

UROP Deadline Next Friday

By Sam Hartman
STAFF REPORTER

Guidelines for Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program proposals have been tightened in order to give all students a fair chance at being funded in spite of a UROP budget crunch, UROP director Norma McGavern said.

All proposals for UROP funding must be turned in by Sept. 15. The UROP office must wait until all proposals are turned in before deciding which proposals should be funded with UROP money. "We don't want it to be a race for the first proposal to be turned in," McGavern said. "We want people to feel free [to] bring in their proposals during a limited period of time," McGavern said.

The Sept. 15 deadline allows the UROP office to review all the proposals at once, rather than having to allocate funds with the knowledge that more proposals may come in later. "What we're really asking is for people to get a bit better organized so we can do things more equitably and fairly," McGavern said.

According to a UROP press release, the UROP office will accept proposals for faculty-funded research after Sep. 15. As in previous years, the UROP office will review and approve these proposals. However, these proposals must be received by Nov. 15.

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John N. Krikelis '97 Killed in Accident

By Daniel C. Stevenson
EDITOR IN CHIEF

John N. Krikelis '97 died Sunday morning when his motorcycle crashed into a telephone pole in Raynham, a town near Plymouth.

Krikelis, 21, was not wearing a helmet. A native of Greece, Krikelis also went by the name Yannis. He was a brother of Delta Upsilon.

"John was a very free-willed person," said Alexander F. Hoermann '97, a close friend of Krikelis from DU. "He did whatever he

wanted. He had a very full life and he loved to be alive."

Krikelis "brought a lot of people a lot of joy," Hoermann said.

Krikelis' parents, Nicholas Krikelis and Eleftheria Krikelis of Rafina, Greece, have established a scholarship fund in his memory.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000 annually, will go to a mechanical engineering major of Greek origin. In the absence of such a student, the award will go to an outstanding mechanical engineering major from DU.

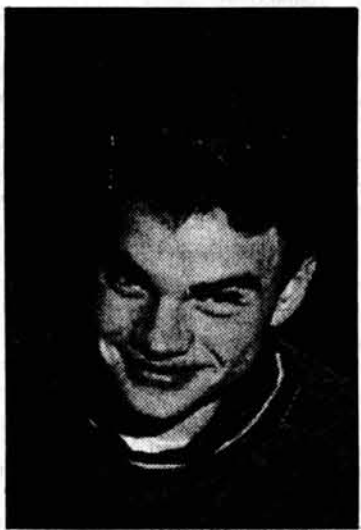
DU has received considerable support from other fraternities, Hoermann said. They have received "tons of flowers" and many sympathetic visitors, he said.

A few of the DU brothers "have been pretty shaken up" by the death, but the house is coping, Hoermann said.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Somerville. Interment was at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Krikelis is survived by his parents, his brother Stephen, a student at Boston University, and his girlfriend Jennifer Bissett, a student at Simmons College.

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COURTESY KRIKELIS FAMILY
John N. Krikelis '97 in 1992

Barnes & Noble to Run Coop; Textbook Expansion Planned

By Christopher Falling
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Barnes & Noble Bookstores will manage store operations for the Harvard Cooperative Society as part of a major restructuring announced last Friday.

The Coop will continue to exist as a cooperative, said Institute Senior Vice President and Chairman of the Coop William R. Dickson '56. No patronage rebate is likely this year, Dickson said.

The Coop will also continue to independently operate its other businesses, including its real estate interests in Harvard Square and mail orders of its merchandise, he said.

"There is no longer any room for a medium sized department store," in the Boston community, Dickson said.

"We felt that our strength is in business which appeals to the academic community, such as books, supplies, insignia merchandise, and posters," said Coop President Jeremiah P. Murphy, Jr.

Book expansion planned

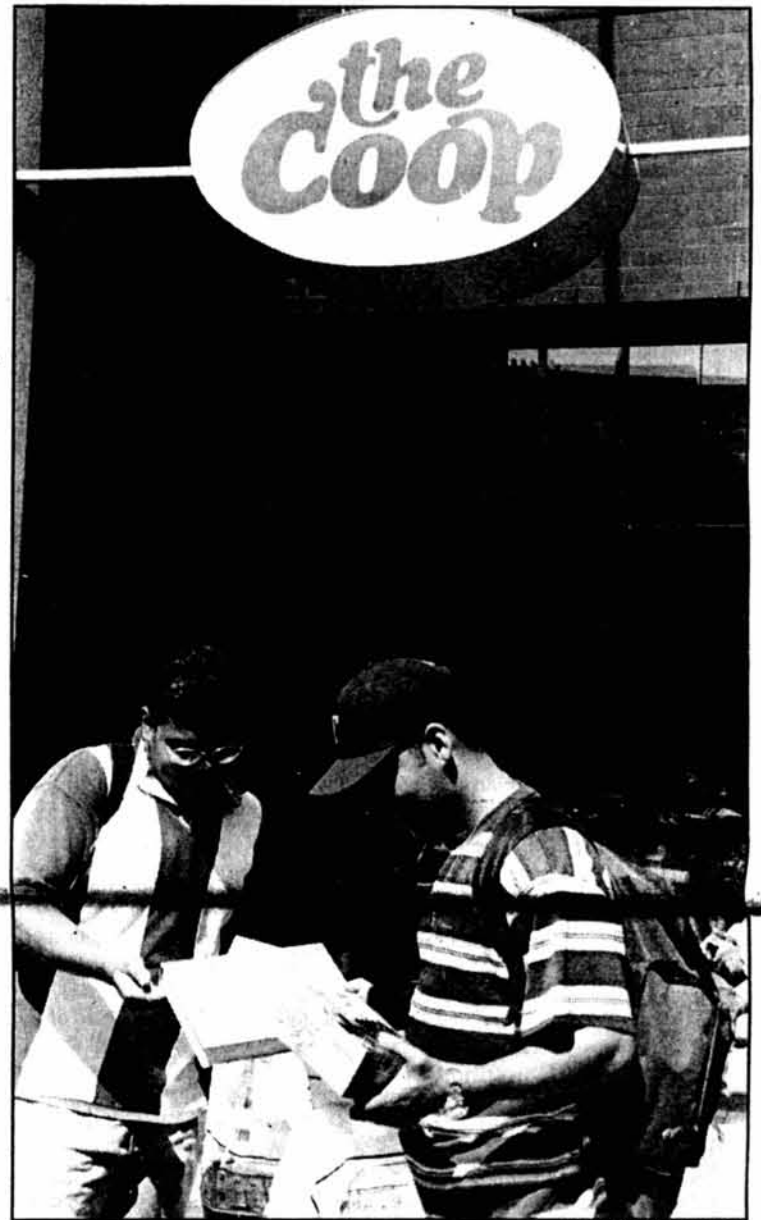
The objective for the Kendall Square Coop would be to become "the finest technical bookstore in the nation," Murphy said in Saturday's *Boston Globe*.

The plan is to greatly expand the selection of books and supplies and eliminate other businesses from the Kendall Square store, Murphy said.

The Coop will decide in conjunction with Barnes & Noble over the next few months the changes that should be implemented after the back-to-school period in January, Murphy said.

The Coop must anticipate what customers want, Dickson said.

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Carlos A. de la Paz '99 and Gerardo Martinez '99 looked at books outside the Kendall Square Coop Wednesday.

Coop Alternatives Offer Discount

By David D. Hsu
NEWS EDITOR

With the start of the fall term, students are marching off to spend hundreds of dollars on textbooks.

Most MIT students buy their books from the Harvard Cooperative Society, but Text Express, Quantum Books, and the Alpha Phi Omega book exchange provide inexpensive alternatives, if not exhaustive inventories.

The Coop

The Coop at Kendall Square offers a broad selection of textbooks. Stock is generally based on

professors' requests, said Coop General Manager Allan Powell.

The Coop sets the price of the books based on a 25 percent increase over the original cost, Powell said.

As an example, the third edition of *A Book on C* by Al Kelley, required for Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00), is priced at \$43.25.

The book for Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics (10.213), *Introduction to Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics*, fourth edition by Joseph M. Smith, sells at \$85.

For a used book sold back to the

Coop, the store pays 50 percent of the price for the same book new, Powell said. The Coop then charges the normal 25 percent markup.

Last fall, the Coop offered a 10 percent refund on textbooks. The refund turned out to be too costly, so it will not be offered this year, Powell said.

The Coop has "a very liberal return policy," Powell said. Books can be returned through Sept. 23 with the original receipt.

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Professor Emeritus Herbert S. Bridge PhD '50

Professor Emeritus of Physics Herbert S. Bridge PhD '50, an internationally known space scientist who played a key role in mapping the solar winds that flow through interplanetary space, died Aug. 30 following a long illness.

Bridge, who lived in Sudbury, was 76. The cause of death was coronary artery disease, the family said.

Bridge was director of the Center for Space Research and a pioneer in the exploration of the solar system from unmanned spacecraft.

Bridge led a group of MIT physicists who created a novel instrument for the study of interplanetary plasma, the modulated-grid Faraday cup.

This instrument, successfully flown aboard

Explorer X in 1961, provided for the first time direct evidence of the existence of a dilute plasma in interplanetary space, as well as supplying some preliminary information on the density and velocity of this plasma.

After that discovery, Bridge was the principal investigator on space plasma experiments aboard unmanned missions to every planet in the solar system except for Pluto.

The work by Bridge and his collaborators received worldwide recognition, and the MIT group acquired a leading position in the field of plasma measurements in outer space.

Bridge obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1941. He worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory during World War II.

He received a PhD from MIT in 1950 and worked as a research staff member in the Laboratory for Nuclear Science until 1966, when he was appointed professor of physics.

Bridge served as associate director of the CSR from its inception in 1965 until 1978. That year he was appointed director of the center, a position he held until 1984, when he retired.

Bridge is survived by his wife Jeanne; three children, Raymond Bridge of Boulder, CO, Clare Bridge of York, MT, and Bill Bridge of Thetford, VT; four grandchildren; and two brothers, James of Los Alamos, NM, and Richard of Silver Spring, MD.

A memorial service will be held in the MIT Chapel at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14.

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WORLD & NATION

Too Much Expected from Troops

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Children line the once-treacherous Mount Igman road that snakes into this capital. They wave and throw flowers at the British and French armored personnel carriers and the U.N. trucks that pass by in a mile-long convoy.

This scene has the feel of a people welcoming an army that has come to liberate them, and there is an element of truth to that. Ever since NATO and the U.N. Rapid Reaction Force launched their current air and artillery campaign against Bosnian Serb positions, many people here have been transported from the depths of desperation to optimism that their 41-month war ordeal could soon be relieved.

NATO has promised to eliminate the threat Serbs pose to Sarajevo, to stop the random shelling that has claimed thousands of lives. But the danger now is that the expectations growing among the people of Sarajevo are unrealistically high.

The NATO operation is more limited in scope than many Sarajevans would like to think, and it is having only nominal success in destroying the Bosnian Serb war machine.

Still, there is a new sense of hopeful relief and safety, however temporary it may be. On Thursday, despite ever-present fears of Serb retaliation, children roller-skated down a sidewalk near U.N. headquarters, a frequent target of artillery attacks, and large numbers of people ventured openly into the streets.

Mrs. Clinton Visits Mongolia

THE WASHINGTON POST

TOV, MONGOLIA

Sitting Thursday at the hearth of a Mongolian hut and sipping mare's milk below a two-stringed horse fiddle, Hillary Rodham Clinton turned to the Zanabaatar family, her nomadic hosts, and asked them if they had had a good summer.

They replied, as the American first lady nodded her head, that it depended on whether you were talking about the cattle and the sheep, which had done quite well, or the horses, which could use a bit more fattening up. The conversation turned to snuff boxes and the Zanabaatars' impending move to warmer pastures.

Mongolia is a nation of just 2 million people, whose president once said that his favorite pastime is sleeping. A former communist country, wedged between Russia and China, Mongolia became a democracy in 1989 and has begun opening and reforming its floundering economy. After years of prohibiting the open practice of religion, the government has allowed people to openly practice the Tibetan Buddhist Lamaism once popular here.

Economics Spawn Crime in Mexico

THE WASHINGTON POST

MEXICO CITY

Law enforcement officials who feared that economic austerity measures enacted here would spawn crime and social unrest say that the "long, hot summer" they feared has landed on Mexico with a furor.

Even though President Ernesto Zedillo asserted in his State of the Nation speech last week that the worst of Mexico's nine-month economic crisis is over, top administration officials acknowledge that they now are paying the price for sharp government cutbacks adopted as part of a national recovery plan. Over the past two weeks, riot police have clashed daily with protesters in the streets of Mexico City, while crime figures are skyrocketing nationwide.

According to the Mexico City attorney general's office, the overall crime rate in the hemisphere's most populous city has increased 26 percent since the collapse of the peso last December, with the majority of crimes consisting of burglaries, car thefts, muggings and robberies of business places.

The Mexican Association of Insurance Agencies reported that the number of violent car thefts in Mexico City has doubled over the past year. Daylight carjackings are common, even in such high-security areas as the capital's Lomas de Chapultepec mansion district, where a woman was shot dead after refusing to give up her luxury sedan.

WEATHER Into The Fall

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Finally, a change in endlessly sunny and dry weather pattern is forecast for this weekend. A slow moving cold front will pass through our area around dawn on Friday and stall just to our east and south. Meanwhile, several waves of low pressure coming up from the southwest will bring in much needed showers as well as some more steady rain by later on Friday and into Saturday, especially to the southeastern portions of the state. Clearing may be rather slow on Saturday, as a cold high pressure gradually nudges this "wavy" front away from our coast. Significantly cooler, October-like weather is to follow for Sunday and early next week.

Luis, a dangerous hurricane packing 120-knot winds, was located (as of 8 p.m. last night) 600 miles south-southeast of Bermuda and is slowly moving northwest. Whilst a more northerly track is still being forecast for tomorrow and beyond, large swells generated by this powerful system will affect our east and south facing beaches by Friday, further increasing astronomically high tides, which coincide with a full moon. Progress of Luis bears close watching, for if the northwesterly track continues as it might, this hurricane may enter the western Atlantic and begin to worry a lot of forecasters.

Today: Clouding up early with some scattered showers. High 66°F (19°C) with winds turning to northeast.

Tonight: Cloudy with spells of steadier rain. Low 58°F (14°C), northeasterly winds persisting.

Saturday: Cloudy and damp, with precipitation ending from west to east. High 68°F (20°C)

Sunday: Becoming mostly sunny and cooler, with highs near 70°F (21°C) and lows near 50°F (10°C) by daybreak on Monday.

Packwood Gives Up Fight; Says He Will Leave Senate

By Edwin Chen

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., isolated from even his strongest defenders in the Senate, bowed to mounting demands for his ouster and tearfully announced Thursday that he intends to resign rather than bring further disgrace to an institution that has been his life for 27 years.

"It is the honorable thing to do," Packwood said in his late-afternoon announcement on the Senate floor that ended efforts to expel him. To the relief of many colleagues, Packwood's decision concluded a three-year drama that had become something of a public spectacle for a Senate grappling with its first case of sexual harassment involving a member.

Packwood stood virtually alone in his fight to keep his post, the last of his Senate defenders having turned against him in a remarkable 24-hour period that saw the Senate Ethics Committee first vote, 6-0, to recommend his expulsion and then release more than 10,000 pages of documents detailing the evidence against him.

The committee had concluded that Packwood was guilty of an array of sexual harassment and official misconduct charges that amounted to a "pattern of abuse of his position of power and authority as a United States senator." The documents contained many explicit descriptions of Packwood's alleged actions.

Packwood's departure provided a solid victory for women's organizations and senators who had come

to regard the case as pivotal in the fight against sexual harassment.

"The Senate has zero tolerance for this kind of conduct and should send a message to every woman in America that the United States Senate recognizes that this conduct is unacceptable and will exercise the ultimate sanction — this is the atomic bomb; we can do no more than to expel a member," Sen. Richard H. Bryan, D-Nev., vice chairman of the ethics committee, said before Packwood spoke on the Senate floor.

Packwood announced his intention to resign in a somewhat rambling speech during which he touted his achievements, reminisced about his decades in the Senate, and finally, wept. He did not give a date for his departure.

Afterward, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., urged the Senate to give his longtime friend and colleague "some reasonable time" to get his affairs in order and to pave the way for a smooth transition for his as-yet unchosen successor to the chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee.

Even so, his departure is certain to hurt progress on a host of GOP legislative priorities — welfare reform, tax cuts and Medicare restructuring, to name a few.

In his talk, Packwood recalled happier days — citing his efforts to fight for abortion rights, for environmental protection, aid to Israel and his critical role in the landmark 1986 tax reforms.

Afterward, a number of GOP colleagues rushed forward to praise Packwood's service and the Oregon

senator approached many of them to exchange hugs.

One particularly poignant moment came during an exchange between Packwood and Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, a member of the Ethics panel. Afterward, they shook hands and hugged one another. Then Craig began sobbing and quickly strode into the GOP cloakroom, his hands covering his face.

Packwood did not apologize during his announcement. But neither did he attack his 19 women accusers or question the ethics investigation against him — as he had done as recently as Thursday morning.

The documents released by the committee included the account of a congressional elevator operator who said that Packwood kissed her numerous times against her will in 1977 during a three-flight ride between the basement of the Capitol and the second floor.

The documents contained other accounts in which the senator had paid attention to a junior staff member or employee over a period of weeks or months and then suddenly sprung on them with an unexpected kiss or a lurid suggestion.

Several times, when questioned about the incidents, including the one above, Packwood told the committee that he had no recollection of the women or the incidents. In each case, the committee said it verified the incidents.

On some occasions, Packwood, who has been treated for alcoholism, seemed drunk, the documents said. In others, the accusers said they smelled no alcohol and that he appeared sober.

UC Berkeley Unveils Plan To Maintain Race Diversity

By Richard C. Paddock

LOS ANGELES TIMES

OAKLAND, CALIF.

Despite the abolition of affirmative action at the University of California, UC Berkeley officials pledged Thursday to maintain racial diversity at the flagship campus by helping minority students long before they reach college age.

"We want all students to know they still have an opportunity to receive the finest education at Berkeley — no matter whether their skin is white, black, brown or yellow," said UC Berkeley Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien. "We pledge to keep the opportunity alive."

Speaking to a group of inner-city Oakland students, Tien unveiled "The Berkeley Pledge," a program to help prepare disadvantaged students to meet admission requirements at UC Berkeley.

The initiative, designed to avoid controversy by targeting students according to family income and education level rather than race, also will provide \$60 million in scholarships for disadvantaged students accepted for admission.

The Berkeley campaign is the first concrete step taken by any University of California campus to maintain racial diversity since the UC Board of Regents voted in July to ignore recommendations by the UC president and the heads of its nine campuses and end race-based preferences in student admissions.

Tien insisted that the "Berkeley Pledge" is consistent with the Regents' action and is a way of helping minorities without relying on the racial and ethnic criteria used under current affirmative action programs that grant preference to students from

under-represented minority groups.

"As a public university, our campus has a historic responsibility to serve all of California," Tien said. "Our commitment has made Berkeley an international model for 'excellence through diversity.' We do not intend to retreat from our commitment."

UC Regent Ward Connerly, who led the fight to dismantle UC's affirmative action policies, said he was thrilled by the Berkeley program.

"This is exactly the kind of initiative that I certainly contemplated when I offered the resolution about eliminating the use of race and ethnicity and other factors," he said.

"We all want diversity. Only a person who is not of good will does not want diversity. ... We only want to achieve it naturally, and this Berkeley pledge ... is exactly what we had in mind."

Connerly said other UC campuses should propose similar initiatives, calling Berkeley's plan a model for the proper role of the university in ensuring diversity.

The state's public elementary and secondary schools bear the primary responsibility for making sure that all students are prepared to meet UC requirements, and "UC Berkeley is saying this is what we will do as a partner to help you meet them. But it is really a K-12 responsibility," Connerly said.

At Fremont High School in Oakland, Tien joined with superintendents of school districts in the San Francisco Bay area to sign the pledge and promised to work with public schools to help recruit and prepare minority students.

University officials said the program will not be limited to minority

youth; students will be enrolled based on non-racial criteria such as family income and parents' educational level.

But given the low economic standing of many minority families, most of the targeted junior- and senior high school students will likely be black or Latino.

School superintendents from San Francisco, Oakland and other cities were enthusiastic about the Berkeley program and the opportunities it can provide for their minority students.

Like other UC administrators, faculty members and students, Tien had

Known as a skillful fund-raiser, Tien said UC Berkeley will immediately pump \$1 million into the program, which will target youngsters. Among its features, the program will:

—Expand the recruitment of minority students by sending university faculty, staff members and students to secondary schools to attract future applicants;

—Provide campus mentors to help youngsters prepare for college and adjust to campus life once they arrive;

—Create an intensive summer program for high school students, and increase the number of existing weekend and summer courses to improve college preparation;

—Raise more money for scholarships, to keep UC Berkeley affordable in an era of soaring tuition, and increase campus work opportunities for students;

—Provide special coaching for disadvantaged students in fields such as chemistry, math and engineering, and encourage them to pursue graduate careers.

British to Boycott French Wine Until Weapons Testing Stops

By Scott Kraft
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PARIS

After French President Jacques Chirac decided to resume nuclear-weapons tests in the South Pacific, one nation recalled its ambassador to France. Protesters burned the French flag and set fire to an embassy, 3 million people signed petitions and environmentalists disrupted French military operations.

But of all the worldwide protests, the one that has hit home is the campaign by France's own European neighbors to boycott that most enduring symbol of all that is French: wine. And it is not merely a matter of national pride.

The boycott is already blamed for trimming the country's Bordeaux exports by 5 percent, and with international outrage mounting over France's detonation of a nuclear device Tuesday in the South Pacific, vintners fear the damage could get far worse.

The French have been particularly dismayed by the boycott call co-

tained in an advertisement devised for movie theaters by anti-nuclear forces in Great Britain, which happens to be both the top consumer of French wine and France's historical nemesis.

The ad, prepared without charge by a London agency, is a takeoff on a scene from the movie "The Day of the Jackal." It shows a Chirac look-alike drinking wine at an outdoor cafe as a sniper takes aim at him.

"That advertising spot is scandalous," said Hubert Bouteiller, a Bordeaux wine grower and president of the region's producer association. In fact, the French government has lodged a protest with the British government.

Danny Thompson, spokesman for the National Peace Council in Britain, countered that while the ad "is pretty hard-hitting, we see it as humorous. A spoof. Having seen the fuss it has caused in France, though, seems to justify our decision to go ahead with it."

Although it's still too early for firm figures, the Bordeaux wine-pro-

ducers' association says it already has seen about a 5 percent drop in orders from abroad. And the critical pre-Christmas sales months are fast approaching. Some producers could lose as much as 35 percent of their revenue this year, the industry association says.

The aim of the British boycott is to persuade France's powerful agricultural lobby to use its influence with Chirac. "What we're saying is, 'Use your voices now, and tell Chirac that what he's (doing) is unacceptable,'" Thompson said. "This is not against the French people."

A recent public opinion poll found that 60 percent of the French oppose a resumption of nuclear tests. But French citizens of all persuasions have been angered by the campaign against their country's products. That feeling was summed up in the current issue of the magazine *Paris Match*, which ran six frames of the British ad with the headline: "The English Hit Below the Belt."

Defense, Prosecution Further Complicate Simpson Hearings

By William Claiborne
THE WASHINGTON POST

LOS ANGELES

On a day of rapid-fire legal moves, defense attorneys in the O.J. Simpson murder trial said they were prepared to rest their case Thursday, but then backed off after the prosecution announced it will appeal a controversial instruction Judge Lance A. Ito plans to give to the jury.

The defense said it would rest without calling the celebrity defendant to the stand. Simpson decided not to testify in his own defense after his lawyers told him it would prolong the marathon trial and wasn't necessary to answer a prosecution case "in shambles," defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey told the Associated Press.

The last-minute legal appeal was the latest twist by a prosecution team that seems increasingly distraught over developments in the eight-month trial. It came after Ito said he will instruct the jury at the

end of the defense's case that retired detective Mark Fuhrman, a key prosecution witness, was "unavailable" for further testimony, and that the panel may consider that fact as they evaluate his credibility.

In a dramatic reappearance on the witness stand on Wednesday, Fuhrman invoked his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination when asked by the defense whether he had planted or manufactured any evidence against Simpson or had ever falsified a police report.

Ito ruled Thursday that it was clear that Fuhrman would refuse to answer any questions that might incriminate him for lying under oath when he testified last March that he had not used the racial epithet "nigger" anytime in the past 10 years. The judge said there was abundant case law asserting that it is "not appropriate" to call a witness before a jury when it is known the witness will invoke the Fifth Amendment.

Ito also denied a defense motion that the jury be instructed from the

bench that Fuhrman had been recalled as a witness but had refused to testify on the grounds of his constitutional privilege against self-incrimination.

Ito also denied a defense request that he admit into evidence five more examples of racial invective from Fuhrman's tape-recorded interviews with North Carolina screenwriter Laura Hart McKinny.

However, the judge said he would instruct jurors: "Detective Mark Fuhrman is not available for further testimony. His unavailability for further testimony is a factor you may consider in evaluating his credibility."

Also Thursday, the Justice Department announced it has opened an inquiry into whether Fuhrman and fellow police officers manufactured evidence and targeted blacks for arrest, as he claimed on the tapes. The inquiry was launched at the request of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Japanese Businesses Credit Postwar Success to Thousands of Emigres

By Evelyn Iritani
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The occasion was an intimate gathering at Tokyo's historic Imperial Hotel, where Akio Morita, then chairman of Sony Corp. and vice chairman of Keidanren, Japan's most powerful economic organization, gave his guests from California a little history lesson.

Japanese companies owed their postwar success in the United States, Morita told Gov. Pete Wilson and his wife, to those who preceded them there — the thousands of emigres who became Japanese-Americans, then served as linguistic and cultural translators during the companies' early forays across the Pacific.

When Morita finished his remarks, Wilson turned to Jon Kaji, the state's trade representative, and said, "Well, Jon, I never knew any of this."

For Kaji, whose father helped Toyota establish its first office in Los Angeles in the mid-1950s, Morita's remarks were an unexpected and moving acknowledgment of a little-known piece of the transpacific relationship that has reshaped the U.S. economy from the auto factories of the Midwest to the farmlands

of California's fertile Salinas Valley.

But except for Morita and a handful of other Japanese, this awareness is shared by few in Japan — even those whose economic successes were made possible in part by the immigrants who eked out livings in railroad camps, mines and ethnic enclaves.

Even in California, gateway to and from Asia for more than a century, the pivotal role played by immigrants in Japan's overseas expansion remains an almost invisible part of the past.

Indeed, time has not erased the tensions that remain between the communities — the Japanese who left their homeland for the United States and those who were left behind — that are linked by a common heritage yet are frequently at odds because of their divergent experiences.

Although five decades have passed since the countries signed the peace treaty that ended World War II, this summer's bitter auto dispute reminded people of Japanese descent on both sides of the Pacific that \$175 billion worth of bilateral trade is no guarantee of harmonious relations.

And Japanese-American leaders

in California, many of whose families were sent to internment camps after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, fear that they could suffer once again if relations between the countries deteriorate.

Morita's fund-raising efforts on behalf of Los Angeles' unique Japanese American National Museum represented the most significant step by corporate Japan to ensure that this history will not be forgotten. But hours after that dinner with Wilson in 1993, Morita suffered a stroke and disappeared from the public eye.

Since then, despite Japan's severe economic woes, Keidanren members have fulfilled a pledge to Morita by contributing nearly \$7 million toward the museum's expansion. And the 642-member Japanese Business Association of Southern California has donated thousands of dollars to Japanese American groups throughout the region.

To try to keep the story alive, the Japanese American National Museum is co-sponsoring an exhibition that opened last month in Japan including paintings by some of the 120,000 Japanese Americans interned in the war.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Brain Chemistry Oddity Linked

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome has always been so puzzling that its name describes only what happens, without betraying a hint of why. But for the first time, researchers have identified a specific abnormality in brain chemistry that appears to contribute to SIDS, the leading killer of babies between a month and a year old.

The new research, by pinpointing a chemical defect in a part of the brainstem that appears to control breathing during sleep, dispels some of the nightmarish mystery and randomness characteristic of crib death.

Dr. Hannah C. Kinney, a neuropathologist at the Children's Hospital in Boston, headed the research team that conducted the study, which appears in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

What the researchers found was that, on average, brainstem cells from the SIDS victims were less receptive than those of the other babies to a crucial nerve chemical called acetylcholine. This neurochemical is critical to communication between these and other brain cells.

Like a fire alarm with a weak battery, the defect in the cells' acetylcholine receptors, the medical scientists speculate, leaves a baby unable to respond in time when carbon dioxide builds up in blood.

Though the great majority of babies in that circumstance respond by taking deeper breaths, waking up or just starting to wail, a baby with a defect in the brainstem's carbon-dioxide alarm might not react.

Stoke-Preventing Drug Is Underused, Agency Says

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The increased use of a common drug could prevent an estimated 40,000 strokes annually, but many physicians are reluctant to prescribe it, federal health officials said Thursday.

The drug, warfarin, an anti-coagulant also known by its brand name Coumadin, could prevent half of the 80,000 strokes that occur in Americans suffering from atrial fibrillation, according to the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

Researchers said that many primary care physicians "underuse" warfarin, a blood thinner, because they are not aware of the techniques for administering the drug safely, and are afraid of causing bleeding.

However, "when properly administered, we estimate that for every major bleeding complication it causes, the drug prevents 20 strokes and deaths," said Dr. David B. Matchar, of Duke University in North Carolina, the principal investigator of the research team that conducted a five-year study sponsored by the agency to develop recommendations for stroke prevention.

New Witness Disputes U.S. Version Of Oklahoma Bombing

LOS ANGELES TIMES

OKLAHOMA CITY

A second private attorney in Oklahoma City has emerged as an eyewitness to the explosion at the federal office building and he recalls a scene last April that once again does not dovetail with the government's theory that suspect Timothy J. McVeigh acted alone in the bombing.

Ronald E. Stakem said in witness statements obtained Thursday by the Los Angeles Times that he saw a middle-age Mexican or American Indian man with facial hair hurrying from the front of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building just moments before a truck bomb destroyed the high-rise office structure.

"I go through the intersection," Stakem said, describing how he was driving to work that morning when he saw the man suddenly dart in front of traffic on the north side of the Murrah building, near where the bomb was planted inside a rented Ryder truck. It was an unusual sight because most people use underground tunnels to get around the area and pedestrian traffic is not common.

"The guy stepped off the curb. I hit my brakes to keep from hitting him," he said.

Stakem's recollections appear to bolster an account by another local lawyer, James R. Linehan, who recently told *The Times* that he saw McVeigh driving the alleged get-away car on the opposite side of the Murrah building at about the same time of the morning on April 19.

Cop Suspect in Serial Killings

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW ORLEANS

There's some good news and some bad news about this city's beleaguered police department, which has become better known for committing crime than for fighting it.

The good news is that last year's record homicide rate has begun to plunge, perhaps enough for the Big Easy to shed its dubious distinction as the nation's murder capital. After an all-time high of 421 killings in 1994, homicides dropped 18 percent in the first six months of 1995.

Then there's the bad news, which, befitting the New Orleans Police Department, is pretty bad. First, authorities announced last month that a serial killer was believed to have slain 24 people, mostly prostitutes and drug users. Then, dropping the bombshell, they named a New Orleans officer as a suspect.

In a delicate bit of semantics, authorities have identified the officer as a suspect in only two of the slayings, even though both are attributed to a serial killer. One of the victims, a 28-year-old coin changer named Sharon Robinson, was the girlfriend of officer Victor Gant. Her body and that of a friend were found April 30 floating in a swamp.

Gant, a 15-year police veteran, has denied any wrongdoing. Although he has submitted blood and tissue samples to detectives, he has not been charged and remains on duty, reassigned to a desk job. His attorney, John Reed, said the cautiously couched accusations indicate that investigators have no evidence.

OPINION

Rush, Housing Plan Need Revising

Every undergraduate at MIT would agree that Residence and Orientation Week is hectic, nerve-wracking, and stressful for all involved. The pressure of rush is excessive and may adversely affect the choices made by incoming students. By increasing the flexibility of the housing system and eliminating discrepancies between dormitory rush and fraternity, sorority, and independent living group rush, MIT can correct some of rush's current defects.

The Institute has a vested interest in rush because it relies heavily on FSILGs to siphon off a large number of freshmen, freeing up dormitory spaces for returning upperclassmen. Here, FSILG rush acts as a crutch for the housing system — greater emphasis is placed on filling FSILGs to reduce crowding than on encouraging informed choices by freshmen.

Under archaic and restrictive gag rules, making such an informed decision is a near-impossible task for the average frosh. The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association badmouthing rules prohibit members of FSILGs from giving any information in the least bit critical of another living group, something hardly conducive to an intelligent evaluation of living options.

These badmouthing rules, already gone from dormitory rush, ought to be purged from the FSILG rush regulations.

Another imminent problem with rush involves housing for women, the fastest-growing segment of the MIT undergraduate community. The administration and the admissions office have made laudable progress in attracting women to the undergraduate ranks. But little has been done to address the needs of these new women. Space in McCormick Hall is finite, and female

enrollment will likely outpace new sorority housing. The Institute should intelligently plan and execute a strategy that preserves traditional housing options for women. Student participation is necessary in any such process.

The problem here is that because the dormitory system has no slack in it, there is currently no way to expand one housing option without steamrolling existing groups. More sorority space in Ashdown House would shunt aside graduate students, and forcing some dormitory floors to go all-female would seriously cripple valuable living group communities.

One way to increase the flexibility of the housing system — to handle more women in particular and more students in general — would be to expand it. Right now, slight changes in enrollment or incoming student preferences have big and ugly ramifications. Instead of basing planning on community consensus, the MIT administration is letting rush and enrollment drive the housing planning process. Since MIT has not made public its "master plan" for housing, if such a plan even exists, it is unclear whether expansion is being considered.

First, MIT should consider expanding its dormitory system in order to gain flexibility. Second, MIT should begin any important decision-making process in consultation with the affected living groups.

Deciding where to live for four years will always be difficult. Moreover, rush at MIT will probably always be stressful. By expanding the slack in the housing system and leveling the playing field for dorm and FSILG rush, however, MIT stands to relieve some of the pressure of rush and make the first few days of incoming students' lives more livable.

Letters To The Editor

Mother Bids Farewell to Son

For those who don't know me, I am Yiannis Krikelis' mother, and I am very proud as well as blessed since God chose me to have Yianni as my son.

He was born on August 19, 1974, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Soon after he saw for the first time the bright light of life, he was so beautiful that everybody called him the "handsome boy."

Later on, as he was growing older, one by one his charismatic qualities started to blossom. Brightness, for one, in a unique combination with scientific curiosity, blended with

purity, honesty, surrounded by truthfulness, generosity, and embraced by human compassion are a few of the gifts that Mother Nature gave him in abundance.

In his unique and spicy sense of humor many times he used to say, with some sense of anticipation:

"My ambition is not to reach my eighties. I strongly believe that if I am going to live, I want to live so much or so little, but I'll make sure I'll try to successfully overcome, solve, or bravely face all those challenges that will cross my path."

"Deep inside me I feel a strong driving force which I'll use as my intellectual steering wheel and compass to meet my future target, which is the creation of new inventions which

will benefit society in the future.

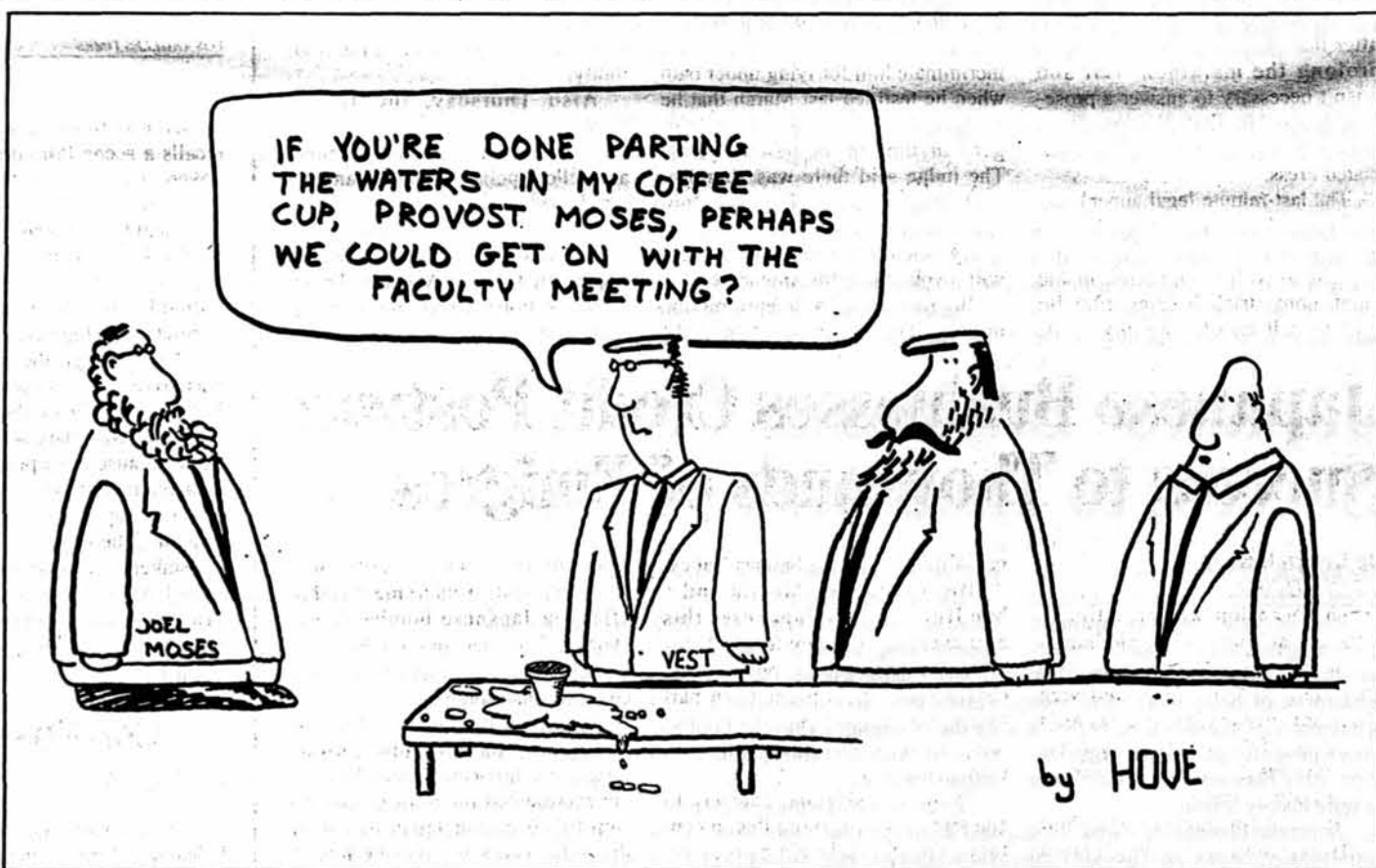
"For someone else, these aspirations may sound merely fantasies. To me, they are strong convictions for my career and, more importantly, they represent my way of life."

Unfortunately, however, a tragic event changed everything. The "Mighty God" made his ultimate decision. If Mother Mary found courage and strength to bear her pain, why not I.

Yianni is alive and will remain so through the years to come. Yianni's eyes were donated, so that someone else can see.

In honor of his memory a scholarship fund is set up at MIT.

Eleftheria Krikelis



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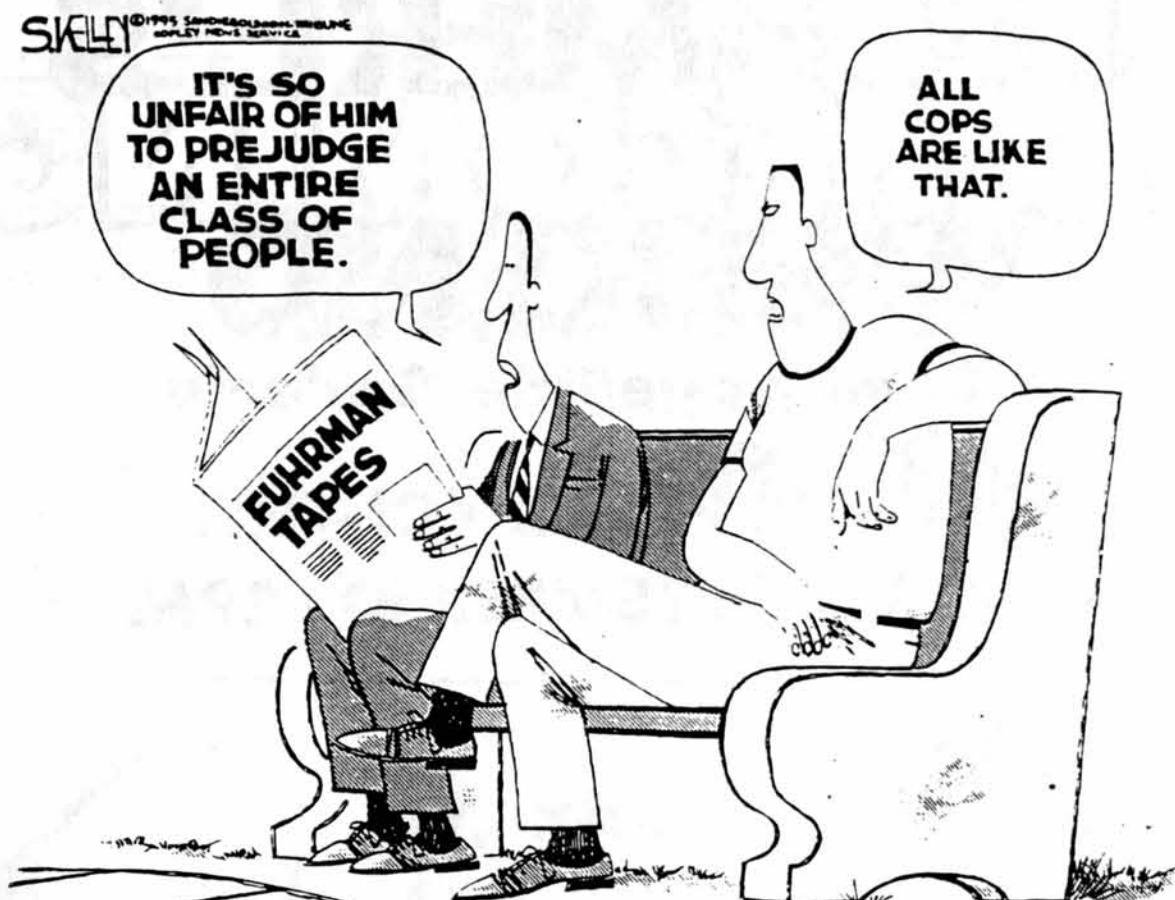
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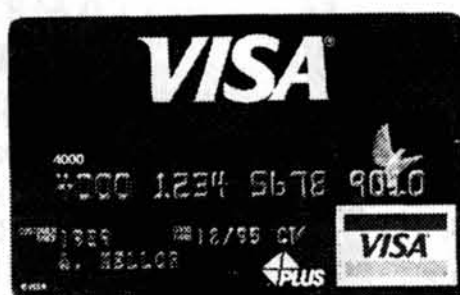
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By Craig Chang
ASSOCIATE ARTS EDITOR

Brazil's superb heritage in soccer may owe much to its equally impressive history of African dance. One form called *capoeira*, a virtual kaleidoscope of dance, music and martial arts, embodies the feverish energy in Afro-Brazilian *batuque*. To give an idea of its power, Brazil had official *capoeira* dancers fight in its war against Paraguay.

Capoeira doesn't let its origin as a form of defense diverge too far from the heart of African spiritualism. Chanting goads dancers into a rage as instrumentalists and spectators encircle the primal exchange of foot sweeps and acrobatics. The ring dance is a collective experience towards communicating with saints and gods. Today the regions of Rio, Salvador, and Recife still share descendants to this style of dance — Bantu slaves originally brought *capoeira* over from Angola centuries ago.

This Saturday, the MIT Brazilian Students' Association brings the Seventh Annual *Capoeira* Angola Encounter to Kresge. *Capoeira* has become very popular in cities across Brazil today — even the break dancing phase of the 1980s borrowed from it. The program, however, will reflect the more volatile duality between play and combat in *capoeira*, as it will begin with several martial arts demonstrations, including *tae kwon do*. The rest of the program will prove how derivations of Brazil's Samba tradition makes artists of athletes.

The Boston-based *Capoeira Camará*, featuring some of the best *capoeira* performers in the world, and members of the MIT *Capoeira* Club will also be engaging in a little bit of advertising with their performance. MIT has agreed to finance free *capoeira* lessons for the next Independent Activities Period. Tickets are available to students for \$10.

MTG's Godspell offers breathtaking power

GODSPELL

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By Amanda Gruhl

During R/O the MIT Musical Theatre Guild gave a brilliant presentation of *Godspell*. Playing again tonight and tomorrow, the production offers breathtaking power in its combination of incredible acting by the cast, great music by Stephen Schwartz, and wonderful direction by Richard Jamieson.

Godspell is based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. It is the story of Christ's teaching, crucifixion, and resurrection in

modern times set to words. The characters are Jesus and his 9 (not 12) disciples. Jesus comes to them as the Messiah, and teaches them how to love God and each other with an open heart. Soon one of the disciples betrays Jesus, who is crucified, and then resurrected, so that all people may be forgiven for their sins.

The acting of this old scenario was spectacular. At first, the characters seemed too happy and content to be realistic, but in the second act, the pain and sadness on the faces of the actors gave a whole new dimension to the characters. The incredible emotional contrast between their euphoria and anguish made the story come alive. Especially impressive was Bruce Applegate's performance. His body language and facial expressions brought his torment after betraying Jesus to life.

The technical aspects of the play were excellent also. The contrast between the set and the costumes was almost as dramatic as that between the emotions of the characters. The set was very plain and simple, yet the costumes were bright and detailed — appropriately so, because they forced the audience to focus on the characters, the obscure setting creating a sense of universality from behind.

ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

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

★★★ Apollo 13

Tom Hanks takes his Oscar-winning ways to the moon in *Apollo 13*. The film offers astronaut Jim Lovell's account of the nearly disastrous real-life mission to the moon in the spring of 1970; when things go wrong on board *Apollo 13*, it's up to Hanks — I mean, Lovell — to hold the crew together so they all get home safely. The cast for this film works well together, having met up on several fronts in the past. Hanks gives another solid performance in this film, but Ed Harris, as the main supervisor at Mission Control, has the best, most understated role. One of the movie's problems is that the script is too formulaic and casts the performances too much to the caricatures that they are: dependable family man Lovell; slightly insecure family man Haise; and young, swinging bachelor Swigert. The main problem, though, is the film's pacing, which feels too calculated and methodical. If you're looking for grandeur, try *The Right Stuff*. But if you can't see that film on a big screen, *Apollo 13* may offer some instant, if only partial, gratification. —Scott Deskin. Sony Copley Place.

★★★ Babe

Babe is about a talking pig. The pig can't talk to humans, mind you: The story is told primarily from the perspective of farm animals who converse in English. The pig is named Babe, and once he begins life on a rural farm, he finds he must overcome human and animal prejudice with his charm and resourcefulness, lest he end up the main course for Christmas dinner. It's a familiar fable, one whose moral could be "Don't judge

a book by its cover." The best thing about the film is the impressive use of animatronics for the talking animals. Moreover, the film wins points by recapitulating social themes like communication and prejudice with a facile touch that never gets heavy-handed. Although adults will enjoy the film, *Babe* is more of a kids' movie. —SD. Sony Copley Place.

★★★★ Before the Rain

This movie tries too hard to be everything to everyone. While director Milcho Manchevski scores big by beginning his movie in a Dostoyevski-era Russian Orthodox cathedral, he ultimately teases the audience by beginning an innocent love story and then shooting holes in the leading lady. Because the movie is about war, its violent content is to be expected; but Manchevski's move to switch the emphasis from a mute monk to a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer without finishing his original story could be construed as sneaky. However, the film is filled with stunning images, with an intricate structure that ties three separate stories together under an artistic exploration of life and death. If you like artsy political statements, this film's for you. —Teresa Esser. Brattle Theater, Wednesday.

★★★ Desperado

Former indie-whiz-kid-turned-Hollywood-darling Robert Rodriguez delivers the goods in this tongue-in-cheek rewrite of Sergio Leone and Sam Peckinpah westerns. Armed with a budget a thousand times greater than his debut feature *El Mariachi*, Rodriguez casts Antonio Banderas as a brooding man with no name who slays entire bars of hostile characters in search of a Mexican druglord (Joaquín de Almeida) who killed his woman and maimed his hand in the first film. Objectively, the story is weak and offers little pretense for

Rodriguez's bloody, over-the-top action scenes. But in spite of the film's loose ends and rough plot edges, the supporting performers (Steve Buscemi, Cheech Marin, and Salma Hayek as Banderas' love interest) are memorable, if not charming. Time will tell if we have another Quentin Tarantino in our midst. —SD. Sony Cheri.

★★★★ Kids

Kids is a blunt, ugly horror film whose most frightening feature is that it is entirely believable. The film is not about Hollywood, or even Beverly Hills 90210; instead it is about unspectacular New York City youths who show less than marginal respect for their parents and want nothing more than to be left to wander the streets and hang out with their friends. Events in *Kids* do not take place behind screens or under blankets; rather, the camera is placed so close to the actors that it literally invades their personal space. And the viewer winds up squirming in his or her own chair, unwilling to watch the evils perpetrated against innocents, yet driven to watch in the blind hope that somehow the horror will be mitigated. —TE. Sony Nickelodeon.

★★1/2 Something to Talk About

Julia Roberts has come to a turning point in her career. Roberts' latest film, *Something to Talk About*, is change of pace for the 29-year-old actress. She goes out on a limb as Grace, a frazzled thirty-ish wife and mother who leads a fairly dull and unhappy life. Director Lasse Hallström handles the subject matter with delicacy and poignancy, not letting the characters' actions overwhelm the characters themselves and Roberts carries the film with the charm and earnestness she gives her role. Despite a shaky start and a slick finish, the movie's positive attributes outweigh its negative ones. It's certainly not the best

movie to deal with such subject matter, but it offers a new, fresh perspective on who actually gets hurt in relationships. And Julia Roberts may have expanded her cinematic range at long last. Hopefully she won't have to return to any more obnoxious thrillers to revive her career. —SD. Sony Cheri.

★★ Waterworld

For films with overblown budgets more impressive than their special effects, *Waterworld* is an unqualified success. Nevertheless, if one looks past all the hype and egos surrounding the project, *Waterworld* isn't so bad. Essentially an alternate version of the post-apocalyptic world in George Miller's epic *The Road Warrior*, *Waterworld* generates a fair amount of rough-and-tumble excitement when it gets going. *Waterworld* looks like a well-made but expensive flop. Although the special effects look nice on the big screen, the film probably doesn't lose much of its grandeur on video. —SD. Sony Copley Place.

★★1/2 While You Were Sleeping

A romantic comedy with a lot of classic scenes. Sandra Bullock plays Lucy, a lonely Chicago Transit Authority worker who falls in love with Peter, a nice guy who rides the train to work every day. She's waiting for the right opportunity to meet him when one day, she saves him from a speeding train. He's at the hospital in coma, and through some misunderstandings, his family believes that she's his fiancée. Then she meets Peter's brother, Jack, and the plot thickens. The film is entertaining because from the starting situation, the story and characters evolve in a likeable way. It isn't jaded or cynical; it's a funny love story that your younger siblings, your girl/boyfriend, or your parents can enjoy. —Kamal Swamidoss. LSC, Friday.

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MIT Computer Connection Offers Mac, PC Selection

By Romy A. Arnaout
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

For financial and practical reasons, choosing and buying a computer can be one of the most important decisions facing new students.

And the introduction of Microsoft's Windows 95 operating system and a new Macintosh line from Apple Computer in recent weeks doesn't make that decision any easier.

Buyers face a barrage of questions, including when and where to buy, how much to pay, and of

course, which standard — Macintosh or PC — to buy into.

The choice of PC — considered faster and cheaper — or Mac — long-considered to be more user-friendly — and on the model "depends on a number of different factors," said Kathleen Moriarty, a consultant for the MIT Computer Connection store in the Student Center basement.

"We have non-technical weenies buying PCs and technical weenies buying Macs, frighteningly enough," Moriarty said. "People

buy what they're most comfortable with at home."

Other questions include "Will the system have enough memory (RAM)?" — 16 megabytes are recommended — and "Will it have sufficient hard drive space?" with 500 MB recommended, Moriarty said.

However, a new student's biggest consideration "has nothing to do with the 'Mac or PC' question," Moriarty said. "Their biggest concern is they want to hook up with Athena, and it is our belief that both [systems] do that equally

well."

Despite this advice, Macs have outsold PCs at the MCC by nearly three to one during the back-to-school season, which began this week. The MCC has sold about 300 computers so far, Moriarty said, with about the same number expected to sell in the next few weeks.

One problem for students who want to buy a Mac at the MCC or elsewhere will be availability. Because of demand and what Moriarty called Apple's "strategic allocation" of the new Macintosh models, the MCC has "almost none to sell over the counter," she said.

The extreme shortage — caused in part by Apple's poor anticipation of demand and which is also affecting other area dealers — is expected to last through the fall, Moriarty said.

Students can pay for their purchases by cash, check, or charge. But the MCC will not take personal checks for over \$500, Moriarty said.

Popular Mac and PC systems

"I would be hesitant to say that everybody [who wants to buy a Mac] wants a 15-inch monitor with a PowerPC 603 chip with 16 megabytes of RAM" and a 500 to 700 MB hard drive, "though that is the most popular" Mac sold so far at the MCC, Moriarty said.

MCC's back-to-school deal on the Macintosh Performa 5200 — whose PowerPC 603 chip runs at 75 megahertz and which has 24 MB RAM, a 700 MB hard drive, an internal 15-inch monitor, and a CD-ROM drive — is advertised at \$2,400.

In comparison, the 8 MB RAM, 1,000 MB hard drive Performa 5215 — the variation of the 5200 that Apple makes available to commercial resellers — sells for about \$2,300 at Lechmere, Microcenter,

and mail-order suppliers, according to advertisements. The advertised cost of boosting the RAM for this model more than accounts for the \$100 difference.

The MCC's most popular PC offering is a Hewlett-Packard computer with a 75MHz Pentium chip, 16 MB RAM, a 540 MB hard drive, and a double-speed CD-ROM drive. The HP machine and the back-to-school 100 MHz model compare well price-wise, similarly-equipped machines from local resellers such as Lechmere. Mail-order suppliers were not compared.

IS won't soon support Windows 95

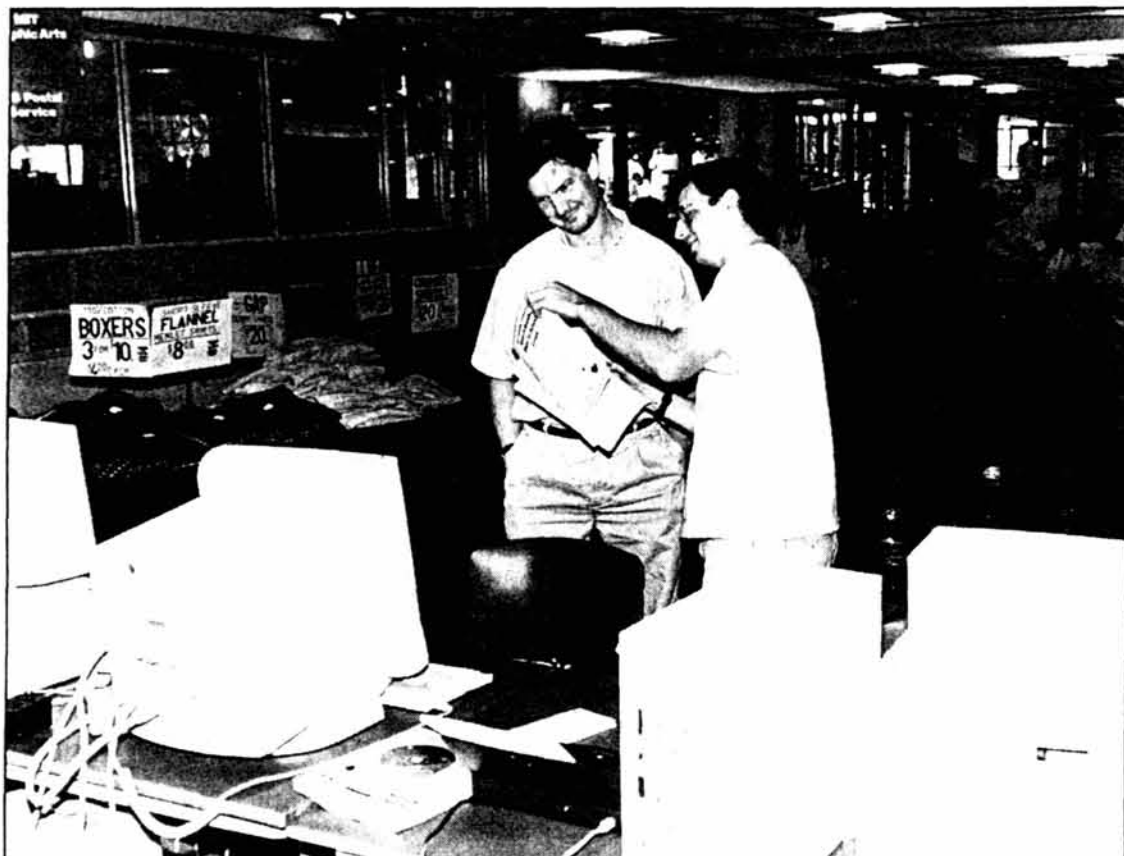
Those considering purchasing Windows 95 — the latest version of Microsoft's PC operating system, which PC users say makes PCs as user-friendly as Macintoshes — should keep in mind that it is not yet supported by MIT Information Systems.

Because of the major changes introduced in Windows 95, the new operating system may be incompatible with existing hardware and software. For that reason, IS advises current Windows users not to upgrade to Windows 95 until IS completes testing and training on the new system.

"New operating systems of this scale can take more than a year to stabilize. If you choose to upgrade at this time, some of your applications may not work. IS is in the process of checking Windows 95 for compatibility with MIT-supported applications," according to an IS release. Users can expect full support for Windows 95 in a matter of months, IS said.

The MCC has 30 to 40 copies of the new operating system in stock, Moriarty said.

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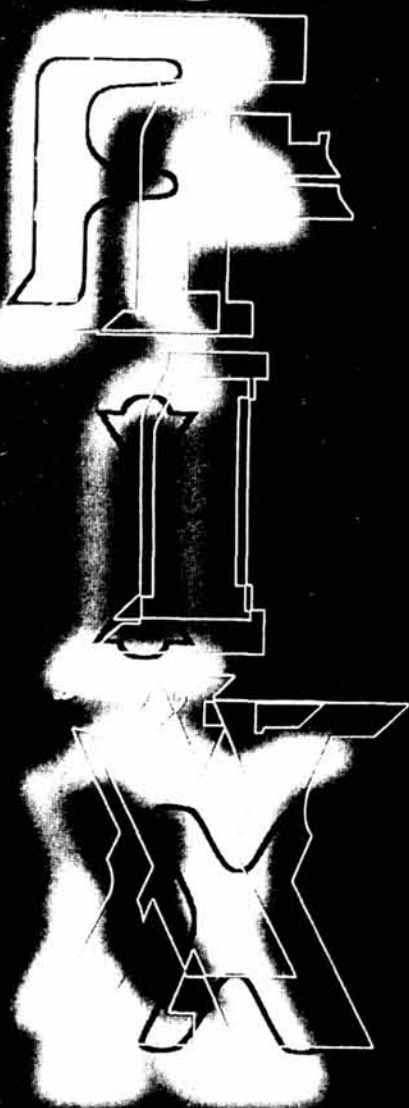


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Rush a Success Despite Decline

By Stacey E. Blau
NEWS EDITOR

Final rush results show a slight decrease in the number of freshmen pledging living groups, but the trend is still above average, said Neal H. Dorow, assistant dean and adviser to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

This year, 535 freshmen pledged FSILGs. Of that number, 386 will be living at the living groups they pledged. That number is down from the 411 freshmen who pledged and decided to live in FSILGs last year, but it is slightly above the past few years' average of about 370, Dorow said.

While many FSILGs say that they met or exceeded their target numbers for pledges, a few had less than spectacular rushes this year.

Rush was "a little light this year" for Fenway House, said Rush Chair Melanie Soderstrom '98. Fenway missed its target of six by two pledges. But "the numbers aren't important," Soderstrom said. "Having fun in the house is really what matters, and we got some nice people this year," she said.

Rush "was pretty good this year," Chi Phi Rush Chair Juno Choe '96. Chi Phi fell one pledge short of its goal this year. "This was a more challenging rush," he said.

"[Rush] was a little slow, but we ended up with a great class," Zeta Beta Tau Rush Chair Ritesh A. Shah said. "We ended up getting a lot of referrals," said Shah, who declined to divulge any numbers beyond those provided by Dorow.

"Rush was too successful this year," said PBE Rush Chair Hyder S. Husain '96. PBE had a goal of 13-15 pledges but got 18. "We're glad we're packed so much. It will be good for the house," he said.

It "seemed like a lot of freshmen were coming around" this year, said Phi Gamma Delta Rush Chair Joseph E. Bishop '97. Fiji received nine pledges, reaching its target of eight to ten new members. "Our style of rushing is low pressure, laid back," Bishop said. "It works for us," he said.

"I thought [rush] was really, really successful," said Alpha Chi Omega President Sylvia S. Chen '96. "Everybody is really happy," she said.

"We're really happy with rush," said Phi Sigma Kappa Rush Chair Neel J. Doshi '97. PSK met its goal of 13 pledges. But rush "seemed a lot more intense this year," Doshi said. "It was a lot more aggressive" than previous years.

Varied reasons for success

Living groups cited different reasons for their success with this year's rush.

"I think we were just really lucky this year," PSK's Doshi said. "There was a lot more cross-rushing this year, and things seemed generally tougher," he said. "We had a pretty strong summer rush, but I think the final factor is luck," he said.

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"We were able to know when to back off freshmen," said Pi Lambda Phi Rush Chair Charles K. Sestok '97. "A high pressure sales pitch" usually doesn't work, he said. "A bit more mellow approach paid off for us," he said.

"The sisters felt closer to the chapter this year," AXO's Chen said. Members concentrated not only on making rushees happy but also "on making other sisters happy, too," she said.

"We concentrate on summer rush," PBE's Husain said. Also, the fact that PBE is located so close to

campus ensures that freshmen will "naturally come visit us," Husain said.

"We really wanted to get our numbers, and we worked for it," said Phi Kappa Sigma Rush Chair Mihir Shah '96 said. PKS met its target of 13 pledges. Summer rush activities "in a more relaxed environment really helped us," Shah said.

Dorow said that rush for any given FSILG might vary from year to year.

"Sometimes they don't work quite as hard, and they don't have the rush that they really expected," Dorow said.

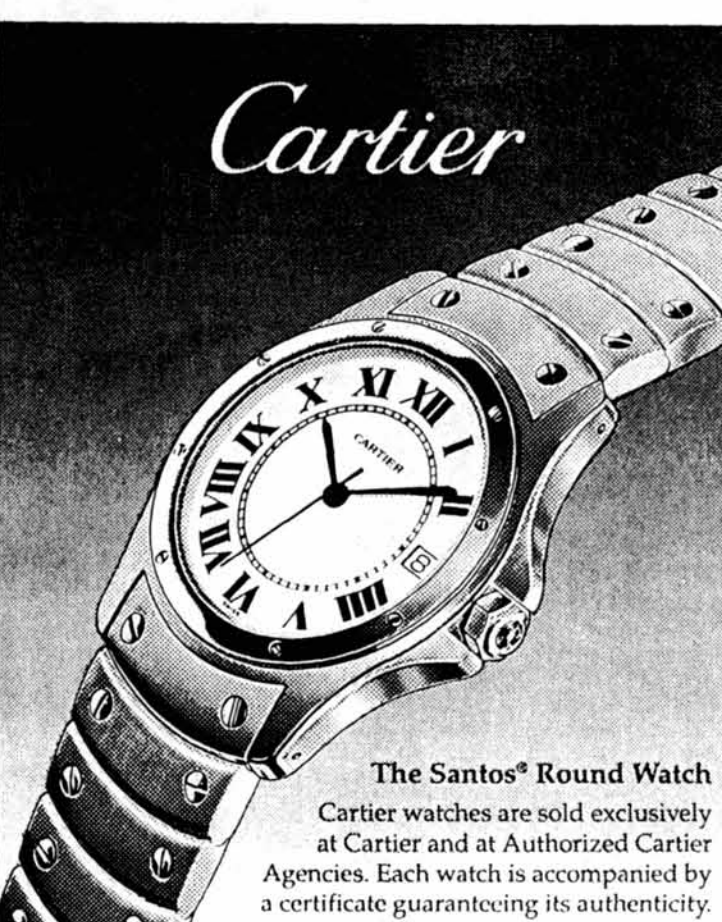
"Usually maybe two or three each year have a down rush. Then they come back," he said.

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	Accepted	Extended	
Alpha Delta Phi.....	14	17	14
Alpha Epsilon Pi.....	13	N/A	N/A
Alpha Phi.....	32	N/A	N/A
Alpha Tau Omega.....	15	N/A	10
Alpha Chi Omega.....	29	32	38
Beta Theta Pi.....	10	17	10-12
Chi Phi.....	11	20	12
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	7	17	11
Delta Psi.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delta Tau Delta.....	9	N/A	N/A
Delta Upsilon.....	14	17	11
Epsilon Theta.....	13	22	8-9
Fenway House.....	4	N/A	6
Kappa Sigma.....	18	N/A	18
Lambda Chi Alpha.....	10	13	10-12
Nu Delta.....	8	12	8-10
No. 6.....	19	N/A	N/A
Phi Beta Epsilon.....	18	20	13-15
Phi Delta Theta.....	13	N/A	10-15
Phi Gamma Delta.....	9	13	8-10
Phi Kappa Sigma.....	13	N/A	10-13
Phi Kappa Theta.....	11	17	10-12
Phi Sigma Kappa.....	13	19	13
Pika.....	5	8	6
Pi Lambda Phi.....	15	18	15
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	16	19	N/A
Sigma Chi.....	11	12	11
Sigma Nu.....	9	21	11
Sigma Phi Epsilon.....	15	24	18
Student House.....	6	21	11
Tau Epsilon Phi.....	12	13	10
Theta Chi.....	8	12	12
Theta Delta Chi.....	9	N/A	14
Theta Xi.....	7	18-19	12
Women's Independent Living Group.....	12	N/A	12
Zeta Beta Tau.....	13	19	N/A
Zeta Psi.....	14	17	15

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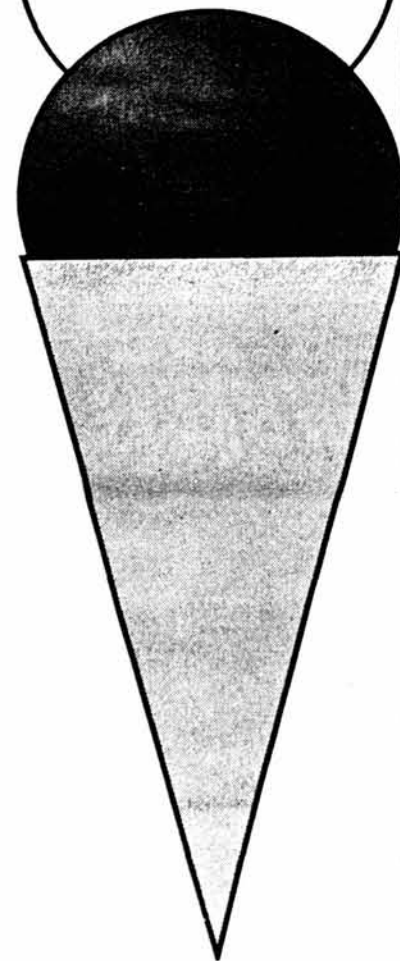
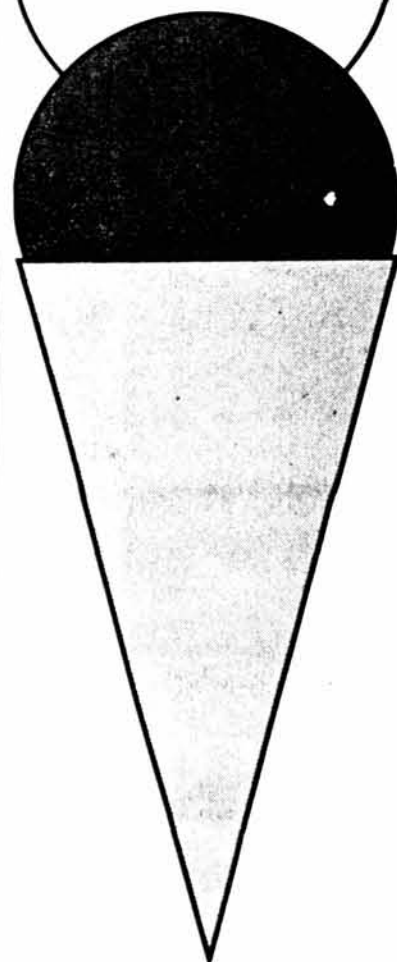
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HASS-D, PE Lotteries Give Most Students Top Choices

By Ifung Lu
STAFF REPORTER

The Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Distribution lottery and the new Athena-based physical education lottery placed 86 percent and 84 percent of registrants, respectively, into their first choice selections.

This year, only 80 of the 1,951 students who entered the HASS-D lottery were not assigned to a class, said HASS Office Coordinator Bette K. Davis. Ninety-three percent received one of their top two choices in the lottery.

Although the 86 percent figure is down from the average of above 90 percent in the last couple years, Davis attributes the decrease to the fact that many students entered only one choice in the lottery.

For Michael A. Behr '98, the lottery was went well. "I was very lucky. I only gave the program one choice and got it," he said.

In the very first PE lottery, 301 out of the 2,036 registrants did not receive any of their choices, said Michelle L. Harper, administrative secretary in the athletic department. Overall, 80 percent of students received one of their top two choices.

Stephanie A. Jenrette '97 thought that the lottery "was cool, being on Athena. You don't have to wait in line."

However, not everybody liked the switch to the computerized system. "I didn't get my PE choice, and it's frustrating because I know if I lined up in time [for the old system], I would have gotten it," Peter S. Choe '97.

Director of the Athletic Department Gordon V. Kelly believes that the new registration system for PE classes is an appropriate step for the times.

"I think in 1995, we have to do something like this," Kelly said.

Online registration for PE classes

Students, staff, faculty, and other MIT affiliates registered for P.E. classes through a new system on Athena this fall, Harper said.

Like the HASS-D lottery, the PE lottery allowed registrants to enter up to six choices and employed an

algorithm to maximize favorable placement, Harper said.

"It tries to give you your first choice," Harper said.

The implementation of the online lottery is a departure from the traditional first-come, first-served registration system at Rockwell Cage, which had generated many complaints, according to Harper.

In addition, the old system allowed only a very short period of time to register, whereas the new computerized system allows for a week-long registration period.

Another benefit of the new system is that it allows the department to track the popularity of the various classes, Harper said.

In certain instances, this would allow the Department to expand and cut back class sections, Harper said.

However, the limiting factor on the number of class sections will continue to be budget and resource constraints, she said.

Despite these advantages, some people still prefer the old system, Kelly said.

"We've had people come in and tell us that the old way was more personal," Kelly said, referring to the booths where coaches and instructors would talk about their activities.

Some HASS-D subjects still open

There are still 32 HASS-D subjects that are still open to students, according to Davis.

Students can verify whether a class is still open by typing "add hass-d" and then "showopen" from any Athena workstation, Davis said.

When a student has found a class that is still open, all he has to do is show up to the class and discuss enrollment with the professor.

Davis also emphasized that students who do not get into their first choice selections are guaranteed registration in the same class the next time it is offered.

All they have to do is "contact the HASS office anytime after advance registration," Davis said.

"It's not a perfect system, but I think that it is working quite well," Davis said.

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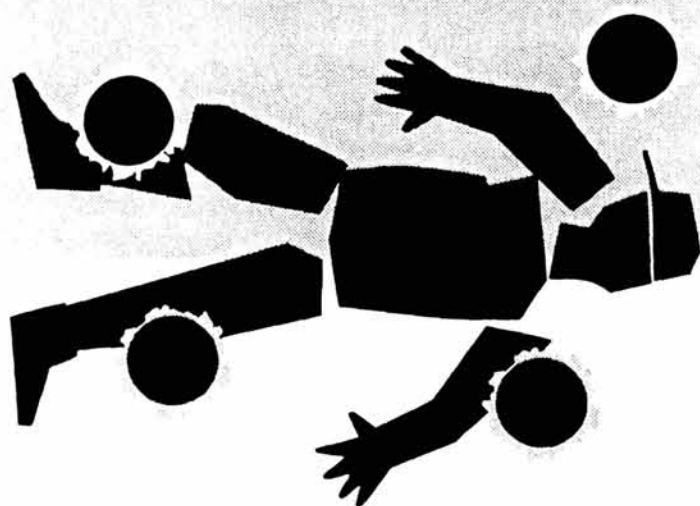
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300 Cambridge Youth Throng to Fourth City Days

By Orli G. Bahcall

About 300 fourth through sixth grade Cambridge public school students descended on MIT last Friday for the fourth annual City Days festival.

City Days, sponsored by the Public Service Center, exists to promote community service and out-

reach to the Cambridge community, said Tracy F. Purinton, the festival's coordinator.

The Cambridge students participated in a number of activities, ranging from building an aerodynamically sound airplane to participating in an egg drop to touring an aeronautics and astronautics lab.

Over 800 MIT students, 75 per-

cent of whom were freshmen, participated in City Days. After receiving a free t-shirt and a bagel breakfast, the MIT students split up into 40 groups and prepared their stations for the Cambridge students.

The turnout of Cambridge students was unexpectedly low, perhaps because "many people were away for Labor Day," Purinton said.

The Public Service Center is considering inviting an additional grade from the public schools next year to increase attendance, she said.

But the PSC considers City Days a success, Purinton said.

"We hope to have hit all 800 [MIT] students who participated so that they know that the Public Service Center is a resource available on campus," she said.

Mayor kicks off City Days

Cambridge Mayor Kenneth Reeves, chair of the Cambridge School committee, began City Days with a piece of advice for freshmen. The Residence and Orientation Week decision of where to live is not going to have a life-long affect on students, he said.

But two decisions every MIT student must make will have a profound influence: looking both ways when crossing Massachusetts

Avenue, and getting involved in community service, he said.

The mayor spoke of the importance of becoming involved with community service and praised the efforts MIT takes to involve students in the Cambridge community.

Other guest speakers at City Days included student coordinators Stacy K. Betz '97 and Shruti Sehra '96, Assistant for Community Relations in the President's Office Paul Parravano, and Co-Chairman of the Steering Committee John G. Kasakian '65.

The student speakers said that City Days is a kick-off event for the center's yearlong service programs and spoke briefly of these programs.

To follow up City Days, the Public Service Center is holding an open house training session next week for Links, a year long outreach program to the Cambridge Public Schools, Purinton said.

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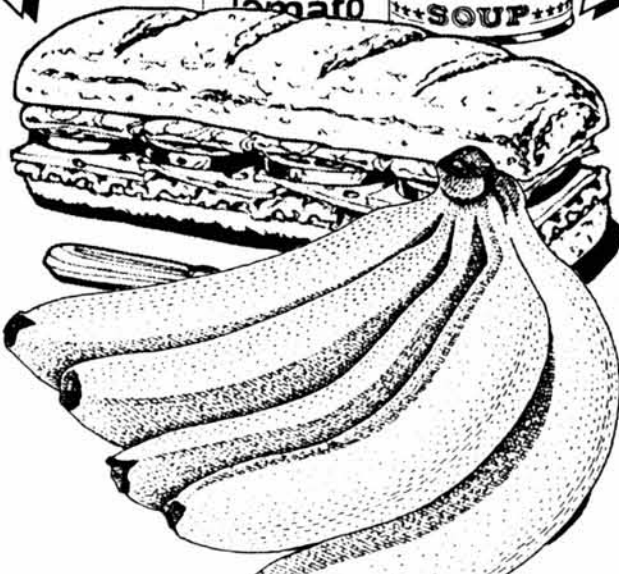
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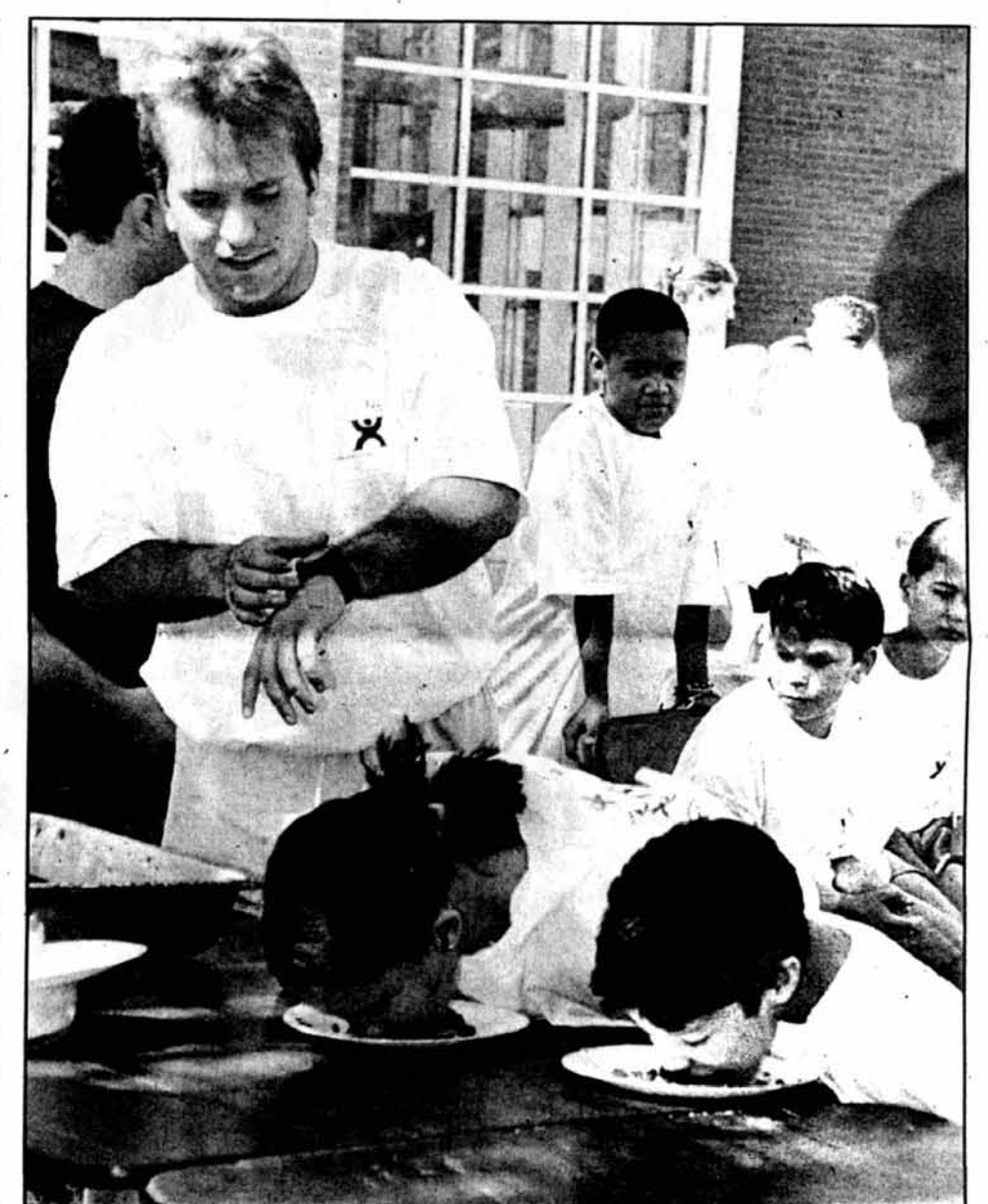
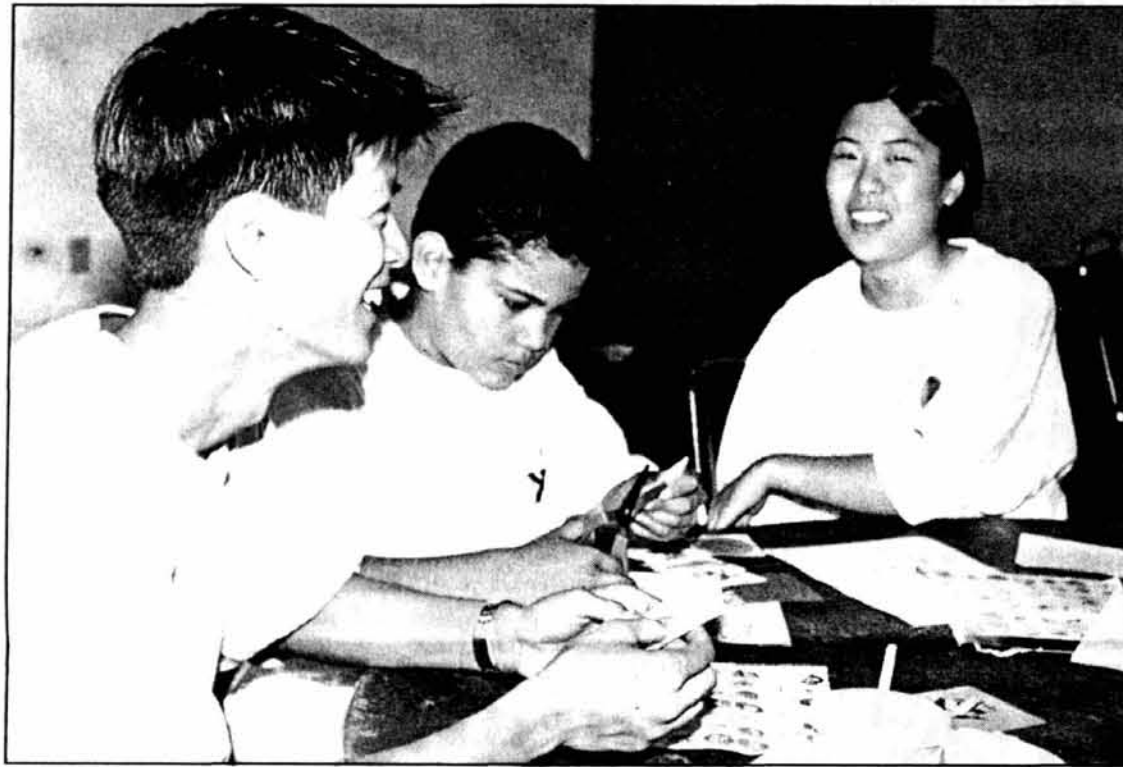
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Over 400 elementary school students from 14 Cambridge public schools were present for the 4th annual City Days festival. Over 40 groups of freshmen and volunteer upperclassmen ran educational activities for the participants.



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UROP Gets Strict

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"Anyone who begins [the UROP application process] that late has been kind of sloppy," McGavern said. She said that either they have already been working on research that they haven't written a proposal for, or they are doing something close enough to the end of the term that they could easily do it at the beginning of the next cycle.

Summer UROP participation encouraging

UROP Administrator Debbie H. Shoap said in the press release that 750 students had paid UROP projects this summer — at least 300 more students than the UROP office had expected.

McGavern said that the UROP office expected a large decrease in paid UROP positions because of regulations requiring UROP funding to pay for indirect costs and employee benefits.

UROP availability was very discouraging during the fall 1994 term, right after these regulations went into effect, McGavern said. The UROP staff was not sure what the low number of funded UROPs for the fall would mean for this past summer, she said.

"We have no basis for comparison. We threw together some percentages and we came up with a possible drop between 40 and 60 percent, but in retrospect, that was somewhat pessimistic," she said.

One of the newer ways of seeking UROP funding is the Undergraduate Corporate Research Fellows program begun last spring. The program offers students "guaranteed funding available at \$8 per hour. For the faculty member it offers funded students and some small amount of money for material and services," McGavern said.

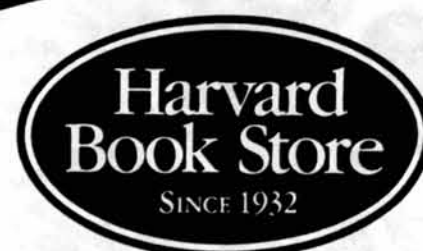
McGavern said that while several companies have expressed interest, the program is getting off to a slow start. In addition, the UROP office is also seeking donations to the UROP endowment.



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Text Express has no store; to order, students must call Text Express at 897-7170.

A student places an order, and a Text Express van drops off the books the next day, Long said. If students pay with a credit card and live on campus, books will be delivered straight to the dorm. If students pay cash or live off campus, they must meet the van outside of Lobby 7 at 9:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m.

"We're doing a slightly different formula than the Coop," Long said. By delivering the books instead of having a normal retail store, Text Express is able to cut costs.

Text Express offers books for 50 to 60 courses, and most books are between 9 and 15 percent lower than Coop prices, Long said.

For example, the 10.213 book is offered at \$73, compared to the Coop's \$85.

The required text for Calculus I (18.01), *Calculus with Analytic*

Geometry by George Simmons, is selling at \$74 from Text Express but is \$81 at the Coop.

Text Express does not offer any books for humanities subjects, Long said. The company hopes by next fall to have books for all Institute classes, he said.

Students can return books before Sept. 24 or within one week, whichever is later, Long said.

Long said that students should purchase books from Text Express because "our prices are lower and we offer free delivery."

APO book exchange

The APO service fraternity is holding its annual used book exchange on the third floor of the Student Center.

Students who want to sell used books set the prices themselves, said APO member Charles H. Hamilton '97. Students can also set a lower price for the last day of the exchange.

All the money goes to the students selling the books, and APO receives nothing, Hamilton said. If a book is not sold, it can either be returned or donated to charity.

APO does not monitor prices and has no control of what books come in, so book availability and

costs vary, Hamilton said.

Generally, the book exchange has older versions of textbooks, he said. APO also sells course readers and various paperback books.

The eighth edition of *University Physics Volume 1* by Hugh D. Young, the main text for Physics I (8.01), ranged in price from \$30 to \$40 in price compared with \$44 at Text Express and \$48 at the Coop.

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Quantum Books

Quantum Books in Kendall Square offers a selection of computer operations and programming books.

Although Quantum Books is not affiliated with MIT, it carries books for a few classes, said Victor Cecchi, manager of Quantum Books.

Director of the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory Patrick H. Winston '65 offers his textbook, *Artificial Intelligence*, exclusively through Quantum Books, Cecchi said.

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Barnes & Noble to Run Coop; Rebate Unlikely

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The Coop's annual revenues are in excess of \$50 million, of which book sales are about 30 percent.

Sales of books have been erratic, with no steady increase or decline over the past five years, Murphy said. Total sales suffered a small decline this past year after having stabilized from a four year decline last year, he added.

The Coop is planning on investing several million dollars for capital improvements, Murphy said. The bulk of the spending will occur in the next six months in the book building on Palmer Street in Harvard Square.

Yearly rebate unlikely

The Coop's patronage rebate for the fiscal year ending June 30, will be decided at the next meeting of the board of directors on Sept. 21, Dickson said.

"It is unlikely that there will be a rebate this year," Dickson said. "I hope to see a rebate for next year, but I cannot predict if there will be one."

The Coop did not offer a patronage rebate last year for the first time in its 113-year history. The rebate was down to one percent the previous year.

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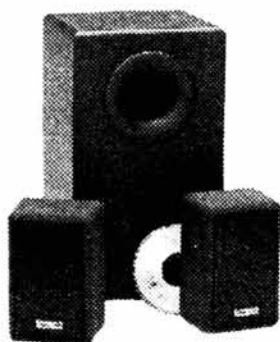
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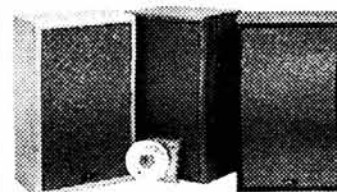
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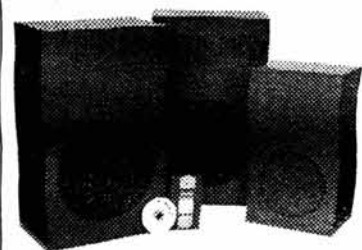
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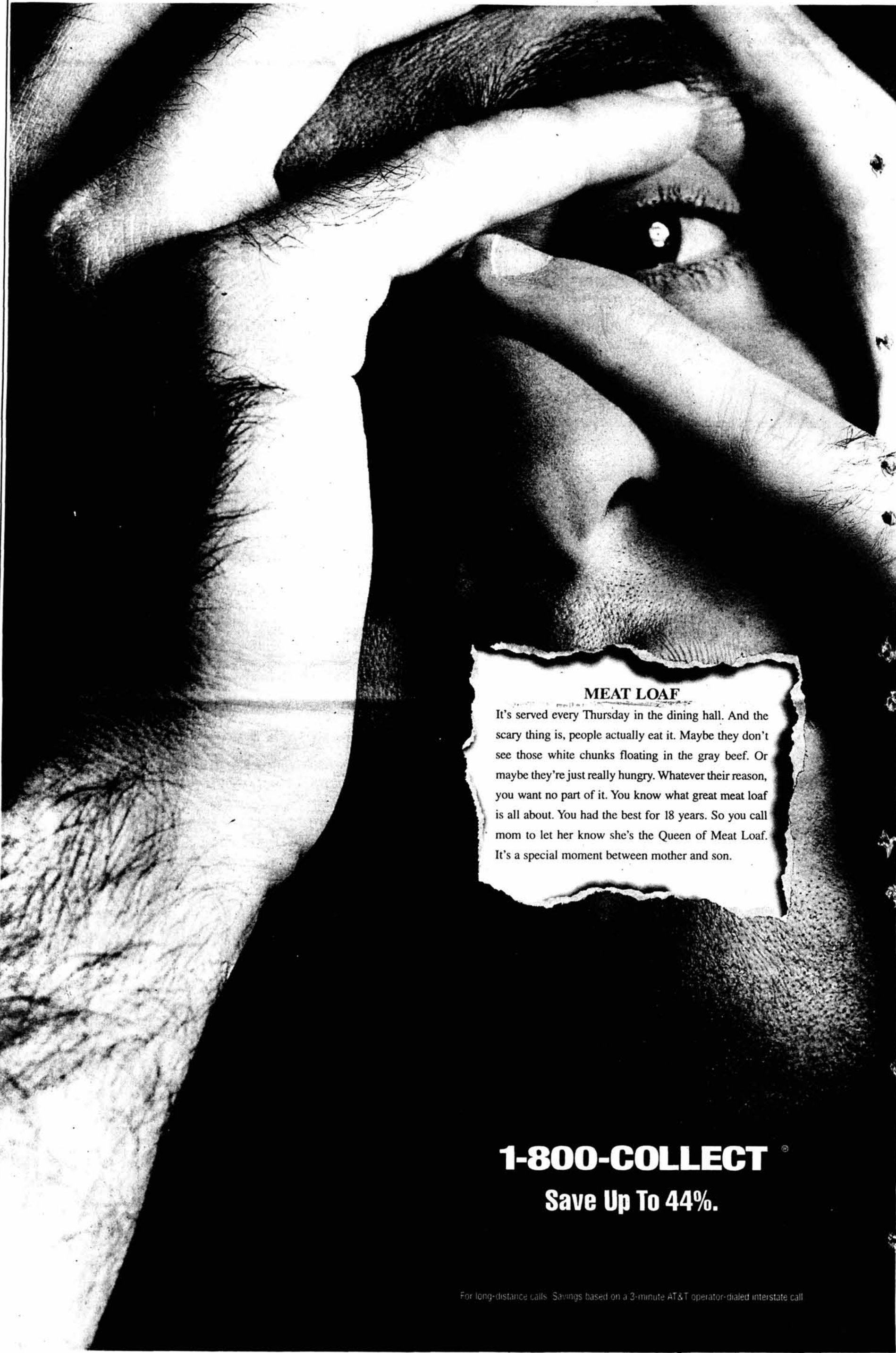
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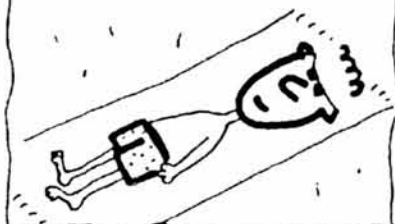
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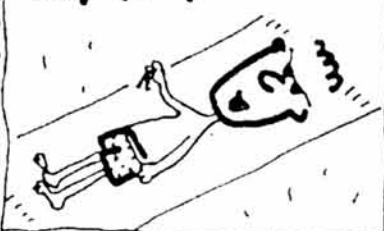
by Jim

Today the sun was out, so Tony was sitting outside.



He said, "Hey, Jim, could you do me a favor? I forgot my sunblock—here's my key."

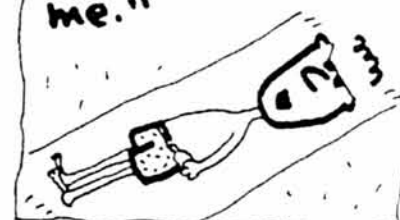
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I went into Tony's room and found his sunblock in the bathroom.

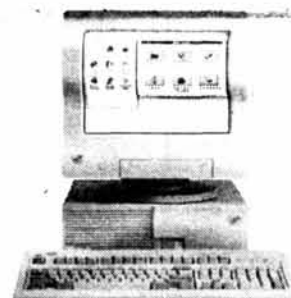


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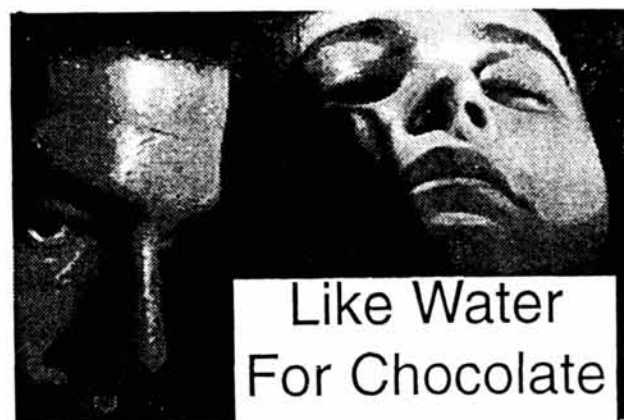
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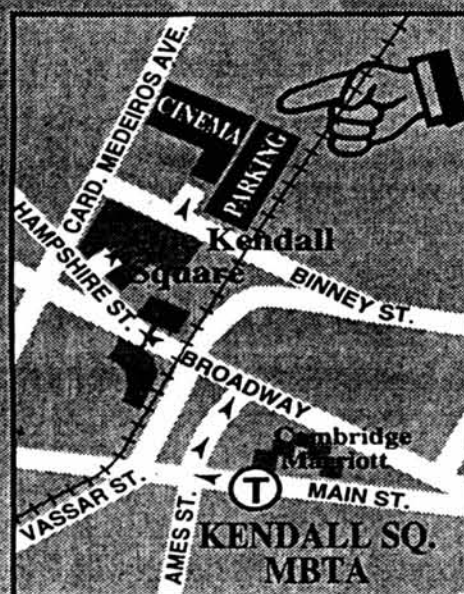
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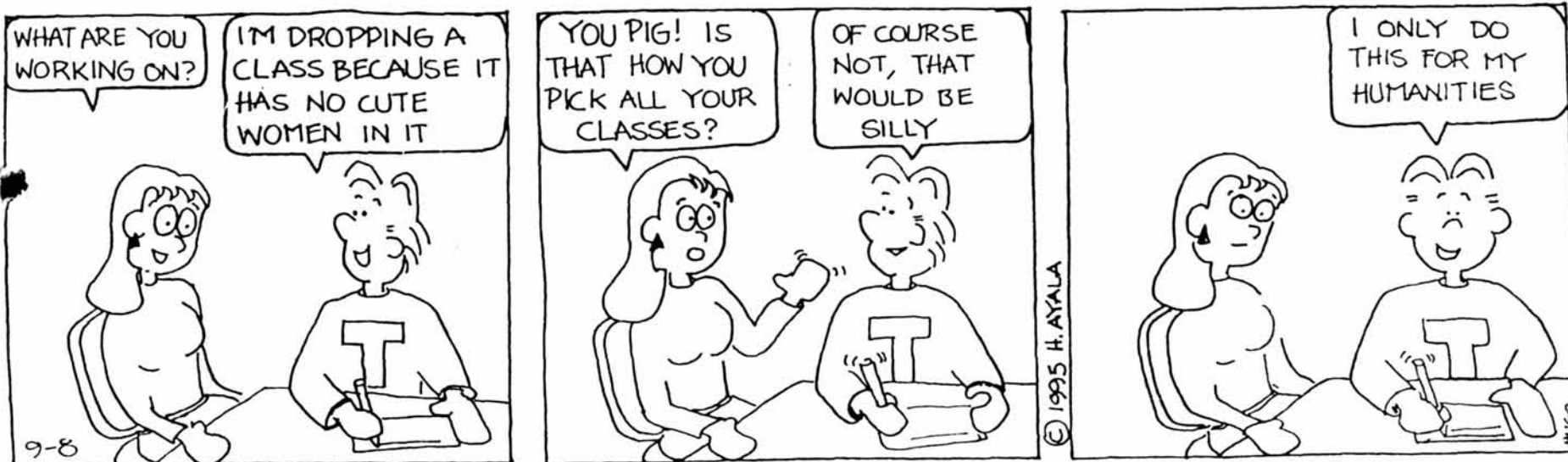
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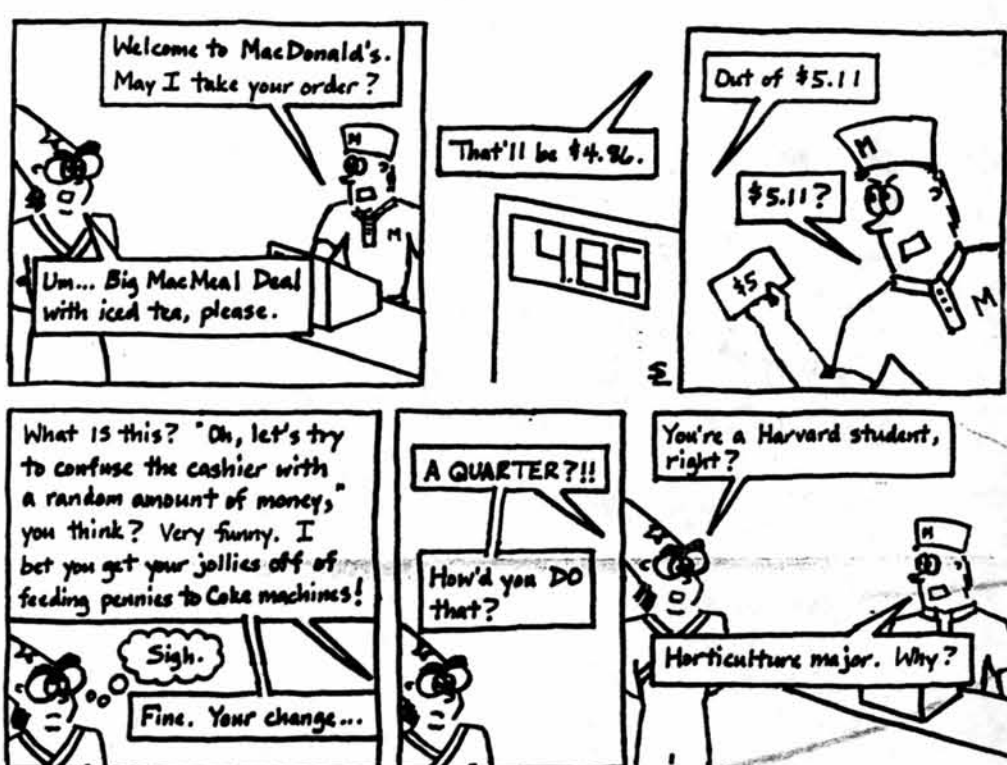
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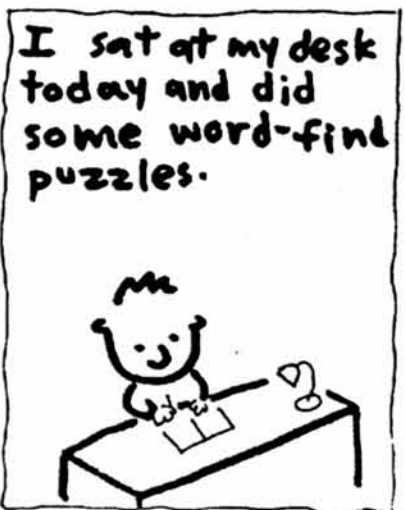
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Jim's Journal

By Jim



SPORTS

EA Sports' 1st Look at Football, Hoops, Baseball

Column by Bo Light
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SPORTS COLUMNISTS

Welcome back, sports fans, to another year of *EA Sports*. That's right, your favorite source of bad jokes, worse predictions, and general misinformation about the world of athletics is back after a long and restful R/O Week. For those who missed our summer columns, we've added a new feature, "Inquiring Minds Wanna Know," in which we explain complex issues in the world of sports, like why team earned-run averages are on the rise in baseball, or how illegal defense works in basketball (actually, we can't even explain that).

Unfortunately, our new feature won't run this week; now that we've told you all about it, we don't have enough space left to actually run it. However, look for "Inquiring Minds" next week, when we plan to start writing more than an hour before our deadline.

Pigskin Report

Hey, did anyone notice that football season started last week? Despite the fact that few people realized exhibition season hadn't ended yet, excitement was the name of the game around the NFL in week one. Sunday was punctuated by late comebacks and fourth-quarter heroics, not least of which was Drew Bledsoe's poise in taking the Patriots down the field for the game-winning touchdown on their final drive of the game. Most of Sunday's games were decided by less than a touchdown, and even the

two expansion teams lost close games.

Monday was slightly less exciting, as Dallas manhandled the Giants to the tune of 35-0. The Cowboys have started the season in playoff form, and if they can maintain this intensity for eighteen weeks (no mean feat), even San Francisco might be no match for "America's Team." The highlight of the game for New York was the retirement of Phil Simms' jersey at halftime. Perhaps Phil should have suited up for the second half.

Oh yeah, there was college football, too. Only a few major events in the minor league to announce: Miami (Fla.) played like Miami of Ohio against UCLA, eventually taking a 31-8 beating. New coach jitters, you say? Seems to us that years of scandals might finally be catching up to the Hurricanes. Actually, an 0-11 season is just what Miami needs. Here's hoping.

Speaking of playing like Miami of Ohio, once-mighty Notre Dame didn't play much better against Big Ten doormat Northwestern. Did you know that your parents probably weren't alive the last time Northwestern beat the Irish? And speaking of the Big Ten (boy, the segues come so easy this week), one power that did win their season opener was Michigan. The Wolverines and freshman quarterback Jeff Driesbach spotted Virginia a 17-point lead over the first 47 minutes of the game, then spent the last 13 taking it back. The game ended with a perfect toss from Driesbach to Mercury Hayes, who made the catch in the end zone with no time on the clock and about three blades of grass between his foot and the

sideline. Interestingly enough, this marks the first time in Michigan's one-hundred-umpteenth year history that the Wolves have come back to win from more than 14 points down.

Hoops Report

As you may know by now, the NBA is in a whole heap of trouble. The owners have locked out the players, the mega-rich players are busily trying to convince the little guys to decertify the players' union, and the start of the season is nowhere in sight.

We at *EA Sports* think that this is another case of both sides of the table being too greedy, and neither side wanting to give in, out of spite more than anything else. Well, we won't stand for it. We can play basketball ourselves, most of you out there probably can too, and we won't have to pay exorbitant fees to watch each other play. As we did with baseball, we refuse to report on the sport of basketball until we see some sign that the season will start. You want basketball, break out those Cons and meet us at the gym.

The Batter's Box

Major League Baseball has certainly had its ups and downs this season. On the up side, home runs, diving catches, and double plays have all been seen frequently throughout the league, as the individual games have made up for in excitement what the pennant races lack. And who really needs a pennant race when at least a half dozen teams are still alive for the wild card spot in each league?

The Cleveland Indians, perennial

losers until last year, are favorites for the World Series, the Colorado Rockies could make the playoffs faster than any expansion team in history, and two nights ago Cal Ripken, Jr. made a little history of his own by playing in his 2,131st consecutive game. Yes, this could be

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one of the greatest seasons ever. Of course, this won't be one of the greatest seasons ever, if only because of the low points that have hurt the league this year.

We begin, of course, with the fact that this is a strike-shortened season, and with eighteen fewer games to catch records, this season will be no more than an interesting asterisk in the history books. Also, the memory of last season's abrupt end is still fresh in the minds of many fans (and ex-fans), and the fact that there is still no labor contract does not bode well. Attendance remains down throughout the league, with a league-wide drop of almost 20% this year. We were also saddened by the retirements of sluggers Kirk Gibson (who retired just before a game) and John Kruk (who retired in the sixth inning of a game). Of course, the saddest part of the season was the passing of the

great Mickey Mantle, who succumbed to liver cancer only weeks after a transplant had supposedly saved his life.

The Mick may not have been the most beloved player of all time, and there are those who say he deserved what he got, but he was one of the best to play the game. In this age of abusive athletes who deny all responsibility for their actions, it was refreshing to hear one man say, "I was wrong; don't be like me." Mick, we loved you not for who you were, but for what you did.

Rest in peace.

Trivia Question

On Wednesday, Cal Ripken, Jr. broke the Major League Baseball record for most consecutive games played. However, he still has more than half a season to go to break the world record for consecutive games. Who holds this record? (Hint: the answer was in *The Boston Globe* earlier this week) Send your answers, along with comments and David Stern's home phone number, to eaports@the-tech. Winners, as always, will see their names in print.

Answer to last month's questions: The highest finish by the United States in a World Cup was third, in 1950. Nobody could answer that question, but Walter Sun '95, Kevin Dahm G, Eric Allen G, and Henry Huang '96 all correctly answered the second question: The last year two baseball teams finished the season with over 100 wins was 1993, when both Atlanta and San Francisco accomplished the feat.

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