MIT, Justice Dept. Settle Overlap Case

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After nearly three years of litigation, the Justice Department and MIT agreed to a settlement in the antitrust investigation of the financial aid practices of top colleges and universities.

At a Dec. 22 news conference President Charles M. Vest announced that the Justice Department had agreed to drop charges against MIT and 22 other schools, including Ivy League colleges, with

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Both sides claim victory with the

process violated antitrust laws and

that the agreement will prevent

future violations, Litan said. MIT

also approved of the decision.

"The objective all along was to

establish mechanisms by which col-

leges and universities could contin-

ue to pursue need-blind admis-

sions," said Michael Gass, a lawyer

representing MIT. "We are

absolutely delighted with the [final]

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By Eva Moy

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The students were approached from behind. The suspect grabbed one student, held a knife to the student's throat, and demanded the student's wallet.

He also ordered the other student not to look at him. The students described the suspect as a black male, 6 feet 2 inches tall, with wide shoulders, and a large head.

The suspect stole about $50 in cash from the student's wallet, and fled on foot toward the Mission Hill Projects, which is across the street from Huntington Hall.

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Giacobbe works at the security desk at Huntington Hall, which is owned by MCA, and has attended college in the area for four years.

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Students Receive 2 Fulbright, Marshall Scholarships

By Rishi Srivastava
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Three MIT students recently won scholarships for study in a for-

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Rahul T. Rao, '94, an electrical engineering major, received a Mar-

shall scholarship. The scholarship pays all expenses for study at any

British university for two years. Rao plans to pursue a second bachelor's degree in the Psychology, Philoso-

phy, and Physiology Program at Oxford University.

The competition for the Marshall scholarship is keen; 36 scholarships were awarded out of 1,000 appli-

cants this year, Rao said.

Universities nominate students to a national committee. Based on written applications and essays, the committee chooses 100 finalists. After a final interview, the scholars are chosen.

Both academic performance and extracurricular involvement are con-

sidered for selection, Rao said.

Rao has pursued many research activities throughout his MIT career. He is currently working at the Center for Cancer Research. Rao has also worked for Texas Instru-

ments, the Injury Analysis Center at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory with the human genome project.

He volunteered as a researcher in developing an electronic system to help autistic children learn more effectively, and he participated in projects for Cambridge school chil-

dren, he said. Rao is also the vice-

president of the M1IT chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society.

In the future, Rao said he hopes to pursue an MD/PhD program and "would like to combine a career in

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