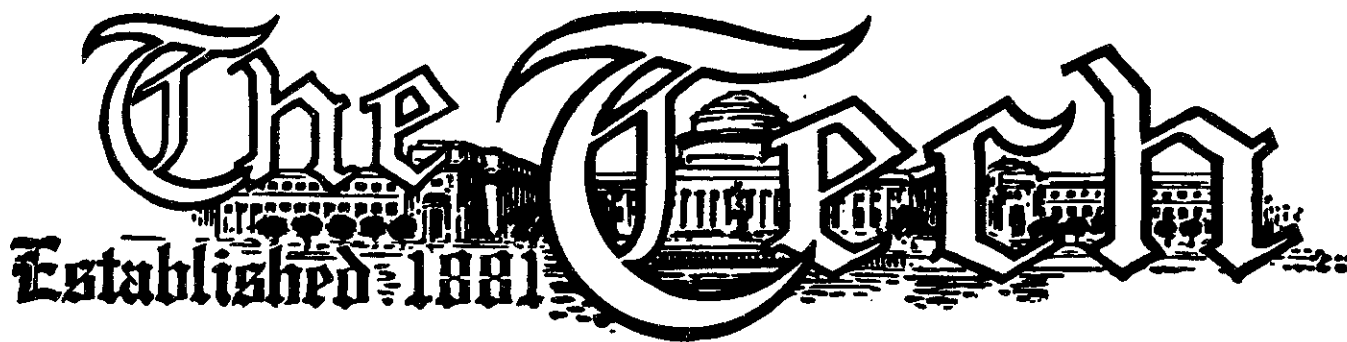


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The fugitive Simon (Jon Nuquist) and the widow Cynthia (Kristin Hughes) gaze deeply into each other's eyes as Cynthia's startled housemaid (Francine Davis) looks on in *The MIT Community Players' presentation of The Real Inspector Hound*. The play's final performances will be held this weekend in the Sala de Puerto Rico.

Stab Victim Faced Wait For Treatment

By Hyun Soo Kim
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

On Nov. 20, John P. Olynk '94, bleeding from knife wounds to the back and lower waist, had to wait 20 minutes to be taken to Massachusetts General Hospital for treatment after an initial check-up at the MIT Medical Center.

Olynk and Sean C. Chappe '94, both members of Delta Kappa Epsilon, were stabbed when they tried to eject eight males suspected of stealing from their fraternity party. The suspects, who are not affiliated with MIT, are still at large.

Olynk, whose shirt was already soaked with blood, and Chappe, who was also stabbed but was no longer bleeding, were driven to the

MIT Medical Center by Brian F. Brown '93, another DKE member. "We were in a pretty panicky mood. The driver was screaming at them to open up [the door to the medical center]. It seemed like a long time before they came down. A [Campus Police officer] came down in an elevator to bring us up," Chappe said.

Olynk checked into the MIT Medical Center at midnight, according to medical center records. MGH records show that Olynk checked into the emergency room there at 12:33 a.m.

An MGH security officer said the commute from MIT to the hospital should take seven to 10 min-

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Tewhey Revises Order To Evict 6 From Dorm

By Brian Rosenberg
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Six MacGregor residents received a last-minute reprieve from an order requiring them to move out of MacGregor by Dec. 1 for performing a variety of "inappropriate behaviors," the most notable of which was throwing water balloons. While two of the six will have to move in January and two others remain under investigation, the others will be allowed to remain in MacGregor.

The six students received letters in the third week of November informing them they would have to move out of the dormitory. In response to the order, they met with Dean for Residence and Campus Activities James R. Tewhey, Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith, and several other administrators. The students felt these meetings had little effect, however.

Tewhey said he changed his

decision to move the students when "some additional information became available to us on Nov. 30, ... primarily through students involved in the situation."

John K. Dorton Santiago '94 was one of those students. "I admitted to throwing one water balloon, but I also told [Tewhey] I had stopped when I received a complaint about it."

Jose E. Ledesma '94 also said he met with Tewhey on Nov. 30. "I said that I was involved, but I didn't say to what extent. I think [Tewhey] has the impression that I threw a balloon, but in fact all I did was fill one up," he said.

Ledesma also emphasized that the balloon-throwing incident was provoked. "We were watching TV, and we heard someone say, 'Vigilantes suck!' or some similar taunt. We didn't know who said it, but we did know where it came

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New EECS Guide Brews Controversy

By Eric Richard
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A change in the way the *Undergraduate Guide to Course VI* collected its data this term has led administrators to warn students that the information contained in the guide may not be comparable to past year's data. The change has also caused considerable confusion among the *Undergraduate Guide*, Course VI administrators, and producers of the *Course Evaluation Guide* about the role of each in the evaluation process.

In an effort to give students more time to answer the open-ended questions about each course, Sourabh A. Niyogi G, editor in chief of the *Underground Guide*, decided not to distribute the CEG "bubble

forms" along with other class evaluation materials.

Instead, the written forms listed seven of the approximately 30 questions on the CEG machine-readable forms, including those used to rate the overall subject quality, lecturer quality, recitation quality, class difficulty, and average number of hours per week required by the course. Like the CEG forms, the questions asked students to rank each course on a scale of one to seven. However, the scale for the Course VI guides were more extreme, asking students whether each class was the best or worst they had ever taken.

This change caused a stir as people questioned the comparability of these statistics to those of previous

years. In a letter distributed to all electrical engineering and computer science undergraduates, EECS Professor Leonard A. Gould '48, undergraduate officer for Course VI, explained, "The changes may make it difficult to compare this term's results with those from previous terms. This should be kept in mind when reading the *Undergraduate Guide*."

"You might argue that [the results] would be a little bit different," said Niyogi. "But we wanted to spread the distribution curve out."

The average response to the CEG forms is almost always between a 4.5 and a 5.5, and by relabeling the extremes of the one-

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Week of BSU's Kwanzaa Activities Called Successful

By Nicole A. Sherry
STAFF REPORTER

Leaders of the Black Students' Union called last week's Kwanzaa activities a success for drawing together members of all ethnic groups from MIT and outside communities to celebrate black culture.

The Kwanzaa week was first celebrated in America in 1966. "It was started as a way for

African people to celebrate their heritage here in the United States and tie it back to Africa," said Rondell L. Milton '93, who co-chaired the week's activities.

The Kwanzaa activities at MIT have enjoyed rising popularity over the past four years. Average attendance at this week's activities was between 30 to 40 people, with more and more people coming each day, organizers said.

However, the organizers said they did not judge the week's success by the attendance numbers. "If only a few people come and

everybody benefits, then we consider it a success," said Malik A. King '95, a member of the executive board of the BSU.

"It is sort of a family celebration. A small group was fine and a large group was fine as well," Milton said.

Although the majority of those attending the Kwanzaa celebration were members of MIT's black community, the organizers encouraged members of other ethnic groups and people from outside MIT to take part, and said they will work to do so again next year.

"It is very interesting and a good learning experience for everyone," said Milton. "It was open to anyone. We [the BSU] just happened to be hosting it and putting it together."

An event each day

The activities ran for seven days, and each day was guided by a different principle expressed by a word in Swahili, the most widely spoken African language. At the start of each day's activities, celebrants performed a traditional ceremony, which was followed by a dinner, usually catered by a black-owned restaurant. The day's event followed.

The theme on the first day was *umoja*, or unity, and participants gathered in a circle and shared personal experiences. On the second day, which focused on *kugi-shagulia*, or self-determination, black poets and writers read their works to the group. People from MIT and Cambridge spoke about volunteer opportunities in the area on the third day, which celebrated *ujima*, or collective work and responsibility.

On the fourth day, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Cardinal Warde and an MIT alumnus each spoke about their experiences with starting a business to celebrate *ujamaa*, or cooperative economics. The fifth day, reserved for *nia*, or purpose, was marked by a percussion jam session.

The sixth day drew the largest crowd, which came to celebrate *kuumba*, or creativity. Performances included a South African boot dance by two MIT students, a production by Movements in Time, an MIT-based modern African jazz group, and another by DIVA, a singing group from Boston. The week closed out with *imani*, or faith, observed through a discussion about community empowerment that was heavily attended by people from outside

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This is the last scheduled issue of *The Tech* for 1992. *The Tech* will be published on three Wednesdays during the Independent Activities Period: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, and Jan. 20. Advertising for these issues is due Monday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. Regular Tuesday-Friday publication will resume on Jan. 29.

WORLD & NATION

Riots Sweep Across India

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW DELHI, INDIA

Communal riots swept across India Monday, killing more than 200 people and injuring hundreds more, in response to the destruction of a mosque by rampaging Hindus in the north Indian town of Ayodhya on Sunday.

The escalating violence, which has rocked Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's government, also spilled over into India's neighboring states as angry Muslims in Pakistan and Bangladesh attacked Hindu temples and Indian embassies in retaliation for what they perceive as a vicious attack on Islam.

Stonings, stabbings, police shootings, bombings and arsons were reported Monday throughout India as mobs attacked police stations, temples, mosques, shops and buses. Sunday night, the Indian army was called out to help restore order in Bombay, where fierce street battles left 41 dead and closed the stock market, and in Calcutta, where at least four people were killed and more than 100 arrested. Countrywide more than a thousand people were arrested.

Most of the deaths occurred when police fired on frenzied crowds in an effort to quell the disturbances, which threaten to spiral out of control. It appeared that many of the incidents were concentrated in urban Muslim neighborhoods.

The razing of the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya and the violence it precipitated have left India's major political parties in disarray. Parliament was forced to adjourn Monday when bedlam broke out in the chamber with competing shouts for Rao's resignation and calls for banning the main opposition party, the Bharatiya Janata Party, the prime organizer of the march on the mosque.

What began as a peaceful religious demonstration degenerated into a riot Sunday when BJP leaders lost control of their followers who stormed the mosque with hammers, picks and shovels for five hours, reducing the stone building to rubble as security forces watched.

Amid calls for his arrest, BJP leader L.K. Advani resigned as opposition leader in Parliament's most influential house, saying in a statement that he felt moral responsibility for the incident. On Sunday, the central government dismissed the BJP-run government of Uttar Pradesh state, where Ayodhya is located, for failing to save the mosque.

The government Monday banned fanatic religious groups, and Rao promised that his government would rebuild the mosque and prosecute BJP party leaders responsible for the destruction.

Clinton Outlines Economic Priorities

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President-elect Clinton, fresh from a month of skull sessions devoted largely to economic questions, warned Monday that short-term improvements in the business cycle should not mask "long-term trends" that have undermined the nation's economy.

And he outlined an agenda — topped by health care reform, along with job training, deficit reduction and reduced dependence on foreign oil — to deal with "problems ... that have been coming onto us for 20 years."

Clinton glossed over signs that the nation's economy is emerging from the stubborn sluggishness that helped him to victory last month. "We may or may not be coming out of our recession. There are some good indicators that we are," he said. He spoke only passing of his intention to offer a "short-term ... economic program" after his inauguration Jan. 20.

Instead, in a brief economics lecture at a working-class college in Chicago, Clinton focused on trends like the decline of manufacturing and the rising cost of government debt. Again and again, he cited soaring health care costs as perhaps the gravest trouble.

"If I could wave a magic wand tomorrow and do one thing for this economy, I would bring health costs in line with inflation and provide a basic (insurance) package to everybody," he said. "Because eight years from now that would create more money for people to invest in their children's education and business to invest in the plants and the production and the jobs of the future."

It was Clinton's first extended public discussion of economic priorities since Election Day. His remarks showed none of the urgency about immediate spending programs to create jobs — a possible deficit monster — that flared periodically in his campaign rhetoric. A vigorous growth rate, announced last month, and the falling unemployment rate, seem to have given him a gift of calm.

Raising his gaze to the longer view, he detailed his belief that energy and education policies are crucial to economic growth. "We spend too much money on other people's energy," he said, when the nation should be increasing energy efficiency and using more natural gas.

WEATHER

Sunny, Dry, and Cold

By Michael Morgan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

It seems as if we never get the right ingredients for a snow event in Boston. Actually we do, but they never occur simultaneously. Consider last week's events: lots of moisture, but no cold air. Well the cold air has arrived and it looks as if it will be around for the next several days. Clouds and precipitation will likely arrive late Thursday before the cold starts to exit.

Today: Mostly sunny and continued cold. High 27-31°F (-3 to -1°C).

Tonight: Clear and cold. Low 17°F (-8°C).

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and cold. High 29-33°F (-2 to 1°C). Low 17°F (-8°C).

Thursday: Increasing clouds with snow developing late. High 35°F (2°C). Low 27°F (-3°C).

U.S. Envoy Tells Somalia's Warlords Not to Interfere

By Keith B. Richburg

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

A U.S. envoy warned Somalia's feuding warlords Monday to keep their guns away from Mogadishu's port and international airport when U.S. forces disembark at dawn Wednesday to restore order in this hungry and long-suffering city.

Robert Oakley, a former ambassador here now serving as the military special envoy for the Somalia operation, held a closed-door meeting with relief agencies at the U.N. compound here, and afterwards told reporters that American forces are coming to save starving people and not to do battle with Somalia's warlords.

"We hope it will remain a humanitarian operation all the way through, because the purpose is to protect deliveries of relief supplies, relief workers and relief recipients," Oakley said in remarks quoted by the Associated Press.

Sources familiar with Oakley's private meeting with relief groups said the envoy outlined plans for the initial stages of the military operation, which is expected to begin early Wednesday morning local time (late Tuesday night EST) with a landing by some of the 1,800 Marines now on three amphibious assault ships offshore. About 28,000 U.S. troops are slated to arrive in Somalia over the next five weeks and White House officials say they hope to begin withdrawing them soon afterwards.

The imminent arrival of U.S. forces here was heralded Monday by two Navy F-14s streaking over the city at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, prompting cheers from Somalis who ran outside their homes to watch. The aircraft were dispatched from the carrier *USS Ranger* to take pictures of Somali military forces in the city and also as a message to would-be challengers, according to Pentagon officials in Washington.

The Marines' initial task will be to secure Mogadishu's port and airport, both of which then will then need major engineering improve-

ments before troops and equipment can begin arriving in bulk from the United States, *Washington Post* staff writer John Lancaster reported in Washington. Senior Navy officials said most of the construction work will be done by 1,240 Navy Seabee combat engineers who will arrive along with 550 pieces of heavy equipment over the next four weeks.

The Navy already has flown nine Seabees to Mogadishu with orders to fix the airport runway lights so flights can begin into the country on a 24-hour basis, the officials said.

Relief agency officials who attended Oakley's briefing said the envoy warned them not to approach the port or airport with armed security guards once the American forces land. They said Oakley also intends to pass that same message later this evening in meetings with the two major warlords, Ali Mahdi Mohamed, and Mohamed Farah Aided.

In Washington, a senior official said Oakley's job will be both to inform the warring leaders of what the U.S. forces intend to do and how, and also to offer reassurances that the United States does not intend to try to impose a political solution on the African nation.

Oakley was leading a team of U.S. officials from the State and Defense departments, including Brig. Gen. Frank Libutti, who has been commanding U.S. humanitarian airlift operations into Somalia, Pentagon and White House officials said.

One source who attended the briefing said Oakley did not intend to enter into negotiations with the two warlords, but rather would be informing them of American military intentions and advising them to withdraw all their gunmen from the port and airport to avoid possible hostilities. He said the United States would give the warlords a deadline to withdraw their gunmen before U.S. forces arrived, and that any armed men seen at the sites after the deadline would be considered hostile.

In the initial phase, the U.S. forces will follow rules of engagement allowing them to fire on any hostile forces in self-defense, said the sources who attended Oakley's briefing.

The envoy's blunt message appears to mark a tough, no-nonsense approach aimed at breaking the current cycle of extortion in which relief groups and even U.S. peace-keepers in Somalia have become veritable hostages to armed thugs selling "protection" and demanding a cut of relief aid.

When a contingent of 550 Pakistani peace-keeping troops came here in September under a U.N. mandate to secure the city's port and airport, the Pakistani group's leader quickly became involved in constant negotiation with Somalia's armed militias over how they would be deployed and over how many Somali gunmen would be put on the U.N. payroll to help "protect" the Pakistanis. After initially negotiating for several hundred Somali helpers, the United Nations has ended up bankrolling close to 2,000 armed thugs, and the Pakistanis have still not been deployed at the port, over two months after their arrival.

When the Bush administration announced 10 days ago that it was willing to send up to 30,000 U.S. combat troops here to protect and deliver food aid, Somalia's main clan leaders saw it as another opportunity to negotiate for jobs and cash for their militiamen. But the Americans appear to be signaling early on that they will launch the U.S. intervention with an immediate show of force and a tough no-weapons policy in the areas under U.S. control.

Several aid group officials and some Somalis had been complaining before Monday that the U.S. military had not consulted them about their intention. Some were concerned about the status of their own gunmen and security guards, which have become a necessity for a short trip around this violent capital.

Weapons Merchants Fall On Hard Times in Somalia

By Dele Olojede

NEWSDAY

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Hard times have come to the weapons bazaar tucked away in a dusty four-block neighborhood in the western section of this broken city, where rows and rows of carefully polished rifles and grenade launchers glint in the blinding sun.

On the eve of the expected arrival of the first wave of U.S. Marines heading here to help restore order to a desperately hungry and chaotic country, the price of a Soviet-made AK-47 assault rifle or an American M-16 has fallen by at least a third, from the going rate last week of about \$100. Apparently many of the well-armed men roving city streets have concluded that weapons may no longer be an advantage when U.S. forces land.

"It's because of the Americans," said Abdullahi Elme, 25, who rents his battered truck and the services of three gunmen to anyone needing "protection" here — and that includes almost everyone who doesn't carry a gun.

The change in fortune for the weapons merchants continues a noticeable shift in the atmosphere.

Relief agencies moved hundreds of tons of grain to distribution centers Monday for the second day in a row, as the warring, clan-based factions further relaxed a monthlong embargo on food shipped into Mogadishu port. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the largest non-governmental organization operating in the country, unloaded about 300 tons of grain from a ship off Mogadishu. The shipment was good for a day's needs at the agency's feeding centers around the city, and Tuesday it is expected to bring in more.

"We nearly ran out of food," said a Red Cross official. "If troops come and open the ports, then our lives would be much easier."

After hours of delay Monday at Mogadishu port, the American relief agency CARE successfully trucked out about 800 tons of wheat, for a total 1,200 since Sunday. The delay arose after a faction controlling the port demanded another grain payoff in exchange for safe passage.

"They usually take about 20 tons," said P.S. Sandhu, the port coordinator for CARE, who explained that the gunmen had been paid the day before and the process

had to be repeated. Just getting food from here to there throughout Somalia requires complicated negotiations to secure consent of rival clans along the route.

Asked what exactly the problem was, "Lieutenant" Jama Mire of the so-called port militia spoke in the indirect manner in which business is conducted here.

"There is something to be given," Mire said, spreading his long arms in an impatient arc. An official later said the militia was appropriately "pacified," hence the successful late-afternoon shipment.

When the Marines come, they will find a nervous and exhausted city in which almost no one expects more than token resistance, if any.

The country collapsed last year after the despot Mohamed Siad Barre was forced from power and the various clans that opposed him turned on one another. The resulting war complicated a perennial drought and transformed it into full-scale famine that so far has killed 300,000 people. Hundreds continue to die daily, mostly in the more populous southern half, which includes Mogadishu and its surroundings.

Supreme Court Denies Review Of Mississippi Abortion Case

By Joan Biskupic
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

One week after it reaffirmed a woman's basic right to abortion, the Supreme Court Monday effectively made it easier for states to impose waiting-periods and other restrictions on women who want to end their pregnancies.

The court's one-sentence order denying review of a Mississippi case set back abortion-rights activists, who now will have more difficulty challenging state abortion restrictions. It also opens the door for a new era of litigation as the courts define when a woman faces an "undue burden" — the court's new legal standard — in trying to obtain an abortion.

Equally important, Monday's order implies that once an abortion restriction is upheld in one state, other states may implement it unless individual cases can be made that it infringes on a right to abortion. Some constitutional experts say this

signals a change because most abortion laws since 1973 came to the Supreme Court under general challenges soon after they were enacted.

Instead of fighting an abortion law when it is passed, women would have to submit to state regulations and challenge laws only after gathering evidence of their potential infringement on the right to abortion, according to abortion rights activists.

In Monday's dispute, the court let stand a Mississippi requirement that women seeking abortions in one of the state's three clinics first be told about maternal health risks and fetal development, then wait 24 hours.

Mississippi officials argued that the required abortion counseling and waiting period is necessary so that women are able to fully understand the medical risks of abortion, compared with childbirth, and to know the age of the fetus.

But the physicians who challenged the law contended that the

requirement was too onerous for poor women who must travel long distances to abortion clinics. The effect of Monday's order "is women who saved up their nickles and dimes, saved up their sick-days, will have to go twice (to a clinic) or stay over night," said Rachael N. Pine, a lawyer with the Center for Reproductive Law & Policy in New York, who represented three Mississippi doctors who challenged the law.

The Mississippi waiting-period, which took effect last August, is comparable to a Pennsylvania law upheld last June.

The Supreme Court said at that time that the Pennsylvania law did not present an undue burden for women seeking abortion. But the Mississippi physicians who challenged a similar law in their state said that a waiting period might be more onerous in Mississippi because of different conditions in that state, notably its rural character and high incidence of poverty.

Court Lets Stand Ruling Saying Prejudice Cannot Justify Gay Ban

By Joan Biskupic
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court Monday let stand a ruling that said the prejudice of others, by itself, cannot justify the military's ban on homosexuals, giving momentum to President-elect Bill Clinton's promise to end the U.S. prohibition on gay people in the armed services.

Between 1980 and 1990, about 17,000 men and women were discharged from the armed services because of their homosexuality, about 1,500 annually, according to a General Accounting Office report issued in June.

The Bush administration had urged the court to take the case of Dusty Pruitt, who was denied a promotion to major in the Army Reserve and eventually discharged when military officials read a newspaper interview in which she acknowledged being a lesbian.

Pruitt, a Los Angeles minister, sued for reinstatement. A federal district court dismissed the lawsuit, saying Pruitt failed to make the case that her rights had been violated. But an appeals court last year revived it, saying Pruitt should have a chance to argue that she has been denied her Fifth Amendment right to equal protection under the law.

Without comment, the Supreme Court let stand the appeals court ruling in *Cheney v. Pruitt*, allowing Pruitt to continue seeking reinstatement into the Army Reserve.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had rejected the proposition that social disapproval of homosexuality justifies the Army's regulation and said the government must come up with other reasons for proving that the discrimination is "rationally related to a permissible governmental purpose."

It is uncertain what kinds of evidence the government might try to put forward to meet the heightened test required by the appeals court.

But the overriding issue could become moot if Clinton lifts the military regulation, as he has insisted he will.

"I'm very optimistic Clinton will do what he promised," Pruitt said Monday. She added that she will continue to press her lawsuit to rejoin the reserve and win possible back pay. Pruitt had served in the Army from 1971 to 1976. She left active duty to become a minister, serving in the reserve for 10 years.

Lawyers for Pruitt had asserted that the high court should not take the case because Clinton's presidency would alter the litigation.

Solicitor General Kenneth W.

Starr countered in his petition that, "This court should not make its docketing decisions based on statements made by candidates running for public office."

"The current policy remains in full force; whether it will be changed, when, and how are purely matters of extra-record speculation." The solicitor general also noted that Clinton said he will be consulting with numerous people to determine how to handle the regulation and suggested it might be awhile before the ban would be rescinded.

The government has long contended that the presence of gay people in the military "seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission." It has barred people "who engage in homosexual conduct or who, by their statements, demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct."

There was no evidence in court documents that Pruitt engaged in homosexual conduct while in the reserves, but the government's petition said she stated in a 1983 *Los Angeles Times* article that she had gone through two homosexual marriage ceremonies and one divorce proceeding, suggesting a propensity. It also said she did not rebut a presumption that she had committed homosexual acts.

Twin Bushes Appear in White House

By James Gerstenzang
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The president of the United States, in the privacy of his family quarters upstairs in the White House, picked up the phone night before last to call the ever-present Secret Service detail, ready to escort him wherever he chooses: "Feel like going jogging tonight. In the nude."

Not!

Not the president, that is. But the call did come down from the Lincoln bedroom, and it did sound just like the president.

Never mind. It was Dana Carvey.

The comedian, whose imitations of George Bush were a highlight of NBC's *Saturday Night Live* for four years, performed his hand-waving, goofy-grin routine Monday morning in the White House East Room — and he kept President Bush, his target week after week, in stitches. The show was, after all, Bush's idea.

Carvey and his wife, Paula, were guests of President and Barbara Bush at the White House Sunday

night, and Carvey stuck around Monday morning to perform his routine for the president, Mrs. Bush, and members of the White House staff. That's when he told of the telephone call he said he placed to the Secret Service.

"I was staying in the Lincoln bedroom last night and I couldn't resist getting on the phone and I called up the Secret Service as the president," he said in his own voice. Then, his just-too-real characterization of the gesticulating president took over. As a wide-mouthed grin spread across his face — and across the president's face, too — Carvey said: "Feel like going jogging tonight. In the nude."

Staff members had been summoned to the East Room for what they had been told would be a message of Christmas cheer from the president. At the appointed hour — 9:30 a.m. — the Marine Band heralded the president's arrival by playing "Hail to the Chief." And in walked the comedian — followed a step or two later by President and Mrs. Bush.

The shenanigans, arranged by the president, suggested that Bush has swung into the spirit of the season, and the remaining demands of his job, with an esprit that contrasts with the downbeat reports that emerged after his election defeat.

"He's a very resilient man. He holds no grudges. He has no regrets," said Barbara Bush later in the morning. "Of course he wasn't happy about losing. But he was not despondent. And he doesn't look unhappy."

Indeed, at least in public, he does not.

There was the president Monday, grinning broadly at the comedian he had invited himself.

"Don't dare move my hands," he said, to laughter, as he made an effort to avoid the Bush-like gestures that Carvey perfected. "Dana's given me a lot of laughs. He said to me on the phone, 'Are you sure you really want me to come there?' I said, 'yes.' And he said I hope I've never crossed the line. And I knew exactly what he meant. And as far as I'm concerned, he never has."

Powerful Storm Hits California, Raising Hopes for Wet Winter

THE WASHINGTON POST

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

A powerful storm battered California today, causing widespread damage and freeway closings but raising hope among water-agency officials that a wet winter may intrude on the state's unprecedented drought.

"We still have a long way to go to get out of the drought, but this has been a very productive storm," said Bill Mork, the state climatologist.

The storm dumped more than two feet of snow in the northern Sierra, the key to water storage in a state where the heaviest population concentrations are in the south and most major reservoirs are in the north.

After a November in which precipitation was only one-fifth of normal, the northern Sierra received a week's worth of rain and snow in two days. Precipitation totals through Sunday at eight northern Sierra stations averaged eight inches, about two-thirds of normal, since the new water year began Oct. 1.

The storm moved south Monday, raking the central coast and metropolitan Los Angeles with rain and high winds, causing at least one storm-related highway death and damaging businesses and mobile homes. Beach residents in Malibu sandbagged homes. Sepulveda Dam recreation area in the San Fernando Valley, where 40 motorists were stranded and a bicyclist killed by flash floods last February, was closed.

But most Californians welcomed the storm. The drought, which began in 1986, has reduced farm acreage, lowered water tables, killed fish and wildlife and caused residential and industrial water shortages from Marin County north of San Francisco to the Mexican border.

House Democrats Oust Whitten; GOP Taps Arney

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The post-election winds of change swept Capitol Hill Monday as House Democrats ousted the veteran chairman of the Appropriations Committee and Republicans moved an aggressive opponent of big government into their leadership.

The Democratic Steering and Policy Committee voted to oust Rep. Jamie L. Whitten (D-Miss.), the ailing Appropriations chairman, and replace him with Rep. William Natcher (D-Ky.) Since Whitten, 82, suffered a mild stroke in February, the committee has been torn by a struggle pitting Whitten against his longtime friend, Natcher, 83, who has waited nearly 40 years to gain a chairmanship.

With nearly 51 years of service, Whitten is the longest-serving House member in history, and he has led the Appropriations Committee since 1979. He reportedly is fighting to retain control of the rural development, agriculture and related agencies subcommittee, but some are arguing that Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.), the second-ranking member of the subcommittee, should be given the chance to take over.

While Democrats unanimously reconfirmed a slate of incumbent officials led by House Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.), a fight over the Veterans Affairs Committee and a potential battle over the Budget Committee chairmanship were on their horizon.

Meantime, the GOP caucus, by an 88 to 84 vote, put Rep. Dick Arney (Tex.), an anti-establishment fifth-term and free-market economist, into the No. 3 job in the leadership, chairman of the House Republican Conference.

Arney won over the incumbent chairman, Rep. Jerry Lewis (Calif.), largely because of his big majority among the 47 House GOP freshmen.

Lewis was regarded as an ally, and potential successor, of House Minority Leader Robert H. Michel (R-Ill.), while Arney has more of the confrontational style of House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.). But Michel and Gingrich, both re-elected unanimously, joined Arney in asserting that the election turned more on the freshmen's desire for "change" than on any ideological or tactical splits among the minority.

On the Democratic side, the theme was harmony, with no challenges to Foley, Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.), or others, and quick agreement to add Rep. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), a Hispanic, to a leadership array that already included a black and a woman. Foley told a news conference that the Democrats were ready for the "heavy responsibility" the voters had laid on their party.

Northwest Cancels Aircraft Orders, Obtains Loans to Stay Afloat

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Struggling Northwest Airlines Monday canceled or delayed more than \$6 billion worth of aircraft orders and obtained additional financing in the most recent moves to prop up the nation's fourth-largest airline.

Meanwhile, another ailing carrier — Trans World Airlines — finalized agreements with creditors and federal pension officials that will clear the way for the venerable carrier to emerge from bankruptcy court protection next month, TWA executives said.

In axing or putting off orders for nearly 120 passenger jets, Northwest joined other major U.S. carriers — such as American, Delta and United — that have cut or postponed billions of dollars worth of new jet craft orders as the airline industry struggles through its worst slump ever.

"Canceling and deferring these orders was difficult," said John Dasburg, president and chief executive officers of the Minneapolis-based airline, in a statement. "However, in today's competitive environment, an environment marked by overcapacity around the world, it is simply no longer possible to economically justify all of these aircraft investments."

Northwest's decision was particularly painful for Airbus Industrie, the European aircraft consortium that saw orders for 74 aircraft canceled. In addition, the airline delayed the delivery of 44 jets from Boeing Aircraft.

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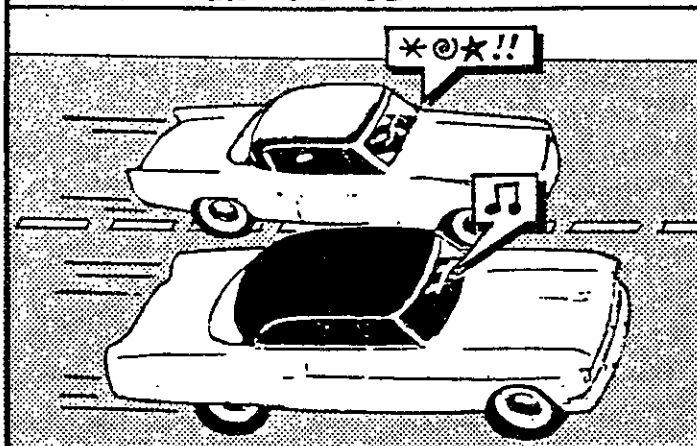
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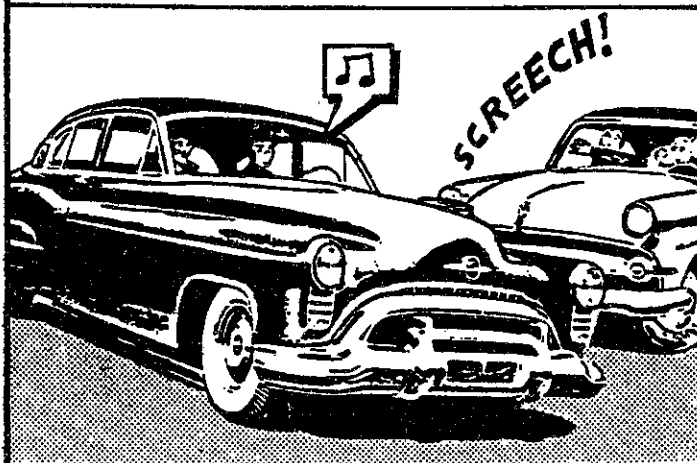
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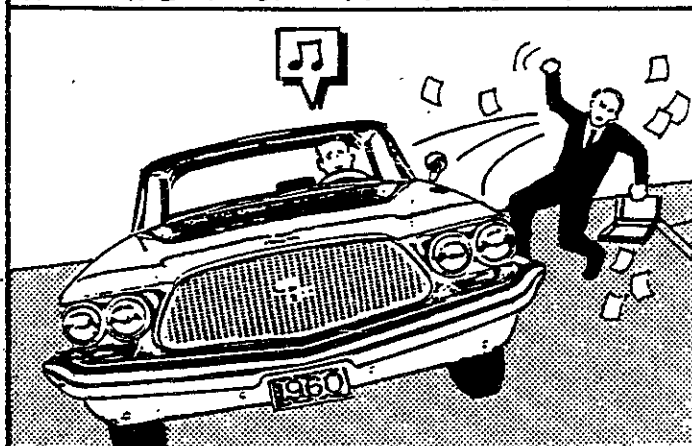
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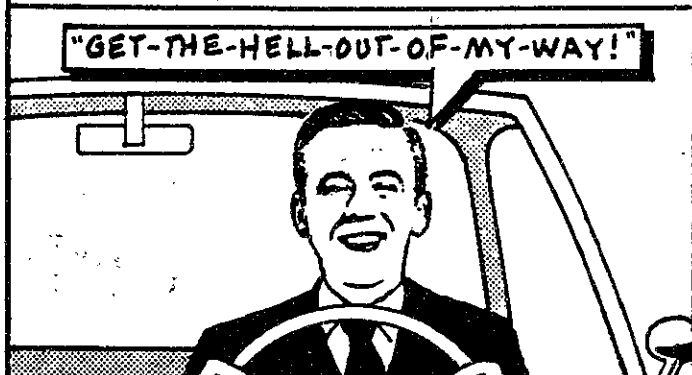
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intelligence Does Not Imply Open-Mindedness

In wondering "One would think that people at MIT are a bit more intelligent than your average male chauvinist pig... If we here are among the very smartest, how can a group of individuals be so ignorant?" the co-signers of the letter ["Signs Show Lack of Respect for Women," Dec. 1] both strike at the heart of the problem and miss the point completely.

The question strikes at the heart of the problem because the most insidious aspect of sexism, racism, homophobia, and any other pattern of thought which relies on the exaggeration of perceived differences between people to obscure their underlying essential sameness, is that intelligence may be used equally well as a tool for buttressing as for dismantling the mentality of intolerance. The problem with sexists and racists and homophobes is not their lack of intelligence but the vigorous way they apply their intelligence toward sexist, racist, and homophobic ends. To argue otherwise is to define intelligence as belief in a given set of principles, rather than as the ability to manipulate information; most people, after all, accept as "fact" only what already corresponds to their preconceptions and prejudices.

It is precisely in this distinction between intelligence and open-mindedness that the question misses the point. The MIT community, stuffing itself on a steady diet of self-congratulation and smug assertions of uniqueness, seems unable to digest the idea that our excellence is limited to a relatively narrow realm of human endeavor. Though on average our SAT scores and mathematical-analytical skills may be higher than the norm, in all other respects of human capacity we are probably a fairly representative cross-section (of a sick society). If we spent half the energy examining our beliefs as we do ballyhooing our technical prowess, we might after all become the "unique" community we claim to be.

David Lorenzetti G

Don't Blame CPs; Look Out For Yourself

I am writing this letter in response to Matthew Hersch's column ["Don't Blame Campus Crime on the Victims," Dec. 4]. He writes "As a student and, damn it, a paying client of the Corporation, I expect nothing less, and I will not tolerate the administration's criminal negligence in regard to my safety any more... Campus Police, stop whining and start doing your job." Taken out of context, it would seem Hersch is speaking about the recent disturbing rash of violent

crimes; instead, he's only complaining about the recent blight of pickpockets. While I am very concerned about campus safety and have often discoursed (sometimes even flamed) about the campus police, and do not usually believe in blaming the victims of crime, I think Hersch's article was written in an irrational tone.

I do not believe that it is unreasonable to ask MIT students and staff to look after their own belongings, including those which are on their persons. Should I leave my bookbag somewhere and it gets stolen, I don't believe the campus police are to blame for not being there watching over my bag while I am not there. If I get pickpocketed crossing 77 Massachusetts Ave. some day, I do not think the campus police should have been standing there watching every pedestrian's pair of hands to make sure no one is reaching for my wallet. That kind of police presence (overwhelming numbers, ready to detain anybody who does anything suspicious or looks like they might) is not cost effective, and if anything would be likely to create more problems on campus, not less. If more police were to be deployed, I'd rather that the police force be deployed at the times and places where past history tells us violent crimes tend to occur than to stop pickpockets.

There are serious political and personal issues being alluded to when one talks about "blaming the victim of the crime," especially in crimes of violence like rape or mugging. (Clearly, if pickpockets are the non-bold, non-confrontational, non-armed wimps that Hersch suggests they are, pickpocketing does not fall into this category.) To accuse the campus police of blaming the victims is a manipulative attempt to co-opt the significance and emotional impact of crimes which are not comparable. The campus police force is here to protect us, indeed, but part of their job is also to inform us how we may protect ourselves. We are also responsible for looking after our own possessions and our own safety, too—something which Hersch seems to deny in his last paragraph, believing that he is entitled to perfect safety 24 hours a day, anywhere he is, without taking any precautions or preventive action on his own part.

Ping-Shun Huang '94

allow me to make my class on time.

Many of our freedoms are already restricted here at MIT. The freedom to walk in front of Hayden Library without fear for our lives. The freedom to work without sexual harassment. Removing this additional freedom without any discussion of the issues with students, without any alternative proposals debated, would be a great mistake on the part of the administration.

Cyrus H. Shaoul '93

"No Rollerblading" Policy Disappointing

The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to Stephen D. Immerman, MIT Director of Special Services.

I am writing to express my utter disappointment over the complete lunacy of instituting a "no Rollerblading" policy. (In fact, "Rollerblade" is a registered corporate trademark; the activity you wish to suppress is properly called "in-line skating.") That MIT would empower the campus police to stop a student on Rollerblades and assign that student a \$25.00 fine is laughable. I know that I feel much safer now, not having to worry about those awful in-line skaters. Perhaps this warm-fuzzy, policy-induced euphoria will help me overlook other pesky problems such as the robberies, car thefts, muggings, and murders that also occur on our campus with almost as great a frequency.

How can the administration implement this policy with a straight face? Your memo of Nov. 30 cites "numerous complaints" and "near-miss situations" involving students who chose to in-line skate. I'm frightened by some of my classmates who stay at Athena a little too long between showers, but nobody thinks to ban them. There are also "numerous complaints" about people who drive drunk, but nobody has attempted to institute a policy prohibiting driving. Why not just deal with members of the campus community who cause accidents via their recklessness? Whether a person happens to be wearing Rollerblades

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ERRATUM

Tuesday's story on pickpocketing ["Three Fall Prey to Pickpockets," Dec. 1] incorrectly stated that pickpockets had snatched victims' backpacks. In fact, the victims' wallets were taken out of the backpacks.

Skating Ban a Wonderful Idea

Column by Bill Jackson
OPINION EDITOR

When a campus contains a large percentage of idiots and a large percentage of people with Rollerblades, it's inevitable that the two sub-populations are going to overlap. You're going to get Dorks on Skates.

In the view of Dorks on Skates, innocent pedestrians are not human beings, but obstacles. They'll buzz around you in the halls, ducking around you at the last second rather than going way around you, coming close enough to tell whether you shaved with a blade or an electric this morning.

Now they're going to whine because the Campus Police, acting on complaints, have banned the skates in MIT corridors. Hard to imagine why. I mean, most skaters can stop on a dime, as long as the dime has a diameter of 28 feet.

And the moderate argument that a ban on Rollerblades should be imposed only during certain hours is also fine, as long as those hours are 24 HOURS A DAY. The reasons for this are simple.

- (1) Dorks on Skates come out at night.
- (2) Dorks on Skates are just waiting for the ideal time when they can drag race down the Infinite Corridor at full speed, without looking. This time will inevitably coincide with the time when you're dragging your butt home from lab, late in the evening, turning a corner only to see two Dorks taking up the whole hall and coming at you at full speed.
- (3) The skating motion is similar to that new Cheryl Ladd device I saw advertised on TV over Thanksgiving, and it was a really

annoying commercial.

And don't give me the old "I need my skates to get to class on time" routine, because I've never seen a person on Rollerblades make it to a class on time. Maybe skaters don't think the rest of us notice when they glide into lecture halls with the grace of wild hippopotami, clunk up the stairs sideways, and try to get to a seat in the middle of the aisle, stumbling over all of us slowpokes who somehow arrive at lecture before they do.

Oh, I know, poor baby, you've got to get from one building to the next in ten minutes, and they're so far away! News flash: so do I, with my wheel-free \$24.95 Chuck Taylor All-Star no-speed sneakers, and Chuck and I make it just fine.

So I hope that Campus Police officers can enforce the new ban. I think that they should be provided with dart guns to subdue any violators who attempt to escape. Perhaps the Assassin's Guild could make a game out of it. Just imagine: Chicks in Capes vs. Dorks on Skates.

I wonder if the administrative backing of the recent declaration means I can perform a "citizen's arrest," in the form of sticking out my foot when one of the Dorks goes by. The resulting spectacle of body parts encased in obnoxiously bright spandex flying through the air attached to helplessly spinning wheels would make my day. And I would just keep walking. After all, I don't want to be late for class.

Tech Opinion Editor Bill Jackson '93 plans to start riding his Big Wheel™ down the Infinite Corridor.

Boston's Christmas Trees Express Warm Holiday Spirit

Column by Michael K. Chung
COLUMNIST

It is easy to expose oneself to the holiday spirit — just wander around town. The malls and shopping centers seem to be eternally dressed up for the holidays; and then when the lights go up in Faneuil Hall, Harvard Square, and other parts of town, the holiday atmosphere fills the city.

Last weekend, a tree was lit at Boston Common and the Prudential Center. According to *The Boston Globe*, the tree at the Prudential Center comes from gracious Nova Scotians. Seventy-five years ago, the collision of two ships in the Halifax Harbor caused an explosion which killed thousands and destroyed a neighborhood.

Boston responded by sending relief: doctors, nurses, food, and supplies, and to this date, the Canadians continue to display their appreciation for Boston's goodwill and assistance.

Another tree, again from the Canadians, is on display at the Boston Common. It was given by the children of New Brunswick to the children of Boston.

A newer tradition, dating back ten years, according to the *Globe*, is in response to Boston's generosity in answering to a brutal fire, which took hold of Saint John in 1877. The majority of the city was destroyed, including 13 churches and the homes of 13,000 people. Another American city — Chicago — had a hand in helping Boston's

close international neighbors. It is heartwarming to see these large works be lit, even more so when one learns of the relatively recent histories pertaining to each.

The presence of the trees is also convenient in a sense — these gifts during the holiday season reflect the generosity and warmth of all people. Not just one type of religion or people was represented, but instead, humanity was represented, as was the idea that the holiday season ought to spread happiness, cheer, generosity, and love from all people to all people.

Whether a tree or a "non-denominational holiday shrub" is used, the meaning is the same: the holiday season should be a time to remember and express our love for our fellow man and religious figure, as the case may be.

This is a treasured time of reflection and hope. You can feel the engrossing powers of the Yuletide season, and realize that there is more than the splendor and the giving and the receiving of the season that makes it fun. The time allows us to reflect on the tradition of the season, the goodwill and generosity of mankind, individual mementos and their histories, and the times we have had and will spend with family and loved ones.

As evidenced by the Boston Christmas trees, the holiday season knows no boundaries in terms of title, religion, race, or sex — its spirit is enough to allow us to realize and express love for humanity.

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should be irrelevant to the greater issue of safety.

About this outcry over safety: I thoroughly agree that every individual on campus should be more aware of crime and other hazards. The Undergraduate Association Finance Board has even paid for Campus Police to patrol various student groups' parties, performances, and other functions. But any MIT student could narrate an exhaustive list of oh-so-many more important and pressing safety concerns. Are more officers going to be hired to apprehend violators of this Institute policy? Surely we can't expect our already overburdened police force to single-handedly take on the ubiquitous lawbreakers who threaten the peace and campus tranquility by wearing rollerblades.

The administration is missing the point here. People do not rollerblade in order to wreak havoc on an unsuspecting populace. Students, staff, and faculty who in-line skate do so for enjoyment, for exercise, and to save time. To help control the outrageous MIT parking problem. To quicken the trek from New House to Sloan, or from the Back Bay to class.

The real reason behind collisions in the hallways is people not paying attention. Staff

members dart between offices along the Infinite Corridor without even looking. They're dangerous to anybody walking. On Tuesdays and Fridays, half the pedestrians in the halls have their heads buried in *The Tech*. Other students scurry along with their heads down, watching nothing but their feet. The people on campus who are undeniably, totally, aware of their surroundings are the rollerbladers. The very nature of the activity demands it. We are constantly surveying the landscape for potential hazards, such as the oblivious person making a left turn out of the donut stand into the oncoming horde returning from 26-100, or the two friends who pass each other and then suddenly stop in the middle of the corridor to talk. The poetic justice is that as more people turn to rollerblades as modes of personal transport, the entire awareness level of the general MIT population will rise. Maybe that's what is ultimately needed to make MIT a safer place.

Check the Bursar's office; my fine for breaking the policy has already been paid. It cost me \$18,000 this year, plus \$20 for an Athletic Card. I do indeed hope that the Institute will repeal this policy. Until then, if a cop wants me to "pull over" for wearing my rollerblades inside buildings, he'll just have to shoot me.

Matthew S. Warren '93
Chairman, UA Finance Board

Clarification Needed on Financial Aid Rules

The article on financial aid ["Financial Aid Rules Changed," Dec. 4] was an excellent summary of many of the new rules governing the awarding of financial aid resulting from the passage of the re-authorization of the Higher Education Act. However, a few of the statements in the article need some additional clarification.

We at the Student Financial Aid Office do not recommend, generally, that students consider refinancing their current Stafford Loans to take advantage of the new interest rates. There are fees which are associated with initiating a Stafford Loan which would make such refinancing too costly. Limits on annual borrowing would also make it impossible to replace prior year loans with borrowing this year under the new rules.

For most students currently borrowing under the Stafford Loan program, the interest rate upon graduation is 8 percent during the first four years of repayment and 10 percent beginning in the fifth year of repayment. The

new rules have a provision for paying back to the student's outstanding balance the "wind-fall" resulting from the difference between these higher rates and lower market rates. The details of this formula are still being worked out but will be available soon.

The new rules governing federal financial aid reflect political decisions to open access to federal loans to more families from higher income brackets. I support these efforts entirely, but only when they are introduced without reducing access to the neediest families. I have two major concerns with the current law. First, as *The Tech* correctly reported, the new rules will reduce Pell awards to students in order to fund the program's availability to higher income families. Secondly, the rules which have expanded federally subsidized loans to all families regardless of income could be easy targets for congressional budget-cutters. In the past, stories of very wealthy families using federally subsidized loans were used to limit the use of these loans. My concern is that reformers are very likely again to throw the baby out with the bath water and use similar tales to justify reneging on commitments to assure access to federal loans by middle income families.

Stanley G. Hudson
Director of Financial Aid

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Gaggle Cops Election of 113th Tech Managing Board

SPECIAL TO THE TECH

Just off the pasture — the gaggle has grabbed the inside scoop on elections for *The Tech's* 113th managing board. The smell of freshly cut grass and newly laid manure rose from the newsroom as new blood was brought in and old blood was sent to a variety of dairy farms.

Crawling out of the darkroom with a nosebleed from freebasing Dektol, Douglas "doo⁴⁵" D. Keller '93 snorted up an election as chairman. His height and stylish tie working in his favor, Keller wowed the voters with tales of his affair with the outgoing chairman, Josh Hartmann '93.

To the joy of the MCI billing department, *The Tech* called Jeremy "Kiss my Blarney Stone" Hylton '94 in Dublin to obtain his responses to the mass of questions accumulating in the meeting room.

Naturally, as soon as MCI began collecting its \$1.50 a minute, the questions dried up, leading to the lamest transcontinental phone call in history. The managing board decided to replace the fine editor in chief it usually serves with dark, sparkling Folger's crystals, and so elected Hylton to the prestigious position over his non-existent competitors.

Benjamin A. "Tic Tac" Tao '93 returned from the green, green grass of contributing editorship to become business manager, a position renowned for how often its holders are seen cruising around in new cars. Tao, who was last seen contentedly chewing his cud, vowed that *The Tech* would have the financial resources to purchase MIT by the end of his term in office.

Garlen "W20-483°C. Leung '95 leapt up before the crowd to do an excited song and dance before

finally calming down enough to give a speech. In Chinese. The board was so impressed that it elected him to the position of managing editor, effectively insuring that his head will explode before 1993 is through. He vowed to increase the amount of time he spends at *The Tech*, a promise several physicists in the room calculated could only occur if he continuously moved at 0.99c.

A Campus Police escort brought Matthew H. "Are armored personnel carriers a personal transportation system?" Hersch '94 and two dozen donuts to the election arena for his speech. In his term as executive editor, Hersch plans to annex several small Eastern European countries for the use of *The Tech's* production department, which is suffering from a lack of Serbs (and Croats, for that matter).

With that, the creation of the first all-male Executive Board in recent memory was over. The election of Eva "I'll write that story... I have nothing else to do" Moy '95, Sarah Y. "ask why" Keightley '95, Karen "Jerry" Kaplan '93, and Katherine "I'm such a spaz" Shim '93 to the four news editor slots swung the gender pendulum back in the other direction.

Vipul "Microbe proof" Bhushan G and Matthew E. "Really, I do feel pain in my legs" Konosky '95 became knight editors, successfully fighting off the cud-chewing urge for at least another year. Promising to follow in the Post-It noting, hockey-playing, anal tradition of old man Peter, the new knights were last seen waiting for Brian to finish a story.

In a contest only slightly more thrilling than watching mildew grow, Bill "Go Sigma K — I do" Jackson '93 became opinion editor again. Immediately after his election, Jackson began twitching and

expanding. As a horrified managing board looked on, Jackson underwent mitotic division. Each of the newly-formed Jacksons began to cackle hysterically, screaming, "It worked! It worked!" Hersch, seeing the implications of this, quickly drew a Heckler & Koch 9mm automatic pistol and slew one of the hideous Jacksons, averting a global crisis.

The election of Lynn "I don't really care" Albers '92 and Haider A. "Get me the hell out of the biz office" Hamoudi '93 to the position of sports editor brought unheard-of resources to that department, which in recent years has had trouble telling its behind from its elbow. Distant mooing sounds could be heard just over the horizon.

After whining over the fact that Chairman-elect doo⁴⁵g had omitted his department from a nearly-comprehensive survey of *The Tech*, Chris "★★★" Roberge '93 was re-elected to the position of arts editor, following in the left-leaning footsteps of Deborah A. Levinson '91. Roberge promised that, if elected, *The Tech* would never again refer to anything starring Steven Seagal as a "film."

A representative of the Delta Shuttle called up to personally congratulate Josh "Take my job... and my girlfriend..." Bill already has" Hartmann '93 on his election to the position of photography editor. With this election, Hartmann traded positions with doo⁴⁵g for the first time (outside their bedrooms, that is).

In a stampede rivaling that of the Great Dogie Drive of 1924, several members of *The Tech's* 112th Executive Board broke free of their pens and headed for the high ground of contributing editor. With a cowbell 'round his neck and grass stuffed in his mouth, Brian "Don't doze and drive" Rosenberg '93 literally moooooooooooooooooooooooed his

way into the job. Jadene M. "Clip those coupons" Burgess '93 got herself a Coke, sat back in a comfy chair, and enjoyed her election. Michael J. "Smithers" Franklin '88 surprisingly threw his pen to the masses and invited everyone to "come back to my place and get loaded" after his successful bid for the post. David A. "Chocolate" Maltz '93 put on his helmet and butted his head against the wall several times before being subdued and told that he would no longer have to be managing editor. Really.

Like a hurricane blown by a southern wind, Aaron "Nod now" Belenky '96 was crowned Advertising Manager, following a monarchical line begun many ages ago by the great King Russ, who went to pasture so long ago his legs are green. Thankfully, the Federal Express envelope crown fit the new king well.

Rounding out the election festivities, Reuven M. "One column per issue" Lerner sort of '92, Deborah A. "Just call me Marie" NonElvis '91, V. Michael "Junior" Bove '83, Jonathan E. D. "Haven't I sued you somewhere before?" Richmond PhD '91, Bill "You want a case of Granny Smiths with that?" Coderre '85, Jon "Da do ron ron" von Zelowitz '81, Thomas T. "I'm wight, you're" Huang '87, and Robert E. "pro bono" Malchman '85 were elected to *The Tech's* advisory board, an organization whose function is as nebulous as its members are aged.

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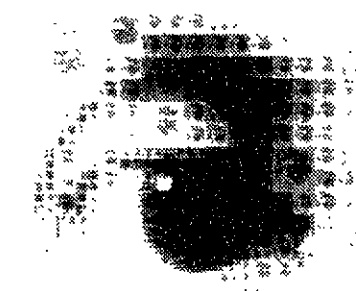
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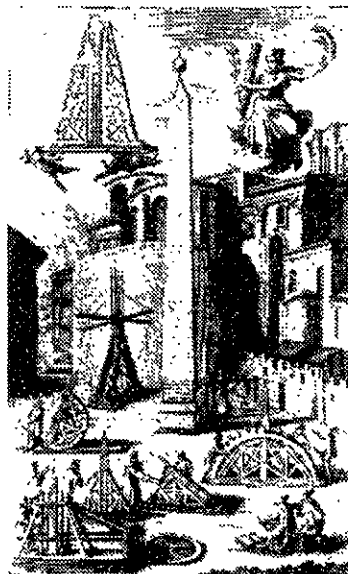
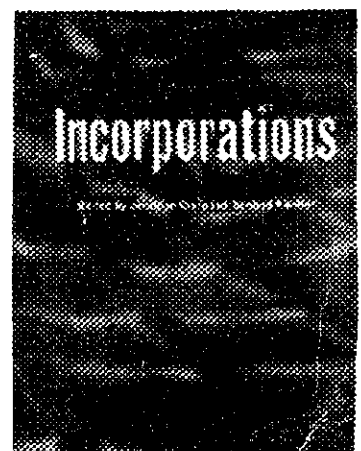
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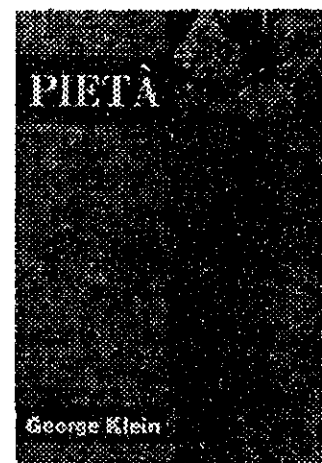
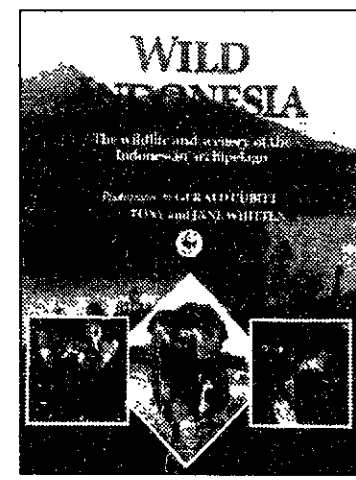


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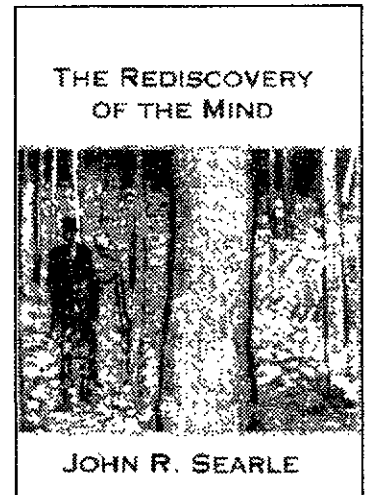
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Tewhey Reverses Decision on MacGregor F Entry Six

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from, so we threw the balloon that way," he said.

Santiago and Ledesma each received another letter from Tewhey on Dec. 1. This letter said that "timing requires that you be out of the dormitory by Jan. 8," according to Santiago.

Tewhey explained that the deadline for the move was changed because the end of the semester was approaching. "Anytime we set a date for somebody moving out of a house, we try to set one that is reasonable, that interferes with the person's education as little as possible," he said.

However, Ledesma and others said that their semesters had been severely affected by the action. "It's been really hard to get any work done," he said.

"I've had this hanging over my head for more than a month, and it's really affected my term," said Avik S. Roy '93, one of the students who will be allowed to stay in MacGregor.

Tewhey said that the new circumstances mean that the evictions of Santiago and Ledesma have

become a disciplinary action. Tewhey would not comment on whether any record of the measure would be placed in the students' files.

Others are allowed to stay

A letter sent to Christopher B. Council '94 and Douglas M. MacBride '94 said "the requirement that you move out of MacGregor has been rescinded," according to Council. The letter also said that an investigation of the allegations which had been brought against the two was continuing and should be completed by the end of this semester. The letter continued, "If you are found guilty of some or all of the infractions being investigated, we reserve the right to require you to move from MacGregor," according to Council.

Tewhey said the remaining investigation would center on "a couple of issues that have been raised, and there are names tied to those issues. In addition, one individual has intimated that he or she has specific allegations against another individual, and we're waiting for that to develop."

Kip A. Bishofberger '95 and

Roy received letters stating that they would be allowed to remain in MacGregor. "I am sorry for any inconvenience this process may have caused you," the letter said.

'More injustice than justice'

"I'm glad I'm off the hook, of course, but this whole situation still concerns me," Roy said. "I think this whole thing has been handled very inconsistently... Tewhey seems to be shifting from one group to another group to a few individuals, and each time he changes, it

only confuses whatever he's trying to accomplish. ... I think more injustice has been done than justice," Roy added.

Santiago said he thought his actions, which he described as throwing one water balloon during the first week of classes, did not merit a punishment as severe as having to change his residence. "It was [thrown at] the lounge window, and I didn't know there were people living there," he said. "When the light came on, I didn't throw any more," he said.

"I don't feel that throwing one water balloon should merit kicking someone out on the basis of harassment — it's not a strong offense that deserves such a strong punishment," he added. Ledesma expressed a similar sentiment.

Tewhey responded by saying, "In the more than 500 cases I've handled, I can only think of one person who came back and said he thought the disciplinary action taken against him was fair. Not many people who get sanctioned are going to be happy about it."



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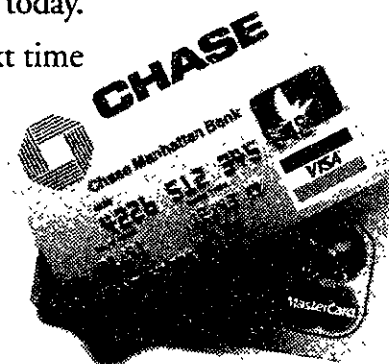
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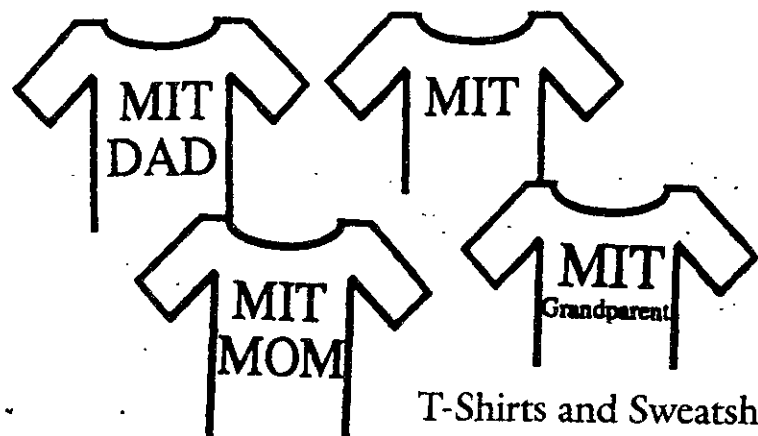
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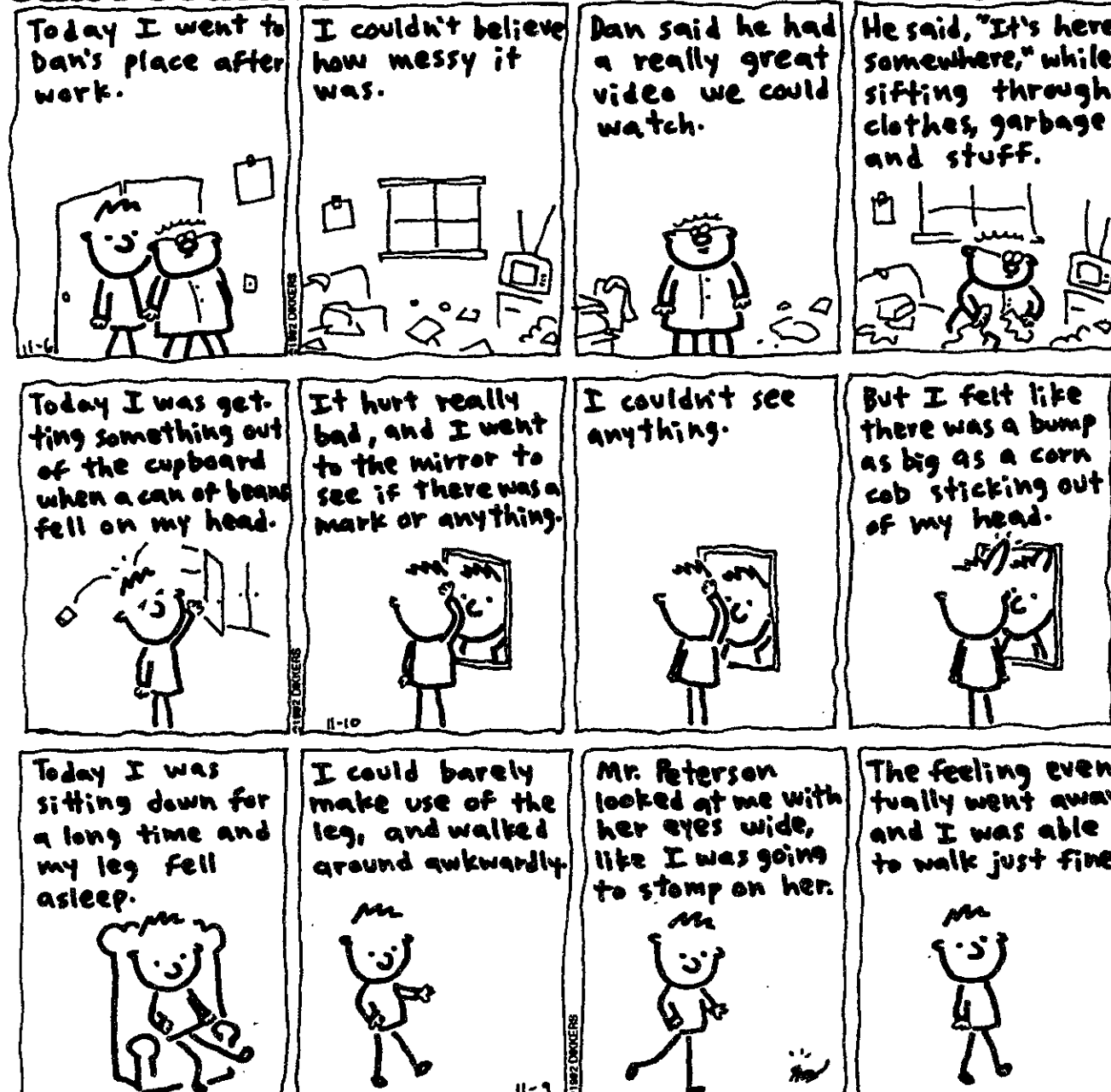
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Stabbing Victim Waited 20 Minutes at Med Center

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utes at that time on a Saturday morning.

Arnold N. Weinberg, director of the medical department, denied that there was any unreasonable delay. Olynky "was evaluated by a physician to make sure the injury he had was not life-threatening," he said.

'I was just there bleeding'

According to Olynky, the MIT Medical Center staff immediately checked his blood pressure, pulse, and breathing to make sure his lung had not been punctured.

"They did put a stethoscope to my back and checked my blood pressure, and after that I was just sitting there. They asked four times what my name was, and made sure I was an MIT student. I was just there bleeding. No one put any bandages on me," Olynky said.

"The entire way they handled it was very lackadaisical," Olynky continued. "I had to point out to them that I was bleeding out of my side as well as my back." However, his black sweatpants might have covered up the wound on his side, he said.

Chappe, who was pacing back and forth while he waited for Olynky's ambulance to arrive, added that members of the medical staff attempted to stanch and wipe off Olynky's blood.

"It seemed that [the treatment] should have happened a lot more quickly," Chappe said.

Weinberg stands by treatment

Weinberg, who is a physician, defended Olynky's treatment. "The facts that I have are that the guy was drunk and abusive when he demanded to get into the medical center," he said. "The nurse who let the two young men in called the Campus Police immediately because she was frightened. [Olynky] was evaluated to be sure there was nothing happening that was so serious that he had to go in one minute to MGH."

Weinberg said that Olynky received treatment within one minute of arriving at the MIT Medical Center. "He was in absolutely no danger," Weinberg said.

Weinberg said that the ambulance was a little slow to arrive at the medical center, but that the delay was due to the decision to call a police ambulance. He said that calling a police ambulance is standard emergency procedure when an injury is not immediately life-threatening.

"Just because my blood pressure had been fine at that point, if [the wound] had been in a critical place, during that time something could have happened," Olynky said.

"There may have been reasons why a bandage wasn't applied. I just don't know why it wasn't," Weinberg said.

on duty reported that they were "intimidated by Olynky," and that he was "not an easy person to manage because of alcohol, size, and fright."

Both Olynky and Chappe denied being intoxicated at the time of treatment. Chappe said he had not consumed any alcohol that night.

"As stab wounds go, it was no big deal, but I shudder to think how it could have been different," Olynky said. "One of the doctors at MGH said 'It's a good thing he's a big guy or it could have been much worse.'"

But Weinberg said this was an "errant statement" which was probably made to imply that Olynky was lucky.

Chappe suffered lacerations on his left cheek and arm which required 16 stitches. He was released the same day he checked in at the medical center. "They did a good job with me," he said.

Course VI Guide Called Unreliable

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to-seven scale, Niyogi hoped to "push [the curve] to a full one to seven scale, making it more meaningful."

CEG Chairman Michelle A. Starz '94 insisted that their traditional rating scale was a good one.

"I think that the statistical information that Niyogi did include might be able to be worked into our own database. But I am not sure how it will compare," Starz continued.

Misunderstanding at the root

Tension between the CEG and the *Underground Guide* groups grew primarily out of a misunderstanding. According to both Niyogi and Starz, it has been standard practice for the CEG to provide Eta Kappa Nu, the Course VI honor society responsible for producing the *Undergraduate Guide*, with its bubble forms. HKN would provide its own comment forms, which would be shared with the CEG.

However, Niyogi did not feel that the bubble forms served a significant purpose. "A lot of [Undergraduate Guide] reviewers and evaluators asked why we use the CEG forms. I've heard from a lot of my staff that students don't find that information valuable."

After meeting with both EECS Administrator Anne M. Hunter and the CEG staff, Niyogi went to Donna R. Savicki, the assistant dean of the School of Engineering, who authorized his changes. The *Undergraduate Guide* was distributed with data from the revised forms. "Anne Hunter sent me to the CEG. The CEG sent me to Donna Savicki. And Donna gave her approval," said Niyogi. "I thought it was all set."

ly. "My opinion of the CEG is that they don't treat us seriously enough. They have completely ignored me."

Change catches many off guard

Both the CEG staff and the Course VI administrators were surprised to learn after the fact that the CEG "bubble forms" were not used. "The CEG forms didn't get filled out," explained Hunter, "and we only discovered this after the evaluations were filled out."

Members of both the CEG staff and the EECS faculty considered a second round of evaluations using the CEG's machine-readable forms. "We looked at that very hard," said Hunter, "but we had already taken our 15 or 20 minutes out of lecture time. We have not found a satisfactory answer."

"We thought about it," said Starz, "but obviously there are people who feel that there are time constraints and that having two evaluations is simply unacceptable. We have also had problems with manpower."

"It was an unfortunate incident, but everybody realizes that it is too late, and they have accepted it," said Starz.

Niyogi, however, felt the CEG did not handle the situation properly.

Guide, CEG continue revisions

In spite of the confusion surrounding the current review process, both the *Underground Guide* and the CEG are looking at ways of improving the services they offer. After working with the MIT administration, Niyogi has also made many past editions of the *Undergraduate Guide* accessible online through Athena. "The problem with the CEG and *Underground Guide* is that they don't have stuff from previous semesters," said Niyogi. "You should be able to see what the different kinds of professors were like."

Niyogi said the response to the program has been positive. "I've gotten three or four people to write back saying this is a really great idea."

Although Starz does not feel that putting the CEG online is in the group's immediate plans, she did say, "It's a question that has come up a lot over the past few years. I'm not sure how much the students would use it, but if there is a demand for it, we would pick up the idea again."



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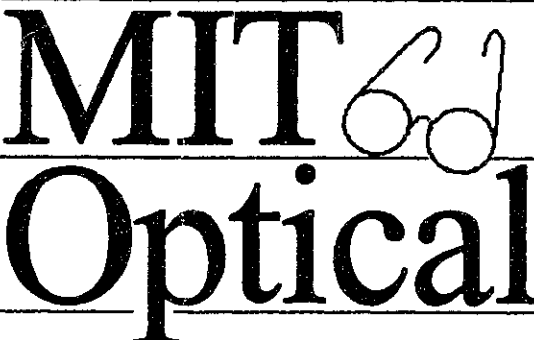
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Roadkill Buffet's improvisational humor varies from bland to hilarious

ROADKILL BUFFET

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By Joshua Andresen
STAFF REPORTER

The Roadkill Buffet, MIT's only improvisational comedy troupe, held its first performance of the term early Sunday morning. The show was also the first ever for many of the members of the Buffet, which has undergone significant personnel changes since its last appearance. The comedy remained purely improvisational, however, and the group delivered humor that was bland at times but hilarious at others.

Improvisational comedy relies on participation from the audience. Subjects for skits are solicited from the audience, and the comedians produce original material on the spot, often using an incoherent approach but at other times spontaneously finding a funny one.

The first skit was called "Freeze Tag," and consisted of a discourse on sunbathing. One member of the group discussed this topic until another member stepped forward to continue, each spewing original comedic material. One of the funnier presentations began, "My mother used to take me to the park to sunbathe so

I could get cancer." After a bit, a Buffet member yells "Freeze!" and approaches the person previously talking. The two continue to act out a scene until another member yells "Freeze!" and takes the place of one of the actors, changing the dramatic material to something else suggested by the current positions of the actors. This worked well, as it was both funny and a good introduction to the rest of the performance.

The next skit, entitled "Bleak Previews," consisted of two members giving reviews of fictional movies suggested by the audience. The reviews consisted of an analysis by the pair followed by a scene acted out by the rest of the troupe. Among the titles reviewed were "Huge Anatomy," "Gardens on the Moon," and "Alien Meatballs Escape from Alcatraz." The group got a slow start on the first two, perhaps stifled by the suggested titles (they had a very hard time making "Gardens on the Moon" funny). They really got funny on the last one, though. After the audience stopped laughing at the title itself, the first member said (after a well-timed dramatic pause), "Let's talk balls." "Big balls," responded the other. The simulated clip consisted of a group doing forward and backward somersaults across the floor while being chased by a guard brandishing a whip. It was purely ridiculous and very amusing.

Next came a performance of the "Aardvark Blues" (topic suggested by an audience member). This did not work well at all, again at least partially because of the infertile subject of aardvarks. The verses all dealt with the aardvark's relationship to ants and were not particularly funny. The choreography was the most entertaining aspect of the skit, as the five participating members either acted either as though they were playing an instrument or as though they were an instrument.

After this came "Poet's Corner," in which the audience provided occupations for three contestants, each of whom composed a poem with the title, "Alien Visitors with Vasoline" (also provided by the audience). The first contestant was a proctologist, who made the obvious connection to petroleum jelly. "Aliens," he started. Then, holding aloft his index finger, continued in a sinister voice, "Vaseline." The other two did not continue by connecting the poem to their occupations, and both tried to find humor in cutting the poem short at an illogical conclusion, both rather ineffectively.

A scene of improvisational acting came next, as the audience suggested an opening line, ending line, and location. The lines were fine ("Hey, don't stick that there" and "You can do it to me forever if you like"), but the choice of a church as the location poisoned the scene. The skit had its moments, but did not work well overall.

"The Wide World of Everyday Activities" appeared next, with the suggested sport of

pencil sharpening. Two sportscasters gave play-by-play and analysis while another acted out a routine of vigorous pencil sharpening. This never really got going, as everyone frequently stalled, trying to think of somewhere to take the comedy.

Improvised "Jeopardy" came on next, with audience-provided answers to which the contestants supplied questions. Occupations of the contestants (psychiatrist, air traffic controller, and improv comedian) were suggested as well. This was very funny simply because it was so silly. When the moderator asked the psychiatrist for his name, he responded in a quiet voice, "Why do you ask?" The improv comedian won the final jeopardy, coming up with the appropriate question to "Flipper, Flipper, Flipper, king of the ocean": "What do you do when she's too brown on the bottom?"

Last was another round of Freeze Tag, in which members of the audience were invited to yell "Freeze!" and replace one of the actors. The tag went on until finally a brave member of the audience yelled out and went to the front, giving a very funny interpretation of the situation that provided a nice ending to the performance.

The next performance of Roadkill Buffet will be part of the Save the Children benefit on December 10. They will be performing with Dramashop, Musical Theater Guild, Shakespeare Ensemble, Gilbert and Sullivan Players, and the Muses, with all proceeds to benefit children's charities.

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— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

★★★★: Excellent
★★★: Good
★★: Mediocre
★: Poor

★★★★½ Bob Roberts

Funny and disturbing, this satire of American politics written and directed by its star, Tim Robbins, uses a mock documentary style to chronicle the rise to power of the fictional Bob Roberts. Roberts is a right-wing entertainer, entrepreneur, and political candidate who has adopted folk singing as a medium for his conservative attitudes, and whose only clear beliefs are that individuals should be able to gain as much wealth as they can and that the liberal programs of incumbent Senator Paiste (Gore Vidal) are a waste of money. The film's scathing indictment of candidates and campaigning in the era of entertainment is accurate, hilarious, and troubling. *Loews Nickelodeon*

★½ The Bodyguard

Whitney Houston essentially plays herself, a temperamental pop singer who lacks songwriting ability and good musical taste, and Kevin Costner is a retired Secret Service agent hired to protect her after she begins to receive death threats in this mediocre romantic thriller. The romance in particular is emotionless, thanks to Costner's dry character and Houston's undeveloped acting abilities. Most of *The Bodyguard*, including the casting of Houston, which seems to have been merely a ploy to cash in on soundtrack sales, is often little more than an unpleasant reminder that Hollywood is an industry more interested in producing money than art. *Loews Cheri*

★★★ Bram Stoker's Dracula

Director Francis Ford Coppola has fashioned a film with a frenetic pace and ubiquitous visual tricks in a style that is closer to that of MTV and *Batman* director Tim Burton than it is to the Victorian gothic horror of *Dracula* author Bram Stoker. The movie's appearance completely dominates over the disjointed plot and poorly drawn characters, making most of the film an attractive muddled

mess. But the effects, sets, and costumes are so vivid and excessive that *Dracula* manages to be very interesting even as it frustrates with a lack of coherence and drama. *Loews Cheri*

★★★★ Howards End

The filmmaking trio of James Ivory, Ismail Merchant, and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala have translated E. M. Forster's novel of class struggles in 20th-century England into a brilliant film that is an astonishing achievement. The screen is filled with contrasting elements such as the rich and the poor, the romantic and the pragmatic, and the urban and the pastoral. The alternately funny and moving story considers which group will ultimately inherit the nation. Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, and Samuel West are excellent, and Vanessa Redgrave and Emma Thompson are outstanding. *Arlington Capitol Theater*

★★★ Husbands and Wives

Bleak and powerful, Woody Allen's new film examines the state of relationships today and decides that unending love is little more than a myth. Shot as a documentary, it follows the members of two marriages as they grow disillusioned with one another and begin to look for happiness elsewhere. Judy Davis gives a wonderfully neurotic comic performance, Sydney Pollack is amazing as a man full of frustration but still deserving pity, and Allen and Mia Farrow appear to be haunted by pain. The movie is occasionally funny, but it is more convincing when it dramatizes its characters' inability to find fulfillment. *Arlington Capitol Theater*

★★★★ School Ties

This is an amazing film dealing with anti-Semitism in the 1950's. Brendan Fraser delivers a powerful performance as David Greene, who is recruited from a poor town to play football for an elite preparatory school. David at first hides the fact that he is Jewish and fits in well with his new group of friends. When they find out that he is Jewish, each reacts differently. The movie examines different forms of prejudice in the actions of David's friends after their discovery. Overall, the acting is

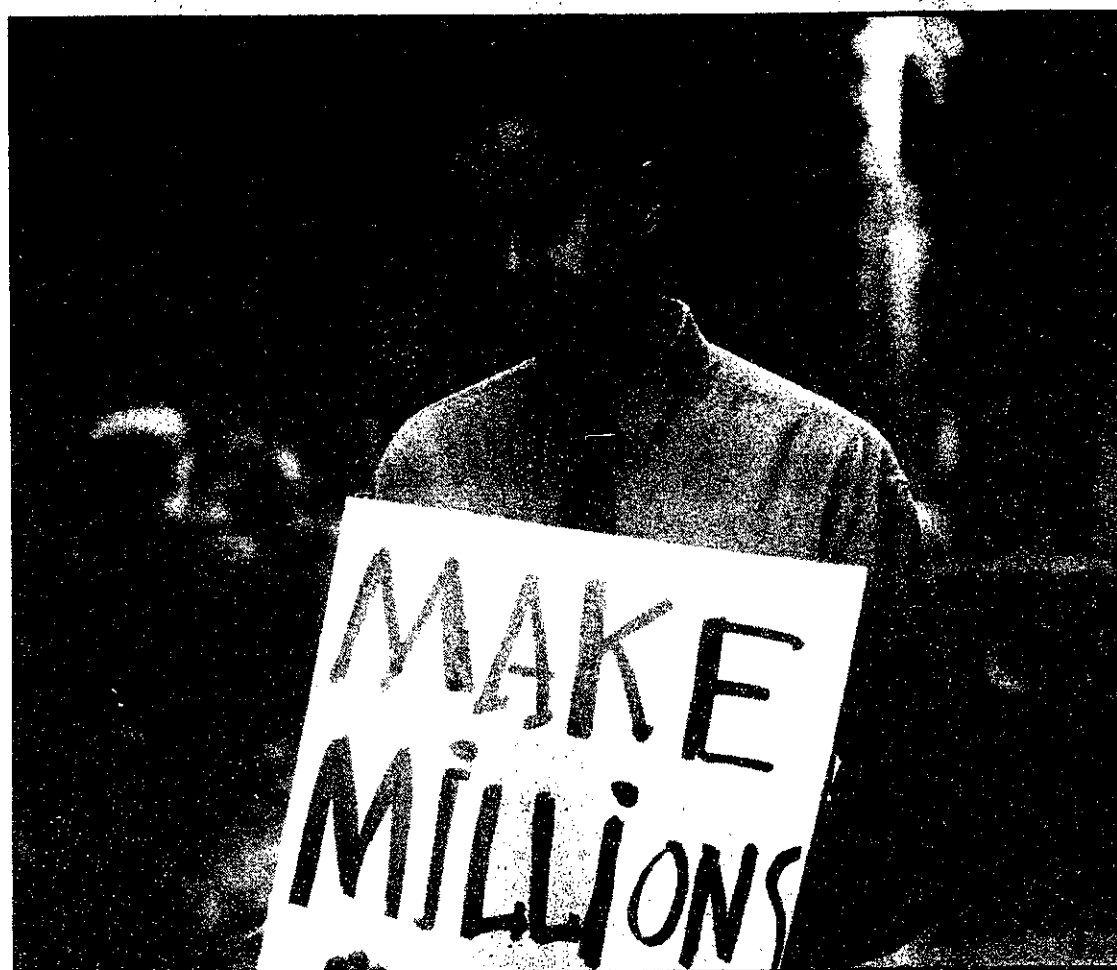
convincing, the story is feasible, and the moral well presented. The film properly balances a humorous and serious side, yielding a final product that is as meaningful as it is enjoyable to watch. *Loews Copley Place*

★★★ Singles

This light and entertaining film focuses on the struggles of six singles in their 20s as they try to understand love and relationships. Steve Cambell, Kyra Sedgwick, Bridget Fonda, and Matt Dillon are all good, the script by director Cameron Crowe is often extremely funny, and Seattle locations and music provide an interesting backdrop. Although it is not as realistic as Crowe's *Say Anything*, the movie is filled with wonderful isolated moments that are filled with truthful familiarity. *Loews Copley Place*

★★ Under Siege

Under Siege is poorly written film that relies on violence rather than substance to be entertaining. Steven Seagal is Casey Ryback, an ex-Navy SEAL who is masquerading as a cook on the USS Missouri when a gang of hijackers (led by Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey) takes over the ship. Ryback must single-handedly eliminate all the bad guys and save the day, which turns into Ryback scouring the ship and coming up with new and creative ways to eliminate the enemy. The martial arts sequences are impressive and Tommy Lee Jones delivers a powerful performance as the mastermind terrorist, but the bad writing evidenced in the incredibly weak female role and the lack of any interesting plot twist ruins everything. *Loews Fresh Pond*



Singer/entrepreneur/political candidate Bob Roberts (Tim Robbins) appears in a video promoting his new album in the wickedly funny and accurate *Bob Roberts*.

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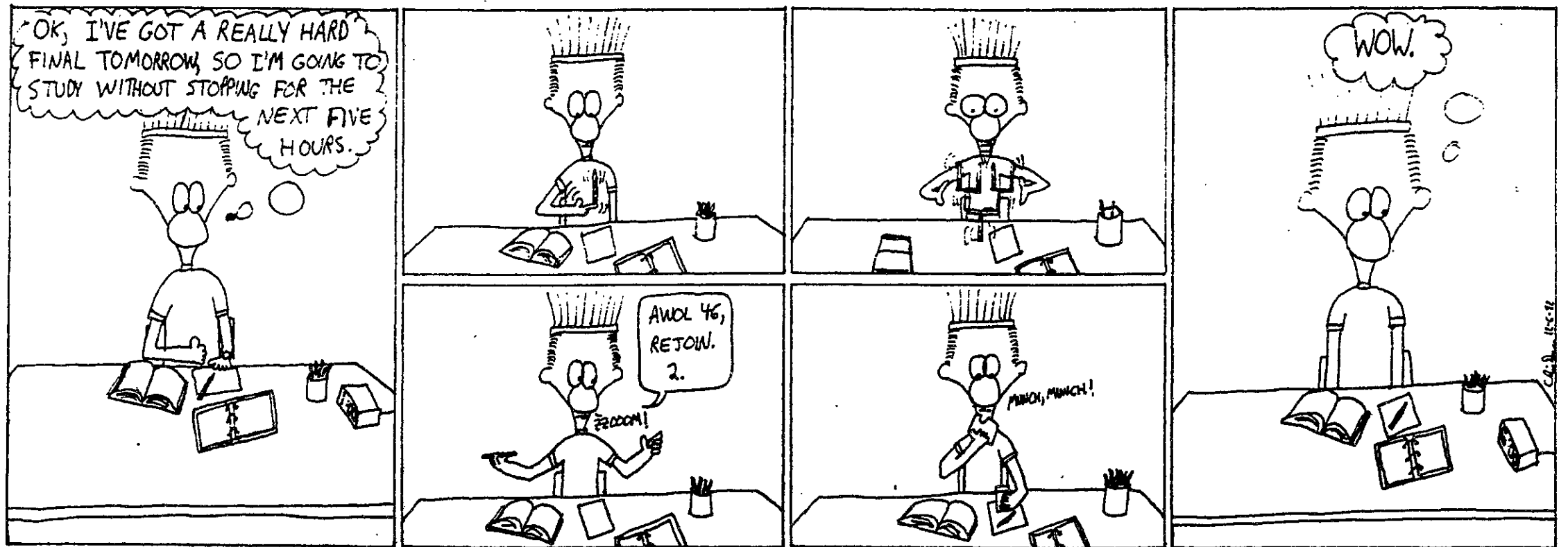
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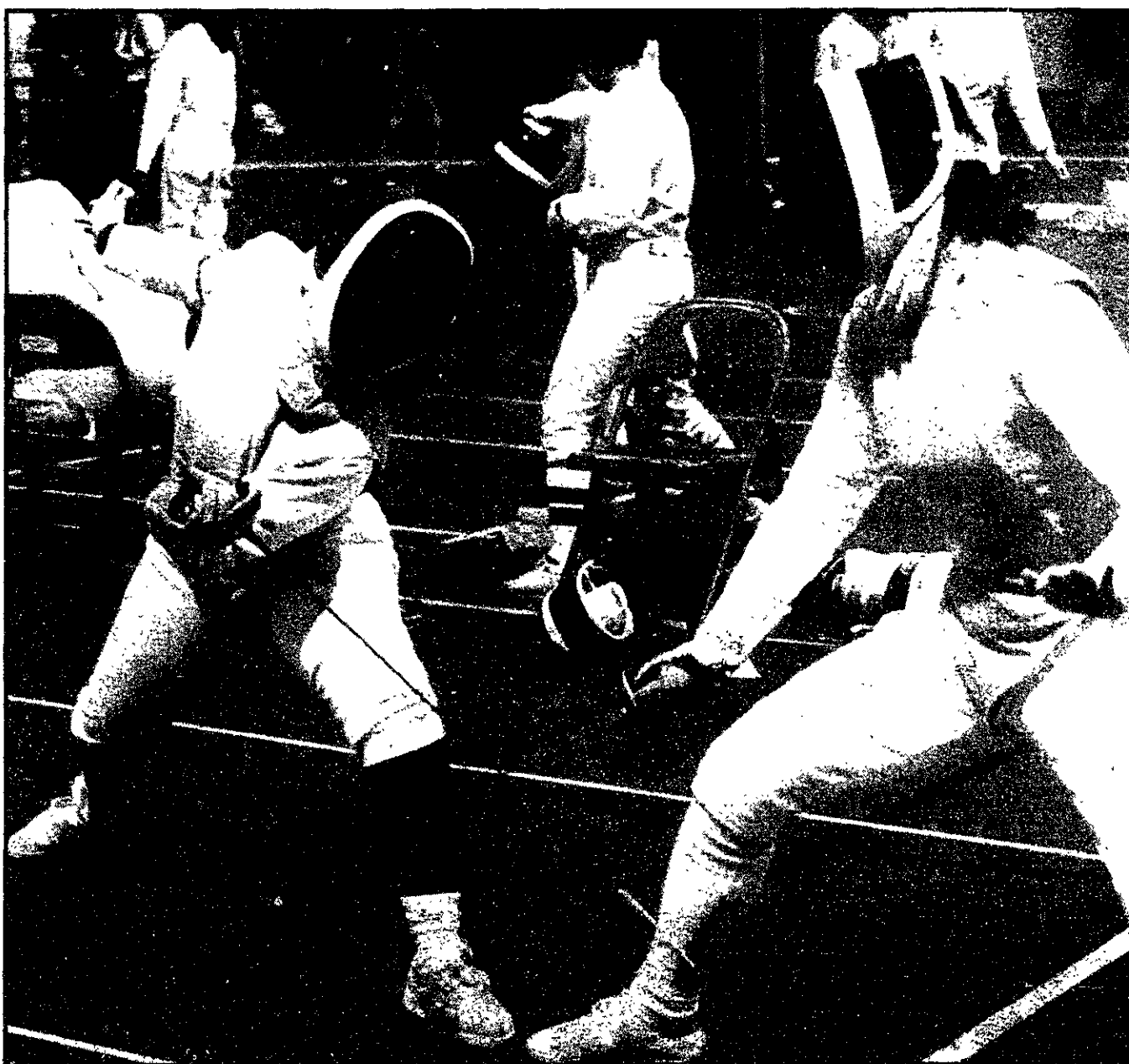
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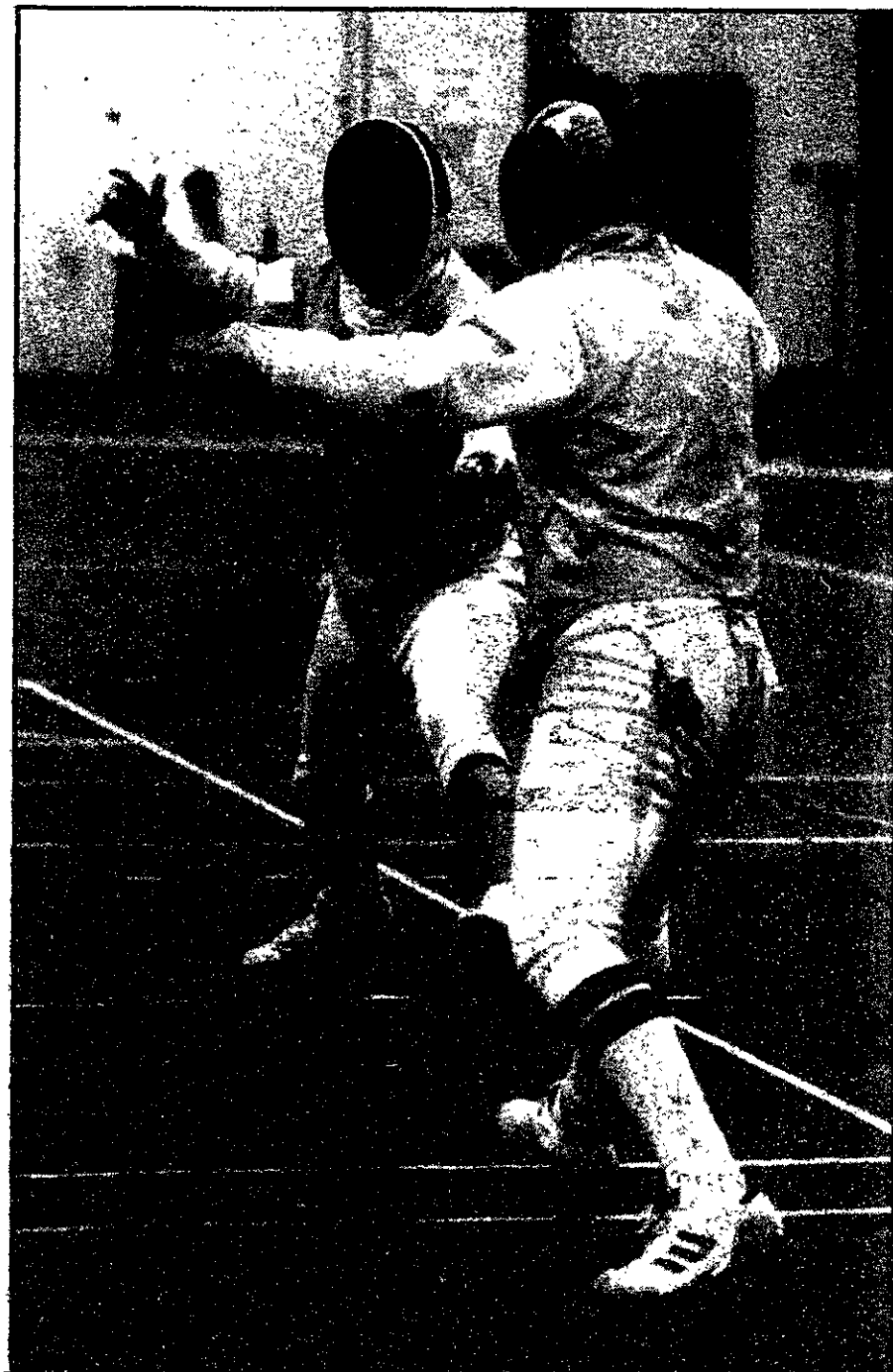
The fencing team hosted the MIT Invitational all day Saturday in the Johnson Athletic Center.

Right: Sara Ontiveros '93, co-captain of the women's team, fights off a Wellesley opponent. The women defeated Cornell 9 bouts to 7 and Brown 15-1. They lost to Brandeis 10-6, St. John's 10-6, and suffered a heartbreaking loss by two touches to Wellesley.

Below: Karl Kritz '96 lunges at a University of Massachusetts opponent. The men defeated Cornell 15 bouts to 12 and lost to Brown, the University of Massachusetts, and St. John's University 19-8, 15-12, and 16-11 respectively.



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Soccer and Football All-Stars

By Roger Crosley
DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION
MIT All-Stars

All-star teams from the Constitution Athletic Conference (CAC) and the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) have been announced, and MIT athletes figure prominently on both squads. In the CAC, forward Attila Lengyel '94, and captain Jason Grapski '94 were first team selections. The ECFC

named wide receiver Rod Trantum '93, offensive tackle Corey Foster '95, and linebacker Nolan Duffin '94 to the first team. Second team ECFC selections were offensive tackle Jeremy Pitcock '94 and defensive back Calvin Newman '96. Justin Glotfelty '93, a linebacker, was an honorable mention choice. Recently, Trantum was also named a second team Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) New

England Division III All-Star.

Cross Country

The cross country teams have named their most valuable players. Agnieszka Reiss '94 was selected by the women's team and Ethan Carin '95 received the honor for the men's squad. Reiss was also named captain for the 1993 team, and David Moyle will be the captain of the men's team in 1993.

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Duffy and Heitner Give Football Picks, Rules, and Trivia

Let's Argue, from Page 15

You Heard It Here First

Mike Ditka will be asked to resign (not fired) as head coach of the Chicago Bears. Mike Singletary, who is retiring at the end of this year, will have a major role in the coaching staff to be assembled next spring and will likely step up to be the fiery inspirational leader of the Monsters of the Midway in three to five years...

With the respectable play of Cincinnati rookie QB David Klingler, look for Norman "Boomer" Esiason to be reunited with old coach Sam Wyche down at the Big Sombrero in Tampa via a trade in the off-season...

Simson's Final Four

1. Kansas
2. Duke

3. Indiana
4. Arkansas

Cardinal Rules of Football

1. Never carry the ball like a loaf of bread.
2. Never miss the extra point.
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Pro Football Awards

Because this is the last issue of *The Tech* for the year, our season-ending awards and playoff predictions will appear following Week XIV.

Coach of the Year: Bill Cowher, Pittsburgh

Rookie of the Year: Ricky "Running" Watters, San Francisco

Defensive Player of the Year: Chris Doleman, Minnesota

Offensive Player of the Year: (tie) Steve Young, San Francisco and Barry Foster, Pittsburgh

Oscar Meyer Award: Deion "Prime Time" Sanders, Atlanta

Best Spikers Award: (tie) Keith Byars, Philadelphia and Tom Rathman, San Francisco

Best TD Dance: (tie) Ernest Givins, Houston and Andre "Bad Moon" Rison, Atlanta

NFL Playoff Predictions

NFC: Division Champs: Dallas, Minnesota, and San Francisco

Wild Cards: New Orleans, Philadelphia, and Washington

Round One: Norwegian-Americans clip 'Skins, while Saints shoot down the Eagles in the Crescent City.

Round Two: 'Niners pull hat trick over the Saints, while 'Boys sink Minnesota.

Championship: With 10 seconds left, Aikman rolls right, pump fakes 3 'Niner lineman into the air, and hits TE Jay Novacek in the end zone

for the game winning TD at the Stick.

AFC: Division Champs: Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and San Diego

Wild Cards: Miami, Kansas City, and Cleveland

Round One: Chiefs munch Fish at Joe Robbie, while Browns bow to the Lightning Bolts.

Round Two: Defense and ground game always prevails in the playoffs. Chiefs get last Word on the Bills, while the 'Bolts get Mauled in the Steel City.

Championship: Cowher Power no match for Shottenheimer (no rhyme), as Chiefs become second team to get to Superlative Bowl as 3-games-on-the-road wild card team (Trivia: Who was the first?).

Super Bowl XXVII: Cowboys 24, Chiefs 22

This is the year of Arkansas, as Jerry Jones gets a call from his crone in the White House, Bill Clinton. Please send your predictions to sports@the-tech. Closest prediction will win a prize and get your name in *The Tech* (as if that isn't enough by itself).

Trivia Question

Who was the first team to win three road games en route to the Super Bowl? Send answers to sports@the-tech.

Answer to last week's question: Andre Dawson, Adrian Dantley, and Anthony Dorsett. Due to space constraints, we can only print the first five correct answers received: Steven Ponzio G, Tim Porter '96, Prof. Carl Martland '68, Erik Norton '93, and Gary Waldman.

Where Are They Now?

NFL Kickers

Efren Herrera, Tony Fritsch, Ali Haji-Shiek, Ray Werschling, Joe Danelo, Mike Lansford, Tony Franklin, Mark Moseley, Jess Atkinson, and Uwe Von Schumann.

MIT TWIB Notes

After a disappointing 0-4 start,

the men's varsity basketball team is on a two-game winning streak. Led into battle by a dapper coaching staff, the Beavers are beginning to gel as a cohesive unit. Tri-captain Nikki "Diamond" Caruthers '95 had a stellar game in a win over Norwich, while Randy "Trigger" Hyun '95 carried the load against Gordon. "Division I" Mark Milton '93 registered the team's first dunk with a thundering one-hand tomahawk jam vs Brandeis. They round out the semester with a game tonight versus the Eastern Nazarene Biscuits at Quincy...

VIX Picks

New Year's Bowl Games: Cotton: Notre Dame 26, Texas A&M 8. Blockbuster: Penn State 30, Stanford 24. Citrus: Ohio State 31, Georgia 30. Hall Of Shame: Tennessee 19, BC 9. Orange: Florida State 32, Nebraska 30. Rose: Michigan 24, Washington 24. Sugar: Miami 20, Alabama 10.

NFL Week XV: *Chiefs 28, Patriots 0*: With this shutout, Patriots scoreless streak hits 14 quarters. Head checks ordered for 19,000 die hards who witnessed the tragedy at Foxboro last Sunday... *Eagles 34, Doves 2*: Herschel, pitying plight of hapless 'Doves, lays down in end zone for Seattle's only score...

Niners 21, Norwegian-Americans 17: Rice and Watters combine to foil grudge match for Roger "Jenny" Craig, playing for the first time against his former mates... *Fish 38, Irwindale Raiders 20*: Raiders up late all week watching "Not Quite Christmas" festival on WTBS... *Olives 17, Packers 16*: Houston's Commander Cody Carlson sends Packers back to Green Bay/Milwaukee/Madison/Racine/LaCrosse/Appleton/Stevens Point/Eau Claire/Osh Kosh/etc. with a loss... *Lightning Bolts, 18 Pussy Cats 5*: Cincinnati, under Corporal Klingler, spends week with your humble scribes in sensitivity class.

Last Week, 6-1. Season Record: 33-17.

In this series we have discussed topics that are at the heart of the educational process. Your awareness of them and your conscious application of them during your education can aid you in getting the most out of your years in school.

Here is a summary of the points of each essay.

The purpose of education.

"...alumni records show that it is likely for many of us to work in multiple fields or to change fields entirely.

The ability to do excellent work in a range of fields and to meet diverse challenges with clear, bold thinking and creative solutions are the hallmarks of a good education.

The skills we learn are an acute ability to observe all aspects of a problem, to integrate a wide range of knowledge, to analyze in depth, to obtain insight, to find creative solutions, and to rigorously test the solutions."

Pressure, confidence and self-esteem.

"Pressure to excel is inherent in any institution that strives to be the best of its kind.

There is a temptation to suggest changes to reduce this pressure: a lighter course load, easier grading, easier courses, less homework, etc.

Experience teaches us that in the long run confidence and self-esteem cannot come from reducing the challenges we face.

When we face the challenges of solving real and difficult problems; when we solve problems others have attempted and have not solved; when we break ground with any new knowledge; when we see our own solutions tested by reality and found satisfactory, then we acquire confidence and self-esteem. There simply is no other way.

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The foundations of creativity.

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6. Analysis of each attempt to aid in the development of insight."

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In summary, work on problems that have verifiable answers, articulate the central concepts in a few words, then try to explain (teach) the concepts. This will substantially increase your ability to derive the full benefit from your education."

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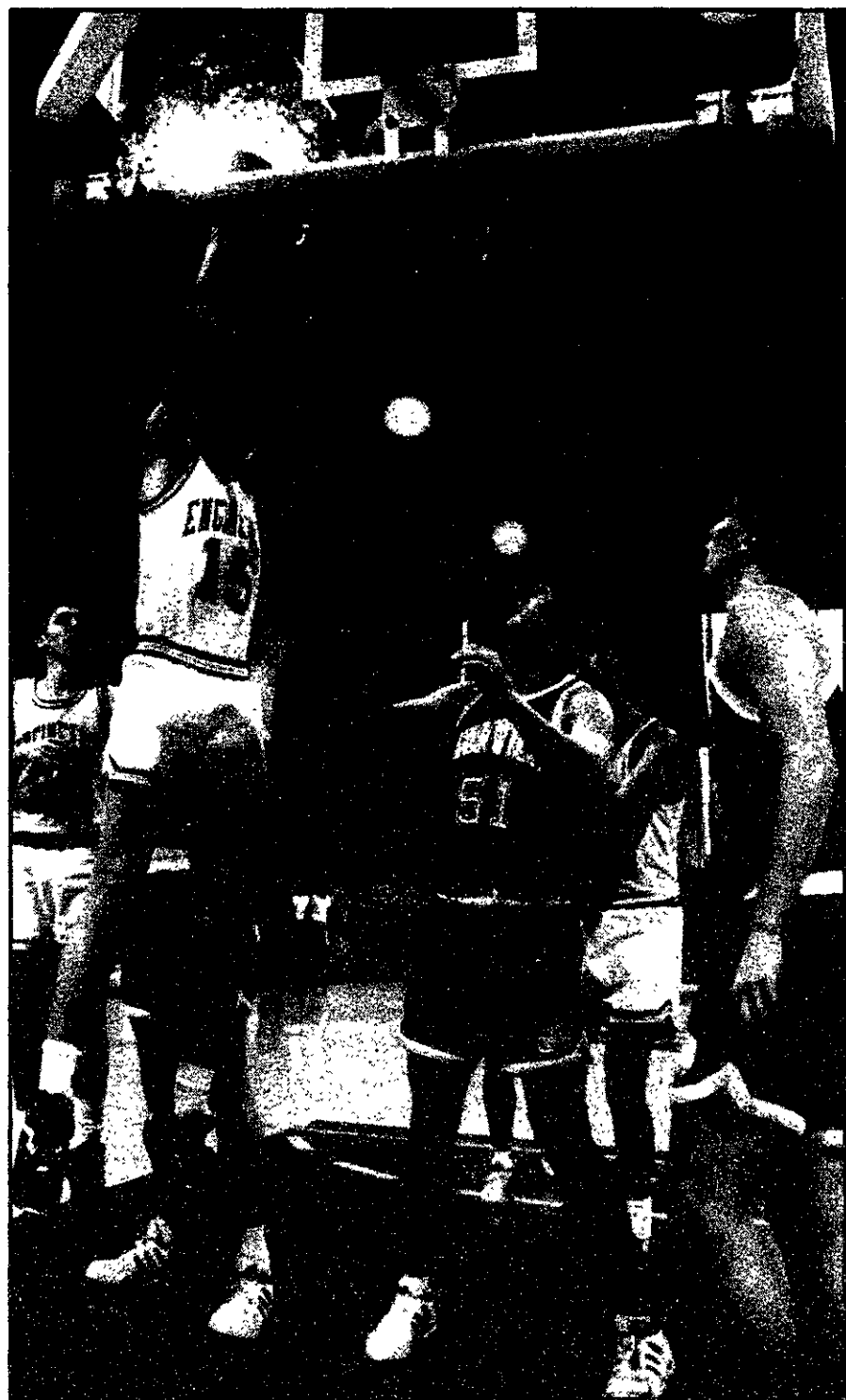
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Men's Basketball Wins 2; Whalen Rookie of the Week



Mark Heffernan '95 cuts through the Norwich University defense to score as teammates Timothy Porter '96 (left) and Joe Levesque '95 prepare for a rebound.

By Halder A. Hamoudi
ADVERTISING MANAGER

The men's basketball team won two games this past weekend, raising its record to 2-4. In the first of the two games, the Engineers defeated the Gordon College Fighting Scots 77-69 in Rockwell Cage Thursday night.

The game was close throughout the first half, with MIT leading by only six at the half. However, the Engineers were able to extend the lead to ten points with back-to-back field goals by center Keith Whalen '96 and backup guard Mark Milton '93.

The Scots stayed reasonably close until, with 7:53 remaining,

MIT scored eight unanswered points to make the score 63-48. Forward Joe Levesque '95 began the scoring frenzy with a three-point play, followed by a three-point field goal by guard Randy Hyun '95. Levesque capped off the run with a layup.

With five minutes left to make up a 15-point deficit, the Scots mounted a respectable comeback, scoring eight unanswered points of their own, but it proved to be too little, too late as the Engineers cruised to their first victory of the 1992 season.

Levesque led the team with 24 points and 4 rebounds. Whalen added 18 points of his own along with a team-high 5 rebounds. Guard

Rob Hayward was the leading scorer for the Scots with twenty points. Gordon College dropped to 0-2 for the season.

The Engineers followed this victory with another last Saturday afternoon against Norwich University.

Because of his performance in the two games, Whalen was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference New England Division III Rookie of the Week. The 6-foot-7-inch freshman shot 54.5 percent from the field and 82.4 percent from the free throw line, averaging 20.7 points per game for the week. In addition, Whalen had five assists, five steals, and two blocked shots.

Women's Hockey Improves to .500

By Lynn Albers
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The women's hockey team promised us some wins, and they've given them to us — they ended the first half of the season with a .500 record. Since their difficult start, the team has beaten Boston University twice, Connecticut College, and Holy Cross College decisively. Their only recent loss came when they lost 5-1 to Yale University in November. Susie Wee G was the lone scorer for MIT.

The women were eager to play against Boston University, and their enthusiasm showed as the offense went into overdrive, scoring seven goals to win 7-2 in their Nov. 18th matchup. Kate Sand '92, Wee, and Jean Nam '93 each scored twice, while Helen Greiner '90 had a solo goal to start the scoring spree for the Engineers.

Becky Wittry '93 had an outstanding day in goal, letting only two shots slip by in her debut start. With Wittry in goal for the second contest against BU, the women were confident. Their attitude was justified when they outplayed BU, keeping the puck in their opponents' end for most of the game. Both teams played determinedly, neither one letting the other score until the second period, when Greiner slipped one by the BU goalie on a pass from Shari Schuchmann G and Yolanda Leung '94.

It took BU 12 minutes to return the favor, but just one minute after their response, Hanh Le '93 scored her first goal of the season, giving MIT the lead at the end of the second period. Sand, determined to score, finally did in the third period with assists from Le and Allison MacKay G. MIT won the game 3-1.

Wittry did a fine job again with help from defense Jill Soley '92, Carol Boudreau '91, Meg O'Neill '93, and Tiina Hameenanttila '94.

The women won decisively over Connecticut College, 6-2. Lisa Anderson was the player of the evening, scoring the first hat trick of her career. Nam, Schuchmann, and Jill Angle '89 each scored in the first, second, and third periods respectively. The evening was an excellent display of teamwork and skill.

"We kicked butt!" O'Neill said, summing up their shutout 4-0 win against Holy Cross College. The Engineers quickly scored all 4 goals in the first period to silence the Crusaders for the remainder of the game. Schuchmann had two goals while Sand and Angle scored one each. The defense was impermeable, as was goalie and ex-forward MacKay.

Deal Herschel Walker to the Patsies

Column by Mike Duffy
and Andrew Heltner
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

The front office management of the Yankees and the Cubs must be bowling partners. First the Cubs whined about realignment, and now the Bronx Bombers are trying to nullify the expansion draft, in which they lost 3B Charlie "Willie Mays" Hayes. The only thing that keeps the Yankees from reaching the level of incompetence of the Indians and Patsies is that they have enough money to buy free agents to cover the horrible moves made by Gene "Twit" Michaels (although Danny Tartabull and Jesse Barfield don't quite do it). A team that boasts Steve "Snow" Howe as its closer should be worried about other things besides trying to change the rules of the game when they don't like the results...

Why are the Eagles not the championship team that most thought they would be? The cynical scribes in the City of Brotherly Love (as well as of Tubesteaks and Cream Cheese) fail to acknowledge the significance of the losses of Jerome Brown and Keith "Oh Nellie!" Jackson, both of whom were All-Pros last year. Brown was the leader of a great defensive line, while Jackson was the favorite target of Randall Cunningham.

Combine these reasons with what your humble scribes have realized to be The Herschel Factor. Bad luck seems to have followed Herschel "Jay" Walker throughout his career. He left Georgia after his junior season to join the USFL, which failed three years later. He moved on to the Cowboys and Vikings, turning playoff teams into cellar dwellers. Both teams, now cleansed of Walker, are back atop their respective divisions. Philly ought to deal Walker to the Patsies or 'Doves, teams which are in no danger of climbing out of the basement this century...

Speaking of former members of Donald Trump's New Jersey Generals, Doug "Skin" Flutie is still regarded by his loyal Boston followers, like Bob "Onion Ring" Ryan, as the best QB in North America. Granted, Flutie does have great stats and 2 Grey Cup wins (with 2 different teams) to go with his great competitiveness, but he is playing in the minor leagues. Despite what Ryan may think, Skin was given ample opportunity to strut his stuff in the NFL, but soon found the players to be big and strong (unlike the cupcakes that BC faces). There also weren't enough Gerard Phelans around to cloud the coaches' eyes the same way that "The Catch" clouded the judgment of the 1984 Heisman committee — the award should have been given to Ohio State's Keith Byars...

A shocking realization is coming from the land of the Osmonds (not Monk, Bird, and Diz), Lake Powell, and the Salt Flats. Many top basketball cognoscenti always believed Mark Eaton (a taller version of Paul "Coppertone" Mokeski) was on the floor just to occupy space (space?) on defense, stay out of Malone and Stockton's way on offense, and occasionally grab a token rebound or two. The Jazz, however, have gotten off to a slow start (6-5 at the start with 4 home losses) while Eaton is out with an injury. Utah must miss his gracefulness and fluid playing style...

Look for the NL West to be the toughest division in baseball next year, despite the presence of the Colorado Rockies. With the signings of Greg "Swiss" Swindell and Doug "Cheddar" Drabek by the Colt .45's and Barry "U.S." Bonds by the Giants, the perennial cellar dwellers (we've used that twice) have become a lot stronger. Meanwhile, the signing of John "Guy" Smiley by the Schottzies and the maturing of the young players of the Fonda-

Turners have solidified the strength of the upper echelon. With the addition of the expansion teams and the "competition" from the NL East, don't be surprised if both the Redlegs and Braves win 100 games next year (assuming there is a season)...

The new NCAA Bowl Coalition is a crock. First, if Alabama had lost to Florida last Saturday, there would have been a Miami-Florida State Fiesta Bowl showdown for the mythical national championship, even though Texas A&M is undefeated and the 'Canes have already beaten the Seminoles. Now, the Mobil/NBC Cotton Bowl has disregarded the coalition by extending a bid to the Notre Dame Fighting Nielsens rather than to Florida State. This action by the Cotton Bowl probably ensures that the Aggies (the Rodney Dangerfields of college football) will move to the SEC within the next couple of years...

The sportswriters of America will ignore our vote for Garrison "Patty" Hearst and give the Heisman award to "Papa" Gino Torretta. Marshall Faulk will not win the award because he is caught in the power struggle between college football and the NFL. If Faulk was to win the award, he would likely enter the NFL draft. The NFL has vowed to fight the entrance of sophomores into the league as a concession to the NCAA, which doesn't want to see their star players (not to mention money generators) leave for the pros. Anyway, Faulk ought to live it up on the beaches of Mission Bay for another year before he moves to the slop of Foxboro...

What ever happened to barefoot kickers? Who clued them in that this practice was not chic, but downright stupid? Maybe it was the biting editorials of Michael "Meatball" Madden...



The squash team played Bowdoin College last Saturday. Robert Harrison '94 returns his opponent's volley.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Wednesday, December 9

Women's Basketball vs. Simmons College, 7 p.m.

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