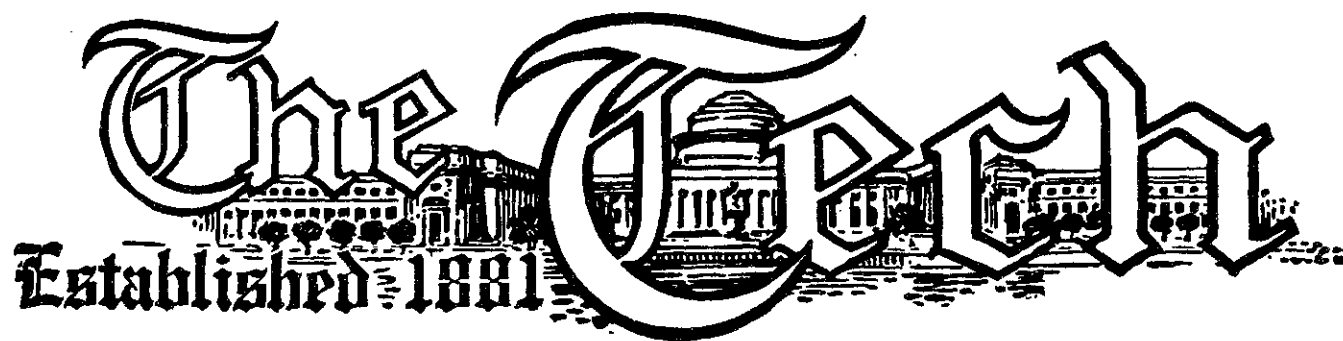


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Colloquium Gets Mixed Reviews

Panelists in Discussion on Honesty Were 'Too Far Removed'

By Katherine Shim
NEWS EDITOR

The plenary session of Wednesday's colloquium "Success and/or Honesty: In Here, Out There" generated mixed reviews from a below-capacity Kresge Auditorium crowd. Some members of the audience described the discussion as unfocused and "not electrifying," while others said it went well.

The colloquium is the latest part of a continuing effort by MIT to

examine academic honesty on campus. This effort began after more than 70 undergraduates were brought before the Committee on Discipline in fall 1990 for cheating in Introduction to Computer and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00) the previous spring.

The colloquium featured 10 panelists from MIT and the professional world.

"I felt like the panel was lost in another world and not connected to the students at all," said Sumit Basu

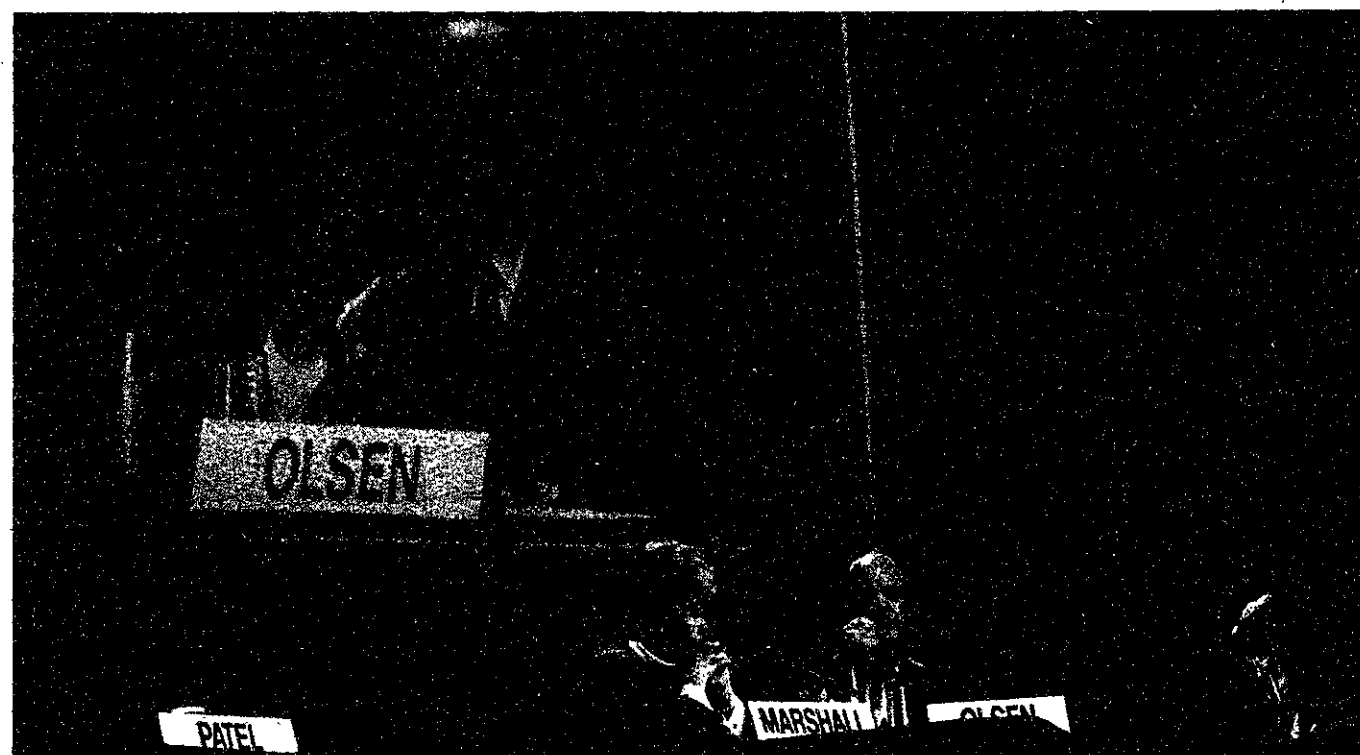
'95. "The panel did not seem to take a realistic view of the problem of cheating, but talked about everything in a theoretical way. They were too far removed from the audience, and just went on and on about morals," he said.

Professor of Physics Robert P. Redwine, a colloquium panelist, said, "I think it depends on what you thought the goal of the colloquium was. I think it raised a number

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YUEH Z. LEE—THE TECH



Former Boston Bar Association president Margaret H. Marshall and Digital Equipment Corporation founder Kenneth H. Olsen '50 voice their thoughts on honesty at Wednesday's colloquium.

Alexander Gamburd '93 speaks at the colloquium as Archon Fung G waits his turn.

Institute to Double Safe Ride Program

By Eva Moy
NEWS EDITOR

[Second of two articles]

Following the recommendation of the Institute Committee on Safety, MIT will double the size of the Safe Ride program by adding one van to each of the two existing routes, according to Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin. The new vans will be equipped to handle handicapped students.

The Committee on Safety is still considering changing the routes and/or making the shuttles run on set schedules. Along with changes in A Safe Ride, the committee also made recommendations for installing new emergency telephones and lighting around campus.

Lighting in areas around Memorial Drive is currently under review, Glavin said.

The expanded shuttle system may be put into operation by early December, Glavin said. The Campus Police are "moving ahead," examining van specifications and filing paperwork for hiring about six more drivers, she said. The date all four vans go into service will depend on "how quickly people respond to the job offers, and how quickly we can get the vans in," Glavin added.

Factors in the decision

In addition to the safety committee, an ad hoc committee was created to look specifically at A Safe Ride, emergency telephones, and lighting.

Because the Institute can not afford to expand A Safe Ride all at once, the safety committee explored several options for expansion, said Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Stephen D. Immerman, who is also director of Special Services.

The committee considered the costs, options, and alternatives for the Safe Ride program and "let the decision makers know the options, the implications, [and] the scenarios," he said.

A basic shuttle costs approximately \$18,000; however, fully handicapped-accessible vans, which are now required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, would greatly increase the price, Glavin said.

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New House Fire Cause Unknown

By Brian Rosenberg
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Neither a computer nor a heater caused the Sept. 29 fire that destroyed Room 507 of New House I, according to a Safety Office report. The fire was "most likely electrical in nature," but the exact cause of the blaze is undetermined, said Walter G. Diaz, a safety officer.

"We don't have the evidence to make a definite conclusion, because critical pieces of evidence got thrown out or otherwise damaged in the course of putting out the fire," he said. Diaz noted, however, that "two suspects" for the cause of the fire are a portable box-type fan and a halogen light.

Diaz said that he and a fire inspector from the firm of William Hertow and Associates wrote the report. MIT's insurance company hired Hertow to investigate the blaze, Diaz said.

Room repairs to finish soon

Dale L. LeFebvre '93, who lived in Room 507 when the fire occurred, will return there this semester, according to Christopher Nolan, an assistant maintenance manager in the housing office. LeFebvre "should be able to move back in within two or three weeks," he said.

"All the repairs are cosmetic — nothing structural was damaged.

We're repainting the walls in the room and the hallway, and replacing the carpet in the hallway," he said. Nolan added that he would not know the cost of the repairs "until the bills come in."

LeFebvre said the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs is currently investigating a decision on whether MIT's insurance company will reimburse him for the cost of personal possessions that were destroyed in the fire.

LeFebvre added that Chocolate City, of which Room 507 is a part, is planning to hold a party to raise money for him.

Gay Leaders Call Coming Out Day Events a Success

By Nicole A. Sherry
STAFF REPORTER

Last week Gays, Lesbians and Friends at MIT sponsored a series of events to celebrate National Coming Out Day, which occurred on Oct. 11. GAMIT leaders called the week an overall success.

The week's events included a party to count down to Coming Out Day, a discussion on coming out in communities of color, a discussion on coming out in general, and a dance. GAMIT was unable to offer as many activities as it has in previ-

ous years due to the Columbus Day holiday.

"The basic goal was to encourage people to be whoever they are and not be inhibited by anyone else," said Thomas E. Wilhelm '94, GAMIT president.

"The dance was tremendous. It was one of our biggest turnouts," said Johanna L. Hardy '92, the outreach coordinator of GAMIT.

"I was encouraged to see a lot of participation in the discussion and

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INSIDE

Students compete to be the ugliest man on campus. Page 9

Barry K. Heller takes an evening and day trip. Page 10

Students cross country in the morning for fun. Page 10

WORLD & NATION

Bush Hails Hanoi's POW Move As 'Major Breakthrough'

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush Thursday called Hanoi's decision to hand over archival information on missing American servicemen a "major breakthrough," but added that he would continue to press for a "full accounting" of all unresolved POW-MIA cases before normalizing diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

Bush, who aides said may make a statement about U.S.-Vietnamese relations on Friday, told CBS News that "significant progress" had been made by a presidential envoy who went to Hanoi last weekend seeking access to Vietnamese records on American POWs and MIAs from the Vietnam war.

Asked to comment on predictions by other officials that full normalization of diplomatic ties could come within the next two or three months, Bush said that it was "a little optimistic" to expect the issue to be resolved that quickly. But he added that he wants relations normalized and indicated that he might say more about the subject after meeting Friday with John W. Vessey Jr., the retired general and U.S. envoy to Hanoi on POW-MIA issues.

"This is a major breakthrough that's happened over there, but I need to know exactly how major," Bush said. "We're not going to (normalize relations) ... until I can say in total conscience ... that 'here is a full accounting.' But having said that, we have made significant progress."

The photographs, documents and other archival records brought back by Vessey from Hanoi are part of a larger trove of POW-MIA-related information that U.S. officials have secretly been examining.

Access to the material, whose existence Hanoi had long denied, was originally granted to an American researcher in Vietnam earlier this year by a Vietnamese official whose identity remains secret. While much of the material remains in Vietnam, between 4,000 and 5,000 photographs depicting dead servicemen were recently obtained from the researcher, former intelligence operative Tim Schweitzer, sources familiar with the documents said.

Confronted last September with evidence that it had been withholding information long contained in its war museums and archives, Hanoi agreed to open up its POW-MIA files and the Vessey trip was arranged to give the Vietnamese a "face-saving" cover for what was, in effect, a diplomatic capitulation on their part, the sources added.

The existence of the photographs, quietly made known last month to members of a Senate committee investigating the fate of Vietnam era POWs and MIAs, has helped to resolve the cases of several missing servicemen. Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall confirmed on Thursday that "a limited number" of MIA relatives already have been notified.

Russia Arrests Scientists Who Disclosed Weapons Research

THE BALTIMORE SUN

MOSCOW

Three scientists who discussed top-secret chemical weapons research with an American reporter were arrested Thursday by Russian security police during simultaneous raids on their apartments in different regions of Moscow.

Two were released after a full day of questioning. One will be charged with divulging state secrets, according to Russian television.

Papers and passports were seized from the three men during searches of their homes that lasted from two to four hours.

Vil Mirzayanov, who worked until a year ago at the State Union Scientific Research Institute for Organic Chemistry and Technology, where top-secret work on developing new poison gases is carried out, remained at the Lefortovo Prison.

Last month, he and Lev Fyodorov, a chemist active in the fledgling environmental movement here, disclosed in an interview with *The Baltimore Sun* and later in *Moskovskiy Novosti* that research at the lab had continued at least through January. At the same time, as far back as 1987, the Soviet government was claiming that all chemical weapons production had been halted.

The authorities focused Thursday on the article in *Moskovskiy Novosti*. A statement released by the Russian Security Ministry said that the article "disclosed information about the situation with developments in the field of chemical technology, which constitute a state secret."

The ministry is the successor to the Soviet KGB.

In a broader article, last Sunday, *The Sun* reported that such research, aimed at developing more effective binary nerve gases, was still going on under a program code-named Foliant. The article described the work of the lab over the years, the high level of importance and privilege accorded its scientists under the Soviet system, and the feeling of scientists there now that the work should cease.

WEATHER

More Sun

By Michael Morgan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Slightly warmer weather is expected today and Saturday as an anticyclone drifts to our southeast. An approaching cold front will slow down west of the area later in the weekend — increasing our risks of showers.

Today: Partly cloudy. High 56°F (13°C).

Tonight: Partly cloudy and milder. Low 48°F (9°C).

Saturday: Mostly sunny and milder. High 65°F (18°C). Low 50°F (10°C).

Sunday: Variably cloudy with scattered showers. High around 60°F (16°C).

Perot Campaign Causes Jitters Among Bush, Clinton Advisers

By Howard Kurtz and Dan Balz

THE WASHINGTON POST

President Bush Thursday accused Ross Perot of "nutty ideas" and "crazy statements" as campaign strategists for both Bush and Bill Clinton reacted nervously to signs that the Texas billionaire is having a renewed impact on the presidential race.

With Perot edging up slightly in several polls and airing the first of three half-hour commercials on network television, top aides to his two opponents complained that the press has failed to give the independent candidate the same scrutiny Bush and Clinton are receiving, particularly on his plans to raise taxes and cut federal benefits.

"The guy's spending \$100 million, he's participated in three nationally televised debates and the press isn't really treating him as if he's a serious candidate," said Clinton spokesman Dee Dee Myers.

Perot poured \$26.4 million more of his money into his campaign in the first two weeks of this month, nearly all of it for television time, according to the Federal Election Commission. All told, he has spent \$46.7 million on the race, well on his way to the \$60 million he has said he is willing to spend.

Unlike Bush and Clinton, who are accepting federal funds, there is no ceiling on what Perot can spend. After each receiving \$55 million in federal funds, the Bush campaign had \$23.7 million in the bank as of Oct. 14 and Clinton had \$14.5 million left.

Perot's apparent success in the three presidential debates has shaken whatever complacency might have been creeping into the Clinton campaign and is "adding a new agony," as a Bush aide put it, to the president's reelection effort. In the eternal game of spin and counter-spin, each side insisted that Perot was hurting the other candidate

more.

"I think we're going to continue what we've been doing," said James Carville, Clinton's senior strategist. "I think Bush is the one who's really got the problem, if you look at what's happening."

After nervously debating whether the Arkansas governor should directly challenge Perot over his economic program, Clinton advisers decided Thursday that they shouldn't overreact. They concluded it was more important for Clinton to stay focused on his own message and place a renewed emphasis on the battleground Midwest states during the last week of campaigning.

"You don't give the guy a completely free ride," one Democrat said. "But the last thing Clinton wants to do is turn it into a Clinton-Perot race either. There is no particular percentage in turning the big guns on Ross Perot."

Perot is drawing 15 to 19 percent support in four recent national polls, compared to 44 to 47 percent for Clinton and 28 to 32 percent for Bush. But Perot has turned around the negative impressions that many voters had about him before the debates and is now viewed almost as favorably as the president in some states, according to Democratic sources.

The candidates have clearly taken notice. On "CBS This Morning," Bush said of Perot: "I don't think people want to waste their vote ... I don't think he can possibly win. I think he knows that. I think most people supporting him know that. They want to make a statement, a statement of anger or a statement of support for a guy that'll stand up, open a hood, fix it ..."

"He's got some good ideas and he's got some nutty ideas. And he makes some crazy statements, like he did the other night that we gave permission to Saddam Hussein to take the northern part of Kuwait."

Rabin Ready to Resign Unless Cabinet Ends Bickering

By Michael Parks

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, fed up with the feuding that is tearing apart his coalition government only three months after it was formed, let it be known Thursday that he is ready to resign unless he gets the full support of all the parties in his Cabinet.

Rabin would not actually quit, but seek to form a new, more broadly based and stable government, according to members of his Labor Party. In the process, he would try to reduce his dependency on the present coalition's troublesome partners, the religious party Shas and the leftist Meretz bloc, by including other parties.

Such a move, however, would likely reorient the Cabinet politically from center-left to center-right — in Israeli terms a significant shift — and that, in turn, could reduce Israel's readiness to trade "land for peace" in the current negotiations with its Arab neighbors and the Palestinians.

Already this renewal of what Israelis ironically call the "Jewish wars" along the deep cleavage between religious and secular sectors is consuming virtually all of Rabin's energy and diverting the government's focus from both the peace talks and economic reconstruction.

But Rabin, according to Labor

Party officials, feels that he has no choice — the collapse of his last government, albeit 15 years ago, was due to the withdrawal of a religious party from the cabinet over what it saw as the desecration of the Jewish Sabbath.

"Rabin has had it with all this bickering," one longtime confidant said Thursday. "He has virtually concluded that it would be easier for him to resign, forcing this government out with him, and then to start building a coalition all over ..."

"Of course, it won't be the same coalition, its political complexion would be different, its goals would be different."

The ostensible cause of all this trouble is Shulamit Aloni, 63, a veteran civil rights campaigner whom Rabin appointed minister of education and culture to help secure Meretz's support in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. With only 44 seats in the 120-member Knesset, the Labor Party needs partners, and the dovish Meretz bloc brings 12 votes.

Avowedly secularist and decidedly leftist, Aloni has been denounced by Israel's religious right as everything from a "Jezebel" and "a political harlot" to a "stinking offense against God" under Jewish law for her controversial remarks and a refusal to conform to a strict Orthodox Jewish lifestyle.

Aloni advocated the return of the whole Golan Heights to Syria as

You can't make reckless statements as president."

Clinton's running mate, Sen. Albert Gore Jr. (D-Tenn.) said on NBC's "Today" show that swing voters are "eager not to waste their vote."

In Dallas, Perot remained out of sight for the third straight day, leaving it to his press secretary, Sharon Holman, to declare that the campaign was becoming "a two-man race" between Perot and Clinton.

Holman was unable to say whether Perot will make a series of campaign appearances in the final days of the race. Nor could she say whether Perot, who this week berated reporters as "teenage boys," would be available to the press again.

Holman said the campaign is receiving "a huge swell of support" from volunteers. She said that 1,500 people showed up at the Chicago office to offer help and that the Dallas headquarters received more than 10,000 calls offering assistance Wednesday.

Perot has begun airing four 60-second TV ads and seven radio spots. In a half-hour "infomercial" on ABC last night, he described how he built up his computer company, the rescue of two employees from an Iranian jail and his efforts on behalf of POWs.

One 60-second spot seemed to capture the essence of Perot's anti-Washington appeal. It says the federal government "has poured \$100,000 into a study of how to avoid falling spacecraft; \$250,000 to study TV lighting for the U.S. Senate; \$19 million to study gas emissions from cows."

In a 30-minute program to air on NBC Friday night, Perot rebuts the two parties' "wasted vote" argument. "Don't waste your vote on traditional politicians who promise you everything to get elected but never deliver," he says.

part of a peace treaty; she ridiculed Israeli schools for teaching children that the world was literally created in six days, as recorded in the Bible's Book of Genesis, and she suggested that "God" be dropped from prayers for soldiers in recognition of the widespread secularism in Israeli society.

She has also been pilloried in Israel's rightist and religious press for eating non-Kosher food on recent visits to Germany and France, for failing to observe the Jewish Sabbath as a day solely for prayer and family activities and for wearing dresses that showed her forearms and the calves of her legs.

"Shas cannot vote confidence in the government when the no-confidence motion is put on the matter of Shulamit Aloni," Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, the Shas leader, declared this week, acknowledging that Shas can no longer withstand the criticism from other religious parties for its participation in the coalition.

After the vote, Shas under Israeli law "will leave the coalition and the government can no longer exist in its present form," Deri said.

Deri is proposing a deal: If Aloni were replaced as education minister, Shas would stay in the coalition with its six Knesset seats, and the government would survive. He gave Rabin a deadline of Nov. 2, when the Aloni no-confidence vote would come up.

Where the Candidates Stand

Democratic Candidate Bill Clinton

By Ronald Brownstein
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Here is a look at Democratic Gov. Bill Clinton's positions:

Abortion

- Supports the *Roe vs. Wade* decision guaranteeing the right to abortion and says that he would sign the bill pending in Congress to prevent states from barring abortion.
- Promises in his first week in office to rescind the gag order that severely restricts abortion counseling in federally funded clinics.

AIDS

- Promises to fully implement recommendations of National Commission on AIDS.
- Would increase funding for AIDS research, prevention and education, and promises to speed federal approval of AIDS drugs.

Civil Rights

- Supported the Civil Rights Act of 1991, which overturns recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions weakening affirmative action, and promises aggressive efforts to recruit minorities and women into government.

Crime

- Supports the death penalty and has carried out four executions as governor.
- Supports the Brady bill, a ban on assault weapons and a program to buy back weapons, particularly those held by young people.
- Promises to put 100,000 new police officers on the streets through his national service plan (see education) and a program that would allow military personnel to earn up to five years' credit toward their government pension by serving as police officers after leaving the armed forces.
- Says government should provide treatment on demand for addicts, increase anti-drug education efforts in the schools and create boot camps for first-time non-violent drug offenders.

Deficit

- Says that he will cut the deficit by more than half over the next four years — to \$141 billion by 1996. Elements in his package include cutting defense spending \$37.5 billion more than proposed by President Bush over the next four years and assorted additional reductions of \$102.8 billion. Would also raise \$91.7 billion in new personal taxes and another \$58.3 billion in new corporate taxes, primarily by tougher enforcement against foreign companies operating here. Critics say that the plan overestimates the likely revenue from proposed tax changes, particularly those aimed at foreign corporations, and is flawed because it fails to directly address the inexorable rise in entitlement costs.

Education

- Supports public school choice but opposes federal aid (vouchers) for parents sending their children to private schools.
- Would scrap existing student loan program and replace it with a national service trust fund that would allow all students to borrow money for college and then repay it either as a small percentage of income over time or by serving for two years as police officers, child care workers, teachers or some other public servant.

Environment

- Would encourage energy conservation by increasing reliance on natural gas and encouraging recycling through tax incentives and federal purchases.
- Earlier in campaign said that he would support raising fuel efficiency standards for cars to 40 miles per gallon by the year 2000, but described that figure as a "goal."

Foreign Policy

- Generally an internationalist, Clinton has argued that, with the Cold War over, the U.S. global mission should be reoriented toward promotion of democracy.
- Has strongly supported aid to Russia and other Eastern European countries.
- Although statements at the time are somewhat ambiguous, appeared to support the use of force in the Persian Gulf war. Clinton has accused Bush of appeasing Hussein in the years leading up to the conflict and of permitting Hussein's military machine to survive by ending the conflict too quickly.

Gay Rights

- Says that he would end the ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

Health Care

- Promises, within his first 100 days in office, to propose a national health care system providing phased-in universal coverage. Employers would be required to purchase insurance either from private insurers or from new

managed care networks similar to health maintenance organizations; some federal aid would be available in early years to help companies with the cost.

Labor Policy

- Would index minimum wage for inflation.
- Would sign the family and medical leave bill vetoed by President Bush.

Social Security

- Opposes calls for means-testing of Social Security, including proposals to deny full cost-of-living adjustments to seniors, although he did back a one-year freeze as part of a National Governors Association budget resolution in the mid-1980s.

Tax Policy

- Supports a 50 percent reduction in capital gains for entrepreneurs who start a new business and hold it for at least five years, but opposes President Bush's broader capital gains reduction.
- Would provide some tax relief for the middle class but not as much as originally promised. Throughout most of the campaign, Clinton proposed a middle-class tax cut of 10 percent and a phased-in children's tax credit that would be significantly more generous to families with children than the existing dependent's exemption. Now says that taxpayers can take a rate cut or the tax credit but not both.
- Would raise top tax rate to about 36 percent on taxpayers with more than \$200,000 in adjusted gross income, stiffen the minimum tax and impose a 10 percent surtax on millionaires to raise \$20.7 billion annually over the next four years.
- Although many economists are skeptical, says that he would raise \$45 billion over the next four years by toughening tax collection on foreign corporations operating in the United States.
- Would offer companies an investment tax credit to encourage modernizing plants and equipment and would make permanent the research and development tax credit.

Trade

- Endorsed North American Free Trade Agreement but said that he would not sign the treaty unless the United States reached agreement on additional measures to protect American jobs and ensure protection of the environment and worker rights in Mexico; promises to toughen stand against Japan but warns against protectionism.

Independent Candidate Ross Perot

By Jonathan Peterson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Independent candidate Ross Perot has not developed detailed positions on a full range of issues. He has centered his campaign on a plan to eliminate the \$290 billion federal budget deficit in five years through a combination of tax hikes and spending cuts that would reach far into the middle class.

Those steps will make America "pay its own way" in the world and reintroduce what Perot views as common sense to a gridlocked government. In a few select areas, such as research, Perot actually would boost domestic spending to enhance the nation's competitiveness. Overall, he says that his master plan would save \$754 billion in five years, yielding a \$10 billion budget surplus in 1998.

Here are the elements of his five-year plan to eliminate the deficit, which Perot assumes would be implemented 1994-1998; savings are five-year totals:

- **Defense spending cuts:** Defense would be curtailed \$40 billion beyond Bush administration proposals, an additional 1.6 percent annual decline.
- **Domestic discretionary spending cuts:** Agency budgets would be cut 10 percent across the board. "Outdated" programs, such as the Rural Electrification Agency, would be wiped out. Savings: \$108 billion.
- **Social Security cuts:** Perot would save the government \$30 billion by raising taxes for beneficiaries whose income exceeds \$25,000 (\$32,000 for couples) in a move that would affect 18 percent of recipients.
- **Health care cuts:** Perot says that he can save \$142 billion through a not-yet-outlined strategy of cost containment in Medicare and Medicaid.
- **Agriculture cuts:** Federal help for farmers would be scaled back substantially. Overall, restrictions on government support for farmers, designed to reduce federal help for wealthy agriculture businesses, would raise \$17 billion.
- **Domestic spending increases:** Research and development spending would be boosted

By Ronald Brownstein
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Here is a look at President Bush's positions on the issues:

Abortion

- Supports a human life amendment to ban abortion except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the mother is endangered.
- Issued rules that severely limit the ability of medical personnel in federally funded family planning clinics to discuss abortion with patients.

AIDS

- Increased federal funding on AIDS-related activities to \$2.5 billion from about \$1.1 billion.
- Has been criticized by members of the National Commission on AIDS for not moving more aggressively to implement wide-ranging recommendations it issued last September, such as launching a comprehensive AIDS prevention program.

Civil Rights

- Supported and signed landmark law prohibiting discrimination against Americans with physical or mental disabilities.

Crime

- Opposes "Brady bill," which would require a waiting period for the purchase of handguns and increase penalties for crimes committed with a firearm.
- Banned imports of certain semiautomatic assault weapons in 1989 but opposes ban on producing such weapons domestically or on sales of such guns.
- Expanded use of military in efforts to interdict drugs and has nearly doubled spending on federal anti-drug efforts, such as treatment and education.

Deficit

- Has never submitted a balanced budget to Congress; has increased federal domestic spending by 7.3 percent annually, compared with 1 percent annually under President Reagan.
- In the latest budget, he proposes to reduce the deficit from \$290 billion in 1992 to \$182 billion by 1997. In his convention speech, Bush called for an across-the-board cut in income tax rates and a new mechanism that would allow Americans to divert up to 10 percent of their taxes toward deficit reduction; since then he has also proposed new tax cuts for small businesses.

Education

- Supports public school choice and federal

assistance through vouchers for lower- and middle-income parents who want to send their children to private schools.

- Has promoted the establishment of a private non-profit corporation to encourage the development of innovative "model" schools in each congressional district around the nation and has urged Congress to provide \$535 million over three years to help communities develop such schools.

Environment

- Signed extension of Clean Air Act, which Reagan had blocked, but critics say that under pressure from business interests, he has weakened or delayed regulations implementing the law.
- Barred drilling for oil off the coast of New England, southern Florida and most of California for 10 years.
- Opposes legislation to require domestic auto manufacturers to increase their average fuel efficiency from current 27.5 miles per gallon to 40 mpg by 2001.
- Opposed proposals at Earth Summit in Brazil to require industrialized nations to set binding targets for reductions in emission of carbon dioxide, the gas suspected of causing global warming. Also refused to sign treaty aimed at protecting wildlife and its habitat, saying certain provisions threatened patents of U.S. biotechnology companies.

Foreign Policy

- Led worldwide coalition of nations that through military means ended the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait.
- Has been criticized for U.S. policies that aided Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein in the years leading up to the invasion and for ending the war without Hussein being deposed.
- Negotiated agreement with Russia to cut both nations' nuclear arsenals by two-thirds over the next 11 years and eliminate all land-based missiles with multiple warheads. Earlier signed agreement binding all members of NATO and the former Warsaw Pact to limit conventional forces and arms in Europe.
- Convened unprecedented Middle East peace talks between Israel and Arab neighbors.
- Has supported keeping most-favored-nation trade status for China and vetoed legislation to require China to undertake reforms in the wake of the Tiananmen Square massacre.

Gay Rights

- Supports current ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

Health Care

- Seeking market-driven reforms in health system rather than greater government intervention. Along those lines has proposed new tax benefits to help uninsured Americans buy health insurance but has not produced legislation to implement the plan.

Labor Policy

- Signed an increase in the minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$4.25 in 1989 after vetoing proposed increase to \$4.55.
- Twice vetoed legislation requiring many businesses to grant unpaid leaves to workers for the birth of a child or a family illness; initially said such issues should be resolved by labor-management bargaining but last month proposed new tax credits to encourage small companies to grant such leaves.

Social Security, Medicare

- Has exempted Social Security from his proposed cap on entitlement spending; proposes increasing fees for Medicare recipients earning more than \$100,000 annually. Also has suggested that further unspecified cost controls in Medicare could yield substantial additional savings.

Tax Policy

- Signed a five-year, \$146.3 billion tax increase as part of 1990 budget deal, abandoning his "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge of the 1988 campaign.
- Supports broad-based cut in capital gains taxes, with reduction from current 28 percent to 15.4 percent for assets held for three years or more.
- Would make permanent the research and development tax credit.
- Vetoed tax bill this spring containing many of those provisions, as well as a \$42.4 billion middle-class tax cut, because it increased taxes on upper-income families by \$64 billion.

Trade

- Negotiated North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada; proposes to extend free trade zones through Central and South America and into portions of Asia and Eastern Europe.

more than \$45 billion, an extra \$40 billion would go to repairing the nation's infrastructure, \$12.4 billion would be devoted to early childhood development efforts, including full funding of Head Start, and aid to the cities would be increased by \$11.4 billion.

• **Tax hikes and restrictions:** Perot would hike the top income tax rate to 33 percent from 31 percent for individuals earning more than \$55,000 a year and \$89,250 for joint filers. Savings: \$33 billion.

Gasoline taxes would be raised 10 cents a gallon for five straight years, for a total increase of 50 cents, to take in \$158 billion.

The excise tax on cigarettes would be doubled to 48 cents a pack, netting \$19 billion in savings.

Some employer-paid health insurance plans would be taxed as income, to raise \$57 billion. The proposal starts with individuals' premiums valued above \$135 per month and family premiums above \$335 per month.

Mortgage interest deductions would be restricted, with the amount of principal eligible for the tax break shrinking to \$250,000 from \$1 million. Savings: \$16 billion.

Other positions

- **Urban problems:** Perot would push for urban enterprise zones and allow residents of housing projects to buy — and resell — their homes. He would expand drug treatment programs and try to divert gang members to legal enterprises, while also toughening prosecution of gang members and violent criminals.
- **Health care:** He proposes a national health board to oversee reforms and a national health care policy.
- **Abortion:** Perot supports a woman's right to choose, federal funding of abortions for the poor and federal funding of counseling for pregnant women, while also encouraging adoption.
- **Race relations:** Perot seeks a "national commitment on race" to bring Americans together, and places his hope in people's attitudes, political leadership and an improved economy to help the poor.

OPINION

Bill Clinton for President



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For 12 years, the voters have given Republican presidents the opportunity to lead this country toward the 21st century. In most areas, these presidents have failed. The national debt has grown exponentially and growth has slowed to a crawl.

In no uncertain terms, it is time for a change, and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton is the candidate best equipped to effect this change. We therefore endorse Clinton in the Nov. 3 presidential election.

Editorial

In endorsing Clinton, we believe that his vision for this country and his plans to achieve that vision are superior to those of his two opponents, President Bush and Ross Perot.

The proposals and qualifications of the three candidates are outlined elsewhere in this newspaper. In just about every major area, the proposals of Clinton and vice-presidential candidate Sen. Al Gore (D-Tenn.) are the best:

The economy: President Bush has presided over ever-increasing budget deficits and a declining economy; he is categorically unqualified to handle these problems and has demonstrated continued disinterest for the welfare of the American people. Perot deserves commendation for his special attention to the budget deficit, but by many accounts his plan would put the American economy into a tailspin, sending both taxpayers' disposable income and consumption plummeting. Clinton, on the other hand, has balanced the urgency of reducing the deficit with the importance of maintaining investment and growth.

Health care: Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey deserves credit for bringing this issue to the forefront during the Democratic primary season. Bush has approached this crisis by proposing a tax credit for working-class families and "vouchers" for the impoverished. However, both parts of his plan seriously underestimate the costs of health care, and the president has not proposed any action to reduce those costs. Perot has not even begun to approach this crisis. Clinton has a plan to reduce costs while covering virtually every American.

Education: Clinton has proposed an innovative system to deal with the skyrocketing costs of college education. Under his plan, any student may attend any private university at the government's expense, provided the student repays the loans as

a payroll deduction or works for the government for several years after graduation, a civilian analog to the current Reserve Officers Training Corps system. We endorse this plan.

Homosexual rights: Clinton has promised to reverse the ban on gays in the military, including the ROTC.

Foreign policy: Bush has displayed some successes in this area, but his actions reveal a lack of originality, coherence, and direction. His failure to acknowledge human rights concerns in China, support the new democratic governments of Eastern Europe, or confront threatening dictatorships deserves particular condemnation. Clinton and Perot are largely untried in matters of security and international relations, but both Clinton and Gore have addressed the above issues with intellect and courage.

Abortion: We agree with Perot and Clinton that abortion is a matter of personal choice. We further applaud Clinton for his promise to rescind regulations forbidding abortion counseling in publicly-funded clinics.

Supreme Court: A Clinton victory is essential if there is to be any hope of balancing the Supreme Court. After 12 years of Reagan-Bush appointees, the court's opinions do not coincide with those of mainstream America.

Environment: Bush has done precious little to conserve the environment during his term. With the presence of Gore, voters can be confident that the Democratic ticket would make the preservation of our planet a priority.

Character: When it comes to character, Bush has little to be proud of. He has not been completely forthcoming about his role in the Iran-contra affair, nor has he fully explained his administration's dealings with Iraqi president Saddam Hussein prior to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Bush has "waffled" on many issues himself, including "trickle-down" economics and abortion. On the character "issue," we call it a wash.

Clinton's plans are superior to Bush's and Perot's in every major area. We urge voters to vote for the Clinton/Gore ticket on Nov. 3 and end 12 years of misguided Republican leadership.

Next week, The Tech will make its recommendations on the statewide ballot questions.

THIS MODERN WORLD by TOM TOMORROW



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Column on China Showed Ignorance

The quality of *Tech* columns sank to an all-time low with Matthew Hersch's opinion piece ["Have nothing better to do? Overthrow Red China," Oct. 16]. Hersch's article not only demonstrated his ignorance about Chinese affairs, but also managed to be insulting to Chinese as well.

Hersch's offhanded dismissal of China's one billion people as "among the most docile and ignorant people on the planet" is as disrespectful and contemptuous as that Japanese official who characterized American workers as lazy and uneducated. In fact, indicators such as literacy and school enrollment rates show China's population to be among the most well-educated of all developing nations. And although the communist government does control the media and distort the truth, the "masses of rural poor" are by no means entirely ignorant of important events — indeed, most are acutely aware of the economic reforms that are transforming their country today.

Probably even more offensive than Hersch's condescending attitude toward the Chinese is the flippant tone of his suggestion that the United States try to overthrow the Chinese government. Just read the title: "Have nothing better to do?" What are we discussing here? We are discussing the destiny of a country, a culture, a civilization, a people. Hersch's facetious style is entirely inappropriate for the gravity of the issue.

Besides, what right does the United States have to meddle in China's domestic affairs anyway? The idea that America should step in and straighten things out is atavistic, a throwback to pre-Vietnam days when the United

States was still confident in its ability to project its power to the far corners of the globe. The idea that America should step in harks back even further to the nineteenth century notion of Manifest Destiny, by which Americans idealized their imperialism as bringing civilization to savages.

Perhaps Hersch forgets that China's nationalist government, which the United States supported militarily, financially, and diplomatically, fell to the communists because it lacked the support of the "masses of rural poor." Perhaps Hersch is unaware that international protocol these days doesn't allow countries to overthrow other countries' governments on a whim.

Why was this column written in the first place? Certainly not to help the President for-

mulate his foreign policy. I suspect that the author had nothing better to do than overthrow Red China's government in his imagination. In this fantasy world of his, everything is black and white, and overthrowing the evil communist emperor of China is a simple ten step exercise. That's fine if he has nothing better to do. But why does the entire MIT community have to suffer his ignorance and offensiveness? Just because he happens to be on *The Tech's* editorial board?

In the future, *The Tech's* managing board should select its opinion editors not by how voluminous or controversial their opinions are, but by the quality of their commentary. After all, anybody can come up with ignorant and offensive opinions.

Glen H.G. Cheng G

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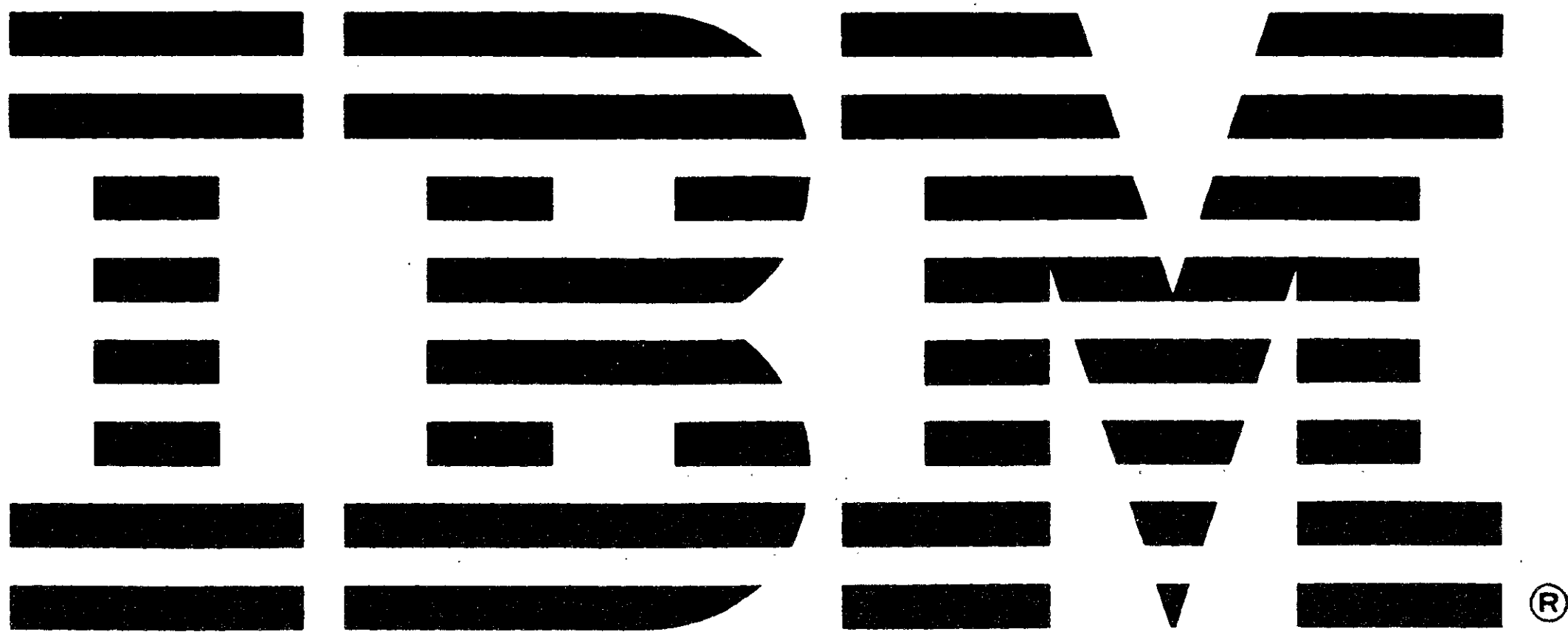
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Students Compete to Be Ugliest Man

By Deena S. Disraeli
STAFF REPORTER

Students began casting their votes for the Ugliest Man On Campus yesterday in Lobby 10. Alpha Phi Omega, MIT's service fraternity, sponsors the annual contest to raise money for charity.

Students vote for the candidate of their choice as many times as they want, or until they run out of change — each vote costs a penny. Candidates run for the title of UMOG, as well as other prizes, which include gift certificates. Despite the contest's title, women can compete as well.

All the money raised by the UMOG contest will be donated to a charity chosen by the winner. This living groups an opportunity to support their particular philanthropic organization, if they have one. In the past, the money raised has been given to a charity designated by APO. Last year the money was

given to City Year, a community service group.

"I think that it's the most important fund-raiser we have during the year. It's important to me to get the student body here at MIT involved, and it's fun. I mean, the point of UMOG is not to put anyone down; the point is to raise money and have fun doing it," said UMOG Project Chair Crystal K. Reul '94.

"A kind of cool thing is people can write in candidates who they think are particularly ugly, either physically or otherwise. Ugliness is not just skin-deep," Reul said. Write-in candidates who receive 200 votes (earn \$2.00) are asked to run, Reul explained.

This year's candidates

As of yesterday, the only declared candidate was Haider A. Hamoudi '93. Hamoudi, a Random Hall resident, hopes to continue a budding dormitory tradition: in the

past four years, Random Hall's candidates have won UMOG three times.

Jeanne A. Thienprasit '95, another Random resident, used her change to vote for Hamoudi yesterday. "He's our house president, and he deserves to win. I mean, he's fully qualified," she said.

Other soon-to-be candidates have not yet picked up their registration forms, but intend to run.

"I've run for UMOG every year I've been here, and I figured why stop now," said Mark S. Rousculp '94, who will be participating in the contest for the third time. Rousculp admitted he was ugly and added, "Even my girlfriend says I'm ugly."

Rousculp ran for UMOG his freshman year because his friends in German House told him to. His sophomore year he ran as a group with Thomas C. Bruno '94 and Christopher M. Montgomery '93. They called themselves "The Bernice."

"It was named after a bonsai tree that one of us had," he said. Rousculp hopes to win at least once before he completes his undergraduate years at MIT. "I should get some

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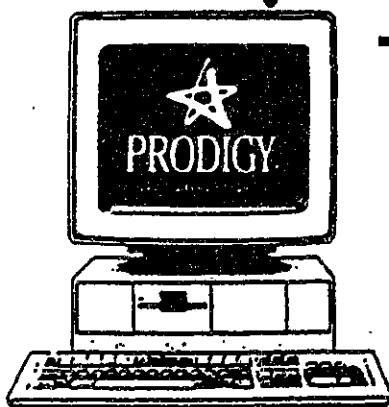
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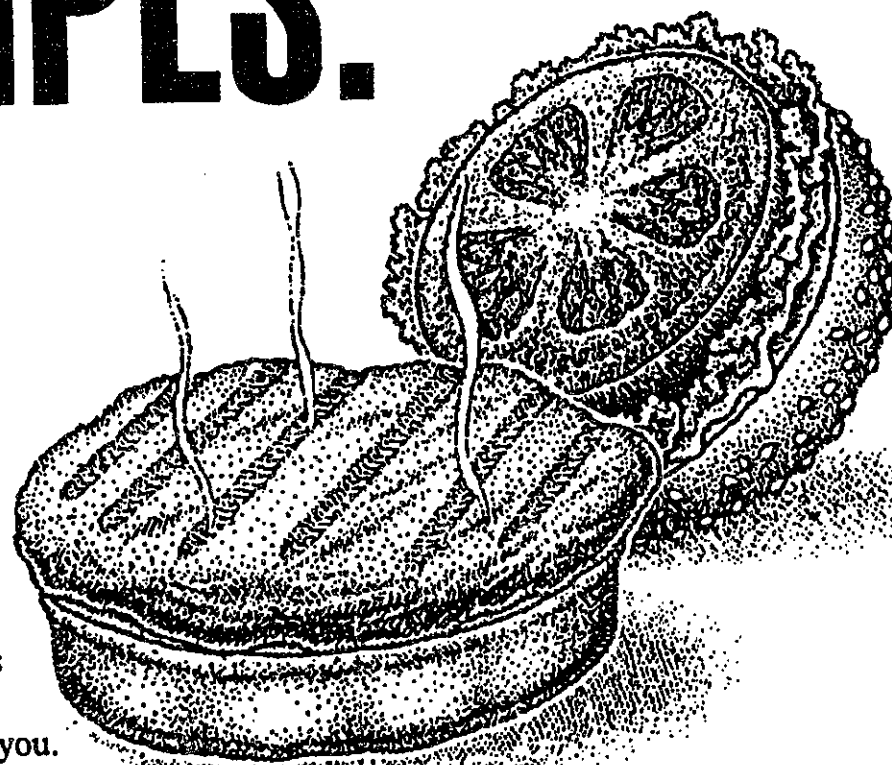
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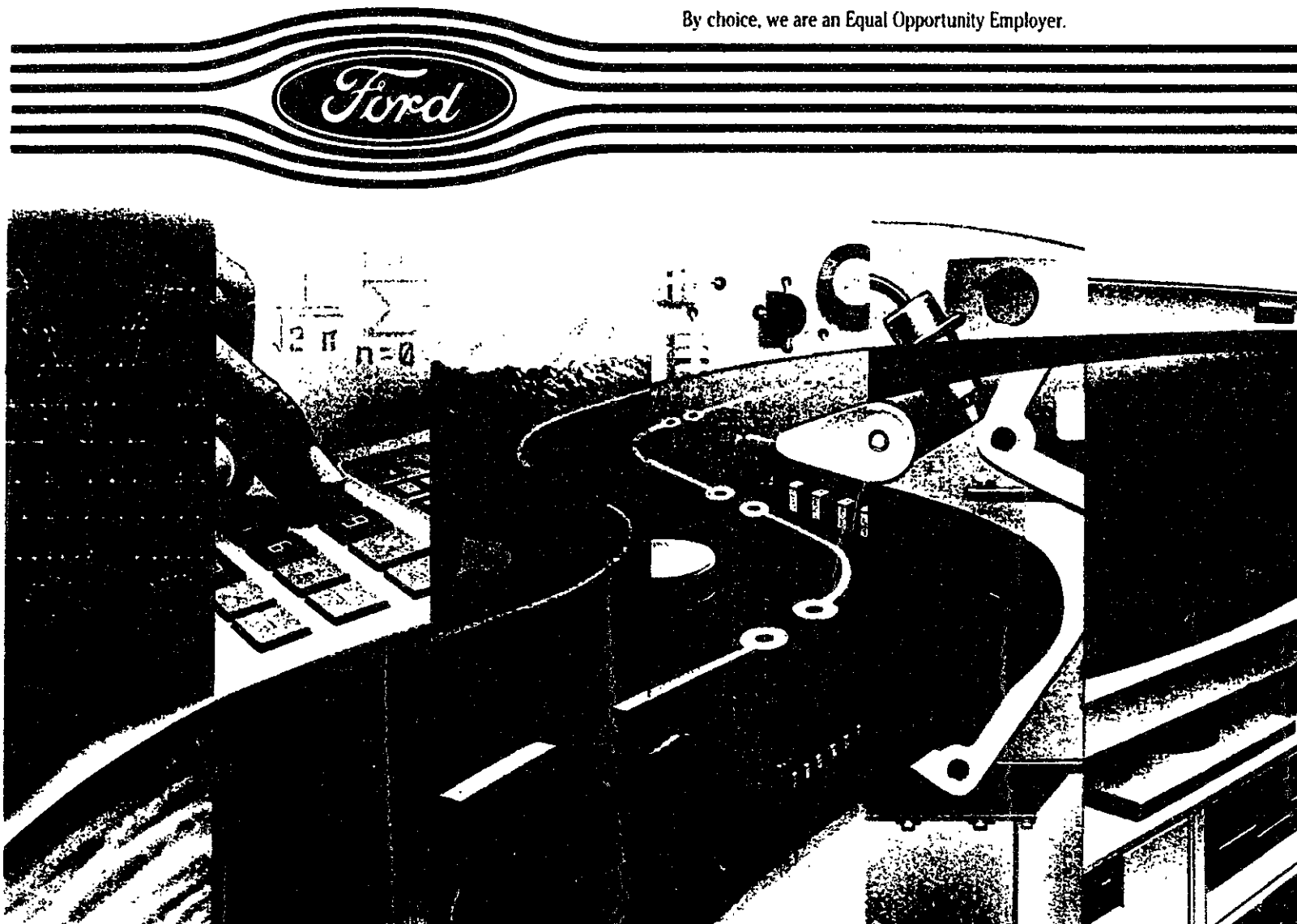
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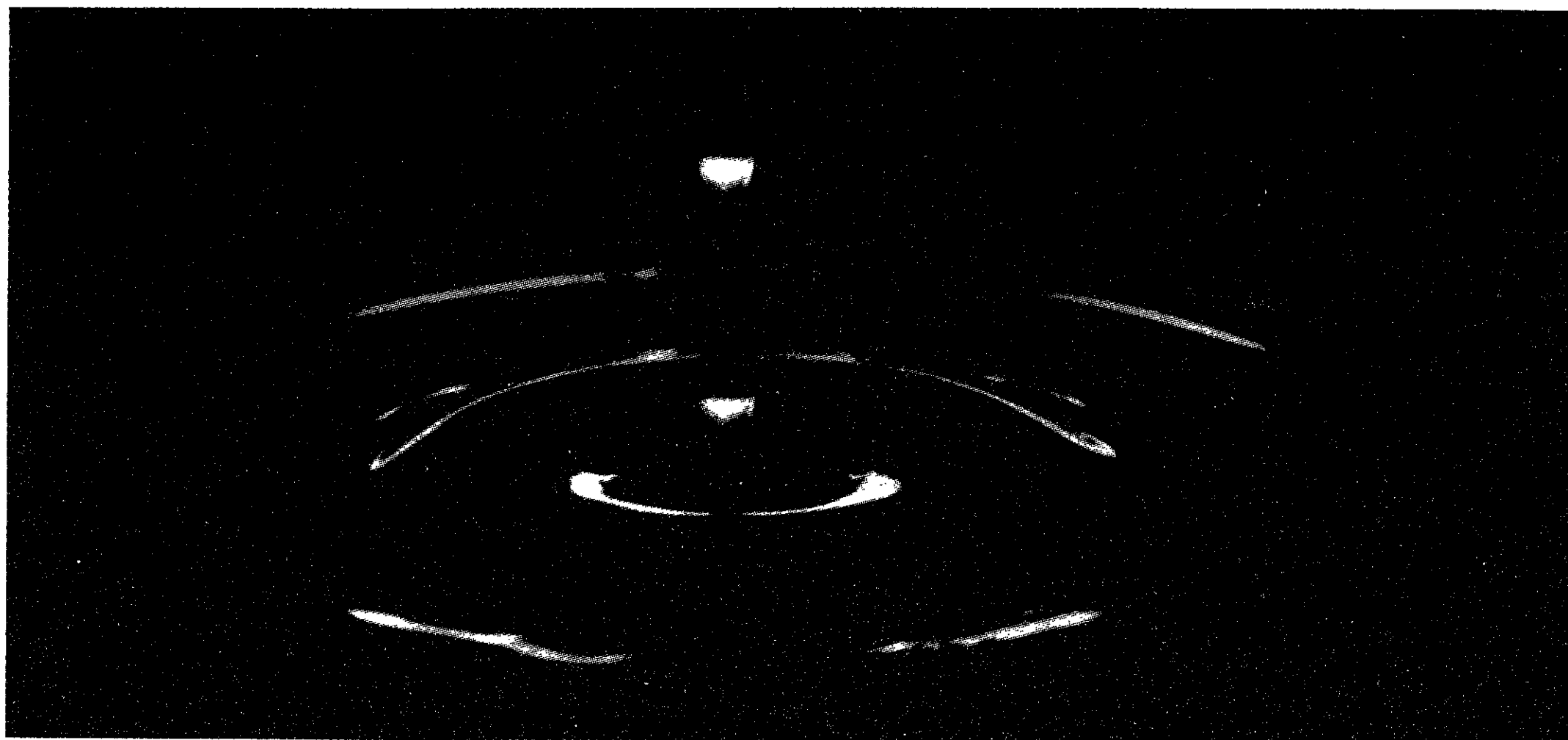
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Students Have Mixed Reactions to Colloquium

Colloquium, from Page 1

of issues and brought about a lot of thoughtful discussion. It may not have been tightly focused, but I don't think it could have been."

"It was just a start on addressing the issue of academic dishonesty and many issues did open up," said Caroline Whitbeck, a senior lecture in mechanical engineering. "I went on to the mechanical engineering discussion group, which got us into a further understanding of the problem. If this was the goal of the discussion, then I would call the colloquium successful. But if you were looking for a free-standing resolution of the issues of academic honesty, you would be disappointed," she added.

Travis R. Merritt, associate dean for student affairs, said, "I thought it went quite well. I was a little disappointed at the undergraduate turnout. My guess would be that six to seven hundred people attended, not all of whom were undergraduates. I think the show was informative, but not electrifying. It could have produced more real argument than it did."

Merritt added that a number of departmental discussions after the discussion at Kresge reported lively discussion.

Vest stresses communication

President Charles M. Vest began the colloquium by introducing the problem of academic honesty as "one of the most important" issues at MIT — an issue that he raised in his inaugural address in 1991. Vest said that he hoped that the MIT community could "gauge this issue together, so that we can all learn from each other."

The colloquium began with alumni panelists presenting their recollections of cheating at MIT.

Shirley A. Jackson '68, panelist and research physicist at AT&T Bell Laboratories, said, "Within the context of the physics department, I don't recall cheating as such as an issue in terms of big scandals. People worked hard on problems sets, and exams were hard to cheat in."

Founder and former president of Digital Equipment Corporation Kenneth H. Olsen '50 said, "The pre-[World War II] scientists were our heroes. Scientists believed in truth. Data was sacred. People had a passion for keeping data no matter how unimportant it was. ...

Democracy depended on integrity; business depended on it. It is important to be able to be trusted."

Panelist Pauline R. Maier, a history professor at MIT, added that during the American Revolution there was a lot of cheating. "Truth was not anybody's monopoly. If someone captured the truth on paper, it wasn't only his. ... What is conceived of as an impropriety does change over time," she said.

Cheating is significant

Interlocutor Robert M. Solow, a Nobel laureate and an Institute professor of economics, asked the panel about the magnitude of the problem of cheating at MIT. "A doctor told me that if you spill a tablespoon of blood on a bathroom floor, it looks like the Texas Chainsaw Massacre. Is that what's going on here?"

Panelists answered that while they could not accurately assess the magnitude of cheating on campus, the proportion of students who do cheat is significant.

Donald L. McCabe, an associate professor of management at Rutgers University, said that the number of American college freshmen who report having cheated as seniors in

high school has increased modestly since 1970. "The problem has been with us for a long time, and it's just a little bit greater than it was before," he added.

"I don't know how much of a problem cheating is on campus, but there is copying of problems on problem sets that you turn in. In the last week, in talking to people on campus, people have indicated that cheating does occur on tests as well. I think it's a problem," said panelist Arun R. Patel '93.

Redwine, who lectured Physics I (8.01) last year, said, "In 8.01, classical cheating is not very easy. Tests are administered so that it is very difficult to cheat during exams."

Panelist David G. Steel G, a member of the Institute's Committee on Discipline, which hears cases on academic honesty, said, "I think that we have a significant problem. There have been flagrant cases [of cheating]. There have been horrific cases of unauthorized collaboration. ... But we have to be careful about our use of the word cheating, as opposed to cutting a corner — like copying a problem set when you have a lot of work due. Cheating is a loaded word, but

cutting those corners progressively gets bigger and bigger."

Emphasizing the importance of trust and honesty, especially in the business world, Olsen said, "Thirteen years ago, there was more honesty in business than in universities or in the church, but our attitudes have changed since then and since the 1980's. But even today, you do business with someone you trust. If you're dishonest in business, people will not do business with you. If you're dishonest, your secretary will know and everybody will know."

Panelists discuss collaboration

Panelist Kelly M. Sullivan '93 said that one of her best experiences at MIT has been learning to work together with others. "In the real world you don't work in a vacuum," Sullivan said, and she stressed that collaboration should not be labeled as cheating.

Steel responded by describing a hypothetical incident in which "Joe" and his friend are brought before the COD because their problem sets are identical. Steel said, "When I ask Joe why his problem set is identical to his friend's he says that he and

his friend collaborated. They worked together on the problem set and they wrote down the same answers. But their problem sets are absolutely identical. Obviously there is more than just collaboration going on."

Sheila E. Widnall '60, panelist and associate provost, said that students who have worked for 20 hours on a problem set feel a "sense of entitlement." In problem sets like computer programs, where the program either works or does not work, the student "wants to capture the moment and benefit from all the work he put into it by copying the right answer," Widnall said.

Maier added a different perspective. "The students here are not only intelligent, but they are reasonable. Even we collaborate. ... If we run into a problem, we go to our colleagues and talk about it. Getting help from other students is not that different from getting help from a TA. If a rule is not being followed, it may be because the rule should not be there. We have to think more carefully about the reasonableness of the rules," she said.

Panelists offer remedies

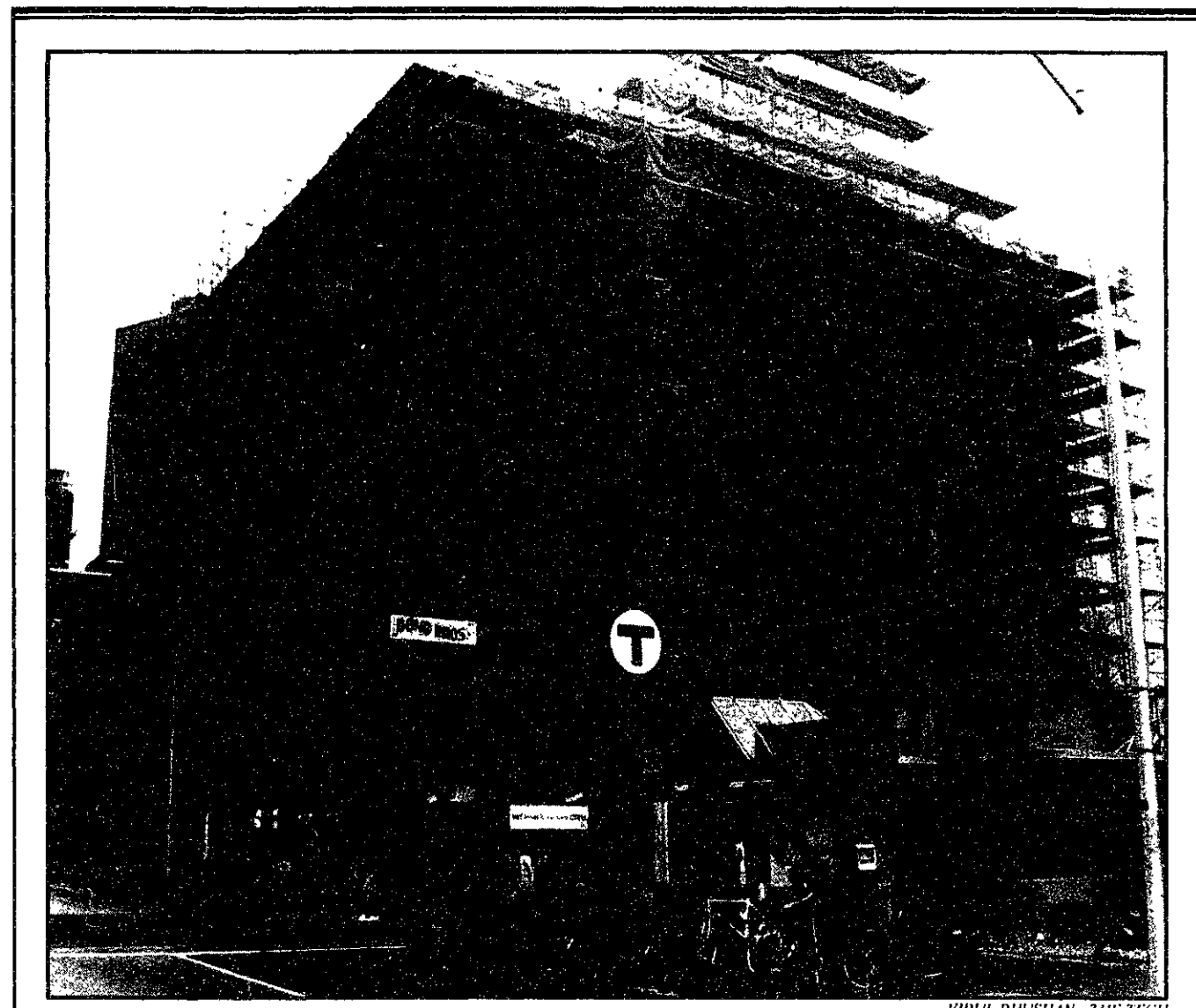
"When you first come to MIT you hear a lot about what house or dormitory to live in and what classes to take, but students don't hear from MIT not to cheat. An academic honesty policy is not ever stated to students from the moment they arrive on campus," Patel said.

Steel said that it is "the responsibility of the Institute to educate students on ethics. We can't expect people to know these things without telling them first."

Sullivan suggested that departments in charge of core curriculum classes work together to spread out the due dates of problem sets, rather than having several assignments due on the same day. She added that departments should also focus on making problem sets relevant to exams.

Margaret H. Marshall, past president of the Boston Bar Association, disagreed, saying that lessening the pressure would not solve the problem.

During the question period, an undergraduate in the audience suggested that problem sets not be graded. Redwine replied that this approach has been tried, but that it is not effective for classes that are geared to problem-solving.



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Dance, Discussions Part of Coming Out Day Activities

GAMIT, from Page 1

the events in general," said Kristen K. Nummendor '93, GAMIT political coordinator, who led the coming out discussion. This discussion focused on the daily challenges of coming out and the idea of the political importance of coming out.

The discussion "Coming Out in Communities of Color" was not as successful, according to Hardy, who organized the discussion. GAMIT sent 700 flyers to all

MIT undergraduate and graduate under-represented minorities emphasizing that the discussion's purpose was to spark awareness in these communities. But fewer than 10 non-GAMIT members participated.

"I was disappointed by the apathy in communities of color. It may be due to a combination of the strongly defined gender roles and the part that religion plays in some ethnic groups," Hardy said.

GAMIT is planning different ways to contact these minority groups in the future.

The group is considering setting up times for GAMIT members to speak to black and Mexican student associations on campus.

Less negative reaction this year

The MIT community as a whole reacted less negatively to this year's week than it has in the past, according to the GAMIT officers. The posters advertising the different events and the drop poster hanging in Lobby 10 remained in place much longer than in other years, they said. Normally, the drop

poster does not stay up for more than one day.

GAMIT officers said this could be because GAMIT's activities, which include National Coming Out Week and Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Days in the spring, have heightened the community's awareness.

Wilhelm was not so sure. "I don't think there is less homophobia on campus. I think people [who do not agree with GAMIT] are just being less active this year."

Students Compete for the Title of 'Ugliest Man on Campus'

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sort of credit for trying to be that ugly that many times," he said.

Douglas B. Quayle '94 is also running for UMOG, representing Sigma Phi Epsilon. "I was nominated [by my house]. I don't believe anyone else in the house wanted to run. I was pretty much the chosen one," he said.

"[Quayle] pretty much got dragged into it by me and some of the other guys in the house. He's being a good sport about it," said

John E. Peichert '94, Quayle's campaign and community relations person. "There's no doubt in our minds that he is the ugliest man on campus and deserves to win," Peichert added.

In the past, students have extended themselves in their campaigning efforts. Last year, a student ran as "The Tick," a comic book character, and wandered around campus in the character's costume.

"I have a campaign pledge to attend a study break at Random Hall dressed as a woman. This one girl

offered to dress me up in her wardrobe, and I agreed if I were to raise \$400 and to win," Hamoudi said. He has also gone around "collecting money from anyone who has it," he said. Additionally, Hamoudi has posted "The Top Ten Reasons to Vote for Haider as UMOG" all over campus.

Peichert plans to poster for Quayle, but said that he has only one main strategy. "We're just going to take him out in public, and we figure once people see him, they too will realize how ugly he is."

Rousculp will campaign this year as he has done in the past: "I will draw some strange posters and stick them in strange places," he said.

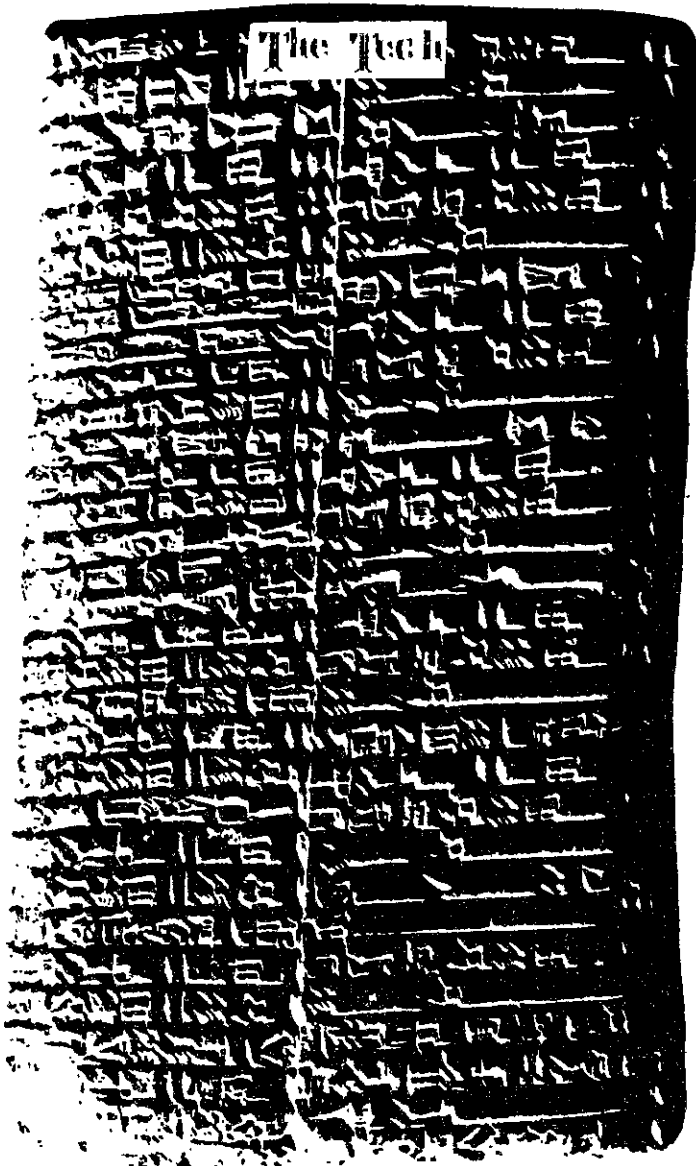
The first UMOG contest was held 39 years ago, when an APO brother proposed the idea and then ran to encourage others to participate. Now APO brothers are not allowed to enter the contest.

Brothers still participate in the contest as vote-takers and ballot-tallies. APO member Ping-Shun Huang '94, who worked during

UMOG last year, said, "Working the UMOG booth can involve fun and intrigue. I'll never divulge who put a \$50 bill into one of the jars last year on the last day — she wanted to stay anonymous."

Voting will continue until Oct. 29. Later that evening the winner will be announced. "A lot of times it comes down to the last day as to who's going to be the winner. ... Sometimes, it's a really close race, kind of fun, kind of exciting," Reul said.

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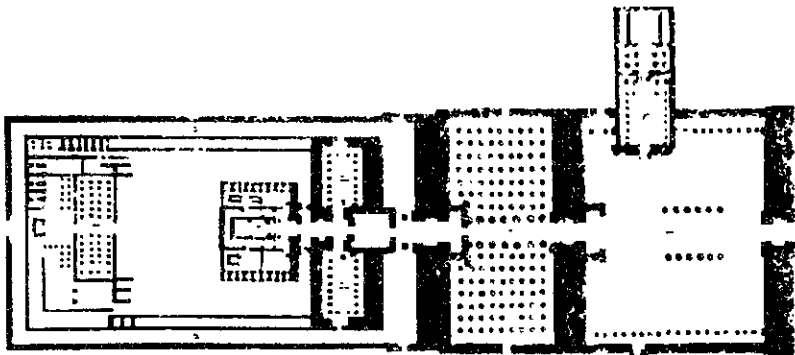


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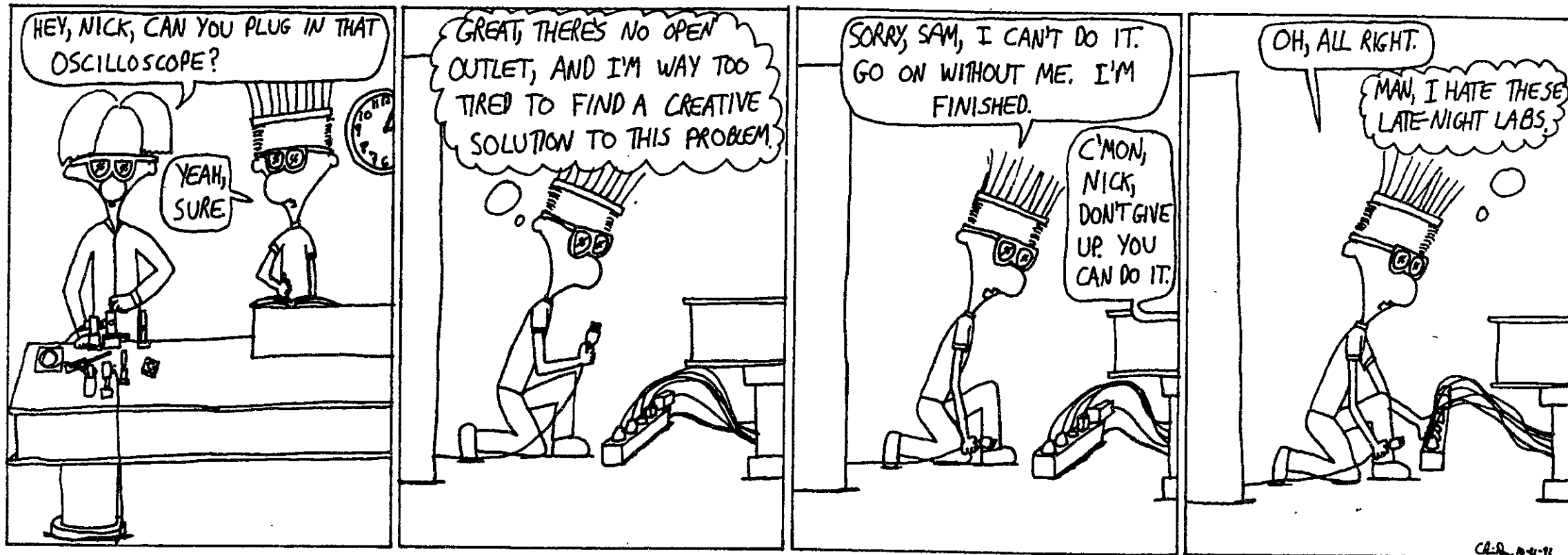
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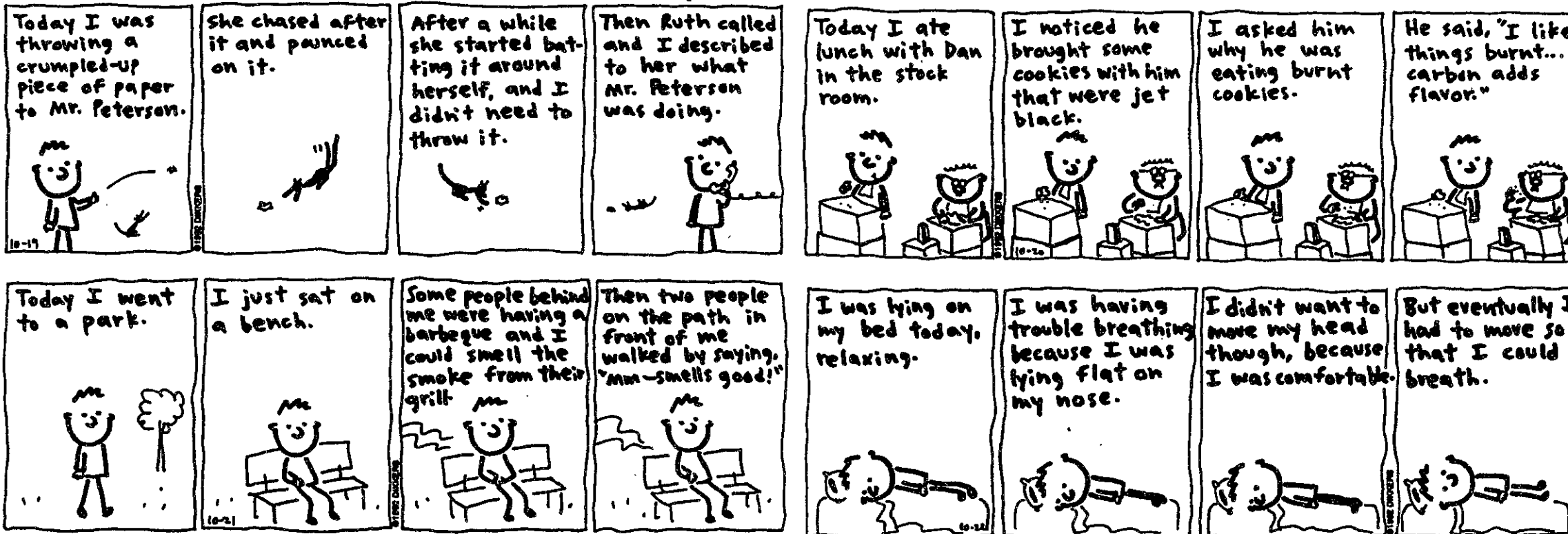
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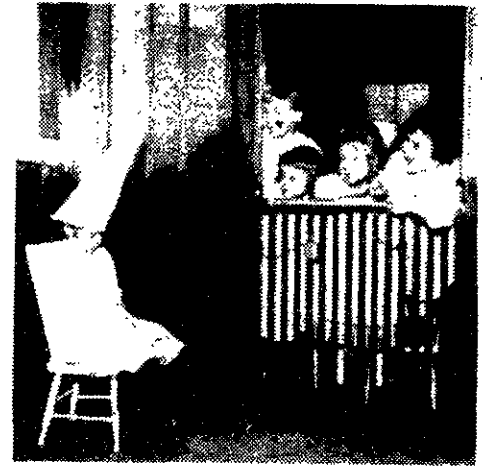
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Payton Drives Off the Track? Sure, and MIT Will Beat Nichols

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3. Matt (Cy) Young, Boston
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VIX's Picks

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Cross Country Team Seeks Title

By Carlos Duran
TEAM CAPTAIN

This weekend the men's cross country team is looking for its second consecutive Constitution Conference title. The race, which is set for 11:30 a.m. at Babson tomorrow, is bound to be a showdown. Two weekends ago on the same course, MIT was upset by two New England Division III teams, Coast Guard and Bentley. MIT is now out to set the record straight.

This year's team is one of the best in years. Leading the team are Ethan Crain '95 and Jesse Darley '95, last year's superfrosh, David Moyle '94, and Jerry Pratt '94. Sameer Raheja '96, this year's top freshman, rounds out the top five,

and he is followed by a strong group from all the classes.

This year's team has enjoyed many successes. Back in September, MIT won the Engineer's Cup for the second consecutive year, trouncing RPI and WPI. A few weeks later in a quadrangular meet, MIT nearly beat Division I New Hampshire, who escaped with a marginal victory. Just three weeks ago, MIT varsity made an impressive showing at the Lemoyne Invitational, finishing third. At that meet, MIT junior varsity took the team title for the second year in a row.

Then MIT suffered its first setback of the season at Babson. The race started out well, with the top three runners in the lead pack. It

seemed as if MIT was going to rout the other teams. After the second mile, however, things changed. It seemed as though the slow pace of the race had sucked the top pack back in. MIT's top three maintained their positions in the top six, but behind them the number four and five guys were back in the pack, and victory slipped out of MIT's grasp.

In this up and down season, which has seen the loss of the team captain and a good freshman to season-ending injuries, MIT remains a top contender for the New England Division III championship. The team will need extra determination, desire, and confidence, starting with this weekend's Constitution Conference Championship.

Taunting, Stupid Stats, and Racing

Column by Mike Duffy and Andrew Heltner

SPORTS COLUMNISTS

The days of the Fun Bunch, Sack Dance, and Ickey Shuffle seem so distant since the owners have made celebrations illegal in the N(o) F(un) L(cague). We'd like to see a repeal of the taunting rule both in pro and college ball. While the college players would be more entertaining, who wouldn't want to see Coach Mac do the cabbage patch when the Pats register their first W?

As if we didn't know already, money talks in boxing. Tony 'My Butt Fits in Two' Tubbs was arrested a few nights before his heavy-weight 'bout' last Thursday. He was released on bail, won his fight, and now claims to be on the road to the title. Seriously. We hear that, because of the insignificance of his priors, the Miami Hurricanes are looking to make him an offensive lineman on their football team...

Ask any one of your math professors about the statistical insignificance of conclusions drawn from a sample of six data points out of a population of 600. Yet, CBS announcers seem to stress the importance of a post-season .333 hitter versus a post-season .167 hitter, when the two guys are 2 for 6 and 1 for 6 respectively and each batted .300 during the season. Even Arthur 'Auto' Mattuck could eventually get at least 2 hits in any 6 at bats...

It's too early to call, but the skeptics are wondering if Eric Lindross will be the Herschel Walker of the NHL. Single-handedly, Lindross has transformed Quebec from the cellar-dwellers to the front runners in the Adams division, while Philly remains stagnant in the middle of the Patrick...

You heard it here first. George Brett will retire from baseball this winter. He collected his 3,000th hit in the final weeks of last season, just built a new house in Overland Park, KS, his wife is due in February, and he has a guaranteed front office job for life with the Royals. The man, a lock for the Hall of Fame, simply has nothing left to prove (besides, the Royals are in no jeopardy of winning the Series this century)...

We dug up an NFL stat that does not have either the Patsies or Seadoves on the bottom. In the past 11 games, the Rams have gone 0-11 in the coin tosses. Those are 2,048 to 1 odds, or the equivalent of Don King holding an 'Integrity in the Workplace' seminar...

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1. Mike Mussina, Baltimore
2. Roger Clemens, Boston

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Men's Rugby Stays Unbeaten
With Win over Beacon Hill

By Darryn Waugh
TEAM MEMBER

The men's rugby club extended their unbeaten start to the fall season to five matches with a victory over Beacon Hill B-team on Saturday.

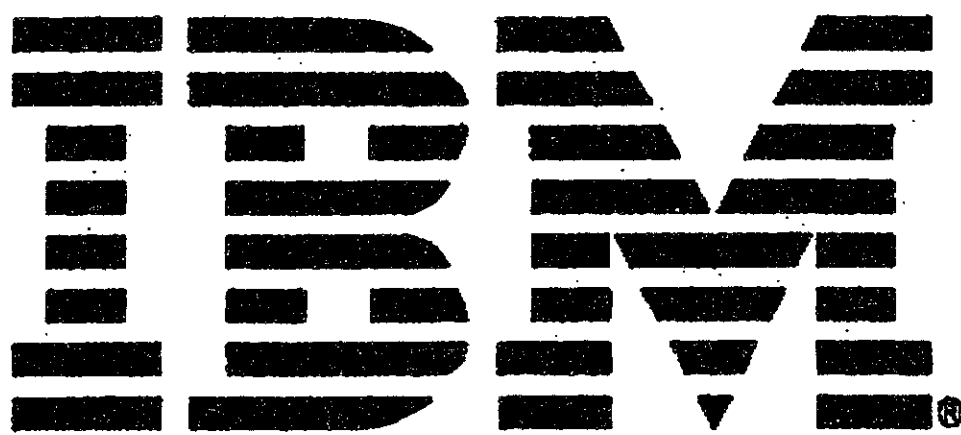
In their best game of the season, MIT came back from a 13-8 deficit at the interval to defeat the previously unbeaten Beacon Hill team 34-18.

In a very competitive first half, both sides played good rugby and the lead changed hands several times. Beacon took an early lead with a converted try, but MIT came back with try by Ben Paul '88. Chris Perry G added the conversion and a penalty goal to put MIT in front. That lead was short lived as Beacon Hill came back again and scored a converted try and penalty goal to take a 13-8 lead going into the inter-

val. In the second half, MIT came back and dominated their opposition, scoring four tries to one.

The entire forward pack had good games, and won good ball for the backs. Yves Kissenpfennig '95 was again outstanding, and was well supported by second rowers Cary Hill and William Buckland G. In the second half, tries were scored by Inpachelvan Vithiananthan '88, Ben Paul '88 (his second of the game), Cary Hill, and Chris Perry G (after strong running by Mark Johnson G).

The next matches are New England Graduate School League matches against BC Law Saturday starting at 1 p.m. on Briggs Field. A win will guarantee MIT the inaugural New England Graduate School League championship.



Will be on campus for an Information Day

Tuesday, October 27, 1992

Job opportunities in Multi-Media

- Computer Science background with C language skills.
- Familiarity with Multi-Media, GUI end-user applications and a desire to work in this area
- DSP coding and design, OS/2 and PM or Windows helpful but not required.

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