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UAP Candidates Carter, Rao Debate over Community Issues

By David D. Hsu
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The two teams vying for the presidency of the Undergraduate Association faced off in a debate on Tuesday night.

A debate planned for last night was cancelled because of scheduling conflicts.

Around 30 students assembled in the Burton-Conner House dining hall to hear the candidates discuss issues. UA Election Commissioner Edgar H. Martinez '00 moderated the debate.

Both candidate teams stressed their campaign themes throughout the debate. UAP candidate Dedric A. Carter '98 and his running mate Sandra C. Sandoval '00 organized their campaign around the concept

of MIT as a "patchwork quilt" of diverse activities and groups.

Their opponents, Sunil K. Rao '99 and his running mate Kari A. Bingen '99, stressed building MIT's school spirit. In his opening statement, Rao described a photograph in the Infinite Corridor of a group of MIT students participating in a tug-of-war contest. "That's what our campaign is about," Rao said.

"You don't know everyone in your classroom," Rao said. Students rarely meet people outside their living group. "Here are two people who are going to do something about it."

Rao and Bingen's campaign is about "less talk, more action," Bingen said. Bingen also presented a "Top 10" list of reasons to vote for

their team. The list included a number of promises including a school-wide ski trip, student discounts with the MIT Card, and a UA textbook library.

Carter's opening statement focused on forming an MIT community patchwork quilt. "The Institute is a very diverse place," and everyone has their own patch. "I am proposing an Undergraduate Association that is a collection of patches."

Carter and Sandoval's UA would also work to help personalize MIT by sponsoring faculty mixers and improving the Logan Airport shuttle, Sandoval said. These efforts would help make MIT more than just a place to concentrate on problem sets, she said.

Rao, Carter discuss services

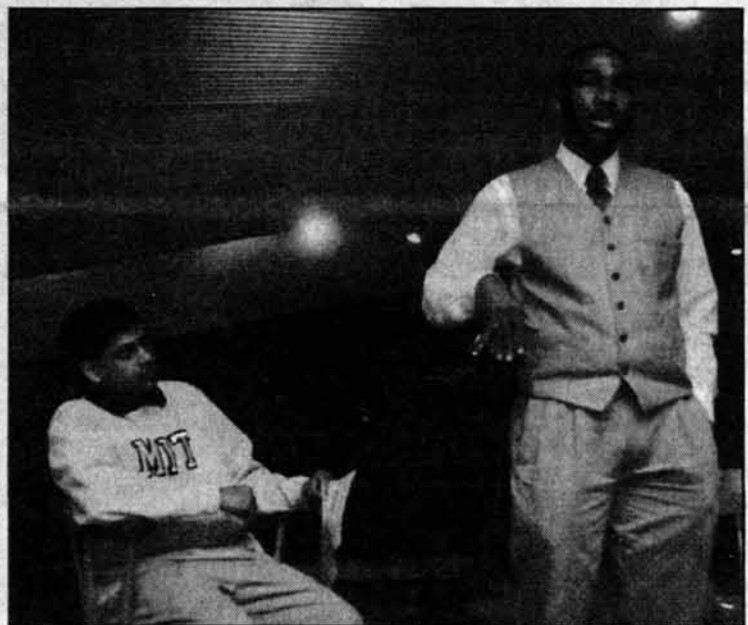
After the opening statements, Martinez posed questions to the candidates. The first question involved the candidates' plans to improve the undergraduate experience.

Rao responded by pointing out that he and Bingen have been talking to many students and finding out student concerns, Rao said. If elected, they will place an emphasis on organization and delegate tasks.

Carter said that while the administration has been pretty devoted to looking at how students learn and live, there are still several improvements that can be made, especially on issues that do not directly affect students' grades but affect how they feel while they study.

For example, in 1987 the Institute had a 10-year plan to renovate all classrooms, Carter said. That has not happened yet. Carter will listen to students and work with the

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Undergraduate Association presidential candidates Sunil K. Rao '99 (left) and Dedric A. Carter '98 argue at the Tuesday debate.

Following Wylie's Early Retirement, Nationwide Registrar Search Begins

By Carina Fung
STAFF REPORTER

Over the past two months, Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams appointed six faculty members to serve on a search committee to hire a new registrar.

The committee, which has just begun its nationwide search, will also have one undergraduate and one graduate student member, who have not yet been named.

Former Registrar David S. Wylie

decided to accept the early retirement package offered by MIT last spring, Williams said. Professor of Management and Ocean Engineering J. D. Nyhart was appointed as acting registrar at the time of Wylie's retirement.

Chair of the Faculty Lawrence S. Bacow '72 facilitated the process of the appointment of the acting registrar, Williams said. Nyhart was appointed shortly after the death of Vice President for Administration James J. Culliton, to whom the Registrar's Office reported at that time.

It would normally have been Culliton's responsibility to name an interim registrar. Due to the circumstances, however, Bacow made the appointment, she said.

The search committee is chaired by Director of the Center for Meteorology and Physical Oceanography Kerry A. Emmanuel and includes Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Mary Z. Enterline, Nyhart, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Martin F. Schlecht '61, and Associate

Professor of Political Science James M. Snyder Jr.

Registrar needs specific skills

"The registrar should have strong technical skills in order to plan, develop, and maintain a top-quality academic information infrastructure for MIT's educational programs," Williams said.

"The new registrar should also be an excellent manager who understands how to be a leader in a team-based environment," Williams said.

Finally, the new registrar must work collaboratively with students and faculty so that academic information effectively serves their needs within the context of MIT's educational policies, she said.

"I don't think we'll have any trouble attracting strong candidates [for a new registrar]. Of course, none have yet stepped forward because the position hasn't yet been advertised," Williams said.

Re-engineering delays search

The search for the new registrar

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GABOR CSANYI—THE TECH

Lynn Kremer's masked dance leads up to the Gamelan Galak Tilka's first ever performance of "Kecak", a Balinese monkey chant, on Sunday in the Kresge Auditorium.

Task Force Discusses Rush, Unity with IFC

By Douglas E. Helmburger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Members of the Interfraternity Council and the Presidential Task Force on Student Life and Learning met Wednesday to discuss fraternity-related issues such as Residence and Orientation Week.

The informal meeting took place after the bi-weekly Interfraternity Council meeting. The task force is charged by President Charles M. Vest to evaluate and guide MIT's educational mission as the Institute approaches the next century.

Until recently, the task force had excluded Residence and Orientation Week from its scope of operation. Now, however, the group has decided to evaluate the effects of R/O on campus life and education, said Ernest A. Cuni '98, the undergraduate member of the task force.

The task force will be examining R/O without any constraints on its action, Cuni said. "It's within [the task force's] purview to make any recommendations" towards changing R/O, he added.

Spring rush opposed

At the informal meeting, Cuni asked fraternity members for their views on moving rush from its traditional time during R/O to the middle of the year, during Independent Activities Period.

Most of the fraternity members present opposed any changes in the current rush system. "We probably

do take advantage of [freshmen's] insecurity when they get here, but I think it's better overall," said Marcus J. Ottaviano '97, a member of Pi Lambda Phi.

"Fraternities help in bolstering leadership. I'd hate to see it [rush] radically changed, and changing R/O would do that," said Thomas G. Schmidt '99, a member of Chi Phi. "Moving it to the middle of the year would change the makeup of fraternities."

Others, however, were in favor of limited changes. "One thing I'd

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Intermediate Grades Discussion

The Undergraduate Association Council will be discussing the plus and minus grading system with Chair of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program Charles Stewart III at its next meeting on Monday at 8 p.m. in Room 400 of the Student Center.

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WORLD & NATION

Strengthened Yeltsin Pledges To Revitalize Russian Government

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Back in fighting form after months of illness, President Boris N. Yeltsin celebrated his return Thursday to the hurly-burly of politics with a tough state-of-the-nation speech, promising Russians sweeping economic reforms, honest government and a Cabinet shuffle.

Appearing 16 weeks after heart surgery and eight months since his last major speech, Yeltsin, trim and poised, told Parliament in a nationally televised speech that Russia "is still struggling in a flood of problems. ... We haven't managed to reach the far bank yet."

Yeltsin, who always has preferred the sweeping gesture to niggling details of day-to-day governance, gave no specifics as to how he would fulfill his latest promises — most importantly, paying the long overdue salaries and pensions of millions of angry Russian workers.

Instead, he tongue-lashed those in his government, blaming others for blocking Russia's long economic reform program. He accused unidentified officials in his administration of a multitude of sins, including laziness, corruption, irresponsibility and inefficiency.

Presenting himself as the champion of the long-suffering public, protecting Russians from the bureaucrats who had tormented them in his absence, Yeltsin listed the economic and social problems facing this country: inefficient tax collection, corruption and fraud.

Lawmakers Propose Compromise Plan for Probe of Fund Raising

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Faced with choosing between a wide-ranging probe of campaign fund-raising practices and its own desire for self-preservation, the Senate on Thursday found a way to have it both ways.

Breaking a weeks-long impasse, Senate Republicans proposed that a high-profile Governmental Affairs Committee investigation into political fund raising cover congressional as well as presidential campaigns. The plan was approved by the Rules and Administration Committee on a party-line vote and is scheduled for Senate floor action next week.

The scope of the probe, Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., conceded, is "not as wide as the world" but it would unite quarrelsome factions within the GOP behind a trimmed-back \$4.3 million budget for the investigation.

The compromise means that the same painful spotlight that focuses on allegedly illegal activities by Democrats on behalf of President Clinton's re-election will shine on any illegal transgressions by members of the House and Senate. But it also means the probe will not delve into many legal campaign practices, such as unregulated "soft-money" contributions to political parties and unrestricted political spending by tax-exempt groups.

Lott Urged to Tone Down Calls for Panel to Investigate Inflation

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

House Republican leaders Thursday urged Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., to tone down his calls for creation of an independent panel to revamp the formula used to adjust federal benefit programs for inflation, warning that Lott could be leading the party toward a political disaster in next year's election.

To buttress their argument, House Majority Leader Richard K. Arney, R-Texas, circulated copies of 1995 Democratic Party internal documents turned over to Congress last week showing how to attack Republicans for proposing to contain the cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security and other government benefit programs.

Lott has joined with Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan in calling for formation of the panel, while House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Arney as well as House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., are strongly opposed. At a news conference Thursday, Lott said Clinton risked jeopardizing a balanced-budget deal this year unless he moved quickly on the commission.

"It is absolutely essential that the president embrace this," Lott told reporters. He said Clinton has "just a very few days to step up seriously" and if he doesn't then "the moment will be gone."

WEATHER

A Close Call

By Marek Zebrowski

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

High winds will gradually subside as an impressively deep low pressure system pulls through the Canadian Maritimes on Friday. This immensely potent storm dumped well over a foot of snow in northern New England, while locally, near hurricane-force winds caused widespread damage and power outages.

A cold high pressure, cresting overhead will initially provide fair skies and wintry windchills, but by early Saturday a relatively weak, clipper-type disturbance approaching from the Ohio Valley will spread some light snow to central and southern New England. The weekend will then close on a sunny and chilly note; the next threat of inclement weather is expected later on Monday.

Today: Mostly sunny, windy, and chilly, with highs near 40°F (5°C).

Tonight: Clear early with high clouds increasing toward dawn. Quite cold with lows in low 20s (-6 to -5°C) and diminishing winds.

Saturday: Partly to mostly cloudy with a scattering of light snow and flurries. High only near 38°F (4°C).

Sunday outlook: Fair but cold. Morning lows in the mid 20s (-5 to -3°C); afternoon highs around 40°F (5°C).

Albanian Government Halts Action Against Insurgents

By Tracy Wilkinson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TIRANA, ALBANIA

In an effort to pacify armed rebellion in the south, the Albanian government agreed Thursday to halt military operations there for 48 hours. In exchange, opposition politicians called on the insurgents to lay down their weapons and accept amnesty.

The agreement emerged from more than five hours of talks between President Sali Berisha and most of his political opposition, their first meeting since he imposed emergency rule to crush an uprising by armed civilians who have seized control of the southern quarter of this country.

Diplomats praised the talks as a breakthrough. But they and Albanian opposition leaders said the agreement fell far short of the demands for new elections and constitutional reform needed to settle the political crisis jolting Albania.

More ominously, reports from Vlore, the southern town that is the center of the revolt, indicated people there immediately rejected the deal. Organized in an ad hoc "resistance movement," rebellious residents in Vlore and other towns have looted army arsenals and are vowing to fight until Berisha resigns.

Squared off in a tense confrontation, rebel and government armies have, according to reports from the area, had minor skirmishes, though

an all-out offensive failed to materialize. In the last 24 hours, seven people were killed in Vlore, and food supplies, such as milk for children, were beginning to dwindle, residents told aid workers in Tirana.

Berisha's decision to meet with the opposition — whom he had dismissed until now as Communist traitors who incited the insurrection — came in response to European and U.S. pressure, as well as an awareness that his own poorly equipped army might not be willing to move against the rebels, analysts said.

There have been reports of army desertions and refusals by officers to obey orders to fight their countrymen. Berisha fired the army chief earlier this week.

Besides agreeing to suspend army operations for 48 hours starting Friday morning, the government and nine opposition political parties called on rebels to surrender weapons in the same period. Citizens who give up their guns and who have not committed "crimes" will be granted amnesty. Berisha also agreed to seek a consensus in naming a new prime minister to replace the one forced from office by the unrest.

"It is not a big step, but it is a step," Neritan Ceka, spokesman for the opposition Democratic Alliance, said of Thursday's meeting.

Ceka and others conceded, however, that the agreement was unlikely to quiet the inflamed passions of

the Albanians who have taken up arms.

Collapsing pyramid investment schemes, attractive to a desperately poor population unschooled in capitalism, sucked the life savings from tens of thousands of Albanians. In their rage that followed, they blamed the government and exploded from riots to rebellion.

Thursday's meeting took place on the eve of the arrival of a high-level European Union mission and mediators from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which was initially rebuffed by Berisha. The EU gives Albania about \$300 million in aid, a third of this impoverished country's national budget.

The human rights situation has deteriorated in Albania since the pyramid collapses catapulted into political protest, in what critics say is a campaign against legitimate dissent. On Thursday, Blendi Goxhe, a prominent student leader who now works for a Swiss aid agency, was stopped as he tried to board a flight, held overnight by police and then told he was being prosecuted for inciting demonstrations.

"President Berisha's attempts to lump all of his critics, both peaceful and violent, into one group — labeled 'red terrorists' — is leading to a pattern of human rights abuse," said a statement signed by eight human rights organizations, including the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

Justice Dept. Says Tactics for Fund Raising Appear Legal

By Roberto Suro

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Controversial campaign fund-raising practices at the White House, including the receipt of a \$50,000 donation by Hillary Rodham Clinton's top aide, did not appear to violate federal election law, senior Justice Department officials said Thursday in unusual public statements.

Virtually all unregulated "soft money" contributions to political parties are exempt from the prohibition on campaign fund raising in federal offices and buildings, according to an interpretation of the law offered by Attorney General Janet Reno and her chief spokesman.

The statements narrowed the possibility that Reno will recommend an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund-raising activities, according to election law experts.

"I think this is expanding the loophole of soft money to gigantic proportions," said Kent Cooper, a longtime official of the Federal Election Commission who now heads the nonprofit Center for Responsive Politics.

"There is a big difference between what is illegal and what some people may view as improper, and that has been an important reason why the attorney general has not sought an independent counsel," said Kenneth Gross, another former FEC official.

In addition to the receipt of funds by Margaret A. Williams, the first lady's chief of staff, the Justice Department statements also apparently applied to Vice President Al Gore's telephone solicitation of campaign funds from his White House office and a number of other Clinton campaign activities that have come to light in recent days. The disclosures con-

cerning Gore and Williams have prompted renewed calls by Republicans on Capitol Hill for the appointment of an independent counsel.

Reno has steadfastly resisted those demands while a special task force of Justice Department lawyers and FBI agents investigates a wide range of allegations involving fund-raising activities during the 1996 campaign.

Justice Department officials have emphasized that a key element of the task force review is an evaluation of seldom-used statutes to determine whether crimes may have been committed. Thursday, senior Justice Department and FBI officials met to discuss the issues. Separately, at her weekly meeting with reporters, Reno for the first time offered a glimpse of her thinking on soft money contributions.

Responding to a question about whether Williams's receipt of a contribution at the White House might require investigation by an independent counsel, Reno warned that "it's very important that, as you make these allegations and as you portray them in television or on headlines, that you try to clarify just what the issues are."

Reno then called attention to the strict definition of "contribution" in the statutes prohibiting the use of federal offices and buildings for political fund raising.

Expanding on Reno's comments, Bert Brandenburg, chief spokesman for the Justice Department said, "it is the established practice of the career prosecutors in the criminal division that the definition of 'contribution' does not include most soft money."

Soft money is broadly taken to mean contributions to a political party's national committee or some other group other than a campaign. The funds can then be used for

state and local elections, generic political activities such as voter registration or administrative activities. As long as the money is not used to support candidates in federal races, it is exempt from several provisions of campaign laws.

The laws cited by Reno state that it is illegal to use federal property "to solicit or receive" any funds contributed "for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office."

Critics of Clinton campaign practices contend that the shield of soft money was used to protect a massive fund-raising effort aimed at re-electing the president and that the Justice Department needs to probe deeper to determine whether the Clinton re-election campaign directed the solicitation and spending of these funds.

The money received by Williams came from Johnny Chung, a California businessman who maintained close ties to the Clinton administration and who was visiting the White House in March 1995 seeking access to the broadcast of Clinton's weekly radio address for himself and several associates. The money was returned out of concern over its origins.

While they do not believe Williams necessarily violated the law, some White House officials privately acknowledged that their legalistic defense was semantic at best.

Under the White House interpretation advanced publicly, neither Williams nor any other administration official could technically "receive" campaign contributions because they are not officers of a political party or campaign. Therefore, the law prohibits something that, by this argument, cannot even occur.

Cabinet Acquiesces to Israeli Plan for Small Troop Pullback

By Marjorie Miller
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM
After angry and protracted debate, the divided cabinet of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '76 decided early Friday to carry out another limited pullback of its troops from West Bank lands, in keeping with the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreements.

The right-wing government voted narrowly to withdraw from 9 percent of the West Bank in the first of three such moves that are to take place before the end of next year.

This withdrawal was far less than the Palestinians had expected. But the government hopes it will be enough to stave off violent protests by Palestinians, who already are enraged over recent Israeli decisions to build a Jewish neighborhood in East Jerusalem and close Palestinian offices in the holy city.

Palestinian leaders have called for a demonstration Friday at the site of the 6,500-unit Jewish development planned for southeastern Jerusalem, on a slope that Israel calls Har Homa and Palestinians call Jabal Abu Ghneim.

The United States, Europe and Arab states have joined Palestinians in criticizing Israel for the construction plan and the order to close the four Palestinian offices in Jerusalem, saying that such moves foster mistrust and threaten to derail the peace process.

The U.S.-brokered agreement that Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat signed in January called for an Israeli pullback from most of the West Bank city of Hebron and committed Israel to three future redeployments, mainly from rural areas.

The accord did not determine the

extent of those moves and left it to Israel to decide, though Netanyahu told his Cabinet that the United States had pressed for a pullback in 10 percent of the area. Netanyahu faced protests from members of his own camp and Cabinet who opposed handing over any more land to the Palestinians before there is a final peace agreement, which is to be completed in May 1999.

"The debate has been surprisingly against the agreement," Netanyahu spokesman David Bar-Illan said after the first few hours of Cabinet debate Thursday night.

In the end, the Cabinet voted 10-7 to approve this pullback; four members of parliament threatened to split from the governing coalition and to vote with the opposition in a no-confidence motion the opposition has scheduled for next week; the government still has enough support to win the vote.

Claiming Subversion, Guerrillas Halt Peace Talks on Peru Crisis

By Sebastian Rotella
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Accusing the Peruvian government of planning a subterranean attack, the leftist rebels who are holding 72 hostages in Lima halted talks with the government Thursday, saying they suspect security forces are digging a tunnel beneath the besieged Japanese ambassador's residence.

Nestor Cerpa Cartolini, the rebel leader, told reporters by two-way radio the guerrillas have heard loud noises growing under the mansion in the past three days.

The guerrillas believe that police are digging a tunnel through which they would launch a raid, Cerpa said. He said the rebels will not attend Friday's scheduled talks, which would have been the ninth round of

negotiations in the 78-day standoff.

"We are taking protective measures," Cerpa said. "We are ready to confront whatever situation arises. Tomorrow we will not attend the conversations because we do not think it is correct that on the one hand there is talk of dialogue and conversations and on the other there are these kinds of maneuvers."

A police commander denied Cerpa's accusation Thursday afternoon. "There is no such tunnel," Col. Fernan Zapata told Radioprogramas radio network. In response to the development, President Alberto Fujimori cut short a trip to Cuzco and hurried back to Lima.

The verbal offensive Thursday by the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement injected new tension into the crisis and dampened recent hopes of a breakthrough. Whether

Cerpa spoke out of genuine alarm or merely to strengthen his negotiating position, his announced withdrawal raised fears of a major breakdown in the talks.

Cerpa told reporters that the hostages also had heard noises under the floor. He invited mediators to enter the residence to listen for themselves. Three mediators — Bishop Juan Luis Cipriani, Ambassador Anthony Vincent of Canada and Michel Minnig, chief of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Lima — visited the barricaded mansion and left without comment.

An estimated 18 Tupac guerrillas took over the residence Dec. 17. They have reportedly rigged it with explosives. Their hostages include Japanese and Peruvian diplomats, Cabinet ministers, and legislators.

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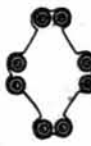
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OPINION

Carter and Sandoval for UAPVP

The Undergraduate Association presidential elections are the best chance the entire student body has each year to influence student government. This year, we endorse Dedric A. Carter '98 and Sandra C. Sandoval '00, the team that can best serve students' interests and make a more effective UA.

Editorial

Carter and Sandoval have both experience and solid ideas that will serve them well as UA president and vice president. Carter, the current UAPVP, and Sandoval, the current Class of 2000 president, have demonstrated competent and level-headed leadership in their positions. The two are responsible for several of the UA's best and most visible successes this year, from the Logan Airport shuttle for students during finals week to last fall's voter registration drive. Many of their ideas for next year — including a "Safe Ride Express" to take students across the Harvard Bridge, an expansion of the Logan shuttle, and plans to improve some living and classroom conditions — are useful and achievable. Carter and Sandoval are well plugged in to the inner workings of the UA, and Carter in particular has a good deal of experience dealing with key administrators that will help him continue to represent students' interests as UA president.

Carter's and Sandoval's experience stands in rather stark contrast to their opponents, Sunil K. Rao '99 and Kari A. Bingen '99. Rao and Bingen have shown enthusiasm for increasing school spirit, but the team's platform is unfocused and largely misguided. The two have no experience with the UA, and it is no surprise that their platform has demonstrated absolutely no understanding of the way the UA or MIT's administration work. School spirit is important, but Rao's and

Bingen's vision of school spirit looks more like high school than MIT. The two do not seem to understand that school spirit is not something that events themselves will necessarily create. Apathy and isolationism are not problems that ideas like their number one plan — a school-wide ski trip — would magically solve. The team's idea for a UA textbook library sounds nice, but it, too, has no grounding in any fiscal reality.

Bingen's insistence that the team's lack of prior involvement with the UA is not a problem is simply not convincing. Their enthusiasm is admirable and indeed outshines Carter's and Sandoval's, but the bottom line is that Rao and Bingen have no concept of the workings of the UA or the administration. Their inability to answer an open-ended question about student services re-engineering at Tuesday's presidential debate only confirmed that lack of knowledge, as well as a lack of preparation for the debate. Rao and Bingen may have experience in other non-UA-related positions, but they simply do not know the issues. Rao's plan to solicit student input through a school-wide survey is an old idea that has failed to gather significant feedback. Carter and Sandoval, on the other hand, have a much better grasp of the important goings-on. During this time of the Dean's Office's reorganization and some important decisions on housing, dining, and curricular issues, this knowledge will be essential and useful.

If Rao and Bingen are truly interested in accomplishing their goals, they should join the UA and prove themselves capable of achieving some of them. After a year of work and knowledge of the UA, perhaps they would make more qualified UAPVP and UAPVP candidates. As it stands now, however, Carter and Sandoval are by far the more qualified team to lead the UA.

Letters To The Editor

Some Alumni Have More Positive Memories

A recent article in *The Tech* ["Undergrads Perceive Recent Alums as Inactive with Student Relations," Feb. 25] asserted that recent alumni are often angry or hostile toward MIT and that there is little contact between alumni and current students. We are writing to provide a different perspective on these issues.

It is true that not everyone has fond memories of MIT and that many alumni may feel a sense of relief after graduation, but that is true at any school. All of us feel a strong connection to MIT, and we are proud to be MIT alumni.

Were you to ask any of us, "If you could do it over again, would you still choose MIT?" the answer would be a resounding "Yes."

MIT alumni, like its students, are ambitious people with varied interests and full schedules. Many of us continue a life of hard work, so we don't always have as much time to stay in touch as we might like. We are scattered around the world, so it is often difficult to make it back to MIT regularly. In spite of these realities, most alumni welcome opportunities to help current students when they are able to, either financially or with time and volunteer efforts.

When we think of MIT, we remember the hacks, the Head of the Charles, intramural

sports, exploring Boston, Independent Activities Period, and the many student activities we participated in. Most importantly we remember the people, the close-knit community formed in our living groups, the lasting friendships, upperclassmen taking the time to help freshmen with their work, and the times we pulled all-nighters not because we had work to do but because we were talking with friends. We all worked hard and had our share of rough times, but we wouldn't have had the same opportunities or wonderful experiences anywhere else.

Monica McConnell '91
and seven other alumni

Close-Knit Communities Also Exist in Dormitories

A lot has been said in the past two issues and among students about the value of fraternities or the lack thereof. While I found this whole squabble mildly entertaining, several inaccurate statements concerning dormitories have been made. As a resident of a dormitory, I am compelled to add my meager two cents into this already overblown bickering and clarify some misconceptions about dormitories.

Many responses to the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25] seem to insinuate that fraternities are superior to dormitories. Both systems have their strengths and their shortcomings. Yet some of the authors of the letters and columns attempt to compare the two when comparison is just silly. We cannot compare the cohesiveness of a living group of approximately 30 persons to one that comprises over hundreds. It is almost given that the larger group would be divided. Moreover, the precise reason many chose to be live in dormitories is that they prefer to be eclectic rather than to subscribe to an organization.

Still some of the authors mention that fra-



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Leadershape, Other Programs Bring Students Together

Column by Orli G. Bahcall
STAFF REPORTER

I would like to address one particular issue of leadership raised in the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25]. Blau's column is a less-than-focused attack on MIT's Greek system. A wealth of letters written in response to this column have already addressed her inaccurate representation of Greek life and have stressed the significant contribution Greek organizations have brought to our campus. However, none of these responses have adequately addressed Blau's comments on school leadership.

Blau took the opportunity to share her views on leadership programs like Leadershape, a week-long leadership training program sponsored by the Public Service Center and offered at the start of summer term. Blau reprimands the administration for sponsoring such programs that only "promote the silly cliches like unity and activism, managing to convince attendees that their unique leadership is making the world a better place." Blau further attempts to deride the Leadershape program by claiming that "almost all [Leadershape] attendees are in fraternities or sororities."

First, let me correct Blau's inaccurate portrayal of Leadershape participants. Leadershape attendees are selected for their display of leadership qualities and an involvement in campus activities. Leadershape seeks to select a group that is representative of the entire MIT undergraduate population, showing no preference for the Greek system.

I attended Leadershape in 1996 along with 60 other undergraduates, fewer than half of whom were members of Greek organizations. Our group was representative of the diversity of MIT students in terms of everything I could think of — cultures, majors, activities, and living groups. Leadershape brought together a selection of students that would be unlikely to interact on campus because of the divided nature of our living groups and activities. Leadershape is not a retreat for the Interfraternity Council or any other campus organization. Rather, Leadershape is a unique opportunity to see the great diversity of the MIT student body.

Blau does, however, raise a very important issue by belittling the ideals of unity and activism. These comments reflect upon a very real attitude of seclusion that persists at MIT. Most other universities dropped the notion that their only role is classroom teaching at least several decades ago. These universities have long since recognized their important role in exposing students to current society by forming a community active both politically and culturally in the world. While MIT remained focused upon research and excelled in technological areas, the Institute lagged behind in terms of giving students such an appreciation.

Leadershape was brought to MIT largely to facilitate a changing, more inclusionary college life at the Institute. The program challenges students to take what they believe and bring it to reality. These "silly cliches" have guided the best leaders of our century, and exposure to such ideals are critical to the

complete education of undergraduates at any university. The reason that unity is so often associated with the Leadershape program is very simply that the first problem most students find at MIT is a lack of school spirit. Many Leadershape graduates have therefore focused their efforts on events that unite undergraduates.

But this is not only Leadershape. MIT, as an excellent institution of higher learning, has realized the importance of providing a solid education to its students. This is reflected throughout the administration and organizations at MIT. Look, for example, at several of our newly appointed deans. Many of these deans, such as Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates, were brought to MIT for their expertise in unifying organizations consisting of both faculty and students. And Assistant Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Katharine G. O'Dair, who had direct student support in her selection, was recognized for

her previous successes in the organization of extracurricular activities that enhanced student life and unified the student body. Now at MIT, O'Dair exemplifies the new spirit of student involvement in cocurricular life.

Following in this spirit are countless other programs at MIT. These include the Freshman Leadership Program, a new freshman orientation program that exposes students to issues of race and diversity. Other cultural programs that all aim for greater appreciation of the diversity of the student body have been organized by the Committee on Race Relations, the Class of 2000, and the IFC. And the election-time activities of the College Republicans and the College Democrats exposed campus to the political processes. All these programs and activities reflect a trend of MIT undergraduates becoming progressively more concerned about and directly involved with the political and cultural aspects of today's society.



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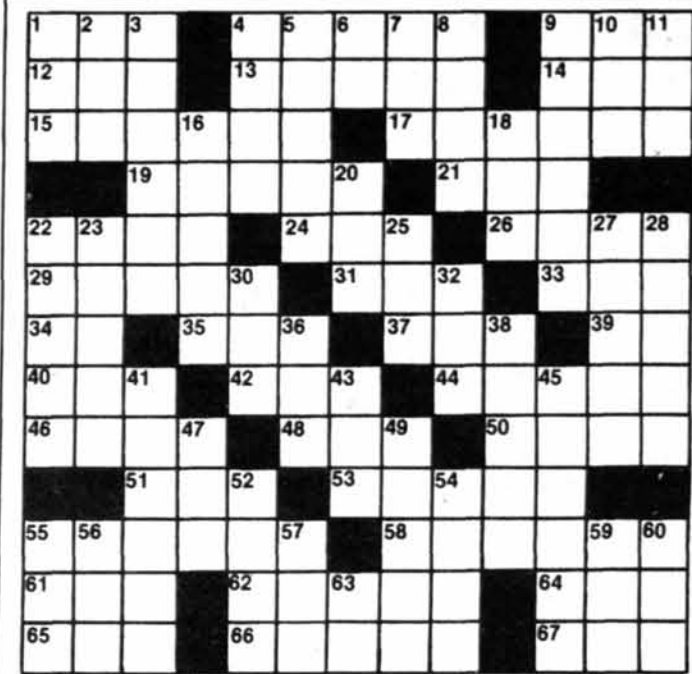
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Engineering Reflections



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Letters To The Editor

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ternities and sororities provide their brothers or sisters with bibles, tutoring, or special attention in times of need and imply dormitories don't. Well, I hate to tell the authors that these services aren't unique to brotherhood and sisterhood. They belong to a more general ideal called friendship. Since friendships also exist in dormitories, so too do these services. This is not to say brotherhood and sisterhood don't exist. Judging by the cronyism, or rather nepotism prevalent in recruiting practices, I know for a fact that fraternity does indeed exist among the Greeks.

Jon R. Tong '98

Fraternities Need To Address Problems

I would like to start off by saying I have been to fraternity parties.

But is that really an issue? If former Interfraternity Council President Jason D. Pride '97 makes the claim that "Even though [a completely dry rush] is a really beautiful idea, it would seem to me an idealistic goal to have the fraternities not based on alcohol," ["Frats Consider Dry R/O," Feb. 27, 1996] and this person supposedly represented the fraternal system at MIT, then there is an obvious problem. If his statement was so far from the truth, why wasn't he hung out to dry? Why wasn't there any apology made?

Anyone that has been through rush knows what role alcohol plays in fraternity life, and if someone makes a claim like that, I don't

need the experience of a frat party to tell someone there is a problem. Now, obviously Stacey E. Blau '98 made some very outlandish accusations and generalizations in her column ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25], but does that mean we can't remove the message from the messenger? If Greeks are so outraged by Blau's column, why not do something about instead of just slamming her? How about having a totally dry rush and prove her wrong? (Use the money from alcohol purchases and giving them to charity, perhaps?)

Obviously a lot of what Blau said was wrong and unfounded, but what about the truth of her article? Many times have I seen drunken hoards coming down Amherst Alley, without a clue of what's going on, looking no older than high school-age students. Since the standard at MIT is one of excellence, then why should it be any different in this case? This is a problem that shouldn't be so easily overlooked.

Marlon D. Shows '97

Tech Writers Should Seek To Substantiate Views

In Friday's *Tech*, Thomas R. Karlo '97 writes, "I take pride as an editor of *The Tech* that we publish not just opinions that I agree with, but those I dislike as well" ["There's A Reason Why It's Called the Opinion Page," Feb. 28]. I would like to point out that most of the outrage generated by the controversial column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25] arose not simply because people disagreed with it

but because her opinions were admittedly unsubstantiated. It seems to me that as an editor of *The Tech*, Karlo should take pride in printing only opinions expressing a well-researched and coherent point of view and in not allowing the opinion pages to turn into a forum for baseless ranting and raving.

Rachel Cunningham '98

Institute Should Look At Addiction in All Forms

At the risk of provoking a slew of critical letters, here are two notes on my favorite topic: addiction.

First, I would like to offer an invitation to any or all who responded to the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25]. Please take a look at the addictions awareness shelf in the Hayden Reserve Room — a small non-circulating collection of books, a booklist to take away, and a list of MIT library holdings on various aspects of addiction and recovery.

Second, I have a request for anyone interested in taking the time to set up and maintain an intervention coalition World Wide Web site. It would be good to have one place to exchange opinions on such provocative topics as this from *The Boston Sunday Globe*: "More and more college students getting hooked on the 'Net.' Is that a sign of work addiction? Or play addiction? Or just a lack of balance or maybe poor planning?"

While most college students, at MIT and elsewhere, go on to productive adult lives free

from problems with alcohol and other drugs, I believe the Institute can address these problems more openly. Some students who drink in college suffer serious long-term consequences from short-term episodes of substance abuse — that is, from binge drinking. Other students, sadly, get their start during undergraduate life on a life-long alcoholic career. More open discussion of addiction and recovery issues would benefit staff and students alike at MIT. The Medical Department could begin by releasing the results of the core survey completed a couple of years ago.

Eve O. Sullivan
Senior Editorial Assistant
Laboratory for Nuclear Science

The Tech Should Try More Outlandishness

So the column by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb. 25] sure got a lot of otherwise better directed attention at whatever *The Tech* does on the fourth floor of the Student Center. This has potential.

In the future, how about these for column headlines: "MIT Should Keep ROTC," "Ashdown and East Campus Should Trade Places," "Housing Should Be Completely Randomized," "The Time Has Come for Mandatory Meal Plans," "Too Bad the Merger with Harvard Fell Through," "Cyprus Should Reunite," "Who Needs the Fishbowl, Anyway?" A wealth of letters will come your way.

Omri Schwarz '97

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Private Parts presents the complete Howard Stern

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By Jonathan Litt

STAFF REPORTER

Priate Parts is an endearing story about the unbreakable bonds of love and friendship. It also features 20 naked lesbians on screen in one shot, a woman who reaches an orgasm using a sub-woofer, and jaw-dropping scene involving a 13-inch long kielbasa. Seriously though, *Private Parts* may be well deserving of its R rating, but for the most part it's a legitimately mainstream feel-good comedy that is bound to entertain a wide spectrum of people, both lesbian fanatics and not.

Private Parts doesn't try to whitewash Howard Stern (unlike what *The People vs. Larry Flynt* did with Flynt). It presents a complete picture of him, from innocent boy to mischievous teen to insecure college loser and finally to anything-goes radio disc jockey. The story is a narrative by Stern, but this isn't the same Stern that listeners hear on the radio every day. He is more subdued than usual, almost humbled, perfectly aware of how vulnerable he is making himself by telling his entire life story to all of America.

As listeners of his show know, his youth consisted mostly of his father yelling at him all the time to "Shut up!" and "Sit down!" So when the shy young teenager tells his dad that he wants to go into radio, his dad says, "You're too quiet! You need to talk more if you ever want to be on radio!"

"This," Stern says in retrospect, "from the man who told me to shut up 20 times a day." And thus starts a long series of failed attempts by Stern to get on the airwaves. He is such a klutz that at Boston University he ruins his one chance to be a DJ when he knocks a pile of tapes on a spinning turntable.

He follows his dreams, though, and takes on a string of dead-end jobs at small stations in his local

area, moving on to Detroit and then to Washington, D.C., where he finally starts to make a name for himself.

This first portion of the movie contains some good laughs but is mostly a heartwarming reminiscence of how the meaningful relationships in his life took root. It's at BU where he meets his future wife, Allison (actress Mary McCormack), who stays with him through thick and thin. Later he meets Fred Norris and Robin Quivers (played by themselves), who both become close friends and integral members of his show. The synergy between him, Robin, and Fred help him develop his unique style of no-holds-barred comedy where he says anything that comes to mind. With the help of his increasingly outrageous and offensive comedy bits he becomes the number one DJ in D.C.

His success allows him to move on to his dream job, a spot at WNBC in his home town of New York City. This is by far the most satisfying and uproarious part of the film, as his relationship with his bosses at NBC escalates into an all-out war over control of the show. (They can't fire him because he has a three-year contract.) When they fire Robin in an attempt to scare him into submission, Stern reveals his true devotion to her by forcing them to hire her back. Later the program manager, not-so-affectionately nicknamed Pig Vomit, forbids him from using any of the "seven dirty words" on the air. Stern's revenge is so connivingly clever that it's guaranteed to leave audiences rolling on the floor with laughter. The pace increases as Stern rises to number one in New York in 1985, shocking all of the managers who were so eager to fire him.

Stern, together with producer Ivan Reitman (*Ghostbusters*) and director Betty Thomas (*The Brady Bunch Movie*), has created an entertaining and nostalgic picture that is likely to win over the hearts of at least a few non-Stern listeners. In fact, test audiences have ranked *Private Parts* higher than any other movie in Paramount history, including *Forrest Gump* and *Indiana Jones*, and insiders say that it will be considered a disappointment if it doesn't surpass \$100 million at the box office. Lest you think that Stern is not aware of all the buzz himself, make sure you don't leave the theater until after the closing credits.



Howard Stern meets Robin Quivers for the first time in *Private Parts* (above). Stern portrays himself as a disc jockey in the 1970s (below).

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Undergraduate Association Elections '97

UA Election
Supplement

Election Dates:

Online: March 7 - 11 Paper: March 12

Student
Government
at MIT

When, Where, and How to Vote

Electronic voting will begin tonight at midnight and continue through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 8.

Polls for paper ballots are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Lobby 7, Walker Memorial, and outside Baker House (inside if rain) on Wednesday, March 12. Students must present a valid MIT Undergraduate Student ID.

To be considered eligible to vote, you must be a registered MIT student and be either a full-time or light-load degree-candidate undergraduate, a degree-candidate special student undergraduate, or a graduate student in an internship program who has not yet received your undergraduate degree. All undergraduates will be able to vote for UA President and Vice President and for members of the UA Finance Board. In addition, undergraduates considered by the Registrar to be freshmen, sophomores, or juniors will be able to vote for class officers.

Preferential Balloting

Preferential voting is a system whereby the second, third, etc., preference of a voter can be taken into account if his favorite candidate is eliminated from consideration. Voters are instructed to indicate their first preference, second preference, etc., on their ballots.

Ballots are sorted by first choices. If no candidate has received a simple majority, the ballots of the weakest candidate are resorted according to the second preference indicated. Ballots with no second or subsequent preferences listed are rejected.

If, after this sort, no candidate has a simple majority, the process continues; each time the smallest pile is redistributed according to the next lower indicated choice.

It is important to remember: your first candidate's chances are not affected when you indicate subsequent choices. The sub-

UA Elections: How To Vote

sequent choices will only be examined if your favorite has been eliminated.

Write-In Candidates

Voters are not restricted to choose among candidates listed on the ballot. A voter may write on the ballot the name of any undergraduate. A write-in must receive at least ten percent of the votes cast to be elected.

Any undergraduate student is eligible for election to an office. The Election Commission requires a write-in candidate to sign a statement, before taking office, showing he promises to fulfill the duties of his office.

In the event that no candidate receives ten percent of the votes cast, the elected members of the new class council will be responsible for selecting a student to fill the vacant position.

Electronic Voting

The Undergraduate Association and the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs are proud to continue to offer electronic voting to the MIT campus. It is the hope of the Election Commission and the Dean that providing both electronic and paper voting options will make the electoral

process more convenient.

All eligible voters with Athena accounts can log into a workstation in person or through dialup and cast a ballot in the 1997 UA General Election. Voting on Athena will be allowed until midnight on Tuesday evening, March 11, 1997. Paper balloting will be available at various ballot box locations on Wednesday, March 12, 1997.

To vote on Athena, type:

athena% add ua

athena% vote

Some parts of the vote program are available to all Athena users, and some are available only to eligible voters. Anyone, for example, may look through information about the current election, including the platforms of candidates, descriptions of current proposals, and other items relevant to the election. However, only eligible voters can enter the voting section of the system.

From the time you log into the voting system, you will have 15 minutes to finish voting. If time expires, the system will disconnect, but will continue to consider you eligible to vote; you could, of course, immediately rerun the program and vote.

The Election Commission is eager to hear your comments and suggestions about the voting system, and invites you to send email to vote-comments@mit.edu. If you have a specific situation that needs immediate attention, you should send email to vote-help@mit.edu, and you will receive an e-mail response as soon as possible. The commission has a World Wide Web page at <http://web.mit.edu/ua/Committees/Elections/www>.

The integrity of the voting system and the privacy of its information are of prime importance to the Commission and to the Dean. Actual, attempted, or conspired tampering with the system, including voting for someone else without his/her permission or otherwise tampering with the system, is unacceptable and will be taken very seriously. MIT will pursue all disciplinary and legal remedies to protect its property and rights and the privacy of its students and employees.

UA President/Vice President

Dedric Carter and Sandra Sandoval

In order to engage in discussion about the Undergraduate Association, it is important to first define the body. This leads us to the following question:

What is the Undergraduate Association?

The Undergraduate Association is the Student Government at MIT.

The UA should

- Have a definite purpose in the educational community
- Endure and mature beyond our short time here at the institute

- Assume a responsible position in the academic community that usurps existing boundaries
- Be concerned with issues that affect MIT directly and indirectly
- Identify with the students

In order to achieve these purposes, Dedric Carter and Sandra Sandoval propose the following ideas as a starting point for making the quality of life for students the best that it can be.

I. Increase Interaction between Officers and Students: Recognize and Verbalize

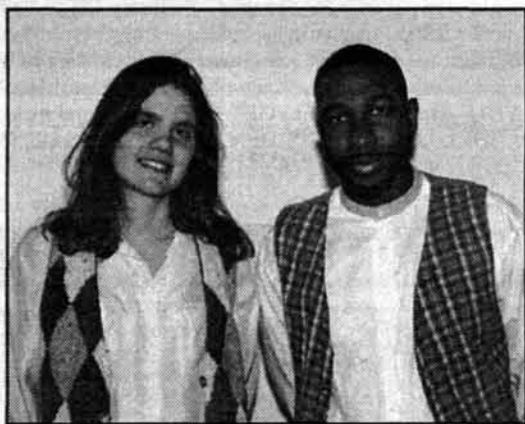
We would like to see the UA venture out of Room 401 more often into the dorms, fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. While the connection is there through elected representatives, there is something to be said about having the UA Officers go into the environment of their constituents. For this reason, we propose rotating some of the executive committee meetings to places outside of the office and closer to the constituents in order to help get the word out about what the UA is doing. These rotating meetings would also help us gather student insight in to what you want us to do. In addition to rotating meetings, we would like to see more Meet the Officers Study Breaks which would give us additional opportunities to hear the issues and concerns that you would like us to address.

Getting out of the office is one thing, but you all should know when we will be in the office. We propose posting Office Hours so that we can maximize our accessibility to you.

II. Improve Logan Shuttle and SafeRide:

Address and Express.

Dedric introduced the bill in the UA Council last fall that began the trial program for the Logan Airport Shuttle. We would like to improve the Logan Shuttle Project and make it a permanent fixture in the MIT community by ensuring efficiency in registration and confirmation of reservations via the UA web page.



SafeRide is consistently overcrowded. As a result, it has become uncomfortable and inconvenient for many riders traveling from campus into Boston. An appealing way to begin solving this problem would be to establish a SafeRide Express. This vehicle would travel back and forth across the River stopping only at 77 Mass. Ave and the corner of Beacon Street.

III. Impact the MIT Environment: Roads and Rodents

A large part of student comfort at MIT is derived from the surrounding physical conditions. Not only can we address issues of environment on campus such as the road conditions on Amherst Alley, but also, we must represent MIT students by communicating with the Cambridge City Government about issues surrounding the Institute that directly affect student satisfaction on campus (i.e. the road conditions on Vassar Street).

For some time, MIT has experienced excessive problems with rats and mice on campus. We must work with Housing and other related departments to ensure that action is being taken to minimize this problem.

IV. Personalize the MIT Community: Time to Talk

We want to break down the barriers between all of the different groups on campus (cultural, fraternities, sororities, dorms, and independent living groups). We propose to this by embellishing the diversity that these various groups represent by personally recognizing different groups in a joint sponsorship of social activities (i.e. plays, performances, music, barbecues, etc.). We want to encourage more successful social events such as reviving the Battle of the Classes in which the 4 classes on campus compete for the title of Class of Champions. Personalizing the campus is an endeavor that requires joint effort from the faculty, administration and students. We want to encourage interaction on a personal level with faculty by hosting Faculty Mixers.

Sunil Rao and Kari Bingen

What do you expect from a student government? We divide a student government's responsibilities into three main categories:

I. Promote School Spirit

A student government should be able to bring a diverse group of MIT students together. Promoting school spirit through fun activities and social events enables you to meet more people and enrich your college experience.

Our Plan:

- Plan a school-wide ski trip
- Have a School Spirit Week with Class Competitions in the Fall and Spring
- Have live bands play on the student center steps
- Organize more school wide community service events

II. Provide Tangible Benefits

A student government should provide certain services to the students that it serves.

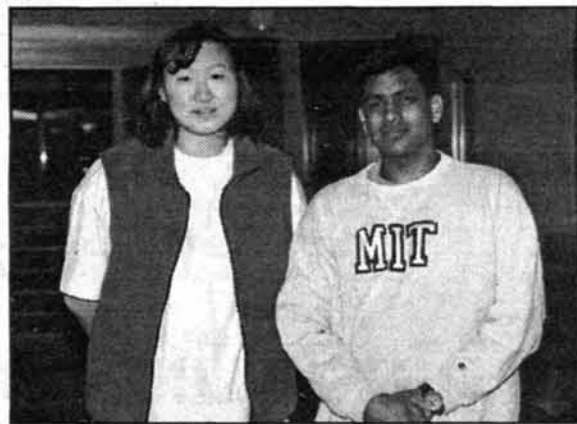
Our plan:

- Help defer the high cost of textbooks -- create a UA library which students can use to check a textbook out for a term free of charge.
- Negotiate student discounts using the MIT Card
- Continue and expand the Logan Airport Shuttle
- Have a school wide semi-formal
- Bring distinguished speakers to MIT

III. Serve as a Representative Body

A student government should represent students views to the administration. Additionally, students should be well informed so that they can provide their feedback and opinions.

Our Plan:



- Seek more funding from the MIT administration for student groups
- Create a UA newsletter which describes the accomplishments of the UA. This will keep you informed and make us accountable to you.

We are seeking the offices of UA President and Vice President because we are concerned with the quality of undergraduate life at MIT. We are addressing our concerns and proposing our solutions now, so that once elected, we can get to work on implementing them. The UA is the only student organization which serves all undergraduates. Therefore it is most important that we provide you with resources and entertaining activities:

- 1) To make your MIT life a little easier, and
- 2) because we know that 10 years from now you want to remember more than problem sets -- you want to remember the fun things that you participated in at MIT.

What has the UA done for me? If elected, we'll provide every MIT student with some excellent answers to this question.

Send us email! skrao@mit.edu, bing20@mit.edu.

Please vote Sunil Rao and Kari Bingen for UA President and Vice President.

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Class of 1998

PRESIDENT

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Salman Khan

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VICE-PRESIDENT

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Samantha Lavery

Hi! I hope this is the right address to send my statement to and I hope that it's not too late. Thanks!

My name is Samantha Lavery and I feel that I am a well qualified candidate for the position as Vice President of the Class of 1998. In past years, I have gained valuable leadership experiences such as serving a large, diversified group, working with other officers, and planning interesting events. I really look forward to the responsibilities of being Vice

President. I am organized, eager to get other students involved, and willing to try new things. As Vice President, I will work to increase student involvement and communication in our class. A vote for me will ensure a senior year filled with fun and excitement!

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**Marj Rosenthal and
Jessica West**

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**Concerned about
plus/minus grading?**

**Come hear the
Committee on the
Undergraduate Program
give a presentation
at the
UA council meeting
Monday night, 8p.m.
W20-400**

Class of 1999

PRESIDENT

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Jesse Chochrane

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Kareem Howard

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VICE-PRESIDENT



Pooja Shukla

Want \$\$ (for your class)? Want fun?? Well, POOJA SHUKLA IS THE ONE!! With only 65 days left of our sophomore year, 150 days until our junior year, and a mere 475 days until we get our diplomas, we (as a class) must stop working on problem sets and start working on the social calendar so that 20 years from now we can look back and remember exciting events such as the class cruise, the Class of '99 Gala, and class trips to MIT's Talbot Lodge. However, social events involving 1200 guests involve intense planning and effort, and as one of your class officers, I'm ready to take on this responsibility!! Myself, along with the other class officers this past year, succeeded in increasing the class treasury and class spirit with the class of '99 Boat Cruise in the fall, our famous Lobby7 study breaks, and with the recent class trip to Broadway musical "RENT". A full line of events awaits our class this term starting with the much awaited ring premiere; a class trip to Broadway musical! Les Miserables; a class night at Jillian's; a major-campus wide comedy night starring Boston Common's Anthony Clark; and to culminate the semester, a class of '99 dinner at the President's House hosted by President and Mrs. Vest!!! Luckily, I've got thousand of ideas for additional fund-raisers that can bring in the "real dough" (mucho dinero!) that we'll need to support our class activities in the future! However, none of the above is possible unless YOU (fill in the blank) GET INVOLVED and make the "smart choice" of voting me, POOJA SHUKLA < VICE PRESIDENT for the CLASS OF '99.

SECRETARY



Nina Ma

***** "EXPERIENCE votes NINA MA *****
***** for '99 SECRETARY! *****

Anyone can talk the talk with good time and thought, but it is the person who is QUICK and EFFICIENT in making decisions who makes a GOOD LEADER. And I believe that with my 2 YEARS as the Class of 1999 SECRETARY, I can make MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE CHOICES than any other candidate at this point. Beyond this decision-making however, a true leader will also act on them and follow them up with ENTHUSIASM and DEDICATION. I feel that I have proved these qualifications over the last 2 years and can continue to next year as well.

I have played an integral part in planning numerous activities for the Class of 1999 such as: a boat cruise, trip to see the play, RENT, fundraisers (eg. Rent-A-Frosh), etc. I will continue to help organize such events to enhance the unity of our class; but one thing that I would honestly like to do this year is print out a monthly NEWSLETTER, notifying all 1999's of AWESOME class events!!

*****VOTE NINA MA FOR '99 SECRETARY!!!!!!*****
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**Katie Spyde and
Andy Barkert**

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Classical Music

South Indian Vocal Performance
Wong Auditorium, MIT Tang Center, 70 Memorial Dr., Cambridge. Mar. 9, 3 p.m. Admission: \$10-\$15; \$2 with MIT ID. Information: 258-7971. Neyveli Santanagopalan, Karnatic vocalist. One of the most highly respected vocalists of South India.

MIT Concert Band
Kresge Auditorium, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. March 9, 8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. Directed by John Corley.

AMP Student Recital
Killian Hall, 160 Memorial Dr., Cambridge. March 12, 5 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. Peter Jung '99, cello. Pieces include Beethoven *Twelve Variations in G Major on a Theme from Handel's Oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus"*; Schumann *Fantasie-Stücke für Klavier und Violoncello, Op. 73*; Shostakovich *Sonata No. 4 for Cello and Piano, Op. 40 in D Minor*. John Yi '97, piano.

MIT Chapel Series
MIT Chapel, across from 77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. March 13, noon. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. Michele Pinet, harp. Works of Handel, Haydn, Debussy, Prokofiev and Joplin.

New Music Ensemble
Tufts University, Alumnae Hall, Talbot Avenue, Medford. March 13, 8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 627-3564. The Tufts New Music Ensemble present an enlightened evening of contemporary music. John McDonald, director.

Boston Symphony Orchestra
Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. March 6, 8 p.m. Admission: \$23-\$69; open rehearsal \$12.50. Information: 266-1200. Conducted by James Conlon; Maxim Vengerov, violin. Pieces include Ravel's *Gaspard de la Nuit*, Prokofiev's *Violin Concerto No. 2*, and Janáček's *Sinfonietta*.

Wind Soloists of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe
Jordan Hall, New England Conservatory, 20 Park Plaza, Boston. March 2, 3 p.m. Admission: \$30-\$40. Information: 536-2412. Program includes Hummel's *Wind Octet in E-flat Major*; Janáček's *Mládí*; Carter's *Eight Etudes and a Fantasy*; and Mozart's *Serenade for Winds in C Minor, K. 388*.

The Longy School of Music
One Follen St., Cambridge. Information: 876-0956, x120.
Faculty Artist Series. Mar. 9, 3 p.m. *Three Anniversaries* with duo pianists Ludmilla Lifson and Eda Mazo-Shylam in a concert of Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Schubert.
Schubert Bicentennial Celebration. Mar. 9, 7 p.m. Introduction and Variations on *Trockne Blumen* (from *Die Schöne Müllerin*) D. 802 performed by Fernando Brandao, flute, and Rieko Tanaka, piano; tenor Rockland Osgood, and pianist Brian Moll present *Die Schöne Müllerin*, D. 795.

Jazz Music

MIT Jazz Band
Kresge Auditorium, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Mar. 8, 8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-9800. Directed by James O'Dell.

Popular Music

Wind Ensemble
Cohen Auditorium, Tufts University, Talbot Ave., Medford. Mar. 8, 8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 627-3564. The Tufts Wind Ensemble in their first concert for the spring semester. Pieces include *Star Wars* by John Williams and *George Washington Bridge* by William Shuman. John McCann, conductor.

Angry Salad
Middle East, 472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. 11 p.m. Admission: cover varies. Casual attire. All shows 18+. Information: 497-0576, 354-8238.

Film

Lecture Series Committee
77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Admission: \$2.

On The Town

A weekly guide to the arts in Boston
March 7 - 13

Compiled by Cristián A. González

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Glenn Close as Cruella DeVil in *101 Dalmations*, showing Saturday night at LSC.

Information: 258-8881.

Celestial Clockwork. Mar. 7, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Room 26-100. Ana bolts from her wedding altar and flies from Venezuela to Paris (in her wedding gown) to realize her dream of becoming a great opera star. Her Parisian director, Italo Medici, is filming an operatic *Cinderella*, but will Ana fit the glass slipper before she is deported back to Caracas? The evil, plotting, self-absorbed Celeste tries to thwart Ana, but Ana has a great team in her corner: her Russian voice coach, a wealthy lesbian psychoanalyst, a precient gay waiter/astrologer, and a voodoo witch doctor.

Death of a Bureaucrat. Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m., Room 10-250. Directed by Tomás Gutiérrez Alea. Starring Salvador Wood, Silvia Planas. This film is an amusing satire which presents a startling view of Cuban society after the 1959 revolution. After an exemplary worker is buried clutching his union card, his widow (Planas) finds she needs it to claim her pension. The fruitless attempts of her nephew (Wood) to obtain an exhumation order lead to a series of hilarious situations that remind us of the fact that political ideology alone cannot change society.

101 Dalmations. Mar. 8, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Room 26-100. Disney remakes its 1961 animated classic in live action, casting Glenn Close as Cruella De Vil, an evil villainess attempting to steal dalmatian puppies to make spotted coats. Also stars Jeff Daniels and Joely Richardson.

The Player. Robert Altman's scathing satire of power-hungry studio executives provides an insider's look at the corrupt movie studio system. Tim Robbins stars as an arrogant young executive who murders a screenwriter and steals his girlfriend—and must deal with the consequences. Dozens of top actors make cameo appearances.

The Secret Plan
The French Library, 53 Marlborough St., Boston. Mar. 7, 6:30 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 629-5984. A Fred Muchnik film

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library
Columbia Point, Boston. Through June 1: Fri.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$6; seniors and students, \$4; ages 6-12, \$2; under 6, free. Information: 929-4523.

Films run continuously during the day.
Cuban Missile Crisis. Film documenting the October 1962 confrontation with the Soviet Union. Through June 1.

Fight Against Segregation. A film on events leading up to JFK's national address on civil rights.

Son of Ireland. Portrays Kennedy's visit to his ancestral home. Through June 1.

Whales
Museum of Science, Science Park, Cambridge. Through April 30. Admission: \$7.50; seniors and ages 3-14, \$5.50 (Tues., bargain nights for all shows 7 p.m. and later, \$5; seniors and ages 3-14, \$3). Information: 723-2500. Film follows the life cycles and travels of blue, humpback, and right whales from Argentina to Alaska.

Leona's Sister Gerri
140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill. Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 552-4295. Part of Social Issues Film Series. Film to be introduced by its maker.

Rent
Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston. Through April 27. Tues.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 7 p.m.; matinees, Sat.-Sun., 2 p.m. Admission: \$25-\$67.50. Information: (800)447-7400. Musical based on Puccini's 1896 opera *La Bohème*.

South Pacific
Turtle Lane Playhouse, 283 Melrose St., Newton. Through March 16. Admission: \$12-\$18. Information: 244-0169. Rodgers and Hammerstein musical.

Dance

Carmen
Boston Ballet, 19 Clarendon St., Boston. March 7, 8 p.m.; Mar. 8, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Mar. 9, 2 p.m.; Mar. 12, 7 p.m.; Mar. 13, 7 p.m. Through March 23. Admission: \$12.50-\$67. Information: 931-ARTS. Based on Prosper Mérimée's novel, *Carmen* is a tragic tale of fatal attraction.

In 19th century Seville, the lusty Carmen seduces a naive Army corporal, Don José, newly assigned to the village fortress. José abandons his career, his fiancée, and even his dying mother for the love of this sultry gypsy. But soon she spurns him in favor of the toreador Escamillo. Crazed with jealousy, José begs Carmen to return to him, but her taunting declaration of independence results in tragedy. As the 'sultry' Carmen sings in the famous *Habanera*, "Love is a rebellious bird that no one can tame."

Lectures

Reform Through Art: How to Make Happiness and to Awaken Social Consciousness

Chandler Gallery, Davis Museum and Cultural Center, Wellesley College, 106 Central St., Wellesley. March 13, 1:30 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 283-2034. As part of the seminar "Women, Education, and Work," Professor of Education Barbara Brenzel lectures on educational and philanthropic programs at the turn of the century that expanded opportunities for programs at the turn of the century that expanded opportunities for women. The public is invited to this open class session, which is offered in conjunction with the exhibition *Inspiring Reform: Boston's Arts and Crafts Movement*, on view at the Davis Museum from through July 14.

Julie Mertus
Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Mar. 7, 3 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 661-1515. Reading/talk and book signing of Mertus' book *The Suitcase, Refugee Voices from Bosnia and Croatia*.

Samuel Shem
Cambridge Public Library, 449 Broadway, Boston. March 11, 6 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 661-1515. Reading/book signing of the author's latest novel, *Mount Misery*. In 1978, *The House of God*, a first novel inspired by the experiences of the author as an intern at a well-known New England Hospital, was published under the pseudonym Samuel Shem. The novel became a literary phenomenon. Now,

almost twenty years later, the story of Roy G. Bash, the hero of *The House of God* returns in *Mount Misery* as he experiences his psychiatric residency at a New England mental hospital for the well-off and the well-insured.

Exhibits

MIT Museum
265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., noon-5 p.m. Admission: \$3; non-MIT students, seniors, and under 12, \$1; MIT students, free. Information: 253-4444.

What's So Funny About Science? Cartoons of Sidney Harris offer a hilarious look at unexpected and incongruous moments in science. Through May 31.

Maps from the Age of Atlases. Rare maps from the Museum's Hart Nautical Collections illuminate the golden age of cartography. Through May 4.

Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson. Ganson's kinetic sculptures exude the wit of their creator, a self-described cross between a mechanical engineer and a choreographer. Ongoing.

Lightforest: The Holographic Rainforest. Large-scale hologram exhibit by Betsy Connors. Ongoing.

Holography. The exhibition explores the holographic universe from its inception in the late 1940s through its artistic and technical evolution and highlights works by the world's foremost holographers. Ongoing.

Math in 3D. Morton C. Bradley's mathematical sculptures inspire inventors of all ages to create their own structures in the adjacent Mathspace activity center. Ongoing.

MIT Hall of Hacks. Chronicling MIT's rich hacking tradition, this exhibition features historic photographs and a collection of artifacts. Ongoing.

Light Sculptures. Vivid interactive plasma sculptures by Center for Advanced Visual Studies alumnus Bill Parker. Ongoing.

Hart Nautical Gallery
55 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Mon.-Sun., 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-4444.

Ships for Victory: American

Shipbuilding's Finest Hour. Historic photographs and artifacts explore the shipbuilding programs of World War II, the vital and unprecedented contribution of women to these programs, and MIT's pivotal role in the shipbuilding effort. Ongoing.

Ship Models. Rare models illustrate the evolution of ship design from the 16th to 20th centuries. Ongoing.

On the Surface of Things: Images in Science and Engineering by Felice Frankel.

Compton Gallery, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Feb. 14-June 27: Mon.-Sun., 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-4444. Stunning photographs communicate recent research in a variety of disciplines at MIT and other institutions.

List Visual Arts Center
20 Ames St., Cambridge. Through March 29: Sat., Sun., Tues.-Thurs., noon-6 p.m.; Fri., noon-8 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 253-4680.

Joseph Kosuth: Redefining the Context of Art: 1968-1997. Works by this renowned Conceptual artist.

The Shape of Breath. Works by this Seattle-based artist. Explores the metaphorical properties of materials.

Port: Navigating Digital Culture. Exhibition of collaborative, performative art projects taking place over the Internet.

The Race to the Moon
The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library. Off Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester. Through June 1: Fri.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$6; seniors and students, \$4; ages 6-12, \$2; under 6, free. Information: 929-4523. Exhibit on America's pioneering space exploration.

Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Ave., Boston. Mon.-Tues., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-9:45 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Admission: \$10; seniors and college students, \$8; ages 17 and under, free; Wed. after 4 p.m., voluntary contribution; Thurs.-Fri., after 5 p.m., \$2 discount. Information: 267-9300.

Face and Figure in Contemporary Art. Survey of the variety and complexity of contemporary approaches to the theme of the human figure. Through March.

Dressing Up: Children's Fashions 1720-1920. Explores the relationship between children's and adults' fashions in the past couple of centuries. More than 40 costumes, predominantly from the museum's permanent collection, are on view along with accessories, toys, dolls, furniture, and paintings. Through March 23.

The Art of John Biggers: View from the Upper Room. Exhibit of the black artist's drawings, prints, paintings, and sculptures. Through April 20.

Beyond the Screen: Chinese Furniture of the 16th and 17th Centuries. The exhibit aims not only to explore the beauty of Chinese art forms, but also to carry the viewer into the physical surroundings of their time. Through May 18.

This is the Modern World: Furnishings of the 20th Century. The exhibit relates the look of objects intended for everyday use to the creative vision of the artist-maker or designer, and the demands of technology, function, cost, and the needs and desires of the potential buyer or user. Through September.

Traller Park Memoirs and Shotgun Weddings

The Revolving Museum, 228-300 A St., Boston. Starting Mar. 8, through Mar. 31. Wed.-Sat., 12-6 p.m. Admission: free. Information: 439-8617. The exhibit is a collaborative project that explores the psychological complexities of contemporary domestic lifestyles. Featuring over thirty visual, performing and literary artists, this event will create an energetic atmosphere that is humorous, heartbreaking and provocative.

Trash! Workers of the Works

The Cambridge City-wide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Through March 31. Admission: free. Information: 349-4380. Cambridge Art Council's Massachusetts Arts Lottery recipient Ted Polubbaum presents his photographic and digital images documenting the sanitation workers of the Cambridge Public Works Department. This visual essay reveals the spirit, humor, and tireless effort of the frequently unrecognized Worker of the Works.

Fuller Museum of Art
455 Oak St., Brockton.

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Information: (508) 588-6000.
Dark Images. March 2, 2 p.m.
 Admission: \$5; children free.
 Guest lecture by Barbara
 Whiteman, Founder and Executive
 Director of the Philadelphia Doll
 Museum.
Spelling Bee. March 6. Admission:
 free. Back for a second round
 -gather your friends or co-workers
 and field a team for this mid-win-
 ter family party. All ages.

Arthur M. Sackler Museum
 485 Broadway, Cambridge. Mon.-
 Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1-5

Robots! Robots! Robots! Guided
 explorations into the world of
 robots and artificial intelligence.
 Through Feb. 23.

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**Botticelli's Witness: Changing
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 lege students with ID, \$5; ages
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 Information: 566-1401. Works by

**Capturing Old Ironsides on
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 D'Andrea. Ongoing.

**Living with Ants and the Science
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 Harvard Museums of Cultural and
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 1-5 p.m. Admission: \$5; seniors
 and students, \$4; ages 3-13, \$3;
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 Information: 495-3045.

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 Institute of Contemporary Art, 955
 Boylston St., Boston. Through
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 p.m.; Thurs. until 9 p.m.
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 Information: 266-5152. Survey
 exhibit of the works by this
 Brazilian artist.

**Building the Collective: Soviet
 Graphic Design, 1917-1937**
 Busch-Reisinger Museum, 32
 Quincy St., Cambridge. Through
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 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. Admission:
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 free. Information: 495-9400.

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 Commonwealth Museum, 220
 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester.
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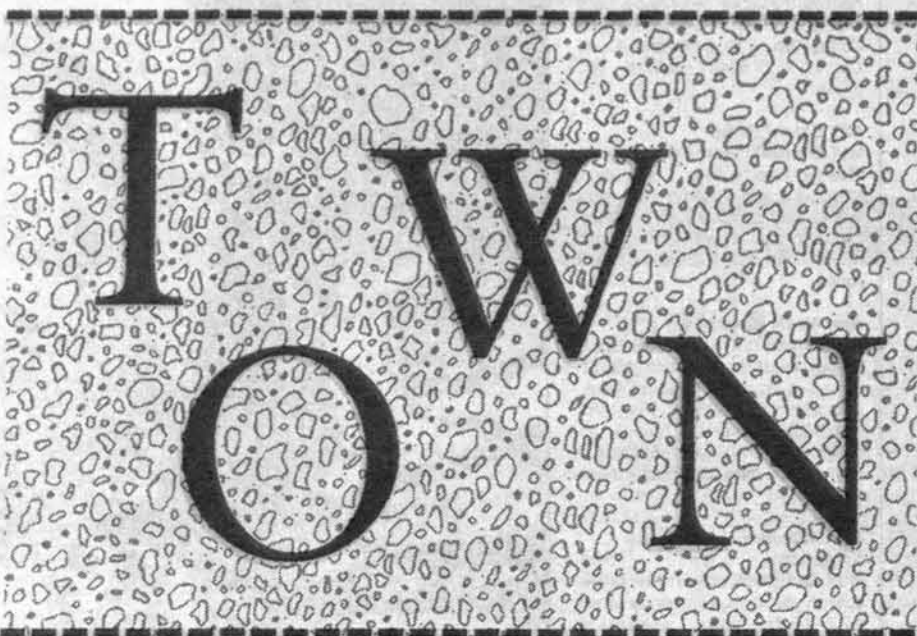
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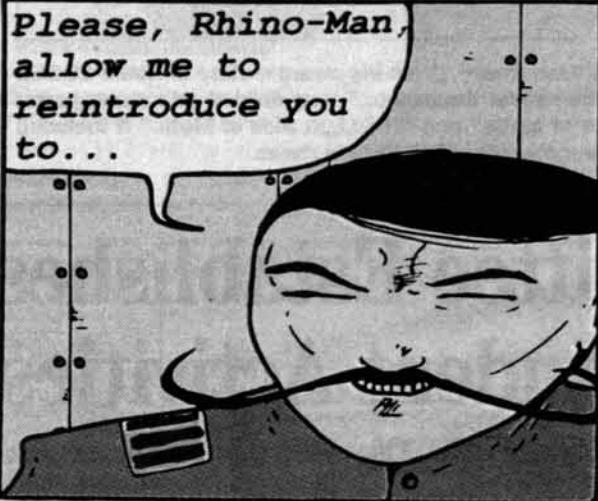
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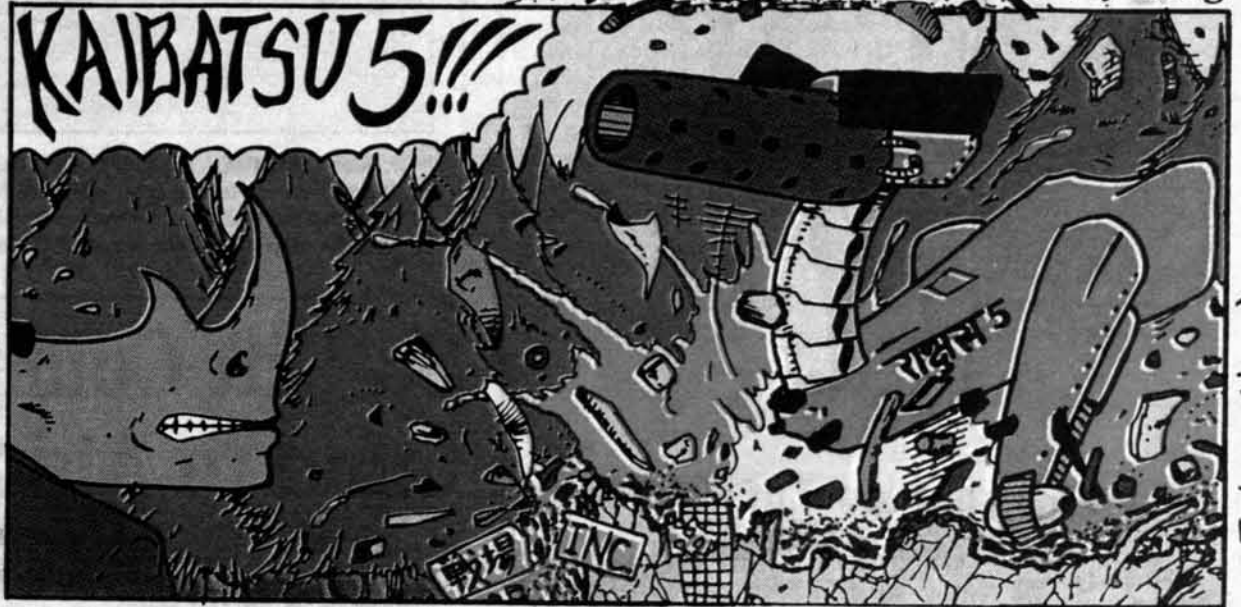
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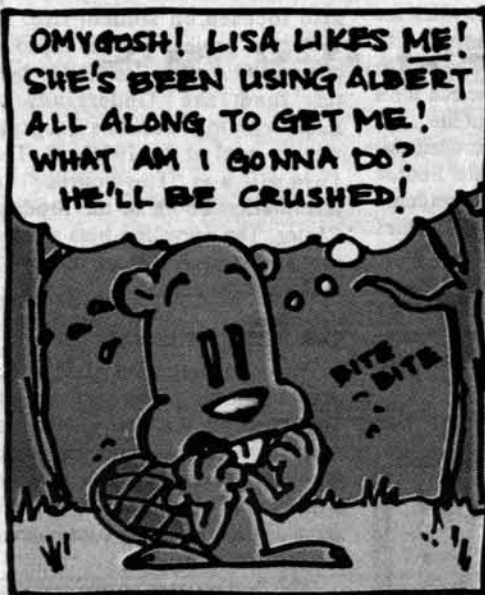
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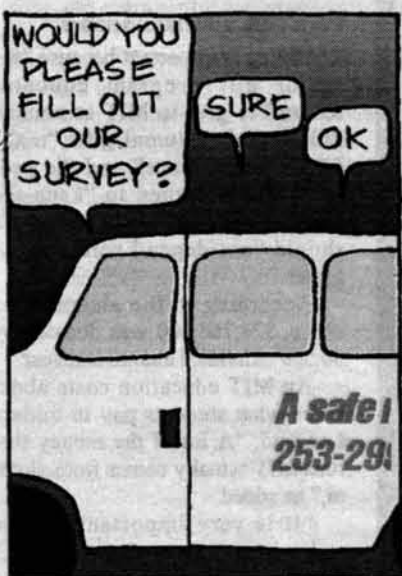
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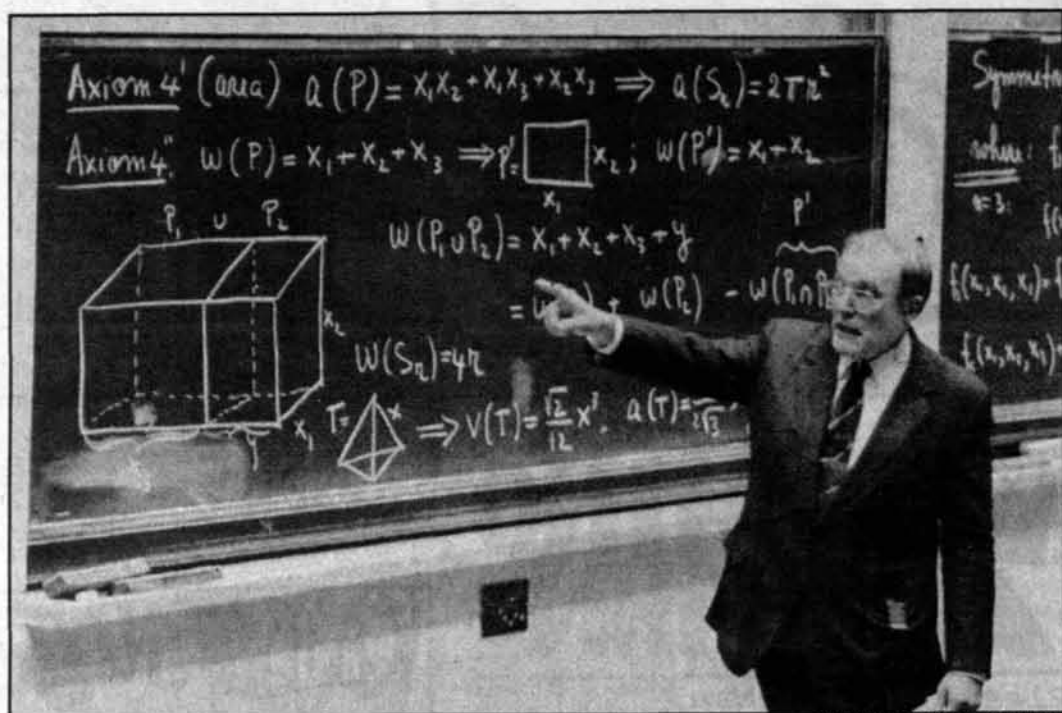
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GABRIELE MIGLIORINI—THE TECH

Prof. Gian-Carlo Rota, recipient of the 25th Killian Award, gives his award lecture in Room 10-250 on Wednesday. Rota's talk, entitled "Mathematical Snapshots," was divided into three parts: "The Dark Side of Math," "The Present State of Math," and "The Light Side of Math." It included philosophical musings and a can of Coke, characteristic of all Rota lectures.

Sr. Gift Committee Establishes Fund to Aid Student Activities

By Frank Dabek
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Fundraising for the 1997 Senior Class Gift officially began this week with a kick-off on Sunday, 97 days before Commencement. The committee will begin soliciting pledges on Monday.

Profits from the gift drive are being placed in a fund called Students Promoting an Improved Campus Experience which will be used to assist student groups on campus.

The goal of the gift drive is to solicit \$100,000 in pledges over five years from this year's seniors. But even though a monetary goal has been set, "participation is much more important," said Coordinator of Student Programs in the Alumni Office Jill Pullen, who serves as the group's adviser.

The gift drive hopes to receive pledges from fifty percent of the class. Participation in last year's drive was only 6.9 percent, a figure

that has already been surpassed by preliminary giving this year.

SPICE fund this year's project

The SPICE fund will be a general purpose fund to help activities on campus. "The SPICE fund applies to all of campus because everyone does some kind of activity at MIT," said Chairman of the Senior Gift Committee Pang Lee '97.

Additionally, "MIT activities are very poorly funded compared to other schools," Lee said. The SPICE fund was the result of a search for a program to promote student life.

"We are responding to what students ask us to do," said Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Robert R. Randolph, who will oversee the SPICE fund after the senior class graduates. The fund will be used for "projects for the whole campus" and for student groups with limited resources, he added.

Though the SPICE fund is this

year's project, donors can earmark their donations for other projects such as student financial aid, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, the Independent Residence Development Fund, a fund to provide low-interest, long-term loans to independent living groups, Athletics, or for unrestricted use.

Recent senior class projects have also focused on student life. In 1996, the project was to improve community service. Helping to better fund the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program was the goal of the 1995 gift. The 1994 gift was "The Source," an information booth in the Student Center. The recycling bins around campus are a result of the 1993 senior gift project.

Committee structure changes

Major changes were made to the structure of the gift drive this year. The committee this year will consist of more than 100 students, representing every living group. Five students will form a "core" and twelve will serve as captains, each coordinating several of the solicitors.

The "enthusiasm on the committee is unbelievable," Pullen said. The drive has already exceeded last year's participation since every member of the committee is donating to the drive, she added.

"It's easier to give money if you feel personally connected," Lee said. "All solicitations will be personal," and no phone calls will be made.

Class Gift 'educates' seniors

Giving is important because "the senior gift program educates seniors" to give to MIT as alumni, Pullen said. Alumni gifts "make MIT a better place" and the program was designed to "keep the momentum going," she added. MIT should "not depend solely on ... grants."

According to the alumni fund office, \$24,768,000 was donated by 30,509 individual alumni last year.

An MIT education costs about twice what students pay in tuition, Lee said. "A lot of the money that runs MIT actually comes from alumni," he added.

"It is very important for the endowment to have alumni giving," Pullen said.

Solicitations will begin on Monday. "We're looking to break the record of 29 percent," Pang said. Any seniors still interested in becoming involved with the senior gift can send e-mail to giftcore@mit.edu.

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Nick Nash

Please Remember To Vote!

Hi! My name is Nick Nash; I'm a freshman, and I'm running for Class Council President for the incredible Class of 2000!

I want to build on the strong performance of our current Class President, Sandra Sandoval, to improve the quality of life for students at MIT. I have a lot of ideas - I'll share a few with you in a second - and I'm eager to get started.

I've come to realize that the best way to get results is not to sit back and criticize, but roll up your sleeves and start working. Here are several projects I want to work on for our class:

* A summer internship career fair next year just for our class, inviting only companies expressly interested in hiring sophomores. It's time we had a career fair devoted just to our class.

* Wouldn't it be great if we had a web page devoted solely to our class? The class of 1999 has a web page for their activities that lists upcoming events, cool links, class statistics, links to students' home pages, and the like - you can find it at mit.edu/class-of-99/www/home.html. A home page would be a great way for us to keep abreast of activities and events, and would certainly save paper by letting activities poster directly on the web.

I'm also interested in working with the MIT Administration to secure more funding for varsity athletic teams and extend dining room hours in Lobdell and Walker.

Thanks a lot for taking the time to read about my ideas - I'm confident I can make a difference here at MIT, and I'm counting on your support to make these changes possible. If I can help you in any way, or if you have any suggestions for improving life at MIT, just mail me at nick-nash@mit.edu. I'm here to help. :)

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Elsie Huang

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Elsie Huang, and I'm running for Class President. I'm currently the co-social chair for our class and I have been a past member of the UA Executive Committee. I'm double majoring in Architecture and Civil Engineering (hoping to graduate in 4 years). I attended the Freshman Leadership Program and the IFC Freshman Retreat. Those are just some of the basics. Experience.

Creativity. Enthusiasm. I believe that serving as co-social chair for the first term has given me the experience and knowledge to lead our class through our sophomore year. I believe that sponsoring more social events (study breaks, mixers, formal dinners, trips) is the only way to unite our class. The focus of the Class Council should be to bring students together and promote unity. I have the credentials and I know the students. So when you vote today, remember Experience, Creativity, Enthusiasm, and Elsie Huang.

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Oreoluwa Adeyemi

My name is Oreoluwa Adeyemi. I live in chocolate city here at M.I.T, and I will major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. My home town is Chapel Hill, North Carolina but I am originally from Nigeria. I have lived in Europe, Africa and North America. This experience has exposed me to people of different cultures.

I ask for the opportunity to serve the class of 2000 through the office of President. I plan on revitalizing alumni relations for the class through the brother/sister class program. I will also focus on faculty relations.

If elected I would work on creating a homepage which would contain information relevant to the class of 2000. My leadership would be interactive; not a "one man show"! I also look forward to organizing enjoyable social events for the class like a boat cruise so as to foster class unity.

Members of the distinguished class of 2000, I ask for the opportunity to give you my all. This would only be made possible by your vote. Thank you.

Oreoluwa.

Go 2000!!

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Zhelinrentice Scott

Hello, my name is Zhelinrentice Scott and I would like to be your class President.

Though the term may have been successful, I feel there is always room for improvement. I plan to address and solve issues such as a lack of a web page representing our class, better organization, and better communication. I have ideas that will benefit our class's future. As the future leaders in

science and engineering we should not only be tops academically, we should also be able to network.

Currently I have class contacts in the ILG's, East Campus, West Campus, and Fraternities. Knowing a variety of people through living groups, and a plethora of campus organizations I am in tune with the needs and wants of our class. Presently I am planning a study break for our class in March.

So this is where I come in with more study breaks, class outings, workshops, and class forums. These are all opportunities for us to network and continue to be the best leaders we all can be. Remember I want to work for YOU!

A vote for Zhelinrentice Scott is a vote for:

COMMUNICATION, ORGANIZATION, DELIBERATION

Thank you.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Andrew Ryan

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My name is Andrew Ryan, originally from Mt. Vernon, NY. I came to MIT with impetuous dreams of becoming President and instantaneously changing this Class for the better, and here, in February, the fire in my eyes flickers from four months of MIT's unique flavor of humble pie, but is far from put out. I still want to take this great Class to new heights, to introduce the world's first and greatest graduates of the new millennium in

the way they ought to be presented - as a determined group of men and women with bright futures. And at the same time, as I grudgingly walk down the steps of 26-100, I look around and see an excited Class, a Class that knows how to have good times. Perhaps there is a way to combine the free-spirited nature that you and I possess with the intellectual and academic prowess of 2000, and the unconquerable, unyielding drive to achieve our unlimited personal potential.

As Vice President, I can be more behind the scenes and ultimately get more things done. I don't need to be in the political spotlight - right now, I want to make 2000 the coolest, dopest, phattest Class ever to walk through the Institute.

I'd like to work with the President on Alumni Relations - how about a Big Brother Class, say, Class of 1975, that can act as our mentors? How about boat cruises where 2000 students can have a chance to meet MIT's top administrators? How about throwing parties to form a scholarship fund, so that 2000 can make it financially easier on the Class of 2002?

Ladies and gentlemen of 2000, there's so much to be done, and I'm not here for a title, or for mass respect, or for glamour.

I'm here to do it.

Any questions? E-mail me at [<andrew00@mit.edu>](mailto:andrew00@mit.edu)

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Michelle Micheletti

I want to continue my involvement in planning class activities and encouraging class unity. I am currently involved in planning multicultural study breaks which will start next week, brought to you by this year's class officers. (Be there, starting next Thursday evening in Lobby 13, we have something special planned!) I have attended many Class Council meetings and supported our current officers, helping out whenever I could.

I feel that I would like to be more involved in planning class events and I have some great ideas that I would like to share with you. Basically, I would like to see the following special events for the Class of 2000: trips to the Sherry movie theater to see movies together, more ice-cream study breaks like the Tosci's event this year, and a class spades tournament (what could be more fun?).

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Riffat Manasia

Fellow members of the Class of 2000, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share with you a few ideas and words about my candidacy.

My name is Riffat Manasia and I am a candidate for the office of Vice President of 2000. My hometown is Bedford Texas, a suburb of Dallas, but I am originally from Karachi, Pakistan. Also, I am an Alpha Phi and living

at Baker House.

The reason why I have decided to pursue the Vice Presidency is that I believe the Class of 2000 needs to be a phenomenal class, and I would like to work hard to make sure it reaches its full potential. I hope to see our class set its mark at M.I.T. through programs such as philanthropic, academic, social, fundraising, and other beneficial events.

From past experiences, I have realized that our Class desperately needs a Web Page. Imagine a web site that pertains to the Class 2000 with information on UROPs, Internships, Career information, Scholarships, Tutoring Services, and Current news concerning social events, community service, etc.

Also, due to the monumental stress and strain due to studies, the Class of 2000 needs its breaks. I plan to organize subsidized class trips for skiing, hiking, apple picking, etc. These trips would not only relieve stress but also create unity among our class.

In addition, I also plan to strengthen faculty relations with our class. With events such as Faculty Receptions, one could better acquaint themselves with professors and teaching assistants.

Furthermore, I would make sure that successful programs such as the summer Leadership Program and social events such as "Screw Your Roommate" continue and expand to meet the needs of every individual.

I know that Sophomore Year awaits with its disregard for Pass/Fail, with the anxious wait for the Brass Rat, with the stress of Majors, Minors, and Concentrations, and numerous other mind boggling. Through these times, we will need strong leadership. We will need someone to be responsible, creative, and determined - basically someone who can get the job done. I am the one to do it.

I am very excited about being given the chance to serve our class. I ask of you to give me

SECRETARY

Shan Shan Huang

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Dear members of Class of 2000:

We all want to make our college years the most memorable years in our lives. We want to look back and be able remember not only the individual friendships we made, but also us, the class of 2000, as a united and fun-loving class. I would like to help in making this happen, by involving myself in the student government. Secretary is someone who oversees the details of each class activity. This requires the sense of responsibility and attentiveness to details. I am a very energetic, meticulous and organized person, and I believe that I can fulfill these responsibilities. Also, being a very creative person, I would also go beyond the duties of taking minutes and such, putting my input into idea-forming process, helping to come up with interesting activities that we can do as a class together. I believe that I am your best candidate for the position of class secretary. I am very excited about putting my energy and ideas into action. Please give me your support.

SOCIAL CHAIRS**Aron Qasba**

I served as Social Chair for our class over the last semester and will continue my term until May. If re-elected for the upcoming year, I plan to keep increasing the number of social events seen in the last semester. I hope to strengthen attendance by running more small activities which will build spirit for the entire social program. Some of the fun events from last semester and the upcoming semester include study breaks, a semi-formal dinner, and our newest idea: superlatives from our freshman picture book- like weirdest hairdo and cheesiest smile (you can vote for those the week before and after spring break in Lobby 10). I think social events should be one of the main goals of the Class Council, because they bring people together and relieve the stresses of academic work.

When you go to vote, remember who brought you more social events than any Freshman class before... Re-elect Aron Qasba.

**Monique DeJesus and Stephanie Soohoo**

Hello, we are Monique DeJesus and Stephanie Soohoo...and we would love the opportunity to be your Co-Social Chairs!

We feel that our class has a wealth of bright, enthusiastic, and diverse individuals...individuals that need to be more strongly unified! With such an abundance of character and personality, everyone should have the opportunity to really get to know the members of their own class. As we've heard a multitude of times before...WE are the Class of 2000...ending a millenium, and ushering in the next..!

Although there is such a diverse population here at MIT, there is much stratification among the student body. It is a shame to see such an abundance of interesting people confined to very elitist social groupings!

We want to give you the opportunity to schmooze with members of your class so as to expand your social horizons and circles of friends! We want to create and inspire a sense of class pride (We ARE, the best and brightest class here, hands down :-), and at the same time have a 'wicked good time'!

We are completely open to suggestions for class functions, but some ideas that have been brewing include: boat cruises, possible class trip to Canada (long shot!), reduced prices on shows, etc, formals, you name it! So, make the right decision (which is your own!)...we just hope you choose to give us the opportunity to cater to your social needs!

Remember: For a GoOd TiME, VoTE MONIQUE & STEPHANIE-CLASS OF 2000 SoCiAl CHAIrS!

**TREASURER****Shobha Williamson**

As Freshman Class Treasurer, I have learned many things over this past term. Looking back on my experience, I feel that I truly know the ropes of this position. I know who our money has come from, where it is, where it's going, and more importantly, effective ways of getting more. The spirit of our frosh has made our fund-raising events a success. As a reward, I want this money to be wisely spent on fun and useful activities targeting more of the men and women of our class. For example, book exchanges aimed at the classes we will take as sophomores and lunch time study breaks.

How about a sophomore cruise to kick off next year and catch up with friends after a long summer? And what about the Brass Rat Premier? As treasurer and part of the class council's team effort, I want your ideas to be presented as well. By increasing communication among everyone, I hope to see this happen.

I have reminisced the year with no regrets and look forward to the exciting terms to come. So please cast your vote not just for me, but for an awesome sophomore year. Thanks!

PUBLICITY COORDINATOR**Stephanie Chen**

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UA Finance Board**Ira F. Gerhardt**

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I want to be on the UA Finance Board because I realize that undergraduate activities are an important part of life at MIT. The Finance Board's job is to make sure these activities are there for students and are well-funded. Through my involvement with the Interfraternity Council, MIT Hillel, the UA, and my fraternity, AEPi, I have learned how activities are a vital aspect of life at MIT. As a member of the Finance Board, I will ensure that these activities and others like them provide students with an opportunity to take a break from the rigors of academics. With your support, I know I can make the Finance Board more effective for us all. Please vote Ira F. Gerhardt for UA Finance Board.

William Davidson

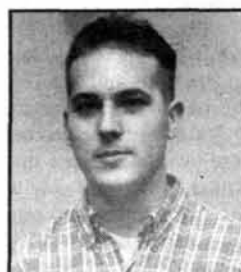
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Because the Finance Board deals in the distribution of money for student activities, it is very important that one keeps track of how the money is spent and if it could be used more efficiently. I believe the Finance Board should update funding each year by comparing the money given to each organization to the amount used and how it was used.

I also believe every organization requesting money should be subsidized in another way and strive toward self-sufficiency. This builds business skills for the students and allows the Finance Board to route more money to new or financially failing activities.

Eduardo Salomone

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U.S. News Discovers Errors in Rankings

By Douglas E. Helmburger and Frank Dabek
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITORS

U.S. News and World Report erred in calculating the rankings of 33 of the top 50 law schools in its 1997 rankings.

Short Takes

In calculating the schools' job-placement rates, two columns of numbers — those of students unemployed but looking for work and those unemployed and not looking for work — were switched, the publication said.

"We are examining how this happened and will do everything possible to prevent it from happening," said Al Sanoff, managing editor of U.S. News.

As a result of the error, two schools were moved out of the top fifty school ranking and into an unranked "second tier." Yale University remained the leading law school, according to the rankings.

[The Chronicle of Higher Education Academe Today, March 6.]

Fire burns Columbia dormitory

A series of two fires in a Columbia University residence hall burned the belongings of many undergraduates.

The fires, at John Jay Hall, caused extensive damage to the seventh and eighth floors of the dormitory. Officials with the New York City Fire Department classified the first as an electrical fire. The cause of the second fire is under investigation.

All of Columbia's buildings are annually inspected for fire safety, said NYCFD battalion chief George Meyer. The electrical system in the dormitory where the fire held was completely replaced in 1989, he added.

Residents from parts of the seventh and eighth floors were housed in other dormitories while extensive smoke and water damage was cleaned up. Several doors were broken down by those fighting the blaze.

[Columbia Daily Spectator, March 3.]

BU guest policy to continue

Boston University students last week spoke out against a guest policy that they say restricts their freedom.

At an open forum attended by BU Provost Dennis D. Berkeley, many students said the policies, which restrict when students can visit dormitories other than their own, is designed to keep them from staying with members of the opposite sex.

Many of the students suggested that BU keep track of who enters dormitories but not restrict hours of access to the dormitories.

However, students can accomplish their socialization within the current system, Berkeley said. "Believe me, we are not trying to keep men and women from getting together."

The policy has made the dormitories safer, said BU Police Chief Steven Devlin. "You trade some freedoms for safety," Devlin said.

[The Daily Free Press, Feb. 25, 27]

Twelve charged in pledge death

Twelve members of the Theta Chi fraternity at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York have been charged with the death of a 17-year-old pledge.

Several pledges were brought to the fraternity house and served beer, vodka, whiskey and other liquor in an attempt to intoxicate the pledges into vomiting.

Some pledges were taken to rooms to spend the night and Binaya Oja was last seen alive at 5 a.m. He was found later that morning and could not be revived. Oja was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

The twelve men, seven of whom are current Clarkson students, face charges of hazing, reckless endangerment, and other offenses.

The chapter has been suspended by the university and its charter has been revoked by its national fraternity.

[The Chronicle of Higher Education, Mar. 7]

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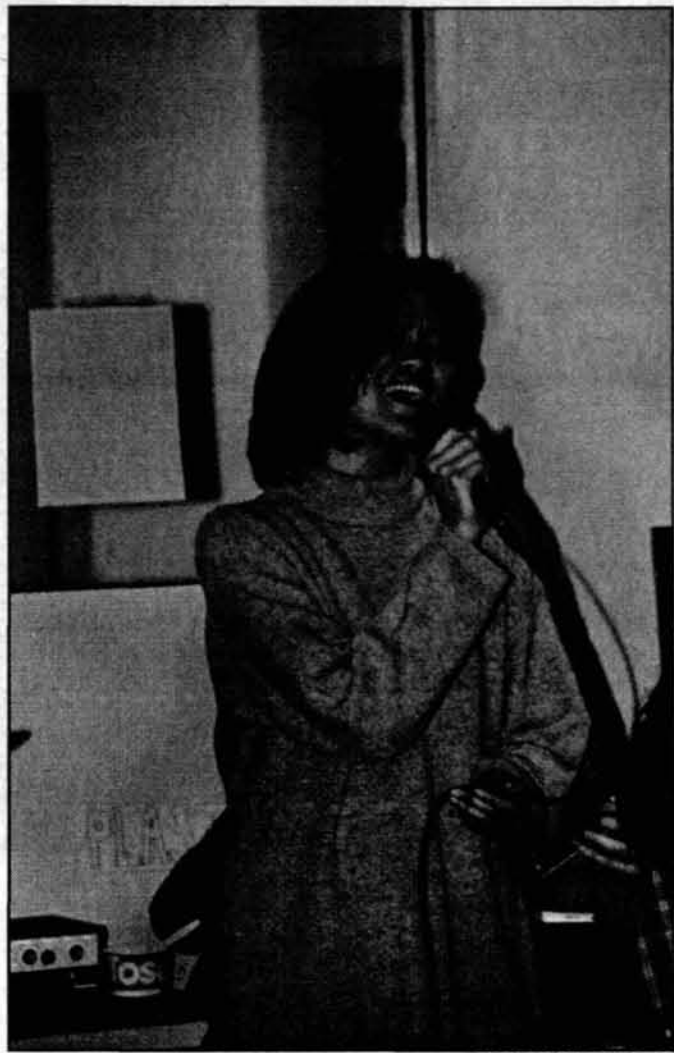
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Grace Chung sings to a full house in the first of the March Coffeehouse Series of Wednesday night jazz performances. The next performance of the series will be next Wednesday at 9 p.m.

IFC Plans Reaction To Recent Publicity

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suggest is extending rush" to give freshmen more time to investigate fraternities, said Jeffrey Hu '98, a member of Zeta Psi. "R/O is a great time to introduce frosh to college life," he added.

"The best thing would be to change the system" so that students could move more readily between dormitories and fraternities, Schmidt said. "It's very very difficult to move out of a dormitory into an [independent living group] after rush, he said.

Fraternity relocation discussed

The task force also asked the fraternity members about the ramifications of moving the fraternities to a new "fraternity row" on Vassar Street.

Those present were almost universally opposed to the idea, which was suggested as a potential way to unify the campus.

"A lot of fraternities have been in their houses for years. To try to move them to Cambridge would be terrible," Schmidt said. Living in Boston "gives me a chance to get away from MIT."

There is a lot of pride associated with fraternity houses, Ottaviano said. Moving the houses would be detrimental to that pride.

Many said that the lack of convenient transportation made it difficult for fraternity members to come to campus. Better transportation could help in improving unity, said IFC President Iddo Gilon '98.

"Fraternities, whether they are here or in Boston, preserve their history," Gilon said. "Maybe we should look into founding new houses" near campus, he added.

Overnight program discussed

To facilitate discussions about residential life, members of the presidential task force will be spending nights in several dormitories and independent living groups, Cuni said.

This way, everyone on the task force can get an idea of what residential life is really like at the pre-

sent time, Cuni said. The visits will be accompanied by a series of formal and informal meetings.

The task force hopes that the meetings will generate enthusiasm about their mission, Cuni said. Hopefully, by visiting the living groups, the task force can receive input from a wider variety of people, he said.

IFC discusses recent publicity

During the IFC meeting, the council discussed last week's column in *The Tech* by Stacey E. Blau '98 ["Hypocritical Fraternities Embarrass MIT," Feb.25].

The IFC did not formulate an official response. Rather, the council decided on using other means to publicize its statement, Gilon said. "I don't see the point in depending on someone who puts you down" to print a rebuttal, he added.

The council also decided not to pursue a lawsuit against the publication.

"Because it is an opinion, we'd have a very hard time proving it was libelous," IFC representative to the Undergraduate Association Stephanie M. Zielenski '98. "It's really difficult to call it libel," because of the language used, she said.

The IFC will be publishing an issue of InFoCus, the IFC newsletter, containing a rebuttal to the column, Gilon said. In addition, the IFC will attempt to improve its public relations. "What this really shows is... that we need to let everyone know when we do something good," Gilon added.

The IFC was satisfied by the response to Blau's column in last Friday's issue of *The Tech*, however. "Friday's *Tech* couldn't have been better," Gilon said.

The IFC also approved its budget, including a possible \$900 expense to include an information booklet about fraternities, sororities, and ILGs in the packet freshmen receive when they arrive on campus. "That way [the freshman] have a last chance to learn about FSILGs before rush starts," Gilon said.

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Note: This is for 1997 (January or June) MIT graduates.

Candidates Spar over Services, Proposals for Enhancing Life

Debate, from Page 1

administration to help improve things, including the condition of Vassar Street and Amherst-Alley, he said.

Confusion over recognition idea

Martinez asked the candidates how they could unite the MIT community in the absence of a single rallying point like an athletic team. Rao said that he had spoken with Zhelinentice L. Scott '00 before the debate, and she mentioned a recognition program for students who demonstrated excellence in community service activities.

That kind of program is a "really great idea," and would be totally supported by Rao's administration, he said.

Carter said he too agreed with the recognition program. At that point, Scott interrupted the conversation to explain that the recognition program was actually Carter's idea.

Teams suggest services

Another question dealt with services the UA could provide to students.

"The UA is about student services," Carter said. The Logan shuttle was one of his "brain children" as UA vice president, Carter said. A "Safe Ride Express," which would make runs every 15 minutes between 77 Massachusetts Ave. and Beacon Street, would work along the same lines.

Rao and Bingen also stressed student services. "The UA focus is definitely on student services," Bingen said. The team does not only want to identify the problems — they want to prioritize and act upon them. That is why they have a top 10 list, she said.

The UA should provide certain

tangible services to students, Rao said. One idea the team is to negotiate student discounts on food and other items. MIT students should get a 10 percent discount, Rao said. "It's only reasonable."

Martinez asked the teams how they would represent student views to the administration.

Rao focused on improving the visibility of the UA to undergraduates. While Rao was talking with students about his campaign for UAP, many did not even know what the UA was, he said.

To that end, a UA newsletter would help inform undergraduates as well as keep the officers accountable, Rao said. A school-wide survey could be issued to gather student feedback.

While Carter agreed that many undergraduates are not familiar with the UA, he argued that the UA is much more productive and visible than it was two years ago. He cited the large number of students running for UA positions this year as an example.

Gathering student input is the responsibility of representatives, but the burden is not entirely theirs, Carter said.

Candidates question each other

The candidates were given a chance to ask their opponents questions.

Carter asked about the logistics of Rao's ideas of a textbook library and a school-wide ski trip.

"We're very determined people," Rao said. With the textbook library, \$1,000 for 20 books could help 20 people a term for several terms. "That's significant."

In regards to the ski trip, there are companies that can plan everything and will have lower prices for larger groups of people, Rao said.

Bingen asked what Carter and Sandoval planned to do to increase school spirit.

The team will work to improve the level of comfort through conveniences like the Logan shuttle and improvements in the roads, Carter said.

Sandoval referred back to the patchwork metaphor, claiming that the more united MIT is, the more school spirit there will be.

Audience questions candidates

A few audience members asked about Rao and Bingen's lack of experience with the UA. Neither have previously held UA positions.

Rao and Bingen responded by saying that they would draw on previous leadership experience in Greek organizations and athletic activities to be effective in the UA.

The team will deliver on its proposals, Rao said. "You might say that's idealistic... I'm saying believe in us, and we'll get things done."

Re-Engineering Teams Help Registrar Search

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was temporarily put on hold while financial and academic services team of re-engineering considered overall organizational changes affecting the Registrar's Office, Bursar's Office, Student Financial Aid Office, and Student Information Services, Williams said.

Williams said that these organizational recommendations were made in January, and strongly sug-

gested that MIT needed to retain the position of registrar. The recommendations also gave Williams some helpful suggestions about how to define the registrar's position.

The change in leadership has been especially difficult for the Registrar's Office, Williams said. The staff of the Registrar's Office has been spending much time and energy on re-engineering as well as maintaining the high volume of ordinary business, she added.

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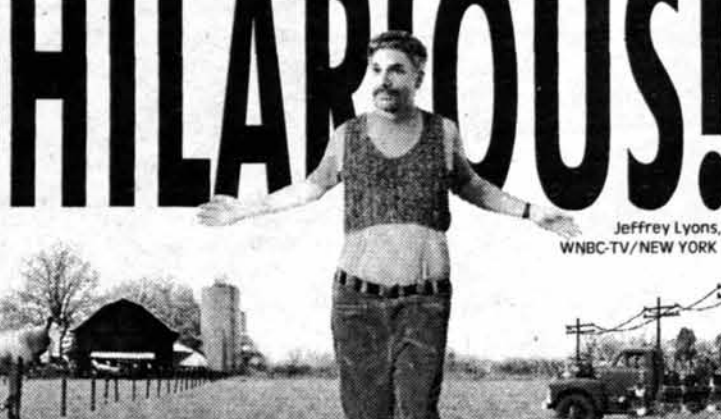
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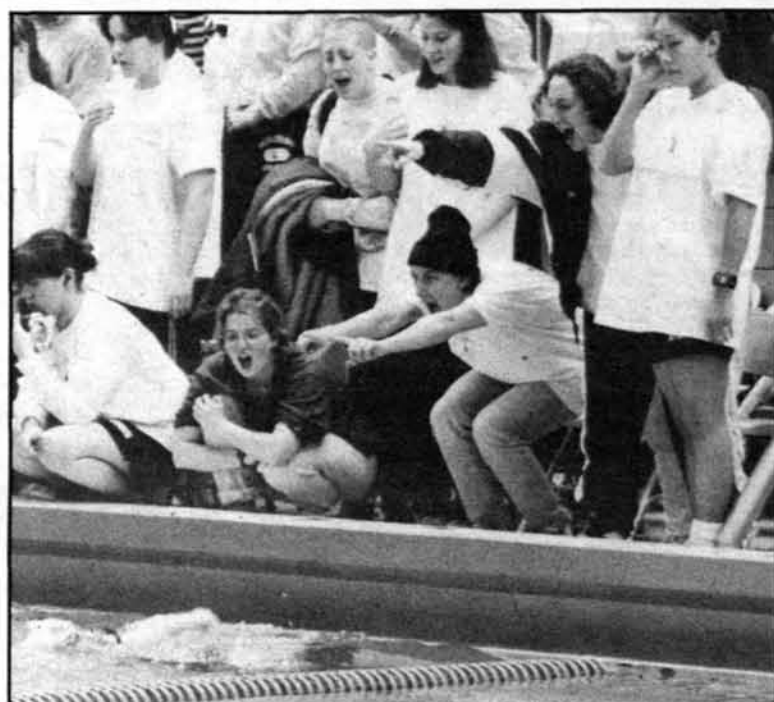
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Dierdre K. Dunn '99 (FL) congratulates Hilary E. Price '97 (FR) after their 200-yard medley relay with Erica R. Fuchs '99 and Elizabeth L. Krams '00.

Hilary E. Price '97 (FR) prepares to sprint the 50-yard freestyle.

Teams Pick Up Honors as Winter Sports Season Ends

By Roger Crosley
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Sports Shorts
It's championship and tournament season for college athletics, and MIT athletes have been extremely busy in competitions throughout the Northeast.

Hockey enters conference finals

The Engineers advanced to the finals of the North East College Hockey Association playoffs defeating Johnson and Wales University (7-6 in double overtime) and Bryant College (3-2).

Playing its third game in three days, the team was unable to overcome a better-rested Central Connecticut State University team and dropped a 2-3 decision.

Men's track finishes in second

The men's indoor track team placed second at the New England Division III Championships. The Engineers fell to Williams College by 12 points but edged runner-up Wheaton College by half of a point.

The Engineers' 3200-meter relay team took the championship in the final event which moved the Engineers into second. Individual champions for MIT were John Wallberg G in the weight throw, and Mike Parkins '99 in the 3000-meters. Wallberg will compete in this weekend's NCAA Division III National Championships in Oshkosh, Wisc.

Rifle earns honors

Thomas Schady '97 has qualified for the NCAA small bore rifle championships this coming weekend in Murray, Ky.

Myong-Sin Yi '98 was also one of 149 athletes from 33 states to be named to the 1997 national teams. She earned a spot on the National Development Pistol Team, which is designed to give training and match experience to potential athletes of any age.

Gymnastics teams finish strongly

The women's gymnastics team placed a strong fourth out of seven teams in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Championships. The squad was led by Lee Knight '00 who placed second in the all-around competition with a score of 36.275 out of 40.

Knight was third on the balance beam tying the Institute record of 9.3 held by senior teammate Sheila Rocchio '97. Rocchio tied for third in the vault (9.225) and was fifth in the all-around (35.475).

The men's gymnastics squad placed third of six teams in the New England Championships trailing perennial powers the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Springfield College.

The Engineers got a fifth place (high bar) and sixth place (parallel bars) finish from freshman J. C. Olsson '00 and a sixth place finish by Andy Lobban '97 on the high bar.

Women's basketball makes semis

The women's basketball team advanced to the semifinals of the New England Women's 8 Tournament for the first time since the 1986-87 season.

The team defeated Wheaton 82-62 in the first round to set up a semifinal game with eventual champion Clark University. The Cougars, ranked seventh in the nation in Division III, easily handled the

Engineers 109-75.

In the game, however, guard Sarah Davis '97 became only the third woman to score 1,000 points in her Institute career. Davis scored 24 to push her career total to 1,007.

Men's basketball player honored

The men's basketball team dropped a 77-68 decision to Babson College in the first round of the Constitution Athletic Conference Tournament. Babson later advanced to the finals where they dropped a two-point decision to Springfield College.

Junior forward Melvin Pullen

'98 was named to the all-conference second team for his play during the season.

Swimming teams finish well

The women's basketball team finished 11th out of 35 teams at the New England Championships, and the men's team finished 13th of 28.

Wrestlers finish in ninth

MIT had fourth-place finishers in four of the 10 contested weight classes on the way to an overall ninth place finish at the New England Division III

Championships.

Han Chou '97 (119 lbs.), Ivan Aguayo '00 (126 lbs.), Matt Ziskin '98 (167 lbs.), and Andy Migliano '98 (heavyweight) each took fourth in the competition.

Fencers take 10th

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SPORTS

Hockey Alums Defeat Caltech
5-0 in Eleventh Beaver CupBy Gene McKenna
TEAM MEMBER

MIT alumni and the California Institute of Technology played in the 11th annual Beaver Cup hockey game in Pasadena, Calif. last Sunday. Led by the magic scoring stick of Brian Fabes '87, who netted a hat trick, the MIT Beavers defeated the Caltech Beavers 5-0 in three 15-minute periods.

The Beaver Cup tradition started in 1987 when Hajime Sano '82 and Rick Russell '86, then an MIT graduate student, originated the concept as a way to draw the Caltech and MIT communities together in a unique way.

The event has become an annual highlight for the MIT Club of Southern California, MIT's second largest alumni club, as well as the most attended Caltech home game.

Though Caltech has yet to register a victory in the Beaver Cup, there have been many closely

played contests.

Last year's Beaver Cup was the closest one yet, as Caltech and MIT played to a 3-3 tie, despite a five-minute overtime period.

This year's Beaver Cup brought together 14 MIT alumni hockey players for the game.

Scoring in the first period was Brian Fabes '84 from Mike Westphal '90 with 7:57 left in the period.

In the second period, Fabes and Westphal combined again with 13:01 left in the period. At the 4:04 mark, Marshall Jackson '87 scored on passes from Jeff Bates '90 and Henrich Kochling G.

In the third period, Bates scored with assists from Sano and George Dale '87. With just 26 seconds left in the game, Fabes netted the hat trick on a feed from Alec Jessiman '88.

Rounding out the MIT roster was Patrick Foley '83, Joe Minahan '82, Chris Foley '91, Dale Archer

'86, and Gene McKenna '92. On the MIT injured reserve was Dennis Clarke '84. In the absence of goalie Peter Gaspirini '88, who missed his first Beaver Cup ever, was Wylie Diercks of the University of Southern California.

Beaver Cup dominated by MIT

Beaver Cup I was played in front of a capacity crowd of 350 at the Pasadena Ice Skating Center, with the MIT varsity emerging triumphant, 11-3.

Caltech then traveled to Cambridge for Beaver Cup II, which was also played in front of a capacity crowd of 1,100 at MIT. MIT was again victorious, 13-0. The first two Beaver Cup games set attendance records for both rinks.

Starting with Beaver Cup III, the MIT alumni have flown into Pasadena annually from around the country to play the Caltech Beavers.

Heavyweight Crew Wages Battle
With Cold in Annual Snow RowBy Chris Putnam
TEAM MEMBER

On Saturday, the varsity heavyweight crew returned to the water for their most unique event of the year. The crew members experienced first-hand how their predecessors rowed prior to the advent of motorized vessels, and, more importantly, sliding seats, as they joined an assortment of boats for the annual snow row in Boston Harbor.

Crews have represented MIT at the special event for the past several years and have been quite successful. "I've been looking forward to this every since I returned from win-

ter training in Florida," said Jared Cottrell '97 when the crew arrived at Hull for the event.

Rowing in a replica of a 1797 Captain's Gig which was assigned to a French man-of-war sailing vessel, the crew of 10 oarsmen, one coxswain, and the captain, Coach Gordon Hamilton, placed fairly well against their competition, as they finished in fourth overall and in their division.

The event was very well attended this year and a veritable armada of boats could be seen trailing MIT as they pressed to catch the lead crews.

The event started as usual with the crews assembled on the beach and the bows of their boats pulled ashore. At the sound of a horn, which only recently replaced a gun, the oarsmen scurried down the beach and jumped into their boats to start the race.

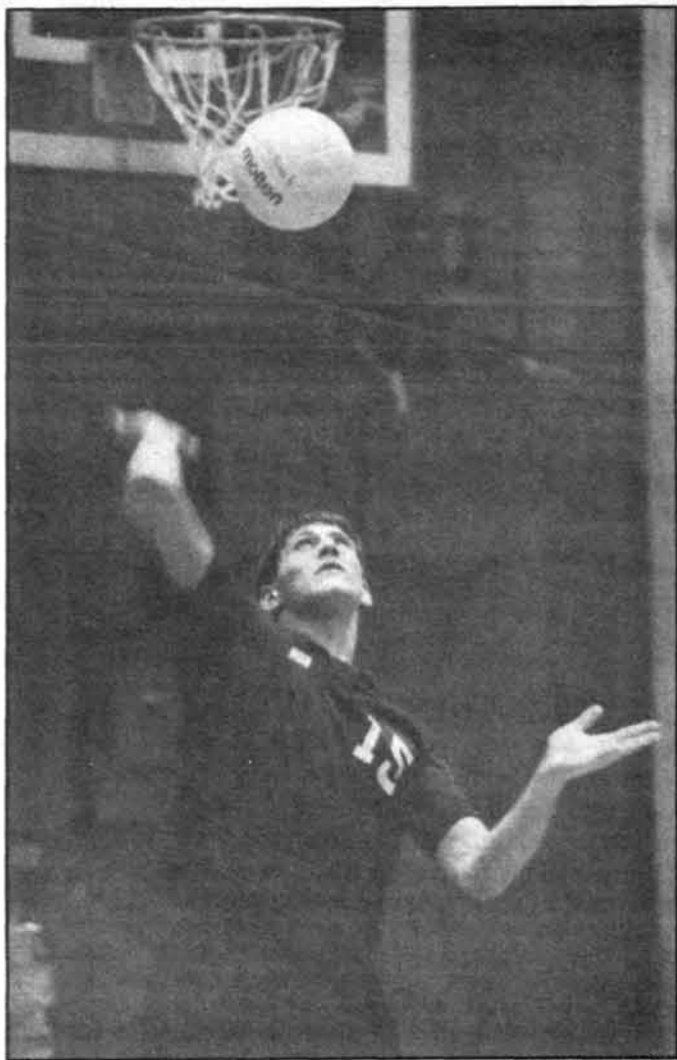
The lucky bowmen of each shell were given the honor of shoving off and trying to get in the boat without getting too wet. MIT was a little bit

slow to turn around and start because of the massiveness of the boat they were rowing. Once the crew headed in the right direction, they quickly overtook all but the fastest of their competitors.

At the halfway point in the race, it looked like the crew might benefit from a tight turn around the island, but unfortunately the crew was forced to stop rowing to untangle their oars from a clash with one of the competitors.

After clearing that problem, the crew deftly drew away from the field and fought hard to catch the lead crews. Unfortunately, the race course ran out before MIT was able to pass the final three crews ahead of them.

Although disappointed that they could not throw their coxswain, Jen Lykens '99, into the ice cold water after winning the race, the crew was fairly satisfied with a good row. They will return next year to fight for the coveted first place and humble the "old salty" fixed seat rowers.



David M. Lehman '97 serves in Wednesday's game against Springfield College. MIT lost 3-0.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, March 7

Women's Ice Hockey vs. Skidmore College, 8 p.m. in the All-East Club Championship

Men's Tennis vs. University of Vermont, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Men's Gymnastics vs. Brown University, 1 p.m.

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