Robert W. White ’86 on his way to winning the pole vault during Saturday’s varsity track meet vs. Bowdoin. MIT went on to win 84-48. MIT’s junior varsity indoor track team defeated Andover Wednesday 69-35.

**McNair was committed to excellence.**

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"He had to work hard to excel, and he never gave up," said McNair’s mother, Margaret McNair. "He was very determined to be the best he could be.

"He was a driven person," said McNair’s father, John McNair. "He was always striving to achieve the highest level of excellence."

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By Irvine Shricket

Many students avoid sci- ence in careers because they fear a conflict between work and family, according to a study done by a Radcliffe dean and an Educa- tional Testing Service researcher.

Norma C. Ware, associate dean of Radcliffe College, and Valerie Lee, a researcher at the ETS in Princeton, New Jersey, found that 84 percent of high school women in the top academic group and 60 percent of high school men, compared to 40 percent of high school men.

The nationally representative sample makes the results con- vincing, Ware said. "One can infer from that sample that this is going on in our own school," she said. "Those who would choose sci- ence as a career may have to look to the future, like Ron MoNair, who made a downpay- ment on a house... I wish to present to you the idea that I have termed "the diversity of the Department of Physics and Astronomy."

"I certainly wouldn't expect it to happen all the time, but I believe it is possible," Ware said. "We need to encourage students to think about entering the sciences, and we need to provide them with the support they need to succeed."