enough for me that there are a couple hundred kids here who (pun intended) eat that shit up.

Point taken. To each his own. I guess I was just hoping for more Aimee Smith/Jungle Party jokes.



Aneal Krishnan '02 talks about his experiences in Pakistan.



A Bad Taste parody of Moulin Rouge.



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The scene in 10-250
Saturday night as the
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Dan Bates '05 and Lisa An '05 sing a song of instant messaging.



LaVerde's May Accept MIT Card

Card Office Looking to Expand Vendors and Services to Students

By Christine R. Fry
STAFF REPORTER

Patrons of LaVerde's Market may be able to use the MIT Card to make purchases by this summer.

The MIT Card Office is looking to expand usage of the card by increasing the number of vendors that will honor the card. "I'm hopeful that [LaVerde's will] be signed up by summer," said John M. McDonald, assistant director of enterprise services. McDonald is in charge of negotiations with LaVerde's.

This summer, the card office will also implement an online account management system for the MIT Card, in addition to talking to other local establishments about allowing students to use the MIT card to pay for purchases. Such businesses might include Star Market, area restaurants, and food trucks. McDonald would also like to put more card readers on vending machines around campus.

"We'll talk to anybody," McDonald said.

MIT gets percentage of card sales

The main issue that was under negotiation between MIT and Frank LaVerde, owner of LaVerde's Market, involved "percentage points." Any vendor that accepts the MIT card must pay a certain percentage of card sales to MIT. This money goes to help MIT maintain the card system.

McDonald said that LaVerde is reluctant to take the MIT card because he would lose that percentage of sales to MIT. He would not comment on the percentage of

sales that LaVerde would have to give to MIT.

"We had to convince him that there'd be an increase in sales," McDonald said.

Another issue was the effect of LaVerde's accepting the card on MIT dining establishments in the Student Center.

"This is going to help LaVerde's, but you don't want to hurt MIT dining," McDonald said.

Although McDonald was reluctant to guarantee that LaVerde's will accept the card, Josiah D. Seale '03, co-chair of the Undergraduate Association Committee on Student Life, was more confident.

"I got a personal assurance from [Director of Enterprise Services Steve D.] Immerman that LaVerde's will be on the card," Seale said.

Marc Semon, store manager at LaVerde's, said he was excited about the possibility of accepting the card.

"[We're] dying to do it. We've been waiting 13 years," Semon said.

He said that the store staff is asked several times each week if LaVerde's accepts the card. He said that they "feel bad" every time they must tell someone that the card is not accepted.

Future of card not limited to food

Adding LaVerde's to the MIT card is actually part of a larger campaign by the MIT Card Office to improve its campus image. McDonald says that there are three things that his office wants to accomplish.

The first goal is to implement online account management over the

summer. That way students and parents can access their accounts over the Internet in order to check the current balance, see account activity, and even add money to the account.

"Mom and dad can add money by credit card," McDonald said.

Once online account management is in place, McDonald said that negotiations with businesses off campus can begin.

In addition, MIT would like to expand the number of uses for the MIT card. Seale has been taking suggestions for businesses which students would like to accept the card. Suggestions that he has received so far include Rebecca's Cafe, Au Bon Pain, Kebab and Curry, and Bertucci's.

McDonald said that negotiations with businesses aren't limited to food providers. He said that he would be willing to talk to places like the Virgin Megastore in Boston if there was sufficient student interest.

Current MIT card uses are limited

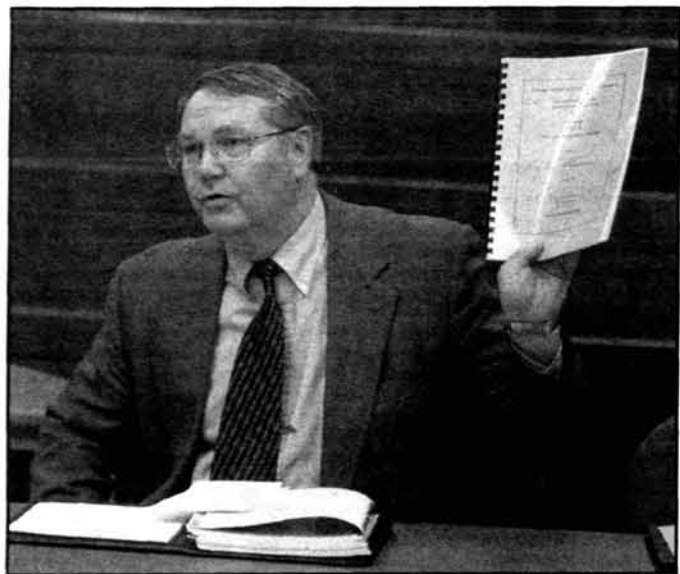
Currently there are very few places on campus to use the card. All of the MIT dining services accept the card. The 24-hour Coffeehouse on the third floor of the Student Center also accepts the card, and students can purchase pizza from Domino's.

There are only two vending machines that have card readers: one in the Coffeehouse and the other in Building E19. Dorm laundry facilities also have card readers. Copies can be purchased with the card at both CopyTech locations.

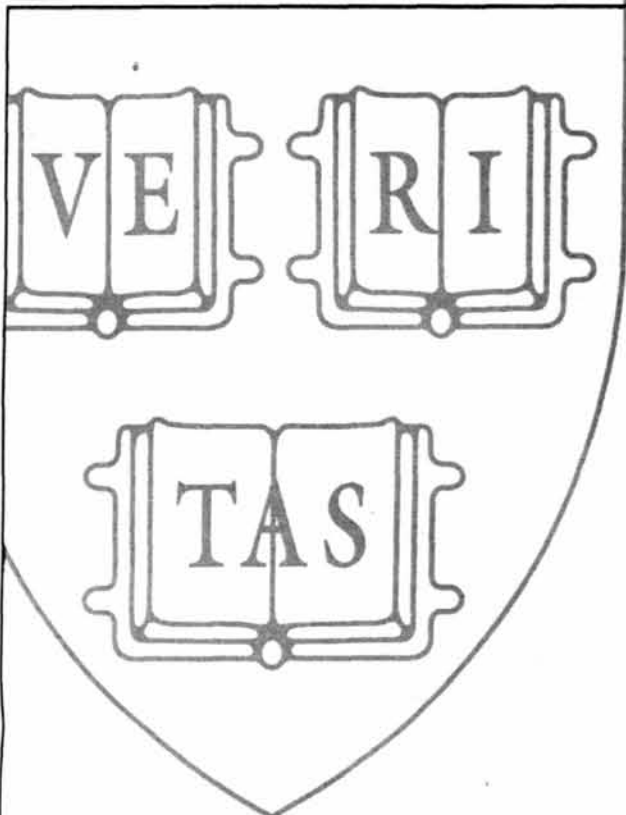
The office's last goal is to change its name. "We want to create an identity for ourselves," McDonald said.

He says that the office wants the MIT community, especially students, to know that the MIT Card Office is not just for meal plan access. In order to do this, the office is starting a two week survey today to find a new name. The survey can be accessed at <http://web.mit.edu/surveys/card>.

Suggestions for retailers that students would like to accept the MIT card can be e-mailed to life@mit.edu.



Phil Walsh, Director of the Campus Activities Complex, presents the strategic plan for the Student Center and Walker Memorial at the UA meeting Monday night.



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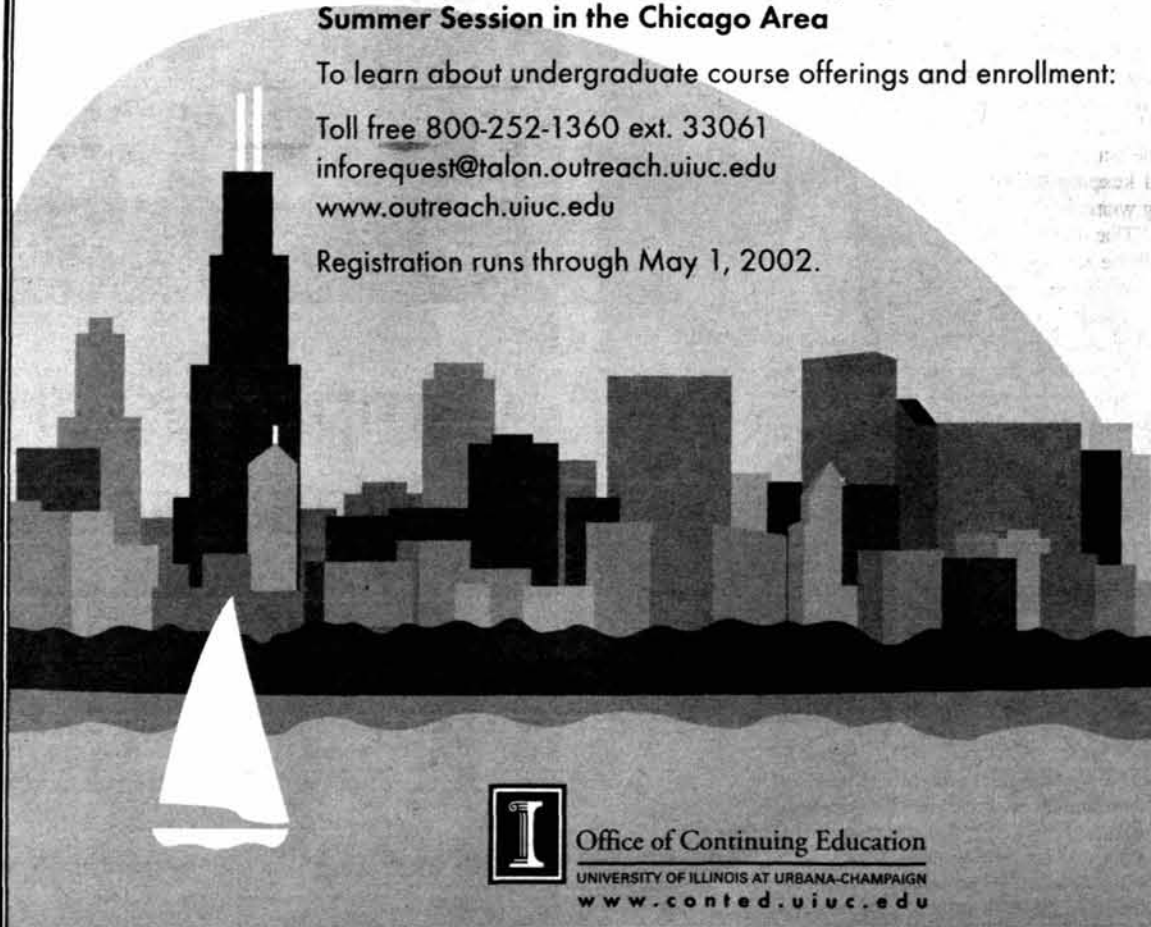
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City Shuts Down Kresge Following Flood

By Vicky Hsu
STAFF REPORTER

The City of Cambridge shut down Kresge Auditorium for approximately 48 hours this past weekend, after the sprinkler system flooded Little Kresge theater with four inches of water and caused damage to audio/visual equipment and furnishings of Kresge auditorium.

The sprinkler system was activated in the A/V booth of Kresge auditorium early Saturday morning. The cause is currently under investigation.

"Water was meant to come out [of the sprinklers] at a level intense enough to put a fire out," said Phillip J. Walsh, director of the Campus Activities Complex. According to Walsh, the water cascaded down the stairs of the main auditorium from the booth on the mezzanine, and accumulated in the elevator pit at the foot of the stage. From there, it seeped through to the ceiling of the little theater, affecting its lighting and electrical system.

"An intense level of water was pumped out for a period of about forty minutes," said Louis W. Graham, Jr., manager of Audio-Visual Services.

"By the time the sprinklers were shut off, four inches of water had accumulated in little Kresge theater, soaking the stage floor," said Michael Katz, technical instructor of the Music and Theater Arts department. "It could have been a lot worse."

Walsh said the sprinkler also set off an alarm in the facilities department, whose personnel responded together with the fire department.

Cambridge orders Kresge closed

The City of Cambridge ordered Kresge to close late Saturday morning due to mounting safety concerns. "Water had leaked into the electrical systems; it is standard procedure to close the building until the water is cleaned up, the sprinkler head is repaired, and the wirings are all checked out," said Michael Nicoloro, assistant commissioner of the Cambridge Inspectional Services department.

Nicoloro was on the scene Saturday. He approved the reopening of Kresge from his office 9 a.m. Monday morning after reviewing a letter from a licensed MIT electrician, who wrote that everything had been repaired. "The electrician now takes responsibility if anything goes wrong. He stands to lose his license if he did not believe in everything he stated in his letter. MIT has excellent mechanics who are very good at what they do," Nicoloro said.

Katz said the CAC had already cleaned up most of the damage, but some repairs need to be completed. "The masonite originally put on top of the stage floor last year for protection now has to be replaced," Katz said. "However, the CAC has done an amazing job in cleaning up and keeping the situation from getting worse."

"The repair work left to be done in little Kresge does not appear to be significant at this time," Walsh said. "It is minimal disruption to the best degree."

Walsh said the quick action of the staff has allowed the drying of the auditorium without permanent damages. "Rugs and seating in main Kresge needed to be shampooed, the walls of Little Kresge still need to

be repainted, and the stage floor needs work, but it is not as bad as I was afraid it might be," Walsh said.

The CAC had to deal with a similar situation earlier this year when a pipe broke in Wong auditorium, causing water damage to the seating, rugs, and ceiling tiles.

As for the A/V booth itself, Graham said two high intensity projectors, some computers, monitors, and other supplies were heavily damaged.

"The risks are too great to turn the machines on for testing, and even if they work for now, there is no guarantee that they won't fail sometime later. Fortunately, the sprinkler was isolated in one area of the booth, so some equipment, including the sound system, are still operational," Graham said.

Cause of false alarm unknown

The cause of the problem has not yet been determined, but fire is not suspected. "There was no fire that anyone can tell," Katz said. "I have heard rumors that the temperature in the booth was over 130 degrees. We just don't know at this point," Katz added.

"The sprinkler head may have gotten too close to a light and overheated, the heating system may have not shut off when it was supposed to, audio systems may have been kept on by accident, and heat just

built up," Walsh said. The Department of Facilities is heading up the investigation to determine the cause of the alarm.

Flooding cancels Israeli festival

CAC staff were in the lobby of Kresge when they saw the water seep through the mezzanine. They were there preparing for an Israeli dance festival scheduled for Sunday, which was subsequently cancelled.

"It is a very large event, and the CAC was unable to relocate it in time," Walsh said.

"We were able to contact most of the ticket holders and all of the performers in time," said Miriam Rosenblum, chaplain and director of MIT Hillel. "We also sent out information about the cancellation over various news organizations Sunday morning."

MIT Hillel is working to reschedule this event for later in the spring. "There was a lot of disappointment because people from area colleges were going to attend, and performers were coming from out of town," Rosenblum said.

With Kresge reopened, many are optimistic about hosting events in there as soon as Tuesday, March 12. "The sound system is the largest component to doing a show in Kresge," Graham said. "We are talking with local area contractors now to

look into replacing the damaged equipment."

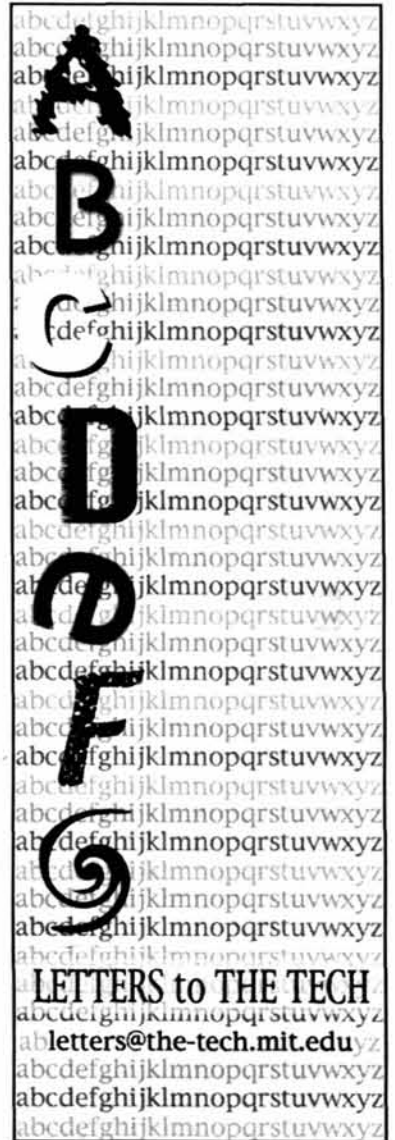
Many scheduled events relocated

"The first couple of classes scheduled for Monday in Kresge were relocated to areas like the student center and the dance studio in Walker," said William A. Fregosi, the technical coordinator of theater in the Music and Theater department. He was in charge of finding substitute spaces for the events and classes that were to take place in Kresge.

"The major problem left is the masonite of the stage floor in little Kresge. We'll probably cover the floor with a rug for tomorrow," said Alan Brody, associate provost for the arts. "We had a backup room after the flood occurred, because we wouldn't have been able to reschedule."

Brody is cosponsoring a talk by Italian theatrical director Sergio Escobar, to be held in Kresge little theater on Tuesday. "The people at the CAC did an absolute superb job at cleaning up," Brody said.

However, Fregosi said he was not optimistic about the Escobar talk on Tuesday. "Water is still dripping today from the orchestra pit to parts of the ceiling of little Kresge. I have a back up room planned if needed. If the dripping continues, it would be impossible to host a public event there," Fregosi said.



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Sororities, Fifth Year Students To Live in Grad Dorms

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"I think that this two-pronged approach will help ensure that there will be enough undergraduates interested in moving to graduate dormitories," said Jennifer M. Farver G. Ashdown House president and co-chair of the Graduate Student Council (GSC) Housing and Community Activities Committee.

Sororities to colonize grad dorms

Sisters from nonresidential sororities Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Epsilon Phi will each be offered a contiguous section of a graduate dormitory, complete with lounges and kitchens. Due to the different rules, sizes, and arrangements of the graduate dormitories, KAT and AEPHI will be allowed to choose between Ashdown and the new Sidney and Pacific graduate dormitory.

However, AEPHI President Karen H. Riensburger '03 said that Sidney and Pacific would not be the first choice for AEPHI. "People think that Sidney and Pacific would be an unsafe area [for undergraduates to live]," she said. KAT and AEPHI plan to meet with administrators to determine the number of sisters that each sorority would have to house in either dormitory as well as other details of the proposal.

Sheila Viswanathan '04, KAT president, said she wants to know

exactly which sections of the dormitory and what facilities will be allocated to her and her sisters. She said that KAT sisters were "open to the idea" of living in a graduate dorm, but that they had not learned any details of the proposal yet.

The success of the proposal is highly dependent on the willingness of sorority members to move out of their current residence halls. "Some sorority sisters might be reluctant to leave their dormitory community and live only with their sisters," said Matthew S. Cain '02, Dormitory Council president.

Riensburger said that AEPHI would not force any sisters into graduate housing.

'Senior Segue' plan chosen

To fill the remainder of the 140 needed spaces, the plan known as the "Senior Segue" will be implemented. Current juniors who plan to complete a Masters degree through a five-year program will also be offered graduate housing for their final two years at MIT.

"We would invite juniors who currently live on campus interested in any graduate program [to live in graduate housing]," Clay said.

These students will automatically receive graduate housing for their final undergraduate year and their first graduate year. Participating students will be allowed to choose from any graduate dormitory.

"[The seniors] would cause less of a disruption to the graduate school community because I imagine that the seniors will look more into integrating into the graduate community," Farver said.

Clay said that there have been suggestions to expand the number of masters programs that would allow undergraduates to participate in this option.

"We would like to open it up to any [junior] who will be completing graduate studies at MIT," Farver said. "We also want to allow for stapling to make it [more] attractive to seniors who want to be with their friends."

Plan sparks student life concerns

Although this plan may provide

relief to the crowding situation, the implications of this proposal may greatly change student life for both undergraduates and graduate students living on campus.

Cain said that DormCom is concerned about losing a portion of senior class to this plan because of the decreasing ratio of seniors to freshmen in the dormitories.

"The way the system works now, there is a lot of informal mentoring. The seniors are the ones who have been here the longest and can offer perspective," Cain said.

Graduate students are still concerned about the future of this plan because they do not want the number of undergraduates in the graduate housing system to increase

over time.

There are still several key issues to address if this plan is going to be implemented, such as the significant cost difference between graduate and undergraduate housing. "I think that we will still charge undergraduates the same rent while they are undergraduates," Clay said.

However, Farver said, "We want to make sure that the graduate housing system receives [financial] compensation for [this] difference." Maintenance and construction of the graduate housing system are funded solely from graduate student rents. "If the rents that are flowing into the graduate housing system decrease, we lose twice," Farver said.



MICHELLE POVINELLI—THE TECH

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Shins Were Notified Of Suicide Attempt

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after her overdose on Tylenol in 1999 and an analysis of the lawsuit by a psychiatrist retained by the Shins' counsel.

The response also claimed that according to McLean Hospital records provided by the Shin family lawyers, Shin's parents were fully aware of her Tylenol overdose and hospitalization because they were notified by Shin's housemaster, Davis-Millis, who received permission from Shin to inform her parents. It also stated that her "mother considered it a suicide attempt and was reported to be angry at Ms. Shin, disappointed, and sad because of it; and that Ms. Shin's father was reported to be surprised and saddened by her actions."

DeLuca unhappy with response

David A. DeLuca, a lawyer for the Shins, was displeased with MIT's allegations. "I am disappointed that the only response they can provide is to attack Elizabeth and Elizabeth's parents," DeLuca said. "MIT's characterization of Mrs. Shin is grossly unfair. No one from MIT has ever even tried to speak with her. She was extremely supportive of her daughter."

DeLuca said he feels strongly that MIT did not care for Shin to the best of its ability. "The issue is how effective MIT was in treating Elizabeth. They admit they knew about her problems, yet they still did not do anything" he said.

MIT claims it provided apt care

MIT admitted that the administrators and doctors named in the case had knowledge that Shin was cutting herself, had suicidal

thoughts, and was depressed. However, MIT claimed that doctors treated her as best they could and at no time believed she was a threat to herself or was in imminent danger.

The responses filed yesterday denied all allegations of malpractice and stated that MIT made every effort to provide a safe environment for Shin at MIT while properly looking after and treating her.

The doctors denied that "the Mental Health Services lacked proper staffing levels, coordination of care or appropriate protocols for the treatment of students needing care."

MIT also stated that doctors did not notify Shin's parents of all of her problems because Shin felt pressured by her parents, and doctors did not wish to alienate her.

Daryl Lapp, a lawyer for Palmer and Dodge representing MIT, said he was satisfied with the responses and felt the litigation process was proceeding smoothly. "Both parties are gathering information; we're in the discovery phase," Lapp said. "It is going to be a long process."

Crossword Solution
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Candidates Question Vote-Buying Tactics

UA Election, from Page 1

announce later in the week whether the proposed use of the Bush Fund violates the spirit of the campaign.

Creighton and Brar optimistic

While write-in tickets are at a disadvantage, the two expressed great hope for their campaign. "I'm really excited about sitting at a booth in Lobby 10 with a stack of \$10 bills and handing them out as people pass by," Creighton said.

Creighton and Brar have an ambiguous platform which is mainly centered around their vote purchase plan. "We were planning many different campaign ideas and giving our voters \$10 seemed like a good one," Creighton said. "I thought I should do it now because it would be good to take everyone by surprise ... I don't think people wanted to hear 'Vote for me on Thursday.'"

"The election was close last year," Brar said. "[Creighton] only lost by about 50 votes."

Their campaign has run into some snags so far. "I have been hearing people say, 'I voted [around Midnight on Sunday] and didn't get your e-mail in time,'" Creighton said. "We may have lost around 20 votes right there."

While Creighton is supposed to graduate this year with the Class of 2002, he took a term off due to a severe injury and will remain an undergraduate next year.

Creighton said the lack of interest partly prompted him to run. "It just seemed like they were saying the same things," Creighton said.

"There was only one ticket to begin with. Nobody seemed to want the position," Brar said.

As of Monday night, the candidates said they had received approximately 160 e-mail replies affirming

an undergraduate vote for their ticket.

Opponents criticize money ploy

Other candidates reacted strongly to the addition of Creighton/Brar. "I am all for the change in the UA and I've seen how determined [Creighton] can be," said UAP candidate Josiah D. Seale '03, "but at the same time, I don't see what he actually wants to do with the UA." Seale said the election commission would need to determine whether or not Creighton's use of the Bush Fund violates the spirit of the election.

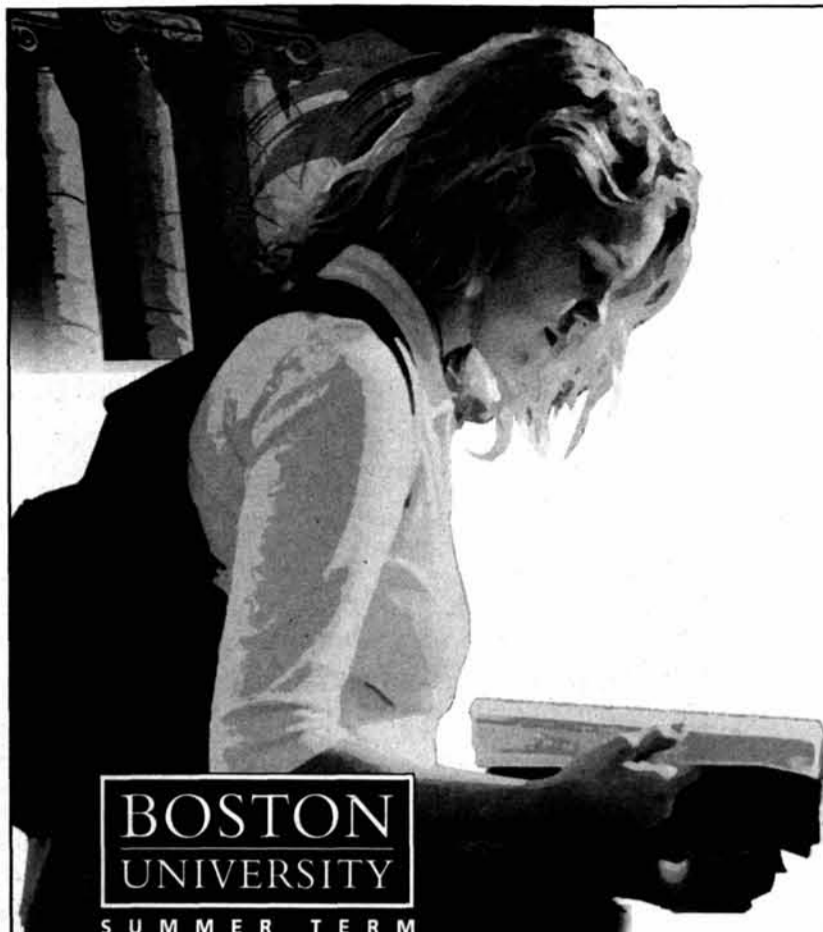
Fellow candidate Jennifer S. Yoon '03 first noticed Creighton's flyers on Sunday night. She initially "didn't know if it was serious or not," but recognized the validity of the claims once she was forwarded the candidates' e-mail.

"In all honesty, with all the work that the Election Commission has done this year, he is making a mockery of the process," Yoon said. "I think when it comes down to it, I don't think it will sway [students] and they will vote based on the merits of the candidates."

Both candidates Creighton's tactics would not alter their campaign. "We have things we want to do and we'll keep telling people about them," Seale said. Seale has proposed using the Bush Fund to "buy food for the expanded representation" at UA meetings as a "motivator."

"Our campaign has always been the same, and we keep getting hit with new candidates on Mondays," Yoon said. While acknowledging that the Bush fund is discretionary, Yoon felt that many students questioned the validity of the ticket's claims.

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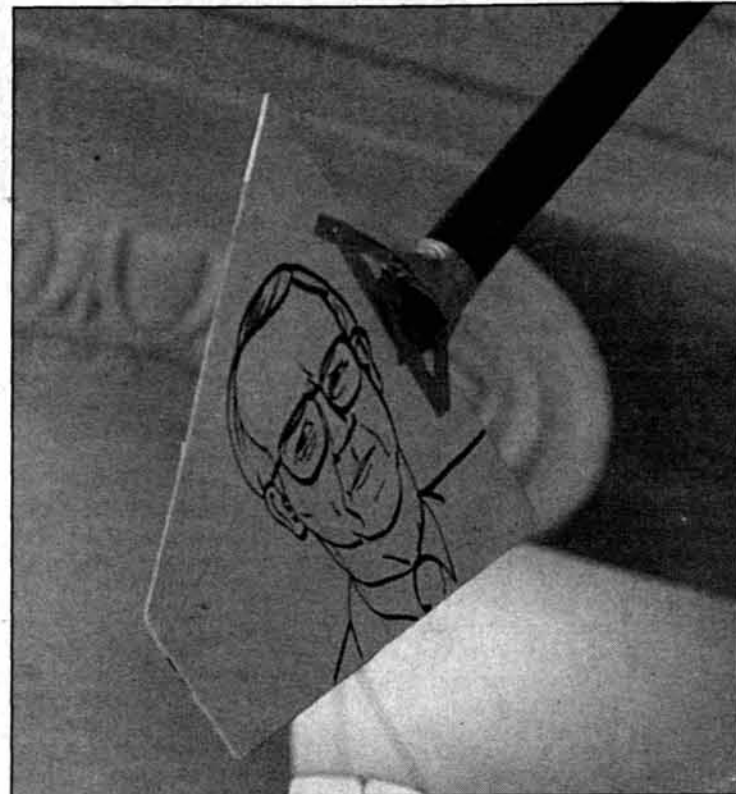
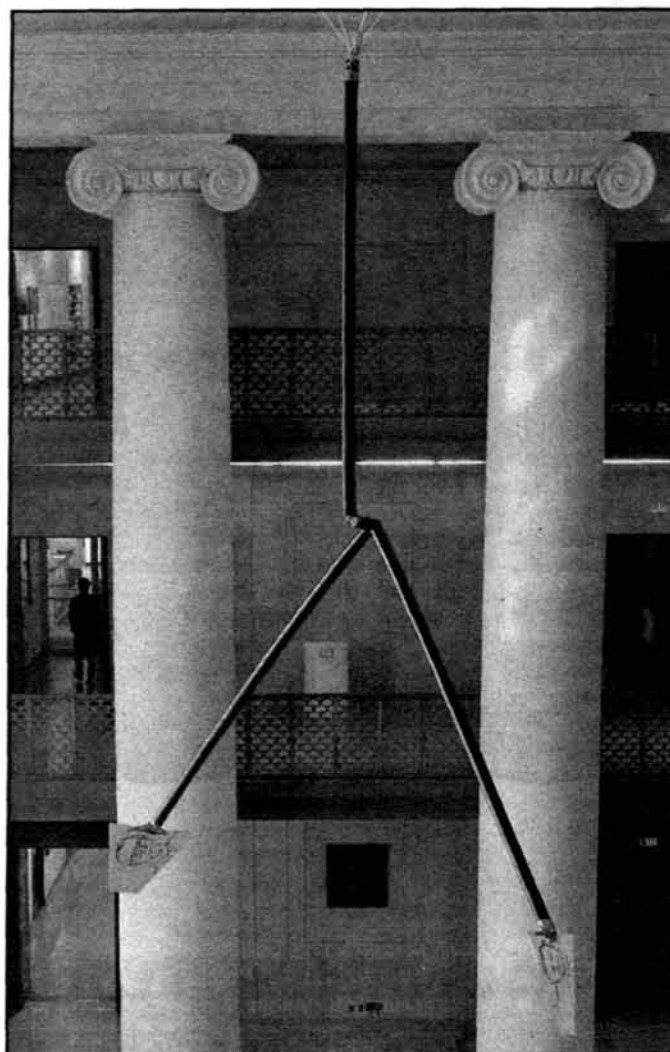


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YI XIE—THE TECH
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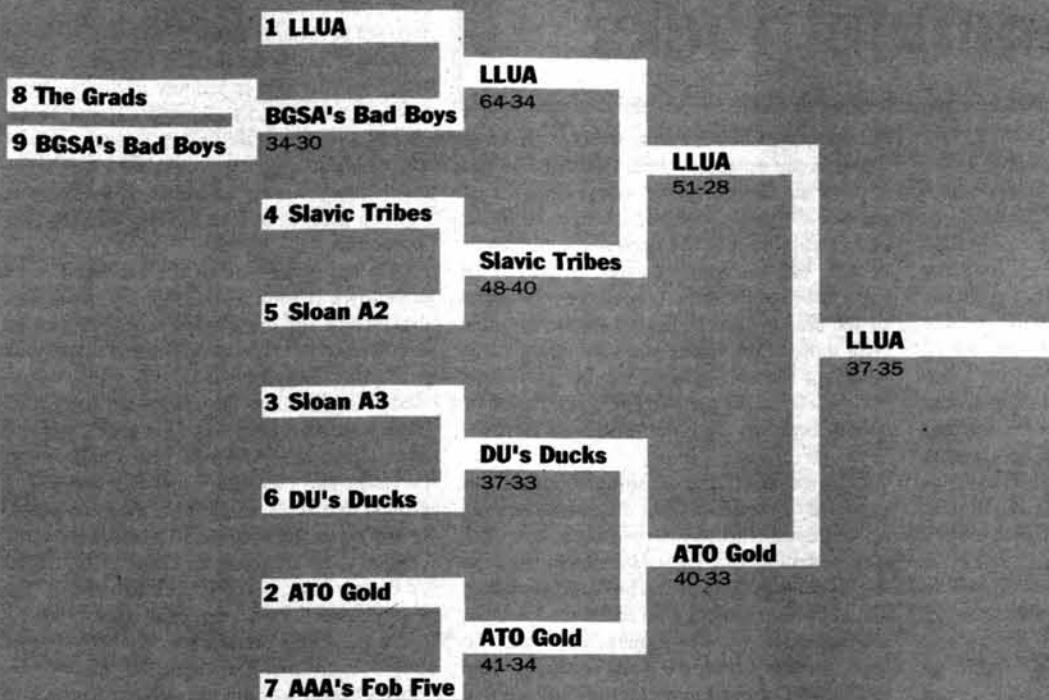
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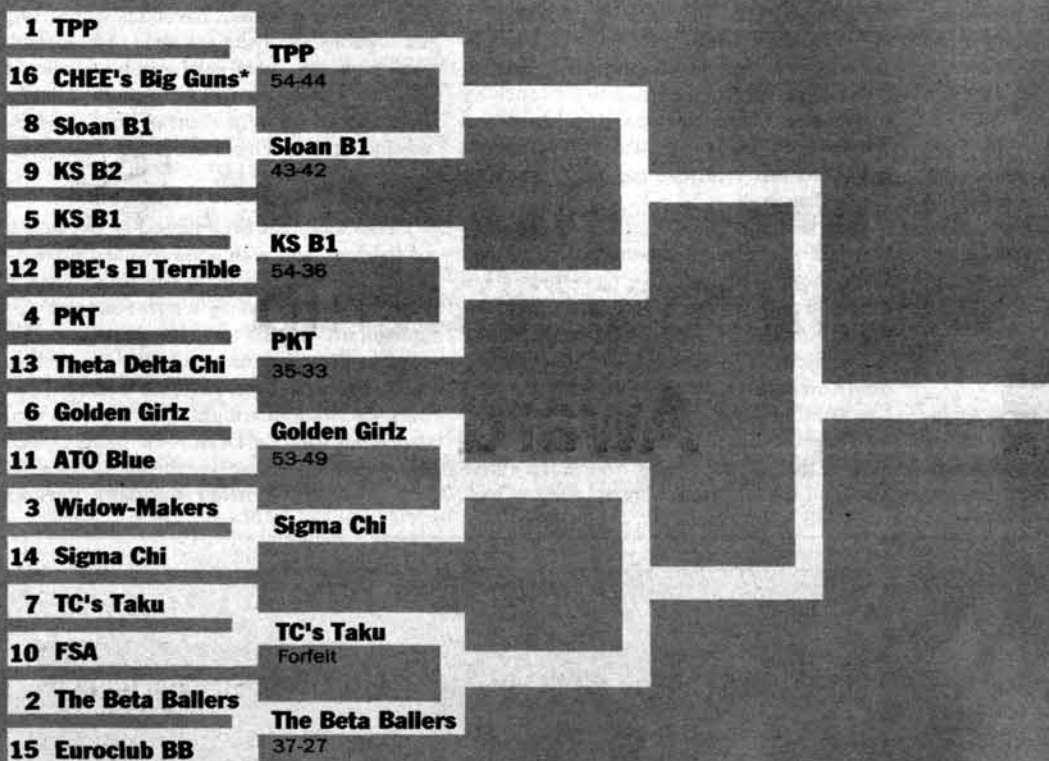
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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Zesiger Sports & Fitness Center

Removal of scaffolding will begin. Dry wall framing and rough plumbing continue, with special precautions regarding generation of noise. Access to W34 and Kresge Auditorium may be congested as construction continues.

Dreyfus Chemistry Building

Some of the sections of the building will be sealed due to decontamination and asbestos removal. All affected areas will be marked and barricaded off.

70 Pacific Street

Interior drywalling continues. Painting, floor tiling, and installation of bathroom finishes are underway.

Simmons Hall

Installation of windows and windowpanes continues. Installation of the permanent roof membrane is nearly complete.

Vassar St. Utilities

Sewer replacement work has begun near Building 42 and will continue west. Traffic flow and parking may be affected. The crosswalk at Vassar St. from the Albany St. garage to the main entrance of Building 39 is back in place. The rear of the parking lot between Buildings 45 and 48 is now closed to allow for construction of the BCSC and Stata utilities.

Memorial Drive Traffic Signals

The Traffic Lights at Wadsworth and Endicott Streets are fully installed. Testing of the signals is now underway. Landscape work will begin in the spring.

For information on MIT's building program, see <http://web.mit.edu/evolving>. This information provided by the MIT Department of Facilities.

Rory Pheiffer's NCAA Tournament Picks

March Madness, from Page 24

et all should be very interesting. Kentucky, a four seed after a rough season finish, faces the Mid-Continent conference champion Valparaiso in round one. You might remember Valpo's 1998 run to the Sweet Sixteen — the Crusaders still have a lot of shooters on their team, as well as experience with three seniors and a junior starting. The Wildcats have been facing so many problems off the court the past few weeks that all it takes is a hot shooting night and Valpo could easily stick it to the Wildcats. With that said, I think Tubby Smith can rally his team to battle out a close one against Valpo.

The winner faces the winner of Marquette and Tulsa. Marquette played solid all season, finishing up at 26-6. Tulsa, which also finished with the same record, lost three times to Hawaii this season, and played tough on the road against Kansas. If this team can work together to shut down Dwayne Wade, they stand a very good chance of toppling Marquette. I think they'll shut him down and advance to the second round.

Another intriguing first round match-up is seventh seeded North Carolina State facing red-hot Michigan State. The Spartans are not nearly as talented as in past years, but sophomore Marcus Taylor led them to win five of their last six when they were in a must-win situation to qualify for the tournament. However, N.C. State is one of the most overlooked teams in the tournament. N.C. State has a talented and experienced backcourt, and they proved they could play with anybody this past weekend by upending Maryland 86-82. Look for that experience to shine through as they edge the younger Spartans.

The real bracket-busting could very well happen in round two. Wisconsin may slow down Maryland a bit, but the Terps are just too dominant to be upset by the Badgers. Moving down the bracket, if you go with Marquette in the first round, I like them to beat either Kentucky or Valpo in second round. Take Tulsa, and I think Kentucky will prevail into the Sweet Sixteen. Finally, in a Tulsa-Valpo match-up, I take the Golden Hurricanes, as they are much more tournament-prepared than Valpo, which plays a large role

in second round match-ups.

In the bottom half of the bracket, I like Texas Tech, coached by tournament-tough Bobby Knight, to upset Georgia. Although he has not led a team to the Sweet Sixteen in his last six tournament appearances, look for Knight to continue to defy the critics as he has all season. Texas Tech has proven they are for real, finishing 10-6 in the very tough Big 12 conference. Georgia has been playing uninspired basketball as of late, including recent losses to Auburn, Tennessee, and Louisiana State. Even more surprising will be my pick for the Red Raiders of Texas Tech's opponent, the North Carolina State Wolfpack. Experienced backcourts often prove very important come tournament time, and N.C. State has just that. I look for the Wolfpack to continue shooting the ball well and to upset the Huskies, who will probably be looking further down the road to a potential match-up against another ACC team, Maryland.

To wrap-up this region, I expect Maryland to beat whoever emerges as their opponent. In a match-up between N.C. State and Texas Tech, I like Bobby Knight's chances against the Wolfpack. Taking N.C. State to the Elite Eight is a very risky maneuver, as is the case with any streaky shooting team. The Wolfpack could very well lose in the first round, and are no sure thing against Connecticut, so if you are taking them to the Sweet Sixteen, it is probably best to hedge your bet on them there.

I'll take Maryland advancing to the Final Four. Maryland is clearly the best team in this region, and I fully expect them to come out much unscathed from the East. Opponents that might give them trouble (Kentucky, Connecticut, and Georgia) will be hard-pressed to get the opportunity to face Maryland, let alone beat them.

Kansas should be tops in Midwest

Up until Sunday afternoon's loss to Oklahoma, everybody was talking about how unstoppable Kansas was. They went undefeated in the Big 12, something no team has ever

done before. Look for them to obliterate Holy Cross in the opening round. Other games that should go smoothly for teams in the East include Oregon, Mississippi State, Illinois, and Florida. Illinois has been playing better as of late, but not nearly as well as they were expected to at the beginning of the year. Most of the season Illinois has seemed to struggle with motivation, but if you cannot get motivated for March Madness, maybe you should not even be in the tournament. They should be able to beat San Diego State to open the tourney.

Florida is similar to Illinois; much was expected of the Gators, but they have not lived up the hype. Florida is cold right now, but they certainly have the talent to make a deep run in the tournament. Boston College, which slid in the tournament with an eleven seed, has a tough first-round opponent in Texas. To make matters worse, the game is being played in Dallas. The good news for the Eagles is that the Longhorns have not been playing very well lately. I think that the more experienced and talented BC backcourt will step it up for the tournament and knock off Texas.

Everybody seems to like Pepperdine for an upset pick over Wake Forest, but I am not so sure. Pepperdine has indeed been impressive, including big road wins over UCLA and USC, but Wake Forest has played one of the toughest schedules in the country. They lost to Duke three times, Maryland twice (once by one point), Cincinnati once (by nine), and Kansas once (by seven). Wake Forest should hold seed this year, battling out a tenacious Pepperdine team.

The best first round match-up is definitely Stanford and Western Kentucky. Everybody knew the Hilltoppers were dangerous since their first game of the season, when they surprised Kentucky 64-52. Western Kentucky has compiled a 28-3 record, including reeling off 18 straight heading into the tournament. I like Stanford to win in a tight one.

Things do not get any easier for the Cardinals in the second round, where they face Kansas. I don't think Kansas is going to look

forward to meeting either Stanford or Western Kentucky. However, I think neither of those teams will be able to recover in time to hang with the Jayhawks. Roy Williams' club should advance to the Sweet Sixteen without too much difficulty. I would rider the hotter team into the Sweet Sixteen, so place your bets on Illinois to face Kansas in Madison, Wisconsin.

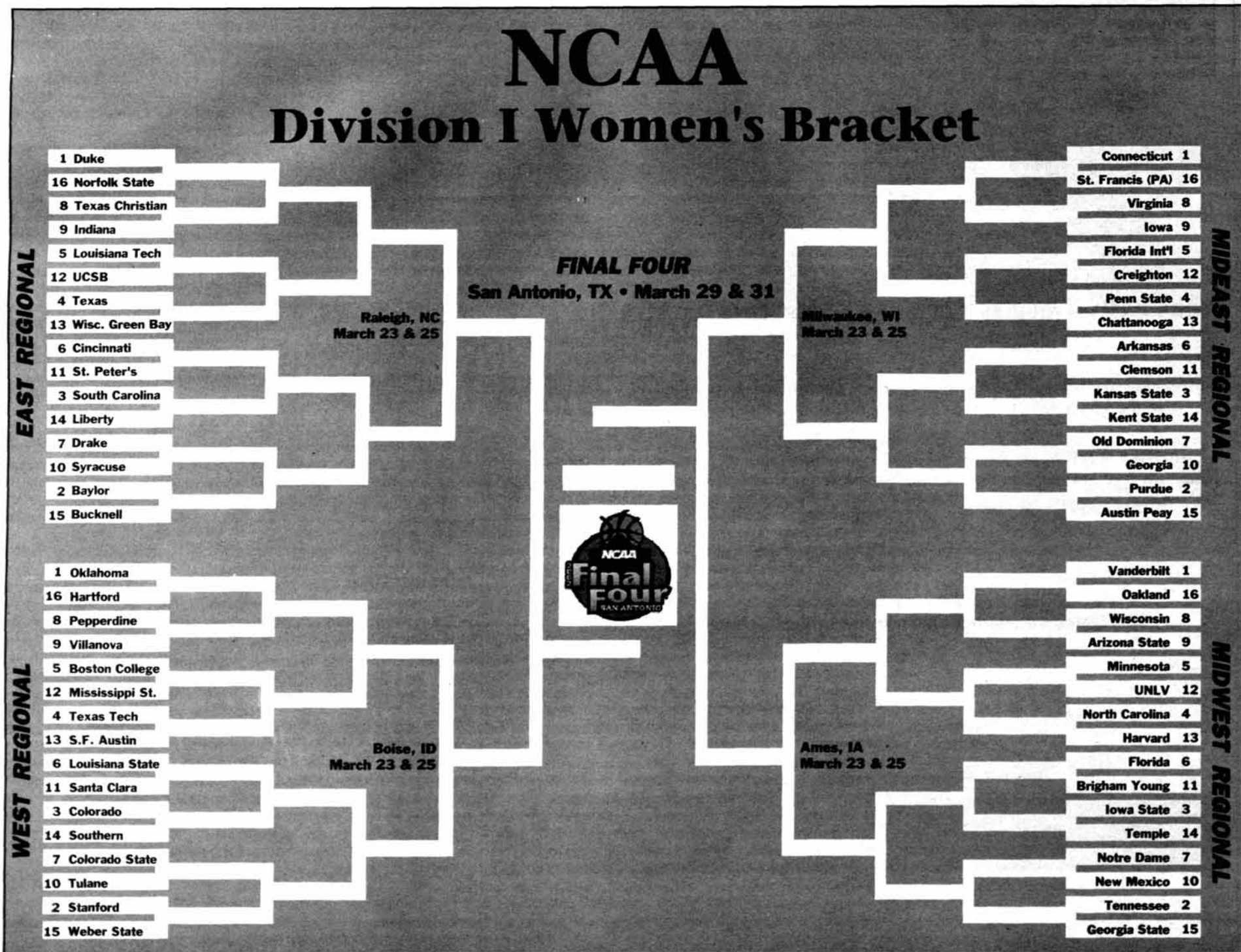
On the other side of the bracket I have hometown Boston College as my upset special. Look for the Eagles to knock out an inconsistent Mississippi State team that peaked too early by winning the SEC tournament. The Bulldogs have been hot lately, and have lots of talent, but last year I picked against the hometown favorites and did so correctly and this year I feel like that BC is primed to make a small run in the tournament. In the other second round game I look for Oregon to be too much for either Wake Forest or Pepperdine, as the Ducks advance to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 1960.

In the Sweet Sixteen look for both Kansas and Oregon to win without too many problems. Oregon will run through the Eagles and Kansas has too many weapons for Illinois to stop. This should set-up perhaps the best Elite Eight match-up, Kansas versus Oregon. Both teams won their regular season conference championships but failed to win their respective tournaments. In the end, I like Kansas slowing down the Ducks enough to win by about ten or so. Kansas has so many tools and are capable of playing any style of basketball. Williams' is a great head coach and should develop a plan that will mitigate the Oregon fast break and help Kansas hold seed by advancing to the Final Four to face Maryland.

Top seed Duke picked from South

The South has been tabbed as the easiest of the four, and with good reason. Although second-seeded Alabama has proven many doubters wrong with a solid season all-around, they appear to be the weakest second seed in the tournament. Couple that with a third seed whose star player is injured, Pittsburgh's Brandin Knight, and the only real dangerous team for Duke is the fourth seeded

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Rory Pheiffer's NCAA Tournament Picks

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USC Trojans.

Duke, Alabama, USC, Indiana, and Notre Dame should all advance to the second round. While the Indiana-Utah match-up looks enticing, the loss of Utah star Chris Burgess has been a huge blow to the line-up of the Utes, who should fall to Indiana. Pittsburgh has been dominant all season long. The Panthers dropped only three games in the Big East, but their opponent is the hottest team in the country, Central Connecticut State. CCSU has won 19 straight and are looking to upset the Panthers. Nonetheless, I think Pitt will manage to win, based on CCSU's poor performance in non-conference play.

Look for Pitt to make it to round two where they could face Pennsylvania. Penn has a legitimate chance to beat California, but they do not match-up well against the Bears. Both teams are very athletic, but from a talent stand point, Cal has the leg-up. I like Cal pulling away from Penn late. Everybody's favorite match-up in this bracket seems to be the 7-10 game, where Oklahoma State faces the talented Kent State Golden Flashes. Kent State surely has the experience, depth, and winning ability to knock off the streaky Cowboys. Of course, then they managed to get blown-out by Texas Tech in the Big 12 quarterfinals by a score of 73-51. So which Oklahoma State team will show-up? My instinct is to go with Oklahoma State, because I have every confidence in coach Eddie Sutton to rally his troops.

This sets up in the the top eight seeds advancing. I do not think that any of the lower teams match-up well enough to pull any upsets. In the second round, Duke should shut down Notre Dame, and Pitt should not struggle too much with Cal, who by the second round will be too tired and worn out to win another "road" game.

The USC-Indiana match-up should be a dandy. USC has three starters returning from the team that made it to the Elite Eight last year, and Indiana has received solid contributions from many players. In the end I see Indiana's supporting case outplaying USC's, and I'll take Indiana in a close one. The winner of the Oklahoma State-Kent State game is being given a legitimate shot at Alabama difficulties by most experts, but I think only Oklahoma

State really stands a good shot of being able to match-up against Alabama. Still, Oklahoma State won't have nearly enough momentum to knock-off the consistent and tough Crimson Tide. This sets up a battle of conference champions in the bottom half of the bracket, with Alabama vs. Pitt. If Pittsburgh can manage to get the Alabama starters in foul trouble, they will have a good chance of beating the Crimson Tide since Alabama lacks frontcourt depth. But look for Alabama to face Duke in the Elite Eight.

Duke can very easily have a bad game on any given night. There have been a few games this season where Duke's three-pointers were not falling, and Duke has not shot well from the free throw line all season. However, Duke's backcourt is much more talented, both defensively and shooting the ball, and therefore, Duke should not struggle with the Hoosiers too much. If Duke lost to Alabama, I think most of the nation would be shocked.

Yes, that's three number one seeds into the Final Four. Not very gutsy on my part I suppose. However, all season long Duke, Kansas, and Maryland have been consensus number one seeds for a reason. These three teams are just a cut above the rest of the field. Now honestly, what's the likelihood of all three favorites surviving four rounds each in the NCAA tournament? Not all that great. Chances are at least once will get tripped up somewhere along the way. So either play it safe and take all three to the Final Four, or select one and have them get upset somewhere earlier in the bracket.

Go for Oklahoma to make Final Four run

Easily the most difficult bracket of the bunch, the West region should provide for some exciting action early and often in the tournament. The first round should be fairly easy for the likes of Cincinnati, Oklahoma, Arizona, Ohio State, and Gonzaga. All five of these teams won their conference tournaments and should be able to parlay those championships into first round victories.

Miami will find it difficult to parlay anything into a victory against their opponent, the

Missouri Tigers, who were ranked as high as number two this season. If they can get Miami in foul trouble, they should be able to force the upset since the Hurricanes do not have any depth, but if the Tigers keep up their under-achieving ways look for Miami to hold off the talented Tigers.

The 7-10 matchup in the West is intriguing. Xavier won 25 games and Hawaii racked up 27 victories, but both teams were fairly untested. It could go either way, but I would go with the Xavier, because they have an advantage down low. In UCLA vs. Missouri, UCLA was predicted by many to win the Pac-10 this year. Mississippi doled out a few trouncings this season, but has been sub-par away from home. This game is a coin toss; since both are 4-6 in their last ten games, you have to look to experience. This leads me to take the UCLA Bruins, which starts three seniors, over Missouri, who starts three sophomores, a junior, and a senior.

I see the favorites advancing out of the first round, with this side of the tournament much cleaner than the other side. If you are looking for a few first round upsets, your best bets are to go with Utah and Kent State in the South and Ole Miss, Hawaii, and Missouri in the West. Moving along to second round match-ups, I think that Cincinnati will be out to prove that they deserve the number one seed and therefore will dispose of their second round opponent. I think in this year's tourney all four number one seeds will advance to the Sweet Sixteen.

Miami should advance to the Sweet Sixteen if it gets by Missouri, as Ohio State does not have the talent in the paint to beat Miami. If Ohio State was playing Missouri, I would take Ohio State because the solid guard play and defense of Ohio State would likely cause problems for the Tigers. Skipping down to Oklahoma's game against Xavier, I don't see the Sooners struggling too much. Oklahoma looked phenomenal in winning the Big 12 tournament, and has only dropped four games all season long.

Gonzaga, stiffed by the committee in receiving a six seed against the Arizona Wild-

cats, has been surprising everybody with their ability to play with the best since the season began. Arizona has lost to some top-notch teams, including Kansas and Oregon, but they have impressively beat Maryland, Florida, and Texas all on the road, as well as Illinois, Pepperdine, and plenty of Pac-10 teams in the tournament. While I like the Zags and think that they deserved a higher seed than they did, the Wildcats are the favorites and most likely the victors in this intense match-up. Be sure to catch this one.

Cincinnati should be able to utilize its tenacious defense to break down the starting five of Miami and move on without too much trouble. The Bearcats might be able to avoid coming home earlier than expected. This win should set-up a game against Oklahoma. A number of experts are selecting Arizona to beat out Oklahoma and actually make it to the Final Four, but I think that by winning the Big 12 tournament in the manner that they did that Oklahoma proved they are tournament tough. I see Oklahoma advancing to the Final Four.

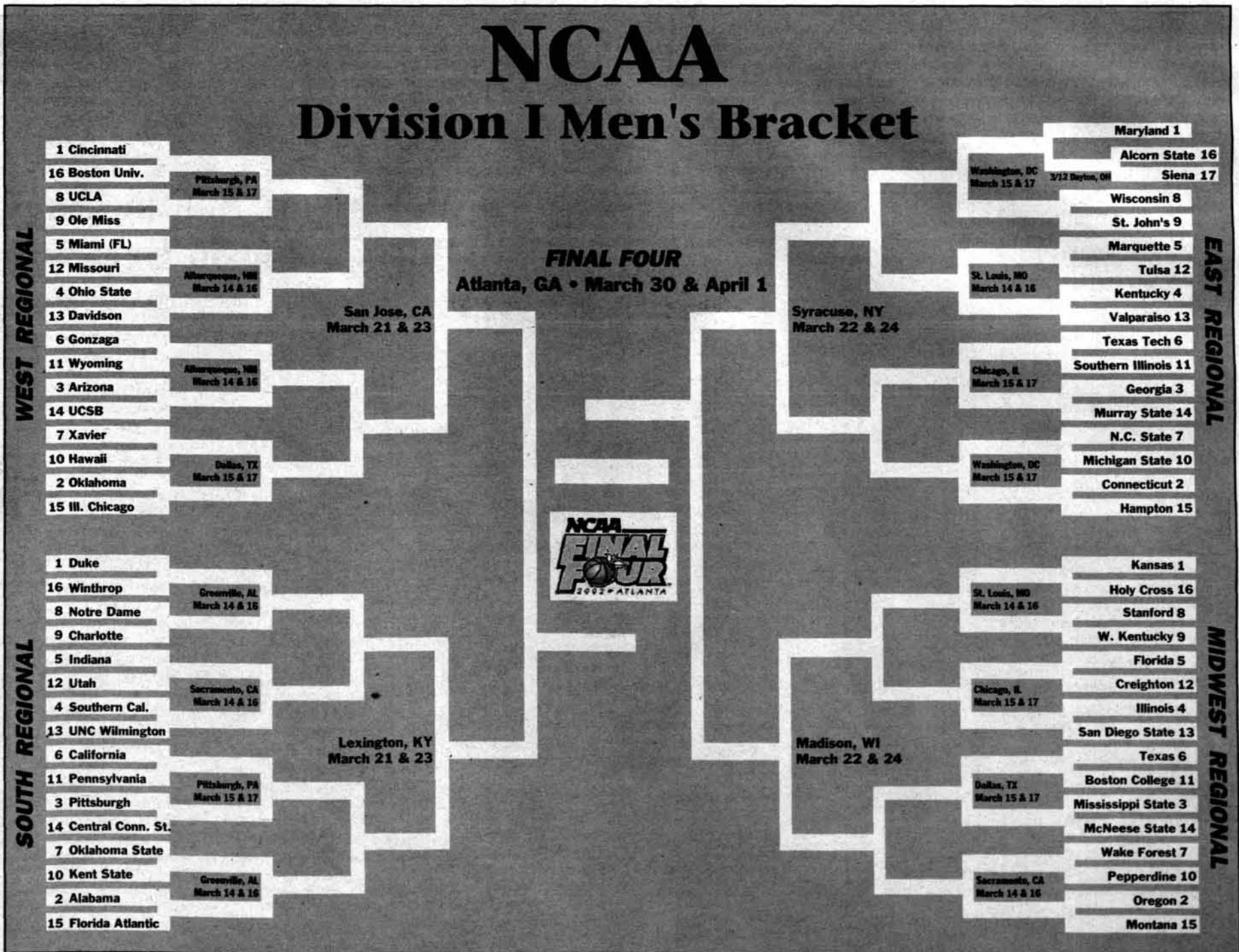
Pheiffer picks Maryland to win it all

Again, not a very bold Final Four, but from a betting standpoint, I think that this Final Four is a very logical choice. It is probably in your best interest to stick with at least two, if not three of these Final Four teams and then go out on a limb with your fourth. You might consider taking a chance on UConn or Kentucky in the East, Oregon or Illinois in the Midwest, and Alabama or USC in the South. In the West your best upset picks are Arizona and Miami.

As for my Final Four predictions, I will not elaborate much, but I will just make a few quick picks. Currently I'm leaning one of two ways, either Duke over Maryland in the final, or Maryland over Oklahoma. My heart tells me Duke, but for the record, I'm going with Maryland to cut down the nets in Atlanta this year. Maryland has everything they need for a tournament run: an experienced and talented starting line-up, a bench with plenty of depth and talent, a winning attitude, and a winning coach.

Most Likely Final Four Candidates: East — Maryland; Midwest — Kansas, Oregon; South — Duke, USC; West — Oklahoma, Arizona, Missouri.

Most Likely National Champions: Kansas, Maryland, Duke.



SPORTS

MIT Rides To Two 3rd Place Finishes

By Jenny Lee

TEAM MEMBER

Last Saturday, the MIT equestrian team competed at the first IHSA competition of the spring season at Apple Knoll Farm in Millis, Mass., with Danielle M. Gilbert '05 and Ida G. Wahlquist-Ortiz '04 each taking third in their respective divisions.

The early morning fog and chills were replaced later in the day with temperatures in the 60s F, giving the team a rare chance to compete in warm weather. Jenny J. Lee '02, the first of the MIT team to compete, drew a 16.2 hand bay gelding named Monty in the random horse lottery for her open over fences class.

She began her jump course well, but unfortunately allowed her mount to speed up too much over the last few fences instead of maintaining a steady, consistent canter. Although she made no major mistakes, this kept her out of the ribbons.

Gilbert leads team in flat phase

The flat phase of the competition took place in the afternoon, during which the wind kicked up, creating extremely dusty conditions around the arena. Lee was again first to ride, drawing Ally, a 16.2 hand black mare, in the open flat division. Ally was a bit heavy on the forehead, which caused Lee some trouble at the sitting trot and canter. Lee also began cantering on the wrong lead in the first direction. Although she corrected the problem a few strides later with a flying lead change, this mistake again kept Lee out of the top six.

Gilbert debuted in the novice flat division with a solid ride on the same mare, Ally, that Lee rode earlier. Gilbert won third place in her class. "I was nervous entering the ring, since I had not ridden English in 18 months, but once we got going, I felt more confident and began to enjoy it," Gilbert said. "I definitely look forward to showing again."

MIT rider takes third in walk-trot

Wahlquist-Ortiz competed in the walk-trot category at the very end of the day. She drew a chestnut gelding named Cool, and rode very well, picking up the correct diagonal at the posting trot in both directions. Her only mistake was cutting across the middle of the arena and stopping her horse before being asked to do so. Wahlquist-Ortiz also placed third in her class.

International Horse Show Association (IHSA) events judge a rider's ability to control an unfamiliar horse. Competitors are placed in divisions according to their previous riding experience, and are assigned mounts by random lottery. The most experienced riders compete in the open division, while beginners ride walk-trot, with a range of categories in between.

The team will participate in a competition on April 6 hosted by Boston University, to be held at Holly Hill Show Stable in Hanover, Massachusetts.



David Yin '03 executes a scissors element on the pommel horse in last Thursday's competition against the College of William and Mary, who took first place at the event.

MIT Sends Three to Squash Nationals

Surana Wins 'B' Division Consolation Match Over Hobart College Opponent

By Robert Aronstam

STAFF WRITER

The squash team sent three participants to the individual national tournaments, held at Princeton University.

In the women's tournament, Rita Monson '04 competed among the 32 best female players in the nation, but she fell to the eighth seed in her first match. On the men's side, Kunal K. Surana '02 and Simon C. Bradbury G competed in the "B" Malloy Division, which consisted of the 33rd

through 64th ranked players.

Surana wins consolation

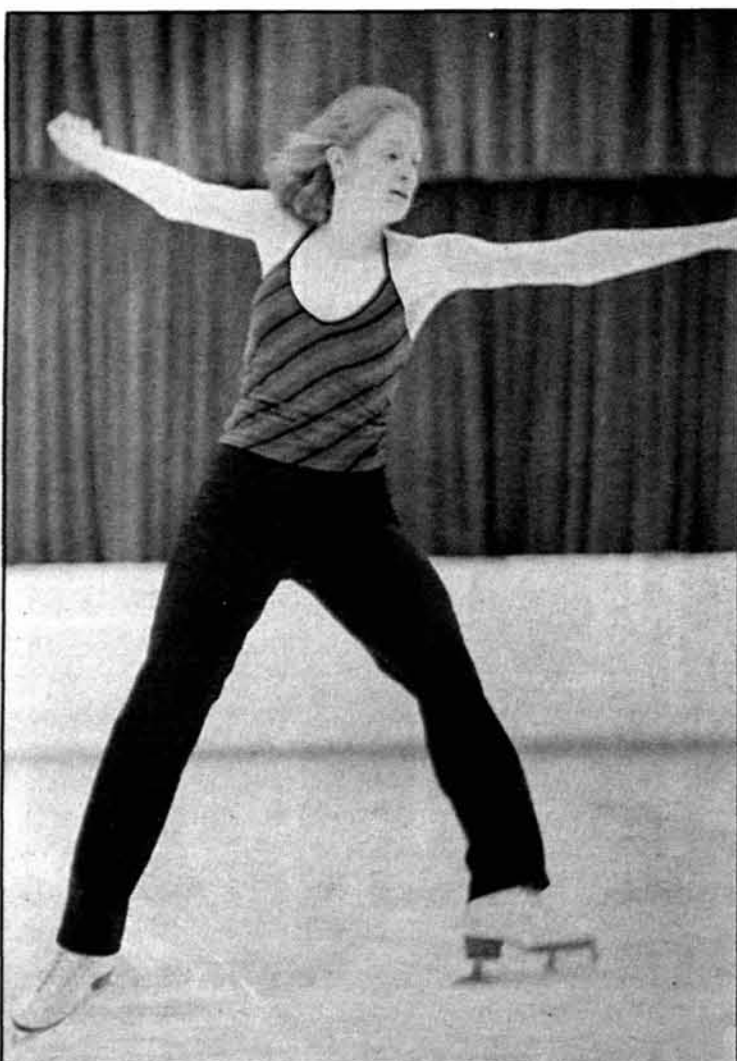
Both Surana and Bradbury fared well in the "B" division. Surana easily won his first match in three games (9-2, 9-2, 9-2) against Varun Vasudeva. Likewise, Bradbury dominated Navy's Andy McCann (9-2, 9-5, 9-7).

However, both MIT players fell in the second round. Surana lost to David Haile after winning the first two games (5-9, 6-9, 9-1, 9-6, 9-4). Bradbury lost to the eventual champion Max Montgelas in four games.

Surana and Bradbury both won

their first match in the consolation rounds. Surana thrashed Eric Greenwood by a score of 9-3, 9-2, 9-0. Bradbury won a five-game battle over Jeff Porter (4-9, 9-1, 9-10, 10-9, 9-5).

In the semifinals of the consolations, Surana won three close games over Bates's Eric Lopez (10-8, 10-9, 10-8), but Bradbury lost to Hobart's Tejvir Rathore in five games (9-5, 6-9, 9-6, 6-9, 9-2). Surana claimed revenge over Rathore in the finals, beating him soundly (9-0, 9-5, 9-1). The victory in the second round consolation of the "B" division gave Surana a final national ranking of 41.



Kristin M. Jonker '03 skated to "A Day in the Life" at the MIT Figure Skating Club's exhibition last Saturday in Johnson. Jonker joined club members and alumni for the annual skating show.

March Madness Kicks Off Thursday

Pheiffer Offers Look At NCAA Brackets

By Rory Pheiffer

March Madness is upon us yet again. It just seems like not too long ago that the Duke Blue Devils were cutting down the nets, celebrating their first NCAA championship in 10 years. Can they do it again? They've been the odds-on favorite for most of the season, but with the twists and turns over the course of the season and in last week's conference tournaments, naming a clear-cut favorite isn't easy.

One thing that is easy to do is to fill out a bracket. It's fun and a good diversion from course work heading into spring break. Here's a quick breakdown of this year's tournament to help you fill out your brackets.

Maryland leads East Region

Out of the four regions, the East definitely has the best chance to end up being a bloodbath for anybody's bracket sheet — there are many upsets just waiting to happen.

But first, the top teams. The number one seed, Maryland, has recently been playing some of the best basketball in the country, but they won 13 games straight before being tripped up by North Carolina State in the ACC semifinals. This might just have a humbling effect on the team, so Maryland should win their first round game easily.

Other easy winners in this bracket for the first round should include Connecticut, Georgia, Texas Tech and Wisconsin.

The other match-ups in this bracket

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MIT Figure Skating Squad Hosts Johnson Exhibition

Show Includes Performances from Members, Alumni

By Diana Cheng

TEAM MEMBER

MIT's Figure Skating Club held its annual skating exhibition at Johnson Athletic Center on Saturday, March 9.

There were 25 solo freestyle programs by MIT students, alums, and community member. Adult ice dance competitors Gilbert and April Chiang and guest pairs skaters Lara and Neill Shelton also performed, and there were three group ice dance numbers.

Eight of the nine MIT figure skating team members performed in the show. Delphine M. Dean G, the team captain, choreographed her own program to "Watermark" by Enya. Diana S. Cheng '04 skated to "Reflection" from the *Mulan* soundtrack, and she also skated with Draper Labs employee Mickey Barry in the Opening Number and Canasta Tango ice dance. Caitlin Q. Marlow '03 skated to music from "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Kristin M. Jonker '03 skated to "A Day in the Life."

Barbara M. Cutler G and Derek L. Bruening G were in a group dance, the Three Lobe, which the MIT advanced ice dancers created for the show, to "One by One" by

Enya. Cutler skated her competition program to "Pacifica" by Jeff Linsky, and Bruening skated his solo program with dazzling footwork and ended it with a cartwheel on the ice. Jodi N. Beggs G also choreographed her own program, to "Swing Kids."

Synchronized skaters perform

MIT's synchronized skating team, Linear Progressions, dressed in flannel pajamas for its show program to "The Pajama Game." Cheng, Cutler, Dean, Anne C. Gaumond '02, Rachel Grey '99, Marlow, Allison H. Mo '03, Elliot Schwartz '89, and Kevin Xu '99 performed in this number. Bonny Kellermann '72, who also teaches the figure skating physical education class and organized the MIT competition in February, was the coach and choreographer for Linear Progressions.

The founder of MIT's Figure Skating Club, Esther Horwich '77, performed to Ella Fitzgerald's version of Irving Berlin's "Top Hat, White Tie and Tails" as her solo program and danced in the Canasta Tango and Three Lobe ice dance numbers.

Next week the figure skating club will be hosting a United States Figure Skating Association test session.

UPCOMING HOME EVENT

Wednesday, March 13
Men's Volleyball vs.
Harvard, 7:00 p.m.