

Forum to Address UROP Overhead

By Jeremy Hylton
CHAIRMAN

The Undergraduate Association will hold a forum on Monday night to answer questions about how the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program will cope with new government regulations that could effectively double the cost of the program.

Provost Mark S. Wrighton will be the featured speaker at the forum, to be held at 7:45 p.m. in Twenty Chimneys in the Student Center.

Currently, MIT is allowed to waive employee benefit and overhead costs on UROP salaries. Government regulations that take effect on July 1 will end the policy of waiving those costs.

Based on current overhead and employee benefit rates, the cost of hiring a UROP student would go up

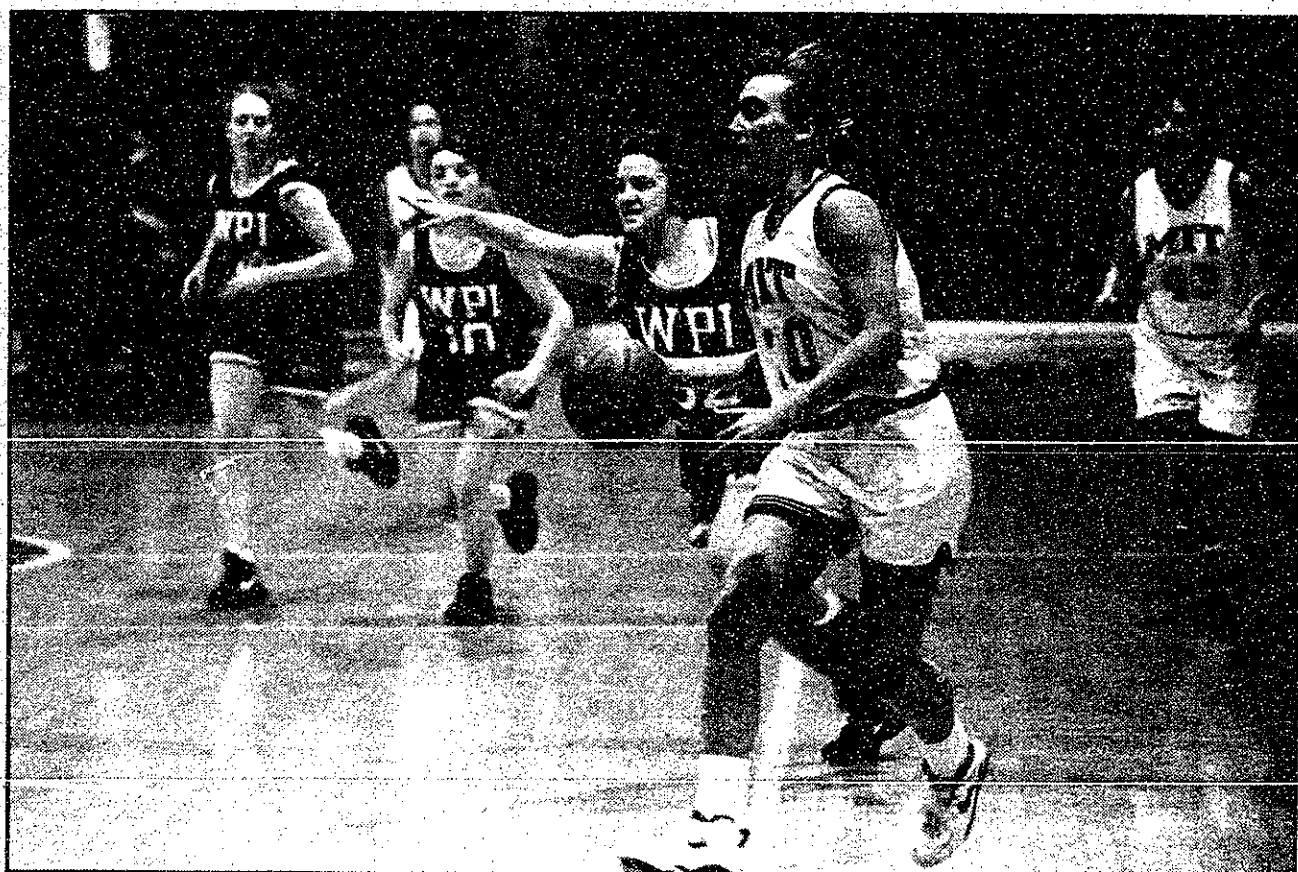
126.7 percent, according to Comptroller Philip J. Keohan. The extra costs must be paid by the professor sponsoring the UROP or by the UROP office, effectively doubling the cost of hiring.

A survey of a few researchers who hire UROP students showed that they intended to hire about half as many UROP students if the cost doubles, according to Travis R. Merritt, associate dean for undergraduate academic affairs.

The overhead changes will primarily affect departments and laboratories that receive outside research grants. Sponsored research projects paid about \$3.6 million for UROP salaries, according to Keohan.

The Institute has not decided how to deal with the new expenses.

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JOSH HARTMANN—THE TECH

Marl Casserberg '94 charges towards the hoop during the first half of MIT's 75-74 loss to Worcester Polytechnic Institute last night. WPI won the game on a free throw with no time remaining on the game clock.

ASA to Reset Activity Spaces by March

By Rishi Shrivastava
STAFF REPORTER

In March, the Association of Student Activities will finalize its plan to re-allocate office space for student activities.

The ASA categorizes activities into two classes, said Scott D. Centurino '94, ASA treasurer. There are approximately 200 class one activities and 80 class two activities; technically, the ASA Executive Board can only assign rooms to class one activities, he said.

Kenneth Yang '95, an ASA Board member, assured that all groups who currently have a room will have a room next year. In many cases, they may actually "be moved to better rooms," Yang said. Only a few groups lost space this year because there were few petitions, he added.

The board makes decisions independently of whether groups currently occupy rooms so that no group holds an unfair advantage,

Yang said. The idea is to make as many people as happy as possible, Centurino said.

Large groups have their own clout and ties to the administration, Centurino said. But ASA tries to be accessible to other groups as well, he said. Some groups have been looking for rooms since the early 1980s, he added.

Activities protest allocations

Student groups may file complaints to ASA concerning their tentative room assignments by the Feb. 14 deadline.

The Chinese Students Club, an activity in danger of losing its room, was surprised because it has over 200 members, making it one of the larger student groups, said CSC President Beth L. Chen '94.

Chen said the classification does not seem just, and she did not understand the factors on which ASA based their decision. All of the CSC books are located in one room;

"I felt like our room was pretty important," Chen said.

Ranjini Srikanthiah '95, a president of The Society for Women Engineers, said SWE also submitted a protest form. She believes that SWE was recategorized because it did not realize that activities occupying existing space needed to resubmit an application.

Andrew Q. Kraft '95, president of the Musical Theater Guild, said they will not protest the loss of their room because he feels the ASA is doing its job fairly. Kraft said, it is good that the ASA is examining how groups use their space, because many inactive groups have received spaces in the past.

Office Space Allocation Policy

According to the Office Space Allocation Policy passed in November, student groups seeking new office space have until the end of the fall term to apply for rooms.

The ASA board classifies all

groups — with and without space — into one of three categories. The board then either allows groups to retain their rooms, asks them to relocate, or reassigns their spaces.

Many factors contribute to deciding this classification. The level of member participation, frequency of meetings, usage of space, and willingness to share space with others are some factors that determine group classification.

Groups may protest the decision by submitting a one-page report describing their classification grievances. Afterwards, representatives from the group meet with the Board and the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs.

The Board members then vote again and must agree to a categorization by a two-thirds margin. If the Board fails to reach a decision after three votes, the Dean's office representation then decides the categorization.

25 Named Burchard Scholars

By Eric Richard
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Twenty-five sophomores and juniors were recently named Ely Burchard Scholars for 1994.

The Burchard Scholars Program is sponsored by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and brings together faculty and undergraduates in a series of monthly dinners.

The program attempts to create a "more intense community of undergraduates who have a commitment to the humanities, arts, and social sciences," said Phillip S. Khoury, dean of the SHSS and cofounder of the program.

"We try to offer students a discourse that we think is very important to their education," Khoury said. The program allows students to discover "how rich the humanities, arts, and social sciences are at MIT, and how diverse and interesting they are," he said.

"I think it will be good for me to get a broader understanding of all the areas of the humanities and social sciences," said 1994 Bur-

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Random Hall Votes No Spending on Alcohol

By A. Arif Husain
STAFF REPORTER

Residents of Random Hall recently passed a motion to stop spending part of the house tax on alcoholic beverages for house activities. The motion, approved by a 21-9 vote, has sparked controversy among residents, according to House President Erika K. Schutte '95.

The new policy resulted from a rising concern among some of the dorm's 86 residents about spending the house tax on alcohol. Close to ten percent of each resident's annual \$70 house tax has been spent on purchasing alcohol for house parties, Schutte said.

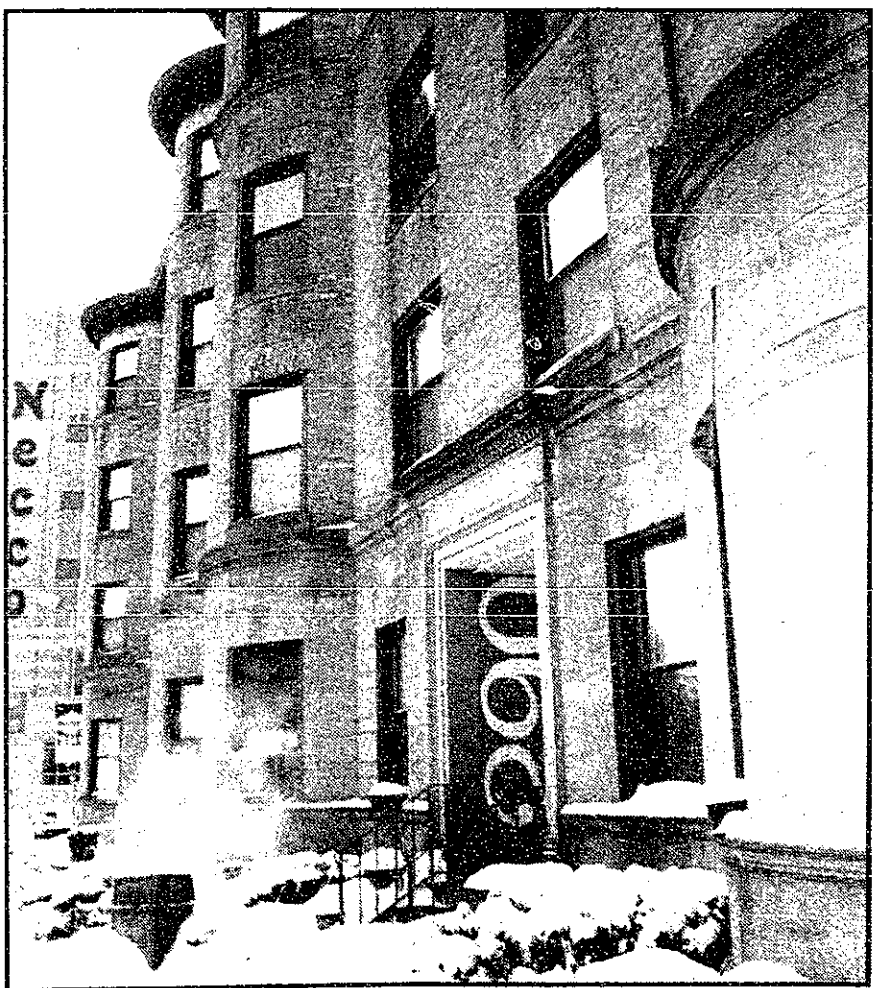
Some residents were uncomfortable with the alcohol consumption at house parties, Schutte said. As a result, a motion was presented to the House Committee to place a cap on such spending.

But Random Hall's Undergraduate Association Representative Brian J. Young '96 proposed another motion to stop the spending on alcohol, instead of just a spending limit.

"I didn't want it to be a dividing issue," Young said, "but I don't like the fact that my money is going to buy alcohol." He said that he objected to paying for something that he disagrees with. Several other residents also support his views, and avoid house activities because of alcohol use, Young said.

"Most people don't drink here," Tichomir G. Tenev '95, a supporter

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WORLD & NATION

NIH Abandons Effort To Patent DNA Fragments

THE WASHINGTON POST

After more than a year and a half of legal maneuvering and scientific controversy, the National Institutes of Health decided yesterday to give up its effort to obtain patents on thousands of pieces of human DNA discovered by federal gene-hunters.

In so doing it effectively surrendered any profits that might have accrued from the discoveries.

The decision marks a major turning point in an acrimonious debate over the legal and ethical merits of patenting fragments of genetic material, no matter how valuable they may prove to be. Patent holders get exclusive rights to the use of their discovery for 17 years.

In a few cases so far, rights to newly discovered genes have translated into highly profitable diagnostic tests or medicines, such as the blood-clotting factor for hemophiliacs.

Opponents of such patents have argued that biomedical research would be stymied if such fundamental pieces of life were subject to monopoly ownership.

Surgeons' Group Endorses Government-Run Health Insurance

THE WASHINGTON POST

The American College of Surgeons yesterday endorsed the concept of a government-run health insurance system similar to the one in Canada.

The single-payer approach is simpler, more workable administratively and appears to be the best health plan for preserving a patient's choice of doctors, the surgeons' chairman, David G. Murray, testified before the House Education and Labor Committee.

The unexpected endorsement of a government-financed plan by the 52,000-member surgeons' group came as the health care political debate became both more intense and Balkanized.

Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., speaking to the Conservative Political Action Conference, attacked leading Democratic health proposals as denying Americans "true choice."

Dole sought to prevent bipartisan momentum from building for a possible compromise between President Clinton, whose 1,364-page bill promises universal health insurance financed largely by employer-paid premiums, and Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn, whose more modest plan shuns the employer payments.

Meanwhile, Hillary Rodham Clinton, speaking via satellite to a conference at the University of North Carolina in Raleigh, said, "We aren't going to tinker at the edges and brush off our hands" to take credit for reforming the health care system. "The history (of reform) has been one of missed opportunities because special interest groups have been just too powerful to overcome. ... This time we will make history."

AT&T to Cut Up to 15,000 Positions

THE WASHINGTON POST

AT&T, the nation's largest long-distance carrier, yesterday announced plans to eliminate 14,000 to 15,000 jobs over the next two years.

AT&T's plan, designed to save the company at least \$900 million a year, is the latest example of the massive downsizing underway in the communications industry. Communications companies eliminated 44,314 jobs in January alone, compared with 50,000 jobs for all of 1993, according to the outplacement firm of Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc.

"We're in a very competitive business. It's going to get more competitive before long. What this does is gives us the opportunity to build a more cost-competitive base from which we can grow," said Alex J. Mandl, AT&T senior vice president.

An AT&T spokesman said the company will try to find other jobs for displaced employees, so it is unclear how many people will be laid off.

AT&T, which has 309,000 employees worldwide, including 256,000 in the United States, said job cuts will occur in the Communications Services Group, which provides long-distance services to business and consumers. About 8,000 management jobs will be eliminated, including some in the headquarters staff.

WEATHER

Some More Snow

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It will be mostly cloudy during the next few days as moisture moves in from the Atlantic. Easterly winds could produce some light snow or flurries this afternoon. Then cloudiness associated with a center of low pressure should be affecting the area tonight, with the heaviest snow just reaching Boston tonight. Snow should taper to flurries Saturday. Any precipitation during the afternoon on Saturday should occur as light, wet snow or flurries. Easterly winds should warm up to more seasonable temperatures on Saturday. Cloudiness should prevail through most of Sunday.

Today: Cloudy with light snow. Winds northeast 5-10 mph (8-16 kph). High around 27°F (-3°C).

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with snow likely. Accumulating at least 6 inches (15 cm) by Saturday morning. Winds east 10-20 mph (16-32 kph). Low 23°F (-5°C).

Saturday: Snow tapering to flurries then cloudy. Winds east 10-15 mph (16-24 kph). High 35°F (2°C).

Saturday night: Cloudy. Some periods of mixed precipitation or snow. Winds east 5-10 mph (8-16 kph). Low 27°F (-3°C).

Sunday: Cloudy with some chance of light, wet snow, flurries or rain. High 28-32°F (-2 to 0°C).

Sarajevo Shelling Resumes; Serbs Spurn NATO Ultimatum

By John Pomfret

THE WASHINGTON POST

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA

At least two artillery blasts rocked downtown Sarajevo late yesterday, just hours after the Bosnian Serb military rejected a NATO ultimatum to pull back their heavy weapons from around the besieged Bosnian capital or face airstrikes.

It was unclear last night which of Bosnia's warring factions had fired the shells, which slammed into the city less than 12 hours after Serb militia forces and Sarajevo's Slavic Muslim-led defenders had agreed to a U.N.-sponsored cease-fire around the city. But initial reports from U.N. officials played down the significance of the barrage and suggested that it was not sufficient to trigger retaliatory airstrikes under provisions of NATO's Wednesday ultimatum.

According to reports reaching New York from U.N. observers in Sarajevo, two artillery shells "of unknown origin" were fired into an area of the city where no civilians live. Muslim batteries responded quickly with two artillery rounds and later with five mortar shells. There were no immediate reports of casualties on either side.

In Washington, administration officials said that early intelligence information on the bombardment was inconclusive, with conflicting reports on whether artillery shelling or small arms fire had occurred. The NATO allies warned Wednesday that airstrikes would be launched against Serb artillery batteries if they were found responsible for new shelling of civilian targets in Sarajevo. The alliance also said it would bomb Serb heavy weapons if they were not pulled back at least 12 miles from the city center by Feb. 21.

Earlie, Mile Gvero, deputy commander of the Bosnian Serb military, rejected the NATO ultimatum to pull back his artillery from around Sarajevo and warned that his forces would use international-aid workers as human shields against any Western air attack on Serb positions.

"Any decision we make will not be less civilized than the one made by your countries," Gen. Mile Gvero told Western reporters at his mountain redoubt 45 miles east of Sarajevo. "If these countries bomb us, then their people will remain with us," said Gvero, whose powerful assemblage of tanks, artillery and heavy mortars has been pounding Sarajevo since the three-sided Bosnian war broke out 22 months ago.

Gvero, who had agreed to the U.N.-brokered truce around the city on Wednesday, issued his defiant declaration as 240 French U.N. troops were taking up positions between Serb and Muslim lines as part of that truce agreement, but his threats left uncertain whether that accord, or any such local agreement, can be now be implemented.

Nevertheless, while Serb snipers peered from windows in shell-shattered buildings, British Lt. Gen. Michael Rose, commander of U.N. forces in Bosnia, began initiating terms of the truce by positioning U.N. buffer forces at the Bridge of Brotherhood and Unity over Sarajevo's Miljacka River, an ironically-named crossing that has been the scene of bitter battles throughout the war and is one of the six front-line sites around Sarajevo where U.N. troops will be deployed.

Rose engineered the cease-fire following a mortar attack on an open-air market in Sarajevo Saturday that killed 68 people, the high-

est civilian death toll in the city in a single incident since the war began. Rose said both sides had agreed to place their heavy weapons under U.N. control, halt all attacks and allow the United Nations to intersperse troops between the warring sides. If it succeeds, the accord could obviate any need for air strikes, Rose said.

Meanwhile, Bosnia's Muslim-led government agreed to Serb demands yesterday for establishment of a U.N. commission to investigate who was responsible for firing the mortar shell that devastated the Sarajevo market. The agreement allowed the desultory Bosnian peace talks to resume in Geneva against the backdrop of the NATO airstrike ultimatum, and with senior U.S. diplomatic officials in attendance for the first time.

It was that deadly mortar attack that galvanized NATO into demanding the Serbs withdraw their heavy weapons from around the city and apparently that also led the Serbs to conclude the Sarajevo cease-fire Wednesday in hopes of forestalling such a move by the Western allies. Many U.N. and Western government officials have blamed the Serbs for the mortar attack, but the Serbs have denied responsibility and claimed the Muslims themselves had fired the fatal shell in order to win sympathy for their cause in the West.

At Gvero's headquarters, meanwhile, the general seemed determined not to bow to give in to any Western pressure to weaken his position around the Bosnian capital. "We can never accept any kind of ultimatum," he told reporters, making clear that if the West chose to strike, the Serbs would use all means available — even the lives of the hundreds of Western aid workers in Bosnia — to fight back.

Science Benefits by \$2 Billion In Clinton's 1994 Budget Plan

By Boyce Rensberger

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

In a budget otherwise marked by cuts and caps, American scientists and research engineers emerged comparative winners this week. President Clinton's proposed 1995 spending plan asks the Congress to boost support of research and development, including military R&D, by 2.8 percent — or nearly \$2 billion more than is to be spent this year.

The budget request would reverse the situation of a year ago when the federal science budget was cut. During the last fiscal year the government spent \$72.5 billion on all forms of science and engineering. That figure was cut to \$71.1 billion for this year. It would rise to \$73 billion next year. As in past years, a little less than half those totals would go for civilian purposes.

If approved, the government's largest supporters of civilian research would enjoy even larger boosts — in percentages. The National Institutes of Health, which supports most biomedical research done by universities, would go up 4.7 percent, rising \$508 million to reach \$11 billion. (Figures in this story are for direct support of research and do not include amounts budgeted for administration.) The National Science Foundation, which supports most nonmedical research at universities, would get a 9.6 percent raise, pushing its budget for grants to scientists \$194 million to reach \$2.2 billion.

Jack Gibbons, the White House science advisor, said the budget request reflects the administration's intent to encourage science and technology as "investments" that will ultimately pay off in new products and services that create jobs and benefit the economy.

To that end, the science budget's biggest increase in proportional terms — 78 percent — would go to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, raising its funding to \$874 million. Much of the increase is to help industry develop new technologies.

Rep. George E. Brown, D-Cal., chairman of the House committee on science, space and technology, noted the increases in dollar amounts but complained that as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product, science spending in 1995 would be less than in any year since 1958.

NIH director Harold Varmus said he was pleased with the 4.7 percent increase for his agency but leaders of the biomedical research community had been pushing for nearly twice as much — an 8.9 percent boost.

"That's what we feel would be needed to eliminate the tremendous backlog of meritorious research proposals that are currently not being funded," said Frank Fitch, a University of Chicago immunologist who is president of the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology, an umbrella group representing most of the nation's biomedical scientists.

Fitch said the larger increase

would have allowed NIH to fund 30 percent of the grant requests it receives — a success rate that most researchers say would be acceptable. Currently NIH funds about 24 percent and as a result it cannot fund many high quality research projects.

Further reducing the amount of money NIH has to spend on basic science, — Fitch said, was "more earmarking than we would like to see."

For example, nearly 40 percent of the increase the president's budget asks for NIH would be focused on certain "priority areas." The largest boost would be a 28 percent increase (to \$383 million) for breast cancer research and programs in breast cancer prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. AIDS research would get a 6 percent increase, raising the total to \$1.4 billion. Of that increase, according to NIH figures, 90 percent would go to basic science relevant to understanding the disease. The "minority health initiative" would go up 18 percent, to \$65 million.

The Clinton budget makes no progress in the administration's stated goal of bringing military and civilian research to dollar parity by 1998. About \$2.1 billion of the military science budget, however, is for so-called dual use technologies. This is research that has both military and civilian applications, such as computer science. Though funded by the Pentagon, much of this research is unclassified work done at universities.

Judge Declares Congressional Term Limits Unconstitutional

By Dan Balz
THE WASHINGTON POST

A federal district judge dealt the term limits movement a sharp setback Thursday, ruling that the state of Washington's new law limiting congressional terms is unconstitutional.

The Washington measure, approved as a ballot initiative by Washington voters in 1992, would limit House members to three two-year terms over 12 years and members of the Senate to two six-year terms over 18 years.

Known as Initiative 573, the new law is similar to initiatives approved in 14 other states since 1990 as part of a grass-roots rebellion against political incumbents.

The Washington case has been closely watched by both sides of the term limits fight as the first step in resolving whether the Constitution would bar the voters from imposing such limits on incumbents.

Among those who challenged the measure in court was House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., who would have to retire in 1998 if the law is upheld.

U.S. District Judge William L. Dwyer, in a broad ruling, said the Washington term limits initiative

was unconstitutional because it wrongly attempted to add qualifications for congressional candidates beyond those stipulated in the Constitution — age, citizenship and residency in the state represented.

"A state may not diminish its voters' constitutional freedom of choice by making would-be candidates for Congress ineligible on the basis of incumbency or history of congressional service," Dwyer wrote.

The judge also said the measure violated the First and 14th Amendments to the Constitution, describing the term limits initiative as imposing "unduly restrictive" ballot access requirements on incumbent candidates and inimical to the "freedom of association" guaranteed by the First Amendment.

He said the term limits initiative "is aimed not at achieving order and fairness in the process (of elections) but at preventing a disfavored group of candidates from being elected at all."

In a cautious and carefully worded statement, Foley said the decision "provides an important framework for the resolution of one of the most important constitutional questions of the decade." But he stopped

short of claiming victory, noting only that a final ruling from the Supreme Court "would be in the best interests of the voters of the state of Washington and of the nation."

Term limits advocates, while disappointed by the breadth of the ruling, said they were not surprised by the basic decision. But they vowed to carry the case to the Supreme Court and said the lower court defeat would help energize their supporters in the states. Dwyer did not address the issue of term limits on candidates for state office.

In a statement issued by the Term Limits Legal Institute, former attorney general Griffin Bell, who argued the case in favor of the Washington measure, called Dwyer's ruling the "historic first step to the United States Supreme Court," where he said he was confident the proponents could prevail.

Cleta Deatherage Mitchell, director of the Term Limits Legal Institute, said Thursday's ruling, while preliminary, could hinder efforts in other states to put term limits initiatives on the ballot this year. But she added, "The (term limits) committees will go ahead, the citizens will go ahead."

Israeli Officials Say Palestinian Self-Rule At Least a Month Away

By Kim Murphy
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CAIRO, EGYPT

Israeli officials cautioned yesterday that a final agreement on Palestinian self-rule is at least a month away, as Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat flew to Jordan to begin bringing other Arabs aboard the slowly escalating peace process.

A day after the two sides initiated agreements on several of the key issues that have prevented the beginning of Israeli withdrawal in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin predicted "it will be at least another month, if not more, until we reach a full agreement, before we begin its realization."

In the occupied Gaza Strip, there was a mood of tempered optimism as Palestinians who have watched the ins and outs of the faltering peace negotiations for months wait-

ed for some concrete results.

"Without a doubt, the Palestinians see this as a big step forward. But in the meantime, this will not do anything for them. As long as the Israeli army patrols the streets and alleyways of the (refugee) camps in Gaza, as long as there are prisoners and wounded and roadblocks and unemployment, from the Palestinian perspective, nothing has changed," Suffian Abu Zaida, a PLO activist in the Gaza Strip, told Israel's Army Radio.

The response from hard-liners on both sides was quick. Near Gaza, Islamic militants claimed they kidnapped and killed an Israeli police officer, and authorities confirmed they found a bloodstained car in the area of the alleged attack belonging to a former border police officer.

Israel's right wing condemned the preliminary accord, which they described as a sellout to the Palestinians that will pave the way for more Israeli concessions. "On the

surface, it would seem that (Israel) has signed a treaty of surrender which does not even hint at security," said Rehavam Ze'evi, head of the rightist Moledet party. "They gave Arafat the honor that he demanded and thus abandoned the state's security in an irresponsible manner."

The text of the agreement made public yesterday indicates that both sides gave ground, though the Palestinians took the biggest bite of concessions by accepting Israeli control of Jewish settlements in Gaza, ultimate Israeli control of border crossings and limited control of religious and tourism sites outside of Jericho.

On the other hand, Israel agreed to a Palestinian presence and the display of the Palestinian flag at international border terminals, agreed to end humiliating searches of incoming Palestinians in most cases and gave Palestinians a foothold in the lucrative tourist market on the Dead Sea.

Harding Tells Connie Chung That She Deserves to Skate in Olympics

By Verne Gay
NEWSDAY

After weeks of being battered in the media, Tonya Harding finally came out swinging Thursday night.

In an interview with Connie Chung that aired on the CBS News program "Eye to Eye," she defended her right to compete in the Winter Olympics and vigorously denied having any prior knowledge of the attack on skating rival Nancy Kerrigan.

In response to a question from Chung about whether she deserved to go to the Olympics, Harding replied that "I've worked 20 years for it," she said. "It's my dream and I think I deserve it."

The syndicated tabloid TV show "Inside Edition" also begins a wide-ranging two-part interview Friday that has been billed as a "personal" chat with the skater. Among other things, Harding talks about her weight ("the hardest thing is when people put you down for your weight"), her need for money ("sure money is a big thing but it really doesn't matter that

much to me"), and her self-enforced silence ("I don't like to not be able to say anything to anybody.")

Despite the "exclusives," the TV industry Thursday was swirling with speculation over how the interviews came about and what sort of conditions were demanded of both news operations in exchange for the interviews.

According to some industry sources, "Inside Edition" was said to have paid as much as \$700,000 for its two-part interview, which is to air Friday and Monday. Other tabloid shows, "Hard Copy" and "A Current Affair," also were believed to have made major financial bids to interview Harding.

Sources confirmed Thursday that "Inside Edition" paid to get Harding, but there were widely varying estimates on how much, ranging from a high of \$800,000 to a low of \$100,000. The record amount paid for a TV interview was set in 1977, when David Frost paid \$600,000 for an extensive interview with former President

Nixon.

John Tomlin, executive producer of "Inside Edition," would not discuss how the show got the interviews, or whether the show paid for them.

But tabloid-show sources confirmed Thursday that Harding's legal team had demanded cash in exchange for interviews. A call to Harding's attorney, Robert Weaver, was not returned.

CBS News said it did not pay for its interview with the skater, even though there was widespread speculation that the network had promised the skater financial support in other areas, such as paying for the rights to her life story, which would be used as a basis for a TV movie.

Andrew Heyward, executive producer of "Eye to Eye With Connie Chung," called the reports "absolutely false. There were no quid pro quos, no conditions, no privileges, no perks, no movie deal, no book deal, no limo, or any other consideration." He added, "This is a tribute to Connie's persistence."

Senate Approves Massive Southern California Quake Aid

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The Senate overwhelmingly approved a record \$8.6 billion for Southern California earthquake relief yesterday and sent the aid bill to conference with the House for final congressional passage, which is expected Friday.

Prodded by California Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, the Senate ended a lengthy debate over how the government would pay for the aid and voted 85-10 to approve the measure.

"The clock is ticking and the people are needful," Feinstein declared at one point.

Swift action is essential to put the emergency measure on President Clinton's desk before lawmakers depart this weekend for a 10-day midwinter recess. Clinton's signature on the law would keep federal funds flowing to Southern California as the region recovers from the Jan. 17 quake that killed 61 people.

After the vote, the two California senators voiced gratitude. "This puts us on the road to recovery," Feinstein said.

Senate and House negotiators were scheduled to meet early Friday to reconcile more than 125 differences between the Senate and House versions of the bill. But they were expected to agree quickly on final language and to ratify it later Friday.

House Offers Federal Employees \$25K Buyouts to Avoid Layoffs

WASHINGTON POST

The House decided yesterday to allow federal agencies to offer employee buyouts of up to \$25,000 to speed the government's downsizing and avoid layoffs caused by budget constraints.

Under the bipartisan compromise approved yesterday by a 391 to 17 vote, the bill would mandate a work-force reduction of 252,000 jobs and would ensure that federal workers do not take the bonus and then quickly return to government service.

"We feel it critically important to get the work-force reductions locked into law as soon as possible," Rep. Timothy J. Penny, D-Minn., said. "We feel it entirely appropriate that these work-force reductions be tied to this buyout legislation because the buyout legislation makes it possible to achieve roughly 40,000 personnel in work-force reductions in each of the next six years."

The Clinton administration, as part of its "reinventing government" initiative, first sought buyout authority last year. But the bill stalled when Congressional Budget Office estimates showed that workers taking retirement early would cost the government an extra \$519 million over the next five years.

Under the bill, agencies could offer federal employees who voluntarily resign or take early retirement a bonus amounting to \$25,000 or normal severance pay, whichever was less.

Clinton Administration Frees Airwaves for Commercial Use

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The Clinton administration freed up a slice of the nation's airwaves yesterday for new commercial communications technologies and proposed that an even bigger chunk of government-controlled airwaves be relinquished for future commercial use.

The changes, which could begin as early as this summer and continue into the next decade, could help the government raise billions of dollars by nearly doubling the proportion of the airwaves it could make available to businesses for wireless phone, data, video transmission and other telecommunications services.

Such mobile communications services represent one of the fastest-growing segments of the \$300 billion telecommunications industry. Telephone and computer engineers, among others, are rushing to develop products that will allow users to send and receive faxes, voice, video and other information from devices as portable and unobtrusive as a wrist watch.

The freeing up of airwaves was proposed after the Coast Guard, Department of Energy and other government agencies agreed — after a year of bitter negotiations — to relinquish control over 200 megahertz of valuable radio frequency.

Macy's Withdraws Controversial Black History Exhibit

THE WASHINGTON POST

Michaela Cooper was browsing at the R.H. Macy & Co. department store at Pentagon City in a Virginia suburb last Friday when she stumbled across something that she said left her in "shocked disbelief."

Cooper, who is African-American, said the glass display cases at the store contained such disturbing items as a "Mammy" cookie jar, a ceramic figure of a black man with a white woman sitting on his knee and liquor bottles that depicted dark-skinned men tap-dancing.

She was furious, as were other customers and Macy's employees who saw the exhibit of black historical memorabilia and collectibles. Macy's had organized the display as part of a Black History month display intended to honor black Americans — but many saw it instead as a painful reminder of the country's Jim Crow past.

Shocked at the strongly negative response, Macy's hurriedly removed the exhibit, banishing all traces of it to a back room by Friday evening, less than 24 hours after it went up.

Macy's officials apologized for their failure to include explanatory materials. "Those pieces were displayed without proper signage, and people didn't understand what the artifacts and memorabilia were doing in the cases," said Macy's spokeswoman Gloria Kreisman.

She said that Macy's intention was to create a display that would highlight the rich history of black Americans, and that no offense had been intended. "Our motivation was of the highest level," she said.

Macy's does not plan to restore the exhibit, substituting a display of antique photographs of black Americans, playbills and concert programs.

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The Foundling Review Too Venomous

I take great offense at the unnecessarily negative and insulting review of the MIT Gilbert and Sullivan Players' production of my operetta, *The Foundling*, which was written by Jonathan Richmond ["Student-written *Foundling* yearns for editing," Feb. 4]. I would be sadly remiss if I did not respond to it on behalf of my colleagues and friends. A large number of people made extraordinary efforts in producing this show. On that basis alone, even if the production were as miserable as he would have his readers believe, it would deserve better treatment than the

pounding he gave it.

This is not to say that *The Foundling* is a flawless masterpiece. Some of Richmond's criticisms, if the venom were removed, have merit.

I don't pretend, either, that the performance is spotless. The performers are students and amateurs, and they do sometimes misinterpret a line or play out of tune. And I am perfectly aware of every gesture of mine on the podium that doesn't work. Still, the production isn't that bad, especially, if one considers — as a reviewer for *The Tech* should — that this company has mounted a very large, totally unfamiliar show in a very short time in a very inconvenient performing space. There is enough good singing, playing, and acting to

go around; judged by an appropriate standard, this show holds its own among any of the stage productions that I have seen at MIT in recent years.

I was told that Richmond is personally attached to the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. Perhaps this is why he feels entitled to slam the authors and performers of an original work that comes out of that tradition. If this is the case, then I suggest that he not cover future MIT GS&P productions. As a reviewer, he is entitled to his opinions, but he should be responsible enough to keep his emotions separate from his critical faculties, at least in print. There is simply no call for the arrogant rudeness displayed in his review.

Robert J. Weingart



Pollard Deserves Commutation by Clinton

By Matt Neimark

COLUMBIST

Eight years ago, Jonathan Pollard pleaded guilty to providing classified intelligence information to Israel. Since then, he has been serving a life imprisonment term for this offense. Unfortunately, even though Pollard is clearly guilty of the crime for which he is charged, there are circumstances concerning the handling of his trial which warrant a commutation of his sentence.

First of all, the recipient of the classified information, Israel, is an ally to the United States. While legally this does not lessen the severity of Pollard's transgression, it should have made it easier for him to have received a plea-bargain for pleading guilty to the offense.

Indeed, a written plea-bargain was offered to him by the government prosecutors. It stated that when arguing for sentencing, the prosecutors would "restrain its prosecutorial rhetoric" to the "facts and circumstances" of the crime. This meant that they would waive their right to promote any opinions on the morality of the crime or the severity of its damage. This is a significant limitation on the prosecution's ability to counteract the defense's ability to expound on any existing extenuating circumstances during the sentencing deliberations.

The plea-bargain also stated that the prosecutors would "not recommend the maximum penalty of life imprisonment." The prosecutors also promised to state during the sentencing deliberations that Pollard's cooperation had been "of considerable value to the enforcement of the espionage laws."

All three of these promises in the plea-bargain were broken by the government prosecutors. During sentencing deliberations, they challenged Pollard's motives and desire to cooperate. They argued that such cooperation was so half-hearted and lacking as to warrant a maximum sentence. They even accused Pollard of treason, a crime clearly defined by the constitution as fighting for the enemies of one's country during wartime. It was so defined because colonial England could accuse anyone who disagreed with the King of treason and thereby execute them. The government prosecutors, in effect, falsely accused Pollard in order to secure the maximum punishment.

However, perhaps most unfair during Pollard's sentencing procedure was a letter sent to the sentencing judge from then secretary of defense Caspar Weinberger. Weinberger, known for his anti-Israel stance and policy, said that Pollard had done more damage to U.S. intelligence than any other person in history.

This sort of activity is, to say the least, highly inappropriate. It amounts to secret testimony which could not be rebutted or cross-examined by Pollard's attorneys. But it is also grossly unfair because damage assessments are to this day classified and the general public has no way of determining the truth of Weinberger's statement.

The fact remains that Pollard is the only person in U.S. history to have served as much prison time as he has already served for providing intelligence to ally. People who have gotten life sentences for espionage in the past gave intelligence to our enemies. He is a native American citizen who was not trained in espionage by the Israelis, but who provided intelligence to them because he felt that they needed it to protect themselves from hostile neighbors and because he felt that they were entitled under a treaty to information the United States was hiding.

Pollard did commit a wrong and did deserve to be punished, but that punishment has already been served. Commutation of his sentence by President Clinton would counter the injustices served to him during the Reagan administration and would also greatly improve relations between the United States and Israel.

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Why is MIT doing this to me?

The MIT faculty and administration are strong advocates for UROP and have made every effort to prevent this change. The problem is with the federal government.

Why should I come to this forum?

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THE ARTS

Keyser tells of life in his first book of poetry

RAISING THE DEAD

Poetry by Associate Provost for Institute Life
Samuel J. Keyser.
Garden Street Press.

By Ann Ames
ARTS EDITOR

The verses in this volume are trapped somewhere between reality and fantasy, between poetry and prose. They begin with a curious sense of morbid humor; sitting on a wall in a graveyard, the author reads the want ads from a newspaper to his dead mother. That first page opens a tiny window into the loneliness, the bitterness to come, but its wit steals a little of the bite, intriguing the reader, leaving him wholly unprepared for the powerful tales that follow.

This is Associate Provost Samuel J. Keyser's first published book of poetry. Keyser refers to it as a single entity, "this poem," though it is comprised of 38 individual poems written over the past three years. Some tell of episodes from his life or from the lives of family members. Others describe images of a strange world that weaves itself around each of the people in the book, animat-

ing them, turning them into characters in a unreal play. And between these, Keyser sits in the cemetery talking to his mother in language so genuine; it is hard to categorize these conversations as anything but real.

The tone of the entire book is detached, like intellectual storytelling, further blurring the distinctions we would usually make between life and death, real and unreal. It presents the philosophy that all the characters and situations exist together in some undefined state, and it is only our perception of the world that changes. Keyser himself, when asked which of the images were real and which fabricated, said he was no longer sure.

He tells his stories in sentences wrapped around lines, creating stanzas that become irregular paragraphs. Left in unstructured free verse, we would not question the fantastical nature of a woman on the roof, dressed in a chicken suit, pretending to lay eggs. But the simple added formality of capital letters and punctuation marks lends this image and others like it half of a shadow, the outline of three-dimensional form.

In many cases, the dead seem more alive than the living. The author's mother haunts her son so thoroughly that when he goes to his

father's grave for one of these talks, the voice that answers is hers. She critiques his life, offers frank and insulting ideas for improvement, and makes acrid quips that leave little uncertainty about the hard life she must have suffered.

Keyser's language echoes this unwavering woman's straightforwardness. The only rhymes are internal and unforced, the meter easy and not strict. Shocking or florid vocabulary is absent; Keyser lets detail dictate the emotion of his pieces without resorting to gimmicks. He had no intention of publishing when he wrote these lines, and that attitude translates into literary honesty. We see the author and his family as he sees them, not as he would have us see them.

The picture he paints is disturbing, as familial roles shift and change. Women try to form intimacies with their sons to smooth the pain of loss. Insanity, wavering like everything else between the realms of real and surreal, frosts their world with icy tension; rarely are situations hostile, but the potential always exists for the impossible to happen.

And yet this poem is far from humorless. Keyser's sister, "dead in her eighteenth month," visits one day to tell him she is a Jehovah's Witness and ask if he has found

God. An unexpected rhyme, "Sam discovered he wasn't covered," describes an uncle's sudden loss of his shoe store in a way that evokes a wry smile, and makes us wonder if this very believable episode is not another scene taken more from imagination than from life.

Keyser wanted his poem to be accessible, and he has achieved that. With few exceptions, the meanings here are not hidden. When his mother says she does not remember when she died because she had things on her mind, we laugh. When in a story from his childhood she kisses him on the cheek and whispers in his ear, we shudder.

It is amazing that these poems, written discretely and interspersed with others not included here, should come together to form so cohesive a whole. Through a succession of stories remembered or retold they vividly describe many lives, focusing on the one that will not let itself be forgotten. Even death does not daunt the author's mother, until almost accidentally he finds the key to her deepest sorrow, which also releases him from his imprisonment in her image. The moment is so final, it seems like Keyser might never write another line of poetry — his ghosts have been put to rest.

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CAMPUS ARTS

FEBRUARY 11 — 17

Exhibits

Compton Gallery:

Sculptures and Paintings by David Bakalar
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Jan. 21 through March 4

Weekdays 9-5

Information: 253-4444

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Hart Nautical Gallery:

Course 13, 1893-1993: From Naval Architecture to Ocean Engineering

Exhibition includes historic photos, models, and computer graphics, and highlights a sampling of current research including that performed by the department for Bill Koch's '62 successful America's Cup campaign with America3.

(Ongoing)

Boston Fisheries 1900-1920

Photographs documenting Boston's T Wharf area.

Weekdays 9-8

55 Massachusetts Ave.

Information: 253-5942

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List Visual Arts Center:

Dan Graham: Public/Private

American conceptual artist Dan Graham uses film, video, performance, architectural models, and glass and mirror structures to engage the viewer in recognizing the physical, psychological, and social interactions that occur within public and private spheres.

Maria Fernanda Cardoso: Recent Sculpture

Colombian artist Maria Fernanda Cardoso creates elegant, Minimalist-inspired sculpture from materials exotic to a North American audience and addresses cross-cultural communication, particularly as it relates to the presentation and interpretation of art, as well as

the often-charged relationships between humans and other species.

Jan. 15 through March 27

Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-6; Wed. 12-8; Weekends 1-5; closed holidays

20 Ames St.

Information: 253-4680

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MIT Museum:

Thomas Jefferson and the Design of Monticello

The MIT Museum celebrates the 250th anniversary of Jefferson's birth with an unprecedented exhibition documenting the design evolution of Monticello. The show features more than 30 of Jefferson's original drawings and manuscripts along with archival prints, rare books, and artifacts from public and private collections.

Feb. 10 through April 24.

The Works of Charles H. Woodbury

After several years on tour, this major retrospective of the oils, watercolors, etchings, and drawings of artist/teacher Charles H. Woodbury returns to the MIT Museum.

Crazy After Calculus: Humor at MIT

The history of MIT "hacks."

Doc Edgerton: Stopping Time

Photographs, instruments and memorabilia documenting the invention and use of the strobe light by the late Harold E. Edgerton ScD '27.

Holography: Types and Applications

Scientific, medical, technical, and artistic imaging drawn from the work of the Spatial Imaging Group at the Media Lab.

Light Sculptures by Bill Parker '74

Vivid interactive light sculptures, each with its own personality and set of moods.

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265 Massachusetts Ave.

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Strobe Alley:

Optical Alchemy

Full-color fluorescent photographs of corals and anemones by Charles H. Mazel SM '76, a research engineer in the Department of Ocean Engineering, taken at night during underwater dives. Matched pairs of images offer a comparison between the subject under "normal" reflected-light photography and under illumination with ultraviolet light.

(Ongoing)

Information: 253-4444

Music

Alumni New Music Concert

Auros, Group for New Music performs works by Harbison, Child, Tower, Roxbury, and Hosken. Funded by the Council for the Arts at MIT.

Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Killian Hall.

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MIT Faculty Series

Boston debut of the Michael Gordon Philharmonic, an electric chamber ensemble consisting of Todd Reynolds, violin; John Lad, viola; Assistant Professor Evan Ziporyn, clarinet and saxophones; Mark Stewart, electric guitar; Michael Gordon, keyboard/synthesizer. The program includes three new works (two U.S. premieres, three Boston premieres) by each of the composers who lead the group: Strange Quiet; Yo, Shakespeare; and Change of Life by Michael Gordon; Ben; Esto House; and Pay Phone by Evan Ziporyn.

Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Kresge Little Theater.

Information: 253-2826.

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Les Ballets Bougarabou du Sénégal

Sixteen-member West African dance compa-

ny, formed in 1974, which uses ballet and native dances, body paint, beads, and colorful costumes to present the folklore of Sénégal. Presented by the MIT Office of the Arts in collaboration with the Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center.

Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Kresge Auditorium, Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors/students/CMAC members, \$10 children 12 and under.

Tickets or information: 577-1400. To charge tickets by phone, call Out-of-Town Tickets at (617) 497-1118.

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An Evening of Asian Performance

Presentations include performances by Gamelan Galak Tika, MIT's gamelan troupe and student musicians and dancers joined by Nyoman Catra and Desak Made Suarti Laksmi from Indonesia. Also, a clarinet piece composed and performed by Associate Professor Evan Ziporyn. Directed by Ron Jenkins. Sponsored by Emerson College, Performing Arts Division.

Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Emerson Majestic Theater (221 Tremont St.), Tickets \$10/\$7, \$8/\$5 students.

Information: 578-8780 or 876-8207.

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Thursday evening rehearsals, 7:45-10 p.m., in the Emma Rogers Room (10-340). Open to all women in the MIT/Harvard community. New members welcome until Feb. 15. For more information call Marilyn Dorsey, 484-8187.

Theater

Dramashop

Spring's Awakening, by Frank Wedekind.

Feb. 10-12, 8 p.m. Kresge Little Theater.

\$7 general, \$5 MIT students

Information: 253-2908

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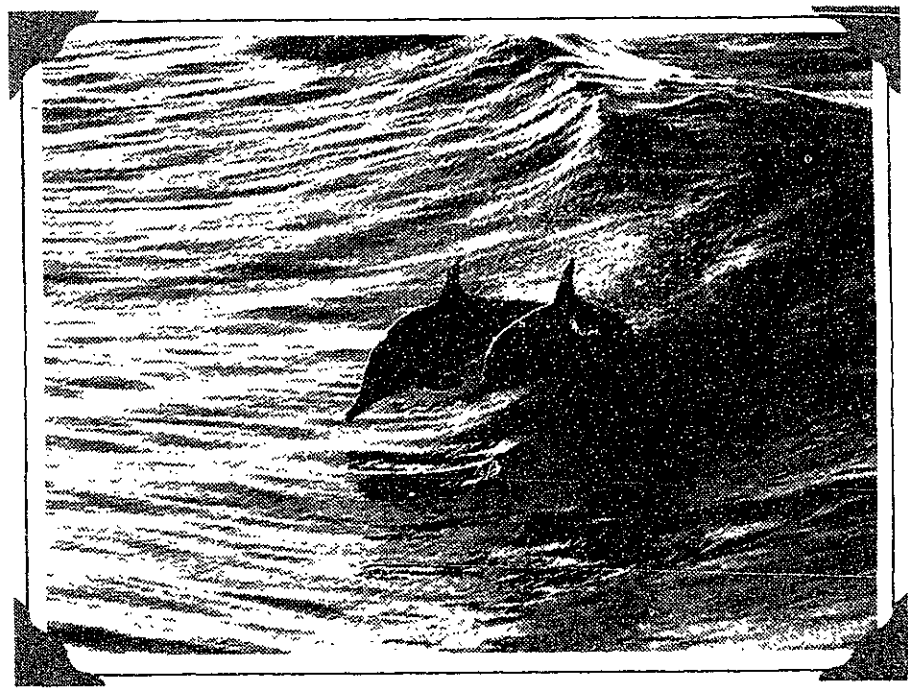
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ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

★★★★: Excellent
★★★: Good
★★: Average
★: Poor

★★★ Ace Ventura: Pet Detective

Though this silly movie is merely a vehicle for the comedic talent of Jim Carrey, it is genuinely funny. Carrey's facial and vocal caricatures are hilariously fresh, and he shines in this, his first starring role. Playing Ace Ventura, the world's only pet detective, he is hired to track down Snowflake, the Miami Dolphins mascot. The abduction of Dan Marino (as himself) complicates the plot, which is surprisingly interesting, considering the genre of the film. In a cascade of foolhardy blunders and semi-decent detective work, Ace tracks down the perpetrators in his own unique way. Be prepared to laugh a lot at the up-and-coming big-screen comedian. —J. Michael Andresen *Loews Copley Place*

★★★½ Faraway, So Close

Director Wim Wenders takes another look at the angels of his 1987 masterpiece *Wings of Desire*. Angels are not supposed to intervene directly in the lives of humans, but Cassiel (Otto Sander) breaks that rule and becomes human. Wenders follows Cassiel's adjustment to his new life, and builds a complicated plot involving gun runners, trapeze artists, and a crew of angels-become-humans. The plot is something of a mess, but Wender's brilliant visual style and Sander's bravura performance

more than compensates. The large cast also includes Willem Dafoe, Peter Falk, Heinz Ruhmann, Nastassja Kinski, and, in a cameo appearance as himself, Mikhail Gorbachev. —Jeremy Hylton. *Coolidge Corner Theater*

★ Gunmen

A politically incorrect film about a race to find a boat full of cash. The film relies on two rules: 1) Shoot anyone that gets in your way. 2) Keep your eyes on the money. If for nothing else, watch it to see Patrick Stewart say a Hail Mary and various expletives while being buried alive. Definitely not for kids. —Craig K. Chang. *Loews Fresh Pond*

★★★ Grumpy Old Men

The only person John Gustafson dislikes more than Max Goldman is the tax collector



Tilda Swinton plays an ageless Elizabethan courtier who wakes up one morning to discover that he has become a woman in the film *Orlando*.

who periodically shows up at his front door. John and Max (Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau) are neighbors who seem more chilled by each other's presence than by the bitter Minnesota weather they live in. Their 56-year rivalry burns icily fresh when the

vivacious, sensual widow Ariel Truax (Ann Margaret) moves into the house across the street from them. Not even the point of a frozen fish nose can cool the jealousy between

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— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

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these grumpy old men, whose childish antics delight and inspire all who have ever thought of getting even. —Ann Ames. *Loews Danvers*

★★★★ In the Name of the Father

Daniel Day-Lewis offers a riveting portrayal of a young man named Gerry Conlon who is convicted, along with friends and family, of an IRA bombing of a British pub in 1974. The film addresses the grave injustice that the British government dealt the Conlons, but it uses the relationship in prison between Gerry and his father Guiseppe (an excellent Pete Postlethwaite) to carry the film's message of hope and redemption. Director Jim Sheridan's pro-Irish bias provides an effective retaliation against England's tendency to make Ireland a scapegoat for the IRA's actions. And Emma Thompson gives a solid performance as the lawyer who struggles to bring freedom to the Conlons. Quite simply, it ranks as one of the best films of 1993. —Scott Deskin. *Loews Copley*

★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire

After a messy divorce, Daniel Hillard

(Robin Williams) will do anything to see his kids again. His plot involves becoming a woman. As Mrs. Doubtfire, he manages to turn around his life and the lives of others. Williams' hilarious performance and a few touching scenes make up for a dismal beginning and much run-of-the-mill slapstick. —CKC. *Loews Cheri*

★★★½ Orlando

Tilda Swinton's curious, angular beauty makes her a perfect cast as Orlando, an Elizabethan courtier who never ages and wakes up one morning to discover that he has become a woman. Bestowed everlasting youth by Queen Elizabeth (a delightfully campy Quentin Crisp), Orlando survives a broken heart, insults to his poetry, a stint as ambassador in a war-torn Arab country, dreadfully boring salon conversation, and even a final assault on her home and property rights, which as a woman, she must relinquish. Based on the Virginia Woolf novel of the same name, *Orlando* is a frank, witty look at the differences not only in the way society treats men and women, but ultimately, at the differences between the sexes. *LSC Friday*

★★ The Pelican Brief

Julia Roberts is a law student who has created a legal brief which details her ideas on who recently murdered two Supreme Court justices and how it relates to the president. Denzel Washington is a reporter for the *Washington Herald* whom Roberts contacts when her lover and his friend are killed after they see the brief. Roberts is near perfect, and play the stressed and paranoid student to the hilt. Washington is convincing — playing the determined reported who will stop at nothing to get a story. The strength of the film is in how it is able to carefully develop its plot and keep the audience's attention until contents of the brief are revealed at the very end. —Patrick Mahoney. *Loews Copley Place*

★★★ Philadelphia

Hollywood's film "about" AIDS is really about discrimination and human dignity. Tom Hanks is the HIV-positive lawyer who alleges he was fired from his prestigious law firm because of AIDS discrimination, and Denzel Washington is the homophobic lawyer that agrees to take his suit to court. The film's power lies in its message, but at times it suffers from Jonathan Demme's heavy-handed

direction, mistaking stilted sentiment for raw emotion. Still, the performances of Hanks, Washington, and a fine supporting cast carry the film to a near-triumphant conclusion. —SD. *Loews Cheri*

★★★★ Schindler's List

Director Steven Spielberg triumphs in this historical drama about Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), who was responsible for saving the lives of more than a thousand Jews during the Holocaust. Shot almost entirely in black and white, the film takes you to the Poland of the late 30s and early 40s. Neeson is great, carefully portraying the slow change from a man who only cares about money to one who cares only about saving lives. Ben Kingsley perfectly plays Itzhak Stern, Schindler's Jewish accountant who cunningly sidesteps Nazi officials. Ralph Fiennes portrays the unswervingly-loyal Amon Goeth, the Commandant of the Nazi labor camp. Through Fiennes the audience is able to witness the hatred, brutality, and widespread death. Overall the movie is incredibly powerful, and brings to light one of the darkest periods of human history. —PM. *Loews Nickelodeon*

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Program Augments Science Curriculum

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chard Scholar Mike H. Joo '95, a biology major.

"I hope the program will help me to explore more of the humanities side of the school," said Anthony K. Sebro Jr. '95, a mechanical engineering major. "I think that it will give me a break from the same mind-set that typical classes offer."

Eminent faculty speak at dinners

In addition to providing an intellectual community, the program, which is also called MIT's undergraduate Society of Fellows, provides new social ties, Khoury said.

Scholars can form new friendships from their discussions, he said. "They go away feeling a [sense] of community that they didn't necessarily have before."

At each of the monthly meetings, a member of the MIT faculty speaks about his field. "Truly eminent speakers in the MIT faculty are regular speakers in the program," Khoury said. "In addition, we try to diversify [the topics]. ... We are trying to appeal to the range of student interests."

Last year's speakers included Institute Professor and nobel laureate in economics Robert M. Solow and Institute Professor Noam A. Chomsky.

This semester, the planned speakers are Arthur Steinberg, professor of anthropology and archaeology; Daniel T. Kryder, instructor of political science; Evelyn M. Hammonds, assistant professor in the program for Science, Technology and Society; and Peter S. Donaldson, professor of literature.

Program offers new perspective

Several award recipients noted that the program will offer them a break from the hard sciences and an opportunity to engage in interesting conversations.

Burchard Scholar Melissa S. Rones '95, a biology major, described the program as a "really interesting opportunity to talk with faculty and students in a more informal setting than the classroom." She added, "It should allow me to share experiences and to get a chance to have a more intensive humanities-based program."

Grace W. Cheng '96, a biology major, concurred. "I am really interested in literature, and I just wanted something to supplement my course load."

"It is a different way of approaching things that I am not exposed to on a daily basis," Cheng said. "I kind of missed having that kind of time spent looking at social issues."

Scholars announced

The 25 Burchard Scholars of 1994 are: Dante N. Anderson '95, Oded I. Asherie '96, Tobias H. Ayer '95, Grace W. Cheng '96, Catherine Cho '95, Gwen C. Crentsen '96, Michael T. Decerbo '95, Mike H. Joo '95, Amy K.W. Koo '95, Sabrina Kwon '95, Gwendolyn K. Lee '95, Ximena Leroux '96, Catherine J. Mangion '95, Kristine E. McCaffrey '96, Edward A. Miguel '96, Elizabeth Morales '96, Carrie R. Muh '96, Yumi Oshima '95, Scott A. Rhodes '95, Melissa S. Rones '95, Bernard Schnurr '95, Anthony K. Sebro '95, Philip W. Tracadas '95, Surekha Vajjhala '96, and Jason A. Wertheim '96.

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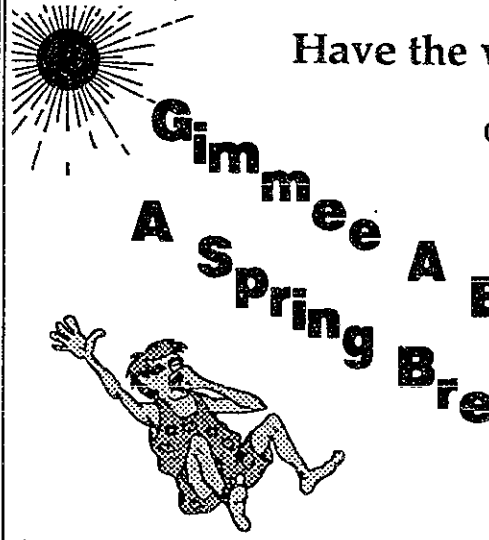
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Summer, Fall UROP Funds Endangered

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Earlier this month, Wrighton created a working group to develop a plan to cope with the new regulations.

Institute remains committed

Wrighton and members of the group emphasized that the Institute remains committed to UROP. "I think UROP will remain an important and essential component of the MIT undergraduate experience," Wrighton said.

Merritt, a member of the working group, agreed that UROP "has become the most powerful and distinctively MIT-like element in the undergraduate educational experience, which puts students and faculty into some kind of contact with each other on a personal basis."

The working group, headed by James L. Elliot, professor of earth, atmospheric, and planetary sciences. It will provide Wrighton with its conclusions by May 1, according to UROP Director Norma G. McGavern.

The other members of the working group are: Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Mary Boyce, UA Treasurer Raajish A. Chitale '95, and Professor J. Kim Vandiver, director of the Edgerton Center.

Fewer proposals accepted

The UROP office accepted fewer proposals for salaried spring semester UROPs this year, in an effort to save more money for summer UROPs, McGavern said. "The window of opportunity for proposals was about 24 hours," she said.

Wrighton said he sees the future of summer UROPs, which involve more salaries than term-time UROPs, as the biggest problem. But McGavern hopes this summer will be "as normal as possible."

"Summer work in UROP is a period of intense involvement in research," too important to be cut in half, McGavern said.

Summer UROPs will also benefit from the timing of the new regulations. About one-third of the summer salaries will be paid before July 1, so overhead costs will be waived for work done before that date.

"Summer is going to be about

two-thirds of what it might have been," McGavern said. But "fall is what I'm most concerned about."

No change in regulations

In September, Wrighton said he hoped to negotiate with the Office of Naval Research, which audits MIT overhead expenses, to get a special exemption for UROP. But the working group thinks that an exemption is unlikely.

"There was a great deal of time spent in negotiating [the new regulations]. It doesn't seem like something people would want to open up and negotiate again," McGavern said. Congress and several federal agencies began designing the new regulations during the Bush Administration.

Merritt said the working group must work without assuming any changes will be forthcoming. Still, "There isn't any single solution to this. There have to be all kinds of efforts made to try to get a change in the [regulations] and ... exploring whether [they] can be reinterpreted or reapplied," Merritt said.

The working group does not see any easy solutions, though. "This isn't an instant-results problem. Short of \$50 million in endowment, there is no easy answer," Chitale said.

One solution would be reallocating MIT's unrestricted budget funds to cover UROP overhead costs. But, as Wrighton explained, giving more money to UROP is not a realistic solution, because it would mean taking money away from other areas of the academic budget.

Lobbying campaign

The UA forum on Monday night is intended to be an information session for students and faculty. "From that point on we'll try to coordinate a lobbying campaign," said UA President Hans C. Godfrey '93.

Chitale said that students might be able to convince the government to change the regulations. "The time for community involvement is here," he said.

"If the [Office of Management and Budget] or ONR hears from students about something that really matters to them, it probably couldn't do any harm," McGavern said.

Students Object to Use Of Tax to Buy Alcohol

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of the motion, said. "In my opinion the majority here are for not buying alcohol."

Schutte presented Young's motion at a house election meeting last week because of the prior discussion about a spending cap. Also, she hoped to resolve the issue before the budget meeting next week.

"I figured that the spending cap was a more dominant issue than completely doing away with spending on alcohol," Schutte said.

After 30 minutes of debate on Young's motion, his motion was passed without any amendments.

"Basically it was an issue of how many people drink, and whether the house budget should pay for it," resident Michele L. Matthews '95 said.

Opponents of the motion argue that it should have been publicized before the meeting so that more people would have attended the meeting, which might have defeated the motion.

Matthews said that most residents don't regularly attend house meetings, and that the size of the last meeting's voting body was typical.

"Things that effect the entire

dorm and motions that have been brought to the Executive Committee are supposed to be publicized. For the most part, they have been publicized in the past through posters on entrance doors in the dorm," Schutte said.

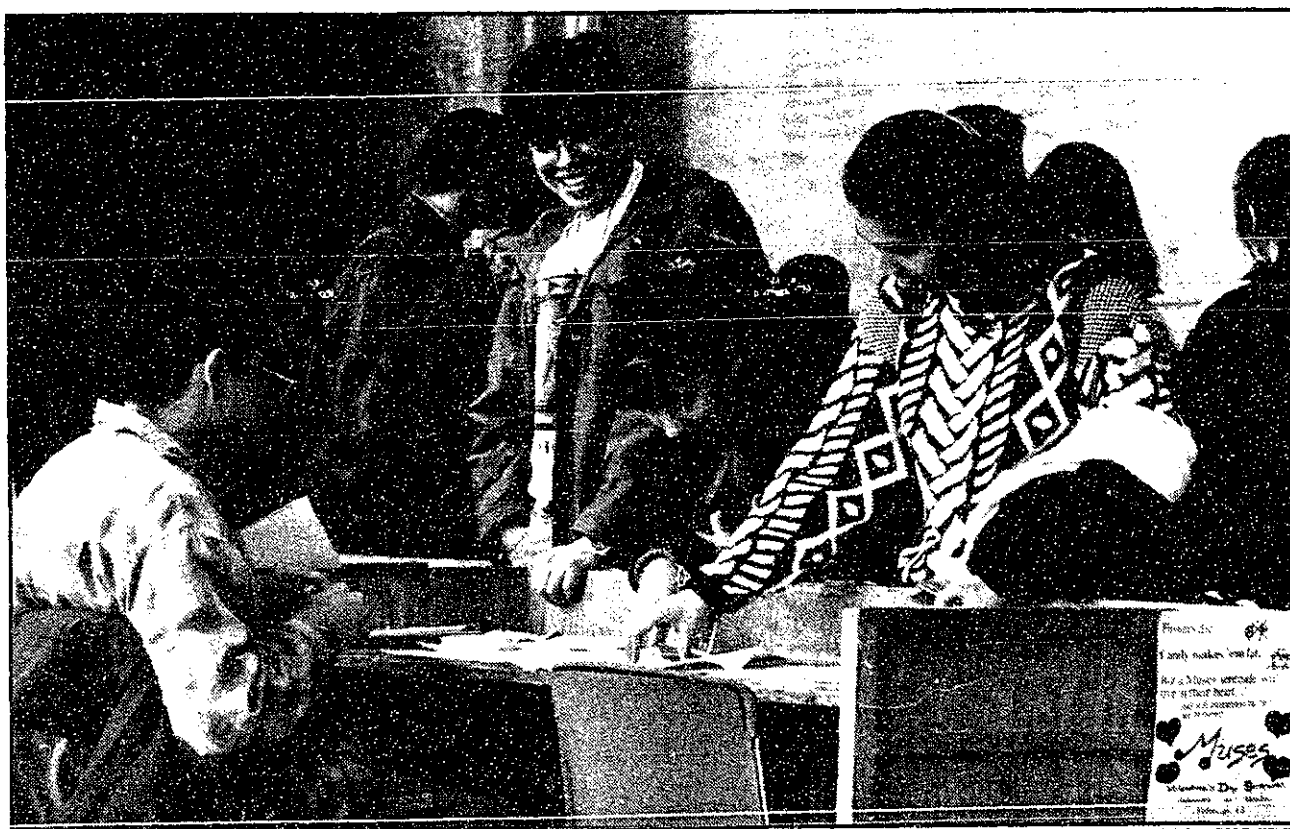
Several residents also complained that the issue should have been left for the already-scheduled budget meeting, instead of last week's election meeting. Furthermore, the motion was raised towards the end of the meeting, after many people, including the newly-elected social committee chair, left.

Social chair Dean L. Franck '95, who attended the meeting but left before the motion was presented, plans to run the parties exactly the same as they have been run, with alcohol purchased privately.

Since the motion only pertains to house funding of alcohol, students are free to bring their own supply.

"I am not happy with the outcome personally," Schutte said, "but as president I will accept the decision of the house."

A second discussion of the motion will be held next week, but a two-thirds majority vote will be required to overturn the approved motion.



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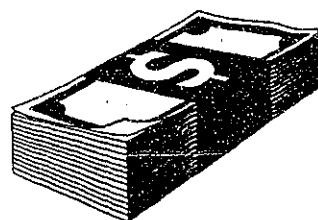
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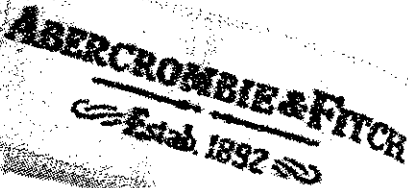
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Men's Basketball Falls to Tufts

By Thomas Kettler
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STAFF REPORTERS

On Tuesday night, the weather outside was cold, and so was the inside of Rockwell Cage. The men's basketball team played cold too, ending up with a 83-53 embarrassment to nationally-ranked Tufts University.

The team's record has now dropped to 6-13. While the Engineers were able to break an away-game losing streak on Saturday with a win over the Wentworth Institute of Technology, they now have a three-game home losing streak.

MIT played the game without the services of starting point guard Nikki Caruthers '95, who was still recovering from an injury. Caruthers's absence caused coach Leo Osgood to make some changes in the line-up; Tim Porter '96 moved from forward to guard, Arthur von Waldburg '97 came off the bench to take Porter's usual spot, and shooting guard Randy Hyun '95 assumed the role of point guard.

Even with the changes, MIT managed to keep the game close through most of the first half of play. Although the Jumbos raced out to a 4-0 lead, forward Joe Levesque '95 responded by scoring the first five points for MIT.

With 18:31 minutes left, he canned a three-point field goal, and then sank a jumper from the free throw line a little more than a minute later. Yet another field goal by Levesque helped put MIT in the lead, 9-8. Unfortunately, this turned out to be its only lead. The Jumbos quickly responded with a bucket, which an Engineer foul turned into three points.

Tufts exploded soon after to generate an 18-7 run, bringing the score to 29-16 at 3:57 before the half. The Jumbos took advantage of errors by MIT to pick up points quickly. With three seconds left in the half, Tufts junior guard Chris McMahon scored his 1,000th point, causing some excitement among the Tufts fans, and the players headed to the lockers with a 43-27 lead.

Second half is downhill

During the second half of play, the game went downhill. The Engineers continued to be cold; they turned the ball over and had trouble putting the ball through the hoop.

The Tufts team seemed like a well-oiled scoring machine, adding points on almost every possession. The MIT machine, despite having two mechanical engineers, looked like it would need many more to function properly.

After the game, Osgood commented, "In the second half the story was written in the first five minutes. We had six turnovers in the first three minutes."

With about seven minutes left in the game, the Tufts coach sat his entire starting lineup down, and let bench player take the floor. The Engineers started scoring, but not enough to even come close. With 2:47 left in the game, Tufts earned almost twice as many points as MIT, 82-42.

In the last two-and-a-half minutes of play, Hyun, who had trouble shooting all night, made two three-pointers in less than 45 seconds. The Engineers took many shots, both from outside and near the basket, but simply could not score.

For the game, three MIT players scored in double figures. Levesque led the team with 15, followed by Porter with 11, and Hyun with 10. Whalen shot unusually poorly, hitting only 1 of 14 from the field, but led the team in rebounding with 12 boards.

The team made only 30 percent of its field goal attempts, along with 29 percent shooting from the three-point line. The Engineers were able to convert 87 percent of shots from the free throw line, including perfect shooting in the second half.

One problem was that they were not able to make many trips to the line; the Engineers were allowed

only seven shots, and sank six of them. The Engineers clearly lost the battle of the boards, as Tufts outrebounded them, 53-41.

On his team's performance, Osgood said, "We started making mental mistakes, and they started capitalizing on our mistakes. We just took ourselves right out of the game."

He attributed the loss to many errors and the inability to score. Outside factors that have kept the team members from playing their best include illnesses and the frigid environment of Rockwell Cage.

While not a direct factor, Osgood said that the absence of Caruthers has made the team miss the defense, spirit, and leadership that he usually provides. Caruthers is almost recovered and might see some playing time at the next game.

Blowout at Wentworth

On Saturday MIT downed WIT 98-63 in an away game.

For the game, the Engineers shot an incredible 55 percent for the game while limiting the Leopards to 27 percent. The statistic included a 42 percent performance from beyond the three-point line.

But the team reverted to form from the free throw line, shooting 63 percent. It also dominated on rebounds, grabbing 70 boards to Wentworth's 48. Finally, the Engineers demonstrated teamwork with 30 assists for the game, the most for the season by far.

MIT took the lead halfway into the first half. After Kenny O'Brien of the Wentworth Leopards made a three-pointer at 3:25, the Leopards took an 8-7 Wentworth lead. The Engineers responded with a 10-0 run that kept the Leopards scoreless for almost seven minutes.

Wentworth countered with a 8-0 run of its own that ended with 10 minutes left in the half, when Tom Janeczek made a field goal to make the score 19-16 that would be the smallest MIT lead for the rest of the game.

After Janeczek's basket, forward Joe Levesque '95 answered with a three-pointer that started a 9-0 run. MIT went on a 14-0 run late in the half to enter halftime with a 53-27 lead.

The Engineers shot reasonably well from the floor in the first half, averaging 49 percent but more importantly, keeping the Leopards

to a poor 23 percent. MIT also shot well from the line, averaging 75 percent, much better than what the team had done all year.

In the second half, the Engineers continued to play well while the Leopards still could not shoot from the floor.

The only remaining question for the game was, "Would MIT break 100?" When Levesque made a basket off a fastbreak with five minutes left, the Engineers led 92-46, making the magic score seem quite possible.

With MIT's largest lead of the game, head coach Leo Osgood removed the starters to allow the junior varsity players some playing time. Bill Winston '97 scored the Engineers final points with two minutes left to give MIT a 98-53 lead.

Wentworth closed out the scor-

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Five Rowers Join All-American Team

By Roger Crosley

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Five members of the MIT women's crew have been named to the 1993 United States Rowing Association All-America Academic Team. Coxswain Sherry Hsiung '95

Sports Shorts and Tracy Adams '94 were each first boat selections. In the second boat were Bethany Foch G, Megan Jasek '94, and Suzelle Tardif '93.

Wrestling

Chandler Harben '95 captured the championship of the 190-lbs.

class in the Northern New England Wrestling Invitational held last weekend at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire. Harben defeated Jeff Santos of Plymouth State College by an 11-7 score. Santos entered the match ranked 8th in the nation in Division III in his weight class.

Squash

The MIT squash team has won three consecutive matches to raise its record for the season to 6-5. On Saturday, the team defeated both Fordham University, 8-1, and Vassar College, 7-2, following a 9-0 win earlier in the week over Babson College.

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Women's Gymnastics Loses Against UMass-Amherst

By Catherine Rocchio
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COACH

The MIT women's gymnastics team competed for the first time in MIT history against the UMass-Amherst, a nationally-ranked Division I team. Considering that the Engineers were missing the support of their top all-rounder Tasi Chiarenza '97 due to a hand injury, the team did well against such a formidable opponent. UMass-Amherst won the overall meet with a score of 187.6 points, to MIT's 152.425.

Vaulting went very well for the MIT team as Kim Cornwell '94 and Erica Carmel '96 stuck their hand-spring vaults for scores of 7.25 and 7.5, respectively. Competing for the first time in 1994 after returning from an extended home stay in Rome, Valentina Sequi '97 landed a beautiful half-twist on, half-twist off for a score of 7.75. Janet Sollod '96 stuck a gorgeous handspring full-

twist and received an 8.5, while Sheila Rocchio '97 performed a handspring double front that she just missed landing, to end up with a score of 8.65.

Despite the absence of Chiarenza's amazing uneven bars routine, the event went well. Co-captains Stephanie DeWeese '95 and Beth Chen '94 had their season's best performances for scores of 6.2 and 6.75, respectively, while Carmel had a few problems with her half-twisting mount yet finished up strongly for a score of 6.55. Sollod and Rocchio both faltered on landing their one-and-a-half somersault dismounts but received solid scores of 7.55 and 8.15, respectively.

The performance on the balance beam was the highlight for Chen, who missed a three-quarter twisting jump but landed everything else perfectly for a score of 7.45. Sollod and Rocchio both turned in amazing no-fall routines, with Rocchio land-

ing her backhandspring back-layout solidly, for scores of 8.45 and 8.675, respectively.

The floor exercise was MIT's best showing of the evening, as Cornwell danced her way energetically to a 7.35, and Carmel had her season's best routine with high tumbling for a 7.7. DeWeese combined excellent poise with grace and power for a score of 8.25, while Sollod showed off her layout full-twist and flexibility for a score of 8.7. Rocchio over-rotated her double back in her first tumbling run but finished up radiantly for a score of 8.85.

Sollod's and Rocchio's all-around scores of 33.3 and 34.325, respectively, put them in an excellent position, along with teammate Chiarenza, to qualify for the Division III National Championships in March. In the meantime, MIT will host Brown University tomorrow in Du Pont Gymnasium at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Hoops Down Wentworth, 98-63

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ing with a 10-0 run ending with a field goal by Tim Reilly with one second left in the game to give a 98-63 final score.

Three starters scored in double figures. Guard Tim Porter '96 and Levesque tied for the lead with 21 while center Keith Whalen '96

scored 17. Reserve center Mark Heffernan '95 led the team in rebounds with 14, while Levesque had 12 boards.

Levesque led the team in assists with seven while guard Randy Hyun '95 followed, with six. Finally, on the defense, Heffernan had three blocks and Whalen made three steals.

Women's Basketball Falls behind WNEC

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10. Casserberg led the team in rebounds with 10 boards, while Ratliff added eight.

Jenn Boyle '96 tied with Doane for the team lead in assists with three. Doane also made four steals.

In the game against WNEC, the

team fell behind once again, trailing at the half, 44-26. While the Engineers made a comeback effort in the second half, they ran out of time, and the opponent was already too far ahead.

Doane led the team with 19 points, while Casserberg contributed 15 and Ratliff 10.

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Sir Vix Picks Rider, Kemp, Minor

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will take: Kenny Anderson (Nets), Joe Dumars (Detroit), Scottie Pippen (Bulls), 'Zo Mourning (Hornets), and Shaq. True we placed 'Zo at the number 4 spot, but this is where he should be. Toughest omissions: 'Nique, Starks, Patrick, DC, Price, and Rice.

From the left coast, our team would be: Kevin Johnson (Suns), Mitch Richmond (Kings), Sir Charles (Suns), Shawn Kemp (Sonics), and Hakeem Olajuwon (Rockets). People coming off of the bench: The Worm, Stockton, Mailman, The Admiral, Manning, and Mullin. ...

You Heard it Here First

Sir Vix is predicting a Slam Dunk championship for Issiah Rider. Although the chic picks are Shawn Kemp and Harold Minor, if any of you saw last year's college dunk championships in which Rider put the ball through his legs (while in mid-air) before throwing it down, you would agree.

Menudo's College Football Report

With college football's national letter of intent signing period underway, we have enlisted the services of the college football guru, known in these circles as Menudo, to list his Top 5 recruiting classes to date:

1. Tennessee. The old saying, "They don't rebuild, they reload," is appropriate with all five of these teams. In the Volunteers case, they lost Heath Shuler to hardship, but picked up Peyton Manning (QB, 6'5", 200 lbs.), son of NFL QB Archie. Additionally, they signed All Americans Marcus Nash (WR, 6'3", 190) and Jarvis Read (OL, 6'6", 287). Although they lost Andre Patterson (TE, 6'4", 248) to Alcorn State, the signing of these three players will ensure some high scoring games down in Knoxville for the years to come.

2. Ohio State. The Buckeyes were able to replace Big Daddy (Dan Wilkinson) and Offensive Tackle Alan Kline with All Americans Orlando Pace (DL, 6'8", 295) and Eric Gohlistin (OL, 6'5", 305). Picking up All State performers Winfield Garnett (DL, 6'6", 330) and Dan Gibbons (DL, 6'4", 300), and Marcus Spriggs (OL, 6'4", 290) will make leftovers a word of the past out in Columbus.

3. Florida State. They picked up two outstanding defensive players in All Americans Lamont Green (LB, 6'3", 228) and Robert Hammond (DB, 6'3", 185). Although they only signed a couple of big horses for the O and D lines, they did land speedster Magic Benton (WR, 6', 170) out of Miami.

4. Michigan. Despite signing only one All American, Rasheed Simmons (LB, 6'6", 240), the Wolves added a lot of speed at the receiver spot in order to relieve some pressure off of Tyrone Wheatley. Chris Singletary (LB, 6'3", 222) and Sam Sword (LB, 6'4", 240) will help keep Michigan's defense strong for the near future.

5. Southern Cal. John Robinson is doing a fine job of turning the once proud Trojan football program back onto the right track. With Robinson reinstalling the ground attack that made USC famous, he was able to land All American Deion Washington (RB, 5'10", 180) of Dallas Kimball. Additionally, he picked up All American Darrell Russell (DL, 6'6", 305) to replace Willie McGinest.

Menudo points out that Miami was unable to sign the top players from their own backyard, as Michigan, USC, and even Kentucky raided not only Florida, but the city of Miami as well, for some top talent. Also, the SWC did not sign either of the All Americans from Dallas,

something unheard of in the past. This further exemplifies the fall of the conference, especially with A&M on probation next year.

Simson's Top 4

- 1. North Carolina
- 2. Arkansas
- 3. Louisville
- 4. Duke

Let's Argue Fan Top 5

Mark I. Randall '94 sends us this week's list, with the category "Basketball teams with the baggiest shorts":

- 1. Arkansas
- 2. University of Michigan
- 3. Georgia Tech
- 4. UMass
- 5. Missouri

Where Are They Now?

Former LA Rams: Vince Ferragamo, Jack Youngblood, Jim Youngblood, John Cox, Preston Dennard, Merlin Olsen, Cullen Bryant, "Hacksaw" Reynolds, Cliff Harris, Nolan Cromwell, and John Cappelletti.

Mondongo's Hueso de la Semana

Mondongo is so proud that many of his loyal readers have been keeping their keen eyes open for bonehead plays everywhere, that he cedes the presentation of this week's award to one of the faithful Dongitos.

Brian Pendleton reports: "While watching the Mobil Invitational Indoor track competition at George Mason University on Sunday, I witnessed a candidate for the bonehead play of the week. Her name is Suzi Hamilton, an American long distance runner. While competing in the mile race on an indoor track, she miscounted the laps, which is eight laps for a mile indoors, and sprinted in finishing her seventh lap. She thought the race was over, but she had one more lap to go. She ended up dropping out of the race.

"They count out the laps as you run and ring the bell at the start of the final lap. 'Laps to go' is posted right at the finish line. (She claimed they posted '1 lap to go' as she finished her sixth lap.) This is why the guys at ESPN are boneheads: As Hamilton sprinted toward and crossed the finish line, they displayed her 'winning time' which was under 4 minutes, near the men's world record time for the indoor mile."

Race For Futility

Mavs: 5-42; 'Wolves: 1-4 versus Mavs

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Call for Great Moments in Curling

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All-Star break, or to lose to that team four times, including three at home? The Wolves get the nod here, mainly because they have Christian "Boy Toy" Laettner.

Trivia Question of the Week

Going into this season, Dean Smith was first among Division I active coaches (10 years as a D-1 head coach minimum) with 24.19 wins per year. Who was second with 24.18? Send answers, comments, and your top 10 selections for "Greatest Moments in Curling" to sports@the-tech.mit.edu. Answer to last week's question: The Orange Bowl, which housed Super Bowls II, III, V, X, and XIII. New Orleans, has hosted the most with seven. Kudos to Jay Coulson '94 who got it right. He wins an autographed copy of the Tonya Harding "How To Find the Perfect Mate" book,

due to hit (no pun intended) the stands next week.

Rumblings from Around the 'Tute

From Bo Light, '96: "Interesting theory on the Harding case, except that she and Gillooly (what an unfortunate name, no doubt the Buttafuoco of 1994) have been divorced for over a year. ... I personally think that Tonya did lie to protect Jeff, and now that she no longer supports him, he's trying to cover his ass. Evidence to support this theory: When Shawn Eckardt was arrested, he originally told authorities (several times) that Tonya Harding had nothing to do with it. Now, of course, his story has changed, too, no doubt to help out his high school buddy Gillooly.

"Also, Connie Chung interviewed Gillooly's lawyer right after Jeff made his big confession, and I have never seen someone so defensive in my life. Connie's first ques-

tion was, 'Couldn't this be easily interpreted as Jeff trying to save himself?' She didn't quite finish her sentence because the lawyer launched into his denial just a bit ahead of schedule.

"Anyway, that's my theory, but it doesn't matter; she'll get kicked off the team anyway because the rest of the world sees her as being about as innocent as Lorena Bobbitt. The irony here is that Bobbitt (another unfortunate name, why don't people named Smith ever make the news?) was acquitted. Well, that's my two cent's worth. ...Talk to y'all later."

Despite the Steelers' first round departure from the playoffs, Ed Cho '94 sent us the following: "Answer: The Rose Bowl. The Pittsburgh Steelers are still the greatest team ever. You guys are great, and your article is a wonderful section in the heralded Tech. Keep up the entertaining work. Thanks fellas."

Despite Losses, Beavers Look to Championships

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freestyle in a winning time of 58.47 seconds, and she also placed second in the 200-yard freestyle. In the 200-yard individual medley, Holly Goo '95 was a runner-up (2:19.17). Goo was outtouched in the 500-yard freestyle and finished second (5:29.07), just 0.14 seconds behind winner Stefanie Duff of Amherst.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Christine Harada '94 was second (1:09.11). Diver Debbie Gustafson '95 also placed second in the 3-meter diving with a score of 242.55 points, just 1.775 points short of first place. Gustafson was third in the 1-meter diving event. The final score

was 155-62 in favor of Amherst.

Engineers look ahead

Despite the losses, the Engineers were happy with their meet performances. Both the men's and the women's have teams started to taper this week in preparation for the New England Championships later this month. The men's team ends its dual meet season this Saturday, in a home meet against Bowdoin College scheduled at 1 p.m. at the MIT Alumni Pool. "We're looking for some fast swimming and expect to end the season with a close, competitive meet, and a possible victory against Bowdoin," Achtem said.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 12

Rifle at MIT Beanpot Shootout Invitational, 9 a.m.
Men's Fencing vs. Harvard University and Boston University, 12:30 p.m.
Women's Fencing vs. Harvard University and Boston University, 12:30 p.m.
Men's Indoor Track vs. Williams College, Westfield State University, East Connecticut State University, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1 p.m.
Men's Swimming vs. Bowdoin College, 1 p.m.
Women's Gymnastics vs. Brown University, 1 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Suffolk University, 2 p.m.
Men's Gymnastics vs. City College of New York, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Rifle vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Yale University, and Cornell University, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Men's Basketball vs. Norwich University, 7:30 p.m.
Men's Volleyball vs. Dartmouth College, 7 p.m.
Squash vs. Harvard University, 4 p.m.

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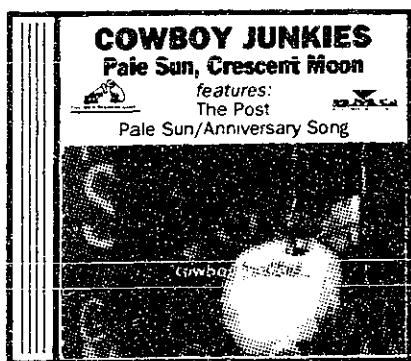
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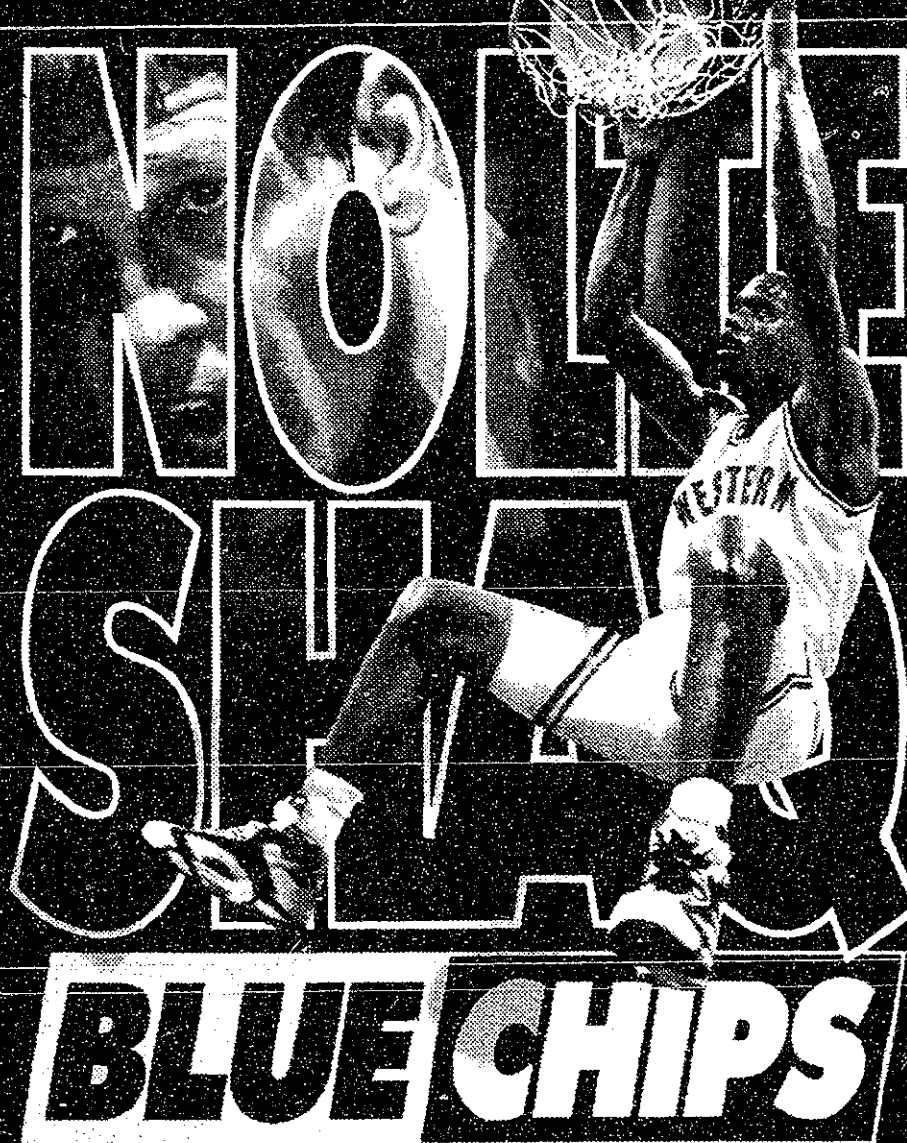
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SPORTS

Over 20 in Track Set Personal Best

By Daniel Wang
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

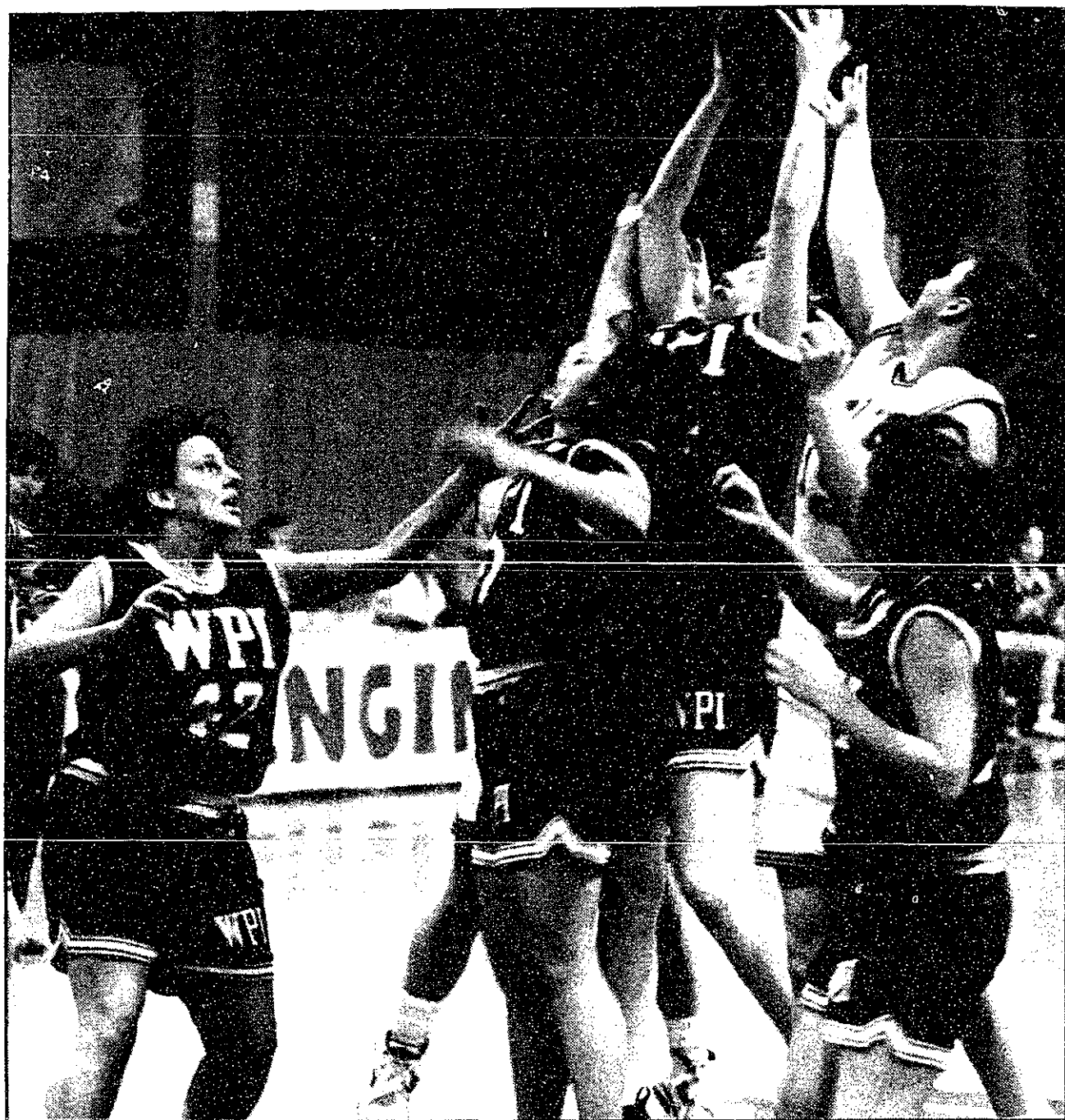
The men's track team turned in an excellent performance last weekend at the Greater Boston Indoor Classic, held at Harvard University. In a meet that featured many outstanding individual performances, MIT finished fourth as a team, behind Boston University, Harvard, and Northeastern University. MIT had the best placing among Division III schools, easily outdistancing Tufts University and Brandeis University. In doing so, MIT even finished ahead of Division I Boston College.

The most noteworthy performances were in the field events, led by Andy Ugarov '95, who won the triple jump with a leap of 44'3-1/4", and placed second in the high jump, clearing a height of 6'6". James Kirtley '94 finished right behind Ugarov in the high jump, clearing 6'4" for third place.

In the pole vault, although the 15'1" effort by Matt Robinson '94 was more than a foot below his record-breaking personal best, he still managed to take second place. Paul Ogagan '97 came in third, setting a season best vault of 13'6-1/4". Among the throwing events, John Wallberg '96 provided the best performance, capturing fourth place in the 35-pound weight throw, with a hurl of 50'9-1/2".

On the track, the Engineers did not win any running events, but managed a few top-five finishes. Colin Page '95 provided the top result for MIT, placing third in the 55-meter high hurdles, with a time of 8.16 seconds. At a longer distance, Ethan Crain '95 matched Page's feat, with a third place finish in the 5,000-meter run, posting a time of 14 minutes 57.53 seconds. Jesse Darley '95 came in right behind Crain for fourth place, with a time of 15:06.80. Both Crain and Darley ran their best times of the season at the meet. The two also joined Christopher Schell '96 and Kevin Knoedler '94 for the distance medley relay, and set a season best time while finishing fourth, with a time of 10:34.90.

Coach Halston Taylor was quite pleased with his team's overall results of the meet, which included personal best efforts by more than 20 members, along with numerous season bests. However, his primary focus for the moment is the Quad Cup championship. MIT is undefeated in Quad Cup competition, as well as fellow participant Williams College. The two powers will meet face-to-face tomorrow at Johnson Athletic Center to determine the champion. The Engineers have lost to Williams in their last two meetings, and they aim to rectify the situation.



MIT lost this struggle for the ball — and, in the end, the game by a score of 75-74 — to Worcester Polytechnic Institute last night.

Amherst Drowns MIT Teams In Swimming and Diving

By Ognen J. Nastov
STAFF REPORTER

Despite a number of strong swims, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams were defeated by Amherst College at Amherst last Saturday.

"I think we did extremely well, considering the intensity of our recent training," said head coach John Benedick. "There were a number of close races, but our opponents simply had more swimmers and depth."

The men's team carried victories in two events. In the 200-yard backstroke, tri-captain Ted Achtem '95

crushed Mark McDermott of Amherst with a winning time of 1:59.81, his season's best. In addition, Brian Dye '96 won the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:21.01. Randy Yang '97, the third place finisher in the same event, qualified for the regional conference championships.

The men's team performed well in both freestyle sprint events. Matt Lau '97, Greg Maud '97, and Sherif Ibrahim '96 placed second, third, and fourth in both the 50-yard and the 100-yard freestyles. In the 200-yard freestyle, Christian Hamer '94 and David Chatwin '97 placed second and third. Chatwin also quali-

fied for the regional conference championships in the 50-yard backstroke. Joe Kurtz '96 was a runner-up in the 200-yard butterfly (2:08.90), which was won by Laird Adamson of Amherst College. The men's meet ended with a score of 154-69 for Amherst.

Women encounter similar result

The women's meet proceeded in a similar fashion — with only a single victory but a number of second place finishes. Hilary Price '97 easily triumphed in the 100-yard

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Women's Hoops Loses on the Road

By Thomas Kettler
STAFF REPORTER

Last week, the women's basketball team lost two games on the road, first to Wheaton Thursday by a score of 104-70, and to Western New England College Saturday, 76-64. The games left the women's team 6-11 overall and 0-4 in the New England Women's 8 Conference.

Against Wheaton, MIT wasn't in the game through the first half, falling asymptotically far behind, 63-37 at halftime. Although the Engineers played better defense in the second half, it was too late as

Wheaton cruised to the league victory.

Overall, MIT shot only 40 percent from the floor while allowing Wheaton to shoot 54 percent. The Engineers had their best day from the free throw line, averaging 70 percent, but the effort was not enough.

In individual scoring, Kristin Ratliff '95 led the team in scoring with 18 points. Also scoring in double figures were Mari Casserberg '94 with 17 points, Sarah Davis '97 with 13, and C.J. Doane '95 with

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Sports Writers Should Respect Jordan's Dream to Play

By Mike Duffy
and Andrew Heitner
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

Hope all of our fans did not freeze back in Boston while we were on assignment covering the Pro Bowl in Honolulu. Although the sand fleas were biting at our ankles, to quote Jeff Spicoli in saying that there were a lot of "tasty waves and cool Buds" would be accurate in describing the week. One question did pop up while your humble scribes were bronzing on the white sand beaches of the 5-0: How do the Lords of the Gridiron select the cheerleaders who go to the Pro Bowl? We had some criteria in mind, but if anyone has more official knowledge, drop us a line. ...

Just when the college basketball junkie thought he had everything, ESPN once again tells us that this not so. ESPN has teamed up with Raycom and the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association to bring us the Great Eight Basketball tourney on Nov. 29 and 30. The tourney will pit the final eight teams from this year's NCAA action in a two-day fest out at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Each team will play one game, with pairings decided by random drawings. (Teams will not, however, play teams they will face later

in the season.) Teams are guaranteed \$100,000 plus expenses and a donation to the school's Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success program. With a doubleheader each day, the tourney will merely make the average hoop fan salivate and make the serious hoop fan lose his ...

Two thumbs up to His Airness for signing with the Chicago White Sox in an attempt to play major league baseball, following perhaps the greatest NBA career in history. If Jordan is able to play in the majors without having played organized baseball since high school, Senor Nike will certainly extend his lead as the World's Greatest Athlete. Two thumbs down, though, to those sports writers who are taking shots at Jordan, claiming he will never succeed and that he is making a mockery of the game. First of all, baseball is in such a sorry state these days (wild card playoff teams, Tim Lincecum making \$3.4 million, a team from Canada winning the last two World Series, Marge Schott an owner, etc.) that there really is nothing left to make a mockery of. Second, these writers should admire and lionize someone who is willing to put everything on the line to take a shot at a dream. Jordan's statement that he is not

afraid to fail, but can't accept not trying should be broadcast to children everywhere. Just because some tubby typist pulls a groin trying to play pick-up hoops and beer league softball in the same weekend doesn't mean that Jordan should not at least try to play ball. ...

Although your humble scribes were not gifted enough to be able to write for the Arts section of *The Tech*, it is safe for us to say that the movie *Caddy Shack* is a classic. This being the case, PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman should lighten up in his criticism of Bill Murray for Murray's antics at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament. Murray is always hilarious, and it's not as if golf is such a thrilling spectator sport that Murray is detracting from the exciting action. Besides, how can anyone take shots at "a cinderella story. ..."

With the Winter Olympics beginning this weekend, it's always interesting to walk into a bar during the Olympics and hear patrons arguing about some obscure sport that they know nothing about, except what the announcers have just told them. Particularly interesting to these Olympics is that the Fiji Islands, American Samoa, and Trinidad and Tobago are all sending participants to Lille-

hammer. Trinidad joins an experienced Jamaican squad, energized no doubt by the Disney flick *Cool Runnings*, in representing the Caribbean. It is hard to understand why these teams would do this. With the frigid weather in Norway, your humble scribes would gladly trade our two-week assignment in Lillehammer for two weeks of palm trees and rum punch down in Port-Au-Prince. ...

Another sad story from the dismal Southwest Conference: Texas Tech fans engaged in a shouting and pushing match with Texas A&M Coach Tony Barone and the Aggie players following A&M's 89-88 victory over the Red Raiders last Saturday. After an exchange of pleasantries, a Tech fan was knocked unconscious by a crushing right hook from Aggie forward Joe Wilbert. The report is that it was the best hit in the SWC this season, football included. Ouch. ...

The *Let's Argue* NBA All Star ballot is in. Before listing our selections, we must inform the readers that our selections are based on who would comprise our team if we were to play a single game for all the marbles, not on popularity. In the East, we

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