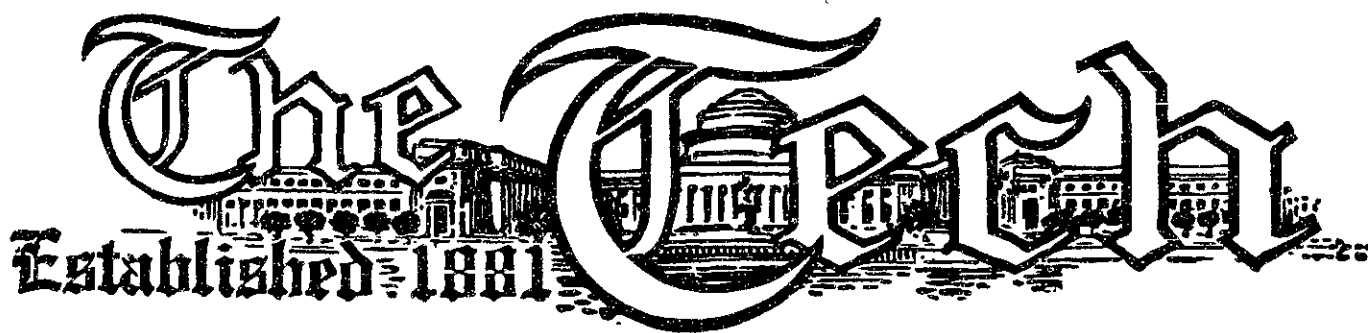


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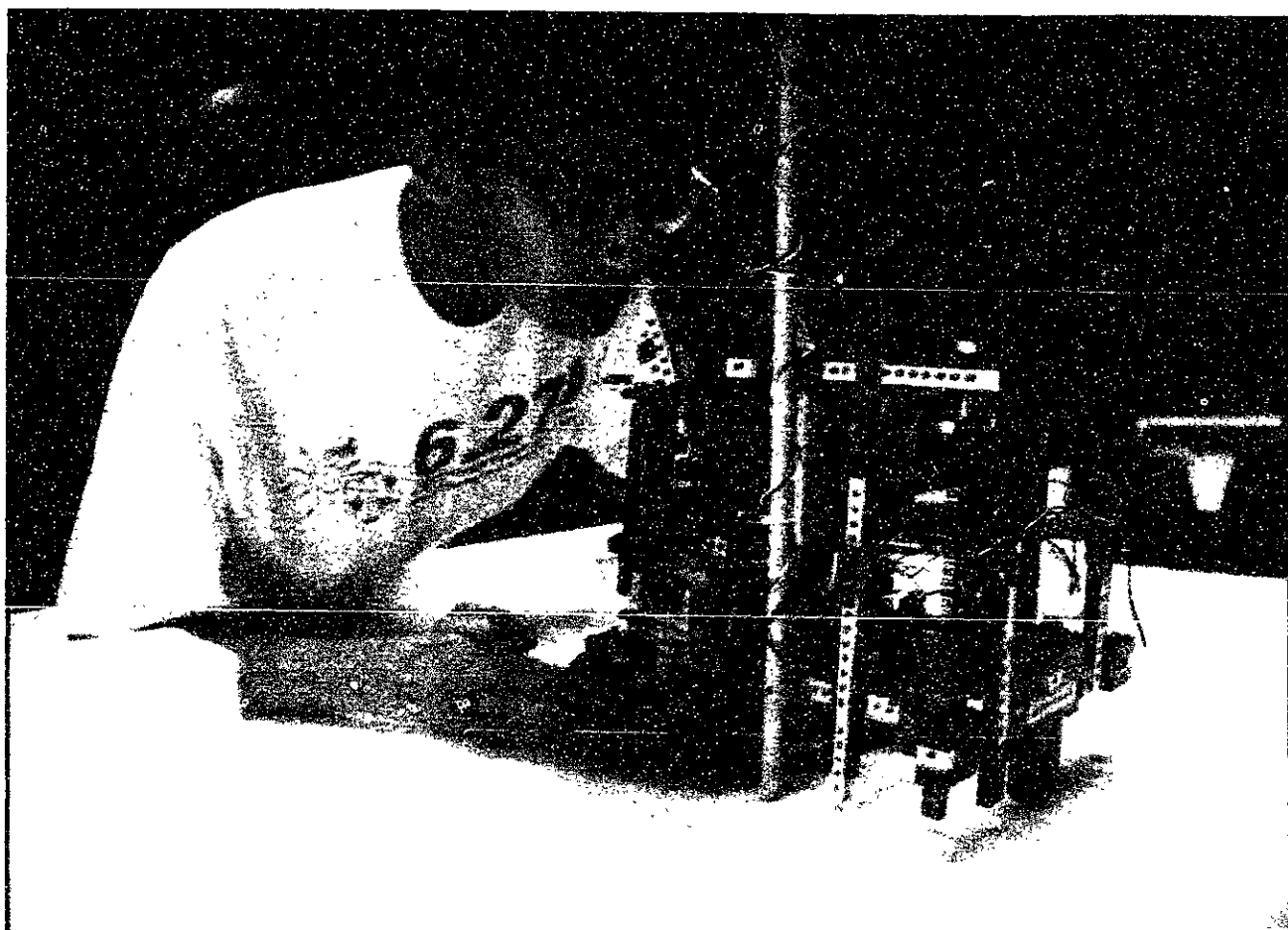
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JOSH HARTMANN - THE TECH

Sumit Basu '95 prepares his winning machine at Tuesday night's 6.270 competition in 26-100.

Knightmare Is the King of 6.270

By Michael A. Saginaw
STAFF REPORTER

After enduring one preliminary round and eight grueling rounds of competition, a robot named Knightmare emerged as the undefeated winner of the 1993 LEGO Robot Design contest (6.270) Tuesday night.

Sumit Basu '95 and Loren C. Shih '95, the masterminds behind Knightmare, designed and built the robot, which defeated the robots of 54 other teams in head-to-head competition. Tuesday's contest was the first in the class's seven-year history that freshmen did not win.

In each 60-second Robo-Knights match, two autonomous robots started on opposite ends of a table. They rolled around the table, trying to move foam blocks to their end zone, which comprised the last six inches of each end of the table. Several matches made up each round, and a robot defeated twice was eliminated from the competition.

A robot earned points by moving blocks into its end zone, and it earned more points if it could stack blocks on top of one another. A robot could also earn points by dragging blocks from the opponent's side of the table back to its end zone, but this was difficult because a moat two inches deep divided the playing field in the middle. However, 30 seconds into the match, a drawbridge was lowered across the moat and the robots could easily move from one side

of the table to the other.

Knightmare stayed on its side of the table for the entire 60 seconds. It rolled toward a block on the table, stopped, and unfolded two parallel arms on either side of the block. The arms squeezed together, gripping the block lightly.

The robot lifted the arms high into the air and positioned the block carefully over a receptacle. The arms spread apart and the block fell into the receptacle. Knightmare methodically moved on to the next block, lifted it, and dropped it on top of the previous one, earning a lot of points by stacking the blocks on top of one another. After picking up the blocks, the robot rolled to the end zone and stayed there for the rest of the match.

One of the distinguishing features of Knightmare was its consistency. "We worked 14 hours a day, every day," Basu said. "We tested [the robot] hundreds of times."

"The most important thing is how reliable your robot is. We spent hours hunting for errors," Shih said. Shih and Basu were awarded a plaque for their efforts.

Contest began in 1987

Michael B. Parker started 6.270 in 1987 as a Course VI analogue of Introduction to Design (2.70).

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MIT Enacts New House Dining Plan

By Hyun Soo Kim
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

All residents of dormitories with dining halls will be required to purchase an \$1150-a-year meal plan good for five commons-style meals per week, effective September 1993. The new House Dining Plan was approved by the Academic Council on Jan. 12.

"MIT can no longer afford to operate the food service units at a loss. ARA is a profit-making organization. They don't operate in schools to lose money. ... If it was our decision, we would close the house dining halls," said John T. McNeill, associate director of food services. "MIT has to reimburse us for bottom-line losses."

The Undergraduate Association President Shally Bansal '93 challenged the benefits of the plan and complained that the plan was announced without student approval or judgment, during a UA meeting last week.

"We are having people from

housing and dining services meet with students from the halls at the Feb. 4 UA meeting. We are sending out informational flyers. In some of the dormitories, people have put up sheets to put down opinions about the plan. At MacGregor, it is not being received well," Bansal said.

Under the new meal plan, residents of Baker House, MacGregor House, McCormick Hall, and Next House will be required to purchase five commons-style meals a week at a cost of \$8.21 per meal. Currently, only Baker offers commons-style dinners, which cost about \$7.35 per meal.

Meals purchased outside of the five-meals-per-week plan can be purchased at a lower price since labor and overhead costs will be covered by the \$1150 plan, McNeill said. This price cannot be calculated right now because the budgets for next year have not been done. McNeill said.

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Cambridge Ponders MIT Street Proposal Plan Would Revitalize CASPAR Shelter

By Jeremy Hylton
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Cambridge City Council discussed MIT's offer to pay the \$2 million in expenses for creating the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcoholic Rehabilitation shelter from its current Albany Street location at a Jan. 25 hearing. In exchange, MIT would be given control of over four city streets.

O. Robert Simha MCP '57, MIT director of planning, detailed the Institute's offer to move the CASPAR shelter to a building at 380 Green St. in Cambridge. In return, MIT asked for control of Amherst Street west of Massachusetts Avenue, Carleton Street, Hayward

Street, and a section of Vassar Street sidewalks running from Massachusetts Avenue to Audrey Street.

MIT estimated the cost of preparing the facility for CASPAR at no more than \$2 million. Estimates of the value of the streets prepared for the city ranged from \$1.5 to \$2.2 million.

CASPAR has been trying to find a permanent location for its shelter, which currently sits on MIT property at 240 Albany St. Members of CASPAR's board of directors are enthusiastic about the MIT offer, because they see it as their best

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Ames St. Food Trucks Lose Parking Licenses

By Eva Moy
NEWS EDITOR

Since Jan. 16, food trucks on Ames Street have been prohibited from occupying the same position for more than 10 minutes at a time. Despite this prohibition, however, the trucks continue to park for several hours during peak lunch hours.

The Cambridge Department of Public Works revoked the licenses to obstruct — needed to park in an illegal space for longer than 10 minutes — for Andy's Place, Falafel King, and Poppa Goose, according to Richard V. Scali, executive officer of the Cambridge License Commission.

All three trucks still have peddler's licenses, which allows them

to stay in one place for 10 minutes. Unlike licenses to obstruct, which must be renewed each month, a peddler's license can be used for a full year.

"If they're caught violating their permits, they'll be asked to move or be arrested," Scali said.

DPW officials decided to revoke the licenses because of "the congestion and the confusion of traffic" on Ames Street created by the trucks, according to Scali. Conflicts between Andy's Place and Falafel King also contributed to the decision, he said.

In addition, the city received complaints that the vendors parked

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Clinton May Change Face of ROTC at MIT

By Sabrina Kwon
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

President Charles M. Vest is "eagerly watching to see if Clinton will reverse the military's gay-banning policy," according to Sarah J. Gallop, Vest's assistant for government and community relations.

Last May, Vest formally gave his support to the Military Freedom Act of 1992, which would reverse the ban on homosexuals in the military — and in ROTC programs at universities across the country.

Secretary of Defense Les Aspin PhD '66 spoke recently of working out "a compromise" between gay rights activists and military leaders, keeping with President Bill Clin-

ton's reaffirmed promise to allow homosexuals to serve in the armed forces.

On Jan. 25, Clinton reiterated his intention to lift the ban on gays in the military. "I intend to keep my commitment," he said.

"Nothing has really changed, though," Gallop said, adding that the MIT task force set up to induce change in the Department of Defense policy is still "continuing its work to reverse the policy."

Bettiker hopeful

"I am ecstatic," said Robert L. Bettiker '91, when asked about

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WORLD & NATION

Sears Catalog Will Be Missed

THE BALTIMORE SUN

It sat in the bookcase in the living room, between Thomas B. Costain and the Bible — part thesaurus, part encyclopedia — plus problem-solver, inspiration, titillation, transportation, textbook and companion. It was the stuff that dreams are made of.

The Sears catalog. Soon all I'll have is the memory, for my friend the general merchandise catalog, the book whose heft and presence were a testimony to capitalism, is being discontinued. The current spring edition is the end, the company announced a few days ago. The "big book" that began in North Redwood, Minn., before the turn of the century as a series of flyers and grew to several thousand items and more than 14 million copies, has been losing more than \$135 million a year in the last three years, they say.

Sears' problem is not that the catalog shopping era has passed, but that it has come. Today's mail-order sellers pick a niche and fire their flyers straight into the mailboxes of the most likely buyers. Specialty catalogs are cheaper to print and cheaper to mail than 1,600-page behemoths — and they're easier to read.

Gibbons Confirmed as President's Science Adviser

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Senate Thursday confirmed John H. Gibbons as President Clinton's science and technology adviser, affirming the new president's conviction that the government must become more aggressive in promoting U.S. industrial competitiveness, science-policy experts said.

Gibbons will direct the Office of Science and Technology Policy, a small White House office that advises the president on scientific and technology questions such as global warming, AIDS research and support of science education in schools, among other key policy issues.

The selection of Gibbons shattered tradition because rather than choosing a distinguished research scientist for the job, as presidents usually have, Clinton selected a technocrat experienced in dealing with politicians.

A nuclear physicist and director of the congressional Office of Technology Assessment, Gibbons knows how government officials and scientists work and can provide Clinton with a wide array of scientific opinions, policy experts said.

Over 4,000 Gather At Marshall's Funeral

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Thurgood Marshall "belongs to the ages" now, as one of his eulogists put it Thursday, and so the cavernous expanse of the Washington National Cathedral filled with hymns of struggle, freedom and the headiness of the old civil rights days when color barriers were falling and battles were being won.

The 4,010 people who gathered Thursday, ranging from school children to the civil rights establishment to President Clinton, celebrated the life of a man whose mission, as lawyer and presidential adviser Vernon E. Jordan Jr. put it, was "to cleanse our tattered Constitution and our besmirched legal system of the filth of oppressive racism."

Marshall's death Sunday of heart failure at the age of 84 "obviously triggered in a number of Americans an assessment of how far we've come over the 50 years of his career," said Wade Henderson, director of the Washington office of the NAACP. "I would have to think that what we see today is only part of the vision that they had when some of these victories were first being secured. We envisioned that once you removed the barriers of legal segregation and once you dismantled the Jim Crow system that that alone would be sufficient to put African Americans on equal footing with whites. And I think the difficult lesson we've learned is that we, indeed, need a little bit more."

WEATHER

Cold Times Ahead

By Michael Morgan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

As a low pressure center moves offshore today, winds will shift to the northwest and temperatures will fall. Temperatures will moderate later Saturday as high pressure crests over the region. A disturbance approaching on Sunday may give us a period of snow late Sunday into Monday.

Today: Windy with falling temperatures and clearing skies. Temperatures falling from the low 30's (0°C) early in the afternoon. Winds northwest 15-20 mph (24-32 kph).

Tonight: Clear, windy, and cold. Lows 10-15°F (-15 to -9°C).

Saturday: Mostly sunny and cold. Winds light and variably. High 20-24°F (-7 to -4°C). Low 12-17°F (-14 to -8°C).

Sunday: Increasing clouds, with light snow possible by dark. High 30-34°F (-1 to 1°C). Low 25°F (-4°C).

White House, Nunn Forge Final Agreement on Lifting Gay Ban

By David Lauter

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration, military leaders and Senate Armed Services Committee chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., reached final agreement Thursday night on a new policy to suspend the ban on military service by homosexuals.

At the same time, federal District Judge Terry Hatter Jr., ruling in the highly publicized case of Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, declared the gay ban unconstitutional, saying it violated the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection of the laws. The ruling marked the first time the government had been forced by a court to reinstate a gay service member.

Legally, Hatter's decision applies only in the portions of California covered by his court's jurisdiction, but politically, it is certain to strengthen the hands of President Clinton and others seeking to end the ban nationwide.

Secretary of Defense Les Aspin repeatedly has warned military leaders that they should seek a compromise with Clinton rather than face the likelihood that the ban would eventually be overturned by judicial fiat. "My argument to the military is sooner or later, the courts are going to come at you on this issue," Aspin

said in a recent television interview.

Under the new policy, which Clinton is expected to announce Friday, the military will:

—Stop asking new recruits about their sexual orientation.

—Will suspend investigations to ferret out gays in uniform.

—Will suspend current cases seeking to discharge gays, so long as those cases are based solely on homosexual status rather than on any improper conduct.

Nunn has been the sticking point," an aide to Les Aspin said some hours before the final agreement was reached.

Officials said that Nunn had raised objections to the policy even after the uniformed service chiefs had agreed to it.

He finally came on board, however, after a Capitol Hill meeting with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and several other Democrats at which they ham-

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Clinton will not formally lift the ban, however, for six months, giving Congress time to hold hearings on the issue.

Clinton had hoped to announce his new policy on military service by gays Thursday, but was prevented from doing so by last-minute haggling, primarily involving Nunn, White House and Pentagon officials said.

"The effort so far has been to fix the process and create the conditions for a good faith effort to see if this policy can work. Agreement has been reached a couple of times and

mered out final language on how the military should handle cases of avowed gays between now and Clinton's eventual final order.

Nunn's approval was crucial because congressional Republicans have continued to threaten to force a vote on a bill that would tie Clinton's hands by writing the ban on gay service into law. With Nunn's support, White House officials were confident that they could easily put off any such move. But if Nunn had balked, a bill to codify the ban probably would have passed the Senate, officials said.

Spending, Investment Fuel Strongest Economic Growth Rate in Three Years

By John M. Berry

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Surges in consumer spending, business investment and new-home building led the U.S. economy to a solid 3.8 percent growth rate in the final three months of 1992, capping a year in which the nation's output grew at its strongest rate in three years, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Coming on the heels of the July-September period's 3.4 percent rate, growth for the second half of last year was the strongest in five years. The economy's stronger-than-expected performance lays to rest fears that the recovery — though still not as robust as those following previous recessions — could falter again as it did a year ago, analysts said.

The new economic data came as Chrysler Corp., AT&T and Coca-Cola Co. all reported healthy quarterly earnings after a steady parade of bleak reports from such victims of the recession as International Business Machines Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co.

But President Clinton noted Thursday that the stronger growth had so far not resulted in much of an increase in the number of workers on business payrolls.

"I think there is a lot of response to the efforts we are making now," Clinton told reporters. "There is also a lot of troubling news about lost jobs. We've got a lot of work to do ... a lot of work to do."

With Clinton focusing on the lack of job gains, the economic growth would not lead him to drop his plans to propose an economic package to spur job growth, Deputy Office of Management and Budget Director Alice M. Rivlin said Thursday.

The economy is improving "but not as fast and as surely as most of us would want and not with as much job growth as most of us would want," Rivlin told the National Academy of Social Insurance. "Therefore, there will be a package

of quick initiatives to do things that ... can be job-creating and can be part of a longer-run investment in making the economy grow."

Most forecasters believe that the lack of job increases, and the accompanying weak personal-income growth, means that consumers probably cannot continue to step up their spending as they did at the end of last year. As a result, the forecasters said, growth is likely to drop back to about a 3 percent annual rate in the first half of this year.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who met Thursday morning with Clinton and his eco-

nomists, later told the Senate Budget Committee that it would be difficult to maintain the fourth quarter's 3.8 percent growth rate.

Despite the lack of job increases, the strong increase in the inflation-adjusted gross domestic product in the second half of 1992 was something of a vindication for former President Bush, who maintained throughout his re-election campaign that the economy was in better shape than Clinton was portraying it to be.

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Bruce Steinberg, a Merrill Lynch & Co. economist, said the consumer "performance is unlikely to be sustained during the first half of 1993.

"drag" on the economy resulting from higher taxes and lower government spending to cut the deficit. "If we begin to see as a consequence of ... the deficit coming down, fiscal drag of significant proportions ... it will be certainly the job of the Federal Reserve to respond to that," Greenspan said.

Significant deficit reduction is not likely for another year or two at the earliest, he said, but the Fed might find it appropriate to act sooner to cut short-term rates if long-term interest rates, over which the Fed has little control, do decline, Greenspan indicated.

A key issue now is whether sustained economic growth of 3 percent or so will be strong enough to create enough jobs to bring down the 7.3 percent unemployment rate.

So far employers generally have been able to produce more goods and services without hiring many more workers because of gains in productivity — that is, output per hour worked.

Clinton Considering Curbs on Social Security COLAs

By Steven Mufson
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton is considering limiting cost-of-living increases for the nation's 41 million Social Security recipients, a White House spokesman said Thursday, provoking sharp criticism from senior citizen groups and a key Democratic senator.

Such limits could save the federal government billions of dollars a year, but would tighten the belts of senior citizens, many of whom rely on their Social Security checks, which average \$653 a month, to make ends meet.

"It's one of the issues that's being discussed," White House Communications Director George Stephanopoulos said Thursday. "We haven't made any final decision yet."

And Alice M. Rivlin, deputy Office of Management and Budget director, told a meeting at the National Academy of Social Insurance, that a change in Social Security benefits "is not ruled out in any kind of a shared-sacrifice deficit reduction package."

She said, "There are lots of ways of doing it. I'm not saying it's going to happen, but it certainly is being talked about."

Their comments were the latest efforts by Clinton aides to keep the administration's options open without revealing the contents of the budget package they plan to submit to Congress next month.

Yet by refusing to rule out any measure that might trim the federal budget deficit, the administration has raised worries among groups

that would be hardest hit by possible tax increases or spending cuts.

Stephanopoulos would not discuss any specific proposal, but said, "we'll make sure that any plan that we have is both fair and solves the goals of putting growth in the economy and achieving deficit reduction."

Social Security, one of the most politically sacred programs, has not been altered in a major way in a decade.

But Thursday was the second time Clinton and his aides have hinted at possible changes in the \$302.2 billion program.

U.S. Reviews Deteriorating Situation in Balkans

By Don Oberdorfer
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration began its formal consideration of the deteriorating situation in the Balkans Thursday after receiving a grim report that relief supplies are falling far short of minimum requirements in Bosnia.

After a White House meeting of the high-level "principals committee" of the National Security Council, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher told reporters that the initial discussion of "a very wide range of options" suggested that no decisions are near.

According to one official, the options included the use of U.S. ground troops in the states of the former Yugoslavia — which President Clinton virtually ruled out in statements before taking office — to

the use of U.S. air power, to no new action at all. An official familiar with some of the papers, prepared by various government departments, said no particular course of action was recommended in those that he had seen.

Also at the meeting, chaired by national security adviser Anthony Lake, were Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, CIA Director-nominee R. James Woolsey and Gen. Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Clinton, who did not attend, will take up the Balkans and other urgent foreign policy issues at his first full-scale National Security Council meeting, expected to take place next week.

One of the reports discussed at the meeting said that from late November through mid-January, less than half of the minimum requirement of food for the people

received an automatic cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, every year since 1975.

The government could save about \$10 billion in 1994 if Clinton were to eliminate the next cost-of-living adjustment, which the Social Security Administration estimates will be 3.2 percent.

The adjustments, made in early January, are based on the consumer price inflation. The current average benefit of \$653 a month reflects a recent change for 3 percent inflation in 1992.

Budget savings would grow bigger in later years because future

adjustments would be made on a lower base.

Many leading members of Congress vehemently oppose changes in Social Security because the country's senior citizens represent such a large and powerful voting bloc.

In addition, many argue that the Social Security is an insurance program and should be kept separate from the rest of the budget.

Though the Congressional Budget Office expects the federal government to run a \$310 billion budget deficit during the current fiscal year, the Social Security program will run a surplus of \$53 billion.

of Bosnia was supplied by relief organizations and other sources. The supply of needed medicine was even more inadequate, this report said.

Increased fighting in the region appears to have decreased the feasibility of outside intervention. Reports from the area suggest that the spread of fighting to Croatia may precipitate the withdrawal of French peace-keeping forces, and that Sadako Ogata, the U.N. high commissioner for refugees, is reviewing the presence of U.N. relief workers.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali warned Wednesday that the renewed fighting in Croatia endangered the peace process being pursued by Cyrus R. Vance and Lord Owen, and might lead him to recommend withdrawal of all 16,000 peace-keeping troops in the

Balkans. The State Department, responding to his remarks, cautioned Thursday that total withdrawal of the peace-keepers would probably result in broadening the conflict.

President Turgut Ozal of Turkey, describing outside intervention in Bosnia as late, Thursday called for the arming of Bosnian Muslims and the use of air power to contain Bosnian Serbs in an address to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Ozal expressed urgent concern about the potential spread of the fighting to Kosovo, Macedonia, Albania and Bulgaria. Should this happen, he warned, Greece would probably become involved and Turkey could not "stay idle" while fellow Muslims were killed.

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The Academic Council's recent approval of a mandatory \$1.150 meal plan for residents of the four dormitories with dining halls convincingly demonstrates the administration's contempt for students' interests. Simply put, the approved plan has no benefits for students. There is only one suitable response: protest!

Attend the next Undergraduate Association Council meeting and tell your student representatives what you think of the proposal. The next time you check your e-mail, send a letter to the administration and ask it to reverse its decision.

When several similar proposals were introduced by the House Dining Committee last spring, each one was withdrawn after being severely criticized by students. The House Dining Committee's deliberations were remarkably open. The discussion was conducted in apparent secrecy, but a loud student response now may force the administration to change its course.

The broad public discussion of the committee's proposals eventually reached a conclusion that most students agreed with: there is no way to keep all four dormitory dining halls open and not lose money. Students said that they wanted freedom to eat meals where it suits them — and if they are given that freedom many students won't eat in dormitory dining halls.

Like proposals made last spring, the current proposal gives students a choice: Eat five meals a week in your dormitory dining hall or throw away \$1.150. The plan pits this financial pressure against the realities of campus life that have caused the dining system to lose money in the past. Students have not used the dining halls because of the pressure of campus geography. Labs, UROPs, and athletics keep many, if not most, residents of

McCormick Hall and Next, Baker, and MacGregor Houses away from home at dinner time. Forcing students to eat in their dormitory dining halls in order to make use of the money invested in their meal plans will force them to limit their studies and extracurricular activities. Students need the freedom to eat dinner where and when it is convenient for them.

The reason the current proposal and every other proposal offered by the administration will not work is painfully clear. The administration doggedly insists that all the dining halls must remain open. This insistence will prevent the administration from ever solving the problem. If the number of students that the dining halls can serve is larger than the number of students who want to eat in them, then one or more of the dining halls must be closed or, as the administration has discovered, students must be forced to eat in them.

The UA was as surprised as anyone by the administration's announcement of the new plan. The UA has done students a real disservice by not treating the dining issue more seriously. Still, the UA represents the best medium for students to voice their displeasure. Hopefully if students attend the next UA Council meeting next Wednesday night, the UA will be spurred to action.

Take immediate action too. Lawrence E. Maguire is the director of housing and food services; write him a piece of electronic mail and ask him to change the dining system. Maguire reports to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56; perhaps he can convince the Academic Council that it has made a mistake.

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Letters To The Editor

Bursar's Office Strives for Accessibility

I am writing in response to Opinion Editor Matthew H. Hersch's column in the Jan. 13 issue of The Tech, in which he said Bursar's Office employees seem "to want to have as little to do with students as possible." Since I became bursar in 1985, soon after our office was featured in Guest Columnist Stuart Atlow's article in The Tech entitled, "The Ten Worst Offices at MIT", my colleagues and I have been working hard to improve our services to students and alumni. We want to be accessible to any client who needs our personal attention and advice.

We publish a brochure, "Important Facts About Your Student Account," which we mail out to 20,000 students and parents each summer. This brochure is available free-of-charge in the reception area of our office. It tells you whom to call for what purpose and gives you his or her name and direct telephone number.

In the backs of the faculty and staff directory and the student directory blue pages, our employees are listed by function, and all the telephone numbers listed are unique. This is because these are our direct telephone lines. We do not have a receptionist or switchboard operator screening our calls. Our employees who provide services to students and alumni each have their own personal voice mailboxes. If they are busy and unable to answer their telephones, you can be assured that any message you leave will be heard by them personally.

Also, we are accessible via electronic mail. You can find our electronic addresses in the white pages of the faculty and staff directory.

These voice mail and e-mail capabilities mean a client can communicate with a specific employee at any time of the day or night, not just during business hours. Our office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and we have ended our pre-1985 practice of closing our

doors for an hour at lunch time.

We have two "ombudsmen" on our staff to resolve disputes that may arise with our receptionists, student account representatives, or student loan representatives. They are Cheryl Blankenship, ombudsman for students, who is available at x3-3850 and at bursrv@mitvmc.mit.edu, and Carlene Chisom-Freeman, ombudsman for alumni, who is available at x3-2445 and at buroan@mitvmc.mit.edu.

We have increased our loan counseling since 1985. Back then, we met with students just prior to graduation to explain their loan rights and responsibilities. We still do that, but we also do similar loan counseling with first-time borrowers to help them realize what they are getting into before they borrow! There are one-on-one sessions for all international borrowers, borrowers whose loans require co-makers, and borrowers who request individual attention.

MIT does not sell the student loans we make to secondary markets, like so many

other universities do. We keep them and the Bursar's Office services them throughout the repayment period. We have an 800 telephone line to help alumni call us easily if a problem arises with their loan account once they have left MIT. The number is 1-800-537-6012 and appears on all our student loan bills and letters.

We are working on all our computer systems so our employees will be as knowledgeable and helpful as possible when a client asks us to explain something about his or her account. We are designing a new student account bill and are being flooded with responses to the 10,000 questionnaires we sent out to students in December asking for their ideas on how to improve it.

In summary, we in the Bursar's Office work to be as accessible as possible and we sincerely invite any client with a problem or feedback to contact us directly so we can respond.

Shirley M. Picardi
Bursar



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Homosexuality Is Compatible with Military Service

Column By Bruce Duncan
GUEST COLUMNIST

I am a man. I am a heterosexual. I am comfortable with my sexuality and I am confident in my abilities as a positively contributing member of the world society. There are the reasons I would proudly serve in the same military as any homosexual who is committed to the high standards of that military. Personally, I feel that any person comfortable with her or himself as a person, mature enough to act professionally, and capable of acting in a combat situation, would welcome a similar comrade-in-arms regardless of his or her sexual orientation. True, the majority of homosexuals in the United States would not be able to meet the strong morals and the intense motivational levels necessary for military service, but the percentage of heterosexuals who fail these requirements would likely be the same.

The majority of Congress-creatures now in office have stated that homosexuality is incompatible with military service. I do not think this is true. I do, however, think that homosexuality is incompatible with service in the United States military in its current state, though through no fault of any homosexual. If President Clinton imposes a mandate on the U.S. military allowing homosexuals to serve, many, if not most of the heterosexual males in

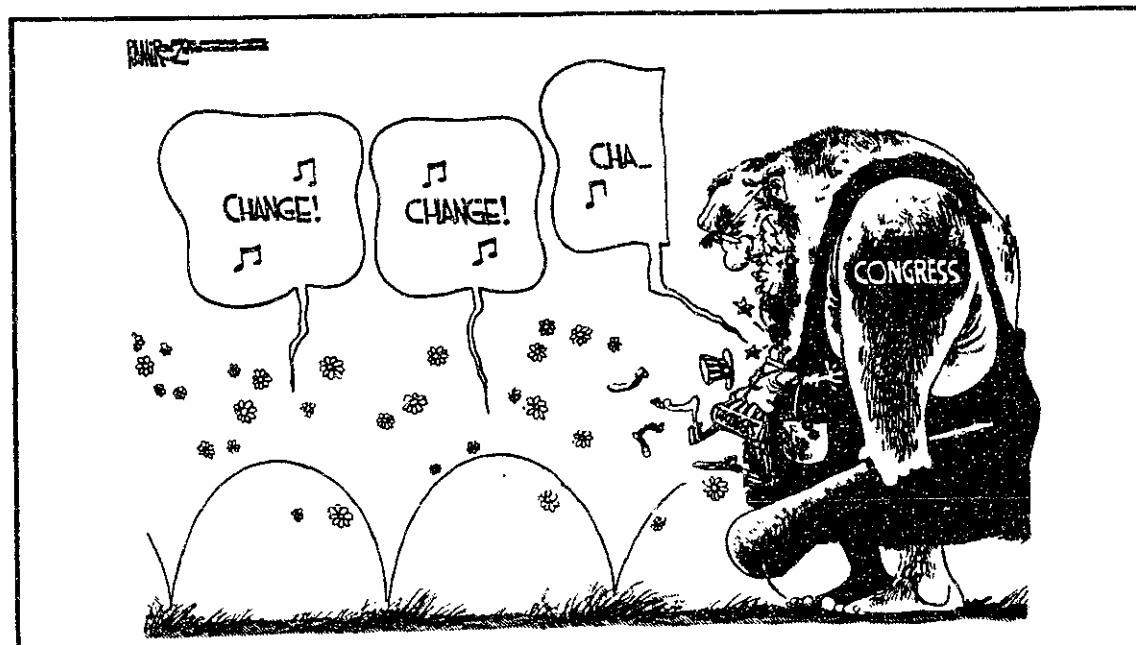
the military would object strongly, due to what I think is an antiquated and wholly annoying sense of machismo. Men who are not confident in themselves trying to prove that they are. The results of a Presidential mandate might include internal confusion, dissent, and hatred in the military and would therefore make it a force not capable of carrying out its missions. Unmotivated soldiers, soldiers who feel their Commander in Chief has sold them out, will not be able to defend their country, and almost as importantly, they will not appear to the world as if they are able to defend their country. What is the answer?

Training and education are the weapons to be used against the ignorance and immaturity of the average homophobic soldier. Train the soldiers in the truth. Sexual relations do not have a place in a professional environment. Sexually related problems are more likely in the military than the civilian sector for many reasons; close physical proximity for long periods of time, intense stress, and (believe it or not) boredom are just a few. The military is getting better about dealing with sexually related problems. Sexual harassment is not tolerated and is grounds for immediate dismissal from the military. This policy does not imply nor mean that women are the only objects of sexual harassment.

If any heterosexual is worried about being harassed by a homosexual, he or she should be taught that such behavior on the part of the offender is in violation of existing military regulations, and that the offender will be discharged. A military that allows homosexuals to openly serve would protect both heterosexuals and homosexuals from those not able to live up to its high standards. As long as the

standards are not lowered, as long as the U.S. military accepts and retains only the best qualified personnel I feel that race, gender, and sexual preference should not be criteria for candidacy.

Bruce Duncan '93 is the son of a retired naval officer and a friend of many active duty military personnel. He has been closely associated with the military all his life.



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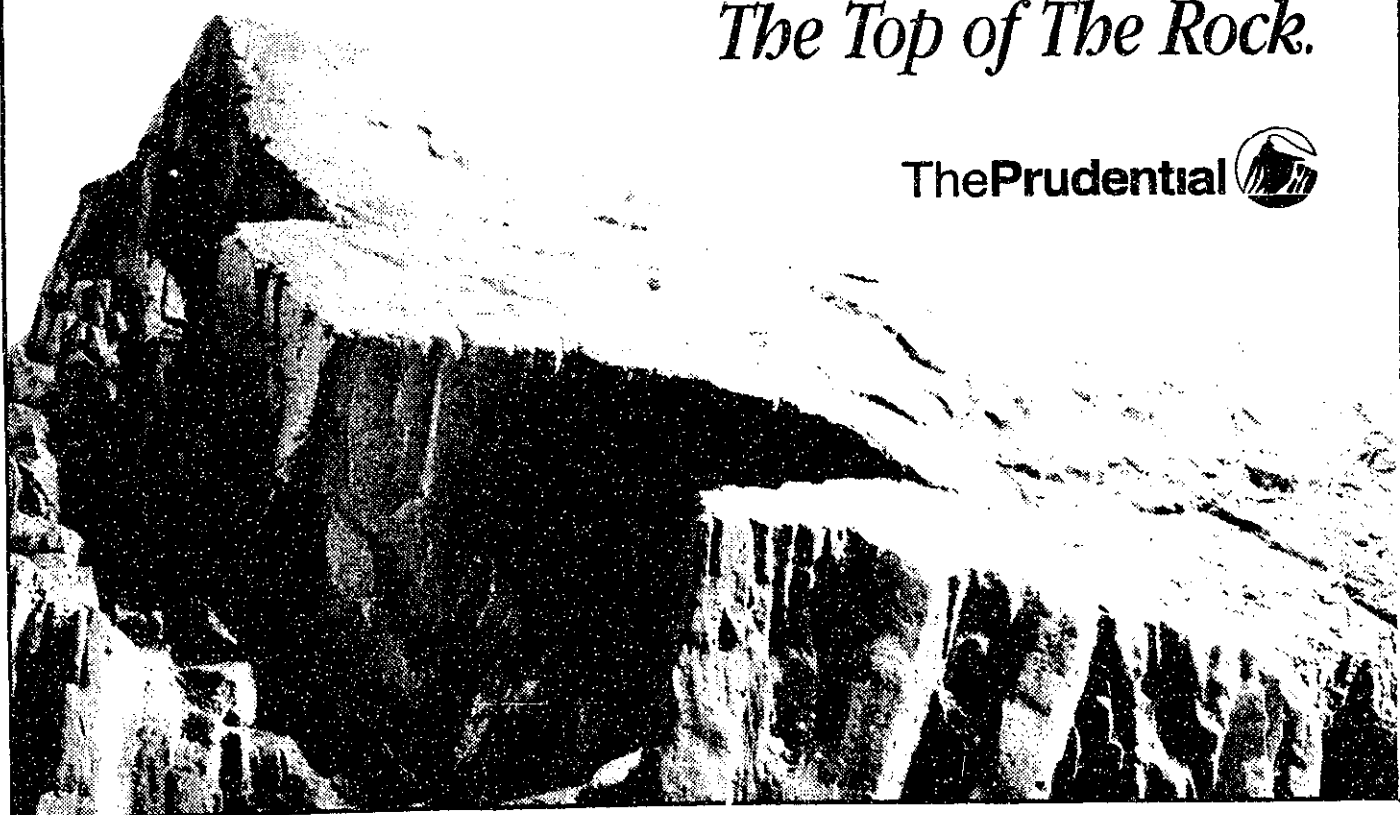
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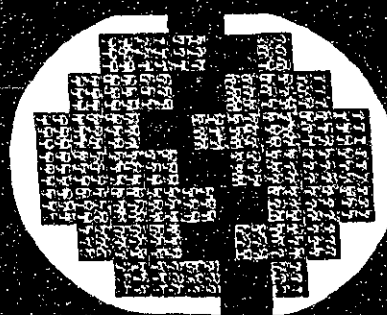
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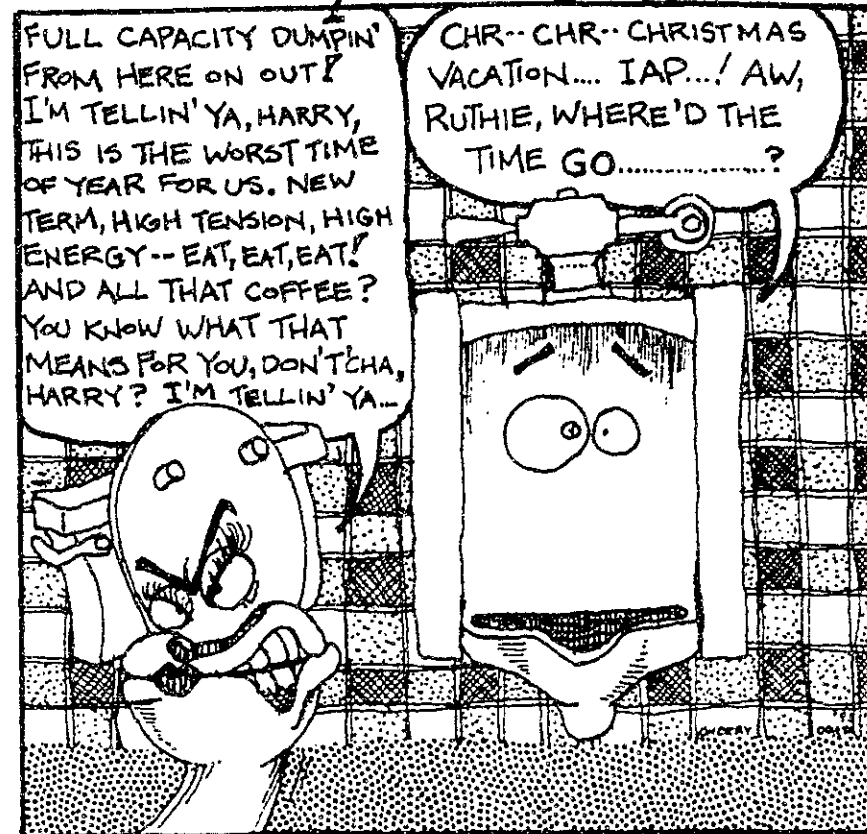
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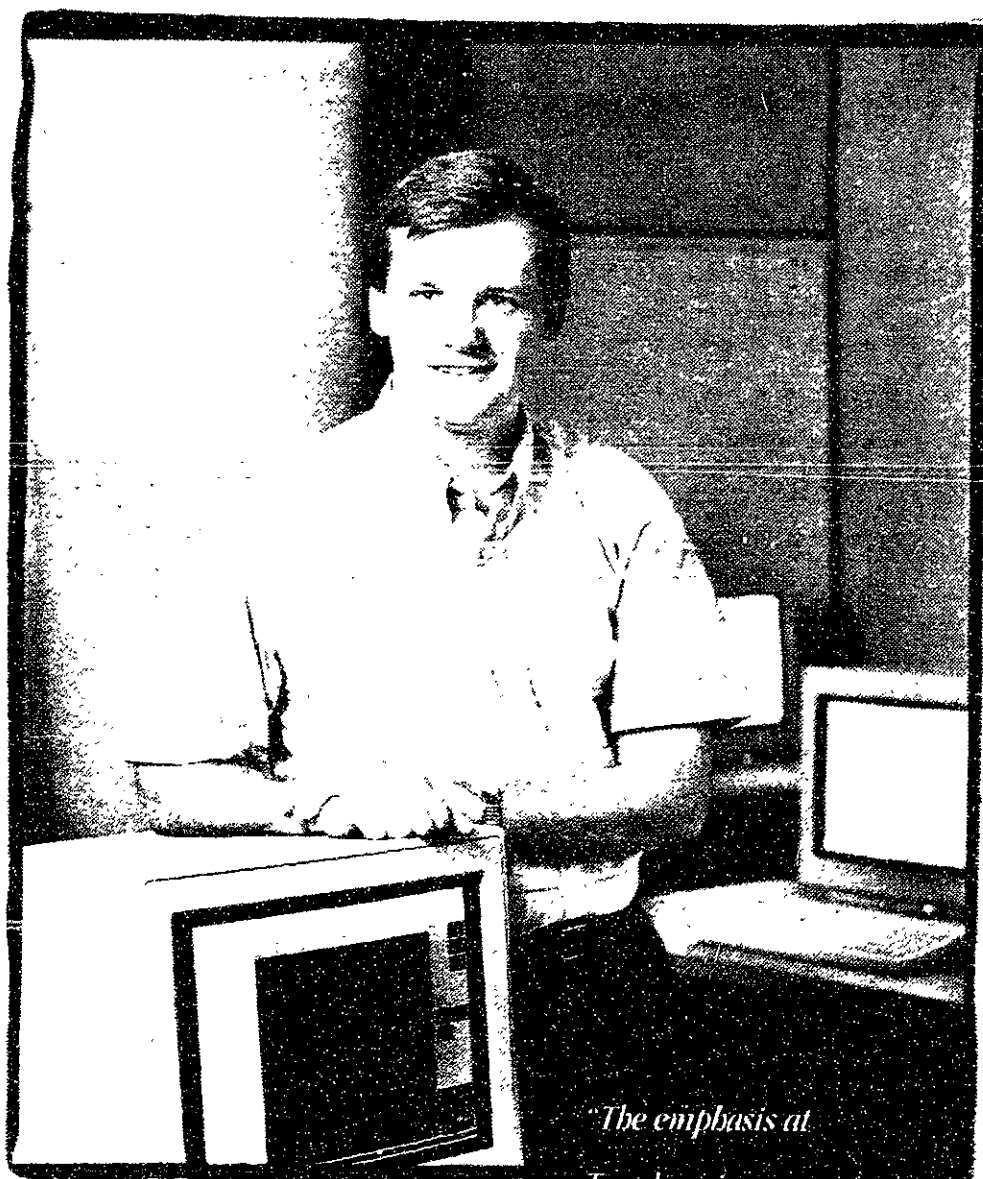
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City Council Considers Trading Streets for CASPAR Funding

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chance of finding of permanent site after 19 years in temporary quarters on Albany Street.

Three Cambridge city councilors expressed their support for MIT's offer at the Monday hearing. "We're talking about an Institute that has done so much for the city. The only issues here tonight is to find funding for a permanent site for CASPAR," Councillor William Walsh said.

Mayor opposes sale of streets

Nearly every speaker at the hearing supported the goal of finding a permanent home for the CASPAR shelter, but MIT's proposal drew strong criticism. Cambridge Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves said, "I profoundly disfavor this notion of giving away streets."

City Manager Robert W. Healy, however, endorsed MIT plan as "the financing vehicle for a permanent solution to the CASPAR problem."

Several Cambridge residents and some city councilors who spoke at the hearing were concerned about MIT's long-term development plans in the city. MIT currently owns 226 acres of land in the city — about 12 percent of its total acreage.

"The things occurring over the last six months have raised concerns in the community," said Councillor



Cambridge Mayor Kenneth Reeves (left) faces off with Ronald P. Suduiko, assistant to the president for government and community relations, and MIT Director of Planning O. Robert Simha MCP '57 at the Jan. 25 City Council hearing.



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Jonathan S. Myers, apparently referring to MIT's recent purchase of three parcels of land worth more over \$5 million near the University Park development project. "We would like to see some more of MIT's long range plans," Myers said.

Reeves described MIT's plans as "a mystery."

Simha portrayed the effects of the purchase of the streets as rela-

tively innocuous. He described the streets as "largely interior" to the MIT campus.

Simha also argued the MIT had discussed many of its long range plans with Cambridge planning officials. "The Institute has long-term plans that are generally quite straightforward," he said.

According to the plans outlined by Simha, MIT would assume responsibility for maintaining the

streets, in addition to making improvements to the landscaping, lighting, and paving. Haywood Street, which runs between Amherst and Main Streets at the MIT Press, would be closed to traffic and become a pedestrian zone.

Request for streets questioned

MIT was attacked several times during the hearing for not offering to donate a permanent site for CAS-

PAR. The Institute claimed it was "not in a position to make an outright grant to the city," Ronald P. Suduiko, assistant to the president for government and community relations, said.

Reeves was furious with MIT's claim that it couldn't make a donation. "It doesn't make sense. Why can't MIT make a \$2 million grant?" he said.

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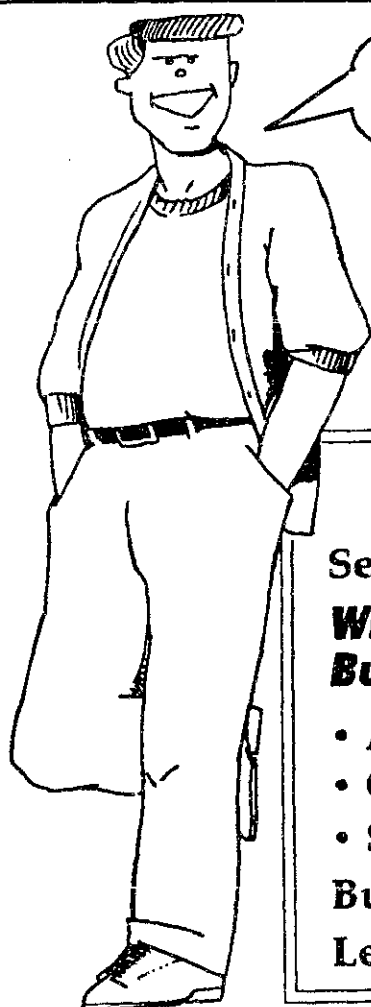
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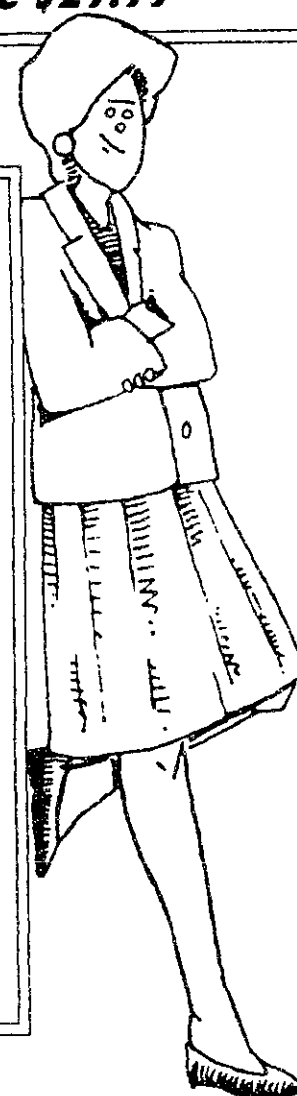
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Food Trucks Lose License to Sell on Ames Street

License, from Page 1

in handicapped spaces and ramps, and were "generally just parking in illegal spots," Scali said.

A truck may conduct business as long as it wants while parked in a legal parking spot, such as one in front of a parking meter, provided that the owner pays the meter, Scali explained.

But John T. McNeil, associate director of MIT food services, suggested that if a truck moved from a spot, came back, and the spot was still available, the owner could park the vehicle again and start selling again for another 10 minutes.

"There's a fast 10 minutes and a slow 10 minutes," said Moses Katz, who runs the Falafel King truck on Ames Street, referring to the lax enforcement of the 10-minute restriction. Katz feels that if the trucks pose such a threat, the city would enforce its regulations more seriously.

Disputes between the trucks began last July, when the city gov-

ernment moved Andy's Place to Ames Street. The falafel truck behind Building 66 viewed this as a threat to its business, and the owners quickly obtained a permit to operate a second Falafel King truck on Ames Street in an effort to remain competitive with Andy's Place.

The two trucks began arguing about parking space allocation and permitted parking times. Both parties submitted several complaints to the City Council, and by December, the Department of Public Works simply decided to revoke all of the vendors' licenses to obstruct, Scali said.

"You give [permits] to all, or you give to none," he added.

Katz seemed to blame Andy's Place employee Richard W. Hutchins for his problems. "Everything was OK until [Andy's] started to complain. The less noise we make, the less threat we present" to Cambridge, he said.

Neither Hutchins nor Katz said

he wants to fight the city on this issue. But both men would like to try to stay at Ames Street, or at least on campus.

"There is enough business for three trucks" not to have to fight among one another, Katz said.

The Poppa Goose truck, which is run by MIT alumni as a non-profit organization that helps international refugee families, has remained on the sidelines for much of the dispute.

Chon Vo '83, a student volunteer in the business, said he was aware when he applied that the city could revoke the permit with short notice.

"We don't mind if it comes down to [moving] every 15 minutes," Vo said. "That would be fair to us as long as it applies to everyone."

MIT community shows strong support

"I think they need a spot for these people. They do a good job,"

said Director of the Spectrometry Laboratory James A. Simms, who visits Andy's Place three or four times a week.

"I think that the trucks are an important resource for students,"

New Administration May End ROTC's Ban on Gays

ROTC, from Page 1

Clinton's promise to lift the ban. Bettiker was forced to leave the ROTC program at MIT three years ago, when he informed his Navy ROTC commander that he was gay.

Bettiker said that he supports Clinton's actions and plans thus far. "I like the approach he's taking now—phasing in change so that there won't be any major negative response in Congress," he said. Bettiker added that it was important for Clinton to continue taking steps "to educate the military so that some military leaders do not resign."

"I am trying to see what I can do to further this," Bettiker said. "Overall I am elated."

Michael J. Williams '94, a midshipman in the Navy ROTC, said that he thought the lifting of the ban "would make the job of an officer more difficult, in trying to lead people who are in solid agreement with the ban."

Emphasizing that his words represent his personal opinion, and not that of the Navy, Williams said, "Though I don't agree with that kind of lifestyle at this point, I think I would be able to work alongside anybody. However, on a ship, when you're not simply working together but living together, I don't know how comfortable I would feel. I think I could deal with it, but then again I haven't had much real experience on a ship."

Military resistant to change

In a memo leaked to the press last week, Aspin informed Clinton that both Congress, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and most military command-

said Charles R. Wescott G. The dining halls are not competitive in quality or in price, he added.

"I'm very much in favor of the trucks staying," said William G. Gardner G, a frequent customer.

ders do not want ban on gays in the military lifted.

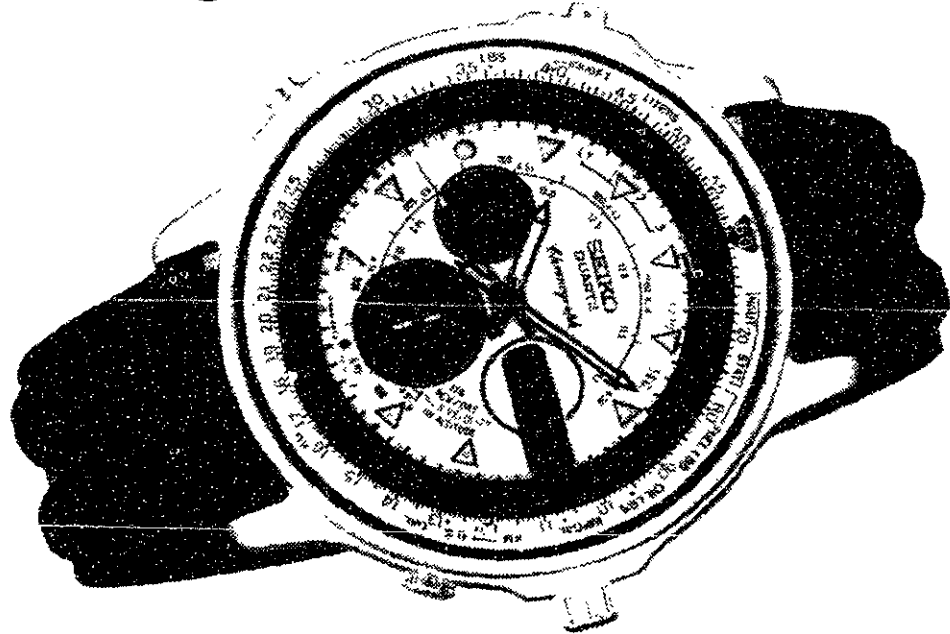
Aspin also predicted that the ban eventually will be deemed unconstitutional by the courts. Aspin said that military leaders fear a coerced acceptance of gays into the military from both the executive and the judicial branches "without having a chance to control it at all." Thus they may be more willing to consider certain terms for the reversal of the ban that they may have rejected before, *The Boston Globe* reported.

Aspin emphasized that compromise will be needed for either side to reap any benefits, during an interview on CBS's "Face the Nation." Gay rights groups, knowing that Congress could immediately overturn any sweeping executive order Clinton might issue, are feeling pressure to minimize their demands so that Congress might not reject outright any changes that Clinton proposes.

Aspin was optimistic about how the pressure to compromise will help shape the policy on homosexuals in the military. "I think that the pressures on both sides to come to an agreement...are real...I think we can work something out," Aspin said last Sunday on "Face the Nation." Aspin said that the working plan for the lifting of the ban entails waiting for "six months and see whether we can do it."

Bettiker, now in medical school in Washington, D.C., said he was "trying to see what I can do to help [expedite the lifting of the ban], like contacting congressmen and senators," urging those who feel strongly about the issue to do likewise.

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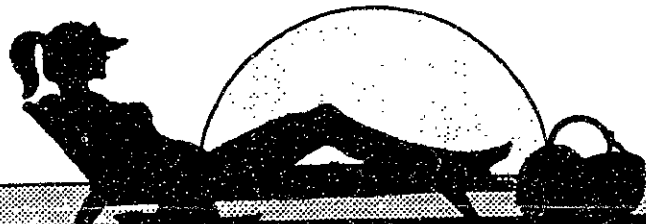
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MIT Rolls Out New Plan To Retain Dining Halls

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McNeill predicts that on average, students will spend an additional \$500 over the flat rate of \$1150.

"It will be less than if a student went to the Student Center and bought [food] a la carte," McNeill said. He said that a la carte prices would be more expensive because it would have to cover labor and overhead costs of running the service.

Baker House is expected to expand its service and hours. Baker dining hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Baker will also serve brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. MacGregor House, McCormick Hall and Next House will continue to be open for dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The new dining plan is the result of extensive examination of various recommendations made by the House Dining Committee which met last spring. Because of intense student opposition to its recommendations for various dining plans, the committee dissolved without making a final recommendation.

"We are attempting to have the system pay for itself," said McNeill. Currently house dining halls lose close to \$500,000 a year, he said.

"Students don't use the system. We provide the service, but no one uses it," McNeill said. The average number of diners during dinner at Baker dining hall last year was 87, and the average amount of money spent on dinner was \$5.01, McNeill said.

According to a survey conducted by the House Dining Committee last March, most students said they didn't want the house dining halls to be closed, McNeill said. Almost 90 percent of respondents said they wanted dinner served in their houses on Monday through Thursday. Seventy-five percent wanted it on Friday and 50 percent wanted dinners in their dining halls on weekends.

"The students want this, but they don't want to pay for it. We are trying to meet student interests," McNeill said.

"The house dining plan is a result of several years of examining all aspects. Everybody has looked at this and it is researched very thoroughly. It accomplishes the objectives: to provide meals to fit student schedules, and to have a plan that pays for itself," said Lawrence E. Maguire, director of housing and food services.

Residents find problems with plan

Many people expressed mixed reactions to the dining plan. One complaint centered on the cost of the commons-style meal.

"We don't like to eat in the dining hall right now. People don't want to eat at all-you-can-eat places at Baker," said Jason B. Thomas '96, a Baker resident.

"One serious reservation [to the plan] is that I know from our survey that many women don't want to eat that much food. I hope they will introduce some way in which a la carte dining can be included in the plan," said Professor William B. Watson, the Baker housemaster. "The dining halls are where communities are built. If we are excluding women by the pricing policy, then you are excluding women in the community."

Watson was also the chairman of the House Dining Committee. "I think it's on the whole a very good plan with flexibility built into it, close to what we decided. I think it's fair that residents of dining halls have to take responsibility for upkeep of the halls," he said.

Margaret S. Roberts '95, a McCormick Hall resident, said she will have to move out of her dorm if the plan is instituted.

"It sucks so bad. There aren't enough words to describe how bad it is. This is an all-girls dorm, and they just don't eat that much. Eight

dollars per meal is too much. Usually I spend five to six dollars a meal. ... If they estimate it to be \$2000 a year, there is no way I would pay it. If they implement this plan, there will be a lot of people moving. I would have to move," Roberts said.

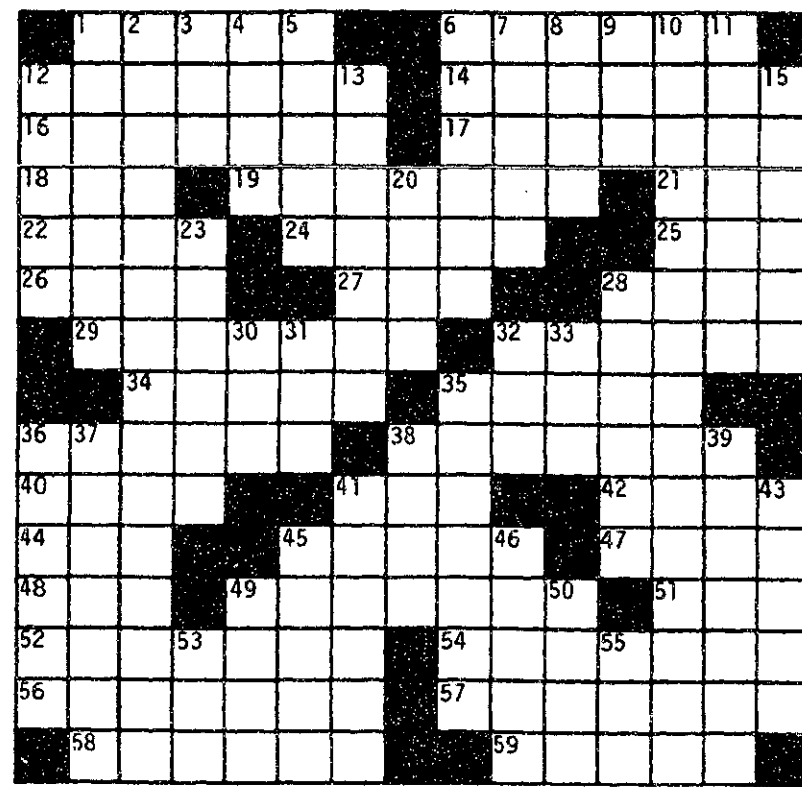
"What I would prefer, is that if they are losing that much money, that they close the dining hall and turn it into a big lounge," she added.

Michael M. Strong '94, a MacGregor resident, said, "I know people who won't be around during the dinner hours — especially people who play sports. Even though Baker is open later, it's not easy to go to a dining hall where you don't know anyone."

However, Victoria L. Parson '94, a Baker resident, said, "I row crew, so I am all for anything that offers breakfast at Baker. I like eating at Baker. There's more variety of food — more than Lobdell. All my friends eat there."

Eileen S. Sun '94, a Next House resident, said, "I think it is inconvenient. Right after class I have a lab and that means I have to go back to eat and then go to lab."

Strong also mentioned that the plan might adversely affect the MacGregor convenience store from which students can purchase goods with their meal cards.



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DOWN

- 1 Strong drink
- 2 Midwest city (3 wds.)
- 3 Tennis term
- 4 Egyptian god
- 5 Sea eagles
- 6 Commit a military crime
- 7 "It's — cause"
- 8 Electrical units
- 9 — Marie Saint
- 10 Midwest city (2 wds.)

- 11 Germ-free
- 12 Nuance
- 13 Film workers
- 15 Fit for food
- 20 "Darn it!"
- 23 Doctrines
- 28 Object of devotion
- 30 John —
- 31 — run
- 32 Part of MPH
- 33 U.S. agency
- 35 Musical groups
- 36 Roof worker
- 37 "The — of Penzance"

- 38 Give support
- 39 Least difficult
- 41 Robert Redford and Jack Nicklaus, e.g.
- 43 See 32-Across
- 45 Author of "The Red Badge of Courage"
- 46 Rugby play
- 49 Papal name
- 50 Work with a piano
- 53 Spanish for us
- 55 Spanish equivalent of Mrs.

ACROSS

- 1 Suffix for land or sea
- 6 Those who defy
- 12 Ghost, or James Bond opponent
- 14 Raise one's spirits
- 16 — seek
- 17 Consolled
- 18 Coach Parseghian
- 19 Inheritor
- 21 Son of Beta
- 22 — farmer
- 24 Turn the key
- 25 Pen point
- 26 Raison d' —
- 27 Mel of baseball
- 28 Declined
- 29 Famous Colonel
- 32 With 43-Down, former Dodger
- 34 Laborers
- 35 Prefix: seven
- 36 Treated with malice
- 38 Make a certain poker bet
- 40 Covers
- 41 Jazz of the '50s
- 42 Skin mark
- 44 — poetica
- 45 Masses of blood
- 47 Stockings
- 48 Siamese (var.)
- 49 Defend
- 51 Never: Ger.
- 52 English prep school student
- 54 Bridge supports
- 56 Adjusted a watch
- 57 Time of day
- 58 Talks back to
- 59 Intended

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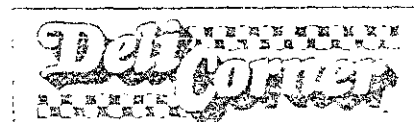
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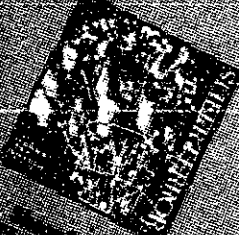
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Some Find Puppets an Alternative to 6.270

By Deena Disraeli
STAFF REPORTER

While many students spent Independent Activities Period slaving away in a laboratory or furiously snapping together LEGOs, four students spent their Independent Activities Period creating life-size works of art and imagination. The students, enrolled in puppet design, devised plans for and built four puppets which were as large as their creators.

The idea for the project originally came from Marshall D. Hughes, Integrated Studies Program Senior Staff Assistant and Director of Opera Un Met, a Boston-based music company.

"What I want to do is use the puppets in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*," Hughes said. "I've always

liked to do things for the school-age kids and preschoolers."

The Magic Flute will be produced as a children's opera, Hughes said. "I want to use two or three real-life singers in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*," Hughes said. Singers from Opera Un Met will be used for the solos, but Hughes has considered using two or three MIT students for smaller singing and narrating roles.

These characters will walk around on stage and move the puppets when the part they say requires the puppets to do something, explained Raluca G. Barbulescu '96, project coordinator.

The first performance will be held at the MIT Child Care Center. Other performances will tentatively be held in the Brookline and

Brighton public schools. "I'd like to take it into the public schools in Boston," Hughes added.

Hughes asks for student help

Barbulescu originally heard about puppet design from Hughes, who explained the project in her ISP class and asked for workers.

"I didn't know anything about sewing and papier-mâché," Hughes explained, who introduced the IAP activity so people who knew about construction and papier-mâché could build the puppets.

"Most of the people [taking puppet design] don't have any experience in puppet making from before, they just enjoyed doing crafts. One person worked on a parade float... I just had experience building a lot of

little things," Barbulescu said.

Hughes briefly explained to the students what he wanted and left the actual designing and fabrication up to them. "Marshall told me from the beginning that they should be life-size and stuffed so that when the children came up and touched them, they almost felt human. He left most of the designs, the facial expressions, and the costumes up to us," Barbulescu said.

"We are aiming for four puppets, but it might develop into a longer thing where we build more puppets to fit the other characters," Barbulescu said. The puppets represent the four main characters in the opera, the princess, the prince, the queen, and the magician. "The bodies are stuffed, and the heads are papier-mâché, but one of the pup-

pets is different from the others," she added.

Hughes specified one thing about the sorcerer, Zoroastro — he wanted this particular puppet to be able to increase in size. Barbulescu and her fellow puppet creators built the magician on a frame that can be pulled up or collapsed as the puppet's role requires the change.

The characters will all resemble humans, according to Barbulescu, "but they'll have special touches." Certain puppets will have stars at the base of their hairline to emphasize their characters' royalty. Some characteristics will be over-exaggerated, like the prominence of the cheekbones or the bushiness of the eyebrows. All of the characters will be very colorful.

IAP Activity Gives Students Chance to Help Homeless

By Michael A. Saginaw
STAFF REPORTER

Homeless advocate Byron H. Paladin spoke to an Independent Activities Period community service volunteer group two weeks ago about his experiences as a homeless man in Boston.

During IAP, students enrolled in the activity entitled Volunteer to Work in a Homeless Shelter or Other Community Service Organization (17.903), served in homeless shelters, tutored immigrants in English, and organized children's recreation programs, among other activities.

"We heat up food and cut up bread," said Shalini Verma '95. She worked in the York Street shelter, where 22 homeless women are allowed to sleep every night.

"Twenty out of 22 [women] are the same from night to night," said Rohit Gupta '95, who worked in the same shelter.

Verma found that some homeless people were very different from what she expected. "We met one person who had a master's degree. She was thrown out of her home by her family," Verma said.

Speaking in front of the class, Paladin said that in February 1992 he helped found the newspaper *Spare Change*, which is written and produced solely by homeless people. The paper sells for 10 cents a copy. Profits, which range from \$18,000 to \$20,000 a month, are spent on homeless causes, Paladin said.

Paladin said that he ran into some opposition when he started the newspaper. "People had said, 'it's too much of a risk,' but the homeless are tired of hearing that they can't do things. We need encouragement and a positive attitude that we can do something like this," he said.

Seven homeless staff members work full time for the newspaper; 61 volunteers, who are not necessarily homeless, also help out. The newspaper is published at *The Harvard Crimson* press.

He added that in addition to the money earned from advertisements and sales, *Spare Change* recently received a \$10,000 contribution from Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. They will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Amelia Carlisle Foundation to pay for newspaper equipment, and they may also be eligible for a \$5,000 grant from Fund for the

Homeless.

Paladin said that once people have been homeless for more than three months, they become "institutionalized." They go from meal to meal and from shelter to shelter. Most shelters only keep people for three days. Homeless people have to spend their time figuring out what shelter to go to next, and where to go for the next meal. There's no time to think about long-range plans.

It is extremely important to find a place to sleep indoors this time of year, he said. Last year, 80 people froze to death on Boston area streets, he added.

Paladin feels that the chances of a homeless person getting a job are very slim. They have no address and no phone number. Because it is very easy for a homeless person to be robbed, they often have no identification. They have no place to keep things and no privacy. Also, a lot of available jobs are night jobs, but many shelters won't let people sleep there during the day and work a night job.

To illustrate how difficult it is for a homeless person to get a job, Paladin said that when he first arrived in Boston, he stayed in a homeless shelter for three days and filled out 78 job applications. In the

next three days, he handed in his applications and gave employers the phone number of the shelter where he was staying.

During the three days when he handed in applications, he did not get one call. After that, the shelter threw him out because he could not get a job, and he did not have an alcohol or drug problem that merited special treatment, he said.

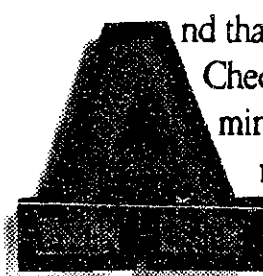
Homeless people face a problem of stereotyping, Paladin said. When employers see a shelter listed as a residence on a job application, they think the applicant is irresponsible. Paladin noted that this generalization is not fair because, for example,

some people are homeless because their homes burned down.

Paladin is also working with Boston Jobs for Peace, a branch of National Jobs for Peace. As the government decreases military spending, National Jobs for Peace looks for ways to divert that money toward environmental, health, and educational causes.

Also, he is developing a youth center and a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. He has organized voter registration programs. "There are no limits to what we can do... I want to make something out of my life that other people can build off of," he said.

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Hexed attempts parody and farce but fails at both

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Loews Charles.

By Bill Jackson
OPINION EDITOR

Hexed has three things going for it. One is the funniest sex scene ever filmed, a direct parody of the Michael Douglas-Glenn Close sex scene from *Fatal Attraction*. The only other scene that even comes close is in *Body of Evidence*, but here the comedy is intentional.

The second is an unabashed willingness to offend the hypersensitive. Jokes about Jews, priests, blacks, and alcoholics guarantee that every audience member will be offended at least once. In 1993, that alone is reason to praise a film.

The third thing is a cast of quirky supporting characters, including Claudia Christian, a funny and campy find as fictional supermodel Hexina. The main problem with *Hexed* is a severe identity crisis. At times (and in the TV and print ads) it strives to be an all-out parody in the style of *Airplane!* or *The Naked Gun*. At other times, it wants to be a traditional farce. The two genres are not comfortably mixed, and the result is a strangely muddled comedy.

The all-out parody only works in the aforementioned sex scene, but there it works amazingly well. Everywhere else in the movie, the parody seems tacked-on. For example, there is a mock perfume commercial in which Hexina is buffed, sanded, and vacuumed with a Dust-buster. That scene is randomly inserted into a section of the movie which has a decidedly different overall tone.

Those parts of the film which are played as farce are more successful. The high point is a sequence in which the hero, no matter how much he tries, cannot throw a dead body off of a roof. It is an amusing bit, but, like the rest of the film, it is hurt by the fact that it isn't surrounded by scenes with a similar comic tone.

What lifts the film above the level of a mediocre farce are the supporting characters. They are as quirky and funny as the hero is mundane. The Hexina character is surprising and fun, and she becomes even more interesting as the film goes on. Also fun are the police officers, including the chief, who tells one suspect during an interrogation, "I'm divorced with no charisma. I've got nowhere to go." Then there is a priceless scene in which an

officer asks for the hero's driver's license. "You're wearing your hair differently than in the photo. It looks better now." The hero asks, "Why are you telling me this?" The cop answers, deadpan, "Because I'm secure enough in my masculinity that I can give compliments to men."

Unfortunately, there isn't much room in this overstuffed and wildly uneven comedy for many moments like that one. An overlong

set-up (it takes half an hour for the plot to even budge) weakens the comedy, and the wild unevenness of tone keeps you off-balance when you should be laughing. Unless you're really interested in seeing the first film ever to mark the passage of time with the growth of a Chia Pet rather than the traditional moving clock hands, *Hexed* will be more fun on video than in the theaters.

Useless Lizard King offers few new insights into Morrison

THE LIZARD KING: THE ESSENTIAL JIM MORRISON

Written by Jerry Hopkins.
Charles Scribner's Sons, 272 pp., \$19.

By John Jacobs
STAFF REPORTER

Yet another book about Jim Morrison. This one's by Jerry Hopkins, who also co-authored "No One Here Gets Out Alive." Why was he not satisfied with one book about Jim Morrison? Maybe for the same reason he wasn't satisfied with one book about Elvis. Maybe money. Jim Morrison — what's left to say about the guy? MTV comedian Dennis Leary's joke should have been the final word: "Jim Morrison — I'm drunk, I'm nobody. I'm drunk, I'm famous. I'm drunk, I'm dead."

Have you noticed that Jim Morrison's biographies are starting to read like philosophy books? The simple question is "Why were the Doors so popular?" No One Here Asked For All This Pedantry. The final product of hocus-pocus philosophizing is "The Lizard King: The Essential Jim Morrison." The book contains many stories about Jim and the kind of person he was. The stories are interesting (if they are true) and will make you glad that you did not know him personally. All that's really left of Jim that hasn't been interpreted and re-interpreted into inaccuracy are the Morrison interviews. (And when you

read the book, you will discover that even those have been edited.) The book contains seven of the most interesting. It also professes to put to rest, in light of "new information," the controversy surrounding his death.

Morrison sung in a band that redefined rock'n'roll. His pseudo-intellectual theories on chaos and the beauty of evil are the fuel for some kind of media and marketing scam. "He consciously created his own myth," the book says, "then lived to regret it." Who can't do

that? Especially the way Jim did it. This book made me want to grab Jerry Hopkins by his shirt collar and beat some sense into him.

The book is worth reading insofar as you will realize that even authors can make money the old-fashioned way: dishonestly. If you really want to read this book, please, take my copy. It's taking up space in my room. But let's not reward these biographers with money. Jim is dead, the music is great. The end, the end.

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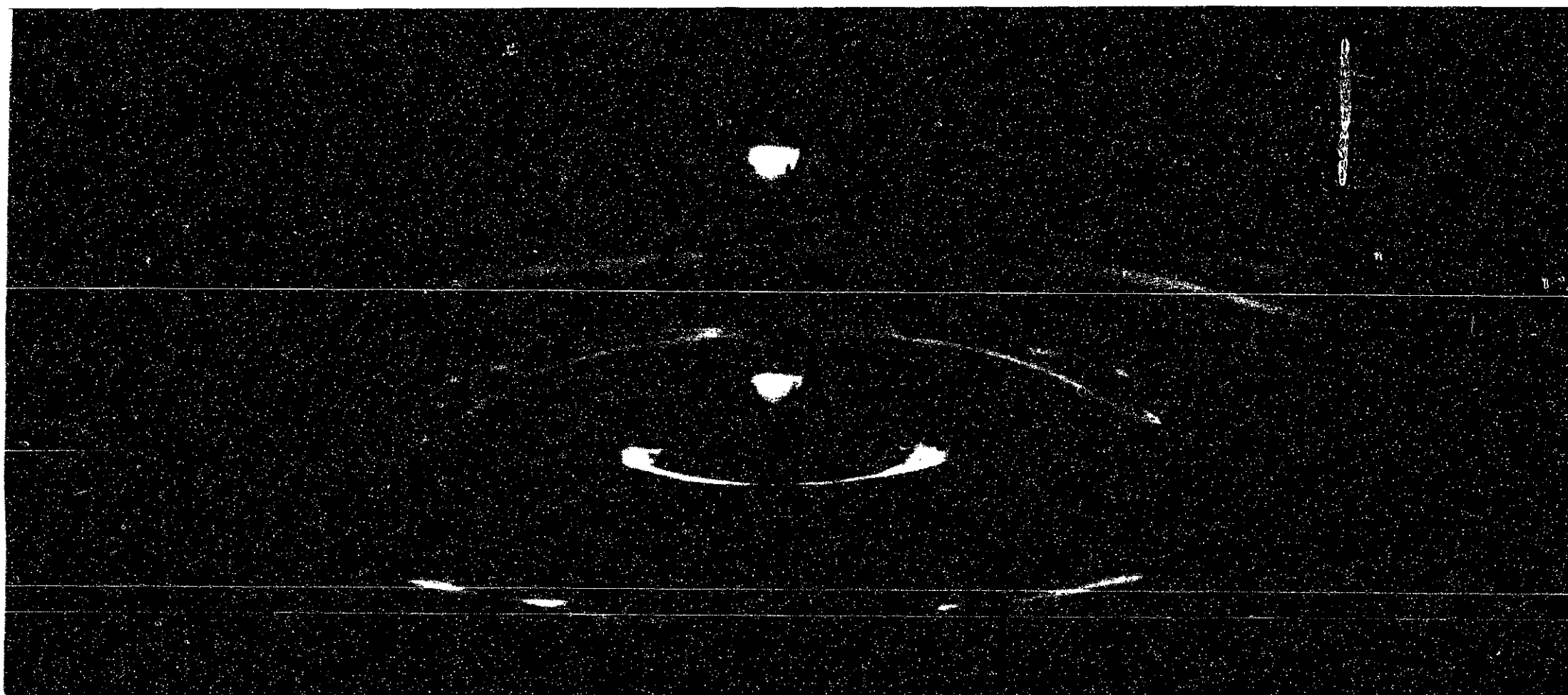
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DAVE BARRY DOES JAPAN

Written by Dave Barry.
Random House, 213 pp., \$18.
By John Jacobs
STAFF REPORTER

As a South Florida native, I've been reading Dave Barry for years. He's a writer for the *Miami Herald*. Hell, I remember when all he wrote were slapstick booger jokes. Through a computer error, possibly, his column became syndicated and suddenly, booger jokes were being read in newspapers across the country. Dave acquired a small but foolhardy following. They encouraged him to write books. "It's America," they said. "Make yourself some money." Since then, his books have gained him national fame for his offbeat yet accurate perspectives. In 1988, the *New York Times* called him: "The funniest man in America." And then he was given a Pulitzer Prize. His latest book is *Dave Barry Does Japan*.

The first thing I liked about the book is that I was able to lift it off the shelf. *Dave Barry Does Japan* weighs in at a slim 213 pages, a worthy exception to my 200-page rule (If you said it in over 200 pages, you ran your mouth). Also, it has wide margins.

In his book, he covers sports in Japan, rock music in Japan, and of course, humor in Japan. "The way Americans see it, if the nations of the world were a high-school class, Japan would be the nerdy kid who always sat

in front," Dave says. "We don't look to Japan for humor. Currently, only .08 percent of the humor consumed in the US is imported from Japan. . . But that's exactly the situation we were in with automobiles thirty years ago, and NOW look at us." Will the Japanese put Dave Barry out on the street? Buy the book.

Dave doesn't profess to be an expert on Japan after a three week stay, but his observations contain enough truth to at least make us laugh out loud when skimming the book in quiet bookstores. He examines cultural differences and communication barriers, all the while not afraid to comment on our own culture, or lack thereof. He walks us through the American stereotypes of the Japanese throughout the century. Are they all kamikaze W.W.II fighters, or bad English lip-synchers fleeing "giant radioactive worms," or giant Sumo wrestlers "the size of five pre-SlimFast Tommy Lasordas?" Who are those easterners? Buy the book.

The chapter on Hiroshima surprised me as a veteran Barry reader. I had never seen his serious side. Dave was in Hiroshima on the 46th anniversary of the dropping of the bomb and was present at the ceremony. His observations on it are poignant. "For me," Dave tells us, "the most moving moment was the ritual offering of water by representatives of the victims' families. After the bomb blast, many of the dying cried out constantly for water—mizu—but there was none; now, finally, they

receive it." How do the Japanese remember Hiroshima? As a quick end to a war that would have dragged on through millions more lives? Or as an unpredictable "dirty trick," on the same moral ground as Pearl Harbor? Buy the book.

Dave sometimes trips over himself in reaching for the extra laugh. The flow of the book is occasionally broken by predictable footnotes or parenthetical puns. No one's perfect, right? I give the book seven unagi sushi out of 10.

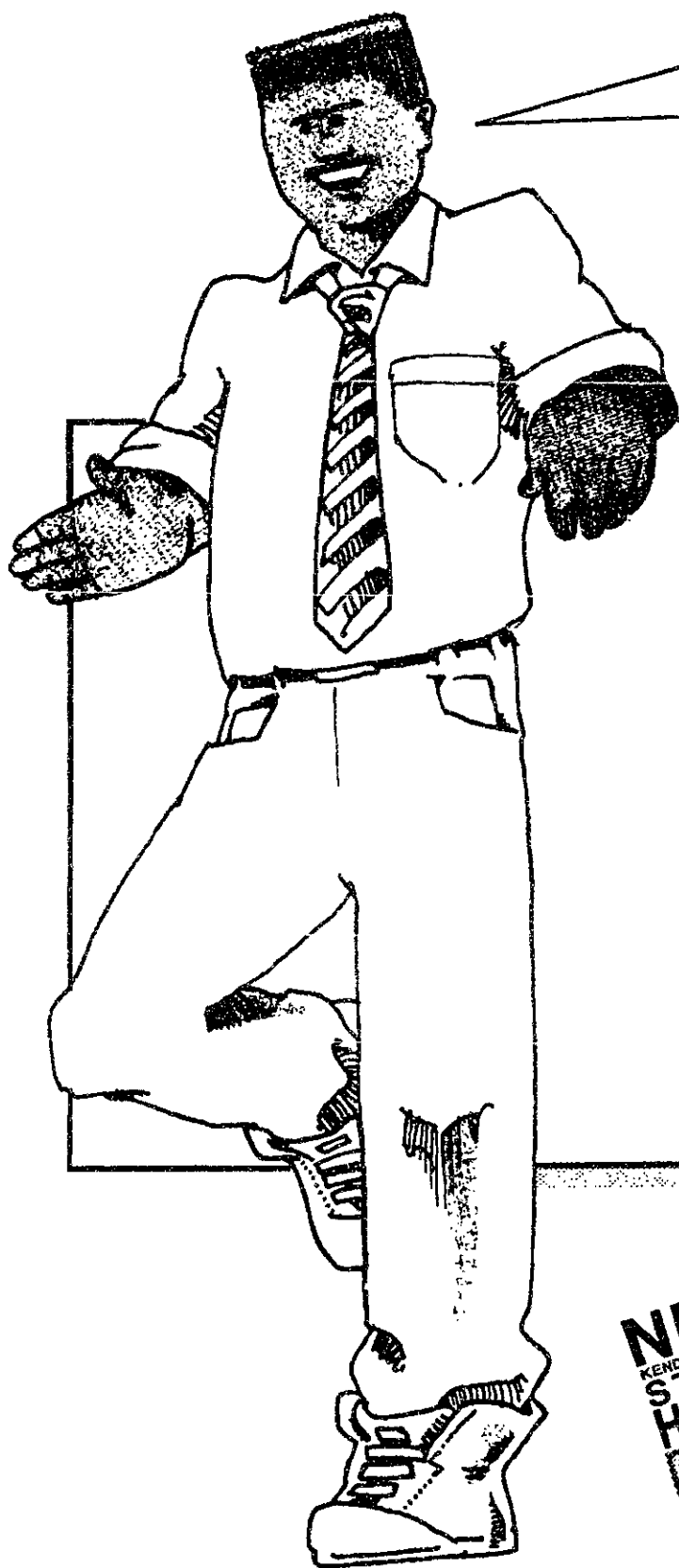
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Men's Swimming/Diving Defeats Tufts to Continue Winning Ways

By Ognen J. Nastov
FORMER TEAM MEMBER

The men's swimming and diving team made history last Friday with a spectacular 136-101 win over Tufts University. MIT's first swimming victory over Tufts in 20 years.

"It was a big victory," said Head Coach John Benedick, visibly exhilarated by his first win over Tufts during his 18-year career as head swimming coach at MIT. "I told the team that I've been trying to win that meet since before some of those guys were born," Benedick said. "Our team rallied together and rose to the occasion as much as any team that we've ever had."

"It was great," said Tri-captain Bob Rockwell '93. "This was our season's best meet, an amazing overall performance for the entire team."

The Engineers took the point lead from the very beginning, and never let it slip from their grasp. MIT swimmers won a total of nine events, being defeated only in the 1- and 3-meter springboard diving competitions, the 200-meter backstroke, and the 400-meter freestyle relay.

The meet, held at MIT's Alumni Pool, opened with a solid 4.09-sec-

ond victory margin for the Engineers' A-relay squad in the 400-meter medley relay. In the 1000-meter freestyle, Rockwell triumphed with a winning time of 10:16.64. He finished 8.63 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

Rockwell crushed the field with another season's best performance in the 500-meter freestyle, 4:56.71, followed by Tri-captain Jim Bandy '93 in second place. Bandy claimed a victory in the 200-meter freestyle, 1:48.10, out touching Bonnelcynard of Tufts by 0.87 seconds.

MIT swimmers captured three one-two sweeps in the mid-distance stroke medley events. In the 200-meter individual medley, Vijay Lathi '94 hit the contact pad in a winning time of 2:01.33, while his teammate David Ferguson '93 was second. Lathi also won the 200-meter breaststroke, 2:19.25, in which teammate Brian Dye '96 was a close runner-up, 0.15 seconds behind. Dye was victorious in the 200-meter butterfly, 2:07.60, with teammate Jon Pfautz '95 finishing second.

The Engineers also swept the

freestyle sprint events. Team Tri-captain Brian Meade '93 won both the 50-meter freestyle, 21.82, as well as the 100-meter freestyle, 47.96, while his teammate Chad Gunnlaugsson '93 was a close runner-up in both events, establishing a personal best of 22.08 in the 50 freestyle. "Brian and Chad were an unstoppable force in the sprints," said teammate Todd Boutin '96. "You could really tell they owned their events. They destroyed everyone."

"Overall, it was a tremendous team effort. It was interesting to watch because we began to go one-two in so many events that we were swimming to get one-two," explained Benedick.

Before the Tufts meet, MIT overwhelmed UMass Dartmouth. "That was a blowout meet," Meade said.

"It was a pretty low key meet, so the hardest thing that I had to do was to keep our team focused on that meet, rather than on the upcoming big meet with Tufts," Benedick said.

Lyren Captures 1st All-Around Title

By Catherine Rocchio
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COACH

Last weekend Captain Julie Lyren '93 won her first gymnastics all-around title of 1993. With a score of 35.2 at her last home meet appearance against Division III rival Rhode Island College, Lyren was clearly the champion as RIC's Stephanie Cleary finished in second place with a score of 32.2.

Overall, the MIT women's team, struggling with the loss of Karen Oda '93 to medical school interviews, lost the meet 147.15 to 160.05.

Kim Cornwell '94, Gwen Gray '93, and Melissa Kaye '95 cleanly performed handspring vaults for scores of 6.6, 7.1, and 7.75 respectively. Janet Sollod '96 and Lyren took first and third places overall on the event with scores of 8.25 and 8.6.

Uneven bars showed off the beautiful "free flight" straddle back of Jean Wong '93 and Erica Carmel '96. Kaye stuck a solid flyaway dismount.

Sollod had one of her best routines this year, "just missing" a one-and-a-half somersaulting dismount for a score of 7.75, for third place in the event. Lyren chalked up another

first place with her exciting routine that ended with a half-twisting, back-somersaulting dismount for a score of 8.8.

Balance beam, usually the team's strongest event, turned out to be a shaky that afternoon. Beth Chen '94 turned in an outstanding performance. She had the best routine of her life, which earned her an 8.2 and third place overall on the event. Lyren earned an 8.8 and another first place for her aggressive leaps and acrobatics.

The meet ended on the floor exercise where Carmel debuted her floor exercise, which included a front somersault in the first tumbling run.

Cornwell's energetic routine led into Stephanie DeWeese's '95 clean performance for a score of 7.15. Kaye also competed on the floor exercise for the first time this year and performed the most difficult tumbling of the competition — a whip back to an immediate full-twisting back somersault — for a score of 8.35. Sollod had her best exercise of the season and earned an 8.8 and another third place overall. Lyren anchored her winning performances with her fourth first place score of 9.0 for her dramatic dance and powerful tumbling.

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Men's Basketball Edges Curry, Snaps Losing Streak

By Oscar Yeh
STAFF REPORTER

The men's basketball team broke a three game losing streak on Jan. 19 with a 83-80 win over Curry College. A balanced offensive effort coupled with a solid defense paved the way to victory, but the uncharacteristically rowdy crowd also played a major role in the win by exhorting the Engineers throughout the second half.

Over the weekend, the Engineers lost to a strong Nichols College team on the road. As a result, their record fell to 3-8.

As with their last game against New England College, the Engineers broke out to an early 9-0 lead after a Nikki Carruthers '95 three-pointer. The Colonels, however, responded with a full-court press that was to bother the Engineers throughout the first half. Two back to back turnovers brought Curry to within one, and from that point on, the game was extremely close as the lead changed frequently between the two evenly matched teams.

However, the Engineers did make a short run late in the first half after a three-pointer by freshman Tim Porter and a solo breakaway

basket by Carruthers to make the score 39-32. The Colonels were persistent, however, and a three pointer at the buzzer left MIT with a 41-39 lead at halftime.

The game became more intense in the second half as MIT fans began showering insults at the Colonels with each time a player would step up to the foul line. The referees also got their share of abuse from both the crowd and the MIT players, and the bench picked up the only technical foul of the game at the 13:21 mark.

Both teams built brief five point margins at different points in the half, but neither could break the game open. With just under five minutes remaining, Curry College clung tenaciously to a one point lead. A controversial blocking foul called by the referees against the Engineers brought the crowd to its feet in outrage, and nearly every MIT fan began signaling for a charge.

The incident would prove to be the spark for the Engineers. Rallying behind chants of "defense" from the crowd, MIT forced a 45-second call against the Colonels and then blocked a shot on the following pos-

session. With these two superb defensive efforts, MIT built a small lead and forced Curry to foul in vain in the remaining minute.

An extremely balanced MIT offense resulted in all five starters scoring in double figures. In addition, the Engineers benefitted from a

strong bench effort led by Tim Porter '96 and Mark Heffeman '95, who contributed eleven and nine points respectively. The leading rebounder was Victor van Berkel '96 who pulled down nine in the course of the game.

An important factor in the win

was 76 percent free throw shooting down the stretch, which secured the MIT victory. It seemed as if each Engineer who stepped to the line remembered a recent comparison of the Engineers' free throw shooting average and that of Random Hall's C league team.

Squash Shuts Out Tufts, Improves Record to 3-2

By John de Souza
TEAM MEMBER

The squash team made history by defeating Tufts University 7-3 for the first time in 15 years and for the first time under Coach Jeff Hamilton. The Techies dominated the best Tufts had to offer by winning the top three matches, 3-0 each. The team's mark for the season now stands a 3-2.

Captain Matt Trevithick G manipulated his opponent with such hard hitting that the Tufts player could not return the serves. Trevithick won 15-10, 15-2, and 15-11.

Irfan Chaudhary '93 played an excellent retrieving game, making it impossible for his opponent to convert rallies into points. He won 15-5, 15-9, and 15-10.

Playing a solid game, it did not take long for Saf Yeboah-Amankwah '93 to eliminate his

opponent. Shervin Limbert '93 and Yves Kissenpfennig '95 also won their matches, 3-0. Graham Fernandes '93 struggled a little, but pulled through with a 3-1 win. John de Souza '93 provided the fans with an exciting match eventually winning 3-2.

The team expects to do well this year. The return of Chaudhary, who plays in the number two position, has helped the team a great deal. MIT won its last two matches against Connecticut College, 9-0, and Bowdoin College, 8-1. They also played well against highly ranked Navy and Trinity College teams.

The Techies next match is against Bates College. This promises to be an exciting match. The last time MIT and Bates met was in the national championship, where MIT defeated Bates 5-4.

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Students may wish to concentrate on the controversy, or on aesthetic and conceptual aspects of *Corporal Politics*, or may instead want to visit any (or all) of the next three exhibitions which open March 5 and run through April 18. If none of these pique your interest, you are invited to comment on other issues such as:

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Vic Becomes a Knight While the 'King' Lives On

Let's Argue, from Page 24

with the loss of coaches Rollie Massamino and Lou Carnesecca. Only one team, Seton Hall, has a chance of doing some damage in the NCAA tourney this year. Georgetown, arguably the best team in Division II, does not deserve to be anywhere near the Top 25. Miami registered its first win against a Division I opponent when they beat the Hoyas, after the Hurricanes had disposed the likes of Florida International, Clearwater State, and Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. John Thompson must have promised the AP scribes free tickets to the MTV Inaugural ball if they voted for his Hoyas...

The residents of Chestnut Hill are as fickle as they come. First, they sit on pins and needles awaiting Coach Coughlin's decision on whether or not he'll take the Giants coaching job. After his decision, there was dancing in the streets and the dreams of Sugar Bowl appearances began. Now, however, they are blocking a bid by Boston College officials to expand Alumni Stadium from 32,000 to 50,000 seats. They cite the following reasons: increased number of college students (what were they thinking when they moved next to a major university?), parking problems on football Saturday's for their guests (why would their friends want to come over on a BC home game day anyway?), and further problems with traffic (let's see, they say that it is currently impossible to drive in Newton on game day because of the

traffic levels. How is more traffic going to make this worse?). Sniff, sniff...

Continue to send in those letters to sports@the-tech. As soon as we get around to it, we will start printing them (or excerpts of) in our column under the heading of letters.

You Heard It Here First

With the enactment of an Arizona state Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Phoenix and Bill Bidwell will be awarded the next available Super Bowl, number XXX in 1995.

Mike Ditka will follow the Bill Parcells route to big coaching money by sitting out a season and joining NBC in the studio, then returning the following season as coach of the expansion St. Louis team...

Race for Futility

Ottawa 4-44-3
Dallas 3-33

The Senators have already assured themselves of a losing season, while the Mavs victory total is one more than the number of Zoe Baird's personal babysitters.

Mondongo's Hueso de la Semana

To Ohio State's Greg Simpson. During a Buckeye Surge in Sunday's OSU-Indiana game, Simpson picked off a Damon Bailey pass and drove the length of the floor, only to blow the lay up after putting the ball around his back (to much "French Pastry" as Al McGuire put it). This

ended the Buckeye rally as the Bucks proceeded to get thoroughly spanked by the Hoosiers after that...

Grizz and Waves

Montana 11-6 (3rd place)
Pepperdine 13-3 (1st place)

We were approached by a couple of avid readers, who asked if we could follow two of their favorite teams, the Montana Grizzlies and the Pepperdine Waves, as these perennial powerhouses made their way towards March Madness. As these two teams play on the West Coast, the Big Sky and West Coast conferences respectively, their schedules are not printed in the *Globe*. Therefore, as a service to our faithful readers, we will expand our horizons and once again go where no Boston newspaper has gone before. The Grizz play a tough road game Saturday at Boise State, while the Wave are at home with games against St. Mary's (Friday) and San Francisco (Saturday)...

Simson's Top 5

1. Indiana
2. North Carolina
3. Michigan
4. Kentucky
5. Duke

Where Are They Now?

Former college hoop stars:
Keith Lee, Fennis Dembo, Antoine Joubert, Uwe Blab, Mark Alarie, Michael Young, Derek Wittenberg, Michael Graham, Dallas

Comygeys, and Alfrederick "The Great" Hughes...

Trivia Question of the Week

This is the Bills third straight Super Bowl appearance. Name the last team to accomplish this feat. Send answers to sports@the-tech.mit.edu.

Answer to last week's question: The Bears beat the Rams in the 1986 NFC Championship game, 24-0. Kudos to Keith Burdick '93 who got it right (P.S. Da Bears beat the Giants in the second round). Keith wins corner end zone tickets to all MIT home football games next year...

Sir Vix Picks

Vic has been knighted for doing such a fine job this season, compiling a 43-20 record. Says Jim Brennan G, "I always go with 'The Picks.'"

Superlative Bowl XXVII

'Pokes 33, Bills 19. Score is obvious — the number of Maverick losses to the number of Clippers losses (formerly the Buffalo

Braves). Thurman Thomas remembers helmet this year, but forgets rest of uniform, causing him to miss entire first quarter. The Norwood legacy continues for Buffalo as Jim "...I'm also a client" Kelly tosses 2 interceptions. Ken "Honeymooner" Norton blocks a Lin "Lightning Strikes" Christy field goal attempt and Emmitt Smith rushes for 126 yards. Someone ought to let Marv Levy catch the bouquet, because Bills go home bridesmaids again... And, in the one everyone will be watching, *Bud Bowl V*, Bud Light 24, Bud 6. A surprising match up, considering the difficult routes these two teams took to get here. Bud cruised to victory over long time nemesis Miller "Champagne of Beers" High Life, but had difficulty with the 12-man roster of CFL representative Molson. Bud Light, a wild card team, made easy work of the Stroh's Blows squad, but had to come from behind to defeat Intraleague rival King Cobra and the Waffle rep, Heineken on the road. Bud is a stronger team, but you have got to like Bud Light, as it is so difficult to repeat in this league. The "King of Beers" is dethroned - long live the "King"...

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, January 30

Men's Gymnastics vs. Ithaca College, 1 p.m.
Indoor Track vs. Fitchburg State, Tufts, and WPI, 1 p.m.
Wrestling vs. Bridgewater State College, 2 p.m.
Squash vs. Bates College, 3 p.m.

MIT Music Group Auditions

MIT Brass Ensemble

Rehearsals: Tuesday, Thursday, 5-7pm, Killian Hall.
Auditions: Tuesday, February 2 at 5pm, Killian Hall.

MIT Chamber Music Society

Registration for all members: Thursday, January 28, 7pm, Rm. 4-156.
Solo piece required of new members only.

MIT Concert Band

Rehearsals: Monday 5:30-7:30, Wednesday 8-10pm, Kresge.
First Meeting: Monday, February 1, 5:30pm, Kresge Auditorium

MIT Concert Choir

Rehearsals: Monday & Thursday, 6-8:30pm, Rm. 2-190.
Auditions: Monday, February 1, 6pm, Rm. 2-190.
Group auditions, no solo required.

MIT Concert Jazz Band

Rehearsals: Saturday, 10-1pm, Kresge Auditorium.
Auditions: Saturday, January 30, 10am, Kresge Auditorium.
Positions open in Trumpet and Trombone sections.

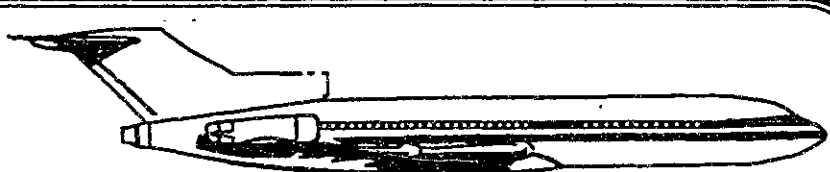
MIT Symphony Orchestra

Rehearsals: Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30-10pm, Kresge Auditorium.
First meeting & auditions: Tuesday, February 2, Kresge Auditorium.
New members please call the Concerts Office to arrange an audition.

MIT Chamber Chorus

Rehearsals: Monday, 5-6pm, Rm. 2-190,
Tuesday, Thursday, 9-10am, Killian Hall.
Auditions: Monday, February 1, 5pm, Rm. 2-190.
Bring prepared solo.

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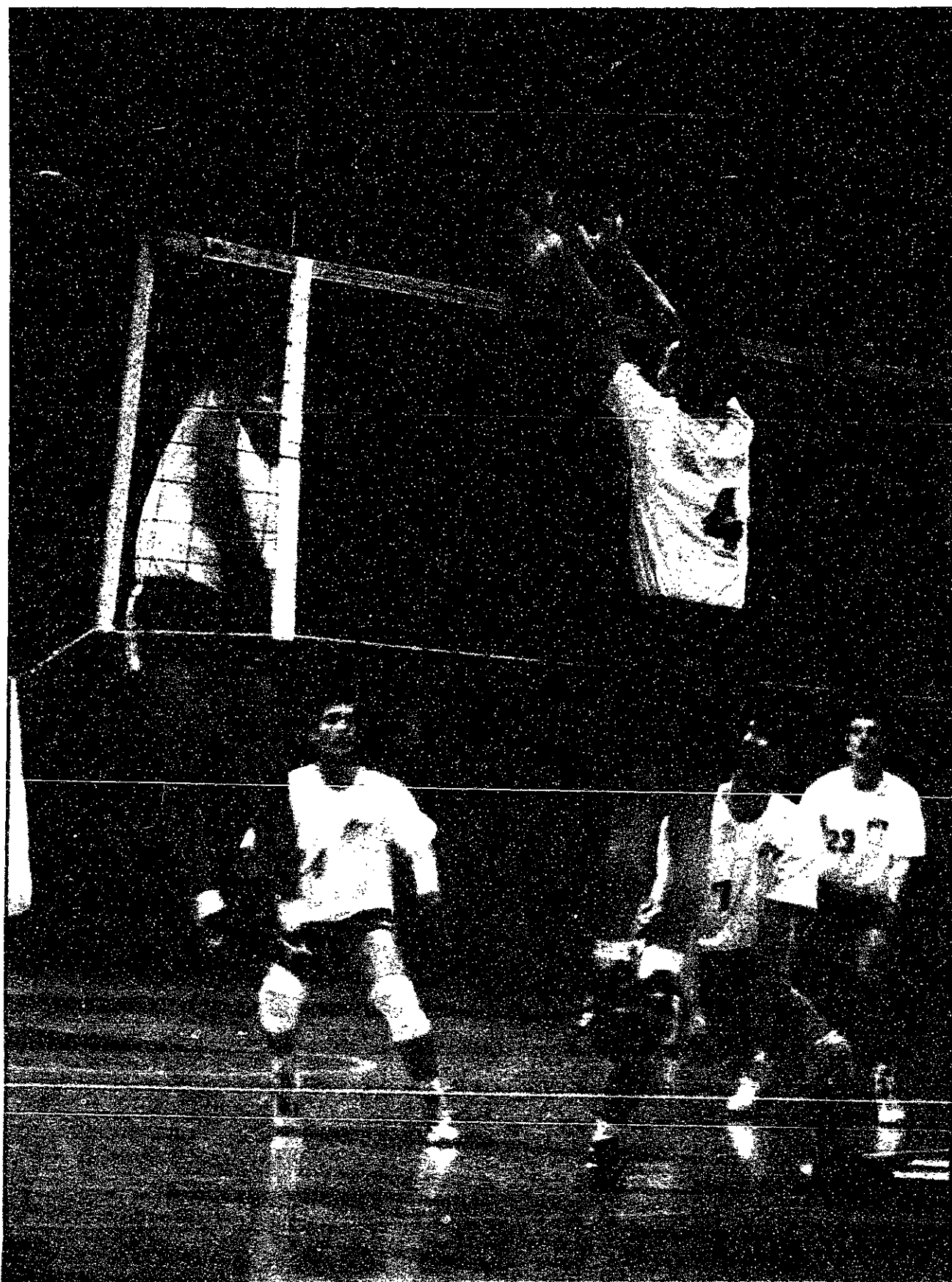
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SPORTS



An MIT volleyball player leaps to spike the ball over his Dartmouth opponents Saturday. Led by spiking sensation Danny "You can call me" Alvarez '93 and the zany crowd antics of Jeno Torres '93 and the Puerto Rican rhythm section, the Beavers soundly defeated Dartmouth, 15-7, 14-16, 15-11, 15-13.

JOSH HARTMANN—THE TECH

Kudos to CBS: Will NBC Do the Same?

**By Mike Duffy
and Andrew Heitner**
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

Many, including the New York media, have wondered aloud why Bill Parcells was not contacted or offered the head coaching job of the Giants.

The reasons are three fold: first, the G men need to rebuild, that is start with a new system and a coach who will not be afraid to trade older players for youth and draft picks (see Dallas, 1989); second, Parcells could not win two more Super Bowls with the Giants and anything short of that would devalue his legacy in the Big Apple; lastly, George Young is probably still bitter that Parcells held on so long into 1991 before quitting. As a result, the Giants were unable to give the head coaching job to Bill Belichick.

As the sale of 1500 new season tickets at Slopboro indicates, the acquisition of Parcells was a great move for the Patsies. Parcells may have to endure an 1-15 season — his first with the Giants was 3-12-1 — before leading the Pats out of the cellar, although with a last place schedule and the top draft pick (our selection would be Alabama defensive end Eric Curry), the Pats are not to far from a 7-9 or 8-8 season. All they need is discipline (no off-sides on third and 2), good clock management (see the Dolphins game), and innovation — all of which are solved by good coaching. And, after surviving the *New York Post* and *Daily News* scribes, Madden, Ryan, and Shaunessy will seem like pen pals to Parcells.

Speaking of the Meadowland

Warriors, new head coach Dan Reeves oughta realize that he is walking a fine line in New York. Creative offensive schemes (AFC West "Fun Ball") doesn't sit well with the locals unless they work 100 percent of the time. If the opening play of the season is a triple-half gainer with a twist that goes for a 2 yard loss, Reeves won't make it until the third quarter without hearing the "Dan Must Go" (aren't NY fans original?) chants. Besides, Reeves doesn't sprint off of the field as fast as Ray Handley.

Kudos to CBS for copying ESPN and bringing the goal post cam to nationally televised football games. The camera, mounted to the crossbar provides a much better angle for goal line stands and for line play in general. Besides, the camera can never be focused on 4 drunk guys with "J-E-T-S" written on their chests or on the cheerleaders instead of the action on the field. Here's hoping that NBC not only employs the goal post cam for Sunday's Super Bowl, but also revives the camera gismo used in the 1984 Orange Bowl in which a wire was suspended across the top of the stadium and an attached camera followed the action on the field with a "sky view."

What will Craig Hodges get if he wins the NBA 3-point contest — a contract with an NBA team? Hodges, a three-time champion who was cut from the Bulls well before the season for openly criticizing His Airness, is rumored to be shooting 5000 three-pointers a day in preparation for the event. Although his participation in the event is a sham

since he is not a current player, he does deserve a shot with a team. Certainly a team like San Antonio could use a role player like Hodges to put them over the top. Maybe Doctor J will return next year to the Slam Dunk contest, too...

The demise of the Big East as a basketball powerhouse, all too evident this season, began with the departure of commissioner Dave Gavitt to the Celtics and coincided

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Hamoudi Challenges Duffy in Prediction

Column by Halder A. Hamoudi
SPORTS EDITOR

This year may just be the best chance Buffalo has to win a Super Bowl. While everybody from Bobby Sheridan to Mike Duffy seems to like the Cowboys, I have to go with the underdogs this time.

The Bills have already lost two Super Bowls, and they are not going to want to lose another. They have a great deal of experience in the playoffs, and they know what it is like to be behind. The Cowboys have never had to recover from a serious deficit, and it is unlikely they will be able to recover their poise if things don't go their way.

Dallas resembles the Buffalo of two years ago—a team which looks good but lacks the toughness to win. In contrast, this year's Bills have developed a certain resiliency in the playoffs. Like the 1991 Giants who beat them in Super Bowl XXV, the Bills have had to win a few street fights to get to Pasadena. The games were physical, and there were several injuries. While Jimmy Johnson's razzle-dazzle Cowboys have looked impressive this season, it will probably be ineffective against a very intense Bills team which isn't about to lose without a fight. The Cowboys will have to fight in the trenches to win this one, and in the trenches, Buffalo is the better team.

While expressing these thoughts to some of my friends and colleagues, I was greeted with a mixture of skepticism and ridicule. They point to Troy Aikman's ability

to pick apart the San Francisco secondary, the top-ranked Dallas defense, and Buffalo's numerous injuries.

But those facts are not really convincing. Troy Aikman is a good quarterback but he has never performed well under pressure. After being sacked six times in the Cowboys-Eagles game, Aikman was unable to retain his poise and ended up performing abysmally.

The Bills defensive line, led by Pro Bowlers Bruce Smith and Cornelius Bennett, will get to Aikman, and Buffalo's cornerbacks Nate Odomes and James Williams should be able to hold their own much better than the 49ers secondary.

In short, I don't think Dallas' passing game is going to be at all successful, and the running game will be less effective as a result, despite the many talents of Emmitt Smith. Of course, the Cowboys will put points on the board, but not as many as they will need to win.

Though the Dallas defense is excellent, it is also inexperienced, particularly against the high-powered, no-huddle offense Bills quarterback Jim Kelly will lead. They have never really faced the no-huddle, and the Super Bowl is not the best place to face it first. Buffalo's offense can put points on the board, and can do it quickly. If the Cowboys cannot respond early, they will not be able to recover. The game will be high scoring, but the Bills will leave with Super Bowl rings—finally.

Men's Hockey Needs a Win

By Lynn Albers
SPORTS EDITOR

This Saturday, the Engineers face the biggest game of the season. Why? Because they need a win. A win will put them in fourth place in the league and give them the home rink advantage for the playoffs on Feb. 28.

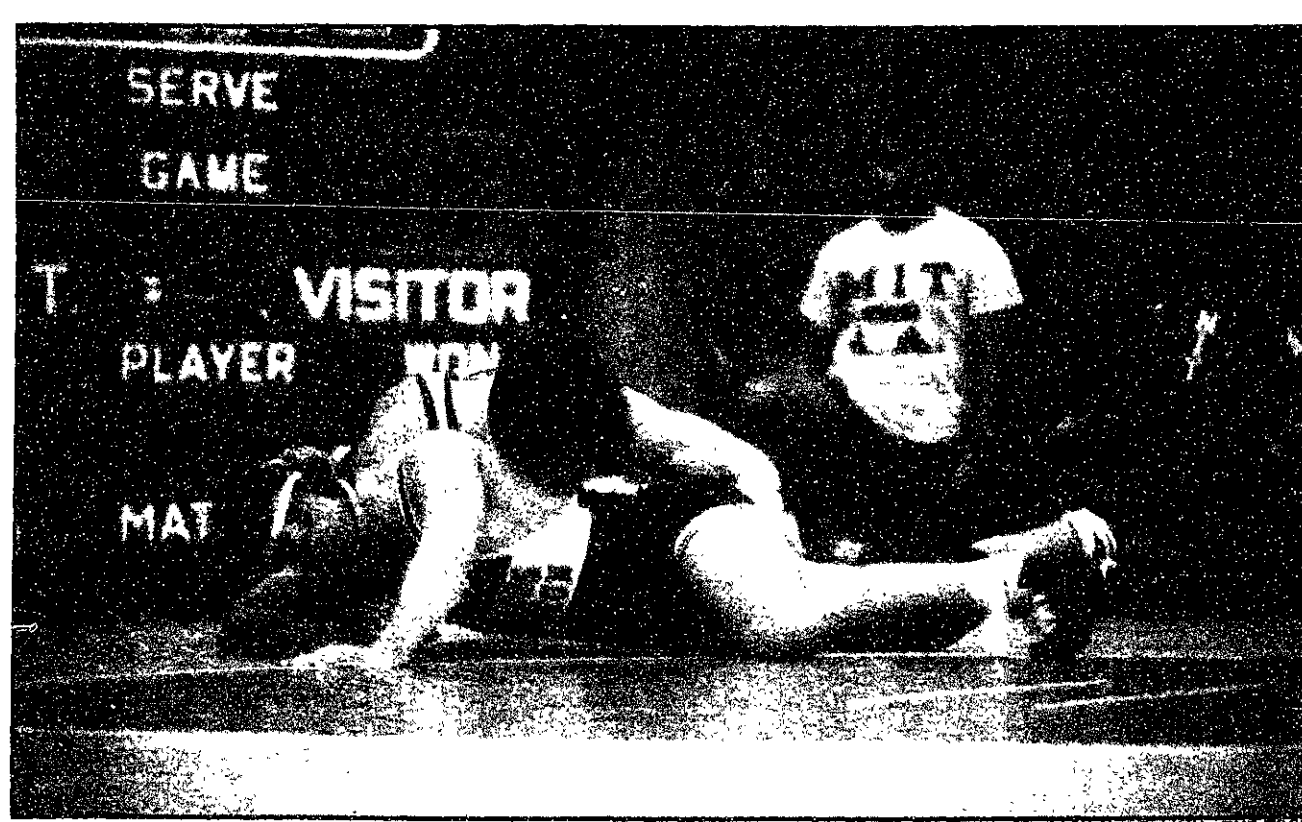
Their opponent is Bryant College and face off time is at 9 p.m. in Rhode Island. Despite the away rink disadvantage, Coach Joe Quinn believes that the team has an excellent chance of winning. Defeating Bryant College this weekend takes a lot of pressure off Tuesday night's game against Suffolk University, who MIT crushed (7-3) for the first time during Quinn's tenure last February.

Independent Activities Period was a slow month for the skating Beavers who played only a few

games, over half of them away. The team also suffered from a lack of players and the loss of key defensive players from last year. With only two defensive linemen, the team has had to pull together to cover the gaps.

More defensemen would give Coach Quinn the opportunity to put Nick Pearce '94 back on the offensive line with Mike Mini '93 and Rob Silva '93, so the "Bruise Brothers" can once again do their damage. In the meantime, the team anxiously awaits the return of center Alain Curodeau G on Feb. 1.

Coach Quinn is pleased with the team's effort. "Given a depleted squad, the men have put forth maximum effort all the time. The Bryant game is key to winning the playoffs and giving the team positive energy to completing the season."



MIT wrestlers topped their opposition from UMass Boston Saturday, led by Chandler H. Harben '95 (top), who won his match when his opponent was disqualified.

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